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"No Favor Sway Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Jones on Railroads

Discussing the problems of the railroads, whose plight was described in this column recently Jesse H. Jones emphasized other needs than mere rate increases in an address in the middle west. Jones can speak with some understanding of the problem because he is chairman of the RFC which has a billion dollar stake in the railroads now. He urged a consolidation of roads into large systems.

If we are going to take a realistic view of the railroad situation we will have to recognize vital changes have occurred in mechanics which have altered railroad monopoly. The competition nowadays is not between one road and its neighbor so much as between a railroad and other forms of transport, private automobile, stage, truck, airplane, barge lines. These changes have made maintenance of many branch lines and of parallel lines obsolete in many instances.

If the roads could be consolidated into great regional systems unnecessary mileage could be scrapped and duplicate service reduced. Yet when such consolidations are proposed the people protest, as they did when a merger of the Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads was undertaken. They want the separate roads maintained, with superfluous services—but they do not want to pay the price of keeping them up. Last week a federal district judge, John C. Knox, ordered abandonment of some branch mileage in the vicinity of New York. When some commuters protested, he replied:

"The people never realize how unfair they can be to railroads. In the last several years thousands of miles of railroads have been forced to abandon operations. The people permit huge trucks to run along the routes served by railroads, offering keen competition, and do nothing about it. They have been unfair to railroads right along and have never realized the need for support."

The roads suffer from a complication of diseases, not motor truck competition alone. Heroic treatment is needed to save the railroads for useful service and to save the huge investment made in them. Boosting railroad rates is not a very sure solution for the roads, and costly to the shippers. Jones might be given the assignment of railroad reorganization which would involve forming regional systems, stripping away the surplus mileage, and writing off as lost that portion of railroad investment which seems definitely lost as far as earning power goes. Railway coordinator Eastman failed in a somewhat similar job; but Jones can operate with a great deal more leverage: the railroads owe him money.

Still the Onions and Cabbage

County surveyor Hugh Fisher will continue to roll his books down from the fourth floor of the courthouse to the basement and back again each day, as will county assessor Tad Shelton and tax collector T. J. Brabec from the first floor. County clerk Grant Boyer will still spatter around his office like a rooster minus his head, in the midst of desks, typewriters and accounting machines. Judge McMahan will continue to dress down attorneys as he looks over the scarred benches made in Boothby's mill in 1872. And the courthouse atmosphere will continue to be laden with odors of onions and boiling cabbage from the kitchen jail.

For the voters of Marion county refused to authorize construction of a new courthouse. Like the "old-time religion" which was good enough for their fathers and grandfathers they decided the 1872-3 courthouse is good enough for them. Prime reason was dislike of any increase in taxation. The vote which was cast was light, but it was a fair sampling of opinion. It showed the city of Salem and a few other towns favorable; the country and Silverton and Woodburn opposed.

Fortunately the election was unmarked by any bitterness. Very little effort was made in any organized way either for or against the building. The city of Salem doesn't want to force a new courthouse on the people of the county at the cost of stirring up rancor. The campaign will serve to acquaint the people with courthouse needs. Some time in the future the proposition may be submitted again when conditions are more favorable, and then receive popular approval. As time passes the need for improved accommodation of offices handling county business will become more pressing and more apparent.

Eastern Results

They dug the grave for Tammany a little deeper in New York Tuesday, when Manhattan defeated its candidate for district attorney. There are those who predict the famous old tiger will now stay buried. They should remember a tiger is a cat, and a cat has nine lives. What defeated the old machine this time was its loss of influence since WPA took over relief. No longer was it necessary to look to a district leader for a hod of coal. When the versatile LaGuardia finds it impossible to satisfy the motley company of his followers,—blueblood union leaguers and pinko left wingers the old machine will try to regain power on the strength of the malcontents.

Boston joined New York in the good government parade Tuesday by smacking down Jim Curley in his attempted comeback for the mayoralty. Chicago and Kansas City should take heart and organize to blast the machines which rule their political life.

