



Hi there.

Mice new gang member to introduce this week. His name -Fred Wehner, age twenty-two, ambition "to be the best pop writer going." Well, folks - see what you think. It's nice to have another bloke around the office. The

girls were complaining about the lack of males around the place and Fred is doing very well, having his tea and coffee made with sweet smiles from Mo, Sheena, June, Sylvia and all. Sometimes I think I'm the wrong sex - the battle I have to get a cup of tea doesn't bear thinking about.

Hope you like this week's issue. Betty, our Assistant Ed is mad about it on account of the fact that she rowed herself in on a trip to snow Switzerland, looking after FAB guests Sison Scott and Marianne Faithfull. She thinks that "Fab in a Winter Wonderland" was a super idea. And you can read on to find out what a switched on time they had (including FABtographer Fions) sloshing about in the snow.

See you next week when PAB Flips Its Lid. And how!
Love and stuff,



The Ed



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EAB girls Botty and Flone arrived back in our offices looking as

the parts musty must return nerrows occur in our wastes account on the whole and must need to the part of the control occur into our efficient they altipool, breathing pure mountain air all over a most need to the beauty and remance of the Alps, until they ere blue in the face (although not with cold). The rest of us, were by this time, of course, green in the face.

Apart from having been to fereign parts with Simon and Marianne, the girls have an extra beast. They claim to be two of the first people to fly B.E.A. Trideat. Apparently it's the fastest (800 m.p.h.), quietest (ongines at the back where no-one sits), smoothest plane you can fly around in. (Comes from the same stable as the Comet.) Floor full around in. (Losses from the same stable as the Cesset.) Floor full for the red arrowheed wings, silver body and white top. Non-amoker Betty went overboard (almost) for the air conditioning. The Ed. says she cont them on the Trident because it's the first

ane to be litted with automatic take off and landing year. So came g, come most-storm, there could be no excuse at all for Pions and ty not arriving back in the office on time on their day of retur at to know when it's our turn to fly in this miracle machin

THE Druids, of whom we've got a fab picture on page twenty-eight aren't mad about winter. The English snow and slush meant a season of hard work for them . . . and a couple of near escapes from nasty accidents.

Bass mittarist Gearie Kenworthy explained at his Seven Kings, Essex, home, how The Druids almost became The Angels.

"It was like this," began Gearie, who, at eighteen spins a neat yarn. "One of the dates we were playing was at the Mersey View Pleasure Gardens in Liverpool, where the snow was more than two feet deep.

"The pleasure gardens were situated on top of a cliff, overlooking Frodsham. We drove for an hour through thick, blinding snow to get to the summit, only to find that our show had been cancelled. So we decided to find our way back down again through the wintry night."

Gearie coughed and continued. "While we were reversing the van blindly we hit something behind us, which we thought was a wall. Lead guitarist Brian Mixter jumped out of the van and froze with fright.

"He was standing on the edge of a precipice, with little specks of light showing miles beneath him. The object we had hit was a six-inch kerb, placed

along the edge of the cliff. Luckily we hadn't gone over it. For the next half hour we all just sat in the van with white faces, as the truth gradually came to us, and we realised how near we had come to death."

To crown it all, said Gearie, on the M.I going home, a huge sheet of snow covered the van's windscreen, and no-one could see where they were going

The windows were hastily wound down, and Gearie saw they were heading straight for a grass bank. He wiped the windscreen just in time. And they got home in one piece., Eventually,



CREAMING Lord Sutch, that howling success, found himself tangled up in yards and yards of red tape when he visited Berlin with his group, the Savages.

Safe and sound at his North London home, twenty-three year old Dave (his real name) told how he almost became a prisoner on the other side of THAT curtain.

Dave's group trundled along the Autobahns with all the equipment,



ts in order, and arrived safely in Berlin.

after getting their passports in order, and arrived onfely in Berlin, where they played to packed sudiences. The Screaming Lord, complete with buffale horns and witch-on-varits and things, arrived by air and joined them. Then the whole group tried to cross the East German border and get to Kiel, West Germany, where they were playing next. But that's as

for no it went ... for Dave at least.

Hefty Russian guarde, armed to the toeth, let the Savages through, but stepped in front of the Screening Lord and told him "Sawrry. The properties that the second of the second

ephace of Rast Germany.

"At the time," he said. "I thought I'd be there for ever. Perhaps it was my Dracula mask that made them suspicious of me."



WHEN winter arrives, some people, like Cilla Black, like to jump on to a ane and find the sun. Others prefer to find snow.

The Honeycombe do both. Or at least they did this year.

And that's the start of their problem. Clothes.

After a three-week tour of Denmark, Sweden and Finland, in which they found themselves struggling along snowbound roads, Honey Lantree and her boys arrived back in London only to be told "You're off to Australia."

Of course, everyone knows its summer down there, so the Honeycombs chased frantically around London buying up summer clothes in the sales. The only trouble was, their fingers and toes were still blue with Scandinavian cold.



ON'T be surprised if that famous name, Georgie Fame breaks out into yodels during his future performances.

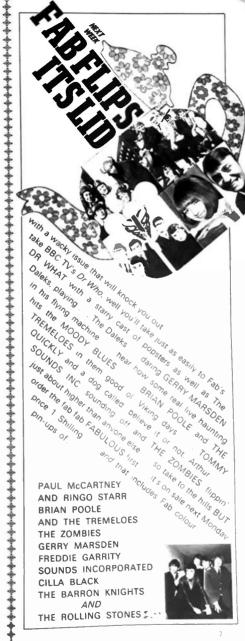
For twenty-one year old Georgie and manager Rih Gunnell had lenty of tonsil-twanging practice during their recent seven-day stay

plenty of tonsil-twanging present and the Alps.

While his Blue Flames spent a laxy week meetly asleep in bed, our George was trying his ski-beats on for sine in picturesque Seefeld, Austria. Rik, who has been peing ski-ing for the last six winters, went along to give George an Alpin' and.

But, he said, he needn't have bothered. Our lad took to shie like an Blue Flame to the Hir Parada. After early a couple of days he became quite proliffe, clowning and pirvenetting about, and whizzing down those white slopes from morraing till night.

Which is all a bit disconcerting really. Became the real object of Georgie's visit to the mean was in order to give the Fame vecal cords a well-carned rast. And yedelling takes offert....





" THREATENED Raigh Ellis of The Swinging Jeans, "will never buy FAB agein."

The other Blue Jeans and FAB's camers girl, Fiona, doubled up with laughter. Poor old Ralph. It was no wonder he was a bit put out. It was cold. It was derk. It was beginning to rain. And Ralph's skis kept slipping. probably because he insisted on carrying them, for most of the way, in a very unorthodox manner-crossed in front of him instead of slung casually over his shoulder. And skie are heavy!

