

Television in review

Jimmy Dean's show suffers from 'Ole Opry' orientation

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Thursday night was variety night on the American Broadcasting Company network, with the hour-long Jimmy Dean show followed by the half-hour Edie Adams show.

If the best of the 90 minutes could have been compressed into a single hour, it would have been quite a memorable evening. But an hour and a half it was and the whole effect was neither fully satisfying nor completely disappointing.

Dean has great talent and he gets good support from a pretty young vocalist named Molly Bee, a dog puppet named Rowie and some really fine dancing routines. But the show suffers from a "Grand Ole Opry" orientation in production and dialogue.

Dean, who is quite urbane when he wants to be, with scarcely a howled vowel or slurred consonant in his every-day speech, was delivering such immortal lines as "pull up the nail keg and set a spell" in a kind of downtown Kansas City Ozarkese.

Guests on Dean's show included a pair of canebreaker comics named Lester and Lud, who spouted about the kind of lines you would expect: "If that don't rattle the rhubarb," "Low as the corns on a well digger's heel," and "If that don't bend the bacon."

Amid these cornstalks, even comedian Allan Sherman—an other guest—was subdued.

On Miss Adams' show, guest Sammy Davis Jr., took command with a tremendous display of versatility—singing, dancing, impersonating. But the continuity dialogue was awkward, Davis appeared on screen without an on-stage introduction, and a comedy sketch by Charlie Brill and Mitzi McCall

wasn't very funny.

Yet both shows had merit. Sherman sang his version of the "12 Days of Christmas." The opening of the Dean show had breathtaking choreography with black snake whips. Dean joined the dog puppet in a "Song and Dance Man" duet ("My father used to be the night watch dog at the Palace.")

Finally, Dean had Eddy Arnold, who sang some of the songs which helped swell his career record sales to 37 million: "Anytime," "Big Bouquet of Roses," and "You Don't Know Me."

Miss Adams began her show with her own version of "No Business Like Show Business," while the cameras focused on a series of still pictures of "A Day in the Life of Edie Adams," a sequence worthy of the imagination of her late husband, Ernie Kovacs. She followed with a good, Christmasy, "Silver Bell."

Davis' big one was "Come Rain or Come Shine." He followed with impressions of James Cagney, Richard Widmark, and Edward G. Robinson in a gangster role, which Miss Adams introduced with one of her best lines of the show: "How about doing your impression of Caesar? Any Caesar, Sid, Julius or Little?"

If only Miss Adams would commission better continuity. If only Dean would begin playing to all 50 states.

INJURED FATALY

COOS BAY (UPI)—Ella Clark Jaehning, 80, of North Bend was injured fatally Thursday in a one-car accident near the community of Millington, two miles south of here.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at a North Bend hospital.



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Two weeks after assassination question of 'why?' unanswered

DALLAS (UPI)—When the fatal shots were fired into President Kennedy a fortnight ago, reporters on a bus close by gasped "What was that?"

The grim details quickly unfolded. But two weeks later the gruesome "why" still was unanswered.

Federal Bureau of Investigation officers swarmed Dallas and other cities in a comprehensive investigation of the assassination, and the slaying here two days later of Lee Harvey Oswald, 24-year-old suspected sniper.

FBI men were silent about their work. Cooperating local officers also were quiet. The results are to be given the presidential commission, headed by Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States.

The scene of the shooting now is banked with flowers, including a wreath placed Thursday by Dr. Otto Bach, president of the West Berlin House of Representatives. An Australian flag flew at half mast. Hundreds still visit the area and stare at the Texas School Book Depository, where the sniper awaited and fired.

Re-Enact Shooting

Police Thursday re-enacted the shooting and a tiny marker was placed on the street at the spot where the first of three shots hit. Texas Gov. John Connally was struck by the second

bullet and the third hit Kennedy.

Connally left Parkland Memorial Hospital Thursday, where he was hospitalized and President Kennedy died. The governor told doctors and employees of the hospital he literally owed his life to them. He then returned to the state capital, Austin, to resume his duties.

A principal question asked today in Dallas and around the world concerned a possible link between Oswald and Jack Ruby, his slayer.

Authorities have made no announcement about a connection between the two men. Ruby said he killed Oswald to avenge the assassination and to avert the possibility that Mrs. Kennedy would be called back to Dallas to testify in Oswald's trial.

Associates Surprised

Many of Ruby's associates were surprised by the explanation. Ruby runs two night clubs here, including a striptease house.

