

# The International Brotherhood of Magicians



# HASTINGS



**British Ring Annual Convention  
1952**

Wm. G. STICKLAND, (The Acting President)

will preside over the

# Sixteenth Annual Convention



of the

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF  
MAGICIANS (British Ring)**

**At HASTINGS 1952.**

**BRITISH**



**RING**

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**Stage Management:**

PAUL GRAHAM.

**Shield Competition** under the direction of

OSCAR PAULSON.

## Acting President's Message



The circumstances which make it necessary for me to preside over the Convention for the second consecutive year are well known and I know the absence of our late President will be keenly felt by all. The memory of Harry Kaye's great work in connection with past Conventions, has, however, been a great incentive to your present Convention. Committeemen who have worked like trojans to ensure that the 1952 Convention will excel all others and our very sincere thanks are extended to them.

A really excellent programme has been arranged for your enjoyment and with such a beautiful town as Hastings, as our Convention venue, I feel the success of the Convention is assured.

My sincere thanks are extended to the Mayor and Mayoress, the Public Relations Officer, Mr. A. K. Vint, and Mr. J. Burton, Entertainments Director, for their whole hearted co-operation, also to all the artistes, lecturers, stewards and Prize Donors and other helpers who have contributed so materially to what I am sure will be a successful Convention.

The Convention provides a great opportunity of friendly intercourse and advancement of our Art, and a hearty welcome is extended to all delegates, especially those who have made the long journey from overseas to be with us. May the true spirit of Brotherhood prevail throughout.

WM. G. STICKLAND,  
Acting President.

## YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT WITHIN THE BRITISH RING:

### **From little acorns Mighty oaks do grow:**

It seems a far cry back to the year 1928 when the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians had a modest but enthusiastic beginning, yet from a little acorn has grown a mighty oak, and in this year of 1952, the British Ring can look back on a proud record in the magical field, a record rich in achievement every foot of the way.

has grown steadily, its organisation of conventions enhancing the effective usefulness of the Art of Magic, and strengthening the bond between hundreds of magicians through our aims and purposes.

Of the founder members—Oswald Rae; Joe Rendell; L. Bofeys; and Walter Kemp are with us within the Ring today. Other founder members—Mons. C. Ducarel passed away in 1939; Nelson Denys gave up magic to enter the Church, and



**HARRY KAYE**

Very briefly — what has been the history of the Ring? You may say that, since that small band of founder members met to formulate a policy, the Ring

G. H. Turner resigned from the British Ring some years ago, Oswald Rae became the first President and did in fact hold the office until 1947.

You may also say that our conventions have drawn visiting magicians from all parts of the world and have certainly been no mean achievement. You may also say that these conventions have been as original, virile, and competently organised as any similar functions anywhere. Say all these things and you still have only half of the illuminating picture of our character and organisation.

Today, the British Ring, as a part of that wonderful organisation, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, is respected by everyone, and it owes a lot to its colourful personalities. People like William G. Stickland who has been the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer since 1932 when the Ring had a membership of only sixty two. He has been an influential figure in the I.B.M. and his work and keen spirit has lifted the Ring on to a high plane. It was a deserving tribute to Mr. Stickland that he was honoured by being elected President in 1950, and, through the death of Harry Kaye, last year, he continues to act as Acting President.

Harry Kaye too played a big part in writing the history of the Ring, and when his untimely death came shortly after his appointment as President at the Bournemouth convention in 1951, a gap was left in our ranks which it would be impossible to fill. There are other men and women who are too numerous to mention, and who have helped the Ring over a very happy and distinguished course.

The first Annual convention was organised by L. Bofeys in 1931 when the venue was Cheltenham. The next year we again went to Cheltenham, but in 1933 the convention was held at Northampton. Both in 1934 and 1935 there were conventions at Leamington Spa, then back to Northampton in 1936.

The convention in 1937 at Buxton had some significance for it was in this year that the first printed monthly "Budget" was issued under the Editorship of Levante. Subsequent Editors have been Harry Kaye; Stanley Cable; Eric Wilson; Howard Denovan; George Blake, and at present Alan Kennaugh.

On through the years, and in 1938 the convention went to Malvern to be followed in 1939 with a Southport convention.

