

Downer Named Manager Of 2 Music Firms

NEW YORK—Bill Downer has been named general manager of Jimmy Family Songs and Riverside Music Enterprises, the two puberberies in which Decca Records recently purchased a 50 per cent interest from Western star, Jimmy Wakely.

Downer will homebase at Decca's New York offices, while Wakely will continue to be active in both firms on the West Coast, in addition to his numerous other show business activities.

Kistler Joins Thunderbird Agency

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS—Jim Halsey, president of Thunderbird Artists, Inc., Independence, Kansas, has announced that Kent W. Kistler would be associated with the agency which handles personal management and publicity for many of the top country and Western artists. Kistler has moved to Independence from Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the past year he has been associated with A. V. Bamford, West Coast promoter, as road manager for his various package shows.

Plans are under way to expand the talent roster for the Thunderbird Agency, which already handles management for Hank Thompson and his Brazos Valley Boys, Leon McAuliffe and his Cimarron Boys, Wanda Jackson, Mitchell Torok, and Billy Walker.

Pee Wee King Draws 5,200

AKRON, OHIO—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, the second World's Original Jamboree Show of the season met with success at the Akron, Ohio, Armory when over 5,200 paid admissions enjoyed the performance put on by Wheeling's WWVA Jamboree; and its extra added attraction, Pee Wee King and Redd Stewart who were brought in to bolster the show.

The next show for the Pee Wee King and Redd Stewart duo will be at Louisville's Fairgrounds Coliseum, Sunday, November 18th, in conjunction with a Grand Ole Opry "star-studded cast."

Welk Album Nears 100,000

NEW YORK—Coral Records has announced that sales on its new album "Merry Christmas from Lawrence Welk and His Champagne Music," are already nearing the 100,000 mark. The immediate sales reaction to the LP makes it the fastest-selling album Coral has ever released. Because of the ever-growing market for Welk's records, and the fact that this album is due to receive TV exposure by the maestro, Coral believes that this will become the No. 1 Christmas album of the year.

Contemporary Signs Wiggins

HOLLYWOOD—West Coast pianist-arranger Gerald Wiggins has been signed by Contemporary Records to record an album with his own group. Wiggins was formerly heard on records accompanying vocalists Lena Horne, Kay Starr, and Ella Mae Morse, and also on several jazz instrumental albums. His most recent date was on the new Cal Tjader album on which he shared the solo work with Tjader. Contemporary plans an early release for Wiggins' first 12-inch LP.



CINCINNATI CUT-UPS

It was announced this week by a spokesman for the Crosley Broadcasting Company that H. M. Smith, vice president, and head of WLW radio will retire Dec. 1st. Harry Mason Smith will leave the organization after serving in an executive capacity for the past 25 years. At almost the same time James D. Shouse answered a "definitely no" when the question was raised: Is Crosley Broadcasting to be sold? Paul Jones, WKRC-TV staff announcer featured on headline news weekdays at 6:15 PM is currently celebrating his 20th anniversary on the airwaves. Paul joined WPAR, Parkersburg, W. Va., in 1936 and after working on that station several years came to Cincinnati with WLW in 1936 where he worked at WLW and WSAI before joining WKRC-TV this year.

We understand that all the country musicians and acts are getting the axe at WLW. It's expected to be announced this week that last Saturday was the final appearance of "Midwestern Hayride". It will be replaced by a movie. Bonnie Lou will be the only one of the Country folks to remain at the station, and we hear that she'll be signed as a pop artist.

Red Smith came into town to take up duties at WCKY on the "Jamboree" show. If any of you southern folks are lonesome for the old red-head, just turn your dial to the 1530 spot and you can hear him every night as he peddles his wares on the big country show. Marty Roberts can now be heard from 4 till 6 each morning on WCKY. . . . Lonnie Barron was in town recently to visit country music spinners with his new Sage and Sand record "Please Blue Heart". . . . Jimmie Williams (MGM) emceed a block Halloween Party at Latonia, Kentucky. This has been an annual affair and the 4th year straight that Williams emceed the show. Life Harkness did the fine Harmonica work on Jimmie's latest MGM record "We're Drifting Farther Apart" Five union Musicians were recently hired by WZIP, they are Phyllis and Billy Homes, Kenny Jones, Don Jones and Larry Roberts. The station general manager Art Eilman states that "the public wants live music and our live musical programs are almost sold out already." . . . The Lucky Penny Trio is back on WLW's Hayride.

Tom Schell is the new Sportscaster on WCPO-R, and has been covering the local high school football games. . . . Auditions for the "Talent Scouts" CBS show were held in town last week. Since the local network station is not a union station auditions are being held at WLW. . . . A new distributor for MGM and ABC Paramount records has located in the Queen City called "Music Company of Ohio." . . . Frieda Held, ex-stage star is dead here at 69. The veteran vaudeville star who traveled with the RKO circuit from 1902 till 1927 was known as "The Girl With Seven Voices", and was billed with Sidney Williams as "Williams and Held."

