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## CHRISTMAS POLL RESULTS

# 20 BIG PAGES

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE SCAFFOLD . . .

WE'LL drink a drink a drink to . . .  
Christmas.

And to Father Christmas.

And to the Scaffold who didn't believe in Father Christmas until I took them along to Santa's Grotto in Whiteley's of Queenway. They were still a bit sceptical about the whole thing as we boarded the Fairy Choo-Choo Train that threaded its way through a labyrinth of tunnels to Santa's cave in the centre, where they posted their letters to him.

Then the jolly bearded man himself arrived, with a present for each of them—the toys of their choice. Teddy bears and tanks and bunny rabbits and guns.

And then they knew that Santa was real. And all was fun and laughter.

That's what *Christmas* is all about — Santa and fun and laughter. "Everyone's so friendly at Christmas," said John Gorman, "can you imagine anyone being given a parking ticket, for example, on Christmas Eve?"

What's your Christmas message to the world, John?

### FORGIVE AND FORGET

"Forgive and forget. That's what everyone does at Christmas—there's no real hatred, and everybody loves everybody else. So they could do that all the year through, this to much better things would be. If we could all make up our minds to forgive and forget this Christmas and start the new year off on a new foot, perhaps everyone in the world could live together in harmony."

"But that's an ideal. It couldn't work—but even if it could, it might kill the advancement of civilisation. People would have no ambition — and ambition is the thing that in the end changes the world. For example Hitler altered the whole course of things—some may say for better and some for worse, but the point is that it was the ambition of one man that did it all."

"So perhaps it would be bad to have the Christians spirit all the year round—to that extent. But if the feeling of goodwill that's so evident in everyone at Christmas could be just that little bit stronger for the rest of the year, life would be more bearable."

### FRIENDS AGAIN

"Within the group, for example, we have our arguments. Sometimes they get very nasty and we can't stand the sight of one another. But in the end all is forgiven and forgotten, and we're friends again."

"So merry Christmas, happy new year, and . . . forgive and forget."





# DUSTY STILL TOPS IN RM'S POLL!

**I**T was about five years ago that these people came into my office and said that they had an important news item to tell me. One of them was named Tom, the other was named Mike and the other was named ... Dusty.

## INTERNATIONAL ATTRACTION

They announced that the Springfields, an international attraction and massive record-sellers, were no more. Now here comes a fantastical story. What's it all about? THAT sort of news? Well, for a start, I was philosophical. I raved on with the usual "soory" type of response that you expect. Then wrote: "Well, we'll miss the trip but Dusty is now set fair to become the world's top-rated singer. Maybe, just maybe, it'll all work out for her."

And it has. Dusty sits serene and super-professional at the top of the charts of the world. She's a star. She still has proved that to everybody's satisfaction. The point about Dusty is that she is not tied to any specific part of the music industry. She can play if she happens to have a "Top" single, it matters little. She's come through strongly to the television world, the cabaret world, and the concert-type world.

## SINGLES

Dusty has that bit extra. She has broken box-offices records in places like America, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Japan, South Africa, Germany and France.

So, okay, a lot of her success has come because of her voice. But she's got "I Only Want To Be With You", and "Stay Awhile"; "I Just Don't Know What To Do With You"; "Leave Your Kissin' King Of Love"; "I'm In The Middle Of Nowhere"; "Some Of You Lovin'", "Little By Little", "Going Back", "All I See Is You", "I Will Try Anything Once", "There's What It Gonna Be", "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me"; "I Close My Eyes And Count To Ten" and the rest. She's won over America and has all the signs pointing round it which suggest a top three record ... at least!

## BACHARACH

Anneke says: "We Did Dusty" through and through "Wishing You Happiness", "The Look Of Love" and the Bacharach ballad which she performed over the title credits of "Castles Royal" and so on. Miss you, Anneke, please. Or don't. It another way, an incredible series of songs presented unusually reading together to talk about this fella. Dusty is 28 is leading an international sort of life which would knock the stuffing out of anyone

less hardy ... yet she is hardly the hardest of birds.

For my money, Dusty is one of the most professional of all artists. I once went to a recording session with her and I was amazed how much thought and effort went into every note she sang. She's her own most severe critic, but she is also the sort of person that managers will willingly work all night for ... just so long as the final product is dead right.

## RECORDING

Now then, let's look at what there is coming up. Next week Dusty, like January 18 she's in Nassau, for the Atlantic Dealers' Convention ... a happy sort of session where her manager and herself will be showcasing. In early February she's doing television spots here with both Tom Jones

and with Cilla Black. Then it's on to America for twelve concerts, specially selected concerts — most of which will be on the lucrative and important university circuit.

In March, she's in Berlin, Germany, for the Festival du Disque. And later the same month she's off to Spain and Portugal for a season. On the way back, she calls in for her first appearances in Holland. Then it's a month or two with either the band in New York or the Coconut Grove, in Los Angeles. And back to Britain for almost certainly another tour. Big, big, big, new scenes at the Talk Of The Town in London.

