

## COUNTRY MUSIC

# Country Goes Color On Crosley TV Net

CINCINNATI—Country music gets another major boost in prestige and air coverage Monday, September 14, when the Crosley Broadcasting Corporation introduces a new c&w variety show titled "Jamboree" on three of the WLW television stations. The show will be telecast in color and black and white, Monday through Friday, and will originate in the WLW-T color studios in Cincinnati. "Jamboree" will be seen on WLW-T, Cincinnati, and WLW-D, Dayton, Ohio, from 5:30-6 p.m., and on WLW-C, Columbus, Ohio, from 7-7:30 p.m. daily.

WLW has long carried c&w-type shows as a regular radio and TV fair, starting in the old days with such features as Ma and Pa McCormick, Otto Gray and His Oklahoma Cowboys, the old "Renfro Valley Barn Dance," and in more recent years, the "Midwestern Hayride." All have been featured in the past on personals in the area and on State and county fairs throughout the Middle West. "Midwestern Hayride" is the oldest c&w seg on television today, and for a time was on the NBC-TV network.

In the new "Jamboree" seg, Wes Holly, formerly of "Grand Ole Opry" and the WLS "National Barn Dance," will handle the emcee chores, and featured will be vocalists Linda Manning

and Lee Stover. Another top performer in the unit will be singing instrumentalist Tony Bellus. The Lucky Pennies, of "Midwestern Hayride" fame, will provide the musical background. The group includes Penny West, Dean Richards, Stan Wolowic, Wally Proctor and Monty Monohan. A guest artist will be featured each day, with Clay Eager and Eileen Holly already penciled in for the first two stanzas.

Holly comes to WLW-T from Chicago, where he had his own all-night country music platter show on Station WOPA. In addition to his past appearances on "Grand Ole Opry" and the "National Barn Dance," he had also been with "Louisiana Hayride," Shreveport, and "Renfro Valley Barn Dance" at WLW.

Linda Manning, formerly appeared on WPAI-TV, Birmingham, Ala., and for the past three years has had her own radio seg, "The Linda Manning Show," in Cullman, Ala. Sharing the daily spotlight with Miss Manning will be Lee Stover, gal singer, currently appearing on WGLM-FM, Richmond, Ind. She has also appeared frequently with Clay Eager on the WLW-C "Jamboree" from Columbus, Ohio. Bellus, a writer of a number of country music tunes, including "Robbin' the Cradle" and "The End of My Love," has worked niteries and with various country music groups at fairs and celebrations.

## Rogers to Present Friendship Scroll In Yokohama

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Smokey Rogers, veteran country music entertainer-composer and one of the mainstays of Station KSON's deejay staff here, has been given a scroll of friendship by San Diego Mayor Frank Curran, which, in turn, Rogers will present to the mayor of San Diego's sister city, Yokohama, Japan.

The presentation will take place in Yokohama City Hall during the final week of Rogers' Far East tour. Rogers recently left via jet for a 10-week tour of the Orient. He will return to the KSON airwaves Nov. 1.

## Another Foreign Tour for Snow

NASHVILLE—W. E. (Lucky) Moeller, of the Denny-Moeller Talent Agency here, is reported working up a tour of Australia and England for Hank Snow and His Rainbow Ranch Boys, to start late this year or early in 1965. A return tour of Japan, where the Snow unit scored so well several months ago, is slated to follow.

Snow and his group played the opening of the DuQuoin State Fair, DuQuoin, Ill., Sunday (30), and Sept. 9 are carded to begin a 12-day tour of California.



HANK THOMPSON, Capitol recording artist, is shown presenting to Mrs. Jo Walker, executive director of the Country Music Association, checks for lifetime memberships in the CMA for he and his wife Dorothy (left), and organizational memberships for Texoma Music Corporation and Brazos Valley Music, Inc.