A grin from Ralph sesured us that he didn't really mean what he'd said about never buying FAB again, and we plodded on up to the spot where we intended to turn The Swinging Blue Jeans into The Skiing Blue Jeans

It had all started a day earlier, when FAB had met up with the Blue Jeans in Kirkcaldy, Fife. Scotland, where they were doing a one night stand

We thought that as you're in Scotland, where skiing is a popular pastime, you'd like to come skiing with us," we said.

You shought what?" the Blue Jeens exclaimed in nee voice.

It turned out that they'd never tried skiing before. However, they decided they'd have a go and agreed to come to Glan Shee

We started out early next morning, to find Derek Brakeman weiting for us at The Glen Shee Hotel. He's a Number One Sky Instructor, holding Norway's highest award for shing. The boys began to feel a bit more confident after meeting him

"You can pick up the gear-akis, boots, poles and so on -here." Derek told us, "then we'll get straight on up to Devil's Elbow.

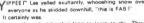
To where?" the boys gasped.

Well you've got to agree, the name is a bit off-putting. ion t it? But the boys decided to push on regardless

to didn't take long to get reged out in thick sweaters, ski pants, warm woolly caps and we set off. Boy, what a climb! That was when Ralph threatened never to buy FAB egain. Seems mountemeeting is not one of his levourite sports

But the fun didn't really start until we reached the top. Dereit started showing the boys how to stand on skis, how to bend, how to turn. Turning's perticularly dodgy as you have to stick the end of your ski into the ground and, of course, the dam thing tends to get stuck in the snow. That means you're stuck in the snow too, until some nice instructor comes and unsticks you

To say the boys were amazed to find themselves really strong only helf-an-hour after starting instruction is an understatement.



It doesn't really take that long to learn to sky. Three weeks to a month should see you-well, not expert maybe, but good enough to be able to get down a slope without going flat on your face. If you're already fairly athletic, the Ski Club of Great Britain tells me, it won t even take you that long to learn

The Blue Jeans found the whole thing very easy-untithey decided to try whipping up some real speed. Suddenly, the snow was dotted with knotted tangles of arms and legs, surmounted by rueful faces.

The trouble with a wonderful risk out like that is that it seems far too quickly. It seemed no time at all before we had to trudge back down to the hotel for tea (served in front of a lovely manno log fire incidentally), change and sway. Reluctantly, we climbed into the boys, dark green station wagon and set out for Glasgow, where the boys were due to appear that night.

At first, we drove in silence. Then I know what I'm going to do on my holiday this year said Norman

What ?" we select "Go skiing," he said

Would you like to go skiing in Scotland? Right, here's how to set about it.

Fly yea R.F.A. from London to Edinburgh. Most days there are six flights. Fare. Monday to Foday, £12.2s. tourist return. Saturday and Sunday £9 4s tourist return. Off peak hour flight (leaves 11.40 p.m. arrives Edinburgh 1 a.m.) £6 14s 10d tourist return. British Rail: ways will take you from Edinburgh to two of the most popular ski resorts--- Avvemore (E2 10s. return) or Grantown on-Sney (E2 14s) return

WHERE TO STAY Youth hostels are jolly good It II cost you from £8 a week to stay at one, and that includes instruction in skiing, meals, accommodation, and transport to the ski slopes. Write to Mr. Arthur Cromar Scottish Youth Hostels' Association, 7 Bruntsheld Crequest Edinburgh 10

HOW TO LEARN. If you think you dilike to take a coupling of lessons before leaving for Scotland, three famous storus have set up schools in different parts of London. They are Lillywhites, Pindisports, and Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd. Write to FAB for details

WHERE TO GET THE GEAR The SAI Club of Great Britain (you'll find them at 118 Eaton Square, London S.W.1) advise you not to buy skiring equipment until you vil tried skiing and decided that you really like it. Bast thinks to do is to hire it when you get there. At the Scottish Youth Hostels, you can rent skis for a guines a week and boots for 25s, a week. Sticks are included

So-on your way. Have fun







"Snow" and "magic" are two words with great appeal—pop appeal—for this winter. Before you could say Jack Frost, popsters went off in search of the magic white stuff. For those who couldn't make it to the Swiss Alps we had the British variety, but even that wasn't available to one hard-working young man and his four mates...

FOR Cliff Richard and his Shadows it is a busy winter season. While playmate Arthur Askey tickles the audience's ribs, Cliff and the boys win over the hearts of young and old with their dashing heroism and sweet, sweet music.

But, pointed out Cliff in the dressing room of the London Palladium, he and The Shads didn't miss the Great Outdoors one little bit.

"In fact it's great fun playing panto," Cliff enthused. "We have had so many laughs our sides haven't stopped aching."

Strapping his radio microphone—"it's far less bullty"—to his torso, Cliff added "The lads had hysterics pushing each other in the Princess's pool while we were reheaving for the scene in which we are chested by molice."

while we were rehearsing for the scene in which we are chased by police."

In the pantomime—Aladdin and his Wonderful Lump—The Shadows remain as dry as a bone, while everyone else is thrown in the pool.

But acting in panto ian't all baby stuff, said Cliff, nursing one of his six bruises and grazes.

"I get chosed by bats—very shapely ones at that, 'cos they're really girls all dressed up—in one scene, and have to do a knee slide," he explained.
"Which is all were well if new we retemphored to make a way and to be forehead.

exposing areas of his legs, covered in sticking plaster. Cliff, perforated, yet high in spirits, then took a last quick glance at his handsome profile in the mirror, took a deep breath, and, with a wave of the

hand, bounded on to the stage. Being Aladdin is just as much fun as sloahing about in the saow. Cliff says so, anyway.

FRED WEHNER



Chadasa

RICK 'N' SANDY Have a snow ball

Fab's Fred Wehner takes Rick 'n' Sandy to the Snowiest Peaks of Darkest Surrey (England) . . . read on if you dare!

T was from our offices in the heart of London that the expedition becam.

"Go out into the snow," were the Ed's orders, "bring me back beautiful pictures of those dishy boys. Rick and Sandy, in a winter wonderland."

Huh I Fine for her, sitting in her werm office.

Anyway, photographer Peter Mullett and i, set off to take the two young Kenyans into darkest Leatherhead in search of elusive vapour flakes.

search of elusive vapour Takes.
Off we went in a fittle green MiniCooper, with hventry year old Rick
easing his 6 ft \$1 in frame into the
passenger sert. Sendy—6 ft. 2 in, also
twentry, and owner of the cheeksest grin
you ever saw—curied himself into the
back sest, struggling with a huge guitar
case which kept hitting him on the noise

Sandy and Rick explained an route that they'd just made a disc. Their first

It was an old Hank Williams number entitled Hell As Much which, they pointed out, they had given a Tamla-Motown treatment. Tinkling the ivones on their disc is Tom Springheld, brother of Dusty, who has taken a keen interest in the boys.

Sandy Robertson and Rick Tyekiff went to the same boarding school in Kenya, although they hardly knew each other then

In 1960 they came to Britain and met up in London. They've been singing together ever since Sean Flynn, son of the late Errol. "discovered." them at a private party in St. Tropaz, France.

