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Kenny Ball is offered big U.S. trip

KENNY BALL, whose "Midnight In Moscow" is number 10 in the American best sellers listed by "Cash Box," is now almost certain to visit the States later in the year—possibly in the summer or early autumn—for personal appearances and television shows.

Karp, officials responsible for issuing "Midnight In Moscow," have, now issued Kenny's first LP in the States. It has the same title as the record and includes four of his most popular numbers from his various albums here.

Also in line for Kenny Ball's Jazzyman, is a tour of the Far East, a tour of Australia, spots, and negotiations are well in-hand. This tour would not be less than three weeks, and would be towards the end of the year.

Opening dates have not been set, as Kenny Ball is still on tour, and he opens at the St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow. He will also play at Dundee, Aberdeen, Falkirk, Hamilton and Edinburgh.

On April 24 the Jazzyman flies to Germany for a six-day tour of personal appearances.

Gold disc at Wimbledon

PAUL A. BLUE, leader of Demarco's Viking Jazz Band, is to be presented with a Gold Disc at the Royal Albert Hall on February 26.

The band for the Storyville release "Schlafze Mein Prinzench," which has now sold over 1,000,000 copies.

Follow their Wimbledon date, the Viking Jazz Band is to go on tour, and they will open the new club in Birmingham on March 2.



PAUL ANKA—Arrives next week for his fourth trip to Britain.

Anka visit—interviews but no shows

IT will definitely be a non performing visit for Canadian composer and disc star Paul Anka, when he flies into Britain on February 22 for his fourth trip.

But it is likely that Paul will be interviewed on radio and TV, and he will also discuss arrangements for a possible slumber tour over here later in the year.

Paul leaves on the first lap of his third and last leg of his European tour tomorrow (Friday) from New York. Places he will visit are Stockholm, Copenhagen, Berlin, London, Paris, Madrid, Rome, Milan, Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich, before returning home on March 11.

Reason for this lightning trip is

for Paul to meet with his

tors and officers of RCA, his

new records label. While he

is in Europe, he will also record versions of his new single, "Love Me Warm And Tender," in French, German and Italian, for immediate release in these countries.

Paul will be in London for three days, after which time it is also hoped that he may need some time to digest this record and his forthcoming album "Young, Alive And In Love."

It is hoped that Paul's projected singing tour will take place in the autumn, when he will play current trips.

On this trip, Anka will be accompanied by his personal manager, Eric Firth, who will set up negotiations, and his father, Andy Anka.

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Records by new folk group to be released in America

A ATLANTIC RECORDS, offshoot of the Atco group of record companies in America, have signed a contract with Pye, to release all of the new folk group, The Countrymen. The group's first disc is released here on February 21st. It is "I Know Where I'm Going."

The date set by Atlantic for American release is March 15, and it is thought that owing to the popularity of folk music in the States, this disc should be extremely successful.

The Countrymen have three more appearances in the BBC Light's "Younger Than Springtime." Dates set March 7, 14 and 21.

PAUL ANKA

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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 lighter ashtray set.

Three shillings a minute is not value for money

THE length of records today seems to be too short for the listening time record buyers have to pay. I have 231 tracks and the average length is 2 minutes 13 seconds.

The longest track is Fats Domino's "Natural Born Lover," lasting 4 minutes 8 seconds, and the shortest is Duane Eddy's "Tiger Love And Turnip Greens" from the LP "The Twang."

The singer with the "heat" average is Elvis Presley, who generally runs for 2 minutes 24 seconds, closely followed by Billy Fury, 2 minutes 21 seconds. The worst is Adam Faith, who averages 1 minutes 40 seconds.

We have to pay £1.25 for a single. At this rate the price is about three shillings a minute—not exactly value for money!

—G. ROSE, Clover Cottage, Danchill, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

PRIZE LETTER



EMILE FORD, seen here signing a disc for an assistant in a Manchester store, cannot be ignored much longer. See "Missing."

FLIP IT

AFTER reading the review on the latest Craig Douglas record, "Another You," I am with him in his opinion that it is definitely the best side in my opinion, and should do very well in the charts.

"Although 'Another You' is a good song, it seems to take Craig way back to his days in the Everly days," said JILLIAN THREADGOLD, Gloscalle, Buntingford Avenue, Little Hatfield, Stafa.

DELIGHTFUL

I AM puzzled why no one could forecast whether Matt Monro's "Delightful" would be a hit or not. I hadn't heard the disc, but I was sure it would be a hit because (DISC 3-2-62) and bought a copy straightforward. Now I have heard the record again, I think it will be a hit eventually.

The first time I've ever bought a record without having heard it, and it was well worth the risk. —JILLIAN THREADGOLD, Gloscalle, Buntingford Avenue, Little Hatfield, Stafa.

U.S. PLAYS US

HAVING been received a lengthy visit to the United States, I am very pleased to be able to say that British discs are also being played on the U.S. coast-to-coast networks.

I think that the American public like us Brits, and I am sure appreciate that British talent is

second to none.—A. LUCIFER, "The Pigs Arms," Portdown Hall, Portsmouth, Hants.

BETTER

WE have had more than one go at Juke Box Jury, and it certainly has been a topside, the complaints department of late.