The war intervened, and from 1940 to 1945 no conventions were held, but several functions were organised in London. The membership which numbered then about 280 was closed, and on the opening again in 1946 the system of having Interrogation Officers was introduced. The result has been a steady increase in membership and now we have 850 magicians on the roll.

The first post-war convention was held at Hereford, and we subsequently went to Buxton (1947) which marked the election to President of Herbert J. Collings, a well known magical personality and keen worker for the I.B.M. John Ramsay another popular personality from Scotland was elected President in 1948 at Bournemouth. Southport was visited in 1949 when the twenty first anniversary of the foundation of the Ring was celebrated, and His Honour Judge Wethered was elected President. Over to Harrogate in 1950 and then to Bournemouth in 1951.

A noteworthy cycle of British Ring organisation is its Welfare Scheme and Benevolent Fund, and the value of their contribution to the Ring can hardly be computed in only a few words of tribute. Suffice it to say that they make a decided impact of service in our constitution. The Benevolent Fund has been developed steadily over the years, so too, since its formation has the Welfare Scheme, and we now have a team of Honorary Liaison Officers covering the whole of the country, and in Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Under Hon. Welfare Officer, Eddie Dexter, they are concerned in keeping in touch with all members of the Ring who may be incapacitated by sickness or accident, and in other useful forms of welfare work.

Now we visit Hastings and take up another chapter in our history as John Gambling, that grand "young" man of magic takes the Presidential chair. It becomes obvious that with confidence gained and assured, there will, through the coming years, be plenty of room for expansion and scope for even fresher and additional original ideas. Side by side with our increased stature will go the interest and support of our parent, the International Brotherhood of Magicians.



Mayor's Parlour,  
Town Hall,  
Hastings.

It is with real pleasure that I extend a most cordial greeting to the Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (British Ring No. 25) on this its first visit to the ancient and historic County Borough of Hastings.

We rightly claim that Hastings has it all, beside the sea, and

trust you will find time to enjoy the amenities with which we, as a Borough, are so richly endowed.

The Mayoress and I look forward with keen anticipation to meeting you, and assure you that we shall do everything in our power to make your stay with us a happy one.

HERBERT W. RYMILL,

Mayor.

## 1066 AND ALL THAT

William the Conqueror picked Hastings for his well-known combined operation, and liked it so much that he took possession of the whole country. He founded the Castle, perched up on the West Hill, and complete with dungeons hewn out of the solid rock.

From the Castle you can look down on the Old Town, an engagingly cosy-looking muddle of red roofs and chimneys, down in the steep valley between East and West Hill. But it's narrow streets are crammed with history. Hastings was a leading member of the Cinque Ports Confederacy, which in the Middle Ages guarded England's most vulnerable coast. Among the famous people connected with Hastings were Titus Oates, the infamous 17th century informer, Queen Anne's great Admiral, Sir Cloudesley Shovel; and David Garrick; Byron,

the Duke of Wellington and Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

The centre of entertainment at Hastings is the White Rock Pavilion, just opposite the Pier, where many of our magical events will be held, but there are many other places of interest and should you have a few days after the convention, Hastings can offer a permanent list of holiday attractions while its places of historical interest and beauty stretch out invitingly.

One of the best points about Hastings—and it's a town simply bristling with good points—is the wealth of ways in which you can enjoy yourself. Whatever you place at the top of the bill we think you will remember Hastings, not only for your magical connections, but for the town's commanding beauty.



**CONVENTION TOMBOLA** under the direction of George Smallwood and Miss Dorothea Woolley will take place in White Rock Pavilion.

There are many attractive prizes to be won, and remember this event is **in aid of Benevolent Fund.**



★ **Don't Forget the DEALERS BIG EXHIBITION** ★



## CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians at Hastings. We have arranged a big programme for your entertainment and in this Souvenir you will find details of events which will be taking place during the next few days. There are new features this year and we would like to draw your attention to the special Television feature which will be taking place in the White Rock Pavilion Ballroom on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 10-15 a.m.

We are proud to be associated with the first private demonstration of this type in this country, and proud indeed that we have secured the feature for our convention.

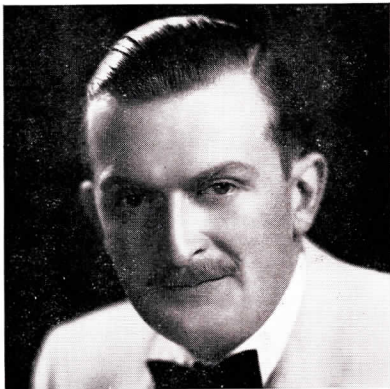
We have official Convention hosts on duty (distinguished by red rosettes) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions, who should make themselves known to the hosts with a view to introductions being effected. The Stewards too (A list appears on page 31) will be very happy to give information regarding any events.

