RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE

THE PROGRAMS & THE PERSONALITIES

BY FRANK BUXTON & BILL OWEN
FROM the earliest beginnings to 1950 ... that was RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE. From “The Eveready Hour” to “The Big Show” music, drama, comedy, sports, quiz shows, variety and, yes, even disc jockeys came into American homes bringing entertainment and information in a manner fondly remembered by millions of listeners. It’s all here ... in RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE, the complete reference work on early radio.

Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear when Grand Central Station was the crossroads of a million private lives, when Aunt Jenny and Danny talked about Spry, when Doctor I.Q. paid nineteen silver dollars to anyone who could repeat “The Monument to Memory.” Jump on the Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, we’re touring alluring New York town. Let’s visit the folks who live in the little house half way up the next block. Let’s hear Bob Hawk cry, “You’re a Lemac now!”; Gildersleeve grumble, “You’re a hard man, McGee.”; and Bob and Ray sign off with, “Write if you get work ... and hang by your thumbs.” Can’t you just hear “The Cruising Crooner” singing on “The Breakfast Club”? Doesn’t your mouth water for one of Tizzie Lish’s recipes? Can’t you just see The Shadow even though he had the power to cloud men’s minds so they cannot see him?

Open RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE to any page and a lifetime of listening will come back to you. All of the major radio shows ... and most of the obscure ones, too ... are here complete with cast lists, production credits, themes, openings and closings, best-remembered sequences and anecdotes about the programs and the personalities.

Be good to yourself ... and thanks for listenin’!
RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE

"... it's almost as good as hearing those great programs again!"

"... a must for everyone's reference library, especially those of us who love old radio ..."

"... a mammoth undertaking extremely well executed ..."

On the jacket spine: Walter Winchell beating the red hand around the clock; Agnes Moorehead as Mrs. Sarah Heartburn on the Phil Baker Show and "The Old Redhead," Arthur Godfrey, in a typical mood.

On the front cover: Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone when Jack was really 39; Bing Crosby of the Kraft Music Hall; Don Ameche and Madeleine Carroll on Lux Radio Theater and Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy cowering before the wrath of W. C. Fields.

The radio? It was on sale from Sears Roebuck for $52.00 in 1933.

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Bill Owen (left) and Frank Buxton are both professional broadcasters. Bill having started as an announcer at KFYR in his home town of Bismarck, North Dakota. Bill graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California and went on to announce at WLW, Cincinnati before moving to ABC radio and TV in New York in 1960 where he has covered sports events, reported news and been the host of music programs ranging from the classics to rock 'n' roll. Bill was one of WABC’s original “Swinging Seven” disc jockeys. His voice is heard on many radio and TV commercials and he is now heard nationally in the title role of the syndicated radio series “Ellery Queen’s Minute Mysteries.”

Frank Buxton started as a floor manager at WGN-TV in Chicago while a senior at Northwestern. After receiving his Master’s degree from Syracuse University, Frank worked as a television producer-director in Buffalo until 1958 when he moved to New York and began his performing career. He has performed his own night club act in such top spots as The Blue Angel in New York and the hungry i in San Francisco and has toured Australia in the Dick Van Dyke role in “Bye Bye Birdie.” He was the host of Goodson-Todman’s “Get The Message” on ABC-TV and has toured the summer musical tents in “Brigadoon.”

In 1962 Frank was selected host of DISCOVERY, ABC-TV’s award-winning children’s program. At the same time, Bill was chosen DISCOVERY’s announcer. During the lulls in production, they found that each had an interest in and a vast knowledge of radio’s past and they soon became known in the broadcasting business as the primary source for information on RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE. From this collaboration their book evolved.

This year Bill has taken over the role of host on DISCOVERY while Frank has shifted to writing and directing for DISCOVERY. Frank and Bill’s future plans include a companion volume, TELEVISION’S GOLDEN AGE.
RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE

The Programs and the Personalities

by

Frank Buxton and Bill Owen
Radio died young. By 1950, this show business giant should have been at the very peak of its creativity and yet, at only thirty years of age, The Golden Age of Radio was ending.

Any American born before World War II remembers how great radio used to be. We grew up with Jack Armstrong, The Lone Ranger, Mary Marlin, I Love a Mystery, The Shadow, Joe Penner and Manhattan Merry-Go-Round. And when we get together to reminisce about those old radio shows, we exchange information as enthusiastically as collectors of rare antiques trade information.

In the course of working together on ABC's DISCOVERY series both of us have spent many pleasant hours sharing these memories and re-living Radio's Golden Age. It occurred to us that despite the many fine books on the history of radio, there was no one single book to which we could turn to find out, for instance, who played Pepper Young, the identity of the theme song from David Harum, the opening lines of Mr. District Attorney, the cast of characters of Fibber McGee and Molly and who played the parts. This information was mostly locked in the memories of the thousands of people associated with the programs and we realized that it was all going to go unrecorded if we didn’t start putting it down on paper. So from pleasant memories, to research, to compilation....this book evolved.

Here you’ll find names and facts that will unlock a flood of memories. Do you remember that Bud Collyer was Superman? Why was Professor Kaltenmeyer’s name changed to Professor Applegate? Who was Thomas L. Thomas? Did you know that Mr. Chameleon, Lorenzo Jones and Our Gal Sunday’s husband were all played by one actor...Karl Swenson? Who took the part of Jack Benny’s telephone operator, Mabel? What were the names of the Hoosier Hotshots? What was the Green Hornet’s weapon and who was his valet and what was the name of his car and who was the Irish cop and what was the Hornet’s real name and what was the Hornet’s theme song and how did the Hornet get to his car and what was the name of Mountain climbers traditionally explain their attempts by declaring, “Because it was there!” We compiled this book “Because it wasn’t there!!” We hope it will fill the void.

Frank Buxton
Bill Owen

P.S.
Our research for this book has been extensive and our files are bulging with correspondence and material gleaned from personal interviews with people who were involved in Radio’s Golden Age. However, because we have included many obscure programs on which there is very little information available, we cannot claim that the listings of casts and other program personnel are complete in every case. Additional information
is still being sought and collected. We can be contacted by writing to:

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DEDICATION

Dedicated to the men and women whose names appear on the following pages with gratitude for their contribution to the fabulous but faded sounds of Radio's Golden Age.
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PROGRAMS

This listing is comprised of nationally known programs, most of which were on a major network. The scope of the book covers the period from the earliest days of radio through approximately 1950.

NOTE

Programs are listed alphabetically by the title of the show (excluding A, An and The).

For example:
   Backstage Wife............................................under "B"
   A Date with Judy..........................................under "D"
   Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy...............under "J"
   The Jack Benny Program.................................under "J"
   The Stebbins Boys......................................under "S"
   Tom Mix....................................................under "T"
   The Victor Borge Show.................................under "V"

Several performers worked under two different names. We have noted these, for example:
   Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
"He claims he hears the A. & P. Gypsies."

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THE A&P GYPSIES
Music

CAST:
Starring.............................................Harry Horlick’s Orchestra
Vocalist..............................................Frank Parker, tenor
Announcer.............................................Ed Thorgersen

Milton Cross

THEME:
"Two Guitars"

This program was sponsored by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

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THE ABBOTT AND COSTELLO PROGRAM
Comedy

CAST:
Bud Abbott.............................................Himself
Lou Costello.............................................Himself
Vocalist..............................................Marilyn Maxwell
Connie Haines
Orchestra..............................................Will Osborne
Skinnay Ennis
Also.....................................................Mel Blanc
Sid Fields
Iris Adrian
Announcer.............................................Ken Niles

WRITERS:
Ed Forman     Ed Cherkose     Don Prindle     Len Stern
Paul Conlan   Pat Costello     Martin A. Ragaway

CATCH-PHRASES:
COSTELLO: I’m only thwee and a half years old.
COSTELLO: Hey, Abbott!!!
COSTELLO: I’m a b-a-a-a-d boy!

Abbott and Costello’s “Who’s on first?” routine is a comedy classic.

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ABBOTT MYSTERIES
Drama

CAST:
Mr. Abbott.............................................Charles Webster
Les Tremayne
Mrs. Abbott.............................................Julie Stevens
Alice Reinheart

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ABBOTT MYSTERIES (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Also ................................................................. Jean Ellyn
                                Luis Van Rooten
                                Sidney Slon

Announcer ....................................................... Frank Gallop

These dramas were adapted from novels by Frances Crane.

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ABIE'S IRISH ROSE
Situation Comedy

CAST:

Abie Levy .......................................................... Richard Bond
                                Sydney Smith
                                Richard Coogan
                                Clayton "Bud" Collyer

Rosemary Levy .................................................. Betty Winkler
                                Mercedes McCambridge
                                Julie Stevens
                                Marion Shockley

Solomon Levy .................................................... Alfred White
                                Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)

Patrick Joseph Murphy ................................. William Fay
                                Walter Kinsella

Mr. Cohen ......................................................... Menasha Skulnik

Mrs. Cohen ........................................................ Anna Appel

David Lerner ..................................................... Carl Eastman

Father Whelan ................................................... Bill Adams

Casey, the secretary ........................................ Ann Thomas

Dr. Mueller ....................................................... Fred Sullivan

Mrs. Mueller ..................................................... Charme Allen

Mrs. Brown ........................................................ Florence Freeman

Police Sergeant ................................................ Joe Boland

Maid ................................................................. Amanda Randolph

The Twins .......................................................... Dolores Gillen

Also ................................................................. Paul Douglas

Announcer ........................................................ Howard Petrie

WRITER-CREATOR:
Anne Nichols

DIRECTORS:
Joe Rines ......................................................... "Rip" Van Runkle

WRITER:
Morton Friedman

THEME:
"My Wild Irish Rose"

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THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN DIAMOND
Drama

CAST:
  Featuring................................................. Al Swenson
  Florence Malone
  Edmund “Tiny” Ruffner

Each week Tiny Ruffner would visit Captain and Mrs. Diamond at their lighthouse and the Captain would spin a yarn.

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THE ADVENTURES OF CHRISTOPHER WELLS
Drama

CAST:
  Christopher Wells........................................ Les Damon
  His assistant............................................ Vicki Vola

CREATOR-DIRECTOR:
  Edward Byron

WRITER:
  Robert J. Shaw

This was the story of a newspaper reporter with a penchant for getting himself badly beaten by gangsters.

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THE ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND MARY
Children

CAST:
  Helen......................................................... Estelle Levy
  Mary.......................................................... Patricia Ryan

This program began in 1929... the title was changed to LET’S PRETEND in 1934.

See also LET’S PRETEND.

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THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN
Drama

CAST:
  Huck Finn..................................................... Jack Grimes
  Jim.............................................................. Maurice Ellis

This program was based on the novel by Mark Twain.

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THE ADVENTURES OF MISTER MEEK
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Mortimer Meek.................................................. Wilbur Budd Hulick
Agatha Meek........................................................ Adelaide Klein
Peggy....................................................................... Doris Dudley
Louie, the brother-in-law......................................... Jack Smart
Peggy’s boy friend.................................................... John McIntire
The Meeks’ first maid.............................................. Agnes Moorehead
Lily, the maid............................................................ Ann Thomas
Mr. Barker............................................................... Charlie Cantor
Mrs. Barker............................................................. Jeanette Nolan
Mr. Apple..................................................................... Bill Adams

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THE ADVENTURES OF NERO WOLFE
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Nero Wolfe............................................................. Santos Ortega
Archie....................................................................... Sydney Greenstreet

WRITER:
Louis Vittes

THE ADVENTURES OF NERO WOLFE was based on the character created by Rex Stout.

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THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Ozzie Nelson.......................................................... Himself
Harriet Hilliard Nelson........................................... Herself
David Nelson........................................................ Tommy Bernard
Ricky Nelson........................................................ Henry Blair
Thorny, the neighbor............................................. John Brown
Harriet’s mother..................................................... Lurene Tuttle
Emmy Lou.............................................................. Janet Waldo
Gloria, the maid..................................................... Bea Benadaret
Mrs. Waddington.................................................... Bea Benadaret
Roger Waddington.................................................. Dink Trout
Orchestra............................................................... Billy May

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THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Vocalists.......................................................... King Sisters
                                      Ozzie Nelson
                                      Harriet Hilliard
Announcer.......................................................... Verne Smith

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
  Dave Elton

DIRECTOR:
  Ted Bliss

WRITERS:
  Ozzie Nelson  Jack Douglas  John P. Medbury
  Sherwood Schwartz  John L. Greene  Ben Gershman
  Rupert Pray  Sol Saks  Bill Davenport  Frank Fox
  Bill Manhoff  Paul West  Selma Diamond  Hal Kanter
  Don Nelson  Dick Bensfield  Perry Grant

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THE ADVENTURES OF PHILIP MARLOWE
Adventure

CAST:
  Philip Marlowe............................................ Gerald Mohr

DIRECTOR:
  Norman MacDonnell

WRITERS:
  Robert Mitchell
  Gene Levitt

THE ADVENTURES OF PHILIP MARLOWE was based on a character created by Raymond Chandler.

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THE ADVENTURES OF TOPPER
Comedy-Fantasy

CAST:
  Cosmo Topper................................................. Roland Young
  George Kerby, spirit........................................ Paul Mann
  Marion Kerby, spirit........................................ Frances Chaney
  Mr. Borris.................................................... Ed Latimer
  Also.......................................................... Hope Emerson

This series was based on the characters created by Thorne Smith.

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THE AFFAIRS OF ANTHONY
Drama

CAST:
  Anthony............................................ Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
  Jane Daly........................................... Lenore Kingston
  Susan.............................................. Laurette Fillbrandt

DIRECTOR:
  Axel Gruenberg

WRITER:
  Sandra Michael

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THE AFFAIRS OF PETER SALEM
Detective

CAST:
  Peter Salem....................................... Santos Ortega
  Marty............................................... Jack Grimes

DIRECTOR:
  Mende Brown

WRITER:
  Louis Vittes

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THE AFFAIRS OF TOM, DICK AND HARRY
Drama

CAST:
  Tom............................................... Bud Vandover
  Dick............................................... Marlin Hurt
  Harry............................................. Gordon Vandover
  Edna O’Dell

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AFRICAN TREK
Music

CAST:
  Host.............................................. Josef Marais
  Juano Hernandez
  Burford Hampden

AFRICAN TREK featured songs and stories of Africa.

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AGAINST THE STORM
Serial Drama

CAST:
Christy Allen Cameron.................................Gertrude Warner
Claudia Morgan
Philip Cameron................................................Arnold Moss
Alexander Scourby
Mr. Cameron.......................................................Alan Devitt
Prof. Jason McKinley Allen..........................Roger DeKoven
Mrs. Margaret Allen.........................................May Davenport Seymour
Florence Malone
Siri Allen..............................................................Dolores Gilien
Joan Tompkins
Peter..............................................................Dolores Gilien
Mark Scott.......................................................Chester Stratton
Nicole Scott......................................................Ruth Matteson
Joan Alexander
Mrs. Scott..............................................................Florence Malone
Dr. Reimer........................................................Philip Clarke
Kathy Reimer....................................................Charlotte Holland
Penny.................................................................Leslie Bingham
Lucretia Hale.....................................................Jane Erskine
Anne Seymour
Brook Lewis........................................................Robert Shayne
Reid Wilson........................................................James Meighan
Walter Vaughn
Mr. Fullerton...................................................Rex Ingram
Nanny.............................................................Mona Hungerford
Kip Tyler...........................................................Mary Hunter
Pascal Tyler......................................................Lawson Zerbe
Nurse Madeleine...............................................Lotte Stavisky
Guy Aldis..........................................................William Quinn
Lisa de Beck......................................................Sarah Burton
Torben Reimer..................................................Edward Corben
James Monks
Sam Wanamaker
Manuel Sandoval............................................Michael Ingram
Nathan............................................................Jan Martin
Ebba Fielding..................................................Lenore Kingston
Announcer........................................................Nelson Case
Richard Stark

DIRECTOR:
Axel Gruenberg

WRITER:
Sandra Michael

OPENING:
Against the storm keep thy head bowed
For the greatest storm the world has ever known
Came to an end one sunny morning.

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AGGIE HORN

See IN CARE OF AGGIE HORN.

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THE AIR ADVENTURES OF JIMMY ALLEN
Children's Drama

CAST:
Jimmy Allen...............................Murray McLean

OPENING:
SOUND: HUM OF AIRPLANE
ANNCR: The Air Adventures of Jimmy Allen!
THEME: MUSIC UP FULL

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A. L. ALEXANDER'S GOOD WILL COURT
Advice

DIRECTORS:
Henry Souvaine Carll Caruso

Alexander also conducted a similar program known as A. L. ALEXANDER AND HIS MEDIATION BOARD.

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THE AL JOLSON SHOW

See KRAFT MUSIC HALL and SHELL CHATEAU.

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AL PEARCE AND HIS GANG
Comedy

CAST:
Elmer Blurt...........................................Al Pearce
The Human Chatterbox..............................Arlene Harris
Tizzie Lish..............................................Bill Comstock
Yahbut....................................................Jennison Parker
Cheerily..................................................Bill Wright
Lord Bilgewater......................................Monroe Upton
Eb............................................................Al Pearce
Zeb..........................................................Bill Wright
Mr. Kitzel................................................Artie Auerbach
The Laughing Lady....................................Kitty O'Neil
Yogi Yorgeson..........................................Harry Stewart
Orchestra.................................................Carl Hoff
Also......................................................Mabel Todd (The Little Ray of Sunshine)
Tony Romano
Harry Foster
Andy Andrews
Hazel Werner

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AL PEARCE AND HIS GANG (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Marie Green and Her Merry Men
Cal (Clarence) Pearce, Al’s brother
The Three Cheers......... E. J. Derry, Travis Hale, Phil Hanna
Announcer........................................... Ken Roberts

WRITERS:
Arthur Hargrove Krib      Don Prindle       Roz Rogers

While sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the show was called WATCH THE FORDS GO BY.

FEATURES:

Elmer Blurt was a shy door-to-door salesman who rapped on the door in a distinctive pattern and then said, “Nobody home, I hope, I hope, I hope.”

Arlene Harris carried on non-stop telephone conversations about domestic troubles with her friend Mazie, who was never heard.

Tizzie Lish gave recipes that were ridiculous. She (or “he” because Tizzie Lish was impersonated by a man) would start out with a hearty “Hello, folksies!” and would always wait until you got a pencil so you could write down the recipe.

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THE ALAN YOUNG SHOW
Comedy

CAST:

Alan Young......................................................... Himself
Mrs. Johnson....................................................... Ruth Perrott
Papa Dittenfeffer................................................... Ed Begley
Hubert Updike...................................................... Jim Backus
Betty................................................................. Doris Singleton
Zero................................................................. Charlie Cantor
Also................................................................. Ken Christy
Smart Set Quintet.................................................... Patricia Corrigan
                              Mike Corrigan
                              Gerry Salathiel
                              Gloria Wood
                              Leo Dukehorn
Announcer....................................................... Jimmy Wallington
                              Larry Elliott

DIRECTOR:
Eddie Pola

WRITERS:
Jay Sommers          Norman Paul
Dave Schwartz        Sam Packard
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ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC

See THE AMERICAN ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC.

THE ALDRICH FAMILY
Situation Comedy

CAST:

Henry Aldrich.................................................. Ezra Stone
Norman Tokar
Raymond Ives
Dickie Jones
Bobby Ellis

Sam Aldrich. Henry's father........................Clyde Fillmore
House Jameson

Alice Aldrich. Henry's mother..........................Lea Penman
Katharine Raht

Mary Aldrich. Henry's sister..........................Betty Field
Jone Allison
Mary Mason
Charita Bauer
Mary Shipp
Mary Rolfe
Ann Lincoln

Will Brown....................................................Ed Begley
Howard Smith

Homer Brown.................................................Jackie Kelk
Kathleen Anderson. Henry's girl friend........Mary Shipp
Ann Lincoln
Ethel Blume

Willie Marshall...........................................Norman Tokar
Geraldine .....................................................Pat Ryan
Agnes Lawson.................................................Judith Abbott
Stringbean Kittinger.................................Joan Jackson
Aunt Harriet.................................................Ethel Wilson
Dizzy Stevens................................................Eddie Bracken
George Bigelow............................................Charles Powers
Mrs. Brown. Homer's mother.........................Agnes Moorehead
Toby Smith...................................................Dickie Van Patten
Mrs. Anderson.............................................Alice Yourman
Announcer.....................................................Dwight Weist
Dan Seymour
George Bryan

DIRECTORS:

Joseph Scibetta   Lester Vail   Edwir Duerr   Day Tuttle

WRITERS:

Norman Tokar   Ed Jurist   Frank Tarloff
Clifford Goldsmith

THEME:

"This is It"

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THE ALDRICH FAMILY (Cont.)

THE ALDRICH FAMILY was adapted from Clifford Goldsmith's Broadway play "What a Life!". It was also known to radio listeners as HENRY ALDRICH and was first heard on radio as a sketch on THE RUDY VALLEE SHOW, later as a regular feature of THE KATE SMITH SHOW. The program opened with Henry's mother calling, "Henry! Henry Aldrich!" Henry responded, "Coming, Mother!", in his adolescent, cracked voice.

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ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE
Adventure

CAST:
                Jimmy Valentine................................. Bert Lytell
                        James Meighan

PRODUCERS:
        Frank and Anne Hummert

ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE was based on the exploits of the notorious safe-cracker.

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AMANDA OF HONEYMOON HILL
Serial Drama

CAST:
        Charity Amanda Dyke................................. Joy Hathaway
                Joseph Dyke................................. John MacBryde
                Edward Leighton.............................. Boyd Crawford
                        George Lambert
                Staats Cotsworth
                Colonel Leighton............................... John Connery
                Sylvia Meadows............................... Helen Shields
                Aunt Maizie.................................. Florence Edney
                        Cecil Roy
                Charlie Harris................................. Roger DeKoven
                Jim Tolliver.................................. Jackie Kelk
                Job............................................ Juano Hernandez
                Roger Manning................................ John M. James
                Mrs. Leighton.................................. Elizabeth Love
                Olive Courtleigh............................... Ruth Yorke
                Walter Courtleigh............................. George Lambert
                Bret Allen..................................... Richard Rider
                Dot............................................. Linda Watkins
                Nat.............................................. Edward Andrews
                Mr. Lenord..................................... John Brown
                Mrs. Lenord.................................... Ruth Gates
                Mrs. Gilder..................................... Florence Malone
                Roy Calvert.................................... John Raby
                Marion Leighton................................ Jay Meredith
AMANDA OF HONEYMOON HILL (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Susan Leighton.........................Irene Hubbard
Fraser Ames..........................Reese Taylor
Claire Treman........................Patricia Wheel
Tom Ames..............................Chester Stratton
Irene Miller..........................Elizabeth Eustis
Bruce Douglas........................Lamont Johnson
Martin Douglas.......................Rod Hendrickson
Ralph Daly............................Paul Conrad
Jean Curtis...........................Evelyn Juster
Mr. Schultz...........................Sanford Bickart
Announcer................................Frank Gallop
                                  Hugh Conover
                                  Howard Claney

PRODUCERS:
       Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
       Ernest Ricca       Arnold Michaelis

WRITER:
       Elizabeth Todd

OPENING:
       ANNCR: The story of love and marriage in America's romantic South. The story of Amanda and Edward Leighton.

For a time, the announcer also introduced the program as follows:
Amanda of Honeymoon Hill...laid in a world few Americans know.

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THE AMAZING MR. MALONE
Adventure

CAST:
Mr. Malone................................Gene Raymond
                                  Frank Lovejoy
                                  George Petrie

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THE AMAZING MR. SMITH
Comedy-Mystery

CAST:
Gregory Smith..........................Keenan Wynn
His valet................................Charlie Cantor
Also......................................Elizabeth Reller
THE AMAZING MR. SMITH (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

John Brown
Santos Ortega
Ward Wilson
Allen Drake
Cliff Carpenter
Brad Barker

Announcer.................................. Harry Von Zell
Musical Director............................ Harry Salter

DIRECTOR:
George McGarrett

WRITERS:
Martin Gosch    Howard Harris

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AMERICA IN THE AIR
Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Les Weinrot

This series was produced on CBS during World War II as a service to the Air Corps.    * * * * *

THE AMERICAN ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC
Music

The program began in 1931. Many singers appeared on the show but the one usually associated with it was Frank Munn. Andre Baruch served as announcer.

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTOR:
James Haupt

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AMERICAN FORUM OF THE AIR
Discussion

CAST:
Moderator............................... Theodore Granik

This long-running Mutual Network program was first broadcast nationally in 1934.    * * * * *
THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF THE AIR
Education

CAST:
  Featuring...........................................Dr. Lyman Bryson
  Ray Collins
  Parker Fennelly
  Chester Stratton
  Mitzi Gould

DIRECTORS:
  Earle McGill  Albert Ward  Marx Loeb
  Brewster Morgan  Howard Barnes  John Dietz
  Robert B. Hudson  Oliver Daniel  Richard Sanville
  Leon Levine

WRITERS:
  Howard Rodman  Edward Mabley  Harry Granich

This program was required listening in many American classrooms. It dramatized history, current events and great literature. The original title of the show was SCHOOL OF THE AIR OF THE AMERICAS.

A popular segment of the program was The Hamilton Family which was on for about three years in the mid-thirties. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF THE AIR was on every weekday afternoon, concentrating on a different subject. The Hamilton Family presented the geography lesson with the family touring the world. The cast included Gene Leonard as Father, Betty Garde as Mother and John Monks, Ruth Russell, Walter Tetley and Albert Aley as the children. The show was first directed by Knowles Entrikin—later by Kirby Hawkes.

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AMERICAN WOMAN'S JURY
Courtroom Drama

CAST:
  Judge Emily Williams..................Deborah Springer
  Jane Allen, defense lawyer...........Evelyn Hackett
  Robert Coulter, opposition lawyer...Bill Syran

Twelve housewives served as jurors and heard the cases which had been submitted by listeners.

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AMERICAN WOMEN
Drama

CAST:
  Narrator..........................................Eloise Kummer
  Charlotte Manson

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AMERICAN WOMEN (Cont.)

PRODUCER-DIRECTORS:
Bob Brown  Ted Robertson

WRITERS:
Frank and Doris Hursley  David Harmon

This CBS series was broadcast during World War II in behalf of the recruitment of women for the war effort.

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AMERICA'S HOUR
Documentary

CAST:
Featuring..............................................Orson Welles
Joseph Cotten  Ray Collins
Frank Readick  Agnes Moorehead
Betty Garde  John Monks
Many others

DIRECTOR:
Knowles Entrikin

AMERICA'S HOUR was a sixty-minute Sunday night documentary on CBS that presented stories of America—its farming, industry, aviation, shipping, history, etc.

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AMERICA'S LOST PLAYS
Drama

This 1939 series featured radio adaptations of such plays as "A Trip to Chinatown," "Mistress Nell" and "Metamora".

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AMERICA'S TOWN MEETING
Discussion

CAST:
Moderator...............................George V. Denny Jr.
Announcer..................................Ed Herlihy

DIRECTOR:
Wylie Adams

The discussions were on subjects of national significance and the studio audience played an active part in them.

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AMICUS CURIAE

See JONATHAN KEGG.

AMOS 'N' ANDY
Comedy

CAST:
Amos Jones............................................ Freeman Gosden
Andy (Andrew H. Brown)............................. Charles Correll
Kingfish (George Stevens).......................... Freeman Gosden
Lightnin'............................................. Freeman Gosden
Henry Van Porter.................................... Charles Correll
Ruby Taylor........................................... Elinor Harriot
Madame Queen....................................... Harriette Widmer
The Little Girl (Arbadella)......................... Terry Howard
Shorty, the barber................................... Lou Lubin
Sapphire Stevens.................................... Ernestine Wade
Stonewall, the lawyer............................... Eddie Green
Miss Genevieve Blue................................ Madaline Lee
The Jubalaires singing group..................... George MacFadden
Theodore Brooks
John Jennings
Caleb Ginyard
Announcer............................................. Bill Hay ("Here they ah")
Olan Soule

DIRECTORS:
Glenn Middleton Andrew Love

WRITERS:
Freeman Gosden Charles Correll Octavus Roy Cohen
Bob Fischer Robert J. Ross Bob Moss
Arthur Slander Paul Franklin Harvey Helm

THEMES:
"The Perfect Song" "Angel's Serenade"

Gosden and Correll debuted in radio on January 12, 1926, with the blackface characters SAM 'N' HENRY. On March 19, 1928, they introduced AMOS 'N' ANDY which went on to become one of the most popular programs in radio. Some of the best remembered expressions are: "I'se regusted!", "Ow wah! Ow wah!", "Buzz me, Miss Blue." and "Check and double check." Amos 'n' Andy ran the Fresh-Air Taxi and belonged to the Mystic Knights of the Sea of which George Stevens was "The Kingfish." One of the most famous sequences was the time Andy almost married Madame Queen.

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ANIMAL NEWS CLUB
Children

Clarence Straight imitated various animals.

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ANNIVERSARY CLUB
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. .................................................. Ben Alexander

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THE ANSWER MAN
Information

Listeners submitted questions on practically any subject and The Answer Man provided the answer. The best known of the answer men was Albert Mitchell.

WRITER:
Bruce Chapman

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ARABESQUE
Drama

CAST:
Achmed, the Arab Chieftain ..................... Reynolds Evans
The Captain ........................................ Frank Knight
Also ................................................. Georgia Backus
Narrator .......................................... David Ross
Orchestra ....................................... Emery Deutsch and His Gypsy Violins

WRITER:
Yolanda Langworthy

THEME:
“Scheherazade” by Rimsky-Korsakov

ARABESQUE was a popular Sunday evening program with a setting in the wilds of the Arabian Desert. David Ross opened the program with a reading of “Drifting Sands in the Caravan.”

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ARCHIE ANDREWS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Archie Andrews ................................ Charles Mullen
Jack Grimes
Burt Boyer
Bob Hastings

Jughead Jones .................................. Harlan Stone Jr.
Cameron Andrews

Betty Cooper ..................................... Doris Grundy
Joy Geffen
Rosemary Rice

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 17
ARCHIE ANDREWS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Veronica Lodge........................................... Gloria Mann
Vivian Smolen
Fred Andrews, Archie’s father...................... Vinton Hayworth
Arthur Kohl
Reese Taylor
Mary Andrews, Archie’s mother...................... Alice Yourman
Peggy Allenby
Reggie Mantle............................................. Paul Gordon
Principal.................................................. Arthur Maitland
Mr. Lodge.................................................. Bill Griffis
Also.......................................................... Joe Latham
Grace Keddy
Maurice Franklin
Fred Barron
Announcer.................................................. Ken Banghart
Dick Dudley

CREATOR:
John L. Goldwater

DIRECTORS:
Herbert M. Moss    Floyd Holm    Ken MacGregor

WRITERS:
Carl Jampel    Howard Merrill

This program was based on the comic strip by Bob Montana.

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ARE YOU A GENIUS?
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.......................................................... Ernest Chappell

This was a quiz for children. Among the regular features was a contest for “The Worst Joke.”

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THE ARMOUR HOUR

See THE PHIL BAKER SHOW.

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ARMSTRONG OF THE SBI
Science Adventure

CAST:
Jack Armstrong........................................Charles Flynn
Vic Hardy..................................................Ken Griffin
                      Carlton KaDell
Betty Fairfield.........................................Patricia Dunlap
Billy Fairfield..........................................Dick York
Announcer.............................................Ed Prentiss
                      Ken Nordine

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
James Jewell

CHIEF WRITER AND STORY EDITOR:
James Jewell

WRITERS:
Donald Gallagher       Kermit Slobb       Paul Fairman
Alan Fishburn          Jack Lawrence      Thomas Elvidge

OPENING:
ORGAN: CHORD
ANNCR: (ECHO) (Sponsor's name....) makers of (sponsor's product...) presents
ORGAN: CHORD
ANNCR: Armstrong of the SBI!
ORGAN: THEME
ANNCR: Tonight we shall hear a dramatic mystery of suspense and intrigue as Armstrong, Chief Investigator of the famous SBI, brings us...(title of episode)
ORGAN: DESCENDING RUN---DISSONANT

ARMSTRONG OF THE SBI (Scientific Bureau of Investigation) was a thirty-minute complete drama produced three times a week over ABC from September 5, 1950 to June 28, 1951.

See also JACK ARMSTRONG, THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY.

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ARMSTRONG THEATER OF TODAY
Drama

CAST:
The Armstrong Quaker Girl.........................Elizabeth Reller
                      Julie Conway
Announcer................................................Bob Sherry

DIRECTOR:
Ken Webb

This durable Saturday daytime series started on CBS in 1941. It featured guest stars in half-hour programs.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 19
THE ARMY HOUR
Variety

CAST:
Announcer....................................................... Ed Herlihy

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Wyllis Cooper

DIRECTOR:
Edwin L. Dunham

This program spotlighted the activities of the United States Army.

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ARNOLD GRIMM'S DAUGHTER
Serial Drama

CAST:
Constance, the daughter.......................... Margarette Shanna
Betty Lou Gerson
Luise Barclay

Arnold Grimm........................................... Don Merrifield

Dal Tremaine........................................ Ed Prentiss

Robert Ellis

Jim Kent.............................................. Frank Dane

Madame Babette................................. Jeanne Juvelier

Gladys Grimm...................................... Jean McDonald

Bonita Kay

Tom Grimm......................................... James Andelin

Frank Behrens

Sonia Kirkoff.................................. Genelle Gibbs

Stanley Westland............................... Bret Morrison

Bill Hartley...................................... Verne Smith

Judy, the maid.................................. Mento Everitt

Mr. Tremaine.................................. Orson Brandon

Mrs. Tremaine.................................. Gertrude Bondhill

Mr. Tweedy........................................ Butler Manville

Mrs. Grimm......................................... Jeanne Dixon

Judith Lowry

Edith Davis

Arthur Hall...................................... Stanley Harris

Marie Martel.................................. Mary Patton

Paul Martel...................................... Nelson Olmstead

Lily.................................................. Mary Young

Mrs. Higsby-Smith.......................... Ethel Wilson

Bernice Farraday................................ June Travis

Louise Fitch

Dr. David McKenzie.......................... Clifford Soubier

Baby Dal........................................ Patty Willis

Aunt Gladys......................................... Hazel Dopheide

Mr. Duffy........................................... Sidney Ellstrom

Pat Patterson.................................. John Hodiak

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ARNOLD GRIMM’S DAUGHTER (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Louie Sterling ................................................. Carl Kroenke
Dr. Milburn ..................................................... Eugene Eubanks
Kirby Willoughby .............................................. Fred Sullivan
Stephanie Summers .......................................... Dorothy Francis
Bunny Shapiro .................................................... Josephine Gilbert
Anne Goodwin ................................................... Irene Purcell
Jeff Corbett ...................................................... Bill Bouchey
Meredith Jones ................................................... Ruth Bailey
Marian Moore ..................................................... Joan Kay
Thelma ............................................................. Rosemary Lambright

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ARTHUR GODFREY TIME
Variety

CAST:
Host ................................................................. Arthur Godfrey
Vocalists ............................................................ Julius La Rosa
Janette Davis
Lu Ann Simms
The Mariners (James Lewis, Martin Karl, Thomas Lockard and Nathaniel Dickerson)
The Chordettes (Jinny Osborn, Dottie Schwartz, Janet Erlet and Carol Hagedorn)
The McGuire Sisters (Dorothy, Phyllis and Christine)
The Jubalaires
Bill Lawrence
Frank Parker
Orchestra ........................................................... Archie Bleyer
Announcer ........................................................... Tony Marvin

WRITER:
Bob Carman

THEMES:
“Seems Like Old Times”
“In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia”
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ARTHUR GODFREY’S TALENT SCOUTS
Talent Contest

CAST:
Starring ............................................................ Arthur Godfrey
Announcer ............................................................ George Bryan
Orchestra ............................................................ Archie Bleyer
Vocalists ............................................................ Marion Marlowe
Peggy Marshall and The Holidays
ARTHUR GODFREY'S TALENT SCOUTS (Cont.)

THEME: PEGGY MARSHALL AND THE HOLIDAYS:
Here comes Arthur Godfrey
Your talent scout M.C.
Brought to you by Lipton's
Brisk Lipton Tea.
You know it's Lipton Tea
If it's B-R-I-S-K
Now here comes Arthur Godfrey
The talent's on its way!
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ARTHUR HOPKINS PRESENTS
Drama

This NBC series of the forties featured dramatizations of top Broadway plays. Arthur Melancthon Hopkins was a distinguished Broadway producer.

DIRECTOR:
Herb Rice
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AS THE TWIG IS BENT

See WE LOVE AND LEARN.
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THE ASK-IT BASKET
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Jim McWilliams
                                      Ed East
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AT THE VILLAGE STORE

See VILLAGE STORE.
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Serial Drama

CAST:
Attorney Terry Regan.................................Jim Ameche
                                      Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Sally Dunlap, Regan's secretary.......................Fran Carlon
                                      Betty Winkler
Terry's mother............................................Grace Lockwood
Terry's father.............................................Fred Sullivan
Terry's sister.............................................Lucy Gilman
Dorothy Wallace Webb..................................June Meredith
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AUCTION GALLERY
Audience Participation

CAST:
Host...........................................Dave Elman

Items were offered at auction to the audience.

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AUNT JENNY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Aunt Jenny.............................................Edith Spencer
Agnes Young
Danny..............................................Dan Seymour
Aunt Jenny’s whistling canary.................Henry Boyd
Also................................................Franc Hale
Ed Jerome
Ruth Yorke
Alfred Corn (later known as Alfred Ryder)
Ed MacDonald
Peggy Allenby
Nancy Kelly
Eddie O’Brien
Maurice Franklin

DIRECTORS:
Thomas F. Vietor Jr. Bill Steele Robert S. Steele
Tony Wilson Ralph Berkey John Loveton

WRITERS:
David Davidson Douglas McLean Elizabeth McLean
Edwin Halloran Lawrence Klee Doris Halman
Eleanor Abbey Carl Alfred Buss Elinor Lenz
Bill Sweets

THEME:
“Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms”

ORGANIST:
Elsie Thompson

This program was also known as AUNT JENNY’S REAL LIFE STORIES. Each day Aunt Jenny would introduce the story with the help of her announcer Danny. They both extolled the virtues of Spry, their perennial sponsor. This program was known to Canadian listeners as AUNT LUCY.

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AUNT MARY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Aunt Mary.............................................Jane Morgan
Jessie Ward........................................Irene Tedrow

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 23
AUNT MARY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Narrator........................................... Patrick McGeehan

DIRECTOR:
George Fogle

WRITERS:
Gil Faust    Virginia Thacker

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AUTHOR MEETS THE CRITICS
Literary

CAST:
Host..................................................... Barry Gray
                               John K. M. McCaffery

During the first half of the program, one literary critic argued for
the guest author’s book while a second critic argued against it.
The second half of the program consisted of a general discussion
among the author and the critics.

PRODUCER:
Martin Stone

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AUTHOR’S PLAYHOUSE
Drama

This was a dramatic program with scripts by various writers.
Wynn Wright created the show. Roy Shields and his orchestra
furnished the music.

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THE BABE RUTH SHOW

See HERE'S BABE RUTH.

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THE BABY SNOOKS SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Baby Snooks...........................................Fanny Brice
Daddy Higgins........................................Hanley Stafford
Mommy..................................................Lalive Brownell
                                      Arlene Harris
Robespierre, Snooks' brother..................Leone Ledoux
Roger..................................................Georgia Ellis
Phoebe..................................................Sara Berner
Orchestra.............................................Carmen Dragon
Announcer............................................Ken Roberts
                                      Harlow Wilcox

DIRECTORS:
Walter Bunker     Ted Bliss      Roy Rowlan

WRITERS:
Everett Freeman      Jess Oppenheimer      Bill Danch
                        Jerry Seelen

THEME:
“Rock-a-Bye Baby”

Baby Snooks won her greatest fame as a comedy feature on MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME. The character was first heard on radio as an act on ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR. See also ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR.

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BACHELOR'S CHILDREN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Dr. Bob Graham....................................Hugh Studebaker
                                      Art Kohl (for 3 months during Studebaker's illness)
Ruth Ann Graham.................................Marjorie Hannan
                                      Laurette Fillsbrandt
Janet Ryder........................................Patricia Dunlap
Sam Ryder..........................................Olan Soule
Ellen Collins......................................Marie Nelson
                                      Hellen Van Tuyl
Don Carpenter....................................David Gothard
Lawrence Mitchell...............................Frank Dane
Susan Grant........................................Muriel Bremner
Michael Kent.....................................Charles Flynn
Marjory Carroll..................................Ginger Jones
Glenda..............................................Mary Patton
Theresa Pech......................................Olga Rosenova

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 25
BACHELOR'S CHILDREN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Davie Lane.................................................John Hodiak
Kathleen Carney...........................................Janice Gilbert
Margaret Gardner..............................Dorothy Denver
Mrs. Fred Hopkins..............................Marion Reed
Dr. Bruce Porter..............................Raymond Edward Johnson
Dr. Madelyn Keller.............................Alice Hill
Alison Radcliffe.................................Peg Hillias
Wilton Comstock..........................Arthur Peterson
Miss Bennett............................................Sunda Love
Marjorie............................................Ruth Bailey
Joe Houston...........................................Nelson Olmstead
Elsie Jones............................Kay Westfall
Norma Starr.................................Beryl Vaughn
Announcer..............................................Don Gordon
Russ Young

DIRECTORS:
Burr Lee         Russ Young

WRITER:
Bess Flynn

THEME:
“Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life”

BACHELOR'S CHILDREN received the Movie-Radio Guide Award of 1941 as “radio's best daytime serial program.” It was also selected by the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs as “the most representative script on the way of life of an average American family.”

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BACKSTAGE WIFE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mary Noble.................................................Vivian Fridell
Claire Niesen

Larry Noble..............................................Ken Griffin
James Meighan
Guy Sorel

Lady Clara, Larry's mother.........................Ethel Owen

Marcia Mannering..................................Eloise Kummer

Betty Burns........................................Patricia Dunlap
Goldie..............................................Eileen Palmer

Tess Morgan............................................Gail Henshaw
Alice Duffy.............................................Gail Henshaw

Katharine Monroe................................Betty Ruth Smith
Ward Elmond.........................................Paul Luther
Sylvia King..............................................Dorothy Francis
Tod Goodhue...........................................George Niese

Dennis Conroy.................................Carlton KaDell

Katy Hamilton.........................................Maxine Gardenas
BACKSTAGE WIFE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Joe Binney................................. Sherman Marks
Jennifer Davis............................ Elmira Roessler
Doris Dee................................. Virginia Dwyer
Sago........................................ Norman Gottschalk
Tom Bryson................................. Frank Dane
Charles Webster
Mahdel Kramer
Arnold Carey, stage manager............. John M. James
Taylor...................................... Hoyt Allen
Pop, the stage doorman.................... Alan MacAteer
Kitty Marshall.............................. Ginger Jones
Vicki Vola
Peter Darnell.............................. John Larkin
Uncle Ed Jackson.......................... Leo Curley
Maida...................................... Lesley Woods
Gerald Marshall............................ Malcolm Meecham
Sandra Carey............................... Luise Barclay
Judith Merritt............................. Donna Creade
Tom Blake.................................. Dan Sutter
Susan Nelson............................... Louise Fitch
Christine.................................. Bonita Kay
Callahan................................... Don Gallagher
Mrs. Dubois............................... Bess McCammon
Ada, the maid.............................. Kay Renwick
Cliff Caldwell............................. Phil Truex
Virginia Lansing.......................... Helen Claire
Irene....................................... Andree Wallace
Maude Marlowe............................. Henrietta Tedro
Ethel Wilson
Sandra Barclay............................. Eloise Kummer
Marcelle Betrand......................... Charlotte Manson
Cosmo...................................... Rod Hendrickson
Mercy...................................... Charme Allen
Ocko........................................ George Ansell
Vi Waters.................................. Joyce Hayward
Marty Rufus................................. George Petrie
Regina Rawlings........................... Anne Burr
Margot..................................... Dorothy Sands
Jean Baker................................. Susan Douglas
Larry Jr.................................... Wilda Hinkel
Announcer.................................. Harry Clark
Ford Bond

DIRECTORS:
Blair Walliser
Richard Leonard
Joe Mansfield
Fred Weihe

WRITERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert
Elizabeth Todd
Phil Thorne
Ned Calmer

THEME:
"Rose of Tralee"

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BACKSTAGE WIFE (Cont.)

