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PETER GORDENO—Tipped for the charts with his first disc.

GORDENO ACHIEVES AN AMBITION

SINGERS wanting to act are two a penny. Actors wanting to sing are few and far between. But DANCERS who want to sing are probably the rarest of all the more credit, to them, to dancer Peter Gordeno, the 22-year-old who has first hit for the charts, "You're Following Me," was tipped by Don Newell as a good Twenty bet. It could have been worse—he won't find Peter hanging around awaiting results, he's off to the West End now. For the past four months, Gordeno has been appearing in a production of "The successful West End musical, 'Do Re Mi,'" which, of course,

stars Max Bygraves, and another EMI artist, Steve Arlen. In fact, it was through Steve, and another young singer, Dick Jordon, that Peter got his recording contract. It was while he was appearing in the role of Peter that S. Newell, then Peter Gordeno first met composer-singer Dick Jordon.

Says Peter: "He helped him a lot. I sang one of his own songs called 'Whenever I Dream' at the time. He liked it so much he demoed it to Steve Arlen, who passed it on to Norman Newell for me. Peter had already made this disc. Peter achieved the second of his two

**Cliff's 'Young Ones' sets
an all-time record****OVER 500,000 ADVANCE ORDERS**

CLIFF RICHARD has this week made British disc history by becoming the first of our own stars to have a record go straight to the top of the charts, and also by being the first star, British or American, to exceed the half million mark in advance orders for a single.

The disc in question is, of course, "The Young Ones," the title song from his current film, *Surrounded By Girls*, which, incidentally, is breaking records, beating the record previously set up by Elvis Presley with "Surrounding," advance orders for which were a mere 431,000, earns Cliff Richard the TENTH Silver Disc that we have had the pleasure of awarding him.

By the day of release, last Friday, advance orders for "The Young Ones" had reached \$24,000, and EMI stated on Tuesday that sales were then well over the half million mark.

Cliff's previous best single for advance orders was just under 200,000, "I'm Young Again," released in November, 1960.

EMI anticipated a big demand for "The Young Ones," but they had not expected it to be as huge.

Ron White, EMI Sales Manager, told DISC: "We never had a demand like this before, but as long as we know what's coming we can take care of it."

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On *Tuesday*, *Presley's "Rock Around The Clock"* for release tomorrow (Friday), had chalked up advance orders of 290,000.

**'Roustabout'—title
of new Presley film**

THIS is the title of Elvis Presley's next film, for which he is to make his debut, to be made later this year, is "Roustabout," and it was written by Alan Weiss, who also wrote "Blue Hawaii."

According to Paramount, music will play a large part in the film.

**Bilk takes
his Silver
Disc**

ACKER BILK, who last week became the first trap band leader to top the charts — with "Silver Fox" — has just received yet another honour on Friday when he was presented with a Silver Disc for the record.

The presentation was made by E.M.I. Chairman Sir Joseph Lockwood on behalf of DISC.

The occasion, with Acker's typical comments, is on page 2.



(DISC Pic)

PETER "You're following me"**GORDENO**

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Parlophone Records

Life is tough in the Marines



Solemn moment for the Brothers as they take the oath of allegiance.



Heavy artillery holds the limelight as Don and Phil tour the camp.



A six months contract to sign, for the lowest wages they've received in years.

... but we're
enjoying it, say
Don and Phil

IN four and a half months the fabulously busy Brothers will be released from the U.S. Marines. Just six months after they enlisted, Glen and Alan Acker and their wives are back home in the drawbacks. For the next seven and a half years they will be on call as reservists, which includes annual two weeks training camp. This means, however, that the boys will be free for tours, films and recordings.

Their release is in accordance with the orders of the Marines—“from American service” does not mean on a full two years national service.

After the tour in America, the two brothers are now completing their six weeks basic training at the 8th MM Battalion, San Diego, California.

As reservists they joined the Marines on November 25 last year, and since then life has pretty tough.

Acker says thanks for 'dis disc'

It's wonderful, dad, just wonderful. I'm going round in circles again."

This was Mr. Acker's reply to his son's telephone call, body of pent music and show business, when they met together at EMI's Maida Vale headquarters. Glen and Alan are a bit more notable for achievement in being the first brothers ever to top the hit parade.

And so, of course, to another record deal, this time with Joseph Lockwood, to present them with a Silver Disc for their won for "I'm Not a Queen." On The Show.

The taxi remark refers to the brothers' first record, "I'm Not a Queen," which the Ackers were travelling inside a London cab when he said it. They had not even written their second record, "I'm Not a Queen," when it was recorded by him very soon after.

The Ackers had been staying with their mom at a hotel in the capital.

When the Silver Disc was originally presented, it was simply "Jenny."

Now, as the day dawns, the Ackers are off to see their mother again.

Although Acker is certainly the first lead singer to occupy the No. 1 spot, he says, "The No. 1 spot, you could not be termed bad by any stretch of the imagination. I am very sorry that my Silver Disc had come for a second time."

No, Max, I don't mind. I'm just very pleased that it's happening again, and the taxicab driver must have had a hat in the window because, well, with him in it—Oscar Lees, who originally signed it—"Jenny?"

Pleased

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In his new single will be a tragic tale, probably a solo, but also Acker, who has signed another contract for another film. The TV serial "Stranger in the Land," which is due to begin in April.

NIGEL HUNTER

Early start

Their day starts at 4.30 a.m., with morning revitille course, exercise and the cleaning up of barracks.

Fifteen minutes for breakfast follows three aerobics classes and close door drill. With guitars exchanged for hootwicks the boys then let rip on the range.

But the Brothers love this hard training. "We're having the best moment when they're sleeping under the stars," says Phil.

Phil puts it, "We enjoy the hill country of the South and love the outdoors. We're getting a lot out of our time out of doors. We're developing muscles on our feet."

