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BEER JINGLE BATTLE

The tankards are drawn and it would appear the battle of the froth is on. Whether "The Merry Ploughboy" outsells "Off To Dublin In The Green" or vice versa you can be sure that a Canadian brewing concern will get a lot of free mileage out of the battle.

Arc's Bill Gilliland has sales figures to prove that their version of the beer jingle is one



The famous Abbey Tavern Singers

of the fastest selling singles in their roster. "Off To Dublin In The Green" was actually recorded in the famous Irish tavern by The Abbey Tavern Singers.



Casl recording artists The Carlton Showband

"GORDIE HOWE DAY" FOR SASKATOON

Saskatoon: CFQC Radio and CFQC-TV in conjunction with Eatons of Canada and the Saskatoon Jubilee Committee organized a "Gordie Howe Day" which turned out to be a giant success July 22nd. Special guests included Clarence Campbell, President of the MHL, Sid Abel of the Red Wings, Jack Adams, formerly with the Red Wings, Father Murray, Danny Gallivan, Vern De Geer, Johnny Bower, Alex Delvecchio, Pierre Pilote, Johnny Bucyk, Bi'l Gadsby, Earl Ingerfield and many more of the past and present greats of the sports world. As well, Gordie's family, wife and children, mother and father were on hand for the full day of festivities. Sports writers, reporters, and recording crews were also well represented.

The big day began with a parade through downtown Saskatoon. Next was a luncheon sponsored by the City Fathers. At 2:30 PM it looked like every youngster from the Saskatoon area had gathered at the Gordon Howe Bowl where Gordie and other NHL stars supplied the kids with many moments to cherish. Members of the playground hockey league were given the chance to meet and talk with their hockey hero.

The evening ceremonies of the Gordie Howe Tribute were held in the arena and included the inauguration of the Gordie Howe Sterling Finance Scholarship, to the Kinsmen Pee-Wee Hockey League. Dancers, singers and two bands plus movie highlights of the Howe career made for an exciting evening.

CFQC compiled a beautiful souvenir album of pictures and records of the world famous Howe career which was sold by the committee as a permanent souvenir of the night. All proceeds from the ticket sales and the program go to help finance the Scholarship program.

Miss Christelle MacKenzie, of Casl Records, also has impressive sales figures to back her claim that "The Merry Ploughboy" by the Carlton Showband has cornered a good portion of the market. This disc, which is distributed by Quality Records, was cut at Hallmark Studios in Toronto. Five members of the Show Band are originally from Ireland, the sixth being a native of New Brunswick. The Casl recording features Arlene King from Hamilton, Ontario.

RPM INTRODUCES DISTRIBUTOR CODE

This week RPM introduces a distributor code in the RPM 100 listings as well as now making available record numbers. The label, record number and distributor code are listed on the artist line of each of the listings. This makes it possible for dealers to immediately locate the distributors of NEW labels and label changes. Each major record company has been assigned a one letter code. A complete listing of dealers and distributors with addresses appears in the RPM Directory. The chart will become a necessary and handy ordering device for dealers in both the advance listing in the music weekly and the counter copies available in record stores across Ontario.

As the chart grows in acceptance with record companies, it will be made available nationally. Many record companies are already taking advantage of the low ad rates and dealer and consumer reaction has been something short of fantastic. See page 5.



The Sceptres, one of Montreal's top rated groups, have just released "Can't Get You Off My Mind" and "Be My Love" on the Fi-Sound label, which is distributed by Allied Records.

