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GUSTY DUSTY!

# Mick Jagger apology

## **—AFTER ATTACK ON ZEPHYRS**

ROLLING STONE Mick Jagger this week apologised to a London beat group.

They are the Zephyrs, whose record "I can tell" Jagger described as a "load of rubbish" in an MM article.

The Stone's attack caused a storm of angry retorts from the Zephyrs who said they were jeered on stage because of Mick's blast—as well as



SINATRA COMING

WILL Frank Sinatra fly into Britain today [Thurs-

Will peak change by the send over the pusibility of the star making as clarenth-hear appearance to be a generic at the London Palladium for the midnight charity show, 'Night of 100 stars.' It Sinates comer, he will be totroduced as stage by the Beatler, said a Seatler management official.' Slaatra was this work holidering in the Spyth of

from their parents, relatives, fans and friends.

"I don't want the Zephyrs to be angry or anything," Jagger told the MM. "I didn't like their record, but I certainly didn't mean to cause offence, which they seem to have taken.

"In fact, 'I can tell' was no worse than our first record, 'Come on.'

"Sorry if I annoyed them. I'd like to meet 'em all and tell 'em how I feel personally. I meant no malice."

This week, Jacqueline Candy, of Finsbury Park, London, a Zephyrs fan club official, marched on the MM office to launch a new protest on behalf of the slain group.

"We are furious at Mick Jagger's state-ment and demand a retraction," she said. "He's entitled to not like the record, but not entitled to be rude."

Meanwhile, the Stonesstill number two in the hit parade-rolled on,

They are being lined up for a new American tour later this year.

"Dates for the next trip there haven't been fixed, but it may be during early winter," drummer Charlie Watts told MM.

They are also scheduled to visit Scandinavia, and France for a season at the famous Paris Olympia.

JAGGER ATTACKED AGAIN -see back page.

USTY SPRINGFIELD this week came within striking distance of the top of the chart - but the Beatles and the Rolling Stones held firm in the top two positions.

With a song written by leading American writer Burt Bacharach, the star rose to number three. The song is "I just don't know what to do with myself".

And the song, which Dusty also made an American hit, has increased

## Breezes up to number 3

international demand for the most popular girl singer in Britain's hit parade.

She flies to New York on September I, stars on Ed Sullivan's famous TV show, then plays 12 days in disc-jockey Murray the K Kaufman's shows at New York's Paramount Theatre.

Dusty follows these appearances

with an eight-day concert tour across the States.

Later, she returns to New York for two days of recording with **Bacharach**.

In Britain, she plays top-of-the-bill variety weeks at Coventry Theatre (from August 3), Southend Odeon (10), and Bournemouth Winter Gardens (17).



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NYONE in the middle-- which means age over 16 in this business - could be pardoned for thinking "I've seen it all before.

The Beat Bonanza is following the pattern of the Trad Boom too closely for comfort.

First the general sound gets popular! Now here come the gimmicks—the more and more incredible uniforms, the haircuts, the weird names,

### SURPRISE

And more and more groups spring up like mildew on a wet suit. Agents sign up everything in sight—mainly to stop other agents from getting it.

The demand increases far beyond the supply of good groups so just about anything on two legs that can hold a guitar or give even the vaguest approxi-mation of a human voice is pushed on stage and into the recording studio pausing only long enough to get the hair to regulation length.

Now, surprise, surprise, we hear the



first rumblings that beat is on the way down.

Is it? To find out a chart-topping group's views on the current situation I went to the Searchers' flat in London's wellgroomed Knightsbridge.

Mike Pender was catching up on some missing sleep and Tony Jackson was out on an undisclosed errand.

But Chris Curtis and John McNally supplied the answers to my questions. "There are more and more groups coming up all the time so, if you want to last, you have to keep changing your style," said Chris.

"The groups that aren't up to standard certainly won't last long in the business," said John. "But I can't say we have found any falling off in business beyond the

tendency you expect in the summer." "I do think the way many of the new groups rely on gimmicks is idiotic" de-clared Chris. They aren't selling anything

## keep changing your style and don't rely on gimmicks

except their appearance and the records all sound the same. The original sounds don't sell too well, today. "You notice the American rock stars who come over all look normal — they don't use these gimmicks."

don't use these gimmicks." "Another thing we've noticed," interrup-ted John, "Some TV producers now think they can get away with just showing a group on without any presentation." Are the Searchers happy with their own new single "Some day we're gonna love again", which came into the chart at number 20 last week? "Great," asserted Chris. "And we are all very happy with the record. We man-aged to change style again for the record— and it seems to pay off.

### SHOWMANSHIP

"It's certainly getting hard to find mat-erial—or rather finding new styles you can do it in, within certain limits. "We altered our style quite a bit for the last American tour. We found they liked the old rock-'n'-roll stuff.

"People on tour with us said they had never seen anything like the reaction since the early Presley days—and they wouldn't have, because nobody is playing that stuff there." over

We returned to the State of the Business.

"I am certain already that there are too many groups flooding the market," asserted Chris.

Chris. "And it could ruin the business for everybody," agreed John. "But," said Chris, "It's going to be very difficult for any new groups to reach the top now. The only ones that have done it is the Rolling Stones. "And groups were playing that kind of stuff years ago in Liverpool before they changed their styles." Chris admitted to disappointment over the Searchers' recent LP. "It's not selling well," he told me. "May-be it's because two of our singles are in-cluded on it. I wasn't too happy about that, although maybe one single release on an LP is OK. "I think we should release EPs of the new material on the LP."

How important is showmanship to a

How important is showmanship to a group? "Immensely important," declared Chris. "It's one of the ways you can show how different you are from other groups. "Now they all seem to look, and act, the same." "It was interesting when we played Whitby recently," interposed John. "We found the audience were mostly older people. They seem to be starting to dig it all now. Give them slow stuff and they love it."

### **NEW TOUR**

"We seem to be known for our slow songs, anyway," agreed Chris. "What we do with our records is to Imagine whether they can sing them in an ale house. If they could then we have a hit. "At the moment we are looking forward to our new tour of America and our trip to Australia.

to Australia. "In the States we will be touring with Dusty Springfield and Eden Kane, I think. In Australia we will be in a package with Mary Wells, and Peter and Gordon."



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## One of the biggest welcomes yet MIN MIN US goes wild for Peter and Gordon

NEW YORK, Tuesday. —With virtually no national fanfare, Peter and Gordon have enjoyed one of the most successful American tours of any British artists (cables Ren Grevatt).

I reached them at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Montgomery, Alabama, two hours before their sold-out show at the Coliseum.

#### Sold out

"Tomorrow we go to Bir-mingham where our two evening shows were sold out last week, so we are now doing an afternoon show as well," said Gordon. "You should have been with us in Rochester, New York. It was in a big arena seating eight or nine thous-and. It was filled and it was a wild crowd — it took us

**'HARD DAY'S NIGHT' HITS TOP** 

**STATES** 

**Deep South** three-quarters of an hour to get off the stage and we almost got torn apart." "It was even wilder in Chicago," said agent Jean Powell who is touring with the boys. "We had to spirit them in and out of the hotel through service elevators and, e v e n then, they couldn't escape.

even then, they couldn't escape. "We got up to our floor and there must have been 500 girls in the corridor. In the room we found them hiding in cupboards and even in the bathroom."

bathroom." The tour has been so successful that plans are already advanced for a return trip after the duo's Australian tour in September.

**Near-riot** in

The one black spot on the tour occurred during a two-tour stop in the Deep South of the stop of Atlanta. The signs for white and coloured of the signs for white and coloured or washroom and it's a bit unbelievable. The the airport we gave an atuograph to a little, blind, coloured girl. We gave her a two starts and I almost set off a two shard to take. The the their southern accents, but I don't like their southern accents. The boys arrive home in London next Tuesday (28).

### MURPHY BACK

TOP American jazz singer Mark Murphy, in London this week on a short visit, has been signed for a return season at the capital's Ronnie Scott Club for a fortnight from September 21. Murphy was in London sev-

from September 21. Murphy was in London sev-eral weeks ago, when he made an LP for Fontana. Titled "Mark time," this features him with the bands of Tubby Hayes, Johnny Dankworth and Les Reed, and is sched-uled for September release. On August 4 Fontana re-On August 4, Fontana re-leases a single, "Now you've gone", also recorded in Britwith accompaniment by

Les Reed. Mark visits Sweden for a week from August 3.

### ANIMALS TO TOUR

THE ANIMALS have signed

THE ANIMALS have signed for their first tour of Australia, and their American years of the first tour of Australia, and their American of Content of the Signed Surf in the success of "House of the Rising Surf" in Australia, the group start a three-week down-under con-cert and TV tour on Septem-be. The Were down-under con-cert and TV tour on Septem-be. The Merican trip will last between eight and ten days and will comprise concerts, TV and personal appearance. Testerday (Wednesday) and today, the group records four hew titles which will be re-leased in mid-August as their first LP which will be re-leased in mid-December for the Christmas trade. Tomorow (Friday) they top the bill, live, in Redif-fusion's "Ready, Steady, Go".

### LONNIE BUILD-UP

LONNIE DONEGAN is to make an annual trip to the States to record for Hickory, who intend to build him up in the folk and C&W

music magazine. Lonnie flies to Australia on

July 19 to play night-clubs in Sydney and Melbourne for six

## The chart that matters

EVERY day, more people become interested in Melody Maker's National Chart—the hit parade that plays such a powerful role in day-byday show business.

How, they ask, is such an apparently complex table compiled each week?

The answer is quite simple. And Melody Maker has no secrets when it comes to discussing Britain's most authoritative—and respected—chart.

Hundreds of record shops throughout Britain send us, by letter and by phone, a table indicating the best-selling single records, and albums, in their store during that week.

The retailers' tables used each week are varied, enabling us to ensure that the chart represents a nationwide network of record sales.

When the returns from the shops reach this office, they are tabulated into position.

It is as simple and as straightforward as that—a clean, direct guide to the fifty most popular singles, and ten best-selling LPs, in the country every week.

Newspapers, magazines, radio and television recog-

nice value and integrity of Melody Maker's chart service. It is reprinted by the following publications: Daily Mirror, Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph, Daily Herald, The People, News of the World, Sunday Mirror, London Evening Standard.

When you're made of cardboard and they still rush to mob you--you can be excused for feel-ing ten feet tall, like these Beatle cut-outs on Broadway. Fans swarmed to the New York Beacon Theatre before the start of a preview of "A hard day's night" and with the real stars 3,000 miles away contented them-selves with the next best thing. At least these thing. At least these Beatles couldn't run away... H thing.

## **Grade-Davison** agencies link

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LONDON's Grade Organ-isation has taken over Harold Davison Ltd and its parent companies, it was announced this week.

This makes the Grade-Davison link-up one of the most powerful European show business organisations, repre-senting talent in all fields of entertainment.

