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Welcome to another JAB!

It's a Facts and Figures week and we've packed in as many as possible without giving you indigestion, we hope. If we have left out the particular fact you were looking for, write to Mo and Don about it.

After chasing up all the facts for this issue, the staff are a bit restless. Anne wishes she could be out meditating in India. She says dishy Michael York is filming in Bombay and she thinks she ought to be out there. (Of course other famous people are in India, too!) June is hinting rather broadly that someone (June, for instance?) should fly out to Hollywood to interview The Monkees. She has about a hundred reasons for the journey being absolutely vital!

Love

VREATLY in demand tellywise this year are The

At the end of April, we'll be seeing them in a colour docttmentary on BBC 2 called The History of Pop. It shows The Who as they started—at the Railway Tavern in Acton when they were The High Numbers.

And it shows how they've progressed to today, with Pete Townshend recording Arthur Brown.

Then in late April they film another documentary for BBC and in colour for American television. This is a programme on how the best music being written today comes from the popworld.

It's also almost certain that the group will feature in another BBC venture, a new pop show called Sound and Picture City.

It will run for at least thirteen weeks—and The Who will be seen in every show.

Pete Townshend will be writing a new number for each week, and after the series, those songs will be released as an LP.

ATEST new group to hit the charts in a big way is Status Quo. So what can I do but give you some facts and figures on them.

Vocalist is Francis Dominic Nicolas Michael Roffi-which is why he calls himself Roff! He's 5 ft. 11 in., 101 stone, with green eyes, and—in his own words—mousey hair

Grandfather, incidentally was the founder of Roffi's Ice Cream!

'Roff is also lead guitar, and plays trumpet, and he wrote Pictures of Matchstick Men. Organist is Roy Lyons who's twenty-four, 5 ft. 10 in., 121 stone, green-eyed and dark haired. He's the second of five children, born in Redhill, Surrey, and still lives there. Alan Lancaster plays everything from trumpet and trombone, to tenor horn, euphonium,

cornet, organ and guitar. And he's got G.C.E. "A" level!

He's the little one in the group—only 5 ft. 61 in., and claims that's why he's taken up karate!

John Coughlan's the drummer and admirer of The Shadows' Brian Bennett. He's twenty-one, his parents manage a furniture store, and his hobby's stock car racing.

Bass guitarist Rick Parfitt used to be a baker! Now he's a bit of a heart throb with his blue eyes and blond hair. He's twenty, comes from Woking and plays piano and rhythm guitar, too.

The group started in a pretty spectacular way. Roff and Alan were at school together, but not particular friends. Then in a Rugby match, both dived for the ball and smashed their heads together. They were carried off, and sitting recuperating got talking about music. Next thing, the group happened.

They saw John at a dance, playing with the Air Training Corps Band, and practically kidnapped him.

Rick was in a trio with two girls and became friendly with the others at a Butlin's Holiday Camp where they were all playing. They kept in touch, and when the group needed a bass, he joined in.

Roy was discovered at a dance, too. The group was already full, but Roff saw him, liked his organplaying, and that was that.

Until almost a year ago, Status Quo were quite an amateur group -and called The Traffic. Then Stevie Winwood came along . . . and they became Status Quo.

And incidentally, they're not an instant hit group. Matchstick Men is their fifth record—by which I mean they deserve all this success!



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A MEN CORNER wandered home about midnight from a gig last week to find half their worldly possessions lying in the front garden.

Things like tape recorders, record player, television and clothes lay scattered everywhere.

Obviously they'd had burglars, who equally obviously had been frightened off.

All that was missing was money—£180 and an award received from Granada TV for their First Timers competition.

Later someone went to the dustbin—and there lay £180 (wish I could find that in mine!) but the award—their pride and joy—is definitely gone.

Well, not having anything worth nicking, burglars have had the wit to stay away from me. But I gather from the boys it leaves you with a pretty nasty feeling.

So if anyone should happen to see a trophy in a junk shop, or somewhere, in the shape of a miniature TV camera on a plaque, do let them know. They're really missing it.

THE HERD have been having rather an unnerving time on stage recently.

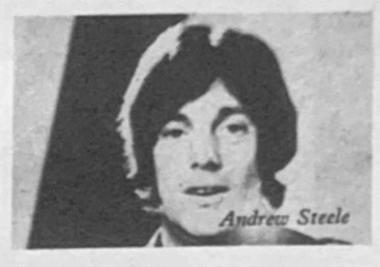
First odd happening was in the Sherwood Rooms, Nottingham. At the end of their act, the boys throw bananas to the audience.

Drummer Andrew Steele was just breaking up some bunches when he found what looked like a spider three inches wide!

Calmly, he threw it to the front of the stage and carried on. A spider expert later said it sounded like a bird-eating spider.

Just one week later, the boys were playing in Narbeth, Wales. Half-way through the last number, the police rushed in and ordered everybody out of the hall.

They were only too glad to comply—someone had rung the police and said a bomb was planted under the stage! Of course, it was all a hoax, but it's made the boys wonder.



IT'S a fact! None of Traffic can ever feel really alone when they're in that cottage in Berkshire.

Apart from the boys, road manager Albert and his Alsatian Mr. Fantasy—who's friendly with everyone bar Steve, whom he associates with the noise of the organ!
—there's a ghost!

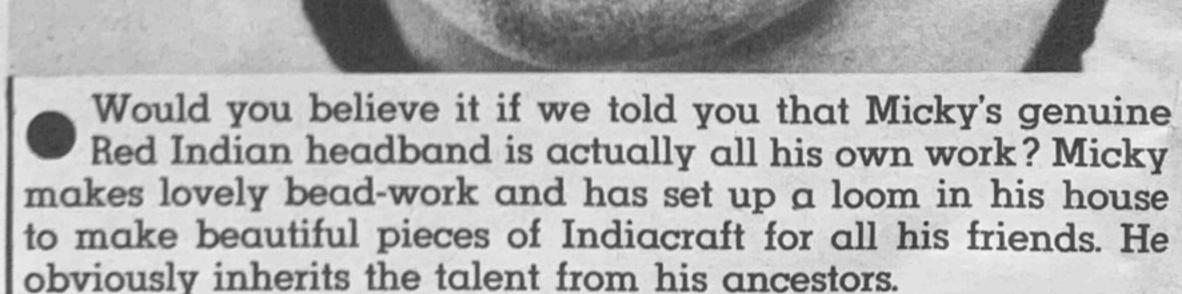
Last week, Steve was backing the Land-Rover out of the garage when he hit something. When he got out, there was nothing there—no post or brick—but a large dent in the Land-Rover. Interesting thought is—how can you possibly injure a ghost?

The ghost isn't the only

trouble they have. Chris has blown the oven door off twice in the last month with his cooking.

And Jim, who was painting a bedroom wall orange, tipped over a two gallon tin of
paint which seeped through
the floor and into their
larder. Everything was
covered in orange, and they
had to starve till next day!

On the lighter side, they've taken up a new hobby—darts. They've become terribly keen, and have just beaten the local champion team. Now they're trying to get into the local league. And that's something they're more proud about than any of their record success.



JUST recently Michael d'Abo returned to his old school, Harrow, to play in the Old Boys Football team.

One of the pupils there took some photos of Michael in his football gear, and later sent them to him. Some appeared in the press. The boy—he wishes to remain anonymous—was accused of selling them to the papers.

The figures were—six of the best with a cane, a thousand lines and detention.

The fact was—he'd been punished for something nothing to do with thim.

Michael's now written a letter to the school clearing him.

And no doubt he'll be very grateful for that—once he can sit down again!



FIRST The Moody Blues built up a big following in Birmingham, moved down to London and made their name.

Then Spencer Davis followed suit; and so did The Move.

Over the last eight months The Lemon Tree have built up a good army of fans in their native Birmingham; now they're coming to London.

And with the figures I've given you, the thought that they might follow in all those footsteps, might easily become fact!

The Lemon Tree are: vocalist
Mike Taylor, bass guitarist Derek

Arnold, drummer Keith Smart, Terry Meredith, lead guitarist and pianist, and organist Gary Wortley. WAVELENGTH

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They'll be encamped in London before the month's out—most probably in the old Streatham home of Amen Corner, who are moving due to fan trouble.

Their first record is just out, and though they didn't write it, they did find it themselves.

Keith was in a Birmingham record shop when he heard someone whistling a tune. It was old friend Ace Kefford of The Move.

Just on the strength of a whistle, Keith reckoned it, and pushed Ace into finishing writing it quickly.

Title is William Chalker's Time Machine, written by Ace, produced by The Move's Trevor Burton and Amen Corner's Andy Fairweather-Low.

You can't have a better start in chart-life than that!

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A decade of dedication to pop, slanted to enchant all ages, pays dividends.

Cliff Richard is still around in a big way after reaping the rewards of popularity for ten years.

In June, Cliff and The Shadows are on Rediffusion TV presenting an hour long story of this truly • • •

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We think Cliff is even better looking now than he was ten years ago. Back in the 1958 black shirt and white jacket era Cliff used to wow the coffee bar kids.

The Shadows live on too. Hank Marvin is one of their two surviving founder members.







When you're young, idealistic and poor, busking's the answer! Despite the heavy disguise there's no doubt who owns that baby face.



EING a star is pretty exciting, especially if you've been successful at it for ten years like Cliff.

The pace can be maddeningly hot and the life has its ups and downs, but Cliff and The Shadows have emerged unscathed and human.

As far as they're concerned show biz has been wonderful, and looking back it's all been a great giggle. In that sort of mood they'll tell the story in The Cliff Richard Show in June.

