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## Thunder almost ended **Jimmy Justice hit!**

THE record that very nearly didn't get made at all has slipped into the NME Chart this week at No. 23—it is "Ain't That Funny,' giving Jimmy Justice a quick follow-up to his "When My Little Girl is Smiling" smash bit. And he's not even in the country to appreciate it !

The night that Jimmy was due to record the new number, penned by Johnny Worth, a thunderstorm was raging loud and strong. At Pye's recording studios in London, MD and a-and-r executive Tony Hatch looked anxiously at the sky, wondering if the storm was soon going to clear up.

It is almost impossible to record

It is almost impossible to record during a storm because the micro-phones pick up the sound of thunder. The same happens if a jet passes during a session. On the other hand, it would mean keeping a lot of skilled musicians and technicians waiting around, and their time is expensive '

Eventually, Tony decided to go ahead. Luckily, the storm abated and no extraneous noise was picked up.

"We would have been in dead trouble if we hadn't been able to put the song in the can that night," laughed Jimmy shortly before he flew to Scandinavia, where he is spending best part of the summer on tour

tour. "I had so many dates to fill that "I had so many dates to fill that to it was a matter of touch and go whether I would be able to have time to record a follow-up before I went off for the summer." Once his previous hit was soaring in the charts, Jinmy had to begin in the charts, Jinmy had to begin the task of finding a follow-up. "We looked through literally" dozens before we picked out a likely few," recalled Jimmy. "And I must confess that when I saw 'Ain't That Funny' written out in 'cold' ink, I didn't particularly like it." A demonstration disc changed his mind. Jimmy fell for it. "I like that -I must get it on tape," be enthused to Tony Hatch. Many d-js have been commentmusician and a proline writer and technician. "One of the most distinctive features about 'When My Little Girl' and 'Ain't That Funny' is the 'cello," said Jimmy. "The importance in recording, of the 'cello is one of





to CHRIS HUTCHINS

"I'm also hoping very much that I shall be able to make a record in New York. It just depends on whether or not the right song turns up for us. "We would make it directly for

the American market, although would probably be issued h eventually," commented Eden. here

## **Channel vocally entertaining** Bruce

BRUCE CHANNEL began his British tour at Maidstone on Monday, heading an unexciting bill and barely managing to

salvage it. Bruce, a thick-set figure in a light grey suit, followed his harmonica player Delbert McClinton on stage to open with "What'd I Say."

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Stars at Maldstone on Monday (l. to r.) : JOHNNY KIDD, DELBERT McCLINTON, BRUCE CHANNEL, and FRANK IFIELD.

He ended with his big hit, "Hey! Baby." His 15-minute act was vocally that he still needs much more stage experience. Outstanding in the supporting cast was Frank Ifield. His voice was pleasing through a selection that

Disley who ductied with Beryl Bry-den, Cliff Bennett, Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, Bobby Brown and the Barrons, and Jay and Tommy Scott. McClinton sang two numbers-"Mojo" and "Dream Baby" before Bruce Channel took over the limelight. CHRIS HUTCHINS.

## WHO'S WHERE

(Week commencing June 11, 1962) BRUCE FORSYTH, TEDDY JOHN-SON AND PEARL CARR, EVE BOSWELL London Palladium. NORMAN VAUGHAN, THE VIS-

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## EDEN KANE REVEALS HIS U.S. HOPE I'VE never been so excited in my life." That was Eden Kane's

comment before he flew to America on Tuesday. Chatting with him on the eve of his departure I discovered that the prospect of ten days on the other side of the Atlantic was the biggest thrill so

far in Eden's flourishing career. What lies ahead? That's the big mystery, for although his engagement book is crammed, Eden wasn't sure when or where things would be happening.

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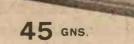
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She has neither the sweet girl-next-door voice, nor the Shapiro depth, but she belts the words with enthus-

description of a "steady girl."

Then it's good.

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## ANKA, A GUITAR AND A GLASS OF WIN

YOU can hear a different-sounding Paul Anka on his latest RCA waxing, "A Steel Guitar And A Glass Of Wine." No longer the enthusiastic teenager, this is the voice of a young man, expressing the sentiments of a young man.

## JIM REEVES

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"Adios Amigo" is a colourful way of saying "so long mate." And Jim Reeves says it on RCA, or rather sings it to a quiet guitar and string backing. A particularly smooth and attractive c-and-w seren-ede ade.

"A Letter To My Heart" is plain and ordinary but Mr. Reeves could charm me with his case and warmth even if he sang the song backwards !

## TERRY DAY

Making his debut on CBS is Terry Day, son of Doris Day, no less. He has a light, youthful voice, pleasant and easy but so far lacking any dis-tinctive personality.

His song, "I Waited Too Long" is an item of strong teen material, worth a listen. Coupling "That's All I Want" is a bright beat number with big chorus.

## POTTED POPS .

PAT PHOENIX (HMV) pops up with "The Rover Chorus" and "Corona-tion Street Monologue." The former is a good-humoured song, the latter a sort of vocal precis of Coronation Street, serious and analytical.

WINIFRED ATWELL (Pye) still bas hat "other" plano and she uses it or "Game Of Chance." Very noisy, alry tuneful. "C'est L'Amour" is alchy and agreeable, has undertones fairly of sadness.

MICHAEL HILL (Parlophone) gets busy at the harpsichord with his own composition "Bubble Bath." Very appealing and rhythmical melody, and the different sound makes a refreshing change. "Popsy" merits same com-ments. change. ments.

BUDDY GRECO (Columbia) is in fine form with "Let's All Swing Like The Birdies Swing." Words brought up to date like hip. "Let Me Love You" is a straightforward love ditty, smooth and tuneful, with a nice sting in the tau.

Paul sings with power and punch but as an adult singer he's almost in the position of starting

all over again. Judging by this disc he's not start-ing anywhere as near the target as he did with "Diana," some five years ago. "I Never Knew Your Name" is a tuneful and ententaining tango, and on this side Paul has the confidence and ease that we're accustomed to. Musical director is Ray Ellis.

## ROSE BRENNAN

Throbbing Latin rhythm and use of chorus are compelling. Could be a big, steady seller, like "Tall Dark Stranger."

"Joey, Joey, Joey" is not to be confused with Peggy Lee's disc of similar title, altho' the mood is in some ways similar. It's a simple warm love song, sincerely sung. On Philips.

## **BELL-TONES**

A new vocal group called the Bell-Tones, with Stan Reynolds and his Orchestra. have waxed a beaut. called "Selina."

A Latin mood ditty in the same high class as "Suou Sucu."

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## JAMES DARREN

I'm still waiting for that lad James Darren to come up with a real big 'un. I thought he'd done it with his

"A Lot Of Livin' To Do" comes from the show "Bye Bye Birdie," has a long and rather monotonous opening before it bursts into swingin' life. Then it's good. last two discs and was wrong. Nothing daunted I'll tip "Con-science" as a likely winner. Two-way talk between the lad and his conscience is chuckle-worthy — and elsewhere the tune is good for

### JOHNNY KEATING

On the Piccadilly label Johnny Keating and the Z Men offer "Ya Ya." Instrumental sounds very like "Z Cars" hit. Song sounds like a French num-ber that Pet Clark sang recently on "Thank Your Lucky Stars." Pet gave a superb performance so, if it is the same number, you'd do far better to wait for her version 1 "Highland Wedding" is a famous and traditional Scottish tune given the "Z Cars" treatment yet again. Me, I'd settle for Kenneth McKellar any

"Z Cars" treatment yet again. Me, I's settle for Kenneth McKellar any day !