Davison remains managing director of Harold Davison Ltd and the Davison Agency, and also joins the board of the Grade Organisation as executive director.

pany.

nine days after release. And three singles from the film are now on sale in the States: the title song coupled with "I should have known better", "I'll cry instead" backed by "I'm happy just to dance with you," and "If I fell" backed by "And I love her." The picture is due for gen-eral U.S. release from Aubust 11 at 18 New York cinemas. All 24 Beatles concerts are sell-outs. Their second State-side trek kicks off at San Francisco's Cow Palace on August 19. From all concerts the Beatles are guaranteed a minimum 20,000 dollars against 60 per cent of box office gross takings. "Exchange" groups for the Beatles will be America's Bill Black Combo. Black's first visit to this country has been arranged by London impresario Vic Lewis, who represents New York's powerful General Artists cor-poration. "The Black Combo will The Grade Organisation has now become a public comporation. "The Black Combo will make a 24-day tour of Britain later this year," Lewis told

Baldry-TV

LONG JOHN BALDRY'S Hoochie Coochie Men and Robin Hall and Jimmie Mac-gregor will star in a new Southern-TV series which will come live from a different venue each week.

The first programme co

on MELODY

on television screens throughout Britain this week and next week. Today (Thursday), editor Jack Hutton travels to Southampton

Club 100 banner, on three nights.

is Miss Joyce Lewis who told MM: "Jazzshows has been running jazz for years but now they want to switch to these silly little groups. There are plenty of R&B clubs in London while Jazzshows is still the only real jazz club."

MM men MAKER

MM. Black, ex-Elvis Presley bas-sist, is a big name in the States who has recorded both in Nashville and in New York. He has also recorded anony-mously on many important hit record sessions. He had a million seller with

He had a million-seller with

men are featured

travels to Southampton to talk about the pop world and the MM's famous hit parade in Southern TV's maga-zine programme, "Day by day". Next Tuesday (28) Jack Hutton and staff writer Chris Roberts appear on Granada TV's nationally net-worked "World in action"—talking about the MM best-seller chart, and about the British beat scene.

Organiser of the petition-

-Beatles tour.

now operate as a six-piece instead of a septet. The line-up is Peter (drs.), Buzz Miller (lead gtr), Snowy Lark (gtr, bass), Lolly Lloyd (pno, bari), Geoff Moss (bass gtr) and Mac MoIntyre (tnr). The Jaywalkers star in a series of Sunday concerts in-cluding Southport Odeon (July 26), Winter Gardens, Margate (August 2), ABC Great Yar-mouth (9 and 23), and Com-modore Theatre, Ryde, Isle of Wight (16). The group has two long distance one-nighters, travel-ling from London to Edin-burgh and back on July 27 and to Glasgow and back on september 4.

## Clark hits back



Evening Standard. Liverpool Daily Post, Notts. Free Press, Brentwood Re-view, Cheshire Observer, Wakefield Express, Bucks Examiner, South Wales Echo. Uxbridge Weekly Post, Doncaster Chronicle, Limerick Leader, Brighton and Hove Gazette, Romford Recorder. Surrey County Horald, Havant County Press, Bristol Evening Post. Eastwood and Kimberley Advertiser, Northampton

Evening Post. Eastwood and Kimberley Advertiser, Northampton Chronicle and Echo, Bolton Journal, Cannock Advertiser. Cumberland Newspapers, Midland Daily Tribune, Glas-gow Evening Times, Blythe News and Ashington Post. Morning Advertiser, Banbury Advertiser, North West Evening Mail, Grimsby Evening Telegraph, Herald of Wales, Nuneaton Evening Tribune. Tamworth Herald, Wolverhampton Chronicle. Ilford Pictorial, Walthamstow Post, Rochdale Observer, Wigan Observer, Jersey Evening Post. Sheffield Star, Evesham Journal, Sussex Express and County Herald.

Supervised Star, Evesnam Journal, Sussex Express and County Herald. Wilfshire and Gloucestershire Standard, Acton Gazette, Torquay Times and South Devon Advertiser. Sunday Post (Glasgow), Nottingham Evening Post. Hackney Gazette, Aberdeen Press (South Shields). Portsmouth Evening News, Wrexham Leader, Kent Mes-senzer. Guildford Times.

senger, Guildford Times. Valentine, Roxy, Modern Woman, Times of Malta, II-Barque (Malta).

Today (Thursday) MM editor Jack Hutton travels to Southampton to talk about the chart on Southern TV's "Day by day" programme. He, Chris Roberts and Roy Burchell are in Granada TV's "World in Action" on July 28.

We are proud of the National Chart, and we welcome the enormous interest in it.

It is one of the most potent forces in British show business, and its importance grows every day as more and more people become aware that the chart is a tair, clear guide to the country's record business.

It would not be possible without the great co-operation of the staffs of record shops scattered all over Britain. We take this opportunity to thank them for their keen assistance, patience, and time.

Recognition of Melody Maker's National Chart is just another example of how THE music paper leads the field

from Weymouth Pavilion on October 5

Rest of the series will be televised from Chatham Town Hall (12), Festival Theatre, Chichester (19), Bournemouth Winter Gardens (26), Ryde, Isle of Wight (November 9), Salisbury (16) and Folkestone (23).

The Hoochie Coochie Men are currently on holiday and return to work at the National Jazz and Blues Festival, Richmond, on August 8. They air in "Saturday Club" on August 22.

### **Memphis in**

MEMPHIS SLIM, who flies into London for the National Jazz and Blues Fes-tival at Richmond, on August 9, starts a new British tour with a week at The Place, Edinburgh, from August 17.

Dates include London's Cook's Ferry Inn, Edmonton (24), the Attic, Hounslow (25), Marquee Club (27) and Chin-ese Club, Brighton (28).

He then tours the Midlands from August 29 to September 6 before playing Bristol (8), Bromley (9) Manor House (11), London's El Toro Club (12) and Eel Pie Island (13).

Rustiks join

MARK

The soundtrack album from "A hard day's night" has hit the one-and-a-half million sales mark, only

nine days after release. And three singles from the

IN

cables MM New York reporter Ren Grevatt.

WHILE the Beatles still held the top positions

in Britain's singles and album charts, the Beatlemania this week gathered speed in America,

**BEATLES** manager Brian Epstein this week signed a group from Paignton, Devon, to a management contract. They are the Rustiks, whom

Epstein plans to tour Britain with Gerry and the Pace-

makers. The management offer for the folk-style group came after the Rustiks had won the Westward TV beat contest.

Epstein was one of the judges, with Craig Douglas, Decca recording manager Dick Rowe, and Russell Turner. The group has also signed a contract with Decca. Michael Haslam, a Bolton

singer, this week turned pro-fessional under Epstein's management.

### Jazzshows plea

MORE than 700 jazz fans have signed a petition asking London's Jazzshows' boss Ted Morton to recon-sider his plan to switch Wednesday nights at London's Jazzshows Jazz Club from Jazz to R&B.

The club currently presents trad on four nights a week and R&B, under the Among those who signed the petition was the club's manager, David Horton.

### **Cotton Sounds off**

THE Mike Cotton Sound has been signed for the Beatles Christmas show which plays the Gaumont, Hammer-smith, for three-and-a-half weeks from December 24.

Negotiations are also under way for the Cotton Sound to tour with the Searchers, Dionne Warwick and the Dionne Warwick and the Isley Brothers in October.

Mike and the group have written and recorded a new theme for TWW's "Discs a Gogo" which will be used every week from August 3 when the Sound also guests on the show.

### Jay less one

GUITARIST Tony Webster G has left Peter Jay and the Jaywalkers which will

topp

DAVE CLARK hit back this

D week at criticism of his group's performance in their Blackpool Winter Gardens bill-

An MM correspondent noted field over there. last week in a review that "a steady trickle of people left the theatre" — increasing He made nine titles for the label in May and the first to be released, "There's a big wheel", is currently a "best bet" in Cashbox, the U.S.

during their final number. "In answer to that, the theatre reports that we are doing capacity business," said Dave Dave

"The only reason people were leaving the theatre to-wards the end, was because I made the mistake of announc the last number on our

Sydney and Melbourne for six weeks, with his accompanying group, comprising Pete Apple-by (drums), Pete Oakman (bass) and Cliff Hall (organ). Lonnie has been offered a trip to South Africa in the Autumn and pantomime at Christmas, but is first await-ing discussions about a musi-"Maturally, the younger people began to leave to come round to the stage door, and other older people because they wanted to avoid the crush

Blackpool (16) and Morecambe (23).

"I am now not announcing the last number so the prob-lem won't come up again." Spring.

ing discussions about a musi-cal. He will be doing another series of "Putting on the Donegan" for ATV by the

### TOURING TEENS

S "Tobacco road" rose to No. 11 in today's chart, the Nash-A

A ville Teens signed for two new, major tours. The first opens at London's Walthamstow Granada on Sep-tember 18, with Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas, heading the bill. It will last four weeks. The second is a six week tour with the Animals, Tommy Tucked and Carl Perkins which promoter Don Arden is cur-rently lining up. It opens at the Odeon, Manchester, on October 18 18.

The Teens guest in ABC-TV's "Lucky Stars" on August 1. They are also set for their first series of Sunday concerts, taking in Great Yarmouth (August 2 and 30), Brighton (9),

### The man who started it all

### HALEY BACK FOR **ONCE** the biggest names BRENDA LEE TOUR in pop music, Bill Haley and the Comets join Brenda Lee for an autumn onenighter tour this year-their first British visit since 1957. His tour then caused Beatle-

like riots. And American star Brian Hyland might be another name on the bill—if negotiations by London's Don Arden agency succeed.

The Bobby Patrick Big Six The Bobby Patrick Big Six have their own spot in the show, as well as backing Brenda, and are billed with the Rockin' Berries, the Un-tamed Four—a group dis-covered by the Animals—and compere Bob Bain.

**Festival** time I I I I PROPERTI AL LA PRIME on the Continent 

THE fifth International Jazz Festival at Antibes in the South of France opens to-morrow (Friday) with a programme topped by the new Horace Silver Quintet, the Double Six of Paris and an American Cospel group

an American Gospel group, the Meditation Singers. The MM's Bob Houston is at Antibes, and he will write about the Festival in next week's issue

about the Festival in next week's issue. Silver and the Meditation Singers are also billed for Saturday (25) along with organist Jack MacDuff and French piano star Martial Solai Solal,

French piano star Martial Solal. The Lionel Hampton Group, Jack McDuff and Britain's Sandy Brown Band are among the attractions for Sunday (26). Hampton tops the Bill on Monday (27) and on Tuesday the pro-gramme includes Ella Fitz-gerald, the Roy Eldridge Quartet and Silver. The Festival ends on Wednes-day (29) with a concert starring Ella Fitzgerald. A second big continental festi-val, at Belgium's Comblain la Tour, will take place on August 8 and 9. The star names include Ray Charles, the Bill Evans Trio, bluesman Memphis Slim, trumpeter Peanuts Holland, the Bill Farmer Quartet, from Texas, and Britain's Johnny Dankworth Orchestra.

## Now-the book of Cliff's film

CLIFF RICHARD fans are certain to make his new film, "Wonderful life", an

film, "Wonderful life", an enormous success. Now, out just in time to satisfy thousands of the star's followers, is a handsome book, "Wonderful life", the latest in Go Magazine's sparkling series, "Life with the stars". This gives the full, inside story of the shooting of Cliff's film in the Canary Islands.

The tour opens at Cardiff's Sophia Gardens Pavilion (Sept. 19) and goes on to Brighton (20), Croydon (25), Finsbury Park, London (26), Bristol (27), Manchester 29), New-castle(30). Liverpool (Oct.1), Slough (2), Bournemouth (3), Portsmouth (4), Sheffield (7), Dublin (8), Cork (9), Notting-ham (10) and New Victoria, London (11). On September 21, 22 and 23, Brenda Lee and Haley's Comets headline at the Olym-pia, Paris. The tour opens at Cardiff's

pia, Paris.