But in the six short weeks they've been in the Corps they have really got themselves into a scrape.

Slaughtering!

"It wasn't our fault, but we were summoned from a court martial hearing," said Phil.

"We stopped to watch, and were ordered to press-ups for slacking on duty."

The boys are allowed no visitors, no phone calls, no writing.

But circumstances won't always be this bad for the boys as the Brothers discovered and some of the restrictions will be lifted.

When they are released in May, the Evelyn Brothers intend to make a cross country series of records, and with some TV thrown in.

In the meantime, they cannot wait to get home for the rest of their absence, and the first of these, "Crying In The Rain" was way down the chart. "Now that this comes out of the 'hit parade,'" they may only have a matter of weeks left to serve.

JANIS HARRIS

Post Bag

Each week an LP is awarded to the writer of the Prize Letter . . . and once a month there is a bonus prize of a Ronson lighters/ashtray set.

HOWLERS

WORKING in a record shop, I often get asked for title howlers.

But the one to "cap" them all, was that on our Christmas album, "The Story of Doug Sheldon's latest" Mother I Heard You Singing In Your Kitchen."

VARIOUS artists, Valerie Higgins, Valerie Hodges, Valerie Devorn, Valerie Matley, Valerie Deneva, Valerie ...

BEAT FILMS

I WAS pleased to read of the two new twist films soon to be on general release. It's been a few years since we last had good beat films of the calibre of "Dance, Girl, Dance."

Perhaps we are due for an influx of good, clean rock, a film without the slightest tint of trifle, something that would make us sit back and remember. —D. A. RUSSELL, 66, Primrose Hill, London, N.W.1.

SOULD OFF

READING your mail blast off in response to Dan Nicholl's obvious desire to recording artists writing their own material.

It's about time! And such artists as Buddy Holly, Paul Anka, Jerry Keller, Marry White, Neil Sedaka and Roy Orbison are doing well.

But many others have succeeded through writing or helping to

It's entertainment we want—not art

On a recent TV programme, Bernard Braden sarcastically remarked that he wanted to see a big improvement in teenage musicals. In 1962, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Ted Heath have also contemptuously condemned pop music.

What do these people expect from teenagers? Meurs, Turner and Heath are only the latest in a full group of music, which comes only from years of experience.

One cannot expect a youngster to have the same musical taste as those people who buy it, automatically. In rock, etc., he finds a means of expressing the great vitality of youth. —P. McBRIDE, 128, Boundary Street, Liverpool, S.

PRIZE LETTER

BEST YET?

MANY people have said that Vera Lynn's record of "From Tomorrow" is her best.

I am delighted to hear it being played on all the record charts.

If it is not a hit for Miss Lynn, one will have the satisfaction of knowing the BBC have done their job well, and of course for playing A-F. E. BARBROOK, 4, Mount Street, London, W.1.

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realized that this occurrence is not a sign for pride, but a danger to our future. We are in danger if we are in danger of losing a star to America.—MILES BINDON, Redhill Farm, St. Albans, Herts.

UNDER FIRE

I T'S time to bring back Good Intent, an express adverse criticism of the up and coming pop stars and trad jazz artists of today, and give a further "darling" exponent of modern jazz, Dave Brubeck, the chance to favour us with his views.

With Elton, Presley and Cliff Richard.

I wonder if Jack's theory about modern jazz being more popular than trad will be proved correct. I doubt it, not with Acerik Milk as a trumpeter, or with the Red Hot Chilli Pipers as a band.

Elton, Presley and Cliff Richard, and with the possibility of Terje Lyngstad singing them.

With the GOLDEN GLEAM, 72, Tapster Road, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hants.

See Jack's Good's column on page 5.

UNDERRATED

THANK YOU for your recent article on the Black & White Brothers. Of all the names in the trade during the past 15 years, they have come to the fore during the last year. They are the ones who have been the most underrated, as all their discs since "Say You Love Me" have been.

I was amazed when I heard "I Want You," and when I heard "I'm a Woman" for the first time.

I did not show in the charts, and after hearing that first LP, which I consider equally good, of singing ballads as well as beat.

I wish they are in a class of their own and keep it up.

—CHRIS RALPH, 12, Burwell Avenue, Greetsiel, Middlesex.

—OLIVER COOPER, 16, Alexandra Road, Whitstable, Kent.

—MY AWARDS

A keen record buyer, may I say a reader of this column, has a few personal favourites who have stood out in 1961.

At the head of the year was

"Walking Back To Happiness." Personality of the year was Helen Shapiro, and Performer of the year was Chieftain. The Tint, Helen Shapiro, The Temperance Seven, LP of the year, The Young Ones.

Also made the year's

—EVIE BEFFER, 5, Redrow Road, Meols, Hoylake, Cheshire.

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JOSE**
JACK ROSS
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AMERICAN

TOP DISCS

Last This Week

2	1	The Twist	- - - - -	Chubby Checker
1	2	The Lion Sleeps Tonight	- - - - -	The Tokens
3	3	Walk On By	- - - - -	Leroy Van Dyke
4	4	Ran To Him	- - - - -	Bobby Vee
5	5	Can't Help Falling In Love	- - - - -	Elvis Presley
7	6	Peppermint Twist	- - - - -	Joey Dee and the Starliters
5	7	Please Mr. Postman	- - - - -	The Marvelettes
8	8	When The Boy In Your Arms	- - - - -	Connie Francis
12	9	Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen	- - - - -	Neil Sedaka
16	10	I Know	- - - - -	Barbara George

These were the twenty numbers that topped the sales in America last week (week ending January 6).

