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'I'm sorry for those missed dates, but I think it is all sorted out now.'

P. J. PROBY IS going back to America. He told me so himself when I travelled with him to a date at Bristol last week. BUT ONLY AS A VISITOR. He wants to make Britain his home and he asked me to apologise to all his fans for the upsets of the past few weeks when he pulled out of a number of one-nighters and television shows.

"There was a lot of bother over money, as you probably know," he drawled in his deep Texan accent. "But I hope that by now everything is sorted out as far as my future appearances are concerned."

"You know I feel obliged to my fans to do something that they are going to remember in my shows."

"That's why I don't want to play any more ballrooms when I have completed my present commitments in a



A special report

few days time. They just haven't got big enough stages for me to put my show on properly."

"Before that terrible crash on Sunday (saxophonist Glen Ellgood was killed in a road accident Sunday morning—see centre pages) my backing group consisted of two drummers, two saxophonists, two guitars and three trumpeters. And there's the compere as well."

"But we are still running short. I am looking for a girl backing group at the moment. Something like The Ronettes style. But they are very hard to find in Britain."

"Soon I hope to be able to take a month off from bookings so that I can rehearse with the band. And

by Rod Harrod

I just want to play one run of theatres a year. The worst thing possible for an artist is over-exposure.

"When I have really established myself here—after all it is my home now, and I hope the fans will consider it as such—I want to make a re-appearance in America. I hope that will be in the autumn."

"Eventually I hope to spend about five months a year touring the world and I also hope to do some straight acting in films—no musicals for me though."

And television? "I only want to do two big television shows a year. I'd like to be able to have Jack Good do them."

Former DISC columnist Jack Good produced The Beatles TV show in which Proby was first seen in Britain and it was he who brought P. J. to Britain.

P.J. In action on the stage of a Bristol theatre last week. Britain is my home now and I want to make a success here, he says.



SIMON SCOTT

and the LeRoys

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DAWN PATROL BY EL

Up at five for his new film, but he drives to work in a Rolls!

Up at five a.m., ready to leave at six—and on make-up call at seven. That's Elvis Presley's "dawn patrol" routine for his latest movie, "Girl Happy," which he is currently shooting for MGM in Hollywood.

But El travels to the set in comfort. He and his entourage leave their mansion in the swank Bel Air district of West Los Angeles in the Presley Rolls-Royce, which is equipped with two telephones and—wait for it—a television set!

Members of El's crew who can't pack into the Rolls travel behind in a big Chrysler station-wagon. And all are dressed in pretty conservative sports clothes these days. They don't even wear Beatle boots—which are all the rage here.

It's quite a change from the Winston Churchill "siren suits" El and the boys wore when they were filming outdoors in Seattle recently. The unusual gear was to enable the police to recognize them easily for protection from the fans.

After the morning's shooting, El often lunches on the set with Anne-Margret, who drives out to meet him.

• steak

Ann, of course, was co-star with El in "Viva Las Vegas," but she is not in "Girl Happy."

Between takes, Elvis is making with the happy talk with Mary Ann Mobley, a former Miss America and star of "Girl Happy."

An MGM executive told me: "It seems that this girl hails from some little town near Elvis's birthplace and they have a lot in common."

But, questioned on marriage, Elvis—who will be 30 on January 8 next—said: "Yes, I probably will get hitched some day." But, asked if he had anybody in mind, he added: "No sir, I can't really say that I do."

For lunch, Elvis sticks to his

favourite dish—steak and salad. Back at his Bel Air home, though, his most usual food fare is pizza, hamburgers and Coke—especially at parties.

And there are always plenty of curvaceous cuties at these affairs. They're mostly of the

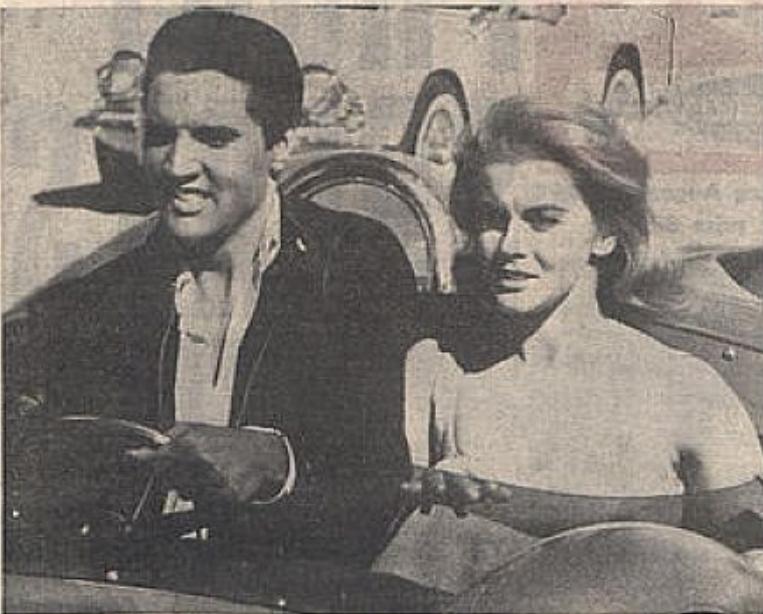
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showbiz variety, because these are the only females Elvis usually gets to meet.

Elvis has a juke box in his home dance room. And it works for free, of course. All The Beatles' records are on the machine. "I really dig this group," he says. He never plays any of his own discs at home.

In "Girl Happy," Elvis plays Ratty Wells, the leader of a rock 'n' roll combo. The group will be seen in the pic playing for a college crowd on holiday in Florida. And in the group is Gary Crosby, son of Bing, who plays bass guitar.

"Big Frank," the club owner, releases Elvis and his boys from their contract so that they can



ELVIS is still seeing Anne-Margret, his lovely co-star of "Viva Las Vegas." She often drives out to lunch with him on the set.

POST BAG

Write to Post Bag, DISC, 161 Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

And you could win an LP of your own choice, for that's the prize the Editor gives every week for the best letter. And once a month there is a BONUS prize of a superb Ronson "Claridge" table-lighter.

Last month's bonus winner was JOHN HARMER, 115, Waddington Avenue, Old Cobden, Surrey.

Keep the LPs OUT of the Top Thirty!

PRIZE LETTER

I THINK it is very unfair that EPs and LPs should be introduced into the Top Twenty and Top Thirty charts.

Surely chart rating should be for singles only? EPs and LPs should be rated only in their own respective charts.

This is the only way of giving a true chart standing of all records.—F. TAYLOR, 75 Bessingay Gate, Bridlington, Yorks.

Shame about Gene

WHAT a shame after two

years with us, Gene Pitney recorded "I'm Gonna Find Myself A Girl." This song isn't dramatic enough for his voice or strong enough to make the Hit Parade.

I'm sure that if "True Love Never Runs Smooth," the great Bert Bacharach number he recorded before his rise to fame with "Tulsa," had been reissued, it would have gone straight to Number One.—JULIE BULL, 7 St. John's Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

We have a big thing about this LP business," said Stuart, pouring a second cup of tea. "We think that if a fan is prepared to buy an LP she should be entitled to all new numbers and not ones she might already have on singles."

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Terry had just come into the dining-room and was sitting alone a few tables away, toying with a boiled egg.

"I really must lose some weight," he called over, "but it's

interest in Gerry? — "LINDY LOU" GREGG, 122 Woolcombe Road, Kidbrooke, S.E.5

A disgrace

I HAVE never seen such a terrible exhibition as The Animals on "Ready, Steady, Go" recently. They are a disgrace to the nation and their songs are just rubbish. Why can't we have more groups like The Shadows? — T. J. STEVENS, 1 Spenser Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Stones should be seen

IN "Postbag" recently, a reader stated that The Stones were essentially a group to be heard and not seen. Surely the versatility of Mick Jagger and casualness of Bill Wyman should not be missed?

I think The Stones should be heard AND seen.—SUZANNAH MOSS, "Ashley," Sylchampion, Wors.

Let's have an original!

HOW much longer is the British record-buying public going to tolerate the boring Bachelors? Every one of their records has the same sh**o**w opening, the same plink-plonk

Blue Jean Ralph is going camping!

HOW do pop stars spend their holidays—when they manage to get them? I got at least one unusual answer when I inquired about plans. The Swinging Blue Jeans were making this year. For Ray Ellis is going to Spain, Norman Kuhf and Les Braid are off to Majorca—while Ralph Ellis is going camping in Cornwall!

Ray Ellis, their leader, left last week for a motoring holiday through Spain. He has never been there before and had his car flown over to France.

Before leaving he told me: "I chose Spain because I just want plenty of sun and to be able to relax, but if I find any summer football matches wild bulls won't keep me away."

Norman and Les have taken their car to Majorca again in search of the sun. Norman has heard so much about the night life which will occupy some of their time.

Simple life

"For the rest, I just want to find a nice quiet place to sleep," he said. Les hopes to be able to pick up some new or unusual musical instruments while he is on the island.

