

# Birmingham's Top Ten

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

- | Last Week's Ranking | This Week's Ranking | Title                | Artist              |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1                   | 1                   | Topsy II             | Cozy Cole           |
| 2                   | 2                   | You Cheated          | The Shelds          |
| 3                   | 3                   | Footy Boy            | Tommy Edwards       |
| 4                   | 4                   | It's All in the Game | Earl Grant          |
| 5                   | 5                   | Topsy I              | Cozy Cole           |
| 6                   | 6                   | The Bird             | Sam Cooke           |
| 7                   | 7                   | Win Your Love for Me | The Violes          |
| 8                   | 8                   | Trickle, Trickle     | George Young        |
| 9                   | 9                   | Miss Mary Miles      | The Everly Brothers |
| 10                  | 10                  | Bird Dog             | The Everly Brothers |

## Top Ten in Detroit

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| 1  | Bird Dog             |
| 2  | Volare               |
| 3  | Little Star          |
| 4  | It's All in the Game |
| 5  | Tears on My Pillow   |
| 6  | Rockin' Robin        |
| 7  | Striplin Cupid       |
| 8  | Devoted to You       |
| 9  | Susie Darlin'        |
| 10 | Born Too Late        |

## Album of the Week

Title: Babbles, Bangles and Bends The Blobs—The Five Blobs  
Artist: The Kirby Stone Four  
The fastest growing hit in the country, "Topsy II," by the great jazz drummer, Cozy Cole, has suddenly come from nowhere to take over first place on the Birmingham chart. I don't recall ever seeing a record become so popular in so short a time. It has hit even faster than "All I Do Have to Do is Dream" by the Everlys or the very prominent "Poor Boy" by the Royal Tones.

"Volare," "Rockin' Robin" and "Bird Dog" have finally dropped off the survey to make room for the upsurge of new records. Incomparable "Topsy II," its flip "Topsy I," "Trickle, Trickle," "You Cheated," "The End" and "Win Your Love for Me," all fairly new records with the exception of "Trickle, Trickle," which has been out for three months, have taken over the honors. Hot potentials like "Promise Me Love" by Andy Williams, "Fire Fly" by Tony Bennett and Jackie Wilson's "We Have Love" have fallen as a result of these new hits.

"Topsy I and II" reminds me of another two-sided instrumental pressed about two years ago, "Honky Tonk I and II." Bill Doggett's latest release is "Hold It," doing very well in the mid-west and east.

Rickey has a new record, "Lonesome Town," which is really a change of pace for the usually swingin' Rickey Nelson. A blue rockabilly with strong appeal, this disc should be the best seller despite the jockey's plugging the other side. Connie Francis, who has had a string of hits this year, also has a new release. In my opinion, the best side is "Fallin'" but the other side could have some action. Look out for "Old MacDonald" by the Charters on the Victor label.

"The Blob," the theme song of the movie of the same name, is climbing the charts across the nation. The best version is by The Five Blobs, with another strong wailing by the Zany's.

A record causing much commotion in this area is "Tom Dooley" by the Kingston Trio. Tom Gray has predicted that this record will be the number one song in the nation, and if all the disc jockeys plug it as much as Clay, it can't miss.

Going through a stack of old Formula 45's, I've found the most popular record labels to be Dot, Capitol, and ABC Paramount.

# 'Birdie in the Tree Top' Means Mort Neff Material

By SUE GREENLEAF

Just seeing an eagle face to face would be an experience for most of us, for there are only about 50 pairs in Michigan. Mort "Michigan Outdoors" Neff has not only seen an eagle, but actually got into a nest with one!

About four years ago, an eagle was spotted near Lake St. Helen. It rested on an 80-foot tree on a small island in the middle of a swampy near Lake St. Helen, between West Branch and Roscommon.

NEFF, WHOSE show is on television at 7 p.m. Thursdays, thought it was worth the effort to get pictures of the eagle for the program. So, he went to Lake St. Helen to visit the eagle.

His guide for the trip was Al Harger, an ex-Marine who was formerly with the game division of the Michigan Conservation Department. The two swam a mile, waist deep in muddy swampy water to get to the small island and "Destination Eagle."

CARRYING ONLY one camera and a large coil of rope (the lowest branch was 20 feet from the ground), they finally located the nest.

They tied a weight to one end of the rope and threw it over the branch, which was a feat in itself, for the eagle was sitting on the rope so Neff could hoist himself up the lowest branch. Then he climbed to the top of the tree.

THE NEST, about eight feet wide, was actually a platform

Nest actually sat in the nest with the baby eagle, who screamed incessantly during the pictures. He took two feet of film when the spring in the camera broke. The thought of walking through that mile of swamp water again was disheartening.

His guide told him to lower the camera and the Marine bravely waded back to the car to get another camera, while Neff "baby-sat" in the nest.

The Marine brought back another camera and Neff completed his sound film. The guide even got into the movie by tugging the eagle's chain although it screamed and hollered.

INSTEAD OF lowering his camera first, Neff carried it down. Just as he got the rope wound around his foot, he lost his balance and slid to the ground, getting a rope burn to the bone in his leg.

The famed television personality, who now resides at Jackson Park in the Berkshires, is a native of Birmingham. He grew up in the first brick house in the city, then located where Jacobson's now stands. He is a graduate of the first graduating class of Baldwin high school, now Baldwin elementary school.

# THE BILLBOARD

BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH By Tom Manhard

## Students Roar at Lions' Effort

Last Thursday was the Lions' day for selling gas. Helping them out in the afternoon was our own principal, Richard Speiss, who pumped gas and serviced cars with a real flair.

There were, however, several accidents. He couldn't seem to find the aperture into which the fuel went on Bonnie Richard's auto. He successfully waded down the pavement with high-octane during the search. Ken Ailor and friends were treated to cups of cider all 'round by Mr. Speiss, and then Ken, spendthrift to the end, bought ten cents' worth of gas.

Even though our Barons were defeated last Friday by Brighton (18-0) BHHS attendance at the game was large and spirited. Afterward, many students retired to the Casino and enjoyed pizza. Then, spirits unabated, they adjourned to the parking lot of BHHS, where cars were put in a circle and the car radios played for dance music. This went on quietly, until the untimely arrival of Bloomfield's finest, who seemed to put a damper on the whole affair.

Speaking of our first home game, which is tomorrow, the senior class is promoting, along with the student council, the highest student turnout possible for the game.

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