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Liverpool sound? It's been killed, says Gerry

THE SCENE WILL STAY BIG ON MERSEYSIDE, BUT...

"Of course there've been changes in the last 12 months," declared Gerry Marsden, relaxing in an easy chair. "But the changes have been mostly in the beat fans—not in those who play or in their music."

Twenty-year-old Gerry—he's 21 on September 24—still lives with his Mum and Dad and drum-beating brother Fred in his one-of-a-kind home in Liverpool.

But instead of taking buses he uses his Sunbeam Rapier. There's a gold watch on his wrist, a Silver Disc on the piano for "I Like It," and he flew to Dublin for his holidays.

"I couldn't afford a holiday last year," he confessed. Now he can afford not only a holiday but can look forward to an autumn trip to Australia and New Zealand with the Pacemakers—and a full diary when he gets back.

"We all wear decent suits now too," quipped Gerry, "instead of jeans and rags. Oh!—and we wear shoes now—no more Wellington boots!"

The person who really feels that there's a

star in the family is Gerry's mum, Mrs. Mary Marsden. "I'm hardly ever home now," declared Gerry, "but Mum's always answering the door or the phone to callers."

"She gets some right questions too, like 'Do you REALLY wash Gerry's shirts?'" from a couple of girls who hiked down from Newcastle.

"Once there was a knock at the door and it was a little girl of ten wanting to speak to me. I said 'Hello' and signed an autograph."

Couple of friends

"Five minutes later she was back again with a couple of friends, just to say 'Hello.' Then five minutes later with MORE friends—I nearly went up the wall!"

"But really Liverpool's always been good to us—the Pacemakers, that is. They put up with us when we were on £10-a-week and no one wanted to know us anywhere else."

Gerry, the lad with the infectious grin, now earning 15 times what he got last year, thinks the so-called Liverpool Sound is dead.

"It's been killed," he declared. "When they play a record anywhere now and the DJ says 'Here's another Liverpool group,' the kids just say 'Oh no!' and don't even give it a chance."

"The Beatles, of course, and some other groups will last nationally—though the scene will stay just as big on Merseyside."

"A year ago there were about a dozen groups, good ones, much the same standard in Liverpool. There were The Beatles, Johnny Sandon and the Remo Four, The Big Three, Rory Storm and the Hurricanes and the fans knew who to follow."

"Now there's dozens of groups, nearly all with records in the shops and the kids are bewildered—it happened too quickly."

"The strange thing is that all these groups, and Ian and the Zodiacs, the Swinging Blue Jeans and a few more, are just the same. They've all been playing for years and we're all great mates. But it costs half-a-crown to talk to some of the new boys!"

Peter Kirby

Win a seat at the Orbison tour

AND MEET THE STAR HIMSELF IN PERSON

On September 14 Roy Orbison opens his three-week tour of Britain, topping a package that also contains Freddie and the Dreamers, Brian Poole and the Tremeloes and The Searchers. It's a bill that can't miss and already the demand for seats has been fantastic, but in spite of this DISC has managed to get SIX FIRST-CLASS SEATS AT SIX OF THE THEATRES on the tour to give as prizes in a sensational FREE contest. And in addition the winners will also be able to see Roy Orbison in person backstage during the show!

The six theatres at which you can win a seat for yourself and a friend are Nottingham Odeon (September 19), Glasgow Odeon (September 20), Manchester Odeon (September 23), Kingston Granada (September 27), Birmingham Odeon (September 30) and Newcastle City Hall (October 5). There will be three winners at each of these theatres, each prizewinner receiving two tickets to the show of his choice, and also an invitation to meet Roy Orbison backstage.

All you have to do to win is opinion, would best make up a "full" notices at the theatres where your package was playing.

In addition, you must give a short, snappy title for the show, one that would catch the public's eye and help draw in the crowds.

Judging the entries will be Peter Walsh, who is promoting the Orbison tour; Craig Douglas who has just promoted his second show, the Editor of DISC and Roy Orbison himself.

TOUR CONTEST

Pick the SIX artists from the 12 listed that you would put on your bill, marking a cross against the names you choose, fill in your name and address and the theatre to which you want tickets, and then add your show title.

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Helen Shapiro	Shadows
Beatles	Jimmy Justice
Del Shannon	The Big Three
Jerry Lee Lewis	Frank Ifield
Tony Bennett	Billy Fury

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PRIZE LETTER

HOW I agree with L. H. Willett (DISC, August 24). I think Cliff Richard is certainly one of the most versatile young artists of this day. The vast range of ages among Cliff's fans and his popularity in so many different countries prove this.

But why is it that when some new beat takes pride of place in our charts, people think that, without any hesitation at all, such well established artists as Cliff should adapt themselves to it to survive? — ISOBEL BUCHANAN, 37, Lowhill Crescent, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

RIDICULOUS

WHY did London release the latest Jerry Lee Lewis EP? It is a complete waste—just two consecutive singles stuck together. Jerry's releases are scarce enough, but when so many great tracks are waiting to be pressed, this EP is a ridiculous proposition.—PAUL G. SANDFORD, D9, Princes Avenue, Palmer Green, N.13.

RUINED

BEING a fan of Del Shannon I have got most of his records and although I think they are very, very good, they are ruined by a lot of silly girls in the background trying to sing a chorus of Yay-Yay's.

I started with "Little Town Flirt," which wasn't too bad, but now "Two Silhouettes" is the worst ever. In one part of the

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed in Post Bag.



All entries MUST be on a coupon cut from DISC and must arrive not later than Saturday, September 14. The winners' names will be published in the issues of DISC on sale September 19, 26 and October 3.

Address your entries to "Tour Contest," DISC, 161 Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, marking your envelope with the name of the theatre of your choice in the top left-hand corner.



MUST CLIFF CHANGE TO SURVIVE? NEVER!

Every week the writer of the best letter gets an LP of his or her choice, and once a month there is a bonus prize of a Ronson lighter-ashtray set! Write to Post Bag, DISC, 161 Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

Bonus winner for August 1st Alastair Boyd, 25, Moraine Avenue, Glasgow, W.5.

Song I cannot hear a word Del is singing—J. R. FOSTER, 57, Sussex Gardens, Cheltenham, Surrey.

OWN HITS

WHEN will Pye wake up to the fact that Mark Wynter's own compositions would make far bigger hits than the material which is being issued as "A" sides nowadays?

The flipside of Mark's latest release "Running To You," titled "Don't Cry," is great and proves beyond doubt Mark's hit tune writing prowess.—JOAN CLARK, 45, Shell Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

NO LUCK

I THINK that Johnny Kidd's latest record is a great hit. In 1960 his last record "Shakin' All Over" crept into the charts, even since then Johnny has been out of luck.

But just recently he has come back into the charts with "I'll Never Get Over You" and we're delighted to see it.—MALCOLM C. SHREEVE, 46, Links Avenue, Hellensdon, Norwich.

IMPROVED

I AM sick and tired of people condemning Richard Chamberlain for no apparent reason. Admittedly, his first record was pretty weak, but he has improved immensely with the LP and with the four singles he has since had released.

In a recent popularity poll, Dick came fourth only to Elvis, Cliff and Billy, yet two years ago he was unheard of.—LORRAINE MANSFIELD, 15, Wick Avenue, Wreathmoorhead, Herne.

NOT TOO HAPPY

HOW I agree with Nigel Hunter about Nat King Cole's "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy, Days of Summer." It would seem that Capitol weren't too happy about this either, as it was released on their "T" label when "Where Did Everyone Go" is, as usual, on the "W" label.

I've been a fan of Nat's for years and his performance at Birmingham recently was great. But I'd certainly not buy records, singles or LPs, with Nat singing that type of song with a fearful "Yeah You Ooo Ooo Ooo Dam Dam" backing.—A.J. OLIVER, 48, Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster, Worcs.

