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RECORD RECORDS FROM A PSYCHEDELIC



EVERY THURSDAY

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PETER SELLERS — he cut the record with the shortest playing time. (See lead letter). In the photo, is Peter about to be painted psychedelically? But some RM staff want to know what is a lifelike psychedelic portrait?

MAD & GLAD . . .

MAU & GLAU

SEEMED very strange listening to Madeline Bell's version of "I'm Gonna Leave You" on her latest LP with Dusty (alias Gladys Thong) providing the backing, because this soulful track is on the flip-side of "Goin' Back", with Dusty of course singing the vocal high-spots and Madeline singing her heart out in the background! The same goes for the "B" side of Mad's newie "Picture Me Gone", entitled "Go Ahead On" — both herself and Miss Thong have recorded it, Dusty's being on the flip of "All I See Is You". They've taken turns in providing the backing voice. They make a strikingly formidable combination. But what's this about Dusty not coming back here until Christmas? Why don't the Americans do us all a big favour and put Dusty on the fastest plane back to England?—Miss S. Neale, 5 Brantford Avenue, Clifton, Nottingham.

MANN MAD

LET me say first that I have for years, admired the Johnny Mann Singers. We all knew right away that "Up, Up and Away" was something special and would be a hit. But surely their new single is just a copy of the sound and style of the Ray Coniff Singers. It takes a lot to upset me but when it comes to copying my blood boils. I'm very much in favour of singing groups — my record collection will prove that. But when it comes to copying the Coniff Singers, many will agree that it is a dead liberty.—Lois Hollands, President, Int. Ray Coniff Club, 99 Hurst Road, Erith, Kent, England.

HINTS FOR BBC

THERE are two characteristics, far too common among discipled by the far too considerably improved if, first, dee-jays were to enlarge their vocabulary so that they need not describe six successive records as "fantastic", so rendering the word meaningless. And secondly, if they were to resist the temptation of playing "Jingles" every other record. Jingles are okay in moderation but when they are played almost as many times as records, they lose their point. With an increase in radio audiences. I feel that the BBC should make some effort to raise the standard of programme compering, without allowing them to lose their spontaneity.—D. Cutting, 6 St. Peter's Close, Eastcote, Ruisip, Middlesex.

KEITH KRAZY

JUST heard "Saturday Club", hosted by Keith Skues and he makes a marvellous job of this show. He brings so much life to it and makes it so exciting that I just sit glued to my radio for the whole two hours. He works so hard as this is a show that combines live music with records... not always a success but by him it's great. He must be exhausted at the end of it.—Evelyn Austrin, 48 Sunbury House, Swanfield Street, Bethnal Green, London, E.2.

LING TING TONG

HONOURABLE Sir, RM veree good. Me, Chinese Rocker. I like-y lots fotos of honourable hatchet-men (rockers). In China we likem Jean Vinson, Geree Lee Loois, Tin Yow (Bill Halley) and Yankee tong-man Merrill E.Mo. I have many thick records abord tub. Me must say Eddy Kockrane heep goot harri-karri singer, yes? No sleepee, I now yip-ypo (bop) to Phoo Berry. England I like. RM veree gracefool paper. I go now — sail hi tyde for Peking.—Hsing Teh Woo, SS Shang-Tee-Phoo, Pier 36, Gravesend, Kent.

BYRDS JIBE

Byrds tread the path of obscurity? The meagre success of this group bears no relation to their undeniable talent and ability. Decried as Dylan copiers, they have reduced that statement to a pathetic jibe. On their latest album, one track was written by Dylan and the other TEN by Byrd-members. Originators of the West Coast

ARE these record records? The SMALLEST records ever made were less than an inch in diaméter and played "God Save The King", specially made in 1924 for Queen Mary's dolls' house. The record with the SHORTEST playing time I believe to be Peter Seilers "Sings George Gershwin" in which he sings just those two words. Record with LONGEST playing time covers a set of 19 LPs, takes 144 hours to play and is Wagner's "The Ring" by the Vienna Philharmonic, which took eight years to produce. Shortest title is "I" by Tony Allen and the Champs. Longest must be the marathon by Julie Rayne, "Green With Envy, Purple with Passion, White with Anger, Scarlet with Fever, What Were You Doing In His Arms Last Night Blues", Smartly exit to rousing chorus of "Bless Them All, the long, the short and tail".

Anyone in pop music require a lifelike psychedelic portrait in oils? Dead cheap, You name your price and I'll knock off some anyway as a friendly gesture. Cash on completion if satisfied. This is no gag, I'm a wretched but talented frustrated artist and need to make some bread.—Tony Grinham, 196 Selwyn Avenue, Highams Park, London, E.4.

Sound, they have all but been swamped in the tide of countless imitators.—Mr. P. M. LcLaughlin, 130 Loxley Road, Stratford-upon-Avon.

MOTHERS' TASTES

MUINERS IASIES

O Tom Wilson and Frank Zappa think that rock 'n' roll that was at its blugest from 1955 to 1960 is "a joke", had no "substance", was hollow, cheap and "a sham". Well, in that era we had bad performers such as Fabian and Georgle Fame, but what about the greats? Fats, Haley and the Comets, Jerry Lee, Richard, Joe Turner and many, many more, When you talk about jokes, talk about today. The Small Faces, the Troggs, the Bee Gees and all the other tripped-out, dropped-out, flake-outs. I used to think Zappa was okay as a rock 'n' acid performer, until I saw a photograph of him sat on a toilet, Frank baby, you're in bad taste, in a word "sick".—Paul Barrett, 44 Queens Road, Penrath, Glamorgan, South Wales.

FOLK FAILURES

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It is sad for folk music devotees like myself to note the continual failure nowadays of folk music to get into the pop charts. Gone are the days when Dylan was a regular visitor to the Top 20, often joined by Joan Baez and Simon and Garfunkel, too. It is true that fewer folk singles are being released but nevertheless Simon and Garfunkel had a very commercial, attractive and meritworthy record released recently, "Fakin" It", which had rave reviews from everyone in the business, but which falled to make the slightest dent in the Top 50. Was this because CBS did not bother to promote it sufficiently? Or because the D.J.'s having played it once, promptly discarded it? At any rate, the general public have been deprived of a classic record. Folk fans must now look to David McWilliams to revive songs "with a message", with words worth singing about and listening to and meanwhile we must rely for our musical satisfaction on places like Bunile's Folk Club in the West End. The huge crowds there each week show that interest in folk and kindred music is very much alive. — Sylvia Lyman, 73 ilfracombe Gardens, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex.

Linda Theaker, 46 Strawberry Avenue, Sheffield 5, Yorks: Esther Chamberlaine writes about Barry Gibb, Stevie Wright and so being beautiful Englishmen. I agree with all her list except Denny Laine. But I can't understand why she's falled to mention the five most beautiful of all . . Roy Wood, Roger Daltry, Dave Mason, Andy Bown and Beaky.

In brief . . .

C. Taylor, 9 Delaval House, Queen Street, Portsea, Portsmouth, Hants: I've yet to meet a three-legged person who objects to the song "Jake The Peg". The majority of two-legged people seem to find it VERY entertaining.

Miss Anne Birkert, Rigi, 41 Seymour Road, St. Albans, Herts: Bobby Vee's latest "Come Back When You've Grown Up" has earned him a Gold Disc — and Bobby is due here for a couple of weeks on promotion of his latest. Anyone interested in attending a social in Bob's honour, please let me know. Venue depends on demand.

Miss Susan Cowie, Station House, Northsate Station, Newark, Notts: I'd like to hear from any girl club members of Scott, John or Gary's fan clubs living in or around Hull. My family and I are expected to move soon to 73 Derrymore Road, Willerby, Hull.

Willerby, Hull.

Angle Ward, 6 Edward Road, New Barnet, Herts: Lots of Dave Clark Five fans would like to see Dave and the boys have their own TV show, like Tom or Engelbert.

"It's chaos in America" agree Madeline and



MADELINE BELL (RM pic.)

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PHILIPS recording artiste Madeline Bell sighed a very musical-type sigh and said: "My main problem seems to be that as soon as I manage to drop one tag I pick up another. I used to be known as the girl from 'Black Nativity' and then I became Dusty Springfeld's sidekick. Well, Dusty is one of my very best friends but I get very tired of people saying I am one of her backing singers. And then when I make a record of my own, such as 'Picture Me Gone', I hear Tony Hall saying on Juke Box Jury that the first thing he noticed was Dusty in the backing group! Sure, we appear on each others' records—they're using the same sort of girl-group backings on lots of discs. I've sung behind Lulu too. But the main thing, obviously, is the artiste out front.

"As for me, I think I'll have a change for my next single. Can't keep on using girl singers like everybody else—I'm going to have some boys behind me."

Did this mean that Madeline was fed up with being an anonymous voice on other stars' discs? "No, not at all. Some, of course, I just do for the money, they're terrible records. But most of them are very enjoyable to do and at times when I've not had much solo work being with a group has helped me keep my voice going. As a result of doing backing work on sessions my range has improved enormously—both higher and lower. I used to do all the notes on top but Lesley Duncan usually does them now and I do the low notes."

Since she became resident in Britain Madeline admits to being a great deal happier. "First time I came over here I couldn't wait to get back home to Newark, New Jersey. Then when I did go back I looked forward to returning to England. I went back again a few months ago, stayed nine weeks, and just longed to get away. All my old school 'friends' who hardly used to speak to me treated me like a Big Star. They figured if I was working abroad I must be loaded with money. So they'd suggest going out to clubs—and I'd get stuck with the bill! Everything in America seemed soo expensive, and I met

American. I call myself Anglo-American!"
Though much more cheerful and settled than she used to be in the old days of worrying about work permits. Madeline admits to being a handful. "I feel sorry for my boy friend sometimes. If I were him, I don't think I'd put up with me. I'm very emotional, cry at the drop of a hat, and my moods change all the time. I am the sweetest uerson one moment and then a few minutes later I'm raising hell."
Oh yes, and there's another thing worth mentioning: one of these days she hopes to appear on a Palladium TV show—"and if I do I intend to

get up as much nerve—or more—as Shirley Bassey I'm gonna wear the most revealing dress I can find!"

DAVID GRIFFITHS



BRENDA LEE

TALKING to Brenda Lee isn't all that easy: she really is remarkably tiny (which makes it all the more astonishing that her husband—who's not with her on her current visit to Britain because his father is ill-is 6ft, 3in. tall!). As she put tit: "I hate talking to men's waistcoat buttons." But, bending over frontwards to hear what she said in her voice that is much quieter than her powerful singing, I managed to catch her remarks about the current record scene:

"It's sort of chaos in America. Nobody's quite sure what to record. Over here in Britain the scene seems different again and as I haven't been here for four years I'm not at all sure what's happening. A few year's ago I didn't have to consider the British taste separately because America dominated the market and what went in the States was likely to be all right in Britain. But now, I know, they're two different markets and naturally I'm looking forward to studying the scene and getting as accurate an impression as I can of the material I should record for

Since Brenda has made records in various styles wondered what her own personal preference as, Her answer: "The things I like to record st are ballads. Slow things. That's my kind

best are ballads. Slow things. That's my kind of music."

And for her listening pleasure at home? "Oh, all kinds of music. But lately I've been getting more and more interested in jazz. Not just singers, such as Ella Fitzgerald and Nancy Wilson (two of my biggest favourites) but jazz music too. I love to hear men like Roland Kirk.

