

# JIMMY LITTLE WINS SUCCESS

## *A new Singing Star*

The success story of Australian aboriginal Jimmy Little, of Nowra, began in a big way one night recently.

Jimmy sang on television station ATN and was applauded by thousands.

Even before this, the boy with the charming smile had come a long way.

Only two years ago, he was picking beans on the South Coast for 30s. a week.

Now he averages £13 a week for singing engagements, on top of his £13 a week regular wages as a timber yard laborer.

### U.S. RIGHTS.

Jimmy's records are selling well in Sydney, and two more will come out this month.

An American recording company has bought the right to bring out two of his compositions, "Heartbreak Waltz" and "Someday You're Going To Call Me," in the States.

This contract was completed a few weeks ago, when Jimmy received his aunt's signature from Nowra.

Jimmy, who is only 20, was 16 when he was discovered by manager Pat Ware.

Ware heard Jimmy sing on an amateur hour programme, but after the show Jimmy went back to bean picking in Nowra.

### OWN TRIO.

Two years ago, when Jim again visited Sydney, Ware asked him to join a trio, now known as the Jimmy Little Trio.

Ware, who accompanies Jimmy on the Spanish guitar, refuses to accept payment for managing all his affairs.

"It's enough of a boost for me to be able to play for such a good singer," said Ware who works as an accountant.

Jimmy is the first aboriginal singer to be recorded in Australia.

He wrote the tunes and Ware wrote the words for his first two recordings, released last October.

But Jimmy regards as the highlight of his life his appearance on Station ATN Channel 7.

And, of course, his recent engagement to vivacious Marge Peters, 20, from Walgett.

"I'm hoping to save up enough to get us a house near the city," said Jimmy.

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"We'll be married in August. I didn't count on getting married till I was 25, but Marge is terrific.

"She's a great help, too—comes to all my shows, and sings with me at home.

"Everything I ever dreamed of when I was picking beans and spending all my spare time practising has worked out.

"I had a lot of mistakes to correct—things like pronouncing my h's and taking breaths when I shouldn't—but I used to work flat out at it and wonder how people in Sydney would take to me."



This handsome young fellow is Daryl Robinson of Tabulam, seen here with his mother.



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