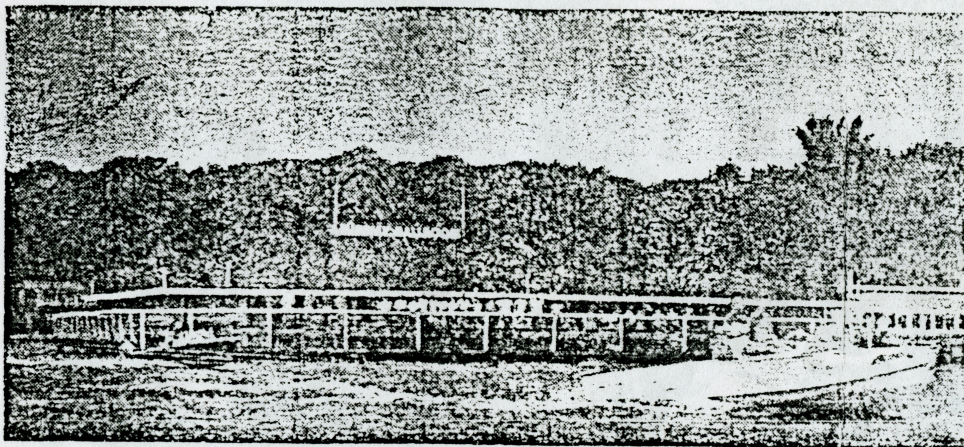


# MIDWAY BALLROOM NEWSLETTER

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Here is a southern view of part of the Midway Ballroom and a lovely sight that you will probably see as you dance to the nations' top name bands. Only in the evening the view is more beautiful with the moonlight reflecting on the water. The ballroom is entirely over water from two feet to a depth of eight feet. There is a large dancing area; an open air walkway for between dances. On the north side of the ballroom is an open air patio serving our dancing customers. To the front of the ballroom, in a separate room, is located "The Pine Room" with a large circle bar and plenty of tables for couples. There is no charge to go in "The Pine Room" and is for the convenience of those who only want to relax over a cool drink and listen to the music. The Midway Ballroom is located approximately five miles southwest from Crown Point and fifteen miles from Hammond or Gary. It is easily accessible from the Chicago and Calumet region by just coming east on the Expressway and south on Route 41 to Cook. Turn left at Cook and continue around the lake.

## NEW ADDITION TO BALLROOM

You will especially enjoy our new open air patio which will be for the convenience of our dancing customers only. Between dances you will enjoy having your favorite drinks served to you within full view of the lake and with those wonderful lake breezes to cool you. Also, you can see and hear the band from the patio should you desire to sit one out. Of course there is a roof in case of rain.

## A MIDWAY FIRST

As part of Midway's grand opening week, Eddy Howard & Orchestra will make his first appearance in person in this area on Saturday, May 25th. This is also the first time Midway has offered a name band on a Saturday nite.





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**A MIDWAY WELCOME TO EVERYONE.** Hello, another long and weary winter is past and we are all anxious to get back to our summer haunts! **MIDWAY BALLROOM** is ready for the summer season with a wonderful schedule of name bands and top territory bands for your dancing pleasure. May 20th starts our season off with a great big bang with "THE DIAMONDS." This sensational singing group have a smash hit with their record "Little Darlin'." They will appear with an orchestra for your dancing as well as listening pleasure! Along with Midway's opening week's festivities, "EDDY HOWARD" will appear Saturday, May 25th. **BUDDY PRESSNER** and **PAT DEMURE** will be playing for you on Friday and Saturday nights during the entire summer season. I'm sure your familiar with them and their fine bands. If not, you have a treat in store for you! ..



**BUDDY PRESSNER**

Buddy will be appearing at our Ballroom Friday and Saturday Nites during the Months of June and August. Buddy has a great band and is in constant demand throughout the midwest. We feel sure that dancers of all ages will love this one.

