SINGER, SINGER!

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What well-known singer does the definition "to cross a river" bring to your mind? Why, Tennessee Ernie FORD, of course. Similarly, "fish country" suggests Judy GARLAND (= gar + land) and the clue "the evidence; a joint!" enigmatically refers to Rosemary CLOONEY (= clue + knee, in pronunciation).

Listed below are another 25 definitions. Each one, correctly understood, gives you the last name of some well-known singer in the field of popular music. How many of them can you recognize? For answers, see Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. Limb powerful
2. A synagogue soloist
3. Damage a metal
4. Exhaust
5. The first water barrier
6. To riffle through
7. A candle part in conflict
8. Land, as distinguished from the sea
9. A young salmon dog
10. Weasel-like mammal
11. Auto, move!
12. A gleam of moral light
13. A grain letter
14. A male swimmer
15. The sticky substance rested
16. A fearsome place or situation
17. Offspring of an outer garment
18. A uniform
19. A letter and the same
20. A triangular piece of land
21. A thick pad belonging to him
22. To lead and win a bridge trick with
23. A small gulf meadow
25. A long stick provided with long poles