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“DO YOU WANT THE SQUARES SAYING
THAT NOBODY LIKES MODERN MUSIC?” *

THE TEEN-LAND! RHYTHM CENSUS

(1957)

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RHYTHM CENSUS

If you have a Skiffle, Rock n' Roll or Dixie group, write in and tell us about it, giving us its name. You could send in a photograph of it if you wished. Even if you are only just forming a group, tell us about it and your objectives.

This form given below is for all those who wish to record their vote in the "Teen-Land" rhythm census. Every week we shall give the latest positions of the different types of music.

Census Form

Mark a cross by the type of music you like best. Only select one.

Skiffle
Rock n' Roll
Dixie
Trad. Jazz
Modern Jazz
Ballads
Classical
Latin-American

Name

Address

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(2)

Positions of the different types of music are, at the moment: (1) Ballads; (2) Rock 'n' Roll; (3) Skiffle; (4) Dixie; (5) Classical; (6) Traditional Jazz; (7) Modern Jazz; (8) Latin-American.

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This is the last week for the Rhythm Census! If you have not cast your vote—hurry! Closing date is this Wednesday, MARCH 6th. If you are a rock 'n' roll fan, a skiffle fan, or a fan of any other rhythms named on the list make sure your vote has been registered. Do you want the squares saying that nobody likes modern music? Do you want the classics to win? If you do not look at this week's chart. Mighty dangerous isn't it?

(1) Ballads; (2) (Tie) Skiffle and Classical; (4) Rock 'n' Roll; (5) Dixieland; (6) Traditional Jazz; (7) Modern Jazz; (8) Latin-American;

If you have not registered your vote do it now on the printed form below.

(4)

More fans voted for rock 'n' roll than any other rhythm, therefore "rock" is the winner of the census.

This may indicate that there are more rock 'n' roll enthusiasts on the Island than any other rhythm?

Final positions were:

(1) Rock 'n' roll; (2) (Tie) Skiffle and classical; (4) Ballads; (5) Traditional jazz; (7) Modern jazz; (8) Latin-American.

Perhaps it is time for *Kiaull Manninagh Jiu* to re-run the poll and see if the Squares can win this time....

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For the newspaper pieces, see (1) "[Teen-Land!] Rhythm Census," *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 15 February 1957: 6b; (2) ———, 22 February 1957: 6b; (3) ———, 1 March 1957: 6e; (4) ———, 15 March 1957: 6e.

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