# He Makes Money By Wrecking Music

some evening that you're going to performance by a musician named Lindley Armstrong Jones, very probably your listeners would stare at you in blank amazement, saying they'd never heard of the gentle

Jones who's in town, chances are they'll want to come along with you - and find it utterly impossible to secure tickets.

Born at Long Beach, California, in 1911, Spike felt his initial urge along the musical path when, as a boy, he received a pair of drums as a Christmas gift - which might, or might not, be a warning to fond parents. In no time at all he was rum major in his High School Band; and shortly thereafter formed his own six-piece unit which of "Spike Jones and his Five Tacks." Later on he played drums with various professional bands, and had a semi-permanent engagement as house drummer for a record-mak ing concern. Here, after regular sessions of cutting records were musicians used to get together and play as fancy dictated, introducing

Records of some of these numbers were made, just for the plays ers' own amusement, and the first of these to be offered to the public was a version of Red Wing. This was followed by items such as Behind Those Swinging Doors, Pass the Biscuits Mirandy and others - none of which attracted much attention or piled up any profits, although they are all now collectors items."

The first real hit came more or less by chance, A number was wanted to go on the other side of disc of I Wanna Go Back to West Virginia, so Spike and his bunch were hastily assigned to do Der Fuehrer's Face. They made not just one, but two, the second containing the now-famous "Bronx

Somewhat to Jones' surprise this second version was the one selected by the record company-and that's how the whole thing started. The public went wild over the "razzberry" effect following each "Heil" and bought over a million copies of Der Fuehrer's Face.

Jones and his outfit were immediately offered juicy motion picture radio and recording contracts with the result that soon Jones was - as one writer put it-work ing 23 hours a day, making all the money in the world, and finding no time to spend any of it.

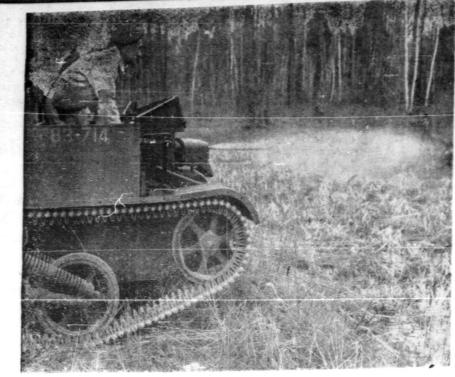
Last year, thinking he could sense a souring of public taste toward straight "name" bands, he formed what he calls his "Musical Depreciation Revue." This is a travelling show that carries some forty people, only a dozen or so of whom are in any sense musicians. The show travels in two Pullman cars, and included in the outfit are, among other things, a couple of small pigs, a midget, a giant, a lady harpist who plays but imber and smokes a ciga while doing so, ick curtains in-cluding one which shows Beethoven sticking out his tongue at a criticism of what they are doing to his melodies and, last but by no means least, a collection of over 200 noisemaki 7 gadgets of every description.

Just as an example of the strenuous life Jones leads, during just one week in Los Angeles his Revue played eight shows at the Philharmonic - and Spike also made a short moving picture, did his regular weekly broadcast, and found time to cut a few records on the side. It is said that his income runs as high as \$165,000 gross per week - but it is also generally and freely admitted that

he works hard for the money. The whole show is built around the formula of taking a well known piece, such as Liebestraum or The Old Black Magic - then proceeding to wreck it by tossing in everything from old tin cans to police sirens. Anything can happen during a Spike Jones number, and usually does - like the one in which Spike suddenly fires a revolver shot into the air, and a flock of dead ducks falls to the stage, followed by a live specimen descending by means of a para-

It all sounds crazy, you say. Well it probably is. But anyway Spike Jones has already made over a million counts of in with every prospect—unless the public should suddenly tir of the whole thing—of making a heap more. He owns of making a heap more. He owns a big limousine, which he never pounds of dry ice, dropped from an has a chance to drive — a costly aircraft into a cloud, produced a rain house with swimming pool and all house with swimming pool and all the accessories, which he never 45 minutes. can find time to visit - and although he thinks more of his eight-year-old daughter than of ice. The plane, to be specially fitted. anything else in the world, he only see her about once every six months.

Rec. The plane, to be specially nited, will carry several hundred gallons of the substitute which will be aprayed on selected clouds.



Operation "Mosquito" Is On at Camp Borden-Commander of this modified Wasp flame-thrower, Sgt. D. J. Read, fires a burst of insecticide into one of the mosquito breeding grounds on low-lying fringes of Camp Borden. It's part of a spring offensive to curb the winged terrors with a mixture of DDT, kerosene and waste oil. This prevents adult mosquitos emerging from their breeding grounds.

"You certainly are." she cried an-

grily. She wagged a threatening

finger. "I'm sick and tired of find-

in ashes all over the place. Now you

Reaching the store he unlocked

the door and went in, put on his

sweater and lit up his pipe. The

brightly-labelled cans on the shelves,

the fresh fruits and vegetables, the

places, like old friends. Today he

dairy products, the household items, all stood in their appointed

would have to go through the stock and reprice some of the canned

The door opened and a stocky

young man came in, dressed in

a dark coat with the collar up

about his ears and a slouch hat

down over his eyes. Dressed rather

warmly for such a day. Henry

for you?" he asked pleasantly.

