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Washington, and will hit #1 there, is a giant in Philly, close to Top 10 in S. F., a smash at KATZ & KXLW, St. Louis, etc., etc., They brought him in just as they did with Eddie Floyd.

Congratulations to Ed Wright who started off at Minit with a winning record. "Everybody Needs Help," Jimmy Holiday, is Top 10 at WAME, Miami, and close to Top 5 at KATZ, St. Louis . . . The O'Jays is Top 5 in Cleveland.

Keep on Pushing to Matt Parsons as "Get Yourself Together," Caesars, Scepter, hit #7 at KXLW, St. Louis, with Steve Byrd, Scoop Sanders, PD, and Dave Robinson (Tony Quinn) . . . At KATZ the Jerry Butler is #3, Robert Parker is #4 and the KATZ Blast is the Artistics, "Glad I Met You."

Breaking in St. Louis: "I'll Always Love You," Festivals, Smash, which was Top 5 at WVON, Chicago.

Hot New Releases

"Ain't Gonna Rest Till I Get You," 5 Stairsteps; and "Here Come the Tears," Darrell Banks, Atco.

Wes Dickinson called to tell us he's doing six to midnite, and Dave Demon Crawford finally took the last train from Jacksonville to do 2 to 6 at WOOK. Morning drive is Bill Haywood. Johnny Lloyd does 10 to 2, Cliff Holland is Music Director. Bob King does the TV. Cliff is still kept quite busy doing the TV news. "Moon Man" does relief.

News from RCA in R&B: Producer Paul Robinson is very excited about his new Benny Gordon & the Soul Brothers, "In the Midnight Hour," arranged by Teacho Wiltshire. The Cavaliers is still selling well in Detroit.

Very few people thought that the dream of an FM R&B station would work in Dayton, but the dream of its president, H. K. Crowl, has met the needs of 150,000 Negroes with 100,000 watts of soul. Nine out of 10 Negroes in Dayton bought FM sets and with three Negroes and two white deejays led by George Truehart, Dayo was on its way. In two years, "Bud" Crowl's dream is the highest rated FM station in the country. The staff is: Nick Powers; Dave Steele; Johnny Day; Alyce Lucas; and "Big" Ray Meaders.

Top Instrumental of Next Week: "Ain't There Something Money Can't Buy," Young Holt Trio (or it may be called "Money, Money" for short)—but anyway, it's a smash for Brunswick and Nat Tarnapol.

Top Revival Artist of Next Week: Louie Armstrong was cut funky funky—"right in the soul pocket" by Carl Davis on "Daydream." You won't believe it! Brunswick feels they will easily go pop with both records. However, Brunswick is quite concerned right now that their R&B hits by the Artistics, Jackie Wilson and Gene Chandler spread pop, since they have already gone pop, as usual, in New York, Philly and Baltimore. They should be pop in more cities than this.

Fred Hanna and Nickie Lee, WAME, Miami, confirm S. F. on the Johnny Taylor (top 8) and confirm Detroit on the Larry Williams ("Mercy"). Toussaint McCall is top 4. "Mr. Shy," Billy McGregor, is top 10. They confirm St. Louis on the Jimmy Holiday with top 10. Picks: Inez & Charlie Foxx; Chris Hamilton. ("I've Gotta Cry"); "A Piece of My Heart," Art Freeman; "Together," Intruders; "Bingo," G. T. plus 4.

Chatty Hatty, WGIV, Charlotte, reports hit action on Brenda & Tabs; Caesars; Jeanette Williams; Jimmy Ruffin. Picks: Incredibles; Inez & Charlie Foxx; Ruby & Romantics.

Atlantic Records is shipping a fantastic Aretha Franklin LP and what they consider to be the greatest LP ever cut by their Executive VP—an album by King Curtis. Apparently, the hottest cut in Aretha's new LP is "Drown in My Own Tears."

Local Promotion Men of the Week

The hottest R&B markets in the country are those of Baltimore and Washington. No one gets up earlier in the morning and runs harder than the fantastic Jimmy Gordon of Marnel. There are some other top promo men working at the distrib: Harry Coombs, Joe Cash and Johnny Lamb at Schwartz Brothers; and vet Abe Guard at General. This is a sizzling area.

Hot Flip Tip: "I'm a Whole New Thing," Ural Thomas, Uni. It is Fat Daddy's Top Pick of the Week.

WWIN Baltimore Breakout of the Week: "You Need Me,"