Dusty used to talk to me about this importance of being an international performer. "I hate being tied down," she'd say. "I hate being in one place for too long in one town". The foregoing list of dates suggests that she is now one of the most seasoned of international travellers.

## CONCERT TOUR?

But she also is perfect. She not finished just yet. Now I am sure that she will also soon be doing a concert tour of Britain, maybe with a big band and perhaps a male backing group. She will be doing a "well organised" sort of dates — she is a perfectionist who demands that her talents be shown off in the most suitable way.

She's top class in the world again and I think it's marvellous. And what is perhaps the most important thing is that she has that star-quality appeal.

Have I gone on a bit too long? One her assessors said, remember that I was convinced that she would be the world's top-rated girl — and that was years ago. But I was fair: those other Springfields, Tom and Mike Hurst, have done pretty well, too.

PETER JONES

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forget JANUARY 4th

Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year  
from the  
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## THE GIRLS WON'T LEAVE THE BOYS ALONE

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# DENNIS WILSON:

## "I LIVE WITH 17 GIRLS"

**S**AID Dennis Wilson, a bemused frown on his face: "I don't know why I'm telling you all this..." Well, whatever Dennis's reasoning may be, the fact is that he's spoken so openly about it now, it does add an element of trust. May be he said things he'd rather not see printed. Maybe he was so willing to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, that he didn't mind seeing it all laid out before the lucky readers of the RM. Anyway, I've had to exercise some sort of judgment so here follows a compromise — PART OF what Dennis said over food and drinks at the Hilton a few days ago:

### LAST TOUR?

"This could be our last tour. See, when you go on tour you could record it. I guess we've done more touring than anything else in the month. Now we're thinking of doing maybe ten days a year and, for the rest of the time, getting right down to it in the studio."

"We're thinking of giving up. A couple of years ago we got very paranoid about the possibility of losing our public. We were getting loaded, taking acid, and we made a whole album which we scrapped."

"Then we had a change, rested up, and then came out with the 'Smiley Smile' album, all new material. Drugs played a great role in our evolution but as a result we were frightened that people would no longer understand us, musically."



DENNIS WILSON — Explains it all to RM's Griffiths

"We no longer feel that way. I know I am now more in tune with my mind, I feel easier and more confident of myself and I am completely involved in communication with others. That's why I think it's the most fascinating thing..." Noticing how civil he was to the (mostly) girls who came up asking him to sign photographs, I asked Dennis if he had any trouble with fans. His response to these trivial demands on his time: "Not at all; talking to people who are interested in The Beach Boys give me a people want to feel."

And what Beach Boys recordings does he regard as most worthy of our attention? "No doubt about it—Good Vibrations". Perhaps in two or three years time it will be played again, but it's still a classic.

Perhaps so, Dennis, but aren't recordings difficult to reproduce in concert because of the electronic treatment that's been applied to them? "Yes, but we can reproduce most anything onstage these days. We've worked with 50 musicians."

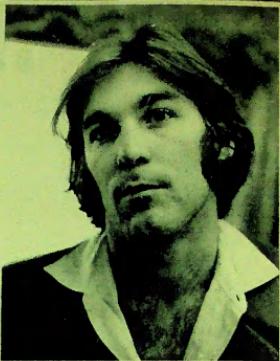
Do you like playing it? "Yes, we've reached the stage where we can afford what we want. I'm not saying we could book a full Philharmonic but if I really lock into some idea about musical backing I can, within reason, afford to hire the musicians I want."

### CRUDE SAX?

Which brought me to the most disappointing Beach Boys track of the year, "Saxophone Meditation" on the "Friends" album. What was the idea behind that amazingly crude bit of saxophone playing? "Well, we wanted to play away from something that sounded too pompous, too religious. It should have been easier to come up with something very peaceful, very Eastern, but we were trying to reach listeners at all levels. The guy who played that sax didn't mind that he was being used like that. So I say, on, let's try transcendental meditation..." And listen to the chord structure, it says a lot.

"I'm still living in L.A. and I'm not experimenting with tribal living. I live in the woods in California, near Death Valley, with 17 girls. They're space ladies. And they'd make a great group, I'm thinking of launching them as the Family Wilsons."

How did you come to meet up with no less than 17 girls? It happened strangely. I was up in the mountains with my brother and we took LSD trips. We met two girls hitch-hiking. One of them was pregnant. We gave them a lift, and a passenger was left in the car. About a month later, near Marin, I saw the pregnant girl again, only this time she'd had her baby. I was overjoyed for her and it



BEACH BOY DENNIS WILSON — Death Valley pad

was through her that I met all the other girls. I told them about our involvement with the Maharishi and they told me about too high guru, an guru named Charlie who'd recently come out of prison. He was a burglar, he was a hooker, his father was a gangster, he'd drifted into crime but when I met him I found he had great musical ideas. I accepted his approach and we started to play together now. He's dumb, in some ways, but I accept his approach and I think he's a good guy. I think he a dance, The Inhibition. You have to imagine you're a frozen man and the ice is thawing. Start with your feet, then move up to your legs, then you extend it to a whole universe is thawing out."