Last This Week

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19	11	Moon River	- - - - -	Jerry Butler
9	12	Goodbye Cruel World	- - - - -	James Darren
10	13	When I Fall In Love	- - - - -	The Lettermen
13	14	Unchain My Heart	- - - - -	Ray Charles
15	15	I Don't Know Why	- - - - -	Linda Scott
16	16	Revenge	- - - - -	Brook Benton
17	17	Till	- - - - -	The Angels
18	18	Let There Be Drums	- - - - -	Sandy Nelson
19	19	There's No Other	- - - - -	The Crystals
20	20	Small Sad Sam	- - - - -	Phil McLean

ONE TO WATCH

Little Bitty Tear	- - - - -	Burl Ives
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**DOUG
SHELDON**

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CLIFF RICHARD

ON A STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT

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The Young Ones

WE SAY YEAH

(both from the film "The Young Ones")

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TOP TWENTY

Compiled from sales returns from all over Britain
Week ending January 6, 1962

Last This Week	Title	Artist	Label
1	The Young Ones	Cliff Richard	Columbia
2	Let There Be Drums	Sandy Nelson	RCA
3	Stranger On The Shore	Acker Bilk	Columbia
2	Johnny Will	Pat Boone	London
5	I'd Never Find Another You	Billy Fury	Decca
4	Moon River	Danny Williams	HMV
6	Happy Birthday Moscow	Kenny Ball	Pye
8	Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen	Frankie Vaughan	Philips
5	Tower Of Strength	John Leyton	London
10	Multiplication	Bobby Darin	RCA
18	Run To Him	Bobby Vee	London
11	So Long Baby	Del Shannon	London
17	Song, This Is She	John Leyton	HMV
14	Let's Twist Again	Chubby Checker	Columbia
13	Goodbye Cruel World	James Darren	Pye-Int.
16	Language Of Love	John Leyton	Loudermilk
—	17 The Lion Sleeps Tonight	The Tokens	RCA
18	Walk On By	Leroy Van Dyke	RCA
15	I Understand	The G-Clef's	Mercury
11	Toy Balloons	Russ Conway	Columbia

IT'S DISC HISTORY

In comparison with the immediate achievement of CLIFF RICHARD'S "The Young Ones" it is going straight to Number 1 everything else in the relevant chart seems almost insignificant.

This success will undoubtedly give a terrific impetus to British records and makes the first weeks of 1962 a time to remember in British pop music.

CHUBBY CHECKER, whose recent visit to this country had undoubtedly been responsible for his success, pushed "Let's Twist Again" into the chart. It is in the top ten for his release of "The Twist," has topped the American chart, and now also makes disc history this week for, in the short space of just over a year he has

managed to get the same disc, "The Young Ones," into the American Top TWICE.

It is good to see that "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by THE Tokens has reached the chart at last after having been stuck at 17 after having been around for nearly two months.

ACKER BILK and PAT BOONE seem to have reached the peak and are slowly dropping, but BILLY FURY is still moving up and RAY VEE has climbed a further seven places to number 11.

JOHN D. LOUDERMILK is showing a remarkable "Language Of Love," and JOHN LEYTON seems to be holding his own well.

Another new entry this week is LEROY VAN DYKE'S Country-style "Walk On By," which marks the festive season is over, must be numbered.

"TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, THIS DISC HAS EVERYTHING"

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JIMMY BREED LOVE

"YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME"

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JOE BROWN WAS HAPPY—UNTIL I MENTIONED DISCS

JOE BROWN and I were having a swinging time... surrounded by friends, the jokes were flying, the laughter contagious. And then there were those who weren't in the circle. He was irrepressible... on top of his game. But then, when we were alone I mentioned one word.

"You can take it from me, mate. I'm what you might call frust-
ated over there. I'm not a bit
of a problem and I just don't
know what to do."

In the past, Joe, I know, has had

some tough luck with the

all seem to go down very well,
but what I should do is terrible.
Joe recently signed a make-
records deal under the direction of
Audio Enterprises, the company headed by Philip Wadde-
man, who has already signed up
Pat Eden Kane into the charts.

"I've got a couple of numbers

you'd really know if they will
be acceptable," said Joe.
"But you know, you can get so
close to it that you just don't
know what is right any
more."

Joe suggested to me that

YOU, the readers could give
him a lot of help. "Males I
can't tell them else other
than that I don't know what
to do. Couldn't we ask your
readers? You're Following Me!"

I really would appreciate their help."

**SO THAT IS JUST WHAT
WE'RE GOING TO DO.**

Joe after a few years learning the
business, he's now a pro. He's
tire enough to do almost anything,
but he'd like advice from you on just what he

should do. If you'll write your suggestions,
and a postcard please, and send
them to me at the end of the
column, I'll make sure they
are passed on to him.

After the record deal, Joe has
made the best and most
constructive criticism, DISC
will receive an EP of the
winner's choice.

The address: Joe's Hit DISC,
E.C.A. Fleet Street, London,

England. All postcards must be
received by January 24.

John Wells

Shadows are perfectionists— they even had doubts on 'Apache'

THE Shadows are perfectionists, and as perfectionists there has never been an occasion when all have been satisfied with anything they have done. Peter Cetera, the band's six-foot odd frame rocked around the "Oh Boy" studio. But the Shadows, who have made no instrumental discs, why not?

"We don't know, I suppose there must have been a good reason but we did not want to do it. On his show stage Ed and his group, his Braves, do some rock, rhythm blues, ballads, comedy numbers. They're perfect," says Norrie. "It

is never unanimous. Every hit

they have had, one of them said that he wasn't happy with it before it was released.

"Then there was the scepticism over 'Apache'. Norrie went on, "In fact," he said, "there was a moment when we were thinking of making 'Quatermass' Stomp'—the eventual reverse side of 'Apache'—at first, then on further reflection it became obvious that 'Apache' deserved the title more."

"There was no unanimous agreement among the boys that 'Apache' was perfect, but it was a big hit."

Agreed

"I can remember the recording of 'FBI,'" said Peter. "They all felt it was a bad record, but they all said it was a bad record. So we didn't release it straight away. We had a number of opinions about a record full consideration.