"Still, if you ask who gets played most when I'm at home the answer's easy—Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. I've got ALL their records! Jazz, though, has been catching them. I've always been interested in it but the pleasure I get from it is much greater than it was. And I've just made a bluesy album with the great clarinetist Pete Fountain. It should be out soon. The idea was first suggested to me a couple of years ago but I felt then that I wasn't ready for it. I've been listening to Jazz and now I've made the LP and it's turned out to be very good." DAVID GRIFFITHS

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CLIFF RICHARD so bursts with confidence these days, radiating his sense of absolute religious certainty, that it was surprising to hear him confess: "I was under a great strain a year ago when I was talking about retiring. I was known for pop muslc and nothing else. Then I met Billy Graham."

Always a quick and decisive thinker and a rapid-fire conversationalist who doesn't seem to need to pause to think over any journalist's question, Cliff was talking to me in a crowded, noisy room containing plenty of people anxious for a few words with him. As usual, he was tremendously courteous and tactful, trying to do everything required of him and yet still managing to concentrate with admirable attentiveness on our hasty talk. I wondered if he had been approached by the Graham Crusaders because his star value would add lustre to the campaign and help converts to

"Well, they didn't put it that way, perhaps in case it put me off the idea. I know that cynical observers, outside religion, have said I'm just being used because I'm well known, but I couldn't hope to be used in a better cause. It's not a question of being used—I think it's one duty to speak up for what one believes in."

Yet-I suggested-Cliff could be a convinced Christian eager to help others without necessarily getting tied up with the fundamentalist, Bible-punching evangelism of Doctor Graham. Was he going along with Billy's simple message and theatrical methods because he (Cliff) thought Graham, on balance, does some good? Or was Cliff wholly in favour of the fundamentalist approach?

Cliff's clear reply: "I have no contractual ties with that organisation whatsoever. I have made a film, 'Two A Penny', for them because they asked me, and were the only religious organisation who did. But the fact is that Billy Graham's approach suits my personal taste. He doesn't say anything that makes me wince. He uses the Bible, his statements come from there, and that is to me the Christian's dictionary. If you talk a language you've got to believe the dictionary. I daresay he and I may have differing views on some issues—Vietnam, for instance, though I'm not sure what his views are about that. I think he's said he doesn't know the answer, and who does?

"But if we're going to believe in anything it ought to be the Bible. When the Buddha died he said 'I am still searching for the truth'. But Jesus said 'I am the truth'. No other religion offers this kind of truth. So I have to believe that followers of other religions are wrong. The great test of a faith is—does it work? I have had so much from Christianity that I have no need to doubt its validity. It works for me, and for millions of others."

At which I tried to point out that it had

At which I tried to point out that it has only been possible to worship God the Christian way for a mere 2,000 years. Previously, countless millions had to get by without it. And today Christianity is still a minority religion with the world's teem-ing population. Did Cliff believe that all those with no religion (or with room for doubts and uncertainties, like the Buddha and myself!) were doomed?

"None of us has the right to judge. But I think we have to accept Christ's teaching. He was a fanatic—no, that's too modern a word. He was intense in the way of life he taught. More than just the life force. Humanly speaking, though, I do feel that people who don't have Christ are doomed."



CLIFF RICHARD in a scene from the ABC-TV programme, "Looking For An Answer". RM's David Griffiths talks to Cliff.

So was Cliff trying to do his utmost to show the infidels the error of their ways? "Just because I advocate Christianity isn't going to bring a flood of mass conversions! Anyway, you don't get anywhere by preaching AT people. I explain how I feel, and anyone who wants to listen can take it or leave it."

Even in the old days when he was more inclined to laze around wasting time, Cliff never got involved with drugs. "For drugs you need time—at least six hours spare, don't you? Well, I don't have five minutes spare to toy with the idea. People who take drugs must have something lacking in their lives, and now I have no lack. I have Jesus and I couldn't live without him. Furthermore, I don't need to escalate the

dose, my dosage is permanent."
Though helping to publicise the Christian message has brought Cliff into contact with an enormous number of interesting and worthy people, I couldn't help feeling that his very commitment was in some ways a limitation. Recently, he told RM's Derek Boltwood that he couldn't Maharishl's transcendental meditation technique because it necessitated making the mind blank. Cliff wouldn't do this: he wanted to keep Jesus Christ in mind at all times. So if he refused to try it he'd never know its benefits (which is enormous if properly practised).
Cliff commented: "I could hardly believe

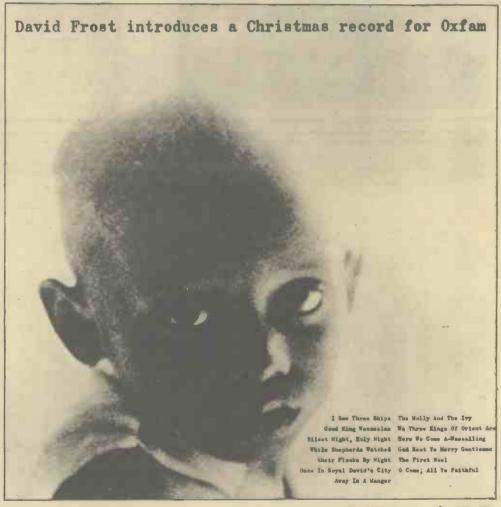
if when John Lennon went on television and explained his views, along with George Harrison. I admired them, though, for their courage. But I don't need to do those exercises to give me energy. I just get a good night's sleep and I have all the energy I require."

Yes, Cliff (came my final remark before we had to part), but the fact remains that you don't KNOW what, if anything, transcendental meditation can do for you since you will always insist on keeping Christ in mind every waking moment.
The reply: "I need to."

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POO-POOHING, TROGG



snobs always seem to pooh-pooh the Troggs. Every record brought out since they've Thing" has received the same reaction from this dedicated band of pseudo-intellectual pop critics — "Terrible, horrible. They'll never last."

But since "Wild Thing" the Troggs have not only lasted, they've had seven further hit records. In fact disc they've made since that original smash in April of 1966 has reached the charts.

EAT HIS WORDS

And it's nice to see that at least one Troggs' critic has already been forced to eat his words, swilled down his own champagne (no offence, Jonathan - great to see you're a man of your

Because the Troggs, with their latest offering "Love Is All Around" top-tenning in an upwards direction, are still the down-to-earth good-guys they always were. And they DO make

very chartworthy records.

I was chatting to them, and Reg Presley in particular, while they were making a recording for Radio Lux-

"I think we'll be around for a while yet," said Reg, "and I think next year will definitely be the year of

saying that. I believe in numerology - this means numerology — this means that everyone has a destiny number. My number s six. And if you add up the numbers in 1968 to get a single number, that number's six as well. Nearly everything that has han everything that has happened to me has been connected with the number six and I don't see why next year should be an excep-tion."

I don't want to dwell on the subject of Reg's belief in numbers — it has already been dealt with at length in another pop paper. Nor do I want to spread the word of this strange and frightening be-lief, for it actually seems to work. When Reg told me about it, I calculated my own destiny number. It's five. Now the eerie thing is that I had just paid five-and-five for a packet of cigarettes, and between the five of us we'd smoked five in the space of five minutes lf that's not significant, I don't know what is.

WORLD TOUR

But let's leave the land of magic and mystery, and return to good old earth.
Were the Troggs looking forward to their World tour next year?
"'Of course" said Reg. "It's the sort of thing we've wanted to do since we first

REG PRESLEY - as seen by ace cartoonist Lon Goddard last year. The Troggs as they now are on the left in duplicate.

started in the business. Be-fore the Troggs were formed I'd hardly been out of Andover, leave alone out of England. But this out of England. But this tour should be really great

I don't suppose we'll get too much time for sightseeing, but it should still be a fantastic experience.
We'll be away for about two months, and we'll be going just about everywhere — America, Australia, New Zealand, and all the countries in between the countries in between. Of all the places we'll be going to, Japan's the one I'm most looking forward to - I don't know what it

always wanted to go.
"No doubt I'll be wanting to return to Andoyer after a couple of months of touring, though. I'm looking around for a house there. Actually, what I want is to buy some land and build a new one. Andover's a great place — you know, there are thirty-nine pubs there. And it's only a small town.

PUB CRAWL

"In fact pubbing is just about the only form of en-tertainment in Andover.

An evening out is just a mammoth pub crawl.

But it's a great town, and I can't think of anywhere

I'd rather live.

"Another thing I must do when I get back from this world tour is start up some form of business. I have a few ideas in mind, but I can't say yet what it's going to be. I think it's very important in the pop world to have something to fall back on - I mean, you can't stay at the top forever, can you?"

Very true.

But they've been around or longer than the knockers expected already And there seem to be fewer Trogg-knockers with every hit they have.

DEREK BOLTWOOD.

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Cat-like Miriam at the Albert Hall...

WITH three piece instrumental and occasional vocal backing, African born Mariam Makeba struck Britain at the Albert Hall Monday (13). Demonstrating that her unique Afro-Spanish style is equally as captivating in person as on her records. Accompanied by Drums, String bass and brilliant South American Guitarist (who also capably handles her musical direction). she weaved cat-like through past album favourites like the throaty "Click Song", "Woman go Home", "Come back Africa" and "King Kong" from the controversial film of the same name (not the ape) to her current U.S. Cashbox hit "Pata Pata" (released in Britain). Alding the vocal backing were two of the original King Kong cast, and filling the centre spot was ex - Harry Belafonte Folk Singer Milton Grayson. But the high point of her own evening, Miss Makeba's multi-lingual songs and Multi-tonal voice cut smoothly through the hall. Being an early fan, I thought the concert more than beautiful, but the audience reaction was less than I'd expec-



Thanks to the three people threw flowers.

LON GODDARD

Pop Shorts

AT the end of "Val Doonican show" last week Anita Harris lost her voice and, on the advice of a throat specialist, will have to cancel bookings. Helen Shapiro wed Duncan Weldon last week. Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich tour Japan in January. Jack Brel composition "Jackie" is "A" side of Scott Walker's December 1 single. Scott composed the filpside "The Plague". Tony Macauley became engaged to secretary Anya Wilson last week. Guy Darrell to wed secretary Lyn Webster in Northfleet on Saturday (December 2) — he will be appearing on "Saturday Club" in the morning promoting his new release "Cupid" and D.J. Keith Skues will then drive him on to the wedding. Vernon Bohay Nowell of The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band has jaundice and David Clague is deputising for him in the group for one month. New UMA Management Ltd., to promote British talent and manake American artistes in Britain. Currently they handle Denny Laine and they will be bringing Harpers Bizarre here in January and The Seeds in February. Watch out for new Deram group Tintern Abbey with their first single "Bee Side". Ivy League off to Stockholm for ten day promotional trip from November 29. Amen Corner off to Australia on February 19 for 22-day tour. They will tele-

record six 1 hour shows while they're there and also appear on six guest soots for a new Belgium TV series in February. Jimmy James & The Vagabonds off to Jamaica for 3 weeks from July 4 next year, followed by a tour of Australia and New Zealand. Yardbirds begin major tour of U.S. on March 22. Ten Years After make their television debut on the semi-documentary BBC programme "Butterflies" screened on December 10. The group's first single is released by Deram on January 5. "Two Of Us" single from Tony Hatch and Jackle Trent has broken out in several Continental countries. Troggs have won the "Mar Del Plata" awards at the "Festival Of International Records" in Argentina. The group make their Cabaret debut at the Fiesta, Stockholm/Top Hat, Spenny Moor for one week beginning January 28. The Move and The Jimi Hendrix Experience appear on the "Belfast Arts Festival" on November 27. The Move fly to Hamburg, Germany to appear on TV's "Beat Club" the following day and on December 18 they record "Pop North". Their next single will be released in January. First album from Procol Harum, entitled "Procol Harum" will be released by Regal Zonophone on December 1. New Spencer Davis Group single "Mister Second Class" released on December 29. Societie make their radio debut this week on "Scene And Heard" on Radio One on November 25. The group will be off to Stockholm on November 27 to film 3-day documentary.



