

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

PINCH HITTER: --- Since B.R. is hobnobbing with S.D. Jr. somewhere in Florida his main write hand man, Major Robinson, is the paragraph supplier.

Singer Johnny Hartman is adding nursery rhymes to his repertoire of torch songs since he became a grandfather. And to be on the safe side he's already enrolled in a crash course in changing diapers and baby-sitting . . . What's to the rumors that Melba Moore's hubby, who owns Charlie's Gallery disco and Smalls Paradise, has put both spots up for sale? . . . No wonder talk-singer Millie Jackson's new album has become a best-seller, particularly among males. The sexy cover of her holds as much interest as the songs inside the jacket . . . Harold Jackson, program director at WBLS-FM has reason to stick out his chest with pride. The latest rating list ranked it among the city's most-listened to . . . And its former music director, Frankie Crocker, is now a vice president at the Polydor record factory which is causing raised eyebrows . . . A survey just completed of black resorts listed Pegleg Bates Country Club in Kerhonkson, N.Y.: as #1, doing business of more than \$15 million yearly. A fitting tribute to a showman who puts his money where it counts and defied the myth that all show people think of is booze and broads.

A SHORT SUCCESS STORY: When Barbara Harris came to the city 15 years ago she was determined to partake of the success it offered. The Hartford lady worked as a model, secretary to booking agent Ruth Bowen, then went to Atlantic records and from there to ABC records in artist relations. Three weeks ago she was promoted to manager of ABC's local officer, a position held by no other black woman in the industry. And as she sits in her office she laughs over the silly males who tried to detour her on the way to success. The graveyard is littered with chumps who tried to "hit on her".

Bigtime Harlem businessman Albert "Shorty" Murphy fuming over the lost of his \$75 beaver hat he "lost" at the Ebony mag holiday party. It was a Xmas gift from wife, Ethel . . . Good news to hear that agent Ruthe Bowen is back in business and booking top theatrical acts again. It proves you can't keep a good woman down . . . Simo Doe, public relations exec at Atlantic Records, the envy of pals as she shows off her Feb. ticket to board the Concorde to visit her daughter who's studying at the Sorbonne school in Paris, while administrative secretary Pat Metz of that firm keeps her wedding date a big, big secret . . . Lloyd Von Blaine, onetime owner of Harlem's famed Frank's restaurant, shopping for a downtown cafe to draw the uptown spenders as it Luther "Red" Randolph, whose Shalimar cafe was the mecca of out-of-towners.

Friends say that if Deputy Mayor Lucille Rose isn't re-appointed, then she'll open a labor relations consultants firm . . . Motown records is being sued by Mary Wilson, an original member of the Supremes, who claims in booking the group the company acted as an employment agency, in violation of the Calif. labor laws since they weren't licensed . . . Veteran jazz bandleader Lionel Hampton launched his who's Who in Jazz record label. While struggling for ten years with the Commodores until they become record sensations, their personal manager, Benny Ashburn, invested over \$100,000 of his own that he had saved when he was a Likker salesman . . . Delores Seymour ain't telling friends why she isn't spending her usual Xmas holidays in the Caribbeans, but we know. Can you dig it? . . . Philly cops have a major suspect under investigation in the murder of singer Teddy Pendergrass' female manager last year. The rumors are that she was shot when she resisted "the mob" trying to muscle in on her contract . . . A popular female singer is trying to buy back those nude photos of herself she posed for when she was suffering from the "mis-meal" cramps for \$5,000. But the holder is asking \$15,000 or else he'll peddle them to scandal sheet . . . Penny Singleton, exec. prez of

AGVA has not let her disagreement over office employment with Beula Bryant effect her action on behalf of the ample size and talented entertainer with the Armed Forces. Her just before Xmas letter to Cong'man Charles Rangel and Pres. Carter asks for a through investigation of Beulah's charges of age, sex, and racial discrimination. New Yorkers are wondering is the biases of the old Stork Club will be reserrected with its revival. This is where the late Josephine Baker and the late Walter Winchell lost their friendship when the immortal lady got the "prejudice" end of the stick there one late nite back in the 50s . . . Dr. Lenora Moragne, legislative ass't, in Nutrition and Human Needs, to Senator Bob Dole, (R.-Kans), has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the College of Home Economics at Iowa State U. Ames, Kansas.

Multi-talent Sandra Sharp joins the cast of CBS-TV's "Wonder Woman" in a segment entitled "Light Fingered Lady" to be aired Friday evening, January 6. She will appear as "Eve" who lends a helping hand to series star Lynda Carter.

Earlier this year Sandra was in sharp focus opposite Gynn Turman in the television film, "Minstrel Man" and also played George's accountant on "the Jeffersons". A singer, poet and playwright, she is the author of three volumes of poetry and "The Sistuhs," a two-act play with music that played to standing room only audiences during its four month run at Los Angeles Actors Theatre and is currently being considered for a Broadway production.

Other shows on which she is soon to be seen include "Night Cries", an ABC-TV Movie of the Week, co-stars with Susan St. James, a "Charlie's Angels" segment, directed by actor turned director Georg Sanford Brown ("The Rookies") and another "Wonder Woman" show, due sometime in February . . . STAY LOOSE.

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