If John L. Lewis has political aspirations either for himself or his cause he got scant stimulation from the election returns. Detroit, Akron and Canton had CIO candidates. All were defeated.

The principal victory of an old political machine, was the one in New Jersey where Sen. Moore, protege of Boss Frank Hague of Jersey City, was elected governor over a republican state senator-preacher.

The city and school district are pressing in no the county demand. It is laws like that which have run up costs in tax collecting. If it is laws like that which have run up costs in tax collecting. If it is laws like that which have run up costs in tax collecting.

Insurgent planes strafed a village west of Barcelona just as the school was being dismissed. One bomb made a direct hit on the primary school. Maybe Bruno can go home and add a chapter to his brother's book on the thrills of flying a bomber.

Guests at Hyde Park one day were Prof. and Mrs. Felix Frankfurter and Finton Oursler, editor of "Liberty" magazine and Mrs. Oursler. Social note: the color scheme was red and black.

The girls who flunked out in college ten years ago can wear as big chrysantheums at the football games as their mates who made big chrysantheums.

Wall street is suggesting to FDR a "be-kind-to-business" week. More wishful thinking.

The new deal planners seem to be uncertain over what's round the corner. Just when they thought they knew all the turns, too.

Anyway The Statesman candidates won in New York City.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Beautiful, rich, historic 11-4-37 Spring Valley, pioneers of which were among progressive people of Oregon's early comers:

(Continuing from yesterday:)

The state legislature of 1840 by amendment changed the name of Bethel Institute to Bethel College. That was the famous legislative body which sent James W. Nesmith and Col. E. D. Baker to the U. S. senate. In the early '60's Bethel College was consolidated with Monmouth Christian College, but classes were continued until the Bethel public school was organized. However, the Bethel property, known as the Bethel endowment, went to the public school, and its income was thus disposed of up to a late date.

Monmouth College was chartered in 1856, started classes in 1860-61, definitely took over Bethel College in 1873. The strong man at Monmouth was T. F. Campbell. In 1874 he made a race for governor, and received a large vote. In 1882 the legislature authorized Monmouth College to act as a normal school. In 1887 the legislature took control, and in 1888 its property was deeded to the state. Thus Bethel ceased becoming the seat of the principal Oregon state normal school.

Among the earliest pioneers of Spring Valley were Claiborne C. Walker, his brother, Wellington B., and his cousin, A. J. Duke. They were in the 1845 covered wagon immigration.

Leaving Missouri April 20, they arrived at Fort Vancouver Nov. 1.

They came directly to Spring valley, "eight miles northwest of Salem," quoting a biographical sketch written in 1893. Still quoting:

"Here he (C. C. Walker) took up 640 acres of land that was chosen with special reference to stock raising. He took care to choose such land as was well watered.

"The brother and cousin took adjoining claims, and all three lived in a cabin on Mr. (C. C.) Walker's land. It was allowed for any number holding adjoining claims to live in one house on the land of one, if the others made some improvements on their land."

Allowable by whom? This was then foreign territory; no man's land claimed by two nations, coveted by five, owned by none. It was allowable according to the laws of the Oregon provisional government, which and the interpretation of which became a part of those of Oregon Territory when it was proclaimed, Sunday, March 3, 1849—a good deed on a good day—and in due time of the sovereign state of Oregon.

But in 1845 the provisional government with its little unicameral legislature of 13 members made the laws for the empire in extent west of the Rockies' summits and north of the Mexican line at parallel 42.

But what a legislature, with Jesse Applepie its dominant figure! With Jesse Applepie, president of the part of Yamhill county the same year made Polk by that legislature, Jesse Applepie, who that year, as a member of that little legislature, and of its most important committee, prevented a third war with Great Britain. (But that is a long story.)

The sketch went on to say that, on July 4, 1850, C. C. Walker appropriately celebrated his country's natal day by marrying Miss Louisa Purvine, daughter of John Purvine, honored Oregon pioneer of 1848.