### Mary to quit?

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — Mary Wells, one of the hottest stars of the fantastic-ally successful Tamla-Motown ally successful Tamla-Motown record company, is reportedly leaving the Detroit stable. Rumours that she was about to sign with another major label were strong this week, but could not be con-firmed as MM closed for press. Mary, who has been a con-sistent American hit-maker for a long time, has enjoyed her a long time, has enjoyed her first best-seller in Britain with "My guy", a song written by Smoky Robinson of the Miracles, who record for Tamla-Motown.

### Loss tribute

JOE LOSS this week paid J tribute to Danny Miller, his saxophonist and right-hand man, who has died in London's

his saxophonist and right-hand man, who has died in London's Middlesex Hospital. "Not only is Danny's death a loss to me personally, but to the whole profession. His skill and integrity earned him the respect of everyone who knew him," said Loss. "It was fitting, then, that representatives of the BBC, ABC-TV, EMI, the Musicians' Union Benevolent Fund, the Hammersmith Palais, and many publishers, as well as my orchestra and numerous friends, should have attended his funeral. "Besides being a saxophon-ist, and founder-member of my orchestra thirty-five years ago, Danny was a wonderful friend and musical adviser whose help was invaluable to me. "No band could have wished for a finer musical associate than Danny Miller."

**Bilk band trek** 

## A CKER BILK'S Paramount Jazzband has two short tours of the North and West

tours of the North and West Country. Their dates include Darling-ton (July 31), the East Coast Jazz Festival, Cleethorpes (August 1), two concerts at Scarborough Floral Hall (2), Plymouth (5), St Austell (6) and Torquay (7). The West Country trip ends with the band playing a fete at Acker's home village, Pens-ford, Somerset, on August 8.

**Brought the house down!** 

ROLLING STONES drummer Charlie Watts literally

R brought the house down last Saturday night. He returned home to his Kingsbury, London, flat after the group had played Beat City in the West End. Immediately Charlie went to bed, part of the ceiling fell on him. A big piece of plaster hit him on the fore-head, causing severe cuts and a black eye. But Watts played on as usual at the Stones' Sunday show at

played on as usual at the Stones' Sunday snow at Brighton Hippodrome.
 There were fantastic scenes at Beat City, with police and ambulances dealing with fainting teenage fans.
 First-aid men treated more than 60 casualties.
 CHARLIE WATTS WRITES FOR MM READERS
 PAGE 7.

### **Reed** coming

A MERICAN R&B star Jimmy Reed—the guitar and har-monica-playing singer admired by many top British groups— comes to Britain in November for one-nighter dates, TV and radio radio

radio. The dates so far announced are:—Plaza, Guildford (Nov. 3), Manor House, London (6), Manor House Ballroom, Ips-wich (9), Aylesbury (10), Ricky-tick Club, Windsor (14), and Olympia, Reading (15).

### Hooker dates

JOHN LEE HOOKER leturns to Britain in October for a short series of club dates, with radio and TV possibly added

added This follows his enormously This follows his enormously successful first tour here. He is at London's Flarningo Club on October 1, Bristol Corn Exchange (6), Chinese Jazz Club, Brighton (16), and Bristol Corn Exchange a;;in

**Beatles** 

THE four loudest ampli-

are causing a headachebefore they have even been switched on.

switched on. The units — 100-watt amplifiers for the Beatles specially designed by Jennings Musical Industries for the group's August American visit and open air concerts — pose a problem for sales manager Reg Clarke. "With their previous Voy amplifiers, we were able to test them and deliver on the

test them and deliver on the

spot. "These were designed for the open air, and the only place we can test them is on

an airfield, or in a big foot-ball ground. And we would like to pin the boys down for a trial run so we can be perfectly satisfied the amps

condition before they

fiers in the beat world

THE record which gave P. J. Proby his first taste of success in America six years ago is to be released in Britain-on EMI's

The Decca star said he was not annoyed over the record "Try to forget her", which will clash with his next single

released in about three weeks'

"I kind of expected it," he told MM. "When you have an old label and the artist is

big on another one, you just wait for it to happen. The old Jabel gets on the band-

"Wait till you hear it! It's a load of tripe! It sounds like

Roy Orbison-I was in that

Liberty label.

time.

wagon.

Liberty and the one that got me a big American tour with Andy Williams.

But by Monday, music traders had ordered 100,000 copies of the record, accord-ing to an EMI spokesman. "It is a big beat ballad which we are certain will be a big hit," said a spokesman. The record is in the shops tomorrow (Fri.).

### stage six years ago and the Orbison sound was in.

"It was my first record for

"I don't think it will do very well. It's such a bad record, you'd never recognise the voice."

## Six-year-old Proby disc grin...

159-guinea

famous Cavern Club,

### **Bachelors off**

**DACHEIOFS OTT** The Bachelors are now firmly set for their American tour. The group will fly to New York in late October or early November, for a three-week tour of colleges. Their managers, Dorothy and Phil Solomon, flew to the States last week to fix details of the tour, and to meet an MGM executive to discuss a possible American film for December, John and Con. The Bachelors' new single, out on August 7, will NOT be an "oldie". It will be "I wouldn't trade you for the world".

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On August 14, he is fea-tured in Rediffusion TV's "Ready steady go", is at Lon-don's Beat City (15, 16), is screened on BBC-2's "Beat room" (17), plays the Ricky-tick Club, Windsor (18), Plaga Cuildford (10) records tick Club, Windsor (18), Plaza, Guildford (19), records another BBC-2 "Beat room" (20), appears on Granada TV's "Scene at 6.30" live on August 21, followed by the Three Coins Club, Leeds, the Twisted Wheel Club, Man-chester (22), and London's Beat City (23).





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### Jazz, folk, blues on Storyville

THE Storyville label, which features records by George Lewis, the Mezzrow-Bechet Quintet, Big Bill Broonzy, Snooks Eaglin and many more jazz and folk artists, re-appears in Britain this week. appears in Britain this week. The Storyvilles are being re-leased by Trans at lant ic Records of London, whose initial release includes LPs by Leadbelly, Big Bill Bronzy, Sonny Boy Williamson, Big Joe Williams and Lonnie Johnson with Otis Spann. The albums at 29s 9d. A selection from the Story-ville catalogue was released here in the early 60s by Cen-tral Record Distributors. CRD discontinued the releases in

discontinued the releases in November, 62.

**RAY CHARLES** recorded Rediffusion TV at his Croydon concert last Monday ... Applejacks will be supported by their ex-singer Christine Holmes for variety at Birmingham Hip-podrome from Monday (27). Jimmy Savile and David Jacobs visit Douglas, Isle of Man, for Modern Music Fes-tival next month. Jimmy is chairman of the judges for semi-finals on August 18 and 19, and David is chairman at

the final on August 21. the final on August 21. Two former musicians with Helnz's backing group, Tab Martin and Ray Phillips, have formed a group, the Song Pedlars and signed with Man-chester's Alan Lewis agency. New backing group for Shirley and Johnny, who hit the chart with "I don't want to know", are Tony Bishop's Ricochets Four Plus One featured in Granada TV's focus on the pop world in focus on the pop world in "World in action" on Tuesday

Animals, whose "House of the rising sun" is scheduled for US release soon, visit States later this summer.... Also out in America is Brian Poole's "Someone, someone". Irven Tidswell, ex-leader at Dedfordie Mainteine Bullenom Bradford's Majestic Ballroom, has quit drums to front new

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11-piece band at Leeds Maies tic, replacing Clive Carnazza Band ... Dave Clark Five for ATV's "For teenagers only" on August 6.

are in condition befileave for the States.

Bands of Ken Colyer, Humphrey Lyttelton, Terry Lightfoot and Bob Wallis for Earlswood, Birmingham, Jazz Festival, on Saturday (25) .... Singer Jackie Lynn for twoweek cabaret season at London's New Bagatelle on Monday (27).

Interns make variety debut interns make variety debut with weeks at Southend Odeon from August 10 and Bournemouth Winter Gardens (17) on bills topped by Dusty Springfield.

Tenorist Dick Morrissey is the "Hear me talking" guest on Light's "Jazz scene" on August 3. Bassist Russ Allen presents profile of Slam Stewart. Jimmy Powell and Five

Dimensions for BBC-2's "Beat room" on August 3. The group is resident on Wednesdays at Bure Country Club, near Bure Country Club, near Bournemouth, and Mondays at Bromwell Club, Bromley.

Modern Jazz Quartet with Laurindo Almeida for BBC-2's "Jazz 625" on Tuesday (28)



Zoot Money's Big Roll Band signed with Decca Bands of Ken Colyer, Keith Smith, Mike Daniels and Steve Lane resident on consecutive Tuesdays at new venue, Jazz at the Bell, Ox-ford Road, Reading.

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corporated, Spencer Davis Group, Sheffields, Blue Sounds, Group, Sheffields, Blue Sounds, Robin Hall and Jimmle Mac-Gregor, Dorita y Pepe, Shirley Abicair, Cumberland Three, Elton Hayes, Joy and Jen-nifer, Gerry Loughran, the Countrymen for all-night session at Birmingham Town Hall on September 11 for the city's Festival of Entertain-ment. ment.

McKinleys for week at Aberdeen Capitol with Billy J. Kramer package from August 10-15 . Dick Charlesworth bassist Johnny Ebbels in Croydon's Mayday Hospital with pneumonia and would like to hear from friends friends.

King Size Taylor's new backing group is the Griff Parry Five . . . Georgie Fame and Blue Flames for Light's "Saturday swings" on July 25. New Jazz Orchestra, with

JACKIE LYNN -cabaret season.

singer Duffy Power, and Mike Taylor Quartet, for concert at London's Language Tuition Centre, Oxford Street, on August 6. Humphrey Lyttelton's Band

may tour Switzerland in September, with tentative dates in Basle and Zurich during 10-day stint from Sep-tember 19.

Millie, currently in cabaret in Birmingham, goes to America on Sunday (26) for concerts and TV lasting three weeks. She follows this with a working holiday in Jamaica. The star returns to Britain next month to start work on a film. Her first LP, on which the MD will be jazz guitarist Ernest Ranglin, is due out soon.



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NEW IN JAZZ OLD, SOMETHING DRUMMERS SOMETHING

The youngest with the mostest

> E is aged 18, lithe, shy, pleasantly friendly and is a young man of few words and deep thought. He lives in the same block of flats as Miles Davis on New York's West Side, and plays drums in Miles' group.

> Tony Williams lives alone and he was packing his laundry one breakfast time as a tape recording of Ornette Coleman blared out from near his bed. The door was open, so I accepted the invitation and walked in.

> The fact that he plays with Miles has obviously done a lot to make people sit up and take notice. But

Williams has made an enormous personal imprint on the jazz world. This year, critics voted him New Star of 1964 in Melody Maker's annual Jazz Poll. "Thank them all, please," said Tony. "I am very pleased."

Williams erupted on to the scene a year ago. "Just about then," he began, "I was working with Jackie McLean in New York and Miles was looking for a new drummer. People had mentioned me to him. I got word to call him. So I called him. He asked me if I would join the band. I sure ragarded it as a compliment."

Had Tony found it difficult to break into the New York jazz circuit from his home town of Boston, Massachusetts? "No, I'd been in New York many times,

down to the clubs, and musicians came to Boston and I got to know them. My two biggest inspirations had been Sam Rivers and Miles, I guess. They taught me to play drums this way. As you know I was on the 'Seven

steps to heaven' album.

