

# COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Capitol recording artist **Ray Griff** is booked at the Palomino Club in Hollywood on Oct. 8 and the following day he also performs at Disneyland. Ray's current Capitol release is "That's What I Get" . . . RCA recording artist **Dolly Parton**, who has just completed her first self-produced album at Nashville's Sound Shop, returns to that studio in September to record the soundtracks for 15 forthcoming Dolly Parton TV shows . . . **Johnny Tillotson**, who recently has been signed to a recording deal with United Artists, has been set for a European tour where he will play military bases in Madrid, Seville, Frankfurt, Naples, Rome, Athens and London between Sept. 7 and Oct. 16 . . . For **Jacky Ward**, getting his current Mercury disk out and on the airwaves hasn't been easy. Although he charted with his latest release, "She'll Throw Stones At You," the disk was covered by **Freddie Hart**. The projected followup, ready for the mail, turned out to be **Mickey Gilley's** current single, "Bringing It On Home To Me," but his "I Never Said It Would Be Easy" was written especially for him by Foster and Rice, so there would be no immediate cover . . . **Henry Tobias**, composer, author and publisher, the youngest member of the Tobias songwriting family is leaving for New York with **Norman Weiser**, president of Chappell Music Co. to administer his own firm, Henry Tobias Music Co., and add his catalog to the other two firms now associated with Chappell, Tobey Music and Velve Corp . . . **Benny Barnes** has been signed to the Playboy Records label. **Eddie Kilroy** has produced "Little Brown Paper Bag Blues" as their initial release on the legendary Texas honky-tonk singer. Award-winning writer **Rory Bourke** is author of the song . . . **Mike Sheppard**, executive vice president of International Record Distributors Associates, has announced the completion of a distribution deal with IRDA and Great American Music Machine, Inc. of Denver, Colo. IRDA has released a single on the Great American Music Machine label called "I Believe He's Gonna Drive That Rig To Glory" by Craig Donaldson . . . **Helen Cornelius** is the new featured female vocalist with the Jim Ed Brown show. The decision to unite the vocalists into a working unit came about as a direct result of the success of their RCA single "I Don't Want To Have To Marry You" . . . **Roy Acuff** is back on the Opry after a heart attack that prevented him from performing for several months. Recently, the entertainer was backstage at the Opry House on business when he heard that **Jeanne Pruett** was featured on the Opry matinee . . . **Cledus Maggard** will ratchet-jaw (in CB lingo) with football fans this fall when his radio show makes its debut. Titled "Cledus Maggard's Pro Football Breaker," the shows will consist of interviews with the players and coaches, and predictions of who the winners will be prior to the weekly games. The shows are expected to be carried by 300 stations by the time football season really gets underway . . . **Merle Haggard** makes his television acting debut this fall in the "Waltons" episode called "The Comeback" . . . Capitol recording group **Dr. Hook** are set to perform a benefit concert for WMAK radio station . . . **Glen Campbell** was a part of the "Tribute To American Music" performance held in July at the White House for **President and Mrs. Ford** and other dignitaries . . . **The Charlie Daniels Band** set a precedent at the Grand Ole Opry by becoming the first rock oriented band to perform there. During the two shows, the CDB performed before a combined audience of 9,000, while millions listened to the show on clear channel WSM radio.

**Freddy Fender** had a tremendously busy schedule working 28 out of 31 days in August. He has already played for more than thirty state and county fairs, and has a full schedule for late summer and fall. Freddy's latest release on ABC/Dot is "You're Living It Up While