But anyone who saw the programme on February 3 must agree that things are finally looking up. The whole programme was never lacking in humour or interest, and nobody could possibly accuse Matt Monro, Carol Carr, Barbara Shelley and Denis Norden — of not being worthy of it.

They all gave surprisingly fair opinions and decisions which were even more surprising.

This was J.J.B. at its sparkling best—A. E. K. STINSON, "The Pig's Arse," Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

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MISSING

WHAT has happened to the million record buyers who gave Emile Ford a Gold Disc for "Another You" and "I'm Missing?"

Those Eyes At Me Ford?" and placed him among the top disc stars?

Emile hasn't had the disc success that was anticipated, perhaps because he is still a little musical.

Such a talented and versatile performer as Emile simply cannot be written off.

It is to be hoped that in 1962 he will crash back into the charts.—ELLEN HOPE, "The Star," Bettie Vee, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

DEAD CERT

IN MARCHING the timetable for the new rock circuit, a twist came by Emile in his old rocking style, or a new fast

equipment and not a combination of artistic sound and talents.

MOLLY CATTELL, 5, Welbeck Avenue, Abbey Lane, Leicester.

SHAME

SAW Bobby Vee on "Sunday Night At The London Palladium," and I think it's a shame that he didn't get a better reception.

He was spoilt because of the orchestra, who seemed much too slow, thus failing to give Vee enough room to show his own style with the music.

They must have had a reluctance to let him make such a mess of things, giving older people a chance to say that they can still sing.—LINDA MURTHWAITE, 36, Ellia Avenue, Rainham, Essex.

ADVICE

PERHAPS the reader who complained about the many different types of sleeves issued do by the companies should do as I do—buy a box for a single, a separate sleeve, polythene lined, and gaily bordered in different colors.

—GEOFFREY HODGE, 28, Woodcombe, 37, Woodland Road, Marston Hill, N.H.R.

AIR-TIME

I AGREE with every word of the reader who commented on the tackled success in this country by Matt Monro. His success is mainly due to his fine playing not being fully aired over the radio.

Like Chet Atkins, many other American groups like The Ventures, Stratton and Sam, Johnnie Johnson and free jazz half-hearted rock numbers. When I did just a shadow of his old self, Matt Emile showed on the studio he's really made a mark.

Emile is really moving now with perhaps a touch of blues, blues, R. & B., G. & O., Oliver, 12, Blaize Avenue, Esher, Surrey.

WE'RE HEAD

ONCE and a half, stop this ridiculous record from a long while ago to the United States. I am very pleased to be able to say that British discs are also being played on the U.S. coast-to-coast networks.

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With the exception of Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole and Bobby Rydell, who these stars have proved to



CRAIG DOUGLAS — the better? See "Flip It."

One of our top MDs, Charles Blackwell, talks to John Wells



RHYTHM and Blues COULD become the biggest thing in our pop music business. The trouble is we haven't got a suitable girl group."

The speaker is Charles Blackwell, the youngest and one of the top MDs in the country. "The girl who is breaking John Barry's heart is unlikely to be found," he says.

After a series of hits with John Leyton, Charles followed in the wake of the first girl group to have a hit, the Shirelles, and his first instrumental disc issued recently, "Tillies" are "Tabcob" and "Diddle Diddle."

"I think R and B will soon become popular," said Charles. "There isn't any man or woman established yet, though I don't think we have any capable of changing, though some of them may start slightly sideways to it."

Rolly Morris, a young singer whose Cheshire Cats have become a big hit in this field, "is on board," said Blackwell. "He's the only one I can think of.



Improvise

"I'm giving my sessions more, just a sketch score and letting them improve. They're a great job."

Charles thought would make great R and B singers. Our own Helen Shapiro and American Janis Joplin, Shania Twain yet to be heard on disc, over here.

If you're not doing about finding British artists, said Charles, "we're going to fall behind the Americans again, as we did with rock and roll. We've only just caught up as it is."

British equality in the charts is something that the charts need feels strongly about.

"Just lately there has been a great improvement in the field of record arrangements because A and R men have at last realised the capabilities of Charles."

"Now I want to see us producing our own R and B discs. There's no reason at all why we can't do it—it's a question of checks."

Records are expensive, and it is most annoying to find them gradually dwindling away to nothing. The singer's voice being drowned by the band, the producer's idea etc., our MDs would do well to study the records of the late Brian Wilson.

His disc proves that it is possible to have an original and interesting singing where a singer wants to star in songs. Currently, Eden Kane and Sylvia Syms are the ones who seem to be setting the pace, and the others are against them making a go of it.

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—MICHAEL MORGAN, 272, Edward Road, Edgware, Middlesex, S.

HELEN SHAPIRO—one of the few British artists who can sing R and B. (DISC Pic)

STUDY BUDDY

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FADE-OUT

ARE the record companies right? Is it that every other record I hear has a "fade-out" ending? I think that it is much more pleasant to put the end of a record's bars of most records to arouse the listener's interest. Why, then, the lack of care at the close?

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These were the twenty numbers that topped the sales in America last week (week ending February 10).