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"HE'S ALL MINE"

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COLUMBIA RECORDS 

on the
air

D.C. THOMAS MAKES LAKEHEAD GIG DESPITE INJURIES

The big record news from The Lakehead, is the Quality single of "Please Forgive Her" by The Jury. John Murphy, PD at CKPR notes that this disc defeated some of the big ones on "The Battle" including Napoleon XIV's crazy monster. John would like to pass out kudos to David Clayton Thomas and The Bossmen. This group was on the way to The Lakehead for an appearance when their truck overturned resulting in injuries, and minor damage to the truck. David and a couple of the boys made the five hundred miles in a taxi, a day late, and the rest of the crew drove the truck at 40 miles per, and without a windshield. Says John "that's guts friend". Russ Simpson moves into CKPR from CKLG Vancouver and takes over the 2 to 7 PM shift. Murph needs a swinger with a mature approach to look after the 10 AM to 2 PM slot. This job pays good bread to the right man. One of the favourite groups of The Lakehead, Jay and The Americans, will be appearing at The Lakehead Ex grandstand show July 29th through August 8th.

CJOC's Gary Hart advises that Bob Simpson is the new CJ DJ and will take over the 8 PM to Midnite show. Bob is having great results with his nightly remotes from Lethbridges A&W Drive-Inn and will continue with the shows for the next three months. The Music Hop Revue from Vancouver drew capacity crowds with their Lethbridge appearance. The Bridge Town will jump with Canadian talent this summer and will include some of the big names like Bobby Curtola, The Guess Who, The Big Town Boys, King Beezz and possibly Dee and The Yeomen. Many thousands of David Clayton Thomas fans were disappointed that his western tour had been cut short. Action records in Lethbridge include "I'm Not Running After You" by Jack Hardin and The Silhouettes, "Clock On The Wall" by The Guess Who, Little Caesar and The Consuls, "1000 Miles Away" and "Sad and Blue" by Mel West.

Hugh McLarty, of CKTK Kitimat, gives us the latest rundown on B.C.'s Centennial Search for Talent. Radio stations in B.C.'s central pacific region have just completed the first two rounds of competition in the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Centennial Search for Talent. Ron East, of stations CFBV Smithers and CKLD Burns Lake, found two talented singers, one a nurse who sings with The Harmonettes, a Smithers group who have recorded on Reo, and one a University student. from CFTK in Terrace, Al Parfitt came up with a pretty folk singer, while Hugh McLarty of CKTK discovered a 13 year old girl who excelled in both speech arts and singing. Will Hankinson of CFPR, a CBC station, and Roy Last of CHTK, both in Prince Rupert, settled on a singing group of teenagers. All winners appeared recently on CFTK-TV with station manager Wayne Seabrook acting as host for the half hour show. The TV network covers the entire area serviced by the various radio stations. The group of 6 from Prince Rupert were awarded the one hundred dollars first prize and an all expense paid trip to Vancouver to compete in Provincial finals.

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New personality at CJRN Niagara Falls is Chuck McCoy who moves in from CJME Regina. Chuck will take over the 7 PM to Midnite show.

Dave Charles has been spotlighting the best in Canadian talent at his Belleville Arena Mod Music Makers dances. The Willows, and Children from Ottawa and The Ugly Ducklings from Toronto drew capacity crowds at their recent appearance. Coming up are The Jaybees and a return engagement of The Ducklings.

Woodstock, New Brunswick teens are still talking about the first of the season Peter Rabbit dances that drew over 700 swingers. The 5 hours of non-stop music was provided by The Cobras and

ON THE AIR cont'd on page 6

COMING SOON

"GIMMIE LOVE NOW"

on Columbia

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IAIN CRICHTON-CHOW-Welland

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"Received moderate reaction in this area, but the flip 'Price of Love' is generating a great deal of excitement with local teens."

BILL JAMES-CKLN-Nelson

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"The A side is great but I'm programming the other side immediately. I think this side could appear on all top 40 charts."

DENIS MENARD-CKBC-Bathurst

Whatcha Gonna Do About it-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"It's lively, the beat is great, and the sound is attracting listener response. It's a good production. I featured both sides on 'Canadian Showcase' and 'Price Of Love' (the flip) attracted more attention from the listeners."

JOHN LOWETH-CHNO-Sudbury

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"Definitely a HIT. Featured it on our 'Instant Hit Projection' last weekend and 95% of the calls said it would be a hit."