## VISCOUNTS

"Everybody's Got A Ya Ya" is Fip is an imaginative arrangement of "Did You Ever See A Dream Walking?" We must hear more of this outfit. Label is Columbia. Everybody's Gol A Ya 's bust one of several numbers dealing ust one of several numbers dealing just ya ya, or several ya yas, or a brief and not very complimentary

### GOES EYDIE TRA

BIG rave this week for Eydie Gorme who has waxed a A terrific trad-type vocal of "Yes My Darling Daughter." She seems to be having a whale of a time as she's singing it.

First-class all the way thro', the ending is superlative ! Eydie could easily be the first woman in the charts with a trad disc.

Flip of this CBS release is Joison's "Sonny Boy." Sung with simplicity and clarity, and making an acceptable contrast with the top side.

**EYDIE GORME** 





NOT the most attractive of titles is "The Crowd," but it turns out that Roy Orbison is going out with " the crowd " instead of that special girl. And he sounds downright funereal about it.

The drum beats sound like a death march. In other words, if you want to wallow in a spot of well-arranged and expensively called the G-Clefs. produced misery, you'll buy this disc

Flip of this London release is called "Mama," is rather sentimental but Roy gets away with it with an extremely skilful performance.

called the G-Clefs. The casual cheerful simplicity, and slick presentation, are such that I must give this platter a 100% recommendation. The coupling is "Call Me Away" which, I regret to report, is a drab and routine weepie. PS By ALLEN EVANS

AND ANDRE PREVIN (CBS). Talented twosome turning on the warm romance, Miss Day singing with a purry delicacy, and Previn caressing quiet charm from the key-board, backed so softly by his Trio. Favourite track—Who Are We To Say, but as always Doris makes everything sound so wonderful.

everything sound so wonderful. \*\*\*\*\* JERRY LEE'S GREATEST (London). Dynamic singer-planist Lewis has a ball on this album, specially on a long track called Hello Hello Baby, in which he trips gaily around the keyboard and sings about a terrific gal. The whole thing rides along with the beatiest beat you've ever heard, through Great Balls Of Fire, Frankie And Johnny, with other rolling rockets.

\*\*\*\* GENE McDANIELS Tall Gene impressed audiences during his recent tour of Britain with his his recent tour of Britain with his distinctive singing style, beaty enough but not rock. On this fine LP he gets top instrumental and vocal backing, and sings along pleasantly, injucting tricky phrasing and voice breaks to give a little extra to songs like the sincere Tail Oak Tree, the swinging Funny, the beaty I Don't Want To Cry.

beaty I Don't Want To Cry. \*\*\*\*\* A H M A D J A M A L'S ALHAMBRA (Pye Jazz). Plano-drums-bass groups are getting a big shot in the arm these days. In the Peterson-Garner class is Chicago's exotically named planist, who gives magical versions of Love For Sale, Autumn Leavee, Isn't It Romantic.

★★★ BING CROSBY: OLD MASTERS Vol. 3 (Decca Acce Of Hearts). Continuing the series of Crosby hit recordings, this set

of a dozen covers the period 1940 to 1955. It includes such favourites Who's Sorry Now, These Foolish Things, So In Love, I'il See You In My Dreams. Nine different backing units, including Los Faul, Woody Herman, Jimmy Dorsey and Johnny Mercer,

and Johnny Mercer. \*\*\* AMANDA AMBROGE SWINGS AT THE BLACK OR CHID (Starlite). It's always interesting to find a newcomer and here's one who deserves a listen. Miss Ambrose is a lusty Chicago favourite, singing to her own piano accompaniment, with base and drums in support. She packs plenty of swing into her Melanoholy Baby, A Good Man Is Hard To Find, Honeysuckle Rose and nine other beat tunes.

## BEST SELLING LPS IN BRITAIN

(Wednesday, June 6, 1962) 1 BLUE HAWAII Elvis Presley (RCA)

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- 4 SOUTH PACIFIC
- Sound Track (RCA)

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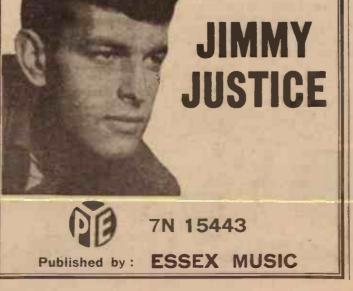
"GAME OF CHANCE"

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# Again proving that a song with a "Dream Big" has sparkle and different approach can still be com-mercial, Rose Brennan comes up with an impassioned love plea titled "Listen To Me."

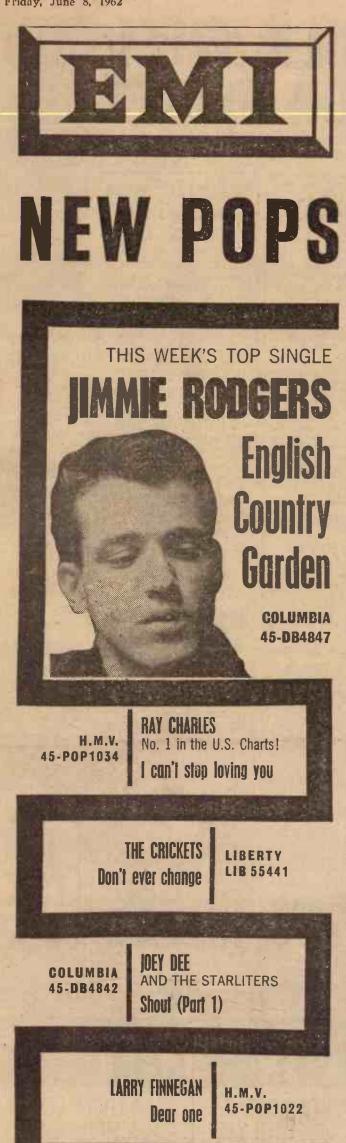
The song "You Bet I Would" is a plodding teen ditty not over-burdened with originality. "I Won't Give My Lips To Anyone" gives the listener more entertainment and Susan a much fairer chance to show what she can







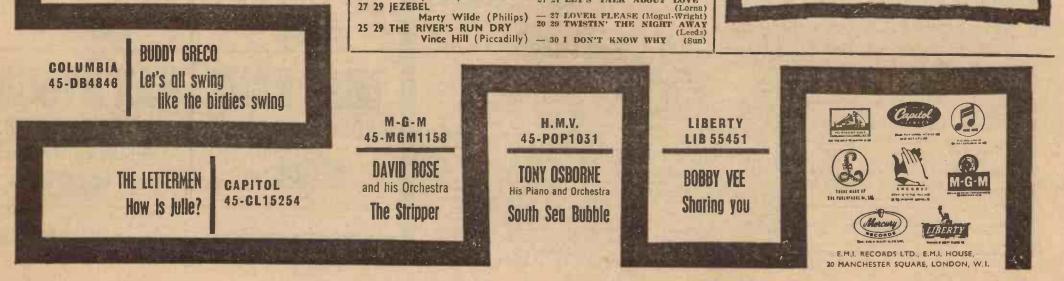
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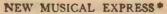


