

# BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET It Takes a Youngster to Tell Rose All About Show Business

By BILLY ROSE

One of the actors I recently interviewed for my television show was a young fellow named Bill Ferguson. "Haven't I seen you in something?" I asked. "If you didn't blink," said the youngster, "you might have noticed me in the chorus of 'South Pacific.'"

"Still with the show?" "No, I left it a few months ago to try my luck at television." "Show business is a tough racket," I cracked. "I haven't found it so," said Bill.

"Matter of fact, ever since I got to town it's been one good break after another. Incidentally, your friend, Dick Rodgers, was responsible for the first one."



"What did Dick do for you?" I asked. "Well," said the youngster, "it started when Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Hammerstein were holding auditions for the chorus and bit parts in 'South Pacific.' My wife—her stage name is Evelyn Colby—also does some singing and dancing, so we tried out for the show together. Only one of us, however, got picked—Evelyn."

"Doesn't sound like too good a beginning."

"It wasn't," said Bill, "but we figured there wasn't any point moping about it—the important thing was not to be separated. So when the show went up to New Haven to break in, I went along with it and, as luck would have it, I landed a job as waiter in Casey's Chop House—the place on College Street across from the Shubert Theatre."

"It was the best thing that could have happened," the youngster went on, "because a couple of days before the opening you should come in and plunk yourself down at one of my tables but Mr. Rodgers."

"He recognized me, and when he

quizzed me about what I was doing in a waiter's get-up, I told him I had taken the job so as to be near my wife. The story seemed to tickle him, and when he went back to the theatre I understand he held up a rehearsal to repeat it to Oscar Hammerstein and Josh Logan, the director. An hour later the three of them came into the chop house looking for me, and the next morning I was on the stage of the Shubert learning the lyrics of 'There is Nothing Like a Dame.'"

"CUTE STORY," I said.

"There's more to it," said Bill. "A columnist heard about what happened and wrote it up, and as a result I got a couple of television nibbles. Then the nicest thing of all happened. One night Margaret Truman came backstage, and after congratulating Pinza and Mary Martin she asked for the Bill Ferguson she had read about. You see, we went to the same high school in Independence, Missouri, and broke into the singing business together in the choir of the Baptist Church."

"Did your wife get to meet the President's daughter?"

"Not that evening," said the youngster, "but she did a few days later when Miss Truman came around to our apartment to see the new baby."

"It's been nice talking to you," I said, "but I'm afraid I can't see you on next week's show—I'm looking for someone to play a sad, miserable little man."

## Back Mountain Basketball League

Tuesday, January 9

Dallas at Plymouth, Lake at Lehman, Dallas Twp. at Kingston.

Friday, January 12

Kingston at Dallas Boro, Plymouth at Lake, Lehman at Dallas.

Tuesday, January 16

Dallas Boro at Dallas, Lehman at Plymouth, Lake at Kingston.

Friday, January 19

Lehman at Dallas Boro, Plymouth at Kingston, Dallas at Lake.

Friday, January 26

Dallas Boro at Lake, Dallas at Plymouth, Kingston at Lehman.

Tuesday, February 6

Plymouth at Dallas Boro, Lehman at Lake, Kingston at Dallas.

Friday, February 9

Dallas Boro at Kingston, Lake at Plymouth, Dallas at Lehman.

Tuesday, February 13

Dallas at Dallas Boro, Plymouth at Lehman, Kingston at Lake.

Friday, February 16

Dallas Boro at Lehman, Kingston at Plymouth, Lake at Dallas.

Friday, February 23

Lake at Dallas Boro, Plymouth at Dallas, Lehman at Kingston. Lester B. Squier, President Frank Trimble, Vice-President George Taylor, Secretary

## YOU KNOW ME

BY Al, Himself

We believe all of us are sentimental, but some of us show it more than others, especially during the holiday season. We don't know how many other persons are as sentimental as we but we must confess we are. We'll wager there are a lot, but they just don't say anything about it.

This year in noticing the Christmas decorations around the lake—an additional tree surrounded with colored lights, a star put up on a roof that was not there last year, a ring of blue sparkling lights around a wreath in a doorway that we never remember seeing before—we came across something that we were sure was not there last year or any Christmas season since we've been at the lake, it was a gated cross over the doorway of one Lake Township School. At first it started us. Why not a star, we thought. Surely the school directors should know that a cross symbolizes the resurrection at Easter and a star showed the way to the three wise men to the little stable in Bethlehem. So we started asking questions. We found out that the directors had nothing to do with it. We discovered that three boys had outgrown the years of expecting things handed to them at Christmas and had decided to give us a present. They were Ronney Traver, Dick Cornell and my daughter. They met in a barn and decided to build the cross and put it on the entrance of the school. These boys are about the senior age in high school, they are grown young men to themselves and many, but to us they are just kids, and when kids think of making Christmas more enjoyable to us, Ol' sentimental Al, Himself thinks it is the best Christmas present that he received.