Are you supporting all these people? "No, if anything, they're supporting me. I have a lot of status symbols—Rolls Royce, Ferrari, home after home. This year I gave away 50 to 60 per cent of my money. Now I live in one small room, with one candle, and I'm happy, finding myself."

DAVID GRIFFITHS

# WHO'S SURPRISED?

Not a soul.

With 1968 chart-breakers like 'I CLOSE MY EYES AND COUNT TO TEN' (BF1682) and 'SON-OF-A PREACHER MAN' (BF1730) swinging for her.

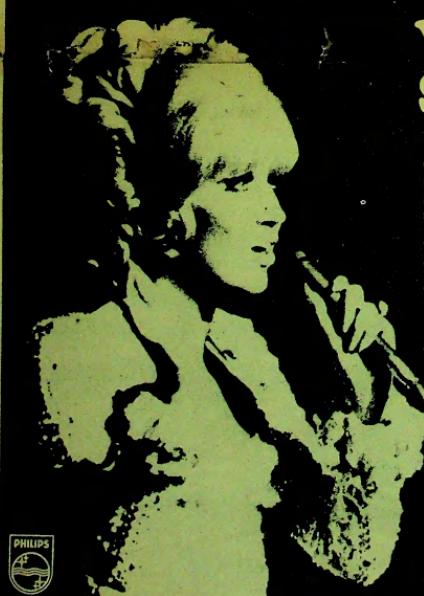
Best-selling LP's like 'GOLDEN HITS' (SBL7737) to her credit.

And her latest knockout album

'DEFINITELY' (SBL7864)

wowing old friends and winning new fans, Dusty just had to come out tops.

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# "IT'S VERY SCARY- THIS WHOLE PERSONALITY CULT"

NUMBER ONE DISC JOCKEY JOHN PEEL

**I**T's ironic that the top number one disc jockey in the year in our poll is one of the few people in the business who honestly and sincerely doesn't believe in the idea of the top number one doesn't displease him.

But congratulations! Merry Christmas anyway to John Peel whose immediate reaction on being told that he'd topped the poll was: "It's very scary — this whole person-

ality cult." "It's very weird winning a poll," continued John. "It's a mistake really that disc jockeys should be turned into stars like that. I'm more concerned it's the programme, the music that's more important than the DJ. I suppose a lot of the DJ's have this personality thing — but I hardly what you could call a teenage sex-kitten."

"I work about 16 hours a week winning a poll like this — I hope it's a vote for the programme rather than myself. I think it probably is — I don't think the listeners want a "star" from the radio station, they want to hear someone who's very strange because people expect you to change and perhaps become big-time. You're well-known and there are a lot of people who've got friends of mine about a year ago whom I never see now. But the thing is that they've changed in their attitude to me — I haven't changed."

"But it's ridiculous — how can a disc-jockey be a star? It's like a book publisher being a star. I suppose the best thing to do is to leave the station, the studio, and use it to the best advantage. But not to my advantage."

"I believe strongly in what I play — not in myself as a great personality. I don't try and do anything to push myself — when I'm on the air I just stand there and talk.

I try to be myself. It's a difficult situation though — a lot of people know what I do and what I stand for. But for me it's a misunderstanding — I'm not a star, I'm actually a disc jockey who's honest and sincere and involved in pop radio at the same time."

"I used to do a programme there, I was a personality DJ I suppose — but I just grew out of it. It's very difficult to be oneself in this business. You do things you don't necessarily believe in, but the funny thing is that if you attempt to define the star myth then the act of defining it becomes part of the myth. You just don't win."

"The last time I was doing Top Gear with Tommy Vance — it wasn't until February that I started to do it on my own. I'm glad it's popular — Radio 2 seems almost to have my own style of programme, which has helped a lot. I don't think it's powerful — it's just a nice programme. I like to think of it as a forum of sorts — we've got a wide range of people on the programme that we don't like and it's virtually the same forum as when we started."

"I suppose Top Gear might have helped some people to become better known — Tyrannosaurus Rex for example. But I don't think it's done anything really radical. If a thing is good then it has a way of getting out, getting known — so I don't mind it being a success."

"It's a pity that everything in pop is dominated by the singles chart — the LP charts are encouraging, there's a new level of respect for them. But the LP charts are still not a valid barometer, that's even so. So I think for a ridiculous situation where family, family bands, the best groups in the world, are never seen on television —



JOHN PEEL — "It's very weird winning a poll".

because on the whole it's the chart artists who are chosen for the shows. I think television is long overdue for a Top Gear type of show — I'm not saying that because I particularly want to compete with everything else, I don't care who does it, I just think it should be done. But it just needs something like

"It's a shame that we'll never be able to get off the sales charts — they're a salesman's device for pop music, so they could never be dispensed with. There are about ten people who control, really control, mass media in this country — they're not controlled by the public, they're controlled by morality — but really they're evil. It would be better if it was all controlled by gangsters — at least they admit they are gangsters."