"We specialise in up-tempo beat and country music," explained Rick, just as Peter did a neat racing change and dragged the cer round a hairpin bend And there, in all its glory stretching

way up before us, stood Mount Boxhill, on which no Sherpa guide dared set foot Before we attempted to scale the snow capped grant we took welcome refresh

ment in a place of refuge

Afterwards we would begin the long

trek to the summit, where Peter could take winter wonderland type colour pix of the lads.

It was an hour later when we began our penious assault on the mountain. If it was snow we wanted, we had a long way to climb. The slopes were coated with layers of ice.

With each step there came a wild thrashing of arms. Progress was slow.

"This puts Kikmanjaro to shame wheezed Rick. And slid back anoth; ten feet.

Eventually, covered in ice and muwe could go no farther. We were half way up, and the bitter Surrey winds we slicing through our coats.

"Smile, please," grimaced Peter 3 ciding to take pictures there and tho Only then he slid back and vanished a clump of snowy bushes.

After the session, Sandy said. Withat's and his foot gave way. We watched as he slid to the botto of the hill, gaining speed ever fast.

down a sled track

Crowds stood transfixed as threshing, yelking Sandy hurtled toward them. But he made it, guitar case and and stood impatiently as we made fattering way back down the slope.

In the car Rick told me about childhood. "We lived only a few doors away to Armand and Michaela Denis The su

Armand and Michaela Denis he su And they took me around the garreserve. I have seen plenty of Afrwild life—even tions at a kill.

What was it like having giraffes zebras as neighbours?
They re O.K. A bit noisy. But at

they don't gosep about you. And Sandy peeped round his th scarf and cast a bitter glance. Mount Boxhill, looming in a distance.

"At least we don't have that bail home," he muttered

Rich (left) and Sands, home and a after their English Snowfari







remembed him of the mountains are and Derjoeling, India.

At one stop, he leaned out and got a handful of same specially to put down the back of my neck. The temperature was

24 deg. F. Very cold snow It was showing hard when, at 11 a m., treas snowing hard when, at 11 a m., we arrived at Arosa. Lined up in the station yard were received or so horse drawn deight. Somehow Facus and I squeezed into a twosome sleigh with Sumon balanced between us.

First thing we found was that normal boots, as worn in Britain, are no protection against the Swiss winter. So we made for a sports shop where we could hire six boots. Already we had tregged ourselves in tights, ski pants, layers of person anoraks, plus short top cuets and du gloves.

ONCE in thick socks and laced into skill boots we felt completely at home and set about exploring, this time in a two set about exploring, this time in a two horse sleigh, with ingle bells added. Outside a pretty challet, Fiona asked the

driver to stop and got Simon to stand by the side of the road for a picture. Almost at once he went thigh deep into a drift, at once we were target over and a unita-then managed to bitch humself out and lean on the snow covered fence "I'll count three," said Fions, and

then you knock the pile of new of the post as I take the shot." One, two, three-and with tremendant

enthusiasm Simon took a curpe at the snow But surprise, surprise, it wasn't a snow but a sharply pointed post. Court That was the picture that didn't happen. Just an amazed look on Simon s land and shricks of laughter from us

Simon, when a came to walk no he couldn't more in sky borns and canexcept with stiff legs. As the day were on, we found our insteps being pe od by the clastic stirrups four pan hips were being pulled down by wastband and our ankles were slowly chewed any by the real knees also were being presed in taut pents le feit rather n et a le we all structed about forum, it is professo na.

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BY a stroke of magic I found myself one grey Monday morning speeding down the runway at London Airport aboard a magnificent silver B.E.A. Trident. Beside me was Simon Scott, the handsomest, crispest man I've met to date. Flons (Fab's photographer) was with us, too, looking as if she'd just climbed on to cloud nine. By lunchtime we were in Zurich, with

forty minutes to went for our treus to Chur, in the mountains. At Chur, four large bars of chocolate

and one amouth train ride later, it was very slippery underfact. Simon, manfully helping us across the road, fell flat We settled into our hotel and next

orning took the red mountain railway up to Arosa, the famous skiing resort. The views from the train were marvellous Except for the snow, Simon said it





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sid Simon between mouthtub of snow.
I walked over and found that somehow
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THE evening that Marianne Patthfull looking terribly sweet in 8 arrived, counting terrory sweet in a trouser suit, we went along to the millionaires' Park Hotel to take some fashion pictures. Marianne fell in love with the place-and all the males in the vicinity fell in love with her. After an hour or so we had to get a

sleigh back to the station to catch the last train down to Chur and our hotel. We had a fifteen minute wait in the glass walled, superbly heated waiting roum

About two minutes before the trun was due to leave, I went out on to the platform to investigate, only to see a stagle coach pulling out.

That isn't the train to Chur, is it?" I asked the uniformed official. He nodded I waved my arms and shouted "Step. We have to catch this train You can't let it go It's the last one temphi But the pastengers inside only boked out of the windows and bughed. It

of the windows and seager of the windows was impossive "It went early," I penned at the control of the control It had gone a good minute before it time. and the Swize are very exact people they make the best clocks and watches den't

they ?). "You'll have to stop it The man said he couldn't It was out of the question

time question.

I was desperate: "Yeu'll july well have to do something," I yelled reaklessly He didn't say much but did some quick

phoning and a couple of minutes later a taxt drew up. We piled in, after being promised that the train would wast for us omised that the train would began the slither down the hairpin bendaroad was full of assorted skiers, telbog ganers and pedestrians. It was a mad-

in front. lesson in skring



mad ride, but the driver was amazingly careful considering the desperate utuation. Marianne, with cast iron nerves, sat

As we pulled at last into the little station, there again were the passengers hanging out of the windows to see what

was causing the hold up Which was the one that laughed saked Funa.

BY the third day we were all asking after each others ski pant dra and ki boot ankles. All the same, Simon wired great in his winter perty gear and we found out his one big vice. He fell 1 if pretty little marzipan pigo in sale in the sweet shops. The Swiss confection in very tempting and beautifully made. He was always nibbling. W. becamt am a special little pir and a nail and a bibs. dummy, all made from norman were terribly trucked became a kept them as ouvenity and didn't at them Winder if he's still an days

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simon nearly missed the plane because he was buying a souvenir each for Fiona and me. Marianne, sweet as ever, presented us with a vers pretts bouquet of pink roses and they lasted for over a week afterwards



to be such Then, at Chur, he had to wall scross the sense? status part bounded to the house The parent of the trip wer blecom's

and Olympic Gol Medallist, Roger Staub. He was super, handsome and had an attractively healthy tan.

Simon couldn't wait to get his skis on We sook the cable car up to the First Stage. A lovely trip with the most glorious views over a whole wonderland of white undulating snow,

T was a perfect day. People were setting out in the sun looking up at the mountain peaks and rubbing on their Roger came along gracefully on his skis. He showed Simot how to chip skis on to buots and then led him to the first slope for the lesson, Sumon really was good. He has a fine sense of balance and he did exactly what Roger told him.