How Ruby gained admittance to the Dallas police station where a national television audience witnessed the Oswald shooting also was a question unanswered.

Americans responded to other problems created by the assassination. Policeman J. D. Tippit, the officer who was slain while trying to arrest Oswald, had left only a small estate for his family.

Quintin Hogg's victory margin is cut sharply

LONDON (UPI)—Science Minister Quintin Hogg's disappointing showing in winning a Commons seat increased the concern of Conservative strategists today in their planning for the general election campaign against Labor.

There was jubilation among Labor officials as the returns came in showing a sharply reduced margin of victory for Hogg, the former Lord Hailsham and an increased margin for Labor in winning another by-election.

Results of a third race were to be announced later in the day.

Hogg, who resigned his title to seek a seat in Commons and put himself in a position to succeed Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home as party leader, chose a safely Conservative district, the Marylebone area of London. But his margin of victory was only 5,276 votes, compared to the 14,771-vote margin won by the last Conservative candidate, Sir Wavell Wakefield in 1959.

At the same time, Labor's Charles Morris, running in an equally safe seat in the Openshaw district of Manchester, won a majority of 8,962, an increase of 524 votes over the 1959 results, and one registered despite a smaller turnout.

Labor party officials saw these outcomes as a sure sign of a Labor victory at the general elections, which must be held in the next 10 months.

Harvey sets union vote

THE DALLAS (UPI)—Harvey Aluminum Co. employees here will ballot in the National Guard Armory Monday and Tuesday to decide if they want to be represented by a union.

It will be the third time the reduction plant production and maintenance workers have voted on the issue.

They rejected representation by the Aluminum Workers Council of The Dalles or the United Steelworkers during votes in April, 1959, and August, 1961.

Next week, the Harvey employees will ballot on whether they will join the Aluminum Workers International Union or have no union representation.

Hatfield urges rights support

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield today called upon Oregon's congressional delegation to give "full support to overriding any blocks to pending civil rights legislation."

In a telegram to the four House members in the Oregon delegation, Hatfield said:

"Trust you will give full support to overriding any blocks to pending civil rights legislation. Recall my meeting at the request of President Kennedy last summer at the White House in which several governors were given details of his desire in this field."

"I pledged my support to him at that time on behalf of the people of Oregon and I reiterate it now when maneuvering appears at this distance to dim chances of passage."

Holland quits post at PSC

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dr. Joseph Holland resigned Thursday as director of athletics and executive officer for health and physical education at Portland State College.

President Branford Millar named Holland's assistant, Hugh Smithwick, acting athletic director effective Jan. 1. Millar said Holland would be asked to continue his other duties until the end of this school year.

Holland said he wanted to give officials "complete freedom" to reorganize his departments at the fast-growing college. An outside consultant and a faculty committee were appointed earlier this year to study possible changes.

The school has increased nearly 250 per cent in enrollment since it moved to its downtown Portland location and has virtually no athletic or physical education facilities of its own.

Holland had been at Portland State since the school was founded. He previously had been on the faculty of the Vanport Extension Center.

RETIREMENT DUE

BOISE, Idaho (UPI)—Idaho's Board of Education announced today University of Idaho President D. R. Theophilus will retire effective July 1, 1965.

Board President Ezra Hawkes Pocatello, said the board will start looking for a successor immediately.

Dr. Theophilus has been with the university 37 years.

Christine to serve concurrent prison terms of 6, 9 months

LONDON (UPI)—Christine Keeler, the call girl who almost toppled the British government, was sentenced today to nine months in prison for perjury and to six months for conspiracy to obstruct justice. The terms will run concurrently.

The red-haired, 21-year-old Miss Keeler whose affairs with former War Minister John Profumo and one-time Soviet intelligence agent Capt. Eugene Ivanov set off Britain's sex scandal, had pleaded guilty to a charge of perjury and one count of obstructing justice.

Her pleas and the sentence came on the second day of her trial for lying about the beating she received last April. She had said Negro jazz singer Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon, one of her boyfriends, had beaten her. Her roommate and housekeeper said the same thing, and Gordon went to jail. But the new evidence freed him and she was indicted.

At today's proceedings her roommate, Paula Hamilton-Marshall, was sentenced to six months for perjury and three months for conspiracy to obstruct justice—with both terms also to run concurrently.

Mrs. Olive Brooker, the housekeeper, was conditionally discharged.

Last April, Miss Keeler was beaten in the apartment she shared with Miss Hamilton-Marshall and Mrs. Brooker, 56. Both entered similar guilty pleas today.