It can sometimes function against these people — but not for long. Any revolution in any form is a threat to their entrenched position, and it's like beating your head against the brick wall. They're very much dependent on those very people you're trying to circumvent."

"Perhaps things will improve — who knows. Still, my suggestion is nice to each other. Smile more, and touch one another more often."

DEREK BOLTHWOOD

## Danny La Rue

Oh Mother Kelly's Doorstep — POF 108

## Plastic Penny

Hound Dog — POF 107

## Vanity Fare

I Remember Summer Morning  
— POF 100

## Kevin King Lear

Cry Me A River  
— POF 102

## Apple

Doctor Rock — POF 110

## The Mirage

Carolyn — POF 111

## Petr and Pavel

Laska — POF 112

## The Chris Shakespeare Globe Show

Ob La Di, Ob La Da  
— POF 113

## Brian Keith

When The First Tear Shows  
— POF 103

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# CONGRATULATIONS

TOM JONES

ROLLING STONES

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

THE CASUALS

THE FLIRTATIONS

THE MOODY BLUES

MICK JAGGER

BILLIE DAVIS

TED HEATH

JOHN MAYALL

AMEN CORNER

IKE AND TINA TURNER

EPISODE SIX

ROY ORBISON

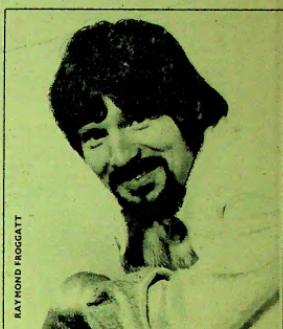
THE NEW FACES

and 'Jumping Jack Flash'

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# FROGGIE WENT CAVORTIN'



RAYMOND FROGATT

## IN A RED BALLOON

CALLOW ia collow ia vita blared the radio and I thought "Well that's nice stuff and then I thought 'I wonder if Raymond Frogatt and I might hello ia.' And then a short while later "Red Balloon" was a hit. Dave Clark had the same song and it made me wonder even more about Raymond Frogatt, the person who'd written the number.

Raymond Frogatt is in fact a songwriter and producer (to distinguish him from his alter ego "Froggy")—who has a new record out called "Roby". And this time out they should have the hit that they deserved—and didn't, by the way, begrudge Dave Clark.

"In fact," said Froggy, "I was glad Dave Clark had a hit with it—it was a very good version."

LONDON—the group are away from Birmingham now, all started off in this folk scene, and for a while there were plenty of folkies around them, but we've always been more folk-influenced than pop.

"It was a funny thing about "Callow Is Vita"—I wrote it as a kind of lark, just a real fun song, you know. The lyrics aren't very good at all. But our producer is Terry Kennedy, our producer, and he raved about it—said it was a great song and we should release it as a single. So we did.

"Dave Clark was very fair—our record was out for six months and he didn't do anything to us, so gave us plenty of time to happen. But it's been very good for us. Dave having a hit with the song—apart from the royalties we're having written it off. Of course, many people are showing an interest in us now, and we're getting offers of work for our songs for example. We're beginning to get a reputation within the business, which is very satisfying—especially as we're not yet particularly well-known to the general public.

## SIXTEEN-STRING GUITAR

"Although we're getting more people coming to see us on stage now—they don't really know who we are, and have heard the name in connection with 'Red Balloon'—they come along out of curiosity. I feel as if I'm cheating them a little bit, because they're not really coming to see us—they're coming to see us because of the name. Still, the consolation is that if they like us they'll come back next time to see us for ourselves."

"The name 'Froggy' isn't really what you'd call an image group—we never have been. So we have to rely solely on our music. I'm probably the only one who plays up to it, because I'm the only one who can't say 'we're a show group—we're more interested in writing and recording our own songs.' He arranges all the music we use—and our material is very varied—he's got his own equipment now—he has a sixteen-string guitar, twelve of the strings tuned normally, twelve being guitar would be, and the other twelve octaves right. So he gets some weird sound. He's just had a guitar made completely out of perspex—we haven't tried it out yet, but it should make quite an interest."

"We don't record a lot of work at the moment—we've just finished recording our album, and we do a gig or two or three times a month. We are starting to get offers of work, but I don't want to�� too much—we'll just wait and see what happens to our record."

"Froggy's a nice person. Raymond Frogatt's a nice group. But more than that—he writes good songs. They make good sounds. Time, one feels, for things to start happening . . ."

DERRICK BOLTWOOD



# POLL RESULTS

**MALE VOCAL GROUP-BRITISH**

**W**HILE the Beatles clearly and beyond dispute merit the honorific "the greatest rock group ever," there's a revival scene going on for the Stones—no, from seven to second place. And once again there is activity for the Dave Clark Five whose fans have been energetic following "Rock Ballad" and "Glad All Over."

The Bee Gees and the Moody Blues can be pleased with themselves and so can Amen Corner and the Love Affair. But this is always a

toppy-turvy sort of rating . . . no fewer than nine new entries in top twenty.

