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# Observations

by CHARLES P. "POP" SQUIRES



## TOO PERSONAL, PERHAPS

**THIS YEAR 1953 is almost completed. Another golden link has been forged in our lives. For good or bad we have served our year and are now ready to try another. Our accomplishments have been small but we, Delphine and I, hope that we have brought some pleasure, some comfort and perhaps a little wisdom to our friends and those of you who read this Fabulous Las Vegas.**

For us it has been rather a year of finishing the work we have begun and have carried on for a long time. For the past several years we have been trying to give you boys and girls of the entertainment world a little knowledge of what the Las Vegas of today grew out of. and why we love the place and the great vision on the Desert it has produced for us.

Most of all, this Holiday Season renews again within us the comfort our little Christ Church, Episcopal, has brought to us down through the years. It was really started by a fine young fellow, Harry Gray, who came to this desolate, ungodly place on the desert where a new town was struggling for existence, and helped us create the new church organization.

Down through the years before the beginning of this century, O. D. Gass, owner of Las Vegas Ranch; Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Stewart, successors in ownership of the ranch, and finally, when the townsite was opened by the railroad, many roving ministers held service in a tent.

But under the leadership of Harry Gray, Christ Church, Episcopal, Delphine and I, with many others, banded together and built the church building at Second and Carson streets.

Of course you young people of the stage recognize that this is the church of your people and many have kneeled with us since our first service in the new Church in 1908. And you have enjoyed with us the friendship and fellowship of those great men and great rectors it has brought to us.

How we loved and admired that great man, Bishop Robinson, who was happy to give us what time he could in starting Christ Church. He was a great man and still has a place in the hearts of all those who ever met him. The same may be said of Bishop Manning of Salt Lake, and Bishop Hunting, and Bishop Jenkins and all the others down through the years.

Among the first and greatest of these is our present Bishop Lewis, who brought to Las Vegas our great and fine rector, T. Malcolm Jones. They are all lovable persons who now are most interested in helping us build a new and beautiful Episcopal Church in Huntridge, where Mrs. Hunt and Henry have donated a fine site.

Delphine and I would love to see you people of our entertainment world and great hotels become identified with the move to assist Malcolm Jones and Bishop Lewis to build our new Christ Church.

Not that we would wish that you should neglect or abandon the work of your own Roman Catholic Church, or your Jewish Synagogue, or the Methodist or Baptist or Church of the Latter Day Saints or any of the thirty others holding services here.

But when we remember what it has meant to us we just naturally wish everyone to share with us its comfort.

You would, we are sure, enjoy assisting and becoming a part of the work of building this new church. It seems just now to be our duty to our people.

And we are happy to wish to all, especially you people of the actors' profession and all the readers of "Fabulous Las Vegas," a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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**IT WAS a wonderful Thanksgiving. Everybody had a good time. Harry Truman spent a quiet Thanksgiving. He just sat around at home counting his blessings and leaving out McCarthy and Brownell. My family decided to have the biggest dinner in town, so I made a G. I. loan and bought a turkey. I won't say what part of the turkey I got, but if we were on a bomber I would be the rear gunner.**

Although Thanksgiving was celebrated several weeks ago, I think our turkey will be around until Christmas. So far, we've had turkey hash, turkey giblets, turkey fricassee and last night my wife prepared a dilly of a dish. Turkey matzoh-balls! Man, it's the craziest. One portion and you gobble with a dialect.

But, my friends, though I rarely wax sentimental, I think we've all got something to be thankful for. Reminds me of the story of the guy who was bemoaning his fate to his best pal.

"Everything happens to me," he sighed. "First, I lose my bankroll shooting craps." His friend consoled him, saying "Oh, it could be worse."

The sobster continued. "As if that wasn't bad enough, my house burned to the ground." Again, his pal softened him with "Oh, it could be worse."

"And on top of all that," the crier went on, "my wife ran away with the car!" "Oh, it could be worse," said the pal helpfully.

"What do you mean?" screamed the unfortunate, "I lose my bankroll, my house burns to the ground, my wife runs away with the car and you keep telling me IT COULD BE WORSE?"

"Sure," agreed the pal, "it could be worse. It could have happened to ME!"

The only reason I told this story is to bring out a point. I don't have a better joke.

But, seriously, which I hate to be, people today are better off than anybody. We're eating better, sleeping better and we're even betting better. Every time you lose, chalk it up as experience.

Be thankful when friends DON'T loan you money. I think a REAL friend is one who refuses to loan you money. Especially when you have the fever. You will probably hate him when he turns you down, but you'll love him in the morning.

Let us be thankful that we have a wonderful state like Nevada where we are allowed to gamble openly. No hiding behind street corners, no being chased by the cops, no fear of raids. Of course, there are many, many times that I've prayed for a raid to break up my losing streak.

But we must take the bitter with the sweet. Even if we lose, we still get our kicks. I imagine we'd get a much bigger kick out of winning but, according to my astrologist, this kick is reserved for us in the next world.

He tells me that SATAN has a gambling joint down there that is the cotton-pickin' end. It's the best spot in town. ALL the dice are hot! Why shouldn't they be? They use COAL for dice!

You'd recognize the dealers too! Remember all the times you've gotten a bad blackjack hand and you mumbled to yourself for the dealer to go some place? THEY DID! I wonder if the cashier is there, the one who wouldn't give me five bucks for my wife's mink when I was desperate?

Say, wouldn't that make a great club in Las Vegas? "SATAN'S PARADISE." As you walk in the gates, they take your hat and hand you horns. In case you loiter, a pitchfork heaves you over to the nearest oven.

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And wait'll you dig the floor show. The M. C. is dressed in red satin underwear and a long black mustache with beard to match. The line of girls come out screaming as if they've just rushed out of Tommy Manville's dressing room, the music is so hot, the orchestrations are smoking, the audience is choking so there's only one thing left for you to do.

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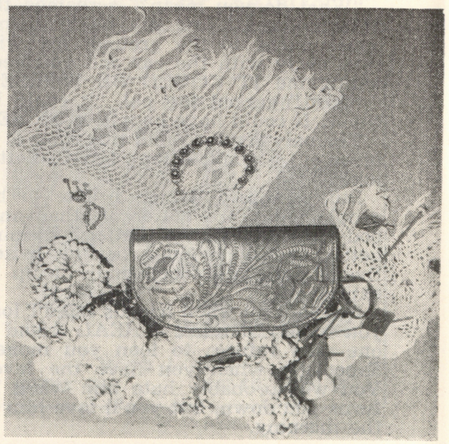

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**ON OUR FRONT COVER, we are featuring one of nature's rarest creations, a set of identical twins. You can just imagine the humorous situations that arise when the girls decide to tease their many friends and beaux. It isn't difficult for them to switch identities with successful results. The WERNER twins recently concluded their contract as featured dancers at the Desert Inn. Of their two professional years in show business, the lovely terpsichoreans spent one entire year with the Donn Arden productions. Prior to that they performed with U.S.O. troupes in hospitals and stage door canteens. At present the Werner beauties are in Los Angeles, preparing a feature act for the opening of the new MOULIN ROUGE on Christmas Day. To the Werner twins goes our salute of the week. We wish them the utmost success . . . and that's for sure.**

Have you looked at your calendar lately? If you haven't, don't be surprised to learn there are a few shopping days left before Santa makes his merry rounds, delivering packages and goodies. What? You haven't even started your gift list yet? Surely you must mean the one for 1954, not the one for 1953!

JEANNE WELBORN enjoyed such tremendous success at the HOTEL EL CORTEZ that Hollywood has beckoned. The lovely songstress will appear at the famous CIRO'S 'ere too many moons have passed. That's just the second step in her climb to the top. From all indications, this wonderful performer will taste national fame in the not too distant future.