The world's top pops

AMERICA

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 1963

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
1	1	My Boyfriend's Back	Angels
2	2	Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah	Allan Sherman
3	3	If I Had A Hammer	Trini Lopez
11	4	Blue Velvet	Bobby Vinton
4	5	Candy Girl	Four Seasons
14	6	Heat Wave	Martha and the Vandellas
8	7	Mockingbird	Icee Foxx
12	8	The Monkey Time	Major Lance
5	9	Blowin' In The Wind	Peter, Paul and Mary
15	10	Hey Girl	Freddie Scott
3	11	Fingertips (Part II)	Little Stevie Wonder
13	12	Surfer Girl	Beach Boys
10	13	Denise	Randy and the Rainbows
19	14	Frankie And Johnny	Sam Cooke
20	15	Then He Kissed Me	Crystals
9	16	Danske Schoen	Wayne Newton
17	17	More	Kai Winding
7	18	Judy's Turn To Cry	Lesley Gore
30	19	You Can Never Stop Me Loving You	Johnny Tillotson
21	20	Painted, Tinted Rose	Al Martino

Australia

(Courtesy Music Maker, Sydney)

Last Week	This Week	
3	1	Bombora—The Atlantics
1	2	55 Days At Peking—Rob E. G.
2	3	Wipeout—The Surfaris
4	4	Surf City—Jan and Dean
6	5	Move Baby Move—Johnny O'Keefe
—	6	Easier Said Than Done—The Essex
5	7	Sukiyaki—Kyu Sakamoto
—	8	I Who Have Nothing—Ben E. King
7	9	I Love You Because—Al Martino
10	10	Green, Green—Christy Minnich
1	2	Soulphony—Kyo Sakamoto
3	3	Confession—Frank Ifield
5	4	Don't You Forget It—Perry Como
4	5	Hora De Love—The Routers
2	6	Hello Stranger—Barbara Lewis
7	7	Atlantis—The Shadows
8	8	Another Saturday Night—Sam Cooke
10	9	When You Say "No"—The Routers
—	10	Blow On Blow—Bobby Vinton
—	11	It's Magic—Al Martino

Israel

(Courtesy Kol Israel Broadcasters)

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1	1	Sukiyaki—Kyo Sakamoto
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S. Africa

(Courtesy Southern African Record Manufacturers and Distributors) June 2

Last Week	This Week	
1	1	Heartaches—The String A-Longs
3	2	Devil In Disguise—Elvis Presley
7	3	Long Tall Stompy—The Credenzas
4	4	Lucy Lucy—Cliff Richard
—	5	Twist It Up—Cliff Richard
6	6	Sukiyaki—Kyu Sakamoto
8	7	Will Follow Him—Little Peggy March
—	8	I Will Love You—Richard Chamberlain
10	9	Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days Of Summer—Nat King Cole
—	10	Scarlett O'Hara—Lawrence Welk

Hong Kong

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BEATLES HIT THE TOP!

Week ending August 31, 1963

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist	Label
3	1	She Loves You	The Beatles	Parlophone
1	2	Bad To Me	Billy J. Kramer & The Dakotas	Parlophone
2	3	I'm Telling You Now	Freddie and the Dreamers	Columbia
5	4	It's All In The Game	Cliff Richard	Columbia
6	5	I'll Never Get Over You	Johnny Kidd and The Pirates	HMV
8	6	Legion's Last Patrol	Ken Thorne	HMV
11	7	I Want To Stay Here	Eddy Gorme and Steve Lawrence	CBS
9	8	Wipe Out	Surfaris	London
12	9	You Don't Have To Be A Baby To Cry	The Caravelles	Decca
4	10	Sweets For My Sweet	The Searchers	Pye
7	11	Twist And Shout EP	The Beatles	Parlophone
13	12	Just Like Eddie	Heinz	Decca
10	13	In Summer	Billy Fury	Decca
18	14	Dance On	Kathy Kirby	Decca
14	15	I'm Confessin'	Frank Ifield	Columbia
20	16	Still	Karl Denver	Decca
15	17	Twist And Shout	Brian Poole and The Tremeloes	Decca
24	18	Only The Heartaches	Houston Wells	Parlophone
17	19	Da Doo Ron Ron	Crystals	London
27	20	Come On	The Rolling Stones	Decca
16	21	Sukiyaki	Kyu Sakamoto	HMV
19	22	Welcome To My World	Jim Reeves	RCA
—	23	Applejack	Jet Harris and Tony Meehan	Decca
21	24	Cruel Sea	The Dakotas	Parlophone
—	25	Wishing	Buddy Holly	Coral
25	26	Surf City	Jan and Dean	Liberty
23	27	Two Silhouettes	Del Shannon	London
26	28	I Want To Stay Here	Miki and Griff	Pye
—	29	Frankie And Johnson	Sam Cooke	RCA
—	30	Whispering	The Bachelors	Decca

Compiled from dealers' returns from all over Britain

WE DON'T WANT TO STOP BACKING BILLY FURY, SAY TORNADOS

TOUGH talk! That's what I got from The Tornados at Great Yarmouth this week. So much guessing has been going on about their future, I decided to see what THEY had to say. They didn't soft-pedal their views!

"There are a number of things we would like to get straight," rapped out drummer Clem Cattini. "One is that our recording career is going ahead without any delay. If anything, we should be celebrating since this is the anniversary of 'Telstar's' entry into the charts.

"We haven't had a loser since then, 'Globetrotter,' 'Robot,' 'Ice Cream Man'—they all hit the Top Twenty. Even our 'Tornado Rock' EP—a light-hearted disc we made in a few hours—is doing a bomb. And our next single is already recorded and will be out soon."

Plain daft

"Another thing to be got straight," said lead guitarist Alan Caddy, "is that I am NOT leaving to take a job on the recording side."

"I merely happened to say to someone that I would like to become a recording manager. That is true; I would. But to take this as meaning I want to leave The Tornados is plain daft. I was speaking of something I might do in five or 10 years' time—and I would have made that clear had anyone checked with me."

The group's views on stories that they might cease to back Billy Fury came in such a chorus, it is easiest to summarize them.

The group jointly said: "It came as a great shock to us to see an advert seeking a new group for Billy. We think Billy

is a great bloke and a tremendous performer. Backing him has been a wonderful experience. Whatever happens, please make it plain we don't want to end the association."

Pianist-organist Roger LaVern, who is leaving The Tornados on September 21, told me: "Changes of personnel are unfortunate, but they happen to most groups. What I want to put right is any suggestion that there has been personal disagreement among the members of the group."

George Bellamy has part of his back in plaster. He couldn't possibly carry on. But he keeps ringing up to ask how things are going. As for me, I was medically advised to leave the group four months ago, but I stayed to see the summer season through and I am sorry to be going. I want nothing more than to see The

Tornados carry on successfully." Bass guitarist Brian Gregg, who joined the group shortly before the summer season started, and new rhythm guitarist Bryan Lewis plainly shared the enthusiasm for The Tornados' future.

Their joint view is: "We had heard so much about The Tornados before joining them and being in the group means a lot to us. We hope to play our part in getting many more hits!"

For the past year, The Tornados have been managed jointly by Joe Meek and Laffy Parmer.

Say The Tornados: "Joe started this group. His compositions and his recording ability have worked wonders in getting it to the top. So whatever Joe decides is fine by us. We have great confidence in him—and the future!"

Dick Tatham

A Mudlark takes to the bass guitar

RECENTLY, deep rumblings shall be appearing in a number of ballrooms—and if it's for this type of music, we feel we need our own backing.