Last Week	Title	Artist
2	I Duke Of Earl	Gene Chandler
1	Peppermint Twist	Joey Dee and the Starlites
3	The Twist	Chubby Checker
4	Can't Help Falling In Love	Elvis Presley
8	Break It To Me Gently	Brenda Lee
5	Know	Barbara George
9	Little Bitty Tear	Burl Ives
6	Nowhere To Go	Sue Thompson
7	The Wanderer	Dion
10	Dear Lady Twist	U.S. Bonds
11	Crying In The Rain	Everly Brothers
12	Cottonfields	The Highwaymen

Last This Week	Title	Artist
11	Baby It's You	The Shirelles
12	The Lion Sleeps Tonight	The Tokens
15	Irresistible	Bobby Darin
—	Chip Chip	Ral Donner
16	When I Fall In Love	The Lettermen
19	Letter Full Of Tears	Gladys Knight and the Pips
—	Hey Baby	Bruce Channel

ONE TO WATCH

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TOPTWENTY

Compiled from dealers' returns from all over Britain.
Week ending February 10th, 1962

Last Week	Title	Artist	Label
2	Rock-A-Hula Baby	Elvis Presley	RCA
1	The Young Ones	Cliff Richard	Columbia
3	Let's Twist Again	Chubby Checker	Columbia
4	For Once In My Life	Eden Kane	Decca
5	Walk On By	Jerry Van Dyke	Mercury
8	Crying Is The Rain	Early Brothers	Mercury/Brothers
5	I'll Never Find Another You	Billy Fury	Decca
7	Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen	Neil Sedaka	RCA
9	Little Bitty Tear	Burl Ives	Brinsford
11	Run To Him	Bobby Vee	London
10	Stranger On The Shore	Acker Bilk	Columbia
12	Don't Cry Baby	Danny Williams	HMV
9	Multiplication	Bob Dylan	London
—	Tell Me What He Said	Helena Shapiro	Pye
12	The Comancheros	Lonnie Donegan	Columbia
16	Winowish	Karl Denver	Pye
17	Lonesome	Adam Faith	Decca
18	Little Bitty Tear	Miki & Griff	Parlophone
19	Lessons In Love	The Allisons	Fontana
20	March Of The Siamese Children	Kenny Ball	Pye

ONES TO WATCHSoftly As I Leave You Matt Munro
It's A Raggy Waltz Dave Brubeck**ELVIS OUSTS CLIFF**

America's king of the charts replaces Britain's at the top of the list this week. Presley takes over the number one spot with "Rock-A-Hula Baby" with Cliff Richard's "The Young Ones" and Chubby Checker's "Let's Twist Again" in second and third place. Cliff has held the number one spot for five consecutive weeks.

Helena Shapiro's "Tell Me What He Said" is a newcomer to the charts at number four. The first week at the end of the list puts this disc in at fourteenth but it obviously has staying power. If this is a natural follow up to "Happiness,"

We find two versions of the same song in the top twenty this week. Burl Ives' "Little Bitty Tear" is still climbing. This week from

Elvis Presley ... he takes over the top spot.



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THIS IS WHY ADAM NEEDS A REST

First Adam Faith, and now other artists are also finding the going tough

LAST week Adam Faith announced that he was "whacked" and that next month he will go on an eleven-day nature cure in a resort in Surrey.

"I haven't had a holiday for eight months," he says, "and at the end of the month I'm off to Ireland to get away."

How does he know that our artists make all over the country?

"He's not in bad health but he does need a complete rest," says his manager Colin Berlin.

"He feels he wants to have a complete rest away from the fatigue of constant tour work."

Where he is going is not really just a rest time, it is a special diet and treatments that will invigorate him. He will have a special diet and take 2½ Mix Me A Person which he starts towards the end of next month. He will not be able to sing but will not do anything for eleven days that is connected with work.

Very tired

"If we went somewhere like the South of France that would not really be a rest," says Berlin. "He is doing now are very tiring. Just take a look at his itinerary. You start at 10.30 p.m., get up at 6 a.m., get to bed and the next day travel to Ipswich, then to Aylesbury or Coventry, then to Cam-

bridge. Back to London for a day to do a recording session and keep on the road."

"Then on to Rugby, followed by Derby, Carlisle, Preston, Liverpool, Birmingham, Grantham, Kettering, Mansfield, Woolwich and Tumblebridge Well."

"All that travelling! It's not easy."

Then spoke with road manager David Price of the Grade Organisation who is in charge of a six-week tour with Cliff Richard.

"This kind of tour is certainly gruelling," he said. "We are all feeling pretty tired on this tour already, we've been out since last March 11. By the time this tour ends we will be well over 100 shows."

"It is psychologically as well as physically tiring. All this travelling with the boys at a time when all I do is strip my bag and take

After two shows we're off to another spot. You get the effect mentally that what you are doing

is more gruelling than it really is. The travelling is the worst part of the tour, but you have to go by coach. To get by train with all your equipment, changing seats, getting off the train would be impossible. A coach is the only means of travel and when you're travelling on a coach for any length of time you'll know it's not fun. No

matter what kind of coach you have, even in one with reclining seats, you still have to get up to go to the toilet."

"Then when you get to the hotel it's not all that easy to get settled in. You have to leave a lot to be desired. Often you get a clock chiming outside your room."

David Price added: "David New Cliff was standing up to his present tour. He amazed me."

