

# TELE-VIEWS

## Radio-Television

By DAVE BLACKMER

"I thought then," said Spike Jones, "that music could be amusing as well as good," in an interview with Tele-Views Sunday night in Spike's dressing room prior to the Portland show held in the Civic Auditorium.

Thus was born "The Musical Depreciation Revue." Jones has kept that title over the years. Now he's switching to "Musical Insanities of 1954" or the "Craziest Show on Earth." Jones has made several television appearances both in New York and Hollywood but is holding back on a regular show of his own till he can find the "right format." "Television eats away talent and jokes too fast unless you have the right format. The lads with the right format and plot are really lucky," continued Spike on the subject of him getting a TV show of his own. "Radio is out," says Spike "but we have enough material for another road show next year."



Spike Jones

In regard to his traveling road show which is appearing at the Capitol Theater Monday night, August 24, Spike says "We've topped last year's show."

Spike was wearing a dark brown suit with a beautiful pair of alligator loafers. Spike changed into his stage costume which includes an iridescent yellow shirt, one green sock and one red sock with a pair of high button black shoes.

To top this crazy outfit Spike dons his black suit with yellow stripes.

Talking in a soft toned voice and an occasional smile Spike possesses a pleasing personality. From his appearance on stage with his dead pan face expression one would figure him to be the same off stage, but not Spike.

Spike loves to chew gum and he chews a stick of Wrigley's spearmint gum during the entire show.

Present plans call for "Musical Insanities" to open early in October at the Curran Theater, San Francisco. It will jump then to the East, playing Philadelphia and Boston engagements before landing in New York Christmas Eve.

Spike has been touring with his City Slickers almost constantly for the past 10 years.

He has clicked off over 1,000,000 miles via bus or private railroad car. The latter is equipped with a piano for rehearsals en route. Spike has appeared in seven different states on seven consecutive nights. When Spike's wacky performers appear to be getting worn out from too much travel, the maestro books a couple of weeks in holiday spots like Miami, Las Vegas or Honolulu so they can rest up.

"The only thing we don't bring to the show is the ear muffs, the customers have to furnish those," says Spike talking of his crazy tactics used to wring out music.

"Musical Insanities of 1954" features trick exploding bag pipes, guitars that shoot ping pong balls, hats that sprout daisies, atomic canon, chiming doorbells, a harp that pops corn and a bass fiddle which midget Frankie Little will thump and fry ham and eggs on simultaneously.

Mr. Jones picked up a good case of the flu in Canada but is still carrying on as "the show must go on." However, flu or no flu, Spike really beats the daylight out of his nightmarish paraphernalia.

Tele-Views viewed the opening portion of the show in Portland Sunday night and I believe that the word "Insanities of 1954" is the understatement of the year.

The opening number includes the popular tunes Caravan, Sabre Dance and a number that Spike doesn't know the name. These tunes are mixed in between that great Spikism of music.

Other numbers include, Hawaiian War Chant, Blue Danube, Black Magic, Poet and Peasant Overture, Indian Love Call.

Helen Grayco (Mrs. Spike) is the only one booked as being sane. Mrs. Spike scores a big hit with "He's Just a Nowerhere But Without Him So As I."

The Slickerettes fashion talking quickies afore and aft of the madcap revue and above all, the skipping of Jones gives everything an extra-special touch of a master showman completely in his element.

### YOU'RE FOR TELE-VIEWING MONDAY

**Northwest News Digest, 5:45.** Features Norman Wallace, newscaster, with Bill Stout as sports reporter and commentator. Cross-country news and weather round-up by Wallace.

**Alka-Seltzer Newspaper of the Air, 5:55.** Features Bill Clayton with local news and news photographs—local and live.

**Boxing from Chicago, 6.** Ron Stribbling of Cedar Rapids, Iowa vs. Johnny Valentine of Detroit in a scheduled 8-rounder in the 135 pound class.

**Theatre, 7:00.** "The Eye Witness Who Wouldn't See." An innocent witness to a coffee shop murder becomes the center of an entangled and fast moving drama of suspense. Stars Joanne Davis and Glen Roberts.

**Voice of Firestone, 7:30.** Leonard Warren, baritone soloist is guest.

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

**Robert Montgomery Presents, 9.** "Red Robbin Again"—is a story of a happy household composed of a sister, brother, and the latter's daughter who decide to extend their small-town hospitality across the sea by sponsoring a British exchange student. The "student" turns out to be a starving American actor who fakes a British accent. Evelyn Varden and Marshall Thompson join the regular players.

**Arthur Murray Dance Party, 10.** Locally produced, live dancing show.

**The Big Playback, 10:30.** The famed "Medwick incident" in the final game of the 1934 World Series between the Detroit Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals at Detroit will be the featured part of the show. Frank Frisch will be Stern's guest and explain the circumstances surrounding the banishment of Medwick from the game. Also shown will be the Detroit Redwings winning the hockey Stanley cup and a race between antique racing autos in California.

