

#### "Barnum" Promotions Key To Wax Success In Today's Market

The record industry, grossing more than \$400 million last year, lacks only a promoter as boisterous as a Barnum, as tall as a Mike Todd, to lift sales past the halfbillion dollar mark.

Technically the industry has matured in a few short years from two-bit tinny-sounding roords to ultra high fidelity disks and tapes (Continued on Page 11)

#### Warner Prexy Urges Full Quality Stereo

Hollywood — Warner Brothers Records, planning to enter the market this fall, will record all its numbers in stereo and monaurally as well, announced Prexy Jim Conkling. "Stereo can one day be a tremendous stimulus for the industry. It appears too bad that (Continued on Page 11)

#### Roy Acuff Signals Comeback of C&W

Nashville—Roy Acuff, who first lifted folk tunes to an international pinnacle, last week again was focusing the spotlight on "pure" C&W with his Hickory release called "Once More!" Eager Promoters interested in rebuilding country music have hopped on a bandwagon of renewed public interest, steam-powered by the King of Country himself.

N. R. Co. Promotion Commotion New Orleans — Mel Mallory, head of Mallory Distributing, New Orleans, upon hearing the new Four Mints N. R. Co. release of (Continued on Page 11)

## "KEWPIE DOLL" - BIG PRIZE



The camera and spotlight catch Perry Como here as he races through the rehearsal of "Kewpie Doll." The novelty's booming success in two short weeks is the net result of Como's natural and easy style. The Music Reporter scooped Como's latest RCA Victor release two weeks ago and its overnight climb puts two Como disks in the national 'best selling' league, since "Catch A Falling Star" is still riding high. 'Bingo' again for a great headliner, whose talent guarantees his ultimate.

#### Area Radio-TV Healthy Answer For "Hit" Disks

A definite trend by manufacturers, promotion men, managers, agents and artists to spend more time and effort in exploitation through local and regional TV and radio DJ's has been underway for several weeks.

Many trade moguls, disgusted with the old payola game and its subsequent stench, are advocating a return to more dependence on small station jocks. The kick-backs, in one form or another, have become more apparent in recent years, making it harder for the labels with new artists to get their product plugged nationally.

The opinion of oldtimers is that (Continued on Page 10)

#### ABC-Par and Elec.-Voice: Stereo Disk Promotion

New York—A joint advertising program will be promoted by the ABC-Paramount label and Electro-Voice, producers of stereo phono cartridges, as the label releases its first six "stereo" discs about May 1st. Dewey Bergman, of ABC-Paramount says the initial release is the first of a regular schedule. Some of the firm's new waxings (Continued on Page 11)

#### Comets Tour So. Amer.

New York—Bill Haley and His Comets, whose current hit is "Skinny Minnie," took off April 15th for a tour of South America. Play dates include Caracas, Venezuela; Rio De Janeiro, San Paulo and Porto Allegre, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Montevideo, Uraguay.

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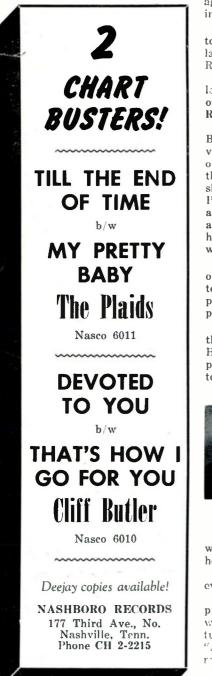
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JIM DENNY, Ccdarwood Publishing prexy; W. D. Kilpatrick, head of WSM's artist service bureau; Wesley Rose, Acuff-Rose Publishing prexy; Jack Stapp, Tree Publishing prexy; and Don Pierce, Mercury-Starday sales and promo, holding personal pow-wows hoping to convince the other two trade mags to eliminate R&R from C&W charts. Good luck, boys. THE MUSIC REPORTER symphath'zes with your feelings when you see more than half of their C&W charts' top 10 grabbed by R2R disks. The Four Mints have just conclud d engagement

at Gus Steven's nitery on the Gu'f Coast. The NRCO recording group have already been book d

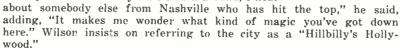
for a return engagement at the nitery-eatery in late May, according to word from Bud Conrad.