"I think he's got it. At least he doesn't show any signs of strain in him. He is double-jointed and can sit in a chair and do, and he is stage for 33 minutes each time but he's yet to show any sign of wear or hear him complain about the pace or anything else that would indicate he's not fit. I expect he feels it, as we all do."

A very conflicting opinion came from Larry Parmer, man-

ager of such artists as Billy Fury and Marty Wilde.

"I'm not strongly about it," he told me. "Frankly, I think it's a lot of nonsense. If you're an artiste working in the old school of music hall then they would really know where they were going."

"I had an uncle who was on the halls and he used to double-joint his legs."

"Take my next tour with John Leyton and Billy Fury, sharing seats with them, and with Eddie and Eden Kane. They average a 15-minute spot twice a night. That's 30 shows a week, plus a show a week. It works out about three and a half hours a week."

"They are travelling in a luxury coach with every convenience, a heating system, air conditioning to keep him fit. If people like Frankie are doing something then they do need a rest afterwards in one form or another."

Taking care

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"I say that if most of those boys work as hard professionally as they do in their private lives then they could say that their careers are finished, that's where the answer lies."

"Looking back on Marty's career, I think that he has done as many as 36 weeks variety in a year. He never complained. He never said, 'I'm not fit.' It's work and it's got to be done."

"I can say that the artists on my tour will consider it as far as when they start it."

"Frankie finds it very exhausting," said Eric Easter, Vaughan's cousin.

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Exhausting

"Years of one-night stands are mostly as well as physically exhausting. And people like Cliff Richard and Peter Cook get very little private life. Even off stage they have to be on their best behaviour."

"They can't even walk into a restaurant and not be working. What with autograph hunters and fans who want to meet them and being a celebrity."

I talked with Marty Wilde who has had a varied career, more tours in this country than most of his fellow contemporaries. Despite the fact that London is a city that one-nighters aren't all that tame, Marty says that they are. "I've had a tour of 100 shows, last version of a longish tour and watch the boys getting off the coach and when they have really worked hard and when you knock out, you feel great again when you're travelling. The boys eyes are a tremendous loss of weight. It's the travelling that kills you. It's

MARTY WILDE . . . "It's work and it's got to be done."

ADAM FAITH . . . not ill, just in need of a rest (DISC Photo)

Along the Alley

BBC will plug to saturation

BY this time this appears to print Tim Fox will have the opportunity to see how Adam's been lucky in the "Song For Europe" contest on BBC. The first "Song For Europe" song is sure to sell well nationwide in this country, and go down the plughole over the BBC airwaves.

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The Southern Music group have two items entered for the "Song For Europe" contest, "Alone Too Long" by Frank Field (Columbia), and "The Message In A Bottle" by Donna Douglas (Meridian).

Southern's Bobbie Britton is very optimistic about the new single "Heavy Metal" by Decca, "Heavy Metal's Plan". Bobbie reckons the best

manager Peter Fawley wrote it in collaboration with Oriole's. It will be one of the first plugging assignments for Peter Fawley, who has signed Lorna from the Shapemaster Music office.

Lorna's staff is Phil Denman, ex-Francis, Day and Hunter executive record producer. He will also assist Peter with the post.

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KENNY LYNCH . . . for HMV (DISC Pic).

Mark has done yet, and a practical cert for the charts.

PAT SHERLOCK 2 Mills Music also has a contest on work to send in the shape of "There's Never Been Gold" by The Shirelles (EMI).

Pat's latest by The Coasters comes from the Piccadilly label on February 26, and looks set to become a future feature featuring Jim McHugh and his Scottsville band. Pat's a travelling version of Leroy Anderson's standard, "Forgotten Dreams."

The Abercrombie plugging crew, Malcolm Forrest and Geoff Morris literally lined up by the gramophone when I called in at their office.

Judging by the lousy on some of the records I heard, I let them know what to expect, but even then I could hardly believe it.

The two in question were "The Duke Of Earl" by The Coasters (London) and "I'm Blue" by The Beatles, who I believe will be appearing on the show on February 23. I'm not going to attempt to describe these two songs except to say that they have ever had anything like them before.

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no fun travelling on a coach and on draughty railway stations. I shall probably be doing that there and then, so in spite of all that I've said against tours I still look forward to them."

The general consensus of opinion from artists, road managers and agents is that one nighters take it out of the artist and those that travel with them.

What will happen to him then? The res home he is visiting at Godalming in Surrey specialises in dieting and gentle exercises.

NEW RYDELL SCORES ON PALLADIUM TV SHOW

WHEN he made his first Palladium appearance last week, Bobby Rydell was on the same stage last Sunday he was excellent. His performance can run for hours without giving up much scope for his talents, but nonetheless, he overcame the time barrier with a sparkling show.

Eighteen year old Bobby gave into his opening number, "I'm Getting On Top Of The World," with plenty of all assurance and vitality.

A slow, dreamy treatment of "The Girl That I Marry" followed by the jazzy hit disc, "I've Got Bonds," which built up tempo, had a different mood.

He proved that you don't need a record to make a success of British television, but he did point out that if he had more time he would have presented a different act, with different music.

