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TREMELOES HIT THE TOP!

Down go The Beatles and into the No. 1 spot comes "Do You Love Me." Brian Poole could scarcely believe the great news when DISC told him on Tuesday. Read what he had to say about it on the back page.



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It's a pretty tough road to singing success, says Del



DEL SHANNON—actic dash to Birmingham.

AFTER flying into London Airport from Detroit at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, Del Shannon hardly had time to book in at his hotel before speeding along the M1 on his way to Birmingham to telerecord his spot in this Saturday's "Thank Your Lucky Stars."

A break in rehearsals gave him a chance to think about his third British tour, opening at Lewisham Odeon tomorrow (Friday), with Gerry and The Pacemakers and Jet Harris and Tony Meehan. His problem: should he introduce something new into his act?

"I don't know," said Del thoughtfully. "I think if you bring something new they won't accept it. All the kids wanna do is hear you sing your songs. I don't know, I'm sure open for suggestions, but I think if I go out there and sing a Sinatra-style song, they're gonna say 'we don't wanna hear that.'

"I'm certain that the only thing they wanna hear is the

songs I've done in the past. If I was doing a cabaret or something, I suppose I would do a Sinatra tune or some imitation, but I don't think I should do that on stage."

Of the group trend in this country, 23-year-old Del com-

ments: "I've heard a lot of British groups. I think they're very good. I think the Beatles are very good and I like Gerry and The Pacemakers.

"We have many, many groups

in the States, of course. I think they have their own sound here though."

What about the famous Del Shannon falsetto? "I don't know if it's a permanent part of my singing style," he confessed. "You never know, it depends on the time I sing. My new one out in the States 'Sue's Gonna Be Mine,' has falsetto."

Del listened to an announcement calling the Karl Denver Trio to Studio One and went on: "I like television in England. I think it's very thorough. You do a lot of rehearsing and everyone wants to make sure it comes out good."

Had Del hit upon a recipe for success as a result of his experience as a singer?

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Ted Scott

POST BAG

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Is this the end for the Shads?

It's time we fought back against American jeers

PRIZE LETTER

WE have taken enough jeers and insults from American personnel, and it is time we fought back. So please, loud applause for the straight-forward attack made recently by Adam Faith on "Juke Box Jury" in defence of British discs. One DJ's treatment of British discs is grossly unfair, and swamped as they are with constant plugging of American records, I am amazed when anything British reaches the charts.

It must be an extremely heart-breaking job for any youngster to get a foot on the first rung of the long ladder to success, let's take on the slogan used by a certain manufacturing firm: "It is British made, and better made." —F. A. PALMER, 5, Victoria Road, Chesham, Bucks.

'YOU' HITS

BINGING a regular reader of DISC I couldn't help but notice the amazing number of records with the word "you" in the title. I think this is greatly influenced by The Beatles who have had tremendous success with their records "From Me To You" and "She Loves You."

A look at recent hits gives a good selection including "I'll

Never Get Over You," "I'm Telling You Now," "Do You Love Me?" and "You Don't Have To Be A Baby To Cry." —JOHN LONDON, 285, Porters Avenue, Dagenham, Essex.

VARIETY

BRITAIN, don't follow America! Your charts are filled with a great variety of exciting new British beat groups

and artists, and it is time we fought back against American jeers.

—COLIN HOWELL, 19, Willowbrook Road, Hurst Green, Blackheath, Birmingham.

SENSATIONAL

THE most sensational American girl singer to hit the scene since Brenda Lee is undoubtedly Little Peggy March. Having seen her on television and heard her superb disc, "Hello Heartache, Goodbye Love," I am convinced that this 15-year-old has all the ingredients of a big star.

She has a fabulous voice, reminiscent of a youthful Shirley Bassey; good looks and a magnetic personality. —STEPHEN HILLIARD, 21, Crannagh Road, Dublin, 14.

NO JUSTICE

If Brook Benton's October visit doesn't shatter the public's lethargic attitude towards him there simply ain't no justice. He is one of the most exciting singers in America today.

He must register here, for we need him to pave the way for the return of the big dramatic ballad. —C. BUTLIN, 79, Westgate, Chichester, Sussex.

THE Swinging Blue Jeans just couldn't keep still. They jogged around their dressing room, shaking their shoulders, waving their hands and doing contortions.

No, they explained, somebody hadn't been at them with the itching powder. No, it wasn't the new grey suits which had temporarily replaced the familiar blue jeans. This, they said, was "The Whack."

And "The Whack" — in case you don't live on Merseyside — is a new dance craze that's sweeping Liverpool.

It all started with our fans at the Mardi Gras Club where we play in Liverpool," said SBJ leader Ray Eamis.

"They started imitating the

The world's top pops

AMERICA

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
1	1	Blue Velvet	Bobby Vinton
2	2	Sally, Go 'Round The Roses	Jynx
3	3	Be My Baby	Ronettes
19	4	Sugar Shack	Jimmy Gilmer and The Fireballs
9	5	Cry Baby	Garnet Mimms and The Enchanters
5	6	My Boyfriend's Back	Angels
7	7	Wonderful! Wonderful!	Tymes
4	8	Heat Wave	Martha and The Vandellas
13	9	Busted	Ray Charles
6	10	Then He Kissed Me	Crystals
8	11	Mickey's Monkey	Miracles
12	12	A Walkin' Miracle	Essex
20	13	Honolulu Luau	Jan and Dean
11	14	Surfer Girl	Beach Boys
10	15	If I Had A Hammer	Trini Lopez
32	16	Mean Woman Blues	Roy Orbison
33	17	Donna The Prime Donna	Dion Di Mucci
16	18	Martian Hop	Ran-Dells
24	19	Part Time Love	Little Johnny Taylor
15	20	Little Deuce Coupe	Beach Boys

Australia

(Courtesy Music Maker, Sydney)

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
1	1	Bombora—The Atlantics	Elvis Presley
2	2	Wipe Out—The Surfaris	Blue
3	3	Sandy—Town and Country Bros.	Vincent
7	4	Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah—Allan Sherman	Rita Pavone
6	5	55 Days At Peking—Rob E.G.	Peggy March
5	6	Surfin'—Helen Shapiro	Al Casey
3	7	Surfer Jackie Nicholas	Frank Ifield
8	8	Painted Rose—Al Martino	Willard
9	9	Judy Judy—Johnny Tillotson	Connie Francis
10	10	No Trespassing—Helen Shapiro	Johnny Cash

Israel

(Courtesy Kol Israel Broadcasts)

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
1	1	Devil In Disguise—Elvis Presley	Elvis Presley
3	2	Bliss On Blue—Bob Dylan	Bob Dylan
5	3	Give A Woman—Rick Nelson	Princess
6	4	Hi Ball—Del Matone	Little
7	5	I Wish I Were A Princess—Little Peggy March	Peggy March
4	6	Hora Of Love—The Rascals	The Rascals
2	7	Confession—Frank Ifield	Frank Ifield
8	8	Hopeless—Andy Williams	Williams
9	9	Drivin' My Sorrows—Connie Francis	Connie Francis
10	10	Ring Of Fire—Johnny Cash	Johnny Cash

S. Africa

(Courtesy Southern African Record Manufacturers and Distributors) Aus.J

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
3	1	Devil In Disguise—Elvis Presley	Elvis Presley
1	2	Lucky Lips—Cliff Richard	Connie
2	3	Fool's Day—Cliff Richard	Francis
4	4	Atlantic—The Shadows	The Fabulous Echoes
5	5	Blue Train—John D. Leadmill	It's All In The Game
6	6	Detroit City—Bobby Bare	Cliff Richard
8	7	Happy Birthday My Darling—Bob Gibson	Sakamoto
7	8	Walk The Line—Dean Martin	Karen
6	9	Sukiyaki—Kyu Sakamoto	Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy-Days
10	10	Little Boy Crying—Johnny Kongor	Nat King Cole

Compiled by courtesy of the American trade paper, "Billboard."