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BRITISH DISC SUCCESSES ABROAD

## **Eden Kane top** in South Africa

SEVEN British records are riding high in the world's charts, besides the Acker Bilk and Kenny

world's charts, besides the Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball successes in the United States. In South Africa Eden Kane is currently holding the No. 1 position with "Forget Me Not." Other British world hits include the Shadows' "Wonderful Land" (Holland, No. 3; Sweden, No. 8; Australia, No 11) and Cliff Richard's "The Young Ones" (Denmark, No. 5; Holland, No. 4; Sweden, No. 9). Cliff has another hit with "When The Girl In Your Arms" (South Africa No. 6). Karl Denver's "Wimoweh" is No. 6 in Australia. "Midnight In Moscow" by Kenny Ball stands at No. 11 in Italy, while Bert Weedon's "Napoli Melodie" is No. 13 in Germany.

## Groomed for 16 months before cutting a disc!

A SURREY singer, who has been groomed for the A past sixteen months by Ray Mackender, Mark Wynter's manager, cut his first sides for Columbia last week. He is Kevin Kirk from Reigate. Though only 18, he is 6ft. 4in. tall !

Macender first saw him at a London talent audition in January last year. He was signed by Columbia in February and since then has been looking for suitable EMI has

EMI has signed a 22-year-old, Liverpool-born ex-reaman, Darren Young. His first record, "My Tears Will Jurn To Lustre," will be released on Parlophone next Frida

Friday. Oriole has signed the London-based Alan Littlejohn Band. Its first record, "Out Of The Blue," is re-lease on June 15. It will be familiar as the signature of the Light Programme's "Sports Report." Elaine and Derek (Thompson), the Belfast teenage twins who formerly recorded for Parlophone, have switched to Piccadilly. They begin recording their first LP for the label on Wednesday and Thursday.

## DISC CARTOONS

VISIMOTION, a revolutionary process of television record promotion, is being developed in London. It presents cartoon characters miming to discs. John Leyton's next HMV release will be the first record used for the process for the process.

The film was made last week. A trial programme was shown to TV executives at the Granville studios on Wednesday. It may result in a 30-minute television series later this year. The system is claimed to be fifty times cheaper than the old frame-by-frame animation.

Granada-TV's "One Man's Music" series, featuring the Johnny Dank-worth Orchestra and Cleo Laine, is now set for transmission on Monday nights (10.10.40 pm) for 13 wceks, commening June 25. Each show-they were taped during the winter--is devoted to one specific composer. The first four programmes spotlight the music of Jerome Kern, Hoagy Carmichael, Noel Coward and George Gershwin.

## Names in the News

ADAM FAITH'S pantomime season at Bournemouth Pavilion this year, in which he will star as "Aladdin," is now set to run eight weeks, announced impresario Emile Littler.
MIKI and GRIFF recorded a country-and-western about for Pye last week.
ALAN KLEIN appears on ABC-TV's "Sunday Break" on July 15.
SHANE FENTON'S Light Programme series, reported last week as garting on July 5, will be called "Swing Along With Shane."
TERRY BURTON is to marry Les Beavers, guitarkst with the Northern Dance Orchestra.
RAY CONNIFF has put back his visit to Britain until August 2. He will be here for a 12-day holiday, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

## EVALUATE THE STORM LINE EVALUATE THE STORM STOR DON'T MISS THIS! HAVE you secured your copy of the NME 10th Anniversary Souvenir Book? If not, hurry-while

NED FO SECOND full-length film starring Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band is being planned. It will be a sequel to "Band Of Thieves," which was recently completed at **Shepperton Studios.** 2 in America. The stereo LP has risen to No. 8 with the mono version now at No. 22. Andy Williams' "Stranger" vocal as entered the U.S. Hot 100 at io. 76.

RADIO D-Js

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Emile Ford's tour

Irish TV shows

**JAZZ ON THIRD** 

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TEAN METCALFE and

The new film will be made by

Tony Newley

waxes again

A recording two titles for Decca yesterday (Thursday) evening—his first session to produce releases in this country for more than six months.

months. Under Dick Rowe's direction, Newley was recording two num-bers he wrote with his partner, Leslie Bricusse. In the past six months be has recorded only one disc for American release. Tony Tanner, Newley's under-study, will replace him when he leaves the cast of "Stop The World—I Want To Get Off " on June 23. As previously reported, Newley is to film his TV play, "Samny," titled "The Spleler."

**BRITISH BANDS FOR** 

**SEVEN COUNTRIES** 

THE Chris Barber Band's con-

tine that so harber baads con-tinental tour next month takes in Hungary, Czechoslavia, Switzer-land and Germany. The band travels to Hungary on July 2 to open the following day for three nights at the Budapest Jazz Festival. Bather plays Switz dates at Inter-

PARAMOR MEETS

**CLIFF IN ATHENS** 

DANKWORTH SERIES

Two versions of

tune from EMI

after location work

The new film will be made by the company responsible for Acker's first movie, Filmvale. Harold Shampan of Filmusic, who conceived the idea for "Band Of Thieves," is now in the process of developing the story for the follow-up picture. Filming is unlikely to start before December owing to Acker's com-mitments. No release date has yet been set

mitments. No release date has yet been set for "Band Of Thieves," though a trade showing is expected in July. The Bilk band was released on another U.S. label this week. Frank Sinatra's outlet, Reprise, issued a two-part single, "Dardanella." The disc was one of Bilk's early recordings for Pye which distributes Reprise here.

JEAN METCALFE and Bill Crozier, the London and Cologne hosts of "Two-Way Family Favourites," appear together on BBC-TV's "Juke Box Jury" on Saturday, June 23. Carole Carr joins Hollywood MD Nelson Riddle on "Juke Box Jury" next Saturday (16th). Another booking is actress Anne Heywood. D-j Alan Freeman is the fourth member of tomorrow's panel (9th). He replaces Alistair Cooke, who was not available for last week's tele-recording.

Reprise here. It is the first British disc the American label has released. Bilk's "Stranger," released on his current label, Atco, is still No. SARNE GUESTS WITH CHANNEL WITH CHANNEL Mike SARNE joins the Bruce Channel package tour as guest top-of-the-bill for one night only-at kingston Granada next Thurs-day (14th). Two other concerts lined up for Sarne are at the Torquay Princess (July 1) and the Scarborough Floral Hall (3rd). Latest ballroom bookings include Swindon MacIlroy (June 12), North-wich Memorial Hall (16th), and Grimsby Gaiety (23rd). Throughout the week of June 18, Mike is taking his final examinations in Russian at London University. Festival. Barber plays Swiss dates at Inter-laken (7th) and Zurich (8th) and Ger-man dates on the following two days. The itinerary includes a Prague concert (11th) before a final German booking. Also due for tours abroad are the Ed. Corrie band which will spend all October in Germany: Cyril Pres-ton's Jazzband, which visits Italy for 8-10 days in November (and during the trip the band will make its screen debut); Alan Elsdon's Jazzband which makes its first visit to Den-mark and Sweden in October.