### INDIAN

"That was my first al-bum with Miles. We made another in Antibes, France, last summer, and it's being released this August here. 'Miles in Fuence'

Europe.' "And you can put this down, too: I like the Beatles. Their sound is funny, and there's one tune they do, I like it a lot. Can't just remember it now, but it's

good. "What sort of music do I like?" he repeated slowly. "A lot of things. I'm very fond of Indian music, classical music, contemporary music, contemporary jazz, traditional bands. They're all

part of it—sound, I mean. I like sounds." Davis is a highly personal trumpeter, and I asked Tony if it took him long to adapt himself to contemplating his

leader's playing. "If you mean do I find it difficult not to get in the way, the answer's no," he said. "I just play. I more or less react to the sound of the music of the band.



clans' services. "There ought to be a situa-tion today where the jazz musician can live, not exist. That's what I want to do— live."

That's what I want to do-live." "Yes, it does sometimes de-press me, the way clubs are closing, and some people are saying jazz is dying. But jazz is music, and there will ak-ways be music. I will always be in music. That's the most important thing.

### **JEALOUSY**

"But it's the business side of things that's wrong. Listen, of things that's wrong. Listen, a recording company once called me and asked if I'd play on a session, and I asked a certain price. They thought I was too young to ask for ANYTHING. I can't help my age. What's that got to do with it? "I thought to myself that if they want any drummer. let

"I thought to myself that if they want any drummer, let them call up the union and get any drummer. But if they want me, in particular, then they gotta pay. This guy seemed to think I should be in-terested enough in the music to play for nothing. I should earn HIM a living!

MID-AFTERNOON in hot Manhattan, and Zutty Singleton is looking out of his apartment window on the fourth floor-"in the beautiful Alvin Hotel, overlooking Birdland," as he keeps saying.

"Oh, man, I'm telling you, this is the jazz stage of the world. You see them all go by here, and I spend hours and hours just looking out the window waving to people. Hey, there's Dick Wellstood on that bike. Hi, Dick!"

### Bringdown

Cadillacs zoom past poor Dick Wellstood, the pianist, as he hears Zutty's cry. He stops the bike and waves back. Everyone knows Zutty Singleton. And so they ought.

He's the sprightliest 66year-old in the world, and one of its sunniest charac-ters. He tells stories by the hundred about his 45 years as a drummer, about the people he's known, the hard times he's had, the good times, the music, and people.

Most of all, people. Zutty loves meeting people and his welcome is warm. He must be the original Most Happy Fella.

Let him tell you about his old dog. His name was Bringdown !

'Oh gee, that was one of the best pals a man ever had, old Bringdown. I'll tell you how I came to buy him. All the musicians knew him.

### Beautiful

"Times were rough for me them years ago in New York, and I was rehearsing with Bud Freeman's band to go into a show. I always had it in my mind to buy a dog for Marge (his wife). But well, the job only paid about ten dollars. I badly needed to buy that dog,

"So I went to a store

said I could only afford a

Jazz character, jazz legend Zutty Singleton talks to Ray Coleman in New York

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home. He was beautiful, telling you, just beautiful!

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for 17 years. Marge lost ten pounds in weight when

he died. And when he did

hit the road, they put it on the bulletin board in the

Chest

"Zutty's Bringdown is dead,' is what it said."

is full of passion about the past, but unlike many of

his era he does not look down on modern jazzmen. "Why, they got to find

their own means of expres-sion in their playing. As long as it comes from here"—Zutty thumps his

"But I'm not so sure

about the drummers, man.

I mean, I have played my style for a long time, and

I'm not saying this because

I'm blind or anything. But the average drummer to-day considers my style too

"Most of them today have forgotten about the bass drum, and that's the

most important thing for

Singleton is the last of the old New Orleans drum-mers, and he knows it. He

Bringdown

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ment block, there's a coffee shop with a juke box. And when youngsters play 'Hello, Dolly!' it stirs Singleton's memories to even greater "Marge got home—and, well, I'm saying, times were rough. She said: 'How much you pay for that?' and when I said cit dollars. Warge went strength. six dollars, Marge went

about that kind of music," he said. "Now I look down out my window and see kids dancing to ol' Gate-mouth's record. It knocks me out." "'Six dollars? Six dol-lars?' she said. 'Well, that's a Bringdown! I'm gonna cook him for your "However, she grew to love that dog, and he lived

me out." The hotel where Zutty has his home is where Lester Young died. Zutty knew him well, but became sad when he remembered him. "He was the sweetest kid," he said. "And what he did for jazz — well, that's an-other story. Gene Krupa is my favourite drummer. I don't say he's the best, but he's my boy. People have said I taught him to play, but I didn't. "You know," he continued.

and then how things are going with ol' Gatemouth."

Underneath Zutty's apart-

"The kids had forgotten

"You know," he continued, "I have had a lot of trouble with people I call piano cheats.

cheats. "Some of them aren't giv-ing full value to the notes, and this gets in the way of my bass drum. You can't get the solid value of a beat with some of the pianists. Hey, they used to say I was hard to get along with on account of what I think of some piano players. But that's not true. It's just some of 'em ..."

### Plymouth

Zutty has never been to Britain — "except for a visit to Plymouth when I was in the Navy!" — and is craving for a visit here.

He played in New York a couple of years ago at a party attended by Acker Bilk. "Man, that guy sure can blow some. It was terrific. Ed Hall was there. They should have recorded it, it was so good."

a brass band or orchestra. The kids are going in for more fancy things, like how fast they can be with How did he get such a rare first name? "My aunt called me that when I was a kid," he said. "It means something cute. My real name is Arthur." He talked about people again: • SIDNEY BECHET: He wanted me to join his band. He wrote me a letter that was so full of don'ts that

SATCHMO: You want

orange juice? Bet you can't drink as much as Louis can.

He could drink a bucket full

 JACKIE McLEAN jazz promoters say they want to see all musicians playing. "But I tell you, when it comes right down to money, they don't want to pay enough money for the musi-cians' services.

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"In a year, you get to know the feel of the band. Anyway, I had studied all Miles' records and knew them all long before I joined." He pointed to a pile of LPs stacked in the room.

### MONEY

"It is essential to read, but it's kinda difficult to explain how I feel about this side,

how I feel about this side. "What I mean is—nothing really happens on a sheet of paper. Them notes don't mean anything until you've spoken them with your own voice. It's the sound of the group that matters. "I'd like to find out what audiences are like in England. A lot of audiences here are very blase. See, there are a lot of white people in America and some of them you can't call jazz audiences. They don't have any interest in the music, man. man.

"Everyone is saying jazz is an art and they love it, and

"So that's it. Jazz has been prostituted by the big busi-nessmen"

nessmen." Did he find jealousy among older musicians because he was so young and successful? "Yes," replied Tony. "But I don't even think about it. "IT IS THEIR PROBLEM." —Ray Coleman.

# five-dollar dog, and the guy let me have one for six. So I bought this dog

man.

Miles — "he taught me some things"

their left hand. They want to get their left working faster than their right. and asked how much the dogs were. The guy said they were ten dollars. I



"But why, when I was coming up, I just wanted to concentrate on keeping time. My style is just a simple style, but it fits the music.

Of all his memories of his life in jazz Zutty treasures most his days with Louis Armstrong.

Pictures of Louis adorn his apartment, and every night at Jimmy Ryan's club in New York, where Zutty plays with Tony Parenti, they play "Hello, Dolly!" Zutty, you will have gathered, is emo-tional.

will have gathered, is emo-tional. "I guess 'West End Blues' was my favourite with Louis," said Zutty but 'Dolly'—well, it's just great to see it up there, isn't it? He sings marvellous on it— just the same old Gatemouth Weat that I used to be with. play it every night and makes me think of him. We and it

"Now and then, I have messages from Louis which pass from mouth to mouth among musicians. Big Chief (Russell Moore) tells me now



• DUKE ELLINGTON and COUNT BASIE Bands: When they used to visit Bir-land, I'd look out this window, see them all going in, and it was the greatest sight in the world. I'm telling you, this apartment is the great-

I got scared.

 Stage anywhere.
 FATS WALLER: That "Moppin' and boppin'" rec ord was the best thing I ever did with Fats. Nobody had played such beautiful piano jazz ever. "Gonna sit right down and write myself a letter" — the touch, the tone.

THIS WAS ZUTTY SINGLETON. JAZZ LEGEND AND CHARACTER PLUS. HE BADLY WANTS TO SEE BRITAIN. IF HE COMES, I GUARANTEE HE WILL SPARKLE THE LOCAL JAZZ SCENE INTO NEW LIFE. LIFE.

I'M not going to do any knocking, I don't want I don't particularly want to have a go at anybody. I don't particularly want to get involved in some terrible row about hair terrible row about hair, either. That's all over as far as I'm concerned.

I'd much rather sit down and write about jazz, which is what interests me much more than most things in music. I'm the only Rolling Stone who cares much about jazz.

All noises interest me, really, but it's jazz that really gets down to it. Keith Richard, for instance—well, what he likes he likes, and that's the end of it for him.

But me, well, I keep my ears open for any-thing, and if I like it, I like it. I don't draw the line at anything. If it's good music, that's good enough for me. Easy-going Charlie, they call me!

### GINGER'S GREAT

The first thing to get straight is that Ginger Baker, who plays with Graham Bond, is the best drummer in the world, and I'm not exaggerating.

It was through Ginger, and Alexis Korner and Cyril Davies, that I got in-troduced to the Stones, but I'm not saying Ginger's great because of that. I really believe him to be a

world-class drummer, the best I've heard.

CHARLIE WATTS

Korner really got me in-volved with the Stones, and, well—yes, he's got a lot to answer for! When I started playing with them, I didn't really know much about their music, rhythm-andblues

have

I'd heard the Beatles even then-that was a couple of years ago—and they were the only people doing any-thing different.

Korner's group was good. They were playing blues, and it was much freer and less arranged than so much

stuff going around. Yes, Korner had quite a thing going then. Graham Bond has just progressed from Korner's sound. I know the R&B scene

quite well now, I suppose. But really, the truth is that

who never throws stones I'm jazz-inclíned. I love Gil

Evans' stuff, because he plays something I could never hope to be able to do.

Like Roland Kirk, for the same reason. You don't have to be able to play it, or know every single thing about it, to like it. Kirk's stuff is so exciting.

Yet I still like Chuck Berry and the rest of them. But isn't Bill Evans tremen-

dous on piano? I'd love to

play piano. They've got it all right in front of them.

Come to think of it, I'd like to be able to play trumpet like Clark Terry. He's pretty good.

I heard the Woody Her-man band at the Metropole in New York, and it was great. Unfortunately I missed them when they came here came here

I like Jake Hanna's drumming. He's a drummer, I think, from the older school, but he manages to adapt himself and sound very modern.

### RINGO, TOO

I also like Ringo Starr of the Beatles, and I mean it. I think Ringo drums well for the Beatles.

But on drummers, I still think Ginger Baker is the most exciting in the world. I've heard Dannie Rich-mond, who plays with Charlie Mingus, and Ginger and Richmond aren't on a

I prefer Ginger — the style's different, of course, but he's better at what he wants to do.