This is a new Bobby Rydell, divorced from the beat singer who scored so heavily with "Wild One" and "Swing."

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Floating Festival will be biggest ever

THIS year's Floating Festival of Jazz, Jazshow's annual river-boat shuffle from London to Margate on June 24 will be the biggest in its seven-year history.

Instead of the usual 14 bands, Jazshow has lined up 18.

Heading the bill will be Kenny Ball, Jazzmen and Ackee Big Band, plus the Claszmen and Jim McLean's Scottsville Jazzbands.

Other bands taking part are those of Eddie Calvert, Tony Colyer, Monty Sunshine, Red Waller, Dick Charlewood, Alex Webb, Alan Price, Eddie and Mike Daniels, Alan Eldon, Mike Cotton, the Clyde Valley Steppers, the Fairweather-Brown All Stars, Jerry Brown and Ed Corrie.

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STUDIO SNIPPETS DISC'S round-up of the recording scene

ANOTHER relatively quiet week in our studios. Main point of interest was the Gladiators' own song material under the tutelage of Mike Smith, and there was an indication that a compilation could easily fit on a C. Rusbup at present.

In Ramada, best known to us as the home of accompanying MD was busy with Dick Rowe in what may be the final assembly of his own name.

Orchestrally active for Decca was Frank Chackford, who has been working not least at West Hantside the Birmingham quartet session, recording under the name of The Square Pegs, did their harmonica vocalizing for the Decca outfit.

Fentones Another session of potential importance this week featured The Fentones doing duty for Parlophone, while they were out on their own this time without Sean Fenton, and the results should

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Pye had their promising newcomer, Alan Cogan, in the studio again last week with a couple of candy-flavoured items, "High Noon" and "I'm Gonna Hatch" in charge. Alan Freeman worked LP sessions with the Gladiators, while Tony Ray O'Connor supervised the initial session for Dick Jordan's new album, "The Best of Dick Jordan," and also with Oliver Reed, the first since Oliver left Decca.

Philips and Fentones were busy last week as far as recording was concerned. No news from the latter, but reported, and apart from auditions, the only activity by Fontana's big, although Tony Mehan took a full session with Cleo Laine. JS.

Billy Daniels to top Palladium TV bill?

BIILY DANIELS, who is due to arrive here on March 4 to record a new LP for Liberty in cabaret at the Bal Tabarin in London, and is almost certain to top the bill at the Floating Festival.

Possible date is March 11, but this is not yet confirmed.

While he is here, Daniels will also appear on "Sunday Night At The London Palladium" in the week following his Palladium appearance.

On February 19 Eden opens with the Lauder Lasses at the Gaumont State, Kilburn.

Oriole 'launch' pops

At a reception in their Bond Street studios last Thursday, Oriole Records announced details of their new campaign to corner a larger share of the pop market.

Ex-Columbia A and R man John D. Edwards, who produced the pop records, will now be released on a weekly instead of monthly basis.

Edwards' new label also hopes to build up an impressive EP and LP catalogue of local artists, and will release an Oriole label coloured yellow and black.

Oriole have streamlined their distribution channels to meet the anticipated demand, and production began last week with Pauline, the first EP to be issued.

Oriole also announced that they have acquired the rights to the transatlantic Time catalogue on LP series to be known as T/L Oriole.

These issues will draw upon

Friends of Bobby Ver, Cliff Richard and The Shadows travelled up from Brighton to see the band perform in a session for Liberty Records, a British studio. (L to R) Brian Haze, Martin, Brian Bennett, Bruce Walsh and the Pepe Yuste family in the playback. (GNS Pic)

WORTH PENS NEW EDEN KANE SINGLE

EDEN KANE is expected to cut his new single in mid-March, and again the top side will be a Johnny Worth composition.

On February 19 Eden opens with the Lauder Lasses at the Gaumont State, Kilburn.

The high quality pop and jazz on the label, produced by Time in the States, and the catalogue consists of 10 LPs, featuring among others jazz man Kenny Burrell, bluesman Greenlee and rock guitarist Al Caiola.

John Schroeder is organising a talent contest in Manchester on March 10, and is looking for newly signed artists for the label. Anyone in the area wishing to enter should send a tape or write for an entry form without delay to 10, Deansgate.

Paul Wild, The Plaza, Balliol, Oxford Street, Manchester, will start at the Plaza at 10 a.m. on February 24, and the finalists will be judged that evening.

Elvis Silve

Once again Elvis is business. He has sales in Britain in excess of £1 million, and the LP "G.I. Blues" is more than a quarter million copies.

"G.I. Blues" was the 250,000 mark last month.

"Rock-A-Hula Baby" has reached a total of 100,000 copies sold in spite of early production back-hands which held up the first 10,000 copies.

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This is the ninth Silva which this paper has chosen to present in record sequence.

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DORITA Y PEPE have signed for a film appearance in the United States this summer, which finished this Saturday.

For which will David Niven

a story of revolution in

which he will star.

Directed by Ben

composing fame.

Some of the film's scenes

were shot in Mexico

and were so impressed

duo's act that they offered

to do the film.

Dorita will be singing

Columbia single by Pepe

a practically in demand

for an act of their nature

they have steadily

reached the top of the

releas

in June.

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DISC, Top Twenty

in Love," will be making

appearances at London ballrooms.