BUT IN COMPLETE CONTRAST TO THE REST OF THE BOYS RALPH ELLIS PREFERENCES THE SIMPLE LIFE. HE HAS BUNDLED HIS THINGS INTO A KIT-BAG AND GONE CAMPING SOMEWHERE IN CORNWALL.

"He is a complete fanatic for this sort of thing," Blue Jean's publicist John Clinton, told me. "Mind you, he takes everything except the kitchen sink, for his comfort."

Ralph's reason for choosing Cornwall: "I'm a great collector of antique doggerel and I am told there are plenty to be found in shape around there," he said.

R.H.

rhythm—and every one is "oddie."

At least "I Believe" was a little different, although it was a change for the worse. A souped-up smirky, sickly record I have never heard.

It is my dearest wish that these young men go back to Ireland and don't return until they can come up with something original for our money! — MELANIE FITZ, 28 Ketterlow Street, Oldham, Lancs.

Now turn to page 87.

Don't criticise

MY advice is "If you don't like The Stones or any of the others, don't watch . . . but don't criticize them as thousands of others enjoy seeing and listening to them." —P. V. MESSENGER, 146 Bleakhill Road, Erdington, Birmingham, 23.

Oldie craze is senseless

WHAT I wonder, is the sudden spate of revivals of "old" songs and recently? It seems senseless to do this up when obviously the public either doesn't want them or has them already.

Especially as there is so much good songwriting talent around these days.—VALERIE LLOYD, The Old Vicarage, Craven Shropshire.



THE MOJOS, left to right above, Nicky Crouch, Terry O'Toole, John Konrad and (below) Keith Karson and Stuart James.

MOJOS' FIRST MEAL—AT NOON

"WE'RE a pretty sick lot on the whole, you know," said Mojo Stuart James as he started on a huge dish of cereal. He had just downed a large glass of fruit juice and there was bacon, sausage, tomatoes and egg to follow.

Officially it was breakfast. But the time was noon last Friday at the homely hotel that The Mojos use as their London base.

"This is the cause of our latest bout of colds," said Stuart introducing me to Mickey (real name Nicholas Crouch).

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THE DRIFTERS
Under the boardwalk

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ATLANTIC

ROUND THE WORLD

Australia

(Country Music Maker, Sydney)

Last This Week

- 1 A Hard Day's Night—The Beatles
- 2 You're My World—Cilla Black
- 3 Long Tall Sally—The Beatles
- 4 Tell It On The Mountain—Peter, Paul and Mary
- 5 Hello Dolly—Louis Armstrong
- 6 Rise And Fall Of Fliegel Bent—The Shadows
- 7 Someone Someone—Brian Poole and The Tremeloes
- 8 Can't Buy Me Love—The Beatles
- 9 Oh! Rock My Soul—Peter, Paul and Mary
- 10 Poison Ivy—Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs

Holland

(Courtesy Plateauviewer)

Last This Week

- 1 Constantly—Cliff Richard
- 2 All My Loving—The Beatles
- 3 De Winter Was Lang—Wilhelm Alberti
- 4 Vuur Permette, Monsieur—Adamo
- 5 Ondine Les Roses—Adamo
- 6 Long Tall Sally—The Beatles
- 7 Hello Dolly—Louis Armstrong
- 8 I Love You Baby—Freddie and the Dreamers
- 9 La Mamma—Corry Brokken
- 10 Can't Buy Me Love—The Beatles

Hong Kong

Last This Week

- 1 Non Ho L'eta—Gigliola Cinquetti
- 2 A Hard Day's Night—The Beatles
- 3 Hello Dolly—Louis Armstrong
- 4 Long Tall Sally—The Beatles
- 5 Little Peanut Shell—The Fabulous Echoes
- 6 I Saw Her Standing There—The Beatles
- 7 Love Me With All Your Heart—The Ray Charles Singers
- 8 I Believe—The Bachelors
- 9 Kisin' Cousins—Elvis Presley
- 10 On The Beach—Cliff Richard and The Shadows

DISC'S

TOP THIRTY

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BEST
CHART
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TOP FIVE STEADY . . . CILLA, DAVE BERRY IN

• Indicates that the record has won a Silver Disc, awarded by DISC for British sales of a quarter million.

Last Week	This Week	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1	•A HARD DAY'S NIGHT	The Beatles (Parlophone)
2	2	•DO WAH DIDDY DIDDY	Manfred Mann (HMV)
3	3	•IT'S ALL OVER NOW	Rolling Stones (Decca)
4	4	CALL UP THE GROUPS	Barron-Knights (Columbia)
5	5	I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF	
7	6	TOBACCO ROAD	Dusty Springfield (Philips)
12	7	I GET AROUND	Nashville Teens (Decca)
10	8	ON THE BEACH	Beach Boys (Capitol)
9	9	•I WON'T FORGET YOU	Cliff Richard (Columbia)
8	10	•HOLD ME	Jim Reeves (RCA)
6	11	•THE HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN	P. J. Proby (Decca)
11	12	SOME DAY WE'RE GONNA LOVE AGAIN	The Animals (Columbia)
13	13	IT'S ONLY MAKE BELIEVE	The Searchers (Pye)
14	14	WISHIN' AND HOPIN'	Billy Fury (Decca)
21	15	FROM A WINDOW	The Merseybeats (Fontana)
17	16	A HARD DAY'S NIGHT (I.P.)	Billy J. Kramer (Parlophone)
24	17	I FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY	The Beatles (Parlophone)
25	18	HAVE I THE RIGHT	The Four Pennies (Philips)
15	19	LONG TALL SALLY (E.P.)	The Honeycombs (Pye)
19	20	YOU'RE NO GOOD	The Beatles (Parlophone)
28	21	THE FERRIS WHEEL	Swinging Blue Jeans (HMV)
23	22	HELLO DOLLY	Everly Brothers (Warner Bros.)
18	23	•SOMEONE, SOMEONE	Louis Armstrong (London)
24	24	THE CRYING GAME	Brian Poole and The Tremeloes (Decca)
22	25	•IT'S OVER	Dave Berry (Decca)
26	26	•I LOVE YOU BECAUSE	Roy Orbison (London)
27	27	THE GIRL FROM IPANEMA	Jim Reeves (RCA)
28	28	AS TEARS GO BY	Getz/Gilberto (Verve)
29	29	IT'S FOR YOU	Marianne Faithfull (Decca)
20	30	RAMONA	Cilla Black (Parlophone)

Compiled from dealers' returns from all over Britain.

AMERICAN TOP 20

Last Week	This Week	TITLE	ARTIST	Last Week	This Week	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1	A Hard Day's Night	The Beatles	10	11	The Girl From Ipanema	Getz/Gilberto
2	2	Everybody Loves Somebody	Dean Martin	9	12	Memphis	Johnny Rivers
3	3	Where Did Our Love Go	Supremes	24	13	C'mon And Swim	Bobby Freeman
4	4	The Little Old Lady (From Pasadena)	Jam and Dean	17	14	(You Don't Know) How Glad I Am	Nancy Wilson
5	5	Rag Doll	Four Seasons	12	15	Nobody I Know	Peter and Gordon
6	6	Wishin' And Hopin'	Dusty Springfield	13	16	Can't You See That She's Mine	Dave Clark Five
7	7	Under The Boardwalk	Drifters	14	17	Kissin' On Pushing	Impressions
8	8	Dang Me	Roger Miller	31	18	People Say	The Dixie Cups
9	9	I Wanna Love Him So Bad	The Jelly Beans	20	19	Steal Away	Jimmy Hughes
10	10	I Get Around	Beach Boys	29	20	Walk—Don't Run '64	The Ventures

U.S. Top 20 and Round the World charts compiled by courtesy of the American trade paper "Billboard."

TOBACCO ROAD
The Nashville Teens
F 1930
DECCA

Hit could
mean U.S.
tour for
Dave Berry

It looks like fourth time lucky for Dave Berry as far as his big hit is concerned, for this week his "The Crying Game" enters our Thirty at 24. Dave's first release last October was "Memphis, Tennessee" which made the charts, but was soon swamped by the Chuck Berry version.

On May 16 he again got in with "Baby It's You," but he was out again by the following week. "My Baby Left You," which followed, caused no stir at all.

But this latest disc seems to be heading Dave for a nice high



DAVE BERRY

spot and bring him a lot nearer his big ambition — to tour America.

Dave's interest in the business stemmed from his father, who was a musician for 20 years.

He was born in Sheffield in 1942 and was first discovered at the beginning of the year, singing in Doncaster. He says the biggest influence on his singing comes from American Rhythm and Blues singer Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup.

Dave is a keen record collector and has over 140 R 'n' B LPs.