### MICK INVOLVED

I SEE Mick's got himself involved with the Zephyrs. Well, I don't like knocking people. If the Zephyrs did their best on that record "I can

If the Zephyrs did their best on that record, "I can tell", and they think it's all right, then it's all right. It's just that I wouldn't buy it. If the Zephyrs' mums think their boys are playing well, they're en-titled to. After all, I think I play well sometimes, and others don't. That's how it goes.

That's how it goes.

BEAT CHANGE

DON'T really think that



IMMY NICOL: Jimmy Nicol was a little sad after the last of his three weeks of shows at the Winter Gardens, where he stood-in for the incapacitated Dave Clark.

"But I'm glad that I started with my own group on the Variety stage. My on the Variety stage. My first-ever job with a pro-fessional group was with the Cabin Boys who backed Tommy Steele's brother, Colin Hicks. "I was just one of the boys then. Now I'm in the driving seat, and three weeks at Blackpool have taught me a lot of things that will be useful for our

Dressing-room crawl working with the tradi-tional spit and polish on at Blackpool his shoes. "I learned this while I was doing my National Service" he said. "It brings shoes up so well, I just can't get out of the habit —and it keeps me occu-pied." He talked about the show

Summer in Blackpool. The mecca of the stars. The seaside resort with the most lavishly assembled array of talent anywhere in Britain. It happens every year-the big guns entertainment desert the one-night-stand rigours and settle back for a season in the Northern capital of show business. Today, we give a new twist to reporting the Blackpool pop front. The MM's JERRY DAWSON went round the stars' dressing rooms to find out how the artists felt about life by the sea; how the shows were going; how they are spending their spare time.

EPs and singles, for here and for the U.S." **TOE BROWN:** In his

"I'm still crazy about the car (his new E-type Jaguar) and I'm going to spend a lot of time driving around in it. I really get a kick out of it.

"I'm fit enough now, but I realise that I must relax as much as possible - so I'm going to have a go at fishing. I've never done any, but I just fancy trying

"I've never been to Blackpool before but my first impressions are ex-tremely good. The audi-ences in the theatre are

that will be useful for our tour of one hundred—one nighters."

KATHY KIRBY: Kathy Kirby, sharing kudos with Frank Ifield at the ABC Theatre, had a worrying time for the first two weeks. Just before opening and on the first night she was suffering from hay fever, which developed into bronchitis.

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A La Carta

"But since those first two weeks, everything's been great" said Kathy. "I had been so miserable, that I never thought I'd get through the season. But now — everything's fine, I'm thoroughly enjoying myself.

FRANK IFIELD: Frank, too, was thrilled about the success of the show at the ABC. As we chatted in his dressing room with its fitted carpets, ample mirrors, concealed lighting and private shower, Frank sat on the settee, carefully 

"I'm really thrilled about it all" he said. "Not be-cause it's doing good busi-ness (it broke the theatre's box-office record in the first week in July) but be-cause all the acts on the bill are doing so well

"I've been in lots of "I've been in lots of good shows, but this is the first time I've had any personal say in what acts should be in the show. And I'm very proud of the result — they're all going like a bomb like a bomb.

CLINTON FORD (at the Winter Gardens, Pavi-: "Blackpool seems of life — even the lion): full weather has been pretty good so far. "Maybe I feel better be-

cause my wife and daughter Georgina, are with me --but whaever the reason, we're having a ball. "Businesswise-there are

sessions.

plans afoot for me to re-cord an LP before the season ends — possibly in Blackpool. Or I may have to fly to London for the

BACHELORS: One of the big success stories of the 1964 Blackpool season is at the Central Pier where the Bachelors have played to capacity business ever since the show opened. And what a hectic time the Bachelors are having. "Blackpool? It's an amazing place! We just seem to bump into people from not only the British Isles, but from all over the world," say the trio. "The other day who should drop in to see us —just like that—but Sol Shapiro from the William Morris Agency in New York And we've met visitors from France, from Sweden and even from South Africa."

visitors too - if we'd got the time. But gosh-are they keeping us busy! Apart from twice-nightly shows at the Central Pier, we are working every Sunday whilst we are here, except one—September 13. "Then we are flying, driving, and travelling by rail all over the place for record, radio and TV dates. Last week we flew to London on two separate days to record songs for the Billy Fury film 'I Gotta Horse'.

"And any spare time we might have from now to the end of the season will be taken up in rehearsals for the 46 titles that we have to record in the two weeks before we leave for America in the autumn. "They will be for LPs, dressing room at the new £90,000 Rainbow Theatre at the South Pier, Joe Brown was his usual

happy-go-lucky self. "I'm enjoying this sea-son at Blackpool for sev-eral reasons. One thing I do like is the fact that although people recognise you, call out, wave and smile — they don't tear at you and follow you

about. Only the other day I was even able to take a walk round a big new department store that has opened. Mind you-I had to keep moving. If I had stopped to buy anything, or even signed one auto-graph — that would have been it. But they don't try to rip your coat off your back.

"I'm enjoying the shoot-ing too — that's my hobby."

DAVE CLARK: Dave Clark had hardly had time to settle-in when I called on him at Winter Gardens Pavilion-but already he was planning outdoor activities.

excellent and people gener-ally are friendly. That goes for the cast of the show too. I'd never met any of them personally until we arrived — three weeks late. They couldn't

have been nicer. "I've brought Spike (his boxer dog) with me and we are going to have fun and games. But there's going to be a lot of work to do

be a lot of work to do. "We shall not com-pletely change our stage act — but we must make sure that we do our best to please everybody. We shall—we hope—get lots of teenagers in the audi-ence, but Blackpool is a family resort, and it's mum, dad, and the kids we must try to cater for."

"Our new single 'Think-ing of you baby' (written by Dave and Mike Smith) by Dave and Mike Smith) will be released on July 31, and we have to fit-in plug dates on 'Top of the Pops', 'Scene at 6.30', 'Discs a Gogo', 'For teen-agers only' and 'Lucky Stars'. Which will mean day time recordings in day-time recordings in Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham."

STATE REPORTS

the beat groups are burning themselves out. I just think it's the beat group THING that's being burned out-not the groups themselves.

They're playing just the same—some good, some bad in my opinion-but it's not them. it's the scene that's slowly changing.

### SECURE SEARCHERS

THE Searchers will keep going for ages. I think they're the group who make consistently good single re-cords. I don't go much for their LPs, mind you, and I'm not knocked out by them on stage.

But for a group making a good sound on each single, there isn't much else after the Beatles than the Searchers. They make a very nice noise.

### HAIR! HAIR!

**P.S. on hair: I think I look** better with it like this. Don't you? I've lived with it for years like this, and I personally prefer it this way.

"We'd meet a lot more

FONTANA WAYNE and Mindbenders favthe Rolling ouritès of the Stones.

PARAMOUNTS from Southend

HONEYCOMBS - their gimmick, a girl





### HE pop un-dertakers are out in full cry again. Beat, they say, is suffering from a cancer. It's about to die.

You can almost see them dancing around the record - player, listening with glee to Stanley Holloway's classic, "My word, you do look queer.'

But the grave news for them all is that though beat shows some signs of flagging in popularity, it is resisting the funeral with some force.

A glance at the hit par-ade, and an investigation into the beat outsiders, proves it. Last week, a Southern group, the NASHVILLE TEENS, broke into the big-time with a snappy record

time with a snappy record called "Tobacco road". And there are still scores

of groups around, who have not crashed the chart, but who are appearing in con-certs, bubbling under the sweet smell of success.

sweet smell of success. The Nashville Teens are a good example of how per-severance can pay off. Al-though they have been pro-fessional only a year, they were formed two-and-a-half years ago.

wears ago. Their big break came when they toured Britain with Chuck Berry. When they played "Tobacco road", the acclaim from audiences was loud and alear

the acclaim from audiences was loud and clear. "That tour was a testing ground for the song before we recorded it," says Teens pianist John Hawken. "But the reception the tune got on the shows with Chuck just clinched it." "Wa've never classed our-

"We've never classed our-selves as an R&B group or a beat group," says Hawken. "Call us country and blues, if you like. We do a lot of vintage rock stuff, like Jerry

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## They're striving for stardom

**GROUPS!** 

and Lewis Lee

Lee Lewis and Little Richard, and we also like Booker T and the MGs." The other Teens are John Allen (lead gtr), Peter Shan-non (bass guitar), Artt Sharpe (singer), Ray Phil-lips (vocals, harmonica) and Barrie Jenkins (drs). Another group that has been hovering on the brink of stardom is the PARA-MOUNTS, from Southend, tipped for the top by the Rolling Stones.

### FAME

"A hit record is every-thing to an artist in this business," says Paramounts' pianist-vocalist Gary Booker. "A couple of years ago, a hit wouldn't have mat-tered. Today, if you don't have a hit, you might as well give up. "There are so many groups around that you have to have that record as a claim to fame. "We used to call ourselves R&B, but not now. We don't "A hit record is every-

R&B, but not now. We don't want any tag. We're just a band! I think the beat popu-larity is slipping just a little

because so many artists are making it with ballads just now." The Paramounts hope that their new single, "I'm the one who loves you", will do now.

the trick. The Rolling Stones are also the unpaid publicity men for WAYNE FON-TANA and the Mindbenders, who had a minor hit with "Stop, look and listen". Their bold sound could still dent the chart.

UP THE

And Adam Faith's famous backing group, the ROUL-ETTES, are a vocal-instru-mental unit capable of play-ing the same role in the chart as have Cliff Richard's

Shadows. Two more powerful out-siders are the two Berrys of pop: DAVE BERRY and the Cruisers, and MIKE BERRY and the Innocents.

Sheffield's 22 - year - old Dave says: "Beat's thinning itself out. I prefer to go on an early Elvis Presley kick, although basically we're R&B.

although basically we're R&B. "But there's one thing that's very good about the scene now: it's no longer necessary to come from Liverpool to make it—that's all over."

all over." Mike Berry is a mystery man. On tours, he has usually been extremely suc-cessful, but apart from succeeding with a record called "Tribute to Buddy Holly" a long time ago, he has lost out on best-sellers. He has been singing for two years—successfully, with no big hits. One of the newest vocal-instrumental groups to chal-

instrumental groups to chal-lenge the chart are the

HONEYCOMBS, from Lon-don's suburbia, whose first record, "Have I the right?", has attracted plenty of

has attracted plenty of attenion. Their gimmick is a girl drummer, Honey Lantree, a 20-year-old hairdresser, and their debut disc has the sort

20-year-old hairdresser, and their debut disc has the sort of pile-driving attack that could soon bring them recognition. There are many other groups knocking at the door, among them the PRETTY THINGS, YARD-BIRDS, D O W N L IN E R S SECT, KEITH POWELL and the Valets, the ROCKIN' PETER JAY and the Jay-walkers, a wildly successful three-year-old act minus huge hits, think they have "missed out through stick-ing to purely instrumentals." "People want something different from the beat thing," says Peter. "I think the scene's going back to musicianship with groups like the Animals and the Barron Knights coming up. It's good."

It's good."

### BURST

"Yes, the public's sorting out the groups now, all right," says Rikki Allen, singer and bass guitarist with the INTERNS, from Newport, Monmouthshire. "But I don't think beat's burst. This sort of situation always happens when a thing becomes popular. I do think solo singers are com-ing to the fore more. "Us? We're just a pop group playing commercial rhythm-and-blues, with some standards and other num-bers."

bers."

These are the groups who hope that one day soon, they will be on the inside look-ing out.—R.C.