Ben Blue and Company along with Sammy Wolfe, Sid Fields and Girl Friend Dolly Barr are the current attraction at Beverly Hills. . . . Harry Carlson reports that Cathy Carr's Fraternity Recording "Ivory Tower" is the top hit in Australia these days. . . . Rosemary Clooney comes home on TV every Thursday via her CBS show, "Come-ona My House". Her first guest was her husband Jose Ferrer.

Send all news for this column to Cincinnati Cut-Ups, 7771 Cheviot Rd., Cincinnati 31, Ohio.



Country Disk Jockey REGIONAL RECORD REPORTS

"BALIN' WIRE" BOB SHACK KIMO—Independence, Mo.

1. I'm Just Fool Enough (Tubb)
2. Really Glad You Hurt Me (W. Price)
3. Go Away With Me (Wilburns)
4. Loving You Is My Weakness (E. Tubb)
5. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
6. Leavin' On My Mind (Walker)
7. Auctioneer (L. Van Dyke)
8. I've Got A New Heartache (R. Price)
9. Wicked Lies (C. Smith)
10. Honky Tonk (J. Horton)

RED HUGHES CKEY—Toronto, Can.

1. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
2. Don't Be Cruel (E. Presley)
3. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
4. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
5. Sweet Dreams (F. Young)
6. Searching (K. Wells)
7. Love Me Tender (E. Presley)
8. You Are The One (C. Smith)
9. Before I Met You (C. Smith)
10. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)

JOLLY CHOLLY WWEZ—New Orleans, La.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. The Cat Came Back (S. James)
3. Play The Music Louder (C. Gordon)
4. You're Running Wild (Louvins)
5. Before I Met You (C. Smith)
6. Love Me Tender (E. Presley)
7. I'm Satisfied With Love (F. Young)
8. I Got A New Heartache (R. Price)
9. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
10. Sweet Dreams (F. Young)

DON LARKIN WAAT—Newark, N. J.

1. Sweet Dreams (F. Young)
2. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
3. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
4. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
5. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
6. Conscience, I'm Guilty (Snow)
7. Just As Long As You Love Me (Browns)
8. Satisfied With Love (Young)
9. Mother Of A Honky Tonk Girl (J. Reeves)
10. Taking My Chances (H. Thompson)

"CUZ'N" LARRY LANE WEBK—Tampa, Fla.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. The Cat Came Back (S. James)
3. Anyway You Want Me (E. Presley)
4. I've Got A New Heartache (R. Price)
5. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
6. Green Door (J. Lowe)
7. Fool That I Am (B. Thompson)
8. I'll Be Satisfied With Love (F. Young)
9. You Done Me Wrong (Price)
10. Go Away With Me (Wilburns)

"FLORIDA HAYSEED" CHUCK BROWN WJWS—South Hill, Va.

1. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
2. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
3. Wasted Words (R. Price)
4. Mister Love (Rusty & Doug & Barkdull)
5. When My Blue Moon Turns To Gold (D. Cherry)
6. Death Of Rock & Roll (Maddox Bros. & Rose)
7. If You Don't Know (G. Hamilton IV)
8. Treat Her Right (E. Tubb)
9. Before I Met You (Smith)
10. No Doubt About It (Flatt & Scruggs)

SLEEPYHEAD CLIFF KASM—Albany, Minn.

1. Lonesome Train (Johnny T.)
2. Without Your Love (B. Lord)
3. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
4. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
5. Why Did You Go And Leave Me (M. Rainwater)
6. My Dearest Prophecy (B. Wilkinson)
7. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
8. Just As Long As You Love Me (Browns)
9. Mister Love (Rusty & Doug & Barkdull)
10. Poor Man's Riches (B. Barnes)

ART BARRETT WSIG—Mt. Jackson, Va.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
3. Loved And Lost Again (Kline)
4. Wicked Lies (C. Smith)
5. Cash On The Barrel Head (Louvins)
6. Lover Of The Town (Martin)
7. Hello Old Broken Heart (S. James)
8. Tom Cat's Kitten (Johnnie & Jack)
9. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
10. Go Away With Me (Wilburns)

"FARMER" PHIL WOLLEY WGUY—Bangor, Me.

1. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
2. Sweet Dreams (F. Young)
3. Searching (K. Wells)
4. You Are The One (C. Smith)
5. I'm A One-Woman Man (J. Horton)
6. My Lips Are Sealed (Reeves)
7. Poor Man's Riches (Carlises)
8. Cheated Too (Lee & Cooper)
9. Any Old Time (W. Pierce)
10. The Cat Came Back (S. James)

VERNON STEWART KXRJ—Russellville, Ark.

1. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
2. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
3. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
4. Searching (K. Wells)
5. Conscience I'm Guilty (Snow)
6. I'm Really Glad You Hurt Me (W. Pierce)
7. Just As Long As You Love Me (Browns)
8. It Makes No Difference Now (H. Thompson)
9. I'm Just Fool Enough (Tubb)
10. Wicked Lies (C. Smith)

"COUSIN" JOHNNY SMALL WNLC—New London, Conn.