ITISH IV SHOWS EMILE FORD will telerecord four half-hour programmes for Telefis Ereann during his month-long visit to Ireland in July. Programmes will be taped at the Dublin studios. Ford spends the rest of the month visiting dance halls in both Ulster and Eire. For a fortnight from August 5, Ford is in Scotland at the Webster Hall, Arbroath. On August 19 he may go to Sweden. He will appear in five days of concerts before beginning a week at Stockholm's Tivoli Gardens. Emile also has his own TV show during his stay.

Silent Pinky flies home

ON Wednesday Dorothy "Pinky" Provine flew home without recording her projected 60-minute ATV spectacular. The show was cancelled owing to her severe attack of laryngitis, which caused her to mime her act in last Sun-day's Palladium TV show. The guests booked for her show-case—the Kaye Sisters, Joe Hen-derson and Pete Murray—taped a half-hour show, which will be screened later in the summer.

## **EMI** knighthood

Isaac Shoenberg, director of Elec-trical and Musical Industries Ltd., and adviser to the board, received a knighthood in the Birthday Honours List.

**McClinton and Gene** Vincent waxing here A MERICAN harmonica star Delbert McClinton was making

a vocal record in the Decca studios yesterday (Thursday). Gene Vincent is due to record again at the EMI studios later this month before starting his new British tour.

McClinton flew into Britain on Monday to tour with Bruce Channel. He plays harmonica with Channel, and has his own singing spot.

His session was being arranged as an Anglo-American recording. Joint a-and-r men were Decca's Dick Rowe and Major Bill Smith whose Ameri-can recording company produced "Hey! Baby."

Channel's manager, Marvin Mont-gomery, arranged the two numbers— "Dunkirk" and "Angel Eyes." He was co-writer with Channel on "Angel Eyes."



IOI FULY S IIIM BILLY FURY'S first film, "Play It Cool," will be generally released on the ABC circuit July 23. No West End showing is planned. Made in January, it Includes guest appearances by Helen Shapiro, Bobby Vee and Danny Williams. The film version of "The Music Man," which was staged here last year, will have its European premiere at the Warner Theatre on July 12. It will be generally released in mid-September.

Friday

## **IMPORTANT LP** FOR DONEGAN

Lonie left for a continental boliday on Monday. He returns for rehearsals for his summer season at Great Yarmouth ABC, which opens on June 30.

## Norman Vaughan, **Viscounts** dates

VISCOUNTS UALES NORMAN VAUGHAN and the Viscounts appear together in variety and Sunday concerts this summer. The variety weeks are at Sunder-land Empire (June 25), and Clee-thorpes ABC (August 6). The concert venues are Bridlington Spa Royal (August 5), Great Yar-mouth Wellington Pier (August 12), and Scarborough Floral (August 19). Joe Henderson joins the Bridlington bill.

## **CHELSEA AT**

BC Third Programme's experi-mental show, "Theme With Jazz Variations," featuring the Kenny Ball band and the Johnny Dank-worth Orchestra, is now set for transmission on Saturday, June 16. Introduced by Dankworth and produced by Jimmy Grant, the show spottights various stylings of a specially-commissioned theme written by Peter Racine Fricker. The Alan Branscombe Quintet and pianist Alan Clare are also featured. **NINE' BACK** Granada-TV's "Chelsea At Nine," last seen two years ago, is returning. Several programmes are being taped in July for autumn transmission. No names have yet been set

Marion Ryan's "Swinging Along" series, which ends its present run on June 19, comes back in the autumn. The King Brothers will again be featured.

Len Black-GM Len Black has been appointed general manager of the Robert Mellin group of publishing companies. With the firm, for three years, he has taken over the position held by the late Len Edwards.



ON Wednesday Dorothy "Pinky"

Paramor returns from Greece next Tuesday for another Shadows session the same night. Promoter Arthur Howes, who handles Cliff's concert arrangements here, has been holiday-ing in Athens all this week and re-turns on Saturday.

AFTER a recording session with the Shadows on Monday, Norrie Paramor flew to Athens the following day for talks with Cliff Richard about single releases from "Summer Holi-day," which he is making there. The Shadows will probably fly to Greece on June 16. Also on Tuesday, film producer Kenneth Harper returned to London to deal with problems connected with the studio shooting to be undertaken after location work.

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**NEW-TYPE D-J** 

Newspaper columnist Marjorie Proops begins a most unusual type Proops begins a most unusual type of disc-jockey series on Radio Luxem-bourg this Sunday. She will deal with listener's personal problems in between spinning records ! The series, which is set for an un-limited run, is titled "Dear Marje"

## Late night music

The Light Programme has plans for a daily midnight to 2 am music show ready to come into operation within a few weeks of the Postmaster-General's permission being given. Programmes will consist of several orchestras supplemented by records each night and introduced by a disc-iockev. jockey.

The disc will be released here on Decca and in the U.S. on the Decca-owned London label.

Vincent will record under the direc-tion of Norrie Paramor. It will be the third time he has waxed here; on the first occasion he recorded "Pistol Packin' Mamma" and "I'm Going Home" last autumn.

## FORDYCE THE REF

DISC-JOCKEY Keith Fordyce is to referee AR-TV's new pop music series " Needle Match," which begins next Friday (15th). The programme will feature British and American records released the same day. Resident "promoter" of American records will be d-j David Gell and speaking for British discs is actor-singer Oliver Reed.

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FAN FEVER

Left, BILLY FURY at his fans' party in Holloway, London, last Friday. Next night ROY ORBISON (seen right with club pre-JANET sident MARTIN and secretary JUDY WEBB) threw a gettogether in Mayfair for his fans.

the Top Twenty alongside hit singles. It has remained a big

Other artists on tape include Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Shirley

**BBC's** out-door

music series

**BC-TV** is planning an outdoor version of its winter series, "Singing Years." Scheduled to start on Wednesday, July 4, it will be called "Singing Summers." Weekly programmes they will

There are also the "Gigi" and "King

seller ever since.

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Del Shannon may stay in Britain **Richard, Faith, Vee and** many more—on tape

CURRENT big-selling records by pop stars will be introduced on tape at prices similar to equivalent LPs in Britain next Friday. Cliff Richard, the Shadows, Acker Bilk, Adam Faith, Connie Francis and Helen Shapiro figure in a new tape series being introduced by EMI. Frank Sinatra's biggest-selling

And I" film soundtracks and the standards rather than current suc-first "Black And White Minstrel Show" LP. The new issues are all currently LP, "Songs For Swingin' Lovers," is among the initial releases. Issued on disc in 1956, it entered

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The new issues are all currently big-selling albums and come from all EMI labels except Mercury. how" LP. The tapes will sell at 35s. (74d. more than the discs), with two ex-ceptions (the Sinatra LP and "King And I"), which will cost 38s. (a 4d. By issuing so many current pop artists, EMI now moves nearer to

seller ever since. Many of the releases are much more recent. Helen Shapiro's "Tops With Me," Bobby Vec's "Take Good Care Of My Baby," "The Temper-ance Seven," "Johnny Burnette's Hits," and the film soundtrack of "The Young Ones" starring Cliff Richard and the Shadows, were all first released within the past few months. less). EMI has been releasing tapes in this country since 1954. Previously, they were for use at 7½ ips, which made them expensive. The new issues are all at 3½ ips playing speed, which enables them to be brought into line with cost of the same disc. Early issues did not include many on disc. Those that were featured the American custom where tapes are issued almost at the same time as Those that were featured

Granada. There it was discovered that McClinton had left his harmonicas at the hotel. Promoter George Cooper phoned NME reporter Chris Hutchins, who took them down to Maidstone just in time for the first show.

for the first show. The final date for Channel's

ballroom tour has now been set-Cardiff Sophia Gardens (July 15).

discs Monthly tape issues will start in September.

