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## BUDDY JOHNSON

Buddy Johnson, who brings his rapidly rising young "Walk 'Em Rhythm" orchestra to Milling's Warehouse on May 25th is one of the most versatile baton-wielders in the business.

Maestra Johnson, an ace key-board stylist, front his 17-piece musical aggregation from the piano and is responsible for the majority of the band's dynamic arrangements. Then, too, Buddy is a noted composer with more than a hundred tunes to his credit. As further proof of his versatility, he manages to find time to sing out a few rhythm vocals.

One of the band's biggest features is the vocalizing of Ella Johnson, Buddy's sister, Ella has been with the band since it was organized two years ago, and her

vocal of "That's The Stuff You Gotta Watch" is responsible for the fact that this particular recording has sold more than 300,000 copies on Decca and is still going strong. Ella also scored heavily on the band's discs of "Please, Mr. Johnson" and "When My Man Comes Home."



## ELLA JOHNSON

Baritone Arthur Prysock handles most of the ballrds. The spotlight also falls upon some outstanding instrumentalist with in the Johnson Orchestra, among them tenor saxaphonist David Van Dyke, trumpeters Willis Nelson and DuPree Bolton, guitarist Jerome Darr, and Drummin' man Teddy Stewart.

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## Buddy Johnson Of Darlington Scores Success

DARLINGTON, Nov. 14—(Special)—Buddy Johnson, Darlington Negro native, has steadily mounted to band and orchestra fame in recent years, and is now considered one of the nation's top band leaders.

His orchestra will play at Clemson College on November 20-21 for the Home Coming ball there, with a 14 piece orchestra to be featured.

The Darlington musician is known largely as a composer, an arranger

and a pianist.

Born in Darlington in 1920, Buddy was named Woodrow Wilson Johnson. He is one of two well known band leaders named after President Woodrow Wilson, the other being Woody Herman.

The Negro youth learned to play the piano while only a child and in 1938 he made his way toward New York in search of a musical career. He was employed for some time as a pianist in several small night clubs in the big city, and in 1939 he went to Europe with the Cotton Club Review.

He spent a four months tour of London, Paris, Brussels and Berlin, and returned to the states at the outbreak of World War II.

In 1941, while playing the piano in New York's Greenwich Village, he received his first big break. He has composed several hit songs, one being "Stop Pretending."

Buddy organized his own band in 1944, with 14 pieces, and was booked for an engagement in New York's Harlem at the Savoy Ballroom.

It was in 1949 that the band leader really came into his own, when le began by signing a new threeyear Deca recording contract, which guarantees a royalty of \$50,000 annually. He was later crowned as "King of the One Nite Circuit" in the annual poll conducted by the Pittsburgh Courier.

Rites Held at Darlington ForBandLeader'sMother

DARLINGTON, Dec. 30 (Special) Funeral services for the mother of Buddy Johnson, nationally known Negro orchestra leader, were conducted Sunday from the St. James Methodist Church on Pearl Street here.

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