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BRITAIN lost and won at Belgium's Knokke-le-Zoute international singing contest.

An all-girl Dutch team walked the final against Belgium, who had knocked us out of the big night with the second highest number of points for the week.

points for the week. But zingy, swingy Elkie Brooks-diamond-bright star of the British team — collected the International Press award as the contest's best singer, by a majority vote. Consolation for her, Barry Barnett, Mel Gaynor, Chris Bellman, and Pete Stirling, all naturally disappointed with the team result. Team manager Johnny Worth was more than disappointed — he was angry with a points system which enabled Belgium, loser of both its preliminary heats, to step over all opposition. opposition. "We know that the scoring tends

to rise towards the end of the week, but this is ridiculous," he

said. "Can anyone tell me how Belgium managed to score 50 points more than us in their second heat, when



## **CHRIS ROBERTS**

---MM staffman and a judge at the Knokke singing contest, asks a considered question. Was Britain given a raw deal?

they scored less in their first heat than we did each time? "And can someone tell me how the Belgians were worth 62 points more in their second heat than their first? They had the same team, didn't they? "I'm sorry to have to grumble over the result like this. We think the Dutch team had a well-deserved win, but I believe we were rowed out of the final by an inferior team." And British judges Paddy Roberts and myself agree—not through pat-riotism, but plain common sense. For two pairs of judges on the

For two pairs of judges on the international jury, intentionally or unintentionally, could swing the vote one way or the other by either marking a team well down, or up.

The system of retiring to a room, where the individual points are counted, is wrong. As in ice-skating championships, and dancing competitions, each judge should have to hold up a numbered card showing the points for each performance. Then, if there were any obvious dis-crepancies in the marking, it would be out in the open for all to see. Not hidden away in a pile of voting forms, anonymous and dangerous. I also have to agree with Johnny

I also have to agree with Johnny and Paddy that the Belgian team were—on the whole—less talented than our five. But I don't think we could have beaten the Dutch winners, had we ended up in the final.

## MELODY MANER SPECIAL SURVEY ARE THE BEATLES SLIPPING?

Incredibly, many people in Britain are posing the question-

## You must be joking! say their fellow pop stars

NE theory is that the Beatles have achieved so much in such a comparatively short time that the only thing left for them is to slip — a little. Another is that, quite simply, what goes up in the pop world must come down.

Either way, "Are the Beatles slipping?" is today's hottest question being bandied about Britain. WELL, ARE THEY? To get some high-power replies, we put the query to personalities deeply entrenched in the pop merry-go-round — the stars.



don't see any other group coming up to the boy's standard

MOJOS: Sliding? You must be joking! If it hadn't been for the Beatles' single, " A hard day's night", going straight to the top of the chart, our "Why not tonight?" would have been in the MM top twenty ! - Stuart James, singer.

CLINTON FORD: I don't think the Beatles are slipping. They have carved themselves a permanent niche in show business. Possibly the hysteria will die, but the Beatles won't.

BRIAN INNES (Temperance Seven leader): Sliding? Not a very efficient method of transport. I prefer balloons or roller skates.

### Stronger

ALAN FREEMAN, discjockey: I don't think the Beatles are slipping at all. Look at the way their record has jumped straight to the top of the chart, both in America and here. And their Liverpool reception. No, the Beatles

KENNY LYNCH: I don't

see they're slipping.

They've just found their

level. People know all

about them now. They've

seen them on TV, radio,

now the cinema They

don't seem to have been

over-exposed by publicity

No, they're not slipping.

ACKER BILK: My feel-

ing about the Beatles is

that they've had so much

publicity, so much big pub-

licity, that it's got to end

somewhere. They've been

everywhere, done every-

### RAY COLEMAN counds up the replies

thing, so there's nowhere to go but down. But I don't think they're finished or anything, though so far as teen-agers are concerned, the adulation isn't as strong as it was. But what do you expect? It doesn't last

for anybody. I hope the Beatles will settle, find their groove, their own little notch, you know, a steady thing; and I'm sure that they will. They need to get a steady following, a bread-and-but-ter following, for the time when the screams have died out.

GEORGIE FAME: Slipping? Not according to their latest record. I heard that the other day and I think it's the greatest one yet. I think they're swinging more than ever.

It couldn't have gone on like it started - all that ridiculous publicity — but it's arrived at a level now when they can't stop. They may have lowered them-selves a little from the peak, but they're not slipping

APPLEJACKS: We think the Beatles have established themselves among the all-time greats of pop music and several of their songs will become standards in the same way as songs by composers like Gershwin, Cole Porter and Jerome Kern.

They will be among the important figures of the music business 25 or 50 years from now. We feel they have such a firm hold in the pop world that nothing will dislodge them.

### Fancies

MORECAMBE and WISE: There are some artists who attain such power in the entertainment business that they evade the fads and fan-cies of the hit parade.

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Their team was topped by Rita Hovink, a jazz musician's wife who had made few professional appearances. With a voice like Kay Starr and

a barnstorming stage presence, she is sure to become a big international name in months to come.

The climax of the week, after the televised welcome for the five pretty winners in the swirling mass of people in the Casino hall, was the celebration in the Casino's Bagatelle night club where each member of the winning team sang a number, to an audience of most of the other teams and

of most of the other teams and officials. But the star spot was reserved --once again--for Elkie Brooks who held the audience at the tips of her fingers for three beautifully sung jazz numbers and received a standing ovation from the stamping, whistling audience. It was, to say the least, a memor-able seven days. It would have been

more so, had we won. But, then, as they all say, there's

always next year.

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### Standard

CILLA BLACK: I don't think their popularity is slipping, quite frankly. But I certainly think the Stones have got more fans than they did have. But after all, the Beatles still made number one first go, didn't they?

I'm not biased, either. I think they're here for a long, long time. Maybe not for ever, because everybody has got to go some time, but I don't see any other group coming up to the boys' standard.

They will be among the important figures of the music business 25 or 50 years from now 7

on ice rinks in future!

JOE LOSS: People in and out of the music profession have asked me over the past month for my opinion of the Beatles, and whether it is possible for them to maintain their popularity.

They have been riding high throughout the world for the past couple of years, and provided they are able to maintain their standard and goodwill with the public, they are surely in a position to continue to do so.

I am not placing myself in the same category as the Beatles, but I have been around for more than 30 years and I find the public as loyal as ever.

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## Knocking the jug band

JIM KWESKIN: "Jim Kweskin and the Jug Band." Washington at Valley Forge; Sweet Sue! Overseas Stomp; Coney Island Washboard; Wild about my Ioving; Mo-bile line; I'm satisfied with my gai; Newport News; My gal; Borneo; Hawaii; Beedle um bum; Coing to Cermany; Boodle am shake (Fontana TFL6036). Kweskin (gtr, voc, comb-and paper), Geoff Muldaur (washboard, gtr, kazoo, voc), Bob Siggins (bio, gtr, man-dolin), Bruno Wolf (voc, Kazoo, harmonica, Morier), Fritz Richmond (jug, washtub bass).

- A H, washboard! And shades of the Blue Blowers! Here comes a revivalist jug or spasm band with fourteen numbers earnestly and en-thusiastically sung, buzzed, picked, scraped, even whistled picked, whistled.
- Nat Hentoff, in a friendly sleeve note, makes the point that "these are not self-conscious revivalists trying solemnly to be faithful to a tradition out of quite another time."
- Well, to me they ARE re-vivalists, bringing back a sort of blue-blowing style allied to "Roaring Twenties" pop.
- In a sense, they're trying to get the best of four worlds: those of skiffle-folk, Twen-ties nostalgia, Jimmie Rod-gers-type country music, and Red McKenzie near-jazz.
- What they're not doing, just to set the record straight, is playing washboard jazz of the Dodds-Blythe-Bertrand the Dodds-Blytne-Bertranu kind, even though they per-form "Boodle am shake" with Invincible jollity. Almost all of this is skiffle-cum-washboard music, folky
- rather than jazzy. he vo-do-de-o chanting
- about as tiresome as usual and the words of "Borneo" are almost amusingly corneo. Indeed, the album's chief appeal (if any) is of the period-charm variety.-Max

## THE NEW JAZZ RECORDS History of the Third

Herd

WOODY HERMAN: "Hey! Heard the Herd?" Moten stomp (b); Blue Lou (c): Teressita (a); Perbido (b); Mambo the most, Parts 1 and 2 (h); Stompin' at the Savoy (a); Wooftie (c); Marakeesh (f): Four others (e). (Verve VLP9062).
"(a) — Herman (clt, alto), Roy Caton, Don Fagerquist, John Morell, Jack Scarda (tpts), Carl Fontana, Urbie Green, Jack Green (tmbs), Dick Hafer, Arno Marsh, Bill Perkins (tnrs), Sam Staff (bari, flute), Nat Pierce (pno, celeste), Chubby Jackson (bass), Sonny Igoe (drs). 30/5/52.
"(b) — As (a) but Phil Gook, Doug Mettome, Stu Williamson (tpts) and Ard Mardigan (drs) replace Scarda (tpt).
"(b) — As (a) but Phil Gook, Doug Mettome, Stu Williamson (tpts) and Ard Mardigan (drs) replace Fagerquist, Howell, Sacda and Igoe. 9/12/52.
"(d) — as (c) but Joe Burnette, Tommy Di Carlo (tpts), Bill and Jackson. 14/5/53.
"(d) — emman (alt, alto), Bernie Glow, Ernie Royal, Bobby Styles, Hal Wegbreit, Stu Williamson (tpts), Vern Friley, Urbie Green, Frank Rehak, Kai Winding (tmbs), Jerry Coker, Hafer Tullo (tnr), Staff (bari, flute), Pierce (pno), Kelly (bass), Mardigan (drs). 11/9/53.
"(f) as (e) but Jim Bookrake, John Howell, Reuben Mefall (tpts), Jim Hewittt and Dick Kenney (tmbs) replace Royal, Soly, Sonon (tmbs), Coker, Hafer, Prekins, Sam "The Man" Taylor and Baker, Red Kelly (bass), and (tro), Jack Nimitz (bari), Pierce (pno), Mickey (gtr), Lloyd troman (bass), Panama Francis (drs). 20/3/54.
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much more exciting group, but the fact remains that this

album contains big band jazz

of a high order.

ALL the tracks on the ness exerted commercial pressures which showed through some of the new Herman release were recorded in the early 1950s during the life material. It was, however, as always with Woody, a band with a very high level of musician-ship, cohesion and attack. Per-sonally I think the Herd we heard in Britain recently is a of the Third Herd with its constantly changing per-

sonnel In many ways, this was the least distinctive — and least successful — of the Herman bands, partly because failing big band busi-



Woody - big band jazz of a high order

There is, perhaps, an over-bundance of gimmicks — Pierce's use of celeste, and Lowry organ on "Mars", the inclusion of Sam Taylor's tenor and a thumping rhythm section to give a rock-'n'-roll flavour to "Castle" and the very mannered Larry Clinton piece, "Marakeesh", are ex-amples. piece, amples.

And I feel the current Herd would have put even more bite into numbers like "Celes-tial", "Blue Lou" and "Per-dido".

dido". The solo standard is good although there is nothing out-standing. Arno Marsh handles most of the tenor work and there are also pleasant inter-ludes from, among others, Carl Fontana, Don Fagerquist, Stu Williamson, Woody himself and the all-star trombone section of "Four others". The 1950s will not be re-

The 1950s will not be re-membered as Herman's most productive era, but the music here is mostly of a pretty high standard.