I warn you though, I'm sure none of the things happened exactly the way they say. The story relived is scattered with all sorts of memories stretched slightly to fit in with the general theme of things. Much more fun that way!

It begins with the right idea. Cliff, grown old, is looking back over his life. Not that his disguise does much to cover up his baby face: he looks more like a cheeky Persian Prince than an ancient pop star!

Anyway he totters into the drawing room and introduces his old mates, "the dynamic, the pulsating, the frantic . . . Shadows!" And in plod John, Hank and Bruce-just as chronic and crotchety as Cliff is!

Coughing and wheezing, they tell the tale.

It all began in the 1958 Rock 'n' Roll era. True! But I don't think "Cliff and

The Shadows" came about in quite the way they say.

From now on it's a big send-up. The way it could have happened, but didn't!

Cliff kind of suggests he found The Shadows busking -and joined them! They sorted out a style for themselves, which happened to go down well in coffee bars, and the kids loved them.

"Then television beckoned," says Cliff. But it seemed a bit ridiculous at the time so they didn't do a series like The Monkees. But when you come to think about it monkeying around might have been fun and . . . Hey! Hey! It's The Shadows!

One day, not long after, they went to the pictures on account of there being nothing better to do. Um! Perhaps films were a good idea. They tried and won.

Song writing too was quite a friendly thing to do together. Except when they disagreed and fought a duel!

And so it goes on. An hour-long musical giggle. Cliff's hit records do manage to scatter themselves throughout the story and vaguely recognisable mile-stones stand out.

Styles change, people come and people go, but for Cliff and The Shadows? It's back to busking!

I warned you the truth was sort of stretched.

ANNE WILSON



Dance routines can be quite gruelling but true to form Cliff copes as though he's been at it for years. | number In The Country.

Cliff and the Paddy Stone dancers work out a dance routine for the



June and Janice, aged seventeen, of Newstead Road, Athersley North, Barnsley, Yorkshire, sent us this amusing story of how they managed to meet Dave Dee and Co. It wins them ten guineas.

FRACKING D.D.,



After taking a furtive glance to each side, as if we were about to commit the greatest crime in

history, we quietly slipped through the Exit door. How could we bear staying in the dance-hall when we knew Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich were backstage?

We were now confronted with a cold, dank, brick wall and again depression set in. So what? Back to the Sherlock Holmes act, out with the magnifying glass, now we're set, and what is that we perceive in the distance? A door! Success! Hurriedly we dashed in, almost knocking down a surprised, but laughing, Jich.

Before we had the chance to utter a word in stormed four big, hairy wrestler-type males who immediately blotted out Tich.

We managed to obtain Tich's autograph, after which the men asked us to leave or else they would fetch help. Cowards! Again we found ourselves amongst the yelling mob. . . .

Now they were on stage and all our wicked plots were forgotten for forty minutes while they ripped through their repertoire, and we were actually recognised by Tich who grinned and waved to us throughout the whole of Okay.

CUDDENLY the stage started to revolve slowly, taking them away from us. Frantically we rushed to our door, only to find bouncers awaiting us After hours of agonising pleading and begging we got permission to go back-stage and meet the group. After another hysterical encounter with Tich, and one with Beaky, we spotted Dozy in the midst of a pile of suitcases, looking all forlorn. We battled our way through, watched by the biggest, googliest eyes heaven ever permitted man to have. We spent an absorbing ten minutes chatting to him.

During this time I, unnoticed by June (who is mad over Dave Dee), strolled over to Dave who was being interviewed. Suddenly he noticed me, took a step forward and grinned disarmingly into my face.

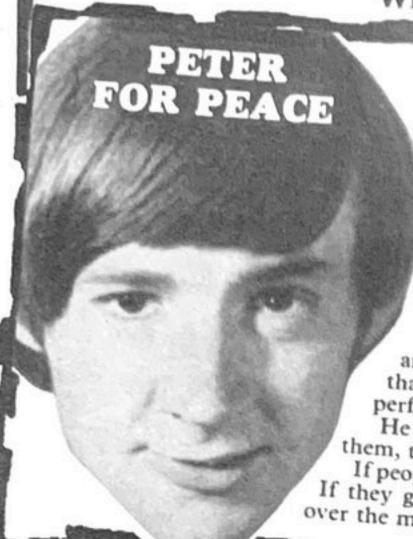
"You've come to talk to me?" he drawled. Following a dumb nod and a few spluttering utterances from me, Dave, not to be discouraged, tried once more, even slower. "What do you want to talk about?" The mind boggled, so did my tongue, and out of it came a loud wail of "J-J-Juuuuuuuu-ne! "June flew across, eyes flashing daggers, only to be met with another smile from Dave which took all thought of revenge from her mind.

We spent a heavenly ten minutes talking to Dave, who looked lush in his apple green silk shirt and pink cravat, and we found him most charming.

Then to our sorrow and dismay, the boys had to rush off as they had to go back to Salisbury and it was now elevenfifty. We said our sad goodbyes and waved them off, only to have to return to a raging mob of girls, who were shouting "Get them!" Meaning us.

But it was all worth while. even though we had to do a 50 m.p.h. gallop to escape.

We see them on television doing such fun things, and imagine we really know them. But what lies under the fresh faces? What is in the minds of The Monkees?



ETER TORK is touching, funny and real. There is a sweetness about him that you can see in quiet moments on the TV show, and you can feel the same sweetness radiating from him

Peter awakes sunny, spreads sunshine around his friends all day, and smiles on into the sunset. He's sown what wild oats he may have had to sow, and now he's just sitting watching the world go by, gently confident.

To Peter, personal contact is the most important thing in the world. He hates people to speak for him, to quote things he hasn't said, to come between him and the people he likes. Nothing pleases him more than to throw down notes to fans, or put on an impromptu performance for them, or to dry a fan's tears.

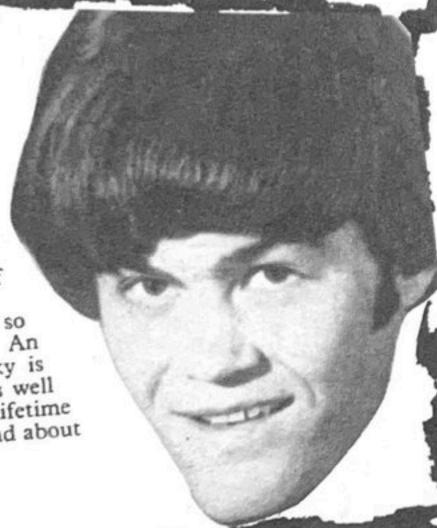
He does it because it's a chance to get his ideas across to them, to use a pop star's influence in the right way. If people listen to his ideas of peace and love, Peter is happy. If they go out and buy some book he's recommended, he's over the moon.

MICKY FOR MISCHIEF

TIND-ME-UP-AND-SEE-ME-GO is Micky Dolenz's image. Merry, mischievous Micky, who switches on like an

But there's another Micky, too. A gentle, electric current. dreamy Micky, who adores beautiful candles and fine fabrics and carries joss sticks with him wherever he goes. The same Micky who sits quietly carving wooden ornaments in his dressingroom, and fashioning peace symbols out of pieces of

wire. Fidgety fingers, sweet nature. Micky wanted The Monkees to be a success so much, and is still walking on fluffy clouds. An insecure, nail-consuming, sensitive person, Micky is constantly searching for the truth. In himself, as well as in others. A star for the second time in a lifetime Circus Boy was the first-Micky has an open mind about his success.





DAVY FOR DARLING

TE insists on being called David, but is a classic Davy, if you imagine a Davy to be boyish and kind and warm. David Jones, down-to-earth Mancunian and hooray-Hollywood, is vital, gay and immediate.

It has been said that Davy treats every girl as a potential sweetheart, yet he's still waiting for a princess on a white charger to sweep him off his feet. Every girl is a "darlin'," and to every girl he is Prince Charming.

Davy is unpredictable, to say the least. Unfailingly sweet to fans, he has private "glooms" and quick, hot blow-ups that might surprise them. Luckily, he has a fantastic ability to pull out of the moods as suddenly as they came. One kind word will lift Davy as high as the sky, and though he's a shrewd business bod he's still a little boy at heart, writing long letters home every week to his Dad about life with The Monkees.

MIKE FOR MATURITY

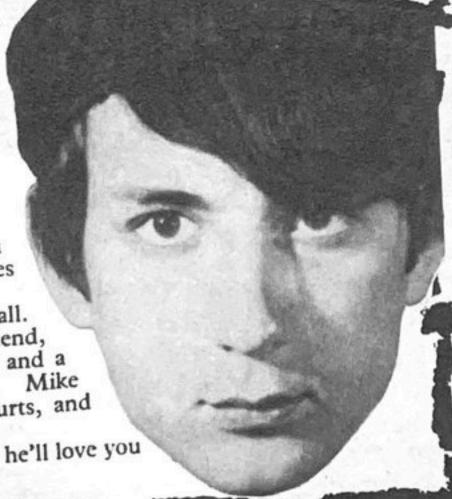
TIKE is "different". Just when you think you have The Monkees taped as a modern crazy gang, someone stands out as a symbol of their inner maturity, and that someone is

No use pretending Mike is like the other Mike Nesmith. three. He's married, with two children. He's the bread-winner and has to give the dignity of a responsible husband and father to his marriage. So when all hell breaks loose, Mike joins in for a

moment, then shrugs off the funnies, and comes Some may think Mike moody. It isn't that at all. back to earth.