Let's look at those who are OUT for this year. They are: Alan Price, as mentioned earlier, Suckers, Manfred Mann (surely Hermits), Procol Harum, Searchers, Bachelors, Move, Herman's Hermits,

And a special word for the ever-consistent Hollies, who are ALIVE here or thereabouts. But again it's all down in the Beatles who remain.

- | TRANSPORTATION           |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1 BEATLES (1)            | 1859 |
| 2 ROLLING STONES (7)     | 725  |
| 3 DAVE CLARK FIVE (15)   | 695  |
| 4 HOLLIES (4) .....      | 495  |
| 5 BEE GEES (—)           | 341  |
| 6 MOODY BLUES (—)        | 306  |
| 7 THE TREMELОС (2) ..... | 289  |
| 8 WHO (12) .....         | 225  |
| 9 KINKS (1) .....        | 219  |
| 10 LOVE AFFAIR (—)       | 180  |
| 11 AMEN CORNER (—)       | 130  |
| 12 SMALL FACES (8) ..... | 126  |
| 13 SHADOWS (5) .....     | 122  |
| 14 KINKS (10) .....      | 103  |
| 15 EQUALS (—)            | 82   |
| 16 PINK FLOYD (11) ..... | 79   |
| 17 TRAFFIC (—)           | 75   |
| 18 NICE (—)              | 71   |
| 19 CASUALS (—)           | 67   |
| 20 FLEETWOOD MAC (—)     | 63   |

## DISC JOCKEY-BRITISH

So Jimmy Savile has been vanquished? Well, it's a pretty tight battle up there at the top, with John Peel nicking the honours, and with Tony Blackburn behind Jim. Again the voting this year

more even keel. Though last year's runner-up, your actual  
has dimmed away a lot—obviously because he doesn't now  
discockeying anyway.  
To see Emperor Ross coming up so fast, as well as  
Steve Ward and Terry Prince, who here from Dave  
Holland's show, and Albee Purcell, who has been in Custer  
as, at some come in, seems must go out. This includes Tony  
a backroom promotional boy of his first success rate. David  
Lester, Tom Lodge, Tommy Vance, Sam Costa, Mike  
Chuck Blair.

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1 JOHN PEEL (6)         | 181 |
| 2 JIMMY SAVILE (1)      | 129 |
| 3 TONY BLACKBURN (3)    | 101 |
| 4 KENNY EVERETT (9)     | 89  |
| 5 ROSKO (-)             | 81  |
| 6 JINNIN' WALKER (5)    | 48  |
| 7 STELLAR HISTORY (-)   | 37  |
| 8 MIKE RAVEN (-)        | 27  |
| 9 TONY PRINCE (-)       | 25  |
| 10 ALAN FREEMAN (4)     | 24  |
| 11 SIMON DEE (2)        | 148 |
| 12 DAVE CASH (-)        | 143 |
| 13 ROGER DAY (-)        | 129 |
| 14 KEITH SKUES (15)     | 117 |
| 15 DAVID SYMONDS (19)   | 162 |
| 16 PETE MURRAY (17)     | 90  |
| 17 DAVID BRISBANE (-)   | 87  |
| 18 STEPHEN COOPER (8)   | 83  |
| 19 ROBBIE DALE (12)     | 77  |
| 20 KONATH TALK KING (-) | 77  |

**MALE VOCAL GROUP**

FIRST place to note here is that there's been a great leveling out of voter Second Discs in the Market appear to have been eclipsed, tagging in a mere 18 votes while last year they beat the Rolling Stones and came third from nowhere.

But it's clearly the Beatles, over the Beach Boys, who are the big winners this year. The Vee-Jay chart shows that there's a sputtering of activity by fans of the Dave Clark Five, starting up like a redoubledt.

Those Jordanians are down, a further fawyer by the Elvis Presley cult, and the most nondescript disc is from the Cream, also no more but certainly deserving of their seventh placing. Dave Dee was ill and nobody ever voted for him ... but they have this time.

- Predictable inclusion for the Bee Gees, the Who, Jimi Hendrix. So what about those no longer with us? The Byrds, though this is predictable, too; same thing for the Lovin' Spoonful; out go Sam and Dave, the Pink Floyd, the Everly Brothers, Young Rascals, Bachelors, Kinks, Shadows. But up go the Temptations.

BEATLES (1)	152
BEACH BOYS (2)	80
TOUR TOPS (6)	50
DAVE CLARK FIVE (13)	57
ORDANASIS (5)	43
ROLLING STONES (4)	32
CREAM (—)	16
TEMPTATIONS (20)	202
THE BIRDS (7)	17
THE MONIES (17)	45
EE GEE'S (—)	14
WHO (—)	141
MI MENDRICK (—)	25
REMELIES (9)	115
DITION GAP (—)	108
DIXIE CHICKEN (—)	96
TOOT BLUES (—)	96
WAA DEE, ETC. (—)	88
MONKEES (3)	88
HE DOORS (—)	94

**M**ORE dominant than ever — those amazing Supremes. Yet . . . there's a bit of pair-bolism shown in this section for a change and the Paper Dolls at least break the thousand-vote barrier; last year Maribel and the Vandales were second, but nearly six thousand votes backed the Supremes!