Later this month he will be able to add yet another to the collection—featuring himself with Alexis Korner, Graham Bond, John Mayall and Zoot Money. The LP to be issued by Decca is called just "Rhythm and Blues." Dave sings three tracks: the Stones' "Not Fade Away," "You Better Move On" and "Diddley Daddy." R.H.

OUT NOW

CAMEO PHILIPS

PICKETT

THE

ELVIS

PEACE

HIGGINS

BO DIDDLEY
Leave Your Big Mouth Shut

KRIS JENSEN
Come Back To Me (My Love)

JOHN LEE HOOKER
High Priest Woman

THE WOLVES
Journey Into Dreams

SAMMY JNR. reprise

not for me



THE OVERLANDERS

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PETER'S FACES

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little love
my friend

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PETER AND GORDON SAY: 'WE'RE QUITTING IF NEXT TWO FLOP'

PETER AND GORDON have just cut their new single for release in September, and they told me that if this one and the next are flops they will be retiring from pop music.

Over lunch last Thursday—snatched in the middle of a recording session—Peter explained why he thought that they were at the crossroads as far as their record career went.

"Of course, we knew it was nearly impossible ever to do as well as 'World Without Love.' That was the monster really. I mean everyone has a monster disc—one they know they're never going to repeat for success. But we must admit we were a bit disappointed about 'Nobody I Know'."

"People always make excuses—saying their record didn't do well because it had competition [sic]. The Beatles or The Rolling Stones. But whatever they say, if the record doesn't do well it's the fault of the record."

As Gordon tucked into a steak Peter continued:

"We're recording a couple of tracks for an LP and the new

DISC EXCLUSIVE by Penny Valentine

single for September. After the September disc if that's a flop we'll make one more and if that fails, we'll just pack up."

We're not just saying that either," Gordon said. "We like this business and let's face it we like the money. I've been able to buy that car"—he motioned out of the window where a shiny black Jaguar sports car lay in the sun almost purring—"And Peter is going to buy a house."

That's on our royalties, so we haven't done badly. But in a way we were much happier when we were tramps with nothing. That sound's corny I know, but personally I wouldn't mind at all just going back to being a tramp."

I went back in Gordon's car to the recording studios.

• Presley

Peter in the control room listened as Gordon and the backing group ran through a number. Gordon sat crouched on a stool, a cigarette continually dangling from his lips. They went through a song they brought back from America written by Elvis Presley's cousin and called "Two Little Lovebirds," and then an old Elvis number "Whole Mett of Blues" with Gordon going mad at the end and Peter yelling "Great! great!" from the control room.

"We've got a choice of two or three songs for the next single. One is our own, and one is a Lennon and McCartney number," Peter said later.

"We prefer our own at the moment, although it's difficult to tell at this stage. For instance, I didn't like 'Nobody I Know' at all until we'd recorded it and then I thought it was quite good."

You know," said Gordon. "We were offered 'From A Window'—we did the arrangements and everything and we were all set to record it when they decided to give it to Billy J. So that was that."

When Jeff Peter was playing bass guitar and Gordon was just starting to argue about the backing... "You ought to be here all the time," Gordon said with a wry grin. "We have such rows we're all exhausted!"

New Dakota gets in step—but his feet were killing him!

YOU might EXPECT a "new boy" to be nervous at joining such a chart-topping team as Billy J. Kramer and The Dakotas. And I posed the question to Mick Green, ex-Johnny Kidd "Pirate" who played his first shot with The Dakotas at Brighton Hippodrome last week.

Bet modest Mick was brought down by only two things: The first was when I told him, in front of his new buddies, that Billy had gone on record as saying that he was one of the best lead guitars in the beat business. And the other was his shoes.

"The only thing that bothered me out there on stage was my new shoes," he told me. "They pinched."

An experience Mick was sharing with three of The Dakotas the day after I saw him was a visit to The Beatles film, *Guitarist Mike Mansfield, Robbie McDonald—who has now switched from rhythm to bass guitar with the group—and Billy himself had all seemed enjoyed it.*

Mick was taking in the film with drummer Tony Mansfield.

But really the two need hardly have bothered to see it. Despite their joint project, Mike, Robbie and Billy would insist in telling them about the highlights of the film.

What a riot!

"I loved that bit where Ringo wandered off by himself," said Billy. "Yes," added Mike, slapping his sides, "and what about when the girl fell down the hole? Wasn't that a riot?" "Stop it!" howled Tony, clapping his hands to his ears. "I want to see the film for myself."

The Dakotas all praised The Beatles for their original compositions. "They have a great gift for producing timeless music," said Tony. "Ours is just tremendous—and I love Kenny Clarke's drumming."

"Even though the disc is quite different from anything Cilla has done—it's quite 'jazzy' really—it should go right to the top."

"We hope to be featuring some of our own originals on our next album," added Billy. "We're getting together with A and R man George Martin to discuss the LP."

Did The Dakotas get a chance to see the Brighton sight between shows? The answer is no. "We don't get any time," said Mike. "We hardly have a chance to catch a meal after the last show. Everything seems to shut down by midnight."

So the boys have to satisfy their "appetites" on Cokes. "We get through crates of the stuff," said Mike, indicating the empty tins scattered around the dressing-room.

WELCOME BACK FOR EVS, CRICKETS

THE sun shone brightly everywhere most of last week, and it certainly shone brightly on the disc fortunes of The Everly Brothers and The Crickets.

Both Don and Phil and The Crickets have been slightly in the doldrums lately as far as hit parade ratings were concerned. Now the Evs have come back with the "The Ferris Wheel," and The Crickets have made it again with their version of the Mexican folk item "La Bamba," which among other things is a direct ancestor of "Twist And Shout".

The Evs' return coincides with their reunion with Wesley Rose, the gossipy millionaire music publisher, A and R man and kingpin in the country music pastures over the Atlantic.

Parted

Was supervised the buy's sessions for Cadence in Nashville in their initial big-selling days (released here on London), and also did "Cathy's Clown" with them after they moved on to Warner Bros. Then they parted company for a time. Wes staying put as the head of his Nashville empire, and the Evs cutting material in Hollywood.

They had a minor success with "The Girl Who Sang The Blues" last autumn, but "Ain't That Lovin' You Baby," released here this spring, didn't mean very much at all.

Then the Evs moved back to

Nashville for the "Ferris Wheel" session, and Wes completed the old big line-up in the control room.

Don took along his good luck charm guitar, a battered veteran which originally cost two dollars, and which he always plays on disc sessions. His luck has certainly come back with a bang.

A ferris wheel, incidentally, is the American equivalent of our fairground big wheel.

The Crickets haven't figured in

the best sellers for quite a time,

either. Their "Don't Ever

Change" did very well in the summer of 1962, and "My Little Girl" sold healthily in 1963.

Their version of "La Bamba" was released on June 12, and hasn't exactly stormed into the charts. The boys were over here a week after its issue for appearances, but were limited to a couple of TV dates only because they were the exchange group for Billy J. Kramer and The Dakotas in the States, and Billy only had two American small-screen spots lined up.

If The Crickets had got more TV exposure, "La Bamba" might have made it quicker.

The line up for their visit here

was Jerry Allison (drums), Sonny

Curtis (lead guitar), Glen D.

Hardin (piano and bass), and

Buzz Casse (lead vocal).

Buzz is primarily an A and R

man, and made the trip in place

of Jerry Naylor, who suffered a

severe heart attack which will

keep him out of action for at

least a year. It was Jerry who

took the lead vocalising on

the record, however.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE EXCERPTS FROM THESE LPs

Stop Pressings

by Peter Thomson

PARLOPHONE expect big things with their newest signing, Simon Scott... **R**osie Conway has bought a villa in the South of Spain... **E**lizabell Barly's latest musical, "Maggie May," opens shortly in Manchester before hitting London... **O**ne Span, half brother to the great Muddy Waters, will have an album released on Decca.

Pop songwriter and actor Trevor Peacock has now written a straight play shortly to go into production... **P**hilip Lomax, who plays Dennis Tanner in "Coronation Street," first tested Luisa in Glasgow and told everybody she would become a star... **C**onnie Francis was in Mexico during the recent earthquake and had to flee from her hotel.

The Viscounts very pleased with Johnny Gentle, who recently replaced Gordon Mills... **D**ick is considering a new dramatic film role in which he won't sing a note... **G**ene Pitney visited Italy as "The Best Foreign Artist for 1964"... **P**eople, one of the hit songs from Bruce's show "Funny Girl," to be released in England shortly, the show may never come here.

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THE Kaye Sisters, following their recent success in America, have been asked back "any time they want".... **T**he Bachelors are to cut an album of religious songs... **A**nn Bryant very successfully played the part of Maria in "The Sound of Music" in an American touring version of the hit show.

Bobby Bennett, recently seen on the *Hughie Green Talent Show*, could become a big star... **S**inatra and Baskin's new album co-starring Sinatra and Baskin is called "It Might As Well Be Swing" and features Frank's version of "Hello Dolly".... **A**ndy Williams just awarded his third gold record for his LP "The Wonderful World Of Andy Williams".... **T**oni Dalli signed to paint the life of Mario Lanza on canvas, also signed by London Records.