Hong Kong

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist
1	1	Devil In Disguise—Elvis Presley	Elvis Presley
2	2	Browsing My Son—Connie Francis	Connie Francis
3	3	Sukiyaki—Kyu Sakamoto	The Fabulous Echoes
4	4	It's All In The Game—Cliff Richard	It's All In The Game
5	5	Sukiyaki—Kyu Sakamoto	Cliff Richard
6	6	Hello Heartaches, Goodbye Love—Little Peggy March	Little
7	7	You Can Never Stop Me—Johnnie Tillotson	Peggy March
4	8	James Bond Theme—Al Caiola	James Bond Theme
9	9	Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy-Days—Nat King Cole	Al Caiola
10	10	I Want To Stay Here—Steve and Eddie	Nat King Cole

actions we do during our act, incorporated them into their living routines and turned it into a new dance.

"It's sort of like 'The Cavern Stomp' but whereas in 'The Cavern' the dancers move their legs as well, in 'The Whack' they just move their arms and shoulders."

"Ideal for crowded clubs," chipped in Ralph Ellis, who declined to give a sole demonstration.

"I'm no good at 'The Whack,'" he said. "The actions we do on the stage just sort of come naturally but when we're not playing I'm not very good at it."

"The best part of it," said Ray, "is when Les is playing the maracas and when he shakes them above his head hundreds of hands in the Mardi Gras Club shoot up and wave around. It's fantastic."

"It certainly seems to be catching on fast all over Liverpool." No one can accuse The Blue Jeans of being stick-in-the-mud: they're always starting something. They were the ones who thought up the new "pop" travel game (guessing the population of towns they travel through), then they inspired, of all things, an oil painting. And last Sunday they became the first Mersey beat group to commence a radio show — for Radio Luxembourg.

And now, it's "The Whack," Cynthia Bateman



The Swinging Blue Jeans—minus leader Ray Eamis—demonstrate "The Whack."

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Adam — pictured here during "Ready, Steady, Go" — looks like having a huge success with "The First Time."

Week ending September 28th, 1963

Last Week	Title	Artist	Label
2	1 Do You Love Me	Brian Poole and The Tremeloes	Decca
1	2 She Loves You	The Beatles	Parlophone
5	3 Then He Kissed Me	The Crystals	London
12	4 Blue Bayou/Mean Woman Blues	Roy Orbison	London
9	5 If I Had A Hammer	Trini Lopez	Reprise
3	6 It's All In The Game	Cliff Richard	Columbia
4	7 I Want To Stay Here	Eddy Gorrie and Steve Lawrence	CBS
11	8 Just Like Eddie	Heinz	Decca
7	9 Applejack	Jet Harris and Tony Meehan	Decca
10	10 Shindig	The Shadows	Columbia
28	11 The First Time	Adam Faith	Parlophone
16	12 Ain't Gonna Kiss Ya EP	The Searchers	Pye
6	13 Bad To Me	Billy J. Kramer & The Dakotas	Parlophone
13	14 Wishing	Buddy Holly	Coral
8	15 I'll Never Get Over You	Johnny Kidd and The Pirates	HMV
20	16 Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh	Allan Sherman	Warner Bros.
21	17 Hello, Little Girl	The Fourmost	Parlophone
15	18 You Don't Have To Be A Baby To Cry	The Caravelles	Decca
26	19 Searchin'	The Hollies	Parlophone
27	20 Everybody	Tommy Roe	HMV
17	21 Dance On	Kathy Kirby	Decca
22	22 Still	Karl Deaver	Decca
—	23 I (Who Have Nothing)	Shirley Bassey	Columbia
23	24 Still	Ken Dodd	Columbia
30	25 Somebody Else's Girl	Billy Fury	Decca
24	26 Twist and Shout EP	The Beatles	Parlophone
29	27 The Beatles' Hits EP	The Beatles	Parlophone
14	28 I'm Telling You Now	Freddie and the Dreamers	Columbia
18	29 Wipe Out	Surfaris	London
19	30 Legion's Last Patrol	Ken Thorne	HMV

Compiled from dealers' returns from all over Britain.

TOP 30

They met at a birthday party in Brooklyn

THE four Crystals—Delores (Dee Dee) Kennibrew, 19; Barbara Alston, 20; Delores (La La) Brooks, 18; and Patricia Wright, 20 have known each other less than two years, but in that short time they've had six hits in a row!

"We met at a birthday party in Brooklyn," Dee Dee told me over the long distance telephone from Oklahoma City's Municipal Auditorium. "None of us knew any of the others, but before the party was over we were clowning around singing pop record hits. It seemed like we should do something about it and Barbara's uncle did. Now we've probably got this trip to Britain early next year and we're thrilled about it all."

"He thought we were good enough to go on with our singing and he worked hard rehearsing us. Somehow he got us to meet Phil Spector, who had made a lot of records for different companies.

"He was starting his own record company and we got to be his very first artists and the first record, 'There's No Other,' which we thought was no good really, turned out to be a hit.

A little niece

"It seems to me that we've been out on the road ever since. When we're home in Brooklyn, which isn't very often any more, we live with our parents. I was still in school and I had to enrol in professional school to keep up. La-La is still in school now and she's doing the same thing. You go to the school when you're near it and you do your work with correspondence courses when you're on the road."

"Pat—Patricia Wright, that is—had a little niece and her name was Crystal. That's how we got our name. I guess it was a good one because it worked out. But we've been lucky to be able to work with Phil Spector."

"Most of our songs have been written by Dennis Kirshner's writers, like Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil and Carole King and Gerry Goffin. They've given

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us the right numbers all right. We've had six straight hits with 'There's No Other,' 'Updown,' 'He's A Rebel,' 'He's Sure The Boy I Love,' 'Da Doo Ron Ron' and 'And Then He Kissed Me.'

"We hope we can get much more into the night club field. At least we could stand still once in awhile that way. We're working our act up right now and we hope to play at the Eleagnes Club in Brooklyn, which is owned by Joe Scandore, one of our managers. Joe has some good connections in Las Vegas too, so maybe we can play there sometime."

On the road

"I don't know if we were ever really influenced by anybody in particular, but we all love The Shirelles and we have since they started. We've worked a few times with The Orleans, too."

"The girls have been on a tour with such top acts as James Brown and the Famous Flames, Martha and the Vandellas, Major ('Monkey Time') Lance and Jack Fox, among others, and when I spoke to them they were due to be out on the road another week. Then they expect to work more on their act, so that by the time they reach Britain next spring, it's likely to be in fine shape and well broken in."

"And we're really excited about our first trip overseas too," Dee Dee said, as she left the phone to go back to rehearsal.

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Dick Tatham reveals a new side to the top pop star

SILVER DISC BILLY WANTS A SILVER CUP — FOR DOG BREEDING!

ALL of a sudden there are three females in the life of Billy Fury. He told me about them at the weekend. Their names: Chiquita, Angelina and Minnie Mouse.

But Billy's fans needn't get jealous: the truth is simply that he has decided to go in for chihuahuas, a breed of miniature dog.

Seated in the West End luxury flat of manager Larry Parnes, Billy revealed he had just bought a cottage and a couple of acres deep in the heart of Sussex. He doesn't want me to name the town that it's near—but if you go from London to Brighton you'll probably pass within a few miles.

This country retreat is to be the operations centre of Billy's new ambition: to breed champion chihuahuas. Chiquita, Angelina and Minnie Mouse are there to do their level best to help. Billy plans to introduce them to male chihuahuas—preferably ones with masses of

challenge cups to their credit, and as a long-term investment he has bought a male puppy called Pepe.

Billy is full of zeal over his mini-dogs. He let his tea get cold as he told me, "I got the idea a few weeks ago from friends of mine who are breeders. I'm not interested in breeding a whole lot of chihuahuas just to sell them: I'm sticking to a few with the aim of producing some real champions."

"It's a fascinating business. So much to it. For instance, you put a chihuahua on the table and you very gently press it and coat

it till it's standing absolutely right. You have to check on the set of the legs, feet, head, tail—everything. Then you have to keep up the training so that when you say STAND!—it does it dead right in a flash."

"I don't mind how much time and trouble I spend on training. I also gladly help with feeding, cleaning and clipping the chihuahuas whenever I go to the cottage."

During his new tour—which starts at Croydon on Friday this week—Billy will have someone on the spot to look after the dogs.

Billy opens his tour tomorrow (Friday) with Joe Brown, The Tornados, The Karl Denver Trio and Dickie Pride at the Croydon ABC, followed by Brighton Esso (Oct. 5), Plymouth ABC (6), Exeter ABC (7), Southampton ABC (8) and Hastings ABC (9).

chihuahuas. When I asked about his act, he said: "I shall feature my recent disc hits; I guess that's more or less routine. But I also hope to include two rhythm 'n' blues numbers which may not be so familiar to the fans."

