

TELE-VIEWS

Radio-Television
By DAVE BLACKNER

Editor's Note: During the summer each Monday afternoon Tele-Views will be written by a noted radio or television star . . . Today's guest column is written by Oliver J. Dragon, star of television Kukla, Fran and Ollie.

By OLIVER J. DRAGON
TV's 'Kukla, Fran and Ollie'

Well, since no one else is here, I guess it's going to be up to me to write this column. It's supposed to be about us three—Kukla, Fran and Ollie. It's a big job, but I'm not unplugged.

(Editorial note by Kukla: Ollie means 'nonplussed'). They taught us dragons how to write stories at Dragon Prep. So I had better do this job all myself and it will be a kindness to my buddies. I fact, we dragons are kindness impersonated. (Kukla: He means "personified.") Ever since my direct ancestor swallowed some sea water and put out his fire—he was rescuing a beautiful maiden from the Hellespont—our flames have been replaced by the warmth of human kindness. My single glorious tooth is indicative—ahem!—of our gentle nature.

Well, to return to the subject, "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" have been on television 5½ years. We first came into your parlors October 13, 1947.

I'm not going to talk about myself. I remember as a child back in Dragon's Retreat, my mother—bless her—said, "Ollie, great people don't have to talk about themselves." That's why I mention myself only occasionally. (Kukla: Understatement.)

Of the Kuklapolitan Players, Kukla is the oldest. He is a practical little fellow, but he's wistful and sentimental and Fran and me—I—love him. He joined the boss away back in 1936 when Mr. Tillstrom was doing marionette and stock shows. He got his name from the ballerina Taumanov—Kukla means "doll" in her language.

I joined up three years later. It's a tradition in puppet shows that a dragon must be a member of the troupe. Our boss, Burr Tillstrom, thought there must be some good dragons somewhere. So he set out to find one. He came upon me feeding the baby fish at Fisherman's Falls—that's near Dragons Retreat—and he was so impressed with my benighted (Kukla: Benign) countenance that he signed me then and there.

Our first big date was the New York World's Fair. There we were joined by Mme. Ophelia Ooglepuss. She's a grand old gal, though she can't get out of the habit of playing Shakespeare to the galleries. The three of us needed a supporting cast and we talked the boss into signing up Fletcher Rabbit, Cecil Bill, Mercedes, that fine old Southern gentleman Col. Cracky, Clara (ugh!) Coo Coo and Buelah Witch. Buelah came to us right after she graduated from Witch Normal. She's a grand old skate. Of course, she's a little noisy, since she's wired for sound, we don't hold that against her. And modern . . . why, she wasn't with us one month before she attached an outboard motor to her broomstick and now she's taken to jet-propulsion. (Kukla: That's a better word than propulsion). Our newest arrival is my cousin, Dolores, who is bright and cute even for a dragon. And occasionally my mother, Olivia Dragon, comes to visit us from Dragon Retreat in Vermont.

That we have gained thousands of friends since we went on the air in 1947, has been due, in great measure, to the gentle patience and quiet humor of Fran Allison who

has been with us since that time. She has great forbearance with my own roguishness and complete understanding of earnest Kukla.

Fran started her career as a schoolmarm—I wish I could have had her as a teacher at Dragon Prep—but she went into radio work after studying drama and music. Her home is LaPorte City, Iowa.

And a word of thanks to our boss. He made us what we are today and I know we're satisfied. He's a Chicago boy and he has been involved with marionettes and puppets since he was 14. Maybe even before that. When he was a child he played theatre with his toy soldiers. He's the dynamo that drives all our machinery.

He's all our voices, in song and prose. Here's the way he works. He gets an idea. He talks it over with Fran and Jack Fascinat who writes original music for our show, and that night the program goes on—completely unheard.

We all have a special personality and the ad libs give us a good chance to express ourselves in our own way. I am the vivacious type, Kukla is the tender type, and Fran is the patient understanding type.