He's a generous person who never forgets a friend, and has a real respect for those who deserve it and a and has a real respect to those who deserve it and a reasonable intolerance for those who don't. Mike always tells the truth. Sometimes the truth hurts, and people don't always thank him for it. Leave Mike alone, and respect his privacy, and he'll love you

for ever.



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When there are new guys on the scene it's always nice to have a chat and find out just what they're really like. So being as inquisitive as usual, I tracked them down and BY PAMELA TOWNSEND asked them some questions.

asked them so	MICK		LYNTON		STEVE
If you were going to give a girl flowers what would you choose?	Red roses.	Narcissi.	Red roses or self raising.	Red roses.	Don't beli in sending flowers, be if I had to roses.
Would you get married in a church or register office?	Don't mind. I'd leave it up to the girl.	Don't know.	Register office unless my fiancée really objected.	Church.	Church,
Were you ever a Boy Scout?	I was in St. Clements, Bradford, Boy Scouts two years.	No.	No.	Cubs and Scouts.	No! No! No! NO!
If you weren't a pop star what would you like to be?	A great painter,	A tramp.	Lazy.	An actor.	This time last year I would have said a professional footballer but now it's nothing but pop.
Do you speak any foreign languages?	French, but not very fluently.	No.	A little French.	No.	Yes— Australian.
Who is your favourite classical composer?	Bach and Mozart.	None.	Bach and Mozart.	Bach and Mozart.	Bach, Mozart and Tchai- kovsky.
What is your favourite perfume for a girl?	Light and subtle.	None.	Chanel No. 5.	Can't tell difference between one and another.	Never taken much trouble to find out.
If you could live in any country, which would you choose?	I haven't travelled enough yet so I don't know.	Great Britain because it's Great.	Bahamas because you pay less tax there.	Britain, because I get homesick anywhere else.	Spain because of the sun and it's beautiful.
What is your favourite car?	Aston Martin DB6 in maroon or racing green.	Mercedes sports.	Mercedes sports.	Ford Mustang, Mercedes. Rolls-Royce and Aston Martin.	Chevrolet.
If you could have three wishes what would they be?	(A) 33	(a) To be King. (b) To stay healthy.	(a) Lasting happiness. (b) Lasting success.	(a) Always be happy. (b) Always be healthy. (c) To meet	(a) That my hair would grow. (b) That I could bring out my personality

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Brigitte

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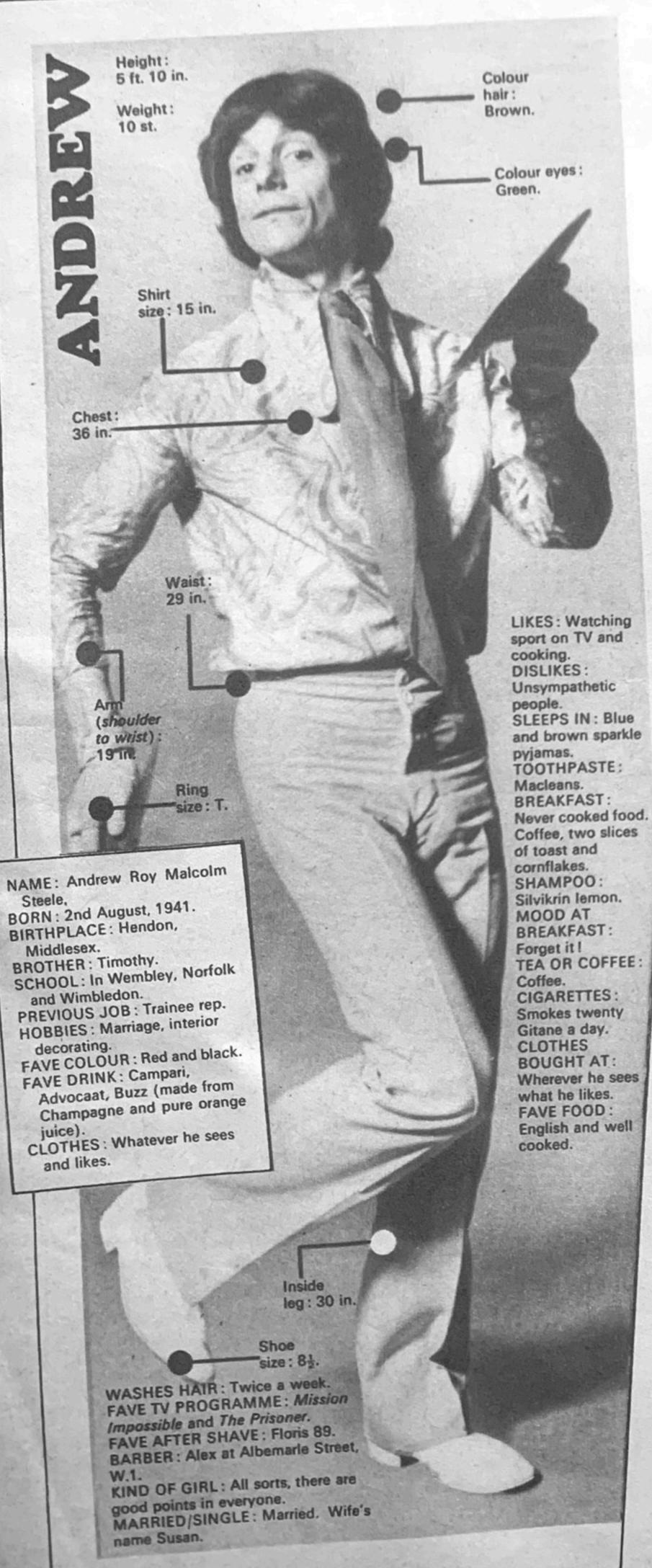
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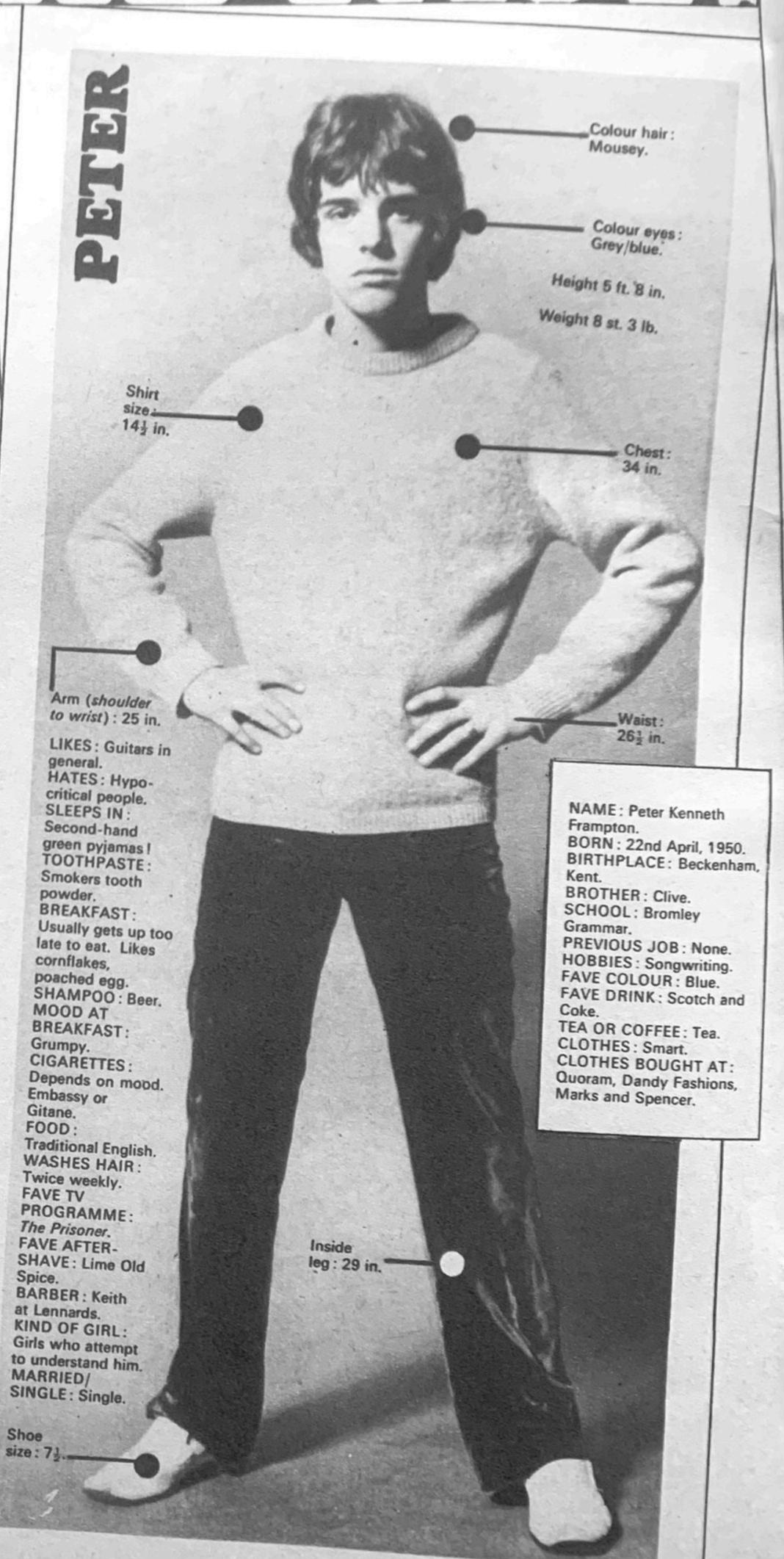
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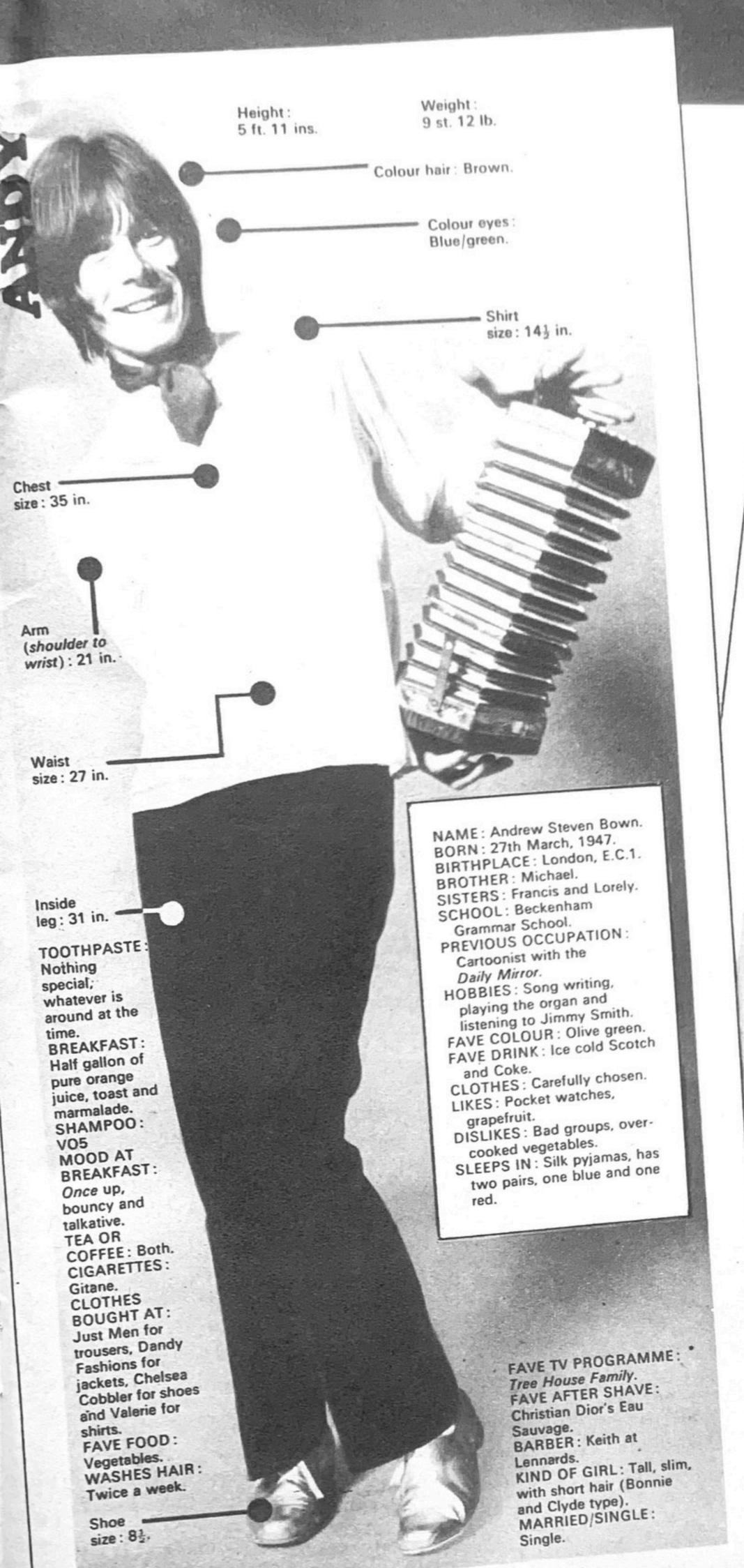
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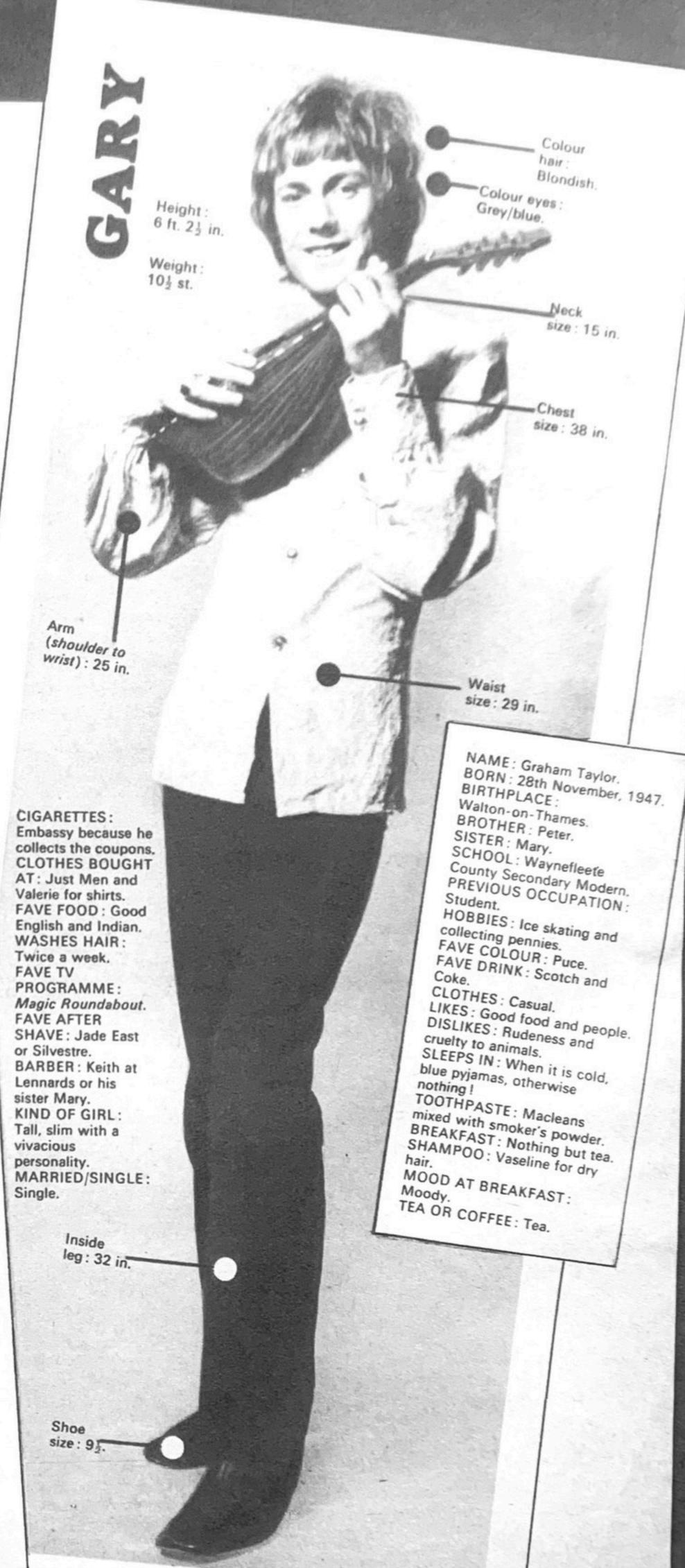




