

51/41

PIANO MARATHON

In Bolton the tinkle of Sandy Strickland's piano is the one thing that doesn't stop. You'd think Mrs. Strickland would knock his block off instead of rubbing it; it's a public performance and every note his wearying fingers knock out means cash in the kitty. Sandy is out to regain the world's non-stop record which a German won by playing non-stop for 198 hours. For sixpence you can watch. You won't get good music, but you might see trainer Jimmy Walker supervise club-owner Herbert Longland keeping his star attraction going with some much-needed massage. He'll need plenty of attention to be able to keep going for eight days and nights.

Hot music, by the look of it. Feeding is easy ... and there's not much difficulty about shaving, but we don't know the answer to any other questions that may occur to you!

It ought to be "Smoke Gets in your Eyes," but actually Sandy's playing "Show me the way to go Home." If he beats the record he hopes to clear £500. Sandy may go the distance, but by the sound of it the piano will never make it.