

## LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

● Latest attractions at the Hollywood Country Club, Benfleet, Essex, have been the Terry Taylor Trio, in residence each week-end, and Pat Hutton & Peggy, who have recently finished their Cunard crossings.

● Organists Elise Granados is not now appearing at Greasborough as stated recently in Mike Slater's column. She plays regularly at Fryston Miners' Pavilion, Castleford.

● Gerry and the Pacemakers have signed up for their first Blackpool summer season. They are to top a new pop bill Larry Parnes will be presenting at the South Pier Rainbow commencing June 25. Casting so far includes Karl Denver Trio and Gene Vincent.

● For the second winter running Gladys Morgan and Company and Joan Laurie are touring South Africa. They open in Cape Town with a new edition of "Those Were The Days" which is presented by Pieter Toerien and Basil Rubin. On their return in the spring they go into Variety and have fixed summer season at the Pavilion, Rhyll, for Jack Billings, opening at Whitsun.

● Bournemouth's own floorshow, "Manhattan", has caught on and is averaging three bookings a week over December, with a heavy Christmas schedule lined up. The artists are magician Robert Knight, Gordon and Jean Holloway, Freddie Stevens, Maureen Gardner and five girl dancers.

● Making his debut in London cabaret last week was Zazou, who appeared at Winston's with his mind-reading act, supported by singer Johnnie St. George. As his "other self", Ossie Rae, dame comedian, Zazou plays pantomime this year at Stockton Hippodrome in "Jack and the Beanstalk".

● The Korean Kittens, now collecting raves in Northern cabaret clubs, are booked for the Astor. The Astor's Christmas top-liner is Valerie Masters.

● Harold Taylor will be entertaining the Christmas this year at Stockton Hippodrome in "Jack and the Beanstalk". A difference of opinion on policy is said to be the reason for this move.

● Harold Geller, bandleader and entertainment consultant to the Kensington Palace Hotel, has booked the Beverley Sisters as the Christmas cabaret attraction. Harold, also a music publisher under the name of Lynn Music, reports tremendous Continental and American reaction to his firm's number "Come to Me", which Julie Grant recorded. French star Richard Anthony has recorded it in both French and Italian.

● Boscoe Holder and his wife Sheila Clarke will be resident at the Hide-A-Way Club in Gerrard Street, which opened this week with Evelyn Laye and Douglas Byng starring in the first-night cabaret.

● Peta Pelham, who is in the cast of "High Spirits" at the Savoy, has joined the cabaret revue company at the 2 Decks Club. A new edition of the show opened last week, featuring, besides Peta, Alan Haynes (who will be doubling with pantomime at Oxford), Polly Perkins and Roy Tierney.

● Hal David and Burt Bacharach are writing a song for Joan Turner to record...

● Helen & Joe, a close harmony duo, have this week been at the Monte Reno Restaurant, London, where they were seen by both ABC-TV and ATV, they have recently been working at La Reserve, Sutton Coldfield, the Scala, Doncaster, and in Manchester.

## NOT-SO-SIMPLE SIMON



OPENING on Christmas Eve at the Granada Theatre in Brixton is "Pass in Boots" which stars Richard "Mr. Pastry" Hearne as the king, and tiny Davy Kaye as "Simple Simon." Proceeds from the show are to go to "Mr. Pastry's" swimming pool at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton. Davy is currently rehearsing at London's Embassy Club, where he came face to face with the largest boot in Great Britain—size 50—which was made 60 years ago. The boot is so big that Davy can get right into it. Our picture shows this Simon is not so simple. Davy called lovely Christine Holmes in to help him climb into the boot, while the 18-year-old club singer from Birmingham hands him a tiny pair. The boots will be on show at the theatre during the pantomime.