Chuck Willis' last Atlantic record, "I'm Gonna Hang Up My Rock and Roll Shoes," proved prophetic last week as the writer-singer died at the age of 30 after a serious operation. Chuck had seven Atlantic releases in addition to one LP and each averaged 250,000 sales.

Leonard Chess and Gene Goodman left for Europe last week, seeking to improve foreign licensing connections of the Chess, Checker and Argo labels. Chess meanwhile has signed as national distributor for Singular R-cords.

Johnny Thompson and Joe Johnson of the Challenge label all aglow over the early sales response of the Johnny and Jonie disking of "Kee-Ro-Ryin"".

Emphasizing Nashville's position as a music hub, Broadway columnist Earl Wilson last week invaded town to find out why so much top talent originates here. The pundit stepped backstage at the Opry, posed for several gag pix—including shot of him with guitar—"stepping into missing Presley's shoes." "Every time I turn around, I hear



Pet Milk Co., sponsor of a weekly segment of the Grand Ole Opry on WSM and 200 Keystone stations, is conducting a coast-to-coast contest to discover a new C&W star. Individual stations are conducting competitions from which a grand winner will be chosen to receive a disk pact and Grand Ole Opry contract.

Jim Downing, who by-lines a column in the Tulsa Tribune, has our thanks for devoting a recent entire column to THE MUSIC REPORTER. However, Jim, we have no apologies to make for our interest in the promotion and sale of phonograph records, which interest you seemed to think illegal, immoral and fattening.

Bob Marucci, one of Chancellor's toppers, currently praising sale of new album "Frankie Avalon" featuring that star.

Bill Lowery, NRCO prexy says reaction to the label's first releases "I'm Snowed," and "It's Only You" by Joe South and "Sweet Skinny Jenny" by Paul Peek has been very encouraging.

The MOA Convention Fashion Show luncheon has been moved to 12:30 p.m. May 7 from its previous setting, announces George Miller, MOA prexy. The show will be presented by a leading women's apparel shop and a nationally-known furrier. Miller says the change will work cut botter for all concerned.

WHOT's Biondi last weekend treked to NYC where Epic's Sal Mineo was responsible for dyeing his heard from black to red and black, in honor of five schools in the Youngstown area.

When there's a chance of a song being good . . . everybody is in on the act!

BILL LOWERY

Mercury's Tommy Schlessinger pushing out the promotional material on the Sarah Vaughan's wax'ng of "Padre"... it's the fifth verson on the tune. "Gigi," "I'vo Got B II's On My Heart" and "Anothor Time, Another Place" are other recent roult'ple-covored tunes!

L'nk Wray (Cadence) drew 1600 teenagers in Youngstown, Ohio, with his "Rumble."



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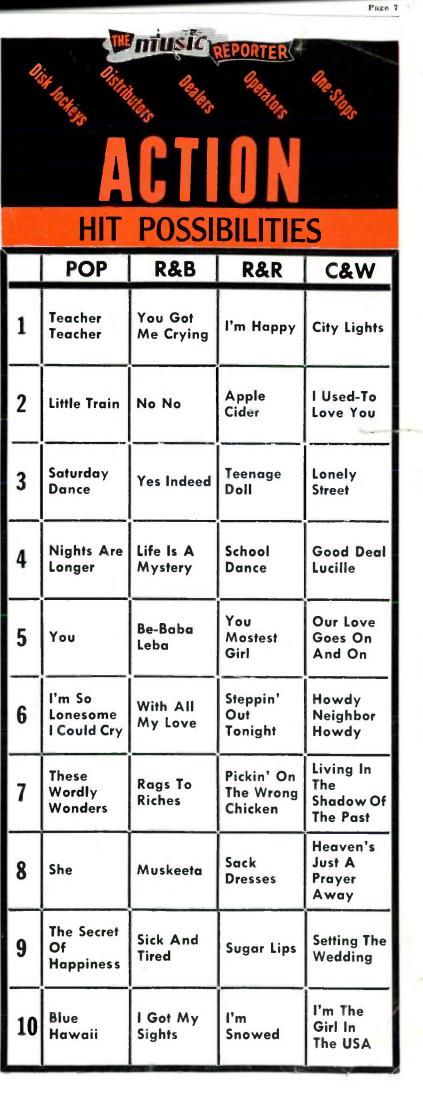
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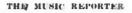


