

Salem Youth Winner in Horace Heidt Talent Contest; Albany Group Second

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"If you've got talent, stay home and develop it. Don't head for the big city."

Horace Heidt, television-radio star who brought his famous show to Salem Friday, might have channeled this bit of advice to Jack Larson, young Salem impersonator who won a talent contest on Heidt's show last night.

"Television needs talent, the best and lots of it," said Heidt during rehearsals Friday afternoon at Salem High auditorium. "But a talented youngster will do better to build himself up in his home town first and be discovered there."

Break Hard

It's difficult to break into TV these days, says Heidt who has been a talent snooper for some 30 years—and is about ready to stop snooping.

"This is my last tour. The Swift Co., our sponsor, is going to drop the show. It has six more weeks to run. Then I'm going back to Los Angeles (his home) and get into the production end of TV. Where I should have been long ago?"

While Heidt was talking he was trying on outdoor jackets which he'll wear during his regular weekly TV show in Portland tonight.

A packed auditorium saw the fast-paced, two and one-half hour Heidt show last night. It contained all the Heidt stars, including comedian Johnnie "It's in the Book" Standley; The Four Knights; Joan Proctor, singer; Dick Kerr, a funny impersonator; "Wild Bill" McFarland, the rock-and-roll saxophonist, a chorus line and others.

Salem Boy First

Larson, 16, of 1355 Cross St., won first-place and \$50 on his impersonations of famous entertainers, especially on a loud and floor-mopping imitation of singer Johnnie Ray, also, by the way, from the Salem area.

The Dominoes, a trio from Albany, placed second. It included Mary Arnett, piano, and Dick Blake and Duane Parks, banjo and guitar.

Bill Bartlett, 15, also of Salem, placed third. He is a tap dancer. Most of the members of Heidt's troupe were uncovered by Heidt himself during his many years of looking for talent.

"There is a lot of talent in America," he says, "but you have to tour to find it. Anyway, that's the only way I've been able to dig it up. An you can't leave it up to a talent scout either. Most scouts have not had the experience to spot good talent."

Skipped Over

"I've found gifted youngsters that many talent scouts would have skipped over. You won't find all the good talent in the big cities, either."

He reminisced for a minute or two on some of his earlier "discoveries," including Art Carney, Frankie Carl, Gordon McRae, Ralph Edwards, and Dick Contino.

Heidt believes talent shows are slipping on TV. If he quits that phase of show business, what then?

"Well," he says, "I have some ideas for several new shows. Something different. Maybe like the Pot of Gold show, which I originated. Take that \$64,000 Question. Boy, that's a tremendous program."

When told that "The Question" has a lot of critics, Heidt shot back through his famous grin: "It's got a lot of viewers, too."



When Horace Heidt, (right) television-radio star brought his troupe to Salem Friday, he was guided around town by Bud Meyers (at left) representing Hollywood Lions Club, sponsor of the Heidt show here. Also shown here during a break in rehearsals prior to last night's show is Reita Green, Heidt's "girl Friday." (Statesman Photo)

City Obituaries

George Carl Schackmann
Late resident of 1122 S. 16th street in Vancouver, Wash., at the age of 36 years. Survived by wife, Mary and children, Donald Lee, Rose Darlene, Frank Arthur, Mary Jane, Esther Marie, Diana Lynn, all of Salem. Brothers, Wayne A. Schackmann, Fort Lippin, Colo.; Oscar O. Schackmann, Bakersfield, Calif.; Amadeo V. Schackmann, Portland; James W. Waker, Grand Bonheur, Oregon. Services will be held Monday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the W. T. Ridgdon Chapel. Interment City View Cemetery.

Gertrude Irene Goodfellow
At Klamath Falls, Ore., August 18. Late resident of 775 Shipping street, Salem. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Dorothea E. Buck of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Margaret (Peg) J. Drager, Salem; Son, Robert E. Goodfellow, Portland, Ore. Sister, Mrs. William Talbot, Ukiah, Calif. One brother, Dr. E. E. Gray, Eugene, Ore. Four grandchildren. Services will be held at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel Monday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Oregon City. Services will be read by a Christian Scientist.

