Federal Releases First Record

CINCINNATI, OHIO—Ralph Bass, A & R man of Federal Records, kicks off his new label as he presents the first record off the press to Bill Ward, leader and arranger of the Dominoes, a quartet which has just waxed “Do Something For Me” backed by “Chicken Blues.” Left to right, are: Ralph Bass, Charles White, Clyde McPhatter, William Brown and Joseph Lamont. Bill Ward is at the piano.

Tops Records Intros 45 RPM To Ops At 29¢

CHICAGO—Tony Galgano, Galgano Distributing Company, this city, well known to juke box ops, reported this past week that the firm is now ready to serve the juke box trade with latest “Tops Records” releases on 45 rpm up-breakables, as well as the regular 78 rpm disks, at only 29c. Retail price of Tops is 49c.

Galgano said, “Tho we have been distributing Tops Records here for almost a year our business has been mainly concerned with the 78 rpm disks.

“Now we are able to offer the juke box operators 45 rpm Tops Records and at the same price which we have been selling the 78’s, only 29c each. “We have the very latest releases of all the most popular tunes and many juke box ops tell us that our records are helping them bring bigger profits.”

Galgano Distributing is midstwise distrib for the Tops Records of Los Angeles, Calif.

Newcomers Added To M-G-M Roster

NEW YORK—M-G-M Records made two additions to its artists roster within the past week, both additions coming under unusual circumstances. One of the new artists is vocalist Tommy Edwards, theater and nifty entertainer, the other a vocal duo, Paul Sears and Johnny Heymer. Edwards, described as a cross between Frankie Laine and Nat “King” Cole, was taken on by M-G-M’s s. & f. topper Harry Meyerson, after going to the disc jockey’s New York offices to peddle a song he had written. The demonstration record of the tune was sung by Edwards, and Meyerson liked Edward’s voice so much that he decided to wax the boy.

Sears and Heymer were spotted by M-G-M’s general manager Frank B. Walker, at New York’s Palace Theatre, where the team was appearing on the vaudeville bill. Material for the duo is now in preparation.

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