NEW YORK:
The town was buzzing this week with all the rumors of the changes at Columbia. Many of the shifts are coming as a terrific shock to the people in the music trade. ... Henry Stone of Stone Distributors, Florida, in New York for a visit with his machineries was staying a healthy upsizing in record sales. ... Vaughn Monroe's home in West Newton, Mass., was flooded with six inches of water over the Xmas holidays. Vaughn and the family spent Christmas in N. Y., and when they returned found that the pipes had frozen and burst. The kids were able to skate in the living room. Dick Lowitt, sales manager for Zenith (SMM distribs) persisted wild with Billy Eckstine's "Bring Back The Thrill." ... Eddie Fisher joined Frank Sinatra in this first at the Capitol. ... King Cole is planning a sequel to "The Man With the Counterfeit Smile." ... Burl Ives whose Columbia contract expires February 15 is being pursued by the major waxesiers. ... Spike Jones makes his television debut in the Colgate Comedy Hour on February 17. We can do without such tasteless stuffs as Spike as "Tennesssee Waltz." ... Dick Linkes is branching into the management field with Pat Terry who appeared with Frank Sinatra and NEW'S "Boy Meets Girl," and the Three Kardinals called to wonder why his grand six-weeks in Atlantic City and are now in the Darberry Room in Boston. ... Dick is also now acting as NY disk jockey promotion man for Sammy Kaye, ... Johnny Desmond moves to Hollywood for three week's work with his orchestra. The recipe is working, ... William Woolz added newcomer Harry West Orchestra to his stable based on excellent showing of the band on new Dorset record label. ... Cab Calloway may open his own Broadway night spot. ... When Frank Turner returns the contract signed, he will belong to Columbia. The switch from Mercury nets him a reported $50,000 a year guarantee. ...不同于The Tempo Record Diat, on the coast for a week to contact his recently acquired record manufacturers including Modern and Swingtime. ... Wonder whether Joe Delaney can develop an English accent in a week. He is held at least one back with a monole. Delaney has been in England confabbing with London Records pres. E. R. Lewis.

CHICAGO:
Reports by well known columnist that no more juke boxes would be manufactured brought this column a large number of inquiries. Juke box manufacturers are continuing right good, they are naturally, not building the same quantity of automatic phones that they were building some months ago. This is due to lack of materials. But, they are producing new units, and will continue to do so. Only they are practiably can. ... Sherman Hayes is doing a very fine job at the Oriental and, like always, Sherman continues to seek for "that one big disk." He's cut some great material in the past. Here's hoping he'll cut some that'll go right out of the top... Tony Parsons and Ralph Mavie are being plugged by Mercury who believe that they have two greats here. Tony's "Bring Back The Thrill disk is winning much praise. And heaven Marterie's music is capturing lots of attention. ... Friend Chick Kardal called to wonder why his grand six-weeks in Atlantic City and are now reported. It was, Chick, but we ran way over our usual space and our editor simply chopped. But, Chick, once again weeks shortly that we have a disk with a card wasn't carried about with us for days showing it to many in the field. ... Myron Bagg is clicking on his deejay show and reports are coming in coming up with "a big one very soon." ... It is satisfying how Patti Page's dipping of "Tennessee Waltz" is holding first place here week after week. That's just simply grand-a new record and as a sweet person. No one better deserves success. So, Patti, now that you've passed 1,500,000 on "Tennessee Waltz," let's hope for "over 2,000,000." ... The jive biz in Chicago is a Int. of the biggest booms in the history of radio according to experts in the field. Seems like a reversal of play time in juke box field. With keev playing home during Fall and Winter seasons, Juke boxes pick up in Spring and Summer. Complete change from the old days. And, with more people working, more in uniform, and all other factors adding up, there exists claim that "Juke boxes are heading into the biggest boom period play in Los Angeles:"

LOS ANGELES:
Looks as if Syd Nathan of King picked a winner in Ralph Bass to handle his blues and rhythm A & R on the new Federal label. ... Or so it would seem by the quick success won by the first Federal release, "Do Something For Me" by the Dominoes. ... And our good friend and King district topper Al Sherman admits that he's overdue a hit in the blues and rhythm dept. ... Speaking of Syd Nathan, his Jan. issue of Saga magazine, in which Syd's success story is dramatically set off with the article: "Starting out junkyard machinery, brassbound nerve and credit, Syd Nathan has built a big business out of music for the little people." ... And to top it off, there's a handsome full page picture of Syd fronting the article. ... Capitol has Mary Solle at Leavenworth's Record Bar again let me state that they're operator customers are also happy with the new release of Stan Frene's "John and Mabel," Aangling consisting of the two title names her two lyrics played again and again in a multitude of expressions and intonations. ... But maybe Stan and his co-writer Mike Smithy is ahead of the game, yet know what the reaction will be of they actually witnessed several ops play it over and over, trying to figure out what the gimmick was and, when on the light show on for Florida again, this week, they wound up buying several of the cash customers. ... John Dolphin is just about ready to move into his own, expanded and beautiful quarters on the south end of the city. ... And the number of Saturday night and Sunday afternoon shows in the city has increased tremendously. ... And the color scheme calls for a chartreuse ceiling, jungle green top trim and lower walls in pea green. ... His office will be on the balcony of the former Water and Power office site, and there'll be seven listening booths with the KGFJ window broadcasting unit enlarged and facing right out towards busy Central Avenue.

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