



CashBox Country Roundup

Lawanda Lindsey says, "My big mouthed daddy got me in the music business talking about his big mouthed daughter" . . . Tuesday, June 2nd, the Tex Ritter Bandwagon rolled out to begin a 140 performance, 65 day sweep of the state of Tennessee that will range from the Mountain City courthouse square to the Municipal Coliseum in Memphis. Co-chairmen of the Celebrities for Ritter Committee are TV and recording stars Chet Atkins and Archie Campbell, who are coordinating the statewide tour. The talent, which has volunteered its services to help fellow member Senatorial candidate Tex Ritter, reads like a who's who of the pop, country and western, and Grand Ole Opry worlds. On opening day, Kitty Wells and her show will join forces with the Nashville All-Stars band to kick the campaign off with performances in Kingsport and Bristol. Other stars to appear on the 65 day indoor and outdoor shows are: Archie Campbell of "Hee Haw," the Stoneman Family, Skeeter Davis, Merle Travis of the Johnny Cash Show, Joe and Rose Maphis, Charlie Louvin, the Collins Sisters, Pee Wee King, and Red Stewart, Roy Acuff, Dottie West, George Morgan, Bill Carlisle, Doyle Wilburn, Bill Anderson and the Po' Boys, Johnny's brother Tommy Cash, Roy Clark, Grandpa Jones and String Bean of "Hee Haw" fame, Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass, the Le-Roy Van Dyke Show, Carl Smith, Mel Tillis, Stonewall Jackson, Martha Carson, Red Sovine, Johnny Darrell, Waylon Jennings, Hank Locklin, Charlie Walker, and Hank Williams, Jr. Throughout July and early August, indoor and outdoor shows will feature state-wide performances by Loretta Lynn, Jimmy Dickens, Jim Ed Brown, Justin Tubb, Carl and Pearl Butler, Jack Greene, Jeannie Sealey, Roy Drusky, David Houston, Billy Walker, Johnny Bond, George Hamilton IV, Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, Don Gibson and Jimmy Newman, plus repeat performances by many of June's headliners. Many other stars are also participating and their performances will be announced at a later date. Featured throughout the tour will be a five piece band, the Nashville All-Stars . . . Cedarwood Publishing Company's promotion director Curley Rhodes has been designated by Governor Buford Ellington as one of the delegates representing the State of Tennessee at the annual Country Music Festival in Denver, Colorado. Rhodes, a regular visitor to the festival, has been the local and national recipient of numerous awards for his "outstanding efforts and devotion to the advancement of Country Music." In addition to various awards from the State of Colorado, he has received a Certificate of Merit from the State of Michigan, was commissioned a "Colonel Aide de Camp" by the former Governor of Georgia, Earl E. Sanders, and was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Louie B. Nunn. Locally, Rhodes is also an active member of the clown unit at Al Menah Shrine Temple . . . Peter Phillips, representative of Moss Rose Ltd. in London and Alain De Ricou, representative for Editions Et Productions Musicales in France are visiting the Nashville office of Moss Rose Publications. Phillips' visit to the States included attending the BMI Awards on the West Coast prior to his trip South . . . Billy Brown, manager of Capitol News Service, Nashville, reports the best selling book of the week to be "So You Want To Be In Music" by Jesse Burt and Bob Ferguson . . . Dennis C. Miller recently appointed program director for all-country station KCIL, Houma, Louisiana . . . Frances Preston, BMI vice president, recently became first lifetime associate member of the Nashville Songwriters Association at the first general meeting of the association . . . Bobby Gregory, pioneer country and western writer has been selected to be placed

in the "Artists Gallery" of the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Featured on tape will be his old song, "Maggie Get The Hammer (There's A Fly On Baby's Head)". Gregory has over 1600 of his published songs in the museum library . . . Billy Edd Wheeler recently headlined the Kentucky Artists and Craftsmen's Fair in Berea, Kentucky . . . Gordon Lightfoot's publisher, Al Mair, in Music City recently. Reports Look, Circus, and Rolling Stone will each release June articles on Lightfoot . . . Wade Pepper, Capitol Records national country sales and promotion manager, off to Hawaii to attend five-day national sales meeting . . . June and Johnny Cash and family in Santa Fe, Hollywood, and Spain for six weeks while John co-stars in movie, "The Gunfighter" . . . Wayne Cochran just completed filming a section of the movie "C C Riders" with Ann-Margaret and Joe Namath in Las Vegas where he is presently appearing at the Flamingo . . . A. J. (Andy) Clements, father of well-known Zeke Clements, died recently at the age of 91 . . . Wally Cochran, RCA promotion, reports Dolly Parton's new release on "Mule Skinner Blues" has been "discovered" by the underground in San Francisco and is a "smash" . . . June 17 has been set for "Country Girl Day, USA" by KGEM, Nampa, Idaho. Idaho's first lady, Mrs. Don Samuelson, set to guest as D. J. for the day . . . Jim Reesor, president of ADPRO Productions, Inc. of Music City has created what he terms "Spirit Music". According to Reesor, this new form of musical expression is guided by inspiration without conscious thought . . . Veteran songwriter, Harry Tobias is celebrating his 75th year, 60 of which he has devoted to songwriting. "Miss You" was one of his biggest . . . Paul Hemphill, author of the fast selling book, "Bright Lights and Country Music" has chosen Kris Kristofferson as the subject of an up-coming article in the New York Times . . . Henry Hurt, general manager of Happy Tiger in Music City, announced he is looking for material for a Carl Phillips session which he will produce. Phillips' current Happy Tiger dinking is "Big Vine Covered House" . . . Anthony Armstrong Jones scheduled to wed Miss Vicki Ann Coleman in Oklahoma City June 12. Several executives from Chart Records, including president Slim Williamson, Joe Gibson and Cliff Williamson (Anthony's producer) will attend the wedding . . . Stopping off at Lulling, Texas, (somewhere between San Antonio and Houston) Peggy Little and Tommy Overstreet entertained June 6 and 7 at the annual "Watermelon Thump" celebration . . . Jerry L. Seabolt, national C&W promotional director for the Shelby S. Singleton Corporation, has announced heavy activity on Jeannie C. Riley's "Duty Not Desire" on the Plantation label, in addition to excellent sales reports for Eddie Burns' "Color Me Country" on the same label . . . Buckhorn Music, Inc. is well represented on Kris Kristofferson's new Monument LP with six selections from their catalogue of his self-penned hits. Johnny Cash, in addition to writing the liner notes on Kris' album, also included two of his songs in the "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash" album . . . The George Jones-Tammy Wynette Show featuring Nat Stuckey and the Sweet Thangs, performed May 15 at the Memorial Auditorium in Dayton, Ohio to a standing-room-only crowd . . . Columbia's Ray Price currently in Music City from his Texas home (Dallas) to record under direction of producer Don Law . . . Radio Station WMPL-FM in Hancock, Michigan, is going C&W with the **Chubby Congdon** All Star Country Western Jamboree from noon to 6 pm, six days a week. The station needs C&W records, and would appreciate being put on record company and promotion mailing lists. Address is 326 Quincy Street, Hancock, Michigan 49930.