★ ★ ★

DEBBIE REYNOLDS' latest film, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," breaking all records... **W**ith the first release Stateside of "The Pretty Thing" everybody is wondering how far it will go, as no pictures have been issued yet... **C**huck Berry has written new lyrics for "Sweet Little Sixteen" and "School Days," which will make the third in the series they have had.

The Shadow, without Dick, are doing great business in New York... **B**iggest Christmas song this year is expected to be "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

P. J. Proby's "Hold Me" released in the States on London Records... **A**nnie Ross has a love to play Billie Holiday in a film of her life... **T**ommy Steele ("Heel Sneakers") Tucker arrived in London shortly

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Proper case now instead of a cardboard box for Barron's bass guitar.

DUMBOUNDED!

That's The Barron-Knights as
their disc holds Number 4

WHEN I talked to him two weeks ago about the hot-selling success of "Call Up The Groups," Barron Antony, leader of the Barron-Knights, was amazed about the disc. When I spoke to him again at the end of last week on the same subject, he was positively dumbfounded!

"I don't think what's happened has really come home to any of us yet," he grinned. "We're all going about in a daze."

"Life is still quite normal in most respects. We're playing the same sort of dates we were booked into long before the record happened. But we're getting much bigger audiences these days."

"Our fan-mail seems to be leaping upwards in quantity, too, although we can't tell for sure because of the postal delays."

But the big topic looming in lots of pop biz minds right now is what about the Knights' follow-up to this formidable surprise hit? Are they going to keep on the hit parade trail or is "Call Up The Groups" an out-of-the-blue one-shot success?

Barron is cool, collected and quite definite on this point:

• SOON

"We are NOT going to follow it up. It's as simple as that. Sure, there's going to be another single. I don't mean we're retiring from the recording side of things. But we're not even going to attempt to do anything remotely resembling 'Call Up The Groups.'

"We're doing a session fairly soon, and we've got a nice little song lined up as a possible. It's an American number which we've changed from a march to a dance tempo, and which we've been playing on dates for about six weeks now with good reaction.

"But it may not turn out to be our next release. We never know until we're actually in the studio doing takes. One of us gets the basic idea for an arrangement, and we all chip in with suggestions for knocking it into shape."

"But if we haven't achieved

anything reasonably good within about a half-hour, we ditch the idea. It's no good bothering with ones which don't click."

Whether that song clicks or not, the Barron-Knights certainly have. They will join the Light Programme's "Parade Of The Pops" resident team of the Bob Miller band and composer Dennis Piercy on September 9—the first group ever to win such a distinction on this popular long-running Wednesday lunchtime series.

Bob Miller has been singing their praises for months. I gather from well-informed sources, and producer John Kingdom had the idea of adding them to his resi-

dent line-up well before "Call Up The Groups" was ever recorded.

"It's not quite true to say things are still normal really," laughed Barron. "We've never worked so hard in our lives! Last week we averaged 19 hours a day, appearing on TV, pre-recording radio spots, and doing our usual one-nighter engagements."

"But we're all enjoying it immensely, and savoring the full fruits of success. We're getting status symbols, too. For instance, I'm carrying my bass guitar round in a proper case now instead of the usual cardboard box."

The Knights' next single will come out some time next month. Meanwhile, "Call Up The Groups" has been released in Germany and Denmark, and will be put out in the States as soon as copyright clearance has been obtained.

One-nighters for the boys include Stevenage, Luton tonight (Thursday), Peterborough (August 7), Dunstable (8), Isle of Wight (9), Preston (11), Leeds Majestic (12), Oldham Astoria (13), Cambridge, Dorothy Ballroom (14), Oxford (15) and Manchester (16).

Nigel Hunter

FESTIVAL MEANS A LOT TO MANFREDS

MANFRED MANN had just finished a great rip-roaring session on "Smokestack Lightning" when I met up with them last Thursday evening. But they still had enough energy to enthuse about their appearance at the Richmond Jazz Festival this weekend.

For that's one date, as I found out, that really means a lot to the Manfreds.

"You see," said Manfred, "The National Jazz Federation, who are running the Festival, really did a lot for us in the early days."

"The first time we had anything to do with them was when I wrote a few articles for 'Jazz News.' That was when we played modern jazz and we were trying to get London bookings."

"Anyway, we hung round their office waiting for someone to drop out of an appearance at the Marquee Club. Finally we made it."

"We're going to be working alongside Memphis Slim and Jimmy Witherspoon. Another

thing is that Chris Barber is on the same bill and we hadn't played with him since we did our first gigs in London ages ago."

"You know," Paul Jones said suddenly, "all this week people have been talking about us getting to Number One. And someone actually said we didn't WANT to be Number One."

The singer

"Well that's not strictly true. The fact is that it terrifies us. It's such a responsibility. For instance, that commercial sound is really hard to put out on stage because everyone expects it to sound like the record."

"And another thing," said Manfred, "On the record Paul does all the voices. Let's face it he's the singer. And the only one at that. Mike and Tom have to come on stage with the other voices and man they are just NOT singers."

MANFRED MANN—
"National Jazz Federation gave us a break."

"By the way, we've done our follow-up. Recorded it the other day. In fact, we'll be doing it on stage quite a bit soon."

P.V.



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THE BEATLES IN BOURNEMOUTH

DISC reporter Mike Ledgerwood

joins the
Beatles
backstage
at their
weekend
show

Mike Ledgerwood chats to John, Ringo and Paul in the dressing room of the Bournemouth Gaumont.



MIKE SMITH INJURED IN B'POOL

MIKE SMITH of the Dave Clark Five went out of action over Bank Holiday weekend after collapsing with an injured shoulder on Friday.

The remaining four members of the group carried on with the act that night, again on the Saturday and at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Sunday. Mike rejoined on Monday.

Mike injured his shoulder last Wednesday when the group was running from the stage door pursued by a crowd of fans.

Marianne film?

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Co-vent Garden Marianne Faithfull, who this week entered DISC charts at 28 with "As Tears Go By," will be making a film test with James Woolf—actor from "The Servants"—next week. Also next week she is recording a new single specially written for her by Kenny Lynch, and an EP of songs in French.

JIM REEVES WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

"I WON'T Forget You," the title of Jim Reeves' third Silver Disc success, took on tragic significance this weekend. For Jim Reeves died on Friday in the wreckage of his plane amidst the dense, remote storm-torn woods of Tennessee, heartland of the country and western music which he symbolized.

Once again the twin worlds of pop and country music have been paralysed by shock, horror and grief. Modern modes of transport are taking a terrible toll of talent. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Eddie Cochran, Big Bopper, Patsy Cline—the list gets longer.

Charm

Jim was 39, and a native of Panola County in eastern Texas. Although he had lived for some considerable time in Madison, Tennessee, he never lost that easy Texan drawl which added so much charm and effect to his singing.

Jim's first singing break came when he performed for the late Hank Williams at a concert.

His first substantial hit was "Four Walls," which placed him in the forefront of American country music.

Cliff, Shads tour to open at Luton

THE long-awaited tour that will take Cliff Richard and The Shadows to key towns and cities throughout Britain will open at Luton on October 19.

Other dates on the ABC circuit are: Chesterfield (20), Chester (21), Dublin (27 and 28), Belfast (29 and 30), Wigan (31), Edinburgh (November 4), Stockton (5), Hull (6), Manchester (10), Huddersfield (11), Gloucester (17), Exeter (18), Plymouth (19) and Southampton (20).

Further dates were being set at present on the Rank circuits. The complete tour runs through to November 22.

Appearing on the bill with Cliff and The Shadows are Don Arrol, Australian girl singer Fay Fisher, and an orchestra.

DJs' Night Out

PETER MURRAY and David Jacobs will team up for a humorous DJ sketch with Mike and Bernie Winter in ABC TV's "Blackpool Night Out" on August 23.

"Summer Spin" date switches

A PROGRAMME switch in "Lucky Star Summer Spin" brings in The Wolves on August 22, and The Swinging Blue Jeans on August 29—who star with Gerry and The Pacemakers.

The Clearways step into the slot vacated by The Wolves this Saturday (31). Also on the bill are Mike Samme, The Fourmost, The Merseybeats and The Rolling Stones.

August 15 features Cilla Black, Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde, Mansfield Mann and Brian Poole and The Tremeloes.

Bookings for August 22 include The Dave Clark Five, Kenny Lynch and Dave Berry.

Tenor Stan Robinson has joined Jimmy Nicol and his Shobobs.

Proby: 'A personal loss'

RCA Victor promotion executive Pat Campbell was a close friend of Jim's, and selected his British releases. He received a letter from Jim last Friday, the day of the crash.