Later EMI released "Man Of Mystery." Later Norrie asked them to review their ideas again. "They all agreed that they agreed that it should be released. Well, it was a big hit."

"People always say something of theirs is a bad record then they mean that it is not longer than 'Apache'. They are wrong," said Norrie.

Despite Hank's scepticism over "The Savage," said Norrie,



NORRIE PARAMOR
Criticising a number
recently.

It hit the top sales bracket.

"But we don't worry about what people think. We have a number. This is healthy. It's good that they should talk. It's good that they should disagree. It's good that they should have their own strong themes and weaknesses that it may have been a good record or not."

"Norrie is very good when we get together on sessions."

"Norrie is very good on sessions," said Norrie. "He is typical of recording session work. He is always fun," he said. "We try to make it a happy, panty atmosphere at a recording. Of course, we take it very seriously. And he keeps keenly interested. They are there to make as good a record as possible."

"When they arrive at the studios they are always carrying their cameras. All are keen photographers. It is difficult to get them away from their cameras in order to rehearse."

"They walk in like a satan, laughing and shouting. They sit around their keyboards and carrying guitars and amplifiers."

"They always sit head for instruments that are not their own," said Norrie. "Hank, will dive for the drums, another for the xylophone. We have to get them to sit down before a session actually starts, at least two of them will be played being played."

Composers

"Hank or Brian will be composing a new theme on one of them," said Norrie. "And then they will observe it and then hear what they have composed. Before you know where you are going to go, they will say that they have come to record and are intent on their new found theme."

"As composers they are very talented," said Norrie. "but you can't hear them. They are good for sixteen bars and then it's all over and they don't know how to finish it. I don't mind this. I good that they should experiment. I like them to look for something new."

"There are a lot of things that I want them to do. I don't want to change their sound but with their combination of instruments

STAR TALK

He performed last weekend, Fit as well with a little less cash in his bank account. Did you know that Roy Orbison's dad is a big oil driller, who has spent almost his complete life searching for black gold in the oilfields of Texas?

When father wasn't drilling, he played the piano, and he taught Roy to do the same. Now Orbison's junior has struck gold for his father, in National's recording studio.

I CAN now tell you that for *Billy Fury*, film debut, in "Play It Cool," the star of a beat group leader who meets up with a runaway girl at an international airfield.

His adventures take him to London, where he finds that where *Heinz Shapiro* comes in — as a pugilist in a production scene set in Paris.

Pat Boone's contract with 20th Century-Fox is soon to be terminated, and the film is worth \$1,000,000 over seven years.

It was dated in 1956 on the basis of one movie a year.

Harry Belafonte had his first taste of success as a pop singer.

He got into folk singing until he'd opened his own night club in New York, and on the idea of running folk songs featuring himself, he got a shot at it himself, with the result that he's probably the most popular today in folk singing since he was ever 45.

Jane Harris

The fans said yes, so Como cut the record

THERE'S rather an interesting story attached to the latest Perry Como offering, and you're following me?"

Eyes Of Blue," and the S. Actually it's been kicking around for some time now. It's now beginning to show some signs of movement—when I heard it, it flipped

do a whole lot of practicing before they mastered this dance. (In fact, it's harder than it looks.)

But there is no intention of showing up Chubby Checker, the star of the show, on the steps in between takes.

The result you can see for yourselves, although the boys are still convinced that if Grandpa have any sense they have got to do the sequence up by now.

Even if you are running

a million a week, it doesn't

have to much time to spend it.

Edna Kasse managed to take a few days off at the beginning of January to earn the benefit of the earnings in the last year. She kept a diary in a lady in Paris.

But in actual fact the lady was a widow, and she had a son.

It seems that Edna

promised her mother that if she got a hit record in the Twentieth, she would take her

on a Paris spending spree.

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Jane Harris

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NEW POPS

THIS WEEK'S
TOP SINGLE

Cliff
Richard
AND

The Shadows

The young ones
(from the film)

COLUMBIA 45-DB4761

PETER GORDENO
You're following me

PARLOPHONE
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PAUL HAMPTON
Nothing's impossible
(if you really want it bad enough)

COLUMBIA
45-DB4755

TEDDY JOHNSON
and PEARL CARR
Be mine

COLUMBIA
45-DB4764

JIMMY JONES
Mr. Music Man

M-G-M
45-MGM1146

H.M.V.
45-POP965
LEE and PAUL
The happy gondolier

THE LETTERMEN
When I fall in love

CAPITOL
45-CL15235



ADAM ★ CLIFF ★ BILLY ★ ELVIS

I've been shod the line so often that rhythm and blues has lost its credibility to material like "When You're The Girl In Your Arms" or "The Time Has Come" and "There Will Never Be Another You" that I almost begin to believe it.

I've nothing against this jingly music. It's good of its kind and it's taken over the market. But when you shove a few good R & B discs on the turntable and the pretty staff has put the hard stuff out of business is ludicrous.

The more I think about it, the more you consider that the high priests of the recording industry, Cliff, Adam, and Billy, privately prefer the rhythm and blues.

Prfer it, did I say? They're crazy about it. They'd love to record it, but they don't believe there's a big enough market for it. The same is true of Elvis.

Now there's something cock-eyed about that. When Cliff, Adam and Billy all like the same kind of music but don't dare to record it.

I believe that the vast majority of their fans would be delighted if those favorite singers took the chance and made more of the material they personally enjoyed, rather than the stuff they have been led to believe their fans want.

After all, Bobby Darin isn't doing bad just because of the Charlie kind. Chubby Checker has two big sellers currently—and any of the four boys could produce a hit record of the same at that game.

Why don't they, then? First, there's the money against the R & B material. Secondly, the fans don't make them wish for a change. Thirdly, the English stars are concerned that they are afraid that it is impossible to get the right sound in this country.

