

Spinning Around

By BARNEY GLAZER
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"Music for People Who Can't Sleep" is a Mercury album played by Richard Hayman and his orchestra. This is music for peace of mind, for quieting the echoes of a busy day and for soothing out the pinching edges of your cares. Included are: "All Through the Night," "So in Love," "Lovely to Look At," "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" and others.

Another Mercury custom hi fi album is "You Don't Know What Love Is," featuring the voice of Nick Noble, with Carl Stevens and orchestra. In this album, Mr. Noble sets out to prove he is the rare discovery of our decade to match strides with Crosby, Como, Sinatra and company. Does a pretty good job of it, we'd say. Hear him sing: "I'm Through With Love," "Body and Soul," "Just One More Chance," "Purple Hades" and others.

EmArcy has a hi fi jazz album titled "Music for Swingin' Moderns," featuring the Dick Johnson Quartet. Young Johnson is from Brockton, Mass., hometown of ex-heavyweight boxing champ Rocky Marciano, and Mr. Johnson seems to be a knockout in the field of jazz. Hear his eloquence with "The Lady Is a Tramp," "Poliniana," "Stars All On Alabama," "The Things We Did Last Summer" and others.

"Roy's Got Rhythm," and on Emarcy albums that mean only one man—Roy Eldridge. Jazz students consider Eldridge's the middle-era link between the basic trumpet jazz style established by Louis Armstrong in the 1920's and the new era set up by Dizzy Gillespie in the 40's. Heard in this album are: "Saturday Night Fish Fry" (1) and (2) "School Days," "Roy's Got Rhythm," "Scotty" and others.

The Teardrops' rock, "My Inspiration" for King Records. Another good one on the same label is a shuffling "One Ppy Zam" by Roy Milton and chestra.

On Federal Records, Otis Williams and his charms sing bluesy in "Pardon Me" . . . in the same label, the Ramblers continue the rhythm and blues parade with "Don't You Know" a neat swinger. . . Little Willie John stomps out a rocking "Little Bit of Loving" or King.

Danny Kaye is on Capitol and his first sides are the Neopolitan "Ciu Ciu Bella" backed by "Love Me Do." Good, both of them. . . The torrid "Bamana Boat Song" is just the right Calypso for Sarah Vaughn on Mercury.

Lovers of old-time piano will want Lou Stein's "Oh Johnny" on Mercury. . . On the same label, Jimmy Randolph sings hauntingly about "The Little Boy." Good bit of vocal drama. . . Marty Brill, pride of Mercury's folklore eye, sings an appealing "Butter Heart and Andy Lips."

Other Mercury top pop singles are: Patti Page singing a nothing "Repeat After Me" . . . Eddie Heywood's brilliant banistics on the oldie, "Lover" . . . The Crew Cuts and their organized vocals on the driving rhythms of "Little By Little."

Glen Hale Completes Navy Recruit Training
Glen R. Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hale of 1901 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, completed recruit training Dec. 27 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Behind the Scenes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

One major change the nation should enjoy in 1957, according to a leader in the battle to bring it about, is removal of the excise tax on fountain pens, ballpoints and mechanical pencils. If this were done, says Craig R. Sheaffer, chairman of the board of W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co., an inequitable burden would be lifted from business, government and education.

Moreover, he contends, the writing equipment industry could enjoy its best year since World War II, along with the benefits of lower prices to the consumer and greater availability of writing tools which the public at large would enjoy. Mr. Sheaffer said industry sales might reach \$350 million.

Absence of a tax on some kinds of athletic equipment—on the ground that its use in schools should be encouraged—puts the government in the position of considering footballs more important than fountain pens in education, Mr. Sheaffer told Congress when he appeared as spokesman for the writing equipment industry at recent excise tax hearings.

New Mark For Cans — Industry production of metal cans in 1957 will approach 42 billion units, substantially topping the all-time mark of some 40 billion cans set in the year just ending, says William C. Stolk, president of the American Can Co.

Significant increases across the board took place in 1956, Mr. Stolk said, to continue the five-year sequence of new production peaks for the industry. He said the industry's gains were due not only to the general high level of economic activity, but to the fact that metal containers were being used in greater and greater volume to pack a constantly increasing number of products.

Food cans, with an increase of 10 per cent from 1955 to 1956, constituted 62 per cent of total 1956 production, Mr. Stolk said, and beer cans with a 5 per cent rise, for 15 per cent.

The Canco president said the supply of tin menaced by world developments was no longer the life-and-death matter it would have been years ago, since some two thirds of the company's products could go into tinless cans in an emergency.

Glass Plants Expand — Continuing large volume of construction and the impetus of distinctive new models in the automobile industry give the flat glass industry a favorable outlook for 1957, according to the heads of the company that added the most to industry capacity during 1956.

John D. Biggers, chairman, and George P. MacNichol Jr., president of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., called 1956 the industry's second best year of sales and profits, as well as its greatest year of plant expansion.

Libbey-Owens-Ford has invested, in less than 16 months, more than \$54 million in new plants, without borrowing or other corporate financing.