Oh! we received many more Christmas presents than those that were put under the tree in our special place in the living room. We attended a Cantata at the Alderson Methodist Church Christmas Eve. Kids from Kunkle, Noxon, Alderson and Ruggles, under the direction of Virginia Swanson with Jessie Armitage at the organ got Scrooge Al, Himself in such a happy mood that he didn't even mind getting up at 6 A. M. Christmas morn to start the day's festivities.

Then our visit to our own kids, who are all grown men now in their early thirties; our grand kids talking to us and enjoying it, instead of us entertaining them; the few winks in the nicest chair in our son's house after dinner just as if we were in our own home; and our youngest daughter coming home with her husband; our oldest daughter calling us from Bermuda where she was lucky enough to spend Christmas, and our oldest son phoning us from Florida. Gosh, are we the sentimental, old Codger.

Then the visit to our friends after dinner. Oh! we were busy Christmas—we told you we arose at 6. We wound up the night with Myra and Elly Davis. Myra showed us her gifts and called attention to a Christmas tree decoration her mother gave her. It was just an old fashioned ball, maybe not as pretty as the newer decorations, but to her it meant a memory of her mother coming down the stairs when she was a child for her first peek at the Christmas tree—you see, this ball was forty years old—and then years later, Myra and her sister and brother getting their peek at this ball through the banister.

Sentimental. Sure we are, all the year round, but at Christmas we show it unashamed.

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## CHURCH NEWS

ALDERSON-NOXEN

New Year's Eve Watch Night Service sponsored by Youth Fellowship groups of Alderson-Noxon Charge will be held Sunday evening, in Noxon Methodist Church.

The Youth Fellowship Groups will meet for an informal social time at 8:30 P.M. At nine the service, open to the public, will be held. The program will begin with a worship service conducted by Kunkle M.Y.F. This will be followed by the showing of the film strip, "The Christian Home" and a discussion of problems arising in living together in the family.

After the showing of the film strip and the discussion, a motion picture, "The Guiding Star" will be presented. This is the heart-warming dramatic story of a family-centered Christmas observance at the turn of the century. Uncle Henry, played by Clem Bevan, is a practical Christian who shows how to give without thought of return. He transforms a bitter old woman; and reunites a broken family.

The program will conclude with a Candlelight Communion Service. Services will be held as usual in Methodist Churches of the Alderson-Noxon Charge on Sunday morning. The morning worship service in Ruggles Church will be held at 8:45 with Sunday School at 10. Sunday School will convene in the Alderson Church at 10:15 and the morning worship service with sermon by the pastor and music by the Choir will be held at 11:15. Kunkle Church School will be held at 10:30 A.M. and the evening church service will be held at 7:30 P.M.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's Lutheran Church lists services for Sunday, December 31, 1950.

9:45 A.M.—Sunday School. "Growing Through Fellowship With Christ" is the lesson title for this the last day of the old year. Classes are held for all age groups from the Beginners on through to the Adult Bible Class. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and learn more concerning God's Word.

11:00 A.M.—The Service. The newly elected members of the Church Council will be installed at this service. These men are: Hubert Boline, J. Chester Hartman, Joseph G. Maza, Richard M. Rudy. The Reverend Frederick W. Mook, Jr., will preach a New Year's sermon on "The Number of Our Days."

7:00 P.M.—Luther League. A devotional meeting will be held followed by a business meeting. New officers for the League will be elected for the coming year. All teen agers are asked to be present. Tuesday, January 2, 1951—The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council will be held at 8:00 P.M. at the Church.

## Kindergarten Parties Held At Reynolds' Home

Mrs. Ruth Turn Reynolds entertained members of her musical kindergarten classes at Christmas parties at her home on Johnson avenue, Trucksville, last Monday and Thursday.

Present were Nancy McLean, Margaret Schobert, David Williams, Gloria Dolbear, Eleanor Ann Williams, Ricky Wright, Dick Eckert, Donald Anderson, Dan Mathers, John Ferguson Carol Eberle, Peggy Ann Houlihan, John Yeager, Charlotte Roberts, Verna Lee Pritchard, Sheryl Greenley, Marcia Souden, Debbie Williams.

