

### RADIO STARS GESTURE SAME AS OTHER ACTORS

#### Just Movie Type, Says Writer in Woman's Magazine in Explaining It

A gesture, a wave of hand or a carefully acted pose is necessary with many of the best radio performers if they are to give the best possible performance to their thousands of listeners in all parts of the United States, a discussion of radio work in the United States revealed today.

"They're just like movie actors," says an article in the Woman's Home Companion on radio stars. "They come into the studio and take their bows just as if the 'mike' was a full house. And some even dress the part. Reinald Werrenrath, for example, says that he couldn't sing a note after six o'clock if he didn't have on a dress suit."

Discussing religion and the radio, one radio worker declares that this invention has done more for the former than anything else in modern life. The regular broadcasts of sermons in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and other large cities of the country are cited as examples of the way the radio has aided in spreading the doctrine of Christianity.

"The greatest preachers in the world," the article continues, "send out their voices to communities which might otherwise be unchurched and unpulpited."

### HARNESSES FARM CREEK TO DO ALL THE CHORES

#### Day of Wearisome Round on Farm Is Past for This Ingenious Man

The day of wearisome farm chores may be doomed by realization that a small stream of water can be harnessed up, to accomplish work formerly done by the entire rural family.

Citing the case of C. W. Fricke of Albermarle County, Virginia, the Farm and Fireside Magazine reveals how it is possible to make a small stream perhaps a foot deep and fifteen feet wide on the average raise poultry easily and cheaply, heat and light a farm house and contribute in a variety of other ways to the farm family's comfort.

"Right on his own place," says the magazine in referring to Mr. Fricke, "he develops and uses an electrical load of ten kilowatts, day and night in winter, and five kilowatts on an average in summer, or a total of 75,640 kilowatt hours a year. The first thing he developed on his place was the power from his small stream; the next an electrical power line from it to the side of his proposed house. The stream pumped its own water up for use in mixing the concrete for the saws that were used to cut and size the framing material."

As an example of what appliances may be operated by such home made power the magazine lists the following among others: a home made electrical house heater; an electrical range; an electrical feed cutter in the cowshed and in the poultry houses; incubators, brooders and drinking fountains all run by electricity.

### TELLS HOW MEN GAINED VAUDEVILLE DOMINANCE

Woman's overthrow from the proud position she once held as the dominating influence of the variety stage began to be plainly shown in the western part of the United States in the late fifties.

Discussing the early days of the California stage in "Troupers of the Gold Coast," a story of the life of Lotta Crabtree in the Woman's Home Companion, the writer declares that the dawn of the Civil War in the United States saw the end of women as the dominating factors in theatrical work, as far as variety was concerned.

"Variety became a highly masculine theatre and attracted an audience mainly of men," says the magazine. "One whole company boomed out a highly favored parody of the Ghost Chorus from *Sonambula* in which the whole company acted out the terror of the haunted night with pantomime and recitation in rich voices."

The struggle for gain in the mining districts of California accentuated the male hold on the theatrical audiences, the magazine points out, as many of the trips of the traveling companies were extremely dangerous for women of the stage.

### CHICAGO POPULATION INCREASES RAPIDLY

On July 1, 1929, Chicago's metropolitan area will have a population of 4,594,000, and Chicago alone will have 3,250,000 citizens.

That prediction was made recently by the Chicago Association of Commerce after a careful survey of the city and the district embracing 160 urban centers and six counties.

It was estimated that the population of the metropolitan area on January 1 of this year was 4,407,000, and that in the year and six months following the first of the year Chicago will have increased by 100,000.

### Contradictory

To quarrel over good manners is a sort of contradiction in terms.—Woman's Home Companion.

### WITHHOLDS VOUCHERS PENDING COURT ACTION

#### of Illinois Waterway Held Up

Warrants on vouchers for work done on the Brandon road pool of the Illinois waterway will not be issued by State Auditor Nelson until the courts have passed upon the legality of the pending contract. Attorney General Carlstrom has given an opinion to the auditor advising against payment on the ground that the contract was entered into illegally.

The contract entered into between the state department of purchases and construction with Green & Sons company, provided work on the "cost plus" basis. A suit was filed in Cook county contesting the contract and the state auditor asked for an opinion. The attorney general in his findings says the waterway can be constructed by one or two ways: by contract to the lowest bidder, or by direct employment by the state of services, labor, material and equipment.

### NEW DAIRY BUILDINGS ON STATE FAIR GROUND

The state department of purchases and construction has let the contract for the general work on the construction of six dairy barns and a dairy pavilion on the state fair grounds to the J. L. Simmons Company, Bloomington, for \$131,850.

