

Some Radio Entertainers Should Go To School!

"Every day in every way we are getting better and better" used to be a good slogan, but since the radio has come into practically every home—and elsewhere, one is led to believe that we are "getting worse and worse," especially do we think this when we have to sit night after night and listen to the same old songs and pretty much the same line of patter over the radio. About the only change in some of the programs is the announcement of some new brand of stomach pills or coffee.

We hear every night—through one channel or another, that Alkaseltzer, Salhpetica or Crazy Water Crystals are good for all the ailments the human family is heir to, and according to the announcer, will even keep a married man home nights—if he takes enough of them at one time. In fact, about the only thing that is new now on some of the programs are the advertisements which should be in some newspaper instead of on the air. We wonder how long a newspaper would last if the editor sent his paper out every week with only a change of headings to camouflage the looks of the sheet? We venture to say that about the second week we would hear from our subscribers in no uncertain terms. But still we sit day after day, night after night, and listen to the same tunes—played by one station on a banjo and by another on a fiddle or saxophone, while some pretty dame—so the announcer says—will now sing "I Can't Stop Lovin' You," and her running mate roars out the age-worn ballad "Asleep in the Deep" and many a radio fan wishes they were both there—at least until they learned something new to put on the air. Something at least besides "Old Man River."

The "Irish Washer-woman has rubbed her finger nails to the quick and the "Turkey in the Straw" has scratched all the straw out of the barnyard, but still they keep on playing them, "by request"—so the announcer says. But he might well have added, "until we learn something else."

But what we started out to say was that we think it would be a good idea for the National and other broadcasting companies to establish a school where those wishing to become "air-minded" could fit themselves so that when they appear before the "mike" the listening public would enjoy their efforts instead of being bored, as is frequently the case.

One should know what they are best fitted for, and if they don't they should ask Ethel Duncan, Madame Arga or Mel Roy—either one could give advice that would give our ear-drums relief.

If they haven't the dollar to send for the advice, they might borrow enough for a box of Currier's tablets and a few doses ought to put a little pep into their programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hansen and infant daughter Barbara Loretta, returned Sunday from Albany where their 9 pound girl was born on July 23, while Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were there visiting relatives.

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Flax Festival At Mt. Angel August 12-13-14

The grand floral and industrial parade, one of the feature attractions of the annual Flax Festival to be held at Mt. Angel on August 12, 13 and 14, will be the largest processional ever seen in that city.

Mr. Hettwer, chairman of the parade committee, reports that over 25 float entries have already been received, and that at least twelve bands from valley communities and Portland will be in the cavalcade.

The Salem Cherrians, Newberg Berrians, Portland Rosarians and the Devils Lake Devils have accepted invitations to march in the parade.

Although primarily designed to attract attention to the rapidly growing flax industry in the Mt. Angel district, the Flax Festival will offer visitors a wide variety of entertainment features including a carnival, Shell fireworks, Flaxville vaudeville, shows, dances, Queen coronation ceremonial, "Flaxtown Frolics," a comedy presentation by a cast of twenty professional actors, a kiddies pet parade, and the new bicycle base ball game, in which the players all ride bicycles.

Joe Kerber is general chairman of the group of local business men and flax growers who are sponsoring the Flax Festival

North and South Dakota Picnic

At State Fair grounds, Sunday, August 7th. Bring table service and food. Dinner at 1:30. Program follows—singing, readings, and an address by Rev. Geo. H. Swift, pastor Episcopal church, Salem. All Dakotans and families are invited.

Administration Building Nearing Completion State Fair Grounds

With the \$11,000 administration building of the Oregon State Fair practically completed, Leo J. Spitzbart, manager, moved into his new offices at the fair grounds, last week.

The new building houses the latest facilities and conveniences within its 40 by 90 feet of cream colored, stuccoed walls. Visitors to the annual event will find a small radio broadcasting booth and an adjacent reception room, all sound-proofed, one of the features of the structure. In addition, press rooms, first aid station, telephone and telegraph headquarters and all administrative offices are included.