"On many occasions when we have been backed by resident bands with some rather uncertain bass notes flying around, Fred Jeff, who has never played an instrument in his life, is learning the bass guitar, and using every spare minute for practice. He has to—for he has an exacting teacher in Kevin Neill of the Kool Deever Trio.

Fred, too, has switched from acoustic guitar to the amplified variety—and both have acquired handsome, expensive instruments.

"We are preparing for the winter season," Fred told DISC. "We

have been backed by resident bands either to our art or to the local boys. Playing our own guitars, we shall get along nicely, with only the drummer helping out."

And this is not the only change that fans will see when The Mudlarks resume touring after their summer season. For Mary has now left the family act to start a family—she is married to former Mudlark David Lane—and has been replaced by 22-year-old Shirley Young.

J.N.

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EXPECT big "battle over The Contours" old hit "Do You Love Me?" between Brian Poole and the Tremeloes and the Dave Clark Five . . . BBC TV feature on "Dad You're a Square" host Barry Langford introduced newcomers John and Johnny . . . on ITV, Joe Brown came over better than Mark Wynter on Larry Parnes' Yarmouth show . . . Pat Boone will write title tune for his "Never Put It In Writing" film . . . James Darren will direct a special £6,000 Buck Riviera in his new film "For Those Who Think Young".

Elvis Presley, not Jerry Lee Lewis, may star in "The Hank Williams Story" film . . . Rick Nelson testing for Broadway lead in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" . . . Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman wrote "A" sides of newly-released Ray Charles and Gene McDaniels singles . . . Songwriter Freddie Scott's first release as a singer "Hey Girl" (written by Carole King and Gerry Goffin) a smash hit; the song has been covered here by Parlophone's Duffy Power.

★ ★ ★

NEW Buddy Holly single "Wishing" co-written by Bob Montgomery, also responsible for early Everly Brothers hits . . . One of Britain's most underrated composers, singer Marty Wilde . . . The late Buddy Holly's mother recovering from recent operation . . . Jim Reeves' all-time favourite song "I Can't Stop Loving You" . . . Flipside of Roy Orbison's new single sounds like old Elvis Presley rocker . . . Buddy Holly Appreciation Society president John Becker recent Radio Luxembourg guest of DJ Kent Walton . . . Fabian now has his own record company Jaydo (a subsidiary of Mercury).

★ ★ ★

BRITISH songwriters Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Carr's standard "Red Sails In The Sunset" is new Fats Domino disc "Cash Box" refers to John Leyton as "the English Elvis Presley" . . . Beryl Davis, wife of "Take Box Jury" creator Peter Potter and current Las Vegas star with Jane Russell and Connie Haines, used to sing with Gerald's band . . . New Hurricane Eddy LP track disc "Guitar and Feathered" . . . USA chart-toppers The Angels' first LP "My Boyfriend's Back" includes The

Chiffons' "He's So Fine" . . . Lesley Gore's "Judy's Turn To Cry" written by Edna Lewis, composer of Connie Francis' million-seller, "Lipstick On Your Collar" . . . On Chubby Checker's German tour bill is Britain's Tony Sheridan, whose old records with The Beatles have sold well here . . . Ella Fitzgerald has an LP with the Count Basie band . . . The Beatles' "She Loves Me" out in the States on Swan instead of Vee Jay.

During kidnapping of footballer Alfredo Di Stefano, discs issued in USA called "Kidnapper" by Jewel and the Rubies . . . Watch for TV demonstration of The Monkey dance by Lionel Blair . . . Current Duane Eddy single unsuccessful in America . . . Will there be a new Everly Brothers single soon?

Billy Vaughn

has revived wartime hit "Rag Mop" . . . Currently three Phil Spector productions in US Hot 100 by The



BILLIE DAVIS — Friends with Jet.

Crystals, Darlene Love and newcomers The Ronettes . . . The Chiffons' "A Love So Fine" their third successive single with "One" title . . . Brian Epstein will accompany Billy J. Kramer on November visit to USA . . . The Beatles' "From Me To You" is No. 3 top pop in Poland . . . Only five years since Everly Brothers' "Bird Dog" in top ten . . .

★ ★ ★

THE Rolling Stones are Hayley Mills fans after recent TV appearance together. Jet Harris and Billie Davis are "just good friends". Jan and Dean's "Surf City" follow-up is called "Honolulu Luau" . . . Next Shirelles' single has same title as recent Marcie Blane record, "What Does A Girl Do".

Out in America: "Roll Harris'" "I Know A Man" and "The Searchers'" "Sweet For My Sweet" . . . Watch for new single by The Drifters called "I'll Take You Home," said to be reminiscent of "Save The Last Dance For Me" . . . Next Mel Tormé single is "You Can't Love Em All" . . . Jim Lowe, originator of Frankie Vaughan's "Green Door" hit, back on disc with "Hoohummy Grammy."

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Jaywalkers on the ball — with bows and arrows!

Aiming for a hit? Certainly that's what Peter Jay and the Jaywalkers are hoping for with their next record which was recorded last week and is released at the end of the month. The boys finish their season at GL Yarmouth, where this picture was taken, on Saturday, and then take a weekly holiday. On November 1 they start their biggest ever tour when they open with The Beatles at Cheltenham.

SUCCESS? Brian Poole talks to June Harris

It's not having plenty of money, or a new car, or even a hit record

BRIAN POOLE eased himself into his manager's plush red leather chair, swung his feet on the desk and, wrapping his sheepskin jacket closely round his six-foot frame, commented on his success.

"It's a wonderful word," he said, "but as far as we're concerned, success is something way off in the distant future. Let's say we're just two or three rungs further up the ladder."

Success is more than one hit record, or a string of personal appearance. It's more than having money to spend on luxuries or a new car.

"It's a life-long, guaranteed prestige, which only comes when not only your public likes you, but you yourself are satisfied that

you're giving your best at all times.

"We've got a long way to go before we reach that stage."

He stroked the sleeve of his coat, travel-worn and stained.

"This is real success," he said. "I've always believed in buying the best of everything. So do The Tremeloes. But now we've got more money to spend, it doesn't mean we're going to rush out and buy a dozen new suits or new equipment. Anyway, instrumentally, we could ask for no finer gear than what we already have."

"But that's not saying we're miserly. We've got plans for the big money we hope we'll be getting, and what we've already earned is being put to good use."

"For instance, my dad has a bookmaking business. I've already invested some money in that, and I plan to buy some luxuries for our house near Dagenham."

"As we all live at home, none of us has any plans for moving out, except that perhaps me and the boys will buy a place in the country, as a kind of weekend retreat."

"I've bought a German-made sports coat, a pair of trousers and two new suits," he told me. "My new overcoat is an Italian tweed."

"But don't get the idea that I'm biased towards Continental wear. I buy what appeals to me. That's how it was with the new overcoat—I just fancied it."

Billy likes to do his shopping in London because he usually finds that fans "invade" the shop when he visits a provincial outfit.

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"We've all ordered new cars, too. Every one of us has gone for a Ford. That's because we're bring patriotic to Dagenham! And, of course, eventually, we'll buy a new mini-bus for one-nighters."

But on a future policy basis, Brian Poole and the Tremeloes have some exciting plans, which don't only concern their welfare, but act as an encouragement to groups all over the country just waiting for the right break.

"Let's face it," admits Brian. "We were lucky. So why shouldn't we turn our luck towards others?"

"We intend to open a couple

should think before the year's out, we'll have set up our own publishing company."

But before all this Brian Poole and The Tremeloes have one more hurdle to jump.

Next weekend, Brian and the boys embark on their first ever theatre tour, with Roy Orbison, Freddie and the Dreamers and The Searchers.

"We only played our first theatre date at the Great Yarmouth Aquarium two weeks ago," says Brian. "It was fun, but frightening. Towards the end of 'Twist And Shout' everyone started rushing the stage. It happens in dance halls, but we never thought we'd experience it at a theatre."