Tonight (Friday) the

visit the Mecca, Eford,

and next they will ap-

pear at the Locarno, a

Hammersmith Palais.

NEW RELEASES

Mark Wynter Heaven's Plan

45-1143 Decca

Don't spread it around

Buddy Britton

45-1144 Decca

The Firestone Party Twit

45-1145 Decca

I'm Blue (The gang-gang song)

The Dixies

45-1146 Decca

Get Down You're Breakin'

Lilizie Bordes Chad Mitchell Trio

45-1147 Decca

The Man-Keys One Degree North

45-1148 Decca

Love the sweetest thing

Rex Allen

45-WH 30 Warner Bros.

KARL

DENVER

NEVER GOODBYE

45-F 1143 Decca

PAT BOONE

I'LL SEE YOU

IN MY DREAMS

45-HLD 3504 London

A LITTLE BITTY

45-05003 Brunswick

RO

STOI

PRETTY

AND ANG

45-1148

This group keeps it simple

THE VENTURES
THE VENTURES
*Yellow Jacket; Blue Than Blue;
Big Top; Orange Fire;
Glossy Coat* *****

THESE instrumental strings are simplicity personified. But The Ventures have been around so long that the result is infinitely more effective than it would be for a group who are more fussy and involved in their arrangements.

In a word, they're like those American boys to all beat instruments, who just play them for the purpose of copying their sound, but for using the same simple, straightforward approach to a brand of music which is essentially simple and uncomplicated, anyway.

PAT RODONI
Latest And Greatest, No. 2
*Jazzin' For Love; I'm A Dreamer;
Big Wind; I'm Not My Device;*
(London RE-D 1335) *****

Pat Rodoni's

way smoothly through a good quartet of songs, including his recent number one, "I'm Not My Device."

The backings are cozy and un-

essential with their plodding beats, but Pat's melodic, relaxed vocal style cuts through the noise in a very pleasant way.

BILLY VAUGHN
Price Is Right, No. 2
*I Can't Help It; Blue Moon; Till
I Walk Again; You're A Stevenore
Of The Year; Serenade*
(London RE-D 1330) *****

Virtually identical to the previous one from the highly successful Vaughn orchestra.

Big Bill is subdued—but he's still great

BIG BILL BROUNZY
Born: 1893, Vicksburg, Miss.
Black, Brown and White, Vol. III
Special

(Storyville 2000) ***

FOR all that Storyville are doing for blues artists, it's a pity they don't put more space or little information about their artists. We'd like to know more about Big Bill, who was recorded—and where. Especially as one track appears two years earlier on a different LP.

The artist, though under a different name—Bill Brounzy, is still around, though out of sight.

In this Bill says a lot more than he does on his LP, and (if you're so inclined) quire a bit at the hands



indeed it is meant to be. It is the mood of the blues, the mood of the major third, and it is the mood of the lonesome bluesman who sits there sets the mood of the LP.

Though it's a great jazz, and extremely good blues record, I'd like to see it more often. You can buy this at any gathering of over-flowers and no one seems to care.

For your money's worth, though, you've got a bluesman who would have been an adhesion of new-wave bluesmen if he had been born ten years later and certainly not so far as that Hodges can be considered.

NEW ORLEANS WILD CATS
The Traditionals Sing In Storyville, Vol. 8
Down By The Riverbank; St. James Infirmary; I'm Gonna Be Good; I'm Gonna Go; I'm Gonna Stay; Stomp; Stomp! Oh! Let's Blame It On Love; I'm Lovin' You; I'm Lovin' You; Where Irish Eyes Are Smiling
(Storyville SEP 299) ***

The Traditional Sings In Storyville Again, Part Two: Roll Along Purple Moon; Moon, Well, Roll Along Purple Moon; Moon, Well, Roll Along Purple Moon; Moon, Well,

(Storyville A 4500) ***

THIS band tries to be different. There is a soprano saxophone and the piano and the banjo is not too good, but the band, unfortunately, doesn't swing much.

Everyone soloed and "there is a reason for this," but the band is too fast and finds most tracks as is the fashion with this type of music.

But it is Hodges' record, as it is the case with most of the jazz scene, come-on-cha, pat-

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M.H.R.: Broadway Babe; Three Little Girls; I'm Gonna Be Good; Park Service; Preacher's Blues; The Last Time I Saw You; (Storyville CLP 1477) ***

NO SOUL IS LOST IN THIS SET.

Duke Ellington's band is point to the Ellington Band. From the Woodie's house, through the rhythmic section of Strayhorn and Woodard, to the piano of Duke, to the drums of Ben Webster, Jimmie Hamilton and Hodges—no one else—Duke and

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PAUL McDOWELL (left) and the whole band (right) in a scene from the film "Take Me Over" shot in an antique shop. (DISC Pic)

TRAD ROUND-UP

Fans form special Gerry Brown club

FANS of the Gerry Brown Band have started a "Dragonfly Club" as a tribute to the popularity of the clarinet feature "The Dragonfly," a number which appears on Gerry's latest Forthcoming album (this week) and on "Trad Time."

The Brown band now have bookings right through to 1963 and apart from being a full band to be seen at folk clubs and folk fairs, they will play at the Annual Floating Festival this year, spots available at three other festivals already.

