

Record Time

By Carol Dweley

Time was when you could just put "nuf said" after the statement that Benny Goodman had made the recording. Then for a while he sort of grew what our ancestors would call "too big for his britches." But such is not the case with his "Sugarfoot Stomp." The old boy is certainly riding it this time, with more oomf and less blissing behind him than for a long time. "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" is the other half of the job—that man! This blays all doubts. He's still tops: It's one of those where everyone gets a whack at riding it for a solo, and of course it's mostly Benny. That Joe Stacy is certainly a five-point pianist. Martha Tilton's the vocalist, and I wish she weren't.

We were such pigs that when we saw Goodman's "Roll 'Em," we had to hear that too. It's plenty of jamming, which of course makes it faster and more careless seeming. Actually, it takes much more work. The rascals do most of the sustaining, setting such a pace that the piano licks would be a let-down with anyone but Stacy at the controls. "Afraid to Dream" contrives a conventional start, but through a superhuman buildup, it climbs into the masterpiece class. Betty Van sings, and we consider her much more on a par with the lads than that other henchussy.

We played "Eccentric," by the Dorsey Brothers, mostly in our own honor. It turned out to be worthy anyway, sounding much like "Kitten On the Keys," with some swell sax solos, which last were shared to a T with the brasses. Their percussionist, I must know Krupa, the best darn "trapeze" since Daniel Boone. "You're Okay" is off to a flying start, with a novelty buildup that really rates the term. The piano is Waller-esque, which means we like. And the rippling horn duets are mustin' short of phenomenal!

"Little Fraternity Pin," by Henry King, is a slow'n gentle number, with good strings and piano. Don't let this scare you away, for there's plenty of sustaining power and really intelligent words. "The Lady Is A Tramp" is surprisingly respectable for such a title. It's handled in the same manner so far as instruments go, with right nifty words too.

"Gangway" is the English Ambrose's contribution. After all, why shouldn't you feature woodwinds and use brasses for succato. It's a foul voculist, but at least she's brief and unobtrusive. "Lord and Lady Woodies" is a good dance tune, arranged by someone with a sense of humor. The singer does improve, by jove. She dusts it with a sprightly tempo and the result is like Dickie and Dorothy Rogers in the height of their hey-day.

Obituary

AUGUST VAN FLETEN
Funeral service was held Monday morning for August Van Fleten, who died Thursday at his home, 1000 N. Woodward Avenue, where he had been ill for the past two months. The service was held in Holy Name Chapel with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Van Fleten was born in Heule, Belgium, 77 years ago. He came to Birmingham 14 years ago after a number of years in Detroit where he was a grocer. He leaves two sons, Robert and Frank, of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. Charles Faxon of Cass Lake, Mrs. Edwin Offer, also of Birmingham, Mrs. Edward Sexton and Mrs. Michael Scamloh, both of Detroit. Two brothers, Emil, of Belgium, and Victor, of Detroit, and one sister, Mrs. Adolph Gerway, of Superior, Wis., also survive.

FREDERICK C. WELLER
Funeral service for Frederick Charles Weller, formerly of 651 S. Bates Street, who died Monday in Albany, Ga., was held yesterday at 5 p. m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiated. The Manley Bailey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Weller had been in failing health during the past five years. With his wife, Cora, he moved to Albany last year. He was born in Belleville, Ont. 59 years ago. He came to Birmingham from Detroit over 18 years ago and engaged in the lumber business, retiring from that work in 1930. He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church here.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are one son, Harry, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Charles F. Chase, of Windsor, Ont., and Mrs. Wella Chibson, of Detroit.

MRS. ADELIA BERDAN
Funeral service was held Friday afternoon at the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home for Mrs. Adelia Berdan, former Birmingham resident, who died Wednesday, Oct. 13. Rev. Peter McKay officiated at the service and burial was in White Chapel Memorial Park.

Mrs. Berdan was born August 18, 1850, in Detroit, and until recently she had lived at 288 Oakland Avenue. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Gordon Hubbell, of Harrow, and two sons, Elam C. Berdan, of Detroit, and Charles Berdan, of Alpena.

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