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Bet and Finne and Sylvia back from Liddypool last week—they were having such a good and I am job generate when they told me that the Cavern is as swinging as ever and that pool as. The sale formy thing about Liverpool—however much money the boys make—it's still tack have to meet.

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Sylvia takes over the gossip this week

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madly phoning in Spain and the results of the trip

State I thought, looking out of the min window at the Mercey Tenned, Liverage. And this was my first ever the as Bertise-hand. Can you wonder at I was excited?

Ament the first place I went to, with Betty and Flone who were on the trip, its, was The Cevern, where we not The Chysics Squares, who're very hig in the Pool right now. Singing coles in the manager's office octivees customs, the boys told me that they tack their name (which is a bit unusual for a best group, don't you ? Cayton Squares??) from a series in Livespool.

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WE hit Liverpool about eight hours after The Searchers left, much to our disappointment. They're high on my list of favourite Liverpudians. Why?

Here are examples of how nice they are.
After they took part in our London FAB NIGHT OUT, Chris rang me, and, on behalf of all the boys, thanked me for the wonderful time they'd had. And after reading something I'd written about him, Chris dropped me a line (in red ink on dark blue paper) thanking me for what I'd written.



RIVALLING The Cavern for popularity in Beatlesville is a place called Hope Hall. We went down there with two of The Scaffold (read more about them on page 16) and met The Road Runners.

Now these boys really do have a new sound. Their line-up includes a trumpet! Still, even that isn't so unusual as the flute which The Clayton Squares use on a couple of numbers.

The Runners have a foreigner in their midst. too. Bob Harrison, who blows that trumpet (and how I) comes from Portsmouth.

Like most artistes, the boys prefer Northern audiences.

They're so much warmer up here," Nicky leGrec-usually known as Nick the Greektold me. "We once played The Marquee in London and do you know it was two and a half hours before the audience reacted at all."

Nick, who looks a lot like actor Edmund Purdom, also said that the Runners have had four discs in the Liverpool charts, including an EP called Panto Mania which they made for charity.

Rest of the group is Michael Heart, vocals and guitar, who's a great James Brown fan; John Peacock, organ; Pete Mackey, bass and vocals; and Dave Boyce drums.

WE didn't go to a club with Kris Ryan and The Questions. We went to church; a ruined church which Fiona had noticed and was dying to photograph. The boys nearly died when we got there.

too. It was so draughty.
While Fiona had the others climbing up a tree in the church grounds, Kris told me that he often gets mistaken for one of

The Kinks.

Trouble is," he grinned, "I get mistaken for a different one every time."

I thought he looked a bit like Ray

Davies, but not so much that I'd mistake him for Ray. The Questions have been together for

about eight months; end, according to the boys, "We stick together and blame Kris for everything.

But they seem to get along well, despite that.



Kris Ryan and the Questions





Ringo

AND the Liverpoplians? I had to wait till got back to London before I saw them. When I did, I was just in time to interrupt Ringo in the act of making out his shopping list-on the back of road manager Mat's hand.

'He wants to make sure I don't lose it." Mal said, showing me the blue ball point scribbles. I looked—hard. I turned Mal's hand this way. I turned Mal's hand that way. I practically stood on my head. I borrowed a pair of glasses. But it was no good. I couldn't understand one word that Ringo had written.

'It's impossible to read it, Mal," I said "Dh. I can read it." He did, too-one pot of glue, some nails and a rubber headed hammer. Ringo had even drawn the hammer, just in case Mal might buy the wrong sort. There was one other item. One black knitted tie

'Who's that for ?" I asked Ringo.

"Mal," he said. I beamed. How generous, I thought "You see," Ringo continued seriously I cut his off with a carving knife and chopped if up in pieces

And off he went home I love Liverpudlians. I loved Liverpool, too.

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Marilyn Slater, sister of Stuart James, is the lucky girl who Stu confides In, teases, Invites on trips to London. And she enjoys every moment of it... as she explains to Sylvia Stephen of FAB.

She sat in the chintz covered armchair in front of the TV—an attractive, fair haired teenager—and talked about the day her office friends saw The Mojos performing. "They knew," Merilyn Slater said, "that my

"They knew," Marilyn Slater said, "that my brother was in a group so they asked me if by any chance he knew The Mojos' fab singer, Stuart James." She paused, smiled. "You should have seen their faces when I told them that actually my brother is The Mojos' fab singer, Stuart J mes

"I suppose that Mum started Stuart on his singing career really. She arranged for him to join the choir at the Anglican Cathedral. He learned to play the piano as well. He still plays, when he's at home."

A nod indicated the upright piano standing against the wall of the homely living-room where we sat, as she continued: "He writes songs on that piano, too. Sits there for hours tinkling away and scribbling things on bits of paper."

Suddenly, noticing that the teacups were getting rather empty, she rose to refill them.

"Stu came to our FAB sports day with us a couple of weeks ago." I said, as Marilyn sat down again. "He was very good. He certainly can run, can't he?"

"Yes. As a matter of fact, he won a cup for it once at school.

"But Stuart wasn't sports mad," Marilyn continued. "He studied hard and got eight 'O' level passes and four 'A' levels."

She tried not to look too proud, but couldn't resist adding: "And he was in a class of eighteen year olds when he was only sixteen. He would have gone on to university if he hadn't taken up music instead."

Marilyn has seen her brother on-stage: "But he won't take me to one of his own shows. He won't take anyone, even mum, backstage. I suppose he's right. In fact, when mum and dad went to see him perform, they didn't think they'd even be able to get in, there were such crowds at the theatre. But they eventually managed it. And they enjoyed the show very much."

She paused, twisting her fingers together before going on: "I was a little surprised when I saw him perform for the first time. He was very good. That didn't surprise me. I knew he'd be good. But—he was so different. Not like Stuart He's so quiet at home."

