

Kids, Cowhands Top Talk At Gene Autry Interview

By Susie Reed

Dapper, soft-spoken, friendly . . . the radio and screen star, Gene Autry, met reporters in his downtown hotel suite Thursday morning.

Wearing western garb tailored especially for him, the singing cowpoke sported a brown cord suit and a dashing checked shirt. A casual neckerchief and cowboy boots completed his outfit. His familiar white hat lay on the bed.

Talk turned to Boy's Town. Gene brought 750 youths from the famous town to see his Lincoln performance. Father Flanagan, he said, knew how to handle "those kids."

He compared the job of the late founder of Boy's Town to that of Notre Dame's Coach Frank Leahy. A "tough" job, he called it. And whoever succeeds them will face tasks just as big. The institutions these men have built up, Gene commented, were built entirely around their personalities.

Popularity

There was no doubt about the star's popularity. The hotel lobby was crowded with people, eager to catch a glimpse of him.

Gene gets a lot of fan mail, about 80,000 letters a month, mostly from enthusiastic teenagers. Lots of women write him, he says, with enthusiastic declarations of devotion.

Once, over the air, he defined shepherds as modified cowboys who tended sheep instead of cows. Autry immediately was flooded with letters from cowhands who denied the comparison with their unique profession.

Gene doesn't get to many University campuses on his tours. He brought his show to the Coliseum because of its seating capacity.

Autry is now on the longest tour of his career. His Lincoln engagement was the fifth city he played in a 68-city itinerary over a period of 71 days. He will return to Hollywood March 1, and by April he expects to be working on a new picture. He is now considering several scripts for the movie.

Autry and company played in Madison Square Garden 26 days. He goes on tour every year. Most everyone in his troupe of 35 entertainers has worked with him sometime during his career.

Champion

"Champion" travels in an enormous, red, air-conditioned van. Autry's mount is now the father of a three-year-old, which also appeared onstage at the Coliseum.

Gene has won record fame with such songs as "Here Comes Santa Claus" and his latest hit, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," already is above the two million sales mark. Autry admits turning down a chance to buy "Deep in the Heart of Texas" for fifty dollars because he thought it would never go over.

He owns a few publishing houses and has his own arranger.

Autry says he's always willing to campaign against juvenile delinquency, but that it's hard to tie in such a theme in western movies.

He also holds a high regard for charitable institutions. He receives many letters asking for contributions, he says, but he can't give to each and everyone of them. Instead, he donates to national organizations such as Red Cross, Community Chest and the Salvation Army, he said.

An extensive survey shows that when a girl yawns in your face she isn't necessarily tired or overworked but probably just over-educated. — Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.



RAG INTERVIEWS AUTRY—Rag Editor Cub Clem and News Editor Bruce Kennedy talk with Gene Autry during his visit in Lincoln. With his mount, "Champion," Autry presented two performances Thursday afternoon at the Coliseum.

'Cloud College'

Utah university is again offering students an opportunity of viewing more of their home state.

Classes are conducted at five or ten thousand feet in commercial passenger planes. The "cloud college" is designed especially for geology students.

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not for beauty but for efficiency.

A Big Feature

The University budget story of last spring rated eighth spot, and the selection of Miss Daily Nebraskan in March was voted ninth in importance.

The latter story grew out of a projected publicity scheme for the motion picture "Mother Was a Freshman." When University officials nixed the possibility of a freshman coed receiving a financial award, The Daily Nebraskan went ahead with its project anyhow and eventually, after a student poll, named Sue Eastergard Miss Daily Nebraskan. The story went out on numerous press association wires and was the subject of a double page feature in the Omaha World-Herald.

And there were the big stories of 1949.
May 1950 be as interesting.

Interfraternity Council Books Dance Band

Al Hudson with the Lee Williams orchestra will furnish the music at the Interfraternity ball Feb. 14, it was announced today by Larry Nordin, social chairman of the Interfraternity council.

Hudson and his 12-piece orchestra feature a male vocalist and additional entertainment.

The tentative plans for the "Greek Weekend" include a convocation with two nationally known speakers on Friday, Feb. 3, exchange luncheon among the fraternities Saturday noon and the traditional ball Saturday night at Cotner Terrace.

This is an entirely new and different idea for the Interfraternity ball," stated Leo Geier, president of the Interfraternity council, "but we think it will add a great deal to the prestige of the ball and the fraternity system."

