

## Shuler Opens Capitol Hunt For R&B Indies

HOLLYWOOD—Wayne Shuler, newly appointed A&R producer in charge of indie productions for Capitol Records, has begun an intensive search for new product in the "down home" area of r&b.

Among the first results of his hunt

## Fats Domino Signs In With Reprise Records

NEW YORK—One of the leading figures in the birth of rock, Fats Domino has just signed an exclusive recording contract with Reprise Records. Although no immediate sessions have been scheduled, Mo Ostin, vice president and general manager of the label, said that Domino's recording will be supervised by A&R director Richard Perry.

Domino started with Imperial Records, where he helped spearhead the pop rock explosion. He later worked for ABC (then ABC-Paramount) and more recently had a release from the Dover label complex.

Among his major hits, which have sold more than 60 million recordings since his 1949 start, are: "Blueberry Hill," "Let the Four Winds Blow," "When My Dreamboat Comes Home," "I'm Walkin'," "I'm In Love Again" and "Margarita."

for indie r&b productions is a multiple release pact with New Orleans producer Joe Banashak. Banashak sports a hit roster that includes "Land of 1,000 Dances," "Mother-In-Law" and many of the Irma Thomas hits with Minit, which he formed for Imperial Records. First release coming from the contract was "Lover and a Friend" with Eddie Bo and Inez Cheatham which was marketed about two weeks ago. Upcoming singles will include Bobby Williams' "Boogaloo Mardi Gras" and "A Good Thing Baby" by the Hollywood Jills.

In another stop on his "down home" search, Shuler visited Jackson, Miss., where he reached an agreement with George Soule and Tommy Couch for the release of "That's How Much" featuring Eddie Houston. Side was cut at Malico Studios in Jackson.

An earlier agreement in Houston, Texas, saw the issue of "Miss You" by Jerry Jackson from Genesis Productions. Leo O'Neil and Genesis also have just been represented through the release of Henry Boatwright's "I Can Take or Leave Your Loving," an r&b cover of the recent Herman's Hermits hit.



AN EPIC SIGNING—Epic has signed vocalist Maxine Brown (right) to an exclusive recording contract. She will be produced for Epic by Detroit-based producer Mike Terry. Born in New York, the lark made her first public appearance at the Apollo. Dave Kapralik (left), Epic's vice president of A&R, said, "The addition of the distinctive talent of Maxine Brown to the Epic roster is another major step in broadening the spectrum of Epic's A&R representation."



## Looking Ahead

A compilation, in order of strength, of up and coming records showing signs of breaking into The Cash Box Top 100. List is compiled from retail outlets.

