

BAND BEAT

Vaughan Monroe scored well at the Commodore Hotel's Century Room, New York, when he opened his sixth engagement there. Dell Parker supplied the feminine vocal interest. . . .



Lina Romay

Lina Romay, vocalist with Xavier Cugat for more than three years, will leave about May 1 for Hollywood, where she is under contract to MGM. . . Duke Ellington, playing an RKO Theater date in Boston recently, spoke before the Colleges of Music of Harvard and Boston U. His subject was "Negro Music in America." . . . Charlie Ventura, tenor saxman, has broken with

Teddy Powell's crew and joined the Jon Arthur band at the Shangri-La in Philadelphia. . . . Jimmy Cook is the new vocalist with Tommy Dorsey's outfit. . . . Sonny Dunham goes into the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, on May 19. . . Jimmy Palmer, vocalist, has taken over the baton of the Grace Barrie band. . . Charlie Agnew's band is at the Rainbow Randevu in Salt Lake City. . . . Red Norvo and his new six-piece outfit is rocking 'em at the Preview in Chicago. . . . Glen Island Casino, N. Y., reopens on May 25 with Bob Strong's orchestra featured. . . . Horace Heidt's orchestra comes out of semiretirement this summer. . . . Ann Cornell debuted recently as vocalist with John Kirby's crew. Tony Pastor moves into the Terrace Room of New York's Hotel New Yorker for eight weeks starting May 1.

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