Here's a run down of vital statistics on one of your fave groups. So if you're thinking of giving Andrew a ring, Peter some socks, Andy a belt and knitting Gary a sweater, here are all the details

you'll need... and a lot more, too, to give you an exact picture of what the boys are like, Fab's Sally guarantees the measurements, she checked them with a tape measure when the boys were in our offices.







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7.30 TUESDAY'S REQUESTS 7.45 JOIN THE IN CROWD 8.00 IMPACT 8.30 SOUNDS LIKE TOMORROW 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW 9.00 POP PARADE 9.15 SYMONDS ON TUESDAY 9.30 THE SAM COSTA SHOW 10.00 LIKE YOUNG 10.30 TEEN & TWENTY DISC CLUB 11.00 THE DAVID JACOBS SHOW 11.30 POPS TILL MIDNIGHT 12.00 POPS PAST MIDNIGHT

WEDNESDAY 6th

3.00 a.m.-Close Down

12.30 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT

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THURSDAY 7th

7.30 PICK OF THE BUNCH 7.45 JOIN THE IN CROWD 8.00 JIMMY SAVILE 8.15 IT'S POP-PYE TIME 8.30 POP PARADE 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW 9.00 THE CHRIS DENNING SHOW 9.30 A DATE WITH CATHY 9.45 THE TONY BLACKBURN SHOW 10.00 THE JIMMY YOUNG HOUR 11.00 BRIAN MATTHEW'S POP PARADE 11.15 JIMMY SAVILE'S "15" 11.30 POPS TILL MIDNIGHT 12.00 POPS PAST MIDNIGHT 12.30 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT 3.00 a.m.—Close Down

FRIDAY 8th

7.30 DISC DRIVE 7.45 LP SPIN 8.00 SOUNDS LIKE TOMORROW 8.15 POP PARADE 8.30 JIMMY'S CLUB 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW 9.00 THE DON MOSS SHOW 9.15 THE PETER MURRAY SHOW 9.45 CASH'S CORNER 10.00 SIMON'S SCENE 11.00 BRIAN MATTHEW'S FRIDAY