"One is 'From The Bottom Of My Heart.' I think this is about four years old. It is on a demo disc sent over from America quite some time ago.

"The other is 'Movin' On'—an early Ray Charles number. It's a great song. Only trouble is it has quite a range and when I started singing it on my spring tour, I found I was losing my voice, so I took it out after a couple of nights."

"But now I feel all fresh and rarin' to go and I think I can cope with it."

"This promises to be a really exciting tour—I understand advance bookings are wonderful. But whenever I get a chance to nip down to the cottage I shall do so. Mustn't forget my dogs. Gotta keep an eye on their training."

"If I start saying STAND! and nothing happens, that's not gonna be so good, is it?"



Billy packs a few clothes before heading off to Sussex and his country cottage.

Stop Pressings

by
Peter Thomson

Tornados 'covered' in U.S.

KAI WINDING, the U.S.A. hit-maker of Norman Newell's "More," has recorded *The Tornados*' British success, "The Ice Cream Man." Though "Mean Woman Blues" made initial impact, expect Roy Orbison's "Blue Bayou" to be the bigger hit in Britain in the long run in America, probably the reverse.

In New York, Hayley Mills has been escorted by Kirk Douglas' son, Michael. Overnight U.S. hit-makers (up to No. 4 in three weeks) Jimmy Gilmer and The Fireballs first met at the recording studios of Norman Petty, manager of the late Buddy Holly. Coast-to-coast tour team in November may be Brenda Lee and Trixi Lopez.

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THE SHADOWS drummer Brian Bennett wrote "It's Been A Blue Day," flipside of top tenner "Shindig" . . . News for alt Beatles' haircut admirers: Liberace has just been voted (unofficially) "the best dressed man in the world!" Three "mousts" for pop R & B lass, all on Oriole: Mary Wells' "What Love Has Joined Together," Marvin Gaye's "Pride And Joy" and The Miracles' "Mickey Monkey." Miracles' "Out in U.S.A. on Liberty" . . . Brian Kramer's "Bad To Me" . . . Pianist Joe Henderson subtitled his new BBC DJ programme "The 99 Show" because "only one record in every 100 gets into the Top Ten, so I'll play the best of

the other 99" . . . Another fab Phil Spector-produced record: The Ronettes' "Be My Baby" . . . Cliff Richard's "It's All In The Game" now a hit in Norway—and Hong Kong! Disc vocal comeback for DJ Jimmy Young, with oldie "Miss You"; Jimmy's 1954 hit, "Unchained Melody" may have another chart ride via Vito and The Salvations' new version . . . Bill Anderson, original hit-maker of Karl Denver's "Still," has composed Burt Ivers' next single, "It Comes And Goes."

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THE next Four Seasons single, "New Mexican Rose," has tango-type tempo . . . Capitol has signed the late Erroll Flynn's daughter, Deirdre . . . First US re-action shows that the ballad side of Brenda Lee's new record, "The Grass Is Greener," is the hit . . . Pat Boone's version of old Elvis Presley hit "Love Me" out as a single.

New titles by Johnny and The Hurricanes: "Rough Road" and "Kaw-Liga" (recently recorded by BBC favourite Val Doonican) . . . "Newweek" magazine calls California's surfin' style-setter Dick Dale "The King at 24"; as yet, no crowns for Dick in New York or the UK . . . Very promising new singer Vic Dana's first LP includes versions of "The Times" "So Much In Love," the Wayne Newton-Craig Douglas "Dance Schoen" and Skeeter Davis' "The End Of The World."

Peter, Paul and Mary gave DJs and Press a preview of their Carnegie Hall show at London's Astor Club last week . . . Charles Squires' brilliant A.R.T.V. "Take Four" deserved special TV award.

BO DIDDLEY WOVS 'EM ON EVERLY TOUR

BO, you're great" screamed the girl immediately behind me at the opening of the Everly Bros./Bo Diddley tour at the New Victoria, London, on Sunday, and despite the fact that she almost split my ear-drums, I must agree.

The theatre was packed and never can a London audience have been treated to such rare talent in the rhythm and blues field. Bo played his guitar with fantastic skill for a solid

one of a selection of routines and before you're really settled in, the act is over," he said.

He needn't have worried, their act was faultless. He and Phil were in great form and were backed ably by their own trio. The odd favourites "Cathy's Clown" and "Dream, Dream, Dream" went down the best, but the whole act, including a wonderful comedy number involving bass-guitarist Joey Page, was great and the boys

Tony Noakes reviews the opening show

half-hour and the fans were still screaming for more when the safety curtain came down to close the first half. Bo never stopped moving, whether he was singing his latest release "Pretty Thing" or doing the splits as he beat out the rhythm of "Hey Bo Diddley." His act alone makes this show well worth a visit. When I spoke to Don Ewell before the second house he was understandably apprehensive. "You get on stage and try out

were forced to give an encore. The Flinstones provided some able backing for other artists and stood up well on their own, and The Rolling Stones really moved the audience with "Poison Ivy" and "Come On."

Mickie Most and Julie Grant had a harder time of it with the R'n'B fans who made up the majority of the audience. When I spoke to Don Ewell before the second house he was understandably apprehensive. "You get on stage and try out

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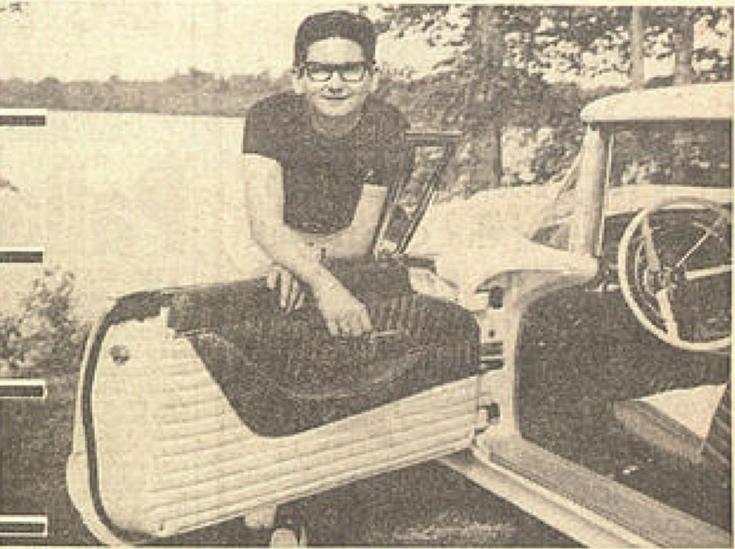
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Roy Orbison writes a farewell message

It's
been
real
swell



Roy relaxes by the lake in Tennessee where he is building his new luxury home.

YOU know those old tales about the British being reserved, your groups and singers being all second-hand copies of artists in the States, and your radio and TV being way behind the times?

You can forget them. From being in Britain only two weeks, I've seen and heard enough to know that, musically, you have very little to learn from Americans.

Your radio and TV programmes can show us a few things. As for you fans—there's certainly been nothing "reserved" about your reception to our act on tour.

As for generosity: I've never known anything like it back home. I've been showered with stuffed animals — some even hand-made and knitted with my name.

It's been a great thrill to meet up with such kindness.

And the knowledge displayed about my recordings really amazes me. One fan sent me a copy of a record I made back when I was 17. It was "Ooby-Dooby," and I was asked to autograph it. That was a real early one.

In turn, I have been overwhelmed with requests for souvenirs. Things like ties, cuff-links — even my glasses!

• grand

Seriously, I've had a really swell time with you all. And it's also been great to travel along with such a grand bunch of fellows and girls to accompany me. We had three fine violinists and girl singers, and those Sons Of The Piltown Men did a great backing job. They got to know my arrangements so well we didn't need the music.

I think the standard of your groups these days has improved tremendously. Once they copied us, but now they are creating their own sounds.

I think The Beatles are great. Claudette thinks so, too. I dig "Thank You Girl;" she loves "From Me To You."

Last Saturday, I did a "Saturday Club," and it was a real pleasure to find everyone so cooperative in the studio.

Certainly, we have nothing back in the States like "Saturday

Club." You can say the same for "Pick Of The Pops" and your "Two-Way Family Favourites." It's a nice idea to have requests from fellow songwriters.

