

# Uncle Ray's Corner--Sign Painter Who Became Famous Poet: James Whitcomb Riley

James Whitcomb Riley, famous poet, was born in the Indiana village known as Greenfield. During his boyhood, he found many ways of enjoying himself. Not the least of these was in swimming, and he was to tell about this sport in a poem called, "The Old Swimmin' Hole."

As a young man, one of his first jobs was painting signs for merchants. With several other young men, he wandered up and down the valley of the Ohio river, looking for business. At a later time, Riley told about this work in the following words: "We called our business 'The Graphic Company.' We had five or six young fellows, all musicians as well as handy painters, and we used to capture the towns with our music."

"One fellow could whistle like a nightingale. Another sang like an angel and another played the banjo. I suffered with the violin. Our plans was to take one firm of each business in town, painting its advertisement on every road leading to town." Riley kept on with his wanderings for close to 10 years. In addition to painting, he appeared on the stage as an actor and helped a "patent medicine man" sell his wares. In his free time he composed verses and songs. At length he obtained work on a newspaper in a small Indiana city. Several of his poems were printed at that time by the paper for which he reported.

Later he joined the staff of a paper in Indianapolis, known as the Daily Journal. At the age of 34 Riley saw his first book in print. It had the title of "The Old Swimmin' Hole and 'Leven More Poems.'" After this book was published, he stayed in Indianapolis, writing poems which were later printed in book form. Slowly, with the passing years, Riley became known far beyond the limits of Indiana. His books were sold widely, and the time came when he could be ranked as "a famous poet." An 18-year-old girl in Chicago read some of Riley's poems, and was deeply pleased by them. She had just become one of the editors of a small weekly paper, and she sent Riley \$25 asking him to send her that much worth of poetry!

Riley promptly prepared a poem and sent it to the young lady, whose name was Clara Laughlin. She was very happy when the poem arrived, and it was published in her paper as "a great feature." That little incident led to a further exchange of letters, and Miss Laughlin attended a meeting of writers in Indiana. There she met the poet whom she admired so much, and walked around the town with him. When they went into a men's clothing store, where Riley wanted to make a purchase, the owner of the place said: "The last time I saw Mr. Riley was when he was a right young fellow. He painted me a sign and I've still got it!"

## Funland - the Family Entertainer

**FIRST JUGGLE ALL THE LETTERS ON THE PINS TO FORM A CERTAIN SEVEN-LETTER WORD. . . THEN DROP ONE LETTER AT A TIME, SO THAT THOSE REMAINING, AFTER EACH OMISSION, WILL SPELL A SIX, FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO AND A ONE-LETTER WORD.**

**B O W L I N G**

BLOWING, LOWING, OWING, WING, WIN, IN, 'N, 'M, 'W

**DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE?**

IS LINE AB LONGER OR SHORTER THAN CD? IS EF LONGER OR SHORTER THAN GH?

MAKE YOUR GUESS-- THEN MEASURE THEM TO BE CONVINCED.

ANSWERS: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

**WHAT LARGE CITY IS SUGGESTED BY THESE PICTURES?**

INDIANAPOLIS (INDIAN APPLE)

**KIDDIE CORNER**

COPY MY PICTURE, STEP BY STEP.

**HEY KIDS! CHANGE ONE LETTER IN "HARE" TO SPELL ANOTHER ANIMAL.**

CHANGE HARE TO MARE

## Highlights of Today's Radio Broadcasts, Classified

**Special Events**  
9:30 p. m.—Peace Is Our Business (WBBM): anniversary of Economic Cooperation Administration; Administrator Paul G. Hoffman, pickups from Europe; story of program.

**Religion**  
9 a. m.—National Radio Pulpit (WMAQ): "Keep Your Balance"; Church of the Air (WBBM): "Our Homes: Divinely Ordained"; Elder E. T. Benson, Mormon.  
10:30 a. m.—Hour of Faith (WISC): "Stand Fast With the Lord."  
11:30 a. m.—Ave Maria Hour (WISC): "Blessed Francis de Capillas."  
5 p. m.—Catholic Hour (WMAQ): "It Takes Three to Make Love."

**Discussion**  
10:30 a. m.—Reviewing Stand (WKOW): "When Does Juvenile Delinquency Lead to Serious Crime?"; Judge S. M. Braude, Chicago; Dr. S. Myrtle Escalona, Menninger foundation; Dr. Ralph Rabinovitch, University of Michigan.  
1 p. m.—U. S. in World Affairs (WIBA): "World Exchange and Development"; Charles E. Bran, secretary of agriculture; Willard Thorpe, assistant secretary.

**Documentary**  
3:35 p. m.—Living - 1949 (WMAQ): "The Ramparts We Watch," report on 600,000 U. S. soldiers at home and abroad; pickups from Berlin, Tokyo, Washington, Ft. Myer, Va.

**Music**  
10 a. m.—Fine Arts Quartet (WISC): "Quartet in C Minor," Brahms.  
1 p. m.—Symphonette (WBBM): Frank Glazer, Milwaukee pianist; "Cornish Rhapsody," "Zampa" overture, "Whispering Flowers."  
2 p. m.—N. Y. Philharmonic-Symphony (WBBM): Leopold Stokowski, conductor; excerpts from "Goetterdaemmerung," Wagner; "Symphony No. 40," Mozart.  
3:30 p. m.—Madison Civic Symphony (WHA): in Masonic auditorium.  
8:35 p. m.—Jane Pickens (WIBA): at new hour; "Who Built the Ark," "I Heard an Organ Play," "One Alone."

