

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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