

## Western Records Still Top Selling List In Klamath

By KELLY ROBERTS  
Despite the local hep-cats and longhairs, Klamath basin musical fancy is still western, according to a survey among the local platter-mongers and sheet-music stands.

Second on the musical list come the popular dance tunes for young and old alike, followed by semi-classical, jive and serious music.

Leading the parade of western stars is the "King of Western Swing," Spade Cooley. Most music houses agreed that his platters were the biggest selling individual items on the lists.

Spade is closely followed by Bob Wills, Ernest Tubbs, Roy Acuff and Eddie Arnold. Two up-and-coming co-sellers are T. Texas Tyler and Red Foley, both of whose platters are selling like hotcakes.

Stan Kenton is currently leading the field in the pop band category, with most of the younger discollectors buying him up as fast as new releases appear. For the older folks, Bing Crosby and the Ink Spots are big sales items. Still high up in volume are the sweet-swinging rhythms of Tommy Dorsey and Harry James.

Most of the salesgirls agreed that local musical tastes follow the influence of the cinema. As evidence they pointed to the big rush for Al Jolson records when "The Jolson Story" was showing, and now they report a growing demand for Uncle Remus records as Walt Disney's "Song of the South" is being billed.

One girl said, "When heavy pictures are being shown, they want classical stuff. When gay pictures are on, they all buy popular platters."

In the long-haired serious music department the shorter semi-classical arrangements of Morton Gould and Andre Kostelanetz, and the playing of the Boston "Pops" orchestra are good sellers. Symphonic and concert arrangements aren't too much in demand, although, as one girl reported, "most everyone buys a bunch of albums when they first get a new combination, but they don't buy much after that."

As far as the hep-cats and jive-fans in the community are concerned, the report was usually, "They come in and listen a lot, but they never buy much."

In the discussion of small combos and large bands, Klamath Falls rests in the full band group. Although a lot of trio, quartet and quintet arrangements are sold, the platters featuring full bands are selling much better.

Most music houses are inclined to class the combos even up with the novelty groups. The King Cole trio is leading in combo sales, and Phil Harris is reported selling a lot of novelty records.

Obvious in the music industry is the wealth of new radios and phonographs coming into the market. Many concerns, despite their major business, are stocking radios of some sort from \$25 portables to huge combination radiophones costing \$400 to \$500.

Down Main street your reporter noticed a hemstitching shop, a garage, a drug store, a candy store, a paint shop, beauty shop and a book store, all with radios displayed for sale in the windows.

Phonographs are coming out with many new innovations, but they're all costing John Q. Public a lot more. One of the latest is a combination that requires no needle changes nor movement of the playing arm, all you do is stick a record in a slot and it plays. Another new model comes equipped with a wire-recorder and player.

All in all, the basin is strictly "square" dance that is. We may not know too much about the ballet, but we sure do a mean schottische.

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## Lumber Parley Stated Tuesday

TACOMA, April 14 (AP)—Union and management representatives will meet in Seattle tomorrow afternoon to continue negotiations on demands of Western Washington lumber and sawmill workers. Early Hartley, president of the Puget sound district council, said today.

The union seeks a 30 cents hourly wage increase, a liberalized vacation agreement, and health and welfare coverage

which would cost the operators five cents an hour.

Delegates from 47 locals voted Saturday to give unanimous backing to the negotiating committee in any action it deemed necessary. A strike notice already has been filed to be effective April 28.

## UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

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## Man Kills Wife, Takes Own Life

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 14 (AP)—Police Chief Norman C. Foote termed as murder and suicide today the deaths of Marion F. Hurlbert, about 47, and his estranged wife.

Hurlbert, the chief said, apparently had been spying for some time on his wife who managed a cafe adjacent to the husband's paint store. Yesterday, Foote said, Hurlbert showed a rifle through a peep-hole in a partition, fatally wounded the woman, fired a bullet through the head of his dog and then took his own life.

Ordered more than three years ago, the 6000-pound machine was delivered to the Klamath Falls Creamery a week ago and installed immediately to give that concern one of the most complete milk procession operations in the state.

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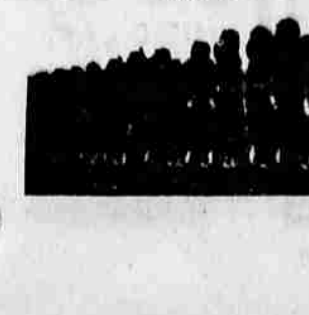
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