



# Country Music Report

## Country Foundation Elects '73-'74 Board of Trustees

NASHVILLE — The election of Officers and Trustees of the Country Music Foundation held during the Foundation's recent New York City Board meeting has resulted in the addition of three new members to the Board, it was announced here today. John R. Cash was elected to a term as vice president of the Board of Trustees. Both Dorothy Owens, of Bakersfield-based Buck Owens Enterprises, and E. W. "Bud" Wendell, "Grand Ole Opry" Manager, were elected to three-year terms as Foundation Trustees.

The full Board of Trustees includes the following music industry leaders:

Chairman of the Board—Ken Nelson, Capitol Records.

Trustees—Dorothy Owens, Buck Owens Enterprises; E. W. "Bud" Wendell, "The Grand Ole Opry"; Roy Horton, Peer-Southern Organization; Brad McCuen, Mega Records; Bill Lowery, Lowery Music; Wesley Rose, Acuff-Rose Publications; Paul Ackerman; J. William Denny, Cedarwood Publishing Co.

Officers — President: Frank M.

Jones, CBS Records; Executive Vice President: Frances W. Preston, BMI; Vice President: John R. Cash, House of Cash; Vice President: Connie B. Gay; Vice President: Jack Loetz; Treasurer: Harold Hitt, Metropolitan Music; Secretary: Grelun Landon, RCA Records.

Counsel for the Country Music Foundation is Richard Frank, Barksdale, Leaver, Whaley, Gilbert & Frank.

Other business at the New York City meeting included final approval of plans for the construction of the Pioneer Display in the balcony area of the Hall of Fame building and the discussion of a "Walkway of Stars" installation ceremony to be held during the CMA/WSM Fan Fair in June.

## NBC Radio To Air Nashville Salute

NASHVILLE — A special 3-hour salute to Nashville and its music will be aired on NBC's Monitor Program Sunday, May 27. Featuring interviews with top country artists, the show is scheduled to be picked up by local NBC affiliates throughout the entire country.

Host of the show, Jim Lowe, is planning the program with personal patter and recordings from leader of the Nashville Brass Danny Davis, Billy Walker, Hank Williams, Jr., Mel Tillis, Lynn Anderson, Eddy Arnold, Sonny James and Ray Stevens.

Lowe, a former recording artist himself who hit big in the fifties with "Green Door," indicated there was strong possibilities of more Monitor country features in the future.

## Atkins Sets Symphony Dates

NASHVILLE — Chet Atkins is set for guest appearances with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra on June 22 and 23 followed by an appearance with the Symphony in Omaha on the 27th.

Atkins, who underwent successful surgery in a Nashville hospital for a colon ailment, was released May 2 after a ten day hospital stay. After further convalescence at home the New Orleans Symphonic appearance will mark his first concert after the surgery.

## Country Artist of the Week: JEANNE PRUETT



SATIN SONGS—MCA's Jeanne Pruett is "the best front porch tenor in these parts" or so says her daddy. Raised in a small town in Alabama with her nine brothers and sisters, Jeanne recalls many long, warm summer nights on the front porch "pickin' and singin' country."

Even before Jeanne was one of MCA's top recording artists, she was a well known writer. Writing for Marty Robbins Enterprises for seven years, Jeanne has penned songs that have been recorded by artists such as Bill Phillips, Nat Stuckey, Conway Twitty, and others. Some of her own biggest hits include "Hold To My Unchanging Love," "Love Me," "I've Forgotten More," and her current chart climbing "Satin Sheets."

Jeanne has entertained servicemen at most of the American bases in Europe, has performed on all of the syndicated shows that originate from Nashville, and equally enjoys playing fairs, stage shows and park package show dates where the whole family get together for the entire day. Jeanne is probably one of country music's best cooks, so entertainment has a dual meaning for her. She readily admits to her hobby of "feedin' friends."

At home, on stage, in clubs, Jeanne radiates the same warmth and friendliness that acts as a magnet, drawing to her friends and fans.

Jeanne Pruett's recordings are produced by Walter Haynes for MCA, with booking by The Shorty Lavender Talent Agency.

## Concert Express Purchases Tour

HOLLYWOOD — Bob Eubanks president of Concert Express and Tandy Rice president of Nashville's leading talent agency, Top Billing, Inc., announced that Concert Express has purchased the entire 1974 tour of the Porter Wagoner Show for a guarantee in excess of \$1,000,000.00.

Eubanks stated that in 1974 Concert Express would be concentrating its efforts on just two major country artists: Merle Haggard and Porter Wagoner.

Concert Express, although only a year old, has promoted concerts with, besides Merle Haggard and Porter Wagoner, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Neil Young, Roberta Flack, Three Dog Night, Bread, George Jones and Tammy Wynette among others. Bob Eubanks has also promoted the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan.

Concert Express will work very closely with Top Billing in planning and executing the Porter Wagoner Show's 1974 tour to make it their biggest tour ever.

## Roy Clark To Host Telethon

NASHVILLE — Dot Recording artist, Roy Clark will serve as official host of the country segment for a forthcoming telethon to be aired in approximately 70 markets.

Sponsored by the Highway Safety Council, the show is scheduled to feature such top country entertainers as Mel Tillis, Tommy Overstreet, Connie Smith, Boots Randolph, Minnie Pearl, and The Sound Generation.

Nashville performers on the program are to be video-taped out of WSM-tv studios, with all non-country acts being introduced on the West Coast by Sammy Davis, Jr.

## Jamboree For Lynn, Snow

NEW YORK — Contemporary quality will be mingled with nostalgic old-time goodness during the month of May at "Jamboree U.S.A.," the live country music show broadcast weekly over Screen Gems' WWVA in Wheeling, W. Va.

The Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, Loretta Lynn, will headline a "Jamboree U.S.A." spectacular Saturday, May 26th. For many years a top female vocalist in the country music field, Miss Lynn last appeared on "Jamboree U.S.A." in July, 1972.

The old-timers of "Jamboree U.S.A." will take the spotlight on Saturday, May 19th, for the Second Annual Jamboree Homecoming Reunion. The artist roster will include Hank Snow, Grandpa Jones, Doc Williams Show, Lee Moore, Crazy Elmer and Shug Fisher.

Saturday, May 12th, the show will feature Del Reeves, who will share the bill with George Elliott, Freddy Carr, and other performers.

Also scheduled for "Jamboree" production in May was a special salute to Canada on May 5th with Canadian country music performers Honey West, Roy MacCaull, Smiley Bates and Maple Street.

Tickets for all shows are on sale at the Capitol, Music Hall, Wheeling W. Va.

## ACCMS Cancelled

ATLANTIC CITY — Promoters of the Atlantic City Country Music Spectacular have been officially notified of cancellation of show scheduled for August 10, 11 and 12, 1973. Cancellation was due to the re-scheduling of racing dates. All booked artists have been re-scheduled to appear at alternate places and all pre-sold tickets and booth exhibitor deposits have been refunded.



COMBINE'S NEW MUSIC MAN—Combine's new "Music Man", Tim Wiperman, (right) is shown with vice-president, Bob Beckham, (left) and professional manager, Johnny Mac Rae. Wiperman, who Beckman says is uniquely qualified as his assistant to carry on Combine Music's pacesetter philosophies, will be in charge of liaison between artists, writers, and record companies.