DISC SHOW 11.30 POPS TILL MIDNIGHT 12.00 MIDNIGHT WITH CASH 12.30 FRIDAY NIGHT-SATURDAY MORNING 1.00 PETE BRADY

1.30 JIMMY SAVILE'S BEDROOM

7.30 SATURDAY'S REQUESTS

7.45 JOIN THE IN CROWD

3.00 a.m. - Close Down

SATURDAY 9th

8.00 PETER MURRAY'S LP PARADE 8.30 POP PARADE 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW 9.00 THE NATIONAL BATTLE OF THE GIANTS Simon Des referees a contest on record between two giants 9.15 TONY BLACKBURN SHOW 9.30 NIGHT AND DEE 10.30 SYMONDS ON SATURDAY 11.00 SATURDAY SPECIAL 11.30 JACK JACKSON'S RECORD

ROUND-UP 12.00 THE ALAN FREEMAN SHOW 12.30 SAM COSTA'S NIGHTCAP 1.00 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT 3.00 a.m.-Close Down

SUNDAY 10th

7.00 TONY MURPHY 8.00 PAUL BURNETT 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW 9.00 PAUL BURNETT 9.30 BIG SCREEN SCENE 10.00 THE BEATLES FOREVER 10.30 I WANNA KNOW 11.00 TOP TWENTY 12.00 MIDNIGHT WITH MATTHEW 12.30 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT 3.00 a.m.-Close Down

MONDAY 11th

7.30 MONDAY'S REQUESTS JOIN THE IN CROWD 8.00 DISCS-A-POPPIN 8.30 POP PARADE 8.45 RADIO BINGO SHOW THE TONY BLACKBURN SHOW 9.30 THE NATIONAL BATTLE OF THE GIANTS Simon Dee referees a contest on record between two giants. 9.45 LINE ENGAGED 10.00 TOP POPS 10.30 OOOOOOO . . . IT'S MONDAY AND TIME FOR HIT PARADE 11.00 THAT BOY, THESE GROOVES 11.15 SOUNDS LIKE TOMORROW 11.30 POPS TILL MIDNIGHT 12.00 POPS PAST MIDNIGHT

12.30 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT

3.00 a.m.-Close Down



OVE IS BLUE has got to be one of the most recorded songs of 1968. There are fourteen people who have recorded it that I have heard and most likely a few more that haven't got to me yet.

But, in my opinion, the person who has done the best job has been Jeff Beck. And out of all the people, he was the least likely candidate for a hit.

Jeff has been linked with blues, rock and roll, and beat ever since The Yardbirds. Why did he pick Love Is Blue?

"The answer is quite simple," he told me. "I didn't pick it. My recording manager Mickie Most played it to me, and I dug it right away. We had been looking for this type of a song for a long time and when this one came along we knew it was right.

"When you are associated with beat music it is only good for a certain length of time and then people go off you and you've had it. But I think of myself as a musician and I wanted to prove I could do more than play three chords.

"I would like to

become the Engelbert of the guitarists if you like. Look at guys like Chet Atkins and Duane Eddy, they have been around for years and folk recognise them as musicians as well as pop stars."

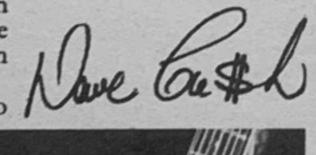
I then had a little chat with Mickie Most. He told me that this was a very special record to him because if it was a top ten hit, it would be his fiftieth hit in four years.

That, my friends, is a record. No star in music history has ever had fifty hits in four years. He has sold over 81 million records and this year he hopes to reach 100 million.

And to think it all started with a £35 investment. That is what it cost him to make House Of The Rising Sun, with The Animals. His first hit.

Today he is a multi-millionaire. To mark his half century he has just bought a brand new Cadillac from America costing about £15,000.

"Well, what the heck," says Mickie. "It's only money."







JIM'S STILL CHAMP

EY, remember a few weeks ago I told you that the students of Manchester University had decided to try an attempt on Jimmy Savile's Helter Skelter world Well, the big day should have been a week or so

ago, but due to unforeseen postponed.

"Yes indeed," said Jimmy, "there was a slight mix-up in the arrangements.

"You see, the guy who owns the helter skelter had taken the bottom half of it away and although I checked with someone to make sure it would be replaced in time for the contest, the message somehow went astray.

"So when we all arrived, there's still only half a slide! Apparently, the guy

circumstances it had to be was spending the day at Cleethorpes, so we had to call the whole thing off for a week.

> "I immediately accused the students of pinching the other half, so that they could get in more practice, but they assured me it wasn't their fault," said Jimmy, giggling!

"Anyway, it was all down to the cafe for sausage rolls and good hot Manchester tea and, as I say, we'll all be there again in a week's time."

And, you can read the result of the students' effort on next week's page.

Hi there, mates. I see, this issue is all about facts and figures. Well, the fact is, that I'm still flat broke. All my efforts have failed miserably, so this car repairing game is the last desperate try. Don't really think things are going too well, though, 'cos my first job was on our photographer Peter's Mini which, after my expert touch, is now completely immobile.



March 5th-11th

SCOTLAND The Love Affair: Douglas Hotel, Aberdeen (7); Regal Ballroom, Bonnierigg (8); Locarno Ballroom,

Glasgow (11). Amen Corner: Cavendish Ballroom, Edinburgh (6); Caledonian Hotel, Inverness (7); Community Centre, Auchinleck (9); Palais, Dundee (10); Locarno Ballroom, Glasgow (11). Geno Washington: Locarno Ball... details of where the big names are playing this week.

room, Glasgow (11). NORTH Moody Blues: Sorby Hall, Sheffield (8); Sloopy's Club, Manchester (9). Simon Dupree: Kirk Levington Country Club, Middlesbrough (5); Winter Gardens, Morecambe (6).

MIDLANDS Status Quo: Baths Hall, Suttonin-Ashfield, Nottingham (8).

Solomon King: Castaways Club, Birmingham (6-9).

Traffic: Sherwood Rooms, Nottingham (5). Moody Blues: Shenley Green Youth Club, Birmingham (5).

LONDON Engelbert Humperdinck: Palladium, Argyll Street, London, W.1 (5-11).

SOUTH, SOUTH-EAST, EAST Moody Blues: College of Technology, Portsmouth (6). Status Quo: St. Mary's College, Twickenham (9); Orchid Ballroom,

Purley. Dave Dee etc.: Pavilion, Hemel Hempstead (6); Pavilion, Westonsuper-Mare (9).

Simon Dupree: Civic Hall, Dunstable (7); Dreamland Ballroom, Margate (9).

WEST Dave Dee: Tito's Club, Cardiff (10, 11).Love Affair: Town Hall, Kidderminster (5).

EL'S BACK

YES folks, it's a big week for all Elvis fans 'cos on Wednesday night at 11.15 p.m. Paul Burnett will be along with the first of a new series of Presenting Elvis Presley.

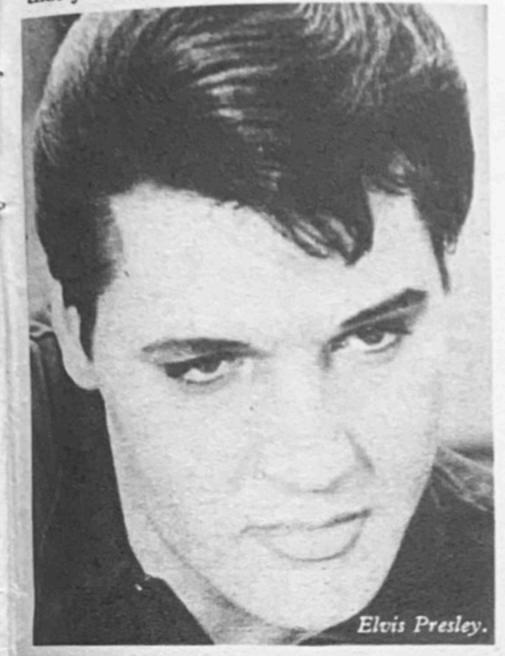
The show comes back on 208 as a result of hundreds of letters we've had from you listeners over the past months—and as we believe in the saying that the customer is always right, it's our duty to give the programme another airing.

If there are any special tracks that you'd like to hear over the next few weeks why not drop a line to Paul and let him know.

Send your cards to Paul Burnett,

Presenting Elvis Presley, Radio Luxembourg, London, W.1.

Then, sit with crossed fingers and hope that your request comes out of the hat!



BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

the latest result in our Giants series.
Here's this week's score: Long John
Baldry beat Chris Farlowe by thirteen
votes.

Quote from Long John Baldry on his Battle of the Giants win:

"I didn't even expect to be chosen as a contestant, so I'm both surprised and very pleased to have won this round."



PICK OF THE WEEK

OP disc honours this week go to Simon Dupree and The Big Sound, who've found a really strong song to follow their last hit, Kites.

Title is For Whom The Bell Tolls and the whole melody of the number is based around the sort of tune you hear coming from church bells on a Sunday.

Besides some lovely Spanish guitar effects, the backing also includes a nice trumpet solo and if you think of all that plus Simon's strong voice sounding really good, too, you can understand why I had no second thoughts about making this my Pick of the Week.

I really do hope the boys find a place in the charts, 'cos for my money they're one of the most talented groups on the scene.

So, keep an ear open for the disc on all those 208 shows. After all, we only spin the best—and For Whom The Bell Tolls certainly falls into that category.

MORE AWARDS

S you know, we had our Awards issue last week, but if you're a listener to Simon Dee's Night And Dee show on Saturday night then you have the chance to do some more voting.

"What I'm doing is getting people to make up their own titles," Simon told me. "You know, they can vote someone the worst dressed star in the business, or the artist with the best shaped nose—literally anything.

"Then, when we have all the cards in I'll read out the best ones on the show. Should be a good giggle, don't you think?"