THEME PLAYER:
Chet Kingsberry

"The story of an Iowa stenographer who fell in love with and married Broadway matinee idol Larry Noble."

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BAKERS BROADCAST

See THE JOE PENNER SHOW.

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BARNACLE BILL
Children

CAST:
Barnacle Bill, the Sailor..........................Cliff Soubier

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BARRY CAMERON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Barry Cameron......................................Spencer Bentley
Anna Cameron......................................Florence Williams
Maraine Clark......................................Dorothy Sands
Vinnie, the maid.....................................Doris Rich
John Nelson.........................................Scott McKay
Mrs. Mitchell......................................Helen Carewe
Josephine Whitfield................................Elsie Hitz
Will Stevenson......................................King Calder
Martha Stevenson...................................Mary Hunter
Frances..............................................Colleen Ward
Gloria Mulvaney....................................Rolly Bester
Announcer...........................................Larry Elliott

WRITERS:
Peggy Blake                    Richard Leonard

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BARRY GRAY ON BROADWAY
Discussion

CAST:
Moderator..........................................Barry Gray

This discussion program usually erupted in on-the-air controversy.

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THE BARTON FAMILY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bud Barton........................................Dick Holland
Grandma Barton.................................Kathryn Card
Herman Branch.................................Cliff Soubier
Col. Francis Welch..............................Ed Prentiss
Francis Welch Jr................................Donald Kraatz
Judge Summerfield..............................Fred Sullivan
Bill Murray......................................Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Pa..................................................Bill Bouchey
Joy Wynn.........................................Rosemary Garbell
Also............................................Hellen Van Tuyl
                                  Karl Weber
                                  Betty Jeffries
                                  Jackie Harrison
                                  Arthur Kohl
                                  Hugh Muir
                                  Bonita Kay
                                  Ray Johannson
                                  Arthur Peterson
                                  Fern Persons
                                  Ian Keith
                                  Bob Jellison
                                  Jane Webb

DIRECTOR:
Frank Papp

WRITER:
Harlan Ware

This program was also known as THE STORY OF BUD BARTON and THOSE BARTONS.
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BATMAN

See SUPERMAN.
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BATTLE OF THE SEXES
Quiz

CAST:
M.C..............................................Frank Crumit and Julia Sanderson
                                  Walter O'Keefe
                                  Jay C. Flippen
Announcer.................................Ben Grauer
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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 29
B-BAR-B-RANCH

See BOBBY BENSON’S ADVENTURES.

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BEAT THE BAND
Musical Quiz

CAST:
Hostess........................................... "The Incomparable Hildegarde"
(Hildegarde Loretta Sell)
Announcer................................. Tom Shirley
Vocalist...................................... Marvel Maxwell
Marilyn Thorne
Musical conductor..................... Ted Weems
                      Harry Sosnik

CATCH-PHRASE:
HILDEGARDE: Give me a little traveling music, Harry.

Listeners sent in musical questions and the band had to identify songs from a few clues. Prizes of $25 and a carton of the sponsor’s cigarettes (Raleigh) went to contestants whose questions did not “beat the band.” If the question did beat the band, the contestant received $50 and two cartons of cigarettes and the boys in the band had to throw a pack of cigarettes “on the old bass drum for the men in service overseas.”

See also THE RALEIGH ROOM

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BEHIND THE MIKE
Drama

CAST:
Host........................................... Graham McNamee
Announcer................................. Harry Von Zell

BEHIND THE MIKE related stories of behind-the-scenes in broadcasting.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT
Unusual Facts

CAST:
Robert L. Ripley............................Robert L. Ripley
Gregory Abbott (when Ripley was away)
Orchestra.................................... B. A. Rolfe

DIRECTOR:
Ed King

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BEN BERNIE

Music

CAST:
Starring..............................................Ben Bernie
Vocalists..............................................Little Jackie Heller
Buddy Clark
Mary Small
Pat Kennedy
Frank Prince
Bill Wilgus
Dick Stabile (also a saxophonist, later a well-known orchestra leader)
Col. Manny Prager (also a saxophonist; his greatest fame came from his singing of “The King’s ’orses”)
Pianist..................................................Al Goering
Violinist..............................................Mickey Garlock
Drummers.............................................Ward Archer
Gilbert Grau
Whistler................................................“Whistlin” Pullen
Guest vocalists......................................Gracie Barrie
Gale Robbins
Also.................................................Billy Hillpot and Scrappy Lambert
Fuzzy Knight (comedy songs)
Many others
Announcer.............................................Harlow Wilcox
Bob Brown
Harry Von Zell

WRITERS:
Albert G. Miller Parke Levy Gary Stevens
Alan Lipscott

Ben Bernie’s orchestra played “sweet” music on various band remote broadcasts and on his own program. His closing theme was a familiar sound of the 30’s. Bernie, “The Old Maestro,” who couldn’t sing, closed with this monologue spoken over the music:
And now the time has come to lend an ear to-Au revoir. Pleasant dre-ams.
Think of us...when requesting your themes.
Until the next time when...
BEN BERNIE (Cont.)

Possibly you may all tune in again,
Keep the Old Maestro always... in your schemes.
Yowsah, yowsah, yowsah.
Au revoir...
This is Ben Bernie, ladies and gentlemen,
And all the lads
Wishing you a bit of pleasant dre-ams.
May good luck-and happiness,
Success, good health, attend your schemes,
And don't forget
Should you ever send in your request-
Why, we'll sure try to do our best-
Yowsah.
Au revoir, a fond cheerio,
A bit of a tweet-tweet,
God bless you... and
Pleasant dre-ams!  * * * * * *

BESS JOHNSON

See THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON.

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BEST SELLERS
Drama

CAST:
Host and narrator........................................Bret Morrison
Leading roles..............................................Jim Boles

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BETTY AND BOB
Serial Drama

CAST:
Betty Drake.............................................Elizabeth Reller
Beatrice Churchill
Alice Hill
Arlene Francis
Edith Davis
Mercedes McCambridge

Bob Drake..............................................Don Ameche
Les Tremayne
Spencer Bentley
Carl Frank
J. Anthony Hughes
Van Heflin

Mae Drake, Bob's mother.........................Edith Davis
Jane Hartford.................................Dorothy Shideler

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BETTY AND BOB (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
George...........................................Frank Dane
Gardenia........................................Edith Davis
Carl Grainger.................................Herbert Nelson
Ethel Grainger...............................Eleanor Dowling
Peter Standish...............................Francis X. Bushman
Kathy Stone..................................Eloise Kummer
Mary Rose Spencer Vance..................Marion B. Crutcher
Alan Bishop..................................Ned Wever
Madeline......................................Loretta Poynton
Marcia..........................................Betty Winkler
Tony Harker..................................Don Briggs
Mrs. Cary......................................Grace Lockwood
Mrs. Hendrix..................................Grace Lockwood

WRITER:
Leonard Bercovici

THEME:
"Salut d'Amour"

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BETTY BOOP FABLES
Children

CAST:
Betty Boop........................................Mae Questel
Ferdie Frog.....................................Red Pepper Sam
Orchestra.......................................Victor Erwin

This program presented the adventures of the movie cartoon character created by Max Fleischer.

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BETTY CROCKER
Cooking

This was one of radio's earliest recipe programs. It began on NBC in 1926. Various actresses played the part of Betty Crocker, the General Mills homemaking expert.

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BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS
Poetry and Conversation

CAST:
Host..............................................Ted Malone

ORGANIST:
Rosa Rio
THEME:
“Auld Lang Syne”

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BEULAH
Comedy

CAST:
Beulah.................................................Marlin Hurt
Bob Corley
Hattie McDaniel
Bill Jackson, Beulah’s boy friend.......................Marlin Hurt
Ernest Whitman
Harry Henderson.....................................Hugh Studebaker
Jess Kirkpatrick
Alice Henderson.....................................Mary Jane Croft
Lois Corbett
Donnie Henderson....................................Henry Blair
Oriole................................................Ruby Dandridge
Mr. Jenkins..........................................John Brown
Vocalist..............................................Carol Stewart
Orchestra............................................Albert Sack
Announcer..........................................Hank Weaver
Ken Niles

DIRECTOR:
Helen Mack

WRITERS:
Charles Stewart Phil Leslie

CATCH-PHRASE:
BEULAH: On the con-positively-trairy!

The character of Beulah, a Negro maid, was first portrayed by Marlin Hurt (a white man) on FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY. Later Beulah became the central character on the show BEULAH.

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BEYOND THESE VALLEYS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Rebecca Lane.......................................Gertrude Warner
David................................................Shirling Oliver

DIRECTOR:
Basil Loughrane

WRITER:
Don Becker, who also composed the original theme music.

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE
THE BICKERSONS
Comedy

CAST:
John Bickerson..........................Don Ameche
Blanche Bickerson.....................Frances Langford
Amos, John’s brother..................Danny Thomas

CREATOR-WRITER:
Phil Rapp

These comedy skits featured a quarreling husband and wife and were first heard on Edgar Bergen’s CHASE AND SANBORN HOUR.

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BIG JON AND SPARKY
Children’s Adventure

CAST:
Big Jon.....................................Jon Arthur
Sparky.....................................Jon Arthur
Band........................Gil Hooley and His Leprechaun Marching Band

THEME:
“The Teddy Bear’s Parade”

CATCH-PHRASE:
JON ARTHUR: There’s no school today!

This program originated in Cincinnati. It went on the air in 1948.

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THE BIG SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Hostess..................................Tallulah Bankhead
Orchestra...............................Meredith Willson
Also..................................Celebrity guests such as Fred Allen,
                                Groucho Marx, etc.
Announcer..............................Ed Herlihy

WRITER:
Goodman Ace

This was one of radio’s last big variety programs. Tallulah Bankhead was famous for calling everyone “Dahling.” Meredith Willson would acknowledge her introduction of him with “Thank you, Miss Bankhead, sir.”

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 35
CAST:
Ruth Evans Wayne, the big sister........................Alice Frost
Nancy Marshall
Marjorie Anderson
Mercedes McCambridge
Grace Matthews
Sue Evans Miller, Ruth’s sister..........................Haila Stoddard
Dorothy McGuire
Peggy Conklin
Fran Carden
Nurse Burton..............................................Vera Allen
Little Ned Evans (Neddie).................................Michael O’Day
Samson....................................................Chester Stratton
Cornelius Porter..........................................Harold Vermilyea
Vera Wayne................................................Helene Dumas
Rodger Allen.............................................Carl Benton Reid
Paul Gerond...............................................Guy de Vestel
Horace.....................................................Oscar Polk
Asa Griffin................................................Teddy Bergman
Jerry Miller...............................................Ned Wever
Diane Carvell Ramsey....................................Elsbeth Eric
Dr. Duncan Carvell.......................................Santos Ortega
Mrs. Carvell..............................................Evelyn Varden
Elsa Banning..............................................Erin O’Brien-Moore
Ernest Banning..........................................Horace Braham
Frank Wayne..............................................Eric Dressler
Dr. John Wayne...........................................Martin Gabel
Paul McGrath
Staats Cotsworth
Pete Stone................................................Ed Begley
Addie Price...............................................Charlotte Holland
Ginny Price................................................Patsy Campbell
Hope Melton Evans.................................Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
Teri Keane
Waldo Briggs..............................................Ed Begley
Horace Braham
Dr. Reed Bannister......................................Berry Kroeger
Ian Martin
Arnold Moss
David Gothard
Mary Tyler..............................................Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
Eunice......................................................Susan Douglas
Richard Wayne..........................................Jim Ameche Jr.
Ruth Schafer
Pete Kirkwood..........................................Joe Julian
Margo Kirkwood..........................................Louise Fitch
Charles Daniels.........................................Ed Begley
Ricki Lenya..............................................Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
Mrs. Warren..............................................Adelaide Klein
Michael West.............................................Richard Kollmar
Joe Julian
CAST: (Cont.)

David Brewster............................Alexander Kirkland
Harriet Durant..............................Elizabeth Love
Wellington Durant........................Charles Webster
Lola Mitchell................................Arlene Francis
Eric Ramsey................................Richard Widmark
Doris Monet.................................Joan Tompkins
Dr. Marlowe................................Mason Adams
Dr. Seabrook................................Everett Sloane
Announcer..................................Jim Ameche

CREATOR:
Lillian Lauferty

DIRECTORS:
Mitchell Grayson Theodore T. Huston
Thomas F. Vietor Jr.

WRITERS:
Julian Funt Carl Bixby Robert Newman
Bill Sweets

THEME:
"Valse Bluette"

ORGANIST:
Richard Leibert

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THE BIG STORY
Drama

CAST:
Narrator......................................Robert Sloane

DIRECTORS:
Harry Ingram Thomas F. Vietor Jr.

WRITERS:
Robert Sloane Gail Ingram Max Ehrlich
Arnold Perl

The program dramatized stories of newspaper reporters. At the conclusion of the broadcast, the actual reporter was introduced on the air and congratulated for his story.

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BIG TOWN
Adventure

CAST:
Steve Wilson, editor of the Illustrated Press, a crusading newspaper............ Edward G. Robinson
Edward Pawley
Walter Greaza

Lorelei Kilbourne, society editor....................... Claire Trevor
Ona Munson
Fran Carlon

Tommy Hughes........................................ Ed MacDonald
Miss Foster........................................... Helen Brown
District Attorney Miller............................... Gale Gordon
Eddie, the cabdriver................................. Ted de Corsia
Inspector Callahan.................................... Dwight Weist
Dusty Miller, the photographer....................... Lawson Zerbe
Casey Allen

Fletcher................................................. Bill Adams
Danny.................................................. Michael O'Day
Harry the Hack....................................... Mason Adams
Willie the Weep...................................... Donald MacDonald
Mozart.................................................. Larry Haines

Newsboy at the opening who shouted “Get your Illustrated Press”............. Bobbie Winkler
Michael O'Day

Narrator................................................ Dwight Weist
Also.................................................... Jerry Hausner
Cy Kendall
Paula Winslowe
Jack Smart
Robert Dryden
George Petrie

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Jerry McGill

DIRECTORS:
Richard Uhl    Joseph Bell    Crane Wilbur
William N. Robson

THEME:
“Tell the Story”

BILL STERN SPORTS NEWSREEL

See THE COLGATE SPORTS NEWSREEL STARRING BILL STERN.

THE BILLIE BURKE SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Featuring............................................... Billie Burke
Announcer............................................. Tom Dickson

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THE BILLIE BURKE SHOW (Cont.)

DIRECTOR:
Axel Gruenberg

WRITERS:
Ruth F. Brooks  Paul West

BILLY AND BETTY
Children's Adventures

CAST:
Billy White.................................................. Jimmy McCallion
Betty White.................................................. Audrey Egan
Melvin Castlebury........................................ Elliott Reid
Announcer.................................................. Kelvin Keech

THEME:
“Here comes the milkman
Hooray! Hooray!
He’s bringing milk from Sheffield Farms
That’s sealed, select Grade A.

Here comes the milkman
He’s ringing at your door (sound of doorbell ringing
and door opening)
Here’s the milk you always drink
It’s select Grade A.”

THE BING CROSBY SHOW
Music

CAST:
Starring...................................................... Bing Crosby
Featuring................................................. Jud Conlon’s Rhythmaires
Orchestra.................................................. John Scott Trotter
Announcer................................................. Ken Carpenter

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Bill Morrow

DIRECTOR:
Murdo McKenzie

THE BING CROSBY SHOW went on the air after Crosby left the
KRAFT MUSIC HALL in the spring of 1946 when Kraft refused to
let him record his shows. From the fall of 1946 until December
1956, THE BING CROSBY SHOW was on the air, sponsored by
Philco, Chesterfield and General Electric.

See also KRAFT MUSIC HALL.

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THE BISHOP AND THE GARGOYLE
Adventure

CAST:
The Bishop..................................................Richard Gordon
The Gargoyle..............................................Milton Herman

Ken Lynch

The Bishop, who had a dilettante's interest in crime, had served on the parole board of Sing Sing prison. It was there he met the man he called "The Gargoyle"...a convict who was never known by any other name on the program. When the Gargoyle became an ex-convict, he served as an aide to the Bishop...the two men solving crimes together. The Bishop, of course, avoided violence while the Gargoyle supplied the physical force necessary in certain situations.

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Bell

WRITER:
Frank Wilson

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THE BLACK HOOD
Adventure

CAST:
The Cop..........................................................Scott Douglas
Girl Reporter..................................................Marjorie Cramer

WRITER:
Walt Framer

This was the story of a rookie cop who acquired magic powers by wearing a black hood.

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BLACKSTONE, THE MAGIC DETECTIVE
Adventure

CAST:
Blackstone....................................................Ed Jerome
Announcer......................................................Alan Kent

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BLACKSTONE PLANTATION
Variety

CAST:
Featuring.............................Frank Crumit and Julia Sanderson
Also...............................Don Rodrigo and Don Felipe Escondido
Santos Ortega
Ted de Corsia

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BLIND DATE
Audience Participation

CAST:
Hostess......................................................Arlene Francis

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BLIND DATE (Cont.)

DIRECTOR:
Tom Wallace

WRITERS:
Arlene Francis    Kenneth Rouight

On this program hostess Arlene Francis helped arrange dates for couples.

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BLONDIE
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Blondie..................................Penny Singleton
                        Alice White
                        Patricia Van Cleve
                        Ann Rutherford
Dagwood Bumstead..................................Arthur Lake
J.C. Dithers, Dagwood’s boss......................Hanley Stafford
Fuddle, the neighbor.............................Arthur Q. Bryan
                        Harry Lang
Alexander (Baby Dumpling).......................Leone Ledoux
                        Larry Sims
                        Jeffrey Silver
                        Tommy Cook
Cookie........................................Marlene Ames
                        Joan Rae
                        Norma Jean Nilsson
Cora Dithers.................................Elvia Allman
Herb Woodley, the neighbor......................Frank Nelson
Alvin Fuddle..................................Dix Davis
Harriet........................................Mary Jane Croft
McGonnigle....................................Howard Petrie
Dimples Wilson.................................Veola Vonn
                        Lurene Tuttle
Announcer....................................Bill Goodwin
                        Howard Petrie

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Don Bernard

DIRECTOR:
Eddie Pola

WRITER:
Johnny Greene

OPENING:
ANNCR:   Uh-uh-uh...don’t touch that dial! It’s time for....
DAGWOOD:  B-l-o-o-o-o-n-d-i-e!!!!

This program was based on the comic strip by Chic Young.

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 41
BLUE PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
Featuring............................................. Frank Lovejoy
                                 Joan Banks
                                 Santos Ortega

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BLUE RIBBON TOWN
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Featuring.............................................Groucho Marx
                                 Virginia O’Brien
                                 Donald Dickson
                                 Kenny Baker

Orchestra.......................................... Robert Armbruster

Virginia O’Brien was famous for her deadpan expression while singing up-tempo songs. BLUE RIBBON TOWN took its name from the sponsor’s beer, Pabst Blue Ribbon. The program made its debut March 27, 1943.

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BOB AND RAY
Comedy

CAST:
Bob..................................................... Bob Elliott
Ray.................................................... Ray Goulding
Wally Ballew...................................... Bob Elliott
Mary Magoon...................................... Ray Goulding
Webley Webster................................... Ray Goulding
Tex Blaisdell...................................... Bob Elliott
Biff Burns......................................... Ray Goulding
Steve Bosco....................................... Bob Elliott

Bob and Ray started doing comedy together when they were both staff announcers on local radio in Boston. Their program, MATINEE WITH BOB AND RAY, preceded the Red Sox baseball games and whenever the game was rained out Bob and Ray stayed on the air all afternoon. Eventually they were brought to network radio with a Saturday night program on NBC and subsequently appeared from time to time on all the networks at various hours. Bob and Ray played all the parts of the regular cast members as well as all the characters in their dramas. Among the fairly regular features were:

Wally Ballew on remote location interviewing various people. Wally always started his reports with his mike turned off so that we first heard him in the middle of a word. He announced himself as “Wally Ballew — winner of over seven international diction awards” or “Radio’s highly regarded Wally Ballew.” His microphone was usually
BOB AND RAY (Cont.)

Turned off before he was quite through. Occasionally Wally would refer to his family...his wife Hulla Ballew and his son Little Boy Ballew. He denied being related to either the Beale Street Ballews or the Wang Wang Ballews.

Mary Magoon's recipes. At Thanksgiving Mary had a recipe for "Mock Turkey" which was made of mashed potatoes shaped into the form of a turkey with hot dogs for legs and wings.

Steve Bosco, sportscaster, calling in with what was supposed to be a sports story. He always seemed to be a little bit drunk and was perpetually worried about getting the connection cut off. He usually asked for some money to get himself out of some financial scrape and then signed off with: "This is Steve Bosco rounding third and being thrown out at home."

Biff Burns, the other sportscaster. He usually displayed an egotistical ignorance of his subject and signed off with "This is Biff Burns saying, until next time, this is Biff Burns saying goodbye."

"Mary Backstage, Noble Wife" — a take-off on soap operas. It opened with announcer Word Carr saying, "And now, for the many fans who wait for her on the radio, we present the interesting story Mary Backstage, Noble Wife, the story of a girl from a deserted mining town out West who came to New York to become the wife of handsome Harry Backstage — Broadway star — and what it means to be the wife of the idol of a million other women."

Tex Blaisdell, Bob and Ray's cowboy country and Western entertainer who traveled and performed with the Smokey Valley Boys. Romeo was the comic rustic with the Smokey Valley Boys. Tex did rope tricks on the radio and perpetually plugged his up-coming appearances at county fairs and supermarket openings.

"One Feller's Family" — a take-off on "One Man's Family." Bob played Father Butcher and mumbled a lot to himself ending with "Fanny, Fanny, Fanny." Ray played Mother Butcher and usually wound up exasperatedly telling Father Butcher to "shut up and stop mumbling, you senile old man." It always ended with the announcer saying, "'One Feller's Family' is written and directed by T. Wilson Messy. This has been a Messy Production."

"Lawrence Fechtenberger, Interstellar Officer Candidate" — a take-off on adventure serials. Ray played Lawrence and Bob was his side-kick, Mugg Mellish, always sneering. It was brought to you by chocolate cookies with white stuff in between.

"Widen Your Horizons" — a program of self-help in which experts would explain how to put salt in salt shakers, how to look up names in the telephone directory, etc. It was brought to you by the Croftweiler Industrial Cartel, makers of all kinds of things out of all kinds of stuff.
Dean Archer Armstead, Bob and Ray's agricultural expert from the Lackawanna New York Field Station. His theme was a scratchy record of a piano version of "Old MacDonald."

Nattily Attired, Bob and Ray's "Song Sayer." Played by Ray in his Mary Magoon voice, Nattily would "say" songs. She was accompanied by her drummer, Eddie (Bob), and would merely speak the words to popular songs to Eddie's drum accompaniment.

The Bob and Ray Gourmet Club. Here Claude and Clyde would describe the colorful ceremony attending the presentation and unwrapping of some celebrity's sandwich, which would subsequently be placed on a velvet cushion in a place of honor where the guests of The Gourmet Club could dance by and look at it.

Bob and Ray signed off each broadcast with:

RAY: Write if you get work...

BOB: ...And hang by your thumbs.

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THE BOB BURNS SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
The Arkansas Traveler..................................... Bob Burns
Sharon O'Shaughnessey.................................... Ann Thomas

DIRECTORS:
Joe Thompson Andrew Love

WRITERS:
R. E. "Duke" Atterberry Victor McLeod
Glen Wheaton

THEME:
"The Arkansas Traveler"

Bob Burns made his radio debut on THE FLEISCHMANN HOUR with Rudy Vallee. He made several guest appearances...then in 1936 he joined Bing Crosby on KRAFT MUSIC HALL where he played second banana to Bing for five years. Subsequently he got his own show. Burns had a musical instrument made of a funnel and two gas pipes which he called a bazooka. During World War II a U.S. Army weapon was named after Burns' bazooka.

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THE BOB CROSBY SHOW
Variety

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Bob Crosby
Orchestra..................................................Bob Crosby’s Bobcats
Announcer....................................................Les Tremayne
John Lund

DIRECTOR:
Bob Brewster

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll    David Gregory

Each week a different up-and-coming female vocalist was featured on the show; among them were Peggy Lee, Kay Starr and Jo Stafford when they were still relatively unknown.

BOB ELSON ABOARD THE CENTURY
Interviews

CAST:
Host.................................................................Bob Elson

Bob Elson interviewed people riding the Twentieth Century Limited train between Chicago and New York.

THE BOB HAWK SHOW
Quiz

CAST:
Quizmaster.......................................................Bob Hawk

Bob Hawk interspersed gags and questions. A studio contestant could become a “Lemac” by answering questions correctly. “Lemac” was simply Camel, the sponsor, spelled backwards. The winning contestant was, of course, rewarded financially and was serenaded with a chorus of “You’re a Lemac now.”

THE BOB HOPE SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Starring...............................................................Bob Hope
Professor.......................................................Jerry Colonna
Vera Vague......................................................Barbara Jo Allen
Brenda...............................................................Blanche Stewart
Cobina............................................................Elvia Allman

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 45
THE BOB HOPE SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

John L. C. Sivoney................................. Frank Fontaine
Miriam of the Pepsodent commercials
("Dear Miriam, poor Miriam, neglected
using Irium")................................. Trudy Erwin
Honey Chile........................................ Claire Hazel
Vocalists........................................... Judy Garland
Gloria Jean
Frances Langford

Hits and a Miss (vocal group which
varied from Three Hits and a Miss
to Six Hits and a Miss)......................... Pauline Byrnes
Bill Seckler
Vincent Degen
Marvin Bailey
Jerry Preshaw
Howard Hudson
Mack McLean

Orchestra.......................................... Skinnay Ennis
Les Brown

Announcer......................................... Wendell Niles
Art Baker
Larry Keating
Bill Goodwin
Hy Averback

DIRECTORS:
Bob Stephenson  Tom Sawyer  Norman Morrell
Al Capstaff

WRITERS:
Ted McKay  Albert Schwartz  Norman Sullivan
Jack Douglas  Paul Laven  Dr. Samuel Kurtzman
Fred S. Fox

THEME:
"Thanks for the Memory"

CATCH-PHRASE:
HOPE: Who's Yehudi?

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BOBBY BENSON'S ADVENTURES
Children

CAST:

Bobby Benson................................. Richard Wanamaker
Ivan Cury
Billy Halop

Polly Armstead............................... Florence Halop
BOBBY BENSON'S ADVENTURES (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Windy Wales, the handyman (Wild Tales by Windy Wales)........................Don Knotts
Harka, the Indian..............................................Craig McDonnell
Irish.......................................................................Craig McDonnell
Tex Mason (originally Buck Mason).............................Herb Rice
                                      Neil O'Malley
                                      Al Hodge
                                      Tex Ritter

Chinese Cook......................................................Herb Rice
Aunt Lilly..............................................................Lorraine Pankow
Also..........................................................Charles Irving
Announcer.............................................................Bob Emerick
                              “Two-gun” Andre Baruch
                              “Cactus” Carl Warren
                              Carl Caruso

CREATOR:
Herbert C. Rice

DIRECTOR:
Bob Novak

WRITER:
Jim Sheehan and others

BOBBY BENSON'S ADVENTURES was set at first on the H-Bar-O Ranch because it was sponsored by H-O Oats; later it was set on the B-BAR-B Ranch.
See also SONGS OF THE B-BAR-B.

BOSTON BLACKIE
Detective

CAST:

Boston Blackie.................................................Chester Morris
                                      Richard Kollmar
Mary..............................................................Lesley Woods
                                      Jan Miner
Inspector Faraday.............................................Maurice Tarplin
                                      Richard Lane
                                      Frank Orth
Shorty............................................................Tony Barrett
Announcer.......................................................Larry Elliott

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Jeanne K. Harrison

WRITERS:
Kenny Lyons       Ralph Rosenberg

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 47
OPENING:
ANNCR: Boston Blackie! Friend of those who need a friend; enemy to those who make him an enemy!

Radio fans have frequently debated the question of whether or not Chester Morris played Boston Blackie on radio in addition to his role in the movies. As the cast list indicates, Morris actually did originate the radio character, playing the part as a summer replacement for AMOS 'N' ANDY.

BOX 13
Adventure

CAST:
Dan Holiday.............................................. Alan Ladd

BRAVE TOMORROW
Serial Drama

CAST:
Louise Lambert............................. Jeannette Dowling
Hal Lambert............................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Jean Lambert............................. Nancy Douglass
Marty Lambert............................. Jone Allison
Phil Barnes............................. Carl Eastman
Brad Forbes............................. Frank Lovejoy
Whit Davis............................. House Jameson

WRITER:
Ruth A. Knight

BREAK THE BANK
Quiz

CAST:
M.C................................................. John Reed King
Bert Parks
Clayton "Bud" Collyer

DIRECTOR:
Jack Rubin

WRITERS:
Joseph Kane  Walt Framer  Jack Rubin
BREAKFAST AT SARDI'S
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Tom Breneman
Assistant ................................................. Bobby, a Filipino busboy

Prizes were awarded for the tallest, fattest, etc. in the audience.
M.C. Tom Breneman often tried on hats of female guests for a gag.

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THE BREAKFAST CLUB
Variety

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Don McNeill
Sam (Fiction and Fact from Sam's Almanac) ........................................ Sam Cowling
Aunt Fanny, a country character who dispensed gossip and stories. Her theme—"She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" ............................................................................................................................ Fran Allison
Fibber McGee and Molly .................................. Jim and Marian Jordan
Mr. Wimple .......................................................... Bill Thompson
The Three Romeos ............................................ Sam Cowling
                               Gil Jones
                               Louie Perkins
                               Boyce Smith (replacement)
The Vagabonds .............................................. Ray "Pappy" Grant
                                       Robert O'Neil
                                       John Jordan
                                       Norval Taborn
The Cadets ....................................................... Al Stracke
                                           Carl Scheibe
                                           Jack Halloran
                                           Homer Snodgrass
                                           Bob Childe
                                           Reo Fletcher
                                           Arnold Isolany
                                           Sam Thompson
The Merry Macs .............................. Cheri McKay and the McMichaels (Joe McMichael, Judd McMichael and Ted McMichael) 
Morin Sisters and the Ranch Boys .................. Marge Morin
                                           Pauline Morin
                                           Evelyn Morin
                                           Jack Ross
                                           Hubert "Shorty" Carson
                                           Joe "Curley" Bradley
Solo Vocalists ................................................. Jack Owens (the Cruising Crooner, sang as he wandered through the audience)
THE BREAKFAST CLUB (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Jack Baker (The Louisiana Lark)
Johnny Johnston
Johnny Desmond
Clark Dennis
Dick Teela
Johnny Thompson
Edna O'Dell
Annette King
Eugenie Baird
Patsy Lee
Nancy Martin
Helen Jane Behlke
Evelyn Lynne
Mildred Stanley
Ilene Woods
Marion Mann

The Escorts and Betty........................................ Betty Olson
Ted Claire
Cliff Petersen
Floyd Holm

Douglas Craig, accompanist and arranger

Orchestra....................................................... Walter Blaufuss
Harry Kogen
Rex Maupin
Joe Gallichio
Eddie Ballantine

Announcer....................................................... Charles Irving
Don Dowd
Bob Brown
Durward Kirby
Bob McKee
Fred Kasper
Bob Murphy
Franklyn Ferguson
Louis Roen
Ken Nordine

Also.............................................................. Russell Pratt
Gale Page

DIRECTOR:
Cliff Petersen

OPENING THEME:
"Good morning breakfast clubbers
Good morning to yah
We got up bright and early
Just to how-dy-do yah."

DAILY FEATURES:
The march around the breakfast table.

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THE BREAKFAST CLUB (Cont.)

The morning prayer:  "Each in his own words,
Each in his own way
For a world united in peace
Bow your heads, and let us pray."

The show was originally called THE PEPPER POT. McNeill became the M.C. on June 23, 1933, and changed the title to THE BREAKFAST CLUB.

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BREAKFAST IN HOLLYWOOD
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.........................................................Tom Breneman
Jack McElroy

DIRECTORS:
Jessie Butcher John Masterson John Nelson

WRITER:
Vance Colvig

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BREEN AND DEROSE
Music and Talk

CAST:
Featuring.........Peter DeRose, composer of "Deep Purple"
May Singhi Breen, his wife
Announcer.................................Don Lowe

Peter gave his wife a fresh orchid every day.

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BRENDA CURTIS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Brenda Curtis.................................Vicki Vola
Jim Curtis.................................Hugh Marlowe
The mother-in-law.........................Agnes Moorehead
Also................................Helen Choate
Michael Fitzmaurice

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BRENT HOUSE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Portia Brent..............................Georgia Backus
Jane ................................Florence Baker
BRENT HOUSE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Nancy.................................................. Lurene Tuttle
Peter.................................................. Larry Nunn
Martha Young Dudley......................... Margaret Brayton
Lance Dudley........................................ Wally Maher
Nora Mawson........................................ Jane Morgan
Gabrielle Faure.................................... Anne Stone
Daphne Royce........................................ Naomi Stevens
Michael............................................. Frederic MacKaye
Steve Dirk.......................................... Al Cameron
Dr. Norfolk......................................... Gavin Gordon
Philip West.......................................... Ben Alexander
Joe Edwards........................................ Edward Archer
Driz Gump.......................................... Grant Bayliss
Jay..................................................... Jack Zoller

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BREWSTER BOY

See THAT BREWSTER BOY.

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BRIDE AND GROOM
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C..................................................... John Nelson

DIRECTORS:
John Nelson  John Reddy  Edward Feldman
John Masterson

WRITER:
John Reddy

Weddings were actually performed on BRIDE AND GROOM. The couples were showered with gifts for taking part.

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BRIGHT HORIZON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Michael West....................................... Joe Julian
Carol West.......................................... Sammie Hill
Ruth Wayne.......................................... Alice Frost
Bobby................................................ Ronald Liss
Barbara............................................. Renee Terry
Keith Richards..................................... Lon Clark
Margaret Anderson McCarey.................. Lesley Woods
BRIGHT HORIZON (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Charles McCarey.................................................Dick Keith
Ted.................................................................Jackie Grimes
Cezar Benedict..................................................Stefan Schnabel
Lily.................................................................Alice Goodkin
Mrs. Anderson.................................................Irene Hubbard
Bonnie.............................................................Audrey Totter
Larry Halliday..................................................Frank Lovejoy
Penny...............................................................Will Geer
Also...............................................................Santos Ortega
        Sid Slon
        Chester Stratton
Announcer.......................................................Marjorie Anderson

DIRECTORS:
Henry Hull Jr.       Day Tuttle

WRITERS:
John M. Young       Stuart Hawkins       Kathleen Norris

ORGANIST:
John Gart

BRIGHT HORIZON evolved from the Michael West character on BIG SISTER. The character of Ruth Wayne, played by Alice Frost, was heard only on the initial broadcasts to help establish the story. BRIGHT HORIZON debuted August 1941.

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THE BRIGHTER DAY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Liz Dennis.......................................................Margaret Draper
        Grace Matthews
Richard Dennis (Poppa)......................................Bill Smith
Althea Dennis..................................................Jay Meredith
Barbara (Bobby).................................................Lorna Lynn
Grayling Dennis..............................................Billy Redfield
Patsy.............................................................Pat Hosley
Jerry............................................................John Raby
Cliff Sebastian..............................................John Larkin
French Girl.....................................................Charlotte Manson
Sandra Talbot..................................................Ann Hilary
Also.............................................................Bob Pollock
        Joan Alexander
        Judith Lockser
        Joe Di Santis

PRODUCER:
David Lesan
THE BRIGHTER DAY (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:
Ted Corday    Ed Wolfe

WRITERS:
Irna Phillips    Orin Tovrov

The story took place in the town of Three Rivers.

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BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE
Adventure

CAST:
Starring......................... Frank Buck, animal handler
and jungle adventurer

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BRINGING UP FATHER
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Jiggs.........................................................Neil O'MaFley
Mark Smith
Maggie..............................................Agnes Moorehead
Nora, their daughter..............................Helen Shields
Joan Banks
Dinty Moore............................................Craig McDonnell

BRINGING UP FATHER was based on the comic strip characters
created by George McManus.

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BROWNSTONE THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Leading roles...........................................Jackson Beck
Gertrude Warner
Narrator...............................................Clayton Hamilton
Musical director.....................................Sylvan Levin

DIRECTOR:
Jock MacGregor

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CAST:

Buck Rogers...........................................Matt Crowley
Curtis Arnall
Carl Frank
John Larkin

Wilma Deering........................................Adele Romson
Ardala Valmar, the villainess......................Elaine Melchior
Doctor Huer...........................................Edgar Stehli
Buddy..................................................Ronald Liss
Black Barney..........................................Jack Roseleigh
Joe Granby

Killer Kane...........................................Bill Shelley
Dan Ocko
Arthur Vinton

Willie, Barney's child protege.......................Junius Matthews
Walter Tetley

Also..................................................Everett Sloane
Paul Stewart
Henry Gurvey
Dwight Weist
Walter Greaza
Fred Uttal
Walter Vaughn
Alice Frost
Vicki Vola
John Monks
Frank Readick
Eustace Wyatt

Announcer.............................................Fred Uttal
Paul Douglas
Jack Johnstone

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR-WRITER:
Jack Johnstone

WRITERS:
Joe A. Cross    Albert G. Miller    Dick Calkins

OPENING:
SOUND:       THUNDER ROLL ON DRUM
ANNCR:       (WITH ECHO EFFECT) Buck Rogers in the 25th Century!

This program was based on the comic strip created by John Dille. It was first on the air from 1931 to 1939; during that period much occurred on the program that seemed fanciful at the time but which now seems plausible and even commonplace. Dr. Huer invented such things as the psychic restriction ray, the teleradioscope, the atomic disintegrator, the molecular expander and contractor beams, radio transmission of power, force rays, ultrasonic death rays, robot
BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25th CENTURY (Cont.)

rocket ships with "radio-vision" transmitters, the mechanical mole for burrowing deep into the earth, etc., etc.

Listeners could become "Solar Scouts" by responding to premium offers and could also receive such items as "Planetary Maps" and sketches of the principal characters by sending in "two inches of the strip of tin that comes off a can of Cocomalt when you open it."

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BUD BARTON

See THE BARTON FAMILY.

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BULLDOG DRUMMOND
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Captain Hugh "Bulldog" Drummond.............. George Coulouris
Santos Ortega
Ned Wever

Denny, Drummond's assistant...................... Everett Sloane
Luis Van Rooten
Rod Hendrickson

Also................................................. Agnes Moorehead
Paul Stewart
Ray Collins

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

WRITERS:
Edward J. Adamson Leonard Leslie Jay Bennett
Allan E. Sloane

OPENING:
SOUND: FOG HORN BLAST, FOOTSTEPS, TOLLING OF BIG BEN
ANNCR: Out of the fog...out of the night...and into his American adventures...comes...Bulldog Drummond!

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BURBIG'S SYNCOPATED HISTORY
Comedy

CAST:
Host..............................................Henry Burbig

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BURNS AND ALLEN
Comedy

CAST:
Starring..........................George Burns and Gracie Allen,
husband and wife comedy team
The Happy Postman.................................Mel Blanc
Tootsie Stagwell.................................Elvia Allman
Mrs. Billingsley.................................Margaret Brayton
Muriel........................................Sara Berner
Waldo........................................Dick Crenna
Herman, the duck...............................Clarence Nash
Vocalist........................................Jimmy Cash
Dick Foran
Orchestra...............................Ray Noble
Paul Whiteman
Announcer..............................Harry Von Zell
Jimmy Wallington

DIRECTORS:
Ralph Levy       Al Kaye       Ed Gardner

WRITERS:
Paul Henning       Keith Fowler       Harmon J. Alexander
Henry Garson       Aaron J. Ruben       Helen Gould Harvey

THEME:
"Love Nest"
See also THE ROBERT BURNS PANATELA PROGRAM.

BUSTER BROWN
Children
BUSTER BROWN, based on the comic strip by R. F. Outcault, went
on radio in 1929. The story centered around the little boy Buster
and his dog Tige.

BY KATHLEEN NORRIS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kathleen Norris, narrator..........................Ethel Everett
Also.............................................Helen Shields
Anne Teeman
Joan Banks
James Meighan
Irene Hubbard
House Jameson
Chester Stratton
Teresa Dale
Eleanor Audley
Nancy Sheridan

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 57
This program adapted stories by Kathleen Norris. Among the best remembered adaptations was "Mother" featuring Irene Hubbard in the title role.

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CALL THE POLICE
Adventure

CAST:
Bill, the Police Captain........................George Petrie
The girl assistant..............................Amzie Strickland
Police Sgt......................................Robert Dryden

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
John Cole

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THE CALLAHANS
Music

CAST:
Featuring........................................Ethel Owen
Jack Arthur
Orchestra.........................................Van Alexander

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CALLING ALL DETECTIVES
Mystery

CAST:
Robin, the narrator............................Vincent Pelletier
Neil Fowler......................................Frank Lovejoy
Toby................................................Owen Jordan

Listeners were awarded prizes for solving mysteries on CALLING ALL DETECTIVES.

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CAMEL CARAVAN

This title was given to a number of programs sponsored by Camel cigarettes. Some were quiz shows and others were variety shows. THE CAMEL COMEDY CARAVAN in 1943, for instance, featured Freddie Rich's Orchestra, Connie Haines, Herb Shriner and M.C. Jack Carson. Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore also starred on THE CAMEL COMEDY CARAVAN as a comedy duo.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 59
CAMPBELL PLAYHOUSE
Drama

This drama series featured radio adaptations of famous books. Orson Welles did the adaptations which included:

“A Farewell to Arms” by Ernest Hemingway starring Katharine Hepburn
“The Glass Key” by Dashiell Hammett
“Arrowsmith” by Sinclair Lewis
“State Fair” starring Amos ‘n’ Andy, Burgess Meredith and Phil Stong

The program was on the air in 1939.

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CANDID MICROPHONE
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Allen Funt
Raymond Edward Johnson

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Graham

People’s conversations were recorded using hidden microphones. The subjects were unaware that they were on CANDID MICROPHONE.

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CAN YOU TOP THIS?
Comedy Panel

CAST:
Joketeller......................................................... Peter Donald
Host............................................................... Ward Wilson
Panel............................................................ “Senator” Ed Ford
Harry Hershfield
Joe Laurie Jr.
Announcer...................................................... Charles Stark

DIRECTORS:
Alan Dingwall    Jay Clark    Roger Bower

OPENING:
SOUND:  AUDIENCE LAUGHTER UP FULL AND UNDER

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CAN YOU TOP THIS? (Cont.)

STARK: Can You Top This! Welcome to another laugh-hour, half-hour with Can You Top This...starring Senator Ford...

FORD: Good evening!

STARK: Harry Hershfield...

HERSHFIELD: Howdy!

STARK: Joe Laurie Junior...

LAURIE: Hel-lo!

STARK: And now, here's your master of ceremonies for Can You Top This, Ward Wilson.

WILSON: Thank you, Charles Stark. Can You Top This is unrehearsed and spontaneous and our top rule is "keep 'em laughing." Anyone can send in a joke and if your joke is told by our storytelling genius, Peter Donald, you get ten dollars. Each of the three wits tries to top it with another joke on the same subject. Each time they fail to top you, you get five dollars...so you have a chance to win as much as twenty-five dollars. But regardless of whether you win ten or twenty-five dollars you will receive a recording of Peter Donald telling your story on the air. Laughs are registered on the Can You Top This Laugh-Meter in full view of our studio audience and, in all cases, the decision of our judges is final.

CLOSING:

WILSON: And thus ends another laugh session of Can You Top This, originated by Senator Ford. Join us again next week — same time, same gang, other jokes, some new, some old. Until then, we remain yours for bigger and better laughs...

FORD: Senator Ford...

HERSHFIELD: Harry Hershfield...

LAURIE: Joe Laurie Junior...

DONALD: Peter Donald...

WILSON: Ward Wilson...

STARK: And Charles Stark. This is the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The "Laugh-Meter" (also known as the Colgate Laugh-Meter) was simply a volume control meter connected to the audience microphones. Senator Ford used Ditsy Bomwortle and Mrs. Fafoofnick as the central characters of his stories.

