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JIMMY SAVILE (right) works for free two days a week as a porter at the Leeds General Infirmary. On Monday he met ALAN FREEMAN to join him for a day's stint.

HAIR IS COMING! WATCH FOR VINCE EDWARD JEAN LIVINGSTONE singing "AQUARIUS" UP 2236

TAIL-PIECES BY THE ALLEY CAT

SEVERAL British No. 1 hits overseas include Richard Harris "Macarthur Park" (Australia)...

Despite Sandie Shaw's cover version, your Alley Cat tips Top 30 for Mary Hopkin's first single "Scarlet Ribbons"...

did Frankie Howard have to meet the Bee Gees on TV? Cover picture on Frank Ifield's next LP sleeve by Norrie Paramor...



What a NERVE! As a publicity stunt the group dreamed up this novel (and pleasant) way of using roses worn in three attractive fans.

Are Dick Katz's children known as Alley Kittens? Burt Bacharach and Hal David's hit parade prayers for Aretha Franklin have been answered...

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Waxed by Geno Washington and his Ram Jam Band: LP of carols "New Herd single over-due, also Foundations"...

Expected to outsell Anita Harris' cover version here. In preparation by Billy Graham: German and Japanese language versions of Cliff Richard's film...

Engagement of agent Barry Dickens to model Gillian Dyer. Dot label sign Ike Cole (pianist-brother of late Nat "King" Cole)...

Answers to POPWORD in NME, August 17, 1968. ACROSS: 1 Freshmen 4 Island 9 Bear 10 (Manfred) Mann 11 EMI...

POPWORD Compiled by John Walsh of Wexford, Ireland.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers.

CLUES ACROSS: 1 Breakfast-time DJ. 5 Mauriat. 6 William Bell recorded a tribute to him. 8 Topped NME points...

Answers next week. We regret that the answers to the August 17 Popword were omitted from last week's issue.

CANNED HEAT PHONES FROM LOS ANGELES

'WE'VE GONE FROM HOT ROCK TO COOL BLUES'

Larry Taylor tells Alan Smith

CANNED HEAT'S "Mr. Bassman," the pleasant and forthright Larry Taylor, came on the phone from L.A. and said did I think I could speak up a little; he couldn't hear me. I said the reason for this was I hadn't said anything yet.

Thus began an informative little chat in which we had a laugh and some moments of serious information, and the only trouble was that occasionally it sounded as if there were Russian tanks on the line.

general, Larry informed me that most of the group's musical scene centred on old blues material — that although Bear does most of the vocals, it's Intellectual Al who gives out the canned heat on "On The Road Again"...

and that Bob the Bear and Henry the Sunflower love collecting old records. According to Larry—and he says the others feel the same—he's personally more interested in what he's playing than in fame and success.



CANNED HEAT, who leap up to No. 13 this week with "On The Road Again," are due to visit Britain next week. The group are (l to r) BOB HITE, ADOLFO DE LA PARRA, AL WILSON, HENRY VESTINE and LARRY TAYLOR front.

Canned Heat plays mostly on the college circuit, he adds, and it also does a good few gigs in old-style folk clubs and occasionally at the Fillmore. Finally, an insight into the group's next LP: it will be basically blues but "different" and will, in fact, consist of two albums in one set. "One track will be 40 minutes long," said Larry with some satisfaction.

There was then an interruption from a lady in L.A. who was having trouble getting through to the party at the other end, the operator and Larry and I said goodbye till I see you in England, and he went off to get Canned again.



UNION "Lock Up Your Daughters." GAP (l to r) DWIGHT BEMENT, GARY "NUTHA" WITHEM, GARY PUCKETT, KERRY CHATER and PAUL WHEATBREAD

Watch it, girls — Union Gap may be after you!

THE Union Gap are due over here later this year for a tour and are bound to attract a lot of female attention. But just what type of girl do the boys like? And what do they shy away from?

says RICHARD GREEN mind redheads either. Girls who understand music and fun girls who wear mini-skirts are big in his book. Talking of competition, Paul is against "girls who flirt with my friends," but he does like "helpless female types," "tan complexion and whispy voices." The good old standby of a peaches and cream complexion is a hit with Gary Withem who lends a sympathetic eye to good mannered girls who are "nice" and have pleasant voices.

