

## Glen Campbell Big C&W Academy Award Winner

Tom Smothers, Roger Miller, Mosbys, Jimmy Webb, Buckaroos Score, Too

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HOLLYWOOD—Glen Campbell, the popular Capitol hit-maker and CBS-TV sensation, walked away with the lion's share of the awards last Monday night (28) at the 4th Annual Academy of Country and Western Music Awards at the Hollywood Palladium. Campbell was named Top Male Vocalist, had the Song of the Year, "Wichita Lineman," and shared honors with Bobbie Gentry as winner of the Album of the Year award.

Veteran radio-television personality Dick Clark did a socko job as master of ceremonies. The capable Billy Liebert once more did his usual fantastic job as Executive Producer and Musical Director. Kudos to country music whiz Hugh Chery who wrote the script.

Tommy Smothers was named the Academy's Country Music Man of the Year and seemed genuinely surprised at the accolade. Campbell presented the trophy from the Academy. Roger ("Dang Me") Miller was at his best and won the Single Record of the Year Award for his song "Little Green Apples." Jimmy Webb walked off with the Song of the Year Award for "Wichita Lineman."

Uncle Art Satherly, the grand old man of the recording industry, won a special Academy Pioneer Award for his tremendous contribution to the industry. Satherly, 82 years young, was presented his award by two of his former proteges, Johnny Bond and Tex Ritter. Just listening to Uncle Art accept his award was a highlight of the evening.

Top Vocal Group honors went to Capitol's Johnny and Jonie Mosby. Buck Owens' Buckaroos won the Touring Band of the Year Award for the 4th year. It was accepted by Don Rich and Jerry Wiggins. Top Female Singer was Columbia's lovely Cathie Taylor. Most Promising Male and Most Promising Female winners were Ray Sanders and Cheryl Poole. Club Band of the Year was Billy Mize's Tennesseans from Bonnie Price's Foothill Club in Long Beach. Country Night Club winners were (Metro) Tommy Thomas' Palomino Club in North Hollywood (four consecutive years) and (Regional) the Golden Nuggett in Las Vegas.

Larry Scott of George Cameron's KBBQ-Los Angeles-Burbank nabbed the Radio Per-

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## CBS-TV's 'Hee Haw' C&W Series In Production May 5

NASHVILLE — CBS' "Hee Haw," a one-hour country comedy-variety show which features everything from top country music artists and comedians to an animated donkey, goes into production here May 5.

Produced by Frank Peppiatt and John Aylesworth, who currently produce "The Jonathan Winters Show," the show replaces "The Smothers Brothers Show" for the summer and features a weekly gathering of some of country music's pop personalities.

The country-flavored "Laugh-In" will be co-hosted by guitar/banjo/comedy specialist Roy Clark and consecutive hit-maker Buck Owens. Taping for the 10-13 week show begin May 5 with the schedule calling for two filmings a week at WLAC-TV studios here, an affiliate of CBS.

Regulars on the show include parody clown Sheb Wooley as Ben Colder, voted country comic of 1968 by the Country Music Association; Grandpa Jones with his fast-paced banjo, comic songs, tall tales and country yarns; and Stringbean, the country circuit's 6'4", skinny-as-a-rail gagster.

Serving in dual capacities as writers and regulars on "Hee Haw" are Archie Campbell, nationally known singer/comedian/writer/toastmaster, and Gordie Tapp, Canada's gag writer who's known to his fans as Cousin Clem.

Don Haron will tickle the airwaves as "Luther Duckert and the Country News" as he spouts forth reports on the "Great Pig Revolt" and other interesting tidbits from radio station KORN.

"Hee Haw's" spontaneous humor will be literally popping up all over the place. Regulars and guests—including frequent visits by the queen of country comedy—Minnie Pearl—will pop from corn fields, haystacks, barnyards and from the chair in Archie Campbell's barber shop.

A regular feature of the show will be the Moonshiners, a family of Mountain Dew-brewing jokesters.

Intertwined with the 5,000 or more jokes slated to entertain the listeners during the series will be renditions by the apex of the country music media—including Connie Smith, Sonny James, Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Charley Pride, Waylon

Jennings, Jerry Lee Lewis, Loretta Lynn, Eddie Fukano, Conway Twitty, Merle Haggard, Bonnie Owens and Wynn Stewart, in addition to Buck Owens.

Owens' Buckaroos will furnish the back-up music.

All the jokes on the funny, fast-paced family show won't be told by humans. "Hee Haw" will be hee-hawed in all the right places as a lovable animated mule and cow pepper the proceedings with their pug-nent observations and fast one-liners. There's also a talking scarecrow with a verbal rendering crow on its shoulder along with dancing pigs and a cartoon chicken who's constantly being consumed by its own egg.

All in all, the world of TV viewers will be introduced to and entertained by the top-notch personalities and humor of the Country Music world—beginning June 15 on CBS.

## Lewis Month Extended

CHICAGO—"Jerry Lee Lewis Month," a promotional program featuring a special pricing offer for qualifying accounts on Lewis' entire LP catalog and a major print and radio campaign, has been extended through May 17.

The program was extended, according to Smash Product Manager Sheldon Tirk, because of the tremendous response to the program and because of the acceptance of his two most recent LPs, Vols 1 and 2 of "Jerry Lee Lewis Sings Country Music Hall of Fame Hits."

The program originally was set to run for the month of April only to honor Lewis' rise to prominence in the Country and Western field.

## Walker's First 'Live'

NASHVILLE — Epic artist Charlie Walker cut his first "live" album April 26 at the Longhorn Ballroom in Dallas, Tex.

Production was personally handled by Billy Sherrill and Glen Sutton, Columbia/Epic A&R pros at Nashville's studios. Backing Walker on the performance/session were Buddy Harmon, Weldon Myrick, Shorty Lavender and Johnny Gimbel.



Country Academy Award Winners and Friends; from top, left, Johnny Bond, President of the Academy of Country and Western Music; Glen Campbell; Tommy Smothers; Herb Eiseman, Chairman of the Board of the Academy and BMI VP; Bond, Arthur Edward Satherly, Tex Ritter; Leif Erickson, Della Reese, Jimmy Webb, Roger Miller; Larry Scott, Miller, Linda Cristal, Campbell, Tex Williams; Eiseman, Jim Nabors, Cathie Taylor, Dinah Shore, Campbell, Bond.