Now keep your points straight, lean forward, bend your knees. Push hard."
Dutifully Simon did all the right things. Fions snapped sway. But the pictures lacked sparkle. Roger could see that more excitement would make better pictures. So he got Simon well up the

sleepe and told him to start off.

Funter, faster. Push harder, harder." There was a few yards of gentle slope then a great big steep one, eventually leading to Aross village hundreds of

"If you can't stop, just fall over into feet below.

It looked mighty dangerous. Expertly, on the brink of the big drop, Simon stopped No funny pictures for Frons. nally Roger hared him to some deep, soft snow and then the great fall came.



A FAB NIGHT * OUT *

And here's SHEENA MACKAY with up-to-the-minute news . . .

Well, this is it! FAB NIGHTS OUT at Pretton and Donester, Last week we were at Cardiff with our mater THE FOUR PENNIES (see their gongous pic opposite), THE ROCK-ING BERRIES, GERRY AND THE PACE-MKERS and MAUREED EVANS, amongst others. That was on the 15th and on the 16th were at Brighton with MANFRED MANN, SANDIE SHAW, SIMON SCOTT, BILLY J. KRAMER AND THE DAKOTAS, T. BONES, MIGIL S AND PEPE. Them we went to Hisaley with JULIE GRANT, THE DENNISONS, and TOW HALL. Disture risus. What's more important is that you come along this week AND next and enjoy YOURSELF.

STARS

We go to press long before all the stars have fixed their dates but they'll all be there if they can possibly make it.

Monday the 22nd February we'll be at Preston (Top Rank Dancing), and Friday the 26th February we'll be at Doncaster (Top Rank Suite). Next week, Wednesday, March 3rd, is our final most Fabulous Night Out at the Astoria, Charing Cross Road, W.C.2.

Cross Road, W.C.2.
PRESTON will be visited by THE MERSEY-BEATS, THEE APPLEJACKS, TOMMY QUICKLY, THE REMO FOUR, SOUNDS INCORPORATED, RORY STORM AND THE HURRICANES, BOB WOOLER, THE EXCELLES, ELKIE BROOKS, SHANE FENTON AND THE PEDDLERS.

DONCASTER isn't quite fixed but we do know that THE SHEFFELDS from Sheffield and MICHAEL HASLEM and THE MOODY BILUES will definitely be there.

Watch the posters and announcements in the Ballrooms for latest details.

LONDON is the date to meet THE SEARCHERS, JOHNNY GUS SET, SPEN-CER DAVIS GROUP, SKIP ALAN, GUY DARRELL, JAN PANTER and probably CILLA BLACK, DUSTY SPRINGFIELD, even the fabulous KINKS and THE ROLLING STONES.

Dancing will be to the Top Rank Bands and that Fabulous group from Liverpool-TRI TAKERS. At Hanley GEORGE E. WASHINGTON AND THE CONGRESSMEN played for us as nextra treat and at London we'll have the lovely BARBARA RUSKIN (Pye Recording her first umand disc for us.

WHY

It's all for charity. Tickers are only 5s, for the area regional dates and 12s. dof for the London one. The Variety Club of Great Britain will spend the money on a lovely bias to take underprivileged children to the seaside for holiday; You can win some lovely upor prizes and railies, including wonderful Russian cine cameras, wrist watches and conserves, also you can of Chae your work of the property of the pro

Sheena.



yeh! yeh! it's FAME abroad

IT was a surprising thing to do. There was Georgis Fame, with his first hit record sitting on top of the charts, turning down all the TV "plugs" and publicity that went with a No. 1 to go off on holiday for a week to Austria. It

The upside-down world of Georgie Feme. A hit record put him with the stars... and the snew.

was not, people said, the most usual time for a top pop to go slithering over the Alos

But then Georgie Fame is not a usual kind of person. He'd knocked himself out working himself into the big time and he needed the rest. So off he went, with manager Rik Gunnell.

Rik usually takes a month off every year to go skr-ing in Austria so there was nothing very new in the idea for him. But for Georgie it opened up a sparkling white world that he'd thought only belonged to picture books.

Georgie had only ever had one holiday before. It was at Butlins when he was sixteen, and even then he ended up playing plano with the resident band. Despite his simple tastes, Georgie found Austria very exciting.

There were so many things to do that he had never done before. As soon as he booked in at his hotel in Seefeld, near Innsbruck, in quite the prettiest part of Austria, Georgie shot off to find some ski ing gear. One red-and-black anorak, green ski ing pants and snazzy boots later he appeared on the slopes.

To the amazement of all, not least Georgie himself, the Lancashire lad—the most beginning of beginners—proved a whiz at the whole biz. Not a tumble 1. "Fabulous sense of balance," said envious spectators. Then be went off to the local swimming pool—an ultra-smart indoor job—and showed them he could swim too.

In the evenings, he found some English fans and danced into the early hours. And when Georgie dances, he dances ¹

A professional yodeller entertained at the hotel in the cellar, and while it was a far cry from Yeh Yeh Georgie was persuaded to "sit in" with the backing band on piano. One evening he played after the place shut down until four in the morring!

If that's a busman's holiday, who wouldn't be a busman? And who wouldn't be Georgie now that he's found Fame? JUNE SOUTHWORTH

Wonder how they'd make out at The Flamingo", Georgie asks, at the local "square" dence party





DRY CLEAN YOUR HAIR

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Water and grease won't mix! That's why-if you've got greasy hair ordinary shampoos really aren't much help. Two days later back comes the grease and the "lank, floppy" look. All that money for an expensive set and it's spoiled!

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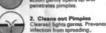
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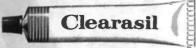
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Loneliness in a busy world. How to meet more people and make

more friends-that's what's worrying Margaret, whose home is in a big seaside town in the south of England. 'Everyday I work alongside hundreds of gwls and men, but I never get to know them' she says. 'How can you be busy like me and still be lonely? There must be some sure way of making friends, but I don't like clubs and things like that, I want to meet people naturally and get to like them in the ordinary way What's the answer?

One answer is to join the Women's Royal Army Corps. Right from the start you're part of a team, and you learn to rely on each other as girls solders do la a 8 to 5 job. Many girls who first met during their initial training in the W.R.A.C. are still close friends today, although often they have been separated by postings and promotion. Also the fact that the W.R.A.C. spends so much time abroad promotes friendliness. When the sun's shining and there's plenty of space to relax in, everyone's in a better mood. If Maraget wants to make friends, the W.R.A.C. is ready to give her the

Just Drifting. Sometimes I say to myself you can't go on drifting much longer. What seemed a temporary solution at 17 seems depressingly permanent now I'm 25." Thet's how Brenda describes her problem. She works in a big store, and though at one time it looked as though she'd be made head sales girl in her department, someone else has been promoted over her head. She thinks it's time she made a clean break but she expects to have difficulty in finding a job that offers something better.

