

own any time he wanted, and has proven this many times. The first solo record he did was, "You're Gonna Hurt Yourself," and his most recent was "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," which reached the number 1 spot in a matter of weeks. People are always asking him if he plans to leave the group. He told TTT; "There's no chance of that. You see, the Four Seasons are a corporation. We split everything into equal shares. So I make a hit single and it makes a lot of loot and . . . well we all share in it. Anything that can help the Seasons is fine with me. Let's be fair, although we all dig what we're doing, we're all interested in making money. The Seasons will remain as they are, that's a promise. But it's very flattering having so many people worrying about us and our future."

Tommy DeVito has become fully identified as the baritone in the group. He has been interested in music since his parents bought him his first guitar (it turned out to be a ukulele), and has formed many rock 'n' roll groups before joining the *Seasons*. When he isn't indulging in his first love, singing, he can usually be found on the fairways golfing.

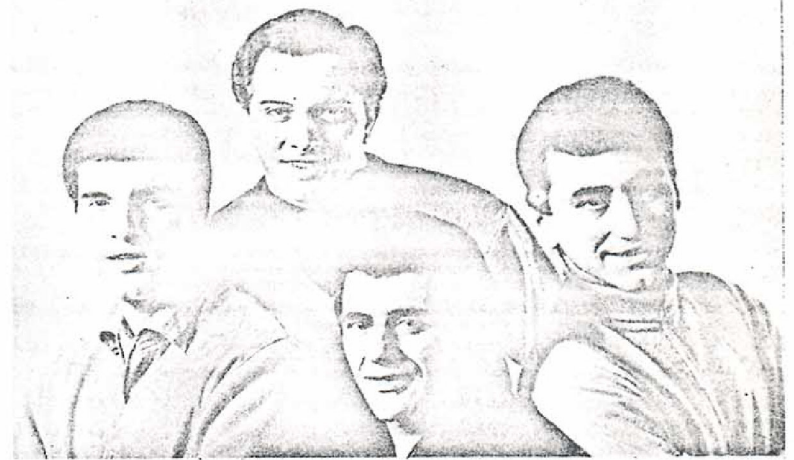
Second tenor, Bob Gaudio, does most of the writing for the group. Together with Crewe, he has turned out a large number of hit songs. His first pro gig was with *The Royal Teens*, for whom he wrote "Short Shorts," his first overnight songwriting success and Gold Record winner. He studied classical piano for seven years, and was a sort of child prodigy—at age seven he was featured in a piano recital at Carnegie Hall. Like the others, he attended grammar and high school in N.J.

The last member to join the *Seasons* was Joe Long, bass. He replaced Nick Massi, who retired from the active music business to spend more time with his family. After forming and working with many groups, it was almost like coming home, when Joe joined his three boyhood friends in the *Seasons*. Last June, Joe married a N.J. girl (what else?) whom he met on one of his first concerts with the *Seasons* in 1966.

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This is how the group looked when they first started out. At right is Nick Massi, who was replaced by Joe Long. Below, an early shot of the present group.



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