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JOHNNY TILLOTSON RETURNS TO JUBILEE SHOWROOM AT LANDMARK

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STAR-GAZING ON THE STRIP.....Gorgeous JULIET PROWSE now at the Desert Inn Crystal Room, has been doing such fantastic biz, the D.I. bosses have persuaded her to stay on for at least an extra two weeks. Juliet and company, and gueststar FOSTER BROOKS will now close August 9. Juliet's current show includes the two production numbers which have been cited as "Best Productions by a Mainroom Star" in the annual Las Vegas Entertainment Awards (in which Juliet has also been FEMALE STAR OF THE YEAR winner), Tony Charmoli's "Bolero" and Nick Navarro's "Fever".....GINGER ROGERS, now at the Frontier Hotel, celebrated her birthday last week with a gaggle of celeb pals at the Eldorado Room of the Frontier.....DON'T MISS STEVE & EYDIE at Caesars Palace.....CHARO, back at the Sahara with JOEY BISHOP will be taping her next ABC-TV special for a December airing. Charo's first American special was such a stunning success, both in the ratings and reviews, she is now being offered just about any kind of tv-film-special-deal she wants from all the networks and a couple of worldwide syndication corporations.....

STRIP HOPPIN'.....Australian "export", designer WARDEN NEIL in town for a quick visit and to make last minute adjustments in the wardrobe he just completed for Robert Goulet's new show and Robert's five girl singers-dancers. Warden and his partner Ms. RICKIE HANSEN did the clothes; Bob Sidney is the director-choreographer of the new format. Warden's growing list of credits (which already includes tv frolic "Almost Anything Goes", "The Johnny Mann Show", etc.) now expands to include several nitery performers as well as television shows and stars. Neil also has a summer special under his tailored belt; he did the clothes for Frankie Avalon and the Avalon mini-series which starts airing on CBS-TV in August (a Dick Clark Production)..... **NOT TO BE MISSED: EYDIE & STEVE** at Caesars Palace..... RIP TAYLOR, now at Harrah's Reno isn't talking to himself, he's just rehearsing his lines for his upcoming costarring role in a new prod of "The Student Prince". Rip has to study his part between Harrah's shows since he opens immediately on August 1 at the John Kenley Playhouse in Ohio, so he's been taking his script with him everywhere

"Mr. Country Song in Motion," JOHNNY TILLOTSON is one strong something that's up at the Landmark these days. Back for his second time at the helm of the Jubilee Showroom's musical jubilee, Tillotson brings with him his band, Slippery When Wet; female singers, Watkins & Stevens; pianist, Dick Mohr and "The Fifth Avenue Country Boy," Ben Sanders.

Possibly the exciting performer's first million seller, "Poetry In Motion" set a precedent for the man, because ever since he has been on the move, cutting other #1 chart-ringers such as "Send Me The Pillow That You Dream On" and "Heartaches By The Number;" performing all over the United States, Europe and the Far East; raising more than a half mil-



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lion dollars as emcee for the Cerebral Palsy Association and making his acting debut earlier this year in a television Movie Of the Week "Call Of The Wild." He has recently been the sub-

ject of a feature story in Photoplay Magazine and a Copley News Service feature. Tillotson's magical touch with his audience comes from his strong desire to please -- and that he does with a wide range of tunes from pop/country (he

was one of the fore-runners of the new sound and as a result was one of the first whose releases crossed over onto both musical charts) to old Hank Williams favorites, to a bit of nostalgia touching a few of the 23 "top 40" records he has to his credit.

Ben Sanders, a slow, easy-going deliverer with a double quick mind, is no stranger to the Landmark stage, having appeared throughout the country music series with Tommy Overstreet, LeRoy Van Dyke, Tex Williams and Johnny T. A double treat is Sander's beautiful singing voice appropriately displayed in his presentation of his latest single release "Falling In Something."

The Johnny Tillotson Show is in the Jubilee Showroom through August 8.

and committing the role to memory by saying them out loud. Must be very confusing to coffee shop waitresses, parking lot attendants, and backstage crews..... PETULA CLARK, who just closed at the Riviera, will be the season opener for the second year at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York in September. Petula's also set to star in a special Christmas show beaming from Scotland with all those eerie moors, Scottish castles, and historic landmarks as backdrops..... JERRY LEWIS & ABBE LANE at the Sahara in mid-August playing right up to the annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon from the Sahara Space Center.....

.....Happy Birthday to fellow-Strip scribbler MARGUERITE RITTENDALE whose natal festivities fall on July 23. Same date, happy birthday, wherever you are, to dancer KIM

RICHARDS whose been "on the road" with the Sloop Show in Reno, Tahoe, Sparks, and was last heard from heading for four weeks in Calgary at the beautiful new Four Seasons Hotel..... There's a new show coming to the Strip, at the new cabaret THE ENTERTAINER opening August 5. It's a new revue starring AERIEL LUCAS (who will be on hiatus from the Stardust "Lido" show to try his buck & wing as a solo performer and star of his own revue) and a trio of girl singers-dancers-comediennes. The format is "Nostalgia of the 30's, 40's, and 50's" and the Entertainer bow will be the first presentation of this edition of Lucas' brainchild. Aerial wrote, directed, choreographed, staged, and stars in the lively new offering. Same time, same place, the popular comedy antics of BERNIE ALLEN & STEVE ROSSI will be the headlining attraction. The club just might have the right formula for something different in Strip-style entertainment sans the traffic of a casino, major

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