## Dora Bryan in stage musical

Sittin' Boogie," may also join it.

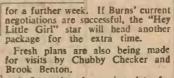
The tour is set to open on Sunday, September 16, with Brighton Essoldo as the probable

opening venue. Tito Burns, who is organising the package, is now completing the two-week itinerary.

BRITISH production of the U.S. musical, "Gentlemen Prefer A musical, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," opens for a two-week pre-London run at the Manchester Opera House on July 3.

continued. Dora Bryan plays Marilyn Mon-roe's film role. Anne Hart, formerly leading lady with the Crazy Gang. also stars. Alyn Ainsworth is the

The International Horst Buchholz Fan Club is behind a new record company, Globe. Its first release is an LP by Buchholz, "Berlin—Portrait Of A City." Further releases are planned for the autumn. Another development by an inde-mendent label is the release of an LP, "Finger Buster," by Kenny Ball's cianier Ron Weatherhum. This is



JOE BROWN will join the September tour by American singing stars Del Shannon and

Dion. The package will also include the Allisons. Buzz Clifford, hit recorder of "Baby

**JOE BROWN TO JOIN** 

A September 1 opening date for Checker is now confirmed by his U.S. agency, GAC, cables Nat Hen-

toff. He will be coming to England for three weeks. Benton's visit will probably be put back until the autumn, when he will spend three weeks here in a promotion tour for Mercury Records.

## LISA KIRK STAYS ON AT THE 'TOWN' UN AI INL IUMN BECAUSE of Lisa Kirk's success at the Taik Of The Town, her stay has been extended three weeks. She now closes on Saturday, July 28. This means that Frankie Vaughan's opening is put back from July 9 to 30. A sixth week is being added to Vaughan's current variety tour. He is now expected to play Bristol Hippodrome from June 25.

## Pet, Anne in revived 'Big Night Out' shows

SEVERAL pop music artists, including Petula Clark and An Shelton, will be featured when ABC-TV resumes screening "Big Night Out" later this month. The series, which finished its first run last autumn, will be televised from seaside resorts.

# Iast autumn, will be televised from seaside resorts. In the first, on June 30, Pet Clark teams with Vic Oliver in a show from Blackpool's South Pier. The following week features Anne Shel-ton with Billy Dainty from More-cambe Winter Gardens. On July 14, Frank Ifield, the Martin Sisters, and Mike and Bernie Winters are in the programme from Cleveleys Orlion and on July 21, from Rhyl Pavilion, are the Kaye

A day afternoon in his Loadon hotel discussing his British LP with Bob Farnon, who is arranging and conducting the future Reprise re-

## **Debut for Four**

The newly-formed Don Riddell Four debut in the Light Programme's "Ring-A-Ding-Ding" series on Tues-day, June 26, when they are joined by Lita Roza, Eddie Falcon, Don Fox and Judd Proctor. Dennis Lotis has been added to the previous week's bill (19th).

## No date for Lee pic

in America last December



## HOPES VINCENT

BECAUSE of his success in this country, American star Gene Vincent plans to base himself in Britain for future tours. He is expected to apply for Home Office permission to live here when he flies in from Germany this weekend. Germany this weekend. Vincent has been signed for the "Twist Across The Channel" excursion from London to Calais on June 17-more than two weeks before his next tour of this country is scheduled to begin. Vincent is now set for two Sunday concerts at Blackpool Queen's (July 15 and 22) and one at Torquay Prin-cess (July 8).

(20th).

## Loudermilk's loss ends Europe visit

A FTER arriving here last Wednes-A day from New York at the start of a long European promotion tour, John D. Loudermilk returned home to Nashville on Sunday.

ing his tour next month at Kilburn State (10th), Bradford Majestic (11th) and Hull Majestic (12th). He cancelled the remainder of his rip because of the death of his brother-in-law.

and Huil Majestic (121n). Other venues so far set are Leyton Coronation Gardens (2nd), Swindon McKilroys (3rd), Birmingham Ritz and Plaza (4th), Manchester Oasis (7th), Shrewsbury Music Hall (13th), Northwich Memorial Hall (21st), and Southnert Floral (24th) Before leaving he said: "We were very close. Just before I came to Britain, we had been on a fishing trip together."

## **NEW ABERBACH COMPANY**

SECOND independent record A SECOND independent record production firm has been set up involving the Aberbach Music group. The new company is called Belinda (Recordings) Ltd. and will operate on similar lines to Shad-Rich, in which Aberbach also has an interest. A

on similar lines to Shad-Rich, in Belinda—which Aberbach also has an interest. Belinda—which is the name of Aberbach's British holding company —is already in operation and is managed by Cyril Baker. Its purpose is to make and market recordings. Directors are Julian and Joachim Aberbach, Freddie Bienstock and Stanley Rubinstein Rubinstein



cess (July 8). He has Rank Ballroom dates dur-

Southport Floral (24th). Towns also to be visited are Gravesend (6th), Spennymoor (14th), Wallington (17th) and Whitehaven

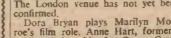
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also stars. Alyn Ainsworth is the musical director. EMI will record the original cast LP. TO SWEDEN THE Malcolm Mitchell Trio, who Fans' own disc firm

THE SHOW GOES ON-THANKS TO NME THE NME went to the aid of the Bruce Channel Show on

It will also play two weeks at the Oxford New, from July 16 before opening in London on August 1. The London venue has not yet been



Monday. On arriving from New York, Bruce and his harmonica player, Delbert McClinton, were taken to their London hotel before going to Maldstome Granada.

The Malcoin Milcheil Ino, who telerecorded their own show in Stockholm on Monday at the end of their appearance at the British Fair, return to Sweden on July 15 for another television date. A one-hour spectacular featuring all British artists is being built around them

Borg Falker, the producer respon-sible for Sweden's winning entry at the Montreux Festival, is due in London this weekend to complete

On 'Beat' and 'Box' "Finger Buster," by Kenny Ball's pianist Ron Weatherburn. This is being issued later this month by Alpha Rhythm Records.

from Rhyl Pavilion, are the Kaye Sisters. From Kny, Sisters. Programmes will be telerecorded on Sundays, for transmission the following Saturdays. At the same time, ABC crews will be in the same time, ABC crews will be in the same time, ABC crews will be in the same which NME critic Keith Fordyce comperes. Clark's "Ya Ya Twist" is Clark's "Ya Ya Twist" is compered. Clark's "Ya Ya Twist" is Sinatra, which is the same there and in Monte Carlo this week-there and in Monte Carlo • OPet Clark's "Ya Ya Twist" is released by Pye next Thursday. She has featured the number—which is in French— on "Thank Your Lucky Stars." It is from the EP, "Pet Oo-La-La," also in French, and is also released on Thursday.