A problem

This is, I admit, a big problem. However, if the fans at Holloway Road, and Jerry Johnson can get it in, so can the others. That's why the other studios can't get it, too.

Of course, there's the perennial vocal group snafu as well.

If some enterprising agent were to give Cliff, Adam and Billy a break and let them have six hours studio time and a free hand with material and arrangements for purely experimental purposes, I'm sure it would pay handsome dividends.

confidential about recording the sort of music they love.

Meanwhile, there's no reason why you have to have a vocal group. Give Cliff, Adam and Billy a break and let them have six hours studio time and a free hand with material and arrangements for purely experimental purposes, I'm sure it would pay handsome dividends.

So square

WHY groups so overpoweringly square? I wonder? This question ought to stand by the current record charts of the Kaye Sisters ("Mistakes") and the Beverley Sisters ("The Water Or The Wine").

The Kayes ate punchy and the more punchy but both British to the core.

By that I mean that they people like Valerie rather than people like Anna.

Warmish, Bloodless.

Compare these with the group from America, The Marvelettes, who have "Please Mr. Postman" at the top of Stateside charts.

With The Marvelettes are perhaps less punchy, but more like, word, what personification, what living and breathing girliness.

The Kayes are consistent man is a dead end. And there are enough bigoted people around to insist that they display their disdain from the neck up. So this was a new advance in stereo.

A change

I've never understood why it's reckoned to be the woman's privilege to change her mind.

It's not. I mean, a man and child, should make a habit of changing his or her mind about something every day. When a

man stops changing his mind he starts getting old.

It's not being inconsistent, being accused of being inconsistent.

I say one thing, the next week I say another. I don't mind. I should jolly well hope not. The Kayes are consistent man is a dead end.

And there are enough bigoted people around to insist that they display their disdain from the neck up. So this was a new advance in stereo.

All this is working up to a complete contradiction of my previous pronouncement that R & B will give way to modern jazz.

OK. I admit I've changed my mind.

When I wrote that article I believed it implicitly. But I was probably suffering from a fit of homesickness. Now, with the overdose of Del Shannon, Bobby Vee and Chubby Checker and other polluted feline performers.

Blues accentuated by a mournful, like, falsetto, and the defection of our erstwhile champion, Elvis Presley, whose latest single, "I Want You Bad," can only be described as appallingly.

These are fairly understandable examples of a jaundiced view of female psychology. You, too, are suffering from a melancholy musical homesickness. Jet set, baby. If you're feeling pick-me-up you play yourself, Chris Kenner's "I Like It Like That," or "I Want You Bad."

The Shirelles' (London) "Sticks And Stones" by Ray Charles (MCA), and anything by T. S. Bonds. You'll soon feel a day night better.

While records like these are still being pressed the thing just can't be got out.

THE KAYE SISTERS
punchy and British to the core (ABC TV pictures).

They like R'n'B—but don't dare to record it
says JACK GOOD



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ADAM WADE
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BBC TV try out teenage pop record series

ISC jockey Jimmy Savile, together with BBC TV producer Barney Colehan, has devised a new 30-minute閒eage programme and the show has already had a pilot edition

the BBC's Manchester studio.

It is intended that it will be seen on Friday evenings at 9 p.m. and will have a durable reaction by BBC viewers in Manchester. To date, 10 days of filming have shown a London selection committee that the BBC with a view to launching the show in "Teenager and Twenty Club" was

before a live audience.

The idea of the show is to present a record programme on a particular emphasis on "Twist" and to have the dancing or listening in the discs.

best star

It is to be a guest star every week, who will go into the studio, and then give away a completed copy to the person the most deserving reason for it.

The show has a club atmosphere with a particular emphasis on "Twist" and to have the dancing or listening in the discs.

Kenny Ball booked for 'Stars'

FOLLOWING their spot in "Sunday Night at the Palladium" this weekend, Kenny Ball and his group in "Thank Your Lucky Stars" on February 17.

Also lined up for Kenny Ball is a television programme in Germany, the tour is due to start in Berlin on April 10.

Kenny Ball and Jacqueline are to be the resident group in a new BBC Light series of programmes called "Giant Steps". The first will be due to commence on January 17, from 5-5.30, and will run every Saturday evening until March 10.

With the Jazzmen will be Clinton Ford and there will be a guest with them each week. Jacqueline is the singer in the first programme and Carol Simpson in the second.

Owing to their Palladium Show this Sunday the band will be unable to take part in one of the two consecutive evenings of the programme. This is the one scheduled for January 31. Their place will be taken by Alex Webb's Dixielanders.

ENDA ON TT TV

ICCA singer Collins Collins appears in "Type Tops TV's Singing At Heart," on January 13, 20 and 27, in "The Cool Spot" on January 20 and "Talent Spot" on January 27.

He has cabaret engagements at the Manchester Cabaret Club during the week commencing January 13, and at the Royal Club beginning February 1.

At the end of that month he is due to appear in three editions of "TV's Here Today."

iris, Lonnie date

TEST bookings for ABC TV's "Thank Your Lucky Stars" have been confirmed by Brad Newman, Dennis Day, The Kaye Sisters, and Iris, Williams, Peter Elliott, Miller, The Allisons, The May Leaf Singers, The King Brothers and Costa (20); and Des Morris, Carole Carr and Mike and the Jazzmen (27).

ABC's new pianist, MRS. MULLEN, can be seen once again last week with A & R man Norman Newell (left) and MD Geoff Love. Titles to her record is to be released tomorrow (Friday).

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PAT BOONE TO TOP PALLADIUM TV SHOW

PAT BOONE is to top "Sunday Night at the London Palladium" on January 21, four days after he arrives in Britain with his wife and daughter at Shepperton.