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THE CAPITOL FAMILY HOUR

See THE FAMILY HOUR.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 61
CAPTAIN DIAMOND
See THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN DIAMOND
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CAPTAIN FLAGG AND SERGEANT QUIRT
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Captain Flagg...........................................Victor McLaglen
William Gargan
Sergeant Quirt...........................................Edmund Lowe

This program was based on Maxwell Anderson's play "What Price Glory?".
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CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT
Adventure Serial

CAST:
Captain Midnight..............................................Ed Prentiss
Bill Bouchey
Paul Barnes
Joyce Ryan......................................................Angeline Orr
Marilou Neumayer
Chuck Ramsey.....................................................Bill Rose
Jack Bivens
Johnny Coons
Ichabod (Ichy) Mudd...........................................Hugh Studebaker
Art Hern
Sherman Marks
Ivan Shark......................................................Boris Aplon
Fury Shark (Ivan's daughter)..............................Rene Rodier
Sharon Grainger
Gardo............................................................Earl George
Dr. Glazer.......................................................Maurice Copeland
SS-11.............................................................Olan Soule
Announcer......................................................Pierre Andre
Don Gordon

DIRECTORS:
Kirby Hawkes    Russell Young

OPENING:
SOUND: GOING TOLLING MIDNIGHT; AIRPLANE SWOOPING DOWN
ANNCR: Cap.......tain.......Mid.......night!
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62 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
THE CARNATION CONTENTED HOUR
Music

CAST:
Featuring........................................Percy Faith’s Orchestra
Buddy Clark, vocalist
Reinhold Schmidt, bass
Josephine Antoine, soprano
Announcer........................................Vincent Pelletier

PRODUCER:
Harry K. Gilman

This long-running program of music was sponsored by the Carnation Milk Company.

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CAROL KENNEDY’S ROMANCE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Carol Kennedy..................................Gretchen Davidson
Kathy Prentice..................................Mitzi Gould
Gary Crandall.................................Gene Morgan
Peter Clarke....................................Edwin Jerome
Randy.............................................Elliott Reid
Dr. Owen Craig...............................Carleton Young

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THE CARTERS OF ELM STREET
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mr. Carter........................................Vic Smith
Mrs. Carter.....................................Virginia Payne
Mildred Carter Randolph......................Ginger Jones
Jess Carter......................................Billy Rose
Bernice Carter................................Ann Russell
Sid Randolph...................................Herb Nelson
Mattie Belle...................................Harriette Widmer

WRITER:
Mona Kent

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THE CASE BOOK OF GREGORY HOOD
Mystery

CAST:
Gregory Hood..................................Gale Gordon
Elliott Lewis
Jackson Beck

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 63
THE CASE BOOK OF GREGORY HOOD (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Paul McGrath
Martin Gabel
George Petrie
Bill Johnstone
John McGovern
Art Carney
Kathleen Cordell

Sandy............................................
Also............................................

DIRECTORS:
Martin Andrews          Lee Bolen

CASEY. CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER
Adventure

CAST:
Casey............................................ Staat's Cotsworth
Ann Williams................................. Alice Reinheart
Betty Furness
Jone Allison
Lesley Woods
Jan Miner

Ethelbert, the bartender.................. John Gibson

Police Captain Logan...................... Jackson Beck
Bernard Lenrow

Also............................................ Jack Hartley
John Griggs
Bryna Raeburn
Art Carney
Robert Dryden

Orchestra...................................... Archie Bleyer
Pianist........................................ Herman Chittison
Teddy Wilson

Announcer..................................... Bob Hite

DIRECTOR:
John Dietz

WRITERS:
Alonzo Dean Cole      Harry and Gail Ingram
Milton J. Kramer

OPENING:
SOUND: DOUBLE CLICK OF CAMERA SHUTTER
CASEY: Got it! Look for it in The Morning Express!

THE CASS DALEY SHOW

See THE FITCH BANDWAGON.

64 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
THE CATHOLIC HOUR
Religion

THE CATHOLIC HOUR presented guest speakers and music of the Church. It was first heard on NBC in 1929.

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CAVALCADE OF AMERICA
Drama

CAST:
Featuring.........................................................Jack Smart
                                               Edwin Jerome
                                               Agnes Moorehead
                                               John McIntire
                                               Jeanette Nolan
                                               Bill Johnstone
                                               Bill Adams
                                               Frank Readick
                                               Raymond Edward Johnson
                                               Paul Stewart
                                               Orson Welles
                                               Staats Cotsworth
                                               Joseph Cotten
                                               Ray Collins
                                               Ted de Corsia
                                               Ted Jewett
                                               Everett Sloane
                                               Luis Van Rooten

Orchestra..............................................Donald Voorhees
Announcer..............................................Clayton "Bud" Collyer

PRODUCER:
Roger Pryor

DIRECTORS:
John Zoller      Paul Stewart      Homer Fickett      Bill Sweets

HISTORICAL CONSULTANT:
Dr. Frank Monaghan

WRITERS:
Virginia Radcliffe  Stuart Hawkins  Ben Kagan
Peter Lyon    Arthur Miller     Paul Peters
Norman Rosten  Edith R. Sommer  Robert Tallman
Milton Wayne   Russ Hughes

ORGANIST:
Rosa Rio

CAVALCADE OF AMERICA, sponsored by DuPont, presented dramatizations of American history. The program started in 1935.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE  /  65
THE CBS CHURCH OF THE AIR
Religion

This Sunday morning CBS broadcast was first heard nationally in 1931.

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CBS IS THERE
Drama

See YOU ARE THERE.

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CENTRAL CITY
Drama

CAST:
Emily Olson.......................... Elspeth Eric
Robert Shallenberger................. Myron McCormick

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CHALLENGE OF THE YUKON
Adventure

CAST:
Sgt. Preston.......................... Jay Michaels
                                      Paul Sutton
Announcer........................................ Bob Hite

CREATOR:
Fran Striker

DIRECTOR:
Al Hodge

These stories featured Sgt. Preston and his dog Yukon King.

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THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LOWER BASIN STREET
Music and Satirical Commentary

CAST:
Commentator.................................. Milton Cross
                                      Gene Hamilton
Dr. Giacomo.................................. Jack McCarthy
Vocalists.................................. Diane Courtney
                                      Dinah Shore
                                      Jane Pickens
                                      Lena Horne
Orchestras.................................. Paul LaValle
                                      Henry Levine
Also.................................. Ernest Chappell
                                      Jimmy Blair
THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LOWER BASIN STREET

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CREATOR-WRITER:
Welbourne Kelley

WRITERS:
Jay Sommers    Jack McCarthy

THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LOWER BASIN STREET, which debuted February 11, 1940, featured swing music with a tongue-in-cheek commentary in the long-hair style. It was dedicated to "The Three B's - Barrelhouse, Boogie-Woogie and The Blues." There were some 14 musicians who doubled between such groups as Henry "Hot-Lips" Levine's Dixieland Octet ("The Barefoot Philharmonic") and Paul LaValle's Double Woodwind Quintet ("The Woodwindy Ten"). Henry Levine was also known as "The Gabriel of The Gowanus." Among the guests who appeared on the program were the duo-piano team of Henry Brant and Richard Baldwin who played the first swing treatment of Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and harpsichordist Sylvia Marlowe who played Mozart's "Turkish March" which was re-titled "Old Man Mozart on the Mooch."

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Quiz

CAST:
M.C..................................................John Reed King

DIRECTOR:
Charles T. Harrell

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CHANDU THE MAGICIAN

Adventure

CAST:
Chandu.................................................Jason Robards Sr.
Gayne Whitman
Howard Hoffman
Tom Collins

Also.................................................Olan Soule
Margaret MacDonald
Cornelia Osgood
Audrey McGrath
Leon Janney
Ian Martin
Bryna Raeburn

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CHANDU THE MAGICIAN (Cont.)

PRODUCER:
Cyril Armbrister

DIRECTOR:
Blair Walliser

WRITERS:
Sam Dann  Vera Oldham

This series was based on material created by Harry A. Earnshaw. In the story, Chandu was actually an American secret agent, Frank Chandler, who picked up the ancient arts of the occult from a Hindu yogi and used the supernatural power to combat evil-doers.

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CHAPLAIN JIM
Drama

CAST:
Chaplain Jim.............................................John Lund
Announcer................................................George Ansbro

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
Richard Leonard  Martha Atwell

WRITER:
Lawrence Klee

CHAPLAIN JIM was a World War II series; the adventures were based on actual battle experiences.

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CHARLIE AND JESSIE
Comedy

CAST:
Charlie..................................................Donald Cook
Jessie....................................................Diane Bourbon
Announcer.............................................Florence Lake

WRITER:
Red Cooper

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CHARLIE CHAN
Mystery

CAST:
Charlie Chan.................................................Walter Connolly
           Ed Begley
           Santos Ortega
Number One Son...........................................Leon Janney
Announcer..................................................Dorian St. George

PRODUCER-DIRECTORS:
Alfred Bester   Chick Vincent

WRITERS:
Alfred Bester   John Cole
Judith Bublick  James Erthein

This mystery series featuring the Chinese detective was based on characters created by E. D. Biggers. Although many people associate only Ed Begley and Santos Ortega with the title role, extensive research proved that Walter Connolly also played Charlie Chan.

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CHARLIE WILD, PRIVATE EYE
Detective

CAST:
Charlie Wild..............................................George Petrie
McCoy, Charlie’s assistant..............................Peter Hobbs

DIRECTOR:
Carlo De Angelo

This series was the successor to SAM SPADE.

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THE CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring....................................................Charlotte Greenwood
Also.............................................................John Brown
                      Harry Bartell
                      Will Wright

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THE CHASE AND SANBORN HOUR
Comedy-Variety

THE CHASE AND SANBORN HOUR started as an all-music show in 1928. Chase and Sanborn hired Maurice Chevalier at the unheard of price of $5,000 a week to star on the show. Later Eddie Cantor took over the broadcast and it became the top rated radio program in the country for several years. Abbott K. Spencer was the director. The head writer was David Freedman with help from Bob Colwell, Phil Rapp, Everett Freeman, Carroll Carroll, Sam

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Moore and many others. It was produced by the J. Walter Thompson Co. When Cantor took time off in the summer, the show went on with other comedy stars such as Jimmy Durante and Bert Lahr. It was finally taken over by Edgar Bergen.

See also THE EDDIE CANTOR SHOW and THE EDGAR BERGEN AND CHARLIE MCCARTHY SHOW.

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THE CHESTERFIELD SUPPER CLUB

Music

CAST:
Singers........................................Perry Como
Mary Ashworth
Don Cornell
Dick Edwards
Laura Leslie
Bill Lawrence
Kay Starr
Jo Stafford
The Fontane Sisters
The Satisfiers (Art Lambert, Helen Carroll, Bob Lange, Kevin Gavin)
The Pied Pipers
Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians

Orchestras....................................Ted Steele
Sammy Kaye
Mitchell Ayres
Glenn Miller
Lloyd Schaefer

Announcer..................................Paul Douglas
Martin Block

DIRECTORS:
Ward Byron Eldridge Packham

WRITERS:
Frank Moore Dave Harmon

THEMES:
“A Cigarette, Sweet Music and You” “Smoke Dreams”

One of the non-music segments of the program was the reading of the baseball scores. A high note was sounded by the orchestra following the score of the winning team...a low dismal note was played after the loser’s score. If the victorious team scored an exceptional number of runs, the note was played with extra enthusiasm.

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CHICK CARTER, BOY DETECTIVE
Detective

CAST:
Chick Carter (adopted son of detective Nick Carter)....................Billy Lipton
Leon Janney
Sue.................................................................Jean McCoy
Joanne McCoy (Jean's sister)
Tex.................................................................Gilbert Mack
The Rattler....................................................Stefan Schnabel
Rufus Lash.......................................................Bill Griffis

DIRECTOR:
Fritz Blocki

WRITERS:
Fritz Blocki    Nancy Webb
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CHICKEN EVERY SUNDAY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Featuring..........................................................Billie Burke
Harry Von Zell

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUR
Talent

CAST:
Host.................................................................Milton Cross
Featuring.......................................................Rise Stevens
Ann Blyth
Peter Donald
Billy Halop
Florence Halop
Jimmy McCullion
The Mauch Twins (Bobby and Billy)
Walter Tetley

This program featured many child actors who later became adult stars. It later became COAST-TO-COAST ON A BUS.

See also COAST-TO-COAST ON A BUS and THE HORN AND HARDART CHILDREN'S HOUR.

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CHRISTOPHER WELLS

See THE ADVENTURES OF CHRISTOPHER WELLS.

*CIMARRON TAVERN*
Drama

CAST:
Joe Barton..........................Chester Stratton
Star Travis..........................Paul Conrad
Announcer..........................Bob Hite

DIRECTOR:
John Dietz

WRITER:
Felix Holt

*THE CIRCLE*
Variety-Discussion

CAST:
M.C.’s...........................................Ronald Colman
Madeleine Carroll
Cary Grant
Carole Lombard
Groucho Marx
Basil Rathbone
Chico Marx

DIRECTOR:
Cal Kuhl

WRITERS:
George Faulkner    Dick Mack    Carroll Carroll

Although THE CIRCLE ran only a few months, it became the most talked about failure in all radio. The concept was the forerunner of the discussion-panel-entertainment shows which many years later became popular on late night television. The M.C. duties rotated among the all-star cast. They talked about current events, literature, drama......they acted, recited, played music and told jokes. In short, it was way ahead of its day.

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CIRCUS DAYS
Drama

CAST:
Featuring........................................ Jack Roseleigh
Wally Maher
Elizabeth Council
Bruce Evans

CIRCUS NIGHT
Variety

CAST:
Featuring........................................ Joe Cook, comedian
Tim and Irene, comedy team
(Tim Ryan and Irene Noblette)
Singers........................................... Lucy Monroe
Peg La Centra

THE CISCO KID
Adventure

CAST:
The Cisco Kid..................................... Jackson Beck
Jack Mather
Pancho............................................ Louis Sorin
Harry Lang
Mel Blanc

DIRECTORS:
Jock MacGregor   Jeanne K. Harrison   Fred Levings

WRITERS:
John Sinn   Ralph Rosenberg   Kenny Lyons

OPENING:
THE CISCO KID: Of all the senoritas I have known...you are the most beautiful.
GIRL:   Oh, Cisco!
MUSIC:   UP FULL

THE CITIES SERVICE CONCERT
Music

CAST:
Featuring........................................ Jessica Dragonette
Lucille Manners
Ross Graham
Frank Banta and Milton Rettenberg,
     piano team
The Cavaliers Quartet

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THE CITIES SERVICE CONCERT (Cont.)

Rosario Bordon Orchestra
Paul Lavalle’s Band
Announcer...........................................Ford Bond

Many guests appeared on THE CITIES SERVICE CONCERT, among them Grantland Rice during the football season.

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CITY DESK
Drama

CAST:
Jack Winters..................................................James Meighan
Donald Briggs
Chester Stratton
Linda Webster....................................................Gertrude Warner
Caruso..........................................................Jimmy McCallion
Mrs. Cameron....................................................Ethel Owen
Dan Tobin......................................................Geoffrey Bryant

DIRECTORS:
Ken MacGregor Himan Brown

WRITERS:
Frank Dahm Frank Gould Stuart Hawkins

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CLARA, LU AND EM
Serial Drama

CAST:
Clara.........................................................Louise Starkey
Lu............................................................Isabel Carothers
Em..............................................................Helen King

This was one of radio’s early serial dramas . . . the story of three gossips. The parts were later played by Fran Harris, Dorothy Day and Harriet Allyn.

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CLAUDIA
Drama

CAST:
Claudia Naughton..............................................Patricia Ryan
Katherine Bard
David Naughton...............................................Richard Kolmar
Paul Crabtree

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CLAUDIA (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Mother.......................................................... Jane Seymour
Mrs. Brown..................................................... Frances Starr

This program was also known as CLAUDIA AND DAVID.

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CLICHE CLUB
Panel Quiz

CAST:
Panel............................................................. Walter Kiernan
.................................................. Edward Hill
.................................................. Alice Rogers
.................................................. Carol Lynn Gillmer
.................................................. Frederick Lewis Allen

Announcer..................................................... Les Griffith

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THE CLICQUOT CLUB ESKIMOS
Music

This program featured the music of Harry Reser, banjoist-
orchestra leader. The theme, composed by Reser, was "The Clic-
quot March."

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CLOAK AND DAGGER
Drama

CAST:
The Hungarian Giant.......................... Raymond Edward Johnson
Impy the Midget................................. Gilbert Mack

DIRECTOR:
Sherman Marks

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CLUB FIFTEEN
Music

CAST:
Host............................................................ Bob Crosby
Vocalists..................................................... Jo Stafford
.................................................. Margaret Whiting
.................................................. Patti Clayton
.................................................. Evelyn Knight
Orchestras............................................... Bob Crosby's Bobcats
.................................................. Jerry Gray
Vocal groups................................. The Andrews Sisters (Patty,
.................................................. Maxene and LaVerne)
CLUB FIFTEEN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

The Modernaires (see “Personalities”)  
Announcer.................................................Del Sharbutt

DIRECTORS:  
Cal Kuhl    Ace Ochs

WRITER:  
Carroll Carroll

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CLUB MATINEE  
Variety

CAST:  
Featuring.............................................Garry Moore  
Ransom Sherman (who was also radio’s “Hap Hazard”)  
Durward Kirby  
Bill Short, bass player who spoke pure Brooklynese  
The Three Romeos (Louie Perkins, Sam Cowling, Gil Jones)

Vocalists...............................................Johnny Johnston  
Evelyn Lynne

Orchestra.............................................Rex Maupin

WRITER:  
Ransom Sherman

One of the best-remembered features of CLUB MATINEE was the famous out-of-tune orchestra that played such familiar selections as The William Tell Overture in an off-beat, off-key arrangement.

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THE CLYDE BEATTY SHOW  
Drama

This program dramatized incidents in the life of animal trainer Clyde Beatty.

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COAST-TO-COAST ON A BUS  
Children

CAST:  
Conductor.............................................Milton Cross
The Lady Next Door........................................Madge Tucker
Mumsy Pig............................................Audrey Egan
CAST: (Cont.)

Also..............................................Gwen Davies (Estelle Levy)
Jackie Kelk
Susan Robinson
Niels Robinson
Lawrence Robinson
Carmina Cansino
Jean Harris
Diana Jean Donnenwirth
Edwin Bruce
Bill Lipton
Billy Redfield
Ronald Liss
Pam Prescott
Jeanne Elkins
Billy and Bobby Mauch
Ann Blyth
Michael O'Day
Renee and Joy Terry
Jimmy McCallion
Tommy Hughes
Donald Kelly
John Bates
Peter Fernandez
Bob Hastings
Laddie Seaman
Eddy Wragge
Joan Tetzel

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR-WRITER:
Madge Tucker

ASSISTANTS TO MISS TUCKER:
Ethel Hart, Hilda Norton

DIRECTOR:
Tom DeHuff

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Walter Fleischer

This program was the successor to THE CHILDREN'S HOUR. It opened with the sounding of a bus horn...then the opening voice (usually Michael O'Day, Ronald Liss or Jackie Kelk) said: "The White Rabbit Line...Jumps Anywhere, Anytime." Then the children all sang the theme song..."On the Sunny Side of the Street."

See also THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.

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THE COLGATE SPORTS NEWSREEL STARRING BILL STERN
Sports

THE COLGATE SPORTS NEWSREEL STARRING BILL STERN was one of the most successful and most listened to shows in radio history. Sportscaster Bill Stern dramatized events in the lives of sports heroes as well as people whose lives were somehow related to sports. The stories were often capped by Stern's comment... "Portrait of an athlete" or "Portrait of a man." THE SPORTS NEWSREEL was on the air from September 1939 to June 1951 once a week and earned consistently high ratings. Stern was also famous for his coverage of countless sports events including football bowl games, National Football League championships, tennis, golf, basketball, horse racing, crew racing, hockey, track and field (including the 1936 Berlin Olympics and the 1948 London Olympics), fishing, bowling, skiing, rodeo and boxing (including most of Joe Louis' title fights). He also, of course, covered baseball though he never broadcast a World Series.

DIRECTORS:
Chuck Kebbe  Maurice Robinson  Joseph Mansfield

WRITER:
Mac Davis

ORIGINAL MUSIC:
Murray Ross

THEME:
"Bill Stern the Colgate Shave Cream Man is on the air
Bill Stern the Colgate man with stories rare
Take his advice and you'll look nice
Your face will feel as cool as ice
With Colgate Rapid Shaving Cream."

CLOSING:
STERN: And that's our three-o mark for tonight!
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THE COLLIER HOUR
Variety

CAST:
Editor.........................................................Jack Arthur
                                  Arthur Hughes
                                  Phil Barrison
Orchestra..................................................Ernest LaPrade
Also..........................................................Bill Adams
                                  John B. Kennedy
                                  Joseph Bell

PRODUCER:
Malcolm LaPrade

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THE COLLIER HOUR (Cont.)

DIRECTOR:
Colonel Davis

THE COLLIER HOUR, sponsored by Collier's Magazine, was one of radio's earliest variety programs. One of the most popular segments was a serialization of FU MANCHU, based on the character created by Sax Rohmer. Arthur Hughes played the title role.

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COLUMBIA PRESENTS CORWIN
Drama

This drama series broadcast in 1944 presented various radio plays written, produced and directed by Norman Corwin. Casts for some of the plays:

"Untitled"
Hank Peters.............................. Fredric March
Mrs. Peters............................. Charme Allen
Music teacher.......................... Hester Sondergaard
Editor................................. Kermit Murdock
Nazi..................................... Michael Ingram
Also..................................... Robert Dryden

"El Capitan and the Corporal"
The Corporal, Cal........................ Joseph Julian
Betty.................................... Katherine Locke
Fat Man.................................. Kermit Murdock
Traveling Minnesinger.................. Burl Ives
Miriam Maizlish........................ Minerva Pious
Also..................................... Robert Dryden

"Savage Encounter"
Pilot................................... Carl Frank
Ara...................................... Joan Alexander
Native.................................. Arnold Moss
Prosecutor............................. Norman Corwin

"You Can Dream, Inc."
V.P. in Charge of Sales............... John Griggs
Esthete................................ Ralph Bell
Minnie.................................. Minerva Pious
Dad...................................... Samuel Raskyn
Steve.................................. Joseph Julian
Blonde................................. Ruth Gilbert
Robert Trout.......................... Himself
Harry Marble........................... Himself
"Moat Farm Murder"
Dougal ............................................. Charles Laughton
Cecile ............................................. Elsa Lanchester

"New York: A Tapestry for Radio"
Narrator ........................................... Martin Gabel
Orson Welles

"There Will Be Time Later"
Soliloquist ........................................ House Jameson
Teacher ............................................. Hester Sondergaard

THE COLUMBIA WORKSHOP
Drama

THE COLUMBIA WORKSHOP, as its name implies, was a workshop for unknowns and for newcomers to radio. Many prominent actors appeared as well as up and coming young performers, writers, directors and producers. Among the writers whose works were featured were William Saroyan, Archibald MacLeish ("Fall of the City"), Lord Dunsany ("The Use of Man"), Irving Reis ("Meridian 7-1212" — Reis was also a founder of THE COLUMBIA WORKSHOP), Wilbur Daniel Steele ("A Drink of Water"), Ambrose Bierce, Dorothy Parker ("Apartment to Let") and Norman Corwin. Among the production personnel were Orson Welles, William N. Robson, Max Wylie, Douglas Coulter and Davidson Taylor.

COMMUNITY SING
Music

CAST:
Featuring ............................................. Billy Jones and Ernie Hare
Tommy Cecil Mack ("Who's excited??!!")

CONCERT IN RHYTHM
Music

CAST:
Orchestra Leader .... Raymond Scott (brother of Mark Warnow)

THE CONTENTED HOUR

See THE CARNATION CONTENTED HOUR.

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CORLISS ARCHER

See MEET CORLISS ARCHER.

CORRECTION PLEASE
Quiz

CAST:
M.C............................................................. Jim McWilliams

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO
Adventure

CAST:
The Count of Monte Cristo.........................Carleton Young
Rene...........................................................Parley Baer

DIRECTOR:
Jaime Del Valle

This program was based on the character created by Alexandre
Dumas.

COUNTERSPY
Adventure

CAST:
David Harding, Counterspy......................Don MacLaughlin
Peters, Harding’s assistant.....................Mandel Kramer

PRODUCER:
Phillips H. Lord

DIRECTORS:
Bill Sweets Robert Steen Victor Seydel
Marx Loeb Leonard Bass

WRITERS:
Phillips Lord John Roeburt Emile C. Tepperman
Jacqueline W. Trey Arva Everitt Peggy Lou Mayer
John Mole Palmer Thompson Stanley Niss
Edward J. Adamson Milton J. Kramer Morton Friedman

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR
Serial Drama

CAST:
The Country Doctor.................................Phillips H. Lord
COUNTY FAIR
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Win Elliott
Jack Bailey

DIRECTORS:
William Gernannt       John Hines       Lenie Harper
Leonard Carlton        Carl Young

WRITERS:
Martin Ragaway         Norman W. Hay     Ray Harvey
Peter Donald

This program featured stunts and prizes, often with a “country” theme. One contest, for instance, had a young farm boy lifting a bull calf each week until he could no longer pick him up.

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COUNTY SEAT
Serial Drama

CAST:
Doc Hackett, the country druggist............. Ray Collins
Jerry Whipple........................................... Cliff Carpenter
Billy Moorehead................................. Jackie Jordan
Sarah Whipple........................................ Charme Allen
Laura Paige........................................... Lucille Meredith
Dr. Abernathy........................................ Guy Repp
Dr. George Priestley............................... Luis Van Rooten

DIRECTOR:
Norman Corwin

WRITER:
Milton Geiger

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THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR
Drama

CAST:
Featuring.................................................... Olan Soule
Elinor Harriot
Jack Brinkley
Harold Vermilyea
Lillian Gish

DIRECTOR:
Kirby Hawkes

This Mutual program presented Olan Soule, Elinor Harriot and

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THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR (Cont.)

Jack Brinkley when it originated in Chicago...Harold Vermilyea and Lillian Gish were in the New York cast.

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THE COURT OF HUMAN RELATIONS
Human Interest

CAST:
Judge..........................................................Percy Hemus
Court Clerk..................................................Porter Hall
..........................................................Allyn Joslyn
..........................................................Brian Donlevy

DIRECTOR-WRITER:
Bill Sweets

Many of radio's top performers appeared on THE COURT OF HUMAN RELATIONS at one time or another; Van Heflin made his radio debut on the program.

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THE COURT OF MISSING HEIRS
Human Interest

CAST:
M.C..........................................................Jim Waters
Organist....................................................Rosa Rio

This program attempted to find the missing heirs to large and small fortunes.

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CRIME CLUES

See ENO CRIME CLUB.

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CRIME DOCTOR
Drama

CAST:
Dr. Benjamin Ordway......................................Ray Collins
..........................................................House Jameson
..........................................................Everett Sloane
..........................................................John McIntire

District Attorney Miller...............................Edgar Stehli
Harold Sayers...........................................Walter Vaughn
Inspector Ross..........................................Walter Greaza
Frieda and female "heavies"..............................Edith Arnold

DIRECTOR:
Paul Monroe

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Towards the end of the program the announcer would say: “Doctor Ordway will be back in exactly 47 seconds with the solution to tonight’s case.” Somehow the commercial always ran longer.

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**CRIME FIGHTERS**  
Adventure

**PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:**  
Wynn Wright

**WRITER:**  
Paul Milton

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**CROSSROADS**  
Serial Drama

**CAST:**
Ann...........................................................................Doris Kenyon

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**CROSSWORD QUIZ**  
Quiz

**CAST:**
Host........................................................................Allen Prescott

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**THE CUCKOO HOUR**  
Comedy

**CAST:**
Ambrose J. Weems..............................................Raymond Knight  
Mrs. George T. Pennyfeather..............................Adelina Thomason  
Also.................................................................Jack Arthur, singer  
Mary McCoy, singer  
Mary Hopple  
Ward Wilson  
Carl Matthews  
Sallie Belle Cox

Orchestra.........................................................Robert Armbruster

**WRITER:**  
Raymond Knight
THE CUCKOO HOUR (Cont.)

OPENING:

ANNCR: Good evening, friends — and what of it? The next fifteen minutes are to be devoted to a broadcast of The Cuckoo Hour, radio’s oldest network comedy program, and if you don’t think that’s something — well, maybe you’re right. The Cuckoos feature Raymond Knight, the radio humorist, as station KUKU’s Master of Ceremonies, and Ambrose J. Weems, and a lot of other disreputable characters. We now turn you over to station KUKU.

KNIGHT: Good evening, fellow pixies, this is Raymond Knight, the Voice of the Diaphragm e-nun-ciating.

FEATURE:

KNIGHT: There will be a brief pause, ladies and gentlemen, while we throw at you Mrs. Pennyfeather’s Personal Service for Perturbed People, in which Mrs. George T. Pennyfeather brings to you her weekly talks on “The Home and What To Do With It.”

THE CUCKOO HOUR was one of radio’s first comedy programs. Raymond Knight wrote, produced, directed and played in it from its inception on January 1, 1930, until 1938 when he “retired” to write plays.

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CURTAIN TIME
Drama

CAST:
Starring.............................................Harry Elders
Beryl Vaughn

DIRECTOR:
Norman Felton

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Joseph Gallichio

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DADDY AND ROLLO
Dialogue

CAST:
Daddy..................................................Craig McDonnell
Rollo, the son.....................................Georgie Ward
Donald Hughes

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DAN HARDING’S WIFE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mrs. Rhoda Harding (Dan’s wife)..............Isabel Randolph
Donna Harding.....................................Loretta Poynton
Dean Harding......................................Merrill Fugit
Mrs. Graham........................................Judith Lowry
Arnie Topper.......................................Carl Hanson
Eula Sherman......................................Margarette Shanna
Mr. Tiller..........................................Cliff Soubier
Mr. Gorham........................................Cliff Soubier
Margot Gorham..................................Templeton Fox
Mabel Klooner.....................................Templeton Fox
Fowler............................................Robert Griffin
Penny Latham.......................................Alice Goodkin
Jack Garland.....................................Willard Farnum
Stooge Lowe......................................Hugh Rowlands
Ralph Fraser......................................Herbert Nelson
Eva Foster.........................................Tommye Birch
Rex Kramer........................................Herb Butterfield
Announcer...........................................Les Griffith

WRITER:
Ken Robinson

Dan Harding’s wife was a widow; therefore the character of Dan Harding was not in the story.

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DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT
Adventure

CAST:
Starring............................................Brian Donlevy

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DANGEROUS PARADISE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Gail Brewster.......................................Elsie Hitz
Dan Gentry.........................................Nick Dawson

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**THE DANNY KAYE SHOW**
Comedy-Variety

**CAST:**
Starring........................................ Danny Kaye
Featuring....................................... Everett Sloane
Jim Backus
Butterfly McQueen
Goodman Ace
Everett Clark
Jane Cowl
Lionel Stander
Eve Arden
Joan Edwards
Rush Hughes

Mr. Average Radio Listener...................... Kenny Delmar
Orchestra........................................ David Terry
Harry James and His Musicmakers
Lyn Murray

Vocalists........................................ Four Clubmen
Announcer....................................... Dick Joy
Ken Niles

**DIRECTOR:**
Goodman Ace

**WRITERS:**
Goodman Ace Sylvia Fine

A running gag that was used with variations on **THE DANNY KAYE SHOW** went:

**ACTOR:** My brother-in-law is Irish.
**KAYE:** Oh, really?
**ACTOR:** No. O'Reilly.

**A DATE WITH JUDY**
Situation Comedy

**CAST:**
Judy Foster........................................... Dellie Ellis
Louise Erickson
Ann Gillis

Mitzi................................................ Louise Erickson
Randolph Foster, Judy's brother.............. Dix Davis
Oogie Pringle...................................... Harry Harvey
Richard Crenna

Mr. Foster (Melvyn)............................... Stanley Farrar
John Brown

Mrs. Foster (Dora)................................. Myra Marsh
Lois Corbett

Edgar.................................................. Barry Mineah
A DATE WITH JUDY (Cont.)

DIRECTOR:
Helen Mack

WRITERS:
Aleen Leslie
Sidney H. Fields

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DAVEY ADAMS, SON OF THE SEA
Drama

CAST:
Starring........................................... Franklin Adams
Announcer........................................... Olan Soule
Organist............................................ Eddie House

DIRECTOR:
Courtenay Savage

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DAVID HARUM
Serial Drama

CAST:
David Harum........................................ Wilmer Walter
Craig McDonnell
Cameron Prud'homme

Susan Price Wells................................ Peggy Allenby
Gertrude Warner
Joan Tompkins

Aunt Polly......................................... Charme Allen
Eva Condon

Charlie Cullom..................................... Paul Stewart
James Benson....................................... Bennett Kilpack
Zeke Swinney...................................... Arthur Maitland
Brian Wells........................................ Philip Reed
Donald Briggs

Tess Terwilliger.................................. Florence Lake
Lish Harum......................................... William Shelley
John Lennox........................................ Joe Curtin
Willy............................................... Billy Redfield
Clarissa Oakley.................................. Marjorie Davies
Claudia Morgan

Elsie Anderson.................................... Ethel Everett
Grandpa............................................. Junius Matthews
Mr. Finke.......................................... Ray Bramley
Henry Longacre.................................. Richard McKay
Mark Carter....................................... Paul Ford
Deacon Perkins................................... Roy Fant

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

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DAVID HARUM (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:
Ed King    John Buckwalter
Martha Atwell  Arthur Hanna

WRITERS:
Noel B. Gerson   Johanna Johnston    John DeWitt
Charles J. Gussman    Mary W. Reeves

THEME:
“Sunbonnet Sue” (hummed by Stanley Davis to his own guitar accompaniment)

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DENNIS DAY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Starring...........................................Dennis Day
Mildred Anderson..................................Betty Miles
                          Barbara Eiler
Mr. Anderson.....................................Dink Trout
Mrs. Anderson.................................Bea Benadaret
Mr. Willoughby.................................John Brown
Lustre-Creme Shampoo singer.....................Ken Carson

DIRECTOR:
Frank O’Connor

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DEADLINE DRAMA
Drama

CAST:
Featuring...........................................Irene Wicker
                          Joan Banks
                          Frank Lovejoy
                          Bob White

DIRECTOR:
Charles Martin

ORGANIST:
Rosa Rio

Listeners submitted twenty-word situations for which they were awarded United States Savings Bonds. The cast was given two minutes in which to improvise a story built around the situation; the dialogue was then ad-libbed. The “Mystery Theme” was composed by Rosa Rio.

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DEAR JOHN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Faith Chandler ........................................... Irene Rich
Noel Chandler ............................................ Ray Montgomery
Carol Chandler ........................................... Betty Moran
Violet Shane ............................................. Elaine Barrie
Josh Chandler ............................................ Norman Field
Michael Murry ........................................... Mel Ruick
Pamela ..................................................... Dellie Ellis
Lynn Reed ................................................ Howard Duff
Poindexter Brice ........................................ Janet Beecher
Judge ..................................................... J. Arthur Young
Jules Carlshorn ......................................... Gerald Mohr
Miles Novak ............................................. Tom Collins

DIRECTOR:
Bill Sweets

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DEATH VALLEY DAYS
Western Adventure

CAST:
The Old Ranger ...........................................Tim Daniel Frawley
           George Rand
           Harry Humphrey
           John MacBryde
The Old Prospector .................................. Harvey Hays
The Lonesome Cowboy ................................ John White
Bobby Keen ............................................. Edwin Bruce
Sheriff Mark Chase .................................. Robert Haag
Cassandra Drinkwater (Cousin Cassie) .......... Olyn Landick (a man)
Also ...................................................... Frank Butler
                                  Milton Herman
                                  Rosemarie Broncato
                                  Helen Claire
                                  Jack Arthur
                                  Jean King
                                  Geoffrey Bryant
Orchestra ............................................... Joseph Bonime

WRITERS:
Ruth Woodman  Ruth Adams Knight

ORIGINAL MUSIC FOR TRUMPET CALL: Joseph Bonime

These Western adventures debuted on radio in September 1930. In 1944 the program’s title was changed to DEATH VALLEY SHERIFF and in 1945 to THE SHERIFF.

See also THE SHERIFF.

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90 / RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE
THE DENNIS DAY SHOW

See A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DENNIS DAY.

DETECT AND COLLECT
Quiz

CAST:
M.C............................. Fred Uttal and Wendy Barrie
................................ Lew Lehr

DIRECTOR:
Walter Tibbals

WRITER:
Mildred Fenton

DICK DARING’S ADVENTURES
Adventure

CAST:
Dick Daring.................................................. Merrill Fugit
Coach Greatguy............................................ Donald Briggs

DICK HAYMES SHOW
Music

CAST:
Starring.................................................... Dick Haymes
Featuring.................................................... Helen Forrest, vocalist
Six Hits and a Miss, vocal group (see THE BOB HOPE SHOW)
Martha Tilton, vocalist
Orchestra..................................................... Gordon Jenkins
Mrs. Wilson.................................................. Cliff Arquette

DICK STEELE, BOY REPORTER
Adventure

CAST:
Dick Steele.................................................. Merrill Fugit

DICK TRACY
Adventure Serial

CAST:
Dick Tracy.................................................... Ned Wever

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CAST: (Cont.)

Matt Crowley
Barry Thomson
Andy Donnelly
Jackie Kelk
Junior Tracy
Matt Crowley
Barry Thomson
Andy Donnelly
Jackie Kelk
Pat Patton
Walter Kinsella
Chief Brandon
Howard Smith
Tess Trueheart
Helen Lewis
Tania
Beatrice Pons
Also
John Griggs
Mercedes McCambridge
Craig McDonnell
Gil Mack
James Van Dyk
Ralph Bell
Announcer
Don Gardiner
George Gunn
Dan Seymour
Ed Herlihy

DIRECTORS:
Mitchell Grayson
Charles Powers

WRITERS:
Sidney Slon
John Wray

This adventure serial was based on the comic strip created by Chester Gould.

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DIMENSION X
Science Fiction

CAST:
Featuring
Art Carney
Jack Grimes
Jack Lemmon
Santos Ortega
Norman Rose
Jackson Beck
Mandel Kramer
Peter Lazer
Joan Lazer
Larry Haines
Everett Sloane
Joan Alexander
Jan Miner
Claudia Morgan
Ralph Bell
Raymond Edward Johnson
Bryna Raeburn
Patricia Wheel

92 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
DIMENSION X (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Joyce Gordon
Ronald Liss
Announcer.................................Bob Warren
Fred Collins

DIRECTORS:
Danny Sutter Ed King Fred Weihe

WRITERS:
Ray Bradbury Earl Hamner Jr.

SOUND EFFECTS:
Sam Monroe
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DIMENSION X was later called X MINUS ONE. DIMENSION X was one of the first radio shows to be recorded on tape. Indeed, the technique was so primitive that one of the shows, “Mars Is Heaven,” had to be re-recorded three times because an NBC engineer, in the process of editing the show, erased the tape clean three times. As a result the performers were all paid the original fee for each re-recording.

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THE DO RE MI PROGRAM
Music

CAST:
Do.............................................Ann Balthy
Re............................................Mabel Ross
Mi.............................................Evelyn Ross

This singing trio was comprised of a blonde, a brunette and a redhead.

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DOC BARCLAY’S DAughters
Serial Drama

CAST:
Doc Barclay...............................Bennett Kilpack
Connie Barclay............................Elizabeth Reller
Mimi Barclay..............................Mildred Robin
Marge Barclay.............................Vivian Smolen
Clarabelle Higgins......................Janice Gilbert
Tom Clark.................................Albert Hayes

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DODSWORTH
Serial Drama

CAST:
Sam Dodsworth.............................................McKay Morris
Fran Dodsworth............................................Rosaline Greene

This program was based on the novel by Sinclair Lewis.

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DON WINSLOW OF THE NAVY
Adventure

CAST:
Don Winslow.................................................Bob Guilbert
Raymond Edward Johnson
Red Pennington............................................Edward Davison
John Gibson
Mercedes Colby..............................................Betty Lou Gerson
Lenore Kingston
Lotus..........................................................Betty Ito
Misty..........................................................Ruth Barth

DIRECTOR:
Ray Kremer

WRITERS:
Al Barker    Albert Aley

THEME:
“Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean”

SOUND EFFECTS:
Ray Kremer

This series was based on the comic strip by Frank Martinek.

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DOROTHY DIX ON THE AIR
Advice

CAST:
Dorothy Dix..................................................Barbara Winthrop

DIRECTOR:
Perry Lafferty

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THE DOROTHY LAMOUR PROGRAM
Variety

CAST:
Starring.......................................................Dorothy Lamour

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94 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
CAST:
Dot Horton................................. Florence Freeman
Will Horton................................. James Meighan
Dulcy........................................ Helene Dumas
Roger......................................... Allyn Joslyn
Mother Horton............................. Irene Hubbard
Prof. Knapp................................. Ralph Locke
Marietta..................................... Nora Stirling
Pete Sloan................................... Sidney Smith
Mother Aldridge............................ Effie Lawrence Palmer
Madge........................................ Rosemary De Camp
Julia.......................................... Peggy Allenby
Corinne...................................... Nora Stirling
Rosie......................................... Agnes Moorehead

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DOUBLE OR NOTHING
Quiz

CAST:
M.C............................................. Walter Compton
     Todd Russell
     Walter O'Keefe
     John Reed King

DIRECTORS:
Harry Spears     John Wellington     Thomas F. Vietor Jr.

WRITERS:
Gerald Rice     Harry Bailey     Carroll Carroll

Contestants could stop and take the money they had already won or take a chance and try to double it. But contestants could lose the money they had already earned.

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DR. CHRISTIAN
Drama

CAST:
Dr. Paul Christian............................ Jean Hersholt
Judy Price................................. Lurene Tuttle
     Helen Claire
     Rosemary De Claire
Announcer.................................... Art Gilmore

DIRECTORS:
Neil Reagan     Florence Ortman

WRITER:
Ruth Adams Knight

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 95
THEME:
“Rainbow on the River”

DR. DOOLITTLE
Drama for Children

DR. DOOLITTLE was a 15 minute children’s program that started on the NBC Blue Network in 1932.

CAST:
Dr. I.Q., The Mental Banker.......................Lew Valentine
                    Jimmy McClain
                    Stanley Vainrib
Announcer.................................Allan C. Anthony

CREATOR:
Lee Seegal

DIRECTORS:
Harry Holcomb       Paul Dumont

WRITER:
Bob Schultz

This quiz show broadcast from a different city each week where it played in a local theater. At the start of the program, Dr. I.Q. would introduce several announcers who were stationed in various parts of the theater with hand-held microphones. The announcers would select contestants in the audience and frequently you would hear, “I have a lady in the balcony, Dr.” Then Dr. I.Q. would say, “I have ten silver dollars for that lady if she can tell me...” Winning contestants were paid in silver dollars and losers received a box of the sponsor’s candy bars (Snickers, Milky Way, Mars Bars) and “...two tickets to next week’s production here at Loew’s Victoria!” Dr. I.Q. usually told losing contestants, “Oh, I’m so sorry but I think you’ll find that the answer is...” One of the features was “The Biographical Sketch” which was worth 75 silver dollars if the subject of the biography was identified correctly on the first clue. The prize diminished with each succeeding clue but the amount not earned by the theater contestant was added to the $250 awarded the listener who submitted the clues. Thus, a home listener could earn as much as $325. Another feature was “The Monument to Memory: The Thought-Twister.” A typical Thought-Twister went like this:

“Jim is slim,” said Tim to Kim.
“Jim is slim, Tim,” to him said Kim.

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DR. I.Q. JR.
Quiz

CAST:
Quizmaster........................................Lew Valentine
Announcer........................................Allan C. Anthony

DIRECTOR:
Lew Valentine

WRITER:
E. Elam

This was the children's version of DR. I.Q.

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DR. KATE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Dr. Kate Allen......................................Cornelia Burdick
Jack Halsey........................................Charles MacAllister
Sarah Tuttle........................................Helen Kleeb
Dr. Fred Crowley.................................Mont Maher

WRITER:
Hal Burdick

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DR. KENRAD'S UNSOLVED MYSTERIES
Mystery

CAST:
Dr. Kenrad.........................................Stanley Peyton

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DR. SUSAN

See THE LIFE AND LOVE OF DR. SUSAN.