N his recent short trip here to promote his latest release "Something's Gotten Hold Of My Heart", Gene Pitney was full of delight on the birth of his baby son Todd. I asked him whether he'd plans In his mind about Todd eventually becoming an entertainer and he said "First he's got to get a good education. I'll see that he gets lessons on the plano or guitar and see winch way he goes. I'd like him to learn a lot of languages because the world's getting smaller Apart from English I can converse in Italian, that's all. In most places one out of three persons speaks English, but it would be nice if there was a Universal language. It would be a great help towards peace and understanding if there were no language barriers."

Gene spends a great deal of his time away from home, but doesn't feel happy about staying in one place too long. He'd just finished a month-long tour of Australia and New Zealand when he arrived in Britain and was to begin a college and campus tour of the States. He intends to return to Britain for a tour in early spring and has been booked for Cabaret in the North of England in June.

I asked him whether he'd like to branch out as an actor and he told me: "I'm one of two people who are being considered for the lead in a new American T.V. series—a "Beverley Hillbillies" sort of hing. It's about a Nashville character called Jimmy Peckenpaw. But it's not really me and if idd it I'd have to spend a minimum of six months in one place and I'd be climbing up the wall after that time. I'd love to do a serious and dramatic role in which I wouldn't altend an actor's school, I'd try it without schooling, I think I'm capable.

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"I don't know whether I'd get such a part, although all the producers on the West Coast are aware that I'm interested. But there is such limited scope for a singer in dramatic parts — the producers have had a lot of bad experiences with singers and I can't blame them for not being too enthusiastic.

"As a matter of fact, my first film was to have been set at the San Remo Festival in Italy. We'd spent months of work beforehand on it and pre-scripts were written around the songs. But we decided to shelve it when a singer committed suicide."

During the last eight years, Gene has travelled a million miles!

BRIAN POOLE

Show biz people from Shirley Eaton to Terry Doran seem to be interested in meditation. Many follow the Maharishi whose prominence in recent Beatle publicity has led him to become an 'in' figure. However, not everyone is scrambling to buy Yoga books and the like — Brian Poole is 'more interested in the physical things rather than the mental. 'I had ehough bookreading and meditation when I was at school. I am a keen footballer and play for the Entertainers XI and -I do a lot of swimming If you're fit in body you must be fit in mind."

Brian finds ample time for sports now that he is a Cabaret artist. "When you stay in one place for a week you have some time to yourself." Of course, most of his Cabaret work is in the North, but he also appears at Universities and Colleges with his new backing group The Unity.

Of his Cabaret career he comments: "Naturally, there have been a lot of changes in my act. I began in Cabaret by singing all out-of-the-way songs and a few standards, but the audience kept shouting out for "Twist & Shout", "Candy Man" and "Do You Love Me", and I now do a medley of my hits. I like doing songs like "Maria' and "My Foolish Heart" — and I still do these songs, although the main thing in the act is the old hit records, although we do them in a different way. If we did them in the same way it wouldn't be as good, we use different courts." "We have a comedy act worked out and we also try to make each

"We have a comedy act worked out and we also try to make each number as different as the last to give the act variety.
"I find that the people who watch Cabaret are the people around my age and they were my fans way back.

back.

"Middlesbrough and Stockton have got the best clubs in the country and it's a pity there's nothing like them in London. My ambition is to open a club in London like the clubs up North and get top-class acts. I'd like to see London become a good scene for Cabaret . . then I wouldn't have to travel so far!"

Herd Album

THE Herd's first album "Paradise-Lost" will be released on January 5. Slx of the numbers have been penned by Howard & Blaikley, five by Peter Frampton and Andy Bown and one number by drummer Andrew Steel. "Paradise Lost" is the title of the group's next single, promoted on this week's "Good Evening" show for the first time.



22-YEARS-OLD Mike Quinn has not yet spoken over the alrwaves of Radio One, although he has made several appearances on BBC television. He's been on the "Juke Box Jury" panel, appeared regularly on "Whole Scene Going" and was the subject of "A Day In The Life Of Mike Quinn" on BBC 2 "Man Alive" series.

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Alive" series.

When he attended Hammersmith College Of Art & Building "the going started getting good" he says, "and I studied six trades — woodcutting, machinery, plumbing, plastering, art, woodwork." He then left to be a cutter and designer for Ladies dresses and "moved on to Electronics, testing record players, radiograms and tape recorders." Next he entered the tailoring trade . he was then at the tender age of 17.

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From Michaels Boutique in Ealing he took over the management of Male West One in Carnaby Street. "Practically all my customers were in the business — The Who. The Walker Brothers, The Kinks, even Jonathan King. It was more like a group shop because we catered for the groups and that was how we built the business up. One of the customers was Barry Fantoni and he asked me to go on "Whole Scene Going". When I got to the studios I liked it. The first person I questioned in the "Hot Seat" was P. J. Proby and I shall never forget him. Then came Marianne Faithfull. I was asked back on the programme and although I still worked in the shop I decided to leave. Then I was asked to do the club features with Wendy Varnals and we visited clubs all over the country."

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When the programme finished, Mike decided to continue as a disc jockey and began to work in ball-rooms. He began to host his own weekly "Mike Quinn Show" at Tiles and built up solid, regular audiences.

Currently he has his own show at the "Pink Flamingo". Wardour Street and has just had his first album released.

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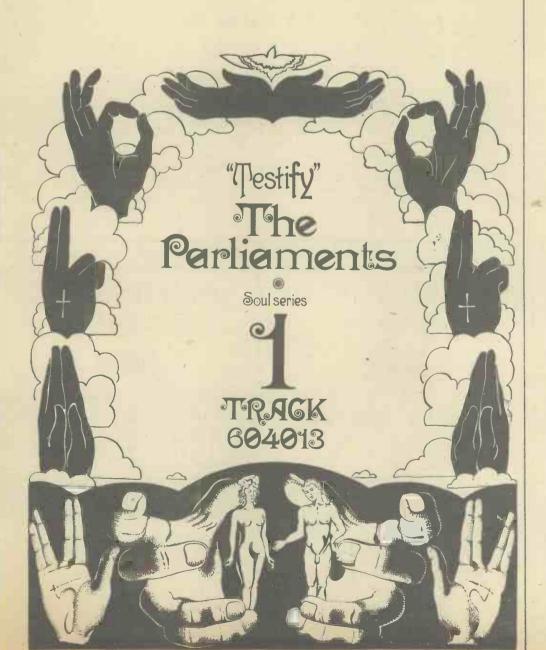
THE Bee Gees are filming a Christmas Show for ABC TV at Liverpool Cathedral. Title of the show will be. "How On Earth" and it will be screened on Christmas Eve.

The Electric Prunes, who arrive in Britain this week also want to perform in religious surroundings—Westminster Abbey. In America they recorded an album in church surroundings. The group will be appearing in Britain until mid-December and top the bill at the Saville Theatre this Sunday.



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From the Glee Club to the Charts-



FELICE TAYLOR — just missed the Top Ten this week with "I Feel Love Comin" On"

MISS Felice Taylor is what in present-day parlance is known as a very dolly lady. Nineteen years old, ravishingly good-looking and possessed of that melodious softness of voice shared by so many American girl vocalists. She also has a particularly attractive record in RM's Top Twenty, all of which served to place the delectable Miss Taylor very close to the top of RM's Most Desirable Interviewee chart during her brief promotional visit to Britain last weekend.

Felice was born in Richmond, California, on January 29 1948. She was educated at Fremoat College, Los Angeles, and first became aware of her great potential as an entertainer whilst a member of the school's glee club.

Upon leaving college she set her sights firmly upon a singing career and found work as a session vocalist, gaining valuable experience whilst providing backings for many West Coast groups. Then, about a year ago, she met recording manager Bob Keene and was signed to Mustang Records

(President here) in her own right.
Felice's first disc, "It May Be Winter Outside" was a big hit in the States and won her many fans over here, particularly among R & B addicts. It also caused a few mild ripples of uninformed disapproval among people who claimed that she was deliberately trying to sound like Diana Ross of the Supremes — ripples which were later to take on almost tidal wave dimensions on this side of the Atlantic as her third

disc and first British hit, "I Feel Love Coming On" steamed ever closer to the UK Top Ten.

"Oh sure, I've got used to people comparing me with Diana," smiled Felice. "But my reply to the criticism is that Diana and I are both soprano singers and it is pure coincidence that the superconduction of the control of the cont cidence that we sound so alike. The Supremes were there first of course, so I can understand how some people may think that I am imitating Diana. But it might just as well have happened the other way around. To sing like someone you have to have the same kind of voice. Well, my voice must be very similar to Diana's because I sing the only way I know how."

Felice was naturally delighted with the success of "I Feel Love Coming On" and obviously enjoying her first British visit which she described as her "most thrilling experience to date."

Of the British people she has met she added: "Everyone has been so warm and friendly — so different from the majority of people you meet hack home!"

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Felice's follow-up to "I Feel Love Coming On" will also be issued in Britain on President, though in the States she is now with Kent Records. Unlike many label switches, however, Felice's was not only completely amicable but inevitable.

As she explained: "I moved to Kent about a month ago because Mustaing went out of business, My three Mustaing singles had together sold almost a million copies and I was very happy with the company. In fact, I was the last artiste to leave."

Her first single for Kent, soon to be issued in the States, is called "I Feel Love Coming Down On Me" and is, Felice assured me very different from her current hit despite the similarity of title.

Her British trip over Felice is now in Germany for a week's promotional visit, but it is hoped that before returning to the States she may be able to undertake a few working engagements here. She has already sampled London's club scene from one side of the microphone and is more than keen to show her/own paces from the other.

Her many fans, and all club owners who enjoy doing turn-away business, will, I'm sure, join with me in hoping that her wish is granted real soon.



FLATT and SCRUGGS-their "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" is on two labels-the original on Mercury, and the chart version on CBS.





BONNIE PARKER and CLYDE BARROW—alias Faye Dunnaway and Warren Beatty (Pic courtesy Warner Bros. Films).

How those two loveable gangsters gave Bluegrass its first British hit . . .

world, Bluegrass, has finally made it!
Theme from the "Bonnie and Clyde"
movie, "Foggy Mountain Breakdown",
by Flatt and Scruggs and The Foggy Mountain Boys, is bubbling under the British Top Fifty. It is doubtful whether this particular ballad is destined to be a mammoth hit, but it has established American country music in its true form.

"Foggy Mountain Breakdown", composed by banjo ace Earl Scruggs, has long been a favourite of Bluegrass groups the world over-it's probably the first Bluegrass tune that any banjo picker gets his teeth

'BEVERLEY HILLBILLIES'

The bluegrass banjo (three-finger style, that is) has been featured on several popular tunes in recent years: "The Ballad of Jed Clampett" (Beverley Hillbillies), "Petticoat Junction", from the series of the same name, and numerous TV jingles, but it has taken the film produced by Warren Beatty "Bonnie and Clyde", to take it to the coveted hit

To quote from an article published in the Record

"Bluegrass consists of a three-finger style, five-

HAT phenomenon of the musical string banjo in a string band of electrically unamplified instruments. In most cases the instruments featured are:—five-string banjo, fiddle, guitar, mando-lin, bass and dobro guitar. Although in some early recordings by Bill Monroe, an electric guitar was used—much against Bill's wishes. The songs used in Bluegrass are normally folksongs or old time ballads closely associated with the feel and spirit of American traditional music.

