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In 1940
BMI knew you'd make it.

We heard you pickin' and singin' in the country. But the Old Establishment chose not to listen.

When Broadcast Music Incorporated was founded in 1940, life began to change. For the first time, Country writers and publishers had a way to protect the performance rights on their songs, and collect royalties on them. After years of being dismissed as worthless hillbillies, there was a place where you could go and find respect. America's soul had finally sprung from its native soil.

As Paul Hemphill writes in his book, The Nashville Sound: "It is poetic that BMI and the Country Music Association would stand shoulder to shoulder at the top of Music Row, like two Statues of Liberty, because not until BMI was formed . . . did it become possible for country songwriters to make a decent living."

We've come a long way since then. And we've done it together. BMI still believes in the American Country Dream. A barefoot boy with a fiddle can still grow up to be a star.
*The Nashville Sound by Paul Hemphill
Simon and Schuster 1971
"WINDMILL IN A JET FILLED SKY"

JOHN HAMBRICK

AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK FROM BROWN BAG RECORDS
The Year Artists Came Out Of The Shadows Of Their Parents

Karen Wheeler, left, and Justin Tubb, seated, with their producer, Billy Linneman, president of Hilltop Production Company. Miss Wheeler and Tubb are two of the artists who have moved out of the shadows of famous parents.

This is a year in which artists, often hidden in the shadows of someone more famous, emerge to shine in their own lights.

Tommy Cash is among these. Stepping from an obvious shadow, he has stepped forward as a performer in the super class, as a writer and publisher, and as a young man who may end up making more television appearances than his famous brother.

In the past year, he has done the Mike Douglas Show, the David Frost Show, Hec Haw, the Bill Anderson Syndicated show, and he has been set for the Tonight Show and the Merv Griffith Show. But that, as they say, is only the beginning.

Under the direction of his manager, Frank Campana of New York, Tommy Cash now is getting ready to do a television country series "on the order of the Bonanza" show, and he is auditioning for movies, the first of which was with Screen Gems. He was called in to do the national Pepsi-Cola commercials, and has several others now lined up.

Personal appearances have expanded. His club dates alone, booked by the Buddy Lee Agency, are up 50 per cent over a year ago. He already is booked heavily into 1973. His services are very "required."

The expansion of his Tomcat Music also is a big move, and he now owns an extensive catalog.

Neither Johnny nor Tommy Cash likes comparisons, but Jerry Lewis, during a recent national telephone, said this: "I thought there was only one great performer in the Cash family; now I knew there are two superstars."

Ironically, Tommy Cash has been in that category all along. An outstanding singer on Epic, he developed into a great showman. While being the first to admit that his brother has always helped him in his career, there still is no question that, through no fault of anyone's, he had to live in that shadow. Now he has moved out into his own sort of glory-land, and no one is more pleased than Johnny Cash . . . unless it's Tommy Cash.

Justin Tubb, too, has been shadow bound by birth. His famous Hall of Fame father, Ernest Tubb, has been such a luminary in the country music field for some 35 years, that Justin has had to suffer the consequences.

Someone once wrote that Justin "proved a worthy heir to the mantle worn by his father." Justin never wanted to inherit the mantle; he wanted to be accepted for himself. It took some doing.

Like Tommy Cash, he was a one-time disk jockey, who migrated back into country music. In the middle 1950's he had a string of great songs, which brought him to the "Grand Ole Opry." He also recorded a number of songs for Decca. After that he moved to Starday and Challenge. The shadow was always there. For a lengthy period, he didn't record at all.

All of this changed this past year. He signed a new booking contract, and a new recording contract. His first release, with the newly-formed Cutlass label, got him off and running again. No references to his father this time; it was Justin Tubb on his own. His career has taken a new upward spiral, and those close to him say he has never felt better and certainly never sung better. He is writing songs again, as he did in the '50s, and no one makes comparisons anymore.

Hank Williams Junior also has become his own man. There is little question but what the image of his late father would help him at first. But the day arrived when he had to make it on his own. He has done just that, and one of his songs this year went to the number one position on the Billboard country charts.

Not even his name could have carried him there; he came into his own as a recording artist. As a stage entertainer he long has been unexcelled. Several factors have been involved in this emergence: both the tutelage of Buddy Lee and the end of the estrangement with his mother, Audrey Williams, which has given him some peace of mind. He also is now happily married, and expects his first child in December.

