

It Happened Last Night— Electric Organ Gets New Spark

*Ethel Smith Makes It
High Voltage Instrument*

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK, Apr. 2—My, if you could see the old church organ now...

It's showing its legs. No, no, I mean it's showing the organist's legs.

Miss Ethel Smith, the electrical organist—perhaps I had better say "the girl who plays the electrical organ" because Miss Smith might not like me calling her electrical—has the neatest pair of legs this side of District.

So they've cut one of the legs off the organ she plays in order to let one and all see her gams. "She's the only woman alive," they say, "who plays a three-legged organ."

Thanks to her legginess, Miss Smith has worked up from \$12 a week in Miami and \$60 a week in Trenton to \$4000 a week in the London Palladium where she opens Apr. 11.

"When did you discover you had legs?" I asked the ex-Pittsburgh redhead recently. "Did somebody have to find them for you?"

"Yes, I never thought much of my legs until I went to Hollywood," replied Miss Smith candidly.

"I was playing the organ in a picture, and suddenly I saw 10 guys spread out on the floor taking pictures of my gams."

"They said, 'Is it possible for you to put your foot on the pedal nearest the camera?'"

Ethel Smith "I told them, 'Heck, no, that's a B-flat pedal, and I'm playing an A-major.'"

AND SO, BECAUSE she used to study ballet in Pittsburgh, and almost dances on the pedal key, they went daffy about the sex appeal she could get into an electrical organ. With her playing it, an electrical organ gets to a very high voltage.

Instead of the old-fashioned, flat-heeled, heel-and-toe method

I WON'T mention the name of the organ, but it's made in Chicago, which is near Hammond, Ind.

"I'd never seen one before," she said. "I put my hand on it and ran right into destiny."

"It was like a guy running into a woman who changes his whole life."

"To master it, I took a job in a horbrou in Miami at \$12 a week, because it had an organ."

"The chef was crazy about Tales from the Vienna Woods."

I played it for him for hours, and he cooked me \$12 lunches. He admired my organ music and I admired his food."

Overstayed Visit

NEXT SHE WENT to the Hilldebrich Hotel in Trenton where she got board and room besides her \$50 bucks a week.

"I went there for two weeks and stayed 52," she said.

Chance then took her to South America where she started giving her organ music the Brazilian treatment. That did it... that and the gams.

"I played the same for \$50 a week in Trenton as I'm playing now for fabulous money," she said.

Well, maybe, but we imagine she has improved some in 10 years. She now invests in Broadway.

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Movie Preview: New Comedy Revolves About Pianist, Model, Policy



"A Kiss in the Dark," coming to the Circle Theater Thursday, has Jane Wyman cast in her first comedy role in recent years. Eric Phillips (David Niven), timid concert pianist, acquires an apartment house, the Cleopatra Arms, as an investment. He comes in contact with Horace Willoughby (Victor Moore), ex-owner of the building, and Polly Haines (Jane Wyman), a model.

When Bruce calls at Polly's apartment, Polly

learns the truth about the insurance deal.

She is disappointed in Eric's lack of faith in her, and de-

nounces Bruce and the crafty manager for inter-

fering in her love life, then breaks down at the

thought of losing Eric because of them.

With the exception of Mr. Botts (Broderick Crawford), everyone in the house is just one happy family. Botts works nights and constantly complains of the noise made by the other tenants in the daytime. Eric moves a piano into Polly's apartment and drives Botts away with his playing.

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Hardwicke Clowns, Sings as King Arthur In New Crosby Opus

NEW YORK, Apr. 2 (UPI)—Movie-goers will be in for a surprise when they soon see Sir Cedric Hardwicke in Paramount's new version of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," tailored to the measure of crooner Bing Crosby. Hardwicke will be playing a comedy role.

Persons familiar with Sir Cedric's stage work, especially those in his native England, know that he can kick up his heels with the best of the comedy players, but this is the first picture in the more than 20 he has made in Hollywood since 1935 in which he has played anything but a heavy dramatic part.

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Sculptor Added To Art Awards Jury

Romuald Kraus, contemporary sculptor, has been added to the jury composed of Louis Bouche and Julian Levi which will award \$12,500 in prizes in the coming 42d Indiana Artists' Exhibition at Herron Art Museum. Entry cards are due Apr. 11 and the show meets Apr. 15.

All three artists have been educated in both America and Europe, are regular contributors to national shows, and are at present teachers.

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