

# GROUP...SCOOP YOUR GROUP...SCOOP

WOW! When we started this feature, we never realized that there were so many groups around. We are being flooded with "scoops" and we love it, so don't stop! From now on we are going to try and squeeze as many articles as we possibly can into every issue, so if your "scoop" doesn't appear right away, hang on, 'cause they'll be printed in the order we receive them. Remember, just send a short (about 1 page) typewritten letter giving the name of the group and any info that would interest our readers. Also, don't forget to send along a clear black & white photo. Mail it to: Scoop Your Group, c/o Teen's Top Ten, 17 West 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. All stories and photos become the property of this magazine and cannot be returned.

There I was, trembling with anxiety, asking a real live ROADRUNNER for an interview. (Not the bird, silly!) That one phone call brought into my life 5 wonderful, talented young men who call themselves THE ROCKIN' ROADRUNNERS.

I could continue about how I met this great group from Sanford, Fla., but that's really not important. Besides, this article is about them and not myself.

It seems a loud bass sound is common in a lot of today's songs. Filling the position of bass guitarist stands a 5' 10½", 20-year old with brown hair and eyes. Besides playing bass, Dave Morris has composed and sung lead on the group's 2 records, "Go Away" and "King of the Jungle."

Charlie Lytle, a 6', 18-year old with brown hair and hazel eyes, does most of the lead singing on stage. Besides vocals, he sometimes plays the tambourine even though he holds the position of rhythm guitarist.

One of the most important members in the group is the lead guitarist. For the ROADRUNNERS, Russ Hamilton fills the bill quite sufficiently. Russ, a 5' 4" blond with blue-grey eyes, just celebrated his 17th birthday.

His name—Steve Grier, an 18-year old who claims he's girl-crazy. He's 5' 9" with dark brown hair and under his expressive eyebrows are 2 very blue eyes. Steve's drumming is admired as well as envied by every drummer who sees him perform.

To make the group more or less complete, Jack "Ace" Lander joined. His organ helps to make the ROADRUNNERS "sound," and his 5' 7" frame helps to make up the group. Jack is also 18, and has black hair and blue eyes.

To describe their stage performances is somewhat difficult. They don't do any fancy steps, except on a few songs. I'm not saying that they just stand stock still . . . they move, but in their own way. Whether they do steps or don't really has less importance than the sound they produce.

I really can't think of anything spectacular they've done, unless existence is spectacular. They're not the cutest group in the world, either. There are others more talented and some with better personalities. The ROADRUNNERS realize this, but it doesn't dull their determination. But they are themselves, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Maybe that's what's so good about 'em! Angie Mullins, Orlando, Fla.

THE CHEERFUL EARFUL are here! They have taken Columbus, Ohio by storm. Their unique new sound is turning the teens on and blowing minds. They are here to stay.

Yes, THE CHEERFUL EARFUL are here. They are a mixture of cool and jug band all in one. They can be terribly funny or terribly reserved, and they are never together on which they are going to be. Charlie can be singing a real emotional song and look like he's tearing his heart out, and Jeff will start goofing around. He will stick his nose in the air and move from side to side, or stick the other guys with his guitar, or sit on Charlie's drums. It is always like that. They carry a little (?) jug around with them that has the *Cheerful Earful* written on it and they sometimes disappear one by one. I wonder if they fill up the jug just before leaving home and empty it just before going home?

They are really a great bunch of guys. There is a total of 6 in the group, Ben Messana, Charlie Bleak, Jeff D'Angelo, Rick Wilson, Steve Stevenson and George Macklin. They all live in the Arlington section of Columbus, and are seniors at Upper Arlington High School. All are 17, and have varied interests.

Bennie was born in Palermo, Sicily, has brown hair and eyes, is 5' 6" tall, and likes Pepe la Pew. Charlie was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., has brown hair and eyes, is 5' 10" tall, and dislikes platitudes. Jeff was found under a cabbage leaf, has brown hair and eyes, is 5' 6" tall, and likes Flatt & Scruggs. Rick was born in Columbus, has blond hair and blue eyes, is 5' 6" tall, and dislikes pay toilets. Steve was born in Topeka, Kan., has brown hair and eyes, is 5' 10" tall, and likes catsup on toast. George was born in Melbourne, Australia, has brown hair and eyes, is 5' 9" tall, and likes to play weird games.

As you can see, they *do* have varied interests. They play at all of the greatest places here in Columbus and keep the audience enthralled with their antics. Marianne Hughes, Columbus, Ohio.



Nothing like a game of Johnny-on-the-Pony for laughs. The Cheerful Earful l. to rt., Charlie, Dopey, George, Jeff, Ben, and Rick playing the horse.