Her mother, coming back into the room from the kitchen, heard that last remark, and demanded: "What about the pair of you when you're in here with the record player going, doing this...?"

She demonstrated by an arm-waving Shake Marilyn laughed.

"All right," she admitted. "It's not very quiet when we start dancing together. Usually he's very quiet, though, isn't he? I mean, he doesn't play records much. He doesn't even talk about his work really."

Manilyn, it turned out, is more record minded than her brother. She nodded a sheepish "Guity to her mother's accusation that she has the record player going in her room all evening, every evening.

"It was the same when I went down to London to visit Stuart. I had the record player on all the time. I bet he was glad when I came home again. I was only down there for the weekend. Left here Friday night and got back early Monday morning—just in time to go straight to the office.

"I felt awful. I bet I looked pretty awful, too. But it was worth it.

"I don't know how Stuart does it. He sometimes comes home here from a date without going to bed all night. Still, he doesn't go straight out to work again. He makes himself some breakfast and goes to bed for the day."

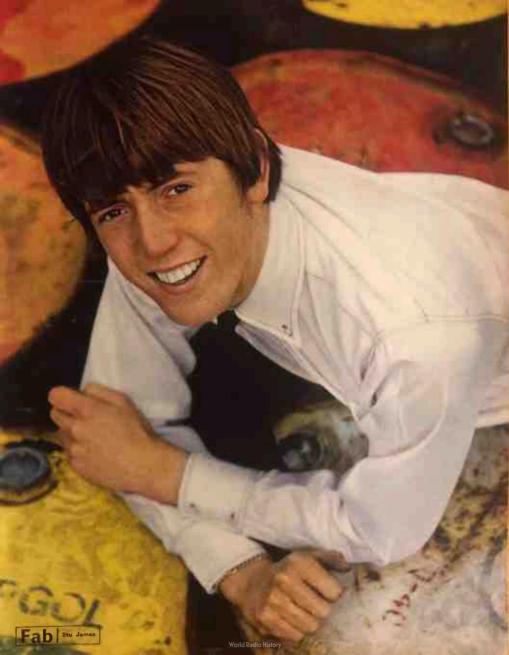
"You never seem to call him 'Stu," I commented.

She shook her head vigorously.

"Oh, no. He was christened Stuart and he likes to be called Stuart Stuart Lesile Stater is his full name—Stuart because mum liked it. Lestie after one of mum's cousins. He dreamed up his stage surrame himself.
"You know," she want on, "he's very

"You know," she went on, "he's very happy in what he's doing. If he's happy, so are mum and dad. And so am I."

And she smiled. Happily.



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Ringo strolling down Admiral Grove, his old home. Modern houses have now been built on the right hand side.



# SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY



Where it all began - NEMS Record Shop in Liverpool's Whitechapel.

### BY BETTY HALE

WALK around Liverpool, city packed with memories. The waterfront, the pierhead with its Victorian skyscraper, The Royal Liver Building, its floating landing stage, its cross-Mersey ferries, its big bus terminal, its Transatlantic liners swinging in to berth.

This is where The Beatles, looking less sure of themsolves, with shorter hair and wearing jeans and leather jackets, used to luck around, planning for the future.

Everywhere you go, you feel The Beatle imprint.

Wander inland to NEMS record shop on White chapel, where Peter Brown is diving the job once filled by Brian Epstein Brian, finding such a demand for discs by an unknown group, tracked them down to a place only a few hundred yards away, in Mathew Street.

It's a narrow, cobbled little hill, which is Everpool of fruit and produce market. There is a vest warehouse and undermeath are big cellars running the length of the place. They're built of good, solid Victorian brick, whitewashed like wine cellars.

Back in Jenuary '57, when staffle and jazz were riding high, somebody decided to lease part of those cellars for a club, because somehow jazz clubs always begin in cellars.

So was born The Cavern

Remember The Beatles once saying In Liverpos. we play at The Cavern Club It's a celtar under a fruit





Lovely nosh up, with Rory Storm at the head of the table. John and Paul are on his right and George on his left.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison outside the modern house which George bought for them in Macket's Lane, Liverpool.

market." That was Paul.

John seid: "It's a sort of railway lunnel. You can get 1,000 people in. There's a funny smell but we grew up there."

It still looks like rail arches and it still has that funny smell. But since fame came, they've enlarged it.

The Cavern was The Beatles' home. At funchtime and at nights people from nearby shops, offices and factories crammed into the dark, bare cellar and listened to the Messey beat and did the Cavern Stomp.

Bob Wooler, compere of The Cavern, knew The Beatles right back at the beginning when he booked them into The Litheriand Town Hall (way up north of the city cantre, beyond Bootle) at six pounds for the night. They were a sensation and drew a capacity crowd. It was their first big success in Britain etter their Hamburg stint.

BDB also remembers that Billy Fury, another Liverpool lad, turned down The Beatles as his backing group. His manager fiked them but Billy said "No," so the boys backed Johnny Gentle on a Scottlight bour instead.

Call in at the cosy Jacaranda for a coffee. Look at the murals downsters. You may still meet someone with memorizes of the loid days when John, Paul, George and Ringo haunted the place. Like Rory Storm who was with them a lot in the old leather jacket days.

Then go on to The Blue Angel Club in Seel Street where the boys played for peanuts. Stroll along to Upper Perliament Street where, way back, for a modest fee, The Beattes played for a strip act in a dive there.

fee, The Beaties played for a strip act in a diver there. Trace out the places where they were born. Walk the pavements they weaked, because even when they fish thit he high spots, they still lived at home. Bingo's place wes the most picturesque, in a terrace in a neat paved alley, and out could throw a ball over into your naighbour's periour with no effort at all. And later, when fame came, his chartlere ordrive care would park at the end of Admiral Grove, in High Park Street, and the driver would get out and yell for Ringo. None of this walking right up to the door and saluting tark, not for a Elvernoutian.