I am told that the C. C. Walker house, a fine one, stood, a mile and a half north of Zena, until 1920, when it was burned, and that Charles Purvine now owns and occupies 236 acres of the original C. C. Walker claim.

John Purvine served Marion county one term as sheriff, having taken a donation land claim on what was called Krench prairie. It was near the site of Woodburn. Another Purvine, Ewing, had a donation claim near the site of Hubbard, Marion county. Andrew Jackson Purvine, of whom more later, was a son of John, brother of Louisa, who became Mrs. Walker.

(Continued tomorrow.)

Editorial Comment

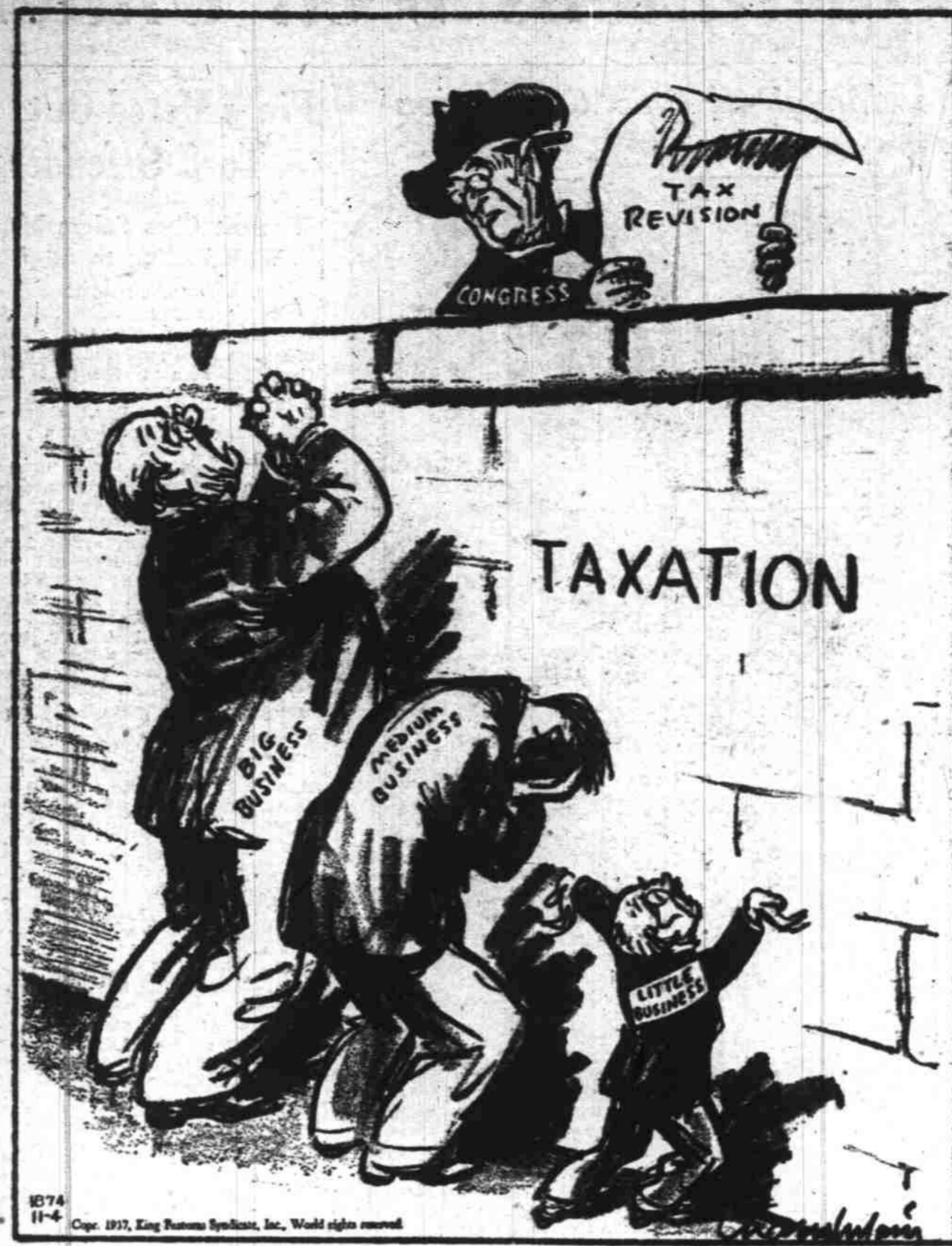
From Other Papers

We're Looking the Other Way. Until all the facts regarding the Normal school "football scandal" are established final judgment should be reserved. Whether or this was a deliberate hold-up, or an irresponsible beer-party spree which resulted in a free-for-all fight is not clear at the present writing.

The incident, regardless of its precise nature however, again calls attention to the need of housecleaning in the entire field of intercollegiate football.

We venture to say, when this Monmouth case is investigated, it will be found that the students involved did not go to the normal to secure an education, but to play football. In other words they were neither junior nor "senior" college material. And under the system which prevails, no genuine demands on them were made in this direction. Such a system is all wrong, and by encouraging professionalism, and commercializing the sport, can only lead not only to such shocking incidents as this, but eventually to the ruination of the game.

Wailing Wall



Post to Sponsor Former 4L Band

Legion and Auxiliary Will Attend Church Service in Body Sunday

SILVERTON—The Delbert Reeves post of the American Legion Monday night voted to sponsor the former 4-L band in connection with the plans of the evening services November 7, at the church of the Sons of the American Legion, which is chairman, Joe Hasenstab of Salem is band director.

The Legion post members also accepted an invitation of Rev. Frank W. Zook of the Christian church to attend in a body the evening services November 7, planned as a special patriotic affair.

The auxiliary members have also voted to attend at the same time. All members of both groups have been asked to assemble in the church social rooms at 7:20. State President speaks at 7:30. Otella Mardis, Dallas, president of district no. 2, was the guest speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Legion auxiliary. Mrs. Jack Eakin of Dallas gave a brief story of the attendance of the national convention in New York.