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|----------------------------|------|
| 1 SUPREMES (1)             | 5460 |
| 2 PAPER DOLLS (—)          | 1152 |
| 3 MARTHA AND VANDELLAS (2) | 267  |
| 4 FLIRTATIONS (—)          | 234  |
| 5 SWEET INSPIRATIONS (—)   | 121  |
| 6 REPERATA AND DELRONS (—) | 103  |
| 7 SHANGRI-LAS (5)          | 59   |
| 8 RONNETTES (7)            | 57   |
| 9 THE MONKEES (18)         | 55   |
| 10 STOCKING BELLS (—)      | 48   |
| 11 SATIN BELLS (—)         | 48   |
| 12 KARLINS (8)             | 44   |
| 13 ENCHANTED (—)           | 41   |
| 14 CRYSTALS (9)            | 38   |
| 15 CAKE (—)                | 34   |



# RM CHRISTMAS



BRIAN JONES, YOKO ONO,  
JULIAN LENNON, JOHN LENNON



# DUSTY

#### **INSTRUMENTAL GROUP**

SHADOWS (1)	270
NICE (—)	101
BONER AND MG'S (2)	47
BOBBY ALFERT (3)	41
CREAM (9)	24
BEATLES (11)	24
JIMI HENDRIX (4)	21
ROLLING STONES (17)	19
SOUNDS INC. (1)	19
HUGO MONTENEGRO (—)	9
THE CANNIBALS (—)	9
PINK FLOYD (—)	9
ROLLING STONES (8)	6
JUNIOR WALKER (—)	6
JOHN LEE BLUES (—)	5
BROOKLYN BREAKERS (14)	
FLEETWOOD MAC (—)	4
BYRDS (10)	3
BONZO DOG (—)	3
MANFRED MANN (—)	3

**LARGE BAND/ORCHESTRA**

**A** BIT of hard luck here for Joe Loss, so long the doyen of the big band gentry. There he is, consistently polling in the crowds and consistently entertaining us on the radio, and he's beaten by the Hugo Montenegro orchestra on the strength, presumably, of just one single, the chart-topping "Good, Bad and Ugly".

Count Basie is rather a surprise entry but he has been with pop singers and been a lot on television. The Bonzo Dog gens make a most handsome leap and the band of Ronnie Scott also earn approval.

The ones who left the ratings: Geno Washington, Burt Bacharach-Harry South, Northern Dance Orchestra, George Fame, Alan Price Set, Gis Redding, Johnny Howard, Mar-Kays, Norrie Paramor, Even though voters have a little trouble differentiating between a big band and a small one.

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| HUGO MONTENEGRO (—)       | 104 |
| JOE LOSS (2)              | 104 |
| HERL ALPERT (1)           | 722 |
| BONZO DOG (—)             | 281 |
| RON COOPER (—)            | 199 |
| RAYMOND DEFEVER (—)       | 44  |
| PAUL MAURIAT (—)          | 123 |
| TED HEATH (14)            | 123 |
| COUNT BASIE (—)           | 83  |
| BUDDE KEMPFEKT (4)        | 71  |
| BUDDE RICH (6)            | 66  |
| HENRY MANCINI (18)        | 58  |
| GEORGE MARTIN (16)        | 58  |
| JOHN MAYALL (15)          | 56  |
| JOHN BARRY (—)            | 42  |
| JAMES LAST (—)            | 36  |
| LONDON PHILHARMONIC (—)   | 33  |
| LONDON JAZZ VAGABONDS (—) | 33  |
| TONIHS (1)                | 35  |
| TONIHS (2)                | 35  |

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ELVIS PRESLEY (1)	13
CLIFF RICHARD (2)	76
THE SPRINGFIELD (3)	37
TOM JONES (1)	31
DAVE CLARK (2)	28
ARTHUR BROWN (2)	23
PAUL McCARTNEY (2)	22
SCOTT WALKER (—)	22
ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK (9)	19
JIMI HENDRIX (5)	9
JOHN LENNON (—)	9
SANDIE SHAW (1)	9
DIANA ROSS (1)	7
JULIE DRISCOLL (—)	7
GENE PITNEY (10)	7
JOHNNY CASH (7)	7
RONALD JOHN BARDY (—)	5
HERMAN (18)	5
ANITA HARRIS (20)	5

**info** on this week's new

**COLIN CAMPBELL & HIS HIGHLAND BAND** have the only new single—it's called '*The old Scottish waltz*' and it's on the Beltona label, number BL2768.

The new **TOM JONES** single is roaring up the charts and should be way up on top in no time. '*A minute of your time*' is a complete change from the last record. This one is a smooth, emotion-packed ballad which Tom sings superbly. The arrangement is full of good things, and the song gets better every time you hear it! DFC 12284.