A WAITING release in Britain is "Two Little Bears," the film starring Brenda Lee. Twentieth Century-Fox has no current showing

A comedy-fantasy, it gave Brenda her first full-length acting role. One of the songs in it is her current hit, "Speak To Mc Pretty." It was shown

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## WHY THE SUDDEN **RAVE FOR DAVE?**

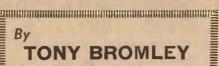
CAN somebody please explain the reason for Dave Brubeck's sudden popularity among pop record buyers? In the past six months he has become the modern jazzman with the widest appeal and is now enjoying his third chart entry with "Unsquare Dance."

But what amazes me is the fact that all his hits have been typical of the music he has been playing for years — and people have only just begun to sit up and take notice !

## **Big following**

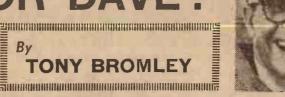
Mind you, to be fair to Dave he's had a tremendous following among modern jazz fans and those on the borderline, in this country for a long time, and has enjoyed the un-official title of the most-requested jazz planist on the programmes like "Two-Way Family Favourites" and "Housewives' Choice."

There has been a great deal of fresh interest in Brubeck since last



October, when his "Take Five" made its initial appearance in the NME Chart at No. 11 1 This wax-ing enjoyed a long spell there, being followed by a two-week appearance, in February, of "Raggy Waltz." Now hit three is plainly going to have some impact on the current lists. "Unsquare Dance" entered at No. 19 hast week and has held that position. With this entry, Brubeck has

at No. 19 has week and has held that position. With this entry, Brubeck has marked the debut of the new CBS labet here in Britain. His previous discs have been issued here on Fontana, but under a recent deal, CBS have their own loggia now. "Unsquare Dance" comes from Brubeck's LP "Time Further Out" and is played in 7/4 time. On the sleeve of this LP, a fairly recent one, Dave has some interesting comments to make about the tune. "It's a challenge to the foot-tappers, finger-snappers, and hand clappers" he writes. "Deceiffully simple, it refuses to be squared;



ckapping throughout the disc. It was recorded in August, 1961— before Brubeck knew that he was in for a spell of chart success undreamed of by jazz exponents. It also clears him of any charge that he is "going commercial"— a petty accusation that nevertheless frightens true musicians Dave told the NME during a particularly successful tour in Novem-ber : "There's been no change of musical policy and there won't be any in the future. Anyone who suggests that we're going commercial just can't know what he is talking about.

One person who should step for-ward to receive a medal (or should it be a brick?) for popularising modern jazz, is "Two-Way Family Favourites" host in Cologne, Bill Crozier

Bill's tastes, judging by some of the jazz discs he spins on the pro-gramme, are varied, yet the instinct that makes him a good d-i tells him that Brubeck's appeal is the widest. that makes him a good d-i tells him that Brubeck's appeal is the widest. Other disc-jockeys have followed his example to a great extent, although the listening audience of "Two-Way," which runs into many millions, is by far the biggest. And once interest in modern jazz was being shown, Messrs. Jacobs, Murray and Freeman weren't slow to

being shown, Messrs. Jacobs, Murray and Freeman weren't slow to follow. Seems that Brubeck has really started something with his hat-trick of chart entries. But at least he's not in danger of spoiling it by rush-ing to the studio to cut follow-up releases of lesser quality. Why not give a spin to his



**PERSONALITIES** who command the greatest attention from the record-buying public are naturally the continual hit paraders. But those lucky recorders would be the first to agree that their success is dependent upon the backroom boys - the men who groom them for stardom, select their songs, and secure their bookings. One of the world's most enterprising and

forceful behind-the-scenes personalities was in town last weekend. His name, Wesley Rose—

town last weekend. His name, Wesley Rose-the man whose activities combine half-a-dozen all-important functions in pop music. For Wes Rose, as head of the celebrated Acuff-Rose publishing firm, is Mr. Nashville himself-the man who, perhaps more than any other, has been responsible for lifting country-and-western music out of its localised mid-west confines and giving it world-wide recognition. He has also discovered and boosted much of today's talent on the country scene and has a string of artists under personal management con-tracts.

tracts

He's given guidance to scores of other artists, and has helped to negotiate dozens of million-dollar contracts. And as if this were not enough, he is also at the head of his own recording company!

No wonder Wes Rose commands such a high reputation in the tips, he was able to find time to visit business. It's only surprising that, London for a few days, accompany-with such a vast set-up at his finger- ing Roy Orbison and John D.

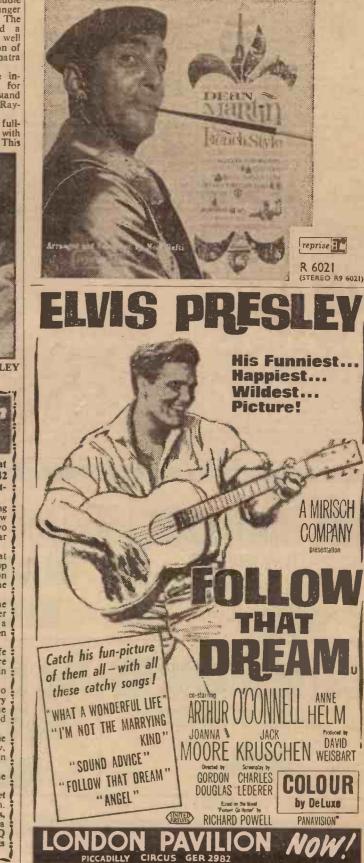
**Bassey and Riddle are fine** SHIRLEY BASSEY and Nelson Has Been"

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By





Not so very long ago, jazz in Britain was an underground activity, appreciated only by a handful of dedicated bohemians and played, strictly for kicks, in Soho cellars.

But today jazz is big-time ... big business ... a cult that numbers its worshippers in millions and makes big money for a favoured few.

This week in The Sunday Times, Francis Newton, author and jazz critic of the Spectator, takes a long, cool look at jazz in Britain-its growth, the moneyspinning trad fad, the way-out modernists, the players, the singers, and the men whose fortunes depend on them.

Ten pages of features and photos.

• Sinatra reportedly is bidding on the film rights for the new Broadway musical, "Bravo Giovanni," which stars opera star Cesare Siepi.

• There's a possibility that Clara Ward and her gospel group may do some British television in July after appearing on the continue after appearing on the



Why not give a spin to his current album, "Count Down-Time In Outer Space" (dedicated to astronaut Colonel Glenn) and see if you can pick any future hits? NELSON RIDDLE and SHIRLEY BASSEY toast each other.

