
BILLY ROWE'S
NOTEBOOK

AUTHENTICATED BUT NOT DUPLICATED.

Ten years ago the Florence, Alabama Chamber of Commerce spearheaded a fund drive to restore the home of its beloved William Christopher Handy, the city's most celebrated and internationally known son who was commercially called the 'Father of the Blues.' Thanks to the magnificent interest and effort of many people, young and old, Black and White, the restoration, is now complete. To further perpetuate the memory of his accomplishments a museum has also been constructed to house many valuable mementoes of this world famous musician, composer and humanitarian.

At this very moment a gigantic program is being arranged for the dedication of what will undoubtedly become a welcome addition to the world's renowned historical landmarks. Under the guidance of J. Weakly Cunningham, prexy of the chamber and its mgr. Jim L. Odum, the celebration will be the most starstudded in the history of the state. To kick off, the week of Nov. 16, W. C.'s b'day, has been declared 'W. C. HANDY WEEK.' For a fitting semi-final stars from all over the world have been asked to participate in Alabama's first 'W. C. HANDY MEMORIAL CONCERT,' scheduled for Nov. 22, in Florence State U's Fine Arts Centre. The net proceeds from this event will benefit the 'W. C. Handy Scholarship Fund' to assist the careers of deserving young artists. The Chamber will pick up the tab of all of the stars making the trip. To this writer Florence looks like the only oasis to be seen in a long time in this expanding desert of racial polarization; so let none of us allow it to pass as a mere mirage.

It looks like Negar Ensemble cheif, Bobby Hooks will be called in to fil the spot in 'Barefoot In The Park,' which will soon not feature some Scoey Mitchell, whom allegedly did the none too funny trick of punching an ABC-tee-vee veepee in the mouth. They say that Scoey has been having his emotions ruffled since being inked for the all-black series and if was just a matter of time before the explosion went bang!!! Legal fright may keep the Black Panther's Huey P. Newton from making the scene when Sammy Davis hosts the Johnny Carson nite stuff within a few sevens... Howard Bennett, who will have 11-million signatures in the halls of congress by mid-month calling for a legal 'Dr. Martin Luther King' holiday Jan. 15th, is reaching around the world for folks to honor him at the Armory in Harlem on that day in '71... The 'Black News' series via WNEW's teevee tubes, as produced by Dave Hepburn, will run into a black out unless it can lite the way to a sponsor. Wondah howcum some of our black org's don't take it on... Over in Philly Jim Blocker is reaching our for a national airing of his exciting teevee show, 'Black Book,' As a Sundy Feature of WFIL-TV, it has ven rated with a 73 percent share of the town's black community.

The Crisis, official publication of the National NAACP, will celebrate its 60th-Annny comes Nov... Sally Nix, middle spouse of the late Lucky Millinder, has put two songs on the sheets which are naturals for young and talented Irene Cara, Sammy Davis, Leslie Uggams or Nancy Wilson... And did you see Nancy do her dying in Hawaii Five-O the other teevee time. It was that refreshing, as none of the writers played up the mixed romance bit and had the guts to make the black character the heavy with a loaded monkey on her back... The same nite the tube was loaded with goodies like Kraft Music Hall, better that ever with Peggy Lee and Tony Quinn and Room 222, which gets better with every eying. If they keep that up, no more shoot-em-ups for these orbs... Hudge Skiz Watson is plenty put-out with the rehab progress of the black firm working on thar Harlem PAL center on West 123rd... The next black political thrust will be in Perry County, Ala., where Coretta King was born. The vote there is now 5-3 blacks... The Educational Guild's Annual Benefit, slated for NYC's Lincoln Center Oct. 25th, is set to honor two of our



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS INSTALLED--(left to right) Las Vegas City Clerk Edwina Cole administers the oath of office to recently reappointed Southern Nevada Human Relations Commissioners Lubertha Hohanson and Eileen Brookman at City Hall. Both have served with the Commission since its inception ten years ago in 1960.

top major stars along with their usual 'Ten Outstanding Citizens'... Wanted or not, May 19th will be a national holiday for many black Americans. The birthday of Malcolm X has not been officially decreed, but countless blacks are planning to mark the birth of a man believed by many to be one of the genuine black American heroes... A delegation from the Chi-town black police org - visiting New York for the Bears-Giants Foot baller, the Guardians Ball and the Afro-American Day Parade - huddled with officials of the National Council of Police Societies on problems confronting black law officers. They also won a bundle from NYC's Finest by 'friendly wagering' on their beloved bears.

Health Dept. officials nationwide are accelerating programs against the lead poisoning of children who eat paint and plaster chips from the walls of dilapidated housing. You can help by having your little one tested by your local Health Service Dept. and by reporting negligent landlords to the proper authorities... The 2nd annual Conference on Minority Financing, sponsored by the Urban Research Corporation, is being held Oct. 7-9 at the University of Chicago... Errol Garner has returned to the Mercury Records stat-group where he recorded many of his standard hits, including his masterpiece, 'Misty.' STAY LOOSE!

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