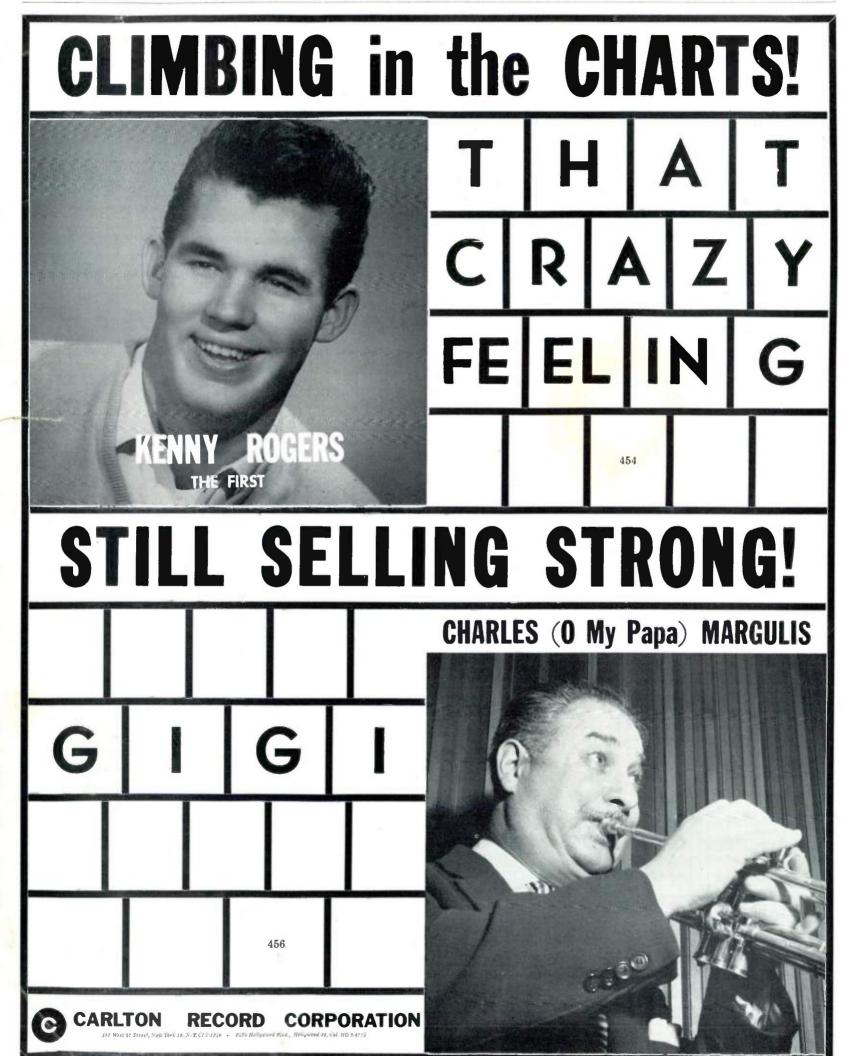
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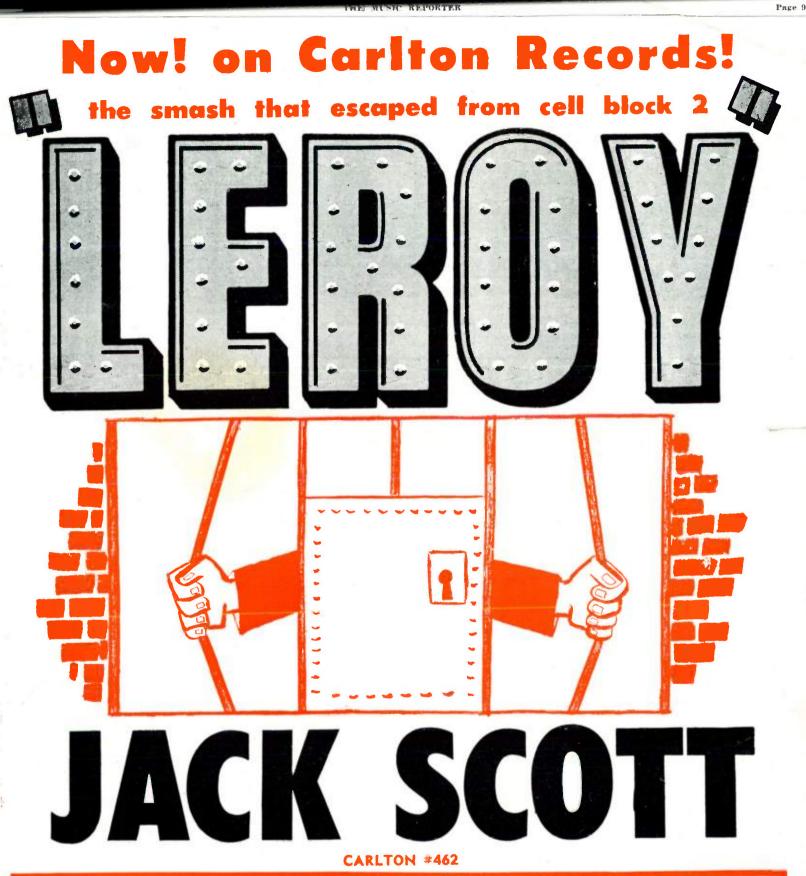
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3	Return To Me Dean Martin Capitol 3894	Every Night The Chantels End 1015	Tequila Champs Challenge 1016	Stop The World Johnnie - Jack RCA Victor 7137
4	Kewpie Doll Perry Como RCA Victor 7202	Hang Up My Rock-R'I Sh's Chuck Willis Atlantic 1179	Witch Doctor David Seville Liberty 55132	My Baby Ain't My Baby Wilburn Bros. Decen 30591
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8	To Be Loved Jackie Wilson Brunswick 58052	l Lost You Spaniels Veolay 264	Crazy Love Paul Anka ABC Par. 9907	Crying Over You Webb Pierce Decca 30623
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#### Nat'l Record Distrib. Set With Label Line-up

