

# OF THE STARS

## LEROY VAN DYKE BACK IN "COUNTRY MUSIC U.S.A." AT LANDMARK



LEROY

The first star of the Landmark Hotel's "Country Music U.S.A." Leroy Van Dyke has returned to Las Vegas' home of country music for the tenth edition of the C & W musical revue.

Billed as "the hottest act on the country circuit" (Newsweek) Van Dyke is one country boy who's proud to take the country with him wherever he goes, and he takes it along in the form of music and song. His sophisticated presentation of the music form that is increasing in popularity at an astronomical rate, hinges primarily upon his deep melodious voice and warm, magnetic personality. The world's only artist/auctioneer, whose first recording "The Auctioneer" was penned by himself and became a million-seller overnight, holds a college degree in journalism and animal husbandry, and trained as an auctioneer in emulation of an admired cousin, who was an established livestock auctioneer.

Also starring in CMUSA are LeRoy's band, The Auctioneers and popular country & spiritual singers who have over 25 albums to their credit, The Plainsmen. Featured soloist in the show is Susan Haney, beautiful former "Miss Arkansas" who has appeared on The Hank Thompson Show, The Grand Ole Opry, The Louisiana Hayride, and for the last two years has toured all over the Midwest and Canada with The LeRoy Van Dyke Show.

Held over from the previous show, during which he made his Las Vegas debut, is "The Fifth Avenue Country Boy" Ben Sanders. Sanders' Will Rogers-type humor is making him a favorite son on the comedy scene locally, just as it has previously all over the country.

Van Dyke and crew are in the Jubilee Room through December 7.

## HELEN REDDY, JOAN RIVERS BACK AT MGM GRAND

Helen Reddy, whose appearance on the contemporary music scene resulted in an almost instant explosion of hit records, returns to the MGM Grand Hotel with funny femme, Joan Rivers.

This marks the second time that the Grand's favorite ladies have appeared on the same Celebrity Room bill together. Helen Reddy's easy

ballad, "I Don't Know How to Love Him," brushed aside the blaring sounds of the national record charts and became a multi-million selling hit in 1970. That first triumph led to a quick succession of hit records, "I Am Woman," "Ruby Red Dress" and "Angie Baby," to name just a few.

Quick witted and irreverent Joan

Rivers is probably the funniest and busiest comedienne around. Whenever her busy cabaret and television schedule allows Ms. Rivers writes books, scripts, plus her own material.

The winning combination of Reddy and Rivers will perform in two shows nightly at the MGM through November 18. Sheeky Greene and Barbara Eden follow.

## IN THE CONGO SHOWROOM

# TOTIE FIELDS



# BERT CONVY

RESERVATIONS  
**SAHARA** 735-4242

new "GET DOWN, AMERICA" revue which is scheduled to open the first week of December with a limited number of stateside engagements before a South American tour. Dancers should contact Schafer NOW, at the Moro Landis Dance Studios in Los Angeles.....Comedy star RONNIE SCHELL who opens next with BOBBY VINTON at the Flamingo on November 13, taped a special gueststar appearance on "BIG EDDIE" (CBS-TV), a guesting with DINAH SHORE, and another with MERV GRIFFIN. Ronnie has also been signed to costar with young singing sensation CARRIE McDOWELL (just here with Liberace) for a Christmas holiday appearance at DISNEYWORLD in Orlando, Florida..... Sweden's comedy acro troupe, THE STUPIDS return as one of the featured specialty acts in the all new "Casino de Paris" opening on Christmas Day at the Dunes. Also signed to star in the Dunes showroom (while "Casino" is off) during December - DIAHANN CARROLL and MYRON COHEN.....Academy Award winner JACK ALBERTSON co-headlines with DOC SEVERINSEN at the Frontier Hotel opening December 10.....The annual NITE OF STARS to benefit St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, will be held November 21 at Caesars Palace. Tickets now on sale.....Zany-man RIP TAYLOR held over at Hollywood's STUDIO ONE. Phyllis Diller, was hostess for Rip's gala opening, with a full parade of celebs coming out for Taylor's comedy tantrums including CONNIE STEVENS, LARRY & NORMA STORCH, PAUL LYNDE, BOBBY SHERMAN, GEORGE MAHARIS, JUNE LOCKHART, CRAIG RUSSELL, ROBERT Q. LEWIS, ABBE LANE, RUTH BUZZI, LORNA LUFT, ANN MILLER, JUNE ALLYSON, etc., etc. among the capacity throng.....

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....DORIS DAY and BARBRA STREISAND will get a chance to see themselves as at least one other person sees them when impressionist CRAIG RUSSELL (here for the Beaux Art Ball) does his devastating "tributes" to them in a special performance at the BLACK & WHITE TIE BALL. The Ball, held by show business attorney DONALD STERLING, will be at the International Ballroom of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills, on November 16. The orchestra for the gala will be LES BROWN. Russell's D. Day tribute will include a rendition of "Sentimental Journey" with the Brown orchestra - which just happens to be Doris' first hit record, with the same musician. A Sterling associate, JON PETERS, who has been Miss Streisand's constant escort and romance for more than a year, will also be attending the affair and is expected to bring the elusive and party-shy Barbra in for a quick peek at Russell's "Funny Girl/Lady" impression.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....HELEN REDDY & JOAN RIVERS at the MGM Grand.....MITZI at the Tropicana with her SECOND new show "Mitzi...A Tribute to Hollywood".....BOBBIE GENTRY and her all new show especially for the Sands with comedy star KELLY MONTEITH, ANDY & DAVID WILLIAMS, and SUNSHINE EXPRESS.....ANN-MARGRET at the Hilton with comedy impressionist FRED TRAVALENA..... One of the Strip's longest running revues BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS at the Marina.....