Menlove and Mether Avenues, where John and

Paul lived, weren't far apart. So it was easy for them to get together for dreaming up their music. These were wider, less friendly streets than Ringo's.

Go to Macket's Lane where George's parents now live and you may get a glimpse of Mrs. Harrison. She's become quite a celebrity as a Bestle mother. Requests come in from all over the Country for her to open bazzars and fetes and go to special dinners.

Retrace your steps towards the Liver Building and stop by the Town Hall, Imagine the traffic at a standstill for this was the scene of The Beatles' greatest home triumph. Stand there, turn back the clock and remember.

How proud Liverpool was when their boys got recognition. The headlines blazed on the local newspapers when they were presented to Princess Mergarst. The Queen Mother, The Duke of Edinburgh, when they were on the bill of the Royal Command Parformance in November '83. (Remember John's famous comment: 'Those in the cheaper seasts, please clap—and the rest of you, rattle your jewellery.'' They liked that, back home).

THE Beatles were on the London Palladium TV show. They won Variety Club Silver Heart awards. presented to them by Herold Wilson at a tunch in their honour. As Peul generously said. "I think they should give an award to Mr. Wilson."

The gold and silver discs rolled in. And still Liverpool preened itself. Thousands greeted The Beatles at Speke Airport in July '84 at the beginning of their splendid home coming.

People lined the eight mile Merseyside route all the

way north to this Town Hall where there was a glittering civic reception. The journey took nearly an hour.

About 100,000 Liverpudtiens were out that night, showing what they thought of their heroes

Go to Liverpool now and it's all quiet, apart from the milling traffic. But every place has a memory. Every coffee her you go in, every shop has you wondering, have The Beatles been here? And you feel in your bense that they probably have. In fact, they may even be in the next street...now.



The Cavern today ... but once it was Ringo who sat at the drums in this historic soot.



Underneath the archee in the world famous Cavern Club. The wells are still bare brick as in the old Beatle days.





# HOVE TOWN ... that's Liddypool, home of so many greats in the pop world, and from the streets where they lived Fab's SYLVIA STEPHEN reports ...



GEORGE HARRISON'S house?

The speaker, a round-faced ten year old, looked at me as though I'd landed in a space ship.

"Everyone knows George Harrison's Terry McNally said. He lives

around the corner in Arnotiffe Road.
""Course," he continued, "we don't see much of him, even when he's there. Comes out, straight into a car and

If there aren't too many fans around, he'll sign autographs.

"Sorry, can't talk to you any more. I'm on my way to school. You won't find many people to talk to here, you know. Quiet street, this."

And he was right. For ages, there was no sign of anyone. George's parents had long ago driven off in their dark-grey Sunbeam Rapier.

At last, two teenagers appeared. They were Jean Cullen of Mackett's Lane, and her sister Anne, and they were only too pleased to talk about what it's like to live near a star.

"It's the same as living near anyone else really. We hardly ever see George. A lot of people come here, hoping, of course. Mrs. Harrison's put a screen near her window so that people can't see in. Don't blame her. I wouldn't want strangers peering in through my

Wa've spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. They're very rice.

Like George, I thought, thanking



Tommy Quickly's house.

TOMMY QUICKLY'S gently-curving street is different. Here you could hear music from radios, people were talking at their gates, children were playing. It was one of the children, nine-year-old June Cleary, who lives in nearby Stalisfield Avenue, that I anoke to

It makes no difference having a star living so near," she said, nodding to the modest house with the green saloon parked outside, "He doesn't live differently to the rest of us.

"He's ever so friendly. My sister was outside when he came out once and he stopped and talked to her. He's not big headed or anything

Mrs. Dark, a neighbour from Swallowhurst Crescent, told me: "We sometimes hear a group practising in there, but it doesn't worry us. It's not

so noisy that it's disturbing There's one thing that's the same ere as it is anywhere. I asked young June to name her favourite stars.

"The Beatles," she said, without hesitation, adding, "and I think Tommy's

Off to Cilla's now," Betty said, as I climbed back into the car



World Radio His

WE got lost four times on our way to the broad main street called Scotland Road. But eventually, we found ourselves chatting to a couple of Cilla's neighbours, who were as friendly and willing to talk as most Liverpudlians are.

This is home to Cilla

'Cilla's a lovely person," Kathleen Phillips told me. "I went to the same school as her, St. Anthony's Secondary Modern She was a prefect there, and you know how some prefects get full of themselves and throw their weight around? Well Cilla was never like that. She was always one of us. We used to play in the street here.

She indicated a turning off the mein road. 'The usual sort of skipping and ball games

"Her mum's very nice. We see quite a lot of her, going backwards and forwards to the shops."

Nineteen-year-old May Turner of Dairymple Street told me: "What I like about Cilla is the way she's never hidden her background. People used to look down on this area until she started telling everyone she came from respect for us



Home sweet home for Steam

THE last stop of our tour of starstudded streets was Admiral Grove. Ringo's home until his family moved recently to a new house in the Liverpool suburbs.

Admiral Grove is one of a tangle of tiny streets, lined with terraced houses. within easy walking distance of Prince's Park

There are shops nearby, the top of the street is cobbled, and the neonle well they're so friendly that although I only spoke to two of them, it was ages before we left

Said Irene Curtis, of High Park Street. "Of course, we don't see Ringo now Shame that. He's a nice boy.

When he came home, we didn't make any tuss of him or treat him differently to the way we always have He could walk around, so long as there were no fans about without getting mobbed though I don't think he'd have been able to get away with that in any other part of Liverpool.

Maureen O'Neill, also of High Park Street, told me no-one was really surprised when Ringo matried Mauteen vinnobus on

They'd been going out together for a long time and he wouldn't date a girl that steadily unless he was pretty Serious

We agreed, thanked her, and drove off-slowly it was our last day in Liverpool







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I know, because I was up early one morning and went round with him.

