

# ASK GARY

Columbia and Atlantic record companies have a bad case of winter blues.

A long time ago, even before he was really together, music-wise, Johnny Winter was described by Mike Bloomfield as the "greatest white blues artist in the world."

THAT WAS IN 1965, a lifetime ago measuring by the longevity of most musicians' success. Today Johnny is truly an artistic genius who enjoys the envy and admiration of blues artists the world over.

However until very recently he had been something less than a success financially. Then all of a sudden every major record label dealing in blues began bidding for his services.

COLUMBIA RECORDS won the bidding derby with an offer of \$600,000, a bid to make most pro-football team owners look like cheapskates. Things were looking up for the Texas musician.

In a hurry to get a return on its investment, Columbia started cutting records like there was to be no tomorrow. An LP is scheduled for release early this month.

COLUMBIAN Promotion department bought full page ads in trade magazines, screaming the praises of the heretofore unheralded Winter, and extolling the virtues of his forthcoming album with phrases like "Columbia presents Johnny Winter, a white flame ignited by black blues." (from an ad in Billboard on April 19).

Before Columbia could get the success bandwagon moving with any speed, Jerry Wexler of Atlantic Records poured sugar in the gas tank.

IT TURNS out that Wexler and Atlantic purchased a recording contract on Winter from a Texan named Roy Ames for \$50,000.

They contend this is the only valid contract because it pre-dates Johnny's contract with Columbia.

IN AN INTERVIEW with Rolling Stone mag, Johnny declared his contract with Ames is no longer valid because Ames failed to pick up his 1969 option to renew.

He also asserted that Ames failed to record him since 1966, although the contract stipulated that a certain amount of material was to be recorded, but not necessarily released, every year.

Furthermore, said Johnny, he was never paid royalties or union scale session fees for the single and tapes he did make for Ames in 1966.

Both Columbia and Atlantic have stated they will release material by Winter. However Atlantic will release only the material on the tapes it received from Ames.

WINTER, WHO TURNED Atlantic down when they originally approached him, says he'll never record exclusively for Atlantic.

He told Rolling Stone, "I'd never honor that contract with Roy Ames because it's not a good one."

Somebody should tell Johnny that never is an awfully long time.

ROCKIN' ROUND THE WORLD. In a surprise move, The Beach Boys severed their seven-year connection with Capitol Records and are suing the label for over \$2 million in royalty fees they allege is due them.

All future Beach Boy records will be released on their own "Brothers" label.

CLAPTON, WINWOOD & BAKER, the new super group to end all super groups, will be touring the country from about the middle of June.

Organized in February, they plan to release their first LP about the same time.

The group is two thirds Cream (Eric Clapton and Ginger Baker) and one-third Traffic (Stevie Nicks). One thing is for sure, if you liked Traffic or The Cream, you'll love Clapton, Winwood & Baker.

WAX TO WATCH. Every once in a great while a record comes along that is not just good but something special.

The new LP, "Al Kooper, Roy Blumenfeld, Danny Kalb, Tommy Flanders, Steve Katz, Andy Kulberg of the Blues Project," is such a record.

Unfortunately it wasn't released until the group, tired of half successes, called it quits, like the Buffalo Springfield and other groups who dared to set trends instead of following them.

ONE OF THE FIRST of the really good progressive rock groups, The Blues Project were victims of lack of understanding by the public and lack of airplay by the rating-conscious, conservative, top 40 radio stations.

Now that progressive rock is vogue, the record could go all the way and become a million seller. This record will be a living memorial to genuine talent, which can never be buried.

WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . JANIS JOPLIN, Country Joe and The Fish plus Teegarden & Van Winkle at Cleveland Public Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday.

Same place, at 8:30 p.m. on May 16, THE ASSOCIATION, the Guess Who? and Mercy; on May 17, PETULA CLARK plus the Buddy Rich orchestra.

May 24 at Cleveland Public Auditorium, THE TEMPTATIONS.

Tickets for all these concerts available at Record World.

This weekend at LaCave, the theater coffeehouse at 10615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Jimmy Witherspoon; May 16-18, Shibley and Brewer; May 23-25, Sea Train; May 30-31 and June 1, Neil Young and the Crazy Horse.

— Gary Bainbridge

## OSU launches make-up project

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Sixty students who couldn't meet college entrance requirements are going to class at Ohio State University in a new program aimed at helping them make up academic deficiencies. Called "New Careers," the program is conducted in cooperation with Ohio State's School of Social Work and the Columbus Metropolitan Area Community Action Organization to prepare students for responsible jobs in fields of mental health, welfare and corrections.