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TOP 50 R&B

This Wk.	Last Wk.	Wks. on Chart	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Wks. on Chart
Mar. 18	Mar. 11	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 11	Mar. 11
1.		3	26.		32
MERCY MERCY MERCY			SHOW ME		
Cannonball Adderly—Capitol 5798			Joe Tex—Dial 4055		
2.		6	27.		33
WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG			SHE TOOK YOU FOR A RIDE		
Sam & Dave—Stax 210			Aaron Neville—Parlo 103		
3.		4	28.		28
LOVE IS HERE			DON'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL SO BAD		
Supremes—Motown 1103			Radiants—Chess		
4.		8	29.		30
I NEVER LOVED A MAN			SPEAK HER NAME		
Aretha Franklin—Atlantic 2386			Walter Jackson—Okeh 7272		
5.		1	30.		45
HUNTER GETS CAPTURED			GIRL I NEED YOU		
Marvelettes—Tamla 54143			Artistics—Brunswick 55315		
6.		5	31.		14
IT TAKES TWO			ARE YOU LONELY FOR ME		
Kim Weston & Marvin Gaye—Tamla 54141			Freddy Scott—Shout 207		
7.		7	32.		16
I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO			I DIG YOU BABY		
James & Bobby Purify—Bell 660			Jerry Butler—Mercury 72648		
8.		10	33.		34
JIMMY MACK			KANSAS CITY		
Martha & Vandellas—Gordy 7058			James Brown—King 6086		
9.		11	34.		35
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU			THE WHOLE WORLD IS A STAGE		
Jackie Wilson—Brunswick 55309			Fantastic 4—Ric Tic 122		
10.		2	35.		36
EVERYBODY NEEDS SOMEBODY			GREATEST LOVE		
TO LOVE			Willie West—Deesu 306		
Wilson Pickett—Atlantic 2381			36.		37
11.		17	SOUL TIME		
BERNADETTE			Shirley Ellis—Columbia 44021		
Four Tops—Motown 1104			37.		—
12.		15	CRY TO ME		
THE GIRL DON'T CARE			Freddy Scott—Shout 211		
Gene Chandler—Brunswick 55312			38.		39
13.		13	YOU ALWAYS HURT ME		
RAISE YOUR HAND			Impressions—ABC 10901		
Eddie Floyd—Stax 208			39.		40
14.		22	TRAVELIN' MAN		
WITH THIS RING			Stevie Wonder—Tamla 54147		
Platters—Musicor 1229			40.		48
15.		20	PUCKER UP BUTTERCUP		
FUNKY BROADWAY			Jr. Walker & All Stars—Soul 35030		
Dyke & Blazers—Original Sound 64			41.		42
16.		23	VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES		
THE LOVE I SAW IN YOU			Mike & Sensations—Highland		
Miracles—Tamla 54145			42.		46
17.		25	I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU		
NOTHING TAKES THE PLACE OF YOU			Festivals—Smash 2056		
Toussaint McCall—Ronn 3			43.		50
18.		19	THE JUNGLE		
DRY YOUR EYES			B. B. King—Kent 462		
Brenda & Tabulations—Dionn 500			44.		49
19.		24	EVERYBODY NEEDS HELP		
DARK END OF THE STREET			Jimmy Holiday—Minit 32016		
James Carr—Goldwax 317			45.		47
20.		18	PRECIOUS MEMORIES		
WHY NOT TONIGHT			Romeos—Mark II Y-1		
Jimmy Hughes—Fame 1011			46.		—
21.		31	ONE HURT DESERVES ANOTHER		
SWEET SOUL MUSIC			Raylettes—Tangerine 972		
Arthur Conley—Atco 6463			47.		—
22.		9	CRAZY 'BOUT ENTERTAINERS		
MY SPECIAL PRAYER			Jerry McCain—Jewel 773		
Joe Simon—Sound Stage 5277			48.		—
23.		27	TIGHTROPE		
FEEL SO GOOD			Inez & Charlie Foxx—Dynamo 102		
Alvin Cash—Mar-V-Lus 6015			49.		—
24.		38	TOGETHER		
MAKE LOVE TO ME			Intruders—Gamble		
Johnny Thunder & Ruby Winter—Diamond 218			50.		—
25.		26	CAN YOU DIG IT		
HOLD ON, I'M COMIN'			Ural Thomas—Uni 55003		
Chuck Jackson & Maxine Brown—Wand 1148					

Col Cuts 'Baby'

Columbia Records has announced plans to record the original Broadway cast album of the new musical "Hallelujah, Baby!" which stars Leslie Uggams. "Hallelujah, Baby!" will open on Broadway at the Martin Beck Theatre on April 26.

A & R Control Board

NEW YORK—Joe Day, Professional Manager of the Schwartz-Greenberg publishing firms, announces installation of an A and R master control board, a tabulation of all artists' recording schedules at both major record companies and independent producers across the country.

MB Distribs, Release

Miriam Bienstock, MB Records VP, announces the appointment of 10 distributors: Beta (New York), Schwartz Brothers (Washington, D. C.), Tone Records (Miami), Southland (Atlanta), Dumont (Boston), Roberts (St. Louis), Essex (Newark), F and F (Charlotte), Universal (Philadelphia) and Fenway (Pittsburgh).

Mrs. Bienstock also announces that the first release: Bobby Kline's "Say Something Nice to Me," written by Winfield Scott, on the Down East label.

Imperial Quartet

LOS ANGELES—The sounds of R & B, country and pop are all represented in a February dealer program now underway through March 17.

Debuting is a Sandy Nelson LP titled "Cheetah Beat." A new country-western release by Jimmy Bryant, "We Are Young," also figures in the release. On Imperial's Minit, a pair of pre-sold items are featured—"Soul Sounds" by the O'Jays and "The Best of Jimmy McCracklin."

The entire Imperial and Minit LP catalogs are included in the program with terms available from Imperial distrib.