It's obvious Brenda is worried about employers' reactions to her age and education. Some employers, of course, are pretty unimaginative and hidebound. With her experience, she could make her mark at any of a dozen different jobs in the W.R.A.C. In cases like hers a complete change of atmosphere is often a good idea. Girls in the W.R.A.C. move around a let and visit many different parts of Britain — they also spend a lot of time abread. There are new faces and plenty of challenges to accept. The W.R.A.C. is more than just another job-it's a complete way of life.

Nothing ever happens here, Ben strain ted up Mothing ever happens here, she says of her home lown. I want to go somewhere and do something exciting. I want to stop regetating. Any deas?

Things happen to people not places, so Beryl may have herself to blame. But If she wants a job that's got variety, purpose and action and requires real initiative, she should join the W.R.A C. There's security, loa--you're well looked-after in the W.R.A.C. Anyone interested in seeing the world in the company of friends, and earning good money while doing it, should join the W.R.A.C. That's a suggestion Beryl might think about.

What About You? Do you feel like these girls about your work or your day-to-day He? Are you wondering how to be more than just a cog in a machine? If so the W.R.A.C. could be the right answer for you. The W.R.A.C. respects individual characters and temperaments. Find out more about it: write today for further information.

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If wee, a steetly cold night in London. I shivered my way into the Marqueo Club and propped myesif into a corner to thew off. Stone Brian Jones, sporting me through the dismly it gloom, came over and smiled "Hil". My teeth chattered a response that he translated into "HI, yourself!"

When my teath stopped holding a conversetion with themselves, I mosted at a still smilles Brian.

"If I had my way, I'd leave London every October and wouldn't come back until May," I said.

"Where would you go?" he saked.

"Dunno. Somewhere warm. Where would you go, if you could take a winter holiday?"

"As a matter of fact, I'm on holiday now, and I planned to go to California. Planty of sunshine there. Toughts is"—and a frown paged through Brien's

Trouble is —and a frown peeped through Brian's fringe—"It's such a long way. If I were needed here in a great hurry, it might be a job to get beck. So I've been to Paris."

"But it's no wermer there than it is here," I

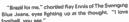
"But they have some great clubs. I was there for five days and didn't sleep the whole time." He sounded very proud of himself.

"Congretulations," I said. "What would you have done if you'd been able to get to California as you planned?"

"Gene round the clubs," he seid. And grinned. Well, spending a formight in emoty old clubs may be Mr. Jenes' ides of the way to spend a winter holiday, but, much as I love him (and I do—he's accountsous) it len't mins. I soon discovered it ten't

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everybody slee's either.



I didn't see, and seed so.

"In England you only have football in winter, "In England you only have football in winter, right?" he explained gettently. "So that meers standing eround in the cold to watch the game. In Brazil, rt's raelly hot and they have some great teams. In Brazil you watch football without getting cold."

Men I Do they ever think of anything but football?
I found they do, when I spoke to Blue Jeen Les
Braid What does he think of? Waser sky-ing-

"I love it," he grinned, "so if I could take a winter holidey, I'd go to the West Indies. I've heard that the water ski-ing there is really terrific."

water ski-ing there is reelly terrific."

Les injured his jew in a water ski-ing accident test.

August, but that hean't put him off. In fact, he's

teener than ever to get back to it.

Third Blue Jeen Normen Kuhlke chose Venezuela for his imaginary winter holiday.

"Dad worked out there when I was smell, and I spent about five years there myself. I want to go back, relive childhood memories and find out if it really is as greet as I remember it."

Ralph Ellis chose Australia, "Three of my closest friends emigrated out there recently and I'd like to drop in on them. I'd love to get a skinful of that wonderful surehine, too."

For Cills Black, a writer holiday wean't just something to dream about. She actually took one, flying out to the Canery Islands for three weeks, soon after her long London Pelladium seeson ended. Las Pelmes was the Canery town she choes, and she stayed at the hotel that Cliff made his headquarters when he Silmed Wonderful Life out there.

"All I'm going to do," she told me before leaving.
"Is lare on the sand and splesh in the see."

as season on the seried and spleaser in the Manifest of December. I clon't find it hard to imagine it because I spent five days out there myself seat wither when FAB sent me to Les Pelmas with Milks Serne. In England it was snowing and in the Ceaners, Milks and I went vertically and surpleased to the Milks and I went vertically seried to the Milks and I went the FAB seng green with enry.

"What do you remember most about the Canaries?"
I satisd Mike over the phone, suddenly longing to talk to someone about that marvellous place, after Cilla had told me she was going there.

"The sun," he said promptly. "Pity we can't import it here. We should have brought some back with us, my lovely." Thoughtfully, he added, "The wine was pretty good as well. We should have brought some of that back, too."

He's got something there.

Winter sun was no dream for Peter and Gordon either. They spent seven days on seferi in the South African jungles.

"We're going to take guns, cameras and jeeps and do the whole bit," they told me gleefully, before leeving.

They're welcome. A nice tame tabby is the wildest animal I ever went to see.

SYLVIA STEPHEN



SNOW BLISS BJK



Ski-ING is something Billy J. Kramer has always wanted to do. Mention snow to him and Billy heaves a sigh, shuts his eyes and dreams of the land of snow and sunshine.

Billy J. the mfant used to lean out of his pram and carch the glistening snowfaltes one by one as they fell around him in the Liverpool suburb of Bootle.

And ever since then he wanted to go where there were lots and lots of snowflakes, all piled on top of each other, and people dressed in long, pointed shoes and bobble-hats, whizzing along on top of the white blanket.

Last summer FAB took Ball along to his Swiss dreamland just for locks. And Ball fell in love with the place. Of course, FAB's Berty went along too just to make sure he wasn't buried under ar avalanche of Swiss masdens. Now Mr. Ashton—Ball's real surname—clain

to go back to the Alps for a holiday. And, he says, his Dakotas will have to come too, although they're all kept pretty busy making records and personal appearances. "I almost went this Christmas," said Billy

"But for the first time in more than two years I couldn't pass by the opportunity of seeing my mum and dad for a few days.

"Although I'm a bit of a wandering minstrel, the home always comes first with me."

Billy's diary in 1904 was crammed with trips abroad—to the States, Australia, Scandinavia and Hawau. This year's agenda has not yet been acreed out, although another US trip is fairly definite.

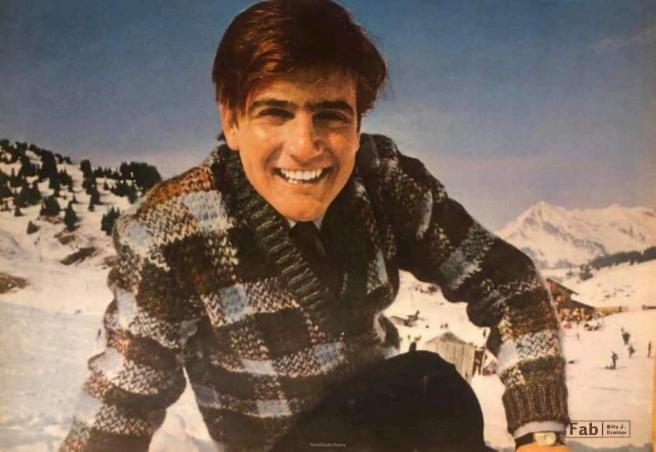
So it seems Bill and his mates might be spending a short holiday in the Alpa after all If they do, someone will be there to photograph the lads as they slip and slide through the snow, going through their first paces on shis.

