

## COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Monument's **Larry Jon Wilson** dropped by our editorial offices recently during a visit to **Cash Box's** new Nashville neighbor, producer **Chips Moman**. After a dry spell of seven months, Larry Jon reports that he is writing again — three songs in one day! Larry Jon travels to Nashville about three times yearly and when he does the pickers stop by. Does word get around? "No," says Larry Jon, "I get around." Larry Jon lives in North Augusta, S.C.

**Chips Moman** will begin producing **Townes Van Zandt** for Tomato Records this week at American Studios in Nashville.

Monument Records head **Fred Foster** and recording engineer **Jim Williamson** have been in the studio off and on since Jan. 10 working on tracks with Monument artist **Eddy Raven**.

Raven's version of the old standard "Colinda" and his self-penned tune "Dancer" are the most likely candidates for the single, scheduled for release Feb. 15.

**Harlan White**, writer of **Don Williams'** British hit, "Cup Of Tea," recently signed an exclusive writer contract with Chandos, Inc., a publishing division of the Mervyn Conn Organization.

**Ernest Tubb** is currently on a 40-day tour of the west coast.

Epic's **Jody Miller** teamed with producer **Glenn Sutton** for a session in Nashville last week that resulted in Jody's next single release, "Soft Lights And Slow Sexy Music." Jody says this single is a ballad cut in a softer style than her recent song material and that this change seems to suit her better. Sutton says the record will be shipped shortly.

Congratulations to Epic recording artist **Dave Loggins** and wife, **Pat**, on the birth of their son, **Quinn**.

**Little Richie Johnson** is expanding again. The Johnson Agency of Belen expects a big year in 1978 with several new releases on their labels, "Little Richie," Chuckie and the new label, LRJ. The latter just released a new album by **Gilbert Ortega**.

**Margo Smith**, whose "Don't Break The Heart That Loves You" is currently riding as **Cash Box's** #1 country single, has become an expert ribbon cutter. In one day the Warner Bros. artist opened two Peaches Records and Tapes stores in Dayton and Indianapolis, respectively.

Warner Bros. recording artist **Con Hunley** recently racked up five performances in one day, three in the name of charity, in his hometown of Knoxville. Fellow label artist **Pal Rakes** will do a benefit show for leukemia Feb. 11 in cooperation with radio KCKN, Kansas City.

Veteran arranger/producer **Bill Justis** will cut an album with international singer **Nino (De Leon)** for Monument Records Feb. 2. Nino, a New Yorker, will be singing in both English and Spanish. According to Justis, the sessions will differ from modern recording practices in that the strings, horns and vocal tracks will be cut at the same time as the basic rhythm tracks in order to achieve a more "live" feeling.

**Stella Parton** recently braved the cold, icy Detroit weather to attend the marriage ceremony of Elektra/Asylum country promotion director **Norm Osborne**. Norm worked as E/A's local promotion representative in his hometown of Detroit for a year before joining the company's country offices in Nashville last August. He met his wife Christine in Detroit. The highlight of the reception came when Stella, accompanied by the church organist, sang "You Light Up My Life" for the newlyweds.



Stella Parton

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## MOST ADDED COUNTRY SINGLES