We speak for everyone when we say it was a shock to learn that BENNY BINION had been sentenced to a five-year prison term. He is a wonderful man and is a definite asset to any town. Mr. Binion never performed a deliberate wrong and it's a crime to make him suffer in this manner. He requested a suspended sentence, not for his own benefit, but for the sake of his wife, five children and one grandchild. If there is any justice, we sincerely hope the decision will be reversed. Let us say also that Las Vegas loves and esteems Benny Binion. If Texas can't treat him kindly, Nevada will gladly welcome him back to her bosom. He has many friends and well-wishers here and we'd like to see him return—post haste.

When HELEN TRAUBEL opens at the HOTEL SAHARA the show will be a surprise to many. This famous Metropolitan Opera star will head one of the greatest all-star shows. The management is currently striving to sign one of the world's top comedians as Miss Traubel's co-star.

Every Monday Mr. and Mrs. DON BORAX have attended the HUNTRIDGE THEATRE bank nite sessions in the hope of winning some of that free cash. (He is chief deputy at the DESERT INN.) Last week Don presented his wife with a television set, the novelty of which kept them from keeping their usual Monday date. The first bank nite they missed happened to be the one on which their names were called for a $175 award. Now, Don figures his $400 TV set actually cost him $575, including the money they could have had, had they been present for that lucky bank nite of theirs.

We've often wondered how the hard-working MARY KAYE TRIO could put on four nightly shows in the Gay '90s Lounge (at the HOTEL LAST FRONTIER), introducing variety at each performance. Now, the trio is starring in the Ramona Room, in addition to their Lounge stint. Sounds like old time vaudeville's "Seven-a-Day," doesn't it? How on earth do these kids do it? Our sympathies lie with their drummer, FRANK HUDEK, and his bride, the former JAN TREML. They were married just last Sunday—and—with all the working hours the groom has to put in—there's just no time for any honeymoon. Regardless, we still wish them both a great deal of happiness. The honeymoon will come later—yes?

Unfortunately, we haven't had a chance to see the new EL MIRADOR HOTEL in Palm Springs, Calif. However, many of our friends have and they inform us that the place is an exquisite vacation spot. It is owned by RAY RYAN and his associates. Folks on the West Coast call it the "Playland of the Stars," and we heartily recommend this spot to any of you lucky people who have a vacation in the offing.

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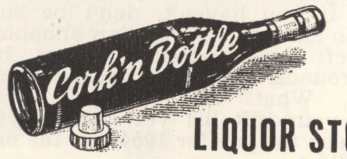


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# What's HE really like?

by VI TAYLOR



**LET US NOT make a mystery of him. He's Santa Claus. If you believe in him, you are still very young and live with perspective. If you do not believe in him, you are old and cynical and you are "over the hill."**

I am not old and I am not cynical. I believe in Santa Claus. Santa Claus means hope and belief in many things. For children he may be the fat old gentleman with a pack of reindeers and toys, or switches, depending on the intelligence with which parents have introduced him.

We were taught as children that Santa Claus was a good and positive thought—comparable to a prayer. Each year we carefully and painstakingly wrote our letters to Santa Claus, asking for not only the material things we desired, but intangibles, too, such as happiness, healing for the sick, and rest for the weary. These teachings have remained with me all of my days and during these Happy Holidays I bless my gentle parents for their wisdom.

So come with me and share in the writing of my annual letter to Santa Claus. It is hoped that this letter will embrace a goodly share of your own desires for Christmas. . . .

Bring us love for each other, Santa Claus. Bring us the awareness that love is not possession; that to possess one another is to lose one another. That love is not just when things go right all the time and we therefore can only love when our friends and relatives agree with us. Bring us understanding that for everything we do there is a reason, and that we will have the foresight to consider cause before effect.

Bring us Faith. Faith in ourselves, faith in our country, faith in the individual. Bring to our nation's leadership, both politically and socially, a broader scope in their views and values of education and culture. Bring to them the realization that a continuation of a premium on muscle is the genesis of the downfall of a great country. Bring to the long-suffering and overlooked white collar classes just recompense, in acknowledgement of the education it requires to fill such positions and the investment of funds it took to acquire that education. Bring to us the magic scales that will balance this deplorable situation.

Bring to parents and adults everywhere a greater understanding of the youth of all nations; the ability to think retrospectively of the decades just past, which have molded them into what they are. Bring to these parents the spiritual pharmacopoeia to guide them in the eradication of the mental scars in their children, which sick nations have dredged into their philosophies of life.

Bring to our business and industrial leadership a greater respect for the individual. The awareness that each individual must maintain his dignity, whether that individual is a dishwasher or a junior executive; that by granting such a small thing to fellow-human beings, all will experience greater prosperity.

Bring to the bigoted a greater flexibility of thought—the realization that thought is like a sponge. As long as the sponge is filled and never squeezed to release some of its content, never will it renew and become refilled with fresher content.

Bring to Las Vegas' city fathers broader views of this beautiful desert city's needs. Parks for our children; sidewalks for their safety; and wholesome entertainment for their recreational livingness.

Bring to our innkeepers greater wisdom for the spending of funds to perpetuate solvency. Bring to employes a better understanding of management and its problems. Bring to employe and employer alike a spirit of cooperation and sharing of views.

Bring to writers the iron pen with a point of steel in order that they may keep Truth marching onward. Bring to our news reporters and columnists the recollection that freedom of the press does not mean a public airing of personal "vitriolinquency."

Bring to our scientists and doctors the answers they have sought for so long to eliminate incurable diseases. Bring new anticipation to the afflicted, the belief that just around the corner—maybe within the next moment—is the magic potion that will end their suffering.

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13 by JOHNNY UHLMAN



**I'M THREE HOURS LATE for deadline for this week's issue before I even start to write my column . . . so, if you happen to find a lot of mistakes, please bear with me! . . . On the other hand, you might not even find a column! Through a chain of events in the past 24 hours I've been thrown just about that much behind schedule . . . and I happen to know that at this time of the year the printer has more work than ANYONE can do, and if he doesn't see fit to hold up production for yours truly I wouldn't blame him in the least. . . . So what else is new? . . . It's a good feeling to see the Employe Christmas Parties taking place at the hotels, and for other business houses also! Wasn't it last year that the spirit seemed to be so low in this respect? Whatever happened to those days when this party was really the big thing of the year? Like the gigantic shows that were put on by the employes of El Rancho every year at this time! Are we getting to be too big a town to have any fun any more? If so, let's all move to Pittman!**

The peck o' peaches now appearing at the EMBASSY CLUB in North Las Vegas is PATTI WAGGIN, who doesn't hold her talents to only the terpsichore, but is a champion motorcycle rider. Patti was featured in the magazine section of the L. A. Examiner not too long ago, and now she's featured nightly at the Embassy. Held over for the current show is COLLETTE, an exciting blonde temptress who has made a lot of friends since her arrival a short time ago. DOC STARR remains as master of ceremonies and sings you his famous parodies. The band, of course is that of BOB LEE. . . . There are four shows each night at the club, so you're bound to be able to see at least one of them . . . 11 p.m., 12 midnight and 2 and 4 a.m.

Out on the Boulder Hiway you'll find things beginning to shape up into one of the greatest amusement centers in the West. SAL & RUSTY'S one day will be known all over this part of the country. They're located just about a quarter of a mile past the intersection of East Charleston Boulevard and Fremont Street on the north side of Boulder Hiway. If you can't find it after those simple instructions you had better NEVER leave your house! It's their driving range that's doing all the business right at the moment; that is, until they get the remodeling done around the rest of the place. They're putting in a bar which will be operated by KEN WALKER and DUANE COLLINS. Ken has been working around Las Vegas for some time as a bartender, but it will be the first venture for Duane, who comes to Las Vegas from L.A. where he was in the cement contracting business. (How do you make cement contract?) . . . Then Big Jim Tatum will have the bar-b-q concession. Oh, yes. Rusty and Art Barrett deserve a lot of credit for what they are doing out there. . . .