GLORIA MILDENBERGER-CKOV-Kelowna

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"With enough spins it could go."

RON WADDELL-CKDM-Dauphin

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"This is sure enough the MODBEAT. It has a winning sound that should catch on with a few plays, so 'Whatcha Gonna Do About It?'"

DAVE CHARLES-CJBQ-Bellelille

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"Boy oh boy....this is a good Canadian sound. The exciting new British Modbeats. This group is on their way up the chart. It's gonna be a strong contender among the maze of 'mod music' that is coming out and should be on most charts within a few weeks. Good luck to The Modbeats from me."

SANDY GARDINER-Ottawa Journal-Ottawa

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"The recording has a lot of merit but is unlikely to tear the world apart. Unfortunately they could have chosen better and more original material."

BARRY SARAZIN-CJET-Smiths Falls

Whatcha Gonna Do About It-Modbeats-Red Leaf
"Good sound, should go places for the Modbeats."

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DAUPHIN—Ron Waddell—CKDM

Please Forget Her—The Jury—Quality

CORNER BROOK—Bob Bacon—CFGB

Whatcha Gonna Do About It—Modbeats—Red Leaf
I Couldn't Live Without...—Petula Clark—WB

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Time Won't Let Me—Outsiders—Capitol

LETHBRIDGE—Gary Hart—CJOC

Just Can't Quit—Ricky Nelson—Decca
Please Don't Ever Change—MG/Escorts—Reo

BELLEVILLE—Dave Charles—CJBQ

Only For Awhile—Jimmy Dybold—Red Leaf
She's So Far Out—Dino, Desi, Billy—Reprise

PEACE RIVER—Don Hamilton—CKYL

Summer In The City—Lovin Spoonful—Kama Sutra
Mothers Little Helper—Rolling Stones—London

REGINA—Johnny Onn—CJME

Look At Me Girl—Bobby Vee—Liberty

WINNIPEG—Doc Steen—CKRC

Respectable—Outsiders—Capitol

SAINT JOHN—Gary Phillips—CHSJ

Bus Stop—Hollies—Capitol

RPM

CROSS CANADA CHART ACTION

- 1 3 **BRAINWASHED**
D.C. Thomas—Roman—Cap
- 2 2 **CLOCK ON THE WALL**
Guess Who—Quality
- 3 1 **C'MON EVERYBODY**
Staccatos—Capitol
- 4 4 **1-2-5**
The Haunted—Quality
- 5 8 **BABY IT'S ALL WORTHWHILE**
Dee/Yeomen—Reo—Qua
- 6 6 **GOING DOWN**
Tom Northcott—New Syndrome
- 7 5 **CAN'T EXPLAIN**
King Beezz—Quality
- 8 11 **ALL OF MY LIFE**
Don Norman—Barry—Qua
- 9 12 **1000 MILES AWAY**
Caesar/Consuls—Red Leaf—Car
- 10 15 **WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT**
Modbeats—Red Leaf—Car
- 11 17 **IT'S A DIRTY SHAME**
Esquires—Columbia
- 12 --- **I'M A LONER**
Jaybees—Rca Victor
- 13 10 **MY KINDA GUY**
The Willows—MGM—Qua
- 14 14 **FUNNY HOW LOVE CAN BE**
Townsmen—Regency—Pho
- 15 19 **WILDWOOD DAYS**
Bobby Curtola—Tartan—All
- 16 7 **LOVEDROPS**
Barry Allen—Capitol
- 17 --- **NOTHIN'**
Ugly Ducklings—Yorktown—Cap
- 18 9 **THE REAL THING**
Bobby Curtola—Tartan—All
- 19 18 **MAKING MY MIND UP**
Young Canadians—Capitol
- 20 --- **MERRY PLOUGHBOY**
Carlton Showband—Casl—Qua

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King Richard's Fluegal Knights—MTA

SHOULD

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Chiffons—Laurie (Qua)

COULD

NOTHIN'

Ugly Ducklings—Yorktown (Cap)