If you haven't yet heard the current single from **THE FLIRTATIONS**, you're



definitely missing out. America's loss is Britain's gain with these dolly ladies—they were already a huge success in the States when they decided to make a name for



themselves over here, and they're going the right way about it, making a record as good as *"Nothing but a heartache"* on Deram, number DM 216.

You must know that *"Toy"* is the brilliant new release from **THE CASUALS**, but you may not know that it was made before their last big hit, *"Jesamine"*. The boys decided to release *"Jesamine"* first because







# "JIM TELLS IT LIKE IT IS"

-MARY REEVES

**T**O the mass of the British public, Country and Western Music means Mary Reeves and with his untiring efforts the music ceased to exist. Well, as the Country Underground movement would concur, Country Music is still alive and a threat has been promised in America and despite last year's record sales.

But, before you turn the page hurriedly, I would hastily add that I am not necessarily referring to Reeves, banjo and auto players, performers such as Hank Locklin or the hillbilly sound of Flatt and Scruggs, but to the sound of C.W. today! During the last few years a general internationalization of Country Music has come directly from Country musicians such as Eddy Arnold, Glen Campbell, Roger Miller, Jim Reeves, Bob Dylan, and many others.

One of America's most ardent advocates of this brand of music is Mary Reeves, widow of Jim. I had the pleasure of meeting Mary on her recent tour to London where she has been busily engaged in a series of appearances. Apart from taking care of her obvious responsibilities, i.e. the release of future material from Jim, which she assures me will come, she has quite a lot more on her plate. She has now set up a few contacts for her own flourishing music publishing business, which represents exclusively Country writers such as Jim Reeves, MacAlpin, Brown, and others, plus Dennis Praeger. Curiously in London at the same time were Bud Logan and the Blue Boys, who are managed by Mary. The group was, of course, the backing band for Jim and were named after their first single, "Blue Boy".

The lineup for the Blue Boys is now Bud Logan, vocal and bass, Leo Jackson, guitar, Larry Hendley, drums, and Bucky Nichols, piano. Bud Logan, a native of Texas, died in November.

RCA Victor recently released an album by Jim Reeves and the Blue Boys recorded at a club in Pennsylvania in 1961. The songs are all presented in the style of the Blue Boys that followed Jim, Manuel, who died in the accident with Jim, Leo Jackson, James Kirk and Mel Rodgers.

Mary recalls that it is 20 years since her husband first recorded. "The company he worked for was based in Texas, records just four titles while Jim was still at high school. She relates: "When we first dated, Jim told me he was a baseball player and I was a local girl. He had just come from his native Texas to play at the Louisiana Hayride in nearby Shreveport. It was at one of these shows that I attracted the attention of Jim's manager, who immediately persuaded the young man to sign for his Abbott Records."

But, the brilliant and equally unpredictable Fabor was unable to treat Jim squarely and he soon became an RCA Victor recording artiste. It appears that this was a common

falling out of Mr. Robinson for he discovered and lost such artists as the Browns, Jim Ed Brown, Ned Miller and Joanie Sommers.

Having joined RCA, Jim really blossomed as an artist. He enjoyed many big hit singles and when travelling with him everywhere he went, the people always retained their humility and spent more time in the company of standing friends than show business acquaintances.

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The late JIM REEVES

appearance in the New Year. "Till then, their aroundness is going to be a mystery," says one executive who, at present, prefers not to be named.

Despite the secrecy surrounding the new act, it is known that at least one of the names of the trio is Jacky Taylor and Veronika Waters.

## HOLLIES "POP!"

The Hollies, 22-year-old performers of the SHM's popular "Colour Me Pop" series, are to be seen on the BBC's "Top Of The Pops" on December 24.

This is the first "repeat" performance in the series so far and comes about because of the enormous success shown when it was first shown.

The same success is expected this time round, and the Hollies will be given a whole week on their new album.

They are already known to have it smash."

The set itself has consistently built a big buzz around it and is being sold for international distribution. "Throughout Steve Tamblyn has prided himself on getting back to lesser-known groups and introducing them to the country scene and new attractions," says Tamblyn, "and the Hollies are no exception. Their other pop productions, gives groups a wide range of their musical, as well as performing, talents.

After the success of their latest record, an independent company soon to Record Mirror.

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Violet Pullen, 16, 100 Balgores Lane, Gidea Park, Romford, Essex. Stars and Hobbies—Lulu, Rolling Stones, Dave Dee & Co., Kinks, Boys, dancing, swimming.



John Burton, 18, 351a Vicarage Farm, Road, Heston, Middlesex. Starts — Bob Dylan, Julie Felix. Hobby and interests — Folk music, pen friends, girls.

# READER'S CLUB



Richard Lawson, 18, 12 Grange Road, Elstree, Herts. Stars and Hobbies — Dusty, Lesley Duncan, Pet Clark, Dianne Warwick, Honeyites, Paper Dolls. Love Affairs. Reading, letter-writing, would like to hear from any fans of these stars.