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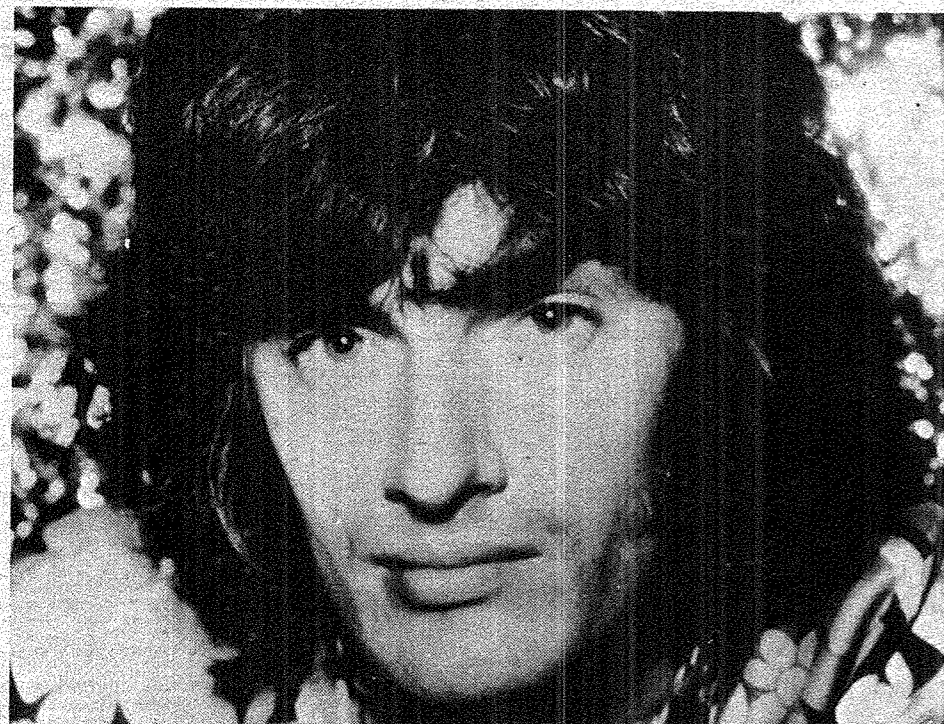
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# Our First Four:



**Jackie Lomax**

Jackie is 24 and comes from Wallasey which lies on the river Mersey. He worked as a lorry driver and a wages clerk among other things. In 1962 he formed a rock n' roll group called the Undertakers. In 1966 Jackie went with them to America. Now he's with Apple and has made his first single with us. It's called Sour Milk Sea. Written and produced by George Harrison. Jackie himself wrote the "B" side - The Eagle Laughs at You. Both have a tough hard beat. Rock n'roll 1968. Hear them now.

**Jackie Lomax: Sour Milk Sea - An Apple single. Number 3.**



**Mary Hopkin**

Mary is 18 and comes from Wales. Pontardawe in fact. She's been singing since she was four. Mary took singing lessons on Saturday and her mother hoped that this would lead to studies at the Cardiff College of Music. It didn't. It led via Opportunity Knocks and appearances on Welsh television, to Twiggy hearing her. Twiggy told Paul McCartney and Paul McCartney asked her to come up to London. Her voice was as beautiful as Twiggy had said. Apple records signed her up. Now you can hear and buy her first single - "Those were the days" produced by Paul McCartney. It's pure and beautiful. Like Mary.

**Mary Hopkin: Those Were the Days - An Apple single. Number 2.**



**The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band**

When Paul McCartney wrote "Thingummybob" for a television series of the same name, he said he wanted to get a true brass band sound. So what did he do. He used the best band in the land - The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band. They won the title in October last year. Conducted by Geoffrey Brand they've held this title 7 times since 1945. Back to "Thingummybob". On the "B" side there's "Yellow Submarine" like you've never heard it played before. The sound is beautiful and brassy. Just what Paul wanted.