"I'd sung a couple of choruses of a song called 'The Angel And The Stranger' to Jim when I visited him earlier this year," said Pat. "He was knocked out with it, and his letter told me that he and Chet Atkins had arranged a special

recording session for next week.

"Jim had always been looking for a Christmas song which could be 'White Christmas' or 'Mary's Boy Child' for him, and he reckoned he'd found it with this one, which was written by a Brighton woman called Freda Ann."

"Jim piloted himself and Dean Manuel around a lot," said Pat. "Dean lived quite near to him. I still can't quite believe what's happened."

But it has happened.

The only consolation is that his fans won't ever forget him.

NIGEL HUNTER

THE Beatles were watching TV in their dressing-room when I called in to see them at Bournemouth's Gaumont cinema on Sunday. And you would never think that they had just experienced a frightening few minutes trapped by scores of fans at the rear exit when they leaped out of a van to find the doors still locked—**FROM THE INSIDE**.

John Lennon told me: "It was quite terrifying. We didn't stand a chance. I suppose it was only a matter of seconds really before the doors were opened, but it felt like about ten minutes."

Backstage John, Ringo and George were relaxing in front of a huge television. Paul was in the wings watching some of the other groups running through their acts.

I asked John if it was true he was buying a £5,500 Rolls-Royce—the ultimate in status symbols.

"That right," he said. "But it's not really for me. It's for my wife and child. I don't drive, anyway. I was getting fed up with taxis and hiring cars to go out in the evenings, so I asked my accountant what I should get and he suggested a Rolls."

George Harrison remarked, semi-jokingly, that he was thinking of changing from his E-type to a Bentley or Rolls.

Paul joined us in the dressing-room. He was immaculate in a navy mohair suit with a pale blue tab-collar shirt and the inevitable Beatle boots.

Suddenly it was eating time. In came an attendant with a tray of salads and steaks for the boys—and cartons of orange squash.

In a flash, Ringo had forgotten the TV and was soon

tucking into steak and tomatoes. George and John—a salad—but Paul wasn't hungry.

"I'll have mine after the show," he said, making meal in case it was cleared away while they were at the cinema.

In between mouthfuls, The Beatles were cracking typical Beatle-type jokes and playful banter "mickey" out of Big Bill Corbett, their 17-stone chauffeur.

"Why did it take you three and a half hours for the two-hour journey from town?" asked Ringo, coming to life.

"Don't forget to get me some of that bread tomorrow," remarked George, finishing his salad. "And order Bentley tomorrow, will you?"

"He can't. It's a Bank Holiday tomorrow," John.

Jelly and trifle

"So what," said George. "I'm not buying it for breakfast!"

In a corner of the dressing-room someone was polishing four pairs of Beatle boots. And John had his second course—jelly and trifle—under a mat at the other end of the room.

He flopped into a chair by me and said: "I know that some newspaper in the States has got a story that I'm taking my old Ford over there—they say I'll get more for it because it belongs to Beatle. That's a laugh! I've never had a Ford in life. I've never had a car before, at all!"

U.S. ALBUM WILL STONE

Kidd is sacked from star show

JOHNNY KIDD, appearing with his Pirates in The Big Star Show at the new Rainbow Theatre on the South Pier, Blackpool, has been given four weeks' notice by impresario Larry Barnes.

Johnny will finish on August 29—three weeks before the season is scheduled to end.

Freestylers Ltd. are to do four quarter hour shows every Sunday on Luxembourg, starting on August 16.

George Fame appears on "Ready Steady, Go" next Friday.

THE LP that The Rolling Stones will consist of eight or nine tracks.

It is not planned to release another LP, which is being considered.

Gerry on RSG

BILLY J. KRAMER and The Nashville Teens appear on "Ready, Steady, Go" first anniversary show tomorrow. (Friday) Gerry Marsden will be interviewed on the programme.

Beatles jazzed up

THOSE Beatles have been taken for a jazz ride—on a new LP just issued in America on the Swan label! Titled "John, Paul and All That Jazz," it features 12 Beatle hits played in out-and-out jazz fashion by Roger Webb and his Trio.

BUT THAT TRIO IS BRITISH—AND WAS RECORDED HERE BY ANIMALS AND NASHVILLE TEENS A AND R MAN G MICKEY MOST.

"The album will be released in Britain on Parlophone the first week in September," said Mickie.

Comments DISC's Laurie Henshaw, who has heard the album: "It proves—if proof were needed—that The Beatles ARE writing GENE ONCE AGAIN.

"These jazz stylings by pianist Roger Webb and his Trio are going to bring The Beatles' numbers to a whole new audience of jazz fans."

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Eventually The Beatles had all got their trousers, shirts and ties on. Outside the fans were screaming for Paul and John. Inside the dressing-room Paul and John started screaming for fictitious "Geoffrey" and "Gladys."

John was tucking his shirt into his trousers when another deafening scream came from outside. He glanced quickly up at the room's open fanlight.

"They can't see in here. CAN THEY?" he asked me, fringing terror.

Next it was Beatle hair-combing time.

John ran a comb quickly over his. George ran his fingers through his and patted it into shape. Ringo just shook his head from side to side and left it as it settled.

Paul was laboriously combing his locks into place. "It's no good," he told me. "I'll have to dampen it first."

"What are we playing?" asked Paul, straightening his tie.

"Anybody know?"

"You got my list on the drums?" called Ringo.

"Let's do the Swindon songs," said someone.

On stage The Kinks were half-way through a number called "Smokestack Lightning" and soon it would be Beatlemania once more.

As holidaymakers stood six-deep amid about 80 police outside the cinema hoping for a glimpse of The Beatles, a group of casually-dressed young men skipped up the steps into the theatre.

Three of them were *The Bacharors*, who are appearing this week in Bournemouth—but the Beatle-preoccupied fans outside didn't even recognize them!

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will start cutting for the American market next week by the boys themselves!

BIG SALES OF CILLA'S DISC

"IT'S FOR YOU" is already on its way to becoming another smash-hit for Cilla Black.

An EMI spokesman claimed that the disc had notched up over 200,000 by Tuesday.

And Cilla's Liverpool stablemates, The Beatles, are also going like a bomb with their sales of the single and LP from "A Hard Day's Night."

The album has sold over 250,000 in Britain alone, and the single has passed the 665,000 mark.

An 'extra' label

A NEW label marketed by Transatlantic Records—who

recently launched their Storyville line—makes its bow on August 28 with a series of low-prize LPs costing only 21s.

Title is XTRA and artists included in the first releases are

Pete Seeger, Cisco Houston,

Sunny Terry and Brownie

McGee, Big Bill Broonzy, Art

Tatum, Memphis Slim, Sister

Bethel and James P. Johnson.



GEORGE, JOHN, PAUL and RINGO—that's the back of his head you can see—back in before the first house.

Col. Parker issues old Elvis disc

COLONEL TOM PARKER, Elvis Presley's personal manager, has given a cabled directive that a three-and-a-half-year-old track recorded by Elvis shall be issued as a single.

Accordingly, RCA Victor are releasing the disc, the old Johnnie Ray hit "Such A Night"—recorded by El early in 1960, and already available on an EP of the same title, and on an LP, "Elvis Is Back"—on August 14.

It will be backed by "It Hurts Me."

Leyton film

JOHN LEYTON has been signed to play the British Lieutenant opposite Frank Sinatra and Trevor Howard in "Von Ryan's Express," Twentieth Century Fox World War II escape drama, which starts filming in Italy on August 3.

DAVE BERRY

The crying game F11937



DATELINE NEW YORK

by June Harris

DIONNE WARWICK is fighting tough competition from Brook Benton on her version of "A House Is Not A Home," a Bert Bacharach composition, which marks a new release for both artists. The song, incidentally, is from the film of the same title.

While it looks like Benton is going to win, Dionne needs ery, as the flipside of her disc, "You'll Never Get To Heaven," is busting out all over the place, and could be one of those freak smashes that everyone dreams about.

FRIENDS on the inside tell me that Mary Wells is now pretty well set for a six-week tour of England in the Autumn, when she'll second top the Cliff Richard tour for Arthur Hewes. Mary has been dying to get overseas, and since "My Guy" afforded her

Searcher swings in

THE audience at the Coventry Theatre gave bass guitarist Frank Allen an encouraging welcome on Monday when he made his first appearance with The Searchers.

Frank gives The Searchers a new look, even if the sound is much the same. Whereas Tony Jackson held his guitar chest high, Frank prefers to play his red bass guitar on a long strap.

The number in which he comes into his own is Buddy Holly's "Listen To Me." It's a lilting number and his voice is obviously well suited to this type of material.

In the same show, which is to be a weekly variety attraction at other theatres, is Dusty Springfield whose performance is a cut above the rest, especially when she's swinging across numbers from New Orleans—"You're No Good," and "La Bambla."

Apart from her own hits, Dusty pays tribute to three other girls of the hit-parade, Kathy Kirby, Millie and Cilla Black—by singing "Secret Love," "My Boy Lollipop," and "You're My World."