Shapiro for 'Club'

The Springfield's film "Sunday Night at the London Palladium" will release there next month. It is to be made for Seven Arts, who will release the film in America.

Tommy Sharpe, the songwriter of the American release, but the reverse. Her latest Jack John single, "Let It Ride," has had to be withdrawn from British release because its title does not meet stage laws.

London has substituted a single by another British songwriter called "Swanee River Rocket."

Show disc changed

THE publishing restrictions placed upon American songs in this country prior to the shows' production here have caused London to re-compile a single by new American hit-parader Jimmy Hendrix.

At the time of going to press, Hendrix had not been recovered, but Terry is still available. The single will be re-issued under the title "I'm a Youngster, You're a Fool" for a February 4 appearance on "Thank Your Lucky Stars."

PLUCKED ?

PYE singer Terry Young has two guitars worth £100, stolen from him while he was appearing at a concert at Finsbury Park, London, on Friday night.

At the time of going to press, neither had been recovered, but Terry is still available. The single will be re-issued under the title "I'm a Youngster, You're a Fool" for a February 4 appearance on "Thank Your Lucky Stars."

Pet Clark release

TOMORROW (Friday) Pet Clark releases a new single by comedian duo Miki and Griff. The single is "Little Bitty Tear," which has been recorded by Bert Ireson.

In the same release there is another disc by Petey Clark (Brown) with the song which she was recording when DISC interviewed her.

Pye's Piccadilly label is releasing a single by comedian duo "Thinn Chow Man" and a humorous follow-up to "Big Mouth" (see page 11).

On the Reprise label tomorrow there is a new single from the 20th Century-Fox musical "Smash-Up! Pocketful Of Dreams."

DORITA Y PEPE, half hour

DRORITA Y PEPE, currently appearing in cabaret at the Jack of Clubs, will broadcast an extra feature on the show's "London Mirror" this Saturday.

From 10.30 to 11.30 pm, 26 present a 30-minute evening programme for the Home Service, consisting of records of the latest songs which they brought back from their visit to that country last summer.

Stompers in demand

THE Clyde Valley Stompers have been booked for four live appearances on Tyne Tens TV's "Fellin' at Heart," following a successful appearance on the show some time ago.

Dates fixed are January 17, 24, 31 and February 7.

Other dates for the Clydes include Wolverhampton (12), Oldham (13), Redcar (14) and Ipswich (15).

Top US MD for 'Birdie'

ONE of Hollywood's best known musical personalities, John N. Green, has been appointed conductor and music supervisor for "Bye Bye Birdie," which is to star Jean Leigh.

No title has yet been named, but the film is due to start shooting in Hollywood in the spring.

IN SHORT

LYN' CORNELL has recorded three titles for Decca, and decided to make the most suitable for the top slot on her new release on that label. It will be released on January 20.

She has been invited to go to Germany to record numbers in German for Decca's associates.

HAVING teamed up with Alice Cooper, trumpet star Nat Georgiou again is featured on "Tired" on January 10.

SINGER Vince Eager plays his home town of Liverpool on engagement in his home town on the 2nd when he appears on the bill at the Grosvenor Hotel, Liverpool, on Temperance Seven on January 19.

THE Five-Rekkers make their second visit to the Channel Islands on January 22, and are due for a date at the New Theatre, Guernsey.

INDIAN singer Roily Davis, who took up the Twist before it achieved its present popularity, is now in great demand for demonstrations. He appears on this capacity at a charity show at the Royal Court, Liverpool, on January 20.

Craig Douglas stars in "Light Programme's" "Easy Beat" on January 24, and records a second single for the BBC General Overseas service on February 2.

THE AVON stars at Manchester Central Club for their first concert, beginning February 25, and at the London Palladium on another week beginning March 5.



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Lonnie goes Mexican—for another hit

RONNIE DONEGAN

The Comeback King Round (PG N 15410)

DONNIE switches his color to something with Mexican overtones in "Mexican Chorus." Tony Hatch directs the bucking song with typical enthusiasm for the setting. Lonnie's guitar is tried and tested, and I think he sounds a hell of a lot like himself. He should have another high rider as a result.

LONNIE'S "Bambino Round" is taken from his own greatest hits and the title goes well with the other half of the release. Simple tunes will find friends on its own.

PETER ELLIOTT Tread Softly Stranger (Foster PG 379) ***

AMUSING ON THE SWINGER is a very modest version of the old country tune. What about "The Old Country Sailor?" John Law is responsible for the arrangement. The band supplies a break swinging background while the solo singer adds to the song's mood.

TREAD SOFTLY STRANGER by contrast is a slow sentimental ballad which Elliott performs quietly and sincerely.



BRAD NEWMAN—A hard struggle at first.

Brad can make it with his own song

Brad Newman

'Somebody To Love'

BRAD NEWMAN is a 22-year-old Welsh-born singer who studied at the Royal College of Music and at the Leeds College of Art. He had wanted to sing, but his parents thought he should disband him and Brad had to leave home. He joined a vocal group who were looking for a piano player.

He was told he could do all the jobs he could sing as well, and they finally let him have his way, although he had to promise not to allow himself to sing harmony. Brad was 16 when he joined The Kingsmen, a local group who recorded a few songs before BCB TV's "Drumbeat."

Eight months later, the Kingsmen left the scene, and it was then that Brad Newman started taking up songwriting seriously. He was given a guitar and he did receive some encouragement from his mother, who was now also his manager.

For a time he got a job as a piano player with a quartet in the Ian D. Wilson band, but he soon realized he would sing out a couple of solos, so he recorded some demo discs for music publishers.

It was through this work on demo discs that he came to the attention of a major record company, who immediately put him on disc.

J.H.

BROOK BENTON
Revenge! Reality, Reality
(Mercury AMT 1160) ****

STRONG influences from Brook Benton's singing help him to the sort of sales he deserves. The title song is a real tear-jerker with the water. Powerful performance of a good lyric idea is accompanied by a good arrangement, and a fine lead for the musical director.

