

'Mr. Hot and Mr. Diggity' Hottest Tin Pan Alley Pair

New York—(U.P.)—Al Hoffman and Dick Manning, sometimes called, "Mr. Hot and Mr. Diggity," right now are in Tin Pan Alley what Mickey Mantle is to baseball.

In short, they're hot. Advice of Mark Twain Taken By Scientists

Riverside, Calif.—(U.P.)—Scientists at the University of California are taking a gentle hint from Mark Twain and are doing something about the weather—on a small scale.

The scale is so small, however, that they are experimenting only with the weather close to the ground which is known, scientifically, as microclimate.

The object of the experiments is a search for various methods of protecting the growth of young plants so that vegetable growers can produce crops during a season for which they are not normally adapted.

Two methods have been experimented with — "hot caps" and "brushing."

"Hot caps" placed over tiny plants will afford about five degrees of frost protection and can raise minimum day temperatures by 20 to 30 degrees. "Brushing" involves strips of paper supported by laths set up on the north sides of plant rows. These afford wind and frost protection as well as raising air temperature.

Nobel Winner Claims Viruses Cause Cancer

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Dr. Wendell M. Stanley, Nobel Laureate and director of the University of California's virus laboratory, said today that "the time has come when we should assume that viruses are responsible for most, if not all, kinds of cancer."

The viruses, he said, include cancer in man.

Stanley speaking recently at a Detroit, Mich., meeting of the Third National Cancer Conference, said experimental production of cancer in animals came as early as 1911. Since then virus-caused tumors in animals have been widely studied, and suspicion has fallen on viruses as the cause of some types of human cancer.

"The newer knowledge of certain properties of viruses," he said, "warrant today a marked change in our thinking on the problem of human cancer. Acceptance of the idea of a virus causation of human cancer may yield experimental results of the greatest benefit to mankind."

Carpenter Killed In Fall From Bridge

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Lewis C. Walters, a 62-year-old carpenter, was killed yesterday when he fell 25 feet from the new Daybreak bridge in central Clark county.

Walters apparently thought there was footing behind him and stepped backwards, falling 25 feet from the timber of the new bridge to a rough stone construction foundation below, according to a deputy coroner.

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At present the Hoffman-Manning team is represented by no fewer than nine entries in the juke box derby, and that's without counting Perry Como's million-plus record, "Hot Diggity."

Of Como's 10 million-seller records, Hoffman and Manning have contributed four of the songs.

Hoffman-Manning titles now making the best-seller lists include: "Allegheny Moon," "Daydreams," "Oh, Mama, Teach Me To Dance," "I'd Like to Say a Few Words About Texas," and "If You Really Want to Know."

Novelties Included Their tunes include novelties, romantic ballads and combina-

tions of the two.

They've been blending their words and music for about three years, forming a team after discovering that each had the same ideas about music. Just like "It Takes Two To Tango"—another Hoffman hit—they figure two heads are better than one in the music business.

Before Hoffman and Manning present a song to a publisher, they spare no expense in having a demonstration record made.

"Sometimes," said Manning, "we spend more time on the 'demo' than on writing the song."

The reason is simple.

"We serve up a finished pro-

duct to the busy publisher and the artist and repertoire man at the record company," Hoffman explained. "They don't have to imagine what the song will sound like. We have it right there for them."

Almost Note-for-Note The recordings of "Hot Diggity" and "Allegheny Moon," made by Como and Patti Page, respectively are almost note-for-note the way Hoffman and Manning arranged them for the demonstration copy. They are qualified to arrange songs, since Manning is a Juilliard School of Music graduate and Hoffman once conducted a band.

When writing a tune, both

contribute the words and music. They often start with a title and take it from there.

"There's more knack than talent in this business," said Hoffman. "You must know what to write and how to write it."

"And you've got to know your market," Manning added. "You

learn what not to write only through experience."

Both agree that there is one basic requirement for anybody who wants to become a songwriter.

"A sense of humor," they said. "Without it, you'll never survive."

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