"Heaven help us, and the tour, if it happens again."

But in all fairness, although we're excited about our first tour, we're even more pleased that we're going out on the road with other groups we know and like.

And as we'll be going on stage before Roy Orbison, all of us are just dying to see his act. I believe it's a knockout!"

BILLY J. GOES ON A 'BAD TO ME' SPENDING SPREE

BILLY J. KRAMER has been celebrating the success of "Bad To Me," which has sold over 250,000 copies and last week won him his first Silver Disc, by making several additions to his wardrobe.

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WELL, here I am again! A little the worse for wear since my recent bout of food poisoning, but nevertheless still enthusiastic enough about eating not to watch my diet!

I think if anything, I've been eating all the more, particularly when we were up in Scotland last week. The food there is tremendous, though I admit I haven't tried filling the Garrity tum with any haggis yet! I suppose I'm a coward really. You get too used to eating roast beef and Yorkshire pudding to dare try anything else!

We loved Scotland, but we very nearly didn't get there—or anywhere near it! I decided to take my car on the trip, but before we played Scotland, we had a date in Barrow,

The car ran beautifully for about five miles, but just before we hit the M6, there was a terrific bang and we discovered a tyre had blown!

QUICK REPAIR

Luckily, we were just outside a garage at the time, so they managed to do a quick repair job on it.

But that's not all. We got on to the M6, and bang—it happened again—except that this time the bonnet came loose, was caught by a gust of wind and blew right back. It made a right mess of the front of the car, I can tell you!

Still, we managed to get to Barrow in one piece, though we

were an hour late for our first performance.

We did two shows there and at both, the audiences were terrific.

One of the dates we played last week was in Carlisle. Things were pretty hectic there and when I left after the show I discovered I'd lost my tie clip, arm bands and cuff links in the hall!

The following night we did a date in Edinburgh. As we arrived early, we had a meal, and went to see "Lawrence of Arabia." Great film, but somehow, I can't imagine me in the title role!

When we got back to the hall, it was packed. There were about 2,500 people there and The Big Three were playing. There were two other groups, as well and we really had quite a swing-

Scotland was swinging!

ing time. Edinburgh is a wonder-giant sized tartan scarf to keep full city, and I hope we get the me old ears warm in the winter, chance to play there again.

We did some shopping in Edinburgh. Pete Birrell and Derek Quinn arrived before us, and found a shop where they bought miniature Scottish soldiers that had big tummies and little heads, and were dressed in traditional Scottish gear. They were dead funny!

When Roy and I got there, we rushed round to the shop to get some for ourselves, but it was closed. So I bought myself a Joe Gordon.

Joe used to do a double act with Kait Denver—I'd love to have seen them. I bet they were a knock-out!

More from Freddie next week

HITS IN A GARAGE—BY JAN AND DEAN!



JAN AND DEAN, those two all-American boys with the clean-cut college look—both are over six feet tall, boasting blue eyes and blond hair, and with a permanent sun tan—who made our charts last week with "Surf City," have hit on Hollywood's answer to the Joe ("Telstar") Meek beat-music studio.

They share a cosy little pad in Hollywood's swank Bel Air quarter, and they've converted the garage underneath into their recording studio.

They admit they have to leave their cars parked in the drive, but point out if they hadn't hit on the idea of a garage studio, they probably wouldn't have two cars in the first place!

In 1958, Jan and Dean set to work on the first of what later was to turn out to be a succession of disc hits. Armed with a piano and tape recorder, they shut themselves away in their garage, and came up with a cute little number called "Jesus Lee."

The lyrics were virtually obliterated by

a series of weird-sounding instruments, but nonetheless, the disc swung into the US charts.

Immediately after the boys' first hit, Dean was conscripted for six months army service, so a friend代替ed until his return. On his demob, Dean rejoined his former partner, and from then on came a stream of chart-topping hits, including "Baby Talk," "There's A Girl," "Clementine," and "Heart And Soul."

In November, 1961, they switched from the Challenge label to Liberty, heralding their new contract with another best seller: "A Sunday Kind Of Love."

Things didn't exactly go quiet after that, but Jan and Dean lost some of their impact. But like any other determined artists—and because they didn't particularly want to sell either their sports cars or Jan's boat—they kept on trying. So when surf music made it big, they came up with "Surf City"—and another big hit.

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writes from the MORE TOP SIGNINGS FOR 'STARS'

ARTISTS made their way to the Birmingham studios from north, south, east and west for the recording of "Lucky Stars" on Sunday. Two of the stars, Joe Brown and Mark Wynter, made the trip from Great Yarmouth for the show. Mark passed his driving test last Thursday—but he decided the long journey from Great Yarmouth to Birmingham was a bit too far to drive unaccompanied in his Austin Healey Sprite so soon after his test success.

"I came here in a hire car," Mark told me. "Frankly, I don't intend to drive everywhere now. I've passed my test, in any case, because sometimes I would be exhausted by the time I arrived at an engagement."

"I've never been as nervous as when I took my test. The examiner was so formal about everything. Turn left, Mr. Wynter; 'Straight ahead, Mr. Wynter'... He said my name at the end of every instruction."

★ ★ ★
I WAS introduced to Mark's manager, Ray Mackender, who told me that Mark is going on holiday to Spain and Morocco at the end of the month. "Then he'll start preparing for his pantomime season at Coventry," he said.

"The panto is 'Robin Hood,'" added Mark. "I'm looking forward to it very much. I will have to start having fencing lessons for the part."

★ ★ ★
OVERNIGHT stop for Joe Brown on the journey from Yarmouth to Birmingham was his uncle's farm in Leicestershire, a welcome retreat for Joe from the hectic world of show business.

"I've brought my 15-year-old cousin Carol with me," said Joe. "It's her first visit to the TV studios. I'll be taking her back after the show because I'm staying with Uncle Les again tonight."

Although Mark Wynter has still to make his first long journey alone in his car, Joe Brown is something of a motoring veteran.

"Yes, I came in my Rover," he remarked. "I've done a lot of travelling in it. In fact, I reckon I have covered around 48,000 miles within 12 months."

★ ★ ★
WE have two groups from the north in "Lucky Stars" this Saturday—The Hollies and Brian Epstein's latest signings from Liverpool, The Fourmost.

In addition, we have the first group from Bognor Regis to appear on the show. They are The Diamonds, who play their exciting instrumental "Lost City."

They travelled to Birmingham overnight after a Saturday night date at East Grinstead, where they had appeared under their usual billing, Alan and The Diamonds.

Because their disc is an instrumental, vocalist Alan Davison will not be seen on television but he came to the studios with them to wish the boys luck on their first TV date.

Well, this brings my series of articles from the set of "Lucky Stars" to a close. I hope you've enjoyed them. Bye for now.

Bobby Vee to wed by this Christmas

BOBY VEE, 20-year-old American singing star, is getting married. His bride will be lovely, dark-haired Karen Bergen, who is also 20.

Bobby, whose real name is Robert Velline, had big hits here with "Rubber Ball," "More Than I Can Say," "Take Good Care Of My Baby," "Run To Him," "How Many Years," and "Bobby Tomorrow."

Karen is from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and Bobby hails from Fargo. The couple plan to wed during the Christmas holidays in Fargo.

Heinz booked for first 'live' radio

HEINZ is booked for his first "live" radio show—"Parade of the Pop," on September 11. Three days later, on September 14, he will be seen on "Thank You, Lucky Stars."

Heinz has now been signed for his third film. Titled "A Swinging Location," it will feature him with his accompanying group, The Saints, and also marks his reunion with The Tornados.

The film is in colour, runs for 90 minutes and will be shot on locations around London. It will probably be released in November. Heinz's first film, "Farewell Performance," will be generally released on November 17.