- 1 **THE SHADOW OF YOUR LOVE**  
(Chordron—BMI)  
5 Stairssteps & Cubie (Buddoh 35)
- 2 **SHOW TIME**  
(Myto—BMI)  
Detroit Emeralds (Ric Tic 153)
- 3 **WHY SAY GOODBYE**  
(Robbins—ASCAP)  
Connie Francis (MGM 13923)
- 4 **COME DOWN**  
(Lee Hozlewood—ASCAP)  
Honey Ltd. (LHI 1208)
- 5 **COME LIVE WITH ME**  
(Leo Feist—ASCAP)  
Tony Scotti (Liberty 56006)
- 6 **CABARET**  
(Sunbeam—BMI)  
Herb Alpert & Tijuano Brass (A&M 925)
- 7 **LOOK AT WHAT I ALMOST MISSED**  
(LeBoron—BMI)  
Porlioments (Revilot 217)
- 8 **IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT**  
(United Artists—ASCAP)  
Dick Hyman (Commond 4114)
- 9 **UP FROM THE SKIES**  
(Seo-Lork—BMI)  
Jimi Hendrix Experience (Reprise 0665)
- 10 **LOVE IS BLUE**  
(Cromo—ASCAP)  
Cloudine Longet (A&M 909)
- 11 **IF YOU LOVE ME**  
(Southern—ASCAP)  
Peggy Morch (RCA Victor 9494)
- 12 **MOOD INDIGO**  
(Mills—ASCAP)  
Brendo Lee & Pete Fountain (Decca 32299)
- 13 **THE LEGEND OF XANADU**  
(Al Gallico—BMI)  
Dove Dee, Dazy, Beaky, Mick & Tich (Imperial 66287)
- 14 **I AM THE MAN FOR YOU BABY**  
(Jobete—BMI)  
Edwin Starr (Gordy 7071)
- 15 **I GOT A SURE THING**  
(East—BMI)  
Ollie & The Nightingales (Stax 245)
- 16 **BILLY SUNSHINE**  
(Blackwood—BMI)  
Evie Sands (Cameo 2002)
- 17 **ANGEL OF THE MORNING**  
(Blackwood—BMI)  
Merrile Rush (Bell 705)
- 18 **FEELINGS**  
(Troussole—BMI)  
Gross Roots (Dunhill 4129)
- 19 **BY THE TIME I GET TO PHOENIX**  
(Johnny Rivers—BMI)  
Magnificent Men (Capitol 2134)
- 20 **CHAIN OF FOOLS**  
(14th Hour Pronto—BMI)  
Jimmy Smith (Verve 10583)
- 21 **THE DOCK OF THE BAY**  
(East Time—Redwell—BMI)  
King Curtis & Kingpins (Atca 6562)
- 22 **WOMAN WITH THE BLUES**  
(Don—BMI)  
Lomp Sisters (Duke 427)
- 23 **DAYS OF PEARLY SPENCER**  
(Pronce—BMI)  
David McWilliams (Kopp 896)
- 24 **A STOP ALONG THE WAY**  
(Ensign—BMI)  
Timothy Corr (Hot Biscuit 1454)
- 25 **BLACK ON WHITE**  
(White Woy—ASCAP)  
North Atlantic Invasion Force (Mr. G 808)
- 26 **CAN I CARRY YOUR BALLOON**  
(Screen Gems—Columbia—BMI)  
Swompseeds (Epic 5-10281)
- 27 **CHECK YOURSELF**  
(East—BMI)  
Debbie Taylor (Decca 32259)
- 28 **TAKE ME IN YOUR ARMS**  
(Jobete—BMI)  
Isley Brothers (Tomla 54164)
- 29 **ILLUSION**  
(Cascargo—Aim—BMI)  
Bob Brady (Choriot 525)
- 30 **I GUESS THAT DON'T MAKE ME A LOSER**  
(Will Ric—BMI)  
Brothers Of Saul (Boo 1004)
- 31 **FLIGHTS OF FANTASY**  
(Dobo—BMI)  
Ventures (Liberty 56019)
- 32 **YUMMY, YUMMY, YUMMY**  
(T. M.—BMI)  
Ohio Express (Buddah 38)
- 33 **BABY YOU'RE SO RIGHT**  
(Chardon—BMI)  
Brenda & The Tabulations (Dionn 507)
- 34 **BABY PLEASE DON'T GO**  
(MCA—BMI)  
Amboy Dukes (Moinstream 676)
- 35 **IF MY WORLD FALLS THROUGH**  
(Myrwood Antlers—BMI)  
Rose Garden (Atco 6564)
- 36 **NO OTHER LOVE**  
(Williamson—ASCAP)  
Joy & Americons (United Artists 50282)
- 37 **IN SOME TIME**  
(L. Hazlewood—ASCAP)  
Rannie Dove (Diamond 240)
- 38 **SHE'LL BE THERE**  
(Alto—ASCAP)  
Vikki Corr (Liberty 56026)
- 39 **NIGHTS IN WHITE SATIN**  
(Essex—ASCAP)  
Moody Blues (Derom 85023)
- 40 **THE GYPSIES, THE JUGGLERS & THE CLOWNS**  
(Sealork—BMI)  
Jack Jones (Kopp 900)
- 41 **WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS**  
(Mocleon—BMI)  
Sergio Mendes & Brasil 66 (A&M 910)
- 42 **WHAT IS LOVE**  
(Rogmor—BMI)  
Miriam Makebo (Reprise 0671)
- 43 **SALLY WAS A GOOD OLD GIRL**  
(Pamper—BMI)  
Trini Lopez (Reprise 0659)
- 44 **SAN FRANCISCO GIRL**  
(Filigris—BMI)  
Fever Tree (UNI 55060)
- 45 **DO DROP IN**  
(Chardon—BMI)  
Fifth Estate (Jubilee 5617)
- 46 **CALL ON YOU**  
(Pork Town—BMI)  
Chu Troys & Amozin Moze (Sock & Soul 101)
- 47 **NOWHERE TO RUN**  
(Jobete—BMI)  
The Witches & The Worlock (Sew City 106)
- 48 **LOVE MACHINE**  
(Stone Canyon—BMI)  
The Roosters (Mercury 40504)
- 49 **THE POWER OF LOVE**  
(Russel Coson—ASCAP)  
Robert Knight (Rising Sons 708)
- 50 **LIFE OF THE PARTY**  
(Sunbeam—BMI)  
Louis Armstrong (Kapp 901)

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