

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WRITE ON PEOPLE.

Evelyn Cunningham's shapely gams may be the next to fit under the desk of the Chairman, oops, lady, of the N'York State Human Rights Ccmmish. That is, of course, if Bob Mangum, the present head, is moved up to the Court of Claims as its first black judge...Members of the International Council of Police Societies, Inc. have been told to keep a protective eye on Operation Breadbasket's Rev. Jesse Jackson. SCLC's chief fighter for jobs and rights believes that he's being stalked by a killer, but has refused the company of a police or civilian "life-guard."

...Floyd McKissick's "Soul City" has taken on the proper heartbeat and is expected to become a living thing in '71...Talk around teevee circles is that three of the major eye-channels are interested in a Lena Horne swing-fest. That is if Pearl Bailey's thing for ABC-TV picks up enough eyes and ears to keep it in rating favor... That line is a reminder that the Flip Wilson show is just about at the top of the chart though the devil "ain't" making nobody look, it's just the joy of it all.

Della Reese would sell all of her land holdings to buy WOR-TV. James Brown, who's expected to be teamed up flicker-wise next year with Johnny Cash by the year and a half old Black and Brown Trading Stamps Corp, is also veddy much interested according to the report... Another rumor is that Man, BeePee Sutton also has more than a passing interest in the WOR channels and that this could be the coup that would take him out of politics. If this happens either Attorney, now editor, Basil Paterson or civil rights fighter, now minister, Wyatt Tee Walker, would be pushed for the office...A new teaching technique has been developed by Fred Jones and Allen Goldberg. Its effectiveness is currently being tested by the Board of Education. They are so sure of the results both have resigned hi-paying computer jobs to form a new company called EduForce, Inc... The creative writing ability of pretty Barbaara Simmons and the advertising know-how of Howard Saunders will be the Jan. topic of WNBC-TV's "Positively Black." Dr. Eugene Callender, prexy of N'York Urban Coalition, is the host with Joan Harris adding the femme touch.

Black teachers are not cotton'ing to the \$3.2 million federal program to retain black educators displaced by school desegregation. The National Council Officers of State Teachers Ass'n has labeled it "unrealistic, ill-advised, irrelevant and misleading." The group is made up of former officers of once predominately black teachers associations... Eye-arresting Sandra Brown of Oakland, Calif. graduated almost at the top of her class to become the first black femme member of that city's P.D. Dept... There will be a shakeup in the executive branch of the New Rochelle NAACP now that Napoleon Holmes has been duly elected prexy and charming Anita Roberts secy...The producers of Diahann Carroll's "Julia" teevee series, and the author, are so carried away by the acting of Diana Sands they're trying to work her in as a member of the family. She will be on again in mid-Jan... "Afro-USA" is being prepared by PhD authors Harry A. Ploski and Roscoe C. Brown as a "Who's Who" supplement of their new edition of "The Negro Almanac"...Ex-news guy George Brown, not the Pittsburgh one, is readying his forces to make the run for mayor of Denver...Also on the move, finally, are the Commodores who were press and record previewed at The Turntable the other Hors d'ouvers time. Benny Ashburn is supplying the pushing arm... Count Basie will provide New Year's Eve music for the Sahara-Tahoe celebration and Sammy Davis will do his things for those gathered in Freeport in The Grand Bahamas. He opens Dec. 31, my b'day.

The site fite for the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier brawl will get nasty about mid-Jan. Atlanta will really feel left-out if N'York or Texas gets the contest since it was the site which gave the undefeated champ a chance to ply his trade again after being turned down every place here and in Canada...A firm that ad-

NBC's New Year's Eve 'Parade Of Bands' Broadcasts From Caesars Palace



The music of Duke Ellington and his orchestra and Woody Herman and his "Thundering Herd" will be aired live from Caesars Palace on December 31, as a featured part of the NBC Radio Network's annual New Year's Eve "Parade of Bands Celebration Across The Nation."

These two great bands will be presenting their legendary music at a gala New Year's Eve celebration in the spacious Colosseum at Caesars Palace, alternating from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Ellington will be broadcast from coast-to-coast from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. (PST). Herman will be aired from 12:30 to 1:00 a.m. (PST).

The "Parade of Bands" programming also will feature Eloise Laws and the Bobby Rose Gordon Orchestra from New York, Cy Oliver and his orchestra from New York, Sammy Kaye from Worchester, Mass., Ramsey Lewis from Chicago, the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Buddy D. Franco from Lancaster, Pa., Harry James from Las Vegas and Lawrence Welk from the Hollywood Palladium.

Happy New Year!

advertised the sale of a so-called "complete national ZIP Code directory," apparently masquerading as an official Government publication, was found by the Postal Service to be "Engaged in a scheme or a device for obtaining money through the mails by false representations." ...In "Black Misery," the late Langston Hughes wrote, "Misery is when you go to the Department Store before Xmas and find out that Santa is a white man." STAY LOOSE AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR CLOSER TO FREEDOM.

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