

TV Writer Regards Spike Jones Show Indulgently

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New York — (UPI) — Maybe it's from being out too long in the sun, but I've come to regard "The Spike Jones Show" on CBS-TV with a friendly, indulgent spirit.

Spike and his playmates — they include comedian Len Weinrib, Bill ("my name is Hozyay Hemyayonase") Dana, Hoyce Hameson (or is it Joyce Jameson?) and Jelen Grayco — are trying to break away from traditional TV comedy looks. They're hot for satire — the safe kind, of course — and dress things up with sophisticated sets, songs, clothing and opening calligraphy.

I've noticed that much of the humor is reminiscent of the stuff Steve Allen did and the reason turned out to be fairly obvious. Bill Dana, who now writes and produces the Jones show, also wrote gags for Allen. This summer, Dana is using Weinrib as if he was Louis Nye, which he isn't, yet, and I guess that leaves Spike Jones with the Steve Allen part and Miss Jameson as Don Knotts — Gabe Dell — Dayton Allen.

aside from being underweight, was that he just didn't mesh with what he called civilization. He was a sort of Mr. Peppers in his life.

The plot — well, let's forget the plot. It was about some extra zeroes on a check and added up to a big nothing. But the script, written by producer Aaron Ruben, gave Van Dyke plenty of room in which to display his angular amiability and structural flexibility.

The Channel Swim: Will TV's "great debates" between Sen. John Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon be sponsored, now that Congress has set the stage for them? CBS opposes sponsorship. NBC and ABC say they'll consider sponsorship if the candidates have no objection.

Hoagy Carmichael has left the cast of "Laramie," which begins its second NBC-TV season on Tuesday, Sept. 20. John Smith and Robert Fuller remain as "Laramie" regulars. "The Datchet Diamonds," starring Rex Harrison and Tammy Grimes, opens the new "Dow Hour of Great Mysteries" series on NBC-TV Tuesday, Sept. 20, instead of Friday, Sept. 9, as originally announced.

Monday night, however, the highlight of the show was a vocal group called, "The Angels." The four children who comprise the group displayed an infectious, strong sense of rhythm and charm.

The chief comedy serving, a look at a jazz drum-playing poetry team, studiously avoided the use of the word "beatnik." I think it's a tribute to the crew. Means they're hip enough to know the word is passe.

It takes a certain amount of assurance to come in with a TV pilot film called, "The Trouble with Richard."

One wrong move and the title gives the viewer a handy line for an opening brickbat.

Monday night, a show bearing that name slipped into the "New Comedy Showcase" slot on CBS-TV. Dick Van Dyke starred as Richard, a bank teller whose chief trou-

3-Month-Old Girl Killed in Crash

Gresham — (UPI) — A one-car accident near here Tuesday night took the life of a three-month-old girl and seriously injured her twin brother.

Multnomah county police said the car driven by Larry Franklin Collins, 19, Portland, struck a tree as he tried to avoid a rear end collision. The victim was Elizabeth Collins.

The surviving twin, Larry Franklin Collins Jr., suffered severe head injuries. The mother, Dorothy Edith Collins, 27, suffered minor injuries.



LUNCH COUNTER EXIT — Negroes file out of station in Memphis Tuesday after being served lunch at the Greyhound bus station. Whites watched them leave. (UPI Telephoto)

Rogue River Schools Plan for Opening

Rogue River — Enrollment in Rogue River schools began today. All high school students and new elementary students were asked to register.

First grade students have been asked to enroll today and Thursday in the primary building. All first grade students must bring a birth certificate or other evidence of age showing that they are six years old. They are also asked to bring a doctor's certificate of health.

Elementary students who did not attend Rogue River at the close of school are asked to register in the grade school office in the primary building. High school students will register at the high school.

Registration hours for registration Thursday are 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. On Friday they are 9 a.m. until noon.

Since state law forbids the purchase of high school textbooks by the district, certain fees will be collected at the time of registration. These include a \$6 book rental fee, \$1.25 towel fee and a \$4 student body card fee.

The schedule for the start of school includes an organizational meeting for teachers, Sept. 1, at the high school library; a work day for teachers Sept. 2, and school opening, Sept. 6. The cafeteria will be open and buses will be running on a regular schedule on opening day.

U. S., Lebanese Ships Collide; Three Missing

London — (UPI) — An American tanker and Lebanese steamer collided in dense fog in the western Mediterranean early today. All but three crewmen of the small freighter were saved by a nearby U. S. troop transport.

Only the bow of the Halcyon Med, a 1,948-ton freighter from Beirut, remained afloat after the mishap with the new tanker Esso Switzerland 20 miles east of Gibraltar.

The military transport Leroy Eltinge rescued 26 crewmen after a dash to the scene. Three were missing.

The Esso Switzerland, operated for Standard Oil company of New Jersey with Panamanian registry, remained afloat.

The Leroy Eltinge, en route from Izmir, Turkey, to New York, picked up a distress signal, changed course and arrived at the scene within two hours, the Navy said.

Two Persons Are Cited Following Accidents in Area

State police yesterday reported several accidents.

Norman E. Bubb, 23, Shady Cove, was informed by state police that a complaint would be filed against him in district court charging him with failure to drive on the right side of the road as a result of a two-car collision Monday morning on Crater Lake highway north of Eagle Point.

Bubb lost control of his car after passing another vehicle and hit a pickup truck driven by Floyd Melvin Yost, 43, of 1598 South Stage rd., Medford. Bubb suffered minor injuries, police said.

Douglas Jesse Smith, 18, of 435 1/2 South B. st., Eagle Point, was informed by state police that he would be charged with failure to stop at a stop sign as a result of an accident Monday morning at Agate rd. and Avenue G. Smith failed to stop at a stop sign at Agate rd., police said, and his car struck the rear fender of a car driven by Cecil Ray Wood, 36, of 1948 Myers lane, Medford.

Escapes Injury
Edmond Garfield Bailed, 32, of 478 Ray lane, Ashland, escaped injury when his truck went out of control on a curve on Highway 99 south of Phoenix Monday morning, state police said. The vehicle rolled over on its side in the center of two northbound lanes, police reported.

Monday afternoon a car driven by Frances Harold Mitchell, 35, of Tacoma, Wash., and a truck and trailer operated by Dick Lawrence Daniels, route 2, Central Point, sideswiped as they met on a curve in the Cascade Gorge area on Crater Lake

Brannock To Return To Office Monday

The contact office at White City Domiciliary was open two days last week and will be open two days this week.

This schedule has been made due to S. T. Brannock's annual leave. In his place, Clifford C. Fields, contact officer from VA hospital, Roseburg, has been at White City on the two days.

Brannock will return Aug. 29, and his office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the benefit of veterans and their families in this area not living at the Domiciliary.

highway, state police said. A man, his wife and four-months-old daughter escaped from their car as flames appeared from under the seat at the California-Oregon state

line, state police reported. Richard Snider, Centralia, Wash., said the car's transmission was not operating smoothly, so he pulled off the road. As he opened the car

door, flames came from under the seat. Ashland police notified state police and the state forest patrol which stood by in case of danger to the dry grass in the area.



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