MAYBE

SAY I AM

The Shondells—Roulette (All)

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3rd issue of the RPM 100

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This week
1 week ago
2 weeks ago

- 1 13 14 SWEET PEA
Tommy Roe-Sparton-1490-O
- 2 7 16 PRETTY FLAMINGO
Manfred Mann-Capitol-72376-F
- 3 11 37 HUNGRY
Paul Revere-Columbia-4-43678-H
- 4 9 20 I SAW HER AGAIN
Mama's & Papa's-Rca-4031-N
- 5 19 52 WILD THING
Troggs-Fontana-
- 6 15 40 LIL RED RIDING HOOD
Sam the Sham-MGM-13506-M
- 7 1 2 HANKY PANKY
Tommy James-Roulette-4686-C
- 8 3 4 LITTLE GIRL
Syndicate of Sound-Quality-8938-M
- 9 5 13 PLEASE TELL ME WHY
Dave Clark 5-Capitol-72375-F
- 10 2 1 PIED PIPER
Crispian St.Peters-London-2513-K
- 11 4 9 LAND OF MILK AND HONEY
Vogues-Quality-3425-M
- 12 6 6 STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT
Frank Sinatra-Reprise-0470-J
- 13 8 19 ALONG COMES MARY
Association-Valiant-741-J
- 14 12 5 JUG BAND MUSIC
Lovin Spoonful-Kama Sutra-301-M
- 15 10 3 POPSICLE
Jan & Dean-Liberty-55886-K
- 16 25 45 BRAINWASHED
D.C.Thomas-Roman-1105-F
- 17 14 8 RED RUBBER BALL
Cyrkle-Columbia-43589-H
- 18 21 21 CLOCK ON THE WALL
Guess Who-Quality-1815-M
- 19 34 35 I LOVE ONIONS
Susan Christie-Columbia-43595-H
- 20 18 10 DON'T BRING ME DOWN
Animals-MGM-13514-M
- 21 16 7 YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY....
Dusty Springfield-Philips-40371-K
- 22 22 36 YOU BETTER RUN
Young Rascals-Atlantic-2338-M
- 23 17 14 OH HOW HAPPY
Shades of Blue-Barry-3420-M
- 24 30 31 YOU JUST CAN'T QUIT
Ricky Nelson-Decca-31956-J
- 25 28 42 MUDDY WATER
Johnny Rivers-Imperial-66175-K
- 26 35 48 HAPPY SUMMER DAYS
Ronnie Dove-Apex-77003-J
- 27 20 54 C'MON EVERYBODY
Staccatos-Capitol-72371-F
- 28 38 59 THE WORK SONG
Tijuana Brass-A&M-805-M
- 29 36 38 SOMEWHERE MY LOVE
Ray Conniff-Columbia-43626-H
- ★30 ---- THEY'RE COMING TO TAKE ME..
Napoleon XIV-WB-5831-J
- 31 40 49 OVER UNDER SIDEWAYS DOWN
Yardbirds-Capitol-72382-F
- 32 46 76 MOTHER'S LITTLE HELPER
Rolling Stones-London-902-K
- 33 43 63 TRAINS AND BOATS AND PLANES
Dionne Warwick-Scepter-12153-M
- 34 32 33 AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG
Temptations-Motown-7054-L