A few weeks back there was a new eating establishment having an opening on our fabulous Strip, and mostly by word of mouth they've become known as one of the choice spots on the Strip for delicious and consistently reliable good food. From the street all you can see is the front of THE ALGIERS, but just inside the entrance arch you will find THE ALGIERS RESTAURANT, which is owned and operated by a fellow known throughout the country for his capabilities as a restaurateur . . . JIM BLANKENSHIP most recently owned and operated the world famous Patio Lamaze in Denver, Colo., and has had as his guests some of the biggest people in the country today. The cuisine is French, as is the service, and as for the food . . . well . . . you'll be going back again and again as have many others!

I was in BONNIE BEST'S Shop the other day when a couple of cuties from the Minsky Show at the Desert Inn came in to browse a bit. Helena tried on an outfit which Marcia liked and bought without trying on. Then Helena bemoaned the fact that she could never find anything to fit properly without having to have a lot of alterations. Sales-gal Terry looked her over for a moment, went to the racks, took down a beautiful number and asked the little lady to slip it on. The customer wore it out of the store! You see, Bonnie designs her originals with the shape of the buyer in mind. She has things designed for you long-waisted gals, shorties, plump or puny . . . Bonnie will have something designed with you in mind. . . .

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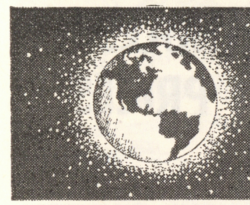

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# CRISWELL PREDICTS



**WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO: The Democratic Party will offer the nomination for Presidency of the United States in 1956 to Senator McCarthy due to his fearless stand against communism and the irrepairable damage done to the Democrats, which can only be whitewashed by a candidate of his calibre. Roosevelt and Truman will practically be read out of the party by the end of 1954. Yes, there is a terrific change coming within the Democratic Party!**

President Eisenhower will dramatically drive the moneychangers from the temple with his coming strict rule that no foreign nation receive aid from America if they are actively trading with Russia or her Iron Curtain countries! . . . Irene Castle, of the famous dancing Castles, will win her fight against vivisection of animals for so-called medical research by making direct appeals to men and women who will leave huge sums to the universities but who will withdraw this support if vivisection is practiced! . . . David Sarnoff, the No. 1 radio-TV man in America, will guarantee the freedom of speech and of the air by a quick and surprising move in March! . . . Queen Elizabeth and her royal entourage will not receive the hearty welcome and the expected ovations which they were led to expect. Her Majesty will be openly questioned as to authority in many areas!

The top actor out of Hallywood in 1954 will be Jay Robinson, who managed to steal all notices and attention in "The Robe" by his portrayal of Caligula! . . . Vice President Nixon will shock you with his world report to Americans!

WHO YOU WILL TALK ABOUT IN THE FUTURE: Marlene Deitrich and her new characterization which will make her one of the top boxoffice ten of the world! . . . Dictator Peron and his sudden alliance with the Big Three against Russia and the startling effect this will have over other South American countries! . . . Adele and Lori August, the sister act from Seattle, and their sudden rise to fame, on television, radio and the silver screen! . . . Orrin Delaney and his coming book which will blast every foreign embassy with sensational charges of treason! . . . Women wrasslers and their sudden popularity!

The new trend of all-night beauty shops as introduced by the Las Vegas Beaux Arts hairdressers! . . . Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, widow of the late President, and her sudden marriage! . . . Edna Ferber, the novelist, and her forthcoming novel which will tear the cloak from the hush-hush conditions of our own Dust Bowl during the 1930s! . . . One of the head rulers of the world and the attempt on his life which will not be successful!

Minnie Maddern Fiske, one of America's top actresses, and the filming of her life from the time she played "Little Eva" in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" until her last Broadway triumph "Ladies of the Jury" 70 years later! . . . The Parent-Teachers Association and their winning battle to force every boy and girl to attend school until they are 16 under penalty of arrest as juvenile delinquents!

Eleanor Roosevelt and her forthcoming confessions in book form for summer reading! . . . Gene Salee, the cosmetic queen, and her "budget" cosmetics which will permit each and every woman of America to obtain the most expensive cosmetics at a price they can afford! . . . The cruel and heartless winter!

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS: The far-reaching edict issued by the Supreme Court which will permit any employer to fire any employee if he is disloyal or refuses to cooperate in answering any question of Communist Party membership or sympathetic activities. This will not permit the treasonists to hide behind the flimsy excuse of the Fifth Amendment of our Constitution! . . . The stepped-up open campaign to rid the streets of juvenile rat packs who openly attack citizens in broad daylight! . . . The new high import tax to be voted on all foreign made automobiles brought in this country which will give our own automobile manufacturers a greater chance at our

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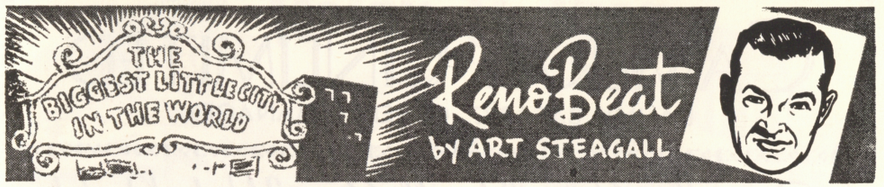


**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is in full swing this week, headed by several Christmas parties and the last-minute shopping. One of the gayest parties was the annual winter party of THE PROSPECTORS CLUB held in the RIVERSIDE HOTEL. It started with cocktails in the gayly decorated Redwood Room and later adjourned to the THEATRE RESTAURANT. It was the opening night of the MORTON DOWNEY show and both performances were sold out to the club. A delicious pheasant dinner was served and there was dancing 'til the wee hours of the morning. It was a gala pre-Christmas party, one that will linger in the memory of all those attending.**

At the Christmas party held at Stead Air Base, SANTA CLAUS will make an appearance by parachute. Following his landing, SANTA will be driven to a waiting crowd of over 300 youngsters in the air base fire truck. Movies at the base theatre and the distribution of gifts will follow the jump.

A.G.V.A.: TELEVISION STATION KZTV has come up with a deal to TELECAST via micro-wave the ROSE BOWL GAME, COTTON BOWL GAME and the TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE. They will be on the air from 9 a.m. on January 1. . . . HERMAN HOVER, owner of famed CIRO'S in Hollywood, in Reno for a few days. . . . GEORGE MORO accepting congratulations on the "blessed event" which has graced his household. . . . LINDA STEAGALL and BOBBY GIBSON, winners of the waltz contest at the "HI-Y" dance last Friday night. . . . GEORGE WINGFIELD JR. off to shoot ducks at Marysville. . . . LENNY KENT and ROSE MARIE open in the MAPES SKYROOM on New Year's Day. . . . TOMMY BLAKE was renamed president of Reno Musicians Local 368 in the recent election of officers. . . . Reno's newest club was opened last Thursday night, the "Lil Red Barn," located on South Virginia, which was packed the first four days it was opened. Greeted by its owners LEO LEIN and CHARLES RAVERA, the customers found a long wide brick structure with a redwood and pine exterior. A long bar and tables for gambling and dining with a huge fireplace to separate the main room from the kitchen add to the interior. . . . Good luck to Leo and Charlie. . . . Attended a real nice Christmas party at the beautiful home of WILLOW and JIM DALEY. These two people have a lot of the nicest friends. . . . A real beautiful Christmas display on the University campus, work all done by the art classes at the University. . . . The Tax Commission has okayed several NEW partners of the PALACE CLUB here. . . . A little snow this past week has helped the ski lodge operators on Mt. Rose and Donner Summit. . . .

CURRENT SHOWS: The GOLD ROOM of the GOLDEN HOTEL opened a new show last Wednesday. Set for ONE WEEK only is FELICIA SANDERS, the recording star of Moulin Rouge. The DEWEY SISTERS, dancers, the magic of FRAKSON, the GOLDEN GIRLS and STERLING YOUNG and his orchestra. . . .

