

Birmingham's Top Ten

Compiled Weekly from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops
Reported by Les Carter, Bham High School Sophomore

Rank	Record	Artist
1	The Chipmunk Song	David Seville
2	Smile Gets to Your Eyes	The Platters
3	Lonely Teardrops	Jackie Wilson
4	The All American Boy	Bill Parsons
5	To Know Him Is To Love Him	The Teddy Bears
6	Simmonby	Jimmie Rodgers
7	Problems	The Everly Brothers
8	Lucky Lady Bug	Billie and Little
9	Nobody But You	Dee Clark
10	The Wedding	June Valli

NEW RELEASES

The Worrying Kill — Tommy Sands—B
Stagger Lee—Lloyd Price—A
Red Red Rose — The Ames Brothers—C
There's A Pretty Girl Everywhere — Eugene Church—B
The Trial—The Legal Eagles—C
The Trial—Jerry Field—C
Let's Love—Johnny Mathis—B
You Are Beautiful—Johnny Mathis—B
Domina—Richie Valens—A
Cha Cha Polka—Lawrence Welk—D
Good Bye Baby—Jack Scott—B

NEWS AND VIEWS OFF THE RECORD

It's been quite a year.
The hit charts have been hosting cha-cha — "Patricia" by Perez Prado, music straight from the swing era — "Topsy" by Cory Cole, folk tunes — Tom Dooley, novelties — "The Purple People Eater" Italian flavored ballads, and of course rock 'n' roll.

In '58 the nearly extinct instrumental came alive in varied forms, old stars repeated, old stars faded,

and old, old stars like Tommy Edwards returned. Two buddies on different labels, Duane Eddy and Jimmy Clanton, hit the big time at the same time. Jimmie Rodgers and Ricky Nelson continued to stay there, and this was the year of David Seville; Sheb Wooley and the little speeded-up voices. This year saw Elvis begin to tarnish. It brought to stardom Frankie Avalon and Bobby Darin, and a clay idol named Fabian rose and fell.

A DJ became a singer this year, and as a result "Chastity Lane" was a word on everybody's lips.

This year a young unknown named Conway Twitty was fired by Mercury and hired by MGM. From this transaction came "It's Only Make Believe." A Philadelphia DJ, Dick Clark, became the record industry's most popular and most powerful man. A Tennessee hillbilly and the Sun label combined efforts to make about five hits, and to "make" Jerry Lee Lewis. Stereo, Little Anthony, Tom Clay, Jackie Wilson, Formula 45,

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Chuck Berry, Johnny Mathis, and Connie Francis are three singers thankful for the past twelve months. Harry Belafonte, on the other hand, never got off the ground this year.

This year, as usual, saw the reviving of some familiar dances, like the cha-cha, Mexican Hat dance, and the Conga, and the introducing of new crazes, the Stroll, Head Five, Shig-a-Shag, Chalype and Walk. Viewers of American Bandstand came to know Pat. Carol, Frankie, Arlene, Justine, and Bob—a few of the regulars.

Yes, it's been quite a year, from "Volare" to "Great Balls of Fire."

Laurie London, Danny and the Juniors and the Champs were big names from January to April, but dropped. Summertime found Bobby Day, Dominico Madugno, Dion and the Belmonts and the Everly Brothers riding high. And this fall it's been Cozy Cole all the way.

Marked for hits as soon as they were released, Tommy Edwards' "It's All in the Game," the Sheldons' "You Cheated," Ricky's "Poor Little Fool," and Bobby Darin's "Splish Splash." Remember "Yakety Yak"? Or how about "Sweet Little Sixteen," "Breathless," or "25 Miles"? And for surprises to the DJ's, "Little Star" made number one and "Just Young" laid a bomb.

For everyone, 1958 has been a year to remember.

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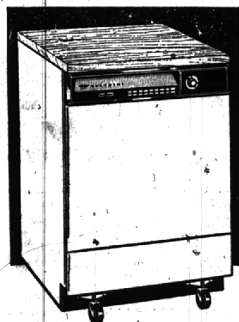
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