Mike tours Scandinavia

MIKE COTTON'S Jazzmen have been booked for a 10-day tour of Scandinavian jazz clubs starting on February 12.

The Cotton Jazzmen will be heard in "Easy Beat" on October 6, 20 and November 24. They telecast in "Discs A Gogo" on October 21 and make their TV debut in the "625 Show" on September 24—the last programme in the present series.

Jazzmen write for film

JAZZMEN Ken Colyer and Tony Kinsey have written the music for Warner-Palme's "West 11" which opens at the Warner theatre early in October. Ken has composed the theme tune, and Tony Kinsey will be seen in the film playing in two jazz clubs.

Blue Jeans' 208 series

THE Swinging Blue Jeans start their own series on Radio Luxembourg on September 29. Titled "Swing Time," the shows will be aired on Sundays at 9 pm, and will run for 13 weeks.

The boys will also select and discuss discs they think will make the hit parade.

The Blue Jeans' new disc, "Do You Know," is released on HMV on September 20.

'Surf City' duo may do ten-day ballroom tour

JAN and Dean, currently in the charts at 25 with "Surf City," are the latest American names being sought for a British trip. They may come over in December for a 10-day visit. Promoter Roy Tempest told DISC: "I am awaiting confirmation from the States, and hope to set up ballroom dates within the next week."

Tempest has also fixed more dates for Johnny Burnette and Gene Pitney, and has completed bookings for Johnny Thunder.

The new Burnette dates are Kilburn (November 5), Woking (6), Bridgewater (11), Hitchin (13), Dunstable (15) and Boston (16).

Gene Pitney's additional dates are Kilburn (November 26), Hitchin (27), Newport (December 2) and Farnborough (4).

Johnny Thunder opens at Winchester on September 20, followed by Weymouth (21), Chatham (22), Reading (23), Kilburn (24), Lowestoft (25), Birmingham (27), Dunstable (28), Southsea (29), Newport (30), Whitehaven (October 4), Prestatyn (5) and Oldham (6).

Lonnie not to play "Kelly" on Broadway

RICHARD HARRIS, star of the film "Sporting Life," has been signed for the lead role in the Broadway production of "Kelly." Lonnie Donegan was in the running for this part.

"Naturally I'm disappointed," Lonnie told DISC.

It now seems likely that Lonnie will take up the offer to star in Anthony Newley's "Stop the World—in Australia."

I can't comment on that until I have further discussions with my manager, Cyril Berlin, who returns from holiday this weekend," said Lonnie.



BLANK DATES

American stars visiting names as Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers, Steady Go" (September 13), "Sad October 12) and "Thank Your Alma for Las Vegas

ALMA COGAN will play a season in Las Vegas on the way home from her forthcoming trip to Australia for TV and cabaret dates. It will last around four weeks and includes offers to appear at Lake Tahoe in Nevada and on U.S. TV.

First EMI disc soon

BILLIE DAVIS has her first EMI disc released on September 27.

Called "It's So Funny I Could Cry," it's backed with a composition by Billie entitled "You And I."

BOBBY VEE with his fiancee, Karen.

Two Silver Discs in as many weeks for Beatles

THE tremendous Beatles have done it again! They've won ANOTHER Silver Disc—this time for "She Loves You," which sold over 500,000 copies in the first week of release.

There's no stopping them now. It is only two weeks since they created disc history by winning a first-ever Silver Disc award for their "Twist And Shout" EP.

Now, with "Twist And Shout" still in the charts, their latest release has hit the Number One slot.

At one stage, the demand from dealers was so great, the record sold 40,000 copies in five minutes!

And their "Please Please Me" LP is still Britain's top selling album.

The group's November tour opens at the Cheltenham Odeon on November 1. Guests set for the package include Peter Jay and The Jaywalkers, The Vernons Girls and The Kestrels.

The Beatles also guest on "Easy Beat" on October 20, and are set for another Liverpool edition of "Thank You, Lucky Stars" on December 21.

U.S. comedian—new disc

VERVE RECORDS are releasing a new Jackie Mason LP to tie in with the American comedian's limited season at London's Talk of the Town.

He opens there on Monday.

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The Shadows' 'Shindig' is a cert to grow on you

**The Shadows****Shindig! It's Been A Blue Day**
(Columbia DB 7106)

THREE of The Shadows are responsible for the arrangements on their latest release. Meehan, Martin, and Welch get the credits for "Shindig," a pleasant trotalong with something of a Western flavour to it. Guitars work attractively together without straining for extra gimmicks.

A side which may lack a little of the impact of previous performances, but which should grow on you, and grow into a steady seller, too.

"It's Been A Blue Day" was

written by Brian Bennett and is a soft, melodic offering backed tenderly by the Narcis Paramount Strings and some girl voices.

Elaine Delmar**Hunt Drum Blues: Amor, Amor**
(Columbia DB 7101)***

OSCAR BROWN JNR., who scored in the West End recently and woke up the critics to his existence, is composer of **Hunt Drum Blues**. Miss Delmar sings it smoothly, as if I remember "Fever" in the back of her mind.

Kim Jones supplies a polished accompaniment from big band One from the Lansdowne Studios. This ballad would sell a lot if heard a lot.

There is so much being attempted

in the revival of **Amor, Amor** that almost none of it succeeds. It goes from withdrawn jazz through Latin to big band swing. I'm all for ingenuity in arrangements for singer and orchestra, but they should be complementary rather than in opposition.

Wilfred Brambell**Second Hand: Ragtime Ragaboo**
Man

(Parlophone R. 503)***

WILFRED BRAMBELL, the old "Steppee" character, follows his "son" on to disc with this coupling—and I rather wish he hadn't.

Second Hand is a slow narrative

number that could not be more predictable if they gave away a signpost with every copy. It's a sentimental material that would have suited an old music-hall artist better.

Ragtime Ragaboo Man is a chirpy razzmatazz effort. But I'm afraid neither half really succeeds in matching up to the image which Mr. Brambell has created for himself on the telly.

Freddy Cannon**Everybody Monkey: Oh Gloria**
(State-side SS 220)***

FREDDY CANNON gives a lesson in the Monkey Dance for all those who want to jump around like a chimpanzee. Everybody Monkey is the "caveman" of let's dance" record we've had with virtually every new beat craze. The beat is strong and Cannon is given a solid backing from rhythm, organ and male vocal group.

Oh Gloria is a slow, clinging rocker which Freddy handles rather drearily, I'm afraid.

Sarah Vaughan**I Believe In You: Honeyuckle Rose**
(Columbia DB 7103)***

FROM her current LP "The Explosive Side Of Sarah Vaughan" come the two tracks on this release. Sarah's version of the

standards is well worth hearing—and I like Dennis Carter's big band going Latin behind her husky drawling of **I Believe In You**. A side which makes more and more impression with every spin.

What can you do with **Honey-Rose** nowadays? Sarah lets it slope a gentle lazy path that is pleasing without actually breaking new ground. Carter's band accompaniment is like water.

Mike Sarne**Please Don't Say: Now You've Moved**
(Parlophone R. 5060)***

MIKE SARNE switches from the Cockney comedy material to a simple romantic ballad which sits pleasantly through the top hits.

Please Don't Say is a song with

lyric based on the don't-sell-me-my-idea idea. Easy to hold and with a clear, rather appealing performance from Sarne.



Now You've Moved is put over in heavy Cockney however, and Sarne must enjoy the dialect because he wrote this song himself. NOT a comic novelty about someone taking a snapshot, but a slow, sad lament about the girl who has gone from the house next door.