NEW ORLEANS JAZZ

One can compare the workings of Bluegrass music to that of New Orleans jazz. Each instrument has a specific role, strictly adhered to. For backing and rhythm, the bass and guitar are used, while other instruments such as the dobro, mandolin, fiddle or banjo are used for lead or solo. Both New Orleans Jazz and Bluegrass are assembly forms. They use a frontline of solo instruments, trumpet, trombone and clarinet in Dixieland, and five-string banjo, fiddle and guitar, etc. in Bluegrass, with solos and breaks in both, on all instruments.

The name "Bluegrass" became recognised early

in the 1950's, to set it aside from other forms of country music. It is not the traditional music of Kentucky, or the American Bluegrass area, although it is very popular in these regions. The name "Bluegrass" was thought to have been given by a fanit seemed to suit the style, and it was accepted. The Bluegrass sound is different to that of any other country music form.'

Many folk clubs in England have been featuring Bluegrass music for a number of years, and there are many fine groups currently playing the scene. Among them being Anita and The Bluegrass Boys, who feature the traditional line-up of banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass and mandolin; Ian McCann and The Roan Country Boys, and The Southern Ramblers.

The world of pop music is hungry for a new sound, and what better than "the only new musical sound in five hundred years".

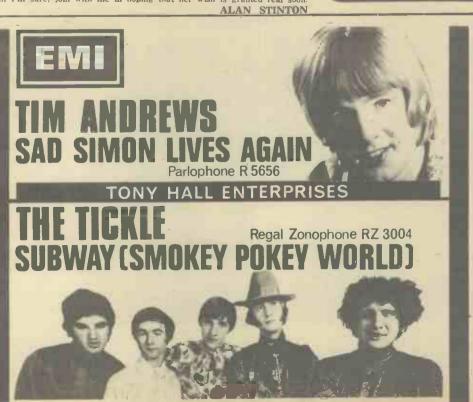
FADING POPULARITY

The band of Flatt & Scruggs has changed considerably since the Mercury recordings of "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" — they now regularly feature harmonica, drums and electrified banjo, consequently their popularity is fading amongst the purists, but other groups, Hylo Brown and The Timberliners, Bill Monree and The Bluegrees Boys, and The Country Monroe and The Bluegrass Boys, and The Country

Gentlemen, still adhere to the old style.

Suggested Bluegrass albums available in this country include: "Knee Deep In Bluegrass", Bill Monroe; "Bluegrass In The American Tradition", Bill Clifton; "The Versatile Flatt & Scruggs", and "The Bluegrass Hall Of Fame" Bluegrass Hall Of Fame'

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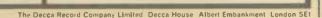
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Advice; Lost in Loveliness; Liza;
More Than You Know; You Are
Too Beautiful; Something in Common; Look To Your Heart; Suddenly There's A Valley; The Longest Walk; Salling Down The Chesapeake Bay; The Possibility's There
(Ace Of Hearts AH 164).

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IKE the title says — these are rare recordings, Or were before this album was released. No tracks on side one have ever been issed before, and the tracks on side two are very difficult to obtain nowadays: But the standard is as uniformly high as always. He duets twice — once with son Gary on "Fatherly Advice" and once with Peggy Lee on "The Possibility's There".

JAKE THACKRAY "The Last Will And Testament Of Jake Thackray" (Columbia Stereo SCX 6178).

JAKE sounds like a kind of sick Noel Coward. His folk-tinged songs and his unusual songs made me laugh spontaneously (very rare when reviewing LP's), Pro-duced by Normal Newell — a good LP this.

GOOD SONG SELECTION FROM ENGELBER

More good LP's from Eric Burdon, Righteous Bros, Auger & Driscoll, and Cash & Carter...

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK
"The Last Waltz" — The Last
Waltz; Dance With Me; Two Different Worlds; If It Comes To That;
Walk Hand In Hand; A Place In
The Sun; Long Gone; All This
World And The Seven Seas; Miss
Elaine E. S. Jones; Everybody
Knows; Nature Boy; To The End
Of The Earth (Decca LK 4901).

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JUST the right combination of songs here for Engelbert — the sonss here for Engelbert — the songs are adult without being corny, and his magnificent voice handles them well. A surprise item is the old Drifters' hit "Dance With Me", but the way he sings it, it fits in with the rest of the LP. Obviously a glant-seller and a listenable, pleasure-giving LP too.

* * * * EDMUNDO ROS "Sing And Swing With Edmundo Ros" (Decca Stereo SKL 4885).

FOR many years Edmundo has been a familiar figure on the radio and in the music business in general. This LP will selt to everyone who bought his previous albums (some are listed on this sleeve). Titles include "Guantanamera", "Come Closer To Me", "Fly Me To The Moon" and "The Girl From Ipanema".

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MOBY GRAPE "Moby Grape" (CBS 63090).

NE of America's biggest "in person" psychedelic groups, Moby Grape haven't had a hit single yet, despite a mass release of about ten singles by U.S. Columbia, But they don't sound distinctive enough on this showing to represent much of a threat to the established disc sellers in this field,

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MURRY WILSON "The Many Moods Of Murry Wilson" (Capitol T 2819).

SOME well orchestrated instrumentals here, on this LP produced and partly written by Murry, who as you may know is the Beach Boys' father. The orchestrations are beautiful and this is an easy-on-the-ear album which should do very well. An attractive sleeve to

ERIC BURDON AND THE ANIMALS "Winds Of Change" — Winds Of Change; Poem By The Sea; Paint It Black; The Black Plague; Yes I Am Experienced; San Franciscan Nights; Manwoman; Hotel Hell; Good Times; Anything; It's All Meat (MGM C 8052).

C 8052).

RIC'S first album for quite some time and it is certainly indicative of the changes which — as we all know — have been taking place in him. An effective cover and some of the tracks are obvious send-ups/tributes to other stars — he takes everything a little more seriously than he will probably do in his next album, but the combination of his ideas and his talent is interesting, Well produced by Tom Wilson.

SANDY POSEY "Sandy Posey" —
I Take It Back; Standing In The
Rain; The Big Hurt; Sunglasses;
Bread And Butter; I Can Show You
How To Live; It's Wonderful To
Be In Love; Love Of The Common
People; Halfway To Paradise; The
Boy I Love; Come Softly To Me
(MGM C 8051).

DON'T know why, but Sandy always seems to select some very good songs on her LP's. They bring back memories for the twenties 'age group. Ah, "Come Softly To Me", and "Halfway To Parad'se". A pity her last single "I Take It Back" flooped, it was very clever. If you like her voice, which not everyone does, then you'll like this LP.

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BOBBY DARIN "Dr. Dolittle"—
At The Crossroads; When I Look
In Your Eyes; I Think I Like
You; Where Are The Words?;
Something In Your Smile; Fabulous
Places; My Friend The Doctor;
Beautiful Things; After Today; Talk
To The Animals (Atlantic 587089).

To The Animals (Atlantic 587089).

THE brilliant Leslie Bricusse tunes from "Dr. Dollitle" are given an original Bobby Darin treatment on this album. Side one is mainly beautiful ballads with that interesting quality in Bobby's voice that was evident in some of his biggest hits. Roger Kellaway arranges and conducts and this is a fine record which deserves to do well.

THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS "Greatest Hits" — You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'; White Cliffs Of Over; Georgia On My Mind; For Sentimental Reasons; You'll Never Walk Alone; Just Once In My Life; Unchained Melody; See That Girl; Ebb Tide; Guess Who; Hung On You; The Great Pretender (Verve VLP 9183). VLP 9183).

ATTEMPORE LP this — firstly not all their hits are included — certainly the absence of "Soul And Inspiration" is noticeable. But as a bonus — the Phil Spector sides are the REAL thing, obviously Verve have bought or loaned the masters for this album, And as over half the sides are Spector-produced it is certainly a worthwhile album. Blue eyed soul . . with sleeve notes by Magnificent Montague.

ANDRE PREVIN "All Alone" —
More Than You Know; I Got It
Bad; Everything Happens To Me;
You Are Too Beautiful; How Deep
Is The Ocean; Anxel Eyes; When
Sunny Gets Blue; As Time Goes
By; Remember Me?; Yesterdays;
Dancing On The Ceiling; Here's
That Rainy Day (RCA Victor
RD 7896).

"THIS album," says the sleeve notes, "is going to make a lot of melody lovers very happy." As you can guess from the title it's Andre by himself with his clever pianistic stylings on some tunes, most of which are not over familiar. But the general late-night atmosphere is nice.

VARIOUS ARTISTES — "Original Soundtracks And Hit Music Of The Greatest Motion Picture Scores" (United Artists STEREO SULP 1182).

THIS is a kind of a special album for people like Bill Harry who dig soundtracks, There are the main themes by the original conductors and orchestras from some of the biggest films made in recent years. Titles include "The Great Escape" (Elmer Bernstein), "Itma La Douce" (Andre Previn), "It's A Mad Mad Mad Mad World" (Ernest Gold) and many more.

BRIAN AUGER, JULIE DRIS-COLL AND THE TRINITY "Open" — In And Out; Isola Natale; Black Cat; Lament For Miss Baker; Good-bye Jungle Telegraph; Tramp; Why (Am I Treated So Bad); A Kind Of Love-In; Break It Up; Season Of The Witch (Marmalade 607002).

A WELL-PACKED souvenir of the attractive-looking group, which debuts as Marmalade's first LP (I think). The combination of Julie's jazz-styled vocals and Brian's claver organ manulating makes an clever organ manipulating makes an album which is a step forward for British R & B. Seldom exciting but beautifully performed and inventive.

JOHNNY CASH AND JUNE CARTER — Long Lesged Guitar Pickin' Man; Shantytown; It Ain't Me Babe; Fast Boat To Sydney; Pack Up Your Sorrows; I Got A Woman; Jackson; Oh, What A Good Thing We Had; You'll Be All Right; No, No, No; What'd I Say (CBS 63105).

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THIS is really a fantastic combination. Johnny's gunslinger vocals and attractive June Carter's rather hip country voice blend together on a mainly lighthearted selection ranging from the rocking "Long Legged Guitar Pickin' Man" to the Ray Charles opus "What'd I Say". This is the best Cash LP for a long time — sleeve notes by Carl Perkins who reminisces of the Sun days. . .

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THE Original London Cast record to "Sweet Charlty" is issued this month on CBS BRG 70035, and JULIET PROWSE is heavily featured as she's the star of the successful show. A different kind of stage show—JEANETTE MacDONALD (soprano) and "Opera And Operetta Favourites" (RCA Victor RD 7898) is a collectors re-issue of sides never before on LP—so you can throw away those scratchy old 78s, or sell them by the weight, Sides include selections from "Madam Butterfly", "Romeo And Juliet", "Faust", etc., etc. "The Fight Game" is a radio ballad and the LP is carefully edited and well produced—by Ewan Maccol and Charles Parker, and Peggy Seeger musically directing. The cover is magnificent and it's on Argo RG 539, More Xmas fare—"Christmas By The Fireside" by WALLY STOTT, his Orchestra and Chorus. The usual good selection of Carols and Christmas tunes here and a bargain price too (Marble Arch MAL 689). "The Exciting Spanish Sound Of PERET" (CBS 'Sounds Of The World Serles' 63120) features his vocals and guitar work on an LP which will appeal to latin devotees.