"Very," Henry agreed.

et Henry.

thought. "Yes, sir, what can I do

"Quiet in here today, isn't it?"

"Then put up your hands, bud, and open up that cash register,"

the man snarled, levelling a gun

Henry almost fainted with sur

prise and shock. His knees rattled

against each other, and he was powerless to move. "Come on, hurry

up," the man said brusquely. The

oof of Henry's mouth was so dry

and parched he thought he would

choke. What should he do? He

couldn't fight with the man, who

was younger and stronger—and be-sides, there was that ominous gun

facing him, he somehow note

With this terrible predicament

that on the shelf a little beyond the

bandit a can of pineapple juice was balanced precariously on another

can and almost looked like it was

going to fall. Henry watched i

Crash! The can fell to the floor,

startling the thief so that he made

an instinctive half-turn, and as he

did so, Henry pulled out the pipe

from his pocket and stuck it in

the man's back. "Now put your

hands up," he said hoarsely, and

with as much menace as he could

muster. The gun fell to the ground

with a thud and Henry dragged it

over with his foot and picked it

up. "Go out the door and into the

store next door," he ordered, his

hand trembling. In the barber shop next door he told the as-

tounded barber to call the police

Evening Clarion:

It was on the front page of the

"LOCAL MERCHANT FOILS

BANDIT. USES PIPE AS GUN."

ing and telephoning to congratulate

gratefully onto the sofa and took out

his pipe. Sarah, who had just come

in, sniffed disapprovingly. "Henry,

"Let me light it for you, dear,"

I-" She stopped short.

she said sweetly.

USTEN, SUSIE, FILBE LATE HOME.....THE BOSS JUST DUMPED A LOT OF EXTRA WORK ON MY DESK.....

**JITTER** 

All evening long people kept call-

lenry, and late that night he sank

formed in his mind.

nopefully, and a wild, crazy idea

# Three Minutes of Fiction Fun

he said lamely.

, SHORT STORY That Smelly FRANCES DAVIDS

With the air of a deeply wounded man, Henry Little put on his coat and hat and stalked out of the house, slamming the door. He could take slurs on his person, but there was one thing on which he drew the line. He couldn't take insults to that faithful old companion, that sympathetic friend, that goods. trusted comforter and unfailing cheerer-upper, his pipe.

Up to now Sarah's hints hadn't bothered him, but this morning she had ceased to hint, "How long," she had demanded tartly, "am I go-ing to have to stand it?" Henry's small, buttony brown eyes behind the pale plastic-rimmed spectacles noted the headlines with interest. "Bandit Holds Up An-

other Local Store." Well, well.



Sarah sniffed disapprovingly. The police still hadn't caught the

fellow, and this was the third holdup he had pulled. "... and when I saw that hole in the rug, I wanted to scream." "What?" he asked guiltily, conscious that he had heard only part of Sarah's remarks. "I said," she repeated exasper-

atedly, "I found a hole in the rug and ashes all over the sofa last night. Now, what are you going to do about it?"

### Rain To Order In 25 Minutes

Results from Australian experiments in "rainmaking" are generally regarded to be more significant than those achieved elsewhere in the world, according to chief of the radio physics division of the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Dr. E. G. Brown.

Dr. Brown said that he was cautiously hopeful that rain-making would be successfully developed by

Latest experiments will involve

### Output of Steel In Britain Soars \_\_\_

In the first quarter of this year

stepped up to 15,117,00 tons. The news also has just come from the works of the steel company of Wales at Margam that the British and European pig iron production record was broken during the week
of April 12-18. More than 5,400 tons of pig iron were produced from a single blast furnace—380 tons more ed by any one blast furnace in worked. Europe.

the British steel industry has beaten the all-time output record set up in the Dunkirk period of the Battle of Britain in 1940. From January to March, produc-

Uncle's store, where he had easy tion ran at an annual rate of 14,933,-Henry Little, or I'll get rid of it | 000 tons. During March it was access to sweets, and, at times, innocently yielded to the temptation to help himself. Mother became aware of this, and remonstrated: "Now, you mustn't ask for anything, nor take anything, but wait till Uncle gives you something." The next time Herman obeyed and waited a little and then said: "Uncle, I don't ask for anything, than ever has previously been produc-

## Goes On World

A few days of warm sunshine seem to put a lot of people into a fever to get all their garden planted. Seed and plants are rushed in too hurriedly and

... THE GREEN THUMR

there is liable to

be neglect later on. In practically

every section of

the country both

vegetables and

No Rush

planted successfully at regular in-

tervals right up to the end of

June. It is far better to have things

tinuous supply of fresh vegetables

and fresh flowers than to rush the

whole garden in on a single after-

noon. Go at the job gradually, ad-

properly prepared, and enjoy a suc-

cession of bloom and fresh vege-

Beets, carrots, beans, spinach, let-

tuce, radish, etc., can be planted

every other week or so right up to

late June. Flowers too, can be

spread over several weeks. Bedding

plants like petunias, zinnias, stocks,

spider plants, tomatoes, cabbage,

danger of frost is over. Tender

etc., should not be set out until all

things like gladioli, cannas, melons,

squash, corn, etc., also come in this

Double Check

gladioli and other plants subject to

With certain things like potatoes,

soil carried disease, treatment just

previous to planting is advisable.

