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# 'Texas Gold' follows swing style

By SCOTT SHERMAN  
Contributor

Bob Wills was a crazy man who made albums and cavorted on stage. He never quit cavorting off stage. Wills, and his Country Playboys, made popular a type of music called Country Swing. Swing started out after World War II. Wills had started playing before then, but Swing soon became his thing.

Well, Swing is back and I'm sorry Bob Wills isn't here to hear it. A bunch of the "younger" generation decided to start playing and recording some of Wills' old swing tunes. The group's name is Asleep at the Wheel, the album is called "Texas Gold" and it is not their first attempt.

"Texas Gold" starts out with the "Letter that Johnny Walker Read", a sad tale of a Dear John note, a certain alcoholic derivative and the entire honky-tonk shmonk. The

song is good, funny in places and is receiving a very universal audience all the way from WBAP, the clear channel country giant in Fort Worth, to KLOL, the progressive FM leader in Houston.

Musically, Johnny Walker and most of the other songs on the album are superb. Steel guitar and stand-up bass work are excellent throughout. The background vocals are beautiful harmony and the lyrics will never settle a war but you can listen (and drink) to them all night long.

Following Johnny Walker on the

first side are "Fat Boy Rag", a good instrumental that borders on Dixie due to the excited brass work, and "Runnin' After Foo's", a good Ag song if one exists. Runnin' possesses the lyrics that make country - "Runnin' after fools, till there's one as big as you, runnin' after fools, when you could be mine". Alto sax and fiddle compliment the lyrics.

Side one is completed by "Let Me Go Home Whiskey" and "Nothin' Takes the Place of You", the first, an out-and-out honky-tonker; the second a soft female-writing-letters-while-it's-raining song with just the best shades of a mellow steel guitar.

Side two starts out with an interpolation of "Rebecca" and "Roll em

Pete" that Asleep at the Wheel labels "Roll 'em Floyd" for pianist Floyd Domino, who plays beautifully.

"Tonight the Bartender is on the Wrong Side of the Bar" is good for crying in your drink. It is followed by "Bump Bounce Boogie", a good beat song with good female vocals by Chris O'Connell.

The album finishes off with "Where No One Stands Alone" and "Trouble in Mind". "Where No one" has good pleading steel guitars with a brief trip into mellow Spanish-like guitar work. "Trouble" is an insane song that starts off like a blues-ballad with our hero deciding that if he lies down on the railroad

tracks, the 2:19 will solve his problems.

Notable Point. The End of "Trouble in Mind" may just be classic. I've already mentioned the fine brass work elsewhere but in the closing of "Trouble", it comes out as nothing else but home-bred, down South Dixieland.

The album, all-in-all, is enjoyable. You won't be prepared to solve the world's problems afterwards, but you can face them with a smile and the knowledge that "Bob Wills is still the king".

Asleep at the Wheel will perform with Johnny Rodriguez as part of the Town Hall presentation at 8 p.m. Friday in the coliseum.

## Tracing Southern history

By DON MIDDLETON  
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THE SOUTHWEST: SOUTH OR WEST? by Frank E. Vandiver, drawings by Jo Alys Downs, (Texas A&M University Press), \$4.00.

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Nov. 1 - Surface and Space Available Mail (SAM) to Armed Forces in Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

International surface parcels to Africa and the Near East.

Nov. 4 - International surface greeting cards to Africa and the Near East.

Nov. 7 - Parcel Air lift (PAL) mail to Armed Forces in Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Nov. 11 - Surface and Space Available Mail to Armed Forces in South and Central America, the Congo and Liberia; surface mail to Armed Forces in Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain; international surface parcels to South and Central America, and Europe.

Nov. 18 - Parcel Airlift mail to Armed Forces in South and Central America, the Congo and Liberia; international surface greeting cards to South and Central America, and Europe.

Nov. 20 - Space Available Mail to Armed Forces in Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain; Space Available Mail to Armed Forces in Antarctica,

Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand.

Nov. 25 - Surface Mail and Space Available Mail to Armed Forces in Canada, Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland, and the Azores.

Nov. 27 - Parcel Airlift to Armed Forces in Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Parcel Airlift to Armed Forces in Antarctica, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

Nov. 30 - All surface parcels to Alaska and Hawaii.

Dec. 1 - Parcel Airlift to Armed Forces in Azores, Canada, Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland.

Dec. 2 - International surface parcels to Canada and Mexico.

Airmail greeting cards to Armed Forces in South and Central America, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey Antarctica, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

Dec. 8 - International surface greet-

ing cards to Canada and Mexico. Dec. 9 - Airmail greeting cards to Armed Forces in Canada, Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland, Azores, Congo and Liberia.

International air parcels to Africa, the Near East and the Far East. Dec. 10 - Surface parcels within the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii).

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Dec. 14 - International air greeting cards to Africa, Near East and the Far East.

Dec. 15 - International air parcels to Canada and Mexico. Surface greeting cards within the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

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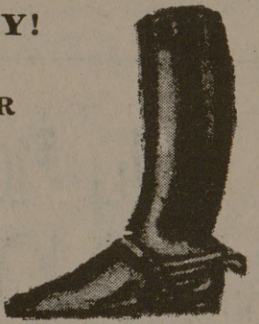
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