Right now, I'm having a new home built in my hometown of Hendersonville, Tennessee. It's very modern. All redwood, glass and stone from the same locality. We shall have a heated stone floor, a swimming pool in the living-rooms — with a kiddie pool right alongside. And the whole house overlooks a lake.

There's going to be a bit of England right there in this new home. I am setting up a "British Corner" in my music room. In

it I shall give pride of place to my Silver Discs of "Only The Lonely" and "In Dreams," and also keep all those stuffed animals there. There'll be clippings and photographs of my British tours, too.

And, believe me, this tour has gone off so smoothly. The organisation has been wonderful. And it's some change not to have to travel more than around 200 miles between dates. Back home, I have done 3,000 between two concerts!

The facilities at your theatres have been first-class too. Right from the dressing-room accommodation to your microphones.

The food is good — more tasty than we get back home. Your vegetables are very fresh.

And I just loved your mixed grill and sausage rolls. Your regular sausages, too. Quite different from what we get in the

The Roy Orbison package plays the Odeon, Leeds today (Thursday), Scarborough Futurist tomorrow (Friday); Newcastle City Hall on Saturday and winds up at Blackburn King George's Hall on Sunday (October 6). Roy then flies to Ireland for five days of one-nighters before going on to a tour of Canada.

States. I'm sure going to get Claudette to fix me some mixed grill.

I hope to visit you again soon. And next time, we will try to give ourselves a couple of weeks beforehand to get acquainted with some of your great places of historical interest. The Tower of London, your museums, and so on.

Just one small thing I hope you can fix for Claudette and me by the time we get back: a good supply of ice and ice water.

We never did seem to get enough ice for our Cokes!

But everything else — and all you people — can be summed up in one word: swell.

ADAM'S BACK—WITH A 'SCOUSE' SOUND AND A BRAND NEW LOOK

THEY screamed. They roared. They whistled. They clapped. It was easily the biggest send-off of the evening. The "Ready, Steady, Go!" producer and cameramen could understandably cast anxious eyes at the studio roof — expecting it to take off at any moment.

A telling demonstration of the loyalty of the Faithful — even though their idol, Adam, had been too long absent from the top of the charts.

But now, with "The First Time," he's back with a bang — and with a New Look.

Adam's latest chart-rider is, indeed, appropriately titled. For this is Faith on a "first time" Scouse kick — a swinging Adam backed by a pulsating Possettes'

accompaniment that has spun him right into that hit parade slot.

Over a hasty, pre-show cuppa in the A-R TV canteen, Adam told me: "I'm really knocked out with the sound we get on this disc—it's something quite different for me."

"Chris Andrews has written a great number, and The Roulottes and Johnny Keating have come up with a grand backing.

"Chris is a newcomer to me, but after 'The First Time,' I'm doing some more of his songs.

"He came along with a demo disc of 'The First Time,' and we knew it was for me as soon as we heard it. I shall be taking some of Chris' songs to the States, where I am recording

numbers for 'Tom Sawyer,' a new show."

Adam will play the leading name role in this production, which is scheduled for London's West End.

Adam left for New York on Tuesday, and will also fly to Hollywood for film talks and discussions on a big new filmed TV series and a show spectacular. Altogether, he will be in the States three weeks for negotiations that are set to put that Faith star in even bigger orbit in the new year.

And don't be surprised if the name of Chris Andrews also blazes up brightly on the pop scene shortly.

Laurie Henshaw

THE NORRIE PARAMOR STRINGS
Dream of Tomorrow
(Theme from BBC-TV's *Compact*)

COLUMBIA DB 7116



TOMMY
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EVERYBODY

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N'B SENSATION!

Richard and Chuck signed for tours

A package to beat the lot could be the result of negotiations this week. Promoter Don Arden has signed Little Richard and Chuck Berry behind many of the Liverpool groups, to tour here and at they will go out on the road together in November.

Offers to come to Britain, last called to tour here, and he arrives Friday, to join the remaining dates opening at the Watford Gaumont

Tommy Roe stays on for Dreamers tour

TOMMY ROE is to extend his current British stay to become the fourth star on the one-day November tour which headlines Freddie and the Dreamers, Brian Poole and the Tremeloes and The Searchers.

The package opens at the Halifax Odeon on November 8 and then plays Bolton Odeon (9), Liverpool Empire (10), Caxton Esso (11), Tunbridge Wells Esso (12), Brighton Esso (13), Kettering Granada (14), Sheffield City Hall (16) and Leicester De Montfort Hall (November 17).

Completing the bill are Dave Berry and the Cruisers, Susan singer and compete Tony Marsh.

R'n'B for the Brooks

THE Brooks Brothers have lined up a new accompanying group, called the R&B-Rhythm and Blues Quartet—for the next release out on October 8. Topside is Geoff Brock composition called "Whistle To The Wind."

The Brooks and their group have been signed for The Beatles autumn tour package which opens at Cheltenham on November 1.

FREDDIE LOSES HIS 'BUS'

A MINI-BUS and equipment worth several hundred pounds, belonging to Freddie and the Dreamers, were stolen from outside EMI House last Friday.

The bus was parked outside EMI for just ten minutes and contained all the gear belonging to Freddie and the Dreamers, plus the drum kit belonging to Chris Curtis of the Searchers.

At present neither the instruments nor the minibus had been recovered and both Freddie and the Dreamers and Chris Curtis have been using Brian Poole and the Tremeloes' gear on their current tour. Curtis had ordered a new set of drums from the U.S. which he is hoping to receive this weekend.

Freddie and the Dreamers' agent, Danny Bresch, told DISC: "Luckily all the equipment was insured, but the boys will have to buy new sets of everything except amplifiers."

Freddie and The Dreamers recorded a new single last week for release during the first week in November. Their 1964 plans include a early spring tour with an American artist—possibly Bobby Vee—opening for four weeks on February 29.

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GERRY and The Pacemakers' version of "You'll Never Walk Alone" has been well received on tour, hence the disc.

Gerry takes a chance on 'Carousel' hit

Gerry and The Pacemakers

You'll Never Walk Alone; It's Alright
(Columbia DB 7226)

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GERRY and The Pacemakers have apparently been getting good reactions when they've tried out the great "Carousel" song "You'll Never Walk Alone" in their act. Now Gerry records it, making it a slow rockabilly with heavy rim shots emphasizing the off-beat in a way that seems distinctly old-fashioned.

Recording manager (and conductor) George Martin feeds plenty of strings into the accompaniment for sentimental dressing to the husky vocal.

It will probably make the Parade—but only because of the team's faithful following. Not because of any intrinsic merit in performance or production.

Marsden's own composition "It's Alright" takes them back to more familiar territory . . . cheerful.

For a bunch that this disc is going to make it a lot harder for Gerry and The Pacemakers to reach the Twenty with their next release.

The Ronettes

Be My Baby; Tedesco And Pitman
(London HLU 9705)

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PHIL SPECTOR, the man responsible for producing The Crystals' hits, is also the man behind the disc success which has come this way of this team in the U.S. The Ronettes are three Negro girls from New York (two sisters and a cousin). Their lead voice is backed by large wandering harmonies which sound extremely commercial.

For proof, consider that "Be My Baby" (a dramatic heater) will repeat its American Top Ten achievement. Powerful orchestral accompaniment wears down what resistance the girls themselves may fail to demolish.

"Tedesco And Pitman" (whatever the title may mean) is not a vocal second side. A strong instrumental performance of a middle-beat Spector composition. Vibraphone, piano, saxophone, drums and guitar.

The Jaynetts

Sally Go 'Round The Roses (I and II)
(Mercury SS 22100)

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THIS record has fairly leaped to the top of the American Parade, and it should jump high here also. Whether it's climb will be so swift is doubtful, but the compulsive beat of "Sally Go 'Round The Roses" will attract your ears as well as your hips. Both dancers and singers are going to be collecting this bisecting girl group vocal.

It's an original, all right . . . but something new with a commercial twist, that's familiar. The second side is used for the same song—but with a clever switch.

Here the instrumental accompaniment is dominant, and the girls' voices are faded until they are virtually indistinct. The company calls this half "Sing Along Without The Jaynetts" . . . in other words do your own chanting to the backing. Thousands will.

