



Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Menu accents light suppers

Twenny's Cafe in Birmingham, which closed in June for remodeling, has re-opened with a brand-new liquor license and expanded seating for 100 diners.

The cafe on the lower level of the Great American Insurance Building features "Cuisine la Bonne Femme" by chefs Dorian and Yvonne. Monday morning, the day before reopening, Yvonne Gill Davis sat down at one of the courtyard tables to talk about new menu dishes.

She particularly stressed the Boulevard Supper. "A lot of people don't want to spend \$20 for dinner," she said, pointing out that the supper will be served only from 5:30-7 p.m. from a Prix-Fix Menu.

For \$12.50, a four-course dinner may include mezza, small varied hors d'oeuvres; couscous, a traditional North African dish with vegetables, lamb, grains and sauces; a great salad, and fresh peach compote with mint.

ON ANOTHER evening, the menu might offer fresh pea soup, breast of veal farcie, new potatoes, green bean salad and lemon mousse. Ms. Davis said the menu for the Boulevard Supper will probably change twice a week.

Explaining "Cuisine la Bonne Femme," Ms. Davis said, "I love to cook the country way. We will cook the way women have always cooked."

Dishes prepared this way use less expensive cuts of meat but require much more work and skill, from boning to braising.

According to Ms. Davis, food served will be not so much French Provincial cooking as regional country dishes of the world. "Couscous is North African. I just happen to think it would be an absolutely great thing to present," she enthused.

Ms. Davis noted that the supper will be "good food in smaller portions." The supper entrée also will be featured on that day's large, varied luncheon menu.

NOW THAT WINE and cocktails may be served, Ms. Davis will offer a balanced wine list, with small chateaubottled wine "in a very good price range. You can spend under \$10 for a bottle of wine," she said.

She plans to introduce new wines, the same way she did at the Money Tree.

Full-course dinner also will be available, with prices for entrees ranging from \$8.50 to \$15. All entrees will be served with fresh vegetables.

Dinners may include fresh bass filets braised on fennel branches, with tomatoes, wine and herbs, and new potatoes. Or Paule le d'Agneau, boned shoulder of lamb with spinach and veal farcie baked in juices. Or Rack of Provence Veal Mirel, with artichokes, fresh rosemary and tomatoes.

The dinner menu will be limited but will change alot, Ms. Davis said. She plans to use "the best possible foods available at the time."

An espresso machine is new to Twenny's.

The remodeled restaurant has been expanded from its original courtyard setting to include an area with several booths seating six, as well as tables along the wall and in the open.

TABLECLOTHS are blue and terra cotta in old Victorian prints. These are complemented by a blue and terra cotta patterned French cotton paneling on backs of circular booths and one wall, combined with natural wood tones. Marblecounter tops enhance serving areas in the dining room.

Wrought iron gates enclose the cafe, at the front, but still give it an airy, open look. A seating area inside the gates is decorated by a massive fresh flower arrangement.

Twenny's is open for lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; for dinner, 5:30-11 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Reservations are taken for dinner.

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Young folksinger works hard at his show-business career

By ELIZABETH TULLY

Andy Hopping wants to hear his songs on the radio. Like many musicians before him, Andy, 19, knows the effort that success requires.

A year ago the blond folksinger took a leave of absence from Alma College to concentrate on his music. In a schedule of self-imposed discipline and isolation, Hopping practices eight hours every day and records his songs on multi-track tapes in his basement studio in Rochester. The former Rochester High School track and tennis letterman also jogs 10 miles daily.

Hopping plays guitar, piano, bass and drums. At 15 he belonged to a rock band and in college he played in the Alma Jazz Band. During the past year he has entertained at Piper's Alley in Troy, Little Caesar's restaurants and the Bistro. But his ultimate goal, he said, is to produce and record his own songs.

"I want to get away from playing background music while people are eating," said Hopping. "I want people to reflect rather than just tap their feet."

ACCORDING to his manager, Jamie Wolf of Birmingham Talent, Hopping's special interest is composing, with particular emphasis on lyrics.

"Andy is really a poet. He has great sensitivity for a young composer. He also has a tremendous drive to succeed," Ms. Wolf said.

The young musician has written more than 200 songs in the last two

years. "Lyrics haven't been stressed enough in music, and this is where I think I'm strongest," Hopping explained.

Hopping's tapes and lyrics are currently being reviewed by Warner Brothers Records in California, which also produces the music of Gordon Lightfoot and James Taylor, among others.

New lounge needs a brand new name

Only one thing will be missing when a plush lounge opens with a flourish Wednesday.

Food, entertainment and a hot air balloon will herald the opening of what is expected to be Rome's most popular night spot. What is missing? Why it's the name. The new lounge has no name.

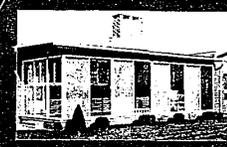
Tom Bowerman, who already oper-

ates the well-established Peach Pit Lanes, in which the lounge is located, has decided to leave the name of the lounge up to the public he serves.

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Chubbie, Herbie perform

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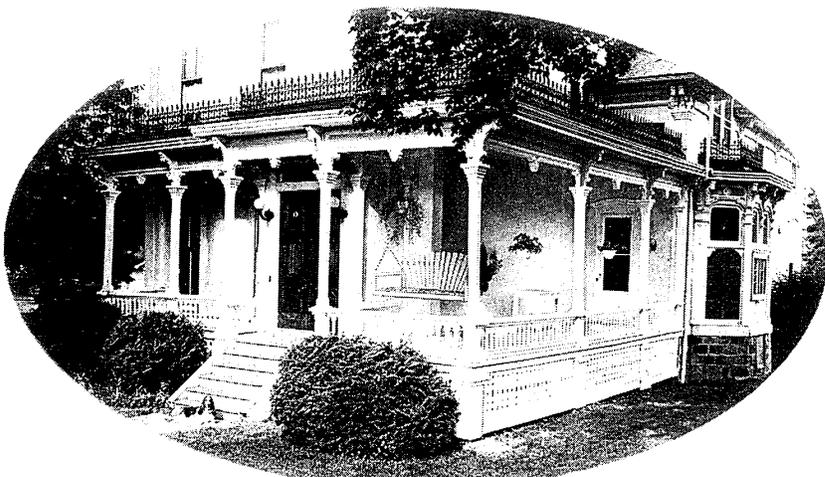
"Our rock is still rolling," said Chubbie Checker, singing, dancing, attracting big audiences and rave reviews across the U.S. He has recently become a hit in Las Vegas where his energetic performances earn standing ovations.

Chubbie Checker has been a crowd-pleaser since early 1960 when the young man from Philadelphia recorded a new version of "The Twist." He went on to make 32 hit records.

IN THE LAST decade, Herbie Mann has established himself as the outstanding flautist in jazz. Herbie and "the family of Mann" have been innovators as they incorporated Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Middle Eastern and Memphis blues elements into their music.

Herbie Mann makes his home in New York City where he was born 49 years ago. He began playing piano at age 6, switched to clarinet and later to tenor saxophone and eventually flute, which he credited with popularizing as a significant jazz instrument.

For P Jazz ticket information, telephone 965-0200, ext. 1755.



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