Dinner will be served at the Terrace preceding the dancing.

Piano Humorist Henry Scott to Present Show

Henry Scott, termed "America's first concert humorist," will appear at the Union ballroom Thursday, Feb. 9.

Under the sponsorship of the



Henry Scott.

Union music committee, the virtuoso of the piano will present a program including impressions of Vincent Lopez and Eddie Duchin, humorous arrangements of "A Great Concert Pianist," "Boogie Woogie is la Meade," "Lux Lewis," "Sewing on a Button," and "Mittens on the Keys."

Scott is known as the pioneer of concert humor in America. His career includes theatre appearances, movie "shorts" for Paramount, a debut at Town Hall and an engagement at New York's Rainbow room.

Along with his concert humor, Scott is also an interpreter of Chopin and Liszt and an authority on modern popular styles.

Scott's appearance at the University has been planned for college audiences with emphasis on swing, classics, pantomime and concert humor.

Tickets, \$1.20 per person, are on sale at the Union.

Final Exam Schedule

Laboratory classes meeting for several continuous hours on one or two days shall meet for examinations as follows: Classes meeting on Monday and Tuesday shall be examined on the date scheduled for the first hour of their laboratory meeting; Wednesday or Thursday classes on the second hour of their meeting; Friday or Saturday classes on the third hour. Final examinations have been scheduled for all sections in the following subjects: (1) Business Organization 3, 4, 21, 141, 147; (2) Civil Engineering 1; (3) Economics 11, 12, 115; (4) Education 36, 61, 62; (5) Electrical Engineering 135, 198, 236, 237; (6) Engineering Mechanics 228; (7) English B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 17; (8) French 11, 13; (9) Home Economics 41, 42; (10) Mathematics 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 41, 42, 105, 106, 107; (11) Mechanical Engineering 1, 8; (12) Psychology 70; (13) Sociology 53; (14) Spanish 51, 53. If students have regularly scheduled examinations conflicting with the above specially arranged schedule, arrangements to take such specially scheduled examinations at another time should be made with the department concerned on or before January 11. For example: If a student is scheduled for an examination which conflicts with a specially scheduled examination in French, arrangements should be made with the French department to take such French examination at another time.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Thurs., or Sat., or any one of these days.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., Tues., Thurs., or either one of these days.
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.—All sections in Mechanical Engineering 1.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Home Economics 41 and 42.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Business Organization 21. (Coliseum)
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Business Organization 141. (Coliseum)
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in French 11, 13. (Coliseum)
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Spanish 51, 53. (Coliseum)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—All sections in Economics 11, 12. (Coliseum)
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 2 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 10 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either of these days.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Mathematics 11, 15, 41, 105. (Coliseum)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—All sections in Mathematics 14, 15, 17, 42, 106, 107. (Coliseum)
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 5 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 12 m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
8 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Civil Engineering 1.
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Business Organization 147. (Coliseum)
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Education 36, 61, 62. (Coliseum)
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—All sections in Business Organization 3, 4. (Coliseum)
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—All sections in Psychology 70. (Coliseum)
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 10 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 2.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 3, 4.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 17.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Elec. Eng. 135, 198, 236, 237.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 115.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 2 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—All sections in English B, 1. (Coliseum)
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Sociology 53.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Engineering Mechanics 228.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Mechanical Engineering 6.

Public Needs Clarification Of Farm Plans

Farm and labor groups using stock phrases to condemn or praise national farm plans "are clouding issues for the general public," according to Dr. C. Clyde Mitchell, chairman of the University Ag Economics department.

He spoke at a meeting of the Production Credit Association, in Scottsbluff this week.

All farm plans thus far proposed, said Dr. Mitchell, lack the provision for price adjustment needed in American agriculture. None of the plans consider "the thing that really needs to be done—to find methods of increasing consumption at home to take care of farm surplus."

Human misery still exists in this country, he declared, and many American people are not eating enough of the right kind of food. He added that a reasonable expansion of livestock feeding and consumption of livestock products would take care of the nation's surplus food.

Farm and labor groups, he said, are vehement in their attacks and praise on farm plans. He warned that the problem is complex and a simple answer can't be given.

A new agricultural adjustment act, he predicted, will be passed within six months, containing a lot of compromises and provisions of most of the plans thus far proposed.