One unfavorable factor confronting the industry, the L-O-F executive stated, is the heavy importation of foreign glass due largely to the low U.S. tariff rates as well as low wages in competing European and Asiatic nations.

Modernizing Vital — New markets and a boom in home modernization enabled the gas appliance industry to offset the effects of a drop in new home starts during 1956, according to Julius Klein, president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers' Assn.

Manufacturers in some appliance categories equalled or

surpassed in 1956 the all-time records they established in 1955. Shipments of water heaters, Mr. Klein said, were 2,637,000 units, 3.2 per cent above 1955, with manufacturers confident of crossing the 3-million-a-year mark in 1957.

Mr. Klein, who is also president of Caloric Appliance Corporation, Philadelphia, said that while shipments of 2,036,000 conventional gas ranges were about 10 per cent below the 1955 total, much of the difference was made up by shipments of "built-in" models, which enjoyed a boom in demand. Gas clothes dryers and home gas incinerators also enjoyed sales increases in 1956, with dryer shipments crossing 100,000 for the first time.

Packages In Uptrend — Sales of folding boxes, expected to set a record \$900 million volume this year, will continue strong in 1957, declares Norman F. Greenway, president of the Folding Paper Box Association.

"Unless there is a sharp decline in consumer spending power," Greenway said in a year-end review, "our industry should experience a substantial pickup in orders, sparked by the retail trend to self-selection and the rising demand for its products in new end-use categories such as beverages, paper goods and cigarettes."

"As more retailers shift to some form of self-service to increase sales and reduce costs, packaging will become even more vital to successful merchandising of consumer goods," he pointed out. "Today packaging is the new dimension in retailing, and the package has become the most powerful salesman in the nation."

New Rubber Peaks — The American rubber industry will consume about 1.5 million tons of new rubber in 1957, and may even surpass the 1,530,000-ton record set in 1955, top officials of the B. F. Goodrich Company said as the year ended.

John L. Collyer, chairman, and W. S. Richardson, president of BFG, said their 1957 forecast was based on "what are believed to be attainable estimates of American motor vehicle production."

Consumption of new rubber in 1956, the executives estimated, was the second highest in history, at some 1,440,000 long tons. This was a 90,000-ton decline from the 1955 figure. They said the loss was due almost entirely to lower requirements of the automobile industry, mainly in tires. Replacement demand, however, was higher than in any previous year, they said.

Capt. Bisson Graduate of Army School

Capt. Roger R. Bisson, son of Alphonse L. Bisson, Lomita, recently was graduated from the Army Medical Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Captain Bisson completed a 34-week advanced course designed to acquaint students with tactical, administrative and professional duties.

The captain entered the Army in 1942 and was last stationed in Washington, D.C. Among his awards he holds the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He was graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1956. His wife, Essie, lives in San Antonio.

Many Kiddies Go to Legion Post's Party

An overflow crowd of youngsters attended the holiday party held by the Gen. Billy Mitchell Post 580 American Legion Post of Lawndale, with many north Torrance youngsters taking part in the activities.

Children from Lawndale and north Torrance took part in the program, with gifts distributed to all the youngsters. Performers in the program ranged in age from 4 to 14.

Party Set — Another party is being planned by the post for Friday, Jan. 18, but plans are not yet complete. All veterans, however, are welcome.

Participants in the recent program included Jeanne Stusey, Cheri Renfroe, Carrie and Michael Fletcher, and Martin McPherson from Dorothy Renfroe's Studio, with individual solos.

Betsy Mead, Mary Ellen and Sylvia Rodriguez, Tania Gerardo, Donna Gallella, Josephine Evans, and Carol Evans from Mary Martin's classes gave solo and group Tap and Ballet numbers.

Accordions Play — An all accordion band from Wilene Taylor's Studio included Allen Bollinger, Henry Bealer, Maureen Bealer, Jimmy Bonham, Tommy Jett, Donald Johnson, Kimalene Leepa, Eugene Maille, Mariene Meyer, Gloria Notman, Greg Protosel, Barbara Savage, Richard Stauffer and Linda Swartter.

An accordian quartet from Mann's Studio consisted of Danny Gilbert, Judy Masters, Bonnie Blackerby and Sharon Bergstrom members of Barbara Siegel's class. Soloists in tap and ballet dancing were Cary La Spina, Candy Las Spina, and Gloria Crandall, from Dorothy La Spina's classes at Hogan's Studios.

CASUALTY RATE — American troops engaged in the war with Spain totaled exactly 280,564, and of these 1704 were killed in action or died of their wounds, according to government records.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we stand on the threshold of a new year we will step through the door into a new period of time. It is a period of hope, hope for better than we have had or a continuation of what we have. In any case 1957 is sparkling new.

We hope it will bring the reality of peace to the world. We hope you will realize more happiness, more prosperity, better health and bubbling spirits. Levity brought 1957 to us and I hope each day of this coming year will bring smiles of joy, smooth out your troubles and bring an end to worry. I hope someone who hasn't written to you will send you a message of good cheer. I hope a relative, or good friend, will visit you, that that misunderstanding will be resolved and friends will surround you.