THE REGISTRATION OFFICE—in the Hotel entrance hall opens on Wednesday evening and will be open throughout the convention at the White Rock Pavilion as announced at regular hours. Delegates who have previously registered should apply to Desk 'A' for Convention Programme, badge, etc. All others register at Desk "B".

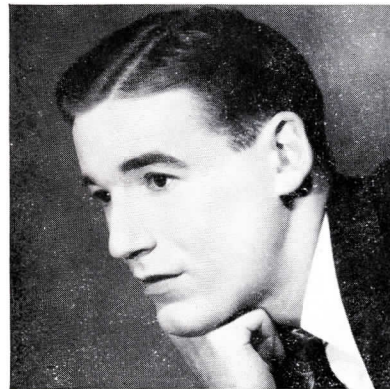
Please wear your Convention badge which shows all Delegates your name and the rule "Admission only by Registration Card" **will be strictly enforced** at all Convention events.

**BEHIND THE SCENES...**

they are Organisers for the British Ring



**PAUL GRAHAM**  
Convention Committee



**JEFF ATKINS, Hon. Secretary**  
Convention Committee



**FRANCIS HAXTON**  
Convention Committee



**R. E. WALBRIDGE**  
Convention Committee



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Management Committee  
Also Convention Committee



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Management Committee  
Also Convention Committee



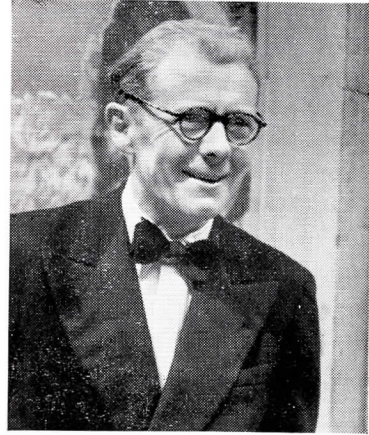
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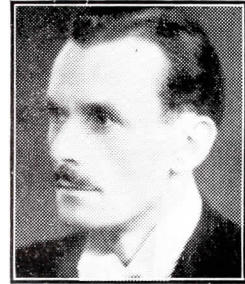
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Hon. Editor

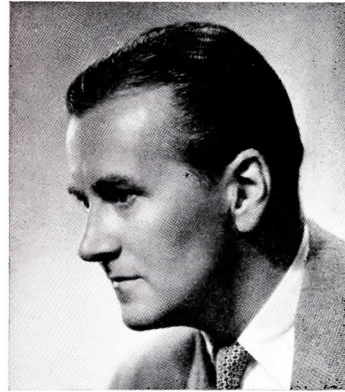


**ROBERT JOHNSON**  
Publicity Officer

Welcome to our Overseas Visitors



**CHARLES WICKS**  
Territorial Vice President  
(Australia)



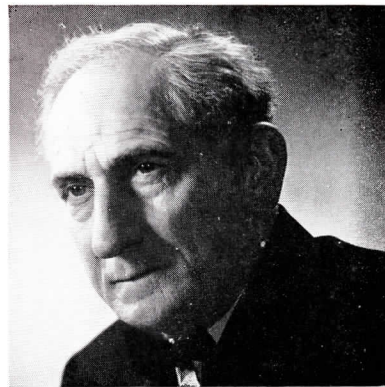
**HENK VERMEYDEN**  
I.B.M. International Vice President  
(Holland)



**LAURIE IRELAND**  
(U.S.A.)



**MYSTIC CRAIG**  
(U.S.A.)



**ELMER ECKAM**  
(U.S.A.)

# Programme of Events



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

NIGHT BEFORE PARTY

at the QUEEN'S HOTEL.

(ORGANISED BY BURTINI)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

11 a.m. in the WHITE ROCK PAVILION

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

by the Acting President

and introduction of our Visitors from Overseas.  
with a welcome to Hastings by the Mayor of  
Hastings (Alderman H. W. Rymill, J.P.)