REVENGE! Reality more pronounced, but intriguing in its own way. Benton sings it soulfully.

DAVE APPELL
Happy Inner Nations
(Capitol PG 1279) ***

DAVE APPELL and his orchestra present version on another pleasant occasion. "Happy One" charms us to the end, and the chuckling glockenspiel is present, too.

NATURE'S WAY is a quick, lively instrumental offering from the Atlanta-based Wally Stell. Tuned percussions and studio help for toe-tappers.

ADAM WADE
Preview Of Paradise
(GMV PG 960) ***

A DAM WADE sings with straightness and conviction. This is what that was nearly a toe-tapper.

WILLIAM H. COLE
Winter
(GMV PG 960) ***

A DAM WADE sings with straightness and conviction. This is what that was nearly a toe-tapper.

MARTY WHIE
Come Running; Baby
(Mercury AMT 1160) ***

LILYING beats a fast tempo for Marty Whie. "Come Running" is fair material, but the vocal delivery doesn't much better than this sound before me. Otherwise, the band and group solos are nice for the accompaniment.

EYEWINKLE is a slower and perhaps more melodic version of "Baby."

SHANNETTE EARL
Shalom I When You're In Love
(Philips PG 1279) ***

ROBERT EARL has a voice to the score in good voice for the Broadway show called "Shalom." His band and group accompaniment doesn't add much to his voice. Marty's kind of music is on the way back.

LAUGHING GIRL follows performances on the other side as Earl sings When You're In Love to orchestral and vocal group accompaniment.

FATS AND THE CHESSMEN
Big Ben Is Back Again
(Mercury AMT 1160) ***

HAD A TWIST Had A Twist
(Mercury AMT 1160) ***

SIMPLIFIED AND STYLIZED Sings the Big Ben Twist to me. Fats' singing is good, though. Rayburn may be topical—and cleverly appropriate for London—though I'm not sure he'll really enjoy the side. It sounds much too much like a record.

BACK TO THE FARM for yet another version of Old MacDonald. This time it's the Brook Brothers with organ and saxophone carrying much of the load. It's a good record, though, when they're not changing.

REG OWEN
Hello There! Go High Life
(Philips PG 9030) ***

REG OWEN and his orchestra are a bit dated with a Hawkins-like shake, that's what we get here. The vocal is strong and comes from the nose and there's no doubt that it will cause a stir for devotees. That said, however, I find too shiny.

GONNA HIGH LIFE also gives the dancing class a bit more room than the upper side with vocal group providing in here and there some harmonica.

PHIL FERNANDO
Do The High-Life / High Life Girl
(Mercury AMT 1160) ***

PALLETTE is a song concentrating on the High Life that we've heard many times on the decks. The lead says that the day after Christmas, he'll be back. Well, I'd hardly call 54, Fernando a new year.

HE SINGS LOUDLY here and gets a bit of the fun of the dance party. Girl group chimes along in the accompaniment.

TONY SHERIDAN AND THE RUMBLE KIDS
My Romeo / The Saints
(Mercury AMT 1160) ***

TONY SHERIDAN and his boy who sings and plays a

DON NICHOLL'S DISC DATE



RONNIE DONEGAN is backed by Tony Hatch instead of his own group on "The Comeback."

RATINGS

*****—Excellent.
****—Very good.
***—Good.
**—Ordinary.
*—Poor.

And the really hot records that look like spinning to the top are marked by D.N.T. (Don Nicholl Tip).

desire of their romantic opponents. **BETTY BOOP**—Sweet and sexy jazz pose with Tony Hatch for a good part of the material which could sell nicely over a medium-tempo blues.

NON-STOP YEAH—Nowhere else have you seen a more designed for background music.

JIMMY BREEDLOVE—You're Following Me, Fabulous Another version of "Yeah Yeah." A Following Me is a useful record for the juke box, but there's no doubt that it's a good record.

CAN I GIVE YOU THE STAR—Indeed, it could also grow on many ears. Shouting rock held on the spot first took the stage.

CLAUDE KING—Come Get Over Me, Ophelia!—Ophelia! (Mercury AMT 1160) ***

PIHL GREEN'S title theme for "The Other Side" is a good one. It opens softly with whistler and bass, Hatch gradually draws the rest of the melody into the vocal line, and makes the walking pattern a bit more rhythmic.

For the other side, Tony has the jazz with rhythm which has been the secret of his success. "I Can't Get Over The Way You Are" is also good, though more mournful by King for the other half.

THE PECCADILLY STRINGS—Non-Stop, Ya! (Mercury PG 5507) ***

AND MEAN IT—Ophelia! (Mercury PG 5507) ***

HATCH composed for the **King** "Talk," A pleasant, The BROOK BROTHERS performed their latest single on last week's "Thank Your Lucky Stars."

TUNE AND TREATMENT back track can be good, but it's not always stepping too deeply in the idiom.

NEVER SAY AGAIN—in a slow tempo, this one could all right but the barking sentiments may be better.

SHADING holds Win Or Lose is probably a fairly straightforward reading.

SUE THOMPSON—Never Again (Philips PG 1279) ***

IF YOU HEAR Son's version of "Never Say Again" will know where to go. And Meany's will know where to go.

JOHN LEWIS—Good performance. John D. Loudermilk's composition is not so measured as her previous ones.

TIME TO COME—This Time It's Love (Mercury AMT 1160) ***

JOHNNY KEATING is turning out some fine songs with good accompaniments these days. The band and vocal are good for the **Time To Come**.

BRAD NEWMAN—Somebody To Love (Mercury AMT 1160) ***

WANDA JACKSON—In The Ashes (Mercury AMT 1160) ***

SLIDE—Logging County and Jackson—in The Middle Of A Heartbreak—We've had little to complain about here since the days of the empires in this department, but this one is a good one, with good approach, and the nasal sound.