No dates are given for the Ember EP but it obviously stems from fairly recent times. The rather distant and echoey quality of the recording is poor.

"Station" is a bouncy tune featuring Herman's clarinet and two trombonists, the best being Dennis. "Midnight" shows off a creamy sax sec-tion, "Balu" has a touch of the Basie about it and "Pillar" is a twiceal Herman tearup is a typical Herman tear-up. Bob Dawbarn.



COUNT BASIE: "Count Basie swings, featuring loe Williams". Every day I have the blues; The comeback;

Basie swings, reaturing joe Williams''. Every day I have the blues; The comeback; Alright, okay, you win; In the evening; Roll 'em Pete; Teach me tonight; My baby upsets me; Please send me someone to love; Ev'ry day I fall in love (World Record Club T331). Williams (voc), Basie (pno), Reunald Jones Thad Jones, Wendell Culley, Joe Newman (tpts), Henry Coker, Bill Hughes, Bennie Pawell (tmbs), Marshall Royal, Frank Wess, Bill Graham, Frank Foster, Char-lie Fowikes (saxes), Freddie Green (gtr), Eddie Jones (bass), Sonny Payne (drs). New York City. May-June 55.

THIS is the "Basie swings, Williams sings" album which came out here in '56, on Columbia-Clef label, and was generally accounted a roaring success.

The music has stood up well to the years, still sounding as rich in drive, texture and excitement to my ears as when I first reviewed it and wrote of a "resounding triumph for the extraordinary Basie-Wil-liams partnership."

Perhaps the element of surprise, occasioned by the im-

## BOOK. REVIEW

"BLUES AND GOSPEL RECORDS, 1902 to 1942," by R. M. W. Dixon and J. Godrich. Published by Brian Rust, 38 Grimsdyke Road, Nather End Middle CF. Hatch End, Middx. £5 5s.

"BLUES and Gospel Records"

"Brutes and Gospel Records", which is a companion work to Brian Rust's admirable "Jazz Records — 1897 to 1931", lists an almost unbelievable more of recordings by blues, gospel and spiritual singers and other Negro artists who found their way onto the found their way onto the record and the spiritual singers and other Negro artists who found their way onto the state of the spiritual singers and other Negro artists who found their way onto the state of the spiritual singers and spiritual singers (library of Congress, 1930), and proceeding through (Black Spider Dumpin' to the spiritual singers and Black Aprider Dumpin' to the spiritual singers and black Spider Dumpin' to the spiritual singers and black thermes the coving the spiritual spiritual singers and black thermes the spiritual spiritual

### Effort

Seldom have I seen a discography which inspired so much awe. I know there are a few omissions; but working through my own blues library, I have not so far caught them out in any gross breach of conduct. What can you say about a discographical volume other than that it is comprehensive and correct, and after that, clear to read? This one is astonishing complete, correct so far as I can judge, and as detailed as scholarship can make it at this point in history.

can make it at this public history. Additions always come in after publication. A fiver is a sub-stantial sum of money. But this book represents the effort and knowledge of many years. —M.J. By now, we are familiar with Williams, perhaps a little tired of the mannerisms which increasingly afflict his otherwise strong performance.

pact of Williams' strong, vibrant voice, taut timing and charging exuberance, contri-buted an extra dimension to the muci in 155

But when the record was made, he was at his best. This remains his finest album, and

as a stirring example of jazz and ballad singing and of hypnotically gripping big-band

The slows will not be to every Basie admirer's taste, but "Please send me" is an attractive blues ballad, and Joe's own "Baby upsets" is good hip singing and writing. Yes, '55 was a full-blooded year for Basie and Williams.— MAX JONES.

the music in '56.

jazz.

J. for Scott's

TROMBONE star J. J. Johnson is one of the American stars expec-ted to play London's Ronnie Scott Club in the

"Every day I have the blues," arranged by Ernie Wilkins, "The comeback," arranged by Frank Foster, and the head-arranged "Roll 'em Pete" are the three real winners. Ronnie Scott Club in the next three months. Jimmy Witherspoon re-turns to the club on Aug-ust 4, for two weeks, and will most probably be followed by Johnson, for a month, with the resi-dent Ronnie Scott rhythm section. Club manager Pete King told MM: "Nothing Not only is the singing most acceptable on these, but the band playing is remarkably fine throughout. Foster scored five more numbers, of which "Evening" and "Alright, okay" are probably most notable, and the latter is another powerful one for Williams.

Club manager Pete King told MM: "Nothing has yet been finalised about Ben Webster play-ing the club in Septem-ber. We have been told he is definitely available but the Post Office strike has held up negotlations. "There is also a possi-bility that Roland Kirk will be back in October."

## RADIO JAZZ

### (Times: BST/CET)

FRIDAY

6.40 p.m. H I: Jazz Rondo. 9.30 M: Jazz Corner. 9.30 A Antibes Jazz Festival. 10.40 Z



Museum — "Clarinet Marma-lade". 9.20 O: Jazz for every-one. 10.30 J: Jazz Music Hall. 11.0 U: Newport '63 — Rollins, Hawk, Brubeck. 11.10 H 1: Jazz Magazine. 11.15 T: Harry James (1). 12.0 T: Conover interviews Gary Burtor.



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GETZ

- Thursday

Antibes Jazz Festival, 10.40 Z: Jazz actualities. 11.15 T: Marilyn Burroughs, with Bob Florence Ork., Isham Jones (in 1933). 11.43A: Colden Cate Quartet, Ceo. Lewis. 12.0 mid-night T: Louis, T and The All Stars (N. YK. Town Hall con-cert 1947). 12.20 a.m. 1: Jazz Album.



1.20 p.m. H 1: Jazz Club. 3.30 E: Jazz Museum. 8.10 N 2: Dexter Cordon. 9.30 A: Anitbes Jazz Festival. 11.15 BBC L: Jazz Club. 11.15 T: Herman. 12.0 T: Jam session, with Parker, Hodges, Webster, Peter-son, Eldridge, Diz, deFranco, Bellson and others. 12.5 a.m. J: Jazz Book.



5.30 p.m. I: German jazz. 7.35 M: Jabb and "near Jazz". 9.30 M: Jabb and "near Jazz". 9.30 A: Antibes Festival. 12.14 a.m. E: Jazz and "near jazz".



10.20 p.m. RTF 258m: The Real Jazz. 11.0 BBC L: Jazz Scene. 11.10 U: Langkrär Quartet; Big Bill's last session. 11.15 T: Sinatra-Crosby-Martin,



9.30 p.m. M: Jazz Corner. 10.30 1: Byrd, Roach, Double Six, Swingles etc. 11.5 O: "First Appearance". 11.15 T: Swingles -- "Coing Baroque", Double Six, Blossom Dearie. 12.0 T: Vibraharpist Carry Burton's new album "Something's Comming".



4.30 p.m. L: Jazz. 5.15 H 2: "Eurojazz". 7.30 E: Jazz



**JOHNNY HODGES** — Saturday

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### GEORGIE FAME : "I'm in love with you" (Columbia).

Manfred: Anything with this chord sequence always knocks me out. It's not necessarily a good record but the "Georgia" changes are nice.

I don't think it will be a hit unless it gets an enormous amount of plugging. I

think it's a good English attempt to get an American sound. Mike: It struck me as being American. I love the trumpets and the backing. Manfred: Who is it? Georgie Fame! Then perhaps it could be a hit.

### NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS: "Today" (CBS).

Mike: Not exactly my cup of tea, I've heard it all before. When a song has key changes in it it usually implies it's a boring song. In this case the changes didn't make it any better—just longer.

Manfred: It's a lot of crap! It has that "Life is better under the Conservatives" complacency. It's terrible.

BILLY FURY: "It's only make believe" (Decca).

Manfred: It's Billy Fury. There must be something wrong with the record player, the backing seemed so loud. It could easily be a very, very big hit, but I don't like this sort of thing at all. Mike: I thought the intro was P. J. Fury. That sort of chord sequence occasion-

ally gets something really good going but this just sounded very old fashioned to me I liked his last one much better.

#### FATS DOMINO: "Mary, Oh Mary" (HMV).

Mike: Fats Domino and I like it very much. It swings I like the sax bit in the middle. It could be a hit but with this sort of record it's a matter of luck.

Manfred: I like anything he does simply because of the quality of his voice. Whether it will be a hit or not depends on who is putting how much money be-hind it. It's a really nice record.

### DAVE BERRY: "The cry-ing game" (Decca).

Manfred: It's Dave Berry. I like him and I think his last record should have been a really big hit. He is very underrated and his TV appearances are a knockout.

This may be the "grow on you" sort of record, I just don't know. Mike: I agree with all that, It doesn't sound like Dave Berry—which is a pity

very nice record.

(Oriole).

isn't nearly as good. I don't like it. It really does sound like four 12-year-old girls. Mike: Much too fast to take that number. Sounds a because he has a very good quality in his voice. It's a

bit like the Chipmunks. THE TEMPTATIONS: "PIL be in trouble" (State-

have got it out and this

THE DOWLANDS. side). Manfred: This is the first record that has swung, apart from Fats Domino.

the group are no strangers to the chart. This week Manfred Mann-Manfred Mann the organist and pianist — and Mike Vickers (gtr, alto, flute) passed their judgments on the chart chances of the latest singles. Pictured are Manfred Mann — the group — (I-r)- the man. Mike Vickers, Mike Hugg, Paul Jones, Tom McGuinness and Manfred Mann -

Manfred: I like it and I think I'd like it a lot more after hearing it again and again. Obviously an American record.

EE STIRLING and the BRUISERS: "Sad, lonely and blue" (Parlophone).

Manfred: If Wink Martindale's "Pack of cards" could be a hit then this could. I nearly fell asleep.

KINGSTON TRIO: "Sea-sons in the sun" (Capitol).

Manfred: I don't know why but it makes me feel as though I've just done something wrong. It's nice record and because of that it could be a hit simply because it is different. It's a ridiculous record. Mike: I think it's the

Singing Monk! FOURMOST: "How can I

tell her" (Parlophone). Mike: I thought the first four beats were really good. Manfred: It sounded like a really terrible Beatles.



### SILENT-SLIDE **CONTROLS**

Cliff in some of the roles from "Wonderful Life"- cowboy, Fred Astair, stunt man and Keystone Cop. Next: a light comedy in the Cary Grant style?

just to see how fantastic the place really is. "Then it's back home to prepare for the four-week autumn tour with the Shadows which will take us right up to rehearsal time for the Palladium panto-

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"I'm playing Aladdin and





mime. CLIFF RICHARD is ITDDV D asks jekkt davvsun already planning his next film - probably starting shooting around "Don't think I'm compar-ing myself with him, but weeks. In the first two weeks of August I'm going to a quiet little spot in Portugal with my mother June 1965. "We haven't a title or that's the sort of thing I'd script ready yet, but we like to try. "I certainly don't want to and two sisters for a restful have a number of ideas," do another musical with holiday. said Cliff as he snatched a dance routines-I'd just like "For the rest of August few moments to munch a something different. But it I shall be in America, chiefly to make some cheese biscuit in his Manwould have to be lighthearted." records. I shall definitely rechester hotel room before cord in New York-the Epic the charity premiere of people have been asking me "Wonderful Life". QUIET to go for months now --"One thing is pretty cer-tain," said Cliff. "The next and I hope to fix some ses-sions in Nashville. Asked how he liked the finish of 'Wonderful Life', Cliff responded: "You know, I made a terrible mistake. film will not be the same "I'm not sure that they do produce any particular sound in Nashville—but after all Elvis has recorded as 'The Young Ones', 'Summer Holiday' or 'Wonderful Until the Royal Premiere I Life'. I don't think it would there, it's the home of Country and Western, and I'd just like to cut some just hadn't seen the film-not even rushes. be right to do another "I went along to the premusical. tapes for the experience, if miere and, do you know, I just couldn't take it in all nothing else. CRISP in one go. "I'll just have to sit through it a couple of times again before I can make up VEGAS "What I would like to do would be a light (One of the main LEVI stockists) "I'm also hoping to my mind what I think about comedy with some sharp For all your LEVI requirements lines - you know, the pay a brief visit to Las "What am I doing next? Vegas. Not to gamblecrisp sort of dialogue that morning appointment the Well, I'm taking things a Phone 6139 next day. that's not for me-but Cary Grant does so well.