● BIGGEST MOVERS

★ MONSTER

- 35 37 47 LOVE LETTERS
Elvis Presley-Rca-8870-N
- 36 41 53 YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN
Ides of March-Parrot-304-K
- 37 47 81 THIS DOOR SWINGS BOTH WAYS
Herman's Hermits-MGM-1827-M
- 38 39 43 WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I.....
Grass Roots-Rca-4029-N
- 39 42 51 YOU CAN'T ROLLER SKATE IN...
Roger Miller-Smash-2043-K
- 40 57 84 SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER
Happenings-Quality-3431-M
- 41 51 69 SWEET DREAMS
Tommy McLain-MSL-197-O
- 42 27 12 PAPERBACK WRITER
Beatles-Capitol-5651-F
- 43 26 32 1-2-5
The Haunted-Quality-1814-M
- 44 62 75 I WANT YOU
Bob Dylan-Columbia-43683-H
- 45 45 64 I CAN'T EXPLAIN
King Beez-Quality-1817-M
- 46 69 78 SUNNY
Bobby Hebb-Philips-40365-K
- 47 68 86 BABY IT'S ALL WORTHWHILE
Dee/Yeomen-Reo-8940-M
- 48 66 ---- SUMMER IN THE CITY
Lovin Spoonful-Kama Sutra-211-M
- 49 60 83 GOING DOWN
Tom Northcott-Syndrome
- 50 56 62 NOT RESPONSIBLE
Tom Jones-Parrot-40006-K
- 51 54 60 THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS
Jack Jones-Kapp-755-L
- 52 72 80 PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE
Shangri Las-Red Bird-3426-M
- 53 85 ---- THE JOKER WENT WILD
Brian Hyland-Philips-40377-K
- 54 55 72 WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN IN MY...
Miracles-Tamla-54134-L
- 55 70 70 MISTY
Richard Holmes-Prestige
- 56 84 96 LOOK AT ME GIRL
Bobby Vee-Liberty-55877-K
- 57 59 74 FRIDAY'S CHILD
Nancy Sinatra-Reprise-0491-J
- 58 65 73 TAR AND CEMENT
Verdelle Smith-Capitol-5362-F
- 59 63 92 DISTANT SHORES
Chad & Jeremy -Columbia-43682-H
- 60 61 65 PAINTER
Lou Christie-MGM-13533-M
- 61 74 88 ALL OF MY LIFE
Don Norman-Barry-3419-M
- 62 58 58 1000 MILES AWAY
Caesar/Consuls-Red Leaf-619-G
- 63 64 93 HEY YOU LITTLE BOO-GA-LOO
Chubby Checker-Parkway-989-M
- 64 52 44 MY KINDA GUY
The Willows-MGM-13484-M
- 65 78 ---- YOU YOU YOU
Mel Carter-Imperial-66183-K
- 66 77 ---- I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT.....
Petula Clark-WB-5835-J

- 67 67 67 STOP GET A TICKET
Clefs of Lavender Hill-Date-1510-H
- 68 87 ---- 5 D
Byrds-Columbia-43702-H
- 69 80 ---- ALMOST PERSUADED
David Houston-Epic-10025-H
- 70 71 71 SEARCHING FOR MY LOVE
Bobby Moore-Checker-1129-L
- 71 75 79 I'M A NUT
Leroy Pullins-Kapp-758-L
- 72 73 85 TEENAGERS PRAYER
Joe Simon-Sound Stage 7-2564
- 73 86 ---- WOULDN'T IT BE NICE
Beach Boys-Capitol-5706-F
- 74 76 77 I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU
Lettermen-Capitol-5649-F
- 75 95 ---- WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT
Modbeats-Red Leaf-620-G
- 76 89 ---- SUNNY AFTERNOON
Kinks-Pye
- 77 81 95 HIDEAWAY
D.D.B.M. & T-Fontana
- 78 79 87 LA BAMBA
Trini Lopez-Reprise-0480-J
- 79 93 ---- BUS STOP
Hollies-Capitol
- 80 97 100 WARM AND TENDER LOVE
Percy Sledge-Atlantic-2342-M
- 81 83 94 MOST OF ALL
Cowsils-Philips-40382-K
- 82 82 97 LOOK AT ME GIRL
Playboys Edinburgh-Columbia-43716-H
- 83 94 ---- LIVIN' ABOVE YOUR HEAD
Jay/Americans-UA-50046
- 84 96 ---- SUNSHINE SUPERMAN
Donovan-Epic-10045-H
- 85 99 ---- I GUESS I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU
Isley Bros-Tamla-54135-L
- 86 100 ---- PETTICOAT WHITE
Bobby Vinton-Epic-10048-H
- 87 ---- ---- IT'S A DIRTY SHAME
Esquires-Columbia-4-2698-H
- 88 91 98 LONELY SOLDIER
Mike Williams-Atlantic-2339-M
- 89 ---- ---- I'M A LONER
Jaybees-Rca
- 90 92 99 AIN'T GONNA CRY NO MORE
Brenda Lee-Decca-31970-J
- 91 ---- ---- LADY JANE
Rolling Stones-London-902-K
- 92 ---- ---- BLOWIN IN THE WIND
Stevie Wonder-Tamla-54136-L
- 93 ---- ---- GET AWAY
Georgie Fame-Imperial
- 94 ---- ---- WORKIN' IN THE COAL MINE
Lee Dorsey-Quality
- 95 ---- ---- WILDWOOD DAYS
Bobby Curtola-Tartan-1033-C
- 96 98 ---- ALFIE
Cilla Black-Capitol-5674-F
- 97 ---- ---- I BELIEVE I'M GOING TO MAKE IT
Joe Tex-Dial-4033-K
- 98 ---- ---- MAKE ME BELONG TO YOU
Barbara Lewis-Atlantic-2346-M
- 99 ---- ---- SUMMERTIME
Billy Stewart-Chess
- 100 ---- ---- THE TIP OF MY FINGER
Eddy Arnold-Rca-8869-N