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SBJ CHARTBOUND AGAIN WITH DRIVING ORIGINAL

Kenny Lynch

What Am I To You; That's What Little Girls Are Made For (HMV POP 1121) ***

WITH Meany, Shuman and Westlake as collaborators Kenny wrote What Am I To You in the pattern set by Bacharach and David for Miss Warwick. Works well for Kenny, too, and he sings the ballad strongly in a rousing orchestra and chorus accompaniment from Harry Robinson.

Second side's cute and catchy with Kenny double-tracking and getting girl group assistance.

Johnny Milton and The Condors

Cry Baby; Her (Fontana TE 4481) ***

THIS four-strong group from Essex will make quite an impression even though they've chosen a song that was out on disc not so very long ago... Cry Baby. Milton and the guitars and drums behind him manage to whip up a nice noise that ought to register all right.

But moves to a gentle Latin beat and is sung with some oo-ing gimmicks to catch the ear.

George Martin Orchestra

Ringo's Theme (This Boy); And I Love Her (Parlophone R 5166) ***

GEORGE MARTIN has arranged and directed two of the melodies used in The Beatles' film "A Hard Day's Night" for this orchestral single. Ringo's Theme (I prefer the original This Boy title) has always struck me as being one of J and P's best efforts and it goes well here.

And I Love Her is an attractive melody given a tender Lata lope by Martin with strings sweeping away above clip-clapping rhythm section.

Sammy Davis Jr.

Not For Me! Bang! Bang! (Reprise R 2029) ***

THE idea behind the Davis composition Not For Me is unbelievably close to the famous standard But Not For Me. I find this fact rather galling in a way of assessment, though Davis eventually overcomes this with his warping blues vocal. Mouth organ backs him up expertly on what must be one of Sammy's most commercial performances.

Bang! Bang! one of the Calm-



RALPH ELLIS of The Swinging Blue Jeans leads an appreciative ear as Steve Keith Richens strums his guitar.

Van Heusen songs for the film "Robin And The Seven Hoods" is a smooth finger-pick effort, almost a burlesque within a burlesque.

Betty Everett

I Can't Hear You; Can I Get To Know You (Stateside SS 3211) ***

THE Gerry Goffin-Carole King composition I Can't Hear You as sung by Betty Everett is one of those you-can't-sit-still recordings. Hip, toes, fingers all get to twitching as she plants this ballad splendidly.

Hope Miss E. DOES come over here—a personal appearance could

push a disc like this way up the lot. Can I Get To Know You is slower, interesting.

Bo Diddley

Mama Keep Your Big Mouth Shut; Jo-Anne (Pye-International N 2228) ***

BO offers a steady stomp buster Mama Keep Your Big Mouth Shut and it'll please his fans here. But I don't know whether it's the sort of song to put him in the Thirty-Less commercial than some of Diddley's R & B work, it'll be interesting to see what reaction it gets.

Jo-Anne is faster and comes with a repetitive lyric loaded with beat dance references.

Danny Williams

The Seventh Dawn; The World Around Me (HMV POP 1125) ***

DANNY'S version of the new teen cult title track The Seventh Dawn has the velvet clarity we've come to expect from him. I'm not sure that the song is actually one to bring him back to our parade, but he tries hard. Ivor Raymonds

pushes a disc like this way up the lot. Can I Get To Know You is slower, interesting.

Watch out for new boy Scott

Simon Scott—Move It Baby; What Kind Of Woman (Parlophone R 5164) ***

—The pressure is on to make Simon Scott a disc force in the land. Be interesting to see if it succeeds. Certainly the 18-year-old singer has plenty of personality on record and he chants Move It Baby more than competently. Sounds as if he'll improve too. Don't be surprised to see this among the sellers.

THE TIMES—With All My Heart; The Magic Of Our Summer Love (Cameo Parkway C 9197) ***

—The following ballad With All My Heart is given a Latin slant by the vocal group on this release. Typically velvet noise from The Times for a performance that's bland, bland, bland.

THE FAIRIES—Don't Think Twice It's All Right; Anytime At All (Decca F 11943) ***

—The following ballad With All My Heart is given a Latin slant by the vocal group on this release. Typically velvet noise from The Times for a performance that's bland, bland, bland.

THE KINKS—You Really Got Me; It's All Right (Pye-Corine N 1567) ***

—Middle rock from The Kinks as they present a choicer repeater called You Really Got Me. Some gimmicky tribal noise may get sales too. It's All Right is a little wilder in the R & B mould.

KRIS JENSEN—Come Back To Me (My Love); You're Only

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PROBY'S COMMERCIAL P. J. Proby

Try To Forget Her; There Stands The One (Liberty LIB 5537) ***

THIS is the release from Proby which P. J. Proby has been grubbing around a bit. But I don't think his new-found fans, nor EMI, are going to have any complaints.

Try To Forget Her is a slow, warping border shot through with wobs. It was written by the disc's producer, Dick Glaser, and Proby's dramatic vocal is accompanied by the Johnny Mann Singers.

Something photy, but undoubtedly commercial at this minute. Second side offers a country croon.

guitar for the turnover's Sing A Song Of Sadness... a slower folk item.

Ottilie Patterson

Tell Me Where Is Fancy Breed; Oh Mr. What Eyes Hath Love (Colombia DB 7321) ***

OTTILIE PATTERSON picks up where Vera Lynn left off with the Merchant Of Venice... Tell Me Where Is Fancy Breed... and turns the verse into a click, quick jar song. Brisk and jingley too.

The second slice of Shakespeare is adapted, to my mind, even more cleverly. Here Ottilie comes herself into the slow sultry New Orleans blues and is brilliantly backed by husband Chris Barber's jazzmen.

Nat King Cole

Manhattan; More And More Of You (Angus 15157) ***

EMI song Marnie seems to carry some echoes of "Laura" yet it's a sunnier ballad. Nat sings it with wolve tenderness making it a song that may stand a chance away from screen context.

At the very least you'll go back for further spins. Latin dance on the turnover is presented easily by Ralph Carrichael's big band belt.

Swinging Blue Jeans

Promise You'll Tell Her; It's So Right (HMV POP 11227)

ON the upper-half of their new release the Swinging Blue Jeans feature three voices in harmony and they sound good and strong, too. The song "Promise You'll Tell Her" is a steady driving original that'll get under your skin pretty swiftly.

Ralph Ellis is prominent on guitar on both sides... and for the turnover "It's So Right" Ray Ellis takes the vocal. This is a bouncing beater that comes across edgy, but without quite the inventiveness of "Promise You'll Tell Her."

I can't see them having any problems about making the Twenty again.

gives him a sweet-sounding orchestral backing. Bit surprised incidentally to hear Danny reworking "Get a Date Towards The Close" for a note towards the close.

The World Around Me is a straightforward ballad.

Nola York

I Don't Understand; Here I Stand (HMV POP 1126) ***

NOLA YORK is a new girl on the disc scene and one about whom I can't make up my mind. I like the voice, but I'd also like to SEE her work before committing myself to any big forecasts.

One thing I'm fairly certain of is that this debut could take her comfortably towards the best sellers if it is given sufficient air. Her voice is round and confident.

The ballad I Don't Understand is her own and it's worth spinning if

HIT FOR STEVIE

Stevie Wonder

Hey Harmonica Man; This Little Girl (Stateside SS 3232)

THIS time I think Stevie Wonder ought to push his way into our parade. "Hey Harmonica Man" is certainly the most readily commercial of any disc he's sent across the water, though not necessarily the most exciting.

He works here with chords and does more mouth-organ blowing than singing. But the tone on this Tamla-Motown production is extremely infectious and you'll find yourself clapping along with it long before the finish.

"This Little Girl" has more fire in the boy himself. A surging rocker.

in short... in short... in short... in short... in short...

Watch out for

new boy Scott

moves gently and sadly through the easy-going ballad Come Back To Me (My Love) and it may give him his biggest seller on this side of the water. Tunes' very familiar. Soft, slow, sentimental second side, So-So.

JOHN LEE HOOKER—High

Priest Woman; Sigma G.T.O. (Liberty LIB 5570) ***

The Little Old Lady (From paradise) maintains Jan and Dean's motorcycling trend. This old girl can't keep her feet off the accelerator apparently, and the duo chant her story hopefully. The drifter sings continuously with My Mighty G.T.O., which I find mighty DULL.

TED HEATH—Saturday Night

Beat; Theme From "The

Carpenters" (Decca F 11945) ***

—You'd recognize the A-ha-

ha intro from Bernice's late-

night TV show. Makes a punchy swing-along for the Heath music with the brass enjoying themselves.

DEAN MARTIN—Everybody

Loves Somebody; A Little Voice

(Decca R 2028) ***

—Some

of Dean's best sales come from

his show business pals impersonating Dean Martin. In many of the shared rhymes of Everybody Loves Somebody for example, this is a gentle romantic ballad likable produced.

