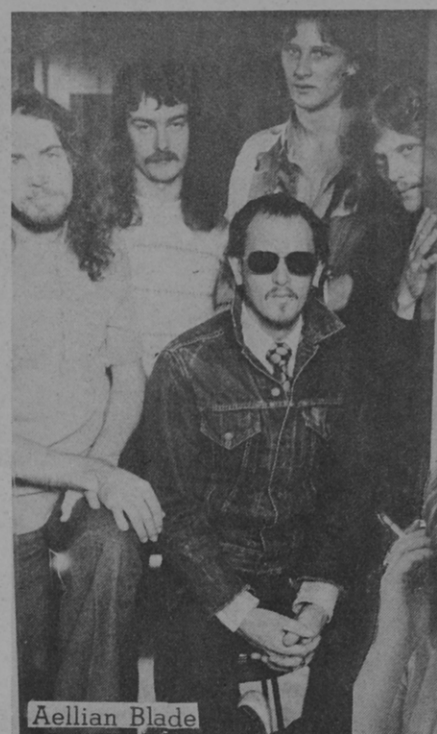


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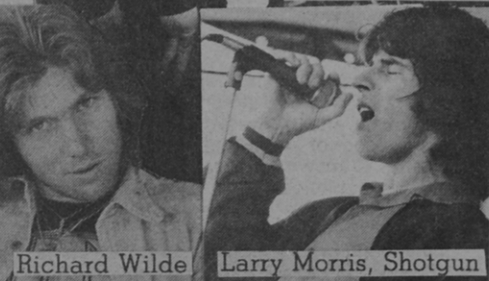
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Aellian Blade



Sheerlux at State



Richard Wilde

Larry Morris, Shotgun

Rumours

AUCKLAND

The May school holidays look set for action! **Citizen Band** will be performing with **Electrateat** at Takapuna RSA Hall on May 18 and **Titirangi War Memorial Hall** on May 19 ... May 15 features **Living Force**, **Hello Sailor**, **Th' Dudes** and **Street Talk** at the 12M Rock Festival (bring your own beads) at His Majesty's Theatre ... On May 19 at the Town Hall, **Aellian Blade** are performing an original show featuring material from their debut album **Aellian Blade**. The recording of the album was self-financed, took place at Mandrill (where else?) and will be marketed by WEA. Opening act at the Town Hall is **Jonny Different from everyone else Yen**.

New vocalist for **Living Force** is Pabs Dadiva (not to be confused with *In A Gada Dadiva*) from the Philippines. He has had a number one hit in his home country. The band, Eddie Hansen, Matt (Ephraim Matepi), Mike Fisher and Johnny Pepper have just completed a knock-out NZ tour and are playing in the South Island, including the West Coast, in May.

That reminds me, **Toy Love** were a hit in New Plymouth. A flying beer bottle missed Jane Walker and smashed a pub light fitting. Will these provincial lunks ever civilise?

New band in town is **Shotgun** — Larry Morris (vocals), Bob Jackson (bass), Bob Smith (keyboards/guitar), John Kristian (lead guitar), John Parker (lead guitar) and Billy Nuku (drums/percussion). The manager is **Hugh Lynn** and a single ("A Taste Of The Devil"/"Rain") has been recorded. Larry insists that he's just the singer in the band — "They are not a backing band for me" ... **Richard Wilde's** latest single is "It's Magical"/"The Last Time". The A side is a Russ Ballard tune, previously recorded by Colin Blunstone. Richard's version is arranged by Dave Fraser and the tunes and promo video produced by Dale Wrightson. Wilde is currently working in the North Island with his band, **Teraplane**. The boys in the band are Steve Holyoake (guitar), Steve Hughes (guitar), Paul Dunningham (drums/cars) and Wayne Cowlishaw (bass).

Seen lately at the Royal George, **Al Hunter** back in **Loophole** with Steve Butler (vocals and percussion), Gary Harvey (bass), Peter Mason (guitar) and Mike Adams (guitar) ... No news this month of resident **RIU** rumour **Phil Judd** ... Hamilton's **Nick Chape** and **Bob McKinnon** have a single out on Crash records entitled "Liquidated Again" ... **Hookers** packed out Hamilton Hotel's The Corner. As well as touring

Windy Record

Radio Windy Homegrown Album Volume 1 (there's to be another if this is successful) is the title of an album for release in late May. Unlike Auckland's **AM** album, which is a hotch-potch of disparate styles, this is described by producer Graham Nesbitt as mostly "orthodox rock and roll". 65 tapes (groups and artists) were auditioned and a further 8 groups auditioned in the Rock Theatre before choosing the best of the bunch.

