

# LAS VEGAS SHOWBOATS



**PRODUCER-STAR BRECK WALL, of LAS VEGAS' LONGEST RUNNING SMASH MUSICAL** comedy revue, the award winning "BOTTOMS UP" holds auditions for the several touring companies and main company of the show when he returns from the current engagement in Sydney, Australia, on FEBRUARY 6. "Bottoms Up" will open its initial 1976 engagement in Dallas, Texas at Granny's Dinner Theater on February 8. Several other longterm appearances for "BU" will be announced later this month.....MAC DAVIS opens January 29 at the MGM Grand with special gueststar DAVID BRENNER. Brenner recently signed an exclusive pact with NBC-TV and will shortly be starting his own starring series.....Television's "The Man", Academy Award winner JACK ALBERTSON was such a bit hit at the Frontier, with DOC SEVERINSEN, Hughes Hotel entertainment director WALTER KANE has inked him for multiple engagements in '76.....LESLIE UGGAMS starts the new year with a new deal at the Sahara Hotel, opening January 29 with TOTIE FIELDS. TOTIE, by the way, will be making a different sort of debut herself later this season. Miss Fields has been signed for a dramatic role on tv's "Medical Center" -- she'll play a hospital cleaning lady!.....

STEVE ALLEN & JAYNE MEADOWS WILL AGAIN BE HOST & HOSTESS OF ABC-TV's yearly frolic, "The Unofficial Miss Las Vegas Showgirl Pageant" from the Thunderbird Hotel airing Feb. 2. Among the "contestants" will be voluptuous DYANNE THORNE, now featured in the Union Plaza's "Norman, Is That You" comedy hit. Showgirls from all the major Strip shows or representing Strip hotels will compete for the title in the beauty contest spoof which has the girls showing off such talents as speed whistling, playing the lamp, roller skating, etc. Steve Allen, who is never informed in advance of what the girls are going to do, makes the perfect host and is hilarious with his typically brilliant ad libs and unrehearsed reactions to the comedy capers onstage. Miss Meadows (Mrs. Allen) is the mistress of the panel of celebrity judges ROSE MARIE, LOUIS NYE, IRWIN COREY.....Also coming to the Thunderbird will be the new "Star Time" show policy starting January 28. First pair to star in the series will be RODNEY DANGERFIELD, and DICK ROMAN.....Comedy star PETER ANTHONY is now the star of the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" (replacing Australian impressionist Daphne Davis). Oddly enough, Peter's last Tropicana appearance was in the same Superstar Theatre (now called the Tiffany Theater) when he opened the show for ANN-MARGRET. Peter recently returned from several months headlining at the Sheraton Caprice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida....."CASINO DE PARIS", the all new Salute to America's Bicentennial edition, now at the Dunes Hotel, features British music hall comedy star FREDDIE SALES, Sweden's acro-comedy troupe THE STUPIDS, Russian Gypsy singer JOHN MIKE ARLOW, THE DYMEKS and BOB BRAMSON & LIZ.....

ANN-MARGRET, RETURNING TO THE LAS VEGAS HILTON IN MARCH, IS THE FIRST star of the new "PEOPLE MAGAZINE" television series debuting on NBC-TV in late February or early March. Ann-Margret and Roger Smith taped the special during her last Hilton engagement; in addition to taping the Smiths offstage and "after work" segments of A-M's show, and at rehearsals. A-M also receives her Las Vegas Entertainment Award as FEMALE STAR OF THE YEAR.....BOB NEWHART returns to the Sands in May for his first Strip date in '76..... JOHNNY CARSON set March 11-17 for the first week of his four week pact at Caesars Palace. PHYLLIS McGUIRE will be Carson's special gueststar ....Indefatigable WAYNE NEWTON who can (and often does) play Las Vegas for forty weeks a year and never has less than capacity plus crowds wherever he works, will be see-sawing between the Sands (where he ends his current stint Jan. 27) and the Frontier. Wayne returns to the Sands on February 9.....CAROL BURNETT who hasn't played Vegas for a couple of years, makes a very special appearance later this summer at the MGM Grand Hotel. And JULIE ANDREWS, who has NEVER appeared in nightclubs here, will make her worldwide nitery bow in August at Caesars Palace.

## BARBARA FAIRCHILD AND COUNTRY STARS SHINE AT LANDMARK

The country music stars are shining brightly in the Landmark's Jubilee Room where the first edition of "Country Music U.S.A." for 1976 headlines Barbara Fairchild with Jerry Naylor, Jerry Collins and Skip De Vol.

No stranger of late to Las Vegas, Barbara Fairchild has appeared twice with the Roy Clark show and has twice headlined the Landmark's popular country/western musical revue all within the last year.

Appearing with Barbara, "The Honorary Mayor of Calabasas," country deejay, one-time front man for the popular popgroup, The Crickets and cur-



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rent hot country recording talent, Jerry Naylor lays down a segment of tunes and magical rapport which only hint at the

performer's ability with the crowd. Skip De Vol, "The Happiest Banjo Picker In The Whole U.S.A.," sends out

currents of electricity from the stage as he demonstrates what flying fingers and a lot of imagination can do to make standard banjo tunes come across as something just short of incredible, not to mention the amazing sound he puts to a ballad -- something rarely attempted on that particular instrument.

Jerry Collins makes the Landmark's country scene for the third time around. The quick-witted, fast-talking comic's "Frick and Frack" routine has become a classic for the sought-after jester. Opening Monday, January 26 - Johnny Paycheck.

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