Yeah, sounds a great idea to me!
Come on, folks, get those brains to
work and let's have some real original
ideas. It's the usual Luxembourg

Oh, and don't forget to tune into Night And Dee—it comes your way on Saturday at half past nine.



lf it's a pretty figure you're looking for, then you need look no further. Yes, here's pretty Miss Anita Harris looking gorgeous as ever. Anita makes an appearance on 208 this week when she comes face to face with another dolly, Nancy Sinatra, in Simon Dee's Battle Of The Giants. Should be a great fight 'cos both girls are no strangers to the hit parade. So, don't you miss out—make sure you're well and truly tuned in on Saturday at 9 pm when this knock-out contest takes place.

GOLF AGAIN!

SEEMS to me that golf really could become the "in sport" of '68, 'cos last week I was telling you about Pete Brady playing the game and now comes the news that Paul Kay and Norman St. John, two of our hard-working guys out in the Grand Duchy, managed to find time for a round.

"The challenge came from Norman," said Paul, "and so I accepted—the prize being a bottle of beer for the winner.

"Well, I started off O.K. but I began to run into trouble about halfway, and in the end Norman won."

So, the booze went Norman's way that ime, but I'm assured by Paul that there'll be a return contest as soon as time allows.



VISITOR NEIL

FRY special visitor to our station in the Grand Duchy last week was Neil Christian, who was on his way to Germany.

Neil, in fact, is soon to move over to Germany to live—this resulting from the fact that he's had so much chart success there.

While at the station he was interviewed on Music In The Night by Paul Burnett, and the boys gave him a guided tour around the place to show him how everything works.

"Really enjoyed having Neil out here," said Paul. "It's nice to see someone from home."

That's it once again, folks. Sorry to have to say that's all the space I have. Never fear, though, for in one week's time I'll be back with more news from 208. Hope you'll join me then.

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- Bill Wyman from The Stones has his first go as a record producer with a new group he discovered himself and with a new number he wrote himself. The group is
- called The End, the song is Shades Of Orange and it's so good and original that it could leap up the charts (Decca).
- Storybook Children, a big, strong ballad, is the best song that Wayne Fontana has ever recorded—and what's more, he's singing better than ever (Fontana).
- The Dakotas, former backing group to Billy J. Kramer, are out on their own with a plaintive / Can't Break The News to Myself—
- and a very nice job they make of it (Philips).
- The Shadows also have a new vocal offering called Dear Old Mrs. Bell, a happy, beaty song that features Hank Marvin as the lead vocalist (Columbia).
- Those soulmates of soul Carla Thomas and the late Otis Redding are together again with Lovey Dovey and it's one of their best efforts (Stax). For some more good soul try (Sweet Sweet Baby)
- Since You've Been Gone by Aretha Franklin (Polydor).
- There seems to be something of a revival in rock 'n' roll and getting quickly into the act are The Rock 'n' Roll Revival Band with that old favourite Midnight Train backed with Oh! Boy. I like 'em both (Decca).
- The Buddy Rich Big Band, who knocked everyone out on their last visit here and who are due to start another tour of Britain next.

week, revive the oldie Chicago and it swings like mad (Liberty).

Also recommended: I Can't Let Maggie Go by a new group called Honeybus (Deram). It's Alright, an EP by The Foundations (Pye), Circus by Sonny and Cher (Polydor), Tomorrow by The Strawberry Alarm Clock (Pye) and You Make My Life Worthwhile by Adam Faith (Parlophone).

KEN BOW



naturally

SK Hayley Mills about her make-up and she doesn't have much to say. It's not because she's reticent but because she uses very little.

"I like the natural look," she says. "I believe in using a light amount of make-up both in my private life and on the film set."

When filming, it's only if a part demands heavy cosmetics that she agrees to wear them.

Her usual is a little foundation and a touch of the palest lipstick. She pays great attention to her eyes but doesn't use more shadow, liner and mascara than is necessary. She avoids the Dusty Springfield look because she doesn't think it suits her.

Hayley has a super clear complexion. She told FAB that she diets when she is making a picture.

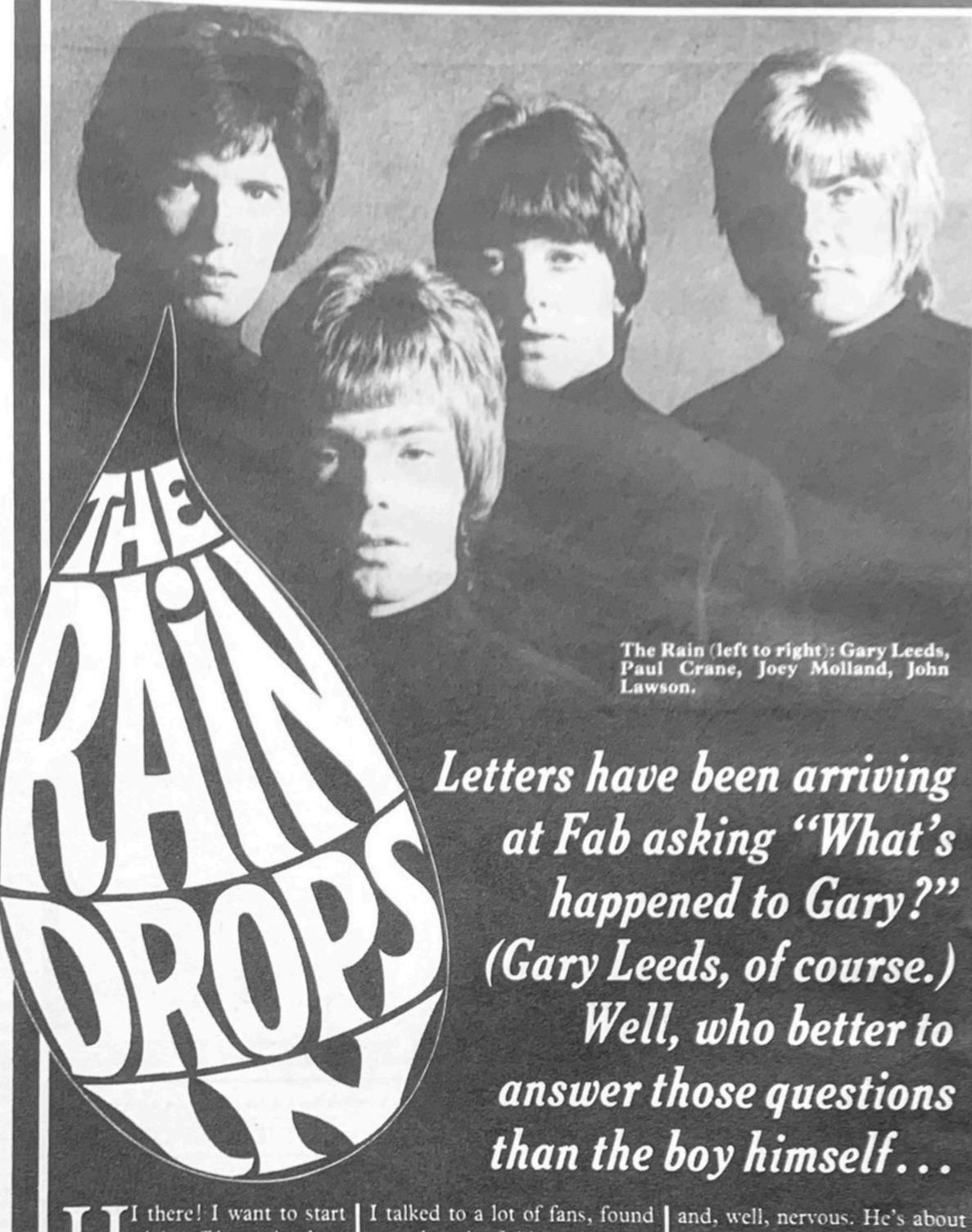
"I normally eat fruit, cheese and non-fat foods," she says.

She's rather cautious with perfume and usually settles for a very light fragrance. Reason is that she feels she'd be overpowered by a heavy scent. Girls as small as herself (5 ft. 4 in. and very slim) she thinks are better with something gentle.

Hair to Hayley is a vital item. She washes hers at least three times a week. This way she doesn't need to go to a salon to have any artificial treatment to restore the natural texture. Hers is clean and shining always.

Hayley is at present filming Twisted Nerve with Hywel Bennett. She plays the part of student Susan Harper. Although the plot is at present rather secret, we gather it's Ill pretty dramatic and her role is unlike mything she's done before. But she's doing magnificent job . . . naturally.





right off by saying how pleased I was when the Editor of FAB asked me to write an article for the readers, because she tells me that since I "disappeared" off the scene after the break-up of The Walker Brothers, there's been a lot of letters into FAB asking about me. Well, Leeds is back now, and is here to tell all!

As I hope you all know by now, I've got a group called The Rain, and we have a record out called Spooky, which is doing OK, I guess. When The Walkers broke up, I just decided to sit back and "sussout" the whole scene. Because whatever I was to do next, was to be the most important step ever for the Leeds. So, I hung loose for a few, so to speak, and had a good hard think.

I found out for myself who all the phonies were and who genuinely cared. I guess when you stay off the scene for a and he's really a funny guy. while, you can take an outsider's view of everything. And is, 'cos he's real shy at first-

out a bunch of things that they were looking for, and decided to form myself a group.

But this group would have to really be something else to make it big. It would have to be the correct mixture of looks, talent and temperament. And attitude, because fans quickly find out when your attitude is getting screwed up! Can't never fool the fans, boy, that's for sure! And I spent nearly eight months looking for this combination—and I really think that the three guys I found, you're really going to dig.