American NAT HENTOFF'S Airmali

CONNIE FRANCIS will be the only American representative at a popular music festival in Poland on July 7, in which 42 countries will participate, if plans are fulfilled. The State Department asked Connie to take part. • If Brian Hyland does com-

blete atrangements to come to Britain in July, his managers will try to arrange for release at that time of his new single. "Seal With A Kiss" and "Summer Job." Job." Mercury now plans to send

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"Things like 'Take Five' and other tunes where we experiment with tempo aren't easy to play. Believe me, they're very complex, very demanding things that are a challenge to us musicians." **Hee's a thattural**But what's the reason for the sudden upsurge of interest in modern jazz ? Most enthusiasts will tell you that if an upsurge came. Brubeck is the natural person to ride on the crest of the wave, for he is the jazzman mearest to the hearts of disc world, through an ability and originality unequalled in th is country."
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over to Britain a roster of its stars — including Dizzy Gillespie and Sarah Vaughan— as part of an international goodwill tour starting in March.

• George Axelrod has written a screen play, "How To Murder Your Wife," that is tailored for Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Mon-roe. Nothing set yet, however.

Nothing set yet, however.
When Linda Scott goes out on tour, she also has to worry about her school assignments.
With her go her books and she has to send her homework back to her New Jersey School for Young Professionals.
Eddie Fisher's Coconut Grove engagement was tumult-uous triumph. Said Eddie Cantor, who gave Fisher his first break : "He sings with more heart than anyone else since AI Jolson."
"My Fair Lady" is finally olosing in New York on July 7. By then it will have played a record-breaking 2,621 perform-ances. ances.

con • Frankie Avalon is one of the more athletic of the younger singers. He once wanted to be a boxer, and he still works out in the gym as often as he can. • Sammy Davis and his wife have confirmed that they are suborting a two-version box in

have confirmed that they are adopting a two-year-old boy in California. • Dean Martin is trying to help old show business star Harry Richman sell his life story to the movies. Martin has also offered to star in the picture. • Duke Ellington is writing the music for a Broadway show. "Red Petticoat." due next season and starring Lilo.

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Eartha Kitt is packing the Persian Room in New York.
The Modern Jazz Quartet will work less often from now on. Its musical director, John Lewis, is currently forming an orchestra which will record with the MJQ and appear in a number of its and appear in a number of its concert engagements.

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# NOW IT'S ELVIS THE COMEDIAN

MOVIE fans are in for a treat with "Follow That Dream" but some Elvis Presley fans may end up surprised, and maybe a little disappointed-for the one-time hip swinging screen lover emerges in this United Artists release as a COMEDIAN !

Yes, Elvis had us in fits of laughter as hilarious escapades followed hard on each other's heels in this light-hearted and thoroughly entertaining film.

He plays Toby Quimper, son of Pop Quimper (Arthur O'Connell). Together with 19-year-old Holly (Anne Helm), eight-year-old iden-tical orphan twins Eddy and Teddy, and three-year-old Ariadne they go in search of new pastures.

Forced to camp by the side of an unopened road when Pop's 50-dollar car runs out of petrol, they decide the following morning that the spot is a good one to settle on.

There are laughs galore when Elvis goes to the bank to borrow money. The loans director thinks he's a hold-up man and faints. When Elvis tries to summon help the alarm is set off and pandemonium breaks out. into production.

You'll roar again when a bunch of gangsters hire some hoodlums to put paid to Mr. Presley he-cause the Quimper homestead (now a thriving fishing camp) is a nuisance to their mobile gambling establishment.

Elected sheriff of the camp, Elvis thinks the hoodlums are drunk when they try to run him down. He sets out to teach them a lesson. His method of disarming them is the funniest thing I've seen in a long time.

Finally, when all is well after Elvis has fought a court battle to allow Pop to keep his orphan family, Holly decides that the time is right for a screen kiss to put the seal on their happiness.

laughter



## GIBBS, D. GARDNER and R. months." HARVEY of Twickenham, write: But he emphasised the importance We have made a point of seeing of working the number consistently British tours, and it is our con-british tours, and it is our con-bonds is far and away the best we cross-section of the community.

Bonds is far and away difference in the seen. We have his LP, "Quarter To Three," and on this he displays such marvellous versatility that we would rate him alongside Elvis.

KENNETH P. DONELAN of West Harrow, Middlesex, writes : A correspondent wrote in last week's NME that Carol Deene is spoiling

NME that Carol Deene is spoling her chances by covering American hits. To me this theory seems com-pletely incorrect. By covering these American num-bers, she is gaining experience, and even more important, getting a great deal of publicity—both essential for would-be stars. After all, both Billy Fury and Danny Williams gained chart suc-cesses with cover versions of Ameri-can hits, and then followed them up with British songs. I'm sure Carol Deene will have the same kind of success as Billy and Danny.



once do we see the famous wiggle. He sings two of them lying on his back and the others are well moulded

"Not production. Sung over the credits, "What A Wonderful Life" is a swinging number that sets just the right mood for the 110 minutes of fun that are to follow. Later he breezes into "I'm Not The Marrying Kind," "Sound Advice" and "Follow That Dream."

ELVIS gets plenty of attention from ANNE HELM in t h is scene. He proves bimself an able light comedian in "Follow That Dream."

Finally, setting the mood for the

Finally, setting the mood for the would-be love scene near the end, Elvis strums an old guitar and croons "Angel" as he lazes back on a veranda in the moonlight. "Follow That Dream" is no Presley-dramatic. It's a colourful bouncing film that mum and dad can take the kids to see and be sure of all-round satisfaction. Lenioved it Hope you will too. enjoyed it. Hope you will too. CHRIS HUTCHINS.

How MARTY came to 'JEZEBEL' wax

IT'S long been considered that television exposure and disc shows like "Two-Way Family Favourites" are the most important factors in record promotion. But Marty Wilde has

The music fades as she strokes another theory. He reckons that, if an artist is able to "plug" on the ro's forchead. Tenderly she another theory. He reckons that, if an artist is able to "plug" asks him if this is the right method, a number extensively on stage before it is released on disc, it "Well, not so much like you wuz stands an exceptionally strong chance of becoming a hit. "I think the value of the stage "I think the value of the stage another theory is a number extensional method."

Though Elvis sings five songs, not **Though Elvis sings five songs, not Though Elvis songs, not song songs, not song songs, not song song song songs, not song** 

Next disc ?

Maybe Marty will pursue this theory during his summer season at Great Yarmouth, which opens today (Friday). The only snag is that, at this particular stage, he won't be able to start working on his next release—for the simple reason that he doesn't have the slightest idea what it will be !

"It's very difficult to know what policy to adopt for the next disc," he explained. "Do we try to cash in on 'Jezebel' by doing another punchy number in the same vein? Or do we attempt something in distinct contrast?

"I think possibly the problem may be solved by a number which we already have in the can. It's one of my own compositions, tilled 'Slap Bong' and U'm profined to think the

anonanananana By amaraananananan **DEREK JOHNSON** 

They then proceeded to forget all about it—until Marty was about to embark upon his recent tour, when he felt that it would be good for his act. At that time, however, he hadn't considered the possibility of recording it.



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M. J. WILDMAN of Nottingham, writes : I am a fan of Freddy Carnon. For a long while now I have Bang, and I'm inclined to think that it will stand a pretty good chance if it is released. I reckon it's a little more commercial than 'Jezebel.'" But at Marty arradiet.'"