Mary Cinderella Michael
Late resident of 404 So. High street, Ore. In this city August 18. Mother of William G. Michael, Sheridan, Ore.; Catherine Michael, Chico, Calif.; Thompson Gibson and Elizabeth Hamilton both of Salem. Sister of Ernest Thompson, Missouri; Lennie Berge, Kansas City, Mo. Services will be held Monday, August 22, at 3:00 p.m. in the W. T. Ridgdon Chapel. Shipment will be made to Miami, Okla., for services and interment.

Jessie B. Witt
In Tillamook, Friday, August 19th. Survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. Maude Olson, Mrs. Clara Dickman, Salem; 5 brothers, A. B. Lyons, J. H. Lyons, and Homer Lyons, Salem; Albert Lyons, Marion, Ore. Four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Bolman Chapel in Dallas, Rev. Orville Mick officiating. Graveside services under auspices, Almira Rebecca Lodge No. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Interment in Pioneer Cemetery, Salem. Lundberg & Son, Tillamook, in charge of funeral.

Floyd Victor McReynolds
At a local hospital, August 18, at the age of 66 yrs. Late resident of 140 N. 23rd St. Survived by son, Jim McReynolds of Albany, and 2 grandchildren, Sherrill McReynolds of Albany, James McReynolds of Edenburg, N. Dakota. Services will be held Monday, August 22, at 3 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards Chapel. Interment in the City View Cemetery.

George Baker
Late resident of 1465 N. 24th St., Salem. At Portland hospital, August 16. Survived by wife, Henrietta Baker, Salem. Daughter, Mrs. Janice Thomas, Madison, Wis., and son, Harold Baker, U.S. Navy, Whidby Island, Wash. Services will be held in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel Tuesday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Belcrest Memorial Park. Dr. Paul N. Poling will officiate.

Clifford Owen Hutchinson
Late resident of 495 Ford street at residence, August 15 at the age of 34 years. Survived by wife, Eldora Hutchinson, Salem. Three daughters, Mrs. Darlene Sneath, Salem; Mrs. Betty Hunter, Salem; and Ronald Hutchinson, both of Salem. Two brothers, Edwin Hutchinson, Denver, Colo., and Delbert Hutchinson, Hughson, Calif. Two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Gilbert, Raleigh, Wyo.; Mrs. Nellie McClellan, North Platte, Neb. Two grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, August 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards Chapel with Rev. Joe Wright officiating. Interment Belcrest Memorial Park.

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Stock Market Nudged Higher

NEW YORK — The stock market nudged upward Friday when prices improved late in the session.

Throughout the session, the market moved narrowly and irregularly, most of the time in the lower reaches. It didn't take much betterment in the final hour to bring the market up on average.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was up 40 cents at \$171.30. It was down 10 cents Thursday. Industrials were up 60 cents and railroads were higher by 50 cents, but the utilities remained unchanged.

Volume amounted to 1,400,000 shares as compared with 1,560,000 shares traded Thursday, a continuation of the quiet markets seen for more than a week.

Hot Weather Sparks Grain Price Rally

CHICAGO — Hot, dry weather throughout the Midwest sparked a brisk rally in soybeans and corn on the Board of Trade Friday.

Other cereals rose in sympathy with the two leaders, although at a somewhat more languid pace.

Gains in corn and soybeans were the largest for any day in many months. As a result of the upturn of the past couple of sessions, losses recorded earlier this week were wiped out.

Wheat closed 1 to 1 1/2 higher, corn 3 3/4 to 4 1/4 higher, oats 1/4 to 1/2 higher, rye 1 to 1 1/4 higher, soybeans 4 1/4 to 6 cents higher and lard 25 to 35 cents a hundred pounds higher.

Salem Market Quotations

(As of late yesterday)

BUTTERFAT	
Premium	38
No. 1	35
BUTTER	
Wholesale	45
Retail	48
EGGS —(Buying)	
(Wholesale prices range from 5 to 1 cents over buying price)	
Large AA	51
Large A	49
Medium AA	42
Medium A	40
Small	32
POULTRY	
Colored Hens	21
Leghorn Hens	19
Colored Fryers	28
Colored Roasters	29
Old Roosters	11

Onion Futures

	Open	High	Low	Close
Nov.	1.80	1.94	1.80	1.87
Jan.	1.95	2.13	1.95	2.10
Feb.	2.05	2.22	2.05	2.20
Mar.	2.26	2.33	2.26	2.30

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