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Suffers Food Poisoning

SILVERTON—Mack Williams, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, was rushed to the Silverton hospital Monday night suffering from food poisoning. He spent the night under the care of a special nurse at the hospital but was able to return to his home Tuesday morning and Tuesday was pronounced recovered.

West Salem News

WEST SALEM—The West Salem city council met Monday night for the regular meeting. They adopted the building code uniform along the Pacific coast.

The council also approved a new street light on Cascade Drive, will purchase a new siren for the police car and approved the auditor's and city recorder's reports for the third quarter.

The police committee asked that all persons exceeding the speed law of West Salem, which is 25 miles an hour be brought to justice as it is getting unsafe to try to cross the streets due to so much speeding.

Road matters were given considerable attention and it was decided to grade and fill Sixth street to open the road through Piedmont. Seventh street between Gerth and McNary has been graded and gravelled and by resolution a sidewalk will be constructed along the west side of Gerth avenue. The council also authorized a survey of the entire city for location of stakes to be placed at block intervals and be used as directions for future sidewalk construction.

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Benefit Dance Is Slated

HUBBARD—A benefit dance will be held Saturday night, November 12, at the Playmore park dance hall, one mile south of Hubbard on the Pacific highway, for the Hubbard firemen.

Golden Wedding Event Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rosheim of Silverton Will Be Honored Then

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rosheim, who came to Silverton in 1899, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at their home here November 9. All of their children are expected home and will assist in receiving friends and neighbors who care to call between the hours of three and 6 o'clock. The family wedding dinner will be held Monday night preceding the actual wedding day.

Rosheim was born in Houston county, Minn., in 1865. Mrs. Rosheim was born in Iowa in the same year, and will observe her 72nd birthday anniversary November 20.

