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Lately Club de Rox has attracted a number of interesting visitors to our flat lands. In recent weeks we have seen Dunedin's promising-Enemy, Aucklands Scavengers and even more recently, fellow Queen Citizens — Citizen Band.

The Scavengers came and went a number of weeks ago, and the reaction was mixed, but then, as CB were to find out, reputations are harder to keep than to obtain.

Citizen Band happened to be doing a filming session in Ch-Ch for "Radio with Pictures" and apparently decided/were persuaded to do a guest appearance at the de Rox. They were received with approving applause rather than absolute enthusiasm, although an encore was ultimately achieved. Next on the bill after Citizen Band were local punk-rockers The Doomed. Alas, T.V. does not always bring fame and fortune and true to their name The Doomed were given a rather cold reception. Will their appearance on "Eye Witness" become known as Johnwa Abestine?

Meanwhile Jazz-Rockers **Night Musique**, who tend to make television appearances of a more impressive nature, have introduced a new concept at the Aranui Hotel. They have started playing a month long 'Space Cabaret' with a good light-show.

A final bit of news The Kippers have parted company with their Maude but they will, however, continue to play their tight efficient music without her aid. So there!

M. Moore

Rodger Fox Big Band played a good set there and hope to make it a regular gig. Next one is Sunday 20 August. Their album *Time Piece* is due out any day. Colin Hemmingson has joined the band — he is playing in Wellington with the Symphony Orchestra as well

as running creative workshops.

Kim Hart LP has been held back until after the Tokyo Song Contest due to copyright of her entry . . . Early September scheduled for release of new 1860 Band album — includes some original material . . . Red Rose have



joined the long list of break-ups.

Schtung and Marmalade Studios parted company on amicable terms but without completing an album. Schtung unfortunately only played four gigs the whole three months that they were back — once in the new Motorway tunnel, and three concerts over Queens Birthday weekend at the St George Hotel.

Lynne Attwood

Wellington Wellington

Sharon O'Neill is putting finishing touches to her first album which will contain totally original material and is being recorded in Radio New Zealand's Studio 2. Dick Le Forte is producing the album and it is to be released through CBS. Sharon has just completed a half hour television special for TV1, and screening is scheduled to coincide with the album release in September. Meanwhile a re-mixed version of her Entertainers entry "Luck's On Your Table" is available on singe. Throughout August 2ZM is pushing several of Sharon's tracks as Artist of the month.

Ex-Shiner vocalist Merv Owen has joined Coast to Coast and they're resident at the Woolshed ... Wellington keyboardist Dave Gander is playing with Rough Justice while they're in Auckland, but Mike Gubb is rejoining them for Wellington gigs ... Cricketers Arms residency has gone to Buzz—they're a relatively new band and singer Linda Cole (ex-Grace Poole) recently joined them

Rocky Horror Show has the town buzzing, with a midnight preview at the Opera House preceded by a reception (ghoul's blood and frankfurters provided).

The Last Resort has done great things for Wellington music — Rough Justice got a roaring reception there and are due back 17-19 August. Also lined up for the next few weeks are: Alastair Riddell, Bamboo, Spats, Mahana, and Citizen Band. Reel to Real played two excellent Sunday nights. The

Dunedin Dunedin Dunedin

The Enemy recently went down a storm in Invercargill. Apparently the audience was full of freezing workers who expected Des O'Connor but they were more than over the top when the Enemy gave them rock — young, fast and scientific. The band did a new Clean song "I'm in Love With These Times." Which reminds me the Clean are coming up with some excellent new material and are maturing into a fine band. Anyway the Enemy have been asked to do a free gig at the Invercargill borstal — puts the old punk credibility up a few notches. Within a few weeks the band should be in Auckland for a spell — judge them for yourselves.

A new band with comparatively young players, After Dark have started up. Apparently they are more than promising and have jazz inclinations unlike the punk leanings of most young bands. Christchurch's Baby Boogle has lost lead singer Nancy Purvis — she is going back to America and the future of the band remains uncertain. Steve Larkin, keyboards player with Thoroughbred is leaving to join Jim Taylor's Cheap n' Nasty who are eventually going to be based in Christchurch.

Telethon has come and gone and many of the local bands who played complained of the inadequate PA and bad lighting. Kevin Lynch and Expence were wise enough to have pre-taped "Country People".

Hope there's more news next time. George Kay and Keith Tannock

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