Cannon. For a long while now I have been disappointed to see his name absent from the charts. Then I heard his latest disc, "Palisades Park," which is a big hit in America. This kind of number is just the sort of thing to bring Freddy back into the charts—and it can't be too soon for me l happen.

ADOLF MARELLO of East Acton, London, writes : What has happened to the once so dynamic Lloyd Price ? In my opinion he is one of the most rhythmic of the hythm-and-blues singers, but his sics seem to be getting poorer and poorer, particularly when compared with his hits of 1959-60. There are many songs around these days that would suit his style, and as rhythm-and-blues looks like being the next trend, he might well make a return to the hit scene—if his discs improve.

#### MARTY WILDE

were considering what to do about my next record release. We'd already decided to go for the big, powerful, dramatic numbers—but the first one we did in that style, 'Come Run-

"Anyway, without any great degree of enthusiasm I suggested 'Jezebel'—and, much to my surprise, Johnny was immediately alive to the

### **IEW MUSICAL EXPRESS**

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During Frank's ABC-TV recorded Festival Hall show.

group business. It's booming! With the number of package tours in Britain increasing rapidly, more and more groups are coming into the business. And that's not all. The current trend is for them to climb to fame with the singers they back. And amass a fair share of the "boot."

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Captivating Sinatra MAJOR event of the pop music year has been the

triumphant Frank Sinatra charity concerts over the weekend. NME writers were out in force to hear him at one of his four shows and to catch him on TV.

Here are the varied findings of Andy Gray (AG), Derek Johnson (DJ), Don Wedge (DW) and Mike Hellicar (MH):

## PERFORMANCE

AG: Easy to take, the mark of a great artist. He relaxed and the audience did too DJ: A big build-up often leads to a severe let-down, but I must say I was pleasantly surprised—I found Frank excellent. He has everything—projection, stagecraft, mass appeal, audience hypnosis DW: "Sinatra Swings Lightly" seemed to me the theme, with complete command of songs and co-ordination with group. At times he showed a jazz feel far more than is apparent on disc MH: His 80-minute performance was a marathon tor any performer. but Sinatra's unflagging energy and unique vocal styling made him the greatest singer I have ever seen or heard.

### VOICE

AG: Bit gravelly to start with but improved as act went on. Very cleverly nursed by expert phrase-changing to avoid awkward notes, but never distracting DJ: Recently I've felt Frank's voice on disc has passed peak, so was amazed to find it positively rejuvenated in the theatre. I also thought he was in better voice at Hammersmith than on his Festival Hall TV show. One or two patches of hoarseness in his last concert — not surprising after six hours singing in three days DW: Better than I had expected. Some long notes failed at Hammer-

### PERSONALITY

AG: Fascinating, During his mid-act chatter, he out-Berman-ed Shelley with easy, super-timed gag delivery. Nice, simple touches during songs, too DJ: Personality evident from curtain-up. Without saying a word for ten songs, his musical asides kept us chuckling. Once he started chattering we clung to his every word. He could have talked to us for the entire night and we'd have been satistied DW: Af first submerged, his talking interiude during his "tea-break" showed interest and concern for other people. His unfettered singing demonstrates his rejection of convention MH: Could be rather weak if he reeled off too many numbers without a break. Could have done a little

PRINCESS MARGARET and SINATRA after his Festival Hall midnight matinee.

PROGRAMME AG: Expertly arranged. Gay-fast and sad-slow numbers alternately, chat in middle talk-song mixture to end. Perfect BJ: It speaks much for his stature that he can sing up to 30 songs in succession without touching on current hit parade. Tried-and-trusted standards, not necessarily connected with him, got applause in first bars each time DW: "Second Time Around " might have been excluded. "Come Fly With Me" not strong enough to close with-out big band backing Mil: Well chosen, but I would have liked his more recent hits, like "River, Stay "Way From My Door," "Granada" and some twisting to his current chart-entry.

### HIGHLIGHTS

AG : The gay build-up of "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You " and the romantic "April In Paris" DJ : Virtually every number ! "Funny Valentine" (my all-time favourite)

and the dreamy "Moonlight in Ver-mont" DW: "All The Way"--it was ! MH: His exciting "O! Man River," reminiscent "Nancy," and "Come Fly With Me." NOTE: All four praised Frank's dramatic song-acting of "One For My Baby."

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Los Angeles) AG: Tops ! Ideat for touring. Loved Bitl Miller's plano when he soloed for his boss DJ: Technicaliy per-fect, following S's every deviation without hesitation, enhancing the vocal, yet always subdued and un-obtrusive DW: Brilliant miniatures of record versions. Close cohesion between group and singer MH: When Frank introduced the group he seemed appreciative of their talents — and should have been ! Second only to Ella's Oscar Peterson Trio, yet in class of their own.

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semi-professionally. He called on them backstage after-wards. But they took some con-vincing that he really was Gene Vincent and that he was serious about an offer to back him on a British tour! Finally convinced, they went home six happy musicians—the deal clinched

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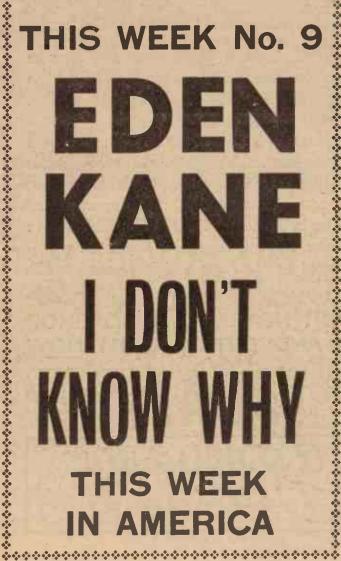


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clerk. Griff West, a year older, from Well-ing. Ex-TV engineer, plays tenor saxo-phone and trumpet. Barrie Cameron, 23, from Belvedere, equally competent on plano (trainee as a classical planist), electric organ and baritone sax. Arranger for Sounds. Former quantity surveyor.

Former quantity surveyor. At Holmes (tenor and barltone sax, fute and guitar) and Johany St. John (guitar), both 21, from Sidcup. Al-mechanic of the group-was an elec-trician. Songwriting Johany used to be a film salesman. Tony Newman, drummer, 18. Come-dian of group, halls from Harrow. Was an engineer.



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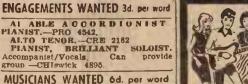
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FOR ALL YOUR ...

BRUCE FORSYTH fans will

swoon with delight and mums

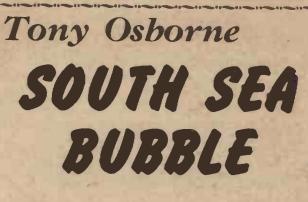
WINSTON BARRACKS. LANARK.

He also plays the wing number written by himself, "It's Been A Pleasure," dances with the girls and Johnny Shack, fools with Jimmy Lee, and really

B swoon with delight and muns and dads will find plenty of good entertainment in "Every Night At The Palladium." But those who expect the usual lavish, big-cast revue they have always found in Argyll Street will be disappointed. This show has probably the scenery of any annual revue. Never-theless, it bounces along modesti with a seaside johlity, Bruce giving five acts in one just before the end, when he proves once again he's a very good all-rounder, doing funny mpressions of Adam Faith, Tony Newley, Nat "King" Cole and Sammy Davis.



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