Chuck Berry

Let It Rock; Memphis Tennessee
(Mercury N 23318) ****

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THIS is a great mouth for Chuck Berry fans. This single joins the two EPs and an LP being released. And the rhythm 'n' blues whip up a typical storm on Let It Rock.

From this hard and rapid effort

he slows down on Memphis Tennessee. A known number which is changed skilfully to some fine guitar.

Rick Nelson

Fools Rush In; Down Home
(Brunswick 07895) ***

RICK NELSON'S updated treatment of the old song Fools Rush In is liable to give the ballad

a big new lease of life. I don't know that it will rush into the high sellers, but it will certainly draw fat customers as soon as it begins getting heard around.

Rick takes Johnny Mercer's well-known lyric steadily straight down the middle, while the rhythm bucking moves rapidly and excitingly. Dancers should go with it.

Down Home is a Goffin and King effort with a nostalgic lyric which Nelson handles sincerely. Show easy

trout. Miss Squires has a nice sense of humour for numbers of this nature—and she is given an equally natty accompaniment from Johnny Keating.

Johnny Mathis

Songs Of Love; Wisconsin
(CBS AAG 1051) ***

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JOHNNY MATHIS, who has changed labels, will soon be coming out of the EMI trap instead of the Philips door. While they're still in possession, however, Philips naturally hope for a winner with Sooper Or Later.

This is a silky ballad performance in the expected Mathis manner,

Backed beautifully by Don Costa's orchestra, it drifts on a dreamy romantic melody.

In Wisconsin isn't so successful, and sounds a mite too calculated.

Bill Black's Combo

Monkey-Shine; Long Gone
(London HLU 7983) ***

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ANYONE doing the Monkey?

Bill Black usually follows the dance crazes avidly, and his latest craze is no exception. Monkey-Square-Lady and the way with some wandering harmonicae pointing out a trade mark of sorts. Side doesn't actually live up to early promise and the Shine dulls.

Long Gone slopes handily along in the blues idiom with saxophone darting warmly with piano.

Billie Davis

Bettie Stories; You And I
(Columbia DB 7115) **

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WEILL, I'm already sorry for Billie Davis and her broken jaw. I feel she must need a little sympathy on this record, too! Bettie Stories seems to fall between two stools . . . it's neither a cutesy-voiced kiddy ballad nor a smart little romance. The idea's there somewhere, but it doesn't come off. Fairly catchy tune.

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Rosemary Squires

The Mirror; Candy And Cake
(Hmv POP 1291) ***

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The Mirror could find a glossy pedestal, diamond and pearl reflection before long. A very catchy waltz with just a hint of jazz in the Kent Thorne arrangement.

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Disc Date
with Don Nicholl

IT'S FOLK-DIXIE IN THE KENNY BALL STYLE

Kenny Ball

Washington Square; The Music Goes Round And Around
(Pye Jazz NJ 2083)

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"WASHINGTON SQUARE" by the Village Stompers is reviewed this week, too—and it was because of that American disc that Kenny Ball was asked to record his version. The U.S. label Kapp wanted Kenny's treatment for the American market. Whether Ball's band can overcome the opposition across the water, he's pretty sure to do so here.

I'm told they call this style "folk-Dixie," which is a good description of it. The folk sound comes first, and sliding easily into the trad noise.

Kenny sings on the B side . . . a happy performance of the oldie "The Music Goes Round And Around." Amazing how fresh this song remains over the years.

RATINGS

*****	Excellent.
****	Very good.
***	Good.
**	Ordinary.
*	Poor.

And the really hit records that look like spinning to the top are marked by D.N.T. (Don Nicholl Tip).

cannot, however, see it winning despite the crisp Mike Leander orchestral accompaniment.

Lyn sings in company with a vocal team—making the number a little lighter than The Jaynetts; not quite so bleepy.

Trevor Peacock's You Can Kiss Me If You Like makes a pleasant second side, and Miss Cornell sings it with good appreciation of the lyric.

Brook Benton
Two Tickets To Paradise; Don't Hate Me
(Mercury AMT 1212) ****

BRANDON has found himself tickled to our Top Twenty with his song Two Tickets To Paradise. I hope so. This song builds and swings so smoothly and powerfully that it's a pity it had to fall for the poor fade-out finish. That was the only inferior point on an otherwise first-rate ballad.

Benton sings at his velvet best, and with a slick big band accompaniment.

Don't Hate Me is a slow ballad for contrast. Big chords accompanying.

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The Everly Brothers

The Girl Sang The Blues; Love Her
(Warner Bros. WB 1091) ****

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THE Everly Brothers have been out of luck lately, but their current tour of this country should alter things. From what I hear, the duo are receiving warm welcome. So, perhaps, will The Girl Sang The Blues.

It's a crisp up-tempo song which moves very infectiously. Interesting story lyric, too, will tell. But the melody itself could have been more impressive.

Love Her—by the same writing team of Mann-Weill—is a slow romantic ballad, which builds gradually and fairly lustily.

Lyn Cornell

Sally Go 'Round The Roses; You Can Kiss Me If You Like
(Decca F 11740) ***

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LYN CORNELL'S cover version of the Sally Go 'Round The Roses hit is more than useful and could do well in the battle. I

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RHYTHM 'N' BLUES? CYRIL IS YOUR MAN

Cyril Davies

Priscilla; The Blues;
Sweet Mary (Piccadilly N 2522) ***

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The Echoes

Marchin' Through;
Heart Fall Off Tears
(Decca F 11748) ***

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Priscilla; The Blues;

Sweet Mary (Piccadilly N 2522) ***

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The Echoes sing along alongside frantic snare drumming makes Marchin' Through a real showstopper.

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Where Did The Good Times Go?
A lot of hard work and thought has gone into their arrangement—and it pays off. May even prove strong enough to give the pair the hit they still lack in Britain.

The turnover **Guess Our Love Must Show** is a slower ballad with one or two gravel-voiced flights from the boy.

The Drifters

I'll Take You Home; I Feel Good All Over (London ILK 9785)****

A MANN-WEIL song for The Drifters this time out—and both song and performance are up to the top standards we expect from them.

I'll Take You Home moves in and takes occupation of your hips right from the start—but you'll find yourself paying full attention to the words also. This half could creep up the lists to give the vocal team in first British hit for quite a while.

I Feel Good All Over is a slower rhythmic effort, loping persuasively under the guidance of husky lead vocals.

Buddy Britten and The Regents

My Resistance Is Low; When I See You Smile (Odeon CB 1839)***

Hoagy Carmichael's great standard **My Resistance Is Low** is given a bright modern dress by Britten and The Regents. The treatment is very similar in pace and noise to that which trade-marked their "If You Gotta Make A Fool Of Yourself."

A side which deserves to overcome a lot of resistance.

Please It's All Mine, with the catchy **When I See You Smile**.

Skeeter Davis

I Can't Stay Mad At You; It Was Only A Heart (RCA L 1361)***

SKETTER'S a girl who can chant a ballad as well as most, particularly if you're looking for something a little "wry." She walks easily through the sentiments of **I Can't Stay Mad At You**, a good number by Carole King and Gerry Goffin.

It Was Only A Heart sees the girl double-tracking a gentle C and W ballad. Good lyric idea, with a cute pinch from "My Grandfather's Clock."

Jim Reeves

Guilty; Little Ole You (RCA L 1564)***

OUR the stars pop writers have been fascinated by the judges-and-jury-in-a-romantic-ballad. Way back Gene Austin was having a smash hit singing "What Is The Verdict?"—**My Fate Is In Your Hands**. Only a few weeks ago Susan Mangano was maintaining the theme with "The Verdict Is Guilty."

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When I Fall In Love on the other half suffers by comparison with the still strong memories of Nat Cole's version.

JOHN WARREN—Scarlett O'Hara (Chair, I Will Follow Him (Chair) (Pye N 15561)***—The John Warren orchestra has made a pop dancing long-player ("Smash Hits" For Dancing") and these tracks have been listed out as a single specimen. Good Latin treatments of recent parade entries, with the orchestra managing to satisfy strict tempo addicts at the same time as holding a colourful pop sound.

THE UNDERTAKERS—What About Us? (Money (Pye N 15562)***—The Leiber and Stoller rock novelty **What About Us?** has been registering well in the underground stage act, and was I believe, to have been their debut disc. But they were not satisfied with their recording.

Now the boys have re-made **What About Us?** and it should sell steadily. Good persistent beat behind lead voice Geoff Nugent. There's a rafty line in comedy interjections, too.

