

## Information Sheet

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This is a program for the "Jaycee 'Dixieland Minstrel'" presented at the high school auditorium in Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, on 25-26 April 1955.

At one time amateur "minstrel" shows were popular fund-raising events for local organizations and institutions. The Junior Chamber of Commerce in Mount Vernon presented this show on 25-26 April 1955. Net proceeds were "used for the benefit of the Jaycee Athletic Field." Russell Turk produced and directed the performances, with assistance from Bess McCanse and Richard Landrum. Turk also served as "Mr. Interlocutor," the traditional master of ceremonies at a minstrel. Local citizens filled all of the performing roles and played in the orchestra. The "end men," or featured performers, were Earl Burns, Sodie Alderson, Homer Goodman, and Richard Landrum.

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