

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



Break It Down—All Green

This is a cry you hear many times in restaurants and cocktail lounges throughout the country when a waitress or waiter wants a bill broken. Of course what they want is all paper money—no change!

Now then, this week it'll be something else again, you better believe 'cause just about anything anyone touches in our bistros through Sunday will probably be green in honor of St. Patrick.

This traditional Irish day falling as it does on Sunday, do you think for a moment you're going to cheat the good people of the auld sod out of their one big day of the year? Not a chance! They'll start on Friday and just carry the whole thing through Sunday night.

However, in most cases, the restaurants are presenting their specials on Sunday only. Or, in some cases, Saturday. Like for instance, The Raffles Restaurant in Leimert Park.

Here it's to be observed on Saturday the 16th featuring the special St. Patrick's Day menu of corned beef and cabbage at \$2.95 plus favors, free hors d'oeuvres and with the Perri Lee Duo furnishing the entertainment.

the San Pedro-Wilmington area where the big feastday will be on Sunday aboard the S.S. Princess Louise at Terminal Island.

It's to be a special luncheon of Irish stew served from 11:30 in a ayem 'til 3 in the afternoon. Of course there'll be other midday favorites but the Irish dish will be from an original recipe imported from its Dublin habitat by Chef Paul Peron.

As you must know, the Princess Louise is open seven days a week for luncheon, dinner, cocktails, and banquets with private facilities for up to 400 persons. And it's the Al Reese Trio in the lounge nitely except Eundays.

Back to the St. Patrick's Day bit in a few minutes, but before it slips the slipping mind, would like to call your attention to an upcoming set of concerts due soon at the Music Center's Pavilion.

There's to be four consecu-

tive Sunday nite performances of Heifetz-Platigorsky concerts beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24, followed by the second on the 31st, the third on April 7 and closing on the 14th.

As one release read, "this is no ordinary ticket order story" as the demands for these concerts have been fantastic. However, if you act promptly you may still avail yourself of a couple of seats.

Try the Automobile Club of Southern California, all Mutual Agencies and the Southern California Music Co. as well as all Wallichs Music City stores. And, of course, at the Music Center box office.

But say, following the wind-up of your three-day swing with the St. Patrick's thing, you might remember The Marquis Restaurant on Sunset Strip for a quiet Monday nite repast.

The "specialty du jour" (well all right—St. Patrick was a Frenchman!) on that nite is file of veal uccelletto, and in case you don't know what that means, it's veal sautead with white wine and served with fresh tomatoes, mushrooms, and garden peas.

Of course, if you'd like to wind things up Sunday nite at The Marquis, there's still another specialty and its Beef Stroganoff a la Pietro, after the famed chef of The Marquis, Pietro Giordano.

Anyway there're two good nites with different specialties through which you may regain your former robust health, which we presume you discarded on Friday nite.

Right down the street here, now is Sam Failla's San Franciscan Restaurant and Cock-



IN THE GROOVE... As the folks obviously find themselves in the picture shown here. They are Selene Walters and Jim Connelly (naow there's a foine Irish name!) as they listen to the groovy music of the Sam Ray Trio, playing nitely at The Marquis Restaurant on the Sunset Strip.

tail Lounge on Sepulveda at Crenshaw. (Gee, Sam, that's a long tittle and address!)

Well Sam'll be presenting his customary St. Patrick's Day fare and gala party on Sunday from 3 in the afternoon 'til midnite when the order of the day will be corned beef and cabbage (naturally—what else!) and on an all you can eat basis for a paltry dollar ninety-five.

There'll be hats, horns, entertainment, you know, the whole works for this frantic St. Patrick's Matinee Party, and let's face it, you don't

often get a matinee in Torrance. The whole bunch'll be on-

hand to welcome you—John Joseph O'Peterson will be present in all his green splen-

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dor, as will Tony Fitzgaetano, and Sam McFaila. Leprechaun Bobby Green, with a name like that, surely no green to identify him but you can bet he'll be wearin' it!

And the fair collens, Maggie Lois, Bridget Louise, Cauline McPauline and Connie O'Tool will all be at their shamrock best for the gala occasion, all gussied up, clay pipes and all!

Surre and begorra, 'twill be a gra-and day for the Irish! How far wrong can you go with an Italian owner-host & hostess, a Filipino chef (that's McFrank) and furnishing Hawaiian entertainment featuring the "Clods from the Auld Sod" the O'Waiialae Bros., otherwise known as The Wayward Leewards.

And to wind up this whole thing, it's the "Green Fann" being offered as a special libation in honor of the Good Saint all day Sunday at Millie Riera's Seafood Grotto, 1700 Esplanade, just there at Avenue I in Redondo Beach.

Just who concocted this concoction, Major or Sam is hard to determine but it consists of creme de menthe, blackberry brandy plus an ounce of light cream. Should become one of the most popular drinks (after-dinner style) in the area.

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