

Stereo Promises Changes In Popular Music Field

By VERNON SCOTT
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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Workers and listeners aren't enough anymore for hi-fi buffs. Come now stereophonic home gear, latest rage among music lovers.

The new gadget fills a room with sound through two speakers differing from standard hi-fi equipment in that it plays two different versions of the same recording simultaneously.

In addition to providing a new field for home linkers — at a cost of \$200-\$250, plus regular hi-fi equipment—stereo promises far-reaching changes in popular music.

Band leader Ray Anthony predicts stereo will bring back big bands.

"The stereo effect is as close as a home listener can come to being in a concert hall or a theater," says the dapper musician. "And it is lost on singers and instrumental soloists. It's great for big bands because the different elements of the orchestra are picked up from different parts of the room, surrounding the listener with contrasting sounds."

"To get the full benefit of stereo people will want to hear full bands."

"I think this new trend will bring back bands like Les Brown, Stan Kenton, Billy May, Harry James and Woody Herman."

"A lot of the boys are rushing back to the recording field again. We record into three microphones—bass section, reed section and rhythm section to gain the effect. Stereo albums cost only a dollar more than the average long-play album."

"It's the most exciting thing in

the music business since hi-fi." Strangely, just when things are looking bright for big bands, Anthony might up and quit the business in favor of becoming a full-time movie actor.

He's currently packing them in Las Vegas' Tropicana Hotel, and recently appeared with Danny Kaye in "The Five Pennies" at Paramount. He also portrayed dramatic role opposite his ex-wife, Mamie Van Doren, in "Beat Generation." Thus far he's made seven films.

"My acting prospects look pretty good," he said happily. "I'd never want to get too far away from music — no farther than Sinatra is, but if the roles keep cropping up I'll keep doing them. It's much easier than knocking your brains out on a bandstand every night."

Pitches Tent, Stays At Home

NORTON, Va. (AP) — Neither snow nor bitter cold has been able to choke off a middle-aged woman's passive resistance to the sale of her home for debts.

"It's up to them to make the next move. I'm going to stay right here and go back into that house legally," said 55-year-old Mrs. Epperson Williams Friday night as she gave an audience inside a makeshift roadside tent.

A slight snow fell over the tent and the nearby family home, from which Mrs. Williams, a widow, was evicted six days ago. Legally, the home now belongs to Oscar Sturgill. He bought it at a court-ordered public auction. Proceeds went to pay for Mrs. Williams' debts.

There are only two keys to the house, Mrs. Williams said. One is with her son Leonard, a sailor at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

"I've got the other one tied to my finger," said Mrs. Williams. Sheriff Jesse Bolling said he's not going to act unless the court orders him to. The judge insisted he can't act unless someone files formal complaint.

Sturgill said he's perfectly content to sit back and watch the commotion—from a safe distance.

RESCUE PLANES GROUNDED

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Tass news agency said today Soviet rescue planes were grounded by a blizzard while trying to fly to the rescue of a crashed Belgian plane in the Antarctic.

In Brussels, the headquarters of the Belgian Antarctic expedition said it had not yet received word of any such crash. However, it said "we have not yet been able to get into radio contact with Baudouin Base."

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



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Women's Tennis Champion Planning To Settle Down

By BOB THOMAS
AP Movie-TV Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—This week three movie greats—John Wayne, William Holden, John Ford—hosted a press luncheon to hail the start of a film career for a lanky Negro girl who never even acted in a high school play.

Her name is Althea Gibson, and she is one of the leading names in recent tennis history.

The Harlem girl is here for her movie debut—in fact, her acting debut in any medium. She explained: "No, I never even had a chance to do any acting in school. I've never had any coaching or anything. I've been too busy traveling all over the world."

Her travels as American tennis champion have taken her literally around the world. But now she hopes to settle down to a career as a different kind of performer.

She's playing the maid to Southern belle Constance Towers in the Civil War epic, "The Horse Soldiers."

How did this come about?

"The first I knew about it, my agent called and said they wanted me to come out and make a test for the picture," she said. "So I did, but I didn't know if much would come of it. There were a lot of experienced actresses up for the role, too."

But she won out, and she reported for work Monday. Her first day called for some difficult dialogue scenes, but she came through in championship style.

"At least Mr. Ford said, 'Cut! Print it!' So I guess it was all right," she said modestly.

Is there more acting ahead for her?

"I hope so," she said. "I have retired from tennis for a year to see if I can develop other phases of my career. I have three things working for me now: The picture, an album of songs I recorded, and my autobiography."

She still retains her amateur status and may return to tennis if her other careers don't take precedence.

Mrs. Housewife Harassed By Propaganda, TV Blurbs

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Women's Editor

The modern wife is a creature harassed by propaganda and harried by TV commercials.