**Sports Den, 10:45.** Live show featuring Bob Blackburn. **Nite Owl Theatre, 11:45.** "Woman Doctor."

**YOU'RE FOR THE TELE-VIEWING TUESDAY**  
**What's Cooking? 9:30.** Cooking show starring Barbara Angell—hash browned potatoes—old fashioned peach pie (sour cream).  
**U.N. General Assembly, 12:30.** Live telecast from headquarters in New York.  
**Freezer Fancies, 10:30.** Local, live show starring Betty Davis.  
**Matinee Theatre, 2.** "The Mystery Man" with Robert Armstrong and Maxine Boyie.  
**The Toy Maker, 3:45.** The old German Toy Maker brings

his tales of toys to delight the young of heart on this live children's show.

**Northwest News Digest, 5:45.** Features Norman Wallace, newscaster, with Bill Stout as sports reporter and commentator. Cross-country news and weather round-up by Wallace.

**Newspaper of the Air, 5:55.** Features Bill Clayton with local news and news photographs—local and live.

**It Happened in Sports, 6:30.** Life story of Willie Hoppe, retired champion billiard player. Hoppe will be interviewed on show.

**Mirror Theatre, 7:00.** "The Happy Tingle" stars Ralph Meeker and Eve Marie Saint in a comedy concerning a TV writing team whose vocational efforts are temporarily frustrated because of romantic difficulties.

**Favorite Story, 9.** "Three Strangers" features Christian Larson and Bill Phipps. Adolphe Menjou as hosts, leads viewers through a storm to a switchman's hut where fugitives from a tied-up train have found shelter. Included are a hangman on his way to an execution of the young man—a judge and his wife who believe the man is innocent—a young hotheaded girl—and another man.

**Nite Owl Theatre, 11:30.** "Old Swimmin' Hole" with Jackie Moran, Marcia Mae Jones and Leatrice Joy.

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 12:30 p.m.—Love of Life  
 1:45 p.m.—Toymaker  
 4:00 p.m.—Wild Bill Hickok  
 4:30 p.m.—Hopalong Cassidy  
 5:30 p.m.—Newspaper of the Air  
 6:30 p.m.—Spectacular  
 6:45 p.m.—Newspaper of the Air  
 7:00 p.m.—Chevron Theater  
 7:30 p.m.—Voice Firestone  
 8:00 p.m.—Name That Tune  
 8:30 p.m.—Safety Spotlight  
 8:45 p.m.—Robert Montgomery  
 10:00 p.m.—Arthur Murray Dance Party  
 10:30 p.m.—Big Playback  
 10:45 p.m.—Sports Den  
 11:00 p.m.—Television Weekly  
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 11:30 a.m.—Welcome Travelers  
 12:30 p.m.—On Your Account  
 12:45 p.m.—U.N. General Assembly  
 1:15 p.m.—Arthur Godfrey  
 1:30 p.m.—Professor Pancies  
 1:45 p.m.—Hollywood Reel  
 2:00 p.m.—Matinee Theater  
 2:15 p.m.—Search for Tomorrow  
 2:30 p.m.—Love of Life  
 2:45 p.m.—Toymaker  
 4:00 p.m.—Howdy Doodie  
 4:30 p.m.—Hollywood Theater Picture  
 5:00 p.m.—Name the Game  
 5:30 p.m.—NW Digest  
 6:00 p.m.—Two for the Money  
 6:30 p.m.—Happened in Sports  
 7:00 p.m.—Mirror Theater  
 7:30 p.m.—Break the Bank  
 8:00 p.m.—Nothing But Best  
 8:30 p.m.—This Is Your Life  
 9:00 p.m.—Adolph Menjou  
 9:30 p.m.—Half Hour Theater  
 11:00 p.m.—Frosty Frolics  
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**\$1 Million Addition To Hospital Planned**

Portland (AP)—Plans for a million dollar addition to the Holladay Park hospital here were announced Saturday.

The federal government has approved a \$333,633 grant for the project. It will be turned over to the hospital providing the remaining two-thirds of the cost is raised. A drive to solicit \$200,000 will be started immediately.

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### PLUCKY HOUSEWIFE SAVES PILOT



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**KNOWLAND ON TOUR**  
 Honolulu (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland, republican majority leader, stopped briefly in Hawaii last night on his way to Japan and the Far East for a month's study tour.

**VISIT IN SPOKANE**  
 Mt. Angel—Miss Anne Erwert and Miss Helen Keber returned home after spending a week in Spokane, Wash., visiting with relatives and friends.

### Vows Heard By Archbishop

Mt. Angel—Officiating at the profession ceremonies held at Convent Queen of Angels, Mt. Angel, on Aug. 20, was His Excellency, Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland, who received the vows of three young women at the offertory of the solemn high mass.

Those pronouncing triennial vows were Maurine Clemmons, Billings, Mont. (Sister Mary Jeannette, O.S.B.); Agnes Ewing, Salem, (Sister Mary Angela, O.S.B.); and Janet Dougherty, Oregon City (Sister Stella Marie, O.S.B.).

The Rev. Luke Eberle, O.S.B., was speaker for the occasion.

Assistant deacons at the mass were Rev. Sebastian Terhaar, O.S.B., and the Very Rev. Bernard Sander, O.S.B. The Rev. Edward Spear, O.S.B., acted as deacon, and Rev. Frater Eugene Marx assisted as subdeacon.

Others in the sanctuary were the Rev. Frater Eugene Esch, O.S.B., Rev. Frater Benedict Suling, Leo Rimmelle, Blaise Tuorck, Ignatius Groeger, Ron-

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