The SKYROOM OF THE MAPES HOTEL opened THURSDAY with Nevada's CARL RAVAZZA and the brilliant comedy of JAY LAWRENCE, plus the MAPES SKYLETTES and EDDIE FITZPATRICK and his orchestra. . . . This show will play for an extra day, to bring the next opening on New Year's Day. . . .

MORTON DOWNEY holds down the key spot in the show now in the THEATRE RESTAURANT of the RIVERSIDE HOTEL. DOWNEY, making his first club appearance in a long time, is just great. In the show with him are SUE CARSON, singing her own special material, and the great act of CHRIS CROSS. BILL CLIFFORD and the RIVERSIDE STARLETS complete the show. . . .

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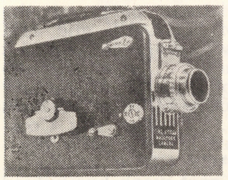

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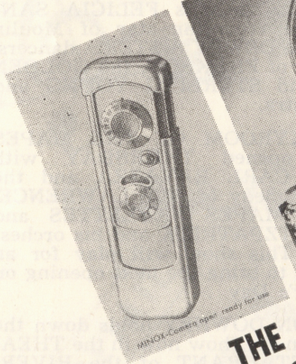



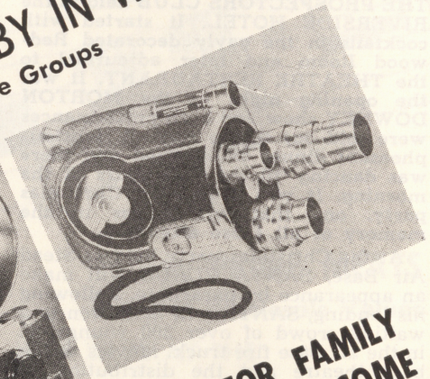

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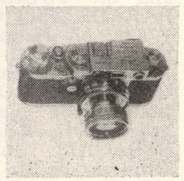

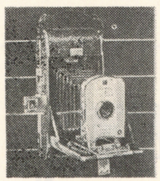

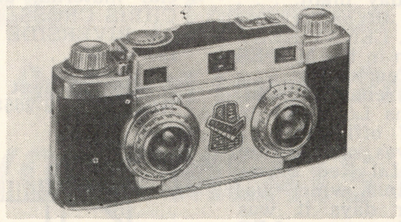

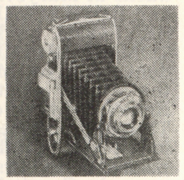

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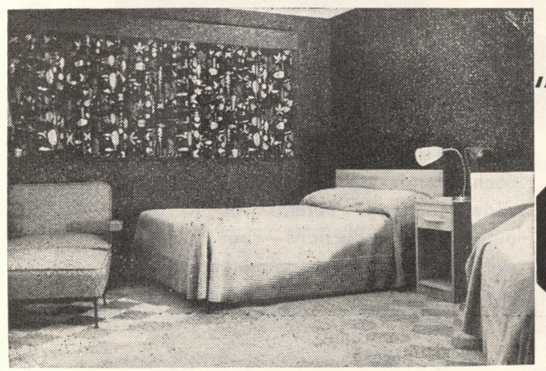

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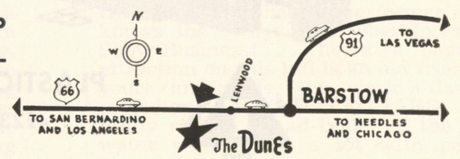


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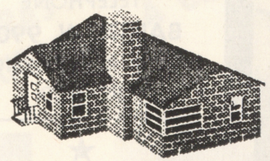

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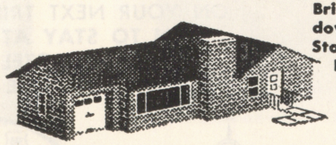

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**December 10 thru December**

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**LINE: Flamingo Guys and Dolls.**
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## LAST FRONTIER

**December 14 thru December 27**

**SHOW: Mary Kaye Trio, Buddy Lester, Senor Wences**

**LINE: Jean Devlyn Dancers**

**ORCH.: Garwood Van**

Comedy runs rampant with the current show in the Ramona Room! Each act on this great bill of fare is a star in their own brand of comedy. Firstly, THE MARY KAYE TRIO, who are the headliners of the bill after completing 20 weeks of playing to packed audiences in the Gay '90s Lounge of this same hotel. Mary's is one of the most thrilling and exciting voices to be heard in recent times . . and the blending of hers with that of her brother Norman is a perfect blend pleasing to any ear. Frank Ross is the comedy king of the combo, and one of the reasons for the great success enjoyed by this group. Some months ago the group was enrichened by the addition of Frank Hudec at the drums . . an addition that has proved its worth many times over. The song stylings and impressions offered by these young entertainers are a "must" on the entertainment list of any and all. . . . BUDDY LESTER is one of the most uninhibited entertainers of our day . . and one of the funniest! No matter what this man does, his timing and expressions are such that just an ordinary bit becomes a belly-laff in his interpretation. Old fans look forward to seeing him do their favorite, familiar bit. His endless routines are loaded with

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## El Rancho Vegas

**December 9 thru December 29**

**SHOW: Miss Georgia Gibbs, Jack E. Leonard, Bebe Allen and Barry Ashton**

**LINE: Dot Dee El Rancho Dancers**

**ORCH.: Bob Ellis**

TOM DOUGLAS presents a new revue in the Opera House Theater-Restaurant which stars "Her Nibs" MISS GEORGIA GIBBS, heard many times on her Mercury Record hits. This little gal has more power and drive in her low pitched voice than most vocalists of our day and when she does a drive tune. brother, she DRIVES! Her sincere enthusiasm is felt by everyone. as is her sincerity when she sings something like "Yiddisher Mamma." Miss Gibbs is a polished performer who knows the "whys and wherefores" of Show Business! . . . The extra "padded" attraction on this bill is an old friend of yours and mine, the world's largest comedian, JACK E. LEONARD. This funny man is an ad-libber of the first water who works a lot with people




around him, on stage and in the audience. In spite of his gargantuan girth, Jack is one of the lightest men on his feet we've ever seen, as you will see and agree when he dances. An audience can be "refrigerated," and he'll find them. . . . BEBE ALLAN and BARRY ASH-

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## Wilbur Clark's DESERT INN

November 24 thru January 4

SHOW: Minsky's Follies of 1954, starring Paul Gilbert.

LINE: Donn Arden Dancers.

ORCH: Carlton Hayes.

Lovers of pulchritude, appreciators of solid entertainment, here is the show for you. Following its precedent to provide smoothly paced productions, the management of this bistro brings you another stellar presentation. . . . Starring in this extravaganza is PAUL GILBERT, the comedian with such a wealth of material he could hold the stage for 24 hours, without one pause or hesitation. His wit is as swift as a lunging rapier and his timing superb. When this lad is in the spotlight, your sense of humor becomes more acute and all else takes a back seat in view of his unreserved showmanship. Here is a comedian whose name will go hand in hand with those already installed in the show business Hall of Fame. Although an extrovert, he displays a charm that ingratiates him with his audience. Listening to Paul Gilbert's brand of comedy is a pleasure no pair of ears should be denied. . . . THE DE LA ROSA QUINTET is a group of Cubans who can turn out some of the most stirring renditions of songs. They were in town less than two years ago and could not return sooner only because of their many commitments. This quintet sets your body to weaving under the spell of Latin music, making even a web-