With their parents both of the children moved to Moody county, South Dakota, in 1876. They went to school together and, according to the Lutheran custom, were confirmed on the same day, November 9, 1887, they were married.

To Oregon in 1899. In 1899 they moved to Oregon and for 18 years lived in the Brush Creek district on the farm now owned by John C. Goplerud. In 1909 the Rosheim family moved to Silverton and lived near the present hospital and then, during the war they moved to their present home on East Hill, used for many years as the Silverton hospital.

Their eight children include Ben, Sherman and Lawrence of San Francisco; Jeanette Hendrickson of Roseburg; Clarence, Walter, Sophie Rosheim and Mrs. Lillian Senter of Silverton. There are also four grandchildren, Betty Rosheim of San Francisco; Alta and Ruby Golden of Roseburg; and Marvin Senter of Silverton.

Bobby Dunsmoor Tops Credit List

HAYESVILLE—The credit list for the primary room has been completed with the most credits in that grade.

Others on the list: Gordon Bacon, Donald Bailey, Jimmie Benson, Mariene Bowden, Delores Cobb, Lorraine Federa, Marjorie Peatney, Edgar Urruk and Jeanette Saucy.

In the second grade Dorothy Wallemeier heads the list with 18 credits. Others are Jerry Benson, Virginia Brown, Bobby Carrow, Stanley Clark, Joyce Henderson and Waldo Nunn.

The primary room has joined the Oregon State Book League for the fifth consecutive year.

Stayton Women Meet At Bell Home to Sew; Postmistress Returns

STAYTON—A group met at the home of Mrs. Ed Bell to spend the evening sewing. Refreshments were served. Others present were Mrs. Ed Kiecker, Mrs. Lloyd Hamblin, Mrs. Wilbur Lesley, Mrs. Louis Dawson, Mrs. Delmar Gehlen, Mrs. A. M. Dooler, Mrs. Briscoe and Mrs. Crystal Miller. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Crystal Miller.

Mrs. Grace Neilbert, local postmistress, has returned from her trip to California. After attending the national postmaster's convention at San Francisco, she visited in Berkeley and Oakland. Thirty-six postmasters from Oregon attended the convention.

Slate Visitations Of School Rooms

Event Is Special Feature of November Meet of HS Meeting

JEFFERSON—The November meeting of the Home-School organization will be held Thursday night in the assembly room of the school building. Friends of the elementary and high schools are urged to attend.

Following a brief business meeting, an opportunity to meet each teacher in his own room will be offered the visitors. A schedule of visitation is being arranged and will be given out at the schoolhouse the meeting night.

Several mothers will act as assisting hostesses during the visitation.

Car Wheel Drops Off. Mr. and Mrs. E. Meyers and daughter Betty, and a niece Mrs. Ruby Fishburn of Los Angeles, house guest of the Meyers family, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sommers of Scio of Cottage Grove Sunday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers son Virgil and family. When they got to Riverside, enroute home Sunday evening, the front wheel of the car came off and rolled down the road and into a field. Luckily they were able to stop the car, thus averting a serious accident.

Mrs. Dan Korb of Jefferson was presented a chest of lovely things for the home at the Vaney schoolhouse Saturday night. The event was sponsored by the Social Hour club of that community. The program included two short plays.

Retired Dentist Passes at Albany

ALBANY—Funeral services for Dr. Riley Holt Curl, 82, who died at the family home, 229 Broadalbin street, October 29, were held here Monday morning with Rev. Henry Albers officiating and burial in the Masonic cemetery.

Riley H. Curl was born near Scio in Linn county, August 4, 1855, and had spent his entire life in the state. He was perhaps the pioneer dentist of Albany. During the past year he had retired from active practice. He was a son of Caleb and Margaret Curl, Linn pioneers, who came to Oregon from Missouri.

Surviving are Mrs. Curl and two daughters by his first marriage: Mrs. Leta Verbera Starder of LaCenter, Wash., and Mrs. R.