Timi Yuro**Make The World Go Away: Look Down**
(Liberty LIB 5538)***

REMEMBER the force with which Ray Charles' first rock punches at Country and Western music came across? Well, here's the feminine equivalent from Timi Yuro as she sings Hank Cochran's composition **Make The World Go Away**. Slow, but delivered with terrific power and feeling, and with

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GET THIS IF YOU WANT TO 'MONKEY'

THE MIRACLES — Mickey's Monkey:

Whatever Makes You Happy
(Odeon OB 1163)***

If you want to be ahead of the crowd, and go dancing The Monkey then this is one of the discs you need. Mickey's Monkey charmed himself by The Miracles, and it's a solid disc from the Tamla label in the States.

Rhythm 'n' blues followers won't need urging to collect The Miracles—others might like to try again, however. Whatever Makes You Happy has an edgy sound which will attract many ears. Steady buster charmed cleverly, with mod harmonies behind lead voice.

THE PLAYERS — My Boyfriend's Back:

As It May (Odeon OB 1161)***

The older listeners to The Mockingbird is rocked comfortably by the instrumentalists on this release. Good, blustering noise will attract many folk. I imagine the lay-back piano will sit alongside the guitar. **As It May** is a poor pop, and the Carmen modernisation isn't much better either.

JACKIE LYNTON — Tidy Bears Picnic:

Jeannie With The Light Brown Hair (Odeon OB 1160)***

Nursery rhymes may be the next

noise from the guitarist and his slick rhythm team.

A girl group called the K-C-Ellers sing the words happily all the way. Not really the mixture of beat and folk which Timi promises, but **Sark's** **Honesty** is an infectious party.

EASY PICKIN' is a polar item which moves at a sweet shuffle, allowing room for the sit to break out in a few squawks.

LANA JEAN — It Hurts To Be Sixteen: Bad Boy

(Pye International N 2210)***

Although she's singing about her 16th birthday in the song, Lana Jean is really just 11-years-old. In her spare time, I'm told, she has become a roller-skating champion.

And she's not a bad singer—for a roller-skating champion. Double-tracking on both unspun sides.

THE PUPPETS — Everybody's Talking: Posh

Ivy (Pye N 1555)***

Three posh boys make up The Puppets who play and sing with a pleasant group noise. Everybody's Talking is a quick slice which may grow on you.

The old Coasters' success **Poison Ivy** is given a strong and amazing performance.

STEVE CASSIDY — Ecstasy: I'm A Worrier

(Number 1 EMB 5177)***

Steve Cassidy's a Yorkshire lad who has come to disco—from the training ground of pubs, clubs and night counters in his home country. He could be a useful name for Emmerdale now that the label's on its kick for the new.

He sings the swinging Latin ballad **Ecstasy** heavily, almost as if he's warning Billy Fury to move over.

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 (CBS BPG 62151) ****

This is a well-chosen album from CBS which should rack up some healthy sales with Steve and Eydie's hit recording single "I Want To Stay Here" acting as an appetiser.

The talented duo picked a set of distinguished film songs for the date, including five Academy Award winners. They duet at the beginning and end of each side, and divide the rest at some length.

Steve maintains his reputation as one of the best balladeers active across the Atlantic. Eydie is her individual singing self, but once again I noticed the distinct harshness of her voice, especially on the upper notes.

Marion Laine adds to his growing répertoire in pop circles with his arrangements and accompaniment, and altogether it's a very listenable and commercial LP.

Ray Conniff and Billy Butterfield

Just Kiddin' Around
Alexander's Ragtime Band; Leader; Heartaches; This Love Of Mine;

When I Grow Too Old To Dream; You'll Never Know; Just Kiddin' Around; You Oughta Be In Pictures; Put Your Arms Around Me; Honey; Peg O' My Heart; But Not For Me; I See Your Face Before Me.

(CBS BPG 62160) ****

WAY back Ray and Billy were members of the Artie Shaw orchestra. Ray, on guitar and bass, is showing that famous trumpet style of his. They got together again for this album, and have produced one of the best-sounding jazz party-type LPs it's been my pleasure to hear for some considerable time.

Ray left his former singers behind for this session, and brought his orchestra and trombone. He plays some rousing Dixieland-style duets with Billy, and provides some typical happy Conniff beat behind the blistered trumpet solos elsewhere.

An infectiously gay set from two remarkably talented musicians.

Jimmy Dean

Everybody's Favourite
Mule Train; I Really Don't Want To Know; Be Honest With Me; I'm The One Who Loves You; Time Changes Everything; Sweet Georgia Brown; This Old House; Tears On My Pillow; Philanthropist; No, We'll Ever Know; Hang Your Head In Shame; Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy.

(CBS BPG 62152) ***

JIMMY scores here with the best type of commercial country album, singing with ingratiating warmth and smoothness with that dark brown Texan voice of his. And he manages to sing a few

welcome changes, notably the bossa nova version of *Sweet Georgia Brown*. Most pleasant of all, he avoids the maddening mawkishness which many country singers wallow in, reading each set of lyrics appropriately without going to extremes.

Ardent C and W fans may well say he's not authentic enough to rate, but I think Jimmy has the answer when it comes to country music for the general masses.

Barbra Streisand

The Barbra Streisand Album
Cry Me A River; My Honey's Loving Arms; I'll Tell The Man In The Street; A Taste Of Honey; Who's Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf; Soon It's Gonna Rain; Happy Days Are Here Again; Kerner's Out Of Mischief Now; Much More; Come To The Supermarket (In Old Peking); A Sleepy Bear.

(CBS BPG 62161) ***

I'M afraid I'm not exactly knocked out by this debut album. As nearly always when there's a heavy campaign of enthusiastic raving about a new artist, the actual level of performance is a disappointment.

Barbra's voice is not particularly melodious, and she has an unfortunate tendency to ham up the lyrics with excessive "emotion" and dramatics. Soon it's gonna rain gives an example of this and her final note on *Cry Me A River* is decidedly bad for such a highly polished singer.

Barbra does register attractively with the good lyric of *I'll Tell The Man In The Street*, and in the moody *Taste Of Honey*, if she's not hampered with extravagant pollicy tipping her hat as the next Judy Garland, she has the potential to do much better on record.

Paul and Paula

We Go Together
We Go Together; Oh What A Love; The Beginning Of Love; Flipped Over You; We Two Forever Shall Be Our Stepping Stone; Average Day And Average Girl; So Fine; Love Comes Once; You Said Me Something Old, Something New; Pledges My Love.

(Philips BL 7572) ***

THIS twosome are all-American college romance personified, and they are up to their necks in the election race. Paul is fair-skinned, blonde, Paul on the harmonica has been used to be attuned to first love in school, ready to appreciate what they do.

When they take the heat or up-tempo trail as in *Flipped Over You*, *Stepping Stones* and *Oh What A Love*, Paul and Paula are quite passable, but when they slow down for sentiment, I begin to switch.

Film star Brigitte Bardot made her American radio debut via a taped interview in Capri by WNEW top DJ Fred Robbins. In the interview Brigitte stated that Andy Williams and Tony Bennett were her favourite singers.

With Gospel songs becoming more and more popular, Gospel star Mahalia Jackson is receiving fantastic offers to appear in the top clubs throughout the States but she refuses them all, saying she will not perform for any amount in clink where liquor is sold.

NICE gesture by Jan And Dean who recently had the nation's No. 1 seller with "Surf City." They presented the sound engineer who was responsible for making the disc with a special record plaque inscribed "To Lank, it would have been impossible without you . . . Jan and Dean."

Los Ramblers offer some punchy Afro-Cuban dance music and song. Los Amigos provide some really beautiful Latin American folk song well accompanied by their guitars, harp and bongo beat, and Jata Mestre's Brasileiros conjure up the vivid, exhilarating atmosphere of carnival time in Rio de Janeiro with a sparkling selection of marches and sambas.