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## SAHARA

December 15 thru January 4

SHOW: Marlene Dietrich, Dick Shawn, Ruby Horn, Gautier's Steeplechase

LINE: Saharem Dancers

ORCH.: Cee Davidson

MARLENE DIETRICH took over the Congo Room in no uncertain terms this past week! Here is one of the most beautiful women we've ever seen, and who is becoming a legendary figure of the era. Possessor of a charm, beauty and dazzling personality that is the envy of millions of women throughout the world . . . admired by all! Not only does Miss Dietrich have all these things, but she has also proved herself to be a top-notch nightclub entertainer . . . a

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## The Sands

December 15 thru December 22

SHOW: First Anniversary Show

LINE: Copa Girls

ORCH.: Ray Sinatra

The Copa Room is certainly bringing a smashing gala anniversary show to its patrons, featuring show business luminaries whose names are synonymous with fame and popularity. Taking respective turns at the starring spotlight during this amazing week of parading stars are: DANNY THOMAS, the spectacular comedian whose wit and humor allows for nothing but complete, extreme enjoyment. . . . FRANK SINATRA, the singer whose dramatic ability has sent his success star soaring into the upper level of the Hall of Fame. . . . VIC






DAMONE, the crooner whose boyish mannerisms are ever appealing to every member of his audience. . . . BILLY GRAY, PATTI MOORE and BEN LESSY, the triple combination of comedians who introduce a variety of humor that sets the rafters to ringing with hilarity. . . . BILLY ECKSTINE, the suave purveyor of song, whose sophistication aids in setting him apart from his competitors. . . . As an extra added attraction, the management has contracted JIMMY McHUGH and his beautiful singing stars. The leading song writer never fails to present a wonderful repertoire of music, spiced with the lovely vocalizing of his attractive songstresses. . . . Rounding out the bill is the twinkling terpsichory of HARBERS and DALE. . . . There you are, nice people . . . a great big sparkling holiday show, all wrapped up in glittering cellophane paper and tied with a big red

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## El Cortez

December 17 thru December 30

SHOW: Cooper Sisters, Happy Jesters, Cliff Ferre

ORCH: Eddie Skrivanek's Sextette from Hunger

The Cooper Sisters bounce right into the spirit of the holiday season in the Pirates Den of Hotel El Cortez. The effervescent pair clown, sing and mug their way through routines which have made them one of the top sister acts in the night club circuit. Always favorites with Las Vegas audiences, the Coopers bring a vitality and zest to the show

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## Thunderbird

December 17 thru December 23
(Not a Review)

SHOW: Al "Jazzbo" Collins, Fances Faye, Bobby Hackett, Big Lou McGarity.

LINE: Kathryn Duffy Dansations.

ORCH: Al Jahns.

This week at the Thunderbird is jammed with JAZZ . . . in all its known forms! The star during these seven swingin' days is the purple impresario of New York's fantastic "Purple Grotto" . . . none other than AL "Jazzbo" COLLINS. This man's unusual records have been sweeping the country the past season. BUT . . . wait until you've seen and heard him in person. . . . Featured on this show is another "record riser" of late . . . Miss FRANCES FAYE, a gal who sings and swings with a beat that is "the most." When she sings and plays, the room HAS to rock, that's all! . . . "Mr. Chops" is also on this big bill . . . the man who has put the "ump"

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## SILVER SLIPPER SALOON

December 4 thru December 31

SHOW: "Holly-Daze Revue" with Hank Henry, Barbary Coast Boys, Billy Barty, Sparky Kaye.

LINE: Marah Gates' Palominos.

ORCH: George Redman.

This current Eddie Fox production is one of the greatest to be seen in this room in some time . . . and we've enjoyed ALL of them so far! The perennial HANK HENRY really outdoes himself in this show. His "drunk" is one of the greatest . . . and the events that transpire during the scene will have you holding your sides. . . . Of course the meat of the show is the old-time melodrama which features practically everyone in the show, "The Drunkard's Redemption." The market

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## THAT'S FOR SURE:

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The fabulous redhead ARTHUR GODFREY is expected to arrive here at the end of January or the early part of February. On his radio broadcasts Godfrey devotes many hours talking about Florida, Reno and other places—never about Las Vegas. However, that situation will be drastically altered after his first visit here. From then on, we'll guarantee, Mr. Godfrey will rave about our own fabulous Las Vegas.

Cupid certainly has been dedicating himself to the folks over HOTEL EL RANCHO VEGAS way. A couple of weeks ago a string of firecracker marriages were set off when PEGGY NEMES (telephone operator) married PERRY DI RIENZO (owner of the barber shop on the premises). Following on the heels of this blissful union was the one that starred dining room captain BOBBY O'CONNELL and EDNA BOWMAN, November 29. A triple surprise package took place on December 3. 'Twas then that RUTH CLAY (of the cigar stand) exchanged rings with swing shift bartender IRVING SECHLER. ALVAH MUESSEL (the little lady who serves all the employes their food) changed her name to MRS. JOHN WENTWORTH. Biggest surprise of all was when glamorous hostess BONNIE SIBLER said aye-aye to GEORGE DORLAND, casino employe. The Dorlands were married in JUDGE HENDERSON'S home and a happier couple we have yet to see. On December 4 waitress DONA McCOWN married RONNIE BEAL, one of the room service waiters. Good heavens! There just can't be an unattached person on El Rancho's payroll, after all this! Congratulations, everybody!

We stopped in for a visit at the NEW YORK MEAT & PROVISION COMPANY and were amazed to see the vast selection of prime meats. We had heretofore believed this to be a strictly wholesale center but discovered that the outfit also specializes in retail sales. It's the first time Las Vegas has ever had such a store. Even the housewife can have a picnic doing her shopping here, being able to buy fine provisions at low cost. Middle man profits are eliminated, creating a great saving.

Time out to extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. JOE W. BROWN (new owners of the HORSESHOE CLUB) and their nephew KING DORSETT (general manager of the spot). They have 24 thoroughbred horses ready to be named. The Browns told us they intend to name one of their steeds after our "Fabulous Las Vegas" magazine. We'll be rooting for all the 24 horses but must confess our hearts will be with our namesake.

In January the FLAMINGO HOTEL will star a comparative newcomer to show business. He is KEEFE BRASSELLE, the wonderful showman who turned out a magnificent portrayal of EDDIE CANTOR in the comedian's filmed life story.

Beginning today and lasting through January 1, the HOTEL SAHARA will feature BILL BRINLEY'S MINIATURE CIRCUS. Admission is free to all and this is a good place for Dad to take the children. The circus is quartered in the Garden of Allah patio.

NICK (Peanuts) DEANONFO (pit boss at the DESERT INN) is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his two daughters from Cleveland. From his nervousness, we were certain both were small tots. However, Nick informed us they are 22 and 24, respectively, and are both school teachers in Cleveland. VIRGINIA and MARY JANE are arriving to spend the holidays with their parents here.

DR. E. T. MARTIN (popular local veterinarian) has a feathered oddity that we believe is the only kind of its kind in the world. Believe it or not, Dr. Martin owns a talking canary. The bird can even bark like a dog. The doc's home looks like a menagerie, filled with birds and pets, and there's always "open house" to anyone looking for a domestic friend.

When we recently ran an item on VI TAYLOR, Jr., stipulating an impending marriage, the lovely young miss protested vigorously. But, in accordance with Shakespeare's remark about "protesting too much," the gal was just trying to keep her little secret. On December 14 she married SAMUEL TAYLOR in the Little Church of the West. The couple are currently honeymooning in St. Louis, Mo. The happy bridegroom was recently discharged from the service and plans to enter the shoe business in St. Louis. Mother Vi, still shaking over the solemnity of watching her "baby" grow to womanhood, tells us they made a very "cute couple."

We had a surprise visit from our erstwhile Girl Friday, MOLLY SILVER. Molly is now the co-owner of the HOUSE OF MOLONEZ COSMETICS. They specialize in demonstrations of the proper make-up for daytime and evening wear. Molly has a branch located in the Beverly Hills' PAGANO'S BEAUTY SALON and another in RICHARD'S BEAUTY SALON, opposite BULLOCK'S Wilshire. On or about January 15 Molly plans to open a third branch here, on The Strip, next to the BEAUX ARTS. Her local partner will be LURENE KNOPPING, popular localite whose husband BOB is a dice dealer at the MONTE CARLO CLUB, down-

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## THAT'S FOR SURE:

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town. We're very proud of Molly's success and wish her great achievements in the future.