UESS I should tell you a little about each, then. First Rain on the scene was John Lawson. Lawson's real tall—about 6 ft. 2 in., and thin and blond. He's kinda quiet and gentle and genial, takes things as they come. A very clever bass guitarist.

Joey Molland came next, Once you get to know him, that

5 ft. 10 in., slim, eyes like McCartney, and a Liverpool accent you could cut with a knife.

ND the final Rain is Paul Crane, who's 21, fair, same size as Joey, and another Liverpool guy. Used to sing with The Cryin' Shames, and has a nice, soulful voice. Paul's the instantly friendly one in The Rain. They're all kinda friendly really just Paul's more extrovert.

One last thing I want to stress is that The Rain is a complete group, with no-one getting the "Star" billing or treatment. Just hope you'll give Paul, Joey, John and me a whole lot of love!

We'll be doing a lot of touring soon, so we hope that when you get Rain in your town, you'll come see us. Catch you later!

Returned . . . Gary Leeds's mini which was stolen recently.... Alan Bown in hospital for a back operation. . . . Still Life have signed a contract for a two-week tour of Czechoslovakia. . . . Steve Shirley of Freedom has had his guitar stolen.... The Foundations now have fourth Siamese cat! . . Billy Fury off to Romania, Hungary and Yugoslavia this summer for TV appearances. . . . The Nashville Teens have had a shirt named after them—The Nashville. . . . Hollies had fourday vacation in the Bahamas while touring America. . . . Scaffold making live LP of their Queen Elizabeth Hall concert. . . . Simon Dupree investing in a block of flats in Bournemouth. . . . Stolen -trumpet used by Phillip Shulman from The Big Sound. (It previously belonged to his late father.) . . . John, Pete and Geoff of The Grapefruit now live together in a mews cottage off Baker Street. . . . Apple has bought up Dandy Fashions. . . . The New Vaudeville Band are taking off the Bonnie and Clyde scene with new disc The Bonnie And Clyde. . . . David Hemmings thinking of designing clothes for men, Victoriana style. . . . Why doesn't Tony Blackburn like The Love Sculpture? . . . Don Wardell head of 208 new news service. . . . "Murf The Surf" from Aussie Land now a DJ at Lux, working under his own name Tony Murphy. . . . Andrew Steele raving over Funky Dunky. Who are they or what is it? See FAB next week. . . . Peter Frampton thinking of starting a Willy Wombat appreciation society.

FAB GANG ON TV

DO not adjust your sets, as they say, but most of The FAB Gang will be on Scottish TV next week if you Scottish readers can bear to look in!

A tour of FAB is featured in a programme to be screened by BBC Scotland on 13th March at 2.30 p.m. and on 15th March at 11.40 a.m. The programme was * filmed several months ago, so don't be too surprised to see Unity -our ex-Ed-on the screen.

We hope the programme won't put you off us!

MANFRED'S JIGSAW JUNCTION

DELEASED this week is a Manfred Mann-produced single from The Jigsaw Band on Polydor. The song is Need Your Love, which was sung by Adrienne Posta and Maureen Lipmann in Up The Junction.

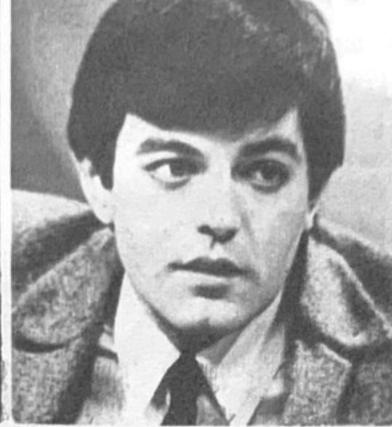
The soundtrack of Up The Junction was written, of course, by Mike Hugg and Manfred Mann. ********************

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ADIO Luxembourg is in for a drastic facelift. From March 31st the oldest pop radio station takes to the hip way of presenting swinging music.

And it will be swinging. No more fading out of records and no more long stints of records from one recording company.





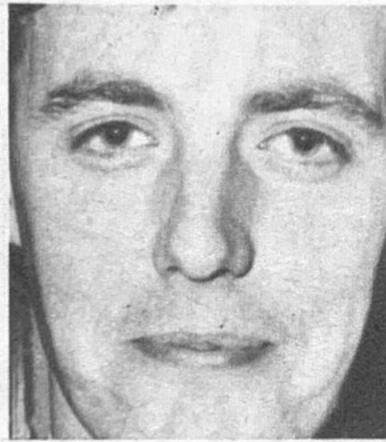


BLOOD AND THUNDER

wee bit too tough.

the pay is good enough.

boy friend sitting on the edge of the diamonds.



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necessary savagery to make this

Also aboard are Kenneth More,

Four of the survivors after the drastic Dj cuts. Top: Jimmy Savile and Tony Blackburn. Bottom: David Symonds and Simon Dee.

ON'T see The Mercenaries if It's a rough journey. The train

Buckets of blood, violence and ful commando assault on a small *

thick-ear fighting may have your hotel when Rod and his men grab 3

his seat. But you could find it a But there is far too much un-

The film is set in the Congo film everybody's taste. Taylor is

uprisings of a few years ago. Rod his usual hard-hitting self. Jim

Taylor is a mercenary officer, one Brown is fine as a Congolese

of those men who will fight any- patriot who is fighting for his

He is hired to take a train and a Peter Garsten and Yvette Mimieux.

crew of Congolese troops into The Mercenaries isn't a bad

hostile country to rescue some evening, but dodge it if you find

refugees. He has to bring back a that too much slugging and

precious cargo of uncut diamonds. violence turns your tummy.

where and for anybody provided country, rather than for money.

you're in the mood for an is ambushed in a really gripping

evening's peaceful relaxation. sequence. Then there's a wonder-

The English service has been going since 1946 and the hierarchy of the station have decided it's time for a change.

For a year they have been planning the "top to bottom shake-up" which they anticipate will increase the number of listeners which is at present five million per night.

But the change round has meant a drastic cut in Djs and some of your favourites will be off the Luxembourg air from now on. Dave Cash won't be on after March 31st, nor Cathy McGowan, Jack Jackson, David Gell, and Brian Matthew.

The Dis will be working for Luxembourg, not hired out to a recording company as in the past. And any recording company wishing to plug its own records will have "to buy a spot."

Some of the new plans for the station include a big competition which you can enter with a form from FABulous, and regular hourly news and weather bulletins.

All the programmes will be at least an hour long. Alan Freeman and Pete Murray and Jimmy Savile are already booked for regular hour shows and most of the rest of the time will be shared between Tony Blackburn, Simon Dee, Jimmy Young, Sam Costa, David Jacobs and David Symonds.

In the Grand Duchy will be Australian Dj Tony Murphy, Paul Burnett, Paul Kay and a super new voice which has yet to be found.

The "bosses" of Lux will run regular national surveys on Di popularity to make sure you're getting the Djs you want.

But whatever happens you can count on a new fantastic 208.

FAB will continue to be FAB-ULOUS-208. In fact we will be linking ourselves more closely with the new swinging station. So stay with us and keep up to date with 208, also tune in every night for the tops in pops.

Tim Rose in Demand

AMERICAN recording artist Tim Rose has been approached by five leading pop people to produce his next record.

Currently touring Britain to promote his latest record I Got A Loneliness, Tim has caused a great stir in the minds of Denny Cordell, Mike Smith, Andrew Oldham, Cat Stevens and John Lennon.

Here with his manager Jack Beale, Tim will also make a tour of Germany and France and then return to America. He plans to come back to Britain soon, however, to find a house in London and settle here permanently.

STEVE AT PALACE

RINCE ANDREW had an unexpected surprise on his eighth birthday last Monday week.

Pop group Rupert's People presented the young Prince with a Rupert Bear Annual, a copy of their latest single I Can Show You, a signed photograph and a Rupert's People badge.

When the group arrived at Buckingham Palace, Steve Brendell was admitted by a butler, who accepted the gifts on the Prince's behalf and asked him to sign the gold visitors' book.

BONZO DOG OFF PITNEY TOUR

THE Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band has withdrawn from the Gene Pitney tour which starts on 5th April. The band will be too busy with rehearsals for its TV appearances in the Do Not Adjust Your Set series to go on tour.

Don Partridge now moves up the billing, which also includes Paul Jones and Simon Dupree and The Big Sound.

Another Apple for the Beatles

THE BEATLES' super-studio I for their Apple recording company is now fully operational. And the hush-hush location? The studio is situated above The Beatles' thriving Apple Bazaar at 94 Baker Street, London, W.1.

DAVE DEE TO MAKE FILM

AVE DEE, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich are to make a coloured feature film, The Legend Of Xanadu, based on their current hit single.

'I HAVE USED DDD NOW FOR A WEEK AND EVERY SPOT HAS NOW GONE'.

Doreen Holt from Liverpool.

'I asked a friend what would be the best thing to get rid of them. She said try some DDD Balm, so I did'. Her friend's good advice helped 16 year old Doreen to clear her spot troubles in only one week. DDD can do it for you too. It's so quick because it has five powerful antiseptics to clear the germs that cause spots. And cooling and soothing agents that stop the itching. DDD Balm also clears unsightly blackheads to. Take this good

advice, and try DDD for yourself. Send today for a free sample to Department E1, The D.D.D. Company Ltd., 94 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. Balm 3/3, 4/-, 4/3. Liquid 3/3, 5/3, 7/3. Soap 1/8



Dave Dee and Esther Ofarim, likely to film together.

The film, about two men fighting for the affections of a girl in Mexico, is to be produced by Mike Mansfield.

Mike approached Dave with the idea after their record had been played on New Release.