Moony is an oldie in the R. & B. field. I've heard better versions, but this one has plenty of life.

CHAD STUART AND JEREMY CLYDE—Yesterday's Gone; Lemon Tree (Ember EMB S 180)***—Coffee bar singers Stuart and Clyde have a pleasant line in folk music, if it can be called folk. **Yesterday's Gone**, a new number part written by arranger Stuart, tries amably to their guitar accompaniment. John Barry adds strings for extra size, but they're not really needed.

Lemon Tree is a natural, of

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MADELINE BELL — "Discovered" in the show "Black Nativity."



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GEORGE AND NAT—A SUPERB DUO

Net King Cole and George Shearing

Nat King Cole Sings, George Shearing Plays

September Song; Last April; I'm Lost; I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good; (Capitol EAP 5-1675)****

MORE gems from that outstanding album which teamed two of the all-time greats of international pop music. The rich Cole baritone combined with the gentle, subdued swing of the Shearing quintet and the velvet string section to achieve outstanding versions of some great standards.

guitarist who doesn't seem to get nearly as much attention and prominence on disc over here as he deserves.

Here he plays six dazzling little pieces in country idiom on his guitar composed by himself, with the exception of the last two.

His adept fingerwork should fascinate anyone at all interested in guitars.

Judy Garland

Judy At Carnegie Hall When You're Smiling; Puttin' On The Ritz; Come Rain Or Come Shine; Zing Went The Strings Of My Heart (Capitol EAP 7-1589)***

I THINK it's a pity that Capitol are splitting up Judy's wonderful Carnegie concert album into EPs. When you sit through the full album, all the emotional impact and nostalgia of the wonderful entertainment comes over you, cancelling out the vocal defects which occur from time to time.

But when you get an EP's worth, those defects are spotlighted and much of the overall impact and effect of atmosphere is lost.

Hence I didn't enjoy these extracts nearly as much as the original set, and the orchestral free-for-all not going on behind Judy in *Come Rain Or Come Shine* is heartbreaking in its sheer mood.

The Crickets

Straight; No Strings; Willie And The Hand Pipe; Summertime Blues; Searchin'; What'd I Say? (Liberty LEP 2094)***

The Ventures

Play Teletan And Lonely Bull; Teletan; Red River Rock; The Lonely Bull; Processor, (Liberty LEP 2104)***

TWO top American teams feature on this brace of Liberty EPs. The Crickets' title doesn't mean they left their guitars at home, but only that they did without a supporting string section.

They play and sing adequately, but don't impress me particularly with this collection, apart from a worthwhile rendition of *Ray Charles' What'd I Say?*

The Ventures are more earworthy and imaginative, with the organ deriving the unique voice from Joe Strick's teletan, snare and the wild, plaintive barking laments of *The Lonely Bull*. The rocked *Red River Valley* comes off well, too.

Heinz pays the price of being a star

HEINZ has been adding up the toll of being a bit parade pop star on tour. The score so far for him on the Billy J. Kramer bill is:

- 2 car radio aerials missing;
- 1 set of windscreen wipers missing;
- 1 breast pocket ripped open during an unsuccessful effort to grab his pocket handkerchief;
- 1 extendable gold wrist-watch strap ruined through being extended too far;
- 4 car tyres let down to keep him talking and signing autographs for a longer period.

Heinz won't be going short of baked beans for some time, either. Some fans presented him with two dozen tins of a well-known brand!

Last week Heinz recorded the follow-up to his "Just Like Eddie" hit. The topside is another Geoff Goddard composition, and the disc will be released in mid-October with backings by The Saints.

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The Sound of Strings

Shirelles cut loose on four year album

The Shirelles

Hits
Foolish Little Girl; Love Is A Swinging Thing; Mama Said; What A Sweet Thing That Was; Welcome Home Baby; Look At Here Baby; Will You Love Me; I'm Your Everything; Lovin' A Lawyer; Say The Music; Don't Think So; Mama, Here Comes The Bride; It's Love That Really Counts; Boys Not For All The Money In The World.
 (Stateside SL 1004) ***

THESE tracks, 1960, the four girls' studio recordings from 1960

Straight from a package show

One Night Stand

Mike Berry, Mike Sarne, Don Spencer, John Leyton, Brunswick, London, Mar. 21. My Little Baby, More Than I Can Say, La Bambina, Don't You Think It's Time? Always, Summertime, Just For Kicks, Come Outside, Will I What? The Code Of Love, Rhythm Of The Rain, Fireball, Shoot, Shoot, Spudgy Gonzales, Hollieholib, I Love Her So, Peppermint Twist, What'd I Say?, Wild Wind, Son, This Is She, Johnny Remember Me, Captain Love. (Columbia 33 SX 1536) ***

An atmospheric impression of a typical one-nighter pop package recorded at the Edimonton Granada and complete with the constant barge of shrill one-nighter audience screechers.

The four stars keep their hits coming fast and furious, interspersing the songs with some chat to the screaming fans. Mike Berry scores well, especially in the case of "La Bambina" with its Edimonton-style Spanish, and Mike Sarne gets the birds going at great strength with his singing and talking.

Don Spencer makes a brief but personable appearance, and John Leyton winds the LP up, sounding less easy and assured than he does when working in the comparative seclusion of a recording studio.

The fanatics back all four artists and do it extremely well.

up to and including this year. *Will You Love Me Tomorrow?* created most impact here, of course, but several of the other items are of equal interest and merit.

The Shirelles put across their songs with all the spirit one always expects and gets from coloured groups, but fortunately with less of the noise and ragged effect which detract from many outfit.

The buckings are commercially attuned without resorting to gimmicks, but both girls and orchestra register best on the up-tempo.

Gary (U.S.) Bonds

Greatest Hits
New Orleans; Twirl; Twist Senora; Seven Day Weekend; Copy Cat; Not Me; School Is Out; Quarter To Three; Dear Lady Twir; Please Forgive Me; Hard So Much Fun; School Is In; Grateful Groove.
 (Stateside SL 1007) ***

GARY seems to have left the Hi Parade limelight of late, although

he's as rough as sandpaper with no vocal polish noticeable at all, he whips up a wonderful twisting storm on most of his work with the aid of the jumping backings.

This is great party music — if you've got real neighbours. The typical Bonds outdoor recording sound is in evidence all the way. You could imagine it all being cut in the middle of a fire-ace paddock.

Bobby Vee

The Night Has A Thousand Eyes Go Away Little Girl; It Might As Well Rain Until September; It Couldn't Happen To A Nicer Guy; Theme For A Dream; Silver Partner; The Night Has A Thousand Eyes; You Won't Forget Me; Anonymous Phone Call; If She Were My Girl; Lover's Goodbye; Dry Your Eyes; What About Me? (Liberty LBY 1119) ***

A USEFUL round-up of Bobby Vee's, well packed with tunefulness and orchestral colour. As I've said before, this double-tracking seems pointless to me, especially when artists can't reproduce the effect on their stage appearances, but at least Bobby was one of the first to favour this now overdone gimmick.

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the title tune is still the best thing Bobby has ever done, but he's pleasant listening on other items like Little Girl and Rain.

Sarah Vaughan

The Explosive Side of Sarah Vaughan

I Believe In You; Homespun Rose; Moonlight On The Gazebo; The Lady I'm In Love With You; After You've Gone; Garden In The Rain; I Can't Give You Anything But Love; Trolley Song; I'm Gonna Live Till I Die; Falling In Love With Love; Great Day; Nobody Else But Me.
 (Columbia 33 SX 1523) ***

THE grooves certainly are explosive as Benny Carter's big band now lollily behind the delectable Miss V. in this well-arranged set of familiar oldies.

Some of the tempos are as up that your arms ache in sympathy with your drummer and bassist. Sarah sings out across the powerfully swinging accompaniments in fine form, and lives up to the album title.