TRENDSETTERS LIMITED—Hello Josephine; Move On Over

(Parlophone R 5161) ***

—Good performance by the group of the

Fats Domino item Hello Josephine. They clasp and play firmly with a few whoops thrown in. Move On Over is presented steadily enough, but without excitement.

PETER HARVEY—Big Man; A Big House; Date With A Willow Tree (Columbia DB 7331) ***

Peter Harvey has a warm deep voice ideal for the warm doo-wop dialogue from another Western territory. Big Man In A Big House is one of that. Date With A Heartache is another sentimental offering in the doom.

TORNADOS—Exodus; Black

pool Rock (Decca F 11946) ***

—Jimmy O'Brien leads the instrumental group play the doo-wop Exodus. Past the main mark voices are faded in for extra drama.

It's a good sounding production.

It's good for the familiar melody, and

it's good for the storm of applause from the audience in the South Pier Theatre, Blackpool.

EARL JEAN—For Iolo Sam-

thing; We Love A Red Rose (Colpix PX 729) ***

—Cochlear Earl-Jean (yep, it's a girl) sings a Gerry Goffin-Carole King number Iolo Something Good with the easy flowing manner that seems to come naturally to the current crop of American groups.

It's an easy rhythmic side on the cut.

hear Animals' new single

AST week, behind closed doors in a Mayfair office, I attended a record session that divided the answer to the big question posed by thousands of DISC readers. Just what are those Animals going to do for their important follow-up single to their smash hit "The House Of The Rising Sun"?

And, believe me, that new single IS important. No one likes this more than The Animals themselves and their A and R man, Mickie Most.

Under the facts: Not only The Animals hit Number One in DISC's Top Thirty, they won a Silver Disc for a million sales in Britain, and, immediately after, they too to conquer the charts in States, where that "House" and the half-million mark just days after it was released

Vital

Meanwhile, the new single is being compared with "House Of The Rising Sun." So The Animals will record—like any chances with that follow-up? That is why Mickie clamped security iron curtain be played me the new The Animals will record—only on August 11—at that session" in his office on third floor of a block in New Bond Street. Naturally, I'm pledged to keep a secret—just in case other rival group tries to pounce—and "The Story Of Bo

Diddleley." This last one is the story of rock 'n' roll, and brings in a gentle Animals' send-up of The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, and Bobby Vee.

With some title changes, the album will be released here in November. But "The House Of The Rising Sun" will definitely be on both American and British albums.

Mickie Most is not letting The Animals play their new single before they get into the recording studio. They will have about four or five days to rehearse it—then it will go straight into the can ready for issue the first week in September.

Laurie Honshau



THE ANIMALS—American number for their new single.

WHEN THE PENNIES ALMOST BECAME 3d!

THE FOUR PENNIES, currently riding up DISC's charts with "I Found Out The Hard Way," were almost reduced to The Threepenny Bits at lunch at a television studio last week!

The studio was the BBC TV "Top of the Pops" headquarters, and the Pennies were worried because guitarist Mike Walsh had been rushed to hospital early in the rehearsals for the show.

Penny Lionel Merton told me: "Mike has been in great pain from several stings on his eye and he's gone off to hospital to have them looked at. It started yesterday and they have been extremely painful."

The remaining Pennies were worried that the hospital might keep Mike in and prevent him appearing on the show. "I had a word with the producer and

he said that if Mike couldn't return I could ask my brother to stand in for him. My brother's name is Neil. He's 16 and had a day off work, so he came with us to the show."

Luckily for the Pennies, however, Mike returned to the studio half-way through the rehearsals and in plenty of time for the performance.

Right now the Pennies seem set to repeat their "Juliet" success with their new one. It's already climbing the pop chart, thus establishing the Pennies and proving they have staying power.

They have an EP out now and are working on their first LP.

Drummer Alan Buck told me over a hasty meal in the BBC canteen: "We've been working on the LP for some time now and we've already got five or six numbers for it."

"We've got six more tracks to do. We are trying for a well-balanced selection of numbers—we're hoping to do a bit of every type of music we can play."

The matter of their next single is also being considered by the group. Alan told me that it will probably be an up-tempo beat

number to get away from the ballad tag.

"We've got a couple of things in mind, but you never know. Lionel and Fritz might come up with a better just before the session and we could record that. They've got a habit of doing things like that."

Alan revealed that The Four Pennies may be moving to London.

"We are looking for a flat. We spend so much time in London these days it will be far more convenient than staying in hotels, which we do at the moment."

The Pennies' tour of Sweden has been postponed, Alan told me. "But there's talk of a trip to South Africa and possibly Australia," he said. "But nothing has been decided yet. We will just have to wait and see."

Alan Walsh

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THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS wrote both sides of their new disc in the middle of a lake! It happened five weeks ago when the boys were over in Ireland and using Dublin as their base.

They got so used to chin-wagging till the early hours of the morning with characters like Dominic Behan that it quite shattered them one time when they returned to Dublin to find the rest of the "regulars" hadn't turned up.

"By now," say the SJJs, "we were used to staying up late, we couldn't sleep. So we thought we ought to have a go at a tune or two."

Next day they went out on a boat, carrying the acoustic guitar that travels everywhere with them, and promptly polished off "Promise You'll Tell Her" and "It's So Right." Talk about pooling your ideas!

And there's no double-tracking on the new disc . . . for a purpose. The Jeans want to be able to perform the songs in ballrooms and on the stage exactly as they sound on disc.

Tornados cut
it live

THE TORNADOS originally put the film theme "Exodus" into their stage act only because organist Jimmy O'Brien insisted that it would make a good item for the group and it went into their performance for the show at the South Pier Theatre, Blackpool. It immediately became the biggest thing in the act. Without exaggeration it got a round of applause from folk standing up in the auditorium. And this has been happening

practically every night without fail.

Joe Meek heard the news, flew up to Blackpool to see for himself, and recorded the number "live" in the theatre the following day.

★★★

NOLA YORK is a Liverpool 22-year-old who went to the same art school as John Lennon and his wife Cynthia. But Nola can do more than just paint a pretty picture and sing a pretty song. She also holds certificates for piano and for ballet dancing. And she came to London last September to attend drama school.

There she met actor Glen Stewart and they began writing songs together. Pan Music sug-

gested they ought to make a demonstration disc of some of their work. Nola recorded "I Don't Understand". Robert Stigwood heard the demo disc and figured he need look no further for someone to sing the song!

Although she's never sung professionally before, Nola, I'm told by musical director Alan Tew, made the musicians sit up and take notice at the session.

Her ambition now is to write a stage musical.

★★★

SIMON SCOTT came here two years ago from India and is having a tremendous sum of money spent on his music world launching by the Robert Stigwood office. They think he's going to be massive and they're willing to lash out to prove it.

His real name is Archie Richard Angus Scott and he used to keep pet snakes.

Scott's debut disc "More Baby" has helped to underline the early similarities between himself and Cliff Richard.

Quite similar in appearance, Richard figures in both Simon's and Cliff's debut disc: "Move It!"

And the Stigwood office is prophesying a "Wonderful Life" in the business for Scott.

'Old' hit for Bachelors? *(Continued from page 1)*
THE BACHELORS have broken away from their habit of reviving old favourites by releasing an A side that carries a new song. But it's still an old song to them!

How come? Because they recorded it over a year ago! It was one of a batch of tracks which the lads made at a Decca session way back in 1963. Then, nobody considered it to be the next single.

right sort of singles material to them to put out.

A few weeks ago the Boys and The Bachelors were playing through all the old tracks which have accumulated from sessions. And suddenly one—! Wouldn't That

For The World—stuck in. They can't explain it, it seemed to be a natural fit.

A SWINGIN' TIME



All the U.S.
DJs want
the Animals'
'House'

THE ANIMALS look like being the next British group to make it Stateside. Even the most blasé of them have been ringing MGM and begging for a slot in "House Of The Rising Sun" for the programmes. Also, The Swinging Blue Jeans are in the charts with "You're No Good" even though it was a very recent hit with Betty Everett.

Although rumours about Mary Wells leaving Motown are flying around, the company have stated very firmly that Mary is still

edited by
MAURICE CLARK

under contract to them and they have sent out telegrams to record companies that have been negotiating with her to take them out of her contractual commitments. Remember The Platters? So long ago this wonderful group were never out of the charts sellers in all countries. Well, they are back on top again and very strongly indeed. P.S. I Love You."

Five years ago Paul Anka was Number One in the charts with "Lonely Boy," now a million pounds and an international career richer, he returns to try to make it with his latest, "In My Generation."

* * *

BRENDA LEE was so thrilled when she heard Chuck Berry had written a song named after her, telling her life story! It's the B-side of Chuck's latest hit, "You Never Can Tell" which has leapt into the charts, and could have been the top side almost. And it's Chuck singing blue beat.