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want to play it straight And we are trying to think out the best way to use the Shads. I would like them to play four Genies-all out of the same lamp. That would be fun!"

### HARD

Before our interview. Cliff had already handled a two-hour press conference after a private showing of 'Wonderful Life" for Northern critics, and had recorded a piece for the BBC

Halfway through our chat he was again whipped away for still another TV spot. Granada this time, then a quick change and off to Manchester's ABC Cinema to make a personal appearance before the charity premiere.

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Keighley. A—A pre-war Settimio Soprani with French Musette tuning, which in those days cost £18! I still play it, but have three others, of which I favour a Hohner German "Gola", valued at £360. Leading a sextet under my own name I made an LP called "Housewives Play-time" for Embassy in 1963, playing an Art Van Damme American Excelsior.—JACK EMBLOW. EMBLOW.

#### CLARINET

Q-Which clarinet, mouthpiece, reed and lay are used by the eminent clarinet solo-

by the eminent clarinet solo-ist Gervase de Peyer? — G. Clarke; Putney. A—My 'A' clarinet is a Boosey and Hawkes pre-war 1010 and my B-flat clarinet is a 1963 Symphony Imperial 1010. Mouthpiece is a Boosey and Hawkes pre-war 1010 and Hawkes pre-war 1010. Reeds are Vandoren medium-soft,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Lay is my own adjustment.—GERVASE DE PEYER.

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Q--What make of guitar is played by Scottish folk singer Jimmie Macgregor?--R. Harrison, Gt. Yarmouth. A--The one I use most is a pre-war Gibson "Jumbo", but I have a collection of guitars, banjos, mandolins, violins, concertinas, etc., mostly very old and badly abused, which I have reno-vated.

abused, which I have reno-vated. They include a "Tatay" Spanish guitar, two small Martins, a tiny old French guitar and a large Stella, which I converted from 12 to six strings. — JIMMIE MACGREGOR.

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Clay Watson, head cook and relic collector, spent three days last week in Britain. He gave one lecture in Bath, met a few of our jazz dignitaries, and told me what his museum



Bechet's soprano



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### STAID

"At the museum, we have six people who claim to have invented the music, and the name for it. That's why the museum is there. It's a clearing house for objects and knowledge from all over the world. "And, too, we have a library of books in five lan-guages, contracts and photo-graphs from the early years (such as Tom Brown's con-tract for Chicago), and jazz posters and flyers. the world.

"I've started a collection of European posters, and some are wonderful. But the British are the staid, literal posters—the least imagina-tive jazz poster art in Europe. Europe. "Another important ser-vice we give, and intend to extend, is the phone service. We have ten phones now. Each tunes into a half-hour

"One other point: the museum and its director must be like the three monkeys—see no evil, etc. We are an impersonal collecting agency dedicated to the subject. Truthfully, if I had known the controversy that would be aroused, I'd never have become involved in it." tape programme giving a delineation of one aspect of



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The Overlanders' "Yesterday's gone" is currently number 28 in the American chart.

The group guest on ABC-TV's "Lucky Stars" (August 15) and BBC-TV's "Parade of the Pops" (19).

They have an eight-day concert tour with the Rolling Stones from August 23 to 30.

## **Ringo for Juke box**

RINGO STARR was signed this week to make his "solo debut" on BBC-TV's "Juke box jury".

The Beatles drummer appears on the August 1 panel along-side Ray Martine, Katie Boyle and Julie Cornwell.

On the same day, BBC2-TV's "Beat room" presents the groups of Manfred Mann, the Barron Knights, Jimmy Powell and the Five Dimensions and Wayne Gibson.

Shirley Bassey's appearance on BBC2's "Best of both worlds" has been announced for August 2. American conductor-com-poser-MD David Rose also stars.

## 'Camelot' in August

THE American musical "Camelot", by the "My Fair Lady" team of Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner, opens at London's Drury Lane Theatre on August 19.

Among the leads will be Laurence Harvey, Elizabeth Larner, Cardew Robinson and Barry Kent. The show's MD will be Cardew Robinson Kenneth Alwyn.

Among the songs, published by Chappell, is "If ever I would leave you", recorded by And Williams for CBS.

## Peter Knight to MD

MUSICAL director of "The Roar of the Greasepaint—the Smell of the Crowd", the new musical by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse, starring Norman Wisdom, is Peter Knight. Arrangements for the show which includes some seventeen songs by the Bricusse-Newley team, are by Knight and Alyn Ainsworth. Also starring in the musical will be Sally Smith and singer-guitarist Cy Grant.





## BUSY TIME FOR ELKIE!

FOLLOWING her success at the European Singing Contest Elkie Brooks has been offered a season at the Bagatelle Club, Knokke-la-Zoute, Belgium.

dates.

(July 19) and the ABC, Great Yarmouth (August 16) — both with Gerry and the Pacemakers — Brighton Hippodrome (August 9) and, with the Dave Clark Five, South-port Odeon (July 26). Her radio and TV bookings include BBC-Elkie has signed for a series of Sunday con-certs, TV and radio

port Odeon (July 26). Her radio and TV bookings include BBC-TV's "Cool Spot" (July 26), Rediffusion's "Five O'Clock Club" (31) and "Easy Beat" (August 9). Her concerts include Sunderland Empire

### Gene coming

Gene will join one of the tours being set up by promoter Arthur Howes for the autumn.

This means Pitney will be on either the Beatles pack-age or the Billy J. Kramer nationwide trek.

Concert dates are now being

lined up

MERICAN singing star Gene "Twenty four hours from Tulsa" Pitney is de-finitely returning to Britain for a tour this year.

Jeans' swinger

- THE next Swinging Blue Jeans single will be re-leased on August 14. Titles are "Promise you'll tell her" and "It's so right", both written by the Liver-pool stars. On the day of the disc's re-lease, the Jeans play the new record on TV's "Ready, steady, go".

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Doris' best

The title song should be

released as a single. Now ballads are back in favour, it could top the chart. — BRIAN INGHAM, Moss

Oh, no?

WHY, how, and for what

reason do the Bache-lors make the chart?

teenagers want, whether the teenagers concerned like ballads or beat. — MISS G.

WILLIAMS, Liverpool 20. So who sent "I believe" to No. 2, and "Ramona" to No. 5?—Ed.

**Unkind Stones** 

AM fed up with the Roll-

attacks on other groups.

behave like this.

ing Stones' continual

It was unkind of them to

attack the Zephyrs — and unethical for any group of the stature of the Stones to

The Stones are not so hot themselves. They have not

Their music isn't what

she has ever made.

Side, Manchester.

S ICKENED by the "what is R&B" controversy, I am writing a b o ut Mick Jagger's article in the MM regard-ing the Animals' "House of the rising sun".

He says: "Don't kid yourselves there's rhythm-andblues at the top of the chart with the Animals. It's no more R&B than how's-yourfather."

Who is to blame for this misconception of R&B? Mick Jagger.

One and a half years ago Jagger's proud boast was that the Stones played pure R&B—the music they loved. On being accused of "going commercial" commercial," Jagger denies this. Yet the Stones reached number one with "It's all over now", a rock song.

Don't kid yourselves, readers, that there's R&B in the chart with "It's all over now". It's no more R&B than don, Surrey. UP WINNER

I said I didn't know of any-

one who was free and avail-able at that time to rehearse

and go abroad with the

It was certainly not my

intention to suggest that I was the only drummer who

could have occupied Ringo's

chair—this is nonsense. — JIMMY NICOL.

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And remember: big as they are, the Beatles never knock their contemporaries. —PETER GRANT, manager, the Animals, London W1.

### Great scene

THE pop scene has never been better. Hits of to-day have real meaning and create a marvellous atmosphere.

Records like the Animals' "House of the rising sun", Jim Reeves' "I won't forget you", and Roy Orbison's "It's over" prove that to-day's pop isn't just commer-cial exploitation of teen-agers agers.

Screaming rubbish from gimmicky stars has been replaced by ballads and good R&B.—ROGER LOVELOCK, Hatch End, Middx.

El's road back

ELVIS PRESLEY does not need to find the road back to the top, as a reader suggests.

When he can reach the top with a load of rubbish like "Kissin' cousins", he cannot have lost much popu-larity.—BERNARD DAVIES, St Albans.

Clear 'em out

ONCE and for all, let's have a complete clearout of our very unhip discjockeys.

Most of the top ones cling to the top stars while refusing to acknowledge the comparative newcomers the pop scene.—J. HUGHES, Marlow, Bucks.





## No pop justice!

WHEN will there be some justice in the hit parade? Groups that have been around for just about six months have records in the top ten.

There is a group that have been with us for many years who have never sniffed the chart. They are Cliff Bennett and the Rebel Rousers.

A number of other groups wouldn't be in the charts' either had they not first heard Cliff. — JOHN SAWYER, Slough, Bucks.

### Rare Sinatra

PROTEST at Ray Cole-

man's review of Frank Sinatra's new LP. Sinatra fans do not lavish indiscriminate praise on Frank — only when he is good. A rare occurrence these days unfortunataly these days, unfortunately, but this latest LP is an ex-cellent example of contem-porary Sinatra. — **PETER** porary Sinatra. — PETER NORMAN, Beckenham, Kent.

Louis will manage S<sup>O</sup> someone deplores the

"cover" versions of "Helio, dolly!" Nice thought for Louis, but I imagine he can hold

his own. After all, he has struggled on for years! — HAROLD PEAKE, Ipswich.

### Alexis is tops ALEXIS KORNER deser-

A ves more praise for the upsurge in popular and gen-uine rhythm-and-blues. His "Ace of clubs" LP takes the main place in my extensive blues record col-loction

lection.

Korner provides British fans with the cream of white purist blues, played simply and sincerely, with no flag waving. — DAVID SANDISON, Wrexham.





Wonderful Woody—at last

MUST answer the letter MUST answer the letter from L. Simpson in Mail-bag regarding the article concerning my appearance with the Beatles. When Melody Maker called me in Sydney, I was asked if L could name threa

asked if I could name three other drummers who could have done the job.

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Nonsense

way would say that folk is sexless. Perhaps folk singers don't project their own sexuality like pop singers - but that's because they like the words of a folk song to speak for itself. Pop songs ARE sexless — mechanical, clichaic. ABOUT sex, perhaps, but still sexless. — LEON ROSSELSON, Wembley Park, Middx.

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