**The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band: Thingummybob - An Apple single. Number 4.**



**John, Paul, George and Ringo.**

Their latest . . . A seven minute long single called "Hey Jude!" On the flip side "Revolution". Enough said.

**The Beatles: Hey Jude - An Apple Single. Number R5722.**

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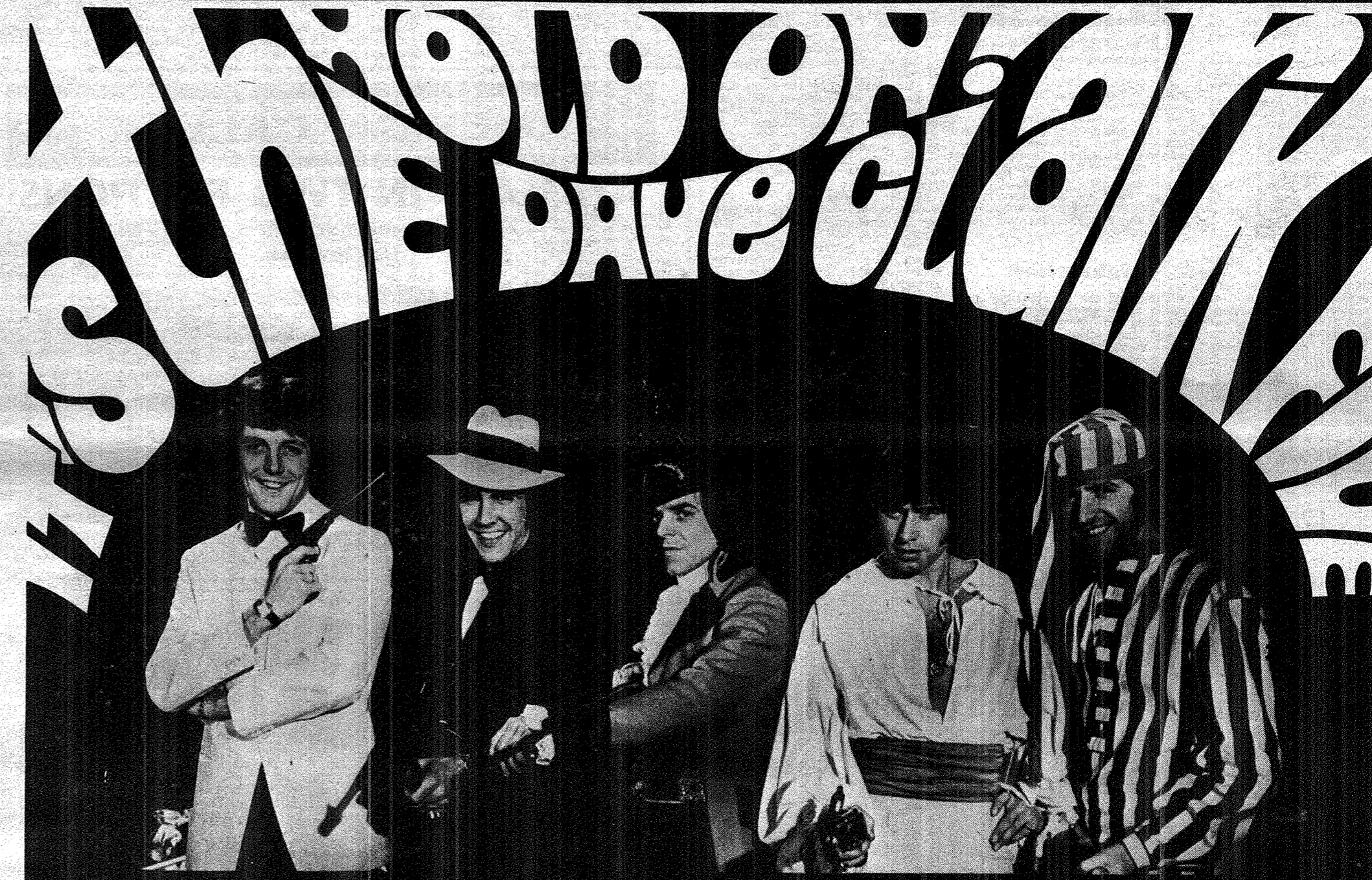
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