

## Pop Singer, Former Crisfield Boy, Records Hit Record



Eddie Sterling

The following is reprinted from "The Smyrna Times" of Smyrna, Del., issue of Thursday morning, April 22, 1965, and concerns the brilliant future of Eddie Sterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beldon Sterling of Smyrna, formerly of Crisfield. Eddie is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Tull of Locust Street, Crisfield, and attended Crisfield Elementary School No. 1 before moving to Smyrna with his parents.

Already on the WAMS Picks of the Week, The Adapters featuring vocalist Eddie Sterling may well be on the way to the top with their rendition of Believe Me.

WAMS wax spinner John Angle, who handles the eight to late hours, has given the group the nod to success by placing it on the Picks listing.

First formed in January 1964, The Adapters played at a dance in the Smyrna Armory in June of that year. Although they lost money, they found a vocalist —

Eddie joined the group.

In addition they found a song to sing. Eddie wrote Believe Me a few months ago and the flip side, Confess, about two years ago.

Though a newcomer to the round world of discs, Eddie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beldon E. Sterling of Smyrna, is no stranger in the land of sound.

As a matter of fact, his musical aptitude may be inherent — his parents are former radio gospel singers. He performed with them in many churches and on station WBOC in Pocomoke and Salisbury, Md.

Born in Baltimore on Sept. 9 1944, Eddie lists a long musical background that led to his present position. To his credit are 6 years with the Smyrna High School Chorus; 4 years, Delaware Music Camp; 2 years, Dover Music Festival; 1 year, All State Choir and 3 years with various bands.

Other members of the Adapters are Paul Franklin, 20, Newark, lead guitar, Karl Wester, 18 Newark, group organizer and bass guitar; Dave Roberts, 17 New Castle, rhythm guitar; Ronnie Hammer, 19, Newark, organ.

The group recorded Believe Me on the Rickie label for Vince Rago at Camden, N.J. The Adapters have made appearances at University of Delaware fraternity dances and the Aberdeen NCO Club, Md.

They appear weekly at the Bainbridge Enlisted Men's Club and play before 500-600 teens in Newark every Friday night.

Their record is currently available in the record department of Banta's Variety Store and can be heard on juke boxes throughout Delaware.

Business manager for The Adapters is S. K. Wester, Karl's father, and Charles Kappauf is secretary treasurer.

## Easter Bunny Man Will Be Missed

By Bill Martin

Capt. Severn Evans of Ewell, Smith Island, who passed away a few months ago, will be missed at Easter Time this year, especially by the children of the island.

We have been told that for the last twenty years Capt. Seve took it upon himself to purchase the things that were necessary for every little child on the island to have a special little nest of candy hidden among the lilies on Easter Morning.

Capt. Seve would arise before dawn, and regardless of the weather would make his rounds of the island, and at every home in which there was a small child, he would leave his token of love.

We understand that it was some years before it was generally known who left the Easter goodies hidden among the flowers, and once the identity was established, Capt. Seve was labeled the "Easter Bunny Man." Last year alone he and his

wife fixed sixty of these "nests."

This Sunday is Easter Smith Island's "Easter Bunny Man" is not here to personally distribute the gifts and carry on a tradition from which he must have derived a great deal of satisfaction. Yet we wonder if Capt. Seve's presence will not somehow be felt in the hearts of youngsters and of adults as memories reflect on a man who was loved and respected by people of all ages and from all walks of life.

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**TYLERTON**

Mrs. Evelyn Gardner of Chester, Md., spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Tyler

*Tradition*