MARIE and ANDY MARUDAS are happier than a couple of children frolicking about a snowman. They welcomed an heir on November 25 and still can't stop bragging about the 6-pound 4-ounce bundle the stork left for them. Mrs. Marudas is the former MARIE ROWE, who danced with GEORGE MORO and also appeared in many films.

IRVING BLATT, one of the owners of the NEW YORK MEAT & PROVISION COMPANY, served notice to the Shell Station, located at Second and Fremont Streets. The gas station must vacate the premises by February 1. Soon after, construction will begin on a 220-room hotel. It will be a modern addition to our downtown area. According to the architect—it will be beautiful, featuring a casino on the mezzanine.

When the GABOR SISTERS open at the HOTEL LAST FRONTIER on December 28 it will be the first time these Hungarian beauties have appeared together professionally. It should be very interesting to witness the continental belles in the spotlight. We understand their gowns alone cost close to half a million dollars. That fact alone will assure the presence of a female audience . . . and that's for sure.


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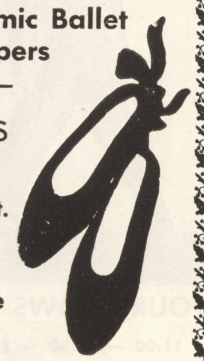

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Colonial House! He has the latest in styles and fabrics . . . and only the BEST of them. Bert really has some smart clothes in his shop; and the prices are right, too! Compare them!

Looks like a lot of families will be taking on their Christmas dinners at GAM'S RESTAURANT in the WESTERNER CLUB downtown. CARLO and DOUG tell me that they plan to put out a complete dinner for $3, with children's plates running at $1.25. 'Tisn't worth taking all the trouble at home unless you think that you are duty bound. For about $10 you could feed the average-sized family. . . .

Less than a week now for you to get out to the VILLAGE SWEET SHOP and let KATIE and DON make up your needs for the holiday season in the way of candies for the occasion. I just can't go into that place without having to have a bite or two of something. Everything you see or smell is so wonderful! They're located in the Hotel Last Frontier Village on The Strip. . . .

I'm buying my bottled beverages from FLOYD and LOUISE COPE this year. Their prices at the BOTTLE HOUSE on South Fifth Street are just about as much in line as you'll find anywhere in the city, and if anything you'll be able to meet and beat most. . . .

Opening day for the new BEAUX ARTS beauty salon on The Strip met with surprising results. It seems that the popularity of these young men who have opened the shop is so great in town that a lot of the ladies have been just waiting until they got the doors open so's they could get in and be one of the first customers. None of the fellas got much sleep for the first day or so. You see . . . BEAUX ARTS is open TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY! A shop that has been needed for a long time. . . .

Right next door is another twenty-four hour shop . . . MARIANNE'S . . . a dress shop for you ladies who have to shop late, or who are late shopping! TED and MARIANNE CHORMAN opened this shop about a month or so ago and have really started the trend in this line of operation. This whole section of stores along here will soon be occupied by shops that have the intention of being open every hour of the day or night . . . Rounder Row!

And before long SNAX 5th AVENUE will be staying open around the clock! What is it? SNAX is a new PIT BARBECUE spot, recently opened by NORM YOSHPA and RAY HIRSCH. They've been so busy they haven't been able to get settled on how much to buy for a certain period of time. They ran out of food last Sunday evening and had to turn 'em away the rest of the night. You haven't experienced flavor until you've tasted smoke pit barbecue!

The LUBOFFS celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last Wednesday (16th) and what will make this time even more enjoyable is the fact that their son, EDWIN, will be home from a three-year hitch in the Coast Guard around the 18th. . . . Solly Luboff deals "21" at Rancho.

It was a year ago in London that a fellow asked BARBARA PERRY if she'd like to play the slot machines with him, and she said "No". . . Last Sunday she said "yes" to the same fellow and they were married in the Little Church. Barbara is now Mrs. BEN JAMES. Barbara has been appearing for the past few months at the Flamingo with the productions of Seymour Felix as a star soloist. . . . May God grant the most of the best to Barbara and Ben. . . .

Well, that about does it for this week . . . and if I don't happen to see you personally between now and then . . . let me be among the first to wish you a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year hold for you exactly what is your due. . . . And no matter what happens, I'll always hope to be your ever lovin' . . . JOHNNY.

## WHAT'S HE LIKE?:

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Bring to each of us the acceptance of that scientific truth that through the Law of Attraction we experience what we really are deep inside, and that opposites never attracted and never shall. That only until we as individuals change our thinking, will our lives change for the better.

And if I may inject a very personal request, Santa Claus, please bestow bountiful blessings upon those loyal friends of mine who have stood by me in this the most trying year of my life. Bring to my darling daughter, who has just married, the wisdom to be a good wife always, and to remember the teachings of her not always wise, but always well-meaning mother, so that she may perpetuate the human race on a high plane of spiritual and intellectual integrity. Bring to the son my daughter has given me through marriage the continuation of his fine principles and a continued love of my daughter that will grow ever stronger.

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## SILVER SLIPPER:


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price of corn dropped 18 points after opening night because of the unlimited supply afforded here. However, the "demand" soon proved to be greater, and seats are at a premium. . . . Featured in this show, in a return engagement, are those "Gay '90s Beau Brummels," THE BARBARY COAST BOYS . . . one the peak of personality and the other a pickle-kissered comedian at the piano. Put the two of them together and you have a team of entertainers with a lot of old time "know-how.". . . BILLY BARTY is also back again and amazes the show-goers with his versatility and talents. A powerhouse of energy is this mitey performer who is getting up in the world via a big personality, backed with towering talents. Wait'll you see him in the melodrama! . . . SPARKY KAYE is always a stand-out in any of the parts he plays in these sparkling Silver Slipper scenarios. He's the "hero" of the melodrama; "Oscar" of the bar room scene, and a bolster to any part of the show of which he is a part . . . a good comedian. . . . JIMMY CAVANAUGH does an outstanding job as the drunkard in the melodrama, and is one of the greatest straight men in the business. . . . Newest addition to the S. S. Players is sexy, blue-eyed and bubbling VIRGINIA DEW, a singer of songs and adaptable actress who applies her talents to anything she attempts. . . . BILL WILLARD is at his best as the villain as this type of acting is something he really enjoys. Bill is also co-writer of most of the script for these shows. . . . Marah Gates' PALOMINOS add color and cuteness to these shows with their presence and the dance routines they offer to fit the occasion and theme of each show. . . . In the band department you'll find the ever dependable GEORGE REDMAN and his troupe of musicians who cut these shows like an organization of many times their number. . . .

## SANDS HOTEL:


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bow. Your Christmas entertainment at the Copa Room will make for a memory, never to be forgotten. . . . Of course, the luscious COPA GIRLS are on hand to add their outstanding costumes and graceful forms to the production numbers. . . . RAY SINATRA and his men of music are to be commended for their ability to play a different score of music, each evening of this anniversary week.

## FLAMINGO:


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wholly relaxed while performing would be the understatement of the year, with which you'll agree as you view her performance from front and center. However, the real Pearl Bailey is a serious gal who is keyed to every performance and very serious about everything she does. Truly a remarkable person! . . . MING & LING are the surprise of surprises if you've never seen them before; The "Roy Acuff" and the "Tennessee Ploughboy" of the Orient! Their program is varied with all sorts of entertainment . . . music, dancing, comedy, and talent that will have you calling for more . . . THE FIVE CHRISTOBELS are a troupe of positive performers who will hold your every attention for the entire time they are on stage. They get the show off to a fast start with feats of startling agility that require immaculate timing and skill . . . SEYMOUR FELIX presents more of his proven productions, featuring the dancing desserts of the beautiful FLAMINGO DOLLS and the four handsome FLAMINGO GUYS; 14 fine terpsichores, and each a feather for Mr. Felix . . .

