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Forty On Twenty Off

by Dixie Chicken

Financial problems continue to plague the area clubs. Hardest hit are those which provide live entertainment, especially the non-Top 40 kind. CHILDE HAROLD may stop booking live acts completely and turn the club into a disco. Some of the owners are against that change. The CORSICAN's death rattle grows louder and is under new management. The landlord of the APPLE PIE appeared at the club recently and changed the locks on the doors, saying that IRS agents were coming the next day to shut down the place. And of course, the daily papers reported that the famous SHAMROCK had colsed and will become, as reported in my last column, a disco called Winston's. Crowds at READING GAOL and ERNIE'S PLACE continue to be up and down, and both club's owners are worried that the recession will keep folks away. The Gaol has even installed four pinball machines to boost revenues. FAT HOWARD'S has also been closed, for "remodelling."

Now for the good news: DAVE ALLEN whose band HICKORY has been hard at work in town for a few years, is recording with Tony Camillo, Gladys Knight and the Pips' producer. Camillo thinks Allen has a good shot at an album contract as a singer-songwriter.

D.C. DOG, turning their backs on the club scene and focusing their energies on recording, have cut several songs at Track studios -- on salary -- as backup band for singer-producer Lloyd Price. The money will enable the Dog to stay in the studio.

THE NIGHTHAWKS' own LP is finished and will be on sale locally later this month. THE ROSSLYN MOUNTAIN BOYS have also been recording original material at Track Studios, having gotten some five-figure backing money. DANNY GATTON has been doing a lot of session

work at Track, and studio owner BILL TATE is suggesting a cut-live-in-the-studio "D.C. Super-Guitar Album," with such luminaries as Gatton, ROY BUCHANAN, NILS LOFGREN, GERRY MULÉ, LANCE GUINN and others taking part.

Comings and Goings: MATT SHEPARD and JACK BURKHARDT formerly of Sageworth, have finally started gigging locally with their band, THE M.J.D. SHUFFLE BAND. Incidentally the band's equipment almost got impounded when the Apple Pie landlord came to close the place. D.C. Dog's equipment was also inside, but luckily, representatives of both bands got their stuff out. Bassist STEVE WOLF has joined the RENT'S DUE band, which is planning to go back into the studio soon. DICK HEINTZE is also planning to record soon, and is also gigging with ROY BUCHANAN for now. The CHERRY PEOPLE have been playing again at The Keg. Drummer ERIC HOCK has left the MIRANDA band, even though they had been cutting songs in the studio. NILS LOFGREN has evidently completed tracks for his solo album. Former GRIN bass player BOB GORDON has left the GRAVITY band. Members of some of Barry Rick's Top 40 groups have noticed some new faces in the bands -- a lot of the denim and flannel shirt crowd, short on gigs and even shorter on money, are submitting to shag hairdos and tuxes, and putting on bright grins. The INFORMED SOURCES bluegrass band is looking for an acoustic bass player who can sing both lead and harmony to replace CHRIS KLOMAN who will be leaving in the spring. WILL Mc FARLANE, formerly guitarist with the MUDLICK BAND, is now in the studio recording with BONNIE RAITT.

IN-TOWN THIS MONTH



LED ZEPPELIN at Capital Centre Feb. 10, 8p.m. (Jimmy Page)



ERROLL GARNER at Etcetera Feb. 11-16



ORLEANS at BCC H.S. Fine Arts Bldg. Feb. 12, 8 p.m.



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| David Bromberg | Sleepy John Estes |
| Ramblin' Jack Elliot | Sam Chatmon |
| Bryan Bowers | Clifton Chenier |
| Catfish Hodge | Breakfast Special |
| Arthur Crudup | Newgrass Revival |
| Bill Kieth | IInd Generation |
| Emmy Lou Harris | Frank Wakefield |
| Seldom Scene | Grass Menagerie |
| Country Gazette | The Bill Blue Band |
| Josh Graves | Houston Stackhouse |
| Townes Van Zandt | Paul Siebol |
| NRBQ | John Herald |
| Liz Meyer & Friends | Hickory Wind |
| Danny Gatton & The Fat Boys | Bonnie Koloc |

and our guests

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| Bonnie Raitt | Danny O'Keefe |
| Steve Miller | Vassar Clements |
| Linda Ronstadt | Jonathan Edwards |
| Roy Buchanan | Paul Butterfield Band |
| Lowell George | Steve Goodman |

and to all of the others our gracious thanks

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