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DRAGNET
Police Drama

CAST:
Joe Friday.................................Jack Webb
Sgt. Ben Romero...............................Barton Yarborough
Ray Pinker....................................Olan Soule

These were dramatized cases taken from the Los Angeles Police Department files. Police Chief William Parker was always acknowledged at the close.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 97
DUFFY'S TAVERN
Comedy

CAST:
Archie, the manager..........................Ed Gardner
Miss Duffy......................................Shirley Booth
Florence Halop
Florence Robinson
Sandra Gould
Hazel Shermet
Clifton Finnegans...............................Charlie Cantor
Eddie, the waiter..............................Eddie Green
Clancy, the cop.............................Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Wilfred, Finnegans kid brother..............Dickie Van Patten
Dolly Snaffle................................Lurene Tuttle
Vocalist......................................Benay Venuta
Tito Guizar
Bob Graham
Helen Ward
Orchestra.....................................Joe Venuti
Reet Veet Reeves
Announcer.....................................Jimmy Wallington
Marvin Miller
Jack Bailey
Perry Ward
Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Also...........................................Weekly guest stars

DIRECTORS:
Tony Stanford
Rupert Lucas
Jack Roche
Mitchell Benson

WRITERS:
Ed Gardner
Abe Burrows
Larry Marks
Lew Meltzer
Bill Manhoff
Raymond Ellis
Alan Kent
Ed Reynolds
Manny Sachs
Norman Paul

THEME:
"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

The program, which debuted in April 1941, opened with the telephone ringing followed by Archie saying: "Duffy's Tavern, where the elite meet to eat. Archie, the manager, speaking. Duffy ain't here. Oh, hello, Duffy..." Duffy never appeared on the program. The character of Archie was created by George Faulkner for a CBS show called THIS IS NEW YORK.

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THE DUNNINGER SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring.....................Joseph Dunninger, The Master Mentalist
Featuring.................................Bill Slater
THE DUNNINGER SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Marilyn Day
Andy Love's vocal group
Orchestra............................................. Mitchell Ayres
Announcer............................................. Don Lowe

WRITER:
Marjorie D. Sloane

Dunninger performed amazing stunts of "mind reading" although he preferred to be called a "mentalist" and never claimed to be able to read minds. He said that anyone could do what he does provided one knows how and has thirty years' experience.

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EAST OF CAIRO
Adventure

CAST:
Featuring.................................................................John McGovern
Tim Frawley
Bill Shelley
Harry Neville
Arthur Hughes

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Bell

WRITER:
Ray Scudder

ORIGINAL MUSIC:
Sven and Gene von Hallberg

EASY ACES
Comedy

CAST:
Goodman Ace.................................................................Himself
Jane Ace.................................................................Herself
Marge.................................................................Mary Hunter
Miss Thomas.................................................................Ann Thomas
Johnny.................................................................Paul Stewart
Mrs. Marsh.................................................................Mary Parker
Cokey.................................................................Ken Roberts
Betty.................................................................Ethel Blume
Laura, the maid.................................................................Helene Dumas

WRITER:
Goodman Ace

THEME:
"Manhattan Serenade"

The show was revived as MR. ACE AND JANE. Rupert Pray, Jack Raymond and Mort Green contributed scripts to the re-vived version.

EASY DOES IT
Music

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Ted Steele
Vocalists.................................................................Betty Randall
Kenny Gardner

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ECHOES OF THE ORIENT
Music

ECHOES OF THE ORIENT began on WEAF, New York, on Sunday, June 30, 1929. The von Hallberg brothers, Sven and Gene, were featured performers as well as composers for the program. The show at first presented standard Greek, Turkish and other Near East tunes; in a few weeks most of such usable material had been used up so the von Hallberg brothers contributed their own numbers, giving them fanciful Near East titles. The tunes had such an authentic Near East flavor that requests poured in from people of Near East ancestry for information as to where they could purchase the music. However, the material was never published.

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THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Host........................................Ed Sullivan, newspaper columnist

Comedian Jack Benny made his professional radio debut on THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW on May 2, 1931. Sullivan was then a columnist for the New York Graphic, which ceased publication in July 1932. THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW is also credited with marking the first radio appearances of Irving Berlin, Jack Pearl, George M. Cohan and Flo Ziegfeld.

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THE ED WYNN SHOW

See THE FIRE CHIEF and THE TEXACO STAR THEATER.

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THE EDDIE BRACKEN SHOW
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Eddie Bracken..................................................Himself
Mrs. Pringle....................................................Ruth Perrott
Betty Mahoney................................................Shirley Booth
Also.................................................................William Demarest
Ann Rutherford
Janet Waldo
Announcer......................................................John Wald
Musical Director..............................................Lee Harlin

PRODUCER:
Mann Holiner

DIRECTOR:
Nat Wolff

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THE EDDIE BRACKEN SHOW (Cont.)

WRITER:
Robert Riley Crutcher

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THE EDDIE CANTOR SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring ................................................... Eddie Cantor
The Mad Russian ........................................... Bert Gordon
Parkyakarkas .............................................. Harry Einstein
Rubinoff .................................................... Dave Rubinoff*
                 Lionel Stander
                 Teddy Bergman
Mr. Guffy .................................................. Sidney Fields
Mademoiselle Fifi ......................................... Veola Vonn
Also ......................................................... Shirley Dinsdale, ventriloquist,
                                 and her dummy Judy Splinters
                                 Nan Rae and Maude Davis
                                 John Brown
Vocalist ..................................................... Dinah Shore
                                 Bobby Breen
                                 Deanna Durbin
                                 Margaret Whiting
                                 Nora Martin
Orchestra ................................................... Cookie Fairchild
                                 Louis Gress
                                 George Stoll
                                 Jacques Renard
Announcer ................................................... Jimmy Wallington
                                 Harry Von Zell

DIRECTORS:
Abbott K. Spencer      Vick Knight      Manning Ostroff

WRITERS:
David Freedman    Bob Colwell    Phil Rapp
Carroll Carroll    Barbara Hotchkiss    Matt Brooks
Eddie Davis    Ed Beloin    Izzy Elinson    Bobbie O’Brien
John Quillen    Everett Freeman    Sam Moore

THEME:
“One Hour With You”

CATCH-PHRASE:
THE MAD RUSSIAN:  How do you do?

Eddie Cantor was already an established vaudeville star when he
made his radio debut on Rudy Vallee’s program in February 1931.
He started his own program in September of that year and continued
for many years with many sponsors with one of the most popular
crude-studepslickt programs on radio. He introduced many "proteges"
such as Deanna Durbin, Dinah Shore and Bobby Breen. He often
joked about his wife Ida and his five daughters: Marjorie, Natalie,
Edna, Marilyn and Janet. He acquired the nick-name "Banjo-Eyes"
during his career on the musical stage; some of his more popular
songs were "If You Knew Susie," "Makin’ Whoopee" and "Now's The
Time To Fall in Love."

THE EDDIE CANTOR SHOW was also known as THE CHASE AND
SANBORN HOUR and later TIME TO SMILE.

*Dave Rubinoff actually played the violin but his lines were spoken
by Lionel Stander and later Teddy Bergman (who changed his name
to Alan Reed in 1939).

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THE EDGAR BERGEN AND CHARLIE McCARTHY SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:

Starring.........................Edgar Bergen, ventriloquist, and
dummies Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer
Snerd and Effie Klinker

M.C.............................Don Ameche
Pasquale............................Don Ameche
Ersel Twing........................Pat Patrick
Charlie's principal....................Norman Field
Vera Vague............................Barbara Jo Allen
Professor Lemuel Carp................Richard Haydn
The Bickersons (John and Blanche).....Don Ameche and
Frances Langford

Vocalists..........................Donald Dixon, baritone
                                      Anita Ellis
                                      Dale Evans
                                      Anita Gordon

Also...............................Eddie Mayehoff
                                      Jim Backus
                                      The Stroud Twins
                                      Marsha Hunt

Announcer...........................Ken Carpenter
                                      Ben Alexander
                                      Bill Goodwin
                                      Bill Baldwin

Guest stars including...............George Raft
                                      John Barrymore
                                      Basil Rathbone
                                      W. C. Fields
                                      Nelson Eddy
                                      Dorothy Lamour
                                      Rosalind Russell
THE EDGAR BERGEN AND CHARLIE McCARTHY SHOW (Cont.)

Guest stars including (Cont.) ..................Barbara Stanwyck
                                            Bob Burns
                                            Rudy Vallee
                                            Ethel Barrymore
                                            Orson Welles
                                            Jane Powell
                                            Many others

Orchestra...........................................Robert Armbruster
                                            Ray Noble

DIRECTOR:
Earl Ebi

WRITERS:
  Alan Smith     Robert Mosher     Zeno Klinker
  Roland MacLane Royal Foster     Joe Connelly
  Dick Mack      Stanley Quinn    Joe Bigelow     Caroll Carroll

The program was also known as THE CHASE AND SANBORN HOUR, a reference to the show’s long-standing sponsor, Chase and Sanborn Coffee. Charlie McCarthy was Bergen’s principal dummy. Charlie wore a monocle and never seemed to run out of quips about pretty girls and his troubles in school. Mortimer was a stupid character from the country. Effie was an old maid whose chief interest was in catching a man.

CATCH-PHRASES:
  CHARLIE: I’ll clip ya! So help me, I’ll mow ya down!
  EDGAR: (TO MORTIMER) Mortimer, how can you be so stupid?
  ERSEL TWING: Friends, and you are my friends. Friends...

EDITOR’S DAUGHTER
Serial Drama

CAST:
  Henry Foster.....................................Parker Fennelly
  Mary Foster......................................Joan Banks
  Mrs. Foster......................................Effie Palmer

DIRECTORS:
  Martha Atwell     Jeanne K. Harrison
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ELEANOR HOWE’S HOMEMAKER’S EXCHANGE
Homemaking Advice

CAST:
  Starring............................................Eleanor Howe
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THE ELECTRIC HOUR
Music

CAST:
Featuring........................................ Nelson Eddy
Announcer..................................... Frank Graham
Orchestra.................................... Robert Armbruster

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ELLEN RANDOLPH
Serial Drama

CAST:
Ellen Randolph..................................... Elsie Hitz
George Randolph.................................. John McGovern
Robert Randolph................................. Jackie Jordan
Ted Clayton..................................... MacDonald Carey
Claire Clayton................................... Helene Dumas
Andy Barrett.................................... Robert Regent
Mrs. Barrett..................................... Fanny May Baldridge
Mr. Barrett....................................... Milo Boulton
Rena Fletcher................................... Jay Meredith
Kathleen Conway................................ Colleen Ward
La Ling......................................... Inge Adams
Amy Brown...................................... Florida Friebus
Mark Hilton...................................... Ken Daigneau
Skipper.......................................... Parker Fennelly
Dr. Lewis........................................ Bernard Lenrow
Carl Richmond.................................. Edward Trevor
Dakim............................................ John McIntire
Peter Chang.................................... George Wallach
Agnes Foy........................................ Kathryn Bishop
Jerome Brooks................................. Bart Robinson
Dr. Keith....................................... Maurice Franklin
Mrs. Matthews................................. Effie Palmer
Nadine........................................... Eloise Ellis
Vince Kennedy................................ Walter Burke

DIRECTOR:
Carlo De Angelo

WRITER:
Margaret Sangster

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ELLERY QUEEN
Detective

CAST:
Ellery Queen...................................... Hugh Marlowe
.................................................. Larry Dobkin

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 105
ELLERY QUEEN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Carleton Young
Sidney Smith
Bill Smith
Santo Ortega
Marion Shockley
Barbara Terrell
Virginia Gregg
Charlotte Keane
Gertrude Warner
Howard Smith
Ted de Corsia
Ed Latimer

DIRECTORS:

Phil Cohan
William P. Rousseau
Robert S. Steel
George Zachary

This program was based on characters created by Frederic Dannay and Manfred Bennington Lee. One of the program's features was "The Armchair Detective." A guest celebrity would serve as an armchair detective and guess at the solution of the mystery just before Ellery Queen revealed the actual answer.

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ELSIE BEEBE

See LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL.

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ENO CRIME CLUB
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:

Spencer Dean, star sleuth ................. Edward Reese
Clyde North
Jack MacBryde
Helen Choate
Adele Ronson
Gloria Holden
Ralph Sumpiter
Georgia Backus
Elaine Melchior
Helene Dumas

WRITER:
Albert G. Miller

This series was later known as CRIME CLUES.

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106 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
ESCAPE
Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
William N. Robson    Norman MacDonnell

DIRECTOR:
Richard Sanville

THEME:
"Night on Bald Mountain" by Moussorgsky

This series presented adaptations of the best in adventure literature.

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THE ETERNAL LIGHT
Drama

CAST:
Dramatic cast included....................Alexander Scourby
                                         Adelaide Klein
                                         Roger DeKoven
                                         Bernard Lenrow
                                         Edgar Stehli
                                         Norman Rose
                                         Many others

DIRECTORS:
Frank Papp    Anton M. Leader

WRITERS:
Morton Wishengrad    Virginia Mazer    Joe Mindel
                                         Many others

This series dealt with the humanities and featured dramatizations of literature, The Bible, history, biography and other sources. Guest speakers were also presented on the program.

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ETHEL AND ALBERT
Comedy

CAST:
Ethel.........................................................Peg Lynch
Albert..........................Richard Widmark (first 6 months)
                                         Alan Bunce
Baby Susy..........................Madeleine Pierce
Announcer........................................George Ansbro
                                         Fred Cole
                                         Don Lowe
                                         Cy Harrice
                                         Glenn Riggs
                                         Herb Sheldon

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 107
ETHEL AND ALBERT (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:

WRITER:
Peg Lynch

THEME:
"Love Nest"

ORGANISTS:
Rosa Rio    Dolph Gobel    Lew White

The setting for ETHEL AND ALBERT was the town of Sandy Harbor. Rarely was anyone other than Ethel and Albert heard, as the program was primarily a duologue between these two with other characters talked about. Baby Susy was "born" March 15, 1946...becoming the first voice heard on the show other than Ethel and Albert. The first other adult character heard was Paul Whiteman who played the part of a door-to-door salesman. Also appearing on occasion were Ed Begley, Raymond Edward Johnson, Leon Janney, Julie Stevens and Don MacLaughlin. The program was also known as THE PRIVATE LIVES OF ETHEL AND ALBERT. There was a 15 minute and a 30 minute version of this durable comedy series.

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THE ETHEL MERMAN SHOW
Musical Variety

CAST:
Starring....................................................Ethel Merman

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EVELYN WINTERS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Evelyn Winters.............................................Toni Darnay
Gary Bennett..................................................Karl Weber
                                        Martin Blaine
Maggie......................................................Kate McComb
Ted Blades..................................................Stacy Harris
Janice King..................................................Flora Campbell
Miss Bean....................................................Linda Carlon-Reid
Charlie Gleason...........................................Ralph Bell
Jinny Roberts..............................................Mary Mason
Robbie DeHaven.............................................James Lipton
Cleva Harrington.........................................Vinton Hayworth
Edith Winters Elkins.....................................Helen Claire
Tracey Endicott..........................................John Moore
Announcer...................................................Larry Elliott

DIRECTOR:
Ernest Ricca

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EVELYN WINTERS (Cont.)

WRITERS:
   Peggy Blake      H.L. Algyir

EVELYN WINTERS was also known as THE STRANGE ROMANCE OF EVELYN WINTERS.

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THE EVEREADY HOUR
Variety

CAST:
   Featuring ............................................. Julia Marlowe
       John Drew
       George Gershwin
       Moran and Mack (George Moran
       and Charlie Mack)
       Weber and Fields (Joe Weber
       and Lew Fields)
       The Flonzaley String Quartet
       Irvin S. Cobb
       Eddie Cantor
       Walter C. Kelly ("The Virginia Judge")
       Van and Schenck (Gus Van
       and Joe Schenck)
       Will Rogers
       Elsie Janis
       D.W. Griffith
       Many others

SUPERVISORS:
   Douglas Coulter and George Furness

This was the first big variety show on radio, premiering December 4, 1923, over WEAF in New York. The premiere program had a concert orchestra, a jazz band and a one-act play..."The Bungalow" with Gene Lockhart, Eva Taylor and Lawrence Grattan. THE EVEREADY HOUR was sponsored by the National Carbon Company, makers of Eveready batteries. It was a truly spectacular program, even by today's standards. Among its most popular features, besides the appearances by major Broadway stars, was a true story adventure by Red Christianson, a New York taxi driver who had been marooned in the Galapagos Islands. Another favorite was Edgar White Burrill's reading of Ida Tarbell's "I Knew Lincoln" which was repeated each year for Lincoln's Birthday.

Radio adaptations of historical events and plays such as "Joan of Arc" starring Rosaline Greene as The Maid were presented. In 1924 Wendell Hall, The Red-Headed Music-Maker, was first presented. His most remembered song was "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo'." He became such a big star that his wedding was solemnized on THE EVEREADY HOUR.

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EVERYMAN’S THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Guest stars.................................................Joan Crawford
                                   Bette Davis
                                   Katharine Hepburn
                                   Raymond Massey
                                   Boris Karloff
                                   Alla Nazimova

Featuring.............................................Raymond Edward Johnson
                                   Betty Caine
                                   Gilbert Mack
                                   Luis Van Rooten
                                   Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
                                   Bill Lipton

WRITER:
Arch Oboler

Among the plays presented on EVERYMAN’S THEATER:

“None But the Lonely Heart”
Peter Tschaikovsky......................Raymond Edward Johnson
Mrs. Tschaikovsky (Antonina, his wife)..........Betty Caine
Madame Von Meck.................................Alla Nazimova

“Ivory Tower”
Starring.............................................Alla Nazimova
Also............................................Raymond Edward Johnson

“Baby”
Starring..............................................Bette Davis
Also...............................................Raymond Edward Johnson

“Two”
Starring.............................................Joan Crawford
Also.............................................Raymond Edward Johnson

“Two” was the story of two people left in the world after an atomic holocaust.

“The Laughing Man”
“The Laughing Man” was the story of a wise man many centuries in the future who laughs hysterically at people who had annihilated themselves with a peculiar bomb.

“The Ugliest Man in the World”
The Ugliest Man..............................Raymond Edward Johnson
The Prostitute...............................Betty Caine
EVERYMAN'S THEATER (Cont.)

This broadcast was repeated five times by popular request.

"Lust for Life"
Vincent Van Gogh............................Raymond Edward Johnson
Van Gogh's brother.................................Martin Gabel

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EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN
Science Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Sherman Dryer

Guest stars appeared in these dramatizations of science. Walter Huston performed in "A Drink of Water." Orson Welles starred in "The Battle Never Ends"...the story of man's fight against insect plagues.

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THE FALCON
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Mike Waring, The Falcon..........................James Meighan
Les Damon
Berry Kroeger
Les Tremayne
George Petrie
Nancy..............................................Joan Banks
Renee..............................................Ethel Everett
Also..............................................Joan Alexander
Mandel Kramer
Robert Dryden
Announcer.........................................Ed Herlihy

DIRECTORS:
Carlo De Angelo    Stuart Buchanan

WRITERS:
Palmer Thompson   Gene Wang    Stanley Niss
Jay Bennett       Bernard Dougall

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THE FAMILY HOUR
Variety

CAST:
M.C...............................................Major Edward Bowes
Ted Mack

DIRECTORS:
Lloyd Marx       J. Robert Blum

THEME:
"Clair de Lune" by Debussy

This program was also known as THE CAPITOL FAMILY HOUR,
THE MAJOR BOWES FAMILY HOUR and THE TED MACK FAMILY
HOUR. It was sponsored by General Mills and Swanson's Foods.

See also THE PRUDENTIAL FAMILY HOUR and MAJOR BOWES
AND HIS ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR.

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THE FAMILY THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Host..............................................Father Patrick Peyton

DIRECTOR:
Dave Young

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FAMOUS FIRESIDE PLAYS
Drama

This 1942 drama series featured radio adaptations of such plays as "Holiday" by Philip Barry, "Front Page" by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur and "Officer 666" by Augustin MacHugh.

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FAMOUS FORTUNES
Drama

CAST:
Narrator.................................................Mark Hawley

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FAMOUS JURY TRIALS
Drama

CAST:
The Judge..............................................Maurice Franklin
Narrator..............................................Roger DeKoven
DeWitt McBride
Also.....................................................True Boardman
Byron Kane
Jean Paul King
Raymond Edward Johnson
Frank Readick
Mandel Kramer
Many others
Announcer..............................................Peter Grant
Hugh James

DIRECTORS:
Wylie Adams Robert H. Nolan Clark Andrews
Carl Eastman Charles Powers

WRITERS:
Milton J. Kramer Bill Rafael Ameel Fisher
Len Finger Martin H. Young Jerry McGill
Daisy Amoury Stedman Coles Joseph L. Greene
Lawrence Menkin Paul Monash

The program began with crowd noises and the sound of a gavel.

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THE FAT MAN
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Brad Runyon, The Fat Man.................................J. Scott Smart
Sgt. O’Hara................................................Ed Begley
Lila North..................................................Mary Patton

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THE FAT MAN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Also........................................................................ Dan Ocko
                     Rolly Bester
                     Robert Dryden

DIRECTORS:
Clark Andrews Charles Powers

WRITER:
Robert Sloane

OPENING:
ANNCR:
There he goes - across the street - into
the drugstore. Steps on the scale.

SOUND EFFECT: CLINK OF A COIN

ANNCR:
Height: six feet. Weight: 290 pounds. Fort-
tune: danger! Whoooo is it?? The Fat Man!!

This series was created for radio by Dashiell Hammett.

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FATHER COUGHLIN
Commentary

Father Charles Edward Coughlin, a Roman Catholic priest, was one
of the more controversial figures of early radio broadcasting. His
first broadcast was made on October 17, 1926, over WJR in Detroit
and he was later heard over CBS until they refused to carry his
broadcasts in the mid-thirties. He then formed his own network of
47 stations. Originally he was a booster of Franklin D. Roosevelt
but later called him a "great liar and betrayer." He aligned himself
with Huey Long and eventually chose his own presidential candidate,
William Lemke. Father Coughlin guaranteed he would never broad-
cast again if Lemke did not get nine million votes. Lemke polled
891,858 votes. Father Coughlin did leave the air for a few months
but returned to present his plan for a "Corporate State" which pro-
posed the scrapping of Congress.

He once had millions of listeners and in 1934 a poll showed that he
was considered the most important public figure in the United States,
except for the President. Twice attempts were made on his life. By
the early 1940's his audience had dwindled and Father Coughlin left
the air after a censorship board was set up by the church to examine
his scripts prior to broadcast.

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FATHER KNOWS BEST
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Jim Anderson (Father).............................. Robert Young
Margaret Anderson (Mother)......................... June Whitley

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FATHER KNOWS BEST (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Betty Anderson (Daughter).......................... Rhoda Williams
Bud Anderson (Son)...................................... Ted Donaldson
Kathy Anderson (Daughter).......................... Norma Jean Nilsson
Elizabeth Smith........................................ Eleanor Audley
Hector Smith........................................... Herb Vigran
Billy Smith............................................. Sam Edwards

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THE FBI IN PEACE AND WAR
Adventure

CAST:
FBI Field Agent Sheppard.............................. Martin Blaine
Also..................................................... Jackson Beck
Edith Arnold
Walter Greaza
Frank Readick
Ralph Bell
John M. James
Robert Dryden

DIRECTORS:
Betty Mandeville    Max Marcin

WRITERS:
Ed James   Louis Pelletier   Jacques Finke
Fred Collins

THEME:
“March” from “Love for Three Oranges” by Prokofiev

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THE FEG MURRAY SHOW
Hollywood Gossip

CAST:
Starring................................. Feg Murray, cartoonist of the
newspaper feature “Seein’ Stars”
Orchestra............................................. Ozzie Nelson
Vocalist............................................. Harriet Hilliard

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FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY
Comedy

CAST:
Fibber McGee........................................... Jim Jordan
Molly McGee.......................................... Marian Jordan
Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve...................... Hal Peary
Doc Gamble.......................................... Arthur Q. Bryan
FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Mayor La Trivia.................................................Gale Gordon
The Old Timer..................................................Cliff Arquette
Bill Thompson
Wallace Wimple..................................................Bill Thompson
Beulah, the maid.................................................Marlin Hurt
Lena, the maid...................................................Gene Carroll
Silly Watson.....................................................Hugh Studebaker
Mrs. Uppington................................................Isabel Randolph
Alice Darling..................................................Shirley Mitchell
Bill Thompson
Mort Toops......................................................Jim Jordan
Sis.................................................................Marian Jordan
Teeny............................................................Marian Jordan
Geraldine.........................................................Marian Jordan
Old Lady Wheedledeck........................................Marian Jordan
Mrs. Wearybottom...............................................Marian Jordan
Lady Vere-de-Vere............................................Marian Jordan
Horatio K. Boomer...........................................Bill Thompson
Vodka..............................................................Bill Thompson
Nick Depopolous...............................................Bill Thompson
Uncle Dennis..................................................Bill Thompson
The King's Men Quartet......................................Ken Darby
Jon Dodson
Bud Linn
Rad Robinson
Musical conductor............................................Rico Marchielli
Billy Mills
Announcer........................................................Harlow Wilcox

DIRECTOR:
Frank Pittman

WRITERS:
Don Quinn    Phil Leslie

FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY had its early beginnings as a program called THE SMACKOUTS which Don Quinn wrote and the Jordans played as a five-times-a-week serial over NBC. Jordan played a garrulous grocery store proprietor who was always just “smackout” of everything. He spent most of his time spinning yarns. THE SMACKOUTS lasted for four years, from 1931 to 1935. Fibber and Molly were created in 1935 for Johnson’s Wax, which was looking for a new program to sponsor. The company became Fibber and Molly’s long-time sponsor and their commercials were among the first to be integrated into the show itself with the announcer playing a character in the story.

Actually, there was no “story” to the programs. Usually a situation was established and then various characters would enter the McGee home at 79 Wistful Vista and help or hinder the action. The program introduced two characters who moved on to their own programs... Gildersleeve and Beulah. (See THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE and BEULAH.) In addition, many of the other characters, situations and

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catch-phrases became familiar nationwide. For instance, a weekly occurrence was Fibber's opening of the hall closet door, much to the horror of Molly. As soon as the door opened, everything in the closet fell out, ending up with a small tinkly bell. This sequence of sound effects became one of the most familiar sounds in radio. The crash was observed by Fibber who declared, "Gotta straighten out that closet one of these days."

Other familiar phrases were:

**FIBBER:** (TO MYTHICAL TELEPHONE OPERATOR) Oh, is that you, Myrt?
**FIBBER:** (SWEARING) Dad-rat the dad-ratted....
**MOLLY:** Tain't funny, McGee.
**MOLLY:** How do you do, I'm sure.
**MOLLY:** Heavenly days. (Which became the title of one of their movies.)
**BEULAH:** Somebody bawl for Beulah?
**BEULAH:** (LAUGHS) Love that man!!!
**OLD TIMER:** That's purty good, Johnny, but that ain't the way I heerd it. Way I heerd it, one fella sez t'other fella, s-a-a-a-a-a-y, he sez....
**GILDERSLEEVE:** You're a hard man, McGee.
**SIS:** Why, mister, why, mister, why, mister, why?

Each character was a distinct individual. Doc Gamble and McGee argued all the time and the Doc was usually the victor. Mrs. Weary-bottom spoke with a monotone without pausing for punctuation. Sis was a little girl from next door who harassed McGee. Mrs. Uppington was always one-up on McGee in repartee. Wallace Wimple was a hen-pecked husband who referred to his wife as "Sweety-Face." There were several characters who never appeared but were referred to frequently such as Myrt, the telephone operator and Fred Nintny of Starved Rock, Illinois.

**FINAL EDITION**

**Drama**

**CAST:**
Newspaper Reporter...........................................Dick Powell

**THE FIRE CHIEF**

**Variety**

**CAST:**
The Fire Chief.................................................Ed Wynn
Announcer......................................................Graham McNamee

**WRITERS:**
Ed Wynn    Eddie Preble
Ed Wynn, as Texaco's Fire Chief, pioneered many innovations in broadcasting. One of the first performers to insist on a live studio audience to react to his comedy antics, he also wore costumes and make-up and created a “theater atmosphere” for his broadcasts. THE FIRE CHIEF debuted April 26, 1932, but Wynn had previously broadcast an entire Broadway stage show, “The Perfect Fool”, on June 12, 1922. Subsequently Wynn appeared on radio on GULLIVER (1935-36), THE PERFECT FOOL (1937) and HAPPY ISLAND (1944). At one time he attempted to form his own radio network with WNEW in New York as the key station. In fact, the E and W in WNEW stand for Ed Wynn.

CATCH-PHRASES:

WYNN: Sooooo-o-o-o-o-o.
WYNN: The program's going to be different tonight, Graham.

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THE FIRST LINE
Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTORS:
Bob Brown    Ted Robertson

WRITERS:
Ed Gardner    Ken Robinson

THE FIRST LINE was a CBS series presented during World War II in behalf of the U.S. Navy.

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FIRST NIGHTER
Drama

CAST:
The Genial First Nighter.........................Charles P. Hughes
Bret Morrison
Marvin Miller
Don Briggs
Michael Rye (Rye Billsbury)
Co-starring.........Don Ameche and June Meredith (1929-36)
                    Don Ameche and Betty Lou Gerson (1936)
                    Les Tremayne and Barbara Luddy (1936-42)
                    Olan Soule and Barbara Luddy (1943-53)
Also.............................MacDonald Carey
                        Cliff Soubier
Raymond Edward Johnson
Jack Doty
Musical director.....................Eric Sagerquist
                                    Caesar Petrillo
                                    Frank Worth

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FIRST NIGHTER (Cont.)

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Joe Ainley

WRITERS:
Edwin Halloran    George Vandel    Virginia Safford Lynne

ORIGINAL MUSIC:
Frank Smith

THEME:
"Neapolitan Nights"

This program, which debuted in 1929, simulated a theater atmosphere. The dramas were billed as being broadcast from "The Little Theater off Times Square" although it originated only in Chicago and Hollywood, never in New York. Mr. First Nighter was always shown to his seat by an usher just before curtain time. At intermission, between the acts, an usher would call out, "Smoking in the downstairs and outer lobby only, please!" After the commercial a buzzer would sound and the usher would call out, "Curtain going up!" FIRST NIGHTER left the air in 1953.

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THE FIRST PIANO QUARTET
Music

CAST:
Pianists.......................... Adam Garner (Adam Gelbtrunk)
                                          Hans Horwitz
                                          Vee Padwa (Vladimir Padva)
                                          George Robert
                                          Frank Mittler
                                          Edward Edson

Announcer.............................. Gene Hamilton

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Edwin Fadiman

DIRECTOR:
James E. Kovach

THEME:
"Variations" by Paganini

The First Piano Quartet played classical music especially arranged for four pianos.

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THE FISH AND HUNT CLUB
Outdoors

CAST:
Commentator........................................Sanford Bickart
Also..................................................Jim Boles

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THE FISHING AND HUNTING CLUB OF THE AIR
Outdoors

CAST:
Panelists.............Jim Hurley, Fishing and Hunting Editor of the New York Mirror
Dave Newell, Fishing and Hunting Editor of Field & Stream Magazine
Roland Winters
Martin Begley
Announcer........................................... Don Lowe

DIRECTOR:
Victor Seydel

Hurley and Newell served as experts on the panel while Winters and Begley contributed the ‘amateur’ viewpoint in the discussions.

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THE FITCH BANDWAGON
Music

The title THE FITCH BANDWAGON was given to several programs sponsored by Fitch Shampoo. Originally guest orchestras appeared on the show but later Phil Harris and Alice Faye starred. Their cast was as follows:

Phil Harris...........................................Himself
Alice Faye Harris......................................Herself
Little Alice...........................................Jeanine Roose
Phyllis................................................Anne Whitfield
Frankie Remley, the guitar player...............Elliott Lewis
Wamond Wadcliffe.................................Arthur Q. Bryan
Julius Abbruzio, the grocery boy...............Walter Tetley
Alice’s mother......................................Jane Morgan
Emily Williams.....................................June Foray
Announcer...........................................Jack Costello

Another version of THE FITCH BANDWAGON featured comedienne Cass Daley, Larry Keating and Freddy Martin’s Orchestra.

DIRECTOR:
Paul Phillips

WRITERS:
George D. Faber Martin A. Ragaway Milton Josefsberg

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THE FITCH BANDWAGON (Cont.)

THEME:
To the tune of "Smile for Me"—
"Don't despair
Use your head
Save your hair
Use Fitch Shampoo."

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THE FITZGERALDS
Conversation

This talk program featured the husband and wife team of Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald.

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FIVE STAR JONES
Serial Drama

CAST:
Tom Jones (Five Star Jones)..................John Kane
Sally Jones..................................Elizabeth Day
City Editor of "The Register"................Bill Johnstone
Ma Moran..................................Effie Palmer

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THE FIX-IT SHOP

See THE MEL BLANC SHOW.

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FLASH GORDON
Science Fiction Adventure

CAST:
Flash Gordon...............................Gale Gordon
James Meighan
Dr. Zarkoff.................................Maurice Franklin
Ming.........................................Bruno Wick
Also........................................Teddy Bergman
Everett Sloane
Charlie Cantor
Ray Collins

PRODUCER:
Himan Brown

This program was based on the comic strip by Alex Raymond.

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THE FLEISCHMANN HOUR

See THE RUDY VALLEE SHOW.

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FLYING PATROL
Drama

CAST:
Featuring...........................................Hugh Rowlands
Sharon Grainger

This series presented dramatized stories about Coast Guard fliers.

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FLYING TIME
Drama

CAST:
Hal Falvey..........................................Sidney Ellstrom
Halvorsen.........................................Sidney Ellstrom
Sprague...........................................Phil Lord
Sue..................................................Betty Lou Gerson
Beasley...........................................Billy Lee
Harry Blake......................................Willard Farnum
Major Fellowes.................................Hal Peary
Tony..............................................Hal Peary
Captain Russ....................................Ted Maxwell
Ruth Morrow......................................Loretta Poynton

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FOLIES BERGERE OF THE AIR
Variety

CAST:
Featuring................Willie and Eugene Howard, comedians

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FOLLOW THE MOON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Clay Bannister..................................Nick Dawson
Jean Page (Mrs. Clay Bannister)..................Elsie Hitz
Tetlow........................................Richard Gordon

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FORD THEATER
Drama

Dozens of top-flight Hollywood actors and actresses performed as guest stars on this program which was sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Fletcher Markle

DIRECTOR:
George Zachary

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FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT
Adventure

CAST:
The foreign correspondent.............................Jay Jostyn
His assistant..............................................Vicki Vola

DIRECTOR:
Chick Vincent

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FOREVER ERNEST
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Featuring...................................................Jackie Coogan
Lurene Tuttle
Arthur Q. Bryan
Orchestra......................................................Billy May
Announcer....................................................Dick Joy

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FOREVER YOUNG

See PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY.

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FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FROM HOLLYWOOD
Drama

This was a popular night-time show of the mid-thirties which presented condensed versions of still-unreleased Hollywood movies with various radio actors and actresses playing the roles of the film stars. Frank Readick, for example, took a Jimmy Cagney role and Bert Parks, then a CBS staff announcer, got a big break by singing and acting a Dick Powell part. The program was directed by Tom Harrington.

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FOUR CORNERS, U.S.A.
Drama

CAST:
Jonah Crowell..............................................Arthur Allen
Eben Crowell...............................................Parker Fennelly
Mary Crowell..............................................Jean McCoy

See also SNOW VILLAGE.

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FOXES OF FLATBUSH
Serial Drama

CAST:
Jennie Fox...........................................Mignon Schreiber
Benny, the son........................................Murray Forbes

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THE FRANK BUCK SHOW

See BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE.

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THE FRANK FAY SHOW
Variety

This program was on the air less than 13 weeks but was somewhat unique in that the star, comedian Frank Fay, served as M.C., announcer, director and writer and even furnished the music.

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FRANK MERRIWELL
Adventure

CAST:
Frank Merriwell.....................................Lawson Zerbe
Inza.....................................................Elaine Rost
Bart....................................................Hal Studer
Announcer...........................................Harlow Wilcox

DIRECTORS:
Ed King       Fred Weihe

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THE FRANK MORGAN SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring............................................Frank Morgan
M.C....................................................Robert Young
Also..................................................Cass Daley
                         Eric Blore
Vocalist.................................Carlos Ramirez
Orchestra.................................Albert Ramirez
Announcer..............................Harlow Wilcox

See also MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME.

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THE FRANK SINATRA SHOW
Variety

CAST:
M.C....................................................Frank Sinatra
THE FRANK SINATRA SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Orchestra ........................................................... Axel Stordahl
Also ................................................................. Guest stars

DIRECTOR:
Bob Brewster

WRITER:
Carroll Carroll

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THE FRED ALLEN SHOW
Comedy - Variety

CAST:
Fred Allen ........................................................... Himself
Portland ............................................................. Portland Hoffa Allen
Titus Moody ........................................................ Parker Fennelly
Mrs. Pansy Nussbaum ........................................ Minerva Pious
Senator Beauregard Claghorn .............................. Kenny Delmar
Ajax Cassidy ......................................................... Peter Donald
Falstaff Openshaw .............................................. Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Senator Bloat ....................................................... Jack Smart
John Doe ............................................................. John Brown
Socrates Mulligan ............................................... Charles Cantor
Mr. Pinkbaum ...................................................... Irwin Delmore
Dottie Mahoney ................................................... Shirley Booth
Also ................................................................. Eileen Douglas
Sam Levene
Walter Tetley
Roy Atwell
Phil Duey
Kenny Baker
“Uncle Jim” Harkins
The DeMarco Sisters (Lily, Mary and Ann)

Announcer .......................................................... Jimmy Wallington
Harry Von Zell
Kenny Delmar

Musical Conductor .............................................. Lou Katzman
Peter Van Steeden
Lennie Hayton
Al Goodman
Ferde Grofe

The Town Hall Quartet ......................................... Scrappy Lambert
Bob Moody
Tubby Weyant
Leonard Stokes

Guest stars ........................................................ Lauritz Melchior
Maurice Evans
Shirley Booth
Beatrice Lillie

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THE FRED ALLEN SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Leo Durocher
Charles Laughton
Tallulah Bankhead
James and Pamela Mason
Helen Traubel
Alfred Hitchcock
Rodgers and Hammerstein
Bing Crosby
George Jessel
Jack Haley
Henry Morgan
Bert Lahr
Bob Hope
Edgar Bergen
Doc Rockwell
Jack Benny

DIRECTORS:
Victor Knight    Howard Reilly

WRITERS:
Fred Allen    Larry Marks    Aaron Ruben
Nat Hiken    Herb Lewis    Harry Tugend
Arnold Auerbach    Herman Wouk    Albert G. Miller

THEME:
"Smile, Darn Ya, Smile!"

THE FRED ALLEN SHOW debuted on October 23, 1932, on CBS as THE LUNIT SHOW. It was subsequently known as THE SALAD BOWL REVUE (for Hellman's Mayonnaise), THE SAL HEPATICA REVUE (THE HOUR OF SMILES), TOWN HALL TONIGHT, THE TEXACO STAR THEATER and, finally, THE FRED ALLEN SHOW. It ran as an hour show 39 weeks a year for eight years and was the last full-hour comedy program on radio when it changed to a half-hour format after the program of June 28, 1942. It ran as a half-hour show for another seven years.

Among the many features were The News Reel (later Town Hall News and still later The March of Trivia), People You Don't Expect to Meet, The Workshop Players (a take-off on the popular THE COLUMBIA WORKSHOP), Portland's comedy spot and The Average Man's Round Table. Various comedy sketches were performed, using the visiting guest stars. The famous Oriental detective, One Long Pan, who warned everyone that "He has a lewolewer!, solved various comedy crimes. Beginning performers appeared and many later became famous, such as Frank Sinatra, Connie Haines, Bob Eberly, Beatrice Kaye, Jerry Colonna and Garry Moore. Somebody connected with the program liked organ music, so Ann Leaf played the organ at the Paramount Theater some two miles away from the rest of the broadcast. The startling fact that the music was being
piped from two miles away was dutifully announced. One of the most famous continuing sequences was the "feud" with Jack Benny which culminated in the broadcast of a fight between the two from the Hotel Pierre in New York on March 14, 1937. The fight, of course, never came off.

The most popular feature was Allen's Alley which debuted on December 13, 1942. For the first three years various characters came and went in the Alley. Among these were Socrates Mulligan, played by Charles Cantor, who eventually migrated intact to DUFFY'S TAVERN to become Clifton Finnegans, and Falstaff O'Nesshaw, played by Alan Reed, who recited such poems as "Back the patrol to the sidewalk, Sergeant. That step's too high for my mother." In 1945 the Alley settled down to the characters best remembered—Senator Claghorn, a Southern politician played by Kenny Delmar* ("That's a joke, Son!"), Mrs. Nussbaum, a Jewish housewife played by Minerva Pious ("You were expecting maybe The Fink Spots"), Titus Moody, a New Englander played by Parker Fennelly ("Howdy, Bub!") and Ajax Cassidy, an Irishman played by Peter Donald ("W-e-e-e-l-l-l, how do ye do?"). The last FRED ALLEN SHOW was broadcast on June 26, 1949. Jack Benny was the guest.

*Senator Claghorn responded to a knock on his door with...
"Somebody, Ah say, somebody's knockin' on mah door!" He constantly made puns out of the names of real Senators, for example...
"Senator Glass is all broken up about it!" "They're going to bring Senator Aiken back...achin' back...that's a joke, Son!"

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THE FRED WARING SHOW
Music

CAST:
Starring................. Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians
Featuring..........Honey and The Bees (Diane Courtney, later
Daisy Bernier as Honey,
Hal Kanner and Murray Kane as The Bees)
Stella and The Fellas (Stella Friend, Paul
Gibbons, Craig Leitch and Roy Ringwald)
The Lane Sisters (Priscilla and Rosemary)
The Three Girl Friends (Stella Friend,
Ida Pierce and June Taylor)
Babs and Her Brothers (Babs Ryan,
Charlie Ryan and Little Ryan)
Stuart Churchill, tenor
Gordon Goodman, tenor
Jane Wilson, soprano
Joanne Wheatley, vocalist
Donna Dae, vocalist
Gordon Berger, vocalist
Robert Shaw, vocalist

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THE FRED WARING SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Mac Perron, vocalist
Ruth Cottingham, vocalist
Virginia Morley and Livingston Gearhart, piano team
Les Paul, guitarist
Kay Thompson, comic vocals
Lumpy Brannum, bass viol and comic vocals
Johnny "Scat" Davis, horn player and comic
Tom Waring, pianist
The McFarland Twins (George and Arthur)
Poley McClintock, drummer and "froggy voices"
Announcer..................................................David Ross
Bob Considine
Paul Douglas
Bill Bivens

CLOSING THEME:
"Sleep"

CATCH-PHRASE:
DAVID ROSS: Mellow. Mellow as a cello. (a reference to both Waring's music and Old Gold cigarettes, Waring's first sponsor)

THE FRED WARING SHOW appeared at various time periods in different formats. For five years, Fred Waring was the star of THE CHESTERFIELD SUPPER CLUB.

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FRIEND IN DEED
Variety

FRIEND IN DEED featured tenor-philosopher Richard Maxwell.

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FRONT PAGE FARRELL
Serial Drama

CAST:
David Farrell..............................................Richard Widmark
Carleton Young
Staats Cotsworth
Sally Farrell............................................Florence Williams
Virginia Dwyer
Kay Barnett.............................................Betty Garde
Sammy Warner..........................................George Sturgeon
Mrs. Howard............................................Evelyn Varden
Lucy Beggs............................................Katherine Emmet
Tim O'Donovan.........................................William Shelley
Carol Peters...........................................Vivian Smolen
Luther Warren........................................James Monks
CAST: (Cont.)
Ella.......................................................... Elspeth Eric
Sherry.......................................................... Athena Lorde
Nick............................................................ Peter Capell
Lizette......................................................... Eleanor Sherman
Rory Applegate............................................... Sylvia Leigh
George Walker............................................... Frank Chase
Lt. Carpenter................................................ Robert Donley
Grover Courtney.......................................... James Van Dyk

DIRECTORS:
Bill Sweets     Frank Hummert     Arthur Hanna
John Buckwalter     Richard Leonard

WRITERS:
Harold Gast     Bob Saxon     Alvin Boretz
Robert J. Shaw

THEME:
"You and I Know"

ORGANIST:
Rosa Rio

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FU MANCHU
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Fu Manchu..................................................... John C. Daly
Harold Huber
Karameneh, the slave girl................................. Sunda Love
Charlotte Manson
Malik, the French detective................................ Stanley Andrews
Nayland Smith................................................ Charles Warburton
Dr. Petrie...................................................... Bob White

This series was based on the Chinese detective created by Sax Rohmer.

