

CITY SCOOP COLUMN

by Luther W. Reddus

Well, here I am back again, after a much needed rest . . . Let's start the new club season off by watching this column dynamically. I predict this season to be the season of private and social clubs in preference tonight club trends for social gatherings and good-time cabaret parties.

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CHARLES HIGHTOWER

Treasurer of the Bachelors and Benedicts Social Club

Here's a report from what I predict as 1950's most popular social club . . . Bachelors and Benedicts, plan for 1950. "Ready" Eddie Madgett, and Genial, Gloater Graves, are the club's combination to watch in '50. Mr. Madgett, is the new pilot, and Mr. Graves, is the new Business Manager. Both have predicted: that, '50 will be the club's 'banner year'. New members: Joseph Crayton, Oscar Leach, Morris J. Rivers, and Edward V. Willett, have been added to the roster, after careful consideration, bringing the club up to it's constitutional limit. At

the last regular meeting, Jan. 19, Mr. Madgett, was assured the unanimous support of all present, to maintain the high social, and civic standard, already the envy of many, and to bring the literary, up to a comparable level, by "Round Table" discussion of current issues of general importance. Under the leadership of C. C. Davenport, social chairman, and his able assistant, Roy A. Sherrill, the club has been well represented at recent parties of the FOXES, LINKS, ENTRE NOUS, KEYS, and LA SENORAS, and at the Grand Opening, of the new ARCADE BALLROOM, Jan. 22, Fan mail is still coming in, complimenting the club on its recent, much talked-about, "Black and White Fomal." It is planned, to make it an annual feature. Mr. Worthan L. Smith is the club's efficient reporter.

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MRS. MARY COOPER

Mrs. Mary Cooper, president of the Starlight Social Club, a club that I also predict to be quite a popular ladies club for 1950. As you know the club has a very capable group of officers, so watch the Starlight girls in 1950.

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Como Hasta Ustedes Senores, et Senoritas: This is the greeting you receive from the host at El Papa Gayo, 63rd and Vernon. So come out and enjoy a bit of "Ole Mexico." Featuring the tantalizing Latin rhythm of the Garcia Trio.

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The crowd is following the Valda Gray show, dropping in at the Ritz Lounge. It seems that the fabulous Valda Gray is holding the crowd as usual. Valda who brought the show into the Ritz Lounge in December is still fascinating the followers who enjoyed the fantastic exhibition for years at Joe's DeLuxe Club. The biggest problem is getting in. When last I was in the Ritz it was packed from stem to stern, shippily speaking that is.

Seen at the Ritz recently was celebrities from far and near some few spotted were: Billie Holiday, who was doing a show at the time; Chicago's famed disc jockey Al. Benson, Bill Moore, June June, a popular young Lady about town Leon McClintock, a very promising young heavy weight, Miss Chot-sie Clark, a lovely bundle of beauty and a host of other celebrities, with which you may rub elbows with and many other celebrities on Monday night, which is celebrity night.



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