



**JVT AND FAILE GOOD COMBO** - Needless to say the World Premiere of Earl Owensby's movie CHALLENGE was quite a success. The street in front of the Rogers Theatre was packed with spectators straining to see the stars of the locally filmed action movie.

Among those in the crowd were Jerry Van Tassel, local singing talent and his wife Marlene. Jerry's manager Tom Brooks and his wife Elaine were with JVT and Marlene.

In case you didn't know, Jerry wrote two songs for the movie, "Together" and "Challenge". Due to contractual difficulties, Jerry was unable to sing his songs on the soundtrack but Charlotte's Tommy Faile was drafted for the pleasant duty.

The tune "Together" was played in a flashback segment. Earl, playing John Frank Challenge, was pursuing his wife and child's killers and in one scene, the flashback, he was with his family at an amusement park. The mood of the trio as they enjoyed one another's company was excellently captured by Jerry's lyrics and Tommy's fine bass voice. Manager Tom noted after the film that a calliope or electric organ may have enhanced the tune a bit more but added he was quite pleased with the songs.



Photo by Jay Ashley  
**JVT and his bride, Marlene, arrive at Rogers Theater**

The song "Challenge" comes at the end of the movie after Frank Challenge has had his confrontation with W.F. Guthrie (William T. Hicks), the villain of the film.

Buttons were bustin' after the movie ended, as well they should be. Earl and his crew are to be commended for a fine film without profanity and explicit sex scenes.

Following the movie, an "afterwards" party was held at the Holiday Inn in Shelby, and I asked Owensby his reactions to Jerry's scores. "Jerry's a very talented writer", Earl said, "and he did a fine job with the songs he did for us."

Like the auto mechanic who never fixes his own car, Tommy Faile admitted Friday that he had not yet seen the movie or heard the recordings he did. "I've been on the road quite a lot recently," Faile said, "an I didn't get a chance to go to the premiere. I have heard several comments from folks who saw the movie or have heard the records and all comments have been real favorable."

The two tunes Tommy did, "Together" and "Challenge" are being released on a single. Tommy said an album is also being produced to coincide with the movie and will feature the two songs as well as others. One other song in particular was written and released by Faile some time back and was used as a juke box tune in the movie.

Tommy said, "Martin Beck (the director of CHALLENGE) had a copy of the record I made, IF I MISS THAT TRAIN, and he decided to use it in the juke box segment."

The album should be finished this week sometime.

Speaking of Van Tassel's songs, Tommy said, "I think Jerry has good writing ability. He has good ideas," Faile added, "when you're in this music business you often get hardened to songs and tunes, and it takes a good song to get to you. I liked both the songs Jerry did."

**DAVE CRAIG** and the Country Masters from the Carolina Country Show of WSPA-TV will be making a personal appearance at Bryson City Sat., April 20. Dave will be serving as the emcee for the entire show starting at 7:30 p.m.

A **BENEFIT SHOW** will be held at Crossroads May 4 and all proceeds will go to the Charles Smith family. The Smiths were burned out a few weeks ago and the proceeds will help them get a new start. The entertainers will include the Sugarloaf Ramblers, Barry Jackson and the Country Strangers and others. Adult charge is \$2, \$1 charge for the kids.

**THIS SATURDAY** at Crossroads the show will feature The Conrad Hinson Family, Keith Allison and the Outcasts, the Country Politans and the Betty Fisher Show.

Many of the biggest names in country music will join host Johnny Cash in "Country Comes Home," an hour musical salute to the recently completed new Grand Ole Opry House, to be colorcast on Channel Nine Fri., Apr. 26 at 10 p.m.

The guest stars, in alphabetical order, will be: Roy Acuff, Bill Anderson, Chet Atkins, June Carter Cash, Roy Clark, Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Tom T. Hall, George Jones, Kris Kristofferson, Loretta Lynn, Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys, Dolly Parton, Minnie Pearl, Charlie Rich, the Earl Scruggs Revue, Ernest Tubbs, Porter Waggoner and Tammy Wynette.

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