## MILLS GETS 'WITH IT'



AT a time when the circus is losing some of its attraction to the less traditional forms of entertainment, the famous Bertram Mills Circus is making a novel innovation for its Christmas Circus at London's Olympia this year. They are presenting a "beat" group—the Barons Knights—as one of their "turns". The Knights have been so successful at rehearsals so far that the normally staid circus director, Mr. Bernard Mills has been getting "with it" and joining in the fun. Our picture shows the Barons Knights rehearsing at Olympia. Top left, Dave; below, Peanut, Duke, Bernard Mills; below, Barron, and top right, Butch.

SHOCK news from South Yorkshire! Following several weeks of speculation, one of the region's greatest personalities, Tommy Jackson, has resigned as entertainments manager at Doncaster's Scala Club. A difference of opinion on policy is said to be the reason for this move.

However, I am informed that there is no intention in curtailing five entertainment at the Club and artists with existing contracts should, of course, confirm these with Secretary Harold Farrow without delay.

During the six years of Tommy Jackson's reign, the Scala has become acknowledged as one of the country's leading entertainment centres. In co-operation with Les Booth, at Greasborough, he was responsible for the introduction of "Name Acts" to the area.

A florist by trade and a keen sportsman (he used to play for Morton and Chesterfield) he will continue his responsibilities in connection with Wheatley Club, currently undergoing a £30,000 facelift, and the Grand Theatre, Doncaster.

## VARIETY ARTISTES LADIES GUILD—GREAT TURN-OUT AT ANNUAL BALL

AT the Variety Artistes Ladies' Guild and Orphanage dinner at the Dorchester, last Sunday, a record number of guests—790—were greeted by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grade.

Among the distinguished gathering were Miss Lottie Albert, Patrick Wymark (of *The Plane Makers*), Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson, Ernie Wise, Anona Wynne, John Slater, Bud and Mrs. Curly Flanagan, George Elinck, George Williams, Jennie Hayes, Ron Moody, Ralph Reader, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Delfont, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Macdonnell, Bruce Forsyth, Mary (Olympics) Rand and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickson Wright.

Jimmy Tarbuck compered the cabaret and also appeared in his own spot. Other much appreciated performers were The Wychwoods, Patricia Bredin, and a new and very talented group The Spectrum Five, introduced by Sidney Simone of *The Talk of the Town*. The toast to the Association was proposed by Mr. Dickson Wright. Anona Wynne responded. A telegram from Gracie Fields was read, thanking everyone for coming. She also sent a £100 cheque.

OVER £600 was raised by an auction of gifts by Bruce Forsyth, who was introduced by Bud Flanagan. Our picture above shows the two "B.F.s" at work on the ballroom floor.

## BRUCE FORSYTH AUCTIONEER—HE RAISED 570 GUINEAS



## Black's Bournemouth Trio

FOR their second summer season three all-star shows at the Pavilion, at Bournemouth, George & Alfred Black Ltd., have lined up for the summer of 1965.



Yana

Arthur Haynes stars in "The Big Show" at the Pavilion which opens on Thursday, June 17. Yana, The Seekers, Des Lane, Tony Fayne, the Malcolm Goddard Dancers and the Derek Tavernier Singers also star in this spectacular twice-nightly revue.

Russ Conway is the star of "The Happy Holiday Show" at the Winter Gardens, opening on Whit Saturday, June 5. Other guest stars are yet to be announced. The show will be once nightly except for the six weeks between July 19 and August 28 when it will be presented twice nightly.

Arthur Askey appears in two plays for the first time in Bournemouth at the Pier Theatre. He opens on Friday, June 4, in "What A Racket" by Dennis Spencer and on Wednesday, June 16, in "Second Honeymoon" by Sam Cree. The plays will then alternate every Wednesday.

Press representation for George and Alfred Black's Bournemouth summer shows for 1965 will be handled by George Bartram Press Relations Organisation, of Birmingham.

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Guests of Honour at the Variety Artistes Ladies' Guild Dinner at the Dorchester on Sunday. Left to right, Bernard Delfont, Leslie and Mrs. Macdonnell, Mrs. Leslie Grade, Mrs. Bernard Delfont, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickson Wright and Mr. Leslie Grade.

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