No wonder we have such fun!
YOURS FOR THE TELE-VIEWING MONDAY
Wild Bill Hickok, 4. "Education and Brawn"—Wild Bill uses his fists to show two young cowhands and their stubborn father that education does not reduce a man's raw courage and manliness.

Northwest News Digest, 5:30. Features Norm Wallace, newscaster, with Bill Stout as sports reporter and commentator. Cross-country news and weather round-up by Wallace. Local and live show.

Newspaper of the Air, 5:40. Features Bill Clayton with local news and news photographs—local and live.

Boxing from Chicago, 6. In the preliminary bout Rusty Cleek is pitted against Eddie O'Dowd. Main event: Red Evans from Pekin, Illinois vs. Johnny Gillespie of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Theatre, 7. "Black Lead" is a suspense drama set in Hong Kong and stars Alan Hale, Jr. The story involves a shipload of graphite tied up by British authorities and Communist front activity.

Voice of Firestone, 7:30. Baritone, Thomas L. Thomas is guest.

Safety Spotlight, 8:30. Local filmed show featuring Bob Blackburn in cooperation with the Portland and Vancouver Police Department. Police car follows drivers to explain traffic violations and to make awards to safe drivers.

Robert Montgomery Presents, 9. "A Summer Love"—stars Elizabeth Montgomery as an aspiring summer theatre actress with John Newland as a matinee idol guest artist. A romance between the two brings the story to a dramatic climax.

Arthur Murray Dance Party, 10. Live dancing show.

The Big Playbook, 10:30. Representatives of both pennant-winning teams that played in the 1952 World Series will be Bill Stern's guests, namely, shortstop captain of the Yankees, Phil Rizzuto and Brooklyn fielder, Duke Snider. Entire show will be devoted to highlights of the 1952 World Series. Duke Snider's son cuts him down to size when he asks the youngsters the wrong question.

YOURS FOR THE TELE-VIEWING TUESDAY
Matinee Theatre, 2. "Missing Lady" with Kane Richmond and Barbara Reed.

Toymaker, 3:45. Live children's show featuring the old German Toymaker who brings his tales of toys to delight the young of heart . . .

Northwest News Digest, 5:30. Features Norm Wallace, newscaster with Bill Stout as sports reporter and commentator. Cross-country news and weather round-up by Wallace—local and live.

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Mirror Theatre, 7. "The Enormous Radio" stars Felicia Montealegre and Daren McGavin. Story tells of a young couple in New York whose interest in serious music leads them to purchase a very large and sensitive radio. The radio suddenly develops amazing powers which leads to startling complications.

Nothing but the Best, 8. Anne Jeffrey and Husband Robert Sterling are guests of host, Eddie Albert. They will present the night club act with which they have been touring the country. Others include comedy singer, Kay Ballard,

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2:45 p.m.—Tommy
4:00 p.m.—Wild Bill Hickok
4:30 p.m.—Hopalong Cassidy
5:30 p.m.—Newspaper of Air
5:45 p.m.—Times for Beauty
6 p.m.—Boxing from Chicago
6:30 p.m.—Sportsman
6:45 p.m.—News Caravan
7:00 p.m.—Cheerio Theater
8:00 p.m.—Name That Tune
8:30 p.m.—Safety Spotlight
9:00 p.m.—Robert Montgomery
9:30 p.m.—Arthur Murray Dance Time
10:30 p.m.—Big Playback
10:45 p.m.—Sports Day
11:00 p.m.—Nite Owl

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swing harpist Robert Maxwell and musical comedy-ballet dancer, Auro Vanlo.
This is Your Life, 8:30. Joan Caulfield's life will be rereleased. Magazine cover featuring Miss Caulfield will be featured on the show. Don Dexter's orchestra provides the background music.