Number 1867 sings as he does his rounds and calls out "Post" as he pokes the letters through the boxes and knocks at open doors, to be sure someone takes in Her Majesty's

He walks about five miles a day in his work. He greets everyone on the beat, including cats and dogs who he knows by name (usually Paddy or Bill). Each night he soaks his

In wet weather he wears leggings and a cape.

Usually he goes without his cap because "it doesn't suit me." It's a matey life.

But, as everyone around Liddypool knows, Cy Tucker is a great recording star. His waxing of My Prayer, for instance, netted a 30,000 sales figure.

At night he packs the Mardi Gras Club as he puts over his aweet music.

People wonder why, when he's not home till midnight after his club dates and he has to be at the sorting office at 5 a.m., he doesn't give his notice to the G.P.O. and become a full time singer.

Cy's reply is a whistle and a smile. He's 100 per cent happy as he is-travelling to London to cut his discs and back to Liverpool to see the mail is delivered on time. It's his life and he likes it.

BETTY HALE

### up the Scaffold

It was ten past three when we arrived. In the afternoon. And The Scaffold were in bed. With their boots on,

of course.

What were The Scaffold doing in bed in the afternoon anyway? "We're rehearsing a new sketch," they

said.

For they are a group with a difference. They don't sing. They don't play guitars. They act. For more than six months, they were seen weekly on Northern TV in their own show.

weekly on Northern TV in their own show. The top floor flat in the converted old house in Rodney Street, Liverpool, where we met them is the home of the eldest member of the group, 27 year old John Gorman. He's tall, blue eyed, rubber faced, was born in Birkenhead and once played a captain in a Birkenhead and once played a captain in the contraction of the contraction of

"But I did play Luther in Osborne's play about him," Roger McGough, Scaffold No. 2, pointed out mildly. Roger's a very mild person. Often he's so silent, you forget he's around. When he does talk, it all comes out in a rush. He's blue-eyed too, wears glasses, though he often takes them off when being photographed. He looks a bit like Manfred Mann.

"And I auditioned for the Royal Court,"

Michael McGear chipped in. Michael's the youngest in the group, celebrated his birthday on 7th January, has blue-grey eyes, light brown hair and was born, like Roger, in Liverpool.

The boys have a large fan following in the North. One young lady is so devoted to them that she stands oustide the flat for hours, just looking up at the window. Sometimes

they invite her in and give her tea. John makes a very nice pot of tea.

Their close friend is their road manager, John, whom they call Rodeo. Wherever they join, wisen tury can route. wherever they go, whatever they do, Rodeo is there. When, during a trip to London, John (Gorman) gave a speech on Hyde Park Corner on the subject of Home Rule for Liverpool, Rodeo joined the subject of Home Rule for Liverpool, Rodeo joined to the subject of the subject of Home Rule for Liverpool, Rodeo joined to the subject of the subje

Michael and Roger in heckling him.
When John dumped me in an empty
dustbin outside the FAB offices, Rodeo took off the lid so he could get me in. When Rodeo serenaded the Liverpool Press Club,

The Scaffold led the applause.

If you asked me to describe The Scaffold in two words, I suppose "They're nuts" would do as well as any. But so would "They're nice"; or "They're kind"; or "They're generous"; or, even better, "They're marvellous" marvellous.

In fact, they're so marvellous that after being with them for five minutes, you could even forget, if his mannerisms didn't keep reminding you of it, that Michael's real surname is McCartney.

And his brother's name is Paul.

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### that's Freda Kelly. The Beatles' fan club

secretary... The envelope stuck to the wall was addressed to "Ringo Starr, Beatlesdrive 77777, Beatlelandia, Ingleterra." A rather unkind post-script added "Insufficient postage,

script added these services of the particular se

receiving inters addressed like that daily.

The most original she sticks on the will, alonguide the pictures, newspaper comings, sketches, scribbled messages that already over int. To decrease this will, "Freda Kelly said thoughtfully, gudying it. We knew site most Maureen Cae, Mrs. Ringo." He cost that the cost of the cost of

Busying II. We Bnew she meanly Mauren Cas, Mrs. Ringo. "Hi took us see that the most treasured picture isn't on the wall. It's framed and carefully placed on the window sill. It's a colour stor of John, Paul, George and Ringo, sugned, complete with perenal radio of John, Paul, George and Ringo, sugned, complete with perenal radio of John, Paul, George and Ringo, sugned, complete with perenal radio of the secretary of The Beatlet's fan club in Liverpool and has been for three years. Freds insew the boys well when she took over the club. She'd next them take the secretary of the Beatlet's fan club in Liverpool and has been for three years. Freds in the case with the club. She'd next them to have such that the second of the

stage with the roll in one hand and the ten in the other.

"When it got to had to leave for work again, John would holler, 'Come on, you key alivers. Back to work.' Freda doesn't have a favourite Beath."

"Just Rice on all. Faul's such a tick person, you care the holp filting the office of the person, you care the holp filting the office of the person, you care the holp filting the office of the person of amour. Richie and George are really and and thoughtful, the kind of boys he always ask after your mum and the

stadden memory made her laugh. When Richle first bined the boys, I n't answer his mail. Then one day, many to me and said 'Can I sak you s

favour? Would you answer my letters for me, please? I try to answer them myself, but I don't seem to get time."

"Well, I acted all busy and said I wasn't sure I'd have time either. Please, he said, I don't get that many really. Then he looked very sed. I only get four a day. Nobody loves me."

"What could I do? I told him to bring them to me. A couple of days inter, back he came with his eletter—ten of them—in a polythene bag. He

gets a hundred times more than that in each post now."