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## TOP 50 COUNTRY ALBUMS

		Weeks On 9/4 Chart	Weeks On 9/4 Chart
1	<b>TEDDY BEAR</b> RED SOVINE (Starday SD 968X)	1	9
2	<b>MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH TRAINS</b> MERLE HAGGARD (Capitol ST 11544)	5	7
3	<b>THE BEST OF JOHNNY DUNCAN</b> (Columbia KC 34243)	6	8
4	<b>ARE YOU READY FOR THE COUNTRY</b> WAYLON JENNINGS (RCA APL 1-1816)	2	10
5	<b>UNITED TALENT</b> LORETTA LYNN & CONWAY TWITTY (MCA 2209)	3	11
6	<b>ALL THESE THINGS</b> JOE STAMPLEY (ABC/Dot DOSD 2059)	7	9
7	<b>DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH</b> JESSI COLTER (Capitol ST 11543)	10	4
8	<b>THE WINNER AND OTHER LOSERS</b> BOBBY BARE (RCA APL 1-1786)	8	10
9	<b>20-20 VISION</b> RONNIE MILSAP (RCA APL 1-1666)	9	16
10	<b>IN CONCERT</b> ROY CLARK (ABC/Dot DOSD 2054)	11	9
11	<b>CHARLIE RICH GREATEST HITS</b> (Epic PE 34240)	4	11
12	<b>LONE STAR BEER AND BOB WILLS MUSIC</b> RED STEAGALL (ABC/Dot DOSD 2055)	13	12
13	<b>LIVE AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY</b> HANK WILLIAMS, SR. (MGM MG 1-5019)	12	11
14	<b>CONWAY TWITTY NOW AND THEN</b> (MCA 2206)	14	15
15	<b>ELVIS PRESLEY BOULEVARD, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b> (RCA APL 1-1508)	15	13
16	<b>IT'S A GOOD NIGHT FOR SINGIN'</b> JERRY JEFF WALKER (MCA 2202)	18	8
17	<b>WHEELIN' AND DEALIN'</b> ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL (Capitol ST 11546)	23	4
18	<b>ONE PIECE AT A TIME</b> JOHNNY CASH (Columbia KC 34193)	16	15
19	<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSIC</b> EDDIE RABBITT (Elektra 7E-1065)	17	12
20	<b>HARMONY</b> DON WILLIAMS (ABC/Dot DOSD 2049)	20	19
21	<b>SADDLE TRAMP</b> CHARLIE DANIELS BAND (Epic PE 34150)	22	17
22	<b>WHAT I'VE GOT IN MIND</b> BILLIE JO SPEARS (United Artists UA LA 608G)	19	10
23	<b>THE BEST OF MEL TILLIS</b> (MGM 1-5021)	26	6
24	<b>GOLDEN RING</b> GEORGE JONES & TAMMY WYNETTE (Epic KE 34291)	34	3
25	<b>LONG HARD RIDE</b> MARSHALL TUCKER BAND (Capricorn CP 0170)	25	8
26	<b>CRYSTAL</b> CRYSTAL GAYLE (United Artists UA LA 614G)	30	3
27	<b>SONG BIRD</b> MARGO SMITH (WB BS 2955)	28	5
28	<b>FOURTEEN GREATEST HITS</b> HANK WILLIAMS, JR. (MGM MG 1-5020)	32	3
29	<b>BUCK 'EM</b> BUCK OWENS (Warner Bros. BS 2952)	24	7
30	<b>SURREAL THING</b> KRIS KRISTOFFERSON (Monument PZ 34252)	36	2
31	<b>BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED IN ME</b> GENE WATSON (Capitol P ST 11529)	29	12
32	<b>ALL I CAN DO</b> DOLLY PARTON (RCA APL 1-1665)	40	2
33	<b>THE SOUND IN YOUR MIND</b> WILLIE NELSON (Lone Star/ Columbia KC 34092)	33	24
34	<b>LOVE REVIVAL</b> MEL TILLIS (MCA 2204)	27	10
35	<b>LIQUOR, LOVE AND LIFE</b> FREDDY WELLER (Epic KC 34244)	43	2
36	<b>DAVE &amp; SUGAR</b> (RCA APL 1-1818)	46	2
37	<b>A BUTTERFLY FOR BUCKY</b> BOBBY GOLDSBORO (United Artists UA LA 639G)	38	5
38	<b>GILLEY'S GREATEST HITS</b> MICKEY GILLEY (Playboy PB 409)	35	22
39	<b>THE OUTLAWS</b> WAYLON JENNINGS/WILLIE NELSON JESSI COLTER/TOMPALL GLASER (RCA APL 1-1321)	37	33
40	<b>RAGIN' CAJUN</b> DOUG KERSHAW (WB BS 2910)	41	3
41	<b>HASTEN DOWN THE WIND</b> LINDA RONSTADT (Asylum 7E-1067)	—	1
42	<b>RENEGADE PICKER</b> STEVE YOUNG (RCA APL 1-1759)	45	3
43	<b>REMEMBERING THE GREATEST HITS OF BOB WILLS</b> (Columbia KC 34108)	42	10
44	<b>EL PASO CITY</b> MARTY ROBBINS (Col. KC 34303)	—	1
45	<b>MERCY AIN'T LOVE GOOD</b> JEAN SHEPPARD (United Artists UA LA 609G)	21	8
46	<b>EDDY</b> EDDY ARNOLD (RCA APL 1-1817)	—	1
47	<b>BLOODLINE</b> GLEN CAMPBELL (Capitol SW 11516)	31	20
48	<b>ELITE HOTEL</b> EMMYLOU HARRIS (Reprise MS 2236)	47	33
49	<b>THE GREATEST HITS OF JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ</b> (Mercury SRM 1-1078)	39	22
50	<b>TOO STUFFED TO JUMP</b> AMAZING RHYTHM ACES (ABC/Dot DOSD 940)	44	12

## LOOKING AHEAD TO COUNTRY TOP 100

**For Love's Own Sake**  
Ed Bruce (UA)

**Shopping**  
The Waylors (RCA)

**38 And Lonely**  
Dave Dudley (UA)

**Come On Down**  
David Houston (Epic)

**Satin Sheets**  
Bellamy Brothers (WB)

**Forgive Me**  
Hank Thompson (ABC/Dot)

**Someday Soon**  
Kathy Barnes (Republic)

**Rosie**  
Red Steagall (ABC/Dot)

**Here Comes That Rainy Day**  
Feeling Again

Connie Cato (Capitol)

**The Way I Loved Her**  
Rick Smith (Cin-Kay)

**If It's Your Song You Sing It**  
Linda Cassidy (Cin-Kay)

**Lonesome Cup Of Coffee**  
Alexander Harvey (Buddah)

**The Queiro**  
Country Cavaleers (CSA)

**I've Been There Too**  
Kenny Serratt (Hitsville)

**Little Joe**  
Red Sovine (Starday)

**I Should Have Watched That First Step**  
Wayne Kemp (UA)

**You're The One**  
Billy Swan (Monument)

**Show Me A Man**  
T.G. Sheppard (Hitsville)

**Sweet Talkin' Man**  
Lynn Anderson (Columbia)

**Like A Sad Song**  
John Denver (RCA)

**I Love Us**  
Skeeter Davis (Mercury)

**I Thank God She Isn't Mine**  
Mel McDaniels (Capitol)

**Take Me To Heaven**  
Sami Jo (Polydor)

**Love Is A Two Way Street**  
Dotty (RCA)

**That Little Difference**  
Carmol Taylor (Elektra)

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