Savant Honored



An unusual touch was added to ceremonies marking induction into office of Gordon Keith Chalmers as 16th president of Kenyon college, Gambier, O., when his wife, Mrs. Roberta T. S. Chalmers, herself, a doctor in literature from Oxford university, marched in the academic procession.

by Edwina Gould of Tacoma, Wash.; also a brother, L. M. Curl of Albany, and a sister, Mrs. S. A. Muratto of Portland and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Young People of Bethel Enjoy Halloween Party At Schoolhouse There

BETHEL—Pumpkins and corn stalks, autumn insignias, with Halloween streamers, transformed the school dining room into a holiday spot where the young people of the neighborhood enjoyed a gay party Saturday night.

The guests were Pauline Heinke, Ruth Riensch, Emma Reed, Mary and Lois Hamrick, Helen Schults, Maren Froelich, Gertrude and Wanda Froelich, Clarence Page, David and Carl Reed, Virgil Roseman, Simpson, Jr., and Paul Hamrick, Clarence and Leonard Klingfelder, Al and Warren King, Clifford and Marvin Hamman, James Jr., and Dean Lauderback.

Radio Programs

- 7:15—News.
- 7:30—Sunrise sermons.
- 8:00—Big Freddie Miller, MBS.
- 8:30—Today's tunes.
- 8:45—News.
- 9:00—The Pastor's Call.
- 9:15—Friendly Circle.
- 9:30—Corn Cobs, MBS.
- 10:00—Oodles in the news.
- 10:15—Ben Pollock's orch.
- 10:30—Information service, MBS.
- 10:45—Vocal varieties.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:15—The variety show.
- 11:30—Williamette university chapel.
- 11:45—Beatrice Fairfax, MBS.
- 12:00—The news.
- 12:15—News.
- 12:30—The news.
- 12:45—Bids Dudley's theatre, MBS.
- 1:00—Federation of Women's clubs.
- 1:15—Streamline Swing, MBS.
- 1:30—Popular salute.
- 1:45—Frank Sartore's orch, MBS.
- 2:00—The Johnson Family, MBS.
- 2:15—The news.
- 2:30—Feminine Fancies, MBS.
- 2:45—News.
- 3:00—The news.
- 3:15—Pacific Island orch, MBS.
- 3:30—In the Law, MBS.
- 3:45—The news.
- 4:00—This Side of Twenty, MBS.
- 4:15—Music by Ernest Pie-Bite, MBS.
- 4:30—The news.
- 4:45—Hills of yesterday.
- 5:00—Oklahoma Outlaws.
- 5:15—The news.
- 5:30—Frank Ball's sports talk, MBS.
- 5:45—News.
- 6:00—The news.
- 6:15—Vincent Lopez orch, MBS.
- 6:30—Swingtime, MBS.
- 6:45—The news.
- 7:00—STATIONMAN OF THE AIR—"Round the Valley," Miss Gene views Morgan.
- 7:15—The news.
- 7:30—Sam Hayes' football talk, MBS.
- 7:45—Musical variety.
- 8:00—Newspaper of the air, MBS.
- 8:15—Denny Goodness's orch, MBS.
- 8:30—The news.
- 8:45—Giff Williams' orch, MBS.
- 9:00—Roger Burke's orch, MBS.
- 9:15—The news.
- 9:30—Frank Sartore's orch, MBS.
- 9:45—The news.
- 10:00—Musical clock.
- 10:15—Musical variety.
- 10:30—Benefit and Waterbury.
- 10:45—Vivienne ensemble.
- 11:00—Financial service program.
- 11:15—Hollywood Hit Hatters.
- 11:30—Christian Science program.
- 11:45—The news.
- 12:00—Home institute.
- 12:15—George Giff.
- 12:30—The news.
- 12:45—Lost and found items.
- 1:00—Crosstide.
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HEY, WILL YA LISTEN TO ME?
KSLM
5:30 p.m.
JOHNNY Monday Thru Friday
LAWRENCE