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AMUSEMENTS

Beverly Mason, beautiful and glamorous vocalist featured with Eddie "Mr. Cleanhead" Vinson and his orchestra who won the auditions against 100 other aspirants for this position.

Scotch Rumors Hilda Simms to Leave

CHICAGO - (ANP) - Rumors Juliet and using a mixed cast

that Hida Simms, brilliant young Many people leaped to the con-

actress, was planning to leave clusion that it was something im-

elected to remain in Chicago of The quartet, which has trav-

their own free will because they eled over the eastern half of the

given us a grand and warm recep- sonville and West Palm Beach,

tion and because we are playing Florida, for recitals, and was re-

"I announced several weeks ago cident occurred. Others mem-

that sometime in the future-the bers of the unit were reported

far distant future-at least more inpjured and hospitalized at Way-

to present 'Romeo and Juliet' According to first reports, the

with Hilda Simms in the role of car in which the quartet was rid-

it strong," Gribble said. "Hilda ing and a truck collided on the

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than a year away, that I planned cross.

Simms will play Anna Lucasta as highway.

of 'Anna Lucasta.' Well, she is

being formed. But there again he

turning to Atlanta when the ac-

Anna Lucasta; Plans Year Away

BEATING THE GUN

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NEW YORK, (ANP)-Has Jackie Wilson, local boxer, top ranking in your private book? How would you rate him alongside the Chalky Wright of 1940-Victor Roberts,

A. Wilson was never a great warrior in my book. The Wright of 1940 could knock him out and name the round. Q. Is Herbie Thompson a greater sprinter than was Howard P. Drew? I seem to think he is but never saw

Drew run?-Howard Clark, East Orange, N. J. A. I saw them both at their best and I would take

Drew for my choice.

Q. Did you notice the rotten sportsmanship of the Jersey (white team) Reds on Sunday night, Nov. 6 against the Renaissance Five? Don't you think that Bob Douglas should pay stricter attention to booking teams capable of extending his club?-Arthur Spencer, Brooklyn.

A. I did observe the display of bad temper on the part of the Reds same being worse I've noted in many season. I intend talking to Douglas on the booking angle, thanks for bringing out that important factor, Artie.

Q. There is some talk about the Brooklyn Dodgers (football team) signing a colored player. Whom would you select for first choice?-Lester Greene, Washington, D. C.

A. Kenny Washington. (I would have said Jackie Robinson only I'm thinking of his baseball future and possible

Q. I see and talk with Dick (Cannonball) Redding, former Lincoln Giants pitcher of 30 years ago, daily. Is it true that he struck out 24 batters in one game of nine innings; struck out George Herman ("Babe") Ruth 10 or 11 times, always holding the edge on the Babe; and was he as fast as Bob Feller or "Saitch" Paige?-Chauncey Scott,

A. You know your records fella-everything you said was 100% correct. Having seen Feller, Paige and Redding at their best, I would unhesitatingly cast my vote (speediest pitch) for Dick Redding.

Q. A quarter mile run for each man (four to a team) would find relay "A" represented by: Jimmy Herbert, Johnny Borican, Binga Dismond, and John B. Taylor. The opposition would line up like this: Archie Williams, Johnnie until it came to Billy Rose. To gain funds for musical tuition Woodruff, Cecil Cooke and Phil Edwards. Who do you she worked as a maid in a beauty emporium. Then came two think would win?-T.H.G., Lima, Ohio.

A. Team "A". Q. In light of the current professionalism charges against Gundar Haag and Arne Anderson, do you recall any such what it is .- (ANP) charges lodged against an outstanding Negro amateur ath-

lete at any time?-Robert Woods, Philadelphia. A. Yes. Howard Drew was so accused around 1914 or 1915 while a student at University of Southern California Entertains GI's or Drake college. (I've forgotten which school he was attending at time.)

In his case he was cleared of the charges.

92ND PROCESSED

ATLANTA-(ANP- - Between THE LEROY WAY 200 and 300 members of the famed 92nd division were processed at the separation center of Fort McPherson last week. Those separated were originally from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

army and command of Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond. Units of the ivision were in action under the area. fifth army in the drive northward in Italy.

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June Hawkins



June Hawkins, the spirited Myrt of "Carmen Jones", was spark-plugged into a musical career by her success as a soloist at high school commencement in her home town of Minneapolis. Her determination led to a road unstrewn with roses . . . that is scholarships in a row. Her first professional appearance was as (ANP)-Mme. Maryla Jones, bril- a long time to come. alternate in the exacting role of Clara in "Porgy and Bess". liant Polish pianist who is in "Those rumors and errors have not les ing. Snooping for talent Rose heard her. Now for three seasons she Kingston to appear on the cur- stemmed from two or three dif- Mr. Gribble also discussed his has been one of the numerous reasons why "Carmen Jones" is rent artists series, having just ferent sources," said Mr. Gribble new dramatic find in Chicago, a

India Red Cross

LEDO, INDIA-(ANP)-Di- nights. rector of the largest American Red Cross on-post club in India, and Raleigh, N. C., heads "Duration Plantation," a rambling clubhouse in the Assam jungle that serves troops still stationed on the Stilwell road.

sity, with a master's degree from ing, thatch-roofed building dot-A graduate of Howard univer-In accordance with the policy of the war department, the 92nd the Red Cross staff a year ago point on the Stilwell Road, surdivision is being inactivated along after several years with the War rounded by tea plantations, bawith 1 other combat divisions Manpower commission of North nana and bamboo trees, and rice the great colored singer, given a sooner or later, the stars in the sangers of the National Indeupon return to the United States. Carolina. Her parents live at fields, outstanding services to tremendous reception in Mexico show who began on Broadway pendent quartet, a unit sponsored

left the country in June, 1944, for Chicago night club, and this ex- develop their own pictures, and North Africa under the third perience is reflected in tht lively a canteen. The average weekentertainment programs she ar. end attendance is 1500.

attend.

