

The Sunday Spotlight

Rotnour Exits With Applause

By WILLIAM L. DOYDUNA (State Journal Theater Editor) Unless you have lived in certain smaller Wisconsin communities, you probably have never heard of J. B. Rotnour.



The big man with the cane and the engaging smile and the thundering piano was the symbol, in many communities, of the living stage.

But in Millen, Rhineland, Tomahawk, Park Falls, and many other cities and villages in northern Wisconsin, the summer of 1950 won't be quite the same, because J. B. won't be there.

It was just 25 years ago this summer that I met him and worked for him. I was advance agent, but my job also included playing the violin with J. B. at the piano.

Few of the folks who were with the show that summer are still around. Ted Osborne, "juvenile" man, is in Hollywood where he appears in many film shorts and occasionally stars in a radio show.

Johnny had been in show business since he was 16, but nobody heard much about him until shortly before World War II when he made an individual hit in a Broadway show which failed but which landed him in filmland.

Ethel Castle, the leading woman, retired from the theater and now, I believe, edits a Chicago suburban newspaper. Mrs. Lem Parker, character actress and the widow of an old-time playwright, has died.

Uncle Ray's Corner Damascus, a Legendary City The capital city of Syria is Damascus, and the claim is made that it is "the world's oldest city."

That praise was too high, but Damascus really is an interesting city, and from a distance it is pretty. The domes and minarets of more than 300 mosques rise above the houses; they give an idea of the strong feeling for religion of the people.

About 250,000 persons live in Damascus, and four fifths of them are Moslems. They spend much of their time reading the Koran and going to mosques to pray.

Story About Mohammed There is a story that Mohammed once made a journey to a point near the city but would not enter it. He explained that he would not go in "because a man can enter heaven only once, and I want to have heaven hereafter."

Call Out Wares The peddlers call out their wares, or sing about them the same as is done in Cairo and other cities of Egypt. Almost always the cities or songs are in Arabic. The English meaning may be: "May Allah send me a customer!"

Sworids Grew Famous Damascus swords were famed all over western Europe during the Middle Ages. The steel in the blades was tempered so well that it would not break under a strain which would destroy other swords.

Religion 9:30 a. m. — Bethel Lutheran Church (WIBA): The Rev. F. I. Schmidt on "Magnificent Fools"; anthem, "Bless Ye the Lord."

Discussion 10:30 a. m. — Reviewing Stand (WGN): "Does the Fact-Finding Board Have a Place in Settling Labor Disputes?"

Drama 11:30 a. m. — Eternal Light (WMAQ): science's war on disease during "era of the bomb."

4:30 p. m. — Greatest Story (WISC): "The Man Who Was Not Humble."

7:30 p. m. — Theater Guild (WIBA): "Great Expectations," with Richard Todd, Joan Fontaine, and Francis L. Sullivan.

11:15 p. m. — Women in Medicine (WMAQ): Katherine Hepburn, narrator.

Music 10:45 a. m. — Joey Tanitillo (WIBA): "Helena Polka," "Together," "The Turner Hop."

12 m. — Sammy Kaye (WISC): "My Foolish Heart," "Wondering."

1 p. m. — Spring Concerts (WIBA): new series; Milton Katims, conductor; Edna Phillips, soprano.

2 p. m. — N. Y. Philharmonic-Symphony (WBBM): Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor; "Symphony No. 2," Schubert; "Tannhauser" overture; Wagner; "Ports of Call," Ibert; "Joyeuse Marche" and "Fete Polonoise," Chabrier.

3 p. m. — Pro Arte (WHA): Octet in F Major; Schubert.

3:30 p. m. — Symphonette (WBBM): returns to network.

4:30 p. m. — Harvest of Stars (WIBA): James Melton, Blanche Thebom; "Adios," "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord," "Ay, Ay, Ay," "Miserere," "Tonight We Love."

5 p. m. — University Band (WIBA): three student nurses, guest speakers.

5:30 p. m. — Music With the Girls (WKOW): "It's So Nice to Have a Man," Paris medley.

6 p. m. — Voices That Live (WISC) at new time; McCormack, Tetravini, Caruso, Chaliapin, Ponselle, Gigli, Ruffo.

8:30 p. m. — Classical Hour (WKOW): "White Peacock," Hanson's third symphony, "Mississippi Suite."

9 p. m. — FM Concert (WHA-FM): Walton's violin concerto.

10:30 p. m. — Concert Master (WIBA): "Funeral March of a Marionette," Works of Glazounov, Gligere, Bizet.

Variety 6 p. m. — Welcome Back, Baseball (WKOW): Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, Ralph Kiner, Jack Benny (WBBM): Frank Fontaine returns.

7 p. m. — Charlie McCarthy (WBBM): and Jack Benny.

Sports 1:25 p. m. — Baseball (WIND and WJJD): Cubs vs. White Sox.

Classified Highlights of Today's Radio Schedules

Table with columns for radio stations (WIBA, WISC, WKOW, WIBU, WBBM, WENR-WLS, WGN, WMAQ) and their respective programs and times.