**SENSATIONAL OUTSIDE ATTRACTION —  
THURSDAY**

**JON GRESHAM**  
Europe's Youngest Fire eater

will attempt one of the most dangerous experiments in his whole career on the Hastings beach at twelve noon. Don't miss this attraction which has been specially arranged by the British Ring.

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**At the White Rock Pavilion 2 p.m.**  
**Thursday, September 25th**

**FRED LOWE (Liverpool)**  
will give a lecture on

**“SELF - CONTROL IN MAGIC,  
A PSYCHOLOGICAL LECTURE”**

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**THE DEALERS HAVE A  
Special Demonstration**  
**in the White Rock Pavilion at 3-30 p.m.**

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**RECEPTION COMMITTEE :**

PERCY BEE and HONEY  
TOMMY and PHYL ROWE





FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 10 a.m.

AT CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

# Annual General Meeting and Election of Officials

Chairman: Wm. G. STICKLAND, Acting President

**Members Only Admitted**



**NOTE**—Printed Agenda will be handed to each Member—and  
Voting Papers must be left at the Reception Desk  
not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, 25th September.

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**THERE IS TIME BEFORE LUNCH TO VISIT  
THE BIG EXHIBITION OF DEALERS AT THE  
ELIZABETHAN ROOM — QUEEN'S HOTEL.**

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON :

# COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD

at 2 p.m. in the Pier Pavilion.

Throughout the years the Competition for the British Ring Shield has always been a big feature of the convention. It is a competition which brings out the latest magical invention, novel routine, or unusual presentation as members display their magic before a panel of judges. This year we are holding the competition in the afternoon and it promises to be an outstanding success having regard to the list of entries appearing opposite. Once again, in addition to the British Ring Shield for the most entertaining act, we have an attractive prize list with additional trophies to be won under various rules. Last year you may remember that Frank Boynett carried off the Shield with his presentation of "Where the Rainbow Ends" coupled with a programme of polished magic. Bert Dexter took the second award of the Theo Speaker Cup for his Indian Rope Trick rag picture effect, while the third award went to Diablo in his patriotic magical tribute to Festival year. The beautiful Conventioneers' Trophy went to Frank



**MYSTIC CRAIG**

Richmond and the Willane Cup was won outright by Alice Maclay.

This year . . . Well see for yourselves this illuminating and interesting competition.

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Refreshments will be available in the Foyer of the Theatre during  
the Competition

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THEY WILL COMPETE —

# BRITISH RING SHIELD COMPETITION

**HASTINGS — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1952**  
**at PIER THEATRE, commencing 2 p.m. promptly.**

Order of Appearance:

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| 1. Magini, Ipswich.                     | 12. Trixie Queen, Blackpool.            |
| 2. Margaret Stevens, Swadlincote        | 13. Ernest Wethered, Bristol.           |
| 3. Arthur Culpin, Wolverhampton         | 14. La Ray, Edinburgh.                  |
| 4. John Salisse & Betty, London         | 15. Mystaro & Irene, Swindon.           |
| 5. Madge E. Kwand, Birmingham           | 16. Dennis Gardner, Nottingham.         |
| 6. Steve & Sunshine, Surbiton.          | 17. Peter Warlock Wallington.           |
| 7. Frank G. Cleaver,<br>Leamington Spa. | 18. Dennis Forbes, Gidea Park.          |
| 8. Billie Francis, Leicester.           | 19. Alice Maclay, Glasgow.              |
| 9. Savola, Glasgow.                     | 20. Hugh Cecil, New Malden.             |
| 10. Marjorie Fletcher,<br>Twickenham.   | 21. Frank Richmond,<br>Blaydon-on-Tyne. |
| 11. Earl Smith, Widnes.                 | 22. Elizabeth.                          |
|   | 23. Percy Press, London.                |

Time Keeper: JACK POTTER

Stage Manager: PAUL GRAHAM

Judges:— Elmer Eckam, Esq., George Blake, Esq., J. Lea Axon, Esq.,  
Henk Vermeyden, Esq., Stewart Revers, Esq.,  
John Burton, Esq. Director of Entertainments, Hastings.

Joint donors to the Shield Prize Fund are:—

Harold Vernon, Esq., Sheffield,  
Wm. C. Wadsworth, Esq.,  
Manchester.  
John Gambling, Esq., Cambridge.