And who will be there to capture the Dakotas all of a tumble?

Well, it doesn't take a master mind to work that one out.

Why, FAB. Natch.

FRED WEHNER





WINICE, lovely snow meiden, has fair, fair hair (which she weshes every other day) and uses white lipstick which she pets from a chain store, she loves her white fur cost and her fur hood.

But she doesn't like show.

Like a snow marden she washes her face in cold

water with no soop. "I just dip my face in the sink."

She uses Pan stik make-up, summer and winter,

the patest, and presses powder, again paie, on too. She puts on no eye shadow but plenty of blackcake eye liner. She paints it, from a large complict of a special theatrical cosmetic, on to her upper tall.

and on the lower ones loo, sometimes.

She uses tube mascara, brushed on carefully. She

has long lashes and docur't like false ones.

For perfumes she always goes for light ones: "But somehow I never seem to get them." Her favourites

are Tweed, Passport and anything by Dior.
Nails for Twinkle must be white so she likes silvery
pear half polish to go with the snow maiden theme.

She's not an experimenter with make-up. She linows what she likes and doesn't need to fuss and fiddle with trying out alternatives.

This anow maiden is full of personality. She's marvellously human and has a few small flattlete bring unitidy in her bedroom. (Who isn't!) She's punctual, thoughtful, kind. Like when she sent a stegarm of congratulations or Sir Alec Douglas Home at election time. Also she once struck up a francatelity with an owl who lived in her graden.

But this same snow maidon, when I last saw her was looking low left at a super-presentation box of accoming cosmit ics some one hild given her

Unlike the snow maid in the fairy stury, she will an it born which snow was on the ground. (What even and a fair you will ground on July 15.7). Nor do she multify she multify the fine.

Despite her cool looks, she's a gerl writh the warmest heart. Right from childhood she's ahways looked after sick and unwarmed ahmals. Even todlig she still manages to find time for twelve cats. Rimmy as favourite (Rin-tin-tin) and she found him wandering lost and lonely in London.

That was a ght years ago

She like caring for animals and the analysis in social phrenish Che. If the resist his a sineues is a being checking with a feet of the control of the contr

The weaks went by and she suffered. But no matter how great the temptation, she stuck to her guns. As she lost inches she couldn't was for the day when HE would return. When that great days armed he was delegized to see her. Then looking at her carefully he ased, "You know, you've put in weight while I've been away."

That, for Twinkle, was the end of summing. She are one oys her twice daily choc bers.

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But trutilly y this arrow in porters beaking the beaches in the south of France to verified. And who can be me her?

BETTY HALE





SUPER, smashing, sensational—that's what we think of these new snow clothes, specially photographed on Marianne Faithfull in Arosa, Switzerland. They are snow clothes to shout about

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COLD, wet and very windy. It was that kind of morning when I panted and puffed my way once round Richmond Park, Surrey, with the Yardbirds, on one of their early-morning.

Yes, they really do trot round the park every morning regardless of the weather, in order to keep in trim. Yet, despite their enthusiesm for fresh sir, they weren't too keen on the idea of wister being a wonderland.

"Net in Britam anyway," seld lead singer, Keith Relf. "In fact it's the winter we would most leit to get mere from." He poused to skip neathy over a falien see branch that was rotting avery on the greas want on: "We have to do tours in the winter and that's no jabs. You wouldn't believe the number of the our car has contact out in the middle of nowhere and left us stranded."

"And what about that time we spent twelve hours crouched in the back of the van?" Chris Dreja broks, in. "We were on our way to Liverpool and ran into the thickest peasurer for imaginable. Couldn't move an inch. It was a



though," he added, "it cleared and we got to the Cavern where we were due to appear with see minutes to spare."

Eric Clapton charmed in then with his account of how he had slipped on the ice outside his home one night and nose-dread into the snow. "If was on a light as all playing as that," he said, eliding his foot over a frozen puddle. "And I've still got the burn on my head." he added nutefully, insisting we all studied it.

But they've got a dream of an answer to their winter headaches. Their idea of a winter wonderland is to lead a Herrista existence on some remote tropical island.

"In neighbouring caves, of course," Jim McCarty told me, turning his coller up in defiance of the wind. "It'd be marvellous!"

Keith took up the story. "We'd work our passage to somewhere miles away where it's



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JOHN McGOWAN tells you why

always hot," he said. "Not like this ice-box. Then we'll select an island and go cave hunting in the mountaine." He lapsed into one of his rare serious moments which, the others told me, accur only when he's concentrating on something.

"T've got it all worked out what mine's going to be like. Specious, with lots of scho for when I'm singing folk songs. It should sound greet."

"Welf, that settles it," burst in Chris, who rates sleeping as one of his favourite hobbies. "If you're going to be singing half the night, I'm going to live on a different island altogether."



Undounted by this and other comments on his vocal ability from the others. Keith went on: "I'm going to decorate all five caves with suitable pentings—animals and things, you know—then we'll stick candles in the rocks to provide the lighting."

Jim, protecting his carefully combed heir from the wind, continued the dreem.

"We'll need donkeys, of course. Five. One for each of us. They'll be useful for transport, and for sight-seeing tours. We've given them names as well."

"Oh, really?" I said.

"Well," Jim said, beginning to count on his fingers. "There's 'Heironius Bosh II, 'Reith says there's already a first, 'Leonardo,' 'Art Sharp,' 'Homer,' and I shall cell mine 'Elephant' just to

Well, that all seemed fairly straightforward, but what, I wondered, would five, energetic, pop stars do about the little things in life tike, food, drink and clothing?

"Easy," seed Eric with his customary brightness, which even the damp weather couldn't quell. "We'll like on tropical foods, like metons and berress. Keith is a good fishermen. He's slivery going off on his own to the river for the day. He can catch all the fash

we went. Then," he seid, warming to he theme, "we shall gather a great heep of grapes together and all jump on them to make

wine."
"Oh yes, very easy," I agreed.

The only fussy one about clothes is Keith. The others will drape themselves in snakeakin lein cloths, and crocodes skin shorts. Ching just couldn't care less. He intends to sleep twenty-five hours a day in his cave arryway.

Keth is a different story. He intends to be immaculately dressed all day long—just as he is in London "Got to set an example," he explained.

He is going to have all his clothes sent from London's Carneby Street. All the latest gear, of

Suddenly, 'Sam' the tallest and zaniest Yardbird, started to tell of the important Robinson Crusoe pert he was going to play in all this 'dream.'



