

# MOVIES AND AMUSEMENTS

## Midget Auto Racing to Start May 17 at Riverview Speedway

Leading drivers and the fastest cars in the country are listed to compete Sunday night, May 17, in the inaugural midget auto racing program of the season at Riverview Speedway, on Addison street near Western avenue. Work has been underway for several weeks under the direction of Bob Lundgreen and a crop of experts to round the fifth of a mile track into prime condition for the opening card.

Lundgreen returns for the sixth successive season as director of the north side speedway and is making notable improvements in the plant, conceded to be the most modern and best equipped in the country devoted to midget racing.

"Speed at the maximum is always possible at Riverview because of the flawless track," said one topline driver. "I have wheeled racing cars on the best tracks in the east and far west but none compare in speed possibilities with Riverview. The semi-banked turns are more perfect than you will find anywhere and the combination of turns, stretches and specially treated clay surface make for a lightning fast speedway."

Early entrants for the inaugural program include Ray Richards, national 100 mile champion and winner of the 1941-42 midwest indoor championship; Ted Duncan, who will defend the title of Riverview champion which he annexed last year after an all-season battle with Richards; Tony Bettenhausen, Race way champion, and 1941 runner-up for the Three-A midwest big car title; Myron Fohr, Bob Mulke, Pete Nielsen, Jimmy Caris, Mike O'Halloran, Emil Andres, Pete Romevich, Gus Klingbiel, Cowboy O'Rourke, Harry Lewis, Frank Buranay, Al Cummings, Eddie Kracke, Harry Turner, Dan Kladis, Al Sprang and Byron Fisher.

"Improvements are being made in the grandstand as well as in the track," said Lundgreen. "More than 500 box seats are now available. We are planning to conduct a number of important championship races during the season."

## Chicagoland Music Festival August 15th

The 13th annual Chicagoland Music Festival, sponsored by Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., will be held Saturday night, August 15, in Soldiers' field in Chicago. Nearly 100,000 persons are expected to attend this show which will be participated in a cast of 10,000 singers and players from 30 states and Canada. The spectacle this summer is dedicated to the armed forces of the United States.

In announcing the plans for the festival, Philip Maxwell, director, said: "Song will help unify our nation. Let us sing of America's greatness, of her past glory, of her heroic present and sing for that victory which must come to all nations that fight to keep people free."

Henry Weber, general musical director of the entertainment, again will lead a festival orchestra of more than 100 pieces and Dr. Edgar Nelson will conduct the festival chorus of 5,000 voices. Capt. Howard Stube again will be in charge of instrumental participation and Fred Miller, the field supervisor, Mrs. Edmund Tyler is in charge of vocal and choral contests. There will be other competition for concert and accordion bands, fretted orchestras, trombonists, pianists, accordionists, Hawaiian and Spanish guitarists, tenor banjoists and marimba players. Also there will be competitions for flag swingers and baton twirlers.

Previous to the big concert in Soldiers' field there will be 12 preliminary festivals held throughout Chicago and in Chicagoland. Most of them will feature preliminary contests, the winners entering the finals in Chicago. On Friday, August 14, the sixth annual Chicagoland Music Festival luncheon will be held in the grand ballroom of the Stevens Hotel. Appearing there and also in Soldiers' field will be Irving Berlin, and H. J. Litcher Stark and his Bengal Guards, girls' drum and bugle corps of Orange, Texas. Clair Omar Musser will return to the festival concert with his festival marimba orchestra.

Admission to the luncheon will be \$1.75 per plate and reserved seats for the Soldiers' field show will be 55 cents and \$1.10 each, tax included. More than 2,000 are expected at the luncheon. Miss Bessie Vydra is the festival secretary. All inquiries concerning the concerts should be sent to the headquarters, care of the Chicago Tribune, Tribune Tower in Chicago.

Lawrence W. O'Neill, 34, of 389 Roger Williams avenue, Highland Park, has been received at the U. S. Naval Training Station and will undergo several weeks intensive training in the fundamentals of seamanship.