Susan M. Gilbert. 17, 24 Pond Hill Road, Shorecliffe, Folkestone, Kent. Stars and Hobbies — Beatles, Stones, Scott, Mayall, Fleetwood Mac, Gees, Herd, Doors, John Peel, Faces, etc. Art blues, long hair, discs, boys (preferably with long hair!), free radios, money, way-out clothes.



Patricia Remocks, 16, 12 Rushcliffe Terrace, Bumby Street, Nottingham. Stars and Hobbies — Stones, Equals, Small Faces, Move, P. P. Arnold, Amen Corner, Arthur Brown, Motor bikes, George Best, Football.



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Stars and bubbles — The Who, The  
Troggs, The Rolling Stones, Elvis  
Presley. Pop music, skating, letter  
writing, dancing.



**PETER JONES**



Within the past few weeks, the career of the four Fantastics, from America, has really progressed. Two major appearances, under contract with the Sonics, lots of ballroom and club dates. Originally they were the Velours, and they settled in Britain early this year. They are probably the only group with a qualified embalmer and undertaker among their members—Kerril Ramos, known as the Little Kerr, because of his height, is a real craftsman. Their last record, "Baby Make Your Own Sweet Music" on MGM, which is very good indeed . . . but a new one is out in the "New Year.



Ed Stewart, the Stewpol himself, recently pictured in "Junior Edition," the magazine of the National Lockwood Foundation, has adopted a Home of Rest for Old and Sick Donkeys in Gedmanville, where he met the two he has adopted — called "Ed" and "Stewpol." He also, when the children at school, also, when Ed, had the idea that it would be nice to have the donkeys named after him. The two donkeys are both aged 76 and have come from work in the Irish quarries. They are nearly 20 retired donkeys at the home, and can be "adopted" at a cost of £1 each. Judging from notes he made in his son's notebook, Ed is already learning speak donkey talk.



Joyce Bond is 22, has been living and working in England for three years, and usually sings soul material — her personal idols are Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, and Ben E. King. . . . yet her new record, with a party dance treatment, is "The Beatles' "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da", on Island. She is a wild stage act at the Joyce Bond Revue, with a seven-piece band and two go-go dancers. One of the band, a sax player known as "Pop" has 31 children!



Giorgio and Marco's Men, one of the top groups in Wolverhampton, are trying to find the prettiest girl called Maureen in the country—they hope to adopt her as their pin-up and mascot, on the grounds that the title of their latest record is "Maureen", cut on the new Electroline label. Here's the "Maureen" they picked from their home town... 18-year-old

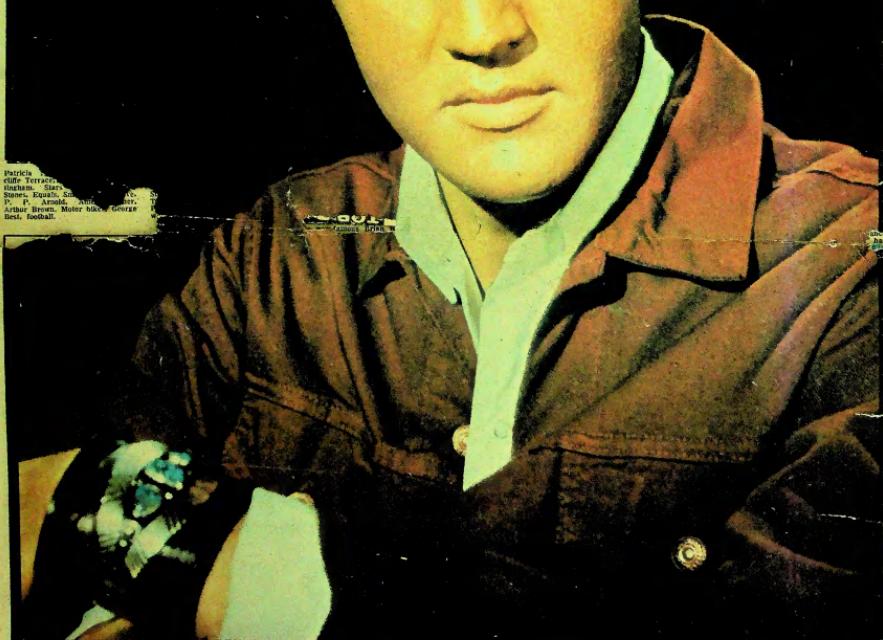


Despite the name "Gordies' Country," which actually means excess mother-hove, the four members of this group are certainly not their mothers' sunna virtuous. In fact, they are extremely rowdy and they spend more time away from their homes than at home. Terry, leader, has been to 23 countries in the past two years. Terry has travelled widely as part of the Echoes, Dusty Sprinches, backing artists like Ulysses. McGaw has spent weeks travelling Scotland on his motor-cycle. Peter Hargreaves is a Husky fan and travels widely to watch international games—and on his return record: "Holdin' My Hands Out," on a 12-inch.



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