

Music Award Presented To Bull Moose Jackson



HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Loaded for cats were Bull Moose Jackson, King Records star, and *Cash Box* representative Leo Simon, who presented him with the 1949 Music Award for "I Love You, Yes I Do" at the Avodon Ball Room in Los Angeles, as King Record salesman Carlo Grumberg, (left), King branch manager Al Sherman and office manager Ed Guerin also borrowed raccoon derbies from the Bearcat crew for the joyous occasion. Witnessing the event were some 2000 of the gayest and hepest cats ever to pack the big downtown dance hall.

MGM Records In Bid For Leadership In Kidisk Field

NEW YORK—M-G-M Records will unveil a new series of singles for children early next month in a bid for leadership of the children's recording field. First samples will be three envelope sets prepared under the supervision of Betty Martin, recently appointed director of children's recording for the company. The series will include new versions of The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man and an original story, There Were Three Indians written expressly for this series by Margaret Wise Brown, the country's best-selling children's author.

Collaboration between Miss Martin and MGM Records is the result of the success of the Mother Goose Parade folder she did for the disc company last year. Dubbed the "best children's album of 1948" by Parent's Magazine, the set was a run-away seller and also won for Miss Martin the title of "America's top children's singer and story-teller" from Columbia University's educational division.

Miss Martin stated in New York last week that the series will "feature both new and old stories told simply, clearly, and directly, utilizing the best narration available and using only a minimum of music necessary for dramatic effects."

Decca Records Announce First Quarter Earnings

NEW YORK — Consolidated net earnings of Decca Records, Inc. for the quarter ended March 31, 1949 amounted to \$280,098, after provision of \$171,673 for income taxes. This equals 36 cents per share on 776,650 shares of capital stock outstanding at the end of the quarter and compares with net earnings of \$388,399, or 50 cents per share, in the corresponding period of 1948.

Overton Ganong Named General Manager of Bullet Records

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Bullet Records Inc., this city, this past week announced the appointment of Overton Ganong to the post of general manager of the plattery.

Ganong, formerly the New Orleans and Memphis head of the Capitol Records branch in those cities, and most recently with Buster Williams' Music Sales Co., in Nashville, has a wealth of experience in the record business.

It was learned that he will assist in the artist and repertoire department of the firm, and will also take an active part in the sales promotion and exploitation activities of the diskery.

Ganong, in New York this past week to set distribution and promotion plans for the firm, announced the signing of several new artists to the Bullet roster. Signed were vocalist Helen Lee, formerly with the Larry Clinton and Jimmy Dorsey orchestras; Blues Bailey; B. B. King, radio artist on WDIA, Memphis, Tenn.; and Odel Jordan, spiritual singer.

Altho new distributor appointments will undoubtedly be made in the near future, no definite changes have been made as yet it was learned. Ganong plans on touring present distributorships throughout the nation.

The diskery is currently planning a strong promotion campaign on the Joe Costa recording of "Don't Wanna Let You Go" which has in recent weeks, aroused wide-spread interest in the music field.

Johnson Exits Southern Post—To Form Own Music Firm

NEW YORK—Jerry Johnson, general manager of Southern Music Inc., this past week resigned his post and disclosed plans for entering his own business.

Jerry, well-known in the music business, is planning on opening his own office in the near future, and will shortly announce his definite set-up in his own firm.

Johnson was replaced by Mark Schreck, professional manager of the firm.

WEBSTER-CHICAGO ANNOUNCES NEW SEVEN INCH AUTOMATIC CHANGER

New Changer Plays Both 33 1/3 RPM and 45 RPM Disks. Named "Duo-Seven Player".

CHICAGO—C. P. Cushway, Webster-Chicago Executive Vice-President, this week announced the company's development of a new record changer that will play both RCA and Columbia 7-inch records automatically.

Designated as the "Duo-Seven," this Webster-Chicago record changer has been kept under wraps for the last sixty days while the tooling program got under way.

"We at Webster-Chicago believe that the basic 'Duo-Seven' is the only practical answer to the current problem facing radio set manufacturers and consumers alike," said Cushway. "The development of the 7-inch record, both 33 rpm and 45 rpm, offer advantages heretofore not incorporated in standard 78 rpm discs. The decision of the consumer to purchase one record as compared to the other will be governed principally by the musical content of that record. Consequently, the radio set and record changer manufacturers should provide a record playing mechanism that will play both records automatically. This Webster-Chicago changer incorporates this dual playing advantage."

Simple in design, the basic record changer chassis, "Duo-Seven," includes such Webster-Chicago features as velocity trip; 3-second cycle change "from music to music"; smooth, controlled tone arm performance; and non-record slippage. The physical size of the W-C unit makes it interchangeable with current 45 rpm record changers, including exact duplication of mounting holes.

Webster-Chicago reports that the unit is being currently shown and demonstrated to its manufacturer accounts. Distributors will get their first viewing of the "Duo-Seven" at the forthcoming Radio Parts and Equipment Show.

From the basic Webster-Chicago chassis design will quickly stem distributor models. Model 745 will be a complete table model record changer with self-contained amplifier and speaker. The unit will be housed in a plastic cabinet with cover, and is intended to retail in the same price bracket as the 45 rpm single players now on the market. Although actual shipping dates have not been officially announced, Webster-Chicago has been assuring its customers of early delivery.

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