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## Retailers Hold War Bond Clinic In Chicago

Plans whereby retailers of the nation will sell more than a billion dollars worth of War Stamps and Bonds were discussed in Chicago Monday, May 4, at a national "Retailers for Victory" clinic.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt started the proceedings, from New York. Meeting with a group of retailers there, Mrs. Roosevelt acted as "First Lady" in another capacity—the first woman to take all her change in war stamps in the current retailers' campaign.

The Chicago meeting was sponsored by The National Retailers Council, The State Street Council, The Illinois Chain Store Council, Illinois Federation of Retail Associations, Chicago Federated Advertising Club and the Illinois War Savings Staff. Arrangements were made by Ray Schaeffer, chairman of the Cook County Retail Committee, Gilbert M. Clayton, state chairman of the Retail Committee, and D. D. Richards, member of the Retail Advisory Committee.

Suggestions whereby sales of war stamps through retail stores can be increased were discussed. Advertising programs and store promotional efforts aimed at stimulating greater demand among customers of retail stores were analyzed.

Speakers included Maj. Benjamin H. Namm, chairman of the National Retailers Advisory Committee, Harold N. Graves, assistant secretary of the treasury, Branch Rickey, St. Louis, Missouri State Administrator and Hortense Odum, board chairman of Bonwit-Teller.

## Organ and Violin Concert May 27th

Dorothy Korn organist and Perry Essig Crafton, violinist, winners of the young artist contest, Society of American Musicians, will give a joint recital at Kimball Hall on Wednesday evening May 27th at 8:30 Bertha Ott Award.

## Musart Club Musical Comedy Friday, May 15

Don't forget to attend the musical comedy "The Singing Saints of Hicksville" to be given on Friday, May 15th, 8 P. M. at the Masonic Temple, 21 N. Sheridan Road. The Musart Club under the direction of Gladys M. Hawley, is working hard to make this a success—it is sponsored by Campbell Chapter, No. 712, Order of the Eastern Star. Tickets at a reasonable price, may be secured from members of the Club, officers of Campbell Chapter, or at the door. The public is cordially invited.

## Christofordis and Colan Bout at Stadium May 22

Anton Christofordis, former champion, now rated number 2 in the light-heavyweight division will try and stop the rush to the top of Johnny Colan, sensational young New Yorker in a ten round boxing bout that headlines the next card in the Chicago Stadium on Friday night, May 22.

The Christofordis-Colan match was announced Sunday by John "Scotty" Strachan, the matchmaker for the Stadium interests and the tussle brings together two of the main threats for the light-heavyweight crown now held by Gus Lesnevich, fight for the championship is the tidbit held out for the winner of the bout on the 22nd.

Christofordis, conquered Melio Bettina, recent Chicago winner over Booker Beckwith for the 175 pound crown, and then lost it in a close fight with the present champion and is after another shot at it. Solan, the boy who set Chicago on fire as a middleweight a year ago when he scored six successive knockouts here, and who since then has grown into the 175 pound class is the gravest threat to the Greek's ambitions. In his first Chicago appearance of the year Colan gave away plenty of weight and defeated the rejuvenated Altus Allen in one of the fiercest fights ever seen here. He thinks his punching ability can offset the greater experience of the Cleveland Greek and that the fight will just prove a stepping stone to a championship match with Lesnevich.

Colan is in Chicago at the present time, he remained here after the Allen fight and intends to make his home in the Windy City. He will go back into training immediately at Trauton's Gym. Colan, whose style of boxing has been likened to the savage slugging of Jack Dempsey, may be just the man to really revive interest in the light-heavyweight class, a division that hasn't had any too much color, since Billy Conn left it. Colan, a far harder puncher than Conn, is also very fast and in beating Jimmy Webb in New York the Gothamites recognized the Dempsey in the kid from Hell's kitchen.

## Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO  
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IF THAT Victory Caravan appears anywhere in your vicinity you'll certainly want to see it. Players enlisted by the Hollywood Victory committee to tour for Army and Navy relief are Charles Boyer, Eleanor Powell, Merle Oberon, Rise Stevens, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, Bert Lahr, Frank McHugh, Ray MacDonald, Desi Arnaz, Cary Grant, James Cagney, Joan Bennett and Olivia de Havilland.