- 1. READY FOR THE TIMES TO GET BETTER — CRYSTAL GAYLE — UNITED ARTISTS**  
KCKN, KIKK, WWOK, WWOL, WIL, WNRS, WJJD, WBAM, WCMS, KLAK, WMC, WIRE, KFTN, WHK, WPLO, WKDA, KCUB, KENR, WHOO, KMPS, KAYO, KHEY, KWJJ, KGBS, KHAK, WUBE, KFDI, KWMT, KNUZ, KDJW.
- 2. IT DON'T FEEL LIKE SINNIN' TO ME — THE KENDALLS — OVATION**  
WTSO, WSHO, KXLR, WPNX, WUNI, WWOK, KERE, WIL, WNRS, WMNI, WBAM, WCMS, WSLR, KLAK, WIRE, KFTN, WPLO, KEBC, KENR, WHOO, WYDE, KMPS, KGBS, WWVA, KFDI, WXCL, KWMT, KNUZ, KDJW.
- 3. SOMEONE LOVES YOU HONEY — CHARLEY PRIDE — RCA**  
KIKK, KLAC, WPNX, WUNI, KERE, WHN, WVOJ, KYNN, WBAM, KLAK, WMC, KNEW, WPLO, KCUB, KENR, WHOO, WYDE, KAYO, KHEY, KGBS, KHAK, KUZZ, KNUZ, KGA.
- 4. I CHEATED ON A GOOD WOMAN'S LOVE — BILLY "CRASH" CRADDOCK — CAPITOL**  
KCKN, WSHO, WPNX, WUNI, WWOL, WNRS, WMNI, WVOJ, WBAM, WCMS, WMC, WIRE, KRMD, KEBC, WHOO, WYDE, KAYO, KGBS, KFDI, WXCL, KVOO.
- 5. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN — JOHNNY CASH — COLUMBIA**  
WTSO, WSHO, WPNX, WWOL, WNRS, KYNN, WBAM, KLAK, WIRE, WPLO, KENR, WHOO, KGBS, KFDI, WXCL, KWMT, KNUZ, KDJW.

## MOST ACTIVE COUNTRY SINGLES

- 1. MAMAS DON'T LET YOUR BABIES . . . — WAYLON JENNINGS & WILLIE NELSON — RCA**  
KCKN 18-3, WTSO 27-14, KXLR 35-29, KIKK 36-15, WUNI 18-9, WWOK 11-2, WDEE 47-34, WWOL 34-14, WPOC 25-14, WHN ex-17, WIL 23-15, WNRS 37-21, WMNI 38-32, WJJD 25-20, WVOJ 30-21, KYNN 30-19, WCMS 55-46, WSLR 36-16, WIRE 38-23, KNEW 31-22, KFTN 33-18, KRMD 22-16, WHK 33-27, WPLO 27-12, WKDA 26-19, KCUB ex-29, WDAF 14-2, KENR 35-11, WHOO 31-20, KMPS 27-19, KAYO 19-10, KHEY 34-23, KWJJ 38-24, KGBS 29-8, WWVA 29-20, WUBE 25-10.
- 2. IF I HAD A CHEATING HEART — MEL STREET — POLYDOR**  
WDEE 51-46, WWOL 37-29, WIL 39-33, WNRS 32-25, WMNI ex-39, WVOJ ex-34, KYNN 38-32, WSLR ex-34, KLAK 38-20, WIRE ex-35, KNEW ex-38, KRMD ex-35, WPLO ex-29, WKDA 31-21, KCUB ex-38, WYDE 25-15, KMPS ex-28, KAYO ex-27, KWJJ ex-36, WWVA ex-38, WUBE 24-15.
- 3. I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU — RONNIE McDOWELL — SCORPIO/GRT**  
WTSO 18-11, KIKK 12-3, WWOK 19-14, WDEE 35-19, KERE 30-20, WWOL 40-24, WJJD ex-26, WBAM 37-32, WSLR 31-18, WIRE 33-21, KNEW 38-33, KRMD ex-32, WHK 35-28, KCUB 28-19, WHOO 34-29, KMPS 22-13, KHEY 49-38, KWJJ 34-23, KHAK 30-25, WWVA 25-17.
- 4. BARTENDER'S BLUES — GEORGE JONES — EPIC**  
KCKN 23-12, WPNX ex-36, WUNI ex-29, WWOK ex-26, WDEE 48-41, KERE 25-19, WWOL 35-28, WPOC 11-5, WMNI ex-38, WJJD ex-27, WSLR ex-32, KLAK 31-18, WIRE 40-33, KNEW 32-26, WPLO 30-22, WKDA 32-22, KCUB ex-32, KENR 32-27, KWJJ 39-28, WUBE 32-20.

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would like to thank everyone  
who helped break her  
"Heart."  
(WBS 8508)



Margo Smith's No. 1 single o  
is featured on her forthcoming album  
**DON'T BREAK THE HEART  
THAT LOVES YOU**  
Produced by Norro Wilson



on Warner Bros. records & tapes (BSK 3173)