Ace of Clubs come up with some collectors items again, I must say that the following records all have some of the most attractively-designed sleeves I have seen on this type of record—the colours and designs are fantastic. Blues-wise there's "Out Came The Blues" (Ace Of Hearts AH 158)—it's volume two of the series—the first track is the famous "Let Your Linen Hang Low", sung in duet form. "The Band That Plays The Blues" refers to WOODY HERMAN and his orchestra (Ace of Hearts AH 156) and this LP was recorded between 1937 and 1941. Another LP from the same era is "Twelve Clouds Of Joy" with ANDY KIRK (Ace Of Hearts AH 160)—another collectors item but one well worth delving into. EARL HINES has been called "The father of jazz plano" and on his "Swinging in Chicago" LP (Ace Of Hearts AH 159) is a fantastically appealing collection of items recorded with him and his orchestra in 1934 and 1935, "Harlem On Saturday Night" (AH 161) features a stack of various artistes, includ

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THE MOONSHINERS (Pete Duker and Mike Deighan) have an authentic C & W flavour, and they go through some popular tunes like "The House That Jack Built", "Take This Hammer", "Leaning On A Lampost" etc. on their "Hold Up!" LP (Page One FOR 004). The very sexy cover on "A Love Affair" with THE FALLEN LEAVES enhances the sound on this very good instrumental LP which has loads of romantic atmosphere (London STEREO SHH 8341), But if it's Harp Music you dig (and these days, who doesn't!) try "Roslynn Plays For Christmas" by ROSLYNN GELLER and her Trio. Nice familiar Carols and Xmas goodles with the enveloping sound of her Harp predominating. (Columbia STEREO SCX 6184), More hippie — "Flower Garden" by the DEL NEWMAN SOUND, which has some interesting arrangements and vocalising on a number of mostly familiar tunes. That's on Columbia (STEREO SCX 6181).

Two goodles from EMI "Studio 2 Stereo" series, LAURIE JOHNSON and his orchestra on "Something's Coming" (TWO 179) is an impressive collection of standards, personalised and effective. The other is MANUEL and The Music Of The Mountains and "Beyond The Mountains" (TWO 184) which has some good Latintinged arrangements of mostly Continental standards.

If you're well set up with a stereo rig you may dig the "superstereo" that—it says on the sleeve—can be found on "Take The Duke's Train" (SML 30004) by BILLY BYERS Big Band. It's all Duke Ellington music but Mr. Byers' musicians, and arrangements, can't match up to the authentic work of the Master, Everybody blows lustily though—ideal for nervous parties, "Blues in Thirds" (stereo FJL 902) features the plano art of EARL HINES, one of the very greatest influences in Jazz. This new disc is very, listenable but, understandably, adds nothing to a reputation that dates back to the 1920s. "JOHNNY SMITH" (Verve VLP 9185) stars one of the greatest modern Jazz guitarists—very pretty music, beautfully played, wholly recommended.

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Two nice classical picks from Music For Pleasure this month. They are Liszt's Symphonic Poem "Les Preludes" and Tchaikovsky's Caprice Italien, Op 45. Played by THE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA conducted by Aleco Galliera on MFP 2087). Then there's "Music From The Ballet" (MFP 2085) which features "Les Sylphides", "Oance Of The Hours" and "Les Patineurs" and it is also by THE PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA conducted by Aleco Galliera on MFP 2087). Then

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HAT well-known poll-winning lady, Dusty springhers, is out of the country at the moment but she's left behind an LP "Where Am I Going". It's such a good album that we're delving into it at some length. And it points clearly to the fact that she is "Going" from HAT well-known poll-winning lady, Dusty Springfield,

strength to strengh.

Take the Shuman-Pomus opus "Bring Him Back", sung with fire and power at a brisk pace. Dusty rarely seems to take a breath as she hustles along. But not one word

loses its impact; and there's a unique sort of Instru-mental passage laid down by Alan Tew. An abrupt change of mood and atmosphere on "Don't Let Me Lose This Dream" but no change in the talent ratio. Then it's Arthur Greenslade's fine arrangement of "I Can't Wait Until I See My Baby's Face", a Taylor-Ragavoy song. This one tinkles where others thunder; Dusty rather revelling in the idea of putting her boy down. As on most, Madeline Bell and Lesley Duncan make their backing contribution effectively but at precisely the right

"Take Me For A Little While" brings in Ivor Raymonde on the arrangement side. I think this is a lovely song; beautifully worded. There's a wistful serenity here hard to find the best one word to describe the mood she evokes. Yet another MD for "Chained To A Memory" -Wally Stott, who lays down a back of infinite understanding and rapport. This is another excellent song, poignant and treated with delicate phrasing.

And here comes yet another musical director, Peter Knight, to close side one with a Pat Williams arrangement of "Sunny". This now-familiar Bobby Hebb number seems to take on a new depth here. It kind of glides along, apparently effortlessly, but when you go back and play it again it is so clearly a masterly, or mistressly, sort of sound.

Barely a drag spot, then, on side one. But hats should be held on to when the second instalment comes up. This is where the dramatic singing is all at. It opens with "They Long To Be Close To You", Ivor Raymonde putting down piano first behind Dusty, then adding a flash of brass, then strings. A super-cool reading, sentimental

but miles from mushiness.

"Welcome Back" (Reg Guest on musical baton) rambles a bit for my personal taste but Dusty later on grabs the song, scruff-wise, and emotes beautifully. But "Come Back To Me" has no such reservations. A big, bold, brash swinger, hustled by a Jim Wyler arrangement. Fast, driving, spasmodic brass that tears right into the wall of sound. Dusty leans on jazz; and it leans right back. back.

back.
In comes "If You Go Away", featuring a Johnny Spence score and a Peter Knight musically-conducted tourslow-introed, Dusty calling on a throaty core of emotion. What control way down in the musical scale! In a way, it's the same with "Broken Blossoms" (Peter Knight), lyrics adapted by brother Tom S., plaintive and wistful again. Thoughtful about sums it up.

And on to "Where Am I Going" (Wally Stott) which is as worthy an album-closer as I've heard anywhere. Again Dusty shows remarkable depths of understanding

Again Dusty shows remarkable depths of understanding and sympathy with her material.

I've stressed the names of the arrangers and the musical directors because they obviously have had a great deal to do with the success of our poll-winning lady's triumph.

This album is the centre-piece of a tremendous lot of care and attention. Perfection has been almed for and reached, almost without exception. Which really is the main point. Dusty would rather chuck it all up than rush into something which could be called sub-standard

And therein lies the lady's greatness.

PETER JONES

Hot Gospel, Fire and Brimstone from President

Ask most American soul and Rhythm And Blues artistes, and it is hikely they will have started their singing career in church — as a member of a gospel choir in one of the negro churches. And you may even have seen films from these churches — of the hot gospelling and the frenzy and excitement of negro religious music, And also the deep feeling and genuine soul which gospel singers put into their performances. This month President records have issued six LP's from the great American Nashboro catalogue.

PTL 1009 is "The Soul Of The CONSOLERS" — the Consolers are husband-and-wife Sullivan and Iola Pugh: their sound is rich, deep and throbbing. Their voices blend well and this is better soul than many commercial items you've been treated to lately. One of the songs included "Someone Must Answer" has been issued as a single.

PTL 1010 is "I Believe" by PROFESSOR HAROLD BOGGS And The Boggs Specials. Piano and organ backings are used, and some of these tracks are really swinging — the roots of early rock can be traced back to gospel — for an example listen to "Anytime Anyplace Anywhere". The Professor has lost his sight but has been travelling with his group since 1953.

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PTL 1011 is "Jesus Loves Me" by THE BROOKLYN ALLSTARS, who have some great harmonies — produced by Bob Holmes, who produced or co-produced all of these records.

PTL 1012 is "That's Enough by BROTHER JOE MAY — rated as one of the finest gospel singers in the States. His voice is really in the solid R & B vein and the funky backings on some of the tracks are excellent.

PTL 1013 is MME. EDNA GALLMON COOKE and she's the only female gospel singer in the six LP's. A powerful voice, not unlike Aretha Franklin and all the songs are her own compositions.

PTL 1014 is "Step By Step" by THE SWANEE QUINTET could well be the biggest seller of all six. Co-produced by James Brown, it features two songs written by James. And another of the tracks "Come By Here" was a recent R & B hit for Inez and Charlle Foxx. Soulful harmonies, and beaty backings, with subtle vocalising throughout.

PAUL REVERE AND THE RAIDERS "Revolution!" — Him Or Me — What's It Gonna Be?; Reno; Upon Your Leaving; Mo'reen; Wanting You; Gone — Movin' On; I Had A Dream; Tighter; Make It With Me; Ain't Nobody Who Can Do It Like Leslie Can; I Hear A Voice (CBS 63095).

NICE well-varied selection of A NICE well-varied selection of powerful songs from Paul Revere — this is certainly the best LP from them I've heard. It's well performed and has that certain power and professionalism plus some hard old rock sounds which will appeal to the rockers who knock everything the group has done since "Like Long Lair". A plty they can't seem to get a big single.

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THE JOHNNY HOWARD OR-CHESTRA "Love Is The Sweetest Thing" — The Look Of Love; The Sweetest Sounds; Sweet And Love-ly; Games That Lovers Play; Let's Fall In Love; Easy To Love; My One And Only Love; Soft Lights and Sweet Music; Love Is The Sweetest Thing; Put Your Head On My Shoulder; I'll See You In My Dreams (Deram STEREO SML 1012).

IKE the sleeve says, these are 'favourite love songs'. And the subtle, melodious Johnny Howard treatments are soothing and romantic. Produced by Dick Rowe and arranged by Johnny Keating, and with nice cover pix.

JACQUES LOUSSIER TRIO "Play Bach/5" (London Globe STEREO SLB 1047).

NYONE whose interest in Loussier has been sparked off since the TV programme on him a few months back will be pleased at this new LP, as will his earlier followers. His adaptation of Bach is not liked by everybody but to others (like me) it is brilliant. The items here are "Toccata No. 4 in C Major, 1st Movement: Allegro and 3rd Movement: Fugue", plus "Sicilliene in G Minor", "Choral No. 1 in B Flat", "Passacaille In C Minor" and "Theme".

JOE LOSS "Top Pop Dance ime" (HMV STEREO CSD 3644).

FOR the hippy quickstep fans here's many, many pop tunes done up in strict tempo beat. The usual Joe Loss touch and you're away . . . sections are Quickstep, Latin, Slow Foxtrot, Beat, Waltz etc.

KIM CORDELL "Same Again ir?" (Columbia STEREO SCX

A MEDLEY of mostly older numbers, all of which are great boozing favourites. The usual barmaid picture of Kim and a very lively LP.

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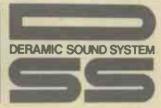
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COUNTRY JOE AND THE FISH

Not So Sweet Martha Lorraine; Love (Fontana TF 882). First single from America's top selling psychedelic group is a bluesy psychedelic group is a bluesy stab of Dylanesque material culled from their "Electric Music For The Mind And Body" album. Gultar work is fantastic, and the cool vocal mixes well with the organ. Should be some kind of hit—certainly an excellent record with a good lyric. Flip is a frantic beater with a hoarse vocal and bix composer credits.

