Hal Neely Joins Starday

NASHVILLE — Don Pierce, President of Starday Records, has announced that Hal G. Neely, formerly of King Records and the Royal Plastics play in Cincinnati, is moving to Nashville to assume the duties of General Manager under the Starday home offices in Madison, Tenn. He will work directly under Pierce along with Chuck Chellman, Starday's National Sales Manager, and Tommy Hill, who is in charge of artists and repertoire. Neely, Chellman and Hill will all be Vice Presidents. During a six-year stay at King Records, Neely assisted Syd Nathan and at times was in full charge of the King operation, including the complete custom manufacture, shipping setup, music publishing, recording, plus sales promotion and administration. Hal's switch to Nashville is in recognition of the healthy and growing state of the music industry in the Nashville area, plus the rapid and continuing growth of the Starday country music operation.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Hal Neely was also associated for several years with Allied both in New York and at Los Angeles. The entire Starday album line is manufactured, warehoused, and shipped from the Royal Plastics plant in Cincinnati and will continue to be. Neely's familiarity with the King plant will greatly strengthen Starday's production and shipping setup. In moving to Nashville, Neely will take over one of Starday's properties on Old Hickory Lake.

Carl Post Appointed

Another example of Starday expansion is the appointment of Carl Post of Long Island, N.Y. to represent Starday and Starday distributors in the Northeastern states for rack jobber and chain store sales. Chuck Chellman worked for a week with Post in New York, Albany, Hartford, Newark and Boston the week of Sept. 28 to get the rack jobbers and the Starday distributors geared to the new setup.

Starday also reports purchase of three albums from the now inactive Cimarron Records catalog by Floyd Tillman, Leon McAuliff and The Country Gentlemen. These are being reissued on Starday for release during November.

Tower Buys 'Chitlins'

HOLLYWOOD — Tower Records, Corp. has purchased Gus Jenkins' r&b recording of "Chitlins" from General Artists.

The Lumberjack in the foreground puffing the big cigar is Hal Willis whose Sims Record of "The Lumberjack" is looking bigger and bigger in country and pop charts. In the background is Bob Neal of the Nashville Bob Neal Agency, with whom Willis has just signed exclusive booking arrangements, and all looks well as long as the cigars hold out for Willis and the telephone stays on for manager Neal.

4 Country Hits

“MY MEMORIES OF YOU”
HANK SNOW
RCA 47-6437

“WHEN IT’S OVER”
CARL SMITH
COLUMBIA 4-3124

“LEAVE A LITTLE PLAY” (IN THE CHAIN OF LOVE)
BOB BENJINGS
CHALLENGE 1126

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