Started programs are also carried on corresponding FM stations WIBA-FM 101.5 M. WFCW (WIBU) 94.9 M. WISC-FM 98.9 M.

Table for WFOV-FM 104.5 M. Megs. listing programs like 'Sunday Morning Vocal', 'Sunday Morning Musical', etc.

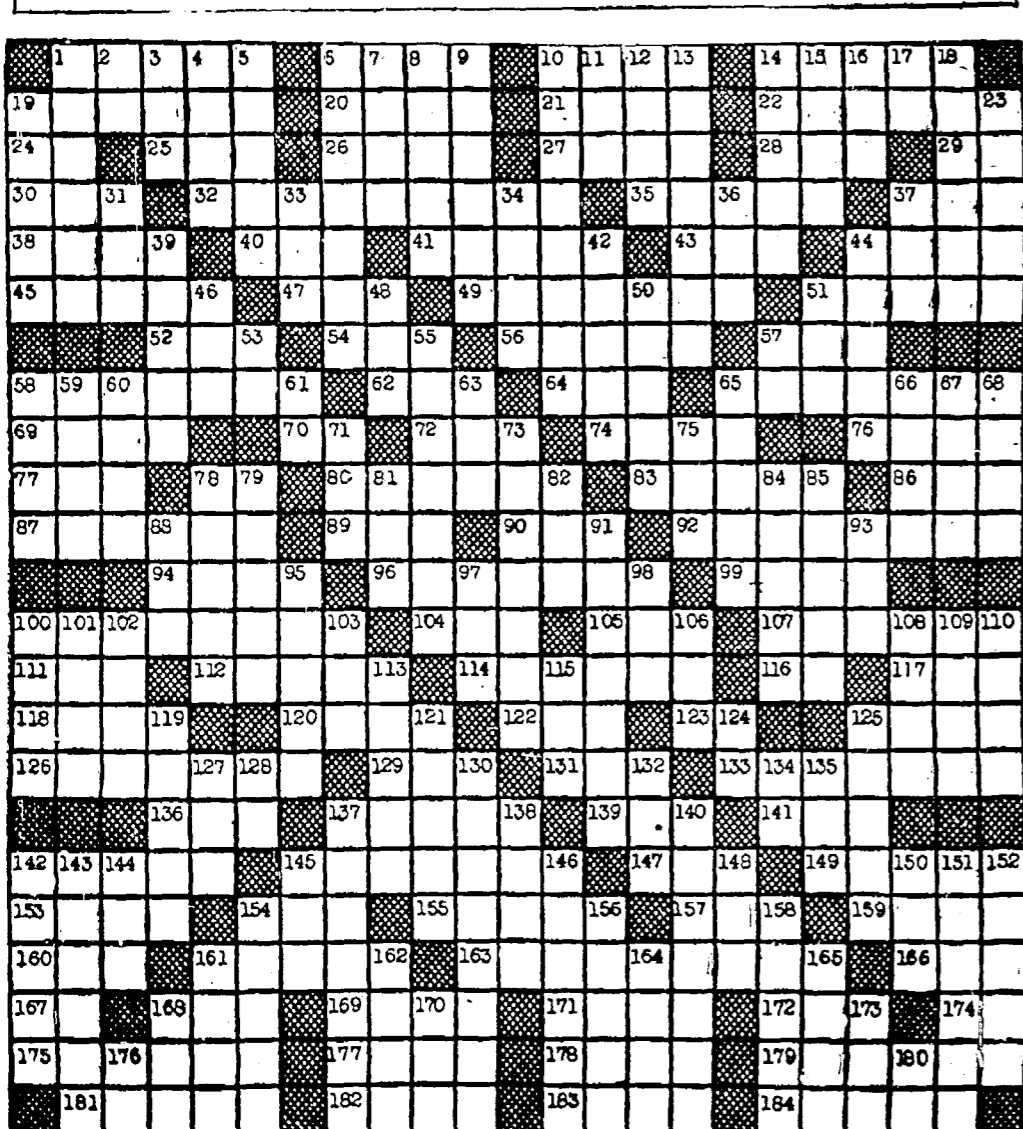
Table for WFA and WFA-FM 97.0 M. Megs. listing programs like 'Devotional', 'Cathedral Echoes', etc.

Shirley Triplets to Be 7 Years Old Monday. BENTON—The Shirley triplets, Mary, Marion, and Margaret, will observe their seventh birthday Monday.

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Sunday's Crossword Puzzle



- 1 French landscape painter
2 To box
3 Small
4 Oral
5 To sully
6 Biblical word
7 To cruise
8 To wind
9 Printer's measure
10 Small portion
11 Cupid
12 Status of insects consisting of water scorpions
13 Part of body
14 Depart
15 An enzyme
16 Small European beetle
17 Feline
18 Wire
19 Measure
20 Equipped with weapons
21 Musical instrument
22 Group of three
23 To fondle
24 Fear
25 Stiff
26 Moving truck
27 Unexploded shell
28 Make into
29 S. Afr. underground
30 Blotched
31 Betine