On Saturday they play for Don Read at Norwich's Grosvenor Ballroom, and on Sunday at the Royal (19), Aylesbury (20), Bournemouth, their home town (21), Southampton (22) and Ryde (24).

ACKER BILK has bought a brand new 29-seater luxury coach, built with his own cut down to 12. Included are four chairs and a card table. The Bill's logo, a small dog, will be painted around the wagon. You have been warned!

DURING the loading of Micky Ashman's bandwagon outside the last week, Micky's hair disappeared. It turned up two days later in a doorway off Tottenham Court Road, where the dancer who found it and reported it to the police said he had come down to a Soho restaurant.

KENNY BALL appears in a new television series for BBC's new Light Programme feature "What's New" which starts on February 28. The hard-working bandleader was due to go on a day off last Wednesday due to a bout of bronchitis. Nat Gonella, director of Kenny's office, says:

"There's an interesting story behind the Ball band's latest sets off."

Both Kenny and wife, Betty, are keen show business people. They still have quite a bit of time left on their contracts stipulating that kills must be worn.

THE Ed Corrie band are back again appearing in a difficult class of contracts stipulating that kills must be worn.

Both Kenny and wife, Betty, are keen show business people. They still have quite a bit of time left on their contracts stipulating that kills must be worn.

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Owen Bryce

Filming with the Seven is hectic—and fun

IT was the tea-break at Shepperton Studios and the strains of "Pasadena" could be heard through the open doors of the tea room. The Temperance Seven were taking a "rest" between filming.

"They never stop," a stage hand said. "I wonder how you get them at their instruments when they never stop?"

"Randy," said, "Why? They're—marvellous. Take a look on the floor and you'll see what we think of 'em down here."

So I took a look on the stage and there they were, all belting out "Pasadena." Whispering Paul McDowell was causing rendering "Old Sid" and the tea girls were staring vacantly and putting more sugar in the cups than they were drinking.

I spoke to production manager Pat Greene.

"It's all well," said I. "I looked up to see if the red light was on to indicate that they were ready to start. They were. The Seven were just taking themselves between takes. And so was

Applause

When they had finished there was a round of applause and the serious work of filming began again. It was that sort of atmosphere that made the day the normal thing.

"You ask them to play something, and when they do you can't get them to stop," said the other day a stills photographer asked me. "They'd do something so that I could take

a picture of them actually play-

ing."

George Howard started to play the drums and the rest joined in on what was an extremely weird scene.

We couldn't stop them. We just had to let them play right through until they were finished.

This is the sort of film for the Temperance Seven. After "It's Trad Dad" they were immediately asked to do another film called "Old Sid."

Now that life has

opened with the Temperance Seven in residence and the antique dealer and hotel pro-

Not a big budget epic. Not a big screen part for the Tem-

perance Seven. But—"Dum-dum," Brian Innes told me, "this is only a begin-

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that they could find the time for filming.

"We are becoming more interested in doing a band," Brian

innes said. "Our individual outside activities are becoming more and more tied up with the Temperance Seven activities."

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"Our band activities are fast becoming hobbies and the Temperance Seven is becoming our life."

They had been doing a close-up on Paul McDowell. Cephus Howard was trying to rig-tape across an electric cable across the set. The Seven were watching him.

"What's that?" shouted an assistant director. "And for at least seven weeks."

Unable to keep quiet any longer Cephus Howard said, "I know, too smoothly. I don't like it. Perhaps we are making a mistake."

"'Nonsense,'" said Brian Innes, "it will make a lot of money." Then he turned to me and said, "I'm not going to tell you what's wrong. Someone's crossed out 'Old Sid' on the door over there with 'El Clad.' But it's not as big as that. But it's going to be a good film."

BY
PETER HAMMOND

been changed to "Take Me Over," a number written for the Temps by George Martin, specifically for the film.

Then there's the budget problem and the Temperance Seven have only two days filming in it. But they're not worried.

Briefly the story is about a small cafe and antique shop run by a widow who plays the Twenties music.

A hotel proprietor wants to "take her over" and he's building an hotel on the site of the cafe.

The Temperance Seven who saw the day.

The proprietors in the antique shop are overseen by the teenagers in the adjoining cafe, and the Seven, eventually, meet a smart chum called The Twenties

music.

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and because of that we should

be able to do well in films,

said Pat Greene.

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TERRY LIGHTFOOT

BOOK REVIEW**Two sides of Lewis**CALL HIM GEORGE
by Jay Allison Stuart

TWO stories for the price of one; that is the American Negro as seen through the lives of our own Lewis and the equally fantastic Terry. The musician more adored than any other. The founder unwittingly of a cult, and the founder of the whole of British traditional Jazz.

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O. B.

'Kong' a hit for Terry—but**it's not in the charts****WITHOUT reaching the Top Twenty chart, Terry Lightfoot has sold over 100,000 copies of "King Kong."**

"It's been a steady seller over a year now," said Terry, who asked me if it did very well abroad.

"Of course I'm delighted that it's been a success. I hope it would be a good number when I saw the show. I actually went to see it last night and another number—'Back Of The Moon'—would be a good one for me. I have a record called 'King Kong' which I know that the public would lend itself to jazz treatment."