Gus Fowler, Esq., Birmingham.  
Oliver McKenzie, Esq., Edinburgh.  
Jack Morrison, Esq., Manchester.

Allowing twelve minutes for each turn, competitors should work out approximate time of appearance and report to Stage Manager half an hour before time due. This is most important.

Band Call 11 a.m. Friday morning at Pier Theatre for those requiring musical accompaniment.

Signal-light time indicators will be in operation for the guidance of competitors . . . Green . . . Amber after eleven minutes . . . then red. A buzzer will also be sounded at the eleventh minute. Points deducted if time exceeded.

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**Awards :**

For the most entertaining act:  
**The British Ring Shield:** (cash prize of £10).  
(holder: Frank Boynett).

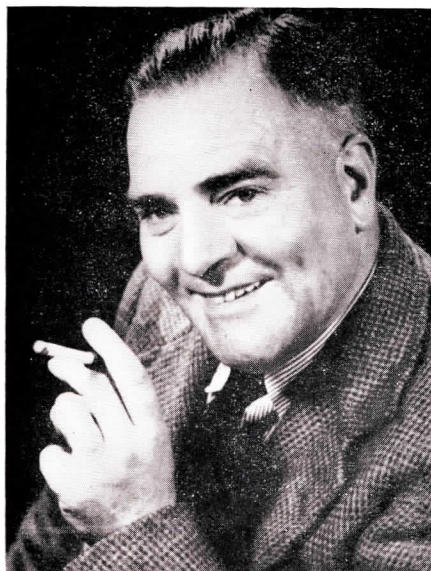
**Theo Speaker Cup** and cash prize of £5 for runner-up;

**Third Prize**—Cash Prize 3 guineas.

**The Conventioneers Trophy** —for the most original trick or routine. Presented by Mystic Craig and the late Ralph Read.

**The Craig Trophy** — presented by Mystic Craig for the best performance given by a Lady member.

Each competitor will be limited to **TWELVE MINUTES**, at the expiration of which period competitor must finish, and a warning will be given thirty seconds before end of time limit.



**OSCAR PAULSON**

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**FRIDAY 7-30 p.m. at White Rock Pavilion Concert Hall**

**GRAND CONVENTION BANQUET**

**MENU**

Smoked Scotch Salmon

Grapefruit Maraschino  
or  
Cream of Tomato Soup

Chicken Supreme  
Creamed Potatoes  
Buttered Peas

Strawberry Melba

Cheese and Biscuits

Dessert

Coffee



**The Acting President — Wm. G. Stickland, Esq.**  
**will preside** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOAST LIST**

THE QUEEN ... .. Proposed by The President.

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF HASTINGS

Proposed by Arthur Culpin, Esq.

Response by The Mayor of Hastings, Alderman H. W. Rymill, J.P.

THE BRITISH RING, I.B.M.

Proposed by W. (Mystic) Craig, Esq., (U.S.A.)

Response by The President.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Non Diners holding tickets for After Dinner Entertainment will be admitted to Dress Circle on conclusion of the Banquet.**

## A Cabaret had been Arranged

PAUL GRAHAM will introduce the AFTER BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT at which several well known artistes are expected to appear

... and amongst those who had hoped to see it were—Elizabeth—Wilfred Browning—Alfred Gabriel—John Gambling—Burtini—Oswald Rae — Bertram Millidge — Professor Woodley — Alan Kennaugh — Raymond.

SHIFTING SHADOWS  
by  
THE TEMPLETONS

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**CONTINUING FRIDAY, WHITE ROCK CONCERT HALL 11-30 p.m.**

**First Time at Convention :**

## Fogel's Ghost Show

An hour's Excursion to another World

**THRILLS AND CHILLS THAT WILL GIVE YOU  
THE CREEPS**

## THEN AND NOW

This Novel Competition will take place at the Queen's Hotel. Take your form and try to sort out the babies and join them up with the other photographs.

Correct forms will win prizes

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### OUTSIDE ATTRACTION:—

## TEX LAWSON

will ride along the Promenade Rope-Spinning on Horseback, leaving the Pier at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 25th

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### LINE-UP ON SATURDAY

for the . . .

