

# STARD ENTERTAINMENT

## Bobby Taylor Displays Talent



Bobby Taylor is a living example that big things come in small packages - 5' 6 1/2" musical genius only weighs in at 129 pounds, but there is no measure for his determination, talent and accomplishments. Born in Washington, D.C., Bobby and his twin brother, Ronald were second from the oldest in a family of 21 children.

He attended boarding school at St. Joseph's industrial school in Clayton, Delaware before attending San Jose State College in California where he received a B.A. in Music. Bobby began as a boxer and in 1960 he participated in the Rome Olympics on the U.S. Boxing Team with the present World Champion, Muhammad Ali.

Bobby was raised in the Catholic Church, but he was heavily influenced by the gospel music at his grandmother's church. He sang with the Dixie Hummingbirds and the church choir before he and Glayds Knight became the first blacks to ap-

pear on National T.V.; when they competed on Ted Mack's Amateur Hour in 1949.

In 1956, Bobby formed a group called the Pastels and recorded "Been So Long" on the Chess Label that became a big R & B hit across the nation. His career was briefly interrupted when he spent months roaming the country, after the untimely death of his twin brother...also a member of the Pastels.

Bobby landed in Canada where he and Tommy Chong, presently with Cheech and Chong, owned two nightclubs- The Elegante Parlour and the Shanghi Junk. He then rose to national fame with a Pop record, "Does Your Mama Know About Me" with a vocal group called-Bobby Taylor and the Vancouvers. He discovered the Jackson 5 while appearing in nightclubs across the country and took them to Berry Gordy; who in turn had his biggest star, Dianna Ross present the J-5 to the public.

Bobby branched into production for Motown and has a host of singles and albums to his credit that include; Bobby Taylor and the Vancouvers, Bobby Taylor- Taylor Made Soul, Diana Ross presents the Jackson 5, ABC by the Jackson 5, The Four Tops and the Supremes - Magnificent 7 and the Return of The Magnificent 7, "Dynamite" by the four Tops and the Supremes, Jimmy and David Ruffin's - "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" and a host of others that includes some 30 singles for various artists and labels.

Bobby met Hillery Johnson, National Director of R & B Product at PLAYBOY RECORDS, was signed to produce an upcoming vocal group called BUCK and then decided to record some product himself on the label. His first release on the label entitled "Fly Home" will probably add another gold to Bobby's list of accomplishments in the entertainment industry.

## DELLA REESE HAS BUSY SCHEDULE

Internationally famous entertainment personality and actress, Della Reese, now under new direction, has just completed shooting a segment of the TV Show, "The Rookies," entitled, "Lady's Day." In this segment, Della Reese is a special prisoner, who is the stabilizing factor in the prison riot which is the major portion of the show.

Additionally, in August, Della Reese will film and guest star on a segment of "Chico And The Man" and immediately following this filming, she will again host the Tonight Show for Johnny Carson, August (15).

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