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Les Swingle Singers

Jazz Sebastian Bach

(Philips BL 7572) ***

Absolutely brilliant. The best vocal chorus album since LP records came into being. Les Swingle Singers are a French group who have also recorded under the name of Les Doores Six on a set of big band standards for Columbia, with their voices imitating the instrumental solos of the original versions.

Here they perform works by Johann Sebastian Bach, taking them straight apart from the addition of bassist Pierre Michelot and drummer Gao Waller.

Bach's writing had a built-in ring of its own which is highlighted here without any loss of taste, and I'm sure he would have loved this superb modernisation of his best-known works.

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big bands in the business is still the Woody Herman orchestra. Always popular on their one-night stands, they are suddenly becoming in great demand for top TV shows and will shortly make three appearances on the Jerry Lewis show. Later this year they will work on the next Judy Garland spectacular.

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LOOKS like the newest dance, The Monkey, is here to stay—at least for a while anyway. Already three Monkey tunes are climbing up the hit parade, with two more about to enter. Biggest of the hits—"The Monkey Time" by Major Lance on Okeh Records. Another disc, "Everybody Monkey," has brought Freddy Cannon back into the charts.

Vaughn Meader, best known for his impersonation of President Kennedy on the fantastic selling album, "The First Family," recently fulfilled one of his main ambitions by appearing on the "Grand Ole Opry" broadcast. He did so with great success and even sang a Western tune.

Dion DiMucci as he now wishes to be known was very thrilled with the reaction he got when making his stage debut this summer in Cleveland, playing the part of Bill Masterson in "Guys And Dolls."

Johnny Cash has re-recorded his hit title "Ring Of Fire" in Spanish for sale in Spain, Mexico and South America. The "B" side of this, "The Great Matador," will be his next main release for the States. Johnny will be heading your way shortly to play dates in Ireland.

Memphis fans of Jerry Lee

Lewis won't be seeing him much for a few months as the Oriental Club, where he always works when not on tour, was recently badly damaged by fire.

Jane Russell, Connie Haines and Bert Davis, who teamed up a few years ago on discs singing Gospel songs as a fund-raising effort for WAIFS adoption agency, are to appear as a singing act, starting at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

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SINGER Bobby Bare will make his movie debut in Warner Bros. forthcoming "A Distinct Trumpet" for which, as well as acting, he will compose and sing the main song. "It All Depends On Linda."

When Frank Sinatra Jr. opens at the Americana Hotel in New York with the Tommy Dorsey band it should prove a very swinging night as Frank Star, intends to give many of the Clan along to give a hand.

Jack Jones voted "The Most Promising Male Vocalist of 1963" by the nation's DISC looks all set for a big hit with "Toys In The Attic" from the film of the same name.

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HAMBURG'S STAR CLUB IS SO GREAT—I'M GOING BACK FOR CHRISTMAS!

I'VE just got back from my third trip to Germany to play the Hamburg Star Club—and believe me, that place is an absolute knock-out.

In fact, I think it's so great I'm going back there at Christmas for another two-week stint. I fly out on Christmas Eve morning and open on Boxing Day—so any place that's worth missing Christmas at home for MUST be swinging!

About the only place to touch it in Britain for atmosphere is Liverpool's Cavern. I've played a full week there, too, and I had a really great time, but it's a lot different in many ways.

The Star Club is a converted cinema and has a capacity of 4,000, and believe me, it really gets packed at weekends.

• jumping

When the American rhythm and blues artists get there later this year, the place will really jump. At weekends, the club opens at four in the afternoon and goes on till six the next morning! And people who started twisting when it opens are still knocking themselves out as dawn breaks outside.

And don't think they're all youngsters. The club members are of all ages from teenagers to

middle-aged men and women.

The big sound there at the moment is rhythm and blues—or rock—in fact, any big beat music that's tailor-made for twisting.

I did two half-hour spots and having a visual act, I was able to hold their attention when I did ballads as well as the hot rhythm numbers. But most of the supporting groups belt out the beat right through the night.

What made it even better for me this time was the news from England that "I'll Never Get Over You" was climbing the charts back here.

I changed my style for this disc and I was a bit worried what the reaction would be.

For instance, I double-tracked for "I'll Never Get Over You," something which I don't normally do. I hope to do this again on future discs—there's so much you can experiment with in this field.

Johnny Kidd

writes for DISC

You know there were some really fine groups appearing with me at the Star Club this time. One group—from Merseyside, incidentally—is Kingsize Taylor and the Dominos, and they could really be BIG when they get back to Britain. At the moment, they're touring with Chubby Checker on the Continent. For my money they must be one of the most underrated of the Liverpool groups.

• touring

Resident at the Star Club, although he, too, is touring with Chubby at the moment, is Tony Sheridan and the Beat Brothers. Do you remember Tony? He was backed by The Beatles on a disc recorded in Hamburg two or three years ago.

Talking about The Beatles, they spent a lot of time in Germany a few years ago and built up quite a following before they really hit it big here.

Quite a few hit parade names, in fact, have appeared there in the past—The Big Three, The Searchers, The Swinging Blue Jeans, and another Liverpool group, Lee Curtis and the All Stars.

You know, I think The Beatles are the best thing that has happened to the scene for a long time. They've really given the music business the shot in the arm we were all waiting for. For me, they do no wrong.

And I'd like to see a few more groups with talent break through to success. Too much talent has been suppressed in the past. I'm convinced that there are a lot more talented groups all over the country—in places like Birmingham, Newcastle and in Scotland. All over the place, in fact. I'd like to see a lot more people hit the top.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to get me back at the top. It's great and I really appreciate it.



Helen, with former racing cyclist Jimmy Savile

for a spin

HELEN SHAPIRO had just arrived back from a spin on a bike when I saw her at Great Yarmouth last weekend. "Cycling is my latest craze," Helen told me. "Jimmy Savile got me interested; he used to be a road racer. Now I have a spanking new bike. I use it as often as I can and am I fit!"

Helen will keep up her cycling after her Yarmouth summer season closes this week. She says: "I have two weeks off and I'm having a holiday at home at our new house in Hendon. My parents moved in last Monday though I've not taken up residence yet. I'm not going to delay any longer by going to a holiday abroad."

Nashville

It has also been decided to issue an LP of Helen's American recordings in October. Title: "Helen In Nashville."

Regarding other plans, personal manager Alan Parham told me: "She will do two other recording sessions in October—one is to give us some tracks in reserve and one is for the German market. She will almost certainly do a short Irish tour the same month. Before the start of the Bob Dylan tour on November 12, she may appear on the Continent."

DICK TATHAM

Sssh!! Frank's new car is on the top secret list

Laurie Henshaw talks to Frank Ifield and The Hollies

and I took the opportunity for a chat about "Searchin'," the group's hit disc.

One thing about Graham Nash, guitar-leader of the group, he is not one of those chart newcomers who lets success go to his head.

The Hollies first dive, "Ain't That Just Like Me," hit chartsville just a week after being released. But Graham and the boys, while naturally elated, were not counting on winning world fame on the strength of one hit.

And, though "Searchin'" is "a bit of a raver," to quote Graham's own words, they are still playing it cool.

Like "Just Like Me," "Searchin'" hit the charts just a week after release. But, when asked if he thought The Hollies could bring off a hat-trick of hits with their next single, Graham said: "We'll wait and see."

A dead Graham: "Quite frankly, we didn't think 'Searchin'' would make it. It seems you have to record something like 'Tim Telling You Now' and 'Bad To Me' to crack the Hit Parade."

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13 hours of beat—that was B-DAY

In Liverpool they called it "B-Day"—and the "B" stood for BEAT. For 13 sensational rhythmic hours on Saturday, Liverpool's Stanley Stadium rocked to one of the biggest, loudest open-air pop music shows ever staged in this country.