KEN JONES—Big Beat Boogie (Columbia 33 SX 1519) ***

Pianist-stranger Ken Jones leads

JOHNNY DOUGLAS AND HIS ORCHESTRA—Golden Strings—Catch A Falling Star; The Green Leaves Of Summer; Cherokee; Theme From "A Summer Place"; La Vie En Rose; Green Golden Bell; The Story Of A Sunday Night; The Sun Is Up; All In A Golden Afternoon; Sunset; Theme; Bark Bark Bark; The Luck; Lucy's Theme From Puritans. (Decca LK 4531) ***

Frank Chacksfield And His Orchestra

Magic Strings—Estrella; Serenade For Strings; Chariot Song; Parades; By The Waters Of Minnesota; Andalucia; Nine Red; Intermezzo; Anna Polka; Pathétique Sonata; Demands Et Responses; Splendor Of Strings; Persian Waltz. (Decca LK 4531) ***

The Cambridge Strings

Big Ben Hawaii Band—On The Beach At Waikiki (Columbia 33 SX 1527, stereo SCX 3483) *** — AL CAHOLA—Paradise Village (United Artists ULP 1035, stereo SULP 1035) ***

Some instant musical sunshine and imaginary palm trees and golden sands for those who are that way

inclined—and who isn't? The Big Ben crew sound much more aphrodisiac than that name suggests, choosing a familiar lot of Hawaiian items, and assisted by a generally helpful chorus.

Acc American guitarist Al Caiola goes further afield for his material, including Acker's Stranger On The Shore, Red Sails In The Sunset and Ebb Tide. He also employs a wider range of instruments in his line-ups, soloing himself instead of leaving several Hawaiian guitars like the Big Ben boys.

Not much to choose between them, but pick the Big Ben for the more authentically and the Cahola for variety.

LITTLE STEVIE WONDER—A Tribute To Uncle Ray (Oriole PS 40049) *** — The 12 Year Old Genius. (Oriole PS 40050) *** — Little Stevie is only 12, and one must admire him for the versatility of his act, which is undeterred by his blindness. But, at the risk of sounding a square, I just can't take to the idea of 12-year-old soprano-voiced boys singing rugged lyrics about love and all that.

The first set is a tribute to Ray Charles, and one of the titles like Hallelujah I Love Her So and Drown In My Tears, are also duplicated in the second LP, which is a live concert recording.

For this Stevie also plays bongos and drums and piano, but none of them very well, I'm afraid. But along the way his audience comes on deck, dash on the offbeat with their clapping every time, I wonder why we can't seem to do it?

CABLE FROM AMERICA

he has signed with R.C.A. Talking of R.C.A., they have just acquired the rights for the film recently completed of "Three Penny Opera," which stars Sammy Davis, Hildegarde Neil and June Ritchie. The film will have a worldwide release early next year.

The new musical "Zenda," based on the famous "Prisoner Of Zenda," has proved a big hit in its musical version and Capitol have now acquired the original cast album which in all events should prove a huge seller. In the cast are Alfred Drake and Ann Rogers.

UNITED ARTISTS have been very lucky with the sales of debut disc by Garnett Mimms and The Eschancers. Their disc of "Cry Baby" has gone into the top sellers within two weeks of release, and it so popular that U.A. have already recorded and rushed out an album of the same title.

One time big seller Julius La Rosa has returned to the scene of his former triumphs—he has just resigned with the Cadence label, the company for whom he has had many hits. He left them a few years back and has had little disc success since. First title is "David And Liza's Love Song," from a forthcoming film.

Bobby Vinton, who had the nation's number one hit last week with "Blue Velvet," is to make his film debut in "Surf Party."

Paul Anka looks like having a huge seller with his latest release "Wondrous Are The Ways Of Love." Paul, who is on his fifth international tour at the moment, will collect a gold record while in Sicily to honour him for his millionth record sold in Italy.

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BOBBY VEE — "Thousand Eyes" is still the best thing Bobby has ever done.

Sinatra, Lena Horne team on 'Negro' LP

FRANK SINATRA and LENA HORNE are scheduled for two concerts together at Carnegie Hall on October 5 and 6, both in aid of funds to further Negro voting and education rights. Frank will also appear on October 16 at the Madison Square Garden for a similar cause.

Connie Francis has started work on her third film for MGM, to be called "Looking For Love." The film co-stars Jolby Baker and Jim Hutton and Connie will sing at least eight songs.

Although Frank Sinatra, Jr. has received fantastic press reviews for his appearance with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at the Americana in New York, veteran singer Helen Forrest was the hit of the evening. Also in the show are the Pied Pipers.

The musical version of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance Of Being Earnest" is now to be called "Wilde About Marriage" and will open in San Francisco in November.

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CHUBBY CHECKER—Will soon make an album with a jazz outfit.

in Warner's forthcoming "A Distant Trumpet." He will also soon start filming a new cowboy TV series.

Coplax Records have acquired the rights for the background music for "Elizabeth Taylor in London," the TV special that will be shown

eventually all over the world. It is to be shown first in the States on October 6.

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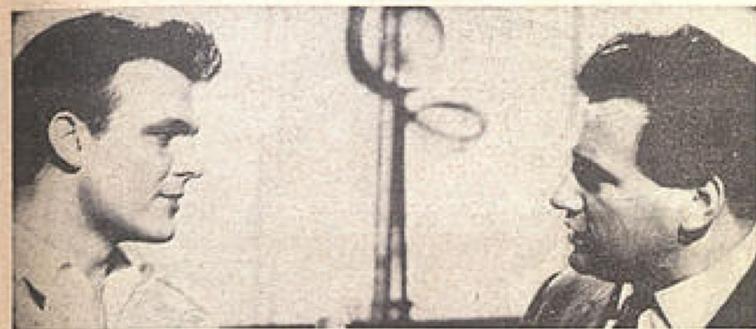
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Tommy Roe—seen here with compere Keith Fordyce—can't stop thinking about clothes.

Tommy can't resist buying new clothes

WHEN stocky, broad-shouldered, wavy-haired Tommy Roe is not making records back home in America or travelling through the hinterlands with his five piece band, he is most likely to be thinking about his next suit of clothes or making plans for his acting career.

"I just can't resist 'em," he told me. "It seems if I walk by a clothing store anywhere but especially on Broadway, my eye just focuses on something, a shirt, a tie, maybe a suit, and I feel I have to have it."

"I'm glad my manager, Bill Lowery, is here to keep me from buying them all out."

"I really do love clothes though. I have at least 20 stage outfits."

And all this ties in neatly with another of his part-time activities, though an increasingly lucrative one for him. He's a model for the people who make Stetson cowboy hats, a line of leisure-time slacks.

"I model for their adverts, Tommy told me, "and they send me an unlimited supply of new pairs of casual slacks. They also pay me a royalty on every pair of them they sell. It's a pretty good deal for me. I'll also be writing some radio and television jingles for them soon."

• feeling

Writing jingles won't really be very new for Tommy. He's been writing songs for seven years now. "I started writing really when I first started my band, in ninth grade. I've written something like 125 songs altogether, including 'Sheila,' my first big hit last year."

"I like writing, it's fun, but I don't force myself to do it and I don't go out of my way to write for other record artists. I just write songs when the feelings move me that way."

Another thing Tommy is dead keen on is cars and his British fans would flip if they could see him driving around in his silver-coloured Grand Prix Pontiac. Next, he has his eyes on a Chevrolet Corvette, one of the jazzier types of U.S.-made sports cars.

• disc fan

Tommy, in addition to all these pursuits, still finds time to be a record fan. "I was always a great follower of Buddy Holly and I guess, like a lot of people have said, I do sound a little like him. That's maybe because I think I have about every record he ever made."

"I was in junior high school when he made 'Peggy Sue,' but it's one of my all-time favourites even today. I don't deliberately sound like him. I guess a little bit of his sound rubbed off on me."

"I also collect Presley records and have most of his too. Then there's Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash. They're great, too. In fact, I love country music in general."

"Then there's folk music. That's what I'd like to do most and I took a try at it with my

record 'The Folk Singer.' It did well in Europe but it was a disappointment back home and I decided to go back to rockabilly, the thing I know best."

Tommy grew up and still lives in Atlanta, Georgia. "I went all through school there and right now I still live with my mother and dad and my 18-year-old brother. I'm building a brand new house for them out in the suburbs of Atlanta and I'll keep on living there when I'm not working."

"When I get back from England, I'll spend some time at home and then I plan to enter the Army for six months. It's something I have to face so I might as well get it over with."

Roy James

SATURDAY CLUB—A LIVELY 5 YEAR-OLD

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Jimmy started off as producer, and remained in that capacity until his recent promotion to executive level at the BBC. But he still takes one of the SC pre-recording sessions every week.

