



Johnny Horton is one of those lucky people who are destined to excel in any field of endeavor that they want to enter. Johnny's first claim to fame came while he was still a high school student at Gallatin, Texas. Folks in East Texas remember John Gale Horton as a great basketball player in his high school and college days. In high school he was chosen all-state forward and later starred for Baylor University. His fame as a fisherman was also beginning to be known at that time, too, because he was classed as one of the top experts in the world at catching bass and trout when he was just 17 years old.

After three years of college, Johnny became a professional fisherman. He traveled from Florida to Alaska, testing lures and demonstrating casting for a leading manufacturer of sporting goods. During this time, singing, playing guitar and writing songs was his hobby; but one day he entered an amateur contest on a dare, and won it — and the entire course of his life was reversed. Now he sings and writes for a living and fishes for a hobby.

Johnny was born in Tyler, Texas, on April 30, 1926. He stands 6'2" tall, weighs 175, has blond hair and grey eyes. He has written most of the songs you hear him sing on Mercury records. Johnny's latest for the diskery features "Big Wheels Rollin'" backed with "Hey, Sweet, Sweet Thing."

When you see Johnny on the stage of the "Louisiana Hayride" (KWKH, Shreveport), he will quickly become one of your favorite singers, and if you are fortunate enough to meet him in person you will be charmed by his sincerity, friendliness and personality.

Robert Autry Inman first saw the light of day on January 6, 1929, in the town of Florence, Alabama. His interest in music began when he learned to play the guitar at the age of seven. When he was fourteen years old, Autry entered the music field professionally with his own show on Station WLAY, in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. At that time he had his own band called the Alabama Blue Boys. Meanwhile he dropped the Robert from his name.

From this early start, Autry joined Cowboy Copas over Station WSM and remained with this outfit for over two years, leaving them to work with George Morgan as bass player.

Autry, who has always loved Hillbilly and Western music, writes nearly all his own songs. Some of the Inman hits include "Mr. Moon" and "This Side Of Heaven."

Autry Inman started to record for Decca in January of 1952. Among his releases are "Smile As You Go By," backed with "Who Do You Love." He recently spent two years in the Army, but is now back on the Grand Ole Opry — and wowing the folks on personal appearance dates.

On the personal side of things, the Alabama youngster has brown eyes and black hair, stands five feet, eleven inches tall, and weighs in at 140 pounds. He's happily married to a cute gal by the name of Mary, and his favorite hobbies include fishing and hunting.

Be on the look-out for more Decca hits by this boy — he's got what it takes to succeed.