- 11:00 a.m.—On Your Account
11:30 p.m.—Ladies Choice
1:15 p.m.—Archie Goodley
1:30 p.m.—Pezzer Pancies
1:45 p.m.—Hollywood Reel
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11:30 p.m.—Mama's the Name
1:30 p.m.—NW Digest

Compromise On Tariff Bill

Washington (AP)—Senate House conferees agreed Saturday on a compromise bill extending the reciprocal trade agreements act one year. The compromise wipes out the controversial house provision to enlarge the tariff commission to seven members.

The conferees left the commission at its present membership of six.

President Eisenhower asked Congress to extend the reciprocal trade agreement authority for one year "as is." The authority expired on June 12.

The House wrote into the measure a provision adding one member to the present makeup of the Tariff Commission. The new member would be a Republican, thus giving the Republicans a 4-3 margin on the commission.

Democrats complained this would make a partisan body of the commission, whose legal membership now is made up of three Republicans and three Democrats.

The Senate refused to accept the House provision.

About 220,000 people visited Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, in 1952.

Officers Dined By Foresters

Silverton — Donald M. Orange, state organizer of the Catholic Order of Foresters, acted as toastmaster at the Sunday evening banquet, with Dr. A. L. V. Smith as chief ranger of the court and official host at the Silverton St. Paul parochial dining hall.

The dinner was given to honor the 48 officials and committee chairmen installed and initiated during the preceding afternoon ceremonies.

The Catholic Order of Foresters, formerly a social fraternity for men and boys, opened its ranks to the women and girls in January, 1953, in an effort to promote greater family unity. The Silverton court was the first to be organized under this new ruling.

State chief ranger T. W. Minden of Sublimity, assisted by Donald M. Orange, Mt. Angel, state organizer, in reading the charter established the institution of this new court in an all-afternoon program at the school hall. The main address was given by the Rev. Father Thiele.

Visiting clergy and foresters spoke briefly in appreciation of the new court and the installed officers.

Spiritual directors of other Forester courts in the state present were the Very Rev. William Killon of Visitation court, Verbort; the Rev. Cyril Lebod, OSB, of St. Mary's, Mt. Angel, and the Rev. Joseph Sherberg, St. Boniface court, Sublimity.

Members initiated by the Sublimity degree team and listed as charter members of St.

Paul's parish, Silverton court, are: Mary Anne Buchelt, Nancy DeSantis, Betty Mae DeSantis, Berta DeSantis, Dorothy Frank, Orville Frank, John McCullough, Bob McCullough, Vivian Frank, Ralph Shemmel, Janet Shemmel, John Doran, Bea Doran, Hugo Boehmer, Agnes Boehmer, Greg Shemmel, Melinda Shemmel, Mary Shemmel, Roselle Shemmel, Andy Shemmel, Orville Volker, Mildred Volker, Ida Pfeifer, John Pfeifer, Joe Mauer, Theresa Mauer, Delores Zollner, Louis DeSantis, Margaret DeSantis, Hilda Seifer, Al Seifer, Ed Zollner, Veronica Frank, Eileen Sthamann, Alice Sthamann, Marilyn Smith, Dora Frank, Otto Frank, Phyllis Martin, Otto Martin, Anthony DeSantis, Sharon DeSantis, Al Sthamann, Lois Sthamann, Ray Sthamann, Irene McCullough, Lawrence Thomas, Clara Thomas, Elaine Thomas, Elizabeth Martin, Larry Martin, Harry Boehmer, Elmira Boehmer, Cleo May, Patricia May, Charlene Moe, Carl Hess and Josephine Hess.

Silverton St. Paul's court will hold the first regular meeting the first Wednesday in August, the fifth of the month.

Mrs. Hugo Boehmer is publications chairman.

29 PERISH IN FLUNGE
Morrisburg, Ont. (AP)—A California woman—Mrs. Margaret McKee of Butte City—was identified today among the 29 passengers who perished when a bus plunged into a canal two miles west of here.

The bus, running between Toronto and Montreal, smashed into a small parked truck yesterday and then hurtled into 20 feet of water. Seventeen persons survived the accident.

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