That was obvious from the thirteen packing cases, all crammed with mail. Somewhere in those cases, among the letters, Freda knew she'd find presents of all aizes and descriptions, not only for the boys but for her, too. A cynic might

the boys but for her, too. A cyaic might aneer at the glist that come in—ties, socks, home-made gonks, embruidered cushions, calendars—but Frede is thrilled and touched by all of them. One particular Australian fan has showered Ringo with gifts, mostly ties, pyjamas and socks. He wears them, too. When she was ill, he sent her a

too. When she was iii, he sent ner a telegram.

"All of them will answer a letter personally if I sak them to. And when they sign autograph books, they look inside the front cover to find the name of the owner, then sign it to her; which gave me easily my most embarrassing

"he embarrassing moment came en Freda decided it was time she had Beatles' autograph. Somehow,

when Freds decided it was time the had a Beasles' autograph. Somehow, though, the couldn't bring herself to just ask for one; so the slipped her autograph book to the bottom of the pile of the pile

George, however, decided that Freda must be mistaken. Surely the book had a name in it. He looked. Sadly, George looked at her. Slowly, he shook his

"You too, Freda?"
"Ym sure I blushed like anything,"
she said, "but I got the autograph."
She's got something else thousands of
girls would love to have, too—The
Beatles as bosses. SYLVIA STEPHEN

ld Radio History

Sing along with The Spinners, tup Liverpool folk group. They sing the Mersey songs, sea shanties, sonys of the local lussies, songs hids sing in the streets. They're all rollicking, reeling, swinging songs,

Spinners\*

EVERY Friday at Gregson's Well, Brunswick Street, Liverpool, a stone's throw from Mathew Street and The Cavern, The Spinners' Club meets-on the top floor. And the place is always packed

What kind of audience?

"You name 'em we get 'em." says Spinners' leader, Tony Davis. (You can't miss him, he's 6 ft. 6 in. tall).

That's what The Spinners like about folk singing-it's not something only teens like, or only the old 'uns. All sorts of people pack into their Club, so it's a real link.

They sing all sorts of songs, too. From the kind that kids belt out on the Liverpool streets, like "Johnny Todd." to one about Liverpool girls who can't cook!

They started in The Cavern in the old skiffle days and they played along with The Quarrymen (better known as The Beatles these days) and The Swinging Blue Jeans.

Then they turned to folk and, as everyone in the 'Pool will tell you, they're the top folk group in

They play all around the country and travel in a cream van. If you meet them, you'll know Tony because he's the tallest. Cliff Hall is West Indian and has a gorgeous deep voice. His was the marvellous grow! on Wayne Fontana's "Game of Love," by the way. He's a great joker and loves making puns.

Mick Groves and Hugh Jones are slightly similar at first meet-

ing. But careful listeners will notice that Mick has a Salford accent and Hugh a Liverpool one

Also, Hugh tends to be more thoughtful and a bit quieter. He's the chief songwriter of the bunch. They can all be very amusing on stage and enjoy putting over comic songs.

If you see into their van you'll get a glimpse of bunks and a whole collection of instruments like a flute, a penny whistle, bongos, guitars, banjos and a mouth organ.

On stage they wear pastel shirts, slacks and often sweaters as wall

Do they like The Beatles? Yes, of course and they edmire them as musicians and they're grateful to the boys for putting the limelight on Liverpool. It's helped them a lot.

They made a fifteen minute feature film with The Beatles. called "And The World Listened." It's about Liverpool music, the songs which the Mersey has evoked over the last hundred

Many of them were sung by sailors who hauled at the rones in Liverpool ships that sailed the savan saas

The Spinners like these working shanties and have revived quite a lot of them.

So if you meet the boys, remember they're very full-blooded and like rollicking music, Like The Beatles, they're blatantly Liverpudlian. There's nothing egg-headed about them !

BETTY HALE Spinners\*



New sizzling hit from Merseyside, the Maggie May Look. Flirty, frilly shifts with chopped short skirts and big, loopy ear-rings. It's all the rage. It's

# Maggie May Gear

EVER since The Beatles blasted off from Liverpool with that famous sound, old Merseyside has been launching new hits all round the world.

The latest is the beau-catching Maggie May Look that has hit the town.

Modelled here by the luscious Liverpool lassies, The Three Bells, on the good ship ULSTER MONARCH in Liverpool Docks. Their looks are as pretty as their singing as they demonstrate all those sweet 'n' flirty clothes that Rachel Roberts, wife of Rex Harrison, has been wearing in Maggie May.

The gay musical comedy of Liverpool life has been packing them into the theatre in London—and the clothes are fab. too.

So we are happy to say you can now buy the Maggie May Look.

All the stores are stocking up with super, sizzling, switched-on Maggie May gear.

Lean and easy, that's the Maggie May Look.

Zingy, shifty dresses are sleeveless to show off a sparkling sea-and-sun tan and are cool and pretty for hot summer days.

They have frills that run riot ... on swinging skirts that are chopped short to bare the knees and give a leggy look.

Sharp little suits follow through with a sleeveless theme. They have brief waist-skimming jackets and swirly skirts.

And to be really authentic, buy a pair of loopy gilt Maggie May ear-rings. They're wild and range from 15s. 6d. for Victorian curtain ring size to 12s. 6d. for the smaller ones. (In polished gilt, by Corocraft).







MPTEEN groups and poputers have started in Liverpool, crashed the charts and then moved, lack, stock, barrel and family, to other parts of country ..., specially London. It's only natural, in a way. Because things—the lify BIG things—in abow business happen in

London.

But The Merseybests don't agree—they're Liverpudlians who'll never desert their native city.

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Like to listen in on what they said?

TONY CRANE toys with an empty Coke bottle and says: "It's the people who count in Liverpool. We travelled a lot and watched other people... but the count in Liverpool was the count in Liverpool. We travelled a lot and watched other people... but the count in Liverpool was the most frendly. It do live in a "I love it when I get back bome. I'm living with way parents, a brother and three sinters. We've got an eight-room mainonette and we need the space. There are two married sisters living just round the corner and they come round with their husbands and children. It's that family atmosphere I like. Honest, my mum It's that family atmosphere I like. Honest, my mum It's that family atmosphere I like. Honest, my mum black wavy hair.