The crown charged that Miss Keeler and the other two women testified in Gordon's trial that Gordon had beaten Miss Keeler, when actually they knew another man had given her the beating some hours before.

Evidence at the preliminary hearing indicated Miss Keeler had tired of Gordon and when he showed up that night decided to pin the guilt for the attack on him to get him out of the way.

In that hearing, Miss Hamilton-Marshall's brother John testified he had had a knock-down fight with Miss Keeler on the same night.

Oregon soldier badly burned

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI)—An Oregon soldier was being treated for first, second and third degree burns at Brooke Army Medical Center today following a helicopter crash Monday at Columbus, Ga.

Sgt. Elrad F. Hoising, 28, Lebanon, Ore., was one of seven men burned in the accident. Three others died in the crash. The Army said he suffered burns over 20 per cent of his body.

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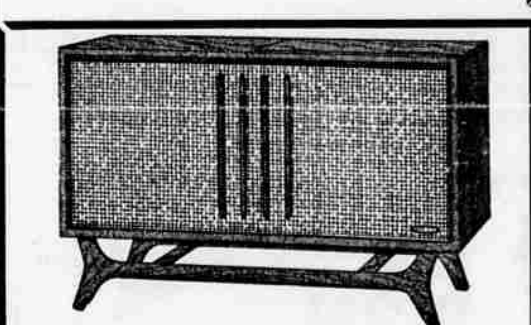
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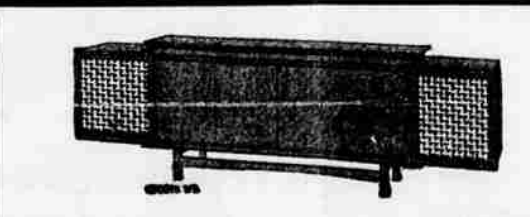
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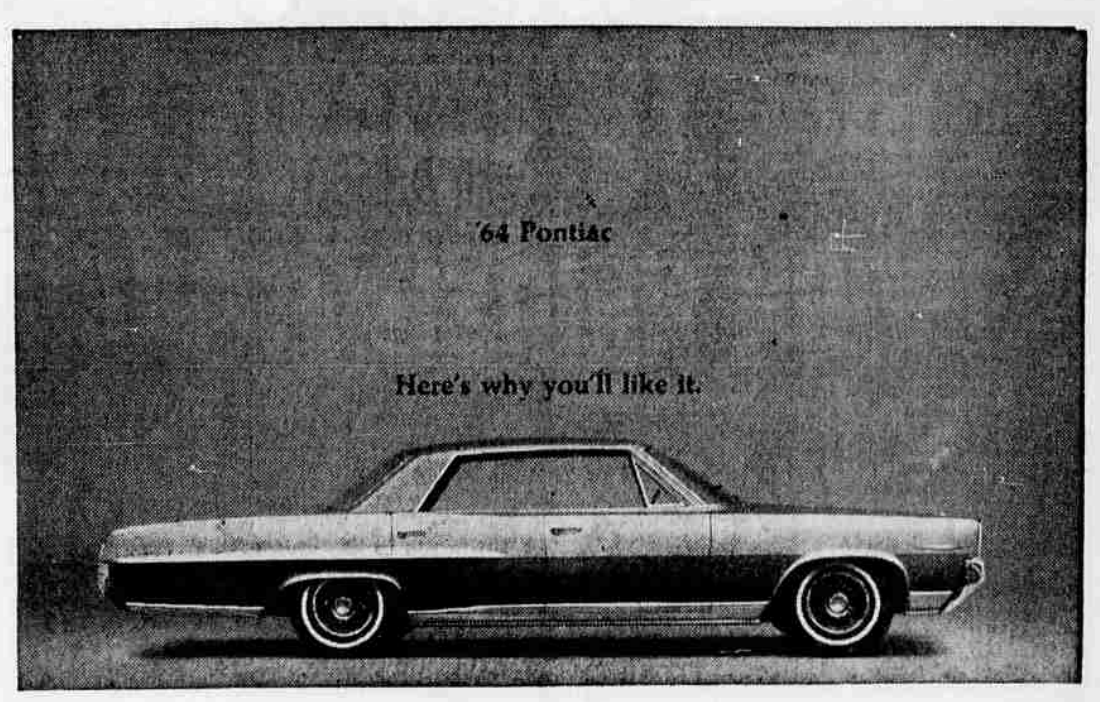


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