It wasn't hard for Paramount to line up a cast for "Wake Island"—Brian Donlevy, Robert Preston, Macdonald Carey, Albert Dekker and Barbara Britton lead it. But stunt pilots were a necessity—and only four could be found! Fifteen years ago there were at least 100 who vied for jobs in such pictures as "Wings" and "Hell's Angels"; now they're in the army, navy, marine corps and Royal Canadian Air force.

When Betty Jane Rhodes was a child actress, appearing in "Forgotten Faces," Herbert Marshall used to buy her miniature airplanes as gifts. Reginald Denny gave her two



BETTY JANE RHODES

model planes with tiny gas engines. She's a welder in an aircraft plant in the new musical, "Priorities of 1942," completely surrounded by planes, and is air-minded enough to be perfectly happy.

Richard Lyons, seven-year-old son of Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyons, is carrying on with his screen career while his parents star on the radio in England instead of on the American screen. He has an important role in "Atlantic Convoy"; is playing an English refugee, which comes close to his own life.

Pat O'Brien's youngsters—Mavourneen, seven, and Sean, five, visited their father on location at the Alhambra airport for "The My Old Man," and persuaded the technical advisor to take them on a flight. The "flight" consisted of training from one end of the field to the other.

Lynn Martin appeared several weeks ago in a singing commercial on the air's Radio Theater, and received so much praise that when a night club sequence appeared in a later script she was promptly signed for it. Also, she was engaged to sing with Ray Noble's band on the Edgar Bergen show.

The last picture John Beal did in Hollywood before he went to New York to appear in a stage play was "The Man Who Found Himself," in which Joan Fontaine was getting her start. He gave her a pep talk, told her to stick to it and some day she'd win the Academy Award. She visited him on the set of "Atlantic Convoy" the other day. "I just came to tell you that you told me so!" she said.

Pat Friday, another young singer recently heard with Bergen, told Ray Noble that he played Cupid for her and her aviator-husband. They were listening to his orchestra, at a Los Angeles hotel, and to its music her husband told her that she was the most beautiful girl in the world. She thinks the music had a lot to do with it—"But it was so beautifully done that I just had to marry him!"

Jean Tennyson, star of "Great Moments in Music," has inaugurated a "Share Your Birthday With Men in the Service" campaign—she took her 45 pound birthday cake to the Stage Door Canteen in New York and divided it among men of the armed forces.

ODDS AND ENDS—Evelyn Keyes wears exotic perfumes—so pity Glenn Ford, playing opposite her in "He's My Old Man," as he is allergic to perfumes... Sounds like a record of some kind—in his first film pictures Roger Clark kissed Marlene Dietrich, Barbara Stanwyck, Lupa Velaz, Ruth Ford and Eileen O'Hearn... Robert Ryan has reported to RKO Radio for one of the choicest roles ever handed a screen newcomer, that of the lead in "Name, Age and Occupation" "Parachute Nurse" brought Marguerite Chapman and William Frawley their first screen kiss—and when he grasped her the first time she slipped and turned her ankle!

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## Highland Park Camera Club Meets May 13

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George Elliott, of Chicago, will demonstrate portrait lighting on a live model, using only clamp-on lighting units such as most amateur photographers own. Members will bring their cameras and record the different lighting arrangements as set up by Mr. Elliott.

Amateur photographers are welcome to attend this meeting at the Community Center at 8 p. m.

## Christensen Is Chamber Speaker May Twelfth

The monthly dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening at The Open House Tea Room at six-thirty.

Mr. C. L. Christenson, of the Office of Price Administration, is to be the guest speaker with the topic relating to the "New General Maximum Price Regulation."

The speaker spent considerable time in Washington working on this "freeze" legislation, and since no retailer is excluded from the provisions of the Act, all business persons are invited to attend this program. An open forum will follow the speaker's discussion.

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