"But I'm not saying I want to stay in the same house for ever. I've got ideas. A dream house in Woolton, part of Liverpool—that's the part where Ringo bought a place for his parents.

"I'd have a bungalow built to my our old-fashioned fire-place right in the centre of the lounge.

"See, I hate electric fires. O.K., it's convenient to have radutors round the walls. But you need a big log-fire to turn a house into a home. It'd have to be in the centre, though, 'one I've got so many in the family they'd never get near in otherwise."

"GHURRUP charting on," said John Banks, the drummer. "My turn now. I'd never ever leave Liverpool. Too many memories for me there. I'm living in a terraced house with my mun and dad, round the back of The Locarno... and it's the house

I was born in.
"Tony's right about the folk in Liverpool. No-one like 'em anywhere in the world. Sure I'd like to get a new house one day. I wouldn't worry much about the



furnishings, but I'd like room for the odd paintings and drawings I pick up on my travels."

IN came Aaron Williams, hythm guitarit "Liverpool"s the ONLY city," he said. "We live in a funny old house with four storeys. My parents and two sisters live on the middle two floors, so I'm always atternating between the ground floor and the top. "Moust admit though that I'm a bit scared of old "Moust admit though that I'm a bit scared of old "Moust admit though that I'm a bit scared of old "To be honest," I used to think I could hear a ghost playing that old out-of-trune piano. "One night, the noise woke me up. So I just opened the window, split the piano into three parts—and chucked it into the yard downstars". I found out about the ghosts. Only a family of mice—right inside the old Joanna.

soon me gnote. Only a family of mice—right inside the old Joanna.

"But recently my mun said she really could do with more room. So I've got a seven-roomed flat, as an extra, over at New Brighton. It's O.K.—I can still see Liverpool. It's being furnished with a mixture of antique and modern furniture.

"My mum's happy. We're still near to each other. But I'll tell you this, Liverpool is the only place where I can properly relax."

I can properly relax."

WHICH the Billy Kinsley, The Merseybest who left the group for a while and is now back. He lives in Gestacers, Liverpool, with his mum and dad in a fist. Billy says: "One day, when I can afford is, I want a house at Woolton, too. Modern outside, but like an open ranch-house inside. I can see it all.

"But there are some things the others forgot when they were asying why they'd never leave Liverpool. It's the sort of mad humour. Very dry. They're all the they have a support of the sort of the s

PAUL FRY



Dear Problems Page, I'm mad about the drummer in our local R&B group. But every time I smile at him he just glowers. Please what can I do? FRANTIC

### Dear Frantic.

Perhaps your smile is a little lacking in sparkle. Trychewing Dentyne Chewing Gum. It's delicious and keeps your breath fresh, keeps your teeth clean because, as you chew. it cleans food particles out of the crevices in your teeth. Next time you smile at him, you'll be dazzling!

A few minutes chew with delicious Dentyne

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Dear Problems Page. **Dentyne Chewing Gum is** marvellous! The drummer is still glowering at me. But that's because I'm now going with the lead guitarist. And wowee! is he dreamy!

Intelligent, artistic, shy— Cynthia Lennon stays in the background in public—but behind the scenes she's the quiet inspiration behind John's success.



The Fifth of Six reports on The Beatles' Girls

JOHN and Cynthia were married in August, 1962, but it wasn't till over a year later that Beatle fans heard the news.

Despite all the changes this made to them both like having to leave their Allerton home because they were pestered so much—Cyn has taken it all in her stride.

In fact, Cynthia Lennon has been taking it all quite calmly since the very beginning when she first bumped into the long-haired lad who was to become

Though nowadays she lives in a big mansion at Weybridge, Surrey, has a nanny to look after John Lennon II, and has a Rolls, Volkswagen, Ferrari and Mini in the garage, Cynthia Lennon has changed little from those early days.

She is still the same quietly spoken, almost placid

She is still the same quietly spoken, almost placid gri who brewed endless cups of tea way back in 1962 when her husband, John Lennon, and fellow Beatle, Paul McCartney, got down to penning their first hir-to-be, Love Me Do.

In those days, when The Beatles were emerging from the skiffle groove and earning only a few pounds a week between them, Cyn and John Lennon had little but love to keep them going.

There were times when it looked so hopeless that John, who never had any other job in his life, started scanning the advertisements for work in the local

It was then the real power of Cynthia Lennon was shown with quietly whispered words of encourage-





ment to keep going, no matter the odds, and a faith that everything would turn up trumps.

that everything would turn up trumps.

The group re-doubled its efforts, went to Germany and became a hit at Hamburg's famous Star Club... where their name is still painted in red over the main doorway.

They moved into the charts with Love Me Do... and found a new pop generation ready and waiting to do just that.

Love, in fact, has been just about the most important word in Cynthia Lennon's life since she first met John at art school in Liverpool.



Love it was when she first began to notice the fellow student whose zany sense of fun often had everyone in stitches.

Cynthia also loved the little runes—conjured up out of air—he used to whistle. She never guessed that these were the forerunners of others which were to become smash hits throughout the world.

Cyn and John dated between skiffle group sessions ... usually after her long hours of sitting patiently by bandstands in church halls, clubs and ballrooms in the Liverpool area.

And they would talk as John took her home, ten miles across the Mersey, to the little terraced house in Trinty Road, Hoylake, where she lived with her mother.

Chief, guests, at the worlding wave Mrs. Lilico.

Chief guests at the wedding were Mrs. Lilian Powell, the bride's mother and John's aunt, Mrs. Minni Smith, who had brought him up at her home in Menlove Avenue, Liverpool.