I can't complain.

TONY BREDFEELD—It's a harsh, fruster number which Wanda sings with all the gravel her chest can hold.

MEGUE SISTERS

I CAN DREAM CAN'T I (Old Devil PG 2744) ****

REVIEW OF "I CAN DREAM CAN'T I" is taken from a slow romantic beat. The girls with their good voices add here and here again they achieve a strong commercial effect.

There's been some of their recent releases if you're interested in them.

THE JACINTA ORCHESTRA—

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BROOK BENTON . . . at home in America the fans swarm round, but over here?

Why isn't Benton a hit here?

asks Nigel Hunter

IS 1962 going to be a Brook Benton year in Britain? Having made some inquiries on the subject, I've found that practically everybody hopes it will, but nobody is sure of it beyond a shadow of a doubt.

The continuing lack of real solid success for Benton discs in our charts has been a matter of concern. His singles he's had chart in the States with reliable regularity, often scoring double success with both sides of the single. In the top twenty and the flip winning a rating rather far down in the top 100.

Over here, however, Brook just doesn't seem to be able to break the jinx hampering him. He has had a few hits, but none of our charts with numbers like "So Many Ways," but has not had a single entry in the top three.

Liked by DJs

No one is able to give a definite reason for this lack of success. Disc jockeys and British artists enjoy his work, and the former play his records regularly, especially as soon as they come out. But still they don't take off.

R. Squires (exploitation manager of the Marconi label at EMI) is well qualified to speak on the plugging aspect because he is a "house" fan myself, and took a lot of time and energy on Brook's records.

"Disc jockeys love him and are only too pleased to play his records. I think his appeal is universal, and there is no reason why his work should."

"I don't think we know enough

about him or are conscious enough of him yet."

"His songs are terrific, and I think he has a truly great voice. I feel he might be more successful if he varied his songs a little more."

"I liked Brook's 'Hell Weevil' a lot, but I don't think he should do anymore like that. If he continues along this line, he'll have appearances and if he did some more up-tempo discs, I think he might win the place he deserves in our charts."

So it seems that Brook must start the hit parade swell-off in person first and go for the more rhythmic kind of music for his discs. Perhaps 1962 and "Revenge" will mark the fulfillment of both conditions,

"right kind of songs and singing them extremely well, but he doesn't believe the public here are really aware of him yet."

Not known

Maybe he is not glamourous enough for us, and maybe a visit by him with all the attention he gets abroad would establish him as a name. I don't agree with the theory that he is too mysterious, though. There is no truth in that idea at all.

Brock has a lot of fans among the ranks of British Leyton, who agreed with Don Nicholl on the question of Brook's name value here.

ONE PERSON who ended the day with things in general was Frank Walsh of EMI, R. Squires' studio executive.

Reason for his satisfaction is the very healthy state of sheet music sales compared with a shiny new one. "It's the return of 'rhythm and blues' talent to the pop scene is being reflected in sheet music sales, and the increasing sheet music sales, and the trend will continue."

He reckons the biggest sheet music for 1961 was "Cross My Heart River," which is still going strong.

Frank is very anxious to persuade record dealers to start stocking the appropriate sheet music, with the hit records to try to get nearer the good old

Allison sons confident about new single

WE have recorded a number that we think will put us back in the charts," It was John Allison talking immediately after leaving the recording studio where he and Bob had finished their new single.

Their new single is from the Cliff Richard film "The Young Ones" and is called "Lessons In Love." The Allisons say the arranging and providing the backing. It is to be released on January 20.

"This is a different kind of number for us," John told me. "It has more of a beat and a driving rhythm than anything we've done before. I think it's like doing . . . It is the type of number that comes naturally to us. I feel confident that it will give us another chart hit, and it will change the feel of a hit song in the charts."

Despite the lack of a really strong name to carry the chart racing The Allisons' staying power has been phenomenal.

"Our last single, 'Lessons In Love,' came in at No. 11. Now even The Allisons realize that to get a number into the Top Twenty again is important. Will 'Lessons In Love' do that for them?"

Chart song

"Without a doubt this is a chart song that is quite different from anything we have done in the past. It has a catchy and a unique tune, and it's got a nice arrangement. As you can tell we are very excited about it."

The "B" side to the single is a number called "Oh My Love" and was written by John, who is the real songsmith of the group.

"It's a hill-billy style of

THE ALLISONS "Lessons In Love" is their latest release.

parts all ready and had planned the coming tour we were going to do. "The came in and said, 'Are You Sure' in the Eurovision-contest, and we were very surprised. We had been up with several others to A and R man Bakerstock. He said, 'Are You Sure?' and one he said, 'Yes.' We had written the number some time ago and had shelved the number. You've got to hand back a jacket. Know what he was talking about."

"With this success we decided to go on with the tour, so we left our passports away and cancelled our trip. As we had glad we didn't go. We haven't really looked back since."

Peter Hammond



SHEET MUSIC SALES GO UP AND UP

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1962 should get off to a flying start for them too. On Friday Jack Heath at Good Music in Islington, where the disc jockeying competition is held, announced that he had signed up President Nakamura, judging by current releases on "Good's" record label, Palito.

There's "The Highlife" and "Highlife Girl" by Phil Fernando and "Gone Highstyle" by Reg O'Connor. The title of Reg's coupling is "Hula Twist," though, so if you want some high life twisting the juke, you know what to do.

THE New Year has brought one change and one arrival in the sheet music field. The Saxon movie from Lorna Muir to Dick Masters and the new from "Masters" and the new from "Dick" will be available in EMI's new edition.

The EMI outfit is Ron Grainer's theme for BBC TV's "Comedy Playhouse" series, "Happy Joe."

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