"Work will begin immediately and the buildings will be completed for the opening of the fair," said State Architect Lindstrom after going over the bids and declaring the Bloomington firm the lowest bidder. The contract consists of all of the work with the exception of the plumbing and electrical work.

The contract for the electrical work was awarded to C. R. Cento, Decatur, for \$5,485. The plumbing contract will be awarded later.

### Rubber Spines

Don't lean over backwards in your attempts to be fair. It may simply prove you have a rubber spine.—Farm and Fireside.

### Superiority a Goal

Every human being wants to be superior, tries to be superior; wants to win and tries to win.—Woman's Home Companion.

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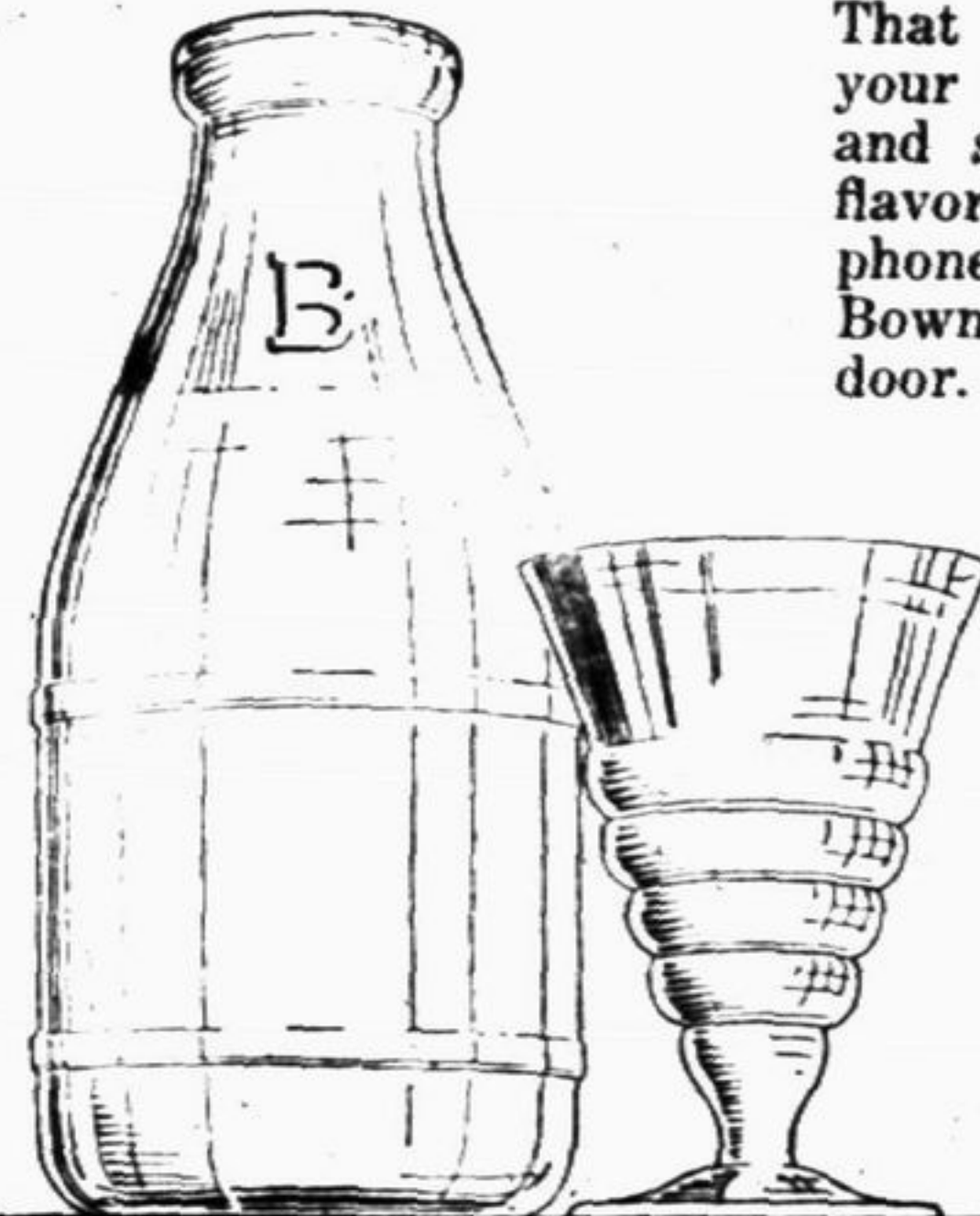
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