



MUSIC FOR ALL AGES and for all occasions is the proud boast of the Yucaipa Variety Band. The band is made up of professional musicians with many years of experience behind them. (Photo by Martin Ernst)

A "band" of professionals making music

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George Bernard Shaw might have been 100 percent correct about hell being full of musical amateurs.

It's 100 to 1 that he would have a lot different opinion about the musicians who are members of the Yucaipa Variety Band.

There isn't an amateur in the bunch. As a matter of fact it is hard to believe any of them were ever amateurs they play so well.

If the actual years of experience of members of the Yucaipa Variety Band were totaled up, it would reach into the 100s. And if you added up the list of former

they be eight or 80 plus. Perhaps the reason they have a sound that seems to please young and old alike is because they have a young outlook on life although all of them qualify as Senior Citizens, Older Americans or whatever tag you like to apply.

The Yucaipa Variety Band first saw the light of day under Verna Murphy and was known as the Yucaipa Novelty Band. At the outset Verna gathered a lot of folks who were residents of Twin Pines Park into a fun group that came to be known as a "kitchen band." They had a lot of fun making hundreds of area people happy.

Verna has resigned her

that musical group in the hands of others.

Mrs. Allen has been in music all her life. Her father was a band leader and composer. In addition to being the group's director, she plays the vibraphones, chrome-harp, miracas and dances. While director of the Patrician Aires for five years, the group appeared at the National Orange Show three times, the Redlands Bowl 50th anniversary opening, 1976 Banning Bowl opening and the Palm Springs Riviera WWI Vets Convention twice.

A rundown on band members —

Verna Murphy is assistant conductor, plays har-

Clara Bow days, and in August 1978 danced at her 50th wedding anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio and at her mobilehome park. She also plays melodica.

Vera Warner — pianist.

She played organ and piano for silent movies in Indiana, various clubs, dances and church.

Alva Kennedy — violinist and singer. A very accomplished musician who had her own high school dance band, also played in several symphony orchestras.

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Joe Zito — "The Little Drummer of The Yukon" is famous all over the continent for his excellent drum solos. He had his own polka band once. he played for troops in Alaska and the Alutians and at present is a member of Banning Pass Gassers.

Ernie Malderey — saxophone. He played five years with UCR in Riverside and a year with Crafton college Band. He was a member of many dance bands in the east.

Don Baker — Bass Viol and Guitar. In the 1920's and 1930's he also played tuba and sousaphone in the city band in Jaspar, Wyo. His experience also in

has a background of 60 years in show business as a dancer excellence.

Carl Moskaly - dancer and player. He danced a Russian Folk dance until he hurt his kneecaps - but still

does a mean Hukala Hula and other numbers. He came to the U.S. in 1959 and has lectured all over the United States for "freedom."

Col. G.M. Allen — vibraphones, melodica, drums. He was a leader of the West Point Cadet dance band and plays miramba. He played for Radio Station WBAL in Baltimore in 1927 - 29 on the Gary Moore Show. In 1933 he played



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Unlike a lot of musical organizations that seemed 'married' to one sound or type of music, the local group has a way of pleasing most audiences whether

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Verna has resigned her post as director but will continue as a member and assistant conductor.

The new director is Eleanore M. Allen, longtime director of the Patrician Aires. Mrs. Allen served as assistant conductor of the group after moving from Patrician Park and leaving

that musical group in the hands of others.

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Fran Glenberg is a Charleston dancer since

Clara Bow days, and in August 1978 danced at her 50th wedding anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio and at her mobilehome park. She also plays melodica.

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Men members:

Chuck Morgan - saxophone, drummer, singer. He was a member of the famous "Les Browne & His Band of Reknown" and presently a member of the Banning Pass Gasser

Band. He has a world of big band experience.

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Don Baker — Bass Viol and Guitar. In the 1920's and 1930's he also played tuba and sousaphone in the city band in Jasper, Wyo. His experience also includes philharmonic orchestras, dance bands such as Ray Sherman's and Bill Bonson's bands.

Ray Addington — tap dancer. He is known everywhere as "The Hooper from Vaudeville Days." He

has a background of 60 years in show business as a dancer excellence.

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The Variety Band is available for any kind of entertainment. Just phone Eleanore - 795-5337, or Fran 797-3284.