# Teens of the week



GERI MCMAHON

Many honors have been achieved by two Wellington High School seniors during the past four years in school.

Geraldine (Geri) McMahon is president of student council, to which she has belonged since she was a freshman. Last year she served as council secretary. She attended the state student council workshop last summer.

She is president of S.P.Q.R. (Latin Club), was the group's secretary last year and has belonged to the club four years.

GERI IS SECRETARY-treasurer of National Honor Society; member of Varsity Club and serves as a teacher assistant and hall monitor. She is editor of the annual and was co-editor last year.

Other activities have included cheerleader squad; Math-Science Club; the school newspaper staff; junior class play; post-prom committee chairman last year.

Geri reigned as Wellington's Homecoming Queen last fall.



BOB WACKER

She is active in the Catholic Youth Organization of St. Patrick's Church and was president of the group last year. She has also been active in Girl Scouting for 10 years.

Geri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McMahon of 248 Grand Ave., Wellington.

BOB WACKER IS PRESIDENT of National Honor Society, vice president of student council and secretary-treasurer of Varsity Club.

He has been co-captain of the basketball team and tri-captain of the football team. Bob was also on the baseball team. Last summer he was Wellington's delegate to Boys' State.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wacker of rural Wellington, Bob received honorable mention in the Lakeland conference basketball designates. Sports are his big interest, and he participates in many kinds.

Bob has been accepted by Ohio State University. He is also a candidate for the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.



## Steele prom-goers

Steele juniors and seniors were prom-trotting Saturday night at the high school. Prom-goers included, from left, Jeanine Bickley; Dale Hathaway, junior class president; Ken Towne, senior class president, and Rebecca Tilbury. (C-T photo)

## 'Eagles Dare' is record offer

The sound track album from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's movie, "Where Eagles Dare," is the Teen Page free record offer next week.

Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood and Mary Ure star in the film, which has a World War II setting. The music, by Ron Goodwin, is as dramatic as the picture, by turns bright or brooding, sparkling or tense.

If you haven't yet seen the film, hear the music first and add to your enjoyment when you do. Enter the contest by

ADDITIONAL  
TEEN NEWS  
ON PAGE 19

sending a card to Teen Page, The Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria, with your name, address and phone number. Only one entry per person. All cards must be received by Monday morning.

Winner of the Cowsills album this week was Maki Woods, 349 15th St., Elyria. Albums may be picked up at the C-T switchboard.

## Catholic High seniors picnic

Seniors at Elyria District Catholic High School were excused from classes last Thursday in observance of Senior Day.

Bike and other races were among fun activities on the school grounds during the morning. At noon the class, with chaperones, went to Huntington Beach in Bay Village to picnic. Some few hardy souls even went swimming! —Franci Gardine.

# The Chronicle-Telegram Teen-age Page

## Angie answers ...all about you

DEAR ANGIE,

I have a little sister problem. She tags along wherever I go and now my friends don't want to ask me to go because of her.

My parents say she has to go with me or I can't go. How do I get my brat sister and my parents off my back?

Need Help!

Dear Need Help,

Let's use a little psychological warfare, but first you must realize a few things.

Little sisters usually love and look up to big sisters, want to copy them and be like them. Going around with you and your friends makes her feel older and more important. Perhaps she's also seeking in this way to get your attention.

First, show her you love her by doing special things with her sometimes or spending a little time with her when she can have your undivided attention. Listen to her and show interest.

ENCOURAGE her to do things with girls of her own age. Perhaps that's one reason she clings to you so much, because she hasn't many other friends.

Look at her objectively and see if you can help overcome any flaws, either in appearance, or personality traits, that might make her unpopular.

When you want to go with your own friends, tell her gently but firmly that this is YOUR time to be with your own age group. If she is getting your attention at other times, she will be less anxious to tag along.

Your parents should not force you to take her along for two reasons: first, it's not fair to you; second, your sister should be making friends and doing things with her own age group, or it will become increasingly hard for her to get along with kids of her own age.

Perhaps you could show this column to your parents and talk the problem over with them. Luck!

Angie

Have a problem you'd like to discuss with someone, but don't know who to talk to? Write ANGIE, care of Teen Page, The Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria.

## Elyria and Elyria Catholic schedule Saturday proms

The prom's THE THING in Elyria this Saturday, when Elyria and Elyria District Catholic High have scheduled this most-glamorous and most-memorable of school social events.