From the start

Berrie Andrews has worked on the show from the start as well, first as a technical capacity and latterly as main producer. The two-hour marathon keeps him herculean busy all through the week.

"I try on average to plan and book shows about two months ahead," he said. "You have to work at this distance in order to be able to get the top stars more or less when you want them."

"But we obviously have to leave some leeway to capture the sudden hit artists, and I play hunches sometimes in this respect."

The weekly routine is as follows with few exceptions:

"It's no fun having to interrupt yourself that way, but Bobby Vinton, who's a friend of mine, went through the six month Army bit too and he says it's not a bad deal. It's better than having to go in for two or three years later. This way I do six months active duty and then report in for a night a week for several years."

"After I get out of the service, I hope to work seriously on doing some acting. I did a pilot film for a TV series once and that didn't work out. But I still want to act in TV shows and in movies."

"I know it takes a lot of work and training. And it's rough trying to learn acting while you're still trying to keep your name on the record charts with him. I guess it can keep a fella pretty busy but that's okay. I've got the time."

Roy James

Jazz with Owen Bryce, Tony Hall

Beautiful playing, but without inspiration

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WHAT an idea! Hawkins, Eldridge and Hodges on one record. I don't know what "alive" means; did anyone think they were dead? But what an idea all the same!

The value of such an experiment must depend on the outcome and that outcome must be rather more than strings of good solos by three giants. There must be mutual integration, there must be superb ensembles, there must be interplay between the instruments.

Unfortunately there is none of that here, though the three soloists do play well.

So on what score the get-together is not all that much of a success. They all play beautifully, but without that essential burst of inspiration which such a gathering could have produced. There aren't any ensembles to speak of, except for the opening of *Skin Doll*.

They all solo, and I must add that the rhythm section of Flanagan, Edward Locke and Major Holley is all that could be asked for. I must also add that Eldridge is wonderful on this one.

Muddy Waters

You Shook Me; Little Brown Bird; You Need Love; Muddy Waters Twain.

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BO DIDDLEY revealed recently that Rhythm and Blues and Rock 'n' Roll were all the same anyway. That didn't surprise me; what did was that he meant Rhythm and Blues was the new name they'd given the old thing.

I remember Rhythm and Blues

from the middle Thirties, but I'm darned if they had the other name in those days, though there was the Pete Rock 'n' Roll "Em" and Rock Mr. Baby. Baby introduced us to words which were to become internationally known.

The important point is that Rhythm and Blues has been an

beat. I like Muddy, but I think he's made better records than this one. On the other hand, this is bound at Rhythm and Blues and, presumably, not intended for the jazz fan specifically. With that reservation, it's worth listening to.

O.B.

Coltrane just steals the show from Duke

wonderfully inventive playing. But Duke never tries to take the limelight. He's almost too self-effacing here. And there can be no doubt that Duke inspired Trane considerably.

With I had a whole page of DISC to devote to this one. But I haven't. So buy it and try it for yourself.

Herb Ellis All-Stars

THE MIDNIGHT BOLE (12s. Columbia 33 SX 1528)***

—Leonard Feather urges in his liner notes that Duke be disbanded about enjoying this PBO and implies that its contents may have a longer life than most of the angry avant-garde albums around. He might be right, you know. Because this is good, solid, sensible mainstream stuff by good, solid swingers—such as guitarist Ellis, Roy Eldridge, Buddy Tate, Ray Bryant and Gus Johnson.

There are ten tracks, including two ballads featuring Herb and the rhythm section. In fact, these two tracks are the highlights of an album notable for a really wonderful rhythm section.

The fourth star is for Herb. Ray and the rhythm.

T.H.

Duke Ellington and John Coltrane

DUKE ELLINGTON AND JOHN COLTRANE (12s. HMV CLP 1637)***

—No, they all play things Duke and Coltrane together. And I think the results are going to surprise—and more than satisfy—you.

Basically, it's Trane and Duke plus Jimmy Garrison and Elvin Jones on Aaron Bell and Sonny Woodword on bass and drums playing five Ellington tunes (including *Sentimental Mood*, an oddly out of character piece called *Angela* and a new one, *The Feeling Of Jazz*, which has a "standard" quality); plus one by Trane and one by Billy Strayhorn.

The feeling throughout is remarkably relaxed. Personally, I think Coltrane steals the show with some

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We already have a fine story script lined up, and Ron Cass and Peter Myers—who contributed so much to the success of "The Young Ones" and "Summer Holiday"—are again working on some grand tunes for Cliff and the boys.

Equally important, we have settled on a great location after

by
**'Summer
Holiday'**
producer
Kenneth
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hardly wait to fly out there to start shooting on December 3. And I know quite a few thousand of you will want to be with them if this coming winter is as tough as the last! I hope you won't be envious of us all.

But it won't be all fun, bathing and games on the beach. We shall be getting down to a strict work routine for over 11 weeks.

We shall start shooting at 7.30 a.m. and go on until the light goes—around 5.30. Only then will Cliff and the boys be free to do as they please.

And there is plenty to keep

them entertained... Marvellous restaurants, with some of the best food in the world, for one thing. I expect they will have had a taste of that national Spanish dish, paella, by the time they return!

The capital, Las Palmas, is truly international. Lots of ships call there, so the locals cater for all possible tastes—in food and pretty well everything. Cliff and the boys will be staying at the Santa Catalina, the finest hotel on the island, and we shall return there after each day's shooting.

The farthest we can extra grey hairs by the time we

go out on location is only about one-and-a-half hours by car, so we can easily get back each evening. There is no need to camp out.

We shall be doing some shooting in the banana plantations and in the tomato fields.

Of course, the film will be full of the Spanish atmosphere. So don't be a bit surprised if you see Cliff and The Shadows doing a pasodoble. You know what they got up to in Greece when we were there for "Summer Holiday".

I expect I shall have a few

grey hairs by the time we

start shooting on December 3. And I know quite a few thousand of you will want to be with them if this coming winter is as tough as the last! I hope you won't be envious of us all.

But it won't be all fun, bathing and games on the beach. We shall be getting down to a strict work routine for over 11 weeks.

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BRIAN POOLE and The Tremeloes have hit the top of the charts—and they never expected to make it.

Said Brian, when we broke the news to him on Tuesday: "This is tremendous, but I didn't think it could happen to us, not with so many other records coming up at such a fantastic speed. Our first Number One is obviously a cause for celebration. Next week, we'll throw a party for the cast on the Orbison tour and after that we'll have a couple of private wingdings for the people who helped us get there."

"But frankly we're so stunned that it will probably take at least a week to sink in."

A few days before Brian hit the high spot, he and the boys gave a certain Harley Street specialist a shock.

The Harley Street man must have looked mighty surprised when Brian Poole was announced and four Tremeloes trooped into the



BRIAN POOLE — health checks.

consulting room behind him!

"In fact, he didn't even ask us to sit down," Brian confessed after the ordeal. "Not surprising really, as he didn't have enough chairs to accommodate us."

"On the other hand, maybe he was so stunned by our appearance — well, leather

jackets are hardly the right gear for Harley Street—that he just wanted us out as quickly as possible!"

What were they doing there? Well, I can assure you: it wasn't the strain of one-nighters on their present tour, for the boys point out that being on the road with a package is much more relaxing than their usual round of dance halls.

"Actually we were in for insurance reasons," Brian explained. "We're forming our own company and had to have a health check before taking out a policy. It's all right though. The specialist assured us that we're not likely to crack up for several years yet!"

As a matter of fact, insurance policies are becoming something of a problem to Brian Poole and the Tremeloes.

Only last week, drummer Dave Munden, who is 19, passed his driving test but he found he was unable to take

out a comprehensive insurance for the new car he plans to buy.

"I'm O.K.," said Brian, "as I've carried over my policy from car to car, but we've got a new Dormobile now and because it carries all our gear, we've had to pay a pretty hefty wack."

Brian and the boys admit that the Orbison tour couldn't have come at a better time, and they think that being on the road has certainly helped sales of "Do You Love Me."

You know, I'm pleased that "Do You Love Me" has got higher than "Twist And Shout," he admitted. "It's more original, and to me, proves that the record buyers are really interested in our sound."

"We came in for a lot of criticism with "Twist And Shout" because of The Beatles, and it would have been touch and go if we hadn't made it with this."

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I never thought we'd make it to the top, says Brian Poole