

The Sam and Jesse Radio Show
Week 35, Episode 1: They Call It Standard English

00:00		They call it Standard English
00:10		It's time for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse, Gum Springs, Arkansas
00:15		[music fades out and repeats]
00:38	Jesse	Sam, I- I seen Leon yesterday up there at that college. What's he doing? He ain't trying to get into college.
00:45	Sam	No, I-I don't think so. He-he's been practicing them sermons. He gets them from that Gull [?] fellow over in Tennessee and- and he's up there at the college looking for sermons written by them college Bible teachers. You know, every now and then the college bookstore runs a special on sermons.
01:00	Jesse	Well, h-has he found any sermons up there that-that he knew?
01:04	Sam	No, he says the ones he's getting from Gull are better. Now, all the ones he's found up at college are written in some kind of English--new kind. Something-I don't know what it is.
01:14	Jesse	New kind of English! What is it? I didn't know we had a new kind of English.
01:18	Sam	Well, it's what they call Standard English. It's new to me and new to Leon, too. But, you know, he got one good idea out of one of them books up there.
01:27	Jesse	Wh-what was that?
01:31	Sam	Well, it-it told him how to find an honest man.
01:33	Jesse	Well, I'm anxious to hear this now.
01:39	Sam	What-what it said? First you get a lantern, then you go downtown to the busiest street corner at-at noon.
01:42	Jesse	Now, now, wait a minute, Sam. Where did he find advice like that?
01:52	Sam	I don't know the man's name. Leon couldn't pronounce it. He said he is Greek. Jesse, where do the Greeks come from? The-they ain't from around here, are they?

01:57	Jesse	Oh my, no, Sam! I don't know much about them myself, but-but they come from somewheres in California.
01:57	Leon	[muffled] Howdy, Mr. Jesse. Hello, Sam.
02:02	Jesse	Hey, Leon! Say, I-I heard you been downtown with a lantern in the daytime. [overlap]
02:03	Leon	Yeah, yeah. [overlap]
02:04	Sam	And did you find an honest man, Leon?
02:08	Leon	Yeah, I did. It took nearly all day, but-but... [overlap]
02:09	Sam	Well, I want to meet him!
02:13	Leon	Well, he'll be by here. He's bringing policy by later.
02:14	Sam	Bringing a policy by? What- what kind of policy?
02:20	Leon	Insurance. Uh, a-accident insurance.
02:21	Sam	You bought some insurance from an honest man! Where was your regular insurance man?
02:26	Leon	Oh, he-he wasn't there. Now, that's where the honest part comes in. He-he told me I was gonna get run over there, and I need some insurance, and-and-and he's got a policy that covers preachers that get blowed up by lanterns while getting run over by a late model Henry J. His wife's gonna be my beneficiary. Sam, what's a beneficiary?
02:47		[music]
03:	Jesse	Leon! You did it again. You let that guy take advantage of you. Now, if anything happens to you, why he-he's rich.
03:00	Leon	Well, that sounds like my regular insurance man, but ain't nothing gonna happen to me.
03:05	Sam	Then you don't need no insurance.
03:08	Leon	Why-why not try it? [?] I'm already covered. I'm in a plane crash in Iowa.
03:13	Jesse	Leon, you ain't never been on no plane or- or in Iowa. Have you?
03:15	Leon	Well, no, but-but if I get a call to do a revival in a hurry... [overlap]

03:20	Jesse	Well, now, Leon, you ain't likely to.
03:29	Leon	Well, I'm-I'm insured against stamp--camel stampedes, and roller skating at church sociable... [voice fades out]
03:30		[music]