MGM are to make several new TV series based on some of their most popular films of the past, including the "Andy Hardy" series which used to star Mickey Rooney and "Meet Me In St. Louis," one of Judy Garland's biggest successes. They will also turn the recent Elvis Presley "Kissin' Cousins" into a series without Elvis. The show will star George Hamilton, who has just finished the Hank Williams life story.

Mills arrived in New York, the was met by Harry C. Kaufman who presented her with the largest lollipop ever. It measured eight feet in length and had to be brought to the airport in a special truck. Shirley South has rejoined the Republic label and her first

CABLE FROM AMERICA

The talented ROULETTES are a fair judge of talent themselves as you can see from the girl they picked as one of the winners in the Miss Margate contest.

Relaxing for JOE BROWN means a quiet spot of shooting — in the proper outfit, of course!

reviews... reviews... reviews... reviews... reviews...

LIGHTNIN'S GUITAR REALLY THRILLS

**Lightnin' Hopkins
Brownie McGhee
and Sonny Terry**

BLUES HOOT (Stateside SL 10076) ***—Backing one side of Lightnin' Hopkins by one of Brownie and Sonny wasn't a brilliant idea; Hopkins's blues in its rawest form; Brownie and Sonny bring a degree of sophistication to their interpretation. Normally I would go for the two duellists above all else, but here it's Lightnin's superb guitar which thrills most.

This session was recorded "live" at the Adel Grove in Hollywood and there is that air of informality always delightful in folk-blues presentations.

with Horace Silver—in fact, he did the vocal version of "Sense Blues." Now he's a solo artist and is teamed for this LP with the Peterson Trio.

The opening You Are My Sunshine is a real swinger. The Lamp Is Low goes, too. But the rest of the album is disappointing. His up-tempo tracks are infinitely more

successful than his ballads, most of which are duds.

I found myself concentrating on the Peterson, Ray Brown, Ed Thigpen backings, which are a constant delight. Peterson, who can sound so busy as a soloist, makes a surprisingly helpful accompanist.

**Shorty Rogers—
Gerry Mulligan**

MODERN SOUNDS (Capitol T 2023) ***—My critical judgment of this LP must, by necessity, be somewhat clouded by nostalgia. Because it comprises two

of the very first 16in. LPs I ever bought.

Sub-titled "Avant-Garde Jazz Of The Early '60s," it features on side one, the original Shorty Rogers Giants (Shorty, Art Pepper, Jimmy Giuffre, Hampton Hawes, Shelly Manne, etc.).

Side two features the strangely unembodied Mulligan Testeado with less solos and greater emphasis on ensemble sounds, with greater depth than the Rogers group, largely because of the larger instrumentation.

If you can afford this, you'll soon see why we knew those arrangements inside out. T.H.

Keith Smith

Jazz Band

MINSTREL MAN (77 Records 77-LEU 1229) ***—I know Keith Smith: I admire his one-track determination to put New Orleans

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revival jazz permanently on the map.

Unfortunately, while his intentions may be high, the musical ability of the band leaves much to be desired. The band has little individuality, and its rhythm section plods.

ONE OF THE GREATEST

Martial Solal

A T NEWPORT '63 (ORCA Victor RD 7614) ***—France has produced a number of outstanding modern jazz pianists. Probably the most soulful is René Urtreger. But the most gifted, technically, has always been Martial Solal.

Algerian by birth, Solal ranks with the world's best. America has recently discovered him and these tracks were recorded at last year's Newport Jazz Festival. Solal is backed by former Charlie Parker bassist, Freddie Kotick and Bill Evans' drummer, Paul Motian.

Majority of the tracks were taped at a pre-concert rehearsal and phoney applause has been added. Solal's brilliance is beyond dispute. I found Salt Peat Pie Fries especially fascinating.

**Bill Henderson—
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BILL HENDERSON, OSCAR PETERSON (MGM C 559) ***—Henderson used to sing

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BARRY JENKINSI am

... 19-years-old and play drums with the team.

I wear

... comfortable clothes and boy mainly casual gear.

My kind of music

... is modern jazz and the sort of jazz called "mainstream." Among my favourite musicians are Jimmy Smith, Grant Green and Shelly Manne. He's a great drummer.

My hobby

... is collecting records—and particularly unusual sounds on records—and buying clothes. I don't get much time for anything else.

I eat

... mainly Chinese and Indian food. They are my favourites, although I also enjoy a good Sunday roast dinner.

JOHN ALLENI play

... lead guitar with the Teens. I'm 20-years-old.

I eat

... salad, mainly. I like a salad with everything in it. I also like good Chinese curry.

I listen to

... all kinds of music as long as it's good. If it pleases me I'll listen. I like Mastovani, George Shearing, Charlie Bird, Chet Atkins, Les Paul and Andre Previn.

I own

... a 1954 Armstrong-Siddeley car which I bought as a wreck for £5. I've done it up and had it re-sprayed and now it's running fine.

My hobbies

... are playing the guitar, collecting records, swimming and woodwork, which I still do when I get time.

JOHN HAWKENI play

... piano with the group. I'm the tallest Teen and the only one who wears glasses. I'm 24-years-old.

I eat

... Indian food. I'm mad on very hot curries. I also eat a lot of fruit. I find it helps to keep me healthy in a tiring business.

My type of music

... is what I call "vintage rock and roll." The type played by

I wear

... smart suits mainly, but also some casual clothes.

Sports I like

... are stock car racing and motorcycle scrambles, but very little else.

I hate

... travelling.

I'm an addict

... to tea. I drink it by the gallon.

PETE SHANNONI play

... bass guitar.

I listen to

... a wide variety of music. I like classical composers like Grieg and Ravel and I also like Ray Charles and The Ralettes. I like modern jazz, big bands (Basie), Tall Fashions and Nelson Riddle.

I like to try

... unusual food. I look at

menus and pick the most unusual dish—and usually come off worst. I also like Chinese and Indian food.

My clothes

... don't follow fashion. I wear what I like, usually good suits, well cut.

I relax

... by swimming, underwater fishing and archery.

I would like

... to learn to fly. I'm hoping to learn soon at a nearby airport. I once nearly joined the Air Force. I wanted to be a V-bomber pilot, but they only offered me a navigation job so I didn't join.

RAY PHILIPSMy tastes in music

... are varied—jazz and classics and country and western. I particularly like John D. Loudermilk and Carl Perkins.

My hobbies

... are camping and climbing.

I like to camp abroad, and I've already been climbing on the Isle of Arran.

My clothes

... are mainly casual. I don't dress up unless the occasion demands it.

I love

... driving. I've got a Volkswagen at the moment.

I like

... sensible conversation with girls.

I hate

... people who gossip and noisy neighbours.

Sports I like

... are running and rowing. I used to be in a rowing club at Walton-on-Thames.

I am

... 21-years-old.

ARTT SHARPI am

... one of the vocalists in the group.

My kind of musician
... are vocalists like Elton John and Brook Benton. I like modern singers and small groups like Art Pepper.

I eat

... anything savoury. I like sweet food and I'm right chips! I like sea food.

I go

... to the cinema a lot. I like to be alone when I watch films. I like mainly war films like "Longest Day" and "Port of Call."

I drink

... good draught beer.

I dislike

... girls who smoke. I smoke myself. I also plastic crockery in cafés.

My ambition

... is to be a rich dad with independence—and a dog!

The sport

... like swimming. I like any of the others.

DAVE CLARK CHOOSES "TAKE FIVE" AS THE BEST

DISC reader names Dave's car

"TAKE FIVE"—that's what Dave Clark is calling his E-Type Jaguar, following the competition run by DISC for readers to name Dave's new 150-mile-an-hour car.

The name was picked by Dave from hundreds provided by fans who bombarded the DISC offices with postcards when the competition was announced as Dave left hospital after his recent illness.

He took delivery of the Jag the same day, and it is now up at Blackpool with him, where he and the Five are starting at the Winter Gardens Pavilion.

Lucky winner of DISC's novel competition is A. K. LEVERS, of Camel's Head, Plymouth, who will now receive two LPs of his own choice.

group's two road managers in Blackpool.

Says Dave: "I've put hardboard all along the sides and back of the garage—just so I don't scrape the Jag. I built it in as if it were made of gold!"

leisure

So far, Dave hasn't had much time for leisure activities between sessions at the Winter Gardens. He has been so busy with TV work. When I spoke to him, he had just returned from a "Top Of The Pops" show in Manchester. And he had made the trip there and back by plane.

"We chartered a little five-seater," said Dave. "It took only 20 minutes to get there."

Last Friday week we across to Radio Caroline interviewed—and I took over control of the plane.

"I would like to get a pilot's licence—but there seems time to take on something like this. Especially with Hollywood film coming up."

"I haven't even been to Blackpool—the tide pool far out. I would never get in sea! But I shall be doing water-skiing."

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