THE WILLIS BROTHERS, Starday recording artists and stars of the "Grand Ole Opry," are currently enjoying their best selling Starday record, "GIVE ME 40 ACRES" (Starday #681). The Willis Brothers, Vic, Guy and Skeeter, are booked by the Denny-Moeller Agency of Nashville. (Advertisement)

## Shirley Hunter On Busy Sked

RICHMOND, Va. — Jim Gemmill, Richmond booker, reports a full Labor Day weekend for Shirlee Hunter and her c&w troupe, with stops for the Gloucester, Va., Fair, Sept. 4; McConnellsburg, Pa., Fair, 5; Big F Park, Berkley Springs, W. Va., 6, and the Labor Day Celebrations, Covington, Va., 7. On Sept. 12, Miss Hunter plays Newburgh, N. Y., and follows with the Monroe, N. C., Fair Sept. 14-15.

Miss Hunter will be seen on WXEX-TV, Petersburg, Va., with her own country music show Sept. 19, and tentative plans call for syndication of a TV series for fall, with distribution to Eastern stations.

## All-Country WVHI Bows In Sept. 20

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Valley Hi Broadcasting Corporation's new 50,000-watt FM station, WVHI, is expected to take to the air Sept. 20. The studio is presently under construction. WVHI, according to program director Barbara Jean Jones, will be the only 50,000-watt FM-er anywhere programming country & western music exclusively. WVHI's studio, tower and transmitters will be located atop the Southern Securities Building downtown.

## James Holds Trio

NASHVILLE—Capitol's country singer Sonny James, after two successful appearances on "Grand Ole Opry" with a new group known as the Southern Gentlemen, has decided to retain the trio as a permanent fixture of his act. The Southern Gentlemen, comprised of Milo Liggett and Gary and Lynn Down, will appear with Sonny on all "Opry" engagements and on most of the personals arranged for James by his manager, Bob Neal, of the Bob Neal Agency.

## Brite-Star Expands

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Brite-Star Records, with locations in Cleveland and Newbury, Ohio, has opened a new district office at 1406 Nora Avenue here, with Werth Becker in charge. Tex Clark, Brite-Star general manager, says the local office will handle live auditions and do special recording sessions for artists.

## NASHVILLE SCENE

By DON LIGHT

Mel Tillis, long-time Cedarwood writer, moved to Nashville recently after residing in Florida for a while. . . . Lloyd Price in town for Monument session under the direction of Fred Foster. . . . Smiley Wilson, director of the Wil-Helm Agency, celebrated another birthday last week, but he isn't saying what number it was.

Bob Morgan, a&r director of Epic Records, was in from New York last week to record Cliff Richard at the local Columbia Studios. . . . Leroy Van Dyke opens for three weeks Sept. 6 at Al Hirt's club in New Orleans. The Van Dyke show will be the first all-country show to play the Bourbon Street niterie.

Jo Walker, director of CMA, and husband Smokey just returned from a week's vacation. . . . Johnny Cash in from the West Coast last week to record for Columbia under the direction of Frank Jones. . . . Wesley Rose recorded actor Eddie Albert for his Hickory label last week. . . . Loretta Lynn will resume personal appearances Sept. 4 in Virginia. This will mark her first appearance since giving birth to twin girls last month.

Lonnie Donegan, English folk singer, has a new Hickory release, with both sides written by Nashville's John D. Loudermilk. . . . Margie Bowes is current attraction at Milwaukee's Nicabob Theater this week.

Bob Neal, president of the talent agency that bears his name, has announced the signing of Johnny Seay, Philips recording artist. . . . Pamper Music's Hal Smith has announced the signing of Gary Von as an exclusive writer. . . . Hank Snow will appear in a fall television special on the CBC-TV network with Wilf Carter. . . . Dave Dudley's busy September schedule will take him to California, Arizona, Canada and Texas. . . . Jim Nesbitt, Chart recording artist, has just returned from a week in Canada. . . . Merle Kilgore's September appearances include club dates in Iowa and a tour of the Western States.

## COUNTRY DJ OF THE WEEK



WSM Radio's "Mister D.J., U.S.A.," Aug. 28, was Clay Daniels, program director and announcer of Station WPMP, Pascagoula, Miss. Daniels is a graduate of Midwestern Broadcasting School, and has been in radio and TV since 1958. He is now working to promote country music shows in the Pascagoula area.

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