**POLKA BANDS TO PLAY ENTIRE SEASON.** You Polka fans will have a real treat this summer, with the great Polka Bands of **FRANK YANKOVIC** and **LIL WALLY** appearing at the Ballroom every **WEDNESDAY** night during the summer season. Both of these Bands are tops in their field and have been appearing on their own Television and radio shows. In connection with this we are planning a Polka Dancing Contest, whereby you polka dancers can win a lovely trophy and also be entered in the 1957 **NATIONAL BALLROOM OPERATORS DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP**, which will entitle the local winner to a free trip to New York and a chance at the grand prize of \$500.00 in cash. You will find more details regarding this in our lobby.



**FRANK YANKOVIC**

Frank and his Polka band will be at the Ballroom every Wednesday throughout the summer season starting Wednesday, June 5th, except for the 12th and 19th of June, August 21st and September 4th when Lil Wally will appear.

## **BANK NITE**

Besides the great bands featured on Friday nites, Midway offers you an opportunity to win a lot of money. See our lobby for further details.





Sam Donahue with the Billy May Band playing to a record crowd at one of his appearances last year at our Ballroom. We sure hope you will be among the dancers enjoying this Band when it appears at the Midway Monday, July 8th.



### WOODY HERMAN

Woody will appear at our Ballroom Monday, June 3rd with his third herd. Woody has rounded up this third herd and groomed it to top form. "This Band swings more than anything since the Bop era began", he says without false modesty. "It took a lot of hard work to get it that way. These kids in the Band want to prove something — there's a whole generation that doesn't know what a big Jazz Band it." Band-leader Herman is ready to show that generation what it has been missing. So don't disappoint Woody when he is at our Ballroom!



### RALPH MARTERIE

Ralph will be at our Ballroom Monday, June 10th. He broke all records for us on some of his previous appearances and am sure this will be no exception.

### TEENAGE NITE

We will have a special feature for our teenagers this year! Every Thursday nite will be strictly for teenagers between the ages of fourteen and twenty years. No one will be admitted over twenty. Blue jeans or shorts will not be tolerated. Bob Bell and his Ambassadors will be featured. Shirley's Dance Studio will be at the ballroom for ballroom dancing instructions before the dance. There will be plenty of "Rock and Roll" to keep everyone "All Shook Up". These dances will start Thursday, June 6th. Kids, make every Thursday nite your date nite at the Midway.





**RAY MCKINLEY**

Ray McKinley and the great Glenn Miller Band will appear at our Ballroom Monday, May 27th. This attraction brought the house down last summer with a wonderful crowd that loved every minute of Ray and the Band. They played some wonderful jump tunes that had all the cats really "digging" and played lots of old Glenn Miller Standards to keep the Miller fans happy. We are looking forward to this band's appearance and hope you won't miss this one!

#### **BROWN TO APPEAR AUGUST 5TH**

We were very fortunate to book Les as he only makes one tour per year and we are the only Ballroom in this area where he will make an appearance, so I'm sure you will want to keep this date open!



**PAT DeMURE**

To continue our policy of top name bands of the country, we give you our schedule to date. Our next issue should give our customers a complete schedule for the entire summer season! Keep this listings in your wallet for quick reference.

Monday, May 20th ... **"The Diamonds"**  
With Orch.

Monday, May 27th ... **Ray McKinley**  
the **Glenn Miller Band**

Friday, May 31st ... **"Chubby Jackson"**

Monday, June 3rd .... **Woody Herman**

Wed., June 5th ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, June 10th ... **Ralph Marterie**

Wed., June 12th ..... **Li'l Wally**

Monday, June 17th ..... **Stan Kenton**

Wed., June 19th ..... **Li'l Wally**

Monday, June 24th .. **Ina Ray Hutton's**  
**All Girl Band**

Wed., June 26th ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, July 1st ..... **Buddy Morrow**

Wed., July 3rd ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, July 8th ..... **Sam Donahue**  
With the **Billy May Band**

Wed., July 10th ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, July 15th ... **Richard Maltby**

Wed., July 17th ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, July 22nd ..... **Stan Kenton**

Wed., July 24th ..... **Frank Yankovic**

Monday, July 29th .... **Ralph Marterie**

Buddy Pressner and Pat DeMure will be playing every Friday and Saturday nite in June, July and August, and Saturdays in September.

**PAT DeMURE**, the band with a definite style of its own, features ten musicians — plus his lovely wife — who handles the vocals. Pat will open for us Saturday, May 25th, and will appear Friday and Saturday nite during July and September.