Oregon counties planning to exhibit at the fair this year, should submit their entries by Aug. 15, the management said this week.

Because demands for space are unusually heavy this year, Mr. Spitzbart has asked that counties make reservations immediately. The deadline set in the premium list will be adhered to. Several counties have already made their applications.

Other space is reported as going rapidly, with all available room in the machinery shed taken up. The biggest machinery exhibit in years is predicted.

Word has been received here from Mrs. J. F. Goodman, who is in the Salem Deaconess hospital, stating she had had her shoulder which has been so painful, set. Mrs. Goodman has been a patient at the hospital for the past eight weeks, recovering from injuries received when her car was hit by a S P freight train on the crossing here.

Farmers To Be Aided Through Farm Security

Farm Security funds for loans to Marion and Polk county farmers unable to secure necessary credit from other sources for purchase of live stock, equipment, feed, seed and other production goods, are available for the 1938-1939 program, announces T. R. Hobart, county FSA supervisor at their new address 318 Oregon building, Salem. Where pure-bred sires and heavy equipment can be more economically provided on a joint use basis, loans will be made for cooperative purchase of such facilities.

Farm plans based on estimated livestock production and crop yields are worked out by the borrower in cooperation with the local supervisor to provide for best use of the loan. Home plans provide for meeting most of the food needs on the farm. Where debt adjustment is necessary to place the farm on a sound basis, this service is worked out thru negotiations between debtor and creditor prior to making of the loan. General qualifications governing FSA loans are:

- 1, applicants must be bona fide farmers unable to secure adequate commercial credit to purchase necessary production goods
- 2, applicants must be located on a productive farm capable of supporting the family and repaying the loan on the basis of an approved farm and home plan.
- 3, Applicants not owners of their farms must have a satisfactory rent, lease or other tenure agreement.
- 4, new settlers from within or without the state must supply references from their place of origin as to farming experience and integrity.

The Marion and Polk county FSA office will accept new applications for loans Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 to 12.

Republicans To Picnic At Silverton August 14th

An expression of republican principles and activities for the coming four years, will be unfolded at Silverton park Sunday, August 14th, when major republican candidates speak before assembled picnickers at an affair sponsored by the Marion County Republican central committee.

Acceptances have been received from Charles A. Sprague, candidate for governor; Rufus Holman, senatorial aspirant; James Mott running again for Congressman; Earl Snell, for secretary of state; G. H. Gram, for labor commissioner, and Charles A. Rice, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction.

Senator Charles L. McNary has also been invited to talk.

In addition to candidates who will speak, aspirants to other state and county offices will be introduced.

The Silverton band will furnish music for the affair, according to F. J. Tooze, committee secretary. Coffee will be furnished by the central committee.

Invitations to attend the gathering have been extended to all Willamette valley residents thru the central committees of Linn, Polk, Clackamas, Yamhill, Lane and Benton counties.

On the picnic committee are Lewis Judson, Mrs. F. L. Wrigh, R. E. Jones and F. J. Tooze; E. H. Banks, refreshments; Cecil Edwards, transportation; Dr. B. F. Pound, hospitality and Hugh Scott, publicity.

Change of Date For Garden Club

Owing to other social activities the date for the Garden Club meeting has been set forward one day to Wednesday, August 10th. A trip will be made to the Aquatic Gardens on the west river road.

Members will meet at the H. R. Peetz home at 10 o'clock in the morning and if you wish to go and have no way, get in touch with Helen Peetz or Mrs. Mary Ball who are arranging transportation.

A pot luck dinner will be served at noon.

