A. F. Bonus Plan Ends Sept. 30

CHICAGO—Jim O’Dwyer, president of the chain of Music Box One-Stop record outlets, announced the opening last week of two new record headquarters for music operators.

The first of this new group, also known as the Music Box, is located at 1616 LCD Avenue in Houston, Texas. The manager is Charlie Wakefield. Another outlet is skedded for opening October 1 at 1043 Broadway in Denver, Colorado. The manager, Jack Krug, is busyly engaged in planning an exciting opening there, according to O’Dwyer.

Other Music Box One-Stops in the chain are located in Chicago, Dallas, and Atlanta.

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Laurie Pacts Carroll

NEW YORK—Laurie Records has signed Carroll, known for a long-term recording contract, it was announced last week by A&R chief Gene Schwartz.

According to Schwartz, Carroll can sing both pop and jazz. Accordingly, his first release will be a pop tune followed by a straight jazz release. The jazz end of Carroll’s recording dates will be supervised by Laurie’s new jazz director, Murray Singer, while Schwartz will oversee the pop dates.

Columbia Re-signs Vale

NEW YORK—Jerry Vale has signed a new seven year contract with Columbia Records, it was announced last week. At the same time, forthcoming release of Vale’s new album, “The Same Old Moon,” was disclosed.

By way of promoting his new album, the singer has been seen set by General Artists Corporation for engagement, which will take him through the end of the year. Currently in New England through October 11, when he finishes a week’s engagement at the Chez Paree in Providence, R.I., he’ll open at the Mardi Gras in Baltimore for the week beginning October 19. Immediately following this he’ll return to play a two-week engagement at the Friolies in Revere, just outside Boston, then hop to Juarez, Mexico, to headline at the Colorado from November 11 through December 3. He’ll then return to the States and work his way back east.

Accompanying Vale on the tour is his bandleader, Rita Grable, who just retired from her own career as an actress-dancer. They were secretly married by the mayor of Mount Vernon, N.Y., Jerry’s hometown, August 28.

Capitol Plans “Charge Day”

HOLLYWOOD— Capitol Records plans a presso attack on the new Felix Slatkin LP, “Charged” and September 11 has been tagged “Charge Day” by the district.

On “Charge Day,” every Capitol salesman and prono man has been told to “charge” every disk jockey in his area. Album consists of martial music.

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