"I'm so thrilled," said Dave. "This will be a good start to an acting career, which I intend taking up seriously in about ten to fifteen years."

At the moment a cast of six is planned with Dave as male lead and probably Esther Ofarim as female lead. The company will leave some time in July for location shooting in Spain.

Ken Howard and Alan Blaikley, the group's managers, are to write the theme tune, plus several new songs especially for the film.

Apart from acting, Dave Dee, D., B., M. and T. will be doing the musical commentary.



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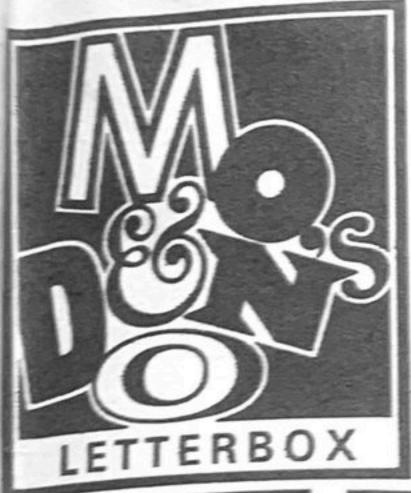


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SO WHY SMOKE CIGARETTES AND RISK YOUR HEALTH?



Hello there! Nice to be with you again! Facts and **Figures** this week and lots of information. Join us next week for some more!

FOOTBALL CLUB @

Could you please give

The address is: Chelsea

Football Club, Stamford

Bridge, Fulham, London,

me the address of Chelsea

Football Club? Thanks.

Pam, Cricklewood.

(Don.)

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O DUPREE DISC O

Please could you tell me what Simon Dupree's next record will be called? Lynda, Luton.

(Mo to begin this week.) Glad to be able to help. Lynda. The next disc released is For Whom The Bell Talls, on sale from March 8th, on the Parlophone label.

SPENCER-WISE

I'd like some info on Spencer Davis, please! Susan Hall, Fife.

(Son here now.)

Spencer was born on the 17th July, 1942, in Swansea. He is 6 ft. tall, weighs 11 st., has blue green eyes and brown hair. His wife's name a Pauline and they have two little girls, Sarah and Lisa.

MAMERICAN BREED

I would be very grateful If you could give me the line-up of The American Breed. Steve, Slough.

(Mo.)

Me again! Here goes Gary Loizzo, lead singer; Charles Colbert, bass guitarist; Alan Ciner, 12-string guitar, and Lee Graziano, drums.

MONKEE NEWS

is it true that The Monkeemobile is red and can all The Monkees swim? Sheila, Notts.

(Don's turn.)

Yes, The Monkeemobile is red, and all of The Monkees can swim!

O WILD HONEY O

Do you know what the next Beach Boys LP will be after Smiley Smile? Jane Morgan, Cardiff.

(Mo around.)

The next Beach Boys LP is Wild Honey. It's released on the Capitol label.

O DENNY LAINE O O

I think Denny Laine is gorgeous, could you give me some information on him? Sue, Bristol.

(Mo again.)

Sure thing! Brian Hines. better known as Denny Laine, was born on a boat off the Jersey coast on the 29th October, 1944. He is 5 ft. 8½ in. tall, weighs 10 st., has green eyes and brown hair. His parents are Eva and Robert; he has three sisters, Dlive, Doreen, Rita and one brother, Ray.

Chris likes cartoons, swimming, Bacharach and The Yardbirds. But he dislikes cruelty, snobs and loud people.

(Mo on the scene.)

MA TROGG'S FANCIES

Do you know the likes

and dislikes of Chris

Britton? Sally James,

BEATLE FANS .

Can I have The Beatles' new Fan Club address? Thanks, Roger White, Newcastle.

(Don here.)

Dagenham.

The address is: c/o Freda Kelly, National Secretary, The Official Beatles Fan Club, P.O. Box No. 12, Liverpool 1.

*************** SHARE A BIRTHDAY WITH A STAR

FOUNDATION FACTS

Could you tell me the names of the boys in The Foundations and where they come from, please? Ann, Weymouth, Dorset.

(Don again.)

Clem Curtis, lead vocalist, is from Trinidad; Allan Warner, lead guitarist is from Landon: Tony Gomesz. organist, is from Colombo. Ceylon; Peter Macbeth, bass guitarist is from London and so is Tim Harris, drummer Pat Burke, tenor sex, is from Kingston, Jamaica; Mike Ellist, tensr sax, is also from Kingston, Lastly, Enc Allen Dale, trombone, is from Dominica, British West Indies.

DO DEE TIME OO

Can you tell me the names of Simon Des's children? Jenny Bates, Lancs.

(Don hers.)

Simon's children's names are Simon Nicholas and Domino Nicola.

O TRAFFIC JAM O O

Please could you tell me Steve Winwood's birthdate and where he Elizabeth was born? Saunders, Edmonton.

(Mo's turn.)

It's nice to hear from you, Elizabeth. Steve was born in Cradley Heath, Birmingham, on the 12th May, 1948.



LONG JOHN'S HEIGHT

How tall is Long John Baldry? Christine Collins, London, S.E.18.

6 ft. 7 in. high.

famous? Susan Webb, Middleser.

birthday with Cilla Black.

TOM'S FAN CLUB 6

The address is: c/o Sylvia, Polydor Records, 17-19 Stratford Place, London, W.1.

. BRAINY MICK

academic qualifications? Shirley Bishop, Newbury, Berks.

(Don to end.)

More letters next The address to write to is: Mo Don, Fab-208, Fleetway House Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope if you want

Here is our weekly list of star birthdays. Check and see if you share yours with these stars. Micky Dolenz

8th March Gary Leeds 9th March Trevor Burton 9th March

(Mo here.)

That gorgeous man is

S S S BIRTHDAY S S

My birthday is on 27th May and I was wondering if you could tell me if I share it with anyons

(Don again.)

Yes, Susan, you share your

Please could you tell me the Fan Club address of Tom Rush? Berbers, Stoke-on-Trent.

(Mo back again.)

Membership is free!

Has Mick Jagger any

Mick has seven O levels and three A levels.

a postal reply.



Hella!

F somebody called YOU "The Face of 1968", you'd probably be very happy about it. I mean, it has a nice ring to it. You start looking at yourself in the mirror and you think to yourself: what a flattering thing to say about that image staring right back at you.

But there are problems. The Herd, right now, are doing nicely thanks. But we're a GROUP. Four blokes, all with the same ambitions. And it irks me more than somewhat to be constantly picked out as THE figure in The Herd line-up.

One group, who had a number one record and shall remain nameless, said: "Oh, yeah, The Herd have only got one member who matters." And I found myself curling up with sheer rage. . . .

I don't really see why I've got so much of the publicity, but I must own up that it helps a comparatively new group to have ONE member picked out. Like that "Face Of 1968" business. Flattering, sure. But in truth each of us in The Herd has a different personality. I'm not just a "Face . . ." I also play guitar and sing.

We all sing as much as each other on stage. We all have our own features, as opposed to "Faces", in the act. Andy and I take turns on lead vocals out front. Andrew Steele comes out with tambourine and does his bit.

Still, don't think I'm having too much of a go about being singled out. It's only natural that people want to know about the lead singer-I know I always did when I was just a fan turning up to see some of the top names.

It's just that I'd hate to have the others left out in the cold. Slowly, we're getting over this problem. The other Herdsmen are being photographed and interviewed. It's grinding to a halt,

this "Face of 1968" bit-and I'm glad. Sometimes I get to thinking about this whole business of suddenly becoming well-known . . . famous, if you like. What worries me is over-exposure. mean, people can learn all there is to know about me-and then what is there left? Actually, when you go too much into the likes and dislikes sort of thing, you can get involved. I believe one's personality changes all the time. In the mornings, my voice is much lower than it is later in the day!

But you read about, say, Paul McCartney liking cheese slicesthat's when The Beatles first started in the business. And that description is put on him every time he's mentioned later on. Paul Mc-Cartney, whose favourite food is cheese slices . . . etc. etc. By then, he probably likes Steak Tartare! Know what I mean darlings?

This fame thing is great, most of the time. It's lovely to be recognised. But it does get difficult when you try to slip out of the house and buy some cigarettes. There's always some "brave" person who comes up for an autograph, then there are ten and then there are a hundred. Which is when you start running for home again! It doesn't do to get involved in big scenes. So, to some extent, you do miss being able to go out and about . . . but at the same



time you're knocked out that people really do want to know you.

But it still gets back to the point that I don't really like being picked out, singled out, from the rest of the boys in the group. Some of the folk in the the pop business tried to make us out as sort of immediate pop-group successes, rather like The Monkees. But we try to prove, on our records, that we have something different to offer. All right, our records may be a bit deep . . but we hope people will really listen to us and then go out and buy them.

From The Underworld was all about losing a love for ever; then Paradise Lost was a definite follow-up-how it felt to have lost innocence and so on. We don't mind being regarded as "FACES" but we also want to be

regarded as musicians, Let's put it this way. Suppose I went on stage, disguised in a false beard and moustache . . . then played guitar and sang something. If I looked absolutely horrible . . . well, what would happen? Probably absolutely nothing. So for the moment we have to accept that it is how one looks rather than what one does that causes the interest.

It's fine by me. I love the whole scene. But you must excuse me if I get just a bit narked when people try to suggest that The Herd is just a one-man band. There are four of us. Each one is a quarter. We can't do without each other!

End of fairly serious piece from ... Yours very truly,

Next week: FAB is written from start to finish by readers . . . so there'll be another piece by a star the week after next.