"I know a bit about electricity" he said with a shiver "So, I shall take some things with me to make my cave into a sort of recording studio and I'll ericci a neon sign outside, to show that I am up there, and," he added. "I will take my cind carners with me to film the whole thing. It will probably be shown later as an esci."

"If you bring your cine camera," threatened Keith, "I'll bring a shot-gun to keep you away. I want peace and outer."

The recording studio, should have some very un-Yardbird-like noises assuing from it, because they're not taking their own instruments with them. Apparently, they are going to make them out of shells or anything else they meant find on the island.

Anyone know of a tropical island going chase?

You do?

Then write to the Yardbirds, c o FAB











And here with FAB tips on Winter Party Giving for Very In People (meaning YOU!)



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The Beach Boys

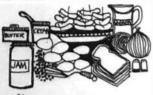
"Our favourite indoor sport at anytime of the year is a casual get-together disc party—and in California that means calling up the gang—ten or twelve—and having each one bring his or her newest hit pop record. We get enough hemburgers, postos chips, clives, tometoes, pictides, burs—burgers, postos chips, clives, tometoes, pictides, burs serve with Brien's hot chocolete . . . secret formula : use half creem, helf milk-edd cinnamon stick to each cup before serving. Our men-in-the-lirichen also adds blue cheese to his hamburgers just before broiling.

P.S. Be sure everybody doesn't show up with the same That happened to us last year, and it was by the Rootles !! J"



Mary Wells

"My fevounts perty is a pre-birthday one. All mates bring over wrannings and ribbon for the presents of the lucky birthday girl and we create (usually a m-e-s-s1). Whoever wraps with the most originality gets a prize (the boys are always the funniset). My speciality for enack time is nbled eggs. Using two eggs per person. I beat egg yolks separately from whites—add two teblespoons of milk or cream. Beet egg whites-fold in and add salt, pepper and a fourth teaspoon of dry diff flakes. Sometimes I add green onion silcos too. I serve aggs with inte sausages, toest and iem."



Gene Pitney

I'm strictly a sandwich men-no matter what the season it's all t can cook! I usually by rolled cheese sandwiches with becon slices (don't forget the pickles) and hot lemonade. (Hot lemonade-G P version-is spiked with cinnamon with a maraschino cherry and dry mint leaves on top for colour.) This is a great snack to serve after you've denced vourself aiddy



Brenda Lee

"Parties mean open house time for my family and friends. I like inviting people in on Sunday afternoons and serving what has been a tradition with my family for years on toast and hot chocolate. My trick with the toast is to add finely chopped nuts (preferably walnuts) to a soft butter and consamon mixture which I blend thoroughly before spreading on toest. Keep toest in the oven to be sure it's served hot. This year I'm adding a new tradition to my parties ... I'm taking home boxes of your Christmas crackers we don't have these in America and I think they re temfic for any time of year



P. J. Probv

"I can see it's a big year for cinnamon which is fine with me but I'm serving hot dogs-Texas style when the gang gets together. All you do is split the dogs down the middle-fill with cheese, beans and chilli sauce-then broil -great with green saled and apple cider (come to think of st-I always add a suck of you know what to the cider!)



RECORD

TOP pop songwrittr Jerry Lordan used to have a burning ambition: to be a top pop singer! Five years ago Jerry, a former London bus

conductor, was just beginning to make a name for himself writing songs for Cliff Richard, Adam Paith and others. Then a recording manager heard him singing on a demonstration disc, persuaded him to record one of his own songs and the number, I'll Stay Single, was an immediate hit

His second disc also did well but the next three were flops. So Jerry went back to songwriting and turned out a string of hits including "Apache," the number that earned The Shadows their first Golden Disc.

He hasn't been very active recently but this week he provides The Shedows with a number for their letest disc: a heunting, folksy melody called Mary Asse which, incidentally, is the first "A" side vocal by The Shadows for several years (Columbia). My verdict: It could be as hie a hit as Abache

"If you didn't know differently, you'd swear that you were listening to one of America's top negro rhythm 'n' blues singers. But, in fact, the voice belongs to twenty-three year old, 6 ft. 7} in. tall long John Baldry, the most authentic-sounding r-end-b artist that Britain has yet produced.

On the United Artists label he sings On To You. Baby, a bluesy ballad in which he is aided and abetted by a choir. Could shoot up the charts.

BEST OF THE REST

"The Poets, that long-haired group from Glasgow who made the charts with their first disc, could make an even bigger impact with the second, a driving That's The Way It's Got To Be, written by three of the boys in the group (Decca).

*Most impressive disc debuts of the week come from Miki Dallon, a songwriter and record producer turned singer with Do You Call That Love? (Decca) and Size 7, a very musicianlysounding group with Where Do We Go From Here? (Mercury).

*Other group discs worth a spin are Shat Wash by The Sheffields (Pye), Silhouettes, a bouncy number by Herman's Hermits (Columbia and Are You Missing Me? by The Cadets Irish Show Band, one of the top groups in the Emerald Isle (Pve).

*American girl group The Exciters, who have seen British versions of their last two discbecome hats (Tell Him, by Billie Davis and Do Wah Diddy Do, by Manfred Mann) could finally make it with I Want You To Be M Boy (Columbia).

*Also recommended are Chubby Checker's catchy Liverley, Liverley (Cameo-Parkway Digging My Potatoes, by Heinz (Columbia and This Is The Moment, a vocal version of La Cucuracha, by a new boy called Scott Forest (Columbus).

KEN BOW





Mark Wynter's boyhood has a cold, wintry sadness, but the sun shone brightly one day... as JUNE SOUTHWORTH reports

MARK WYNTER smiled at the sad clown faces on the walls of his manager's luxury flat. Life was good on a sunsy afternoon with a new record in the can that looked like a wissner and the promise of a busy year ahead.

Yet how different it could have been for this boywho was born in the same Elephant and Carde area that produced Charlie Chaplin. The greatest,

the saddest, clown of all.

The Second World War was tearing London spart when Mark was born in Woking, Surrey, His mother had been evacuated to have the beby, and after a couple of months they moved back to The Elephant. Back to the air raids, the blackous, the tensions. Mark was eighteen months old when his perents divoced. Then there was just Mark and his mother. The war dragged on.

Mark remembers nothing of it.

"But I remember one later incident," he told me.
"I was five and the war was over. I found a gas
mak in the wardrobe. It was shaped like Mickey
Mouse and Mickey Mouse was fun to me. So I
put it on and went to show my mother. I can still
hear her screams."

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Mark's mother re-married and for a while a little money came in. When Mark was seven or eight they moved to a flat near Bromley, in Kent. Then more children came, and times were deficult again. Mark started a paper round when he was mine to make a bit of pocket money.

At thirteen he was promoted to chief paper buy. He got up at four-thirty every morning to open up the alop and sort out the papers. Then he went off to school. It was a good grammar school with strice rules about uniform.