See also THE COLLIER HOUR.

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FUN FAIR

See JAY STEWART'S FUN FAIR.

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GAME PARADE
Children's Quiz

CAST:
M.C. .........................................................Arthur Elmer

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GANGBUSTERS
Drama

CAST:
Narrator....................................................Phillips H. Lord
Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf
John C. Hilley
Chief Investigator.................................Lewis J. Valentine
Also.........................................................Art Carney
Richard Widmark
Ethel Owen
Bryna Raeburn
Elspeth Eric
Adelaide Klein
Joan Banks
Helene Dumas
Alice Reinheart
Linda Watkins
Leon Janney
Frank Lovejoy
Larry Haines
Roger DeKoven
Robert Dryden
Bill Lipton
Raymond Edward Johnson
Many others
Announcer..................................................Charles Stark
Frank Gallop
H. Gilbert Martin
Don Gardiner
Roger Forster

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Phillips H. Lord

DIRECTORS:
Paul Munroe         Harry Frazee       Jay Hanna
Bill Sweets         Leonard Bass

WRITERS:
John Mole

SOUND EFFECTS:
Ray Kremer         Jim Rogan          Bob Prescott      Ed Blainey

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GANGBUSTERS (Cont.)

OPENING:

SOUND EFFECTS: MARCHING FEET, MACHINE GUN FIRE, SIREN WAIL

VOICE: Calling the police! Calling the G-men! Calling all Americans to war on the underworld!

ANNCR: Gangbusters! With the co-operation of leading law enforcement officials of the United States, Gangbusters presents facts in the relentless war of the police on the underworld... Authentic case histories that show the never-ending activity of the police in their work of protecting our citizens.

The exceptionally loud opening sound effects of guns and sirens gave rise to the expression “Coming on like Gangbusters” — which means anything that has a strong beginning. The programs were based on true stories and the police were able to report many arrests because of the closing which was a description of wanted criminals.

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GASOLINE ALLEY
Drama

CAST:
Skeezix.............................. Jimmy McCallion
Billy Idelson
Bill Lipton
Nina Clock............................. Janice Gilbert
Jean Gillespie
Wumple, Skeezix' boss................ Clifford Soubier
Idaho Ida.............................. Hazel Dopheide
Ling Wee, Chinese waiter.............. Junius Matthews
Also........................................ Mason Adams

DIRECTORS:
Charles Schenck       John Cole

WRITER:
Kane Campbell

This program was based on the comic strip by Frank King.

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GAY NINETIES REVUE
Musical-Variety

CAST:
Featuring.................................. Beatrice Kay
Joe Howard
Billy M. Greene

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GAY NINETIES REVUE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Broadway Harry................................. Frank Lovejoy
Danny Donovan.................................. Jack Arthur
Elm City Four.................................... Philip Reed, first tenor
Claude Reese, second tenor
Hubie Hendry, baritone
Darrel Woodyard, bass
Also............................................ Four Clubmen
Floradora Girls
Orchestra........................................ Ray Bloch

GENE AND GLENN WITH JAKE AND LEA
Music and Comedy

CAST:
Gene.............................................. Gene Carroll
Glenn............................................. Glenn Rowell
Jake.............................................. Gene Carroll
Lena............................................... Gene Carroll

Glenn was the straight man for this music and comedy duo. Gene played the piano and did the voices for Lena, who ran a boarding house where Gene and Glenn were boarders, and Jake, who was the handyman. Later Lena turned up on FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY.

GENE Autry'S MELODY RANCH
Western Music

CAST:
Starring.......................................... Gene Autry
Also............................................... Jim Boles
Tyler McVey

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll
Doris Gilbert
George Anderson

THE GEORGE JESSEL SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring.......................................... George Jessel

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GIBBS AND FINNEY, GENERAL DELIVERY
Drama

CAST:
Gibbs............................................ Parker Fennelly
Finney........................................... Arthur Allen

See also SNOW VILLAGE.

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THE GIBSON FAMILY
Drama

CAST:
Dot Gibson..................................................Loretta Clemens
Bobby Gibson............................................Jack Clemens
..................................................Al Dary
Sally Gibson................................................Adele Ronson
Mother........................................................Anne Elstner
Father.......................................................Bill Adams
Awful, the butler...........................................Ernest Whitman
Boy..........................................................Warren Hull
Singers......................................................Conrad Thibault
..................................................Lois Bennett
Announcer..................................................Jimmy Wallington
Also..........................................................John McGovern
Orchestra..................................................Donald Voorhees

This was one of the first dramatic programs to have music written especially for it.

See also SHOW BOAT.

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GILDERSLEEVE

See THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE.

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GIRL ALONE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Patricia Rogers, the girl alone......................Betty Winkler
Ty DeYoe....................................................Raymond Edward Johnson
Scoop Curtis................................................Don Briggs
..................................................Pat Murphy
..................................................Arthur Jacobson
Alice Ames Warner......................................Joan Winters
Leo Warner................................................Willard Waterman
Dick Conover.............................................Herbert Nelson
Mike Barlow...............................................Sidney Ellstrom
John Knight...............................................Karl Weber
..................................................Les Damon
..................................................Syd Simons
Virginia Hardesty......................................Laurette Fillbrandt
Emmett Dayton..........................................Ian Keith
Henry Senrich...........................................Willard Waterman
Lt. Custer...............................................Arthur Peterson
Muggsy Modoc............................................Bob Jellison
Lewis......................................................Bob Jellison
Ruth Lardner.............................................Fran Carlon
Joe Markham............................................Arthur Kohl

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CAST: (Cont.)
Arthur Cook...........................................Charles Penman
W. C. Green.............................................Stanley Gordon
Chuprin...................................................Don Gallagher
Dr. John Richman......................................Michael Romano
Jack Rogers.............................................Frank Pacelli
Aunt Kate................................................Kathryn Card
Hazel Bird................................................Jane Green
Scotson Webb.................................Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Dr. Warren Douglas......................Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Stormy Wilson Curtis.........................June Travis
Jack......................................................Jack Chalbeck
Ziehm....................................................Herbert Butterfield
Dick Sheridan........................................Dan Sutter
Louise Stulir.................................Fern Persons
Jerry Stulir............................................John Hodiak
Clara Schend........................................Hope Summers
Ray.....................................................Earl George
Tessie Monroe..............................Betty Caine
Stella Moore...........................................Janet Logan

DIRECTORS:
Axel Gruenberg
Gordon Hughes

WRITER:
Fayette Krum

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THE GIRL NEXT DOOR
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring..............................................Mary Smith
J. Anthony Hughes

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GIVE AND TAKE
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C......................................................John Reed King

DIRECTOR:
Jack Carney

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GLAMOUR MANOR
Variety

CAST:
M.C...........................................Kenny Baker, tenor
GLAMOUR MANOR (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Barbara.................................................Barbara Eiler
Schlepperman............................................Sam Hearn
Mrs. Biddle.............................................Elvia Allman
Mrs. Wilson.............................................Cliff Arquette
Capt. Billy..............................................Cliff Arquette
Wanda Werewulf.........................................Bea Benadaret
Also.........................................................Lurene Tuttle

Tyler McVey
Terry O'Sullivan
Jack Bailey
Hal Stevens
Charles Hale

DIRECTOR:
Ken Burton

WRITERS:
Carl Jampel
Wright Esser
Walt Framer
Charles Rinker
Sid Goodwin
Frank Moore

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GLORIOUS ONE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Judith Bradley.............................................Irene Rich
Jake Bradley..............................................John Lake
Susan Bradley............................................Florence Baker
Don Bradley...............................................Larry Nunn
Madge Harrington....................................Anne Stone
Lillian, the maid......................................Jane Morgan
Dr. Ralph Stevens.....................................Gale Gordon
Mrs. Gordon..............................................Gladys Gwynne

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THE GOLDBERGS
Serial Comedy-Drama

CAST:
Molly Goldberg...........................................Gertrude Berg
Jake Goldberg.............................................James R. Waters
Rosalie Goldberg........................................Roslyn Silber
Sammy Goldberg.................................Alfred Ryder (Alfred Corn)

Everett Sloane

Uncle David.............................................Menasha Skulnik
Solly..........................................................Sidney Slon
Jane Brown................................................Joan Tetzel
Sylvia Allison..........................................Zina Provendie
Seymour Fingerhood.................................Arnold Stang

Eddie Firestone Jr.

Esther Miller...........................................Joan Vitez

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THE GOLDBERGS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Christopher Keator.................... Raymond Edward Johnson
Mr. Mendall................................ George Herman
Joyce..................................... Anne Teeman
Libby...................................... Jeannette Chinley
Mickey Bloom................................ Howard Merrill
Mrs. Melenka................................ Bertha Waldon
Mr. Schneider............................. Artie Auerbach
Martha Wilberforce........................ Carrie Weller
Michael's grandmother..................... Mimi Aguglia
Uncle Carlo................................ Tito Vuolo
Debbie Banner............................. Cecile Evans
Walter Jerome............................ Edward Trevor
Malcolm.................................... Garson Kanin
Eli Edwards............................... Garson Kanin
Mr. Fowler, the handyman............... Bruno Wick

WRITER:
Gertrude Berg

THEME:
Toselli's "Serenade"

THE GOLDBERGS was originally called THE RISE OF THE GOLDBERGS and first appeared on November 20, 1929. It remained an extremely popular soap opera for many years. It differed from most of the other soaps in that its leading characters lived through relatively normal situations. Even though it was the story of a poor Jewish family in New York, it had identification for a wide segment of its listeners.

The famous singer Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink asked Miss Berg if she could appear on the show, so she was written into the script and made three appearances. Metropolitan Opera star Jan Peerce appeared on the show to sing on Yom Kippur and Passover. Among others who performed on THE GOLDBERGS were Marjorie Main, Joseph Cotten, Keenan Wynn, Minerva Pious, Van Heflin, Philip Loeb and George Tobias.

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THE GOODWILL HOUR
Advice

CAST:
Mr. Anthony................................. John J. Anthony
Announcer................................... Roland Winters

DIRECTOR:
Thomas F. Vietor Jr.

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OPENING:
ANNCR: You have a friend and adviser in John J. Anthony. And thousands are happier and more successful today because of John J. Anthony.

Mr. Anthony (whose real name was Lester Kroll) dispensed advice on personal problems to people who would come before his microphone and bare their troubles and woes. He was continually admonishing them not to touch the microphone and to use "no names, please."

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GRAND CENTRAL STATION
Drama

CAST:
Narrator.....................................................Jack Arthur
Guest actors...............................................Hume Cronyn
                                Nancy Coleman
                                Beverly Bayne
                                Mary Mason
                                Arnold Moss
                                McKay Morris
                                Jim Ameche
                                Many others

Announcer......................................................Tom Shirley
                                            Ken Roberts

PRODUCERS:
Martin Horrell      Himan Brown

DIRECTORS:
William Rousseau    Ray H. Kremer    Ira Ashley

WRITERS:
Martin Horrell     Jay Bennett      Ethel Abby
                                Elinor Lenz      Dena Reed

OPENING:
SOUND: TRAIN EFFECTS FULL AND UNDER FOR
ANNCR: As a bullet seeks its target, shining rails in every part of our great country are aimed at Grand Central Station, heart of the nation's greatest city. Drawn by the magnetic force, the fantastic metropolis, day and night great trains rush toward the Hudson River, sweep down its Eastern bank for 140 miles, flash briefly past the long red row of tenement houses south of 125th Street, dive with a roar into the two and a half mile tunnel which burrows beneath the glitter and swank of Park Avenue and then...

SOUND: ESCAPING STEAM FROM LOCOMOTIVE
GRAND CENTRAL STATION (Cont.)

ANNCR: Grand Central Station...crossroads of a million private lives.

(The opening featured the sounds of chugging steam engines although all trains to Grand Central Station were electric.)

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GRAND HOTEL
Drama

CAST:
Featuring........................................... Don Ameche
Anne Seymour
Betty Winkler
Phil Lord
Don Briggs
Jim Ameche
Barbara Luddy
Olan Soule
Raymond Edward Johnson

Telephone operator............................. Betty Winkler

PRODUCER:
Joe Ainley

WRITER:
George Vandel

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GRAND MARQUEE
Drama

CAST:
Starring............................................... Olan Soule
Beryl Vaughn

DIRECTOR:
Norman Felton

WRITER:
Virginia Safford Lynne

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THE GRAND OLE OPRY
Variety

CAST:
The Solemn Old Judge.............................. George D. Hay
Cousin Minnie Pearl............................ Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon
The Duke of Paducah............................. Whitey Ford

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THE GRAND OLE OPRY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Also.......................................................... Rod Brasfield
Uncle Jimmy Thompson, fiddler
and Civil War veteran
Roy Acuff
Hank Williams
Ruth Douglas
Bill Monroe
Red Foley
Ernest Tubb
Rachel Veach, guitarist
The Cumberland Valley Boys
Paul Warmack and His Gully Jumpers
George Wilkerson and His Fruit Jar Drinkers
Dr. Humphrey Bate and His Possum Hunters
The Delmore Brothers (singing team
of Alton and Rayburn Delmore)
De Ford Bailey, harmonica player
Uncle Dave Macon (“The Dixie
Dewdrop”) and his son Dorris
Many others

Announcer...................................................... Louie Buck

ORIGINATORS:
George D. Hay and Jimmy Thompson

DIRECTORS:
Kenneth W. MacGregor Jack Stapp Ott Devine

WRITERS:
Dave Murray Cliff Thomas Noel Digby

CATCH-PHRASES:
Cousin Minnie Pearl: Howdy! I’m just so proud to be here!

The Duke of Paducah: I’m goin’ back to the wagon, boys. These shoes are killin’ me.

THE GRAND OLE OPRY, which debuted on November 26, 1925, was broadcast over the facilities of WSM in Nashville, Tennessee. It featured country music and comedy. Every big name performer in the country music field appeared on THE GRAND OLE OPRY as well as other entertainers such as Marguerite Piazza and Helen Traubel.

The Opry originally emanated from WSM’s Studio B...later an auditorium-type studio was built to house the crowds—Studio C. The show outgrew this in short order and the program was moved to an East Nashville tabernacle. From there it moved to the Hillsboro Theater in West Nashville and then to the War Memorial Auditorium downtown. In 1942 it moved to the Ryman Auditorium where it has been ever since. However, in 1961 the Ryman Corporation sold the auditorium to WSM, Inc...since that time the structure has been known as “The Grand Ole Opry House.”

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THE GRAND OLE OPRY (Cont.)

The program originally lasted one hour and five minutes and was first known as THE WSM BARN DANCE. Hay changed it to THE GRAND OLE OPRY in February 1926 after he heard an allusion by Dr. Walter Damrosch to "Grand Opry." Within two years the program had increased to three hours and increased steadily over the years until reaching a Saturday night broadcast of five full hours. It was always broadcast in its entirety and never was pre-empted, never had a summer replacement, never had an intermission. In October 1939 NBC began to carry thirty minutes of the show on the network. Prince Albert tobacco sponsored this network portion. Only the network broadcast used writers...the rest of the broadcast was never scripted. There were many sponsors of the non-network portion...among them Schick, Kellogg's, Coca-Cola, Lava and Pet Milk.

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GRAND SLAM
Quiz

CAST:
Starring......................................................Irene Beasley

DIRECTORS:
Kirby Ayers       Victor Sack

This was a musical quiz operating on the principles of a bridge game. If a studio contestant missed a trick (fluffed an answer) the prize went to the listener who had submitted the question. Five tricks taken in a row was a "Grand Slam" for which the winner was awarded a $100 U.S. Savings Bond.

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GRANDMA TRAVELS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Grandma......................................................Hazel Dopheide
Announcer...................................................Les Griffith

GRANDMA TRAVELS was sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company.

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GRANDPA BURTON
Drama

CAST:
Grandpa Burton and all other characters...............Bill Baar

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GRANDSTAND THRILLS
Sports

CAST:
Narrator.................................................Olan Soule

PRODUCER:
Dick Wells

DIRECTOR:
Les Weinrot

GRANDSTAND THRILLS was an episodic sports program in the style of THE MARCH OF TIME.

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THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve.....................Hal Peary
Willard Waterman
Leroy Forrester, his nephew......................Walter Tetley
Marjorie Forrester, his niece....................Lurene Tuttle
Marylee Robb
Judge Hooker........................................Earle Ross
Birdie Lee Coggins, the maid.....................Lillian Randolph
Peavey, the druggist..............................Richard Legrand
Oliver Honeywell..................................Hans Conried
Floyd, the barber..................................Arthur Q. Bryan
Adeline Fairchild..................................Una Merkel
Leila Ransom.........................................Shirley Mitchell
Craig Bullard......................................Tommy Bernard
Bronco...............................................Tommy Bernard
Orchestra..........................................Dick Crenna

DIRECTORS:
Fran Van Hartesfeldt  Karl Gruener  Cecil Underwood

WRITERS.
John Whedon  Sam Moore  Virginia Safford Lynne

Gildersleeve originated as a character on FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY. On his own program, which began Aug. 31, 1941, Gildersleeve was the bachelor uncle of two children—Leroy, a pestiferous boy who called Gildersleeve "Unk," and Marjorie, a teen-ager. They lived in the town of Summerfield where Gidy was the Water Commissioner. Many attempts were made to marry him off particularly to the Southern Belle, Leila Ransom.

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GREAT PLAYS
Drama

This 1942 drama series featured radio adaptations of such plays
GREAT PLAYS (Cont.)
as “Biography” by S. N. Behrman, “The Truth” by Clyde Fitch
and “The American Way” by Kaufman and Hart.

DIRECTOR:
Charles Warburton

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THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
Religion

Warren Parker was cast as Jesus in this series of dramatizations
based on the book by Fulton Oursler.

DIRECTORS:
Henry Denker Marx Loeb

WRITER:
Henry Denker

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THE GREEN HORNET
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Britt Reid (The Green Hornet)................. Al Hodge (1936-43)
Donovan Faust (1943)
Bob Hall (1943-'46)
Jack McCarthy (1946-'52)
Kato, Reid’s faithful valet.....................Raymond Hayashi
Rollon Parker Mickey Tolan
Lenore Case (“Casey”), Reid’s secretary.........Lee Allman
Michael Axford, reporter........................Jim Irwin
Gil Shea
Ed Lowry, ace reporter.........................Jack Petruzzi
Newsboy...........................................Rollon Parker
Announcer........................................Charles Woods
Mike Wallace
Fielden Farrington Bob Hite
Bob Hite
Hal Neal

CREATORS:
Fran Striker George W. Trendle

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
James Jewell

DIRECTOR:
Charles Livingstone

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THE GREEN HORNET (Cont.)

WRITER:
Fran Striker

THEME:
"Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov

OPENING:
ANNCR: The Green Hornet!
SOUND: HORNET BUZZ UP FULL
ANNCR: He hunts the biggest of all game! Public enemies who try to destroy our America!
MUSIC: THEME (FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE) UP FULL AND UNDER
ANNCR: With his faithful valet, Kato, Britt Reid, daring young publisher, matches wits with the underworld, risking his life that criminals and racketeers, within the law, may feel its weight by the sting of The Green Hornet!
SOUND: BLACK BEAUTY CAR PULLS OUT, UP FULL.
ANNCR: Ride with Britt Reid in the thrilling adventure "Death Stalks the City." The Green Hornet strikes again!
SOUND: HORNET BUZZ UP FULL.

GREEN HORNET APPEARANCE SEGMENT:
ANNCR: Stepping through a secret panel in the rear of the closet in his bedroom, Britt Reid and Kato went along a narrow passageway built within the walls of the apartment itself. This passage led to an adjoining building which fronted on a dark side-street....
SOUND: FOOTSTEPS CROSS GARAGE FLOOR, FADE IN AND CONTINUE THROUGH...
ANNCR: Though supposedly abandoned, this building served as the hiding place for the sleek super-powered Black Beauty, streamlined car of The Green Hornet.
SOUND: FOOTSTEPS TO CAR, DOOR OPEN, CAR DOOR SLAM
ANNCR: Britt Reid pressed a button...
SOUND: CAR START
ANNCR: The great car roared into life....
SOUND: CAR IDLE UP, SOUND OF WALL SECTION OPENING
ANNCR: A section of the wall in front raised automatically, then closed as the Black Beauty sped into the darkness.
SOUND: CAR PULL-OUT UP FULL, TWO GEAR CHANGES, CROSS FADE MUSIC.

CLOSING:
MUSIC: THEME UP FULL AND UNDER
NEWSBOY: Special extra! Murderers in jail! City saved from deadly ray gun! Read all about it! Green Hornet still at large! Special extra! Paper!!!
MUSIC: THEME UP FULL.
Although The Green Hornet helped to bring criminals to justice, the police were constantly trying to capture him. They never did though. The Hornet used a gas gun to subdue his enemies but they were only temporarily immobilized...just long enough for him to leave his Green Hornet seal and escape before the police arrived. Axford was an Irishman with a thick brogue who was always kidding Miss Case and using the expression, "Holy crow!" They all worked at the newspaper that Britt Reid published, The Daily Sentinel. Reid's faithful valet, Kato, was Japanese until December 7, 1941, when he suddenly was referred to as "Reid's faithful Filipino valet, Kato."

Both The Green Hornet and The Lone Ranger were created by Fran Striker and George W. Trendle and were broadcast from Detroit where a solid stock company of actors appeared on both programs. There were some interesting parallels between the two programs. The Green Hornet’s real name was Britt Reid and The Lone Ranger’s real name was John Reid. Britt Reid was referred to as The Lone Ranger's grand-nephew. Each had his "faithful side-kick," Kato and Tonto, respectively. Each had a superior means of transportation, the Black Beauty and Silver. And each one fought crime but not as part of a formal law enforcement agency. Rather, they carried out their adventures as semi-fugitives from the law, always disappearing just before the law took over.

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GREEN VALLEY, USA
Drama

CAST:
Narrator.......................................................... Santos Ortega

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

WRITER:
Millard Lampell

GREEN VALLEY, USA was a patriotic series of dramas.
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GRITS AND GRAVY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring.......................................................... George Gaul
Peggy Paige

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THE GROUCHO MARX SHOW

See BLUE RIBBON TOWN and YOU BET YOUR LIFE.
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THE GRUMMITS
Situation Comedy

WRITER:
Edward Ford

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THE GUIDING LIGHT
Serial Drama

CAST:
Ned Holden.................................................Ed Prentiss
Mary Ruthledge............................................Sarajane Wells
Dr. John Ruthledge........................................Arthur Peterson
Ruth Craig................................................Beverly Ruby
Rose Kransky.............................................Ruth Bailey
Spike Wilson.............................................Frank Dane
Ellis Smith...............................................Sam Wanamaker
Mercedes McCambridge..............................Charlotte Manson
Dr. John Ruthledge........................................Arthur Peterson
Mary Ruthledge............................................Sarajane Wells
Spike Wilson.............................................Frank Dane
Ellis Smith...............................................Sam Wanamaker

Irish Marsh..............................................Betty Arnold
Norma Greenman.........................................Eloise Kummer
Dr. McNell................................................Sidney Breese
Edward Greenman........................................Ken Griffin
Nancy Stewart............................................Laurette Fillbrandt
Peggy Gaylord............................................Jane Webb
Sister Ada....................................................Alma Samuels
Sister Lillian............................................Annette Harper
Laura Martin.............................................Gail Henshaw
Jacob Kransky............................................Seymour Young
Gordon Ellis............................................Raymond Edward Johnson
Rev. Tom Bannion.........................................Frank Behrens
Mrs. Kransky.............................................Mignon Schreiber
Torchy Reynolds Holden..............................Gladys Heen
Fredericka Lang.........................................Margaret Fuller
Muriel Bremner...........................................
Trudy Bauer..............................................Laurette Fillbrandt
Ellen.........................................................Henrietta Tedro
Roy Fencher.............................................Willard Waterman
Clifford Foster..........................................Bret Morrison
Charles Cunningham....................................Bill Bouchey
Mrs. Cunningham........................................Lesley Woods
Martin Kane.............................................Michael Romano
Dr. Charles Matthews.....................................Hugh Studebaker
Julie Collins.............................................Mary Lansing
Roger Collins............................................Sam Edwards
Leonard Waterman

Charlotte Brandon.................................Betty Lou Gerson
Ted White..............................................Arnold Moss
Meta Bauer..............................................Jone Allison
Celeste Cunningham.................................Carolyn McKay
CAST: (Cont.)

Grandpa Ellis......................................................... Phil Lord
Phyllis Gordon...................................................... Sharon Grainger
Peter Manno.......................................................... Michael Romano
Ethel Foster........................................................... Sunda Love
Mr. Nobody from Nowhere................................. Raymond Edward Johnson

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Joe Ainley

DIRECTORS:
Charles Urquhart Gordon Hughes Harry Bubeck
Howard Keegan

WRITER:
Irna Phillips

THEME:
“Aphrodite”

THE GUIDING LIGHT told the story of Reverend Ruthledge, a kindly cleric who showed people how to live a good life through patience and understanding.

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GULLIVER

See THE FIRE CHIEF.

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THE GUMPS
Comedy-Drama

CAST:

Andy Gump............................................................. Wilmer Walter
Min Gump.............................................................. Agnes Moorehead
Chester Gump........................................................ Jackie Kelk
Announcer............................................................. Ralph Edwards

WRITERS:

Himan Brown Irwin Shaw

CATCH-PHRASE:

ANDY: Oh, Min!

THE GUMPS was based on the comic strip by Sidney Smith.

An earlier version of THE GUMPS was broadcast on WGN, Chicago, with the following cast:

Andy Gump............................................................. Jack Boyle
Min Gump.............................................................. Dorothy Denver
THE GUMPS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Chester Gump................................. Charles Flynn Jr.
Tilda, the maid................................. Bess Flynn

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THE HAL PEARY SHOW
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Honest Harold, a radio commentator.................... Hal Peary
Gloria, Harold’s girl friend........................... Gloria Holliday

THE HALLMARK PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
Host-narrator.............................. James Hilton (author of Random Harvest, Lost Horizon, Good-bye Mr. Chips, etc.)
Musical conductor............................ Lyn Murray

These were dramatizations of outstanding stories from contemporary literature. In 1955 the program became THE HALLMARK RADIO HALL OF FAME.

THE HALLS OF IVY
Drama

CAST:
Dr. William Todhunter Hall.................... Ronald Colman
Vicky Hall, his wife......................... Benita Hume Colman
Mr. Merriweather.......................... Willard Waterman
Clarence Wellman.............................. Herbert Butterfield
Penny, the maid.............................. Gloria Gordon

CREATOR-WRITER:
Don Quinn

DIRECTOR:
Nat Wolff

THEME:
“The Halls of Ivy”

This series was set on a small college campus.

THE HAMILTON FAMILY
See THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF THE AIR.

HANNIBAL COBB
Detective

CAST:
Hannibal Cobb, detective........................ Santos Ortega
Announcer........................................... Les Griffith
Organist............................................. Rosa Rio

DIRECTORS:
William D. Hamilton Charles Powers Roy La Plante

WRITERS:
Bernard Dougall Ira Marion Lillian Schoen

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HANNIBAL COBB (Cont.)

OPENING:
MUSIC: ORGAN MARCH MUSIC UP FULL THEN UNDER FOR
ANNCR: Each weekday at this time the American Broadcasting
Company presents...HANNIBAL COBB...as you will
find him in the Photocrime pages of Look Magazine. Here is a dramatic story of human conflict vividly
told from the point of view of someone closely in-
volved.

CLOSING:
MUSIC: ORGAN MARCH MUSIC UP FULL THEN UNDER FOR
ANNCR: Be with us each weekday Monday through Friday at
this time when HANNIBAL COBB will bring you an
exciting story of human conflict, presented by the
American Broadcasting Company.

Detective Hannibal Cobb lived at 17 South Jackson.

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THE HAPPINESS BOYS
Music

CAST:
Starring..................................................Billy Jones
Ernie Hare

Jones and Hare are closely associated with the development of
early radio as they were two of the medium's first big stars. On
October 18, 1921, they sang and told jokes for ninety minutes over
New York station WJZ. This launched them on an eighteen year
radio career which ended on March 9, 1939, when Ernie Hare died.
His daughter Marilyn continued for awhile as the Hare of Jones
and Hare until November 23, 1940, when Jones died.

Jones and Hare sang their vocal duets of comic songs and senti-
mental ballads for various sponsors and, depending upon which
sponsor, they were variously known as "The Happiness Boys,"
"The Interwoven Pair," "The Best Foods Boys" and "The Taystee
Loafers." If your memory is long enough you'll remember their
theme:

"How-do-you-do, everybody, how-do-you-do;
Don't forget your Friday date,
Seven-thirty until eight;
How-do-you-do, everybody, how-do-you-do!"

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HAPPY HOLLOW
Drama

This dramatic series was set in a small American town and was
written and produced by Everett Kemp. The stories featured such
characters as Uncle Ezra Butternut, Aunt Lucinda Skinflint, Little
Douglas Butternut, Aaron and Sarah Peppertag, Charity Grubb,
Jennie Oaksberry, G.andpa Beasley, etc.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 149
HAPPY ISLAND
Comedy

CAST:
King Bubbles.....................................................Ed Wynn

See also THE FIRE CHIEF.

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THE HARDY FAMILY
Comedy-Drama

CAST:
Andy Hardy.....................................................Mickey Rooney
Judge Hardy, Andy’s father....................................Lewis Stone
Mrs. Hardy......................................................Jean Parker
Beasey.............................................................Dick Crenna
Also..............................................................Judy Garland

This program was based on the popular MGM movie series.

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HAROLD TEEN
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Harold Teen....................................................Charles Flynn
Willard Farnum
Eddie Firestone Jr.
Bob Jellison
Lillums..............................................................Loretta Poynton
Eunice Yankee
Willard Waterman
Beryl Vaughn
Rosemary Garbell
Marvin Miller
Jack Spencer

WRITERS:
Blair Walliser    Fred Kress

HAROLD TEEN was based on the comic strip by Carl Ed (pronounced Eed). The program had its debut August 5, 1941.

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HARVEST OF STARS
Music

CAST:
Starring......................................................James Melton
Orchestra......................................................Howard Barlow
Frank Black
HARVEST OF STARS (Cont.)

This NBC program, sponsored by International Harvester, began in 1941.

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HAWAII CALLS
Music

HAWAII CALLS, featuring Webb Edwards, was a long-running pro-
gram of music from Hawaii. Naturally, it abounded with “Aloha,”
references to floral leis, the hula rhythm and “as the sun sinks
slowly in the West.” The program originated in Hawaii.

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HAWTHORNE HOTEL
Serial Drama

CAST:
Lois Liston.................................................. Natalie Park
Jerry Tremaine.................................................. John Pickard

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HEADLINE HUNTERS
News

CAST:
Hosts.............................................................. Floyd Gibbons
Lowell Thomas

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HEAR IT NOW
Commentary

HEAR IT NOW featured news commentator Edward R. Murrow with
re-plays of famous events heard on the air.

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HEARTHSTONE OF THE DEATH SQUAD

See MYSTERY THEATER.

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HEART’S DESIRE
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.............................................................. Ben Alexander

DIRECTOR:
Dave Grant

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 151
HEARTS IN HARMONY
Drama

CAST:
Penny................................................. Jone Allison
Mrs. Gibbs........................................... Alice Yourman
Inspector Hale..................................... King Calder
Penny's aunt....................................... Ellen Maher
Penny's GI friends................................. Bill Lipton
                                 Bill Redfield
                                 Bob Walker
                                 George Matthews
Vocalists........................................... Bob Hanna
                                 Anne Marlowe
Pianist............................................. Vic Arden
Announcer......................................... Ed Herlihy

DIRECTOR:
Martha Atwell

HEARTS IN HARMONY, sponsored by Kroger, told the story of a volunteer entertainer in a USO club. Her adventures were bound up in patriotic efforts. When the script called for her to sing, Anne Marlowe took over.

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HELEN AND MARY

See THE ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND MARY.

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THE HELEN HAYES THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Hostess............................................. Helen Hayes

DIRECTOR:
Lester O'Keefe

This prestige drama series featuring "The First Lady of the Theater" was first heard on the NBC Blue Network in 1935.

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HELEN TRENT

See THE ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT.

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HELLO, PEGGY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Peggy Hopkins..................................... Eunice Howard
HELLO, PEGGY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Ted Hopkins.................................................. Alan Bunce
Bellboys.......................................................... Jackie Kelk

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HELPMATE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Linda Emerson Harper.................................. Arlene Francis
Steve Harper.............................................. Myron McCormick
Grace Marshall.......................................... Judith Evelyn
Irene Emerson.......................................... Kathryn Card
Clyde Marshall.......................................... Karl Weber
George Emerson........................................ Sidney Ellstrom
Holly Emerson......................................... Beryl Vaughn

WRITER:
Margaret Lerwerth

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HENRY ALDRICH

See THE ALDRICH FAMILY.

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THE HENRY MORGAN SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Starring...................................................... Henry Morgan
Gerard....................................................... Arnold Stang
Hortense.................................................... Florence Halop
The Athlete................................................ Art Carney
Mrs. Beethoven.......................................... Madeleine Lee
Gertrude.................................................... Madeleine Lee
Daphne...................................................... Alice Pearce
Also.......................................................... Durward Kirby

 Orchestra.................................................. Bernie Green

DIRECTOR:
Charles Powers

WRITERS:
Henry Morgan Aaron Ruben Joe Stein
Morgan's greeting was: "Hello, anybody. Here's Morgan." He gained a reputation for satire. Even his own sponsors and their products were satirized...a practice which occasionally cost him a sponsor.

** CATCH-PHRASE: **
ATHLETE: Yessir, Mr. Morgan!
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** HER HONOR, NANCY JAMES **
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nancy James.................................Barbara Weeks
Mayor Richard Wharton.....................Joseph Curtin
Anthony Hale, the D.A.....................Ned Wever
Mrs. Evelyn Wharton......................Kay Strozzi
Carrie Dean................................Alice Reinheart
Madge Keller..............................Janice Gilbert
Stan Adamic................................Chester Stratton
George Novack................................Maurice Franklin
Ellen Clark..................................Joan Banks
Laura........................................Claire Niesen
Trixie........................................Janice Gilbert
Dr. Baxter...................................Michael Fitzmaurice
Closing voice..............................Basil Loughrane
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** HERE'S BABE RUTH **
Sports

CAST:
Starring.....................................Babe Ruth
M.C.........................................Ben Grauer

This program featured baseball star Babe Ruth answering youngsters' questions.
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** HIGH PLACES **
Drama

CAST:
Featuring....................................Clayton "Bud" Collyer
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HIGHWAY PATROL
Adventure

CAST:
State Trooper Cpl. Steve Taylor.............Michael Fitzmaurice
Taylor’s side-kick..................................John McGovern

DIRECTOR:
Allen DuCovny

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HIGHLANDS IN MELODY
Music

This long-running musical program featured many performers. It debuted on NBC on February 18, 1925.

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HILDA HOPE, M.D.
Drama

CAST:
Hilda Hope...........................................Selena Royle

WRITER:
Himan Brown

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HILLTOP HOUSE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bess Johnson...........................................Bess Johnson
Julie Erickson.........................................Grace Matthews
Jerry Adair...............................................Jimmy Donnelly
Jean Adair...............................................Janice Donnelly
Grace Doblen, Superintendent..................Vera Gilbert
Jeffrey Barton.........................................John Allen
David Jeffers..........................................John Moore
Dr. Robby Clark.......................................Carleton Young
Grace Matthews
Jan Miner
Janice Gilbert
John Moore
Carleton Young

Paul Hutchinson.....................................Alfred Swenson
Thelma Gidley........................................Irene Hubbard
Steve Cortland.......................................Joe Curtin
Stella Rudnick.......................................Estelle Levy
Tulip Valentine Elson...............................Gee Gee James
Pokey....................................................Maurice Gee
Tiny Tim...............................................Ronald Liss
Frank Klabber.......................................Jay Jostyn
Gilda Boros...........................................Ethel Everett
Dr. Boros...............................................Richard Gordon

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HILLTOP HOUSE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
  Capt. John Barry..................................David Gothard
  Bill Grey........................................Wallace Warner
  Linda Clark......................................Dorothy Lowell
  Marny.............................................Jackie Kelk
  Lana...............................................Helen Coule
  Gwen Barry.......................................Evelyn Streich
  Roy Barry........................................Jerry Tucker
  Hazel.............................................Margaret Curtis
  Shirley...........................................Nancy Peterson
  Duke...............................................Ray Walker
  Clementine......................................Iris Mann
  Michael Paterno..................................Lamont Johnson
  Ed Crowley.......................................James Van Dyk
  Daniel Findlay...................................Edwin Bruce
  Also..............................................Donald Briggs
  Susan Thorne

DIRECTOR:
  Carlo De Angelo       Jack Rubin

WRITERS:
  Adelaide Marston (pen name for Addy Richton and Lynn Stone)

THEME:
  Brahms' "Lullaby"

HILLTOP HOUSE was "dedicated to the women of America. The story of a woman who must choose between love and the career of raising other women's children." In March 1941 HILLTOP HOUSE became THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON. The Bess Johnson character and the actress moved from the orphanage, where she was a matron, to become the superintendent of a boarding school.

See also THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON.

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HIS HONOR, THE BARBER
Drama

CAST:
  Judge Fitz........................................Barry Fitzgerald
  Also................................................Barbara Fuller
     Leo Cleary
     William Greene
     Dawn Bender
  Announcer.......................................Frank Martin

WRITER:
  Carlton E. Morse

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THE HIT PARADE

See YOUR HIT PARADE.

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HIT THE JACKPOT
Quiz

CAST:
M.C...............................................Bill Cullen

DIRECTOR:
Bill Todman

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HOBBY LOBBY
Human Interest

CAST:
M.C...............................................Dave Elman
Orchestra......................................Harry Salter

DIRECTORS:
Addison Smith Edward Pola Joe Hill

WRITERS:
Ed Ettinger Roy Maypole Jr.

This program featured people and their interesting and unusual hobbies. Each week a different celebrity was on hand to "lobby his hobby."

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HOLLY SLOAN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Holly Sloan......................................Gale Page
Lauralee McWilliams........................Marlene Ames
Henry Sloan....................................Charles Seel
Keturah........................................Georgia Backus
Johnny Starr..................................Bob Bailey
Millicent Starr................................B.J. Thompson
Adele Kingman.................................Helene Burke
Wilbur Ramage...............................Bob Griffin
Prentiss Jeffries.............................Joe Forte
Clay Brown....................................Vic Perrin
Sally..............................................Louise Arthur

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HOLLYWOOD CALLING
Quiz

CAST:
Host.........................................................George Murphy

PRODUCER:
Victor Knight

HOLLYWOOD CALLING was a summer replacement for THE JACK BENNY PROGRAM. Contestants were tested on their knowledge of motion pictures while being given clues. Correct answers could lead to a jackpot of prizes valued at about $30,000.

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HOLLYWOOD GOOD NEWS
Variety

CAST:
Host............................................................Robert Young
James Stewart

HOLLYWOOD GOOD NEWS was the successor to SHOW BOAT.

See also SHOW BOAT.

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HOLLYWOOD HOTEL
Drama

CAST:
Host............................................................Dick Powell
Fred MacMurray
Herbert Marshall
William Powell
Louella O. Parsons, gossip columnist
Duane Thompson (a woman)
Anne Jamison
Raymond Paige
Ted Fio Rito
Jone Williams

Hostess............................Louella O. Parsons, gossip columnist
Telephone operator................Duane Thompson (a woman)
Jinny, the soprano.........................Anne Jamison
Frances Langford
Jerry Cooper

Orchestra..............................................Raymond Paige
Jean Sablon
Igor Gorin

Also............................................................Frank Parker
Bill Bacher

PRODUCER:
Bill Bacher

WRITER:
Victor Chevigny

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THEME:
“Blue Moon”

This program featured Hollywood stars in radio dramas. Its success, at a time when New York and Chicago were the major production centers, helped to make Hollywood an origination point for major radio programs.

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HOLLYWOOD JACKPOT
Variety

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Kenny Delmar
Rasputin X. Delmaroff..............................Kenny Delmar
Announcer.....................................................Bill Cullen
Also...................................................Guest stars (plugging personal appearances or new movies)

PRODUCER:
Louis Cowan

DIRECTOR:
Gordon Auchincloss

One of the most popular segments of HOLLYWOOD JACKPOT was the Hollywood Screen Test. Members of the studio audience would be invited to take a screen test. They would be asked to perform absurd stunts such as to fly to the balcony or to read a part for Lassie, the famous dog.

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HOLLYWOOD PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Charles Boyer
Jim Ameche
Gale Page

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HOLLYWOOD SCREEN TEST

See HOLLYWOOD JACKPOT.

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HOME OF THE BRAVE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Joe.................................................................Tom Tully
HOME OF THE BRAVE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Ed Latimer
Casino..................................................Sammie Hill (a woman)
Spencer Howard...........................................Alan Bunce
Doc Gordon..............................................Ed Latimer
Patrick Mulvaney........................................Ted de Corsia
Lois Farmer..............................................Joan Banks
Lois Davisson..........................................Jone Allison
Neil Davisson..........................................Richard Widmark

Vincent Donehue

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HOME SWEET HOME
Serial Drama

CAST:
Fred Kent.............................................Cecil Secrest
Lucy Kent.............................................Harriet MacGibbon
Dick..................................................Billy Halop
Uncle Will...........................................Joe Latham

This series was "The dramatic struggle of Fred and Lucy Kent and their son for 'a home sweet home of their own'."

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HONEST HAROLD

See THE HAL PEARY SHOW.

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HONEYMOON IN NEW YORK
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C............................................................Durward Kirby
Joy Hodges
Announcer..............................................Herb Sheldon
Orchestra................................................Jerry Jerome

PRODUCER:
George Voutsas

WRITER:
Arthur Henley

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THE HONEYMOONERS
Drama

CAST:
Featuring.............................................Grace and Eddie Albert

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HOOK 'N' LADDER FOLLIES
Variety

CAST:
Capt. Walt...................................................... Ralph Dumke
Stringbean Cratchet................................. Wilbur Budd Hulick
Song-Spinners.............. Johnnie Neher, Margaret Johnson, Travis
Johnson, Bella Allen and Len Stokes
Also.......................................................... John Cali, banjo-guitarist
                                    Harry Breuer, xylophonist and vibra-harpist
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HOOKEY HALL
Children's Variety

CAST:
Starring..................................................... Bobby Hookey and His
                                          Rocking Horse Rhythm

Bobby, at the age of six, was billed as “America's Youngest Na-
tional Network Radio Comedian.”
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HOP HARRIGAN
Adventure Serial

CAST:
Hop Harrigan............................................. Chester Stratton
                                          Albert Aley
Gail Nolan.................................................... Mitzi Gould
Tank Tinker.................................................. Kenny Lynch
                                          Jackson Beck
Announcer.................................................... Glenn Riggs

DIRECTORS:
Jessica Maxwell        Allen DuCovny        Jay Clark

WRITER:
Albert Aley

SOUND EFFECTS:
Ed Blainey

OPENING:
HOP:  CX-4 to control tower. This is Hop Harrigan...coming in!
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HOPALONG CASSIDY
Western Adventure

CAST:
Hopalong Cassidy................................. William Boyd

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HOPALONG CASSIDY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
California, Hoppy's side-kick.................................. Andy Clyde

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HORACE HEIDT

See A NIGHT WITH HORACE HEIDT.

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THE HORN AND HARDART CHILDREN’S HOUR
Children’s Variety

CAST:
Host..................................................... Paul Douglas (8 years)
Ralph Edwards (2 years)
Ed Herlihy (17 years)

Featuring............................................ Bobby Hookey
“Termite” Daniels
Billy Daniels
Marion Loveridge
Connie Francis
Carol Bruce
Arthur Q. Lewis
Arnold Stang
The Nicholas Brothers
The Blackstone Twins
Eddie Fisher
Roy Langer
Bea Wain
Joey Heatherton

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Alice Clements

THEME:
(original music) “Less work for Mother,
Let’s give her a hand.
Less work for Mother
And she’ll understand.
She’s your greatest treasure,
Just make her life a pleasure,
Less work for Mother dear.”

ACCOMPANIST:
W. M. “Billie” James

Although THE HORN AND HARDART CHILDREN’S HOUR, sponsored by Horn and Hardart restaurants, was never a major network program, it was on the air continuously for 29 years. It was the springboard for many child stars of the 30’s and 40’s. Alice Clements produced, wrote and directed the program for all 29 years; Paul
THE HORN AND HARDART CHILDREN'S HOUR (Cont.)

