
5 PAGES OF LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Southampton Gaumont **Under Shadow**

Treat for Children's Hospital

ON the Tuesday prior to Christ-mas, George Raymonde, Vice-Chairman of the Birmingham Branch Variety Artistes' Federa-tion, and Executive Committee member, presented a huge Christmas Tree laden with pres-ents, together with 4 large play-pens, and 3 dols' prams with dolls, to Gerrards Hoophal for were received on behalf of the Hospital Management Com-mittee and patients by H. Win-wood, House Governor of the

Hospital.

The gifts were made possible by the efforts of The Brookhill Social Club, Birmingham, and their organising secretary, C. Barnbrook. The presentations were made at a social evening at The Brookhill Hotel, Birmingham, and artists who applicated to the social content of the social evening and artists who applied to the social evening at t

FOLLOWING the

closure and demolition of the Southampton Grand 18 months Now currently playing a ago, the nearby 2,500seater Southampton Gaumont brought in a policy of alternating live shows with film presentation to be-come the only theatre remaining in the town

which pre-war boasted five such theatres.

six-week season of Tom provinces, is under the shadow of closure and

conversion to a dance hall to accommodate 1,750 dancers and a 14 lane ten-pin bowling alleys and dance halls in the country. The Gaumont was originally built as a theatre and opened as the Empire, and pre-war was a No. 1 provincial date for major musical productions.

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To New Zealand

CHEILA BUXTON finishes her TV series, "The Singing Years", in mid-March and straight away goes to New Zealand to open on March 24 in Auckland in a big show for a six-week season. She flies back to star in Bernard District

Own Series

STEVE BENBOW, the folk singer, bus signed for his own series on Scottish TV. He goes up on January 11 to record the hirst four editions. They are to take the form of educational series devoted to use of the guitar and to demonstrate various styles. On January 9 he is due to appear in Wales.

Dig that Coach

A MONG the hold-ups in the show was the Alan Elsdon Band, which helped to dig its own coach out of a drift on the MI. Hub caps from the wheels were used instead of spades.

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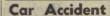
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HYLDA BAKER, who was admitted to the London Clinic last week to undergo treatment for injuries she received when she was knocked down by a car in the Charing Cross Road. London, on Christmas Eve, is making a good recovery.

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Celebration
MIKE COTTON and his Bandi
celebrated his selection as
"most promising trad jazz band
of 1962" by ABC TV Crystal
Ball by walking home from
Woolwich when their coach broke
down in the snow.

Ike Hatch

SINGER Isaac Flower Hatch who made his usual nightly appearance at the Starlite Room in Mayfair, London, on Christ mas Eve, was found dead or Boxing Day at his flat at Lan caster Terrace, Paddington.

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He was lying fully clothed on the
floor. There was no suspicion of
food play.

Mark Simmons, manager of the
Starilite Room, said Mr. Hatch
was "ke" Hatch, the coloured
that the coloured
from New York in 1925. He
was a member of the worldfamous Kentucky Minstreis.

Dan Leno, Jnr.

Max Bygraves, who was
the best man at the wedding of his drummer
Martin Aston, and "Beat
the Clock" hostess
Laurette Stephens, gives
the happy bride a big
hug after the service at
the Caxton Hall, Westminster, London.

Gala Opening for Circus

Pat Aza Answers

What a year this has been!

Trip to Moscow...flight with Gagarin...down to earth with Mumps...car crash in Regent Street...Pat Aza's gags...James Hartley's taunts...Peter Hepple's quips...Mollie Ellis expecting me to be in two places at once, etc.

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