TOP FIFTY TIP

DIANA ROSS AND THE SUPREMES

In and out of Love; I Guess In and out of Love; I Guess I'll always Love You (Tamla Motown TMG 632). Melodic song from Dlana, very pop-slanted with a good production job done on it. But this is really very ordinary for the Supremes—certainly it can't be compared with fabulous "Reflections". And you can hear bits of their past hits here. Flip is their version of Isley Brothers hit — a pleasant enough song, but Iacking the Isley's punchy treatment.

TOP FIFTY TIP

TIM HARDIN

Lady Came From Baltimore; Black Sheep Boy (Verve Fore-

cast VS 1511). Original version of the while-back Darin single. A really beautiful record — Tim's hesitant guitar picking taking precedence over the strings which are subdued in the background. His voice is poignantly appealing and the lyric deals with a theif falling in love with the lovely victim of his burklary. Filip, also from the LP 'Tim Hardin 2' is a brighter meaningful folk ballad, with the same compulsive appeal.

TOP FIFTY TIP THE FANTASTIC JOHNNY C: Boogaloo Down Broadway; Look What Love Can Make You Do (London HL 10169). Typical dance item — styled a la Wilson Pickett or James Brown. Funky and compelling without too much tune or originality.

ERMA FRANKLIN: Plece Of My Heart; Big Boss Man (London HLZ 10170). Typical slow gospel-tinged item from Erma—soulful vocalising and a lot of meaningful sounds all the way round. Nice piano, grow-on-you arrangement—could be a soul biggle. **\frac{1}{2} *\frac{1}{2} *\frac{1}{2}

LOU RAWLS: Little Drummer Boy; A Child With A Toy (Capitol CL 15522), Harmonica opens this, a very sophisticated version of the old Harry Simone/Beverly Sisters hit — it builds to a fine swinging climax.

THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL: She Is Still A Mystery; Only Pretty, What A Pity (Kama Sutra KAS 210). Beautiful production on this U.S. hit which has a catchy punch-line and good vocal work. But maybe lacking that magic to give them a chart comeback here.

THE GLORIES: (I Love You Babe But) Give Me My Freedom; Security (Direction 58 3084). Supremes styled beater here, with the lead singer in powerful form on the teenbeat song. OK for discotheques, but perhaps not subtle enough for chart success.

SMOKEY ROBINSON AND THE MIRACLES: I Second That Emotion; You Must Be Love (Tamia Motown TMG 631). Discotheque Tamia beat from the Miracles with a plaintive riff running through this steady item, which is good, but certainly not their best. * * *

THE BAR-KAYS: Give Everybody Some; Don't Do That (Stax 601025). Not as catchy or get-together as "Soul Finger" — still a good party disc though, with sax and shoutings galore. * *

THE FIRST 3 RECORDS RELEASED **NOVEMBER 24th** ARE:-THE GLORIES GIVE ME MY FREEDOM 58-3084 **ELMER GANTRY** VELVET OPERA 58-3083 **OTELLO SMITH &** THE TOBAGO BAD BOYS MY HOMETOWN 58-3082







THE BEATLES have a newie out—but the fllp seems to be as strong or better than the official "A" side. And THE PEEP SHOW, seen wearing 1941 RAF uniforms and with a Spitfire, have a folk-rock item issued which explains the picture.

MIKE SAMMES SINGERS

Do You Hear What I Hear; Ring Christmas Bells (Columbia DB 8308). What with "Somewhere My Love" doing so well and what with this being a revival of an old Crosby seller, the Singers should be back in the charts. As ever a most professional and musicianly sound — and it's a good old song. Filp: Also very attractive for this time of year.

TOP FIFTY TIP

HARRY SECOMBE

Masquerade; There Comes A Time (Philips BF 1625). Big tenor ballad from the new musical "Four Musketeers" and Harry is the sort of lad who creeps in the charts

BONZO DOG DOO DAH BAND

The Equestrian Statue; The Intro
And The Outro (Liberty LBF
15040). Great. Very funny and
original and they're one of the
few outfits who can capture on
disc some of their astonishing stagepresence virtues. Listen carefully
to it, though. Flip: Must say this
is the more incredible of the two
sides, but probably it wouldn't have
made a strong 'A' deck.

TOP FIFTY TIP

almost unnoticed . . . then stays there. A fine arrangement of a song that'll be requested on radio for years to come. Filp: More goodness from the same show.

TOP FIFTY TIP

THE SAVOY BROWN BLUES

THE SAVOY BROWN BLUES BAND turn up with a really lively, slightly saucy, highly-beaty number in "Taste And Try, Before You Buy" (Decca F 12702), deserves to do well. GLBERT is a young man who sings like an old man and has a very strange debut single out called "Disappear" (CBS 3089) — very odd. Lovely, lovely BLOSSOM DEARIE produces an LP track "Once I Loved" (Fontana TF 886), full of kentle artistry. Instrumental version coming up of "Thoroughly Modern Mille" (Mercury MF 1008), by the OH YOU KIDS. Old smoothie RONNIE CARROLL does nicely on a Tom Springfield song "Time" (Philips BF 1623). Also smooth: TOMMY LEONETTI'S version of "You Knew About Her All The Time" (CBS 3091); arranged by Don Costa. Strange outfit named PETER PUMPKIN PLEASES PEOPLE on "Would You Belleve, A March?" (Page One POF 048), a catchy Instrumental. On the Blue Beat label: "Limbo Girl" (Columbia DB 105), a brisk Laurel Aitken song performed with spirit by THE IN-VADERS, THE KERRIES tackle "Coulters Candy" (Major Minor MM 541), Scottish folk-styling of some charm. Nice performance from LYN ROMAN on "The Penthouse" (Stateside SS 2069), a song inspired by the controversial movie. Christmassy fare from the SUNBURY JUNIOR SINGERS (Regal Zonophone RZ 508): "Noe!", done with juvenile enthusiasm. LLOYD AND THE GROOVERS, on "Do It To Me Baby" (Caltone 108), is blue-beat but with moments of violent punch.

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Great, and gimmicky, is RICHARD BOONE'S "Boone's Blues" (Verve VS 561), the actor singing nonsense lyrics, or speaking them, over the fantastic Basie band. More Jamaican music: "Don't Want To Let You Go" (Caltone 106), from ROMEO AND THE EMOTIONS, nicely rhythmic. Similar material and right for addicts: "Lover Like You" (Columbia Blue Beat DB 104), by DAVE SMITH AND THE ASTRONAUTS — jorgingly effective. For party givers and sing-song fans: WINIFRED ATWELL'S "Party 88" (Decca F 12698), with material old and new. Most pleasant: THE LITTLE SINGERS OF ST. PETER on "Mr. Snowman" (United Artists UP 1198). . right for the festive fireside. THE UNIVERSALS, on their "Green Veined Orchard" (Page One POF 049), a sort of going-to-work-on-a-Monday song, quite effective. Daughters of Bernle and Barbara: KIM AND KELLY BRADEN who sell most enthusiastically on "Didn't 1" (Columbia DB 8312), a bouncy

Daughters of Bernie and Barbara:
KIM AND KELLY BRADEN who
sell most enthusiastically on "Didn't
I" (Columbia DB S312), a bouncy
success. I commend: THE ORANGE
BICYCLE for their "Laura's Garden" (Columbia DB S311), a bit
spasmodic but very inventive...
one which could click From
ETHNA CAMPBELL: "The Spinning Wheel" (Polydor 56223), a traditional air sung with charm.
And the INQUISITIVE PEOPLE
do "Big White Chief" (Decca F
12699) with sultable tom tom
effects and a big vocal approach.
From the popular JAMES LAST
ORCHESTRA: A likely big-seller
with a smooth orchestral version of
"The Last Waltz" (Polydor 56535).
The old Paul Anka song "My Home
Town" (CBS Direction 58-3082), an
atmospheric treatment f to m
OTELLO SMITH AND THE TOBAGO BAD BOYS . catchy.
Same stable: some free-form inusic
on "Flames" (CBS Direction 58-

3083), by ELMER GANTRY'S "Velvet Opera" and this is rather exciting. Top German girl singer: MARION, just that, on "I Go To Sleep" (Page One POF 042), an interesting reading of the Kink number.

NOEL HARRISON, with "Suzanne" (Reprise RS 20615), is in poetic mood, romantic too, with guitar backing. Trumpet solo from EARL GILL (Pye 17420) on "Sunset" — rather a nice, somewha. reminiscent melody. "Love Me" sinks DANNY WILLIAMS (Deram DM 163) and he sings it well, helped by a strong arrangement. "I Don't Want To Fall", by a kroup actually called THE FALLEN ANGELS (London HL 10166), is a jerky group beater — a bit routine in form. Tinkling sort of jazz front THE LONDON JAZZ FOUR (Polydor 56214) but they have a good melody in Steve Race's "It Strikes A Chord". Very big ballad, beautifully sung by Italian hearthrob TONY DEL MONACO: "Soma May Live" (CBS 3095), a class disc which might do specially well. Big. voiced production from Love-LACE WATKINS (a bloke) on "I Apoloxise Baby" (Fontana TF 879), well backed and sentimental, "San Francisco Street", by STEVEN LANCASTER (Polydor 56215), is nicely done but the song angle is just a shade out-dated now. From SOLOMON KING: "She Wears My Ring" (Columbia DB 8306), a romantic ballad, nicely sung, but corny really. The BARRY LEE SHOW, on "I Don't Want To Love You" (Columbia DB 8306), a romantic ballad, nicely sung, but corny really. The BARRY LEE SHOW, on "I Don't Want To Love You" (Columbia DB 8399), starts in routine style but it really develops well. Nice version of Donovan's "There is A Mountain" from DANDY (Glant GN 15) — lightly blue-beaty. From BILLY HAMILTON AND THE STRANDS-MEN: "Try To Remember" (Philips BF 1622), a slow easy-on-the-ear sentimental ballard. JOYCE GRENFELL is very funny: specially on her "Nursery School" performance (HMV Pop 1617).

BRUCE CHANNEL on "Mr. Bus Driver" (Stateside SS 2066) evokes memories of his "Hey Baby" hit of way back — sinsing forcefully and hiuesily here. Another goodie from KATHY KIRBY: "Turn Around" (Columbia DB 8302). a slow-haballad with a good chances on "To Him" (Philips BF 1619), a big production job and firely performed. "No Love Like Your Love" (Columbia DB 8302). a slow-eaverage song. From the MOOD OF HAMILTON with

ments and a strong arrangement.

Telly-host JACKIE RAE shows his paces vocally with a strongish ballad "Believe In Love" (Coral 72495). I liked: DON FARDON'S "The Lament Of The Cherokee Reservation Indian" (Pye Int. 25437) a churging story, well arranged. DANNY DOYLE, with exposure, could nick fire sales. arranged. DANNY DOYLE, with exposure, could pick files sales from "Whisky On A Sunday" (Major Minor MM 543), very Irish! One day LESLEY DAWSON will make it big: and maybe start with her fine "My Patient Heart" (Mercury MF 1006). From THE LEAGUE: "Nothing On" (President PT 167), a building beater, fairly routine alas. JOHNNY THE BEATLES

THE BEATLES

Hello, Goodbye; I Am The Walrus (Parlophone R 5655). First impressions — typical McCartney vocals, on this deliberately repetitive medium pace item. It sounds like a send-up, the lyrics (what are there) mean nothing but the insidious compelling brain - storming will take this to number one, Flip is far better, from "Magical Mystery Tour". John takes lead on the fantastic wailing production — interesting acidy sounds throughout and catchy strange lyrics — a very long side with the usual Beatles psychological tricks being played throughout. Safe as milk.

