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Hillbillies

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[The following is Jim Moffett's November, 1985 listing of Hillbilly Sets] "Over the years there have been many lists of the 'Hillbilly' sets. This revised list is a composite of those [covers] put out by Superior, Match Corp. of America, Monarch, Regal, Strike-Rite (Canada), Diamond, Chicago Match and other various, miscellaneous Companies. There has been no effort on my part to try and distinguish between the various companies as many of them put out identical or similar sets. Unless indicated otherwise, all sets are with the strikers on the front. The dates indicated are the dates that they were first issued. All covers listed are from my collection. It is believed that they stopped issuing them in the early 1970's. There are a total of 24 sets with a total of 121 covers. (21 sets of 5 covers, 2 sets of 6 covers, and 1 set of 4 covers)"

#1 - 1948:

Blabbermouth!
Come On - Drop!
Maw's Getting Fancy
Spry - Aint She!
What's It For?

#2 - 1949:

Come To Pappy!
Find Paw!
Hawgtied!
Purty Eyes Too!
Swapped The Mule!

#3 - 1950:

and I quit Chawin'!
Can't figure it out!
Duded Up - Ain't He!
No Likker - Pull the Trigger!
Not Unless You Shave!

#4 - 1951:

Can't read Sheriff!

Careful Zeke, It's Full!
Goin' my way!
kinda Sloppy Kissin'!
Quit Pickin' on me!

#5 - 1952:

and Who's Fishin'!
Bath Again this year?
How'll I get them off?
Hurray Paw - I can't Wait!
Kissin' Booth - Kisses 25¢

#6 - 1953:

Corn Squeezins!
Durned Right—he says Yes!
Headin' fer the Hills!
Pretty Sunset...Ain't It?
Time Out - Fellers!

#7 - 1954:

Better than Granny's!
Breakin' Her in Right!
"I'll Make e'm Fit"

Private Property - Sonny!
Swing yore partner!

#8 - 1955:

A Rattling Surprise!
Guard Duty - Mountain Style
Hogging The Picture!
"Lem - At Your Age?"
"Stop Wigglin' Hector!"

#9 - 1956:

"Ah Kin Waia!"
Better Explain T'Paw 'Bout Phony-
Graphs"
"Make sure This Time Paw!"
"Won't be Long Now!"
"Yep—Pickled Again!"

#10 - 1957:

Don't Want None!
Fetch Me A Clothespin, Ma!
Hold 'er In the Rut Grandpa!

Kissin' Cousin!
Might Not Be Hongry!

#11 - 1958:

"Be Right With Ya!"
"Hey Thar, Watch Yo' Aim!"
"Hurry Maw, We Need That Fer Band Practice"
"Thanks Fer Th' Showah Pappy"
"Zeke's Tryin' T' Impress Th' New School Marm"

#12 - 1959:

"Awful Powerful Stuff, Eh Pap?"
"Dang Woman Drivers!"
"Fellas, Git Up An' Say Howdy-doT' Yo' New Gran'maw"
"Git In Fo' Yo' Bath, Iffen You're One Of Mine"
"Hey, Ma, Git Th' Preacher, Anna Mae's Aim Got Better"

#13 - 1960:

Howdy, Sheriff!
It Ain't Loaded!
Wash Yer Own Durn Back!
Whut's Brakes?
Whut's Yer Name, Maw?

#14 - 1962:

Hey! Yore Ringin' Thuh Revenooer!
Paw's Dustier Than Usual This Spring!
Whar Yuh Got Her Treed, Rover?
Yuh Been Samplin' My Likker Again?
Zeke, See if You-all Got A Match?

#15 - 1957:

A Deal is a Deal
Can't Budge Granpaw since we GotThe New 12" Screen
I Know, Let's Play Checkers
If You'd Stop Whittling We Could Start Fiddling
Nothing Like Spending A Whole Day Fishing

#16 - 1954:

"If'n That's A Gurl Then Wot The Heck Is Effie?"
"She's a Coy? Feuds Off!"

"Too Bad Ye H'ain't Facin' This-a-Way, Willie!"
"Wal, Thar She Be, Maw! Complete with Runnin' Water!"
"Well Stacked-H'ain't it?"

#17 - 1956:

"Feller's A Farm Agent, Wants to see Y'all about Crop Control."
"For Heavens Sake Don't Hit Any Into The Woods!"
"Gosh, Juney May, Ah hate To Leave All This Behind!"
"Looks Like A Nervous Haystack!"
"Ye Don't Get Washin' Action Like Thet With Them Automatics!"

#18 - 1958:

"But Doc - It's Clem What's Ailin!"
"Gawsh! Wotcha Use Fer Bait?"
"Looks Like A Rough Honey-moon!"
"Wal, He's Clean - But Bruised!"
"Wrap 'er Up, Sonny!"

#19 - 1962:

"Sure A Mighty Purty Mule!"
"Look's Like A Bumper Crop This Year!"
"No Wonder The Durn Thing Wuz Outa Tune!"
"Shut Her Off, ZEB - Cawfee's Ready!"
"You Young'uns Bin At My Vitymins Agin?"

#20 - 1950:

"Gran'pappy ain't had a good rest since Pa got that gal dern WAR Surplus gadgets!"
"I shore love yew tenderly!"
"Lem Hawkins finally won Elvira's hand"
"Maw, com'n git me out 'o this gal dern mail order shirt!"
"See Pa, thats what there fer!"
"Them buckshot 'n four slegs aire from last falls feudin!"

#21 - 1957:

Sam, Uou Can Read - What Does It Say?
Go to Sleep Luke! You Finish

Tomorrow!
Wallpaper sure Looks Good Here!
Painting the Fence
Checking the Still
Carry the TV Set

#22 -

Thank Goodness They don't Make em Like they Use To
Pappys On Them New Fangled Liquid Diets
Have You Been Here Before?
But You Said You Were An Old Fashioned Girl
You Should See An Optomist

#23 -

She Cooks Too?
I Feel Like Play'n Checkers!
Can't Budge Him Since We Got The Color TV
I Didn't Mean 'em Birds 'n Bees
O.K.! Fish Ain't Bite'n Anyhow

#24 - Striker-on-back:

Can't Budge Him since we Got the Color TV
O.K.! Fish Ain't Bite'n Anyhow
I Feel Like Play'n Checkers
She Cooks Too?

