

AMERICAN FOLK TUNES

Cowboy and Hillbilly Tunes and Tunesters

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Hayride Week-End

The hayride-barn dance idea is catching on all around the Philadelphia area and newest week-end idea has started at near-by Carlisle, Pa. This town is located near one of the army camps still in operation and is drawing the major portion of its crowd from the soldiers who enjoy the hillbilly music and also the hayrides. Customers can either ride out to the barn where the shows and dances are presented in the hay wagons which congregate at a specified spot in town, take intermission rides or do both. A small charge is made for any extra rides and the idea is popular. Burgandy Hillbilly Band and Mary Ann are featured at the spot and weekly guest stars are a feature of the entertainment.

Large collection of lyrics, which were obviously folk tunes during the early pioneer days, have turned up in an old Philadelphia attic. House had been shut for many years and new heirs discovered the collection when they were examining the property. Music for the lyrics did not turn up after a strenuous search had been made of the premises. Lyrics were turned over to Frank Capano, Philadelphia publisher, who is now specializing in American folk tunes. He will attempt to discover the music thru research, and if it is not available, Capano expects to set the words to music and publish the songs with an explanation about their discovery on each title page. Several firms in the area are interested in sponsoring contests to discover the best tune that could be written to a given set of lyrics, and if the heirs agree,

one of the song poems will be used for that purpose. Discovery was given a big spread in the local papers, and hillbilly talent in the area have contacted Capano in the hope that they will be permitted to introduce one or more of the songs.

Sally Hunter, a newcomer to hillbilly singing, who is boomed as one of the finds of the year, is reported to have an inside track on the field and will probably introduce the tunes on her new early morning show.

Honored at WFIL

Mrs. Mae Ford, Camden, N. J., resident, was honored at the WFIL, Philadelphia, *Hayloft Hoedown* broadcast at Town Hall recently. She founded the 24 Selectees' Mothers' clubs with a membership of 4,300. Clubs give aid to G.I.'s and their mothers. *Hayloft Hoedown* made her "queen of the broadcast" and invited officers of each of the 24 clubs to attend the show and pay honor to the founder of their groups. Program included musical requests from Mrs. Ford and the club women in addition to their G.I. sons.

Sue Anderson takes her *Arizona Riders*, a cowboy band, for a tour of the hinterlands of Pennsylvania during December. Unit headquarters is in Philadelphia and the group will tour Reading, Harrisburg, Lewisburg, Lewistown, Lancaster, York, Birdsboro, Willamspport, Mildred, Bernice, Forkville and Steelton. Sue sings with the band, and unit features a full hillbilly revue.

Signs Contract

Rosalie Allen, hillbilly disk jockey and champion girl yodeler who writes tunes as well as sings them, has signed a five-



FIRST OFF the production line at Packard's Indianapolis plant are these Pla-Mor wall boxes. The first shipment of the wall boxes went out November 30, according to company officials. Carl McCowan (left), production supervisor, Niagara division of the company, receives congratulations from W. F. Sturby, president, for meeting the production dead line.

year contract with the newly organized firm of Spin Records, 74 Riverside Drive, New York. Her first release, *I Swear I'll Never Wear a Pair o' Shoes*, backed by *Clementine* with modern lyrics, is clicking solidly all over the country.

Rosalie's next waxing will be "The Hick With the Hiccups" (Top Music Publishers novelty hit) in which she will team up with comedian Johnny Woods, also just signed by Spin. Woods, back on the big time after three years in the army, is now appearing at the RKO-Boston Theater. Hank Lawson and His Music Mixers, booked to follow the Korn Kobbler into Rogers Corner, New York, will furnish the music.

Versatile Rosalie conducts a nightly hillbilly show over WOV, *Jivin' the Corn* (6:40-7 p.m., Monday - Saturday). Theme song of the program, which presents modernized, swiny versions of hill-country and Western songs played by a hillbilly trio, is swingin' a hillbilly tune, written by Rosalie in collaboration with Ben Jaffey, composer of *Please Don't Squeez da Banana*.

Two sides by Terry Fell and the Fellers have just been released on the Memo label. Songs are *You Ran Around While I Was Gone* and *I've Done All I Know To Do*, both written by Terry Fell and published by Melody Moderne of Hollywood.

Lee Ryer and Noel Marchant have just had their new Western song *Smoky Moon* accepted for publication by Melody Moderne. Song is set for recording early this month for January release. On the schedule for cutting at the same time are *Trails to Santa Fe*, *I'm Serenading My Lucky Star* and *Melancholy Cowhand* by the same writers. Lyrics of the first two are by Juanita Roos, whose work is well known to readers of these columns.

WOVO Feature

Honey Davis and Her Radio Round-Up are the near-early morning feature on WOVO, Fort Wayne, Ind. They are heard for 45 minutes each weekday morning.

Before coming to Fort Wayne, Honey and her group were at WWVA. While there they made personal appearances in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In Fort Wayne they will book in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Honey broke into show business as half of the team, the Davis Twins. Sonny, her twin brother and the other half of the team, is now serving with the navy in New Hebrides. He will rejoin the act following an expected discharge.

Autry in Chi

Gene Autry, in Chicago for the National 4-H Club Congress, entertained 800 of the boys and girls attending the conclave at the WLS *National Barn Dance*, where they were the guests of

Prairie Farmer-WLS, December 1, at the Eighth Street Theater.

WLS acts will again entertain at the annual Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitorium Christmas Party. Jack Holden, National Barn Dance announcer, who builds the show each year, will be emcee. He will have with him on the stage the *Prairie Ramblers*, Connie and Bonnie Linder, Rex Allen, Jimmy James, Ted Morse, Mac and Bob and Christine. Party is scheduled for December 19.

Rex Allen and the Blackhawk Valley Boys and Penny West entertained Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois 4-H Club winners attending the National 4-H Congress December 5 at *The Prairie Farmer*-WLS breakfast given in honor of these outstanding Midwest youths by the farm paper and the radio station, in the South Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel.

Burl Ives, renowned folk artist, opened in Chicago's smart supper club, the Mayfair Room, at the Blackstone Hotel December 7.



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