RECEIVES FRACTURED SKULL IN AUTO WRECK

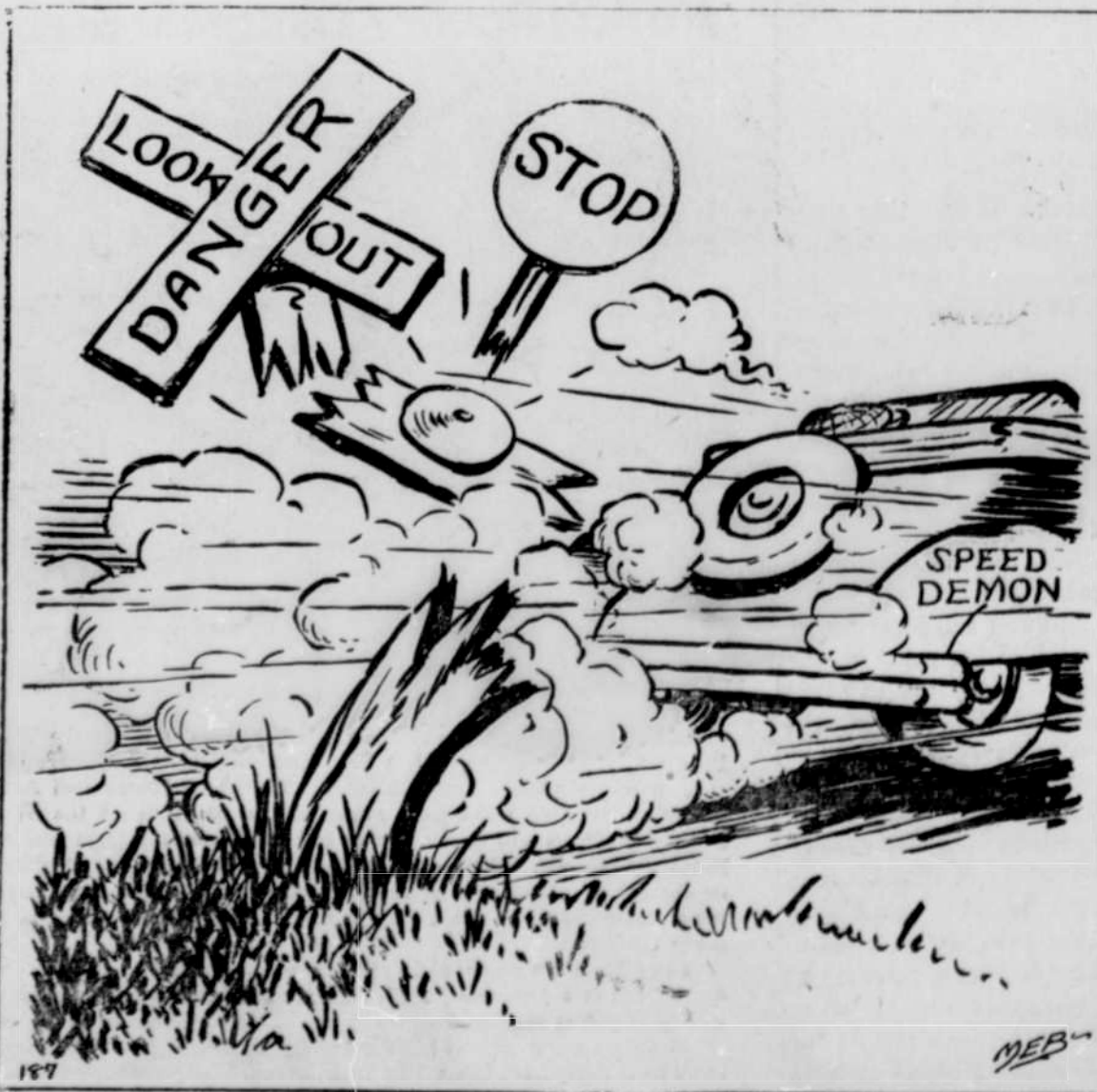
Robert Edwards is in the Salem Deaconess hospital with a fractured skull and severe back injury.

He, and three companions, were coming out of the mountains from the 3C camps above Detroit Saturday evening, when their car went over a fifty foot embankment.

The lad riding in the tumble seat with Bob, was thrown clear as the car turned over the first

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