## Barnyard Notes

Tom Hicks, up from New York for the holiday, called Christmas morning to tell me that the double breasted blonde turkey was warming up nicely in the oven. His missus always prefers a bronze breasted bird to a White Holland. Since Tom has coined a fresh new name for it, I thought I might send it along to those old bird lovers, the editors of Time, who have had an enjoyable winter observing a wide variety of birds at their feeding stations. Among them the red eyed crosspatch, vested interest, duckbilled platitide Angastora bittern, ruffled spouse, no left turn, the landed gentry and the extra marital lark, male and female.

None of these has yet arrived at Frank Jackson's station, nor at mine; but the first time a double breasted blonde comes anywhere near our place, I'll call Tom Hicks and we'll take the day off. And you can bet you're life I'm not going to eat it like Tom did.

The new family of mice in the chicken coop is making a sissy of me. Christmas Eve when I went down after dark to give the hens their extra ration of corn and gather the half-frozen eggs from their thick straw filled nests, I heard a strange scratching from the bottom of the tin mash can. I knew what it was and what should be done before I looked at the bottom and saw there in the dim light a half-grown mouse. There's a difference, between trapping a mouse in a fair exchange of wits—and catching a mouse that is trapped just because of bad luck. Besides it was Christmas Eve. That's why I opened another bag of mash and poured it slowly into the feed can. If the mouse wanted to stay on the bottom and suffocate that was his business. If he wanted to scamper on top of the mash in the slowly filling can that was fate—the same kind of Christmas Eve fate that brought some auto drivers home safely but that put others in the hospital. This mouse wanted to be with his family Christmas Eve and to live for another day to eat holes in my feed bags—so he stayed on top. But I think he made a sissy out of me!

## Babson's Outlook For 1951

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only corporation bonds which interest me are CONVERTIBLES.

38. With income taxes slated to increase in 1951, tax-exempt bonds should continue in good demand. There has been some speculation in these, however, and any downward change in the tax outlook might cause a sudden turnabout in prices for municipals. Investors should see to it that their bond maturities are carefully diversified, with some part of their bond funds maturing each year.

Real Estate Activity Will Decline

39. The real estate outlook for 1951 will be strongly affected by curbs on mortgage credit. Much of the recent boom was the result of easy credit,—almost nothing down and small easy payments for years hence.

40. New home construction will suffer a greater decline than other lines. Nonesential commercial building will also be hit.

41. The coming decline in new building will throw a wet blanket over speculation in vacant suburban lots.

42. The scare caused by the Korean-China War and fears of an early outbreak in other sections will adversely affect the demand for big city real estate. Lower business volumes and the Draft next year will also curtail such demand.

43. Small sustenance farms should hold up well in price as demand will be spurred by those seeking refuge outside the big cities. Demand for large commercial farms, however, should weaken as the year progresses.

44. The swing back toward rent control will act as a further dampener on new building. There is no incentive to build homes for rental income.

45. Tighter credit controls will make it more difficult to purchase older residential properties, and

46. As building volume slackens in 1951, the quality of available materials and workmanship should improve. This will help those who have saved their money and can pay for at least half the cost of a new home.

Defense Orders and Politics Will Increase

47. Those who can do so should attempt to get defense orders as a means of holding up production volumes and reducing overhead. Not too much profit from such war business should be expected, however, as these contracts will be subject to tightfisted renegotiations.

48. The political outlook for 1951 will be completely dominated by jockeying for position in the Presidential race for 1952. Most of Congress' time will be spent on International Problems; but either War or Peace could come early in 1951, which could make many of the above forecasts useless.

49. In Domestic Matters, despite recent election changes in party alignment, Congress will still be dominated by a conservative coalition of Northern Republicans and "unregenerated" Southern Democrats. When the heat is on in a tough fight, the North-South coalition will still be able to curb onslaughts by New Dealers.

50. We are gradually headed for a One Party System and finally a Dictatorship. The Republicans will sometimes win with the slogan "HAD ENOUGH?"; but their reign will be short-lived. Too many persons are following the pernicious doctrine of ASKING FOR HIGHER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS, SPECULATING IN STOCKS AND GOODS, GROWING RICH ON PAPER, VOTING DEMOCRATIC FOR SELFISH REASONS AND LETTING THE COUNTRY GO TO THE DOGS, WAR OR NO WAR!

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Babson predicts best business volume in history for 1941.  
Tax collections show big gains for the past year.  
Police recover two hand woven bedspreads, heirlooms from the Troxell Cottage, Harveys Lake, stolen five years ago, and located in a house on Bennett Street, Luzerne.  
Two Back Mountain babies were born on New Year's Day, both girls, the first born to Mr. and Mrs. William Snyderette, the second to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Price.  
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Alice Heir, Harveys Lake, and Willard Race, Dallas.  
Catherine M. Rice, Trucksville, and Howard Mordan, Millville, were married on Christmas Eve, with Rev. Harry M. Savacool officiating.

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