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Voice of Jiminy Cricket reveals his life story

By Ralph Combs.

It's a far cry from "Paddlin' Madeline Home" to "Wish Upon a Star," from the midst of a Coolidge-era musical to a stellar role in a Disney cartoon fantasy, but that is the route taken by Cliff Edwards, star of vaudeville, motion pictures, and radio for 22 years.

The little man with the popping eyes and the voice full of amusing variations was in Lincoln Wednesday for stage appearances in connection with the current showing of "Pinocchio," in which he does the larynx work for Jiminy Cricket — Pinocchio's non-union conscience.

Born on a houseboat.

Cliff Edwards, in an exclusive interview with the DAILY, told of his birth on a houseboat somewhere on the Mississippi River. He doesn't know how old he is—even the army couldn't find any record of his birth—so he just lets it go at 26 and sticks out his tongue at scoffers.

"Ukelele Ike" is the name by which he is known to millions. He has made popular such songs as "Singing in the Rain," "It Had to Be You," "Lady Be Good," and "June Night." His vocal peculiarities have proven to be financially valuable to him as well as enter-

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Swinging Along

Floyd Irving

Now that Pinky Tomlin is out of throwing distance, I guess its safe to say that with Pinky's departure from the Gold Coast room of the Drake in Chicago, it has definitely been closed.

Recently the Hilton Sisters were slated to broadcast their "Three Little Maids" number from Streets of Paris. When the network folks saw the well-spiced lyrics they elevated their hands in pious horror. Al Dubin had to do a complete new set of words at once.

Remember "Gloomy Sunday," that dirge-like ditty, caused an epidemic of suicides in Vienna? Well listen to Jack Jenney's flesh-creepy theme song.

In the building of new artists, in the molding of hit tunes, in the creation of musical styles and trends, records take complete precedence over radio. This is mostly due to juke boxes.

Daily Song Hit Parade

(Ten most popular songs of the week)

- 1. Cherokee — Jimmy Dorsey.
2. Ragtime Cowboy Joe — Pinky Tomlin.
3. Tuxedo Junction — Jan Savitt.
4. In the Mood — Glenn Miller.
5. Memories of You — Glenn Gray.
6. I've Got My Eyes on You — Frankie Masters.
7. Vagabond Dreams — Glenn Miller.
8. Drumm'n' Man — Gene Krupa.
9. You'd Be Surprised — Orrin Tucker.
10. Gaucho Serenade — Glenn Miller.

Dorsey tune leads hits for second week

"Cherokee" — Jimmy Dorsey's ultra-smooth melody this week romped merrily on in its first place on the Corn Crib's nickelodeon hit parade. The Pinky Tomlin novelty, "Ragtime Cowboy Joe," crawled up a notch from last week's number three spot to the current second place.

"Vagabond Dreams," featured by Glenn Miller in fourth place last week, slipped to bracket number seven, while Glenn's "In the Mood," the most stable of the lot, traded from there to fourth place. Orrin Tucker, and his Bonnie, who don't rate quite as highly as in the past, permitted "You'd Be Surprised" to drop from number six to the almost-off status of number nine.

Last five all new.

The remaining five places were all filled by newcomers to the ribbon winners. Jan Savitt's "Tuxedo Junction" zoomed from the comparative obscurity of last week and was awarded third place. "Memories of You," which is smoke ringed by Glenn Gray's Casa Lomans, hopped into fifth place.

The picture "Broadway Melody of 1940" no doubt served to help Frankie Masters put his "I've Got My Eyes on You," which is a keen exponent of the 'Masters' touch' into the number six position. Eighth and tenth places were filled by Gene Krupa, whose "Drumm'n' Man" hit pay dirt; and by Glenn Miller's semi-novelty "Gaucho Serenade," which managed to squirm into tenth place.

Half of last week's favorites dropped out of the limelight into the gloom. These fallen gems include last week's numbers two and five—Bobby Byrne's "If It Wasn't for the Moon," and Monsieur Miller's "Slip-horn Jive." The eighth, ninth, and tenth place squatters of last week, namely, "Blues on Parade"—Woody Herman; "Dance With Dolly"—Terry Shint; and "Between 18th and 19th Streets"—Crosby and Boswell also dropped from the hit parade.

Broadway Collegian

Joe Whitley

DOWN WITH DEMON RUM

If you've been troubled with pink elephants in the dormitories or your fraternity house, fret no more, gentle readers. Demon Rum is about to be catapulted from whence he came.

Here in New York a group of sixty brave souls who once gazed with affection on the wine when it was red, have at long last come to know the villain for what he is. What is more, they have organized a club called Alcoholics Anonymous; and the other evening, they were dined, but not wine, by John D. Rockefeller, himself.

These good souls have vowed to put John Barleycorn in his place, (wherever that may be) not only here but all over the world, hearth and campus alike. We were asked to invite collegiate backsliders to get in on the ground floor and to let them know that an appeal to box 657 and 658 Church Street Annex, will bring aid instantly. Peace, it's wonderful!

Major Bowes unit will open at Lincoln Friday

Lincoln will have its first vaudeville show in several months this week end when a Major Bowes unit featuring ten acts, selected through the Major's amateur hour,

opens for a three day run at the Lincoln theater on Friday.

In addition to the stage show the theatre will feature "Dick Carter Detective" with Walter Pidgeon and Rita Johnson.

Movie clock

Lincoln—"Northwest Passage," 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40.
Stuart—"Pinocchio," 1:35, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50.
Nebraska—"Torchy Plays With Dynamite," 2:45, 5:21, 8:39. "Young as You Feel," 3:59, 7:05, 10:13.

Exactly one week after the premier release date for the mid-west, Darryl F. Zanuck's "Grapes of Wrath" will open at the Lincoln on Monday. The film, telling the story of the life of the California "Okies," stars Omaha's Henry Fonda. The picture is based on John Steinbeck's book, and is

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