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ON THE AIR cont'd

The New Brunswick Playboys who switched every half hour.

Dave Scott is the new Top Forty jock at CJET taking over from Barry Sarazin who moves into CKLB Oshawa. Dave will be looking after the 3 to 6 PM slot at this Smiths Falls station. The hot new single at 'ET is "It's A Dirty Shame" by the Ottawa based Esquires. New program director at CJET is Bill Sweet who also holds down the 9 to 11 AM air shift as well as the popular "Town and Country" show from noon to 2 PM.

Peggy Keenan, promotion and publicity for CKLG Vancouver, notes that the Vancouver music scene is becoming more prominent each day. It's been estimated by execs of the Western Association of Broadcasters, that over 10,000 applicants have auditioned for prizes and play-off opportunities for their Centennial Search for Canadian Talent. The B.C. Amateur Band Contest, sponsored by CKLG and Gassy Jack's Discotheque is still going strong, and play-offs are narrowing down the finals for the winners who will end up with a one week engagement in Las Vegas. A total of 50 bands have already participated in this event. CKLG is once again organizing the Battle of the Bands in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Vancouver Teen-age Fair and this should attract some 70 bands. Peggy also has some info on their competition. Apparently C-FUN had a Battle of the Bands and auditioned over 30 bands. A small community just outside Vancouver is having a summer-long band and talent contest. Says Peggy "There seems to be no end to the excitement created and the enthusiasm behind amateur musicians in this province."

CFFB, the voice of Baffinland, says goodbye to Jim McColi, who has spent five years mike-side speaking in English, French and Eskimo and spinning discs. Jim heads for CBO Ottawa. Neil Hayes, fresh from Ottawa and The Royal Canadian Navy, moves to CFFB for on-air duties.

T.V.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORK. CFTO-TV SPECIAL

Continuing with their popular series of special programs, CFTO-TV will present as its sixth program, The National Youth Orchestra of Canada. Channel Nine will invite a capacity audience of 800 to the Ernest MacMillan Theatre in the Edward Johnson Building for an hour long special program, which will be video-taped. The program will consist of a fifteen minute documentary showing the orchestra and what it stands for, as seen through the eyes of one of its members. Viewers will also see this musician at home, travelling to Toronto, and rehearsing with the orchestra. The concert itself will take up the remaining forty-five minutes of the program.

Walter Susskind is the Director of Music and Conductor of the National Youth orchestra, which has 103 members. The taping of this show will take place August 26 with airing set for the week of September 27. Written by Alex Barris, and produced and directed by Jerry Rochon, Executive Producer will be Lorne Freed.