**CONVENTION OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**

**outside White Rock Pavilion at 12-30 p.m.**



# ANNOUNCING — THE “MAGIC” OF TELEVISION

private demonstration of “CLOSE-UP” MAGIC

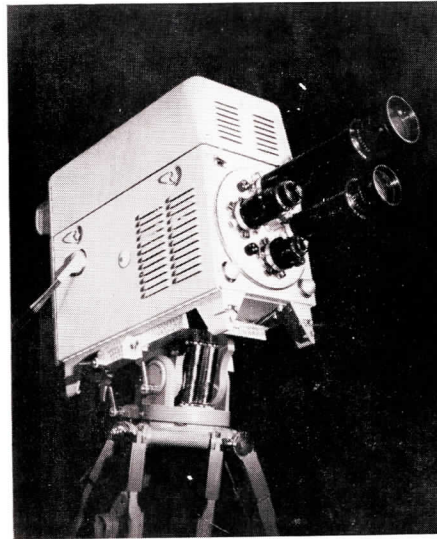
In 1895 Guglielmo Marconi came to England with his “little Magic Box”—the box which was to quicken the tempo of life and change the habits of a whole world.

His heirs in the Company he founded—Marconi’s Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd.—are proud to have been asked to supply the “magic” of television to televise for the first time a private demonstration of “close up” magic.

Marconi Image Orthicon cameras broadcast the first television programme from the air. They televised Calais—en fete—the first time that a television programme had crossed the sea and the first time that a television programme had been transmitted from one country to another. These cameras are used to televise the proceedings of the United Nations and it was a Marconi Image Orthicon camera which identified the tragically sunken submarine H.M.S. “Affray” just over a year ago.

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the new

**MARCONI ORTHICON  
TELEVISION CAMERA  
TO BE USED**



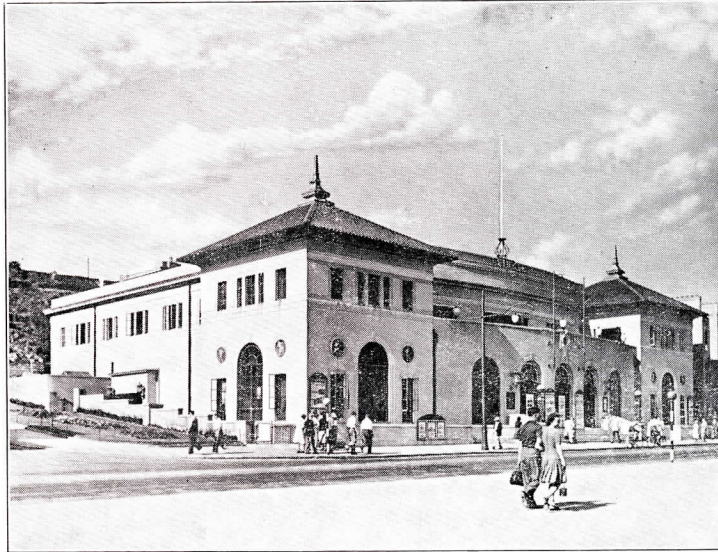
**White Rock Pavilion Ballroom:—**

**Saturday Morning 10-15 a.m.**

**FRANCIS HAXTON** will introduce the following well known Close-Up performers:—

ERNEST WETHERED; FREDERICK LOWE; AL KORAN;  
PETER WARLOCK; ERIC DE LA MERE; JACK AVIS;  
ARCHIE TEAR; JOHN RAMSAY; GUS SOUTHALL;  
JACK SALVIN; TOM HARRIS; BERTRAM MILLIDGE;  
LEWIS GANSON and FRANCIS HAXTON.

WHITE ROCK PAVILION :—



where the Great

# GALA SHOW

will be held on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

at 7-45 p.m.

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**Important Notice to Artistes :**

You are requested to attend Band Rehearsal at the White Rock Pavilion 10 a.m. Saturday.



SUSY WANDAS



FOGEL

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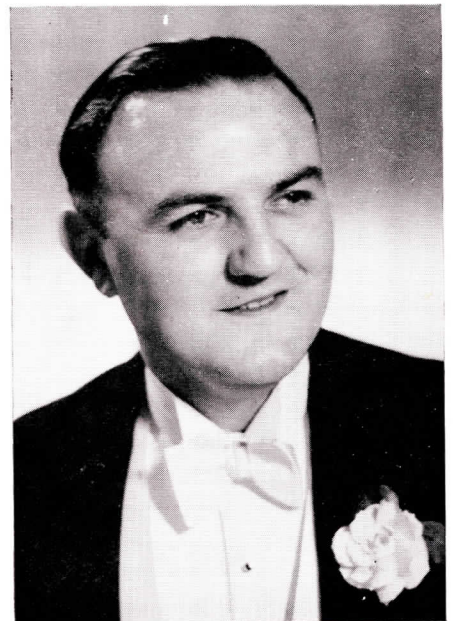
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## OVERTURE

Orchestra under the direction of  
Cecil Alden.