All day long, from the minute she opens her morning newspaper until she turns off the late-night show at night, she is beset by ominous commands, warnings and downright threats, such as these: "When you use a deodorant, are you sure?"

"Don't drive your husband away from home with detergent hands!"

"When he kisses you, what about your breath?"

"If you want to hold your husband, better use the perfume that never fails, Atomic Apple Blossoms."

Most of this is a lot of nonsense, says Hugo A. Bourdeau, a Baltimore marriage counselor, who writes in the current issue of Coronet magazine.

"The modern American woman is being greatly oversold on the importance of sex in marriage."

He believes that women all over the country are developing jitters, ulcers and nervous breakdowns trying to live up to the movie versions of sex appeal.

Actually, says Bourdeau, sex is only a part of married life—an important part, of course, but not the whole show. It's important, too, to raise a healthy, happy family, to have a peaceful, well-ordered home and to make a superlative apple pie.

Companionship and teamwork, hoping and building together, are some of the most important ingredients of a happy marriage.

And if you can go through hard times together and still be friends, you're a success.

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He defends the dealers and explains their caution was based on the recession in business in general. However, he also feels they did not make allowances for the fact that the toy business always makes a spurt in December when nearly 75 per cent of the toys are sold for the year.

"There never has been a bad year in our business," Gordon adds. "People buy for their kids whether times are tough or not. In hard times toy prices are down and they still buy everything they possibly can for the kids."

SPUD FORECAST

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1959 production of winter potatoes is forecast at 4,170,000 hundredweight by the Agriculture Department.

This is 16 per cent above 1958 production, but 2 per cent below the 1949-57 average.

Actress Refuses To Answer If She Intends To Re-Wed

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Myrna Loy, whose fourth marriage is on the rocks, isn't saying whether a fifth is in the making.

The 53-year-old actress who became a top Hollywood box office attraction as the "perfect wife" in the Thin Man series, has separated from Howard Sargeant, former assistant secretary of state. Gossip columns have linked her name with that of actor Montgomery Clift.

"We are friends...good friends," said Miss Loy in an interview. "I admire him as an artist." But she was silent when asked whether there also was a romance with the handsome Clift, who is 15 years her junior.

Miss Loy was just as reluctant to discuss the reasons for the break-up with Sargeant, who now is head of Radio Liberation. "I don't want to discuss my private life," she said, "other than to say that now I will devote more time to my career."

But she talks readily about her work with the United Nations, her latest movie, "Lonely Hearts," in which for the first time in her

long career she plays a tragic role, and reporters who pry into the personal lives of celebrities.

"There seems almost a diabolical desire to destroy," said the actress. "Some of the stuff used to be confined to the Police Gazette. Now it's creeping even into the fan magazines. It's the rule of sensationalism at any cost."

"There are lots of happy marriages in Hollywood, you know. But whoever discusses them?"

"I suppose the truth is so dull. Who wants to read about movie stars getting up at 5:30 to be on the set by 7. Incidentally, that made me an authority on agriculture. I used to listen to all the early morning farm shows."

The actress was a delegate, appointed by former President Truman, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and, although no longer officially connected with it, she still is interested in its cultural exchange program.

"I felt this was an opportunity where people like me could make

a contribution to understanding others...where, I was needed even if I didn't go to Georgetown University," she said.

Georgetown produces a lot of future diplomats.

The actress began her film career in the silents and slinked her way through a lot of siren roles before the Thin Man comedy series. Her other husbands were Arthur Hornblow Jr., John Hertz Jr., and Gene Markey.

Now she has settled down in a modest apartment in New York, but she said this does not mean retirement. "I'll act as long as good roles come my way," she said.

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Bomb Faker Gets Fired

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A practical joker whose fake bomb caused City Hall employees to rush madly from the building has been fired.

Mayor Nick Nuccio released city land agent Ralph Gardner Friday after receiving a detective report in which Gardner admitted that "in a joking manner" he had placed a small timing device in a desk drawer.

The desk belonged to city claims investigator Bill White. When White found the ticking object Thursday morning he summoned police and firemen who threw it in the Hillsborough River, five blocks away, without taking a chance on examining it.

Quemoy Support Earns Thanks

TAIPEI, Formosa, (AP) — The Chinese Nationalist general staff has extended warm thanks for U.S. support during the Quemoy crisis.

The Nationalist chief of staff, Gen. "Tiger" Wang Shu-ming wrote thank-you letters to Vice Adm. Roland N. Smoot commander of U.S. forces on Formosa, and Maj. Gen. Leander L. Doan, commander of U.S. Army forces on Formosa and chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group.

The letters were received at American headquarters here Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Communists resumed their every-other-day bombardment of the Quemoy islands. This was an odd day—the shooting day—and the Reds fired about 50 shells by noon, the Nationalists reported.

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Toy Industry Set For Boom

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