Atlanta, Ga.—National Record Distributors, a subsidiary of the new National Recording Corporation, has announced that Art Godwin has taken over the reins as General Manager.

Covering Alabama, Georgia and Eastern Tennessee, National is the new distributor for Mercury, Vic, Felsted, Bullseye, Orbit and several other independent labels. Godwin, who spent nine years covering the territories for Columbia Records, says that he also is in con'act with other major indie labels for distributorship.

#### Cap's Racine Ups 3

Hollywood—Geoffrey F. Racine, vice president and national operations manager, has announced three Capitol promotions in the operations division. Wayne Tappon is to become operations manager of the Los Angeles branch on May 1st. Succeeding Tappon as operations manager in Dallas at the time will be Bruce Masterson. Edward Bobar, who has been CRDC assistant operations manager in New York, succeeded to the manager's post at Des Moines.

#### Area Radio-TV (Continued from Page 1)

the new trend is healthy for the industry as a whole as well as for individual producers. When just a few self-styled emperors have the power of life or death—choosing only those tunes, disks or artists in which they might have financial interest, allowing many better ones to wither on the vine—then the public actually has little to say about the music it hears.

Any talented artist has the inherent right to become a headliner. Tune plugging by hundreds of smaller DJ's—each influential in his area—gives the public more choice in determining its own reusical preferences. Marufacturers are invited to stop and analyze the number of requests for records received from small-town jocks which were ignored. Let's not forget these boys. They're interested in helping the trade. Don't you agree?

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TALENT SCOOP of the WEEK

### Perryman Agency Reps Hank Snow

Nashville, Tenn. - Hank Snow announced this week that he has appointed the recently formed Perryman All Star Artists Agency to represent and handle all personal appearances for him and the Rainbow Ranch Boys. Tom Perryman, General Manager of the agency, will personally handle bookings for the Hank Snow Show. On May 7, the Hank Snow 'Grand Ole Opry' show, including the Ole Opry" show, including the Rainbow Ranch Boys, Jimmie Rodgers Snow, Cowboy Copas and Wilma Lee and Stoney Cooper with Carolee and the Clinch Mountain Clan will begin a forty day tour that will take them completely across Canada.

### Jimmie Rodgers on Screen

Hollywood — Jimmie Rodgers, Roulette Records' hottest artist, has been term-pacted by MGM in a deal calling for one film annually for seven years, on a nonexclusive basis.

Initial film already set is "Snob Hill."

### N.R.Co. Promotion

(Continued from Page 1) "Teenage Wonderland," immediate-

ly realized that the opening line-"We sip upon our Cokes," was worth valuable promotion. Mel convinced the local Coke bottler to play "Teenage Wonderland" on Coca-Cola sponsored radio programs. Mel supplied all D.J.'s with free discs while the bottler sent letters to the stations over which he advertised. Results-more sale of Coke, many more sales of "Teenage Wonderland."

#### "Barnum" Promotions (Continued from Page 1)

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ning of sales techniques, of promotion efforts, of publicity pushes are grab the nation by storm. exploitation and stereoaking will not "get it" in i ual market.

#### American To Publish Songs From 'Hot Rod'

Hollywood — Sylvester Cross, American Music prexy, announced this week publication of five songs from the forthcoming American-International picture, "Hot Rod Gang," starring John Ashley. They include the title song, along with "Record Shop Bop," "Don't Ever Let Me Go," and "Please Let Me Just Love You," sung by John Ashley, and "Guitar Picker," sung by Gene Vincent.

Cross adds that American is publishing the scores of several other pictures to be produced in the near future.

#### **Acuffs Lauded**

Nashville — Longtime "King of Country Music" Roy Acuff and his wife, Mildred, were the subjects of a cover story lay-out in last week's Nashville Tennessean Magazine. The story features Mrs. Acuff's business acumen and emphasizes the important part she has played in her husband's successes.

#### ABC Par. and Elec. (Continued from Page 1)

will be available in both stereo and monaural.

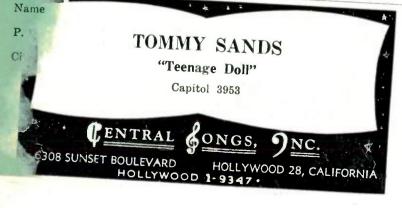
Meanwhile, Electro-Voice will distribute an ABC-Paramount stereo sampler disk—a 10-inch LP retailing for between 50 and 75 cents—through audio outlets. The disks will be sold in hi-fi salons, many of which do not now handle records.

#### Warner Prexy Urges (Continued from Page 1)

certain dominant factors in our business are intent on promoting stereo disks, in one version or another, before the product is really right and before the market can propare itself," he said.

Conkling announced plans to release about 40 or 50 LP's in addition to an appropriate quantity of EP's and a regular singles releases schedule this fall. "It takes time to deliver quality product," he added, pointing out a new company must produce disks "unusually better." Warner's label will be directed toward different and exciting merchandise with extra engineering quality.





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