

Songs Have A Meaning

Ballad Singer Clingman Also Makes Name In Record Field

When you visit Scottsdale's newest coffee house, the Baboquivari, you'll be entertained by an almost backwoodish-type, Western-garbed ballad singer who vocalizes on a bar stool with a guitar slung around his neck.

The unassuming fellow is Loy Clingman.

Clingman with his wife, Hassy, owns and operates the newly-opened Scottsdale coffee house.

He's the entertainment, too. "IT'S CHEAPER that way," he says, "at least to start with."

A critical ear would even have to relinquish heaps of praise to Clingman and his vocal stylings of Arizona folk songs and other ballads of America and the Southwest.

Praise would have to be directed not only because of the selling way he sings the songs, but also because he wrote most of them. It must take a creative mind full of ideas to turn stories of the West into tunes that entertain just about any age bracket.

Clingman sings funny songs, sad songs, some that are almost nonsensical, but they all end up with a meaning.

Many times Clingman forgets

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lines to a song, but, in his case, it's all right. He always has a humorous comment to make that enhances his appeal to the crowd.

Loy's type of music is selling in spots. Perhaps the Kingston Trio started it all with their famous story of "Tom Dooley." Who knows?

IN ADDITION to his rising fame as a ballad singer, Clingman has already established his name in the recording field. He's part owner in Viv Records, Phoenix independent record producing firm. He's been under contract to several top record labels.

Also a teacher at Arlington school, during the summer Loy devotes much of his time to traveling around Arizona finding new material for his songs.

Sunday afternoons, Clingman opens the doors to a folk jam session for anyone interested in playing this type of music.

You could compare Clingman to Tennessee Ernie Ford, Eddie Arnold or about any characterized singer and they'd all be wrong. Clingman's a singer with a distinct style all his own.—J.C.



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