TOP FIFTY TIP

CARNEGY HALL

The Bells of San Francisco; Slightly Cracked (Polydor 56224). Santa Claus, if you please, makes his psychedelic way to hippie-land. This is a Geoff Stephens' production and I'd have thought it would have suited the New Vaudeville Band. Still, this particular group tackle it well, with a sense of atmosphere. Could be big. Flip: Instrumental of catchiness.

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THE PEEP SHOW

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Esprit De Corps (Fifty Years
Old): Mind In A Mix-up (1958
Memrhis Blues Again) (Polydor
56226). This is a beautiful folktinged ballad, sung by a sad-voiced
lead singer with ever-so-subtle
backing voices. Song deals with a
young man in trouble, comparing
himself and his situation with a
world War II pilot, of whom he's
just seen a film. Spectacular surprise ending too. With enough plugs
this could be big. Flip is a send-up,
whether of Rock'n'roll or Boh
Dylan I don't know, Corny sounds
all round, but not a pateh on the
top deck.
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THE ROYAL **GUARDSMEN**

Snoopy's Christmas; It Kinda Looks Like Christmas (London HLP 10171). Not sure about this one. I don't know whether we're all ready for a revival of the Snoopy saga, with the World War I atmosphere and a carol scene going on. However, it could make it — it's not my cuppa but nor were the earlier ones. Flip: Pretty much a routine festive scene.

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THE SEARCHERS: Secondhand Dealer; Crazy Dreams (Pye 17424). Rather typical Searchers, which means a compact sound and useful material. The volces are good — in fact. it's a nice record all round. Might do well.

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FREDDY DAVIES: Sentimental Songs; Cynthia Crisp (Major Minor MM 536), The spluttering budgie-faced geyser on a straight song. He has a following; could be a Christmas surprise package.

SANDY POSEY: Are You Never Coming Home; I Can Show You How To Live (MGM 1364), Doubt if this is a hit. Spoken introduction, some double-tracking, rather a small approach to the vocal line. Sentimental sure. Still, never know.

MIKE FELIX: Blueberry Hill; I Don't Think You Want Me Anymore (Decca F 12791). Actually my record of the week, Mike has a most eloquent, emotional style and this is a knock-out song anyway. Love to see it come through big.

TRULY SMITH: The Boy From Chelsea; Little Man With A Stick (Decca F 12790). Oh yes, this girl is a real talent. Alas I doubt whether this is a good enough song. A bit limited, as they say.

TONY CHRISTIE: Turn Around: When Will I Ever Love Again (MGM 1365), Highly-touted new star on a slow-starting sort of number. The ability is there, He has a distinctive way with lyrics. Give it a spin.

SVENSK: All I Have To Do Is Dream (Page One POF 050). Another good effort by the boys. This is a fair enough song; but the strong point is the intricate vocal moments. Nice try. * * * *

NANCY WHISKEY: Freight Train; The Game (CBS 3090). Revival of an eleven-year-old biggle; this time with the accent on the melody rather than the skiffle-beat. Very well done; and in with chances this time round. * * *

MARGO AND THE MARVETTES: When Love Stips Away; I'll be Home (Pye 17423). Margo is one of your outstanding singers — a lovely warm, flexible voice. And this is a good song. Therefore it could register.

SKIP BIFFERTY: Happy Land; Reason To Live (RCA Victor 1648). Maintaining their progress, this group might register with this excellently-worded song. Nice vocal work; a smooth arrangement, **\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1

THE ZOMBIES: Care Of Cell 44; Maybe After He's Gone (CBS 3087).

Not sure this might not be a hit. A boy writing to his jailed girl-friend.

Good performance, as ever, and the idea might catch on. Listenable,

anyway. JUMAR: Cry For Me Baby; Nobody In This World (Polydor JOHNNY DUMAR: Cry For Me Baby; Nobody In This World (Polydor John In This World

HOWARD and his class orchestra do very well with "Bonnie And Clyde", the movie theme (Deram DM 159) — atmospheric.

DM 159) — atmospheric.

Opera star JOAN SUTHERLAND turns up with a classy "Fallink in Love With Love" (Decca F 12692) — right for older folk, From DAVE and DON: "What A Feelink" (Polydor 56212), a most promising duet sound. FREDDIE QUINN. continental star. on "Lonesome" (Polydor 56213) is rather subdued this time. "Biddy Reilly", from BIG JOHNNY (Pye 17412) is all Irish accent and accordion. In the Ska-Beat series: an exciting "ligh Life Piccadilly" from THE AFRICAN MESSENGERS (Page One POF 043).

Those talented KING BROTHERS

Those talented KING BROTHERS Those talented KING BROTHERS revive the lovely "My Mother's Eyes" (Page One POF 047) — and this could do very well indeed. I enjoyed the off-beat sounds of "Lapland" by the marvellous BALTIMORE AND OHIO MARCHING BAND (Stateside SS 2065). Film star. de-luxe ANTHONY

QUINN does an acting job on the now popular "I Love You And You Love Me" (Capitol CL 15520). Good ideas on "A Great Day For The Clown" (Stateside SS 2064) but MARK BARKAN will probably miss out here. Nice film theme: "Billion Dollar Braim" (United Artists UP 1197) by the NORMAN PERCIVAL ORCHESTRA, THE BUNCH turn up with "Soare A Shilling" (CBS 3060), an interestingly-presented sort of beat performance. Trumpet and trombone featured swingingly on "Some May Live (CBS 3062) by THE MERTENS BROTHERS STYLE. I think JIMMY WILSON is a firstrate singer and I hope his stylish reading of "Walk Through This World With Me" (Major Minor MM 535) does as well as it deserves, Also watchable and commended: "Baby's Gone" by TUES. DAY'S CHILDREN (Pye 17406), with a nice hard edge to it, Amusing bit of satire-stuff: "Ilaroid and Me" (Parlophone R 5650) by two of the original cast of "Mrs. Wilson's Diary".



Barbara Wade, 17, 18 Hillview Ave., Gleveside, Bailymoney, Co. Antrim, N.I. Stars — Beatles, Stones, Pretty Things, P. J. Proby. Hobby and interests — Swimmins, dancing. Want pen-friend, boy or girl



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READERS' CLUB



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Monika Morin, 15, Abraham Ruths Vag 11, Luleab, Sweden. Stars — Rolling Stones, Cat, Who, Move, Jimi, Cream, Pink Floyd, etc. Hobby and interests—Mods, beat-niks, penpals, I'll answer all letters.



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Owing to the fantastic success of Readers' Club and the rate at which your photos have been pouring in, it would have been impossible to keep pace with them in the paper. Therefore, we are not printing the coupon anymore, until we rid ourselves of the enormous backlog which has accumulated. So, hard luck anyone who hasn't yet written—but in a couple of months (we hope) the coupon will be back again. Until then, we'll print as many photos as we can many photos as we can. . . .



Herewith the face of Solomon King. The body of Solomon King is 33 years old, is 6ft. 8 in. tail and weighs twenty stone. A body fond of food — in fact, he waxes enthusiastic about Indian, Chinese, Italian, Spanish and English grub... "steak and kidney pudding—marvellous", says he. But eating is but a sideline. In fact he is a well-established American singer, now here to promote his record "She Wears My Ring" on Columbia. He started off in the Deep South on a hillbilly kick, moved into country music proper, then Gospel, then rock and roll, then ballads and class material which he uses now. But Country and Gospel are particular favourites. He is most interesting to chat to on these subjects. We'll enlarge on his views at a later stage. Meanwhile, try his single ... it features his voice spanning fourand-a-half octaves, which is a lot of octaves.



Two girls, each with differing talents, but each guided greatly by the same man . . . Harold Geller, songwriter, publisher, handleader, manager and just about everything else. The blonde is his daughter, Roslynn Geller, who if she took her harp to a party would undoubtedly he asked to play!!! She is out with an LP for the festive season . . . "Roslynn Plays For Christmas", with her tro, on Columbia. It features traditional Xmas airs, suitably dressed up, plus some of the pop single hits of recent years. Trio features jangle plano and celeste, bass and drums. And them there is the very excellent dark-haired lady, Lynn Holland out with a Polydor LP "Oh Darling How I Miss You". This girl, managed by Harold, is actually a gem . . she can sing anything. She's also, on the album, come out with her own lyrics to "Hava Nagha".



The Societie reach records, via Hollie Allan Clarke who caught their act in Glasgow earlier this year and immediately decided to record them. Deram, the lucky label that releases this full-of-promise group are pleased to have the track that Allan produced "Bird has Flown" and Spencer Davis is likewise pleased to have the group on an agency basis. There are four members of the Societie and they've been together since July 1966. They write good songs, perform them even better and on the basis of this first release look like having a bright future.



Fellus Andromeda recorded their "Meditations" debut single (Decca) in a North London church — the arrangement of this excellent number called for a proper church organ. For the moment most of the boys are staying out of sight, as you can see from the picture. They say, and I quote: "The fate of our record was decided at a seance soon after we recorded the number. The message, from a spirit signing himself The Devil, read: 'Felius Andromeda — HIT'." And the boys add: "Since working on this record in the church we've been surrounded by a strange atmosphere, which has affected the group deeply." All very strange, wierd, moody. For the way things work out — keep an eye on the charts.







A handsome guy Gary Hamilton and if the face is familiar it's probably because he's still remembered as the leader of Hamilton's Movement. This was the outfit that played all over the country alongside people like The Who, Walker Brothers and Chuck Berry and built up a sizeable reputation of its own in the process. Gary halls from New York but owns up to being an adopted Londoner since 1957. His first solo disc "Let The Music Play" is on Decca, was written by Mike D'Abo and could well set the Hamilton success story in motion a second time round.

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I SECOND THAT

YOU BETTER SIT

46 (2) Cher (Imperial)

EXPRESSWAY TO

NEON RAINBOW

MASSACHUSETTS*
47 (2) Bee Gees (Atco)

I'M WONDERING*

OUT OF THE BLUE

10 (3) Tommy James & Shondells (Roulette)

YOUR PRECIOUS

12 (7) Bee Gees (Atco)
YESTERDAY
49 (2) Ray Charles (ABC)

GET IT TOGETHER.

