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ROSE SWANSON'S TAPE LOG

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Collector: Jim Leary  
Informant: Rose Swanson  
Sth. of 4 Croners Store  
Mason, Wisconsin

NOTE: This tape is a copy of an original made by Rose Swanson, April 30, 1965.

1. Collector's announcement.
2. Fritz Swanson plays "La Cucaracha" on the accordion.
3. FS plays "Helsa de Hemma" also known as "The Immigrant's Waltz," probably learned from Lager and Olson. FS remarked on 10-31-80 that this song, concerning an immigrant's thoughts of home in the old country, was sung by Tekla (Weinert) Lind at the funeral of Gunnar Larson in Grandview. This was "a few years ago."
3. Duane Olby ~~xxxx~~ and his late wife, Vera, harmonize on a Country and Western number: "Once a Day."
4. The Olby's "Big Bouquet of Roses," written by Steve Nelson and Bob Hilliard, 1948, recorded by Eddy Arnold.
5. Walter Levine and Duane Olby, "There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere," by Bob Miller and Paul Roberts, 1942, recorded by Elton Britt.
6. Rose Swanson announces that it's "April 30th at Fritz's."
7. Duane Olby sings another WWII song about a soldier writing his mother from a foxhole, "Soldeir's Last Letter" by Sgt. Henry Stewart and Ernest Tubb, 1944.
8. FS on accordion with Walter Levine singing: "Flicker vid Belmont Ro" (Young Girl at Belmont). According to FS, this was an Olle Skrattholt number.
9. FS with Walter Levine, "Moder Min" (My Mother), a Slim Jim (Ernest Iverson) number.
10. FS plays Lager and Olson's "Malmo" (a town in southern Sweden).
11. FS and WL perform Lager and Olson's "Skyss Valsen" (Kiss Waltz); people can be heard dancing in the background. "I gave my girlfriend a kiss, and I got two back."
12. FS and WL do "Hopp Rulandej" with WL dancing as he sings. The song concerns a man who celebrates until his money runs out and then he quits taking her out.
13. The Olbys with "a Red Foley number," "Old Shep," written by Red Foley and Wills Arthur, 1933.
15. FS with "Helsa der Hemma" again. Apparently Clarence Isberg used to sing this.
16. "Nikolina" with WL and FS.
17. WL and FS do a waltz, "Bonde Kallas" (Farmer's Picnic): "Walter used to sing this all the time."