Radio Dramatists

Fruits, Vegetables, Glass, Pans Make Sounds for Station KORE

By LAURA BRYANT

It is the state-owned station, KOAC, at Corvallis with James Morris as operator, that exceeds all western radio stations by the variety of props and gadgets stored in its sound effect pantry. It is he who gathers fruits and vegetables, phonograph records, tin pans, broken glass, and grape seeds along with hundreds of other items to turn into amazing imitations of actual sounds.

Students of the University of Oregon radio public discussion class

have been broadcasting fifteen minutes weekly at Corvallis during spring term. The success of these University programs has been amplified with the use of the KOAC sound effect pantry.

Mr. Morris, short and chunky stands at a microphone in the studio draped with wires and earphones. He follows the script with a variety of acrobatics to secure the range of sound distance, and at the same time opening doors, ringing bells, and mixing cakes.

Some Sounds Real

Not all the sounds are synthetic, but a good half of them are. It would be impractical, for example, to start a real fire in the studio. So that's a new use for cellophane.

Cows come on records. They also come in little round gadgets that rest in a deep drawer labeled "Moos." To milk these cows is simple. A couple of rubber balls are filled with water and then with milking rhythm the water is squirted into a pail.

End Broadcasts

The University radio class gave its concluding broadcast over station KOAC at Corvallis last night at 8:45. A recording was made of the 15-minute program.

The broadcast was a short drama dealing with the life of Henry Bessemer. Included in the cast were Dolph Janes, Bruce Nidever, Vera Stokes, Betty Jane Quigley, Freeman K. Patton, Don Thomas, Laura Bryant, and Doug Parker.

ling salt on a leaf of lettuce. Or if reproduce the sound of an egg cracking-and then decided to crack an actual egg. No, he taps a match box sharply on its edge, and then crushes it. It is lots clean-

Jimmy Morris has one whole drawer of his pantry devoted to that the sound effect man searched chips of broken glass, and these the world over to find out how to have a variety of purposes. Then

House Managers . . .

Then when you chill as the rain

comes, flash your mind to the stu-

dio and vision Jimmy Morris sprink-

it is a thunder storm, grape seeds

are used, and thunder rolls on the

microphone when a tympani ham-

No Egg Cracking

There is no truth in the old story

mer hits the window screen.

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recordings are made on the cam- ber when fifteen Oregon State boys classes. Whenever you hear that tra" in a variety of pitches for this you're tuned to KOAC, just remem- fect pantry.

pus at dances, games, rallies and scuffled their feet and vried "ex-"extra paper" coming out when record to be filed in the sound ef-

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