**Variety**  
1 p. m.—Ted Lewis (WGN): new series.  
5:30 p. m.—Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (WIBA): new series with Flo McLaughlin, Mary Hatcher, Dick Stabile's orchestra; Bob Hope, guest.  
7 p. m.—Fred Allen (WIBA): and "Doc" Rockwell.

**Quiz**  
9:30 p. m.—Who Said That? (WIBA): Ralph Bellamy, Russell Crouse, John Lardner, guests.

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**SUNDAY**  
A. M.  
9:00 Devotional Music  
9:30 Symphony Hall  
10:55 News  
11:30 Masterworks of Music  
11:55 News and Weather

**P. M.**  
12:00 Sunday Musicals  
1:30 News and Views  
1:45 Veteran Wants to Know  
2:00 Encore  
3:00 Books of Today  
3:30 Madison Civic Symphony  
4:00 Symphonette Club  
5:45 Review of the Week  
6:00 Dinner Musicale

**F. M. Only After 6:45**  
7:30 Sunday Night Concert  
8:00 Art Quartet  
9:30 FM Concert  
10:55 News (to 11)

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**SUNDAY**  
A. M.  
8:00 Sunday Morning Vocal  
8:30 Sunday Morning Musical  
9:00 Poles Time  
9:30 Sing Cowboy Sing  
10:00 Kootenia  
10:30 Navy Band  
11:00 Navy Com. Sing  
11:00 Beauford Methodist Church

**P. M.**  
12:00 The Shuffle Shop  
12:15 Musical Time  
12:30 Piano Land  
1:00 Luncheon Music  
1:30 Smooth Music Time  
1:45 Variety Show  
1:55 Musical Menu  
2:00 Horace  
2:15 Songs to Remember  
2:30 Kootenia  
3:00 It's Dance Time  
3:30 Amateur Show  
4:00 Green Music  
4:30 Your New Home  
5:00 Piano Land  
5:15 Later Than You Think  
5:30 Ken Griffin  
5:45 Kay Starr  
6:00 Musical Menu  
6:15 News  
6:30 Kootenia  
7:00 Sports Show  
7:15 Blue Crosby  
7:30 Farm Hour  
7:45 Songs to Remember  
8:15 Here's to Veterans  
8:30 Package of New Records  
8:45 Barber Shop Harmony  
9:00 Dance Band Parade  
9:45 News  
10:00 Do It Yourself  
10:00 Moonlight Moods (to 10:30)

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## From the Funwaves - Did You Miss These?

Miss Duffy (Florence Halop): Thanks to you and your advice, Papa wound up with a cracked skull.

Archie (Ed Gardner): How come?

Miss Duffy: Well, you know Mama when she thinks Papa's been drinking . . . one word leads to another.

Archie: But Miss Duffy, words can't crack a man's skull.

Miss Duffy: They can when they're in a 2,000-page dictionary. — "Duffy's Tavern."

Jimmy Durante: I help women every chance I get. Why, even when I got on the train at Los Angeles, I gave my seat to a little old lady . . . and to see that she wasn't shaken, I held her firmly there until we pulled into Chicago.

Alan Young: And when you got to Chicago, what did she do to show her appreciation?

Jimmy: She kicked me . . . she wanted to get off at Albuquerque. — Jimmy Durante Show.

Each week on "Juvenile Jury," the young jurors are asked to identify the dog-guest-of-the-week as he is paraded across the stage. Recently emcee Jack Barry spotted 7-year-old Charlie Hankinson avidly scanning a book in his lap. When Jack asked what it was, Charlie answered, "My dog book." While the audience roared, Jack turned quickly to the other jurors for the answer, and then came back to Charlie. "Have you found it yet?" he asked. "Nope," replied the youngster, "wrong book!"

Abner: Lum, what in the world is a collection agency?

Lum: Why, that's sompin' that tracks you down no matter where you are, finds out how much money you've got no matter where you've hid it, and then takes most of it away from you.

Abner: Oh! I'm married to one of 'em.

Lum: "Lum 'n' Abner"

"These Pyramid clubs I been readin' about ain't nuthin' new. The Russians have had one for years . . . except instead of money, they do it with countries." — Herb Shriner

J. C. Dithers: My wife talks to herself.

Dagwood: "So does Blondie but she doesn't realize it. She thinks I'm listening." — Blondie.

Guest: I scouted up a boy named McKinley Smith. He was named for two presidents.

Godfrey: He was? I don't seem to remember any president named Smith.

Guest: I guess maybe his parents figured there eventually HAD to be a Pres. Smith. — Talent Scouts

Baseball team trainer Lefty Wiseman, now celebrating his 28th season with the Cleveland Indians, told Host Tommy Bartlett on a recent "Welcome Travelers" program, "When I joined the Indians, my mother didn't want me to take the job. She said it wouldn't be steady work."

Sam (Clowning) Cowling, the erudite wit on the Breakfast Club has incorporated the following Fiction and Fact in "Sam's Almanac": "Anything that happens on the

cumulus cloud formations bringing down a chilled precipitation. That's why you felt a chill run down your back and settle at the base of your spine.

Jimmy: How can I tell him my mattress sags in the middle and I got a leaky hot water bottle? — Jimmy Durante Show.

Alan Young: Well, Jim, you see that was caused by the fact that you were in an elevated atmosphere and the early condensation of fog and mist due to thermal updraft causes a vaporization of the

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