- 1 **ken brooke**  
"something from nothing"
- 2 **LEWIS GANSON**  
"There's Magic in a Smile"
- 3 **HAROLD TAYLOR**  
The Magical Comedian from  
'Educating Archie'
- 4 **SUSY WANDAS**  
Belgium's Leading Lady Manipulator  
Graceful — Elegant — Dexterous
- 5 **FOGEL**  
The World's Greatest Mind Reader

## Intermission



LEWIS GANSON

# MAGIC GALA

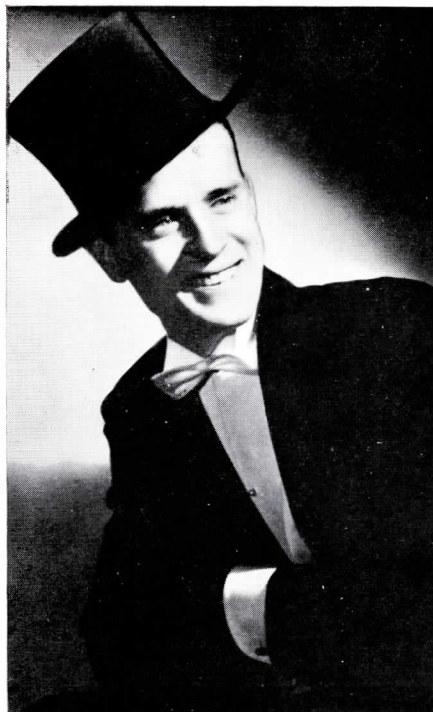
AMME

- 6 **ALBINIO and TINY**  
(Holland)  
A Magical Pipe Dream.
- 7 **JEAN PAPERMAN**  
(Monarque)  
Winner of 1st prize for Originality  
at International Congress, Paris 1951  
"A Symphony in Paper"
- 8 **FRANK BOYNETT**  
"Sophisticated Subtleties"
- 9 **MARELLE'S**  
**MARVELLOUS**  
**MARIONETTES**

Presented by Linda and Stanley Marelle

These Stars of the Magical World  
introduced by

**PAUL GRAHAM**



**KEN BROOKE**



**JEAN PAPERMAN**



**HAROLD TAYLOR**

GRAND GALA SHOW ARTISTES:—



FRANK BOYNETT



LINDA MARELLE



STANLEY MARELLE

Saturday, September 27th — 2-30 in Concert Hall.



LENZ (Uncle Len)

WILFRED TYLER

invites you all to . . .

# CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME

## Programme

Overture: ... 'Nursery Rhyme'  
(Debroy Somers)  
by Cecil Alden's Orchestra.



Opening Ensemble:

The Phyllis Godfrey Troupe.  
Tom Harris, The Risto Troupe of  
Clowns and Wilfred Tyler.

steps by the Phyllis Godfrey Troupe

TEX LAWSON (T. J. Kelsey)  
"Rodeo Pastimes"

EDWIN the MAGICIAN (Bideford)  
Magic, Children's Magic

WILL NORMAN  
Comedy Unicycling Juggler

INTERMISSION:  
by Cecil Alden's Orchestra



TOM HARRIS

## AFTER THE INTERVAL



**WILL NORMAN**

### ON BEHALF OF THE I.P.M. (BRITISH RING)

Show produced and devised by  
Wilfred Tyler (of Sheffield)

Scenery kindly built and painted  
by Sid Emons.

Joint Stage Managers:  
Paul and Jean Graham

House Manager:  
Oscar Paulson.

Wardrobe Mistress:  
Marjory Robinson.

Musical Director:  
Cecil Alden.

### MEMBERS OF THE RISTO TROUPE:

Sid Emons; Peter Warlock, Fred  
and Chris Wray with Tom Harris  
to intervene throughout the Show

Hat and Carnival Coils kindly  
provided by Max Andrews.

