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makes it fun to
be young!

Melanie's cover girl dress was designed by Medusa, available from a selection at Peter Robinson.



Welcome back! Like to win a genuine shirt of Gary Glitter's? No? Oh well, please yourself, but Gary fans stay with me! Inside, there's your chance to own one of his fantastic stage shirts. Also, a super scoop piece by Tony Blackburn on Darling David C, double page Elton pin-up and oodles of new things to do, to copy, or just to sigh over. For fun, we've composed our own Sour Apple Awards - see who gets them on page 15!

Be Happy!

The Editor



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ALL THE LATEST TEEN SCENE GOSSIP...

Bumped into BIRTHA the other day, and that's quite a pleasurable experience as all four girls are great fun and Liver - for Olivia - happens to be rather lovely as well. The group are currently in Britain to enhance their growing reputation as a serious rock group and promote their new album 'Can't Stop The Madness'. Liver, a

GLADYS KNIGHT

real liberated lady, was telling me about the problems of being a petticoat popster. "It's the same as in any other field," she said with just a trace of bitterness. "You don't only have to be as good as a man at your job, you have to be better before you're taken seriously. But we'll make it. We're that determined. People come to see us once for a laugh. The second time is because they dig us."



BIRTHA

YES are a group who manage to sell a lot of albums and win a lot of friends with their live gigs but could you name them individually? Nor could I until I spoke to them the other day. "We aren't built up as big superstars," agreed singer Jon Anderson, "and that's the way we like it. If you start getting hailed as the best thing since sliced bread it's only a matter of time before someone else is getting the same treatment."

They call cabaret the graveyard of fallen pop groups. Don't tell that to the ROCKIN' BERRIES, they've been working hard and earning more money than many chart names around the clubs for several years. Now they are back on the record scene with a vengeance. 'Day To Day' is their first platter for ages, but to me it's got HIT written all over it. "Comedy is a laugh - or it should be," said the group's drummer Terry Bond, "but we



BEN MURPHY

KNIGHT & THE PIPS were overshadowed by more successful groups like The Supremes and Martha & The Vandellas. But Gladys content to bide her time. Recently scored big with the Kris Kristofferson song 'Help Me Make It Through The Night', and whaddya know, sudden she's in demand. Concerts at all the best halls and more work than she could possibly handle. "I never had time to be jealous," the great lady says, "they say everything comes to him who waits and I figured I had waited about long enough."

If like me you were wondering why the BBC were going to start screening the new series of Alias Smith & Jones starring BEN MURPHY and ROGER DAVIS, I have to repeat we're in for a long wait. A spoken woman for the Beeb says that why Pete Duel remains so popular with viewers, they will continue to repeat previous episodes. But a TV spokesman did hint that the new series will probably hit the small screen "later in the year". Can't wait to see it!

Short shorts: Family had been tighten up on gigs, too many had been cancelled at last minute... belated good wishes to Jennie Halsall who leaves EMI Press Office to seek her fortune in America... Jennie Riley a very forward lady!... George and Newcastle soccer star Malcol Macdonald good chums... recent national newspaper reports settle Osmonds not moving to Britain... well, are Andy and David really that popular?... remarkable lack of interesting young actors on the block right now... be prepared for statement from Cliff Richard regarding future plans... will someone please tell me if the Marmalade are still going... if so, where are they going...



ANNE MURRAY

started off in 1959 as a rock group and music has always been our first love. When we went into cabaret people were surprised that we could make them laugh. Now they are surprised we can play our instruments." Don't you be surprised to see the Berries back in the charts.

Lovely Canadian songbird - or should I say snowbird - ANNE MURRAY was sitting in her hotel room looking rather cheered off. "I'm sure getting to know your television programmes well," she said. "I come to England maybe a couple of times a year and all I seem to see are hotel rooms and television studios, concert halls and airports." Anne's recent album titled 'Annie' is a very worthwhile addition to anybody's collection. Try it.

For far too long **GLADYS**