

**THE CASH BOX**  
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**THE NATION'S**  
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**Country**  
**JUKE BOX TUNES**

POS. LAST WEEK

**Victor Signs Elvis Presley**



NASHVILLE, TENN.—Above Elvis Presley shakes a farewell hand with Sam Phillips, president of Sun Records, as (l to r) his personal manager, Bob Neal; RCA Victor's lawyer-representative Coleman Tilly; and Col. Tom Parker, general manager of the Hank Snow Jamboree Attractions, under whose direction Presley is, looks on.

NEW YORK — It was announced this week that RCA Victor has signed Elvis Presley to a three year recording contract with options. The diskery, along with many other companies, had been vying for the services of the rising young star and it is considered in the trade that Victor has landed one of the prize catches in country wax circles. In signing the talented performer the company also bought the masters of all of Presley's Sun recordings which it will now distribute under the Victor logo. Presley's current hits, "I Forgot To Remember To Forget" and "Mystery Train", are riding high on the popularity charts and will get Victor's immediate attention. Included among the other records are "That's All Right", "Good

Rockin' Tonight", "You're A Heartbreaker" and "Baby, Let's Play House" backed with "I'm Left, You're Right, She's Gone".

Presley has been the rage of the country 'bobby-soxers' wherever he has performed. In addition, the chanter has been a double threat on wax inasmuch as his platters have a rhythm and blues flavoring and have been spilling over into that field and it's also quite possible that the versatile Presley could well become a big pop name.

Recipient of many 'up and coming' awards, Presley has only this week been named the 'Most Promising Country Male Vocalist Of 1955' in *The Cash Box* poll conducted among the juke box operators of America.

**CINCINNATI CUT-UPS**

The 4th Annual Country DJ Convention in Nashville is over, and from those with whom we have talked we all are looking forward to the 5th Convention next year. Just about all the folks from the Queen City were there: Bonnie Lou, Nelson King, Mary and Jo Geer, Louis Innis, Skeeter Bonn, Aunt Emmie, The Davis Sisters, Jimmie Skinner, Lou Epstein, Flo Wilson, and we drove down too, Marty Roberts, Jimmie Williams and myself. It was also good to see so many folks down there who at one time made their home in Cincinnati. Ernie Lee who is now on WSUN in St. Petersburg. Don Davis who does the "Time Hill" show from New York. Hylo Brown and Jimmie and Jesse who work the WNER Jamboree in Live Oak, Fla., and Mimi Roman who is from New York.

One of the High Lights in attending the convention was seeing the first Faron Young picture for Republic called "Hidden Guns". We were very impressed with Faron's acting, since he stepped completely out of role as a recording star. We are also most happy to learn that he is on his way to recovery in Atlanta Hospital.

"Texas" Bill Strength tells me he has a new job at KEYD in Minneapolis, and will be leaving Memphis soon. . . . Our congratulations to the Nelson Kings. It's twins at their house. . . . A baby girl, Christy Ann at Thom Hall's home in Louisville. Thom does Country DJ work on WQYW. Our congratulations. . . . Jimmie Williams (MGM) appeared on the Ernest Tubb show while in Nashville, and T. Tommy's record show over WSM. . . . Dot and Smokey are back together again making personals with Roy Acuff. Stoney Cooper was in Nashville for the Convention, but did not get to stay for the whole thing, as he had to get back to Wheeling for the Jamboree. . . . Nice to see Jesse Rogers (MGM) from Philadelphia. He tells us his wife Sally Starr is really kept busy with TV these days.