Red Cross staff members, dress- who maintain the Stilwell road, ed in Indian saris, and troops in because their army camps do not their best uniforms, sang an open- have it.

attracted a packed house for two an interpreter.

soldier the next day, "it was music she said: Miss May Harper, Negro Red swell. I had the best time I "The Negro sings himself. I said, "Hilda Simms will play to the conclusion that he was Cross worker of Evanston, III., can remember since the States. find in him a sensibility that is Anna Lucasta as long as she wish-training Janice because Hilda was The party was almost like one inborn and an appreciation of es to. I don't expect her to go retiring. I'd drop into in the home town." music which comes naturally. He on playing it forever because the all her effort worth while, Miss sic may be primitive, it has much for her. Harper says.

Duration Plantation is a sprawl- right from the heart. vated at Fort McClellan, Ala., Harper worked at one time in a clubroom where the men can

ranges for troops in this remote "We started a 'sit and sip' club in the canteen where the boys Directing a staff of eight girls, can drink cokes and eat ham-Miss Harper stages carnivals and burgers," Miss Harper said, "but cabarets so colorful that Ameri it was so popular that it soon can soldiers travel from miles became known as the 'push and up the Stilwell road, returning grab' club. During one hour on to their base the same night, to the first day 936 bottles of coke were served to the men."

Typical of these parties was a lice, which is served at the club, recent cabaret show in which the is an unusual treat to those men



Another Negro Baseball Star Signed by Rickey

by Rickey, protests from Negro baseball owners have already made to A. B. (Happy) Chandler, baseball's High Commissioner, against the Dodger leader. scouts are raiding Negro leagues for players.

Wright will be farmed out to reports say.

Polish Pianist

KINGSTON, JAMAICA ing chorus before background Negro music. Mme. Jones, al. Hilda Simms and her future. Mr. wealth of talent in Chicago, he scenery reproducing a ship. Miss though speaking eight languages, Gribble ought to know. He may remarked that Miss Kingslow had Harper was soloist. Reservations does not speak English but she be said to be the real discoverer unusual possibilities for the fuwere required, and the cabaret made her views known through of Miss Simms, after she had ture. He is training her to take

"Gee," sighed a New Jersey colored people's reaction to good Negro theatre.

Appreciation like that makes is very sensitive and if his mutheatre has far too much in store Two Quartet more appeal because it comes

gone to Peru. From that coun-

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BROOKLYN - (ANP) - A other Negro baseball star has been signed by Branch Rickey, president of the famous Brooklyn Dodgers, to play major league

Following closely or the heels of signing Jackie Robinson, UCLA grid star and Kansas City Monarchs shortstop to his, Montreal team a few weeks ago, Rickey is reported to have secured last week the services of John Wright, star pitcher for the Homestead Grays of the Negro National league. The signing, it was learned took place in the Dodger president's office following a meeting with several Ne-

While no confirmation of the signing of Wright has been made Neither Chandler nor Rickey has recognized charges that Dodger

The baseball czar admitted h had received a protest letter from Negro leagues but said that did not constitute "a bona fiddispute for consideration by his

Montreal along with Robinson

her role as the name star in the minent although my interview. striking dramatic success, "Anna except where it was distorted by Lucasta," are totally without papers which did not go to the foundation. Harry Wagstaff Grib- pains of simply asking for the ble, producer, manager and di- facts, said plainly that the project recting head of the famous play was a possibility more than a of which John Wildberg is co- year hence. The result is that producer, was pointed, clear and Miss Simms has been bombarded explicit in his denial of any such with inquiries as to whether and

change in Miss Simms' status for when she was leaving the cast arrived from Mexico, has de- Monday night at the Artists and young socialite school teacher cided opinions about the value of Models ball here, as he discussed Janice Kingslow. Praising the been given an opportunity to dis- the role of Anna in one of the

Speaking of her impression of play her ability by the American new "Anna Lucasta" companies

"There has always been the fear in Chicago, because we an-

where there are certainly some would gradually filter back to by Bishop E. D. Crocket, were Upton in June, 1918, and reacti- By no means academic, Miss clude a large library, a kodak prejudices. Miss Davis has given New York. Miss Simms, Fred fatally injured last week in an seven concerts there and has now O'Neal and many others in the automobile accident on the highcompany could have gone back way near Waycross, Ga. The try she is to come to Jamaica." to Broadway to appear in the dead were listed as Tony Bryant. second company now playing leader, and George Critinden, a there if they had desired to. They member.

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