The album was recorded over a two month period at EMI's Lower Hutt monolith, and was engineered by David Ginnane. The 10 tracks are all originals. Groups and artists are as follows: **Rough Justice**, **Hot Ash**, **Spatz**, **Bill Lake**, **Bacchus**, **The Wonders**, **Wide Mouthed Frogs**, **Paul Schreuder**, **Smashed Executive**, and **Half Moon**.

"Every track has singles potential", says Graham Nesbitt.

bands (**Russia**, **Sheerlux** and **Amyl Turf Turd Band**), **Hamilton** bands are performing at The Corner — **Busker Band** are playing there May 30 to June 2.

Hello Sailor are not going to Oz before LA. However a week of work, sun and fun in Noumea is a distinct possibility ... **Bob Gillies**, **Red McKelvie** and **Al Hunter** performed with **Bamboo** at the Maidment Theatre ... **Alastair Riddell** is preparing for an assault on the American Music Industry. Departure dates are not finalised however his manager Pat Cox is still at large ... **Radio With Pix Special** featuring **Citizen Band**, **Lip Service**, **Th' Dudes** and **Living Force** will be screened on May 15. It's a cracker so don't miss it, see yous jokers next issue.

VINCE EAGER

WELLINGTON

The Queen city fave raves **Th' Dudes** let Wellington down on Anzac Day when they pulled out at the last minute from their headlining gig at the Opera House. They didn't like the sound gear, natch. The gig went ahead with support band **Rough Justice** (not to mention the **Wide Mouthed Frogs**) playing to a sympathetic audience. Promoter Stuart Thwaite loses out financially, but **Th' Dudes** go down 10 points in credibility stakes. (see letter page 22).

Crocodiles, who recently osmosed out of the very spirit of Spatz, have secured **Kim Street Talk** Fowley's enthusiasm. He's been in touch with Fane Flaws, and wants some demos immediately! ... **Short Story** have a single "Julia" out thru CBS and an album in the works at Marmalade Studios. Also recording at Marmalade are **Ready To Roll** perennial **Tina Cross** and ex-Rockinghorse keyboards man **Wayne Mason**.

The Wide Mouthed Frogs are to concentrate on recording and TV work over the next few months. The six feminine froggies have yet to venture from homeground as they are determined not to get trapped in the pub circuit.

LYC will get the proceeds from **Sharon O'Neill's** self-penned, soon-to-be-recorded theme from Telethon, and Sharon has already cut a couple of tracks for her next album ... **Neville Purvis**, **Rough Justice**, **Limbs**, and **Ian Watkins** are tentatively set to star in what promises to be an off-beat (at the very least) TV variety show in September. Keep your fingers crossed that this gem doesn't become a victim of Government TV spending restraints.

Australia's revered **Phil Manning Band**, featuring ex-Country Flyer Midge Marsden, play the Last Resort on May 8 ... Also here in May are Auckland's **The Plague** and the just-signed to WEA **Toy Love** ... Last Resort features jazz Wednesday nights this month with gigs organised by Colin Hemmingson and featuring different guests each week ... Christchurch band **Bon Marche** are coming up in the world. They play the Rock Theatre the second week in May, and if successful, plan to head still further North!

GARY STEEL

DUNEDIN

Touring Dunedin band **Cruze** were back in town for a week, just long enough to play at the Cook and lose drummer Barry Blacker. He has been replaced by the original man, Gismo Moore ... The bass player from new band **Tibet** has left. The band are looking for a new bassist.

Mother Goose are back in Australia for a few months to gather money for a further assault on America. Guitarist Peter Dickson has left to form a band with ex-Bare Wires Jim Taylor and Stiletto's old drummer. There's a wild rumour circulating that Dragon's vocalist Marc Hunter may be joining them.

After Dark's demo tape for **Radio With Pictures** is getting air play on 4XO ... **Heavenly Bodies** are leaving for Christchurch shortly to play a three nighter at **Dux de Lux**.

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