HOMBURG*
35 (4) Proced Harum (A. & M.)
BY THE TIME I GET

TO PHOENIX

— (1) Glenn Campbell
(Capitol)

15 (14) Box Tops (Mala)

MR. DREAM MERCHANT

THE LETTER

SUMMER RAIN

HONEY CHILE

— (1) Martha Reeves & Vandellas (Gordy)

42 (4) Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood (Reprise)

PEACE OF MIND

HOLIDAY*

PAPER CUP

GLAD TO BE UNHAPPY

DOWN KIDS

28 (3) Fantastic Johnny C. (Phil L.A. of Soul)

SHE'S MY GIRL 33 (2) Turtles (White Whale)

AND STEAL
30 (6) Ohlo Express (Cameo)

EMOTION
38 (2) Smokey Robinson & Miracles (Tamia)

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- THE RAIN, THE PARK, & OTHER THINGS 2 (7) Cowsills (MGM)
- INCENSE & PEPPERMINTS 1 (7) Strawberry Alarm Clock (UNI)
- 3 DAYDREAM BELIEVER
- 4 TO SIR WITH LOVE*
- SOUL MAN*
 3 (10) Sam and Dave (Stax) PLEASE LOVE ME
- FOREVER 6 (8) Bobby Vinton (Epic)
- I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER 16 (4) Dionne Warwick (Scepter)
- I CAN SEE FOR MILES* (6) Who (Decca)
- IT MUST BE HIM*
 5 (10) Vikki Carr (Liberty)... IT'S YOU THAT I NEED
- KENTUCKY WOMAN*
- I HAD A DREAM*
- KEEP THE BALL ROLLIN'*
 25 (4) Jay & Techniques
 (Smash)
- WATCH THE FLOWERS GROW
 17 (4) Four Seasons (Philips)
 SHE IS STILL A
- MYSTERY 18 (4) Lovin' Spoonful (Kama Sutra) PATA PATA*
- 4 (5) Miriam Makeba Reprise)
- LIKE AN OLD TIME MOVIE* 20 (4) Scott McKenzie (Ode)
- IN AND OUT OF LOVE 27 (2) Diana Ross & Supremes
- STAG-O-LEE (3) Wilson Pickett (Atlantic) 45 LAZY DAY nky & Our Gang
- **LOVE IS STRANGE***
- AN OPEN LETTER TO MY TEENAGE SON 44 (2) Victor Lundberg (Liberty) I HEARD IT THROUGH
- THE GRAPEVINE
 31 (3) Gladys Knight & Pips
- 25 WILD HONEY 34 (3) Beach Boys (Capitol)
- (1) Paul Revere & Raiders (Columbia) *Am asterisk denotes record released in Britain.

U.S. BUBBLING UNDER

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Back On The Street Again—Sunshine Company (Imperial)
Goin! Back—Byrds (Columbia)
Beautiful People—Bobby Vee (Liberty)
Next Plane To London—Rose Garden (Atco)
Georgia Pines—Candyman (ABC)
Pony With Golden Mane—Every Mother's Son (MGM)
0-0 1 Love You—Dells (Cadet)
Wake Up, Wake Up—Grass Roots (Dunhill)
Okolona River Bottom Band—Bobble Gentry (Capitol)
Chattanooga Choo Choo—Harpers Bizarre (WB)

TOP L.P.'s

- SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND Beatles (Parlophone)
 SOUND OF MUSIC
- BREAKTHROUGH
- BRITISH MOTOWN CHART BUSTERS
- BEACH BOYS VOL. 1 B DISRAELI GEARS
- UNIVERSAL SOLDIER
- BEE GEES FIRST RELEASE ME
- SMILEY SMILE 19 Beach Boys (Capitol)
 MORE OF THE HARD
- 30 SKINNY LEGS AND ALL
 32 (3) Joe Tex (Atco) STUFF 14 The Dublines (Major Minor) SCOTT
 - 12 8 Scott Walker (Philips)
 DOCTOR ZHIVAGO 13
 - 7 Soundtrack (MGM) A DROP OF THE HARD 14
 - STUFF
 11 The Dubliners
 (Major Minor)
 THOROUGHLY MODERN
 - 9 Soundtrack (Brunswick)
 TOM JONES LIVE AT
 THE TALK OF THE TOWN 21 Tom Jones (Decca) BEST OF THE
 - BEACH BOYS VOL, 2
 - 12 Beach Boys (Capitol)
 THIS IS JAMES LAST
 15 James Last (Polydor)
 CRUSADE Mayall's Bluesbreakers
 - WALKER BROTHERS 20 STORY 17 Walker Brothers (Philips)

SOUL MAN I Sam and Dave (Stax 601023)

I FEEL LOVE

COMING ON ² Felice Taylor (President PT155)

I'M WONDERING

4 Stevie Wonder (Tamta Motown TMG 626)

SEVEN DAYS TOO LONG
18 Chuck Woods
(Big T Big 104)
BABY NOW THAT
I'VE FOUND YOU

MY ELUSIVE DREAMS

YOU KEEP RUNNING AWAY

A NATURAL WOMAN 15

LAST WALTZ UNEQUALLED EQUALS

- REACH OUT Four Tops (Tamla Motown)
- BLUES ALONE

 John Mayall (Deeca)
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 26 The Incredible String
 Band (Elektra)
 DAVID McWILLIAMS
- DAVID Meditlams
 VOL. 2
 24 Vol. 2 David McWilliams
 (Major/Minor)
 KING & QUEEN
 27 Otis Redding and Carla
 Thomas (Stax)
 GREEN GRASS OF
- Tom Jones (Decca)
 RAYMOND LE FEVRE
- EXPERIENCED

TOP E.P.'s

- BEACH BOYS HITS
- FOUR TOP HITS BEST OF BENNETT 3
- 4 Tony Bennett (CBS) FOUR TOPS 3 Four Tops (Tamia Motown) EASY COME, EASY GO
- MORNINGTOWN RIDE 6
- 5 Paul Jones (HMV) GEORGIE FAME 8
- SEEKERS
- 8 Seekers (Columbia)
 MIRIELLE MATHIEU

11 I GOT A FEELING

19 Norman Fraser (Coxsone CS7017)

VOU'RE MY

REFLECTIONS 10 Diana Ross and the Supremes (Tamia Motown TMG 616)

STAGGER LEE

NIGHT

- Wilson Pickett (Atlantic 584142) ON A SATURDAY

FIRST CUT IS THE DEEPEST

- Roy Redmond (Warner Bros, WB 2075)

KNOCK ON WOOD

8 Otis Redding and Carla Thomas (Stax 601021)

7 The Temptations (Tamla Motown TMG 620)

WHOLE LOTTA WOMAN

17 Eddie Floyd (Stay 801024) 10 GIMME LITTLE SIGN

BRITAIN'S TOP

R&B SINGLES

HIGHER AND HIGHER GOOD DAY SUNSHINE

19

20 RAINBOW CITY
15 Pyramids (President PT 161)

20 GIMME LITTLE
12 Brenton Wood
(Liberty LBF 15021)

5 YEARS AGO

- LOVESICK BLUES
 1 Frank Ifield (Columbia
- LET'S DANCE
- SWISS MAID
- TELSTAR
 4 Tornados (Decca)
- BOBBY'S GIRL 6 Susan Maughan (Philips)
- BLUE JEANS
- THE LOCOMOTION 8 SHERRY
- DEVIL WOMAN
 12 Marty Robbins (CBS)
- DANCE WITH THE GUITAR MAN 18 Duane Eddy (RCA Victor)
- RAMBLIN' ROSE 8 Nat King Cole (Capitol) IT MIGHT AS WELL RAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER
- 11 Carole King (London) NO ONE CAN MAKE MY SUNSHINE SMILE
- 14 SHEILA 10 Tommy Roe (HMV)
- SUN ARISE
 13 Rolf Harris (Columbia)
- 16 OLD LONESOME ME 19 Craig Douglas (Decca)
- I REMEMBER YOU 15 Frank Ifield (Columbia LOVE ME TENDER
- JAMES BOND THEME
- WHAT NOW MY LOVE

BRITAIN'S

TOPR&B

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- 4 MASSACHUSETTS
- LOVE IS ALL AROUND AUTUMN ALMANAC
- ZABADAK 4 (6) Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich (Fontana)
- 5 (14) Engelbert Humperdinck (Decca)
- IF THE WHOLE
- LOVING 11 (6) Val Doonican (Pye) THERE IS A MOUNTAIN
- I FEEL LOVE COMING ON 17 (5) Felice Taylor (President)
- I CAN SEE FOR MILES 10 (6) Who (Track)
- SAN FRANCISCAN 7 (6) Eric Burdon & Animals
- THERE MUST BE A 15 (14) Frankie Vaughan (Columbia) CARELESS HANDS
- ALL MY LOVE 28 (2) Cliff Richard FROM THE
- UNDERWORLD 12 (11) Herd (Fontana)
- SOMETHING'S GOTTEN HOLD OF MY HEART 36 (2) Gene Pitney (Stateside) HOMBURG
- HOLE IN MY SHOE 16 (12) Traffic (Island)
- WHEN WILL THE GOOD APPLES FALL 21 (10) Seekers (Columbia) BIG SPENDER
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 - MUCH
 (1) The Scaffold RELEASE ME 34 (43) Engelbert Rumperdinck (Decca) 33
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 -- (1) Tom Jones (Decca)
 - KITES - (1) Simon Duprec (Columbia)
 - TRAIN TOUR TO RAINBOW CITY

 — (1) Pyramids (President)
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 - YOU KEEP RUNNING
 - YOU'RE MY EVERYTHING
 - BLACK VELVET BAND
 - I HEARD A HEART BREAK LAST NIGHT (1) Jim Reeves (RCA) SHAME

 - FOGGY MOUNTAIN BREAKDOWN 43 (2) Flatt & Scruggs (CBS)
 - EVERYTHING 19 (27) Engelbert Humperdinck I'LL NEVER FALL
 - IN LOVE AGAIN
 49 (18) Tom Jones (Decca)
 SAM
 - LOVE LETTERS IN THE SAND
 38 (9) Vince Hill (Columbia)

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BRITISH BUBBLING UNDER

I Only Live To Love You — Cilla Black (Parlophone)
Walk In The Sky — Flower Pot Men (Deram)
You Don't Know Me — Elvis Presley (RCA Victor)
Never Wed An Old Man — Dubliners (Major Minor)
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Among the audience at last Saville show (starring Bee Gees with Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band) were Paul McCartney, Jane and Peter Asher, Long John Baldry, Lulu, Brian Jones, and Ketth West . . . Erma Franklin's U.S. hit "Piece Of My Heart" not unlike Lorraine Ellison's "Stay With Me" . a supposedly bankrupt record producer seen leaving One-Stop Record shop with a pile of imported West Coast and acid LPs . . no prizes for guessing what current U.S. 'Subbler' "Judy In Disguise (With Glasses)" is a send up of . .

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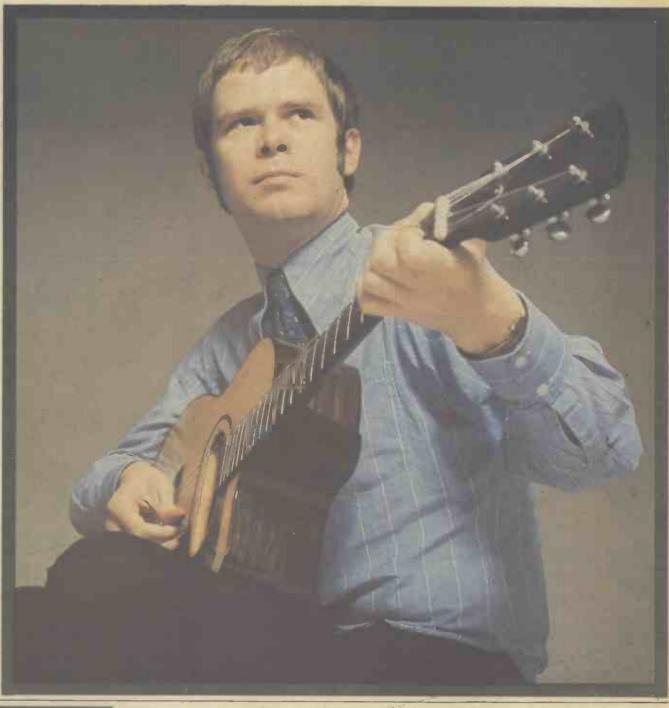
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