## DESERT INN:


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footed creature want to shed propriety in favor of dancing in the aisles. . . . MAXIE FURMAN & CO. spice the entire production with the slapstick type of comedy that accompanies blackout skits. Here is the type of act Dad always insisted he went to burlesque theatres to hear. Maxie and his wonderful assistants turn out the laughable type of comedy that makes you hold your splitting sides. . . . HELENA GARDNER'S exotic dancing is a fascinating quality that you must witness. While this lovely lady performs, you can't avert your eyes. . . . MARCIA EDGINGTON is another pulchritudinous bit of femininity with Svengali-like tendencies. Her terpsichorean endeavors are wonderfully sparked with artistic customing. . . . DONN ARDEN'S production numbers have become famous from coast to coast. To Mr. Arden there is no point of exhaustion and his dancers are molded into individual performers. The staging and lighting effects are astoundingly beautiful . . . CARLTON HAYES and his ORK embellish the entire revue. A difficult score is one they can easily master and execute.




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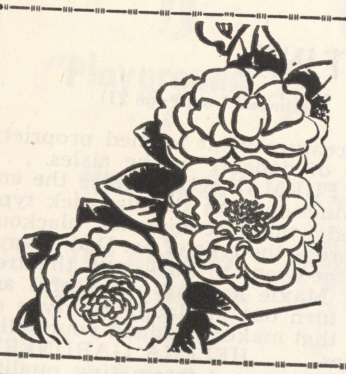


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## THE SAHARA:


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feat not enjoyed by many of the big movie names. Miss Dietrich held all first nighters enthralled with her glamorous beauty and deep contralto voice as she sang a varied program of songs that included rollicking, gay things and sentimental ballads. Of course, the most requested was her rendition of "Falling in Love Again.". . . We liked her fetching foreign, "Johnny." Musical direction was in the hands of the capable and competent hands of BUDDY COLE. . . . DICK SHAWN is a highly refreshing comedian, with new material and style that has made him one of the fastest rising today in his field. You'll like his manner of presentation, and laugh loud and long at his surprising switches. Watch for this young man to go places in the near future! . . . RUDY HORN is a juggler . . . and we mean it when we say that this young man is one of the greatest and most unbelievable we've ever seen. We'll tell you this much . . . on a unicycle he balances SIX cups and saucers on his head . . . NOT all at once, but continues riding as he builds them up from the first saucer to the last cup . . . complete with two lumps and a spoon! . . . You'll have to love GAUTIER'S STEEPLECHASE . . . even if you aren't an ardent animal lover, you'll have to love this act. Four small ponies are put through their paces before four fancy-riding fox terriers arrive to ride the ponies, and go through some intricate routines. And, to wind it up, a monkey comes out to ride on the back of the star terrier who does a "drunk act" a bit earlier. The Gautier troupe is known internationally as being those of the greatest in their field, and these performers certainly uphold that claim. . . . In a gigantic finale the SAHAREM DANCERS present a "circus" of some of the most beautiful and talented "animals" and performers to ever grace any stage. In this finale Miss Dietrich also appears as a red-coated ring-master, the sight of which alone would command obedience of either man or beast. Once again GEORGE MORO has proved himself a master with this latest Moro-Landis production. . . . CEE DAVIDSON and his orchestra are to be commended for their usual flawless musical backgrounds. . . .

## THUNDERBIRD:


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in trumpet . . . BOBBY HACKETT. You've been enjoying this man's trumpet stylings on record for some time, but you'll enjoy those powerful and plaintive tones even more when you are in the same room. . . . Then there's BIG LOU McGARITY, a trombone man from 'way back who is still regarded as one of the fastest men in the business, and with a beautiful tone that rolls out round and full. . . . And that just about describes this whole show . . . "round and full" . . . nothing square about this bill of fare! . . The KATHRYN DUFFY DANSATIONS will feature the Misses CHRISTINA CARSON and MISSIE DORAN in fast and full routines set especially for this blow-out with an abounding beat! . . As the man said . . . "You'll be gassed, fractured, and sent out of this world!"

## EL RANCHO VEGAS:


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TON are back for their third return engagement in this room and getting more and more polished in their performances with each appearance. Here is youth, fresh and exciting, which is evidenced in everything this fast rising young team attempts. They appear intermittently throughout the revue and are an integral part in the success of this highly entertaining show. . . . Dot Dee's EL RANCHO DANCERS are gorgeously gowned and present a pretty picture as they execute their simple but showy routines, very attractive in the production bits worked out by Miss Dee and Producer Tom Douglas. . . . The musical men are BOB ELLIS and his fine orchestra. . . .

## LAST FRONTIER:


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one gag right after another. . . . SENOR WENCES makes a fast return to town with this show, and proves his worth with unmatchable artistry. The rapidity of this man's changing from one voice to another in ventriloquism is simply amazing. As a matter of fact, he does it so quickly and so simply that the feat is not wholly appreciated by all who see and hear. . . . The JEAN DEVLYN DANCERS bring two new exciting routines, of which "The Continental" is the background of the opener. The other, a calypso, is highly colorful and features the dancing of DICK GREGORY, aided and abetted by IRENE BOLTON and JUDY BRENT. . . . Of course, GARWOOD VAN and his orchestra cut a good show, as usual!

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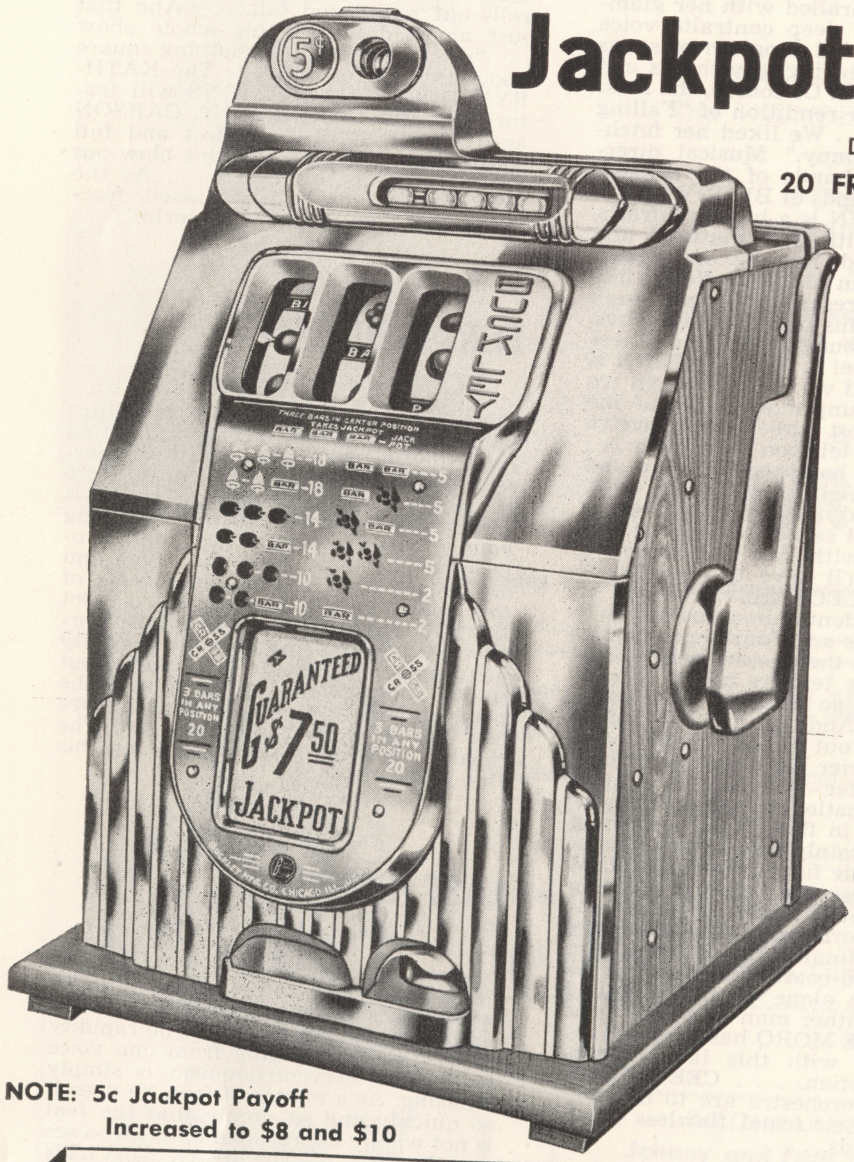


