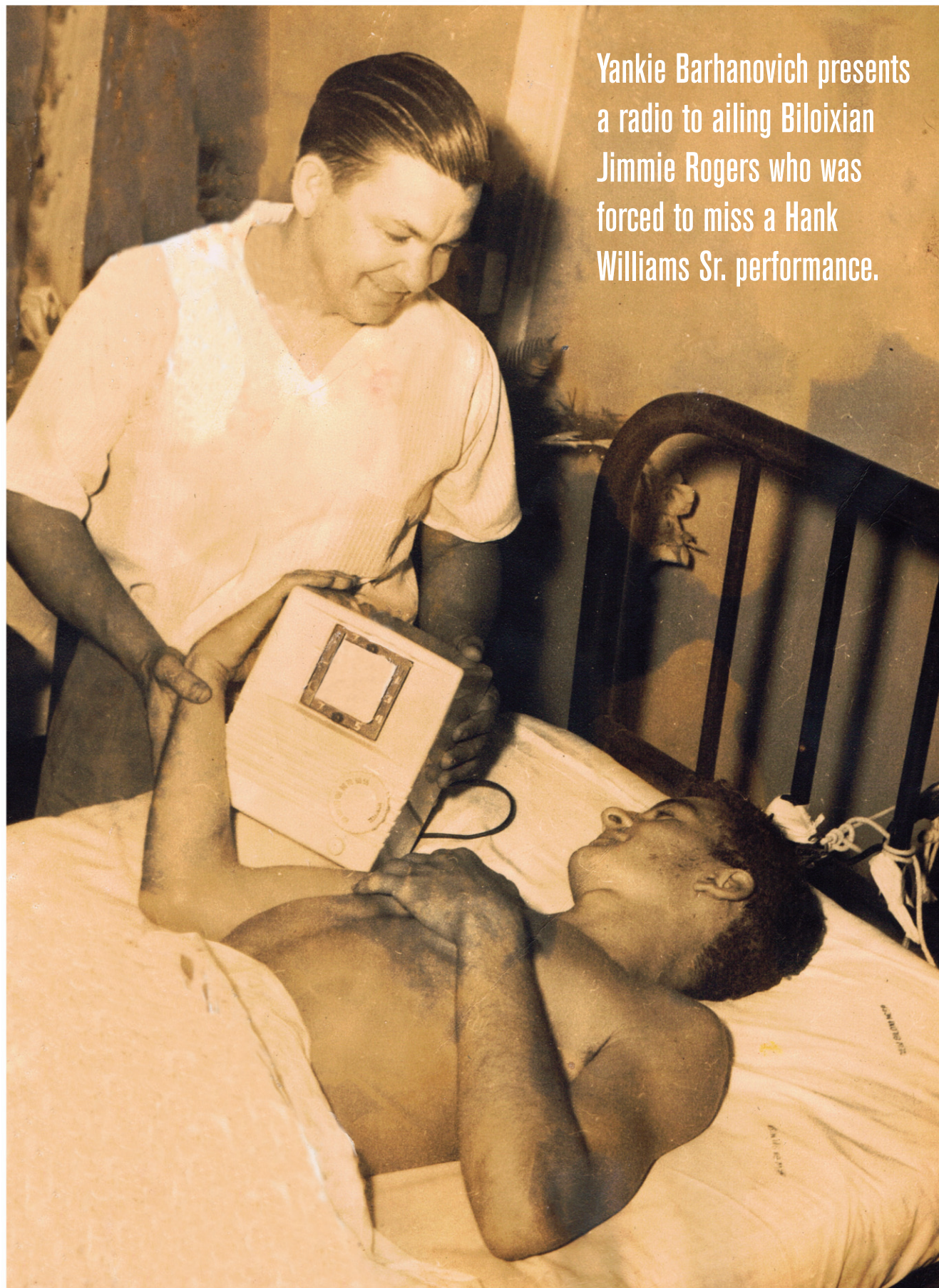


Hank Williams Sr.:

The essence of kindness



Yankie Barhanovich presents a radio to ailing Biloxian Jimmie Rogers who was forced to miss a Hank Williams Sr. performance.

Hank Williams touched a number of Biloxians during his myriad visits to Biloxi, and the Rogers family – father Jimmie, mother Joyce and son “Hank” (yes, Hank) – will forever have a special connection to the legendary singer.

When he was very young, Jimmie broke his neck in a diving accident off the old Lamey Bridge. He was hospitalized and would miss an upcoming Biloxi show by Hank Williams Sr. He had already bought tickets and arranged time off from his job at Home Pride Milk.

Hank found out about the mishap from promoter Yankie Barhanovich. Turns out, Hank dedicated his show to the ailing Biloxian and some of the proceeds were used to buy a radio, which Barhanovich presented during the hospital visit.

Hank and another star of that era, Big Bill Lister, even visited the hospital, with Hank presenting Jimmie with several tickets to attend the Grand Ole Opry and an open invitation and complimentary train fare to come as his guest to Nashville and do some fishin’.

Less than three months after Hank’s passing, the Rogers family welcomed a new son, David A. Rogers, who to this day has the nickname “Hank,” a fond tip of the hat to the original, Hank Williams Sr.

THE LAST RIDE

HANK WILLIAMS SR.
& BILOXI

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