May 1957 bring peace to your heart and to our world. Our sincere wish is that 1957 will be a happy and prosperous year, for all of us.

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Class Starts For Parents

Mid-winter classes for expectant mothers will start in the Torrance Health District Thursday, according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer, the classes to be conducted in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St.

Prospective parents are invited to the classes which meet every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Bill Piercy Heads Marine Clerks Again

Bill Piercy Jr., 1731 Fern Ave., will be installed as president of the Marine Clerks' Association at the Wilmington VFW hall Thursday evening.

A state of the union address by the president will follow the ceremonies which are slated to get under way at 7:30 p.m.

Piercy, youngest president in the history of the 600-member harbor union, was re-elected without opposition in the annual December election. All other officers elected were from Long Beach, Wilmington and San Pedro.

The Torrance resident is a member of the Wilmington Masonic lodge. He is also vice president of the Harbor Area Democratic Club, and was one of the delegates to the Democratic national convention in Chicago from the 17th Congressional district. Piercy has resided in Torrance since 1947.

"The classes in no way take the place of regular care by a qualified physician," Dr. Kogan said, "but are an educational service of the County Health Department, planned to help parents meet the physical and emotional needs of the infant and growing child."

Miss Janice E. Hopkins, public health nurse, who has conducted previous classes will again be the instructor. There are no text books to purchase as the course consists of lectures and demonstrations. Motion picture films relating to mother and baby care will be shown and will cover such subjects as the health of the mother before and after the baby arrives, layettes, baby bath technique, and other care of the new infant. The film, "Human Growth" has been booked for the opening session.

BURGLARS TAKE TV, RADIO FROM HOME

A television set and a clock radio worth a total of \$115 were taken by burglars who forced their way into the home of Richard Campbell at 4025 W. 242nd St., police reported Tuesday.

They ransacked the dwelling after forcing a window to gain entrance while the family was away. Frank Langley of 20857 Brighton Ave. reported that a \$100 radio was removed from his car while it was parked in front of 3238 Newton St. on Monday night.

Torrancites Get Writers' Club Offices

Two Torrance residents were elected to offices in the Southwest Manuscripters at the group's December meeting.

Eleanor Gilbert, 133 Via Alameda, also a writer for the HERALD, was named secretary of the group, while Chester Fein, 412 Camino de las Colinas, was named treasurer.

Douglas Keifer was named president, while Dorothy and Pierre Boesch will head the program committee and Beryl Cook will lead the hospitality committee. Outgoing officers are Mark Clifton, Catharine Bolton, Betty Fuller, Grace Larsen, Ramonica O'Connor, and Polly Booth.

In the Christmas writing contest, first prize-winner was Dorothy White, while Nita Ferick placed second. Martha Lambert won first place for her article and Berenice McMahon took second. In the poetry division, Maurice Ogden was the winner, followed by Vance J. Price.

Reporting sales of work were Frank Rhylic, who signed a contract for a TV series, and Martha Lambert, who sold a juvenile story.

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Fred Wilkins Gets Job at Guild Meet

Fred Wilkins, 3518 W. 187th St., was registration chairman yesterday at the midwinter seminar of the Choral Conductors' Guild of California held at the University of Southern California.

He is a music teacher in Wilmington Junior High School and minister of music at South Gate Community Presbyterian Church.

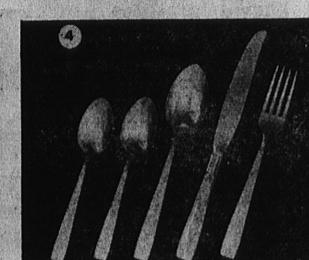
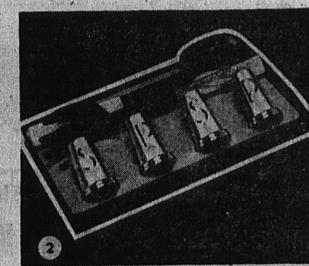
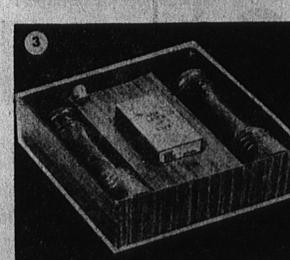
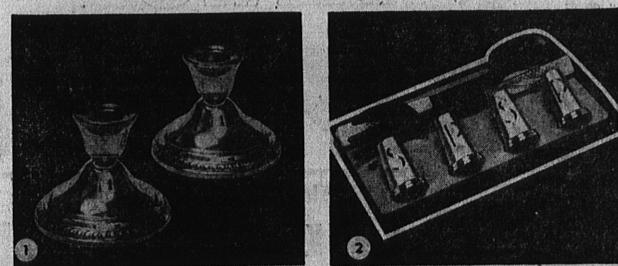
Bruno Walter, famed symphony conductor, spoke at a morning session and at 3 p.m. in Bovard auditorium a free public performance of the Beethoven Mass in C Major, Opus 86, was presented by the SC Symphony orchestra and a cappella choir, conducted by Dr. Charles C. Hirt, head of the SC School of Music church music department.

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