

# COUNTRY



## Direct From Duncan

by Jim Duncan, Country Editor

It must be winter again. In most every region we talked with this week, record low temperatures were recorded. It is cold outside and I feel a winter cold coming on inside my body. Thus, it will be a short column this week.

### News Notes

**WMAQ/Chicago** General Manager Burt Sherwood announced the appointment of Nancy Turner as the new evening on-air personality for the station. Ms. Turner, most recently, had been PD of **WJVA/South Bend, Indiana**. She is a very talented lady, whom I have enjoyed working with through **WJVA**.  
**Jessica Longston**, President of **KAYO/Seattle**, has appointed **R.D. "Crash" Williams** as General Manager of the station. He replaces **Lee White**. Upon his selection, Williams announced there will be no immediate staff changes.  
**Walt Shaw**, a 19-year veteran with **KRAK/Sacramento** is now the Director of Programming, replacing **Jay Hoffer**. Shaw has been PD for the past four years. The new title and position will mean added managerial responsibilities.  
**Dan Walker**, West Coast Marketing Manager for **CBS Records** is returning to radio as an Account Executive for **KJR/Seattle**.  
 A couple former **KFOX/Long Beach** air personalities have acquired new radio gigs. **Corky Mayberry** is now doing weekends at **KLAC/Los Angeles**. **Bill Patterson** has joined **KWIZ/Santa Ana** to do traffic reports.  
**John Buchanan** is the new Music Director for **KNIX/Phoenix**. He has been assisting with the music for the past three years. From **KUPD/Phoenix**, **W. Steven Martin** is now morning driver at **KNIX**, according to PD **Larry Daniels**.  
 Monroe, Louisiana will have a new Country station as of January 2, 1978. It will be **KNOE**, 5000 watts day and 1000 watts night at 540 on the dial. The station had been a Rocker. The GM is **Richard Wilcox**, PD is **Bill Murven**, Assistant PD is **Gary McKeeney**, and Music Director is **Rob Williams**. Any help with music service would be appreciated: P.O. Box 4067, Monroe, La. 71203; (318) 387-9900.  
 Former **WKDA/Nashville** Music Director **Tom Bootle** has joined **Bob Young** at **KIKK/Houston**. The new afternoon drive jock at **KDAN/St. Paul, Minnesota** is **Terry Walker**, who is from New York.

**TAKE A MINUTE:** Word has come from Nashville that former **WKDA** and **WLAC-FM** air personality **Bob Lockwood** has inoperable lung cancer. Doctors give him a year. Maybe a card or letter would be nice to cheer him up a bit. Thank you. **Bob Lockwood:** 4636 General Bates Drive, Nashville...

**REPORTER REMINDER:** Because **R&R** shuts down publication for two weeks during the holidays, your music reports will not be necessary until the week of January 3, 1978. Happy New Year!!



**GETTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER**—WHN Program Director Ed Salamon is shown snuggling with MCA recording artist Olivia Newton-John on her recent visit to New York to sit in as guest DJ at WHN.



**MEETING PAYCHECK**—Epic's Johnny Paycheck was greeted upon his arrival at the Palomino Club in Los Angeles by a number of well-wishers. Pictured (l-r) Paul Cassidy, Vice President Storer Broadcasting and General Manager of **KGBS-FM** and **TEN-Q**; Denise Madden, Sales, Storer Broadcasting; Paycheck; Ron Martin, PD, **KGBS-FM**; and Dan Walker, Regional Country Marketing Manager, **CBS Records**, West Coast.



**"YOU PICKED A FINE...WINNER"**—WDAF/Kansas City, Missouri just completed their all media promotional campaign with the giving away of two GMC pickup trucks. One truck contained \$10,000. On hand to give away the 'truck with the bucks' was UA recording artist Kenny Rogers. Rogers made the drawing from thousands of registrations over the past three months. Pictured (left to right) are WDAF's Program Director Randy Michaels and Ted Cramer, Music Director; Rogers; and afternoon jock Dale Sommers.



**HAND OUT IN HOUSTON**—If ever in need, do not hesitate to call on **KNUZ/Houston** PD Arch Yancey for a "hand out." He is pictured in the center with an example of his generosity. In reality, this was an autograph session at Gilley's Club in Pasadena, Texas. On stage (left to right) are recording artist Joe Berry; **KENR** air personality Dr. Bruce Nelson; the very shy Crazy-Cajun artist Tommy McLain (hat down); Mr. Yancey; an unidentified hitch-hiker; **ABC/Dot's** Freddy Fender; **KIKK** Music Director Joe Ladd; and producer Huey Meaux.



## Inside Nashville

### Biff Collie

**NEWSLINES:** **BOB REICH** named General Manager of Nashville's **WBYP** and **WMAK Radio**.  
**LARRY GATLIN** and **JAMES TALLEY** were selected as the entertainers for the White House staff party last week.  
**WILLIE NELSON** has donated a pair of tennis shoes and a bandana to the Country Music Hall of Fame. The gifts of Nelson are as much a part of his image as Minnie Pearl's hat or Bob Will's Stetson.  
**TIM PRITCHETT** has been appointed Southeastern Regional Country Marketing Manager for **CBS Records**, Nashville. The announcement came from **RICK BLACKBURN**, VP, Marketing, **CBS Records**.  
 Singer-player **JIMMY VELVET** paid \$7200 for a grand piano once owned by Academy Award winner **ISAAC HAYES** in a bankruptcy sale.  
**TAMMY WYNETTE** went to Tucson's **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA HOSPITAL** for removal of an intestinal obstruction; the 7th operation of this kind for Tammy in the past several years.  
**WARNER BROS.** **STAN BYRD** went to Dallas for his knee surgery to correct an old injury revisited during 1977 Fan Fair's softball tourna-

ment...**MARGO SMITH** came to Nashville's **WESTSIDE HOSPITAL** for surgery, then returned home to New Carlisle, Ohio for recuperation.  
**GEORGE JONES** was sued by **A.R. WILLIAMS Enterprises** for a \$20,000 note payable August 6, 1977: "Due demand for payment has been made upon this defendant for payment which has not been made and remains due and unpaid."  
**DONNA FARGO** and **STAN SILVER** 5-day holiday'ed in Aspen, Colorado.  
**NASHVILLE'S EXIT/IN** shopping for a new location to facilitate expansion, according to **NICK SPIVA** and **VIANDA HILL**, who acquired the property as a result of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Proceedings last year.  
 Heavyweight Champion **MUHAMMAD ALI** accepted an invitation from **WILMA RUDOLPH** to attend the premier of "Wilma" a TV documentary on the celebrated woman star of the 1960 Olympics, tonight (16th) at Nashville's Belle Meade Theater. They first became acquainted when members of that 1960 United States Olympic Team, and have been friends ever since...The television

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