*Elvira
Caprese
Says...*

ELVIRA FINDS A FRIEND

Hello.....My dears. There is so much to report to you that I will go right to it!!!! A READER WRITES, "Well you old trollop, you have missed the story of the century. You have been right on the spot and have neglected to fearlessly report FIRST HAND, a story of conflict, intrigue, scandal, payola, extortion, and who knows what else. The fearless lady of RPM has shirked her duty as a 'scoop' reporter." The writer goes on to libel, slander and further degrade a group of people in the music industry and ends the letter with, "and now you will tell us that your almighty Ed: has suppressed this story. Lady, you are employed by a gutless, cowardly rag that isn't worth the paper it's written on. When it comes to readers you can count me OUT as of right now. When your pamphlet takes the time to tell the whole story, I'll take the time to read it. Till then don't clutter my mail hole."

MY ANSWER. Dear Reader With A Mail Hole; Your provoked attack upon the many people in this industry may be justified BUT.....You are asking that this "pamphlet" and its editor and its staff sit in judgement of a group that has offended you personally. You would like to see RPM graduate to a "scandal sheet" and possibly end up with a FIRST HAND libel or slander suit on our hands. If your allegations are true, why not allow us to affix your name to the bottom of these charges. Of the sacks of irresponsible CRANK NOTES that come into this office, yours takes the cake and COUNT US OUT when it comes to fighting the battles of people who are protected by unions and public opinion. The crusades are long gone and forgotten and so are mercenaries. Send us your name and we'll send you a refund on your subscription. Meanwhile we will operate to inform and leave judgement to the industry.

UK

by rich frazer

Rich Frazer, who was well known on the Ottawa scene, is presently residing in England and will



be reporting weekly on the British scene for our readers.

Here in "Swinging London", the British are still recovering from the initial airings of new pop "Pirate" radio station - "Swinging Radio England". The station is American owned with twenty four hour programming and a 110,000 watt output transmission. Ron O'Quinn, a great guy from Georgia, handles programming chores aboard ship and Canadian talent promoters would be well advised to send discs along to Ron at Radio England, 32 Curzon St. London W. 1, England. This station is destined to become a most influential station despite threats of "Anti-Pirate legislation" from British Parliamentary circles.

London's version of the Playboy Club is now open and the "Cottontail Crew" are the current toast of the town as they put out the welcome mat for Frank Sinatra in town to record at the Pye studios and to make his next film, "The Naked Runner".

Mickey Most reportedly facing legal action over recording contract for Herman.

Dusty Springfield off to U.S.A. on August 1st.

Shirley Bassey appearing at Prince of Wales Theatre for two weeks before going to Paris to film colour TV Spectacular slated for world wide distribution.

Tom Jones has a new single "This and That" due for a July 29th release. Tom has just bought a Rolls Royce from Kathy Kirby's brother-in-law. Associated TV wants Tom for a series of 6 hour long TV shows for the fall.

Petula Clark is receiving high ratings for her current BBC-TV series. This makes a triumph for Pet on her first British appearances in recent years.

Cheryl Hirschfield, former Miss Canada contestant from Halifax, arrived in London by jet this week for six weeks of recording and playing dates with a view to an international release. Cheryl will be backed in the session by an up and coming British group The Sneekers.

Recording star Lulu has turned film actress and co-stars with Sidney Poitier in "To Sir With Love". Lulu has also recorded the title song for a December release on both film and disc. Could be the shot in the arm this bundle

of dynamite needs for her career.

Sonny and Cher in London this week for talks with business managers.

The Honeycombs have a new style in their new disc "It's So Hard" and "I Fell In Love". It's a walloping stamp beat with rattling tambourine and twangy guitar.

The Troggs new side, "A Girl Like You" jumps high on the British charts this week. Should be a natural for Canada and the U.S.

Coming up: The "Radio England" inaugural "All Star Party" at London's Hilton Hotel on July 28th. We'll be there with camera in one hand and pen in the other to cover the big scene for RPM.



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