Douglas, Ralph Edwards and Ed Herlihy served as hosts for a total of 27 of those 29 years.

See also HOOKEY HALL and THE LITTLE BETSY ROSS GIRL VARIETY PROGRAM.

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HOTEL FOR PETS
Drama

CAST:
Doc......................................................... Charlotte Manson
Also.......................................................... Frank McHugh
Lloyd Richards
Abby Lewis

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THE HOUR OF CHARM
Music

CAST:
Starring.................. Phil Spitalny and His All-Girl Orchestra
Featuring.............. Evelyn Kay (Evelyn and Her Magic Violin)
Vivien (Hollace Shaw)
Maxine, vocalist
Jeannie, vocalist
Katharine Smith, cornetist
Viola Schmidt, percussionist
Announcer................................. Ron Rawson
Richard Stark

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Ripley

WRITER:
Alton Alexander

THEME:
"American Patrol"

This program went on the air in 1929.

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THE HOUR OF FAITH
Religion

THE HOUR OF FAITH was first broadcast nationally in 1942.

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THE HOUR OF SMILES
See THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.
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HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Husband................................................. John Raby
Wife...................................................... Joan Banks
Shopkeeper................................. Raymond Knight
Plumber............................................ Ed Latimer
Telephone operator....................... Abby Lewis
Also................................................... Lyle Sudrow
Patsy Campbell

WRITER:
Raymond Knight

This was the story of a city couple’s amusing problems when they moved to the country. Knight drew on his own similar experiences for the characters and situations.

THE HOUSE OF GLASS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bessie Glass............................................ Gertrude Berg
Ellen Mudge............................................. Helene Dumas

WRITER:
Gertrude Berg

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY
Mystery

CAST:
Roger Elliott, The Mystery Man......................... John Griggs

DIRECTOR:
Olga Druce

WRITER:
Johanna Johnston

In this series, children would ask The Mystery Man to tell them a story and would make appropriate comments from time to time during the story-telling.

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HOUSE PARTY
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. .................................................. Art Linkletter

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
John Guedel

DIRECTOR:
Mary Harris

WRITER:
Jack Stanley

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HOUSEBOAT HANNAH
Serial Drama

CAST:
Hannah O'Leary.................................. Henrietta Tedro
Dan O'Leary ........................................ Norman Gottschalk
Clem ............................................... Jim Andelin
Shamus .............................................. William Rose
Abe Finkelstein ................................... Henry Saxe
Becky Finkelstein ............................... Margaret Shallett
Barbara Hughey .................................. Nancy Douglass
Boss Hughey ........................................ William Amsdell
Ellen Smith ....................................... Virginia Dwyer
Jim Nichols ....................................... Lester Damon
P. Wallace Carver ................................ Donald Gallagher
Alec Ferguson ..................................... Carl Kroenke
Kevin .............................................. Frank Derby
Margery Davis ................................... Bonnie Kay
Announcer ......................................... Olan Soule
Announcer ......................................... Gene Baker

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HOWARD THURSTON, THE MAGICIAN

See THURSTON, THE MAGICIAN.

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HOWIE WING
Aviation Adventure

CAST:
Howie Wing ....................................... William Janney
Donna Cavendish ................................ Mary Parker
Capt. Harvey ...................................... Neil O'Malley
Burton York ....................................... Raymond Bramley
Zero Smith ........................................ John Griggs

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HOWIE WING (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Typhoon.......................................................... Robert Strauss
The Chief....................................................... Richard Bishop

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HUCKLEBERRY FINN

See THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN.

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HUSBANDS AND WIVES

Interviews

CAST:

Featuring....................................................... Allie Lowe Miles

Sedley Brown

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I DEAL IN CRIME
Mystery

CAST:
   Featuring..........................................................William Gargan

DIRECTOR:
   Leonard Reeg

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I LOVE A MYSTERY
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
   Jack Packard........................................Michael Raffetto
   Russell Thorson
   Jay Novello
   John McIntire
   Doc Long..................................................Barton Yarborough
   Jim Boles
   Reggie Yorke.............................................Walter Paterson
   Tony Randall
   Gerry Booker, secretary.................................Gloria Blondell

CREATOR-WRITER:
   Carlton E. Morse

DIRECTOR:
   Mel Bailey

WRITER:
   Michael Raffetto

THEME:
   “Valse Triste” by Sibelius

I LOVE A MYSTERY told the adventures of three men who met in an Oriental prison. Even though they were reported dead after a bombing in Shanghai, they survived and continued to roam the world solving crimes. Jack had an analytical brain, Doc could extricate himself from tight spots by picking complicated locks and Reggie was exceptionally strong. Gerry Booker was a beautiful secretary who combined sleuthing with shorthand. The motto of The A-1 Detective Agency was “No job too tough, no mystery too baffling.”

Carlton E. Morse also produced ONE MAN’S FAMILY; the actors who originally played Paul, Cliff and Nicky in that series (Michael Raffetto, Barton Yarborough and Walter Paterson) were Jack, Doc and Reggie in I LOVE A MYSTERY.

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I LOVE LINDA DALE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Linda Dale............................................. Helen Shields
Eric Dale............................................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Penny..................................................... Claire Howard
Dr. Bruce Porter................................. Raymond Edward Johnson
The Judge........................................... Arthur Hughes
Sheila Blade........................................ Kay Strozzi

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I’LL NEVER FORGET
Drama

These stories featured songs by Frank Luther.

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IN CARE OF AGGIE HORN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Aggie Horn............................................. Harriet Allyn
Monica Lee........................................... Muriel Bremner
Edgar Lee............................................. Nelson Olmstead
Williams.............................................. John Goldworthy
Martin Lee............................................ Danny Lupton
Gwyn Jennings..................................... Marilou Neumayer
Beanie.................................................. Eugene Geisler
Baldy.................................................... Clarence Hartzell
Gertrude Stone..................................... Ilka Diehl
Announcer............................................ Don Dowd

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INFORMATION, PLEASE!
Panel Quiz

CAST:
Moderator............................................. Clifton Fadiman
Panel.................................................... Oscar Levant
Guests
Announcer............................................ Ed Herlihy

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Dan Golenpaul

PIANIST:
Joe Kahn

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INFORMATION, PLEASE! (Cont.)

OPENING:
SOUND: ROOSTER CROWING
ANNCR: Wake up, America! It's time to stump the experts!

INFORMATION, PLEASE! debuted on May 17, 1938, and was on the air for 14 years. The original panel was Fadiman, Adams and Kieran. Levant was added when Fadiman became moderator. Such guests as John Erskine, Hendrik Willem Van Loon, Warden Lewis E. Lawes and Stuart Chase appeared to help the panel answer rather specialized and difficult questions submitted by listeners. A listener who stumped the experts received a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Cash awards were also given, at which time the sound of a cash register could be heard.

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INNER SANCTUM
Mystery

CAST:
Host...................................... Raymond Edward Johnson
                              Paul McGrath
                              House Jameson
Announcer.............................................. Ed Herlihy

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

WRITERS:
John Roeburt Robert Sloane Harry and Gail Ingram
Robert Newman Milton Lewis Sigmund Miller

OPENING:
ANNCR: Palmolive Brushless and Palmolive Lather Shaving Cream present
RAYMOND: "Inner Sanctum Mysteries"
(MUSIC)
SOUND: (DOOR SQUEAKS OPEN)
RAYMOND: Good evening, friends. This is Raymond, your host, welcoming you in to the Inner Sanctum.....

CLOSING:
RAYMOND: Now it's time to close the door of the Inner Sanctum until next week when Palmolive Brushless and Palmolive Lather Shaving Cream bring you another Inner Sanctum mystery. Until then, goodnight — pleasant dreams.
SOUND: (DOOR SQUEAKS SHUT)

INNER SANCTUM, originally called THE SQUEAKING DOOR, made its debut on Jan. 7, 1941. The show was also referred to as INNER SANCTUM MYSTERIES. The only regular cast member was the host. Many guest stars appeared on the program

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IRENE RICH DRAMAS
Drama

CAST:
Starring..............................................Irene Rich
Announcer............................................Ed Herlihy

This program with Hollywood actress Irene Rich was first broadcast on the NBC Blue Network in 1933.

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IT CAN BE DONE
Drama

CAST:
Starring............................................Edgar A. Guest

DIRECTOR:
Henry Kline

ASS'T DIRECTOR:
James Cominos

This CBS program, hosted by the famous poet Edgar A. Guest, featured guest stars whose exploits and experiences were dramatized.

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IT PAYS TO BE IGNORANT
Comedy Panel

CAST:
Quizmaster.........................................Tom Howard
Panel....................................................George Shelton
Lulu McConnell
Harry McNaughton
Announcer..........................................Ken Roberts

DIRECTOR:
Herbert S. Polesie

WRITER:
Ruth Howell

This was a carefully written show in which the panel members failed to answer such questions as “Who is buried in Grant’s Tomb?” and “Which player on a baseball team wears a catcher’s mask?”. Panelists would often respond with “Would you repeat the question, please?”

CATCH-PHRASE:
GEORGE SHELTON: (following the mention of a city) I used to work in that town!

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IT TAKES A WOMAN
Women’s Program

CAST:
Hostess.........................................................Frances Scott

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CAST:
Jack Armstrong..........................St. John Terrell (1933)
Jim Ameche (1933-1938)
Stanley Harris (1938-1939)
Charles Flynn (1939-1943 and 1944-1951)
Michael Rye (Rye Billsbury) (1943)
Billy Fairfield..................................Murray McLean
John Gannon
Roland Butterfield
Milton Guion
Dick York
Betty Fairfield.................................Scheindel Kalish
Sarajane Wells
Loretta Poynton
Patricia Dunlap
Uncle Jim Fairfield...........................James Goss
Gwendolyn Devol.............................Sarajane Wells
Naomi May
Coach Hardy.................................Arthur Van Slyke
Olan Soule
Captain Hughes..............................Don Ameche
Jack Doty
Frank Dane
Babu............................................Frank Behrens
Blackbeard Flint..............................Robert Barron
Sullivan Lodge................................Kenneth Christie
Pete.............................................Art McConnell
Dickie..........................................Dick York
Michael.....................................Frank Behrens
Weissoul, the spy............................Herb Butterfield
Also............................................William Rath
William Green
Butler Manville
Announcer.................................David Owen
Tom Shirley
Truman Bradley
Paul Douglas
Franklyn MacCormack
Bob McKee

CREATOR-WRITER:
Robert Hardy Andrews

DIRECTORS:
Pat Murphy      James Jewell      Ted MacMurray
David Owen

WRITERS:
Colonel Paschal Strong      Talbot Mundy      Irving J. Crump
James Jewell      Lee Knopf

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THEME:
“Wave the flag for Hudson High, boys,
Show them how we stand!
Ever shall our team be champion, *
Known throughout the land!
Rah Rah Boola Boola Boola Boola Boola Boola Boola Boo Rah Rah Rah.
Have you tried Wheaties?
They’re whole wheat with all of the bran.
Won’t you try Wheaties?
For wheat is the best food of man!
They’re crispy and crunchy the whole year through.
Jack Armstrong never tires of them
And neither will you.
So just buy Wheaties
The best breakfast food in the land!”

(The theme was sung by The Norsemen: Kenneth Schon, Al Revere, Ed Lindstrom, Ted Kline and James Peterson, pianist and arranger.)

* There were several versions of the theme and there is great difference of opinion about this line in particular. Some claim it should be “Every fellow should be a champion,” others remember it as “Ever fight to be a champion” or “Ever challenging we champions.”

OPENING:

VOICES: (ECHOING AND REVERBERATING) Jack Armstrong, Jack Armstrong, Jack Armstrong...
ANNCR: The All-American Boy!!!!!!

The long-time sponsor of JACK ARMSTRONG, THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY was Wheaties, Breakfast of Champions. For the appropriate box-tops...and money...you could receive such premiums as Jack Armstrong Whistling Rings, Jack Armstrong Hike-O-Meters (a simple sturdy pedometer), Jack Armstrong Secret Decoders and Jack Armstrong Norden Bombsights. Uncle Jim Fairfield was the “father image” of the series. He was an adventurer, explorer and pilot of his own amphibian. The Silver Albatross. JACK ARMSTRONG debuted in 1933 and left the air in 1951. In 1946 Uncle Jim and Betty Fairfield were deleted. In their places were added Vic Hardy, a scientific crime investigator, and Jim Butterfield, a teen-age “junior announcer” who assisted regular announcer Bob McKee.

See also ARMSTRONG OF THE SBI.

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THE JACK BENNY PROGRAM
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Jack.........................................................Jack Benny
Mary....................................................Mary Livingstone (Mrs. Jack Benny)
Dennis.....................................................Dennis Day
Rochester..............................................Eddie Anderson
Phil.......................................................Phil Harris
Schlepperman........................................Sam Hearn
Mr. Kitzel ("Pickle in the middle and the mustard on top.")..............Artie Auerbach
Mabel, the telephone operator..........................Sara Berner
Gertrude, the telephone operator......................Bea Benadaret
Dennis Day's mother....................................Verna Felton
Belly-laugh Barton......................................Dix Davis
Violin teacher..........................................Mel Blanc
Sound of Jack's Maxwell................................Mel Blanc
John L. C. Sivoney.....................................Frank Fontaine
Gladys Zabisco..........................................Sara Berner
Ruby Wagner...........................................Sara Berner
The New Year...........................................Joel Davis
Tenor..................................................Frank Parker
Michael Bartlett
Kenny Baker
Larry Stevens
Dennis Day

Orchestra..............................................George Olsen
Ted Weems
Frank Black
Don Bestor
Johnny Green
Bob Crosby
Phil Harris

Announcer..............................................George Hicks
Paul Douglas
Alois Havrilla
Don Wilson

The Sportsmen........................................Bill Days
Thurl Ravenscroft
Max Smith
John Rarig
Marty Sperzel

Also..................................................Frank Nelson ("Yeeees?")
Sheldon Leonard ("Psst! Hey, Buddy.")
Andy Devine ("Hiya, Buck!")
Blanche Stewart
Ethel Shutta, actress-singer

DIRECTOR:
Robert Ballin

WRITERS:
Sam Perrin  Milt Josefsberg  George Balzer
THE JACK BENNY PROGRAM (Cont.)

WRITERS: (Cont.)
John Tackaberry      Bill Morrow      Jack Douglas
Ed Beloin

THEME:
“Love in Bloom”

Jack Benny made his radio debut on THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW on May 2, 1931. He has been part of broadcasting ever since. Among the many running gags were his “feud” with Fred Allen, Benny’s perpetual age of 39, his stinginess, his ancient Maxwell automobile, the vault in the basement where he kept his money and where the guard hadn’t seen the light of day since the Civil War, the polar bear named Carmichael that lived in the basement and allegedly ate the gas man, Jack’s blue eyes, etc., etc. The development of the characters on the program was so complete that it was only necessary for a hold-up man to accost Benny with “Your money or your life” for the audience to laugh longer than any other time in radio. Long-time sponsors were Jell-o (“Jell-o again, this is Jack Benny.”) and Lucky Strike.

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THE JACK CARSON SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Jack Carson..............................................................Himself
Mrs. Foster..............................................................Jane Morgan
Hubert Peabody............................................................Mel Blanc
The Butler.................................................................Arthur Treacher
Jack’s press agent......................................................Eddie Marr
Aunt Sally..............................................................Elizabeth Patterson
Jack’s nephew Tugwell................................................Dave Willock
“Little girl next door”.............................................Norma Jean Nilsson
Also..............................................................................Irene Ryan
Orchestra.........................................................................Freddy Martin
                                                Bud Dant
Announcer...............................................................Del Sharbutt
                                                Howard Petrie

PRODUCER:
Victor Knight

DIRECTORS:
Larry Berns      Sam Fuller

WRITERS:
Henry Taylor     Jack Rose      Marvin Fisher
Jack Douglas     Leonard L. Levinson     Fred S. Fox
Larry Marks     Lou Fulton

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THE JACK PEARL SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Baron Munchausen.................................Jack Pearl
Sharlie..............................................Cliff Hall

CATCH-PHRASE:
BARON: Vas you dere, Sharlie?

In this early comedy show Baron Munchausen related tall tales. When Sharlie expressed doubt, the Baron would respond, "Vas you dere, Sharlie?"

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JANE ARDEN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Jane Arden.............................................Ruth Yorke
Betty Harrison........................................Florence Freeman
Bob Brandon...........................................Frank Provo
Louise West.........................................Helene Dumas
Jack Galloway.......................................Howard Smith
Mr. Arden............................................Richard Gordon
Mrs. Arden............................................Betty Garde
Dr. Steve.............................................Spencer Bentley
Jack Fraser..........................................Bill Baar
Alabama Randall...................................Henry Wadsworth
E. J. Walker.........................................Maurice Franklin

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JAY STEWART'S FUN FAIR
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C......................................................Jay Stewart

This was an audience participation show built around people and their pets.

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JERGENS JOURNAL

See WALTER WINCHELL.

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JIGGS

See BRINGING UP FATHER.

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JIMMY ALLEN

See THE AIR ADVENTURES OF JIMMY ALLEN.

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THE JIMMY DURANTE SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Starring.................................................. Jimmy Durante
Hotbreath Houlihan..................................... Florence Halop
Vera Vague.............................................. Barbara Jo Allen
Also...................................................... Don Ameche
         Sara Berner
         Candy Candido
         Elvia Allman
         Joseph Kearns
Vocalist.................................................. Georgia Gibbs
Orchestra............................................... Xavier Cugat
Announcer.............................................. Howard Petrie

DIRECTOR:
Phil Cohan

WRITERS:
Sid Zelinka     Leo Solomon     Sid Reznick
Jack Robinson     Jay Sommers

Jimmy Durante was nicknamed “The Schnozz” for his more than ample nose or “schnozzola." He was well-known for several catch-phrases such as “Everybody wants ta get inta da act!” and “It’s da condishuns dat prevail!” He also created several characters who never appeared but were referred to with affection such as Umbriago and Mrs. Calabash. Candy Candido contributed the catch-phrase “I’m feelin’ mighty low,” done in a deep guttural voice after using a high-pitched voice to lead up to it. Hotbreath Houlihan always spoke in a sexy voice...saying such provocative things as “C’mere...Big Boy!”

See also CAMEL CARAVAN and JUMBO.

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JOAN AND KERMIT
Drama

CAST:
Featuring.................................................. Olan Soule
                                                  Fran Carlon

WRITER:
Milton Geiger

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THE JOAN DAVIS SHOW

See LEAVE IT TO JOAN.

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JOE AND ETHEL TURP
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Joe Turp.................................................Jackson Beck
Ethel Turp............................................Patsy Campbell
Uncle Ben.............................................Jack Smart

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JOE AND MABEL
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Joe.........................................................Ted de Corsia
Mabel.....................................................Ann Thomas
Mike........................................................Walter Kinsella
"Shoiman" Stooler, Mabel's brother..............Jackie Grimes
Mrs. Stooler, Mabel's mother.....................Betty Garde
Dolly......................................................Jean Ellyn
M.C. at the local beer joint.......................Arthur Elmer
Announcer.............................................George C. Putnam

WRITER:
Irving Gaynor Neiman

The original title of JOE AND MABEL was WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST.

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THE JOE DIMAGGIO SHOW
Sports

CAST:
Joe DiMaggio...........................................Himself
M.C........................................................Jack Barry
Also......................................................Charlotte Manson

DIRECTOR:
Dan Ehrenreich (later known as Dan Enright)

This program presented sketches from the lives of famous athletes such as Lou Gehrig, Sonja Henie and Florence Chadwick.

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JOE PALOOKA
Comedy-Drama

CAST:
Joe Palooka...........................................Teddy Bergman
JOE PALOOKA (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Joe Palooka (Cont.)..............................Norman Gottschalk
Karl Swenson

Ann Howe....................................................Elsie Hitz
Mary Jane Higby

Knobby.......................................................Frank Readick

This was the story of a champion boxer based on the comic strip by Ham Fisher.

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THE JOE PENNER SHOW
Comedy

CAST:

Starring....................................................Joe Penner

Susabelle....................................................Gay Seabrook

Gertrude.....................................................Margaret Brayton

Stooge......................................................Stephanie Diamond

Also.........................................................Dick Ryan

Monk Monsel

Vocalists.................................................Ozzie Nelson

Harriet Hilliard

Orchestra..................................................Ozzie Nelson

DIRECTOR:
Gordon Thompson

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll  George Wells  Hal Fimberg
Matt Brooks  Bob Phillips  Arnold G. Maguire
Parke Levy  Eddie Davis

CATCH-PHRASES:

JOE PENNER: Wanna buy a duck?

JOE PENNER: You nasty man!

JOE PENNER: Don't ever do that!

THE JOE PENNER SHOW was originally known as THE BAKERS BROADCAST. After a two year run, Robert Ripley became the host. Ed Gardner was the producer, Ozzie Nelson conducted the orchestra. Vocalists were Ozzie Nelson, Harriet Hilliard, Shirley Lloyd and Martha Mears.

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JOHN J. ANTHONY

See THE GOODWILL HOUR.

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JOHNNY DOLLAR

See YOURS TRULY, JOHNNY DOLLAR.

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JOHNNY MADERO, PIER 23
Adventure

CAST:
Johnny Madero.................................. Jack Webb
Also............................................ Francis X. Bushman
Betty Garde

Johnny Madero was a San Francisco waterfront character who took on odd detective jobs.

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JOHN'S OTHER WIFE
Serial Drama

CAST:
John Perry........................................ Hanley Stafford
Matt Crowley
Luis Van Rooten
Richard Kollmar
William Post Jr.
Joseph Curtin

Elizabeth Perry................................ Adele Ronson
Erin O'Brien-Moore

Martha Curtis................................ Phyllis Welch
Rita Johnson

Molly............................................. Irene Hubbard
Lyda Kane

Alan Green..................................... Milo Boulton
Evelyn........................................... Ethel Blume
Yvonne Caire.................................. Ruth Yorke
Dr. Tony Chalmers............................. Alan Bunce
Granny.......................................... Mary Cecil
Nell Harrison
Vivia Ogden

Mrs. Manners.................................... Vivia Ogden
Annette Rogers Sullivan....................... Franc Hale
Lanny............................................ John Kane
Carolyn Prince................................. Elaine Kent
Pat Holbrook

Jill Thropp..................................... Margaret O'Connell
Janet Dioncheck............................... Mary Jane Higby
Ballard Brandon............................... James Krieger
Linda Holbrook................................ Stella Adler
Kingsley Mayo.................................. David Jordan
Sheila Mayo..................................... Linda Watkins
Robin............................................ Edward Trevor
Curt Lansing................................. Alexander Kirkland

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CAST: (Cont.)
Roberta Lansing.................................................. Joan Banks
Jerry Marvin.................................................... Kingsley Colton
Ridgeway Tearle................................................. MacDonald Carey
Dolores Winters................................. Florence Freeman
Marina Marinoff........................................ Helene Dumas
Pat Grady...................................................... Don Beddoes
Judy.............................................................. Alice Reinheart

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

WRITER:
Bill Sweets

THEME:
"The Sweetest Story Ever Told" (sung, whistled and played on
the guitar by Stanley Davis)

John Perry owned a store. The “other wife” referred to his secre-
tary. Hanley Stafford, the original John Perry, was dropped from
his role on the grounds that he was unable to project a “fatherly
image.” Later, of course, he became one of radio’s most famous
fathers...Daddy Higgins...in the Baby Snooks routines.

THE JOHNSON FAMILY
Comedy-Drama

All the voices in this story of a Negro family were done by Jimmy
Scribner.

DIRECTORS:
J. C. Lewis Richard Lewis

JONATHAN KEGG
Courtroom Drama

CAST:
Jonathan Kegg, Amicus Curiae (Friend
of the Court)........................................... Lee Bowman
Carlton KaDell

JONATHAN TRIMBLE, ESQ.
Serial Drama

CAST:
Jonathan Trimble...................................... Gale Gordon

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CAST: (Cont.)
Alice Trimble.............................Irene Tedrow
Mildred.....................................Jean Gillespie

WRITER:
Mort Green

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JONES AND HARE

See THE HAPPINESS BOYS.

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JOYCE JORDAN, GIRL INTERNE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Joyce Jordan...............................Rita Johnson
Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
Betty Winkler
Elspeth Eric
Gertrude Warner
Paul Sherwood.............................Myron McCormick
Dr. Hans Simons...........................Erik Rolf
Hope Alison................................Charlotte Holland
Margot Sherwood..........................Lesley Woods
Chester Hedgerow........................John Raby
Dr. Molly Hedgerow.......................Ethel Owen
Eda Heinemann
Dr. Thomas Webster.......................Carlton Brickert
Inspector Carson..........................Ed Latimer
Dr. Rheinhardt............................Stefan Schnabel
Roger Walton.............................Alan Devitt
Curtney Lee................................Herbert Yost
Myra Lee....................................Pat Ryan
Dr. Clifford Reed.........................Raymond Edward Johnson
Sheila Brand..............................Kaye Brinker
Ollie........................................Joe Julian
Dr. Alan Webster..........................Richard Widmark
Steve Welles...............................Frank Behrens
Martin Sparrowhill......................Frank Behrens
Jane Belle.................................Virginia Kay
Dr. Andrews..............................Horace Braham
William Walter...........................Alan Devitt
Captain Clayton........................Santos Ortega
Bill Winters...............................Bill Zuckert
Dorie Winters............................Elspeth Eric
Granny Hewitt............................Ruth McDevitt
Dawson Blakely..........................Les Tremayne
Iris Blakely..............................Elizabeth Watts
Tom Hughes................................Jackie Grimes
CAST:(Cont.)
Dr. Tracy..............................................Irene Hubbard
Mike Malone........................................Charles Webster
Doria Van Dorn.................................Ginger Jones
Lydia Drake........................................Louise Fitch
Dr. Alexander Grey......................Raymond Edward Johnson
Jimmy Malone........................................Edwin Bruce
Ernest Eden.................................Larry Robinson
Gregory Ogden..............................Boyd Crawford
Celia.............................................Amanda Randolph
Diane Ogden.....................................Virginia Dwyer
Edgar Jarvis.................................James Monks
Gloria Blaine.....................................Ethel Blume
Dr. David Morgan.....................Michael Fitzmaurice
Anne Hill........................................Aileen Pringle
Vic Manion........................................Frank Lovejoy
Ada Manion......................................Vera Allen
Dr. Mildermaul..............................Ed Begley
Dean Russell......................................Larry Haines
Also..............................................Mary Jane Higby
Announcer........................................Ken Roberts

DIRECTORS:
Ted Corday    Arthur Hanna    Mende Brown

WRITERS:
Ralph Berkey    Henry Selinger    Julian Funt

The name of this program was changed to JOYCE JORDAN, M.D. in 1942. Joyce practiced medicine in the town of Preston.

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JUDY AND JANE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Judy..................................................Marge Calvert
Jane..................................................Donna Reade

DIRECTOR:
Harry Holcomb

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THE JUDY CANOVA SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Judy Canova..........................................Herself
Aunt Aggie..........................................Ruth Perrott
Geranium, the maid..............................Ruby Dandridge
THE JUDY CANOVA SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Pedro.................................................... Mel Blanc
Count Benchley Botsford.......................... Joe Kearns
Brenda.......................................................... Sharon Douglas
Roscoe Wortle........................................... Mel Blanc
Neighbor.................................................. Gale Gordon
Mr. Hemingway........................................... Hans Conried
William Boswell......................................... Hans Conried
Joe Crunchmiller, the taxi driver................. Sheldon Leonard
Patsy Pierce................................................ Verna Felton
Mrs. Van Atwater.................................... Ruth Perrott
Also.............................................................. The Sportsmen Quartet
Orchestra.................................................. Bud Dant
Announcer................................................ Howard Petrie

DIRECTOR:  
Joe Rines

WRITER:  
Fred Fox

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JUMBO  
Variety

CAST:  

Brainy Bowers........................................... Jimmy Durante
Vocalists................................................... Donald Novis
Gloria Grafton

This program had a circus setting.

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JUNGLE JIM  
Adventure

CAST:  

Jungle Jim............................................... Matt Crowley
Kolu.......................................................... Juano Hernandez
Shanghai Lil............................................... Franc Hale
Tiger Lil................................................... Irene Winston
Also........................................................... Vicki Vola
Kenny Delmar
Announcer................................................ Glenn Riggs

PRODUCER-WRITER:  
Jay Clark

DIRECTOR:  
Stuart Buchanan Irene Fenton

WRITER:  
Gene Stafford

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JUNIOR G-MEN
Adventure

JUNIOR G-MEN presented the adventures of a young boy in battling crime.

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JUNIOR MISS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Judy Graves..................................................Shirley Temple
Lois Graves..................................................K. T. Stevens
Barbara Eiler
Peggy Knudsen
Barbara Whiting
Harry Graves..................................................Gale Gordon
Elliott Lewis
Mrs. Graves..................................................Sarah Selby
Margaret Lansing
Hilda, the maid..............................................Myra Marsh
Fuffy Adams...............................................Priscilla Lyon
Barbara Whiting
Harry Graves..................................................Gale Gordon
Elliott Lewis
Mrs. Graves..................................................Sarah Selby
Margaret Lansing
Hilda, the maid..............................................Myra Marsh
Fuffy Adams...............................................Priscilla Lyon
Barbara Whiting
DIRECTOR:
William Royal

WRITERS:
Jack Rubin  Herbert Little Jr.
David Victor  Charlie Sinclair

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JUNIOR NURSE CORPS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Clara Barton.................................................Sunda Love
Major Drucker...............................................Jess Pugh

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JUST NEIGHBORS
Comedy

CAST:
Featuring..................................................Betty Caine
Helen Behmiller
Kathryn Card

DIRECTOR:
Gordon Hughes

WRITER:
William Hodapp

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JUST NEIGHBORS (Cont.)

This series, which began on NBC in 1938, was originally called THE THREE FLATS. It related the adventures of three chatty gals.

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JUST PLAIN BILL
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bill Davidson .................................................. Arthur Hughes
Nancy Donovan, Bill's daughter ....................... Ruth Russell
David ......................................................... Curtis Arnall
Kerry Donovan ............................................. James Meighan
Elmer Eeps .................................................. Joe Latham
Percy Blivens .............................................. Ray Collins
Wiki .......................................................... Madeleine Pierce
Sarah Fussell
Kathleen Chatton ........................................ Ara Gerald
Jonathan Hillery ......................................... MacDonald Carey
Edgar Hudson ............................................. Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Bessie ....................................................... Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
John Britton ............................................... William Woodson
Reba Britton .............................................. Charlotte Lawrence
Dorothy Nash ................................................ Teri Keane
Ned Shepherd ............................................. Cliff Carpenter
Sylvia Bardine ............................................. Helen Walpole
Margaret Burns .......................................... Elizabeth Day
Sylvia Powers .............................................. Elaine Kent
Announcer .................................................. Andre Baruch
Sarah Fussell

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
Martha Atwell  Norman Sweetser  Gene Eubank
Arthur Hanna  Blair Walliser

WRITERS:
Jack Kelsey  Evelyn Hart  Barbara Bates
Peggy Blake  Robert Hardy Andrews

THEME PLAYER:
Hal Brown, who played a harmonica and guitar

THEMES:
OPENING: "Darling Nellie Gray"
CLOSING: "Polly Wolly Doodle"

JUST PLAIN BILL was the story of a barber in the small town of Hartville.

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CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Jack Barry
Jurors ............................................................... Johnny McBride
           Charlie Hankinson
           Robin Morgan
           Jerry Weissbard
           Peggy Bruder
           Glenn Mark Arthur
           Dickie Orlan
           Patsy Walker
           Elizabeth Watson
           Billy Knight
           Laura Mangels
Announcer ..................................................... John Scott

PRODUCER:
       Dan Ehrenreich (later known as Dan Enright)

Five children served as jurors for each show. They were given problems for their reactions and solutions. The problems, submitted in writing or in person, concerned typical children’s topics such as allowances, chores, etc. Guest stars appeared on the program. Among them were Eddie Cantor, Red Skelton and Milton Berle.

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KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN
Children

CAST:
Professor August Kaltenmeyer, D.U.N. (Doctor of Utter Nonsense) ............... Bruce Kamman
Izzy Finkelstein............................................. Johnny Wolf
Yohnny Yohnson............................................ Thor Ericson
Gertie Glum................................................. Marian Jordan
Mickey Donovan............................................. Jim Jordan
Percy Van Schuyler....................................... Merrill Fugit
Chauncey, the bum........................................ Sidney Ellstrom
Daisy Dean................................................... Cecil Roy
“Tough Guy” Cornelius Callahan....................... Billy White
The Escorts and Betty................................. Betty Olson
Ted Claire
Cliff Petersen
Floyd Holm
Douglas Craig, accompanist and arranger

WRITER:
Harry Lawrence

In 1940 the program's title became KINDERGARTEN KAPERS and the professor's name was changed to Professor Ulysses S. Applegate because of the anti-German feeling in the United States. Professor Kaltenmeyer signed off with: “Auf wiederscheiden und adieu.”

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KATE HOPKINS, ANGEL OF MERCY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kate Hopkins................................................. Margaret MacDonald
Tom Hopkins.................................................. Clayton “Bud” Collyer
Robert Atwood.............................................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Jessie Atwood.............................................. Constance Collier
Diane Pers..................................................... Delma Byron
Elise............................................................. Peggy Allenby
Louise.......................................................... Helen Lewis
Trudy.......................................................... Templeton Fox

DIRECTOR:
Jack Hurdle

WRITERS:
Chester McCracken Gertrude Berg

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THE KATE SMITH SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring......................................................... Kate Smith
Host............................................................... Ted Collins
Announcer...................................................... Andre Baruch
Orchestra..................................................... Jack Miller

DIRECTORS:
Bunny Coughlin Bob Lee

WRITERS:
Art S. Henley Jean Holloway Edward Jurist
Jay Bennett Al Garry Doris Gilbert

THEME:
“When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain”

Kate Smith was known as “The Songbird of the South.” She opened each broadcast with “Hello, everybody” and closed with “Thanks for listenin’...and goodnight, folks.” The program featured music, drama, comedy and radio sketches starring such people as Bert Lahr, Greta Garbo, John Barrymore, Grace George, Mary Boland, Edward G. Robinson, Helen Menken, Margaret Sullivan and Bert Lytell plus many others. The program also introduced THE ALDRICH FAMILY, Abbott and Costello and Henny Youngman among others. Bert Parks was one of the “warm-up” announcers and applause cuers. Miss Smith’s singing of “God Bless America” is one of the best remembered portions of the program. The show was also known as THE A&P BANDWAGON.

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KAY KYSER’S KOLLEGE OF MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE
Variety-Quiz

CAST:
Quizmaster.................................................... Kay Kyser
Ish Kabibble.................................................. Mervyn Bogue
Also............................................................... Ginny Simms
Trudy Erwin Sally Mason
Harry Babbitt Georgia Carroll
Shirley Mitchell The Town Criers
King Sisters (Alyce, Donna, Yvonne and Louise)

Announcer.................................................... Verne Smith

DIRECTORS:
William Warwick John Cleary Harry Saz
Ed Cashman

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Among others, one contest was a true or false quiz using "right" or "wrong." When the answer was true and the contestant was incorrect, Kyser would shout, "That's right, you're wrong!" If the answer was false and the contestant was correct, he would shout, "That's wrong, you're right!" If there was no answer, Kyser would shout, "Students!", and the audience would give the answer.

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THE KEN MURRAY PROGRAM
Comedy

CAST:
Featuring ................................................. Ken Murray

The show debuted in 1932.

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KINDERGARTEN KAPERS

See KALTENMEYER'S KINDERGARTEN.

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KITCHEN QUIZ
Homemaking

CAST:
Featuring ............................................. Ed and Polly East

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KITTY FOYLE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kitty Foyle .............................................. Julie Stevens
Wyn Strafford ......................................... Clayton "Bud" Collyer

WRITERS:
Doris Halman  Al Barker

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KITTY KEENE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kitty Keene ............................................. Beverly Younger
Fran Carlon

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CAST: (Cont.)
Bob Jones .................................................Bob Bailey
Dick Wells
Jill .............................................................Dorothy Gregory
Janet Logan
Leddy Fowley ..............................................Cheer Brentson
Jefferson Fowley .........................................Phil Lord
Anna Hajek ..................................................Louise Fitch
Dimples .......................................................Ginger Jones
Miss Branch .................................................Josephine Gilbert
Norma Vernack ..............................................Angeline Orr
Clara Lund ..................................................Peggy Hillias
Pearl Davis ..................................................Loretta Poynton
Preacher Jim ...............................................Herbert Butterfield
Charles Williams .........................................Carlton KaDell
Bill Bouchey
Buzzer Williams .............................................Chuck Grant
Neil Perry .....................................................Stanley Harris
Humphrey Manners .........................................Ian Keith

PRODUCER:
Alan Wallace

WRITER:
Lester Huntley

THEME:
“None But the Lonely Heart” by Tschaikovsky

KITTY KELLY

See PRETTY KITTY KELLY.

KNICKERBOCKER PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
Featuring ....................................................Elliott Lewis

KRAFT MUSIC HALL
Variety

CAST:
Featuring ....................................................Bing Crosby
Bob Burns, The Arkansas Traveler
Jerry Lester
George Murphy
The Music Maids and Hal (singing group)

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 191
KRAFT MUSIC HALL (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Regular guests (approx. 1 year each)........Mary Martin, singer
Connee (originally spelled Connie) Boswell, singer
Victor Borge, pianist-comedian
Peggy Lee, singer
Orchestra...........................................Jimmy Dorsey (1 year)
John Scott Trotter
Announcer...........................................Ken Carpenter

DIRECTORS:
Cal Kuhl       Ezra MacIntosh       Ed Gardner
Bob Brewster

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll       David Gregory       Leo Sherin
Ed Helwick

KRAFT MUSIC HALL debuted in 1934 starring Al Jolson and Paul Whiteman’s orchestra. It was a two hour show heard locally in New York and was written by Carroll Carroll. It went network with Paul Whiteman, Ramona and Johnny Mercer. Not only did Whiteman’s orchestra feature many of the great names in jazz (The Teagardens, Frank Trumbauer, Roy Bargy, Joe Venuti) but also Oscar Levant on the piano. The theme was “Rhapsody in Blue.” Whiteman also presented guest stars from the New York theater, opera, sports and vaudeville. Lou Holtz had a long run as a star comedian.

In 1936 the program moved to the West Coast where Bing Crosby became the star for ten years. During that time countless people from all walks of life appeared with Crosby to sing and joke with him. Most listeners thought the show was ad libbed but it was all written by Carroll Carroll who had moved west to continue his job.

Still remembered are the station break spots that featured Ken Carpenter as a student at KMH and Bing as Doctor Crosby, the dean. Each spot led into the sounding of the NBC chimes. When ASCAP pulled its music off the air, Crosby’s theme “Where the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day” had to be omitted. The KRAFT MUSIC HALL theme then became “Hail KMH,” the fight song of the mythical school of the station breaks.

“Hail KMH, hail, rain and snow
Onward to victory
Forward we will go
Stamping out our adversary
Like a dauntless dromedary
Tramples on its foe
Forever...
Hail KMH, our motto cry
Be brave and love each other

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Wear the old school tie
Like an eagle loose aloft
Wave the pomegranate and puce aloft
Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah
With a hey-nonny-nonny-and-a-hotcha-cha
Hail K...M...H.”

The final three notes were those of the NBC chimes. At that time they were struck manually.

When Bing left KRAFT MUSIC HALL in 1946, the program moved east and had a series of stars. The most notable of these was Al Jolson who served as host for two seasons while making a comeback in show business. His broadcasts also featured Oscar Levant and Lou Bring’s orchestra. Manny Mannheim and Charlie Isaacs became writers for the show and Ken Carpenter continued as announcer.

While the program was out west, the summer shows featured such hosts as Bob Crosby, Frank Morgan and Don Ameche...and for two summers starred Nelson Eddy and Dorothy Kirsten with Robert Armbruster’s orchestra.

See also THE BING CROSBY SHOW.

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LADIES BE SEATED
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.........................................................Johnny Olsen
Penny Olsen
Tom Olsen

DIRECTOR:
George Wiest

WRITERS:
Bill Redford       Tom Dougall       Walt Framer
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LADIES FAIR
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.........................................................Tom Moore
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LADY ESTHER SERENADE
Music

CAST:
Lady Esther.................................Bess Johnson
Orchestra.................................Wayne King
Announcer...............................Phil Stewart
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THE LADY NEXT DOOR

See COAST TO COAST ON A BUS.
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LADY OF MILLIONS
Drama

CAST:
Featuring.................................May Robson
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THE LAMPLIGHTER
Talk

CAST:
Host......................................................Jacob Tarshish

THE LAMPLIGHTER was first broadcast on the Mutual Network in 1935.
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194 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
LAND OF THE LOST
Children

CAST:
Red Lantern.................................Junius Matthews
Art Carney
Isabel.....................................Betty Jane Tyler
Billy.......................................Ray Ives
Also.......................................Jim Boles
Athena Lorde
Ann Thomas
Tom Eldridge
Kay Marshall
Lee Marshall
Announcer.................................Michael Fitzmaurice

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Isabel Manning Hewson

DIRECTOR:
Cyril Armbrister

THEME:
"Land of the Lost" (original music)

Red Lantern was a big red fish who glowed under water. The children, Isabel and Billy, used him as their guide on each adventure. The episodes included meeting such characters as a sea horse or a lump of coal. The underwater characters sent messages by "shellaphone" and "shellagraph."

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LASSIE
Adventure

CAST:
Imitator of Dog Noises......................Earl Keen
Organist..................................John Duffy
Announcer.................................Charles Lyon
Also.......................................Betty Arnold

DIRECTOR:
Harry Stewart

This was the story of a collie named Lassie. The real Lassie of movie fame was owned and trained by Rudd Weatherwax.

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LATITUDE ZERO
Adventure

CAST:
Captain Craig McKenzie..................Lou Merrill
LATITUDE ZERO (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Ann and Ted Sherdiman

These science-fiction adventures about a submarine and its captain had such characters as Simba, Brock Spencer, Bert Collins, Tibbs Canard, Babyface Nelson and the villains Moloch and Lucretia.

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LAUGH DOCTORS
Comedy

CAST:
Pratt and Sherman.................................Russell Pratt
Ransom Sherman

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LAVENDER AND NEW LACE
Variety

CAST:
Harpsichordist.................................Sylvia Marlowe
Vocalists.................................Felix Knight
Joan Brooks
Announcer.................................Glenn Riggs

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
William Wilgus

WRITER:
Eddie Birnbryer

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LAVENDER AND OLD LACE
Music

CAST:
Featuring.................................Fritzi Scheff, singer

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LEAVE IT TO JOAN
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Starring.................................Joan Davis

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LEAVE IT TO MIKE
Comedy

CAST:
Mike.........................................................Walter Kinsella
Mike’s sweetheart.................................Joan Alexander
Mike’s boss, Mr. Berkeley..............................Jerry Macy

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Listeners submitted problems for discussion by the panel. After the panel had discussed the topic, which was often of a romantic nature, a male celebrity such as Burt Lancaster or George Jessel defended the men of America.
CAST: (Cont.)

Patricia Ryan
Gwen Davies (Estelle Levy)
Michael O'Day
Vivian Block
Bill Lipton
Jack Grimes
Kingsley Colton
Arthur Anderson
Bob Readick
Albert Aley
Sybil Trent
Robert Lee
Jimsey Sommers
Bobby and Billy Mauch
Julian Altman
Donald Hughes
Patricia Peardon
Jack Jordan
Billy and Florence Halop
Walter Tetley
Eddie Ryan Jr.
Lester Jay
Elaine Engler
Maury Benkoil
Ronald Liss
Sidney Lumet
Marilyn Erskine
Rita Lloyd
Uncle Bill................................. Bill Adams
Animal imitator........................... Harry Swan
Brad Barker
Orchestra................................. Maurice Brown

CREATOR-DIRECTOR:
Nila Mack

The show was originally known as THE ADVENTURES OF HELEN AND MARY. Helen and Mary were played by Estelle Levy and Patricia Ryan. In 1934 the title LET'S PRETEND was adopted. Miriam Wolfe was often cast as a witch on LET'S PRETEND while Marilyn Erskine frequently played a fairy godmother.

