

RCA Nashville vice president Chet Atkins was in New York last week for executive meetings at the label's headquarters. He also journeyed to Philadelphia in his capacity as guitarist and taped a guest spot on the Mike Douglas TV'er. On December 11, Chet jetted to the Coast to guest on the Joey Bishop TV show.

Wayside Records is about to release chanter Darrell McCall's new album, "Meet Darrell McCall." The set includes, among other tracks, recent and new singles by the artist. Deejays who want copies of the LP may obtain them by writing to Little Richie Johnson, Box 3, Belen, New Mexico . . . Chad Garrett and Judy Russell, a new, young songwriting team, have penned three songs for the pilot of the "Minnie Pearl Show." The duo has also recorded the vocals, which the actors will lip-synch, for two of the songs, "Long, Long Road Back Home" and "If I Had It To Do All Over Again." "I Didn't Know I Loved You Till You Died," the third song, will be sung by another cast member. The pilot is being produced at 20th Century-Fox studios in Hollywood, and 20th Century-Fox Music has bought and published one of the songs, "Long, Long Road." The other two songs, which 20th has licensed for use in the pilot, are published by Garret and Russell's new BMI firm, Garcelle Music . . . Word has it that Jeannie C. Riley is going to star in a summer replacement show on one of the networks . . . Paul Tannen and Paul Evans trekked to Nashville last week for publishing business . . . A pact has been signed between Joanne Combs, president of Deneba Records of West Logan, West Virginia, and Ray Allen of Christianburg, Virginia, whereby Allen will distribute Deneba product. Allen has been in the distributing business for thirty years, covering Virginia, West Virginia,

Kentucky, Maryland and Ohio. Deneba's latest single is "Falling Out Of Love," by Danny Harrison. The label plans to release an album by the artist early in '69.

Sage and Sand Records topper W. O. Fleener reports that Rue Barclay has inked a production contract with the label. Barclay will produce the Leightons (John & Sharon) for Fleener's Sand label. Barclay also did the A&R work and engineering on "You're Lonely He's Left And I'm Right," by Doyle O'Dell on Sand. All sessions will be done at Sage and Sand's new studios in Hollywood and will be under Fleener's supervision.



FREE FLIGHT—The winsome lass about to take to the sky is Chart Records songstress Connie Eaton. Connie, a student at Nashville's David Lipscomb College, recently won a trip to Hollywood where she became the winning contestant on the "All America College Show," a syndicated television program produced by Wendell Niles and sponsored by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. She won a thousand dollars, a trophy and a return trip to Hollywood to compete in another round, this time for five thousand dollars. The "All America College Show" is due to be aired on numerous stations in the near future.

A new 1,000 watt country radio station, KCAW of Port Arthur, Texas is about to make its debut and would appreciate being put on as many record company and distributor mailing lists as possible. Records may be sent to the station's program director, Jim Carroll, at KCAW, 3333 25th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640. KCAW which will broadcast on a clear channel, non-directional frequency of 1510, will cover the "golden triangle" area of Texas and southwest Louisiana. This area contains both highly industrialized and ruralized sections and contains over 1,000,000 people. KCAW plans to keep those who supply the station with records informed as to the exposure their product receives on the outlet.

Radio Station WPLO in Atlanta has a new program director, Bruce N. Stratton. Bruce pioneered the switch to country for KUZN Radio in West Monroe, Louisiana (on the air at KUZN, he was known as Phil Harmonic), and he is a former deejay with WDAY in Washington, D.C. In addition to his duties as program director at WPLO, he will take over the 3 pm- 7 pm deejay shift vacated by Mac Curtis. Curtis resigned to accept a position with WHOO in California.

Mike Adams, staff announcer at WCJW Radio in Cleveland, has made his first record, singing "Green Grows The Valley" b/w "Just One More Day," for Decca. The single has just been released.

Radio Stations KBBQ in Burbank, California and KFOX in Long Beach, California, have scheduled their next country music show for January 24 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The show will star Waylon Jennings, Buck Owens and His Buckaroos, Loretta Lynn and Charlie Pride. Also featured will be the KBBQ and KFOX deejays. Plans for additional shows in April and May are about to be finalized.

WYDE Radio in Birmingham, Alabama, recently celebrated the third anniversary of its country-politan format. 260 business, civic and governmental leaders were in attendance. The station presented its second annual Erskine Ramsey Award to S. Vincent Townsend "in recognition of the value of your contributions toward a greater Birmingham." Townsend was cited for his participation in improving the city through Operation New Birmingham, the Civic Center Authority, the Downtown Action Committee, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations.

CANADA:

Ed Preston, Ontario promotion manager for RCA Victor, reports a rush release on the recent Nashville session by Diane Leigh. The lid, "Keep The Home Fires Burning" is slated for release in Canada before the end of the year. Miss Leigh appears on the Chart label, which is distributed in the U.S. and Canada by RCA Victor. George Hamilton, currently happening on Canadian country charts with his RCA single, "Take My Hand For A While" and Skeeter Davis were in Canada for engagements in Guelph, Ontario (14) and Toronto (15).

Hal Kent, who heads up Cross Country Enterprises, reports a great demand for the singing duo, the Rainvilles. They are currently playing the Sudbury area and should have a record release shortly.

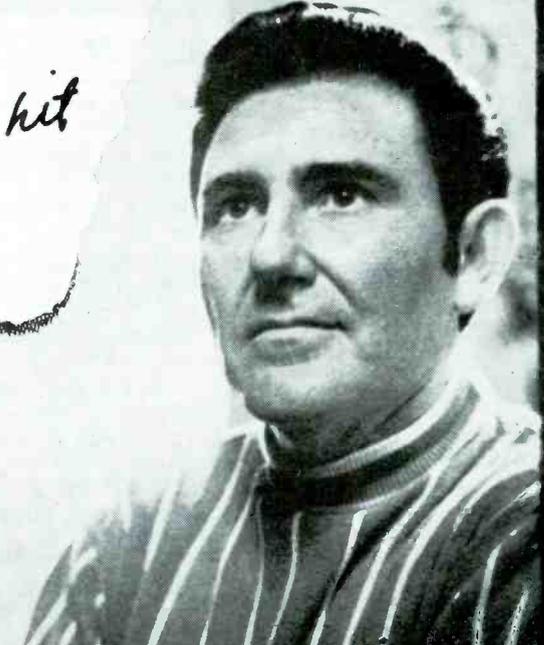
Mona Vary, Polydor recording artist, has picked up considerably on both country and pop charts with her single, "Back In Town To Stay". Country stations programming her single have found much pop listener interest.

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