



ANGELA MAE LEHMAN and Joe Howard Jr. pose for a publicity picture. Miss Lehman is known on stage as Joan Lamont.

Trouble Is No Stranger To Dayton Girl Singer

A YOUNG Dayton singer, Angela Mae Lehman, is making a name for herself on Broadway—but the name is Joan Lamont. Angela—or Joan—is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehman, 920 Old Orchard av.

A native of Dayton, she was a member of the Inland Children's chorus and student soloist for one of the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra's children's concerts. She also took leading roles in several of the Dayton Power and Light Co.'s operettas.

THE ROAD to stage success has not been a smooth one for the Dayton girl: Two years ago, after graduating from the Proctor School of Music, she left for New York. Angela was there just one week when she was hospitalized for a month and ordered to recuperate for eight more. She returned to Dayton during the convalescent period.

Angela's first break came when she was chosen to do live auditions for prospective producers of a new Broadway musical comedy by Eubie Blake, composer of "Shuffle Along," "I'm Just Wild About Harry," and "Blackbirds." She will understudy the lead (Cleopatra) when it goes into production.

Knowing that a Broadway show is never a sure thing until it hits the boards, the Dayton-

ian auditioned for an off-Broadway musical and was given the lead. Next came a recurrence of the same illness, infectious hepatitis, which resulted in a cessation of all activities for three months. Just as she was ready to begin again, she fractured her hand.

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AT THIS POINT, the new Joan Lamont was teamed with Joe Howard Jr. for television and club work. He is the son of the noted entertainer and hit-tune composer. Inasmuch as the teary work also called for dancing, that was the cue for Angela to injure her foot.

Now, however, the way seems fairly clear and the team has solid bookings through the middle of summer, including a month at the Bellevue Casino in Montreal where Angela will also be featured in production numbers. The team made its television debut last week on CBS.

Angela said the only change New York has made has been the color of her hair. She's now a strawberry blonde.