

Walker, memories in song

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In the song's lyrics a couple go to Dumas Walker's after seeing a movie at the local drive-in.

"Got a pocketful of money, and I'm rarin' to go down to Dumas Walker right after the show," says the narrator. "They'll be shootin' marbles in the back of the store and laying money down on the floor."

The song paints Walker as a bit crotchety, saying that the old man doesn't like young folks hanging around.

"He's quick to let you know we got a law in this town. You ought to see him grinnin' when he walks through the door. The marble king is ready for more."

Walker was 74 years old when the Headhunters, some of whom had known Walker since they were children, convinced him to show his marble skills in their video for "Dumas Walker's." Headhunter Richard Oren Young recalled some of his memories about Walker in an interview on songtek.com.

"Dumas could take two marbles, just one trick for instance, and set them two inches

apart maybe, at 30 yards away," he said. "And I couldn't even see the marbles, and he could hit another marble, it would go between those marbles, hesitate, and come back to him, and of course nobody knows how he did that, really... We started going down there when we were just kids, getting fireworks, cause you couldn't get fireworks in Kentucky. Naturally he laid that trick on us, and us being kids we were mesmerized by it. That was his trick to get you to come back."

A few years before he died Walker broke his arm in a car accident, rendering him unable to play marbles the rest of his life. When he passed in 1991 the store was sold to new owners. However, his widow, Hazel, refused to sell his name, so the store was not allowed to be called "Dumas Walker's."

One line in the song captured another youthful memory of getting "a slaw burger, fries and a bottle of Ski," and though attributed to occurring at Walker's store, actu-

ally referred to a restaurant called Adolphus Ennis Lunchroom in Greensburg, Kentucky. A slaw burger is just a hamburger with a helping of mayonnaise-based slaw on the bun. SKI is a citrus soda made from real orange and lemon juice. Now manufactured by the Double Cola Company, it was formulated in the 1950s and has remained popular in the areas where it is distributed, including Southern Kentucky where most of the Headhunters grew up.

The Kentucky Headhunter's "Pickin' On Nashville" album produced four Top 40 hits, "Walk Softly on This Heart of Mine", "Oh Lonesome Me," "Dumas Walker" and "Rock 'n' Roll Angel." It was certified Platinum in only seven months, making the album the first to achieve a million sales in such a short period. In 1990 the band won a Grammy Award for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal, Best New Vocal Group award from the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and Album of the Year



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and Vocal Group of the Year awards from the Country Music Association (CMA).

"Well, we were just a bit ahead of our time, I think, when you look back on it now," Phelps told Liberty 'n' Justice. "Our influence is all

over country radio now. There are all kinds of acts that aren't afraid to put some rock and blues into their music

now. I hear the influence all the time." To subscribe to CFR News, Nashville, call; 1-800-820-5405.

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GRL to have busy weekend

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They have also played on stage at the Grand Old Opry.

In 2018, the band put out the album "Mayhaley's House," which received an International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) nomination for Album of the Year.

The band consists of five singers/musicians. Sammy Shelor is a five-time IBMA Banjo Player of the Year.

Brandon Rickman sings lead on vocals and also plays guitar.

Jesse Smathers also sings lead and plays mandolin.

Mike Hartgrove is an award winning fiddle player.

Barry Reed is the bass player for the band.

Russell Moore and iird Tyme Out (spelled correctly) is a bluegrass/bluegrass gospel band who have been around since May 1991.

Formed in Cumming, Ga., they have released 13 albums and two greatest hits collections.

This band has also won numerous IBMA awards, including Russell Moore being named the IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year award.

They have also been named the IBMA Vocal Group of the Year an unprecedented seven times.

Their best-known album, "It's About Tyme," was released in September 2015 and was a number one album for six consecutive months. Their number one hits from the album include, "Brown County Red," "CottonTown," and "I'm Leaving You and Fort Worth Too."

Russell Moore and iird Tyme Out continues their tour over the next year, appearing anywhere from Florida to Arizona to

Pennsylvania to North Carolina.

Doors open for the concert at Green River Live at 6 p.m. CT with the show starting at 7 p.m. CT.

Seats range from \$20-\$30 and are avail-

able online from Ticketmaster or at the door.

The Heart of Kentucky, the house band that plays at Green River Live in Summersville, Saturday night.

Nine performers

make up the band that was formed just to play at Green River Live. The band plays every Saturday night with the shows beginning at 6:30 p.m. CT.

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