"This was when I started to feel the pinch," and Mark. "We necided such a lot of clother. Newy miscoasts, new blazers every two terms. My mother did her best but with a young family to provide for, the and my step father couldn't sto buy me all that. My clothes got tatty, and I was

always being sent home because I wore my own things instead of school uniform. You can imagine I liked that. I'd take the whole day off'

"I was a keen cyclist. I would go off with a friend and we'd sleep on beaches for days. I was supposed to stay at school until I was seventeen, but I could only do sport and music. I dadn't like anything else. I was hopeless at other subjects."

So when Mark was fifteen and the Easter holidays came round, he joined The Solictors Law Statunery Society as a jusior cierk. But it was still like being at school. There were still rules He was bored with the constant tea-making. But at least he had money. He gave his mother half of it.

MARK went through a stack of jobs. In the end he always rebelled against someone and lett "Do this, son. Du that, son," wasn't for him. He made railings—"a filthy job, but it paid real money." He bluffed his way into a job as a fitter's mate, installing heating in the Kenungton Public Library in London

"When I go past there now," says Mark. "I say to myself 'It's thanks to me that you're warm in there."

At auxteen he made eleven pounds a week. He remembers all the wages he's ever earned because money is a very important thing in life when you don't have it.

He thought of potato-picking in Jeney, but hasmother became ill and he couldn't go. The thatit was always a flat wherever they were—was full of children. Mark has four brothers and a sister, a Scot, used to make a concostion of potatores, concons, sail and perper called stows. They managed on that three days a week. It was the most economical med Jou could make

Mark's summer holidays were spent at Bellingham's Open Air Baths.

When Mark was stateen he bought his first real

suit. He had always worn jeans and windcheaters. The suit was a double-breasted navy-blue serge. It cost twenty guiness and represented nine months hard usings. The purchase of the suit was lone of the milestones in Mark's life. The days when his mother spent her last thurty bob on a pair of trousers for him were over.

Mark still has the suit

HE was nearly seventeen when fate threw a new career into his lap. A friend, on the building site where he worked ran a rock group. He was an Elvis type with sideburns and a wiggle. Mark used to 80 along to the dance-hall with him because you had a better chance with the girls if they knew you had some connection with the group. One Saturday, his mate said an agent bloke was coming to see them. Ray Something-ore-sibler.

Ray Somethingsor-other was Ray Makender, who wan tan agent, but had mansal backing and was looking for a group to invest it in. The mate had to work that dax—on a building site—and the plasare got into his throat. His souce went completely. The group struggled along plasing instrumentals, but the dancers were walking out on them. When the proprieties told them to find a singer, they picked on Mark because thes know he'd been in a church, short. Ray Makender signed him up. In six months he had moulded him up. In six months he had moulded him into star material.

"All because I'd been in a shursh shour said Mark 'And incidentally, I had walked out on that when I was thirteen. Had a row with the chourmaster. The congregation sent round pentions to have me back. It sounds like something, out of a Peter Sellers film, doesn't it."

So there was Mark, talling to me without emotion, without resentment, about the past, Independent, imma-ulately-dressed, happy. Icould swear those clown faces were smiling.



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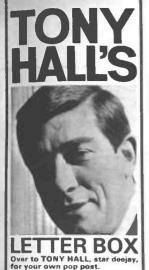


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Hil Tony here again. Slightly out of breath after a frantic dash to the FAB office to pick up the mail—some extra this week for Brian Jones on account of his birthday on the 28th February. Happy birthday, Brian... now on with the post...

MOODY'S NOT SO BLUE

The moment a group goes to a number one, the letters pour in for more info about and pix of the boys. It's happened at FAB with The Mood Blues. One of the first to write was Susan & Court of Cilifton, Bristol.

The Moodies are the first Birmingham area group to really "nappen." Their fead singer. Denny Laine, used to lead his own local group. The Diplomats. He's 5 ft. 8 in, and nineteen years old. With dark brown hair and very "moody" eves.

The others, of course, are Mike Pinder (the pianist whose playing was so striking on Go Now), Clint Warwick (bass guitar). Ray Thomas (harmonics) and Graham Edde (drums)

Graham, by the way, has a super sense of humour When he first came to my office and met my secretary. Bernice, he said as he left "Be good, and if you can't my phone number is..." (Sorry, girls, can't print it!)



ACCENT ON BRIAN POOLE

Caroline Dale of Hempsteed, London, N.W.3, is a big fan of Brian Poole and The Tremeloes. Especially of Brian's drummer. "Please tell me about him," she writes.

Carolina—his name is Dave Munden. He's just benefity one and, by the way, is a transhing lunger. He can do faiserito parts especially well. He was a fishmunger before he became a frem. He's 61, tall, and his wearing leather casual clothes best. As far as food goes he's caray about cheese? If you want to write to Dave Caroline, I suggest sending your letter care of Pam Rice. The Trem's Fan Club Sectraty, at 41 Kingsyay. W.C.2.

SUPREME HITS

A frantic letter here signed "Swingling Mum from Bradford," who wants me to settle an argument between her son and daughter. It's about whether The Supremes." "Where Did Our Love 60?" went to number 3 or 2 in the charts. Where Did Our Love 60 event to number 2 but 98 bibly Love hit the loop. The Supremes current record is strong as forther two, but if should still do well. Annoval left wall and set of the set of th

GEORGIE AND FAME

From Flint in North Wales, Lynn Evans wants to know more about Georgie Fame.

Well, Lynn, since you wrote we've printed a lot mile about Georgie in FAB. I've known him for some time Long before Yeh, Yeh became a hit. Frankly, I don't think fame will really after Georgie much

Georgie is basically a very shy guy. Especially when he first meets you. He's serious about his music. This is what matters most in life. And if he doesn't always get

hit records, it won't worry him too much. He knows that his real tans will never desert him, the ones who ve followed him since way back.

By the way, when you get to know him, he's got a great sense of humour. This, mixed with his natural shyness, makes him pretty popular with the grits. As if I have to tell you......!



Over to Maureen for some quickies:

DRUIDS

Cindy Stuart from Londonderry, N. Ireland, would like to know the Fan Club address of the Druids.

Maumen These boys have become more its order the last lew months. They have a new ment or lead singer. He is Karl King who used to be with its Vendetras. The Druds Fan Club eagre, it is judy Res. 23 Holmesdale Road, 8 - https://doi.org/10.1006/judy.23.

MANFRED BIRTHPLACE

John Briggs of Dunstable, asks: Is it true that Manfred Mann of (Manfred Mann group) was born in Johannesburg, South Africs.

Advances Outer tries John

FAVOURITE ESCORTS

Mary Barnet of Hove, writes: "I haven't heard or seen anything about the Escorts lately, could you please give me their line up. They are my ferourite group."

Maureen Anithing to buye Pete Citik en ar.

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Afraid that's all for this week. Don't forget if there's anything you'd like to know write to Letter Box, Fabulous, Fleetway House, London. E.C.4, and enclose a s.s.e.



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