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CashBox Country Music Report

CMA & CMF Hold Meets In Toronto

NASHVILLE — The Country Music Association held its quarterly board meeting July 13 and 14, and the Country Music Foundation board of trustees its quarterly meeting July 12, at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The Country Music Association board of directors convened Monday, July 13, for the agenda which included the routine committee reports as well as the discussion on the proposed Song Festival, new radio sales kit, new membership brochure, the progress of the Fifth Annual Music City Pro-Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament, and the addition of a new award to the annual Country Music Awards event.

Other items on the agenda included the discussion of plans for the Ed Sullivan Country Music Show, plans for the October convention and Awards program, the selection of the recipient of the Founding Presidents Award and the promotional plans for Country Music Month.

Monday evening, BMI Canada, Limited, hosted a reception for the Board with William Harold Moon serving as the official host.

The luncheon on Tuesday was hosted by the Canadian Broadcast Society. Danny Davis, Country Music Association director-at-large, was the luncheon speaker. Entertainment was provided by Gary Buck, Ferlin Husky, Mac Wiseman, and the CFGM

Band. Lunch was at the Park Plaza Hotel. The president of the Country Music Association is Harold Hitt, Columbia Records and Ben Rosner of Golden Bough Enterprises, is chairman of the board.

Officers and board members of the organization attend the quarterly meetings at no cost to the organization.

CMF Meet

The chairman of the board of the CMF is Frank Jones of Columbia Records. Mr. Roy Horton of Peer-Southern Organization is the president of the foundation.

Items for consideration on the CMF agenda included a preview of the new twenty-five minute film for the Country Music Hall of Fame auditorium. The film depicts the historical roots of country music and traces its growth to the present.

Other items included a look at the attendance records at the Hall of Fame; its expanding library facilities; plans for furnishing and equipping the new library; the creation of policy rules governing the use of documentary tapes, music and materials deposited in the research facilities; and the installment of new lighting facilities for the newly expanding parking lot at the Hall of Fame.

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Doris Lynch Named Tour Coordinator For Hall Of Fame

NASHVILLE — The Country Music Foundation recently appointed Mrs. Doris M. Lynch to the position of tour coordinator for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Mrs. Lynch is responsible for contacting organizations and individuals in

the tour business and for servicing the large numbers of tours visiting the Hall of Fame and Museum. She will present the Hall of Fame as an ideal vacation tourist attraction as well as a facility of world-wide importance in the field of musical entertainment and historical Americana.

Mrs. Lynch recently left the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas where she was director of agency and tour sales.

Wolf To Direct Development Of Opryland, USA

NASHVILLE — The appointment of Doyle Wolf as director of development for Opryland, USA has been announced by Irving Waugh, president of WSM, Inc.

Wolf joins the Opryland staff with a history of park-oriented positions which include assistant general manager for Sea-Arama, Marineland, Galveston, and director of park operations (Astroworld) among others.

Hitchcock & Curtis Signed To GRT Pacts

NEW YORK — Stan Hitchcock and Mac Curtis have been signed to GRT Records, it was announced last week by Len Levy, president of the GRT Record Group.

Curtis will shortly be recorded in Nashville by Tommy Allsup, recently named GRT's head of A&R there.

The pactings come as something of a reunion for the two artists and Levy. It was Levy who originally inked Curtis and Hitchcock to Epic Records, which the record executive then headed as vice president and general manager.

Hitchcock currently stars in his own nationally syndicated television series, "The Stan Hitchcock Show."

Curtis, who for the past year had been program director for radio station WENO in Nashville, is no newcomer as a performer. In addition to cub dates and country shows, he has appeared on the Bill Anderson and Del Reeves television shows. He is currently free lancing radio and TV commercials.



CashBox Country Roundup

Ferlin Husky says, "To be a great entertainer, you can't feel that you are better than your public"

Jerry Lee Lewis was the special guest on the fourth in a series of the Ralph Emery Special Simulcasts aired live from the WSM-TV studios in Music City. The program took place on July 15th from 12:00 midnight until 1:00 A.M. Host Emery conducted an interview with his lively guest while Lewis entertained on the piano for the audience. The WSM-TV studio was open to the public for this special simulcast RCA artist Kenny Price is new host on WLW Cincinnati's Midwestern Hayride, replacing Henson Cargill. First show will be aired in August featuring Chet Atkins Hank Williams, Jr. will be supported on his TV series by the Dillard's, a successful recording quartet which will also participate in comedy segments, and three girl singers, Linda Ronstadt, Evie Sands and Merrilee Rush. Each girl will be featured weekly on a rotating basis Tokyo Sho, Japanese country music fan, included Bobby Gregory's "Sunny Side of the Mountain" when he appeared on stage with Jimmy Martin and his Sunny Mountain Boys while on tour recently Pat Rymkus, Capitol Records' new regional country promotion manager based in Dallas will

report to Wade Pepper, national country promotion manager

According to Lamar Fike, Music City manager for Hill and Range, Shirl Milete's cup runneth over. Elvis Presley recently recorded four of Milete's songs Olive Hill, Kentucky recently rolled out its red carpets for their own "home town boy," Tom T. Hall. Hall was presented the Honorary Admiralship of Governor Louie B. Nunn's staff, an honor of few, and was also presented keys to the city. Hall's recent single is "Salute to a Switchblade" on the Mercury label Mid-July will find Jane Morgan in Music City to record several sessions for RCA under the direction of Ronnie Light Biggest stir on the Nashville music scene the last couple of weeks was the appearance of former Beatle Ringo Starr, to do an album of all C&W material. The album was produced by Pete Drake, "Mr. Talking Guitar," at Music City Recorders More than fifty country music radio stations around the nation will observe Saturday, August 8th as Webb Pierce Day. Variations of the birthday salute to Pierce include programming a Webb Pierce song each half hour to playing three full hours of selections by the twenty-year Decca veteran. Webb's current record on Decca is "The Man

You Want Me To Be" Our sympathy to "The Browns," Maxine Bonnie and Jim Ed, whose mother recently died in Council Bluff, Arkansas.

Dave Dudley and Bobby Bare were recently made honorary colonels of Kentucky Governor Louie B. Nunn's staff Johnny Bush in Nashville recently to cut his forthcoming single for Stop Records. Pete Drake produced the session and also played pedal steel on the date. Bush's current hit single is "Warmth of the Wine" Most entertainers move into performing position on stage from the wings. The Stonemans recently came up from the banks of Cripple Creek in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at "Shindig At Cripple Creek" riding on a mini-riverboat and playing their theme song of many years, "Cripple Creek" Jerry Bradley will now produce Nat Stuckey at RCA Records Buddy Mize, general professional manager of Central Songs in Nashville, wife Betty, and Neal Merritt on West Coast meeting with Beechwood Music and Capitol Record officials Decca Records and Jerry Smith "Drivin' Home" with new album sessions Jack Greene currently hospitalized for tests and treatment for a recurring back ailment. Greene's current Decca chart climber is "The Whole World Comes To Me."