

The Billboard
MUSIC POPULARITY CHARTS
Record Possibilities
PART IX
Billboard TRADE SERVICE FEATURE

THE BILLBOARD PICKS:

In the opinion of The Billboard music staff, records listed below are most likely to achieve popularity as determined by entry into best selling, most played or most heard features of the Chart.

- I ALMOST LOST MY MIND**.....Fran Warren.....Victor 20-3686
 By far the finest side this thrush has turned in to date is this moving rendition of the fast-stepping rhythm and blues item which was created by Ivory Joe Hunter. Excellent singing is aided wonderfully by superb Henri Rene orking.
- PETER COTTONTAIL**Mervin Shriner.....Decca 46221
 John Lee Wills.....Bullet 700
 Engaging bit of kids' fare with the mark set on Easter is much in the vein of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer." Shriner does it spiritedly, and is supported immeasurably by a catchy orking. The Wills—he's the original "Rag Mop" man—etching is heavier on beat and has a true country feeling.
- (FIFI) BRING HER OUT AGAIN**.....Ames Bros.Coral 60164
 A rousing, saucy novelty tune etched on the gay cry of happy burlesque audiences is done with great eclat by the high riding Ames team and a spirited combo led by Roy Ross. The Eddie (Gin) Miller version on Rainbow also has strong potential.
- ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?**Blue Barron Ork.....MGM 10628
 Side starts in nostalgic fashion as a slow sentimental ballad prettily warbled by Bobby Bears, then develops into a confidential-type recitation by one John McCormick, a disk jockey drafted for the occasion. In all, an effective side, not in bad taste, and likely to register.

THE DISK JOCKEYS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among them on what tune disk jockeys think tomorrow's hits will be:

1. **IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE A MAN AROUND THE HOUSE**.....Dinah Shore.....Columbia 38689
2. **DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL**.....Mills Brothers.....Decca 24872
3. **SILVER DOLLAR**.....Johnny Long.....King 15035
4. **SUNSHINE CAKE**.....Bing Crosby.....Decca 24875
5. **THE FLYING DUTCHMAN**.....Richard Hayes.....Mercury 5362
6. **BEYOND THE SUNSET**.....Jo Stafford-Gordon MacRae.....Capitol 868
7. **CANDY AND CAKE**.....Mindy Carson.....Victor 20-3681
8. **C'EST SI BON**.....Johnny Desmond.....MGM 10613
9. **I DON'T WANNA BE KISSED**.....Doris Day.....Columbia 38679

THE RETAILERS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among them on what tune the record retailers think tomorrow's hits will be:

1. **THE CRY OF THE WILD GOOSE**.....Tennessee Ernie.....Capitol 40280
2. **THE THIRD MAN THEME**.....Guy Lombardo.....Decca 24839
3. **BROKEN DOWN MERRY-GO-ROUND**.....Jimmy Walely-Margaret Whiting...Capitol 800
4. **DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU, MRS. MURPHY?**.....Perry Como.....Victor 20-3684
5. **GOD'S COUNTRY**.....Frank Sinatra.....Columbia 38708
6. **SPAGHETTI RAG**.....Jack Fina.....MGM 10610
7. **BEYOND THE SUNSET**.....Jo Stafford-Gordon MacRae.....Capitol 868
8. **I'LL NEVER BE FREE**.....Lucky Millinder.....Victor 20-3622

THE OPERATORS PICK:

PICKS that have appeared for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period are not repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among them on what the juke box operators think tomorrow's hits will be:

1. **CANDY AND CAKE**.....Mindy Carson.....Victor 20-3681
2. **THE CRY OF THE WILD GOOSE**.....Tennessee Ernie.....Capitol 40280
3. **DEARIE**.....Ray Bolger-Eitel Merman.....Decca 24873
4. **MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!**.....Carmen Cavallaro.....Decca 24881
5. **RAIN OR SHINE**.....Guy Lombardo.....Decca 24825
6. **THE THIRD MAN THEME**.....Anton Karas.....London 536
7. **BEYOND THE SUNSET**.....Jo Stafford-Gordon MacRae.....Capitol 868

THE COUNTRY & WESTERN DISK JOCKEYS PICK:

PICKS that appear for three consecutive weeks or three times within a six-week period will not be repeated below. Based on a weekly survey among them on what the Country & Western Disk Jockeys think tomorrow's hits will be:

1. **BLOODSHOT EYES**.....Hank Penny.....King 828
2. **LOVIN' LIES**.....Little Jimmy Dickens.....Columbia 20662
3. **WITH MEN WHO KNOW TOBACCO BEST**.....Tex Williams.....Capitol 40276
4. **LOVE AT THE COUNTY FAIR**.....Sons of the Pioneers.....Victor 21-0163
5. **SHE'S GONE**.....Bob Wills.....MGM 10620

FOLK TALENT AND TUNES

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(Coral) wants it known that he has not inked any p.m. or booking contracts with anyone. Roberts and Jerry Byrd (Mercury) and the Pleasant Valley Boys did 3,000 people February 4 at Columbus, O., with the Georgia Crackers (Victor). Roberts reports that the Grossman Music Company, Cleveland, is selling his "Rumbling Guitar" as one of the models in their stringed instrument line. . . . Jean Aberbach confirms a previous report that Bob Ross is now working for Hill & Range in Nashville. He has also added Armand Baun in Chicago.

Charlie Walker is currently working a circuit of the Long Theaters in Texas, in connection with a musical short, based on his KIOX, Bay City, Tex., d. j. work. He concludes the tour April 1. . . . Connie B. Gay, WARL, Arlington, Va., reports that Grandpa Jones (King) and his wife, Ramona, will work the next 10 Saturday nights at the "Old Dominion Barn Dance," WRVA, Richmond, Va.

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