

# About the Stars

STAGE RADIO SCREEN  
 BY JOHN FUSTER

Eddie O'Jay who gives those Friday night dances for young adults and those Sunday night dances for real adults, in the CALL & POST Ballroom every week has come up with another gimmick. It is nothing new, but it certainly should be appealing to the lovely ladies who come

Now playing at the Algiers is jazz drummer Chico Hamilton and his quintet. They are there nightly through Sunday and besides the regular nightly sessions he will be playing for a Mother's Day Dawn Party, 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday, and for a Mother's Day Matinee, 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the same day. That's a lot of work, but Hamilton is young, strong and handsome as well as talented and he'll come through all right.

At Gleason's this week is "Little Murphy" with his blues band, as well as (held over) the Up-setters.

Downstairs room at the Cedar Gardens has been taken over by enterprising young Willie Jones and Eddie Frierson who have given it a face-lifting and have named it the VIP Lounge. They offer a gold putting putting green table tennis, chess, checkers and dancing and they have a "club" plan in which YOU might be interested. Telephone number at the Gardens is GA. 1-2030 if you seek further information.

Now installed as manager at the Blackstone Cafe, 7323 Wade Park, is Breaux "World's Best Dressed Man" Palmer who in the same capacity brought new life, for a while, to the Casa Nova and later to the Merry Widow Bar, among others. Former manager, Percy Garth, we are told on good authority, is taking over another nite spot, between Wade Park and Hough.

Singing this week at Leo's Casino is Betty Carter, star of the Ray Charles concert series, and co-starred there is Johnny T. McPhee comedian. Both rate high.

Special party there on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14. There will be a matinee, with a style show and a "Best Dressed Mother" contest. Judging the contest will be Jim "Mud Cat" Grant of the Cleveland Indians, Eddie O'Jay of radio station WABQ and Al Clark of WJMO. Prizes will be awarded-----and the prizes will come from the Red Robin Shop, Euclid at E. 105.

Popular Cortez Foust takes his combo back into Leo's next week.

**PAUL WHEATON NOW AT HI-FI**  
 Playing this Friday and Saturday night: at the HI-FI Lounge, 7900 Superior Avenue, and next Friday and Saturday too, May 19 and 20th, is the popular Paul Wheaton Combo.

Already booked to start at the HI-FI on Friday, May 26, is Abdul Majeed, his guitar and his trio. At the organ will be J. W. Hall who recently starred with the Gene Ammons group and Wayne Quarles, of Western Reserve University's Jazz Workshop will be there with his drums. As for Majeed, he will be remembered as a former member of the Lionel Hampton band. Owner Gene White is really gone on this group.

**SHOW HELD OVER AT BLACKSTONE**

The Blackstone has a new manager, Breaux Palmer, but the show which rocked the house last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night is held over again--by popular demand. This means that Blackstone patrons will hear the Five Qualls, watch exotic dancer "Chi-Chi", listen to the vocalizing of "Vidella" and dance to the music of Lonnie "The Sound" Walker and his band.

**CRAWFORD GRILL GIVEN SEND OFF**

Bill and Warren Murphy's Crawford Grill, 1755 Crawford Road, got a real send-off last Monday on the occasion of their grand opening party. In fact, the place has been speeding along nicely all week. They have Bo Weevil's combo there for dancing on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights and there ain't no door charge.

At press time, Mrs. Anthory of the Welcome Inn did not know exactly WHAT band was coming into the place but she DID know that it will not be a jazz outfit. Let the good times rock and roll!

And it is highly probable that even now, as you read these lines, the Cafe Tia Juana is open and doing business. Manager Mansfield was uncertain, early this week, of the exact date on which his remodeling would be completed. Ever bend an elbow over a glistening white bar? Well that's what you do when you go into the Tia Juana. The bar is white, and it gleams so pretty!



AMONG THE TREATS Eddie O'Jay has in store for his Friday Night Dancers, young adults who turn out for the CALL & POST Ballroom party every week, is the presenta-

tion of the "Fabulous Playboys", recording stars who will appear in person on Friday night, May 19. The young group already has several popular tunes on the DACO label.



EDDIE HARRIS

out this Sunday night, May 14th. To take you out of your suspense Eddie is giving away ELEVEN door prizes. Ten of them will be nylon stockings. The eleventh will be the grand prize and the man wants us to keep it secret. So we will.

Practically unknown before he blew his sax in that fabulous new album "Exodus in Jazz", young Eddie Harris, now a headliner, a big draw. And as such he will come into the Algiers Lounge, 10309 Euclid Ave., opening there Tuesday, May 16 and playing through May 21. He is, of course, bringing his own recording combo with him.



CLOSING at Leo's Casino after Sunday night's performance, comedian Johnny T. McPhee pulls up anchor to sail into Idlewild, Michigan, famed summer resort. Idlewild McPhee will go into the fabulous Hyde Park Villa, newest and finest of the fine clubs in the resort, and he will take with him his own all-star revue. McPhee has won many friends in Cleveland during the weeks he has played here at Leo's and there is no doubt that he'll be brought back soon. Date for the Hyde Park Villa opening is not definitely set but it will be some time late this merry month of May. (J. E. F.)