This kills spores of diseases, en-

Diplomacy

manner of the same

Little Herman often visited his

e those you know, get the soil

coming on periodically with a con-

ting General e dying down. The friends continue to er party could have eivable circumthey haven't got nce with Truman kind of a miracle nt session of Con-

a bill is likely to be may have far-reaching one which places some owned war plants industrial reserve." such plants cannot nt to private industry ays be available for se in case of war. n America erican conference at ia, seems to have ote of harmony. But

In the fall the root was achieved, in all dodging most of the sues. The insistence American countries at a time are taken interplanted in soil and ean nations-Great ially-be ousted from light-excluding boxes of til they send up the un sphere possessions an demand for more ance than the United illing to give also remittal brush-off. ere were only two ac-

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d Berlin, the Russians
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not the easy manner in which the
Maple Leafs outclassed their opposition — not some of the hectic British and United ons have tied up behalf of a lost cause by Mr.

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April 5th. was the Engfault. And General Clay,

We refer to the increasingly-comcommandant in Berlin, of the families that had own goal-tender until his vision is ing signs of the jitters, obscured, thus causing him to fan is nervous they'd better on shots which ordinarily he could ne United States. I'd catch with his teeth. As a former happy not to have ner- | honorary member of the now-defunct Goaltenders Froth Blowing, Liters around." is high time some of our modern

at sort of shape would in to fight another war?" twine-minders took drastic action in this matter — and if they don't know two of the questions up in almost every diside to the United States nittee on Foreign Aid | now of a famous old time goal-tender - pronounced in those days "gool-tender" - who, at the start of each cture of what goes on hole it is rather reassurgether. With special emphasis to-

ur point of view. For ndustrial production in said to be as large as dress them something as follows: ore World War Two, and t budget for 1948 calls for ing of 51 per cent more of I'm here to stop pucks. And if any n national defense than rything doesn't seem to smoothly as Stalin and on, I'm warning you here and now would wish. iction is the major Although there have provements recently, pre-es are not expected to be ore 1950; and there is ospect that the goal enin the five-year plan-25 is annually—can be reachlong time after that.

Great Britain cent international Gallup of the questions asked was | must have weighed all of seven or you like to go and settle eight pounds. He had a powerful country?" Almost half the British men and in his aim. It was drastic treatment, o whom the question was and sometimes the erring defense-tered "Yes".

Though the question was and sometimes the erring defense-man would prefer standing to sitting though such a large pro-said they'd like to try anintry, only ten per cent dike to move to the net guardians of the present era. tates. More than threeof the would-be emigrants

Canada, Australia, New outh Africa or some other within the British Empire. an moving picture stars to be flocking to Britain numbers during the coming To use up funds "frozen" for British production Among these stars is sby, who will make "Briga-England and possibly, there cross to Ireland to

was actually in play. edle in the Haystack". back of third base. The game was ring note is seen in the re- even slower than usual and we were t, for the first time in 25 ritain became the leading r-car exporter in the world.



o Washington, pressure at matters there demand-

ccupants on every pos-on.

Arthur junior series —not even the galiant one-man stand made on the

Sort of Superman — have put sport
in real danger of being oversold clearly was how many goals were scored and games lost because of de-

consider the worst possible sin of ary and Benevolent Guild we feel it just what sort of action to take, we

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net guardians of the present era. . . . We have long maintained that baseball - minus all the false glamor and ballyhoo with which it has been surrounded - is just about the slowest game there is so far as real action is concerned. Once upon a time, having nothing better to do, Unite States film com- we took a stop-watch to a game ave scheduled more than with the intention of clocking just how many minutes, out of a game lasting two hours or so, the ball

shall be glad to tip them off.

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absurdly simple. We are thinking

season would call his team-mates to-

ward defense-men, he would ad-

"Youse guys are out there to score

of youse ever backs in on me so

close that I can't see what goes

Sometimes a new defense man

would forget this solemn warning; but not more than once or at the

outside, twice. You'd see him back-

ing in, backing in, closer and closer

to his own nets. Then, all of a sud-

den, you saw him rear up like a

yearling colt stung in the caboose

by an angry horse-fly. For that goal-

tender carried a special stick which

swing and was uncannily accurate

you're going to regret it."

For after all the cure, is almost

But the sun was warm out there

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ball than in most microming ball control of it.

Chandler, make the record of it.

Radio announcers, who have to try and make an event sound exciting even when it's deadly-dull—and magazine writers, who picture each athlete they deal with as some sort of Superman—have put sport in real danger of being oversoid to the public. As an instance of what we mean, take the recent Kennicky Deby — the turnet sort of such as selling for its to telling the possible. See the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in the selling for its to telling the possible in th

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