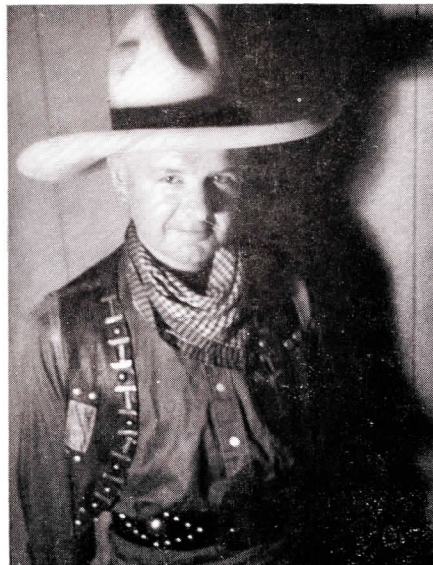
Ensemble, Acrobatic and Musical  
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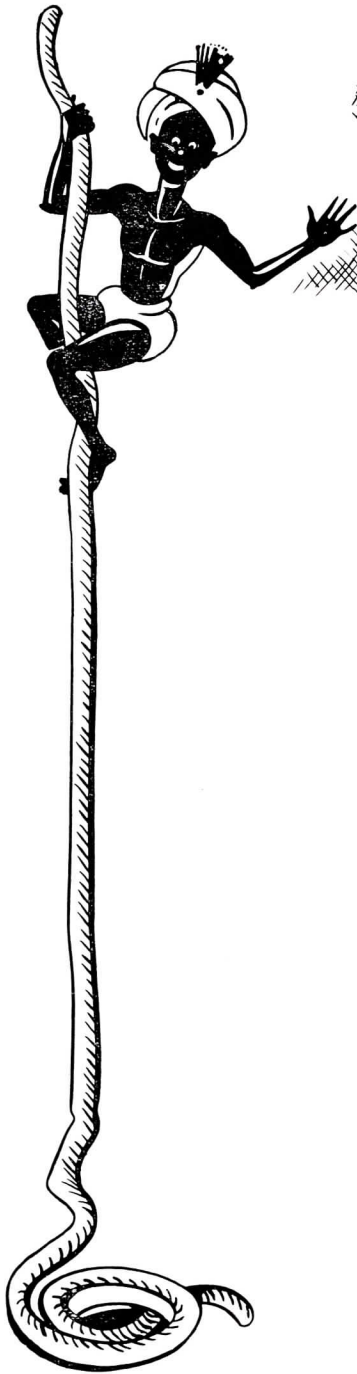
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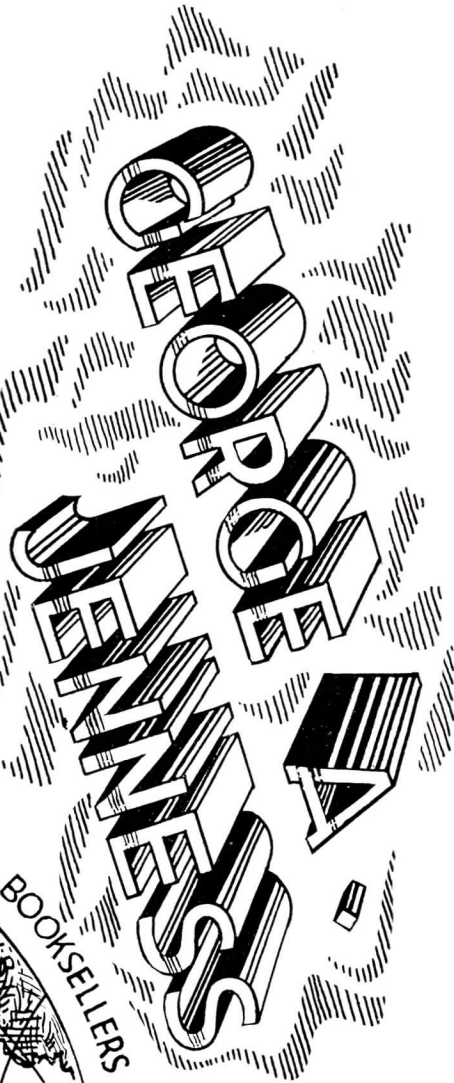
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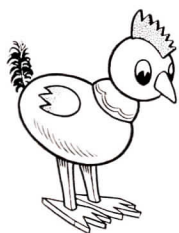
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