As the first Beatle wife, Cynthia Lennon quickly discovered it wasn't the same as being married to a postman or a plumber or any other tradesman.

The group was drawing big crowds, mostly girls, to the Cavern Club.

Their image had to be protected. It was decided

a wife wouldn't quite fit into plans at that stage.

So Cynthia Lennon had to disappear into the background for about fourteen months. "The Hard Day's Night" finally ended for her after The Beatles trup to Paris. She began to appear more and more in the news and everyone happily accepted her.

Cynthia and John both want to bring up their

two-year-old son, John Charles Julian, known as Julian for obvious reasons, as any normal child.

That is why little Julian frequently takes a trip north to stay with his grandmother and also to enjoy a boliday at the family's favourite spot in North Wales. What is Cynthia Lennon really like? Her mother once said: "Cynthia is a shy girl. She does not want to share the same bright spot as John."

A friend says: "I think her main interest, outside her family and home, is art. She relaxes by painting She was never really one of the beat clique. "She has few close friends, but now that Ringu

"She has few close friends, but now that Ringo has married, Cynthia and Maureen have been drawn closer together.

"Cynthia is a very intelligent girl and has been a real inspiration to John. I don't think he would have been half so good if they had not met."

Next week we're featuring the dark-heired Beatle wife, Mrs. Ringe Storr,

### MONDAY

10 a.m. Sitting at my desk, wondering aberher to rinse my hair. Phone rung. It was a sher disby young chap called Ray Williams to is P.R.O. (that means in charge of publicy) for The Riov Squad. Rather plaintively explained they'd changed their line-up, rauld we like some more pictures? We would used! Makes us so mad when groups change. We would be the property of All our lovely pictures are useless.

Can't be cross with The Riot Squad, 'cos

they're sweet. First time I met them was at a readers' party. Had to introduce the boys, and I forgot their names. Goah! Was my face RED.

Phone rang again. It was Nancy, our State-side gang member, suggesting I pop up to her office to chat with Rick and Sandy.

Went weak at knees when I saw them-they are so good-looking.

Nancy was busy interviewing them about their home country, Kenya. I interrupted to

"On the loose, not in a zoo, I mean."
"Seen one!" said Rick. "We had to chase one

ound for days, trying to touch its tail."

Pop-eyes from me.
"Panic not," said Sandy. "We were made morary members of an African tribe, and for a

orary memoers or an Arment unce, and to very test we had to touch a lion's tail. 'Yipes!" I said. "Did you manage it?" "Just ahout,"



said Sandy. "I've got scars to prove

Didn't like to ask

Rick and Sandy.

### TUESDAY

Phone rang, and Jim, our hall doorman, told me The Hollies had arrived.

Whizzed to the lift and caught Allan Clarke exiting,

imping.
"Sprained your ankle,
Allan?" I asked him. "It's broked, me gal, broked," said Allan in his best Long John Silver voice.

Wasted at least four minutes being sympathetic before realising he was pull-

my leg. Rest of Hollies howled with laughter and carted fooling about. Only solution, I thought, (it usually works!) is to march them into the

Worked like a charm. Five Hollies suddenly start behaving like angels!

Seconds later, knock on Ed's door. Four

Pomies and Hollies chatted until Fiona (Fab photo girl) whisked The Hollies off for

eir phato session. Four sober Pennies scated in Ed's office,

behaving like angels when next visitor arrived. It was George E. Washington. Shop talk ensued. George was upset because his management want him to change his name to John E. Washington and because he can't

find a song to record. Pennies offered to

write song for Goargie. I departed Ed's office, leaving a y lawpy Georgi ng possible Godmother-



Four Pouries.

# My week by Mo



Here's Mo again with ber diary of the week-and it's all been bappening right bere in Fab's

office

### WEDNESDAY



I did it! I rinsed my hair last night. Horror of horrors! It went ginger! Went to work in a cloud of doom.

What," said Margaret our picture Ed, you done to your hair?"
Headscarf quickly placed back on head.

"Yes, what have you done to your hair?" said a voice from the doorway. Tommy, of Unit 4 + 2, strolled in, plus three of Unit. Tommy peered under my headscarf, gave me a sympathetic grin and picked up a copy of Fab. Why is your finger

poking out of your sweater pocket?" Marg-

aret asked, conveniently



Hugh Halliday

changing the subject. Tommy looked at hole in my sweater, dear Margaret, dear Margaret..."

"Come here," said
Margaret, "let's see if it
can be mended."



Lem Lubin.

"Mind!" said Tommy. "My finger might drop off. It's very ill."

"Don't be silly, fingers don't drop off," said Margaret, before letting out an earsplitting scream. Tommy's finger was lying very dead on the floor.

Margaret fell into a heap of giggles when she realised the finger was phoney. Fortunately, Fions arrived then to take the boys out for pictures.

"Flip the light on when you go out, would you, Fi," said Margaret.

Another earsplitting scream-from Fiona this time. "The light buzzed," she said, backing away from the switch.

Then I saw it—the little buzzer thing which Tommy had in his hand. Me, I kept quiet and let Fi buzz the light switch. Seemed to keep her happy anyway.

### THURSDAY

Hair's falling out in lumps-must be that rinse. cares. Bald heads are in fashion-or are they?

Sitting in office brooding as usual. Knock on my door. In came Spencer Davis.

"Where's rest of the group? I asked

"Mm, gone shopping," he said. "Say, I like the



Pete Yorke



colour of your hair, Mo."

Pride and ego lifted into clouds of sheer bliss.
"Do you, Spence? Thanks!" I said eagerly. "Hey, why haven't you gone shopping with the rest of the

boys."
"Can't afford it," he groaned. "I'm saving for a Jaguar. They're out buying clothes, lucky things. I'd like some new clothes.

"Think of that Fab Jag, doing a ton," I teased.