On the same night, Admiral King seniors will be dancing at their prom at Lorain Youth Center. Music will be furnished by The Monks. Post-prom activities will be held at Breezewood Teen Center, sponsored by a parents' committee which will provide food and entertainment.

"TAHITIAN TWILIGHT" is the prom theme at Elyria High, where seniors and their dates will dance to the music of the Four Shadows Plus One from 9 p.m. to midnight in the boys' gym.

SOMETHING NEW this year will be decoration of the open court at the West Avenue lobby entrance, where prom-goers may relax under (hopefully) a moonlit sky for conversation and perhaps hand-holding.

The parents' committee will take over at midnight to provide a buffet supper in the cafeteria.

Post-prom activities will include showing of old-time

movies in the auditorium; a skit by the parents; games; and dancing to the music of Mickey and the Cleancuts. Sometimes around dawn a light breakfast will conclude the gala night.

Bill Henes is chairman of the prom committee, which consists of Peggy Kennedy, Pat Murphy, Debbie Zoltai, Phyllis Haskins, Judy Bell, Terry Pritchett, Mark King and Jan Handyside.

SENIOR GAIL DRAHOS will reign as queen of the Elyria Catholic prom in the school auditorium from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Her attendants will be seniors Kathe Kantosky and Janelle Groomes. The girls were chosen by votes of the seniors.

The prom theme, "A Touch of the Orient," will be carried out with Japanese lanterns, a small oriental-style garden and wind chimes. Oriental

food may also be provided prom-goers. Juniors Mary Jane Goldcamp, Cathy Collins and Becky Charnes comprise the decorations committee.

Music will be furnished by the Olmsted Falls Swing Band. Prom co-chairmen are Debbie Wagner and John Keyes. The dance is for Elyria Catholic juniors and seniors.

## EDCHS elects council officers

Student council officers for the 1969-70 year at Elyria District Catholic High School were elected last week.

The new officers are Sue DeMarco, president; Mary Lou Forthofer, vice president; Kevin Hoover, treasurer; Mary Jane Goldcamp, secretary.

Class officers at EDCHS will be elected next week.



TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF

## SURVEY REVEALS MEN'S WARDROBE BUYING HABITS

Most men feel that other men are relatively free to buy what they want in the way of new items of clothing.

In fact, about 65% of the American males feel that most men dress just to please themselves.

The truth is just about the opposite, according to the Sears Men's Wear Council. A recent survey has shown clearly that the average man, shopping for himself, is hesitant and often dependent on someone else for a decision. About 56% of American men take someone along on shopping trips for clothing and nine out of ten times this person is his wife.

Men are so dependent on others in making up their minds about to buy that they become strangely conservative about where they buy clothes. Eight out of ten men haven't changed the kind of stores in which they buy suits in the last ten years.

If they do change, it's because they're looking for a store closer to home and on more familiar ground where they can grow to depend on the expertise and personal attention of the store's men's wear personnel.

Sears can't explain the origin of this behavior, but it reports more and more men are depending on its sales personnel for clothing decisions than ever before.



The store within a store at Sears, Roebuck and Co. Route 57 Phone 324-2411 Near Turnpike From Lorain Elyria/Lorain, Ohio No Toll 233-7261

WIXY 1260 PRESENTS IN PERSON

# the association

FRIDAY, MAY 16th  
8:30 p.m.  
CLEVELAND PUBLIC HALL  
Tickets \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6

★ EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION:  
"GUESS WHO" plus "MERCY"  
★ THESE EYES ★ ★ LOVE (CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY) ★

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
RECORD WORLD - MIDWAY MALL - ELYRIA

★ BELKIN PRODUCTIONS

JUST LOOK WHO'S COMING

# "DOWNTOWN"

850WJW RADIO

PRESENTS IN PERSON

## PETULA CLARK

and

## BUDDY RICH

CLEVELAND PUBLIC AUDITORIUM

SAT., MAY 17th, 8:30 P.M.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
RECORD WORLD - MIDWAY MALL - ELYRIA

★ Belkin Productions

WMMS-FM RADIO PRESENTS

# JANIS JOPLIN

Plus

## COUNTRY JOE AND THE FISH

AND A NEW SOUND: TEEGARDEN & VAN WINKLE

Friday, May 9, 1969  
8:30 P.M.

Cleveland Public Aud. Tickets \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6  
On sale now at Record World Midway Mall Elyria

BELKIN PRODUCTIONS