Organised by two promoters from the home of Britain's Big Beat, Alan Williams, owner of the city's plush "Blue Angel" night spot, and Spencer Mason in conjunction with the "Daily Herald," literally thousands of devotees of Liverpool's sensational sound came, sang, twisted and stampeded all day to 26 acts as the biggest-ever round-up of Merseyside talent took the stage throughout the day.

The show was headlined by John Leyton, Mike Sarne, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas, the Alexis Korner Rhythm and Blues outfit and Ricky Valance.

Also in the line-up were The Big Three, The Hollies, Bert Marsden, The Mersey Beats, Johnny Sandon and The Remo Four, Earl Pearson and the T.T.s, The Mojos, The Panthers, Lee Curtis, Ian and the Zodiacs, Rory Storm and The Hurricanes, Pete McLean and the Clan and the Chris Nava Combo.

• Breathless

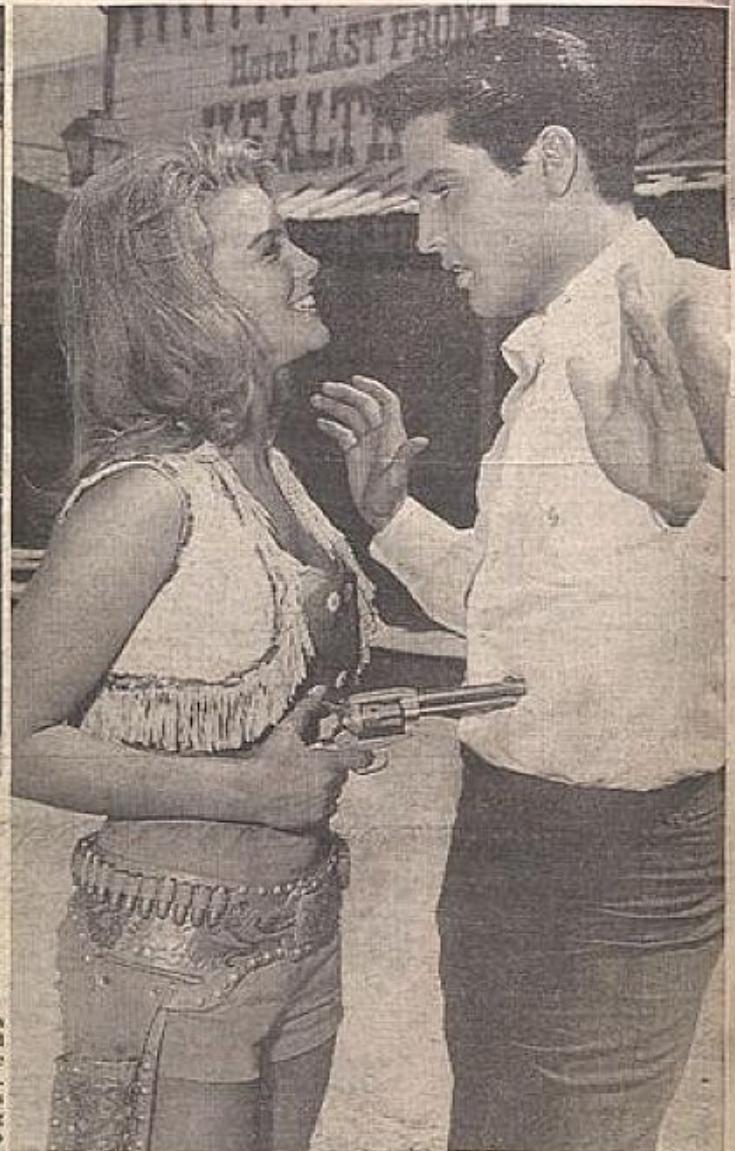
After a tremendous reception from the crowd during his 20-minute spot—which included "Bad To Me" and "Secret"—Billy J. said breathlessly:

"What a great show. I only wish I could stay here all night."

Comprising the slickly organised show were Liverpool DJ Bob Wooller, resident competitor at the city's famous Cavern, and actor Kenneth Coppe—led Stone of Granada Television's "Coronation Street."

As darkness fell and the stadium was bathed in floodlights, star singers Mike Sarne, John Leyton, Ricky Valance and the expressive, rhythmic music of Alexis Korner brought the evening to a blasting climax.

A.W.



El and Ann-Margret are seldom out of each other's sight on 'Vegas' set

IN practically every film Elvis has made, his name has been linked to his leading lady, but those wedding bells are as far off as ever. Or are they? For "Viva Las Vegas," which he finishes filming this month, introduced him to gorgeous Ann-Margret. And no one on the set would deny that they have been seeing a lot of each other—certainly a great deal more than the film demanded.

Between takes, they have been seen holding hands; they've been on picnics together. El has entertained Ann-Margret's parents at his hotel, and El is reported as saying: "She's really got magnetism."

The film sequences were shot in terrific heat—the temperature was up to 116 degrees and Elvis's lovely co-star spent most of her time off the set in his air-conditioned dressing-room. Elvis also entertained Ann-Margret's parents at the Sahara Hotel.

Drive in the Rolls

Elvis's suite at the Sahara was on the top floor with an impregnable police guard outside the door and more police swarming throughout the corridors. Of course, Elvis's regular retinue (his pals from Ex Memphis hometown) was there too.

When Elvis wanted to go out they sneaked him down the freight lift, up through the laundry room and into a car waiting at a back door.

He had his Chrysler station wagon in Vegas together with wasn't around all the time!

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his black Rolls Royce. (Elvis had taken Ann-Margret for a drive in the Rolls in Los Angeles, before they went to Las Vegas.) In the "Viva Las Vegas" film Presley plays a racing driver, in the gambling city for the local Grand Prix. He and his rival, Italian driver Count Mancini (no relation to Henry), meet Ann-Margret when they help her to fix her sports car. She drives off before they can get her name and phone number, but the two car drivers in admiring her stylish and shapely chassis conclude she must be a Vegas thoroughbred. They start touring the strip, searching for her.

This gives an opportunity for the movie to feature bevy of beauties, scantily attired—the Folies Bergere, Femmes at the Tropicana, the Copa chicks at the Sands, and the Flower Drum girls at the Thunderbird.

Elvis enjoyed ogling these curvaceous cuties and signing autographs for them. Ann-Margret

eventually discovers Ann-Margret as an instructor at the hotel swimming pool. He falls in the water for added entertainment. He loses his money in the pool and has to become a waiter to pay his hotel bill.

On his first real date with Ann-Margret in the picture, El takes her on a grand tour of the Nevada city. The tour includes the University of Nevada, a golf course, a roller skating on nearby Lake Meade and a helicopter trip to their private Cloud Nine.

El loses the race

After Ann-Margret has the expected flirtation with El's rival, Count Mancini (played by Cesare Danova), the film is climaxed by a roaring race through the Vegas streets, across the blazing desert and across the famed Boulder Dam.

In the end, the Elvis car loses

the race but the Elvis charm, as you would expect, gets the girl. Jack Cummings, the film's producer, informed me: "This picture can open a new era for Elvis. It's the first time he's really played opposite a talented name star. And there are production numbers. He doesn't just pick up a guitar and sing. This is a real musical. There's a reason for all the musical sequences."

This has by far the biggest budget for any Presley picture—nearly three million dollars. Elvis gets 50 per cent of the profits in addition to his \$50,000 dollar salary.

At MGM they told me that the title of movie may eventually be changed to "The Lady Loves Me" which is the title of a Presley-Ann-Margret duet.

What do you know, it's another dance!

A NEW dance—the Hoo-Hoo-hoot—has been created for the MGM film of that title by choreographer Hal Belfer. The title song will be sung by Sheb Wooley, who also sings "Building A Railroad."

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