In Bakersfield, Buddy Alan chose to drop his last name (he is the son of Buck and Bonnie Owens) when he started to build his career. The identity was quickly established, however, and Buddy had to live in the shadow of his talented father, who did his best to help move Buddy into the limelight.

To say he has been successful would be an understatement. Almost everything he recorded went high into the charts. On stage, it was obvious he had developed much of his father's charisma with an audience. The tall, smiling, good-natured youngster quickly became a favorite of country fans, and the shadow is no more.

Marty Robbins Junior, still somewhat shadowbound, is making his move. His career stymied by a stay in the service, he now is back and will be recording soon for Decca, the firm to which his father moved.

Roy Acuff Junior has slipped back into a shadow for the time being, giving up recording for working in promotion for Acuff-Rose. But Wesley Rose, president of the firm, said young Acuff would be recording again. "We have a lot of his records ready, and he still can be a great performer," Rose says. He recorded a number of tunes, than took a hiatus for doing the behind-the-scene work.

Roger Sovine, who is the son of Red Sovine, had some successful recordings, and wrote a number of good tunes, but gave that up for a position with BMI, where he and Rick Sanchez work together with the artists.

Karen Wheeler, daughter of Onie Wheeler, has just begun to come into her own with Hilltop Productions, and now has a recording contract.

There are others who have tried and faded. But the shadows are still full of potential greats.
THE BILLBOARD COUNTRY
AWARDS—1972

Selection of these accolades is based, in part, not only on extensive research by the
magazines chart department, but the awards also take into consideration contribu-
tions made by the winners in the field, their impact on the industry overall, plus, in
the case of the artist, such factors as personal appearances.

BEST SINGLE: “ELEVEN ROSES” / HANK WILLIAMS, JR. .................................................. MGM
BEST ALBUM: “EASY LOVING” / FREDDIE HART .......................................................... CAPITOL
BEST MALE VOCALIST: CHARLEY PRIDE ................................................................. RCA
BEST FEMALE VOCALIST: CONNIE SMITH ............................................................. RCA
BEST DUO, SINGLES: HANK WILLIAMS JR. & LOIS JOHNSON ........................................ MGM
BEST DUO, ALBUMS: TAMMY WYNETTE & GEORGE JONES ....................................... EPIC (CBS)
BEST INSTRUMENTAL GROUP: DANNY DAVIS & NASHVILLE BRASS ...................... RCA
BEST INSTRUMENTALIST: CHARLIE MCCOY ............................................................. MONUMENT (CBS)
COUNTRY PIONEER AWARD: ROY ACUFF .............................................................. HICKORY
BEST OVERALL SINGLES ARTIST: CONWAY TWITTY ............................................. DECCA (MCA)
BEST MALE ARTIST; SINGLES: SONNY JAMES ....................................................... COLUMBIA
BEST FEMALE ARTIST, SINGLES: LORETTA LYNN .................................................. DECCA (MCA)
BEST NEW MALE ARTIST: TONY BOOTH ............................................................ CAPITOL
BEST NEW FEMALE ARTIST: DONNA FARGO .......................................................... DOT (FAMOUS)
BEST GROUP: TOMPALL & THE GLASER BROTHERS ................................................ MGM
BEST ALBUM COVER: COUNTRY MUSIC: THEN & NOW / STATLER BROTHERS ........ MERCURY
BEST LINER NOTES: ROBERT HILBURN FOR: “LADIES, LOVE, OUTLAWS” / WAYLON JENNINGS . . . RAC
BEST OVERALL ALBUM ARTIST: CHARLEY PRIDE ................................................... RCA
BEST MALE ARTIST, ALBUMS: CHARLEY PRIDE .................................................... RCA
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BEST SONGWRITER, MALE: JERRY CHESTNUT ............................................................
BEST SONGWRITER, FEMALE: LORETTA LYNN .......................................................
BEST COUNTRY PRODUCER: JIM VIENNEAU .......................................................... MGM
BEST ARRANGER, COUNTRY RECORDS: CAM MULLINS ...........................................
MOST PROGRAMMED ARTIST: MERLE HAGGARD ................................................. CAPITOL
COUNTRY RECORD EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR: FRANK JONES ............................... COLUMBIA
BEST COUNTRY RECORD PROMOTER: FRANK MULL ............................................. MERCURY
BEST COUNTRY RECORD ENGINEER: .................................................................
BEST NEW COUNTRY LABEL OF THE YEAR: CARTWHEEL ........................................
SPECIAL BREAKTHROUGH AWARD: PATTI PAGE ................................................. MERCURY
BEST COUNTRY SHOW PROMOTER: HAP PEEBLES ...................................................
COUNTRY MUSIC STATION OF THE YEAR: WIRE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA ...........
COUNTRY RADIO GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR: A.V. (BAM) BAMFORD, KBER, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
COUNTRY RADIO PROGRAM DIRECTOR: BILL WHEATLEY, WWOK, MAIIMI, FLORIDA
COUNTRY DEE JAY OF THE YEAR: LARRY SCOTT—KLAC, LOS ANGELES .............
BEST SYNDICATED COUNTRY TV SHOW: “THE PORTER WAGONER SHOW” ..................
BEST SYNDICATED COUNTRY SHOW: CHRIS LANE, “PROGRAMING db,” LOS ANGELES
ARTIST RESURGENCE OF THE YEAR MALE: DON GIBSON & JOHNNY PAYCHECK (tie) . HICKORY/EPIC
ARTIST RESURGENCE OF THE YEAR FEMALE: JODY MILLER .................................. EPIC
CONGRATULATIONS,
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**TOP COUNTRY SINGLES**

*(JAN. 1 THROUGH SEPT. 16, 1972)*

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Welcome To Memphis Country.
(A little west of Nashville)

O. B. McClinton
Roland Eaton
Susan Kay Hudson
Roger Hallmark
Eddie Bond
The Gospel Commanders

Thanks for listening . . .
from eight artists you haven't
heard much about. Yet.
But get ready. Because they
are. Ready with albums and
singles. And they're rising like
home-baked bread. No wonder.
They've got their teeth into
some of the tastiest music in
the country. Memphis country.
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The World of Country Music • Billboard
October 10, 1972

Mr. Freddie Hart
1901 Avenue Of The Stars
Century City, California

Dear Freddie:

First, let me thank you for a wonderful 1972. It's been a year filled with many successes and I can't think of any better way to cap it than with the announcement of "Easy Loving" winning Album of the Year, "My Hangup Is You" winning Single of the Year, and you, high on the lists for Artist and Entertainer of the Year.

It's been a long, upward climb, but I'm really pleased that you're finally receiving the recognition due a great talent like yours. The Country Music Association and the Academy Of Country And Western Music have recognized it and so does the entire music world. I'm confident your success will continue for many years as your creativity never ceases to amaze me.

By all indications, your newest release, "Got The All Overs For You," is destined for the top of the charts and will establish yet another record in tremendous sales.

The last six years I've worked with you have been a pleasure, particularly the last five months as your personal manager. Let me extend my best wishes for continued success for you in the next six.

Bless your heart,

Joe McFadden

ARTISTS MANAGER
## Top Country Labels

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CHARLEY PRIDE
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**More 1972 Billboard Winners**

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George Jones
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Jerry Reed
Jim Reeves
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**Number One Winners**

**CHARLEY PRIDE**
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**DICKEY LEE**
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**DANNY DAVIS/ NASHVILLE BRASS**
Top Instrumental Group (Singles)

**JERRY REED**
Top Instrumentalist (Singles)

**PORTER WAGONER & DOLLY PARTON**
Top Duo (Albums)

**CHARLEY PRIDE**
Top Male Vocalist (Albums)

**DANNY DAVIS/ NASHVILLE BRASS**
Top Instrumental Group (Albums)

**CHARLEY PRIDE**
"Kiss An Angel Good Morning"
Top Single

**More 1972 Record World Winners**

Jethro Burns
Archie Campbell
Pat Daisy
Skeeter Davis
Lester Flatt
Kossi Gardner
Waylon Jennings
Nashville String Band
Connie Smith
Dottie West
Mac Wiseman

**CASH BOX**

**Number One Winners**

**CHARLEY PRIDE**
Best Male Vocalist

**PORTER WAGONER & DOLLY PARTON**
Best Vocal Duos

**CHET ATKINS**
Best Instrumentalist

**DANNY DAVIS/ NASHVILLE BRASS**
Best Band/Orchestra

**More 1972 Cash Box Winners**

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Del Reeves has just signed a lifetime contract with United Artists Records. We're proud of it. A celebration is in order. #UAS-6830, Del's new album, "Before Goodbye".
41 New Labels Join
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Music City

Despite the high mortality rate of new independent labels, Nashville has fostered 41 of them in the past 18 months, and most of those in the past year. It brings to nearly 150 the number of labels of various sizes now quartered in Nashville, or with (in the case of majors) with branch offices there.

These labels all had filed papers with the American Federation of Musicians, and had been granted a license to operate. Some strong independent labels with tenure were still around, and a few had dropped by the wayside. Even a few from the past 18 months had ceased function after a while, but others were struggling. Some, in fact, were doing quite nicely.

Some boasted major artists, others of rather obscure reputation, and a few, as far as could be determined, were with one artist or even none. Some were one-shot deals, hoping for a lease or purchase arrangement. Some had relatively good distribution; others none.

Some already had begun to make a substantial splash. JMI, which belongs to Jack Clement, had made a big mark in its relatively short life. Hilltop was another which was making some giant strides. Creative Materials Library, with Phillis Hiller, had done remarkably well. Metro Country was coming on strong, as was Papa Joe. Rice Records has made its mark in its preliminary stages, and Partridge was being heard from.

Some had fascinating names. There is Printer's Alley, Parthenon (both landmarks in Nashville), Au Standard, Mydov, M-B-A, Mar-Kay, Identical, Helm Ameri, L-C, Jonel, Kenova, and Fontecchio.

The union also saw fit to take a few licenses away during this same period. A good many booker's licenses also were issued during that time, among them that of Frank Rogers, director of the Music City Celebrity Golf Tournament.

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County Fairs Have A Love Affair With Country Artists

IT'S "HI-HO, COME TO THE FAIR" FOR COUNTRY ARTISTS THESE DAYS, A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF A SITUATION WHICH EXISTED SOME YEARS BACK.

Three out of every four dollars spent for fair shows this year went to the country music industry, and that figures out around $18 million.

Nashville bookers this past year booked their artists into more than 1,500 fairs just during this late spring and summer, and many of them played more than one-night stands. Virtually every state fair is now tapped by country music, and most of the smaller (and larger) fairs as well.

Ten years ago country music rated at the bottom of the list for money expended by fair management. It trailed everything from horse races to pop music.

What accounts for this incredible turnaround, that now has country music at the very top of the list? Many things. Among others, the Country Music Assn. got itself involved in a strong promotional campaign to reach the fairs, just as it had done earlier with radio stations, advertisers, and anyone else who would listen.

Also, the bookers, one-by-one, began attending the various conference involving the fair promoters, and began convincing them of the drawing power of the talent. Those fair managers who took a chance quickly saw the success of their ways, and the bookings were on the increase. It is safe to say that now, especially in the summer months, fairs account for the majority of the bookings out of Nashville.

Despite the heat of summer afternoons, the artists generally like fair work, for, again, many reasons. In the first place, they always get their money, and on time. The artists may get stuck in clubs or at other performances, but not at the fairs. Secondly, they usually are working close to the people, not buried under a string of flood lights. They can watch faces and check reactions. Also, there is a friendly atmosphere with fair managers and promoters which does not always exist elsewhere. Finally, the money is usually right. Fairs are not reluctant to pay the going fee, knowing that in country music they will get their money's worth. There also is a reliability factor which may not exist in other areas.

One of the pioneers of the fair business has been veteran promoter Hap Peebles, who took artists on the fair circuit many years before it became fashionable with others. Now everyone is doing it. The Buddy Lee Agency this year, for example, booked more than 500 fairs. The Hubert Long Agency also was extremely active in this line as was Bob Neal and most of the others. The Moeller Agency was among the first to call on the fair promoters to seek work for the artists.

The move into colleges now is becoming stronger, and a great deal of this pioneering has been done by Don Light and his agency. Light has, in fact, held a series of show-case programs in which he has brought in college officials to Nashville to hear the talent firsthand. It has resulted in numerous bookings for his artists. Others are making inroads as well, and country music on campus is becoming a powerful force in the booking business. Heaviest concentration thus far has been in the area of Southeastern colleges and universities, but the demand is becoming nationwide.

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CMA 10 Years After: Many of its Missions Are Accomplished

An individual who did every task he set out to do would, in all likelihood, phase himself out of work. Having set and reached his goals, he would have idle hands.

The Country Music Assn. came close to finding itself in that position. But, it merely regrouped, and set new goals.

Ten years ago there were some 75 radio stations programming country music. Today, greatly through the efforts of CMA, there are some 800 full-timers, and a few thousand more playing country songs on at least a part-time basis. Mission seemingly accomplished.

Ten years ago country music was a voice in the wilderness overseas. Today it is seen and heard everywhere, due to a large extent to CMA working with organizations abroad.

Ten years ago, country music advertisers were hard to come by. CMA took its show and its efforts to advertisers in the major markets everywhere, knocked on the doors of Madison Avenue. Today, saturation in radio, television and elsewhere, including the fantastic number of commercials done by country artists.

Having accomplished all of these things, and more, CMA could sit back on its haunches and gloat. No way.

Like a man who took an early retirement, CMA set out to find other things to do. That is one of its current goals, and it made its first obvious move in that direction a month ago when directors met with the songwriters of Nashville.

"Tell us what you want done," they pleaded through their board spokesman, Ted Harris, owner of Contention Music, and one of the most successful of the songwriters in Nashville. And the writers told them, verbally in written form, what they want accomplished. CMA will now seek to get this done.

As noted, this was the first in a series of meetings. The idea is this: the board members have fairly well exhausted their thinking on the matter, and now want help from the membership. What the board is saying is this:

"There are 33 of us, directors and officers, who willingly give of our time and effort and money (we get no reimbursement from CMA) to serve you. We have done the things we had set out to do. But rather than stagnate we want to keep moving forward. Help us do that by bringing us fresh ideas."

CMA is the most successful trade organization in the world. No one can match it with success. Much of that is due to the board members and officers who, over the years, have given so much for nothing but satisfaction in return. Sometimes not even that.

But the lady at the helm, who steers the way, is still Mrs. Jo Walker, whose good looks deceptively belie the years of experience she has given to this organization. As executive director of the CMA, she has done it all.

A deserved pat, too, to Jan Garrett, whose work as public relations director has been above and beyond the call. Margaret Beeskau has continued her superb work in the field of membership, and a multitude of other tires; tireless and cheerful Betty Young has done magnificent things for so many as personal secretary to Mrs. Walker; Doris Lynch, who assumes the many responsibilities involved in handling guest relations, and the other competent young ladies in the all-female operation who keep things moving.
Thanks DJs for the tremendous response to "Bucksport, Tenn." or "Nine Red Roses".

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In a year’s time, Ken Nelson, producer, head executive and overseer of country music for Capitol will retire, thus closing out 24 years in music.

His association with country music began 27 years ago as a radio announcer at WAAF in Chicago—a morning country show.

“Then I went to WJJD in Chicago as a classical announcer,” he comments. “They asked me to come and be a classical announcer and handle their three hours of classical music every day. I had had a background in doing this sort of thing before. I told them that I would come if I could have full control of all the music at the station. They agreed.

“I went over to WJJD and found that they had live country music at night. Rhubarb Red, who later became known as Les Paul, was one of our artists.

“I liked the people very much, and could relate to the music easily.

“A friend of mine, Lee Gillette, was in Hollywood, and he met Glenn Wallach, who at that time was running a radio shop and making dubs off the air for various acts.

“Lee ended up working with me at WJJD. Glenn came out one day and hired Lee for his new record company. Lee was doing some sessions one day in Chicago and Glenn called and told him to drop what he was doing and fly to New York to do some recording sessions there.

“‘Well, he couldn’t drop what he was doing so he called me at WJJD and said, ‘OK, Nelson, take them over.’ I said, ‘Well, what do I do? I don’t know what to do. He said, ‘I can’t help it. I’ve got to get to New York—it’s your baby.’ He wanted me to produce the sessions in Chicago while he went to New York to do the other ones.

“I did it. I’ll never forget the act. I’m not going to mention the name because the singer was so drunk. We had to hold him up to the microphone. It was very, very rough. But I got through it somehow.

“Then I started to do all their recording in Chicago. This saved them from sending someone to do the work. I used to record the Dennings Sisters. My first big record with them was called ‘Buttons and Bows.’ This wasn’t country music then, it was more pop, like the Andrew Sisters.

“Anyway, Capitol decided that they were going to start a classical department out in California and someone said, ‘Hey, let’s get this guy Ken Nelson’—because of my former classical announcing at WJJD and WAAF.

“But when I got out there, they changed their minds, they decided they were going to have me take over the transcription department. Lee moved to producing country records. He then went on to pop and I left transcriptions because they were on the way out. As a matter of fact, Capitol was one of the big reasons why that occurred. We were the first record company to give free promotional records to radio stations. We cut our own throats in the transcription department but the promotional move increased our overall sales. In 1948, I came to California and stayed in transcriptions until ’51 when I took over the country department. I’ve been in it ever since.”

“To develop the label, and Capitol’s repertoire of country and some pop acts, Nelson would take a bus all over the country. ‘I’d go into bus stops and saloons and hear what the people were playing, and find out what they liked and who their favorites were.’

“Nelson discovered Faron Young, Sonny James, Gene Shepperd, Wanda Jackson, Ferlin Husky, and also had pop hits with Gene Vincent and Tommy Sands.

“Vincent was working in a radio station in

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North Carolina. This fellow sent me a dub on him. And, at the time, it was very difficult to sell country music because of rock and roll. So I decided to take the bull by the horns and go with what was going." Vincent's first smash hit was "Be-bop-alooa.

Nelson states he's never had any major problems working with artists. He feels that an artist cannot be sold to the public. "You can't sell anything to the public. Either the public likes it or it doesn't. All you can do is put a record out, and work on it as hard as you can, getting it around to the disk jockeys, getting as much exposure as possible. If the disk jockeys don't like it, then you're up the creek.

In looking for the right act to sign, Nelson states that he looks for somebody who can appeal emotionally to the people: "That's what you're selling. It'll hold true in 1950, 1972—as long as the world exists. If you can stir people's feelings—music, voice, or lyric—that's the thing. Once in awhile you'll get a hold of a record with a fantastic rhythm background, that will stir people musically. But basically it's the voice and the lyric—not only in country but in anything. We've had many artists with beautiful voices but we can't give them away—because they don't relate emotionally."

Nelson was also instrumental in bringing two other artists to the label—Buck Owens and Merle Haggard. The success they have had pleases him the most. "I think down through the years, these two are the most outstanding country artists.

"Merle Haggard is someone I love to work with. I become so wrapped up in his singing that sometimes I don't know what is going on. He's a very creative, sensitive man. "Buck has a good creative sense and is a fantastic business man.

"What is sad is that I have met artists through the years that I see fail by the wayside financially and every other way. I've had several disappointments because they have not been able to adjust to success. Every artist goes through these periods. I want an artist to become his own man. Some artists have the ability to know what's good for them."

Nelson feels that almost every country artist goes through the period where he wants to branch out and head into the pop field where the big money is. "This is where most of them make a mistake—a man can only do what he is capable of doing.

"Merle hasn't gone that route. Occasionally Buck went to areas that I thought were a little too hip for country audiences. But, as Buck says, you don't know until you try. He's come back to country now, though."

Owens was discovered while playing guitar with Tommy Collins. Haggard sang in a country music show in Bakersfield attended by Nelson. After the show Nelson approached him and invited him to join Capitol. Merle declined the offer, stating he was with Fuzzy Owens and the Tally label in Bakersfield, that Fuzzy had given him his first break and that Merle owed allegiance to Fuzzy. It was only a matter of time before Nelson gave Fuzzy a call, and arranged a satisfactory package.

As for the current country scene: "Nashville is changing because everybody is there now. Everybody wants to record in Nashville because of its reputation. There's 22 studios now. When I went there originally, back in 1950, there was one studio in a broken down hotel. The equipment was terrible but still we made hit records." Martha Carson, Big Bill Lister, Rodney Morris were some artists Nelson recorded there.

Nelson admits to being the first man to ever use drums on country records with Martha Carson. "She was doing spirituals and... said, 'Well, we've got to get that feeling;' and everyone said, 'you're crazy, man.' And I said, 'no I'm not.'

"As a matter of fact, I was the first one to use the high voice in country records. It was with Ferlin Husky on a record called 'Gone.'

"You talk about change, everything changes constantly. The addition of drums, violin and brass sections are all part of that change. But the music, basically, the roots, have not changed.

The new, younger artists are also changing things to some degree. They're always different from the other generation, let's face it. They have more freedom of thought, expression and you've got to keep up with these things. We have to go along with what is salable. Then on the other hand people like Merle Haggard and Charley Pride use the same sort of background music they did 15 years ago.

Nelson is presently in the process of "phasing" himself out at Capitol. The only artist he produces anymore is Haggard. "I've been here some 24 years," the soft-spoken executive says. "It almost turned out to be a steady job," he smirks, with tongue-in-cheek.
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Not content to be happy just by herself, nor even to share happiness only with a classroom full of English students in California, Donna Fargo of Mount Airy, N.C., decided to share that happiness with everyone in 1972.

In a relative way, it brought happiness to the entire country music industry, and particularly to Dot Records. Miss Fargo emerged on the scene as one of the most vibrant “new” personalities in many years.

It is not only a commercial happiness with the attractive young lady; it springs from an inner self-discipline which brought her contentment, and brought the inspiration for a song which perked up people from their doldrums.

Once she had her degree and her teaching credentials, she moved to California and got a teaching job at Covina, where for five years she taught the 10th and 11th grades.

She had done some poetry writing and her brother knew a successful West Coast producer named Stan Silver, who listened to her, decided she was “country” and gave her some material with which to work. She learned the lyrics and music, worked hard on the material, and later went to a studio where Stan recorded her.

The material, while good, was not great, and even then the mature young lady decided that, to have the hit she eventually sought, she would have to write herself. Stan taught her to play the guitar and a close relationship developed which eventually evolved into their marriage.

Miss Fargo had developed, among other things, a philosophy on life, which included the belief that one could, if put to the test, do whatever one wanted to do.

The first commercial song she wrote was “These Things Are All I Have,” which was fine by her standards then, but less than perfect by her standards of today.

“It took me three years to become a professional writer,” she recalls.

She wrote and recorded a tune called “Would You Believe a Lifetime,” which barely made the charts on the Ramco label. After that, she struggled, and worked only on the songs she really believed in.

Next she wrote a tune called “Daddy” which she recorded on the Challenge label. Another called “Who’s Been Sleeping On My Side of the Bed” (somewhat risque by her own admission) got to No. 1 in Sacramento, and received considerable jukebox play. But she still hadn’t found the magic.

It was about this time that her mother died, and upset her tremendously. Once, however, she accepted it, she began to realize the importance of living, and it aided in gaining confidence. That confidence gave her additional ability to be self-critical, to know what was good and bad in her writing. She realized her past criticisms were less than fully honest.

Donna liked to write and she loved to sing. She knew that to do the latter, she must totally excel at the former. She needed a smash hit, and she wrote it. “The Happiest Girl in the Whole U.S.A.”

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was written last October. Produced by Stan Silver, it was cut at RCA in Nashville. Once the song was completed she had but one afterthought—whether to call it the happiest in the U.S.A. or happiest in the world. She stuck with the original. It was one of four side cut at the session. One of the sides became the "B" side of the hit, called "Awareness of Nothing," and the other two sides are on her Dot album.

Having taken time off from teaching to do the sessions, she had to hurry back to California. Stan stayed behind, and pitched the master to various recording companies. There was no doubt in his mind, Donna's mind, or that of several record companies that the song was a hit. Silver got several offers, but the two decided on Dot.

Somewhat strangely, when Donna recorded "Happiest Girl" she didn't have a particularly strong feeling, but when she heard the playback with the instrumentation and all, she tingled. She knew it was a hit. "I wrote the song because I'm a basically happy person," she said with her one-time ballet-dancing legs folded up under her on the chair. "It came from a feeling. Usually I really feel that way."

Perhaps alluding to her emotions, when she and Stan formed their own publishing company Stan named it Prima Donna Music. Stan is now her producer, manager and publisher.

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For nearly 40 years, Paul Ackerman has had a love affair going with music which is equaled only by the love the industry has had for Paul Ackerman.

He rightfully belongs in a country story of any sort, for it was he, at the beginning, who gave evidence of his love of country music through both words and actions. There are few biographies on Ackerman. He has always preferred to sum up his work in a paragraph or two. Perhaps that’s all that’s necessary to express succinctly this warmth which no words could really describe.

For the record, he was born in New York City in 1908. After the long struggle through the New York school system, he was educated at William and Mary College (BA) and on to Columbia for his master’s degree. It was in 1934 when he joined the staff of Billboard. The biography states: “he covered all phases of show business from the legitimate theater to radio to music.”

Covered it? He has always been a student, a scholar, a teacher, an historian, and unquestionably the most knowledgeable individual ever in the overall field of commercial music.

The fact that Ackerman is equally loved, revered, respected in New York, Los Angeles, Nashville, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, Atlanta, Muscle Shoals, Miami—you name it—gives some indication of the influence this man has had not only on the music industry, but upon its people.

Paul Ackerman has always been a gentle man. His love (and knowledge) of plant life and animal life is legend. It has ranked second only toward his feeling for his fellow man.

If ever a man was born to be involved with music, it was Paul. The man is music itself. He is poetic and lyrical and everything else good associated with music. And he has won his share of awards. Among them have been the Jessie H. Neal Editorial achievement award (1963), and the Connie B. Gay President’s Award (1966) for outstanding service to the Country Music Assn. This is the organization he also had served as a member of the board of directors. He currently is a trustee of the Country Music Foundation. He also is executive director of the Songwriter’s Hall of Fame.

And the list goes on. But more importantly, he is the man who helped give country music the dignity it has deserved. He was instrumental in the formation of the first country charts. He took it from its ignored status and gave it a place on the front pages and in its own section of the Billboard. He has devoted much of his adult life to the betterment and the promotion of country music as a great art form.

He grew up with the pioneers, and they were as fond of him as are the young and not-so-young of today.

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If you had broken bread with him in his plush apartment, or accompanied him on a water-skiing trip, or floated with him down the river, or even had a business dealing with him, you realized the scope of this man.

Twice he served as leader of the Country Music Association, giving of his time, his energies, his money. Had any of us known how little time he had to spend with us, our demands would have been less. But Hubert Long would have given nonetheless.

The artists whose career he aided would fill a book. Pick one out of a hat, man or woman, and you'll find he was involved in some way.

As a manager, as an agent, as a publisher, he will be sorely missed. As a friend, much more so. A man who unquestionably one day will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame he helped so marvelously to put together.

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Hometowns Honor Native Sons In Special Ways

Some name boulevards, some proclaim days

Tom T. Hall recalls the day he would have been arrested for having a beer in his hometown of Olive Hill, in Eastern Kentucky, in the shadow of the Appalachians. But when he was there for his “day” last year and again this year, the police rewarded him with a bottle of booze.

That’s how it’s been for the country entertainers recently, whose hometowns, suddenly on the map, have decided to honor their native sons and daughters with parades, performances, and praise.

It was rare sometime back to have a “day.” Now a performer whose hometown has not seen fit to honor him in some way just isn’t in. Some of the towns have made a production of it. The chief of these has to be West Plains, Mo.

Toss a brick down the main street in that town and you’re likely to hit a prospective talent. It has been turning them out like Grambling grinds out football players, and one of these days West Plains may run out of streets to name after its famous country singers.

Jan Howard Expressway runs directly into Porter Wagoner Boulevard, for example, which tells you something about the town. Both Jan and Porter have been honored with “days,” and Wagoner has taken advantage of his to help raise money for Indian benefits, which are dear to the heart of RCA producer Bob Ferguson, a fellow who comes from the town of Willow Springs, Mo., which is just 20 miles from West Plains, also in Howell County. By the way, Willow Springs plans a Bob Ferguson day early next year.

Even closer to West Plains, which also is the home of Don Warden, is the town of Pomon, which is the home of Spec Rhodes. And another few miles up the line is Poplar Bluff, which is the home of Ferlin Husky. All of these towns are down along the Arkansas border, in the Ozarks.

Dolly Parton “Day” in East Tennessee has become a tradition. It’s held annually at Sevierville, in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, and Dolly has turned it into a big scholarship show. This way it’s something very meaningful.

Jeannie Pruett is from near Anniston, Alabama, and that town gave her a “day” this past year. Everyone showed up, including her parents, who had never before seen her perform. The Decca artist got the key to the city and the works.

Anson, Texas, had done the same for Jeannie C. Riley after “Harper Valley PTA” became such a smash hit. Her parents, too, left the cottonfields to take part in the pagentry which honored the local girl who made good.

The Wilburn Brothers returned to their hometown of Hardy, Arkansas, this year to be honored by the townspeople and folk from all over the countryside. The population is less than 700, but several thousand showed up. They got a standing ovation, put on a great show, and helped raise money for a pediatric hospital.

There is a small town, almost hidden, in Greene County in East Tennessee called Bulls Gap, which not only honored Archie Campbell, but is preserving a memorial to him. It has turned his boyhood home there into a shrine, open to visitors who are able to find the place.

Dottie West, who grew up in McMinnville, Tenn., and went to school nearby at Tennessee Tech, was given her “day” a few years back, and 8,500 people greeted Dottie at her homecoming. Things went so well that Dottie West Day has become an annual event.

Columbia’s Carl Smith returned to his hometown of Maynardville, Tenn., last July for his “day.” The city celebrated with a horse-show, since Smith is an outstanding horseman as well as an entertainer.

Sherry Bryce, who sings harmony with Mel Tillis, was honored by her home town of Phil Campbell, Ala., on July 22. Just having her appear with Tillis was enough for the hometownfolk.

Many of the towns have taken advantage of the “days” to stage large fund-raising activities. But this has enhanced the honor rather than detracted from it.

Instead of his hometown honoring him, George Hamilton IV honored his home by returning there. He moved to North Carolina after several years in Nashville. Bobby Lord earlier had returned to his native state of Florida.
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