CashBox Top Country Albums

1	JUST PLAIN CHARLEY Charley Pride (RCA LSP 4290)	1	16 THE BEST OF EDDY ARNOLD VOL. II (RCA LSP 4320)	17
2	IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME Sonny James (Capitol ST 432)	2	17 IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU Bill Anderson & Jan Howard (Decca 75184)	20
3	THE BEST OF JERRY LEE LEWIS (Smash SRS 67131)	4	18 YOU WOULDN'T KNOW LOVE Ray Price (Columbia CS 7918)	21
4	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. GREATEST HITS (MGM SE 4656)	3	19 THE BEST OF CHARLEY PRIDE (RCA LSP 4223)	13
5	BABY, BABY David Houston (Epic BN 26539)	5	20 MY WOMAN, MY WOMAN, MY WIFE Marty Robbins (Columbia CS 9978)	26
6	PORTER WAYNE AND DOLLY REBECCA Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton (RCA LSP 4305)	8	21 LONG LONESOME HIGHWAY Michael Parks (MGM SE 4662)	23
7	OKIE FROM MUSKOGEE Merle Haggard (Capitol ST 384)	7	22 THE WAYS TO LOVE A MAN Tammy Wynette (Epic BN 26519)	15
8	WE'RE GONNA GET TOGETHER Buck Owens & Susan Raye (Capitol ST 448)	11	23 WELFARE CADILAC Guy Drake (Royal American RAS 1001)	25
9	TAMMY'S TOUCH Tammy Wynette (Epic BN 26549)	12	24 BIRDS OF A FEATHER Jack Blanchard & Misty Morgan (Wayside WSS-33-001)	27
10	HELLO, I'M JOHNNY CASH (Columbia KCS 9943)	6	25 THE WORLD OF JOHNNY CASH (Columbia GP 29)	—
11	LORD IS THAT ME Jack Green (Decca DL 75188)	9	26 THE STARS OF HEE-HAW Various Artists (Capitol ST 437)	28
12	YOU GOT-TA HAVE A LICENSE Porter Wagoner (RCA LSP 4286)	10	27 STAY THERE TILL I GET THERE Lynn Anderson (Columbia CS 1025)	29
13	A TASTE OF COUNTRY Jerry Lee Lewis (Sun 114)	14	28 THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL Dolly Parton (RCA LSP 4288)	19
14	THE SINGING STORY TELLER Johnny Cash (Sun 115)	16	29 HERE'S LORETTA SINGING, WINGS UPON YOUR HORNS Loretta Lynn (Decca DL 75163)	24
15	YOUR MOTHER'S PRAYER Buck Owens & His Buckaroos (Capitol ST 439)	18	30 YOU AIN'T HEARD NOTHIN' YET Danny Davis & Nashville Brass (RCA LSP 4334)	—

"Hee Haw" Takes Us Seriously . . .

reminis-
cing fondly about home.

A sense of youthful high jinks pervades the *Hee Haw* set. A large hand-lettered sign with the emblem "Sleazy Productions" is over the studio door. But once the cameras start rolling, *Hee Haw* is a miracle of electronic efficiency. To wit:

All the comedy is divided into categories: "The Culhanes," "The Old Philosopher," "The Amateur Minute," "The Corn Field," and so forth. They tape dozens of jokes in each category at a session, and simply stockpile them on

a reel of tape. Then they spend weeks taping singers, whose names they have gleaned from the Country-Western charts of Cashbox magazine. That done, the producers pull up stakes, leave

Nashville behind, and hurry back to California, where they laboriously snip and paste and stitch until all the snippets of comedy and music stand in miraculous concatenation as a finished *Hee Haw* program.

Buck Owens, the co-
Clark

as reprinted from the March 7-13 issue of TV Guide in the feature: "The Hee Haw Group: They Have The Last Laugh" by Neil Hickey