

## SHOW PEOPLE

Continued

### Leads in Leeds

ZARAEDA, the theatre clairvoyant currently touring London and the south for Mecca, continues to make news.

In London earlier this month a worried mother showed him a photograph of her daughter, missing from home. Z, advised her that the girl was in Yorkshire and would probably be traced on appeal to the Leeds Police. Her parents contacted the Leeds authorities via Tottenham Police Station and the young lady was found in Leeds.

A few nights ago the girl was introduced to Zaraeda by a grateful mother on the stage of Tottenham Palace.

**FEMALE IMPERSONATOR** Chris Shaw is now back in the UK after 11 years abroad, and is launching himself into a busy schedule. His first show will be "Dick Whittington" for Barrie Stacey at the Pavilion, New Brighton, when he will take the role of Sarah the Cook. He will also star in his own London show in February next year.

Over the last two-and-a-half-years, he has been touring Australia with his one man show "The God-mother", for which he received the Australian Critics Award.

One of the leading figures in the drag shows of the 'sixties, Chris is now married and has opened a small hotel in Kensington, "to keep the wolf from the door if I am resting."

### Busy King

STEVE KING, who recently completed a successful tour as Al Jolson in "An Evening With Al Jolson", is now preparing for pantomime at the Charter Theatre, Preston. A further 10-week tour of the Jolson Show is scheduled for early next year, and Steve is also being kept busy with a biography of Arthur Lucan, Old Mother Riley.



One type of act in short supply in Cornwall is the speciality. Which is good news for WENDY HARRIS who now lives in the St Austell area of the county.

Her specially choreographed act is finding favour in some of the most prestigious hotels in the region. Among her routines, her 'Princess Dewie Hawaiian Dancing Act' is so popular she receives enquiries from travel agents for her to appear at their functions to promote exotic holidays.

Born in the north-east, Wendy was Principal Girl to Frank Randle when she was 15, and has appeared as a soubrette in summer shows across the country.

Show people contributors: Andy Gray; Vic Holbrook; John Cuningham; Dennis Detheridge; and James Hartley.

# Celebrities on Veteran RAC car rally

CAA NEWS by Barbara Champion

LESLIE CROWTHER and his wife Jean braved continual drizzle in the London to Brighton RAC Veteran Car Run, travelling with John Dennis in his super 1902 "Dennis" of Guildford.

In full-length Edwardian coat and bowler hat, Leslie said: "This is the third time I've taken part; the first year it was fog, the next it was hail, this time it was rain. On a good day nearly a million people line the route... and they're all smiling."

Over 300 splendid vehicles took part, including Dusty Rhodes on his penny-farthing bicycle. Gertrude Shilling was there, too — in a huge red and white hat.

Leslie will play Wishee Washee in "Aladdin" at the Royal Theatre, Bath and Gertrude has written her autobiography which is now with her publisher.

LESLIE SARONY still makes selected cabaret appearances and his week at the Roebuck, Laughton prompted many of his fans and professional friends to travel far and fill the room (although Sandy Powell didn't have far to drive).

Leslie sang an abundance of his famous ditties, danced, gagged, took four calls and proved his talents with the seasoned skill of a lad in his mid-eighties.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

HUBERT GREGG, our president, opened the annual Christmas Fayre which was well-attended and raised £467 for Imperial Cancer Research and the Club funds. Dickensian characters and settings were the theme with Walter Masterton as Charles Dickens, Henry Miles as Mr Micawber, Bobby East as Tommy Traddles, Danny Dann as Bill Sikes, Splinters as Nancy, Irene Crowther as Fagin, Valerie Bain as the Artful Dodger, Carole King and Lynne Marie as powder sellers.

Mary Morland-Dickens, Joy Clifford and Chris Wortman took leading roles in organising this fun



● GERTRUDE SHILLING: another fabulous hat creation and an autobiography in the pipeline.

Hubert Gregg will be flying to Sweden in mid-December to meet and work with a writer/musician who has written Swedish lyrics for Hubert's composition "Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner". Apparently this legendary piece is highly popular in Scandinavia and Hubert will appear in Stockholm and Götterburg on stage, radio and television.

In March he will present a new series of one-hour programmes for Radio 2 entitled "A Touch Of Genius" and featuring the lives and outstanding works of such international personalities as Walt Disney, Fats Waller and Busby Berkeley.

PERCY PRESS will again present Punch & Judy at Madame Tussauds for three weeks commencing December 16. He says he is afraid to

recall exactly how many years he has been working this regular Christmas engagement in case he turns to wax! Next June he will return to Washington with Percy Junior for British Week.

ALAN WELLS — playwright, actor and children's entertainer — is on leave from cruising and will play Dame and direct "Babes In The Wood" at the White Rock, Hastings with Nick Nissen in support. The show will be the 22nd consecutive Bunny Baron pantomime at this venue.

SPLINTERS & DANNY were filmed by the BBC for a future light entertainment programme while working The Dome and have since worked in a special OTMH show at Tottenham Town Hall for the Miss World Gala.

JACK DAGMAR and Bettina Richman (of Richman and Jackson) have teamed-up for their new comedy and dancing act. "We are travelling widely, playing transport cafes," quips Jack.

### PURE CORN SHOW

THE NEXT "Pure Corn" show at The Theatre Royal, Stratford East will be on December 2 and is expected to include Chubby Oates, Lee Tracey, Tommy Osborne, Mrs Shufflewick, George Williams, Gertrude Shilling, Billy Wells, Jeanette Charles and Sheila Lawrence. The first four mentioned entertainers organise these sell-out shows and write sketches and original material for the cast.

Chubby will be working the Butlin's circuit for the festive season.

We thank the following acts for recent entertainments: John Abrey, Ann Boon, Leonard Deane, Vic Delmar, Bobby East, Edgar Rhys Evans, Roland Gibson, Antoinette Hart, Wes Macrae, Ken Marks, Marjorie Marks, Ivy Mills, John Murphy, "Musaire, Percy Press Jnr., Denny Shaw, Trevor Smith, Two Ravens, Barbara Sumner, Ida West, Marion Wilby and Cyril Wilds.

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