"You could use the race track between Tottenham Court Road and Marble Arch." Spence grinned. "I'd love some new clothes,

though," he muttered. Another knock and in walked a parcel laden Steve,

Muff and Pete. "I've bought the most marvellous suit, Spence,"

said Steve, all eagerly. 'I'd like some new clothes," said Spencer,

pathetically. "Remember that Jag," I yelled as they went off.

### FRIDAY

Sitting thinking, I remembered I hadn't put a pic of the + 2, in my Wednesday natterations.





Buster Methie.

Here they are, folks! Now you can't say I'm being unfair to Buster and Rod, can you? And come to that, neither can

Sheena rushed in at lunchtime. "We're going to Ready Steady Go," she panted. "C'mon." First person I saw there was Don Everly. He was

gorgeous. Then Phil appeared. He was gorgeous, too. There I was chattin' up the brothers when I heard that buzz again. Tommy of Unit 4 + 2 was hovering behind us.

"How are you?" he enquired, very gentlemanly.
"Still suffering from shock," I told him.
Tommy and I chatted. Then he went off to

rehearse

I concentrated on the Everlys again. They then had to go off and rehearse. That's life! Marching out of the studio, I met Manfred Mann,

Only had time for a quick "hi" as he flashed pastto rehearse! Never noticed his broken tooth before. Makes

him kinda cute. Yes, I like it-and here I go again, falling for a pop star. That's showbusiness!

Anyone want to join the T.H.I.F. club? See if you can guess what I mean. One clue-"It's the weekend at last!" See va.



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### Maureen's I have had a lot of letters asking me how

I pick the questions to be answered on the Letter Box. Well, I choose unusual pop queries. It helps to please a lot

### of the people most of the time. TWINKLE QUERY

Did Twinkle ever take singing lessons? Jayos Brown, Stirlingshire.

No, not singing lessons, Joyce But she did start to learn the piano when she was three. However, she was a bit too young then to understand her lessons, so she gave them up. Now she only plays

### FRANCOISE FAN

How old is Françoise Hardy, and who are her favourite singers? John Groves, Chorley

Françoise is 21, John. She was born on 17th January, 1944. Her favourite singers are Richard Anthony and Elvis Presley.

### BRENDA'S FAN CLUB



I hear there is a new official Brenda Lee fan club. Could you please tell me the address? George Bains, Colchester.

Brenda's New Official Fan Club ia run by:-Lenna, 57, Fontsrabia Road, London, S.W.11, When writing, please don't forget a stamped addressed

### NEW BERRY

The Rockin' Berries are my favourite group Could you tell me the name of the new memi Sally Newberry, Cardiganshire.

The new Rockin' Berry, who plays bass guitar, is Bobby Thompson He used to be with Cliff Bennett and The Rebel Rousers. He is now 'berried'.

### OLG DOMOVAN

Who does Donovan name as his biggest musical Influence? Where was he born? Who is his best friend? Who is his road manager? What was the name of the first song he wrote that was recorded? Donna, Bournemouth.

Donovan names Woody Guthrie as the biggest influence on his music. because, as Dongvan says: Woody is the greatest folk singer that ever lived!" Donovan was born

Glasgow, on 10th May, 1946. His best friend and his road manager is Gypsy

Donovan's first recorded song was: Why Do You Treat Me Like You Do It was, in fact, the flip side of Catch The Wind, which Donovan also wrote himself

### MEETING THE BEATLES

I am coming to London this summer, is there any chance I might meet The Beatles? Julie Bridger, Stoke.

I am afraid there isn't much chance of your meeting the boys this summer, Julie, as they are touring Europe during June and July. After that they are off to the States. Why not plan your holiday for the Autumn? The weather might not be so hot, but your chances of tripping over a Beatle are higher

### TOMMY'S FAN CLUB

Can you please tell me Tommy Quickly's fan club address?. I think he is the fabbest boy in the world. Jacky Leigh, Frome.

You can write to Tommy: c/o Miss Pat Simmonds. 358, Alwold Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, 29 When you write to the club, please don't forget a SAE

coming . . . you can write to me at FARULOUS Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London. E.C.4, but don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope, if you want a reply.

# That's all for this week. Keep those letters



BEATS. L.R. Billy Kinsley, Tony Crane, Agron Williams,





THE SEARCHERS, Back. like Pender, Frank Allen. ront: Chris Curtis, John

# **FCORD**

CAM Joe Meek and The Tornados do it again? CAM Joe Meek and The Tornados do it again? Los you may remember, is the man who wrote an interest of the control to concentrate the launching of the first common to concentrate three years ago and The Tornados' version of it became the common of the tornados' version of it became a number one hit in both Britain and The Smets, alling move than two million copies. It was the first salling move than two million copies. It was the first became top pops with Statesuled disc fans. When the Early Bird satellite sarared operating from space a few weeks ago Joe, who says such things the result of the salling salling the sal AN Joe Meek and The Tornados do it again?

### BEST OF THE REST

DEST OF IEEE NECS!
Cliff Richard's appealing On My Word was, like his recent The Minute You're Gone hit, recorded in America and it should be every bit as big a success

(Columbia).

My LP choice of the week is 20-year-old Brenda Lee's "Top Ten Hitt," a sparkling collection of a dozen U.S.A. chart entries including Almoys, Senthing There to Ramad Me, Doncing In The Street, Carl: By Me Low. It's Brends's thirteenth album to be released in Britain—and should be her bigget-seller Brunswick).

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Campbell's Big Band whip up an exciting sound with Mickey's Monkey (Tamis-Motowa).

Jimmy Jones, who was a big name in the Hit Parde a few years ago (remember Handy Man'); makes a welcome return with a catchy song called Walkin' (Columbia).

KEN BOW. KEN BOW

### MO



"Can't stand these fancy scooters. Glad mine is so simple!