CBS, as a matter of prestige, refused for years to permit commercials on LET'S PRETEND. However, in the 40's they were finally forced to yield to economic pressure and sold it to what became its long-time sponsor — Cream of Wheat.

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LIBERTY BASEBALL
Sports

The Liberty Broadcasting System was launched in March 1948 and promptly became a major network. Its principal function was to re-create major league baseball games though it also branched out into other sports as well as music and news. The baseball play-by-play announcers were Gordon McLendon (The Old Scotsman), Al Turner, Lindsey Nelson, Jerry Doggett and Wes Wise. On days when there was no game, Liberty often re-created an old-time ballgame featuring players such as Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson. The listener occasionally heard re-creations of games played in the 19th century. In such games the announcer might remark that a score has just come in by Pony Express, that the count is six balls and three strikes, that the young catcher Connie Mack is experimenting with the idea of wearing a mask while catching or that the batter is ordering the pitcher to throw the next pitch a little lower. The broadcasts reached millions of listeners daily until the Liberty network went out of business in May 1952.

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THE LIFE AND LOVE OF DR. SUSAN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Dr. Susan Chandler.......................... Eleanor Phelps
Dr. Howard Chandler.......................... Fred Barron
Miranda Chandler............................ Mary Cecil
Marilyn Chandler............................. Gloria Mann
Dickie Chandler.............................. Tommy Hughes
Mrs. Joshua Waite........................... Allie Lowe Miles
Abby Bradford................................. Elspeth Eric
Nancy Chandler............................... Mary Mason
Dr. Halliday................................. Alexander Kirkland

DIRECTOR:
Ed Rice

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LIFE BEGINS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Martha Webster............................. Bess Flynn
Richard Craig............................... Jimmy Donnelly
Winfield Craig.............................. Carleton Young
Virginia Craig.............................. Toni Gilman
Lucy Craig.................................. Betty Philson
Alvin Craig................................. Ray Collins
Wilbur...................................... Ralph Dumke
Dick Young.................................. Donald Cook
Kay Smith.................................. Jeanette Nolan
Aunt Ethel.................................. Ethel Owen

Gretchen Davidson

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 199
LIFE BEGINS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Dolores King........................................... Patricia Peardon
Peggy Smithgirl........................................ Janet Rolands
Don Cavanaugh......................................... Eddie Ryan
Jim Carroll............................................. Tom Tully
Holly.................................................. Margaret MacDonald
Mrs. Riley.............................................. Agnes Moorehead
Also.................................................... Helene Dumas
       Everett Sloane
       Edgar Stehli
       Charlotte Garrity

DIRECTOR:
Diana Bourbon

WRITER:  
Bess Flynn

The name of this show was later changed to MARTHA WEBSTER.

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LIFE BEGINS AT 80
Panel Discussion

CAST:
M.C..................................................... Jack Barry

PRODUCER:
Dan Ehrenreich (later known as Dan Enright)

LIFE BEGINS AT 80 was the counterpart of JUVENILE JURY. It
featured discussions by elderly people.

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LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL
Serial Drama

CAST:
Carol Conrad (Chichi)............................... Alice Reinheart
       Teri Keane
David Solomon (Papa David)...................... Ralph Locke
Stephen Hamilton.................................. Earl Larrimore
       John Holbrook
Toby Nelson......................................... Carl Eastman
Gyp Mendoza........................................ Waldemar Kappel
       Paul Stewart
Mrs. S. Kent Wadsworth.......................... Adelaide Klein
Barry Markham..................................... Richard Kollmar
       Dick Nelson
Dr. Myron Henderson.............................. Roger DeKoven

200 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
CAST: (Cont.)
Nurse Kimball............................. Peggy Allenby
Hank Bristow............................... Ian Martin
Marybelle Owens........................... Ruth Yorke
Rita Yates.................................. Mitzi Gould
Dr. Markham............................... Charles Webster
Mrs. Markham................................ Peggy Allenby
Nellie Conrad.............................. Agnes Moorehead
Logan Smith................................. Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Maude Kellogg................................ Ruth Weston
Oscar Finch.................................. Ed Begley
Douglas Norman.............................. Sidney Smith
Nellie Gleason.............................. Ethel Owen
Hank O'Hoolihan............................. John Moore
Al Douglas................................. Humphrey Davis
Announcer................................. Ralph Edwards

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Don Becker

DIRECTORS:
Chick Vincent Oliver Barbour

WRITERS:
Carl Bixby Don Becker

OPENING:
PAPA DAVID: Come in, come in...the door is open!

LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL was known to people in the radio industry as ELSIE BEEBE from the first letters of the show title ...L.C.B.B.

THE LIFE OF MARY SOTHERN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mary Sothern................................ Linda Carlon
Minabelle Abbott Betsey Caine
Phyllis Stratford............................ Florence Golden
Danny Stratford............................. Jack Zoller
Joseph Julian
Leon Janney
Daddy Stratford............................. Charles Seel
Max Tilley................................... Jay Jostyn
Dr. John Benson............................. Jerry Lesser
THE LIFE OF MARY SOUTHERN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Billie McDaniels.................................Jeanne Colbert
Jerome Sanders.....................................Rikel Kent
Alice Sanders........................................Bess McCammon
Announcer..........................................Ken Roberts

DIRECTOR:
Chick Vincent

WRITER:
Don Becker

THEME:
“Just a Little Love, a Little Kiss”

THE LIFE OF RILEY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Chester A. Riley.....................................Lionel Stander
William Bendix
Mrs. Peg Riley.......................................Grace Coppin
Paula Winslowe
Junior Riley.........................................Jack Grimes
Scotty Beckett
Conrad Binyon
Tommy Cook
Babs Riley...........................................Peggy Conklin
Sharon Douglas
Barbara Eiler
Digger O’Dell, The Friendly Undertaker.........John Brown
Waldo Binny..........................................Dink Trout
Uncle Buckley........................................Charlie Cantor
Uncle Baxter.........................................Hans Conried

DIRECTORS:
Al Kaye Marx Loeb Don Bernard

WRITERS:
Ruben Ship Ashmead Scott Alan Lipscott
Robert Sloane Leonard Bercovici

CATCH-PHRASES:
RILEY: What a revoltin’ development this is!
DIGGER O’DELL: You’re looking fine, Riley. Very natural.

202 / RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE
LIFE WITH LUIGI
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Luigi.....................................................J. Carroll Naish
Rosa.....................................................Jody Gilbert
Pasquale.............................................Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Miss Spalding.......................................Mary Shipp
Horowitz.............................................Joe Forte

DIRECTOR:
Cy Howard

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Mac Benoff

WRITER:
Lou Derman

THEME:
"Oh, Marie"

The full name of J. Carroll Naish was Joseph Patrick Carroll Naish. Although he was of Irish ancestry, he became identified with the Italian character Luigi.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Religion

CAST:
The Speaker............................................Bret Morrison
Aram.....................................................Sanford Bickart
Josiah..................................................Chester Stratton
Shallum.............................................Humphrey Davis
Also....................................................Eric Dressler
Louise Fitch
Mitzi Gould
Barbara Fuller
James Monks

CREATOR-PRODUCER:
Don Becker

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Basil Loughrane

DIRECTOR:
Don Cope

WRITERS:
Adele Seymour  Katharine Seymour  Noel B. Gerson
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD presented dramatizations of stories from the Bible. Countless performers appeared on the program, many of whom later became very famous. The voice of Bret Morrison opened the program with organ background and echo effect.

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LIGHTS OUT
Suspense Drama

CAST:
   Featuring.................................................... Betty Winkler
   Sidney Ellstrom
   Ted Maxwell
   Raymond Edward Johnson
   Templeton Fox
   Lou Merrill
   Many others

CREATOR:
   Wyllis Cooper

WRITERS:
   Wyllis Cooper    Arch Oboler

OPENING:
   ANNCR: Lights out.....e-v-e-r-y-b-o-d-y!
   (At one time the opening was “It......is..... later
   ....than..... you......think!”)

LIGHTS OUT was originally a 15 minute program. It was eventually lengthened to a half hour.

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Li’L ABNER
Comedy

CAST:
   Li’l Abner.................................................John Hodiak
   Mammy Yokum............................................Hazel Dopheide
   Pappy Yokum.............................................Clarence Hartzell
   Daisy Mae...............................................Laurette Fillbrandt
   Announcer..............................................Durward Kirby

DIRECTOR:
   Ted MacMurray

WRITER:
   Charles Gussman

Li’L ABNER featured the adventures of hillbilly characters in the village of Dogpatch. It was based on the comic strip by Al Capp.

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LILAC TIME
Dance Instruction

CAST:
Featureing....................................................Arthur Murray
Vocalist......................................................Carl Oxford

Arthur Murray described dance steps on LILAC TIME.

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LINCOLN HIGHWAY
Drama

CAST:
M.C. and Narrator.............................................John McIntire

DIRECTORS:
Don Cope     Maurice Lowell     Theodora Yates

THEME:
Composed and sung by Jack Arthur

"Hi there, neighbor,
Going my way
East or West on the Lincoln Highway?

Hi there, Yankee,
Give out with a great big 'Thankee';
This is God's Country."

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LINDA'S FIRST LOVE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Linda..........................................................Arline Blackburn
Also.............................................................Karl Swenson
                                           Mary Jane Higby
                                           Many others
Announcer....................................................Andre Baruch

DIRECTOR:
Martha Atwell

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THE LINE-UP
Police Drama

CAST:
Police Lieutenant..........................................Bill Johnstone
Police Sergeant...........................................Wally Maher

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 205
LISTEN TO THIS
Music and Conversation

CAST:
Dotty..........................................................Kay St. Germain
Johnny..........................................................Jack Brooks

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LISTENING POST
Drama

CAST:
Host..........................................................Bret Morrison
Also..........................................................Everett Sloane
Fredric March
Joan Tetzel
Myron McCormick
Martha Scott
Ethel Owen
Nancy Douglass
Clayton “Bud” Collyer
Mary Jane Higby

DIRECTORS:
Henry Klein  James Sheldon

WRITERS:
Ben Kagan  Gerald Holden  Noel B. Gerson

LISTENING POST presented dramatizations of stories from The Saturday Evening Post.

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THE LITTLE BETSY ROSS GIRL VARIETY PROGRAM
Children’s Variety

CAST:
Featuring..................Marion Loveridge, the Betsy Ross Girl
“Termite” Daniels, the Panty-Waist Glamour Girl
Billy Daniels, “Termite’s” brother
Bobby Hookey, America’s Youngest National Network Radio Comedian

All these youngsters graduated from THE HORN AND HARDART CHILDREN’S HOUR.

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LITTLE ITALY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nick..............................................................Ned Wever
Tony..............Alfred Corn (later known as Alfred Ryder)

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LITTLE ITALY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Papa Marino.................................................Himan Brown
Mrs. Marino...............................................Ruth Yorke
Beatrice..................................................Rose Keane

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

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LITTLE OL' HOLLYWOOD
Hollywood Chatter

M.C.............................................................Ben Alexander

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LITTLE OLD NEW YORK
Variety

CAST:
Starring.....................................................Jack Arthur

DIRECTOR:
Ed Whitney

LITTLE OLD NEW YORK featured music and light drama.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE
Adventure Serial

CAST:
Little Orphan Annie....................................Shirley Bell
Janice Gilbert
Joe Corntassle..........................................Allan Baruck
Mr. Silo...................................................Jerry O'Mera
Mrs. Silo..................................................Henrietta Tedro
Daddy Warbucks........................................Henry Saxe
Stanley Andrews
Boris Aplon
Clay Collier (de-coder inventor).....................Hoyt Allen
Aha, the Chinese cook................................Olan Soule
Announcer................................................Pierre Andre
Also...........................................................Harry Cansdale
St. John Terrell
James Monks

DIRECTOR:
Alan Wallace

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE was based on the comic strip by Harold Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Silo were Annie's parents by adoption. Obviously they were farmers. Joe Corntassle was the shy kid down
the road who had a crush on Annie. At the opening of the program
"Uncle Andy" — announcer Pierre Andre — introduced the theme
song:

"Who's that little chatterbox?
The one with curly auburn locks?
Whom do you see?
It's Little Orphan Annie!
She and Sandy make a pair,
They never seem to have a care!
Cute little she,
That Little Orphan Annie!
Bright Eyes, cheeks a rosy glow,
There's a store of healthiness handy,
Mite size, always on the go —
And if you want to know,
'Arf,' says Sandy.
Always wears a sunny smile,
Now, wouldn't it be worth your while
If you could be
Like Little Orphan Annie?"

Annie's long-time sponsor was Ovaltine. Among the premiums
offered were an Ovaltine shaker and a de-coder.

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LITTLE WOMEN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Jo.................................................................Elaine Kent
Amy.................................................................Pat Ryan
Mrs. March.......................................................Irene Hubbard
Meg...............................................................Joyce Hayward
Beth.............................................................Sammie Hill

This series was based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott.

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LIVING SHOULD BE FUN
Health

This durable series presented diet and health talks by Carlton
Fredericks.

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LONE JOURNEY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nita Bennett......................................................Claudia Morgan
CAST: (Cont.)

Betty Ruth Smith
Eloise Kummer
Lester Damon
Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Reese Taylor
Staats Cotsworth
Warren Mills
Nancy Osgood
James Meighan
John Hodiak
Dorothy Lowell
Betty Caine
Genelle Gibbs
John Gibson
Frank Dane
Nancy Marshall
Clifford Soubier
Cameron Andrews
Bob Jellison
Wylie Andrews
DeWitt McBride
Dick Coogan
Grace Valentine
Bess McCammon
Geraldine Kay
Norma Jean Ross
John Larkin
Charlotte Holland
Karl Weber
Joan Alexander
Oliver Cliff
Durward Kirby
Nelson Case
Richard Stark

DIRECTORS:
Axel Gruenberg
Ted MacMurray
Martin Magner

WRITER:
Sandra Michael

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THE LONE RANGER
Western Adventure

CAST:
The Lone Ranger (John Reid)......................George Seaton
Jack Deeds
Earle Graser
Brace Beemer

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CAST: (Cont.)
Tonto.................................................................John Todd
Dan Reid, The Lone Ranger's Nephew..............James Lipton
Announcer-Narrator.............................................Harold True
                      Brace Beemer
                      Harry Golder
                      Charles Woods
                      Bob Hite
                      Fred Foy
Also..............................................................Rollon Parker
                      John Hodiak
                      Jack Petruzzi
                      Jay Michaels
                      Herschel Mayal
                      Ted Johnstone
                      Paul Hughes
                      Amos Jacobs (later known as Danny Thomas)
                      Bob Maxwell

CREATORS:
      George W. Trendle        Fran Striker

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
      James Jewell

DIRECTORS:
      Al Hodge       Charles Livingstone

CHIEF WRITER AND STORY EDITOR:
      Fran Striker

WRITERS:
      Felix Holt       Bob Green       Shelley Stark       Bob Shaw
      Dan Beatty       Tom Dougall      Gibson Scott Fox

THEME:
      “William Tell Overture” by Rossini

OPENING:
      MUSIC:    THEME (WILLIAM TELL OVERTURE UP FULL AND UNDER)
      SOUND:    HOOFBEATS FADE IN
      RANGER:   Hi-yo Silver!!!!
      SOUND:    GUNSHOTS AND HOOFBEATS
      ANNCR:    A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty hi-yo, Silver! The Lone Ranger!
      MUSIC:    THEME UP FULL AND UNDER
      ANNCR:    With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early Western United States. Nowhere in the pages of history can one find a greater champion of justice. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear...
THE LONE RANGER (Cont.)

SOUND: HOOFBEATS FADE IN
ANNCR: From out of the past come the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse Silver. The Lone Ranger rides again!!!
RANGER: Come on, Silver! Let's go, big fellow! Hi-yo, Silver! Away!
MUSIC: THEME UP FULL

THE LONE RANGER debuted on January 30, 1933, and was last heard on radio on September 3, 1954. It was created by Fran Striker and George W. Trendle; these men also created THE GREEN HORNET. There are some interesting parallels between the two programs as noted in the listing of THE GREEN HORNET.

Brace Beemer narrated the program during the time that Earle Graser played the part of the Ranger. Graser was killed in an auto accident on April 8, 1941, and for a period of several broadcasts the Ranger was supposedly very ill and wasn't heard except for heavy breathing. After a sufficient time had passed, Beemer became the Ranger.

"Tonto's horse was named Scout. Tonto's conversations with the Lone Ranger often included the phrase 'Kemo Sabe' - which is translated 'Faithful Friend.' Another familiar part of the show was the closing which usually involved someone asking "Who was that masked man?" And as the Lone Ranger galloped off in the background the reply would come: "Why, don't you know? That's the Lone Ranger!"

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LONELY WOMEN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Marilyn Larimore........................................Betty Lou Gerson
Mrs. Schultz...............................................Virginia Payne
Nora............................................................Nanette Sargent
Judith Clark...............................................Barbara Luddy
Judith Evans..............................................Eileen Palmer
Helen..........................................................Florence Brower
Peggy..........................................................Harriette Widmer
Mr. Schultz.................................................Murray Forbes
Bertha Schultz............................................Patricia Dunlap
George Bartlett...........................................Reese Taylor
Jack Crandall.............................................Les Tremayne
Edith Crandall...........................................Muriel Bremner
Laura Richardson........................................Kay Campbell
Henry........................................................Cliff Soubier
Virginia Marshall.........................................Eunice Topper
Mr. Conway...............................................John Barclay
Judge Carter Colby......................................Herb Butterfield

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 211
LONELY WOMEN (Cont.)

CAST (Cont.)
Mrs. Carter Colby............................ Muriel Bremner
John Murray................................. Willard Waterman

WRITER:
Irna Phillips

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THE LONGINES SYMPHONETTE
Music

CAST:
Host............................................. Frank Knight
Conductor..................................... Mishel Piastro

THE LONGINES SYMPHONETTE was sponsored by the Longines-Wittnauer Watch Co., makers of "The World's Most Honored Watch."

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LOOK YOUR BEST
Beauty Advice

CAST:
Charm Expert.................................... Richard Willis

This program aided women in looking their best through beauty and grooming advice.

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LORA LAWTON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Lora Lawton..................................... Joan Tompkins
Jan Miner
Peter Carver..................................... James Meighan
Ned Wever
May Case, the secretary........................ Ethel Wilson
Iris Houston..................................... Elaine Kent
Clyde Houston.................................... James Van Dyk
Angus MacDonald................................ William Hare
Gail Carver...................................... Marilyn Erskine
Charita Bauer
Helene Hudson................................. Fran Carlon
Rex Lawton...................................... Lawson Zerbe
Russell Gilman.................................. Walter Greaza

DIRECTORS:
Martha Atwell    Arthur Hanna

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LORA LAWTON (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Helen Walpole       Jean Carroll

Lora Lawton was a Midwestern woman who moved to Washington, D.C., to become housekeeper for shipbuilder Peter Carver.

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LORENZO JONES
Serial Comedy-Drama

CAST:
Lorenzo Jones............................................Karl Swenson
Belle, his wife............................................Betty Garde
                     Lucille Wall
Irma Barker.................................Nancy Sheridan
                     Mary Wickes
                     Grace Keddy
Judy..................Colleen Ward
Nick....................................................Elliott Reid
Frances...........Helen Walpole
Millie................Ethel Owen
Jim Barker...........John Brown
                     Frank Behrens
Abby Matson................Jean McCoy
Sandy Matson..................Joe Julian
Chester Van Dyne........Louis Hector
Mrs. Henry Thayer........Irene Hubbard
Clarence K. Muggins........Roland Winters
                     Kermit Murdock
Margaret...............Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
Angus..................Art Carney
Walter................Chester Stratton
Announcer................Don Lowe

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
Frank Hummert       Stephen Gross       Ernest Ricca

WRITERS:
Theodore and Mathilde Ferro

THEME:
“Funiculi, Funicula”

ORGANISTS:
Rosa Rio       Ann Leaf

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 213
OPENING:
ANNCR: And now smile a while with Lorenzo Jones and his wife Belle.

Lorenzo "worked" as a mechanic at Jim Barker's garage but spent most of his time inventing useless gadgets. In one of the stories, Lorenzo fell victim to amnesia and the program took on a serious overtone. The program was described by the announcer as "a story with more smiles than tears."

THE LOUELLA PARSONS SHOW
Hollywood Chatter

Hollywood columnist Louella O. Parsons usually started her broadcast with: "My first exclusive...."

LUCKY SMITH
Adventure

CAST:
Detective Lucky Smith.............................................Max Baer

Max Baer was a former heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

LUM AND ABNER
Comedy

CAST:
Lum Edwards..................................................Chester Lauck
Abner Peabody..................................................Norris Goff
Grandpappy Spears..............................................Chester Lauck
Snake Hogan....................................................Chester Lauck
Cedric Wehunt..................................................Chester Lauck
Dick Huddleston...............................................Norris Goff
Doc Miller......................................................Norris Goff
Squire Skimp....................................................Norris Goff
Announcer......................................................Gene Hamilton

DIRECTORS:
Robert McInnes Forrest Owen

214 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
LUM AND ABNER (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Jay Sommers  Betty Boyle  Roz Rogers
Wedlock and Snyder (Hugh Wedlock Jr. and Howard Snyder)

The story was centered in the Jot 'em Down Store in Pine Ridge, Arkansas. Pine Ridge was originally a fictional town but in 1936 the real town of Waters, Arkansas, changed its name to Pine Ridge. The show started on NBC in 1931 and continued on radio for 24 years over NBC, CBS, ABC and Mutual. Sponsors included Quaker Oats, Ford Motor Company, Horlick's Malted Milk, General Foods, Alka-Seltzer and General Motors.

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LUNCHEON AT SARDI'S
Interviews

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Bill Slater
                        Tom Slater

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Gary Stevens

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR
Religion

This program featuring speakers on religion as well as sacred music began in 1938.

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LUX RADIO THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Host..............................................................Cecil B. DeMille
                        William Keighley
                        Irving Cummings
Announcer..............................Mel Ruick
                        John Milton Kennedy
                        Ken Carpenter

DIRECTORS:
Tony Stanford  Frank Woodruff  Fred MacKaye
Earl Ebi

WRITERS:
Charles S. Monroe  Sanford Barnett  Stanley Richards
Carroll Carroll

"Lux presents Hollywood" was a familiar phrase to radio listeners. It served to introduce these radio adaptations of motion picture screenplays which starred the actors re-creating their original roles.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 215
MA AND PA
Comedy Dialogue

CAST:
Ma.................................................. Margaret Dee
Pa.................................................. Parker Fennelly
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MA PERKINS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Ma Perkins........................................ Virginia Payne
Fay Perkins Henderson.......................... Rita Ascot
Marjorie Hannan
Cheer Brentson
John Perkins..................................... Gilbert Faust
Shuffle Shober................................. Charles Egleston
Willie Fitz....................................... Murray Forbes
Junior Fitz...................................... Cecil Roy
Arthur Young
Bobby Ellis
Mr. Farnum....................................... Ray Largay
Mrs. Farnum..................................... Constance Crowder
Zenith Sambrini.................................. Frank Carlon
Greta, the maid.................................. Cheer Brentson
Evey Perkins Fitz.............................. Dora Johnson
Laurette Fillbrandt
Kay Campbell
Catherine Shaughnessey......................... Cheer Brentson
Josie................................................ Louise Fitch
Dora.............................................. Mary Frances Desmond
C. Pemberton Toohey............................ Fred Howard
Forrest Lewis
Paul Henderson.................................. Jonathan Hole
Walter Payne.................................... Curtis Roberts
Miss Adams.................................. Mary Marren Rees
Dr. Stevens.................................... Curtis Roberts
Gary St. Denis.................................. Rene Gekiere
John Adam Drayton............................ Duke Watson
Frank Fenton................................... Barry Drew
Dan Sutter
Mr. Silvus........................................ Stuart McIntosh
Anton Julikak................................... Don Gallagher
Burton Wiley.................................. Les Tremayne
Sonny Hallet.................................... Billy Rose
Tommy Taylor................................... Dolph Nelson
Lula............................................... Nanette Sargent
Russell......................................... Barry Drew
Mr. Mortimer................................... Stanley Waxman
MA PERKINS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Judge Hartley...........................................Billy Lee
Mr. Erp..................................................Glen Ransom
Eb Martin.................................................Clare Baum
Zeke Hammill...........................................Stanley Gordon
Mark Matthews.........................................DeWitt McBride
Deborah Matthews......................................Betty Hanna
Susie Parker.............................................Sylvia Leigh
Charley Brown...........................................Ray Suber
Dr. Glassman............................................Carl Kroenke
Doris Fairchild........................................Kay Campbell
Timothy Gallagher.....................................Forrest Lewis
Jessica Gallagher......................................Beryl Vaughn
Flossie Herringbone..................................Angeline Orr
Tweetsie Herringbone.................................Elmira Roessier
Phineas Herringbone.................................Herbert Butterfield
Mrs. Pendleton..........................................Margaret Fuller
Bessie Flounce..........................................Cecil Roy
Burt Carlon.............................................Jack Petruzzi
Gary Curtis..............................................Rye Billsbury
Augustus Pendleton...................................Maurice Copeland
Mathilda Pendleton....................................Beverly Younger
Paulette Henderson....................................Nanette Sargent
Stella Carlon Curtis.................................Marilou Neumayer
Gladys Pendleton......................................Patricia Dunlap
Mr. Garrett.............................................Wilms Herbert
Joseph.....................................................Joe Helgeson
Dr. Andrew White......................................Casey Allen
Hunkins..................................................Murray Forbes
Gregory Ivanoff.......................................McKay Morris
Rufus.....................................................Forrest Lewis
Sam Grim................................................Charles Egleston
Esther.....................................................Lillian White
Announcer................................................Dick Wells

CREATOR:
Robert Hardy Andrews

DIRECTORS:
Edwin Wolfe Philip Bowman George Fogle

WRITERS:
Orin Tovrov Lester Huntley Natalie Johnson

OPENING:
ANNCR: And now, Oxydol's own Ma Perkins.

This serial drama was set in the town of Rushville Center where Ma Perkins operated a lumberyard. The program had perhaps the best sponsor identification of all the "soap operas" through its long association with Oxydol.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 217
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN BOXING
Sports

This was a long-running sports feature which began on radio in 1937.

MAGAZINE OF THE AIR
Music and Commentary

CAST:
Featuring......................... B. A. Rolfe and His Orchestra

THEME:
“Love’s Own Sweet Song”

THE MAGIC KEY
Music

THE MAGIC KEY was a Sunday morning concert series presenting world famous musicians.

THE MAGIC OF SPEECH
Education

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Vida Sutton

This program emphasized proper speech.

THE MAGNIFICENT MONTAGUE
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Edwin Montague, former Shakespearean actor...Monte Woolley
Lily Boheme Montague.....................................Anne Seymour
Agnes, the maid..............................................Pert Kelton
Organist.......................................................Jack Ward

218 / RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE
MAISIE
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Maisie .................................................. Ann Sothern
Bill .................................................... Elliott Lewis
Also ........................................................ John Brown
                                        Wally Maher
                                        Norman Field
                                        Donald Woods
                                        Lurene Tuttle

Announcer ............................................... Ken Niles

DIRECTORS:
Cal Kuhl    William Rousseau

WRITER:
Art Phillips

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THE MAJESTIC THEATER HOUR
Variety

CAST:
Featuring .................... The Two Black Crows (Moran and Mack)

This program began in 1927. George Moran and Charlie Mack were famous previously for their blackface comedy act.

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MAJOR BOWES AND HIS ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR
Talent Contest

CAST:
M.C ...................................................... Major Edward Bowes
                                        Jay C. Flippen
                                        Ted Mack

Announcer .............................................. Graham McNamee
                                        Jimmy Wallington
                                        Ralph Edwards
                                        Dan Seymour
                                        Tony Marvin
                                        Warren Sweeney

DIRECTORS:
Bob Reed    Lloyd Marx

MUSICAL SUPERVISOR:
Lloyd Marx

THEMES:
"Stand By"
"There's No Business Like Show Business"

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 219
MAJOR BOWES AND HIS ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR (Cont.)

CATCH-PHRASE:
MAJOR BOWES: The wheel of fortune goes 'round and 'round and where she stops nobody knows.

MAJOR BOWES AND HIS ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR moved from WHN, New York, to NBC on March 24, 1935, under the sponsorship of Chase and Sanborn coffee. Jay C. Flippen replaced Bowes as M.C. of the WHN version while the Major appeared on the network. On September 17, 1936, the network show moved to CBS for Chrysler Corporation. It went to ABC under the sponsorship of Old Gold cigarettes on September 18, 1948. Both Flippen and Mack continued to use the wheel of fortune catch-phrase listed above. A gong was struck by the M.C. to indicate that the contestant had met defeat.

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THE MAJOR BOWES FAMILY HOUR

See THE FAMILY HOUR.

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MAJOR HOOPLE
Comedy

CAST:
Major Hoople...........................................Arthur Q. Bryan
Also..........................................................Patsy Moran
Mel Blanc
John Battle

This program was based on the newspaper comic character originated by Gene Ahern in "Our Boarding House."

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THE MAKE BELIEVE BALLROOM
Music

CAST:
Host.............................................................Martin Block

This was the first commercially successful record program. Al Jarvis had used the program title earlier in Los Angeles. Block scored a hit in New York (Station WNEW) talking about the music coming from mythical stages in THE MAKE BELIEVE BALLROOM during the radio coverage of the Hauptmann trial.

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220 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
MALCOLM CLAIRE
Children's Stories

CAST:
The Old Witch
Whitewash
Spare Ribs
The Old Man..........................Malcolm Claire

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN
Adventure Drama

CAST:
Featuring................................Myron McCormick
William Quinn
Frank Lovejoy
Elizabeth Reller
Larry Haines
Paul Luther

Narrator..................................Jackson Beck

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
William N. Robson

WRITER:
Ranald MacDougall

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Van Cleave

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN was designed to build morale during World War II. The scripts were often based on actual events that had taken place in the various armed services.

A MAN CALLED X
Adventure

CAST:
Detective Ken Thurston..................Herbert Marshall
His girl friend........................GeGe Pearson
His side-kick..........................Leon Belasco

DIRECTORS:
Jack Johnstone   William N. Robson

WRITER:
Milton Merlin

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 221
THE MAN FROM G-2
International Spy Adventure

CAST:
Major Hugh North.............................. Staats Cotsworth
The girl............................................ Joan Alexander

THE MAN I MARRIED
Serial Drama

CAST:
Evelyn Waring.................................. Vicki Vola
Gertrude Warner
Dorothy Lowell
Betty Winkler
Barbara Lee
Adam Waring...................................... Van Heflin
Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Phineas T. Grant................................. Santos Ortega
Grandfather Grant............................. Rikel Kent
Ella Hunt......................................... Frances Carden
Mr. Hunt.......................................... Fred Irving Lewis
Teddy Hunt....................................... Jackie Grimes
Florence Weston............................... Betty Worth
Mrs. Hempstead................................. Fanny May Baldridge
Frank Flippin.................................. Arnold Moss
Joe Billings..................................... Walter Vaughn
Ed Spalding.............................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Aunt Matt....................................... Ethel Owen
Shelly Martin................................. Spencer Bentley
Brooks........................................ Ed Jerome
Tippy............................................... John Gibson
Announcer..................................... Howard Petrie

DIRECTOR:
Oliver Barbour

WRITERS:
Carl Bixby       Don Becker

THEME:
Original music by Don Becker

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN
Adventure

CAST:
Mandrake.............................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Lothar................................. Juano Hernandez
Narda.................................... Francesca Lenni
Also ...................................... Laddie Seaman

222 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN (Cont.)

PRODUCER:
Henry Souvaine

DIRECTOR:
Carlo De Angelo

OPENING:
MANDRAKE: Invoco legem magiciarum! (I invoke the law of magic.)

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MANHATTAN AT MIDNIGHT
Drama

CAST:
Featuring..............................Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Ted de Corsia
Jeanette Nolan

WRITER:
Jay Bennett

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MANHATTAN MERRY-GO-ROUND
Music

CAST:
Singers........................................................ Thomas L. Thomas
Rachel Carlay
Announcer........................................................ Ford Bond
Choral group..................................................The Jerry Mann Voices

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTOR:
Paul Dumont

THEME:
"Manhattan Merry-Go-Round"
("Jump on the Manhattan Merry-Go-Round
We're touring alluring New York town.")

The "L" in Thomas L. Thomas stood for Llyfwny. The program was made up of a series of imaginary visits to night spots around Manhattan. The show became thoroughly identified with its sponsor, Dr. Lyon's Tooth Powder.

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THE MARCH OF GAMES
Quiz

CAST:
Quizmaster.................................................Arthur Ross
Drum Majorette............................................Sybil Trent

PRODUCER:
Nila Mack

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THE MARCH OF TIME
Documentary

CAST:
Narrator......................................................Ted Husing
                                    Harry Von Zell
                                    Westbrook Van Voorhis
Franklin D. Roosevelt.........................Bill Adams
                                    Art Carney
                                    Staats Cotsworth
Eleanor Roosevelt.................................Agnes Moorehead
                                    Nancy Kelly
Josef Stalin..............................................Ed Jerome
Adolf Hitler.............................................Dwight Weist
Benito Mussolini.....................................Ted de Corsia
Winston Churchill.................................Maurice Tarplin
Neville Chamberlain.................................Peter Donald
King Farouk.............................................Elliott Reid
Musical director.....................................Donald Voorhees
                                    Howard Barlow
Also..............................................................John McIntire
                                    Jeanette Nolan
                                    Martin Gabel
                                    Gary Merrill
                                    Myron McCormick
                                    Everett Sloane
                                    Many others

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Arthur Pryor Jr.

ASSISTANT PRODUCER:
Tom Harrington

DIRECTORS:
    Don Stauffer              Homer Fickett          William Spier
    Lester Vail

WRITERS:
    Richard Dana              Brice Disque Jr.       Carl Carmer
    Paul Milton               Garrett Porter

SOUND EFFECTS:
    Mrs. Ora Nichols          Ronald Fitzgerald
    Edward Fenton             Bob Prescott
THE MARCH OF TIME (Cont.)

CATCH-PHRASES:
VAN VOORHIS: Time...marches on!
VAN VOORHIS: As it must to all men, death came this week to...

The first dramatized news story on The March of Time was broadcast in 1931...the re-nomination of “Big Bill” Thompson as mayor of Chicago.

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MARIE, THE LITTLE FRENCH PRINCESS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Marie.............................................Ruth Yorke
Richard..............................................James Meighan
Also..................................................Allyn Joslyn
Alma Kruger
Porter Hall
Announcer.........................................Andre Baruch

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

This was the first nationally broadcast daytime “soap opera.” Marie was a princess from a fictitious country who ran away to become a commoner.

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MARK TRAIL
Adventure

CAST:
Mark Trail...........................................Matt Crowley
John Larkin
Staats Cotsworth
Scotty................................................Ben Cooper
Ronald Liss
Cherry...............................................Joyce Gordon
Announcer.........................................Jackson Beck
Glenn Riggs

DIRECTOR:
Drex Hines

WRITERS:
Albert Aley Palmer Thompson Elwood Hoffman
Gilbert Braun

This adventure series was based on the comic strip by Ed Dodd about an outdoorsman-conservationist.

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 225
MARRIAGE CLUB

CAST:
M.C. ................................................. Haven MacQuarrie

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MARTHA DEANE
Homemaking

"Martha Deane" is a "house name" which belongs to New York
station WOR. Among the performers who have been Martha Deane
are Mary Margaret McBride, Bessie Beattie and Marion Young
Taylor.

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MARTHA WEBSTER
Serial Drama

See LIFE BEGINS.

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THE MARTIN AND LEWIS SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Singer.......................................................... Dean Martin
Comedian...................................................... Jerry Lewis

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MARTIN KANE, PRIVATE EYE
Detective

CAST:
Martin Kane................................................ William Gargan
Happy MacMann.......................................... Walter Kinsella

DIRECTOR:
Ted Hediger

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MARY MARLIN

See THE STORY OF MARY MARLIN.

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MARY NOBLE

See BACKSTAGE WIFE.

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MARY SOTHERN

See THE LIFE OF MARY SOTHERN.

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226 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
MASQUERADE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Linda Leighton.................................Marguerite Anderson
Tom Field........................................Carlton KaDell
Thornton Drexel.................................Jack Edwards Jr.
Joe....................................................Conrad Binyon

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MAUD AND COUSIN BILL
Comedy Dialogue

CAST:
Maud.................................................Maud Ricketts
Bill...................................................Bill Ricketts
Also..................................................Henry Rooter

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MAUDIE’S DIARY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Maudie Mason......................................Mary Mason
Charita Bauer
Davy Dillon.........................................Robert Walker
Pauly................................................Caryl Smith

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MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring............................................Frank Morgan, comedian
Singing M.C...........................................John Conte
Baby Snooks........................................Fanny Brice
Daddy Higgins......................................Jack Arthur
Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Hanley Stafford
Frank Morgan’s niece..........................Cass Daley
Orchestra.........................................Meredith Willson

WRITERS:
Paul Henning  Keith Fowler  Phil Rapp

THEME:
“You and I” by Meredith Willson

CATCH-PHRASE:
CASS DALEY:  I said it and I’m glad!

See also ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR.

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MAXWELL HOUSE SHOW BOAT

See SHOW BOAT.

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MAYOR OF THE TOWN
Comedy-Drama

CAST:
Mayor........................................Lionel Barrymore
Marilly......................................Agnes Moorehead
Butch.......................................Conrad Binyon

DIRECTOR:
Jack Van Nostrand

WRITERS:
Leonard St. Clair Charles Tazewell Howard Blake
Howard Breslin Jean Holloway Erna Lazarus

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McGARRY AND HIS MOUSE
Comedy Detective

CAST:
Detective Dan McGarry....................Roger Pryor
                                            Wendell Corey
                                            Ted de Corsia
Kitty Archer (the Mouse)...................Shirley Mitchell
                                            Peggy Conklin
                                            Patsy Campbell
Mom Archer..................................Betty Garde
Sam..........................................Carl Eastman
Bernice.....................................Thelma Ritter
Uncle Matthew..............................Jerry Macy
                                            Jack Hartley
Orchestra..................................Peter Van Steeden
Announcer.................................Bert Parks

WRITER:
Milton J. Kramer

This was the story of a bumbling detective and his female companion, the "Mouse," based on a magazine series by Matt Taylor.

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MEET CORLISS ARCHER
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Corliss Archer..............................Janet Waldo
                                            Priscilla Lyon
Mr. Archer..................................Fred Shields

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MEET CORLISS ARCHER (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Mrs. Archer...............................Irene Tedrow
Dexter Franklin..........................Sam Edwards
                                   David Hughes
Little Raymond..........................Tommy Bernard
Also.......................................Arlene Becker

CREATOR:
F. Hugh Herbert

DIRECTOR:
Bert Prager

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll    F. Hugh Herbert    Jerry Adelman
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MEET ME AT PARKY'S
Comedy

CAST:
Nick Parkyakarkas.......................Harry Einstein
Cashier....................................Joan Barton
Prudence Rockbottom....................Ruth Perrott
Orville Sharp...........................Sheldon Leonard
Also.......................................Frank Nelson
                                   Leo Cleary
The Short Order Chorus
Vocalists................................Peggy Lee
                                   Betty Jane Rhodes
                                   Dave Street
                                   Patty Bolton
Orchestra................................Opie Cates
Announcer.................................Art Gilmore

DIRECTORS:
Maurice Morton    Hal Fimberg

WRITERS:
Hal Fimberg    Harry Einstein

CATCH-PHRASE:
ORVILLE SHARP: Am I corr-eck-itt?

The action in this program was centered in a beanery owned by
Nick Parkyakarkas.

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MEET MR. MEEK

See THE ADVENTURES OF MR. MEEK.
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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 229
MEET THE MEEKS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
   Featuring........................................ Forrest Lewis
   Fran Allison
   Beryl Vaughn
   Cliff Soubier

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MEET THE PRESS
Interviews

DIRECTOR:
Martha Rountree

This program featured interviews of people in the news, primarily political figures. It was founded in 1946 by Martha Rountree and Lawrence Spivak.

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THE MEL BLANC SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
   Starring......................................... Mel Blanc
   Betty Colby...................................... Mary Jane Croft
   Mr. Colby....................................... Joe Kearns
   Mr. Cushing.................................... Hans Conried
   Also............................................ Jim Backus
   Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
   Bea Benadaret
   Earle Ross

PRODUCER:
Joe Rines

DIRECTOR:
Sam Fuller

WRITER:
Mac Benoff

This program was also known as THE FIX-IT SHOP and MEL BLANC’S FIX-IT SHOP.

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MELODY PUZZLES
Quiz

CAST:
   M.C................................................. Fred Uttal
   Orchestra....................................... Harry Salter
   Announcer..................................... Ed Herlihy

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230 / RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE
MELODY TREASURE HUNT
Quiz

CAST:
Featuring........................................... Pat Ballard
Charlie Henderson
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MENNEH SHAVE TIME
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Featuring........................................... Lou Parker
Ann Thomas

DIRECTOR:
Chet Gierlach
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THE MERCURY THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Host..................................................... Orson Welles

THE MERCURY THEATER was a pioneer program of quality drama
and experimental radio presentations. Orson Welles ("Your obedient
servant") wrote, produced, directed and starred on many of the
broadcasts and developed such actors as Joseph Cotten, Everett
Sloane, Agnes Moorehead and Ray Collins. Various classics were
dramatized such as "Rebecca" and "Jane Eyre."

On Sunday, October 30, 1938, THE MERCURY THEATER presented
Howard Koch's adaptation of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." The
dramatization of an invasion by space creatures was so realistic
that thousands of listeners were panic-stricken.
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MESSAGE OF ISRAEL
Religion

This pioneer Jewish religious series was founded by Rabbi Jonah
B. Wise in 1934.
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METROPOLITAN OPERA BROADCASTS
Music

CAST:
Host..................................................... Milton Cross

This long-running series of broadcasts originated from the Metropo-
litan Opera House in New York. The premiere broadcast was on
Dec. 25, 1931. Intermission features included interviews and "The Opera Quiz." The quiz was conducted by Olin Downes; musicologist Boris Goldovsky handled the interviews. Texaco began sponsorship of the broadcasts in 1940.

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MEYER THE BUYER
Comedy

CAST:
Meyer..............................................Harry Hershfield
Mayor Mizznick................................Teddy Bergman
Irma Mizznick...................................Adele Ronson
Lawyer Feldman.................................Paul Douglas
Mollie..............................................Ethel Holt
Uncle Ben........................................Nick Adams
Beatrice............................................Dot Harrington
Milton Mizznick................................Geoffrey Bryant

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MGM SCREEN TEST
Talent Show

CAST:
M.C..................................................Dean Murphy
Orchestra.........................................Ted Steele
Also..................................................Charlotte Manson

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MICHAEL AND KITTY
Mystery

CAST:
Michael..............................................John Gibson
Kitty..................................................Elizabeth Reller

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MICHAEL SHAYNE, PRIVATE DETECTIVE
Detective

CAST:
Michael Shayne...................................Jeff Chandler

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THE MICKEY MOUSE THEATER OF THE AIR
Children

CAST:
Mickey Mouse....................................Walt Disney
Donald Duck......................................Clarence Nash
THE MICKEY MOUSE THEATER OF THE AIR (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Goofy...........................................Stuart Buchanan
Minnie Mouse..................................Thelma Boardman
Clara............................................Florence Gill
Orchestra........................................Felix Mills
Also.............................................Donald Duck’s Swing Band

The Minnie Mouse Woodland Choir

WRITER:
Bill Demling

This program was based on characters created by Walt Disney.

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MICKEY OF THE CIRCUS
Drama

CAST:

Mickey...........................................Chester Stratton
Clara Gaines.....................................Gretchen Davidson
Mamie............................................Betty Garde

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MIDSTREAM
Serial Drama

CAST:

Charles Meredith...............................Hugh Studebaker
Russell Thorson
Sidney Ellstrom

Julia Meredith................................Betty Lou Gerson
Fern Persons

Midge.............................................Mercedes McCambridge
Laurette Filbrandt
Sharon Grainger
Elia Braca

Stanley Bartlett..............................Bill Bouchem
David Meredith..............................Willard Farnum
Ruth Andrews................................Connie Osgood
Annette Harper
Sylvia Jacobs

Amy Gordon Bartlett .........................Josephine Gilbert
Jinny Storey....................................Nina Klowden
Lenore Kingston

Meredith Conway..............................Leslie Woods
Timothy Storey................................Olan Soule
Pat Murphy

Sandy Sanderson..............................Bob Jellison
John Elliott.................................Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)
Bertha..........................................Jane Green
Announcer......................................Gene Baker

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MIDSTREAM (Cont.)