A wonderful package of country artists appeared this weekend at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Columbus. The unit consisted of Eddie Arnold (Victor), Jordanaires (Capitol), Davis Sisters (Victor) and Salty & Mattie (Hickory), and the lovers of good old country music really turned out. On their way home to the Queen City the Davis Sisters had car trouble and the Jordanaires came to their aid, not only seeing the girls home, but they stayed over for Sunday dinner and joined the sisters in a real old fashion singing feast for Mom and Pop Davis at their Kentucky home. . . . Ray Scott handling the commercials during the Ozark Jubilee over our local ABC-TV station (did a real good job too.) . . . Jimmie Williams (MGM) appearing this week end at the Circle Theater in Cleveland. He will be back on the World's Original Jamboree over WWVA next week. . . . Carl Story and Jimmie Haney in town this week for a visit with the country deejays. Carl's new Mercury record is "By The Hands of God" (we like this one.)

NEWS FROM WHEELING'S WWVA'S WORLD'S ORIGINAL JAMBOREE — Charlie Bailey and The Happy Valley Gang just returned from a week's date in Ontario and immediately after the Jamboree headed for New Brunswick for a two week tour. . . . Dusty Owens and The Rodeo Boys have been on tour working solid schedule in New England and Canada. . . . Skeeter Bonn (Victor) has packed his bags at WLW and is headed up to the World's Original Jamboree in Wheeling. . . . Donna Darlene and Buddy Stryker of the Dusty Owens' Band married recently. . . . Stoney Cooper and Lee Sutton took time out recently to attend the DJ convention in Nashville, with Lee reporting tremendous response to his new program "Home Country Gatherin'" which features sacred records each night from 8 till 9:30 P.M. over WWVA. (Lee needs more Sacred records, please rush). . . .

**THE TEN COUNTRY RECORDS**  
**DISK JOCKEYS PLAYED MOST THIS WEEK**  
**(PLUS THE NEXT TEN)**

1. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.....Webb Pierce (Decca)
2. SIXTEEN TONS .....Tennessee Ernie Ford (Capitol)
3. JUST CALL ME LONESOME.....Eddy Arnold (RCA Victor)
4. ALL RIGHT .....Faron Young (Capitol)
5. SATISFIED MIND .....Porter Wagoner (RCA Victor)
6. I DON'T CARE.....Webb Pierce (Decca)
7. YONDER COMES A SUCKER.....Jim Reeves (RCA Victor)
8. I FORGOT TO REMEMBER TO FORGET.....Elvis Presley (Sun)
9. EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY.....Porter Wagoner (RCA Victor)
10. IT'S A GREAT LIFE.....Faron Young (Capitol)
- 11) HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW. 12) CATTLE CALL. 13) WHEN I STOP DREAMING. 14) BORN TO BE HAPPY. 15) WHY, BABY, WHY. 16) GOD WAS SO GOOD. 17) IF YOU WERE ME. 18) YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS. 19) MOST OF ALL. 20) THAT DO MAKE IT NICE. 20) I THOUGHT OF YOU. 20) THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD. 20) CRY, CRY, CRY. 20) DON'T TEASE ME.

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>LOVE, LOVE, LOVE</b><br>Webb Pierce<br>(Decca 29662; 9-29662)                       | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>JUST CALL ME LONESOME</b><br>Eddy Arnold<br>(RCA Victor 20-6198; 47-6198)           | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>ALL RIGHT</b><br>Faron Young<br>(Capitol 3169; F3169)                               | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>SATISFIED MIND</b><br>Red & Betty Foley<br>(Decca 29526; 9-29526)                   | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>I DON'T CARE</b><br>Webb Pierce<br>(Decca 29480; 9-29480)                           | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>SIXTEEN TONS</b><br>Tennessee Ernie Ford<br>(Capitol 3262; F3262)                   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>MAINLINER</b><br>Hank Snow<br>(RCA Victor 20-6269; 47-6269)                         | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>CATTLE CALL</b><br>Eddy Arnold & Hugo Winterhalter<br>(RCA Victor 20-6139; 47-6139) | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>YONDER COMES A SUCKER</b><br>Jim Reeves<br>(RCA Victor 20-6200; 47-6200)            | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>IF YOU WERE ME</b><br>Webb Pierce<br>(Decca 29662; 9-29662)                         | <b>10</b> |