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FOR WOMEN ONLY: If you will take a drop of vanilla extract and rub it very lightly over the perfume you have just placed behind your ear, you will find that the odor will remain twice the length of time! . . . Dr. Robert Martin of Beverly Hills, Calif., will soon place his heretofore secret formula for safe and sane weight reduction on the market in January. This new revolutionary method reduces the craving for food but at the same time rebuilds the system with protelized protein! . . . The new trend in funeral services will be to serve a high tea for one half hour before the short committal ceremony! . . . A new insurance policy for women only will be 10% lower in price than the same policy issued to your male friends! . . . You will be delighted with the new floral patterns in the summer weight monk's cloth to be made into society styled clothes!

Your new vanity compact will have a separate compartment for vitamin tablets, headache pills or perfume pellets! . . . Grigg Richards, who brought the Pixie haircuts to America from Paris, will next introduce the Coquette, where all your hair is brushed to the top of the head and then cascades frontward in tiny curls!

Perfumed cigaretes with a heavy spice odor and flavor will soon be imported from Spain for the after dinner hostess treat! . . . Plastic book covers with your monogram will soon be on the market! . . . Fancy molds for jello and puddings with hollows for whipped cream fillings, a lazy susan for cakes, and a tray with a built-in hot and cold compartment for foods will add to your hostess pleasures! . . . The color for high fashions in 1954 will be black and silver!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE: Truman and Democrat Party in violent fight over policies! . . . Storms batter English coast, causing great loss of life and property! . . . Tragic fire in Philadelphia hotel leads to new fire laws! . . . Hoof and mouth disease among Mexican cattle! . . . Holland votes liberal laws for pensions! . . . Strange comets over Detroit! . . . Flash floods plague Texas! . . . Indiana new prosperity state! . . . New industry comes to Wichita, Kan.! . . . Waltz craze sweeps nation! . . . New York unveils memorial in Central Park to Clara Barton! . . . Railway strike ties up Florida vacationers! . . . California battered by tidal waves in March! . . . Famed Hollywood star in suicide try! . . . Fever and chills sweep nation as mysterious epidemic! . . . Supreme Court rules wire tapping evidence as valid testimony!

A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION: "When I was very small," writes Ann Evans of San Francisco, "we lived in an old house which was fairly alive with ghosts. I remember before each death in the family there would be the faint sound of a violin playing a dirge. This omen never failed and if the violin music sounded above the person's voice, we would hear of their death before morning! One night we heard the violin music above the voice of the woman next door, and before morning she died, although apparently most healthy before. Even though the old house is now torn down and we live in the new home, we still hear the violin. Last week it sounded for my sister and her husband who both died within the week. Another thing, when the clock strikes 6 no matter who is here, we hear a constant russle of silk for quite a few minutes. Yes, I am convinced of ghosts."

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# Hollywood Happenings

**PRESS ASSOCIATIONS from all nations of the world, with the possible exception of Russia and its satellites, have heaped praise on the deserving shoulders of AUDREY HEPBURN for her extremely fine performance in "ROMAN HOLIDAY." The admiration of the critics and the movie fans has resulted in more offers of work than the gracious young actress could do in two life times. As it is, her schedule is so solid that she will have no time for a vacation for at least two years.**

Audrey has just completed her stint at Paramount, where she was co-starred with WILLIAM HOLDEN and HUMPHREY BOGART in BILLY WILDER'S production of "Sabrina Fair." At present she is in New York rehearsing a stage play for which she has contracted to play at least six months on Broadway.

When she completes her chores with the Broadway company, Miss Hepburn will hop a plane for Europe, where she will do at least one of the three film commitments she has on the continent. By this time, in all probability, her calendar will be tied up for another two years, thereby preventing any consideration of a vacation.

But such is the life of a successful actress—you spend years getting to a point where you can choose the roles you want, and then you are offered so many that you can't turn the good ones down, and the years ahead are filled with little but plain hard work.

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DANNY KAYE has just revealed that he turned down a proffered role at the Metropolitan Opera last year. The management of the world's greatest opera company wanted Danny to play the role of the clown in "Die Meistersinger."

The catch was that the clown was to sing badly, and Danny couldn't approve this. He's very serious about his interest in the operas. He goes so far as to plan a spot for one of the better known arias in his act that he uses for personal appearances.

So far he has not decided to use operatic music when he appears on behalf of his newest picture, "Knock on Wood," when Paramount releases it next year.

## CRISWELL PREDICTS:

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panies: Prepare for a loss of sales through the report on lung cancer and the boycott of several radio and television stars who are classed as communists! . . . Mary Miles Minter: You will return to the silver screen! . . . Doctors: Beware of narcotic addicts who will try to force you to give them prescriptions under threat! . . . Eugene O'Neil: You will be nominated and placed in the Hall of Fame because of your great American plays! . . . Burbank, Calif.: Prepare to have your city cut in half by a zooming freeway in 1954! . . . Clara Lane: Your official biography "Queen of the Lonely Hearts" will rival the Polly Adler opus "A House Is Not a Home" in public interest. as you will give many of your most shocking case histories of marriages you have contracted for others! . . . Zanesville, Ohio: You will soon have a new Civic Auditorium! . . . Charles Lindbergh: You will come into new fame in 1954! . . . High School Graduates: Your best field for employment in June 1954 will be nursing! . . . Women over 55: You will have a federal pension in 1955! . . . Single men: You will pay a bachelor's tax in 1954 which will drive you into marriage!

## EL CORTEZ:

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which keeps show-goers in a happy frame of mind throughout their entire stint. The Happy Jesters, three guys and a guitar, make their first Pirates Den appearance. The trio—Ken, Jerry and Sal—were winners on the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout Show and subsequently appeared with him on television and radio. Handsome Cliff Ferre returns to El Cortez as master of ceremonies. The personable young composer-singer-dancer is playing his third engagement in the Pirates Den. Ever popular Eddie Skrivanek and his Sextette From Hunger adequately fill the bandstand chores.

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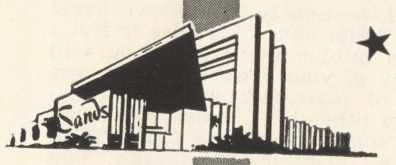


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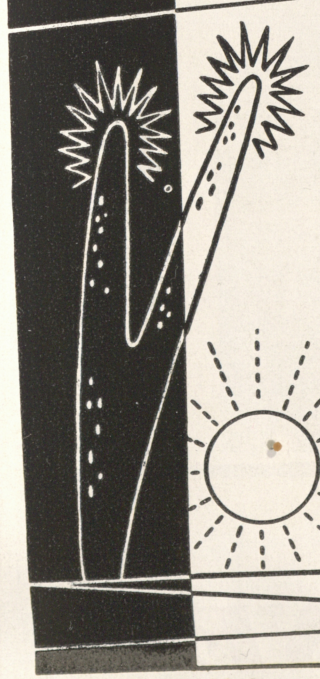

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