WRITER:
Pauline Hopkins

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THE MIGHTY SHOW
Drama

CAST:
Ma Hutchinson............................................Agnes Moorehead
Jean Carter.................................................. Jay Meredith
Sally, the trapeze artist.................................... Helen Lewis
Tex................................................................. Artells Dickson
Ruth, the knife thrower..................................... Anne Boley
Also....................................................................... Bradley Barker
................................................................. Fred Irving Lewis
................................................................. Elliott Reid

This drama was built around circus life.

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MILLIGAN AND MULLIGAN
Comedy-Adventure

CAST:
Detective.......................................................... Don Ameche
Comic side-kick.................................................. Bob White
Announcer.......................................................... Tom Shirley

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THE MILTON BERLE SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Starring.......................................................... Milton Berle
Also....................................................................... Bert Gordon
................................................................. Eileen Barton

WRITER:
Martin A. Ragaway

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MIRACLES OF MAGNOLIA
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring...................................................... Fanny May Baldridge

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MIRTH AND MADNESS
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Featuring.................................................. Jack Kirkwood
          Lillian Lee
          Don Reid
          Jean McKe'an
          Tom Harris
          Ransom Sherman
          Lee Brodie
          Mike McTooch
          Herb Sheldon
          Lee Brodie
          Mike McTooch
          Herb Sheldon

Orchestra.................................................. Irving Miller
          Jerry Jerome

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Mansfield

WRITERS:
Jack Kirkwood      Ransom Sherman
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MISS HATTIE
Drama

CAST:
Starring.................................................. Ethel Barrymore
Also.................................................. Dickie Van Patten
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MODERN CINDERELLA
Serial Drama

CAST:
Hope Carter........................................ Rosemary Dillon
          Laine Barklie
Larry Burton........................................... Eddie Dean
Jimmy Gale............................................ Ben Gage
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MODERN ROMANCES
Serial Drama

CAST:
Helen Gregory (Narrator)......................... Gertrude Warner

WRITER:
Margaret Sangster
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MOLLÉ MYSTERY THEATER

See MYSTERY THEATER.

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MOLLY OF THE MOVIES
Serial Drama

CAST:
Molly.................................................................Gene Byron
Also.................................................................Ray Jones
Betty Caine

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MOON RIVER
Music and Poetry

CAST:
Narrator............................................................Harry Holcomb
                              Palmer Ward
                              Charles Woods
                              Don Dowd
                              Jay Jostyn
                              Peter Grant
                              Many others

CREATOR:
Edward Byron

THEME:
"Clair de Lune" by Debussy

OPENING:
NARRATOR: Moon River, a lazy stream of dreams, where vain desires forget themselves in the loveliness of sleep. Moon River, enchanted white ribbon, twined in the hair of night, where nothing is but sleep.

This was a nationally famous program of music and poetry from WLW in Cincinnati.

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MOONSHINE AND HONEYSUCKLE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring.........................................................Claude Cooper
                              Anne Elstner
                              Virginia Morgan
                              Jeanie Begg
                              John Milton
                              Louis Mason
                              Anne Sutherland
                              Sara Haden

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THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR
Music

These broadcasts of music from the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, began in 1929.

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MORTIMER GOOCH
Comedy Serial Drama

CAST:
Mortimer Gooch........................................Bob Bailey
Betty Lou...............................................Louise Fitch

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MOTHER AND DAD
Comedy Dialogue

CAST:
Mother..................................................Charme Allen
Dad.......................................................Parker Fennelly

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MOTHER OF MINE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mother Morrison......................................Agnes Young
John.......................................................Donald Cook
Helen......................................................Ruth Yorke
Anne.......................................................Patty Chapman
Pop Whitehouse.....................................Arthur Allen
Pete........................................................Jackie Kelk
Paul Strong............................................Paul Nugent

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THE MOYLAN SISTERS
Music

CAST:
The Moylan Sisters.................................Marianne Moylan
......................................................Peggy Joan Moylan
Announcer..............................................Don Lowe

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Isaac Clements

DIRECTOR:
Robert Smith

ACCOMPANIST:
Morty Howard
THE MOYLAN SISTERS (Cont.)

THEME:
“We feed our doggie Thrivo,
He’s very much alive-O,
Full of pep and vim!
If you want a happy pup,
You’d better hurry up—
Buy Thrivo, for him!”

This 15 minute Sunday afternoon program featured the two Moylan sisters (Marianne the elder by three years) and a pianist. The script described the Moylan Sisters’ unique ability to sing three part harmony. The two girls were billed as “The Angels of the Airwaves.” The creator of the familiar Thrivo jingle was Elizabeth Zindel. The program was for a long time followed immediately on the NBC Blue network by OLIVIO SANTORO (also described in this book).

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MR. ACE AND JANE

See EASY ACES.

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MR. AND MRS.
Comedy

CAST:
Joe..............................................................Jack Smart
Vi.............................................................Jane Huston

THEMES:
“Mean to Me”
“Home Sweet Home”

This program, which went on radio in 1929, was based on the comic strip by Clare Briggs.

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MR. AND MRS. NORTH
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Jerry North. .................. ..................Joseph Curtin
Pamela North.................................Alice Frost
Susan, the Norths’ niece................Betty Jane Tyler
Bill Weigand, Chief Detective. ..........Staats Cotsworth
Frank Lovejoy
Francis DeSales
MR. AND MRS. NORTH (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Sergeant Mullins.............................................. Walter Kinsella
Mahatma McGloin, the driver............................. Mandel Kramer

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
John Loveton

WRITERS:
Michael Morris   Jerome Epstein    Hector Chevigny
Louis Vittes     Robert Sloane

THEME:
“The Way You Look Tonight”

OFT-HEARD PHRASE:
PAM: Look out, Jerry! He’s got a gun!

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MR. ANTHONY

See THE GOODWILL HOUR.

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MR. CHAMELEON
Adventure

CAST:
Mr. Chameleon.............................................. Karl Swenson
Mr. Chameleon’s Assistant.............................. Frank Butler

DIRECTOR:
Richard Leonard

Mr. Chameleon was a master of disguise who used his art to apprehend criminals.

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MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Drama

CAST:
District Attorney........................................... Dwight Weist
Raymond Edward Johnson
Jay Jostyn
Miss Edith Miller.......................................... Vicki Vola
Harrington.................................................... Walter Kinsella
Len Doyle
Miss Rand..................................................... Eleanor Silver
Arlene Francis
Policeman..................................................... Walter Kinsella
Voice of The Law at the opening....................... Maurice Franklin
Jay Jostyn

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MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
	Also.................................................Frank Lovejoy
		Paul Stewart
	Orchestra.......................................Harry Salter
		Peter Van Steeden
	Announcer......................................Ed Herlihy
		Fred Uttal

CREATOR-DIRECTOR:
Edward Byron

PRODUCER:
Phillips H. Lord

WRITERS:
Edward Byron  Harry Herman  Finis Farr
Jerry McGill  Jerry Devine  Robert J. Shaw

OPENING:
ANNCR: “Mr. District Attorney” — champion of the people —
defender of truth — guardian of our fundamental
rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

MUSIC: BRIDGE
D.A.: (FILTER) And it shall be my duty as District Attor-
ney not only to prosecute to the limit of the law all
persons accused of crimes perpetrated within this
county but to defend with equal vigor the rights and
privileges of all its citizens.

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MR. FIX-IT
Home Repair

CAST:
Mr. Fix-It..............................................Jim Boles
Typical Domestic Couple......................Loretta Ellis
		Art Van Horn

The Typical Domestic Couple dramatized home repair situations.
Mr. Fix-It offered his advice on repairing sundry items. Mr. Fix-It
would also suggest that listeners write in for a book on home repair
by Hubbard Cobb.

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MR. KEEN, TRACER OF LOST PERSONS
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Mr. Keen...........................................Bennett Kilpack
		Phil Clarke

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CAST: (Cont.)

Arthur Hughes
Miss Ellis ................................................ Florence Malone
Mike Clancy .................................................. Jim Kelly
Announcer .................................................... Larry Elliott
James Fleming

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTOR:
Richard Leonard

WRITERS:
Barbara Bates    Lawrence Klee    Robert J. Shaw
Charles J. Gussman    Stedman Coles    David Davidson

THEME:
“Someday I’ll Find You”

ORGANIST:
John Winters

MR. MEEK

See THE ADVENTURES OF MISTER MEEK.

MR. PRESIDENT
Drama

CAST:
The President ........................................... Edward Arnold

DIRECTORS:
Joe Graham    Dwight Hauser

WRITER:
Jean Holloway

Each week Edward Arnold portrayed a different American president. The identity of the president was not revealed until the end of the program.

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MRS. MINIVER
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mrs. Miniver.................Judith Evelyn (first few shows only)
                          Gertrude Warner
Mr. Miniver..................Karl Swenson (first few shows only)
                          John Moore

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Nila Mack

WRITERS:
Carl Bixby    Margaret Lerwerth

This program was based on the novel by Jan Struther.

MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mrs. Wiggs..............................Betty Garde
                                  Eva Condon
Pa Wiggs.................................Robert Strauss
Billy Wiggs.............................Andy Donnelly
Mr. Stebbins............................Joe Latham
Mr. Bob..................................Frank Provo
Miss Hazy...............................Agnes Young
                                  Alice Frost

THE MUNROS
Family Dialogue

CAST:
Gordon Munro............................Neal Keehan
Margaret Munro........................Margaret Heckle

MURDER AND MR. MALONE
Adventure

CAST:
Mr. Malone..............................Frank Lovejoy

DIRECTOR:
William Rousseau

WRITER:
Craig Rice

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MURDER IS MY HOBBY
Adventure

CAST:
Detective Barton Drake..........................Glenn Langan

WRITER:
Richard Wilkinson

MURDER WILL OUT
Mystery-Adventure

CAST:
Featuring........................................William Gargan

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Lew X. Lansworth

THE MUSIC APPRECIATION HOUR
Music Education

CAST:
 Featuring......................................Dr. Walter Damrosch

OPENING:
DAMROSCH: Good morning, my dear young people.

This program began in 1928.

MUSIC FROM THE HOUSE OF SQUIBB
Music

CAST:
Guest stars................................................Burl Ives
Regina Resnik
Jan Peerce
Richard Tucker
Orchestra..................................................Lyn Murray
Chorus....................................................Van Alexander

DIRECTOR:
Chet Gierlach

MUSIC FROM THE HOUSE OF SQUIBB originated from Liederkranz Hall in New York City.

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THE MUSICAL COMEDY HOUR
Music and Comedy

CAST:
Vivian, The Coca-Cola Girl.................. Jessica Dragonette

THE MUSICAL STEELMAKERS
Music

CAST:
M.C......................................................... John Wincholl
The Singing Millmen............................ William Stevenson, tenor
William Griffiths, tenor
Glynn Davies, bass
Walter Schane, baritone
The Steele Sisters............................... Betty Jane Evans
Margaret June Evans
Harriet Drake
Lois Mae Nolte
Also.................................................... Mary Bower, harpist
Regina Colbert, vocalist

THE MUSICAL STEELMAKERS grew out of an industrial program presented each week on WWVA in Wheeling, W. Va. The series started on WWVA on November 8, 1936, and featured people employed by a local steel corporation. John Wincholl, for example, was an accountant in the general offices. J. L. Grimes is credited with putting together the particular program that caught on with the listeners; this led to a network series from Wheeling’s Capitol Theater. The Steele Sisters, incidentally, were not all sisters. The group was originally a trio, then became a quartet.

MY BEST GIRLS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Jill Bartlett.............................................. Lorna Lynn
Linda Bartlett.......................................... Mary Shipp
Penny Bartlett.......................................... Mary Mason
Russell Bartlett................................. Roland Winters

DIRECTOR:
Wesley McKee

WRITER:
John D. Kelsey

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MY FAVORITE HUSBAND
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Liz Cooper.................................................. Lucille Ball
George Cooper, the husband.............. Lee Bowman (initial
performance only)
Richard Denning
Katie, the maid.............................. Ruth Perrott
Rudolph Atterbury......................... Gale Gordon

DIRECTOR:
Jess Oppenheimer

WRITER:
Madelyn Pugh

MY FAVORITE HUSBAND was based on characters created by
Isabel Scott Rorick in the novel “Mr. and Mrs. Cugat.”

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MY FRIEND IRMA
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Irma Peterson.............................. Marie Wilson
Jane Stacy........................................ Cathy Lewis
Mr. Clyde.............................................. Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Al (“Hello, Joe.”)............................. John Brown
Prof. Kropotkin.............................. Hans Conried
Richard Rhinelander III...................... Leif Erickson
Mrs. Rhinelander.............................. Myra Marsh
Mrs. O’Reilly...................................... Gloria Gordon
Orchestra......................................... Lud Gluskin
Also.................................................. The Sportsmen Quartet

DIRECTOR:
Cy Howard

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MY GOOD WIFE
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Featuring.............................................. John Conte
Arlene Francis

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MY SON AND I
Serial Drama

CAST:
Connie Vance..................................................Betty Garde
Buddy Watson, her son..........................Kingsley Colton
Aunt Minta Owens...............................Agnes Young
Kent Davis..................................................Alan Hewitt

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MY TRUE STORY
Drama

There were no regular running characters. Various performers appeared.

Announcer..................................................Glenn Riggs

DIRECTORS:
Martin Andrews Charles Warburton George Wiest

WRITER:
Margaret Sangster

ORGANIST:
Rosa Rio

THEME:
“My True Story” by Hathaway
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MYRT AND MARGE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Myrt..................................................Myrtle Vail
Marge........................................Donna Damerel Fick
Jack Arnold........................................Vinton Hayworth
Clarence Tiffingtuffer....................Ray Hedge
Billie de Vere.........................................Eleanor Rella
Midgie........................................Betty Jane Tyler
Edna Seymour................................Lucy Gilman
Jimmie Kent................................Michael Fitzmaurice
Mr. Arnold................................Charles Webster
Mrs. Arnold..........................Frances Woodbury
Brellerton White............................Alan Devitt
Bill Boyle............................................Arthur Elmer
Thaddeus Cornfelder........................Cliff Arquette
Paul Hargate.......................................Jackson Beck
Lee Kirby............................................Santos Ortega
Dick Sanaver
Randy Greenspring......................Roger DeKoven
MYRT AND MARGE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Pete Vanessi ............................................ Teddy Bergman
Pop Nunally ............................................. Joe Latham
Jim Barnett ........................................... Raymond Edward Johnson
Anthony Link .......................................... Matt Crowley
Paula Kirby ............................................. Lucille Fenton
Tad Smith ............................................... Robert Walker
Lizzie Lump ............................................ Marjorie Crossland
Barney Belizer .......................................... Maurice Tarplin
Max Woodard ............................................ Wendell Holmes
Chris ...................................................... Warren Mills
Mrs. Armstrong ......................................... Jeanne Juvelier
Biddy, the cop .......................................... Vincent Coleman
Francis Hayfield ...................................... Karl Way

Agatha Folsom .......................................... Violet Le Claire
Sanford Malone ......................................... Reg Knorr
Phyllis Rogers .......................................... Dorothy Day
Jimmy Minter ........................................... Ray Appleton
Leota Lawrence ......................................... Sunda Love
Darrell Moore ........................................... Ken Griffin
Maggie ..................................................... Marie Nelson
Helmi ...................................................... Edith Evason
Dr. Burr .................................................. Henry Saxe
Rex Marvin ................................................ Gene Morgan
Brad .......................................................... Cliff Bunston
Also ........................................................ Henrietta Tedro

Announcer ................................................ David Ross

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Bobby Brown

DIRECTORS:
Lindsay MacHarrie        John Gunn

WRITER:
Cliff Thomas

THEME:
“Poor Butterfly”

ORGANISTS:
John Winters     Rosa Rio      Eddie House

MYRT AND MARGE was the story of a hard-boiled trouper (Myrt) who made it her business to protect the innocence of a newcomer to backstage (Marge). In 1932 the public learned that Donna Damerel
Fick (Marge) was the daughter of Myrtle Vail (Myrt) although they were sisters in the script. Donna Damerel Fick died on February 15, 1941, and was replaced by Helen Mack.

THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER
Adventure

CAST:
The Mysterious Traveler..........................Maurice Tarplin

DIRECTOR:
Jock MacGregor

WRITERS:
Robert A. Arthur   David Kogan

The Mysterious Traveler warned his audience to keep a hypo handy for emotional emergencies. He closed with "I take this same train every week at this time."

MYSTERY IN THE AIR
Mystery

CAST:
Featuring............................................Peter Lorre
Stonewall Scott....................................Jackson Beck
Tex....................................................Geoffrey Bryant

PRODUCER:
Ken MacGregor

MYSTERY THEATER
Mystery

CAST:
Host.....................................................Bernard Lenrow
Inspector Hearthstone of the Death Squad............Alfred Shirley

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
Martha Atwell      Ernest Ricca      Frank K. Telford
Day Tuttle

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MYSTERY THEATER (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Lawrence Menkin  Bill Wyman  Joseph Russell
Jay Bennett  Peter Lyon  Charles Tazewell

MYSTERY THEATER was originally called MOLLÉ MYSTERY THEATER (sponsored by the makers of Mollé shave cream). Bernard Lenrow was featured on the Mollé version. When the title was changed to MYSTERY THEATER, the format was altered and the character of Hearthstone was added. Later the title was changed to HEARTHSTONE OF THE DEATH SQUAD.

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NATIONAL AMATEUR NIGHT
Amateur Talent

CAST:
M.C. .................................................... Ray Perkins

Ray Perkins blew a whistle to indicate that the performer had failed.

THE NATIONAL BARN DANCE
Country and Western Music

CAST:
M.C. .................................................... Joe Kelly
Uncle Ezra, The Old Jumping
   Jenny Wren Ezra P. Waters ....................... Art Janes
Maple City Four ................................... Pat Patterson
   Fritz Meissner
   Al Rice
Cumberland Ridge Runners ........................ Slim Miller
   Karl Davis
   Red Foley
   Hartford Connecticut Taylor
   John Law

The Hoosier Hot Shots, The
Rural Rhythm Boys and Their
   Tin Pan Band .................................. Paul "Hezzie" Trietsch
   (zither, whistle, washboard)
   Ken Trietsch (banjo, guitar)
   Gabe Ward (clarinet)
   Frank Kettering (bass fiddle)
Louise Massey and The Westerners ............... Louise Massey
   Curt Wellington
   Milt Mabie
   Dott Massey (sister of Louise)
   Allen Massey (brother of Louise and Dott)
Arkie, The Arkansas Woodchopper ............... Luther Ossiebrink
Pokey Martin ........................................ Hoyt Allen
Lulubelle and Scotty .............................. Myrtle Cooper
   Scotty Wiseman
Verne, Lee and Mary Trio ........................ Verne Hassell
   Leonardo Hassell
   Evelyn Wood
Dinning Sisters ................................... Jean and Ginger (twins)
   Lou (sister)
Spare Ribs ......................................... Malcolm Claire
Also .................................................. Georgie Gobel
   Bob Hastings ("The 12 year old boy soprano")
   Linda Parker, the sunbonnet girl
   Sally Foster (little blue-eyed Sally)
   Eddie Peabody (banjo)
THE NATIONAL BARN DANCE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Pat Buttram, The Sage of Winston County, Alabama
Bob Ballantine (harmonica)
Otto and His Novelodeons
The Tune Twisters
Janie and Connie (singers)
Tom and Don, the Hayloft Harmony Boys
Captain Stubby and the Buccaneers
The Hill Toppers
Joe Parsons (basso)
Bob Atcher (singer)
Henry Burr
Lucille Long
Bill O'Connor
Jane Kaye
Dean Brothers
Hal O'Halloran
Tiny Stokes
Red Blanchard
Skip Farrell
Florence Folsom
Danny Duncan

Orchestra............................Glenn Welty
Announcer..................................Jack Holden

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Peter Lund

PRODUCERS:
Jack Frost    Walter Wade

OPENING:
JOE KELLY:  Hello, hello, everybody, everywhere.

HOOSIER HOT SHOTS INTRODUCTION:
Are you ready, Hezzie?? (SLIDE WHISTLE)

This was one of the few radio broadcasts to charge admission to see it. The show originally broadcast from Chicago's Eighth Street Theater but moved to the Civic. It debuted on September 30, 1933.

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THE NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE AIR
Religion

CAST:
Featuring..........................Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick

This program began in 1927.

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THE NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR
Variety

CAST:
M.C. .................................................................................... Everett Mitchell
Forest Ranger ................................................................. Don Ameche
Raymond Edward Johnson
Orchestra ................................................................. Harry Kogen and The Homesteaders
Also ............................................................................... Jack Baus and The Cornbusters
The Cadets (male quartet)
Mirandy of Persimmon Holler

SUPERVISOR:
W.E. Drips

PRODUCER:
Herbert Lateau

THEME:
"The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa

OPENING:
MITCHELL: It's a beautiful day in Chicago!

THE NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR began in 1928.

THE NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT
Religion

THE NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT with Rev. S. Parkes Cadman was first broadcast nationally in 1926.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE
Education

CAST:
Spelling Master ................................................................. Paul Wing

NATIONAL VESPERS
Religion

NATIONAL VESPERS featuring Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick was first broadcast in 1927.

THE NEBBS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Featuring ................................................................. Gene and Kathleen Lockhart

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THE NEBBS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Also................................................................. Conrad Binyon
                                      Bill Roy
                                      Dink Trout
                                      Dick Ryan
                                      Ruth Perrott
                                      Announcer......................................... Tommy Dixon

THE NEBBS was based on the comic strip by Sol Hess.

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NED JORDAN, SECRET AGENT
Adventure

CAST:
Ned Jordan.................................................. Jack McCarthy

DIRECTOR:
Al Hodge

Ned Jordan was a railroad detective.

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NERO WOLFE

See THE ADVENTURES OF NERO WOLFE.

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A NEW PENNY
Drama

CAST:
Starring.................................................... Helen Hayes
Leading Man................................................. Joseph Bell

WRITER:
Edith Meiser

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NEWS OF YOUTH
Dramatized News

CAST:
"Scoop," the narrator................................. Laddie Seaman

NEWS OF YOUTH was a fifteen minute, three-times-a-week dramatized news broadcast somewhat in the style of THE MARCH OF TIME, but aimed at a teen-age audience.

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NEXT, DAVE GARROWAY

See RESERVED FOR GARROWAY.

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NICK CARTER, MASTER DETECTIVE
Detective

CAST:
Nick Carter, Master Detective......................... Lon Clark
Patsy Bowen.............................................. Helen Choate
Charlotte Manson
Sgt. Mathison (Matty)................................. Ed Latimer
Scubby, the reporter.................................... John Kane
Also......................................................... John Raby
Bill Lipton
Raymond Edward Johnson
Bryna Raeburn

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Jock MacGregor

WRITERS:
David Kogan Milton J. Kramer
John McGreevey

OPENING:
MUSIC: FANFARE UP AND UNDER FOR
ANNCR: Nick Carter, Master Detective!
MUSIC: UP FULL THEN UNDER FOR
ANNCR: Today's Nick Carter adventure...The Case of the
Stray Bullet Murder!
CAST: BRIEF TEASING SCENE
MUSIC: THREE CHORDS
ANNCR: Now, another intriguing, transcribed adventure with
Nick Carter, Master Detective...Presented by The
Mutual Network. In a moment, The Case of the Stray
Bullet Murder! But first...

CLOSING:
ANNCR: Nick Carter, Master Detective is produced and di-
rected by Jock MacGregor. Copyrighted by Street
and Smith Publications, Incorporated, it is presented
each week at this time by The Mutual Network. Lon
Clark is starred as Nick. Charlotte Manson is fea-
tured as Patsy and Ed Latimer plays Matty. Others
in today's cast were John Raby, Bill Lipton and
Bryna Raeburn. This program is fictional and any
resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or
NICK CARTER, MASTER DETECTIVE (Cont.)

MUSIC: THEME UP TO CLOSE
ANNCR: Join us again next week for The Case of the Forgotten Murder, another intriguing, transcribed adventure with Nick Carter, Master Detective! This program came from New York.

See also CHICK CARTER, BOY DETECTIVE.

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NIGHT BEAT
Adventure

CAST:
Lucky Stone................................................. Frank Lovejoy
Announcer.....................................................Don Rickles

This was the story of a newspaper columnist who combed Chicago's streets looking for material.

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NIGHT SHIFT WITH RAYBURN AND FINCH
Music and Talk

CAST:
Hosts..................................................................Gene Rayburn
Dee Finch

Rayburn and Finch played records, held interviews and traded quips.

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A NIGHT WITH HORACE HEIDT
Talent Contest

CAST:
Host..................................................................Horace Heidt

Accordionist Dick Contino became famous on this program after winning many weeks in a row.

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NOAH WEBSTER SAYS
Quiz

CAST:
M.C..............................................................Haven MacQuarrie

DIRECTOR:
Andrew Love

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NOAH WEBSTER SAYS (Cont.)

Listeners submitted a list of five difficult words. Two dollars was paid for each list used on the program...two dollars was also paid for each correct answer.

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NONA FROM NOWHERE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nona.....................................................Toni Darnay
Pat Brady.............................................James Kelly
Vernon Dutell.......................................Karl Weber
Thelma Powell....................................Mitzi Gould
Gwen Parker........................................Florence Robinson

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NORA DRAKE
See THIS IS NORA DRAKE.

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NORMAN CORWIN
Drama

Norman Corwin wrote, produced and directed several series, but a good portion of his work was broadcast as what today would be called "specials," single programs put on as the occasion demands and usually pre-empting a regularly scheduled broadcast. Among these were "We Hold These Truths" (1941), "On a Note of Triumph" (V-E Day, May 8, 1945), "14 August" (August 14, 1945) and "The Undecided Molecule" (July 17, 1945). Cast and credits follow. See also COLUMBIA PRESENTS CORWIN and PASSPORT FOR ADAMS.

"On a Note of Triumph"

CAST:
Narrator.............................................Martin Gabel
Nazi....................................................George Sorel
Nazi....................................................Ludwig Donath
Mother...............................................Lucille Kibbee
Selassie.............................................Peter Witt
Interpreter........................................Joseph Worthy
Singers..............................................Johnny Bond Trio

MUSIC:
Score composed by Bernard Herrmann
Conducted by Lud Gluskin
Song "Round and Round Hitler's Grave" composed by Millard Lampell, Woodie Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Norman Corwin.
NORMAN CORWIN (Cont.)

PRODUCTION:
Directed by Norman Corwin
Sound by Berne Surrey
Studio engineer - Gary Harris
Production Assistants - Charles Lewin and Lou Ashworth

“14 August”

CAST:
Soliloquist.................................Orson Welles

A repeat broadcast was heard on the following Sunday under the title “God and Uranium.” Olivia de Havilland assisted Orson Welles on this broadcast and Norman Corwin directed both productions in addition to writing them.

“The Undecided Molecule”

CAST:
Judge............................................. Groucho Marx
Interpreter.................................... Robert Benchley
Prosecutor..................................... Vincent Price
Clerk............................................. Norman Lloyd
Miss Anima..................................... Sylvia Sidney
Defense Counsel.............................. Keenan Wynn
Spokesman for the Vegetables............. Keenan Wynn
Spokesman for the Animals................. Keenan Wynn
Conductor..................................... Keenan Wynn
V.P. in Charge of Physiochemistry......... Elliott Lewis

MUSIC:
Composed by Carmen Dragon
Conducted by Lud Gluskin

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Norman Corwin

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N. T. G. AND HIS GIRLS
Variety

CAST:
M.C.............................................. Nils Thor Granlund
Orchestra..................................... Harry Salter

DIRECTOR:
Herb Polesie

WRITER:
Carroll Carroll
N.T.G. AND HIS GIRLS (Cont.)

The guests on this show were talented chorus girls...six or seven appeared on each broadcast. Each girl told a little about herself and then played an instrument, sang or gave a dramatic reading. There were also “special guests,” ex-chorus girls who had made it on Broadway.

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OLIVIO SANTORO

BABY ROSE MARIE

THE MOYLAN SISTERS

KENNY BAKER

"TERMITE" DANIELS AND BOBBY HOOKEY (l-r)

MILTON CROSS
“MYRT AND MARGE”
Myrtle Vail, Ray Hedge, Donna Damerel and Jeanne Juvelier (l-r)

“THE NATIONAL BARN DANCE”
UNCLE EZRA AND THE
HOOSIER HOT SHOTS

“IT PAYS TO BE IGNORANT”
Harry McNaughton, Lulu McConnell,
George Shelton and Tom Howard (l-r)
Babe Ruth and Graham McNamee

Eddie Cantor

Mary Pickford

Fibber McGee and Molly

Bob Hope

"The Columbia Workshop"
June 1936 (note Orson Welles at far right)
"THE BREAKFAST CLUB"
Eugenie Baird, Don Dowd, Don McNeill, Sam Cowling and Jack Owens

FRANK GALLOP

GRAHAM MCNAMEE AND ED WYNN (l-r)

JIMMY DURANTE

WEBER AND FIELDS

BING CROSBY
FRANK LOVEJOY

SARA BERNER

JACK ARTHUR

MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" ANNA APPEL AND MENASHA SKULNIK (l-r)

VICKI VOLA
"THE LIFE OF RILEY"
John Brown, William Bendix (l-r)

ATHENA LORDE

LOWELL THOMAS

LEN DOYLE

JOE PENNER

JAN MINER
JERRY MACY

MEL ALLEN

CHARLES WEBSTER

“FIRST NIGHTER”
OLAN SOULE AND
BARBARA LUDDY
TERI KEANE AND DON AMECHE
COUNTESS OLGA ALBANI
AMOS 'N' ANDY
AL JOLSON
JEANETTE MACDONALD
LITTLE JACK LITTLE
"THE SILVER MASKED TENOR"
(Joseph M. White)

"DR. CHRISTIAN"
JEAN HERSHOLT

ARTHUR TRACY
"THE STREET SINGER"

RONALD LISS

"BLONDIE", Arthur Lake, Penny Singleton, Hanley Stafford (l-r)

FRANK KNIGHT
CHARLOTTE MANSON

HENRY MORGAN

WALTER WINCHELL

FRANK HUMMERT

ANNE HUMMERT

"SINGIN' SAM"
(Harry Frankel)
JESSICA DRAGONETTE

PAULA WINSLOWE

“THE HAPPINESS BOYS” BILLY JONES AND ERNIE HARE (l-r)

Dwight Weist

Vaughn De Leath

Wendell Hall

“The Red Headed Music Maker”
"TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES"
EDDIE CANTOR AND
RALPH EDWARDS, at right

JIMMY WALLINGTON,
PORTLAND HOFFA AND FRED
ALLEN (l-r)

CLICQUOT CLUB ESKIMOS
(Harry Reser at right)

B. A. ROLFE

CLEM McCARTHY
(looking through glasses)

FLOYD GIBBONS
OF HUMAN BONDAGE
Drama

CAST:
Dr. Philip Carey...............................Raymond Edward Johnson
Mildred Rogers...............................Jessica Tandy

DIRECTOR:
Carlo De Angelo

This program was based on the novel by Somerset Maugham.

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OFFICIAL DETECTIVE
Detective

CAST:
Detective Dan Britt.............................Ed Begley
Police Sergeant...............................Louis Nye
Also.............................................Chuck Webster

DIRECTOR:
Wynn Wright

WRITER:
Jack Bentkover

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THE O'FLYNNS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Capt. Flynn O'Flynn............................Milton Watson

This program was about the world of opera.

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OG, SON OF FIRE
Prehistoric Adventure

CAST:
Og...............................................Alfred Brown
Nad................................................Patricia Dunlap
Ru................................................James Andelin
Big Tooth......................................Reg Knorr
Also..............................................Jess Pugh

WRITER:
Irving Crump, author of the original Og stories
SOUND EFFECTS:
Herb Johnson  Louie Wehr
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THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP
Drama

CAST:
Keeper of The Old Curiosity Shop..........................David Ross
Orchestra......................................................Howard Barlow

WRITER:
David Ross

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP was a program of the early 1930's. It presented stories concerning various items in the shop. The program opened with a conversation between the keeper and his daughter in which the girl would ask her father to tell her the story about a particular item in the shop. The keeper's narration would then lead into the actual drama.

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THE OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL HOUR
Religion

This long-running series of broadcasts emanated from Long Beach, California, with Rev. Charles E. Fuller presiding.

THEME:
"Heavenly Sunshine"

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THE OLD SKIPPER
Children

CAST:
The Old Skipper.................................................Don Hix

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OLIVIO SANTORO
Music

CAST:
Starring.................................Olivio Santoro, The Boy Yodeler
Announcer..........................Glenn Riggs

THEME:
(Sung to the tune of "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay")
"Scrapple o-del-ay-de-ay
Comes from Phil-a-del-phi-ay.
Eat Philadelphia Scrapple, friends,
With that advice my story ends."

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OLIVIO SANTORO (Cont.)

Olivio Santoro played the guitar, sang and yodeled. His program was fifteen minutes in length and followed THE MOYLAN SISTERS, whose program is listed elsewhere.

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OMAR THE MYSTIC
Adventure

CAST:
Omar the Mystic............................................M. H. H. Joachim
Mr. Kimball.............................................Ralph Schoolman
Mrs. Kimball............................................Ethel Everett
The Kimballs' daughter.......................Mrs. Ralph Schoolman
Zaidda......................................................Ethel Everett
Also.................................................... Edward MacDonald
                                Jeff Sparks

OPENING:
SOUND: THE STROKE OF A GONG
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ONE MAN'S FAMILY
Serial Drama

CAST:
The Parents:
Fanny Barbour.....................Minetta Allen (April 29, 1932-July 8, 1955)
                                Mary Adams (February 13, 1956-May 8, 1959)
The Children:
Paul Barbour.......................Michael Raffetto (April 29, 1932-July 8, 1955)
                                Russell Thorson (July 28, 1955-May 8, 1959)
Hazel Barbour...................... Bernice Berwin (April 29, 1932-May 8, 1959)
Claudia Barbour....................Kathleen Wilson (April 29, 1932-August 29, 1943)
                                Floy Margaret Hughes (played the part when Miss Wilson was ill)
Barbara Fuller (October 14, 1945-May 8, 1959)
                                Laurette Fillbrandt (played the part ten times in July, August and September 1949)
Clifford Barbour....................Barton Yarborough (April 29, 1932-December 27, 1951)
ONE MAN'S FAMILY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

The Children’s Spouses:
Bill Herbert.................................Bert Horton
Dan Murray.................................Wally Maher
Russell Thorson
Bill Bouchez
Ken Peters

Ann Waite.................................Helen Musselman
Irene Franklyn.............................Naomi Stevens
Janet Waldo

Johnny Roberts............................Frank Provo

Captain Nicholas Lacey (Nicky)..........Walter Paterson
Tom Collins
Dan O’Herlihy
Ben Wright

Betty Carter...............................Jean Rouverol
Virginia Gregg

The Grandchildren:
Teddy Barbour.............................Winifred Wolfe
Jeanne Bates

William Herbert Murray (Pinky).........Richard Svihus
Dix Davis
Billy Idelson
Eddie Firestone Jr.
Tommy Bernard
George Pirrone

Henry Herbert Murray (Hank)............Conrad Binyon
Dickie Meyers
Billy Idelson

Margaret Herbert Murray................Dawn Bender

Andy Barbour (Skipper)...................Mary Lansing
Henry Blair
Michael Chapin
David Frankham

Joan Roberts..............................Ann Shelley
Mary Lou Harrington

Penny Lacey...............................Anne Whitfield

Elizabeth Sharon Ann Barbour..............Mary Lansing
Jill Oppenheim
Susan Luckey
Marilyn Steiner
Susan Odin

Mary Lou Barbour..........................Mary Lansing
Mary McGovern

Jane Barbour..............................Jana Leff
Susan Luckey
Susan Odin

Abigail Barbour............................Leone Ledoux

Deborah Barbour...........................Leone Ledoux

Constance Barbour........................Leone Ledoux

The Grandchildren’s Spouses:
Elwood Giddings..........................Tyler McVey
CAST: (Cont.)
Roderick Stone.......................... Marvin Miller
Ross Farnsworth........................ Victor Perrin
Raymond Borden........................ Robert Bailey
Lois Holland............................ Sharon Douglas
Sidney Lawrence........................ James McCallion
Greta Steffanson....................... Sharon Douglas

The Great-Grandchild:
Paul John Farnsworth (the only one
with lines)............................. Leone Ledoux

Friends and Neighbors:
Judge Glenn Hunter..................... George Rand
Charles McAllister
Lloyd Corrigan
Norman Fields
Jay Novello
Herb Butterfield

Dr. Fred Thompson...................... Frank Cooley
Cy Kendall
William Green
Earl Lee
Emerson Treacy

Beth Holly................................ Barbara Jo Allen
Christine Abbott....................... Mary Jane Croft
Ben..................................... Forrest Lewis
Earl Lee

Tracy Baker............................. Sam Edwards
Rev. McArthur.......................... Frank Cooley

Francis X. Bushman
Marvin Miller
Maurice Manson

Nicolette Moore......................... Jeanette Nolan
Cousin Consider........................ Marvin Miller

Announcer............................... William Andrews
Ken Carpenter

Visitors, Played by Themselves:
Loretta Young
Petty Officer Third Class Francesca Ritter
Sir Charles Mendl

CREATOR-WRITER:
Carlton E. Morse

DIRECTORS.
Carlton E. Morse (most of the time)
Michael Raffetto
Clinton Twiss    Charles Buck    George Fogle

WRITERS:
Harlan Ware (1944-1959)  Michael Raffetto (occasionally
in the early days, regularly 1949-1955)
THEMES:
"Destiny Waltz" by Sydney Barnes (used as theme 1932-1941)
"Patricia" by Paul Carson (used as theme 1941-1959)

ORGANISTS:
Paul Carson (from the beginning through May 11, 1951)
Sybil Chism (May 14, 1951-March 26, 1954)
Martha Green (March 29, 1954-May 7, 1954)
The music was pre-taped from then on.

INTRODUCTION:
ANNCR: One Man’s Family is dedicated to the mothers and fathers of the younger generation and to their bewildering offspring. Tonight we present Chapter One of Book Six, entitled “Three Months Between.” (Other sample Chapter titles: “Clifford Throws a Party,” “Christmas Eve at the Barbours’,” “Paul Meets the Widow” and “The Gathering of the Leaves”)

ONE MAN’S FAMILY debuted on radio on Friday, April 29, 1932, from 9:30-10.00 p.m. PST over NBC stations in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle. Two or three weeks later the rest of the western NBC network was added. The program began broadcasting on the entire NBC network on May 17, 1933, and was the first serial to originate in San Francisco for the entire network. The first network broadcasts until January 5, 1934, were devoted to presenting a somewhat condensed version of the Barbour family story from its beginning in order to bring the rest of the country up to date. The format consisted of thirty minute programs, broadcast once a week, through Sunday, June 4, 1950. Then the programs were fifteen minutes in length, five days a week, from June 5, 1950, through May 8, 1959, the last broadcast. In the book-chapter identification, the last broadcast was Chapter 30 of Book 134. There were 3,256 episodes in all, not counting repeats for different time zones.

Measured by the calendar, ONE MAN’S FAMILY was the longest running serial drama in American radio. It told the week-to-week (and later day-to-day) story of the Barbour family of the Sea Cliff section of San Francisco. Henry and Fanny Barbour had five children:

Paul, a World War I aviator, was the all-knowing oldest brother to whom all the others took their problems; he was a writer and lived in an attic with his adopted daughter Teddy.

Hazel was almost an old maid when she married dairy farmer Bill Herbert; they had twin sons, Hank and Pinky, and a daughter. Some years after Bill died, she married Dan Murray.
Claudia was a rebel until her second husband, British Army Captain Nicholas Lacey, tamed her to only occasional flare-ups; they were aboard a ship that was torpedoed during World War II, but were rescued and interned in a German concentration camp until after the war.

Cliff, Claudia's twin, was a kind of ne'er-do-well because of being unable to make up his mind about anything serious. His only period of tranquility was during his marriage to his second wife, Irene, who was killed in an automobile accident. When actor Barton Yarborough died in 1951, the authors sent Cliff to Scotland, where he became successful in business and married for a third time.

Jack, the baby, married the girl down the block while still in college and ultimately showed signs of being the one who would succeed Father Barbour as head of the family. He and Betty had six daughters, three of them triplets.

In its last years the series was built around the lives of Hazel's twin sons Hank and Pinky. Hank was the solid one who always did the right thing, whereas Pinky was in and out of trouble most of the time.

The cast over the years included many actors and actresses who were already or later to become well-known, most of them playing relatively small roles. They include Edgar Barrier, Hans Conried, Dick Crenna, Rosemary De Camp, Ted de Corsia, Larry Dobkin, Betty Lou Gerson, Vivi Janniss, Jack Kruschen, Lyn Lauria, Richard Legrand, Elliott Lewis, John McIntire, Howard McNear, Ruth Perrott, Hal Peary, Cameron Prud'homme, Isabel Randolph, Alice Reinheart, Anne Stone, Gil Stratton Jr., D. J. Thompson, Les Tremayne, Lurene Tuttle, Luis Van Rooten, Theodore Von Eltz and Barbara Jean Wong. Marvin Miller played more roles than any other actor in the series; he played twenty different parts, sometimes playing two or more of them in the same broadcast.

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THE O'NEILLS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mrs. O'Neill..............................................Kate McComb
Eileen Turner.........................................Arlene Blackburn
Eddie Collins O'Neill..............................Jimmy Donnelly
Peggy O'Neill Kayden...............................Betty Caine
                                      Violet Dunn
                                      Claire Niesen
                                      Betty Winkler
Janice Collins O'Neill.............................Janice Gilbert
Danny O'Neill.........................................Jimmy Tansey
THE O'NEILLS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Morris Levy ........................................ Jack Rubin
Mrs. Trudy Bailey ..................................... Jane West
Monte Kayden ....................................... Chester Stratton
Tillie .............................................. Gee Gee James
Mrs. Turner ......................................... Effie Lawrence Palmer
Mr. Turner .......................................... Alfred Swenson
Barbara Grayson .................................. Adele Harrison
Mr. Collins ......................................... Santos Ortega
Harold Wilkinson .................................. John McGovern
Mr. Coleman ......................................... Joseph Julian
Grandpa Hubbell ................................... Roy Fant
Mrs. Collins ......................................... Marjorie Anderson
Dr. Bruce Kingsley ................................ David Gothard
Lester Lewis ....................................... James Van Dyk
Skip Martin ......................................... Lawson Zerbe
Mrs. Mitchell ....................................... Vivia Ogden
Basil ................................................ Burford Hampden
Sally Scott O’Neill ................................ Helen Claire
Mr. Tasek ........................................... John Anthony
Mrs. Tasek ........................................... Gladys Thornton
Jack Vernon .......................................... Charles Carroll
Mayme Gordon ....................................... Ethel Everett
Mrs. Carson ......................................... Charme Allen
Mrs. Kayden .......................................... Josephine Hull
Bob Winton ........................................... James Boles
Judge Scott .......................................... Julian Noa
Mr. Fielding ......................................... Harry Neville
Mrs. Scott ........................................... Linda Carlon
Ginger Raymond ..................................... Jessie Fordyce
Jean .................................................. Selena Royle
Announcer ............................................ Ed Herlihy

DIRECTORS:
Jack Rubin  Carlo De Angelo

WRITERS:
Jane West  Jack Rubin

THEME:
“Londonderry Air”

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THE OPEN DOOR
Serial Drama

CAST:

Dean Eric Hansen  Dr. Alfred T. Dorf
Liza Arnold  Barbara Weeks
Florence Freeman
Tommy  Edwin Bruce
Ivan Jones  Martin Blaine
Corey Lehman, Dean Hansen’s secretary  Charlotte Holland

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THE OPEN DOOR (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Hester Marleybone..................................................Ethel Intropidi
Charlotte Marleybone................................................Jane Huston
Stephanie Cole..........................................................Joan Alexander
David Gunther..........................................................Alexander Scourby

THEME:
"Sim Sala"

WRITER:
Sandra Michael    Doria Folliott

Eric Hansen was the Dean of Students at mythical Jefferson University.

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THE ORANGE LANTERN
Mystery

CAST:
Botak, a Javanese adventurer.........................Arthur Hughes
Also..........................................................Peggy Allenby
Agnes Moorehead
John McGovