Eddle Rabbitt is certain to remember 1976 as a special year. During these twelve months he has had three big hits from the "Rocky Mountain Music" LP including "Drinkin" My Baby (Off My Mind)," "Rocky Mountain Music" and the current single "Two Dollars In The Jukebox." Eddie has also made his national television debut on "The Merv Griffin Show' and "Dinah" with "The Midnight Special" to air soon. But he'll also remember '76 because on Saturday, November 27, Eddie wed the former Janine Girardi in Nashville. The couple are on a two-week honeymoon in Florida.

This bicentennial year marked a musical milestone for Texans and Freddy Fender's new

album "If You're Ever In Texas" is fanning his superstar flame.

Mickey Gilley has capped his best year ever with two number one records, and his latest release "Lawdy Miss Clawdy" is already top ten. Mickey will spend the holidays in Houston playing golf, flying and sportin' 'round in his 1928 Model A. Mickey's all set for six dates at Gilley's Club, December 17-18, 24-25, 31 and January 1. The Houston club will also feature holiday sets by Willie Nelson, Hank Locklin, Carl and Pearl Butler and Chubby Wise. Mickey also just finished a Christmas album which producer Eddie Kilroy is rushing for a holiday release date.

Have you heard Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown breakdown on that eight string 'lectric fiddle crafted by Randy Wood, owner of Nashville's Pickin' Parlor? WOW!! "Gatemouth" has just returned from a successful African tour.

Bob Luman is back on the road, to the delight of country music fans, following critical

Steve Fromholz was another Texan who gained national prominence in '76 with his first LP release on Capitol, "A Rumor In My Own Time," and his own "I'd Have To Be Crazy," a

The Lost Gonzo Band just released their second MCA album and are closing out a heavy

national tour with Jerry Jeff Walker.

Ray Wylie Hubbard and The Cowboy Twinkies, along with Larry White of Dallas, just

finished producing their old friend Rick Fowler of Three Faces West fame.

Michael Murphey's new Epic album, "Flowing Free Forever," is creating interest in all musical fields with a diverse offering of his talents exemplified in songs like "Cherokee Fiddle" and "See How All The Horses Come Dancing" and the poetic "A North Wind And A New Moon." Michael co-produced the album with **Jeff Guercio** at Caribou Ranch in Colorado. **Jack Murphy** and **Michael McKinney** may be lost to the late night crowd in Dallas but not on "Flowing Free Forever." The former jazz duo have also been in and out of Nashville doing sessions.

The Moffatt clan in Forth Worth should have a very special holiday season with the success of their offspring to celebrate this year; son Hugh scored with his "Just In Case, hit for Ronnie Milsap, and daughter Katy with her first Columbia album, produced by Billy

Sherrill.

Steve Young and producer Roy Dea are working on Steve's second album, a follow-up to his critically acclaimed "Renegade Picker," with a release date set for early '77. RCA just released Willie Nelson's "It's Not Supposed To Be That Way" by ole Waylon's favorite singer -- Steve Young. Steve has just finished several concert dates with Waylon and a documentary for French TV.

Nashville songwriters Rob Parsons and Ed Penny have just had a European cut on their "If That's What Friends Are For," a recent hit for Barbara Mandrell.

Gary Stewart's new release on RCA, "Your Place Or Mine" was penned one recent lunch hour by Rory Bourke and Carol and Mary Beth Anderson (Carol and Mary Beth are part of the group Ladysmith).

A Kingston Springs, Tennessee boy done it again — Geof Morgan's new MCA release

"The License Plate Just Said Texas" was a KBOX pick first week out.

Townes Van Zandt has moved to Nashville and treated the Pickin' Parlor crowd to three nostalgic nights with friends Guy Clark, Steve Young, Michael Murphey and that fantastic family group, The Lunsfords, sharing the stage. Townes' unreleased album must be the worst kept secret of his career, and contains some of his best songs ever. Emmylou Harris cut Townes' classic "Poncho And Lefty," set for release on her next album.

People in Tyler, Texas 'round Brian's studio are raving about a young singer, Nancy

Lindley, who covers ground from Kate Smith to Patsy Cline with exceptional originality.

The Marshall Tucker Band-Bonnie Bramlett-Grinderswitch show received six standing

ovations at the Pavilion in Paris, France. With producer **Paul Hornsby**, the group will record three dates in England. The new MTB album "Carolina Dreams" is set for a Feb. '77

Sea Level just finished their first Stewart Levine-produced Capricorn album, also set for a February release.

Beginning Dec. 1 on WPLN-FM Nashville at 4 pm a new weekly program — "All Things - the stories and songs of Gamble Rogers.

The original Broadway production of the Tony and Grammy award-winning musical comedy "Raisin" comes to the Opry House Dec. 7-9. Produced by Robert Nemiroff (widower of Lorraine Hansberry, who wrote "Raisin In The Sun"), "Raisin" is now into the second year of a national tour starring the same cast which made the original three-year run on Broadway with Virginia Capers in the lead.

Charly McClain's new single on Epic, "Lay Down," is getting heavy airplay. Charly and Shylo will showcase this week at Nashville's Exit/In, Gilley's in Houston and a Dallas club. Ronnie Scaife and Danny Hogan of Shylo have been garnering attention as writers for some time. Wait'll you hear their harmony on "Where Love Likes To Live," co-written with Ronnie's mom.

Asleep At The Wheel, set for recording sessions at Summet Studios in Dallas, will be touring Europe in the spring.

Clifton Cheiner finished a new Barclay album produced by Phillipe Rault and recorded at The Studio In The Country in Bogalusa, La. The album, called "Frenchin' The Boogie," features "You Keep Knockin' But You Can't Come In."

Patty Gallagher is now being booked by Atlas Artist Bureau out of Nashville.

Wes Yoder and Randy Matthews, co-spirits with Nashville's Dharma agency, recently signed to represent Eldridge Cleaver in his personal tours. "The Best Of Randy Matthews, a collection from one of the early innovators of music with a spiritual core, is scheduled for an early '77 release by Myrrh Records. Perfect timing for the 7th birthday celebration of

Myrrh, especially since Randy was one of Myrrh's first artists.

Loretta will host the Jan. 21 edition of the Midnight Special and her "Somebody, Somewhere" (another Dillon gem) holds down the #1 spot on most national charts.

Kenny Starr joins "farmer" Don Williams out near Ashland City, Tennessee, as Kenny recently purchased property there,

Brenda Lee recently returned from Chicago, where she performed with fellow MCA artists Jessica James and Conway Twitty. Her latest, "Taking What I Can Get," produced by Snuff Garrett, is the first to be taken from her new album "L.A. Sessions.

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2	YOU AND ME TAMMY WYNETTE (Epic KE 34289)	3	9	28	PEANUTS AND DIAMONDS BILLY ANDERSON (MCA 2222)
(3)	SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE LORETTA LYNN (MCA 2228)	5	8	29	RONNIE MILSAP LIVE (RCA APL 1-2043)
(4)	FREDDY FENDER (ABC/Dot DOSD 2061)	6	9	30	TEXAS COOKIN' GUY CLARK (RCA APL 1-1944)
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6	JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ (Mercury SRM 1-1110)	7	7	33	KENNY ROGERS (United Artists UA-LA 689G)
7	DAVE & SUGAR (RCA APL 1-1818)	4	15	34	UNITED TALENT LORETTA LYNN & CONWAY
8	ALONE AGAIN GEORGE JONES (Epic KE 34290)	9	7	35	THE WINNER AND OTHER
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(14)	OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN (MCA 2223) GILLEY'S SMOKIN'	20	4		RAISING MERLE HAGGARD & THE STRANGERS (Capitol ST 11586)
15	MICKEY GILLEY (Playboy PB 415) HERE'S SOME LOVE	25	5	41	SUPER SONGS DANNY DAVIS AND THE
16	TANYA TUCKER (MCA 2213) ALL I CAN DO	8	23		NASHVILLE BRASS (RCA APL 1-1986)
_	DOLLY PARTON (RCA APL 1-1665)	10	15	42	ANGELS, ROSES AND RAIN DICKEY LEE (RCA APL 1-1725)
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19	T.G. SHEPPARD (Hitsville H6 40451) GOLDEN RING	19	7	45	JESSI COLTER (Capitol ST 11543) LYNN ANDERSON
	GEORGE JONES & TAMMY WYNETTE (Epic KE 34291)	16	16	_	GREATEST HITS VOLUME II (Columbia KC 34308)
20)	GREATEST HITS VOLUME II CONWAY TWITTY (MCA 2235)	28	4	46	WAYLON LIVE WAYLON JENNINGS (RCA APL 1-1108)
21	COUNTRY CLASS JERRY LEE LEWIS			47	THE BEST OF CHET ATKINS AND FRIENDS
22	(Mercury SRM 1-1109) HASTEN DOWN THE WIND	18	6		CHET ATKINS & FRIENDS (RCA APL 1-1985)
23)	LINDA RONSTADT (Asylum 7E-1067) CRASH	22	14	48	TEDDY BEAR RED SOVINE (Starday SD 968X)
	BILLY "CRASH" CRADDOCK (ABC/Dot DOSD 2063)	29	4	49	SAX LIFE IN NASHVILLE MAURY FINNEY
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Willie Nelson (Columbia)

When The New Wears Off Our Love Jody Miller (Epic)

There She Goes Again Joe Stampley (Epic) My Eyes Adored You

Marty Mitchell (Hitsville) Baby, You Look Good

John Denver (RCA) Crazy

Linda Ronstadt (Asylum) Ridin' Rainbows Tanya Tucker (MCA)

Midnight Angel Barbara Mandrell (ABC/Dot)

Two Less Lonely People Rex Allen Jr. (WB) If Love Was A

Bottle Of Wine Tommy Overstreet (ABC/Dot)

They've Got Millions Larry Chessier (WB)

Lovelight Comes A Shining Pat Boone (Hitsville)

Hello Atlanta

Chip Taylor (Columbia)

Steppin' Out Tonight

Lori Parker (Con Brio) Teddy Toad

Bobby Butler (Pantheon Desert) Honky Tonk Fool

Ben Reece (Polydor) If You Don't Like Hank Williams

Rayburn Anthony (Polydor) Lvin' Again

Calico (UA) I Went To Bed Loving You Glenn Barber

Souvenirs

Colleen Peterson (Capitol) Say You Love Me

Linda K. Lance (Gar-Pax)

Silence On The Line Sterling Whipple (Columbia)

After The Lovin' Engelbert Humperdinck (Epic)

Take Time To Know Him

Sherri King (UA)