1. Ruby, Are You Mad (Osbornes & Allen)
2. Let's Say Goodbye (Moore)
3. Love You Planted (L. Moore)
4. Cheated Too (Lee & Cooper)
5. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
6. It's Great To Be Living (B. Deckelman)
7. A Place For Homeless Hearts (D. Owens)
8. I'll Understand (Rusty & Doug)
9. Sweet Dreams (D. Gibson)
10. You Are The One (C. Smith)

LILLIE ANNE WIRK—Hickory, N. C.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. Love Me Tender (E. Presley)
3. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
4. You Are The One (C. Smith)
5. Searching (K. Wells)
6. I Can't Quit (M. Robbins)
7. I'm So In Love With You (Wilburns)
8. Cash On The Barrel Head (Louvins)
9. I Gotta Know (W. Jackson)
10. Kiss Me Now (Martin & Pruitt)

"RED" RIDDLE WFIS—Fountain Inn, S. C.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. Turn Her Down (F. Young)
3. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
4. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
5. Before I Met You (C. Smith)
6. Losing Game (J. O'Glynn)
7. Poor Man's Riches (Barnes)
8. Sweet Dreams (D. Gibson)
9. Searching (K. Wells)
10. Don't Be Cruel (E. Presley)

SHEL HORTON WKMC—Roaring Spring, Pa.

1. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
2. Don't Be Cruel (E. Presley)
3. When My Blue Moon Turns To Gold (Moore & Juanita)
4. Searching (K. Wells)
5. You Are The One (C. Smith)
6. Conscience I'm Guilty (Snow)
7. I'm A One-Woman Man (J. Horton)
8. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
9. I Take The Chance (Browns)
10. Your Pretty Blue Eyes (Rich)

JOE ALLISON KRKD—Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Drink Up And Go Home (Hart)
2. Heart's Hideaway (Frizzell)
3. Hello Old Broken Heart (S. James)
4. Go Away With Me (Wilburns)
5. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
6. Lonesome Train (J. Bond)
7. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
8. Trying To Forget The Blues (P. Wagoner)
9. Paul Bunyan Love (T. Ritter)
10. I Wouldn't Know Where To Begin (E. Arnold)

HARRY CARTER WKHC—Jacksonville, Fla.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. Keeper Of The Keys (Stewart)
3. Honky Tonk Rhythm (Sisco)
4. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
5. Drink Up And Go Home (Hart)
6. Sorry I'm Not Sorry (Perkins)
7. Hound Dog (E. Presley)
8. I Can't Quit (M. Robbins)
9. I've Known You From Somewhere (P. Wagoner)
10. Get Rhythm (J. Cash)

"CHUCKWAGON CHUCK" NICHOLS KOWB—Laramie, Wyo.

1. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
2. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
3. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
4. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
5. Don't Be Cruel (E. Presley)
6. Searching (K. Wells)
7. Cash On The Barrel Head (Louvins)
8. Sweet Dreams (F. Young)
9. Taking My Chances (H. Thompson)
10. Wicked Lies (C. Smith)

TOMMY DOWNS WKLO—Louisville, Ky.

1. Cat Came Back (S. James)
2. I'm A One Woman Man (J. Horton)
3. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)
4. Turn Her Down (F. Young)
5. I've Got A New Heartache (R. Price)
6. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
7. Drink Up And Go Home (F. Hart)
8. Going Walking (T. Tommy)
9. None You Know (G. Morgan)
10. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)

JACK DUNIGAN WJTN—Jamestown, N. Y.

1. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
2. Crazy Arms (R. Price)
3. A Place For Homeless Hearts (D. Owens)
4. Without Your Love (B. Lord)
5. My Lips Are Sealed (Reeves)
6. Before I Met You (C. Smith)
7. Searching (K. Wells)
8. Turn Her Down (F. Young)
9. Silver Threads And Golden Needles (W. Jackson)
10. Cheated Too (Lee & Cooper)

DAVE WALSHAK KCTI—Gonzales, Tex.

1. Love Me Tender (E. Presley)
2. I'm A One Woman Man (J. Horton)
3. I Walk The Line (J. Cash)
4. Singing The Blues (Robbins)
5. Don't Be Cruel (E. Presley)
6. Before I Met You (C. Smith)
7. Mother Of A Honky Tonk Girl (Reeves & Johnson)
8. Just Walking In The Rain (D. Richards)
9. I've Got A New Heartache (R. Price)
10. Let The Whole World Talk (J. Newman)

"TATER" PETE HUNTER KTLW—Texas City, Tex.

1. Let The Whole World Talk (J. Newman)
2. The Cat Came Back (S. James)
3. Way That You're Living (J. Swan)
4. This Song Is Just For You (Heap & Williams)
5. No Doubt About It (Flatt & Scruggs)
6. Mister Love (Rusty & Doug & Barkdull)
7. Go Away With Me (Wilburns)
8. I Can't Quit (M. Robbins)
9. My Building Of Dreams (S. Stover)
10. According To My Heart (J. Reeves)

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