

The Look makes tracks, recording in Alabama

By NICK CHARLES

One of Michigan's most popular bands, The Look, is now taking steps toward stardom.

Band members are guitarists Randy Volin of Oak Park (formerly of Birmingham) and Sammy Warren of Romulus, bassist Rick Cockran of Detroit, drummer John Sarkisian of Union Lake (formerly of Farmington) and vocalist Dave Edwards of Pontiac.

The band left April 25 for The Music Place, a 24-track studio in Birmingham, Ala. Band members arrived the following day and started recording the album we've all been waiting for.

The Look is expected back sometime around Memorial Day, but before leaving Edwards and Volin had a few things to say.

"WE'RE READY NOW," said Edwards.

"Yeah, I feel ready," agreed Volin. "The sooner the better so we don't get schizoid."

I asked the guys what qualities they looked for in their musicians.

"They want to make it, and do it at all cost," said Edwards. "It's got to be straight from the heart."

They also talked about their band name and what it means.

"I thought of the name," said Edwards. "I just wanted people to take a look at Michigan music and take a look at our band. There's a lot of bands out there but take a look at us."

"It's not necessarily the way we dress," said Edwards.

"But we wanted to look like a band," added Volin. "We wanted somebody not to look like a poser, but to look like a rock and roller."

"TO ME A POSER IS somebody who looks like they're in a band and stands in the corner and looks cocky all night," Volin said. "I mean that's cool if you're somewhere in a little club in New York, but I'm down to earth. I don't want any posers. I want guys that will get the job done."

"I want a guy who's a real talent. And when he walks off stage people say, 'Hey man, what you do goes right into me. I dig it. You make me feel real good.'"

I think it's safe to say that Volin, Edwards and the rest of the band are real talent.

The Look are definitely not posers, and the way they have been accepted by local audiences makes it obvious that what they do makes people "feel real good."



The Look features guitarist Randy Volin (left) and lead singer Dave Edwards. (Photo by Nick Charles)

True Grist presents 'Grease'

"Grease," the longest-running Broadway musical in history, will complete True Grist's summer season, opening Aug. 14 for an eight-week run in Homer.

"Grease," closed on Broadway on April 13 after 3,888 performances, passing former long-run champion, "Fiddler on the Roof," last December and continuing for another 140 performances.

The rock 'n' roll return to the '50s also scored success as a film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. The light-hearted look at the class of '59 with its hot rods, leather jackets, bobby sox and poodle skirts also set off a spate of successful television series, notably "Happy Days" and the syndicated "Sha Na Na."

Following "Grease," True Grist will produce the Michigan premiere of

"Tribute," a new script by Bernard Slade, author of "Same Time, Next Year," another hit show of the 1970s. Jack Lemmon in the lead role of "Tribute" won a Tony nomination for his portrayal of a top-flight comedian, Scotty Templeton, during a period of crisis.

Big bands back on Saturdays

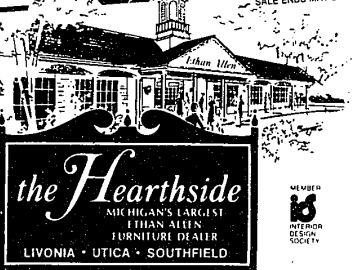
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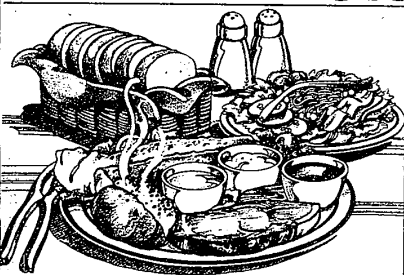
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