

By Gene Robertson

# On The Beam

**CELEBRITY ROOM:** Gordon's restaurant, located at Jones and Golden Gate, sort of midway between the Golden Gate theatre and the Orpheum theatre and thus providing an ideal dining spot for audiences from both those theatres, also has a cabaret-style room called the **CELEBRITY ROOM** where after-dinner or after-theatre entertainment is offered and on Thursday nites (at least thru August) an attractive young singer, **SHIRLEY A. SMALLWOOD**, and her quartet star in shows at 10, 11 and 12 midnite. Having heard favorable advance notices about Shirley, I dropped in last Thurs. nite to hear this young lady and am happy to report that all the good things I'd been hearing were indeed true. Not only is Shirley outstanding as a vocalist (I especially liked her "Satin Doll" and "Georgia On My Mind" renditions) but her quartet in itself is not only exceptionally good but its composition is a bit unusual in that it is composed of two females and one male. On bass is **CAROL De ARMENT** and on piano is **NANCY KENNEDY** while **DAVID BERG** holds forth on drums. The four have been playing together since this past April, Shirley told me. Shirley, who is a native of Oakland, has had three years professional experience as a vocalist and has appeared in quite a number of well known Bay Area spots, one of her longest engagements being at Chez Jacques. While **SHIRLEY SMALLWOOD** is indeed an attraction at Gordon's Celebrity Room, I'd be remiss in my reportorial duties if I didn't clue you in on the fact that the food there is exceptionally good and the service is equally outstanding.



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