This year the Lightfoot band are to concentrate on building up their record public interest, in the support their releases on the Continent, Australia and South Africa have received.

Potential

"If the material is right there's an enormous potential threat," says Terry, "but just because a song is a good player doesn't necessarily follow that people abroad will go for it."

"The universal sound that has no language barriers; it's even spread as far as Africa."

"There again plenty of Comedians are adaptable. There's a ton of material around, and if you can get the right time to drive through it and drum out the stuff that suits your style."

Terry's next release is the old standard "The Wimper Song" which comes out on March 2 backed by Terry's own compo-

sitions "Circle Man."

"When we went into the studio to do them we just weren't sure which one would be the 'A' side," decided on the "Wimper Song" it's been a favourite of mine for years. I had a general list of material recently come across it and thought it would be ideal. We've aimed it straight at the pop market."

Terry has very definite ideas about the value of a commercial record. "I don't care if it's a hit; he's concerned it doesn't mean throwing overboard the true standards of jazz."

Commercial

"When you get into the hit parade," said Terry "your jazz label is not going to be the place where you play as being synonymous with your band which is a good thing. You're a good band in the jazz field."

Besides the overseas tours which Terry hopes to take up again, he has a fabulously offer to play at a Rio de Janeiro Jazz Festival in 1963, but he hasn't yet decided whether to do it," said Terry. "But nothing is definite yet. We feel we can do it, but we've been offered to do it six or seven years ago and I think we've got to make up our minds the sooner the better. I like the fact that we're not a band that has to have a hit to be successful."

Brian Gibson

How do you look sexy?
asks Eartha

BAD BUT BEAUTIFUL Eartha Kitt threw a Press conference this week to mark her appearance in London on February 21, at London's Talk Of The Town.

"I must be motherhood," she said, "it must be motherhood. I feel completely different."

Earthakitt looked the same Eartha as she looked for the photographers. She was asked to do a sexy pose.

"When you're in pictures, people have of me? It's hilarious," she laughed. "How DO you

Earthakitt has just signed a recording contract with MGML. She has left RCA. Her first record for her new label is an LP "Bad But Beautiful." Why had she left RCA for MGML?

Not for me

"They kept wanting me to make hit records," she said. "records that would get me into the hit parade. That is not for me."

The top twenty is designed for, and bought by, nine to 13-year-olds. "I don't want to sing for kids. I don't sing for teenagers. I sing for adults."

The trend today is to sing songs that are for young people but the kids grow up quickly and you can grow up too. I don't sing for older audiences, because they stay with you longer."

Earthakitt's greatest hobby is great myself to making the quick money cutting singles. I also prefer to make LPs. They

If she did get a record into the top ten Earthakitt said, with a smile, "I would admire their taste."

P. H.

**WILL OTHER STARS FOLLOW NEWLEY
AND A & R THEIR OWN RECORDS?**

SOME time during the next couple of months Anthony Newley will go into the Decca studios for a new record session. As already announced, he is to "produce his own disc." This will be his first fling. The experiment will arouse much interest.

In the early days of the record business, it was argued that artists often did best in part in bits that bore their name.

Said the critics: "Recording makes stars of the record sound engineers—are the real masters. They can boost a voice, add a touch of lush orchestra to make every sound great."

Modern day artists have a load of musical ability and recording know-how. They have ideas, too, and it is these who a large number of them will handle their own disc sessions?

To this question a few leading men have given answers:

First: the voice of experience, Sir Elton Mayo, chairman of Norman Newell and A & R manager for 11 years: "You must be mad to think of taking it myself as a songwriter—producer, music publisher or film producer. But I never try to force ideas on an artist."

"Equally, I listen to anything

other artists would always interest me," says Dennis Dunigan. "He does A and R others, Keith Ball, Miki and Griff, the Clyde Dayley Stompers. He says:

"It would be most difficult to put a star in a room and concentrate on his mind and worry, for example, about whether the microphone would be near the mike!"

Really with it

"I've heard artists say A and me are not with it, but most of them are very much with it. I've heard artists say I'm not with it, but most of my own sessions—I don't think it could happen often but sometimes happen—have been with some genuine talents could prove the exception."

Third: someone not tied to a major record company, Barry Dennen, of Atlantic Enterprises, who produce Eddie Kane's discs and a few for others. He says:

"We are free to talk on jazz contracts. Our main concern is that the disc needs a director; a stage player or producer; and a A and R man."

Concentration apart, an artist should be able to work out how to get the best out of himself, or recognise his best effort from among those he has taped."

WHAT DO ARTISTS SAY? I asked Terry Lightfoot, Richard and The Shadow. "We are dead keen on keeping around new recordings idea."

I believe, for example, Preddy and the Shadows. But I now feel I have enough to do concentrating on my singing—though having sessions on

"Producing my own discs—will bring problems. But I can't keep myself in an individual way—and the problems can be ever changing. I am trying to bring new sounds in the disc world. With the help of the people I've been working with, I am getting pace. I feel vastly excited at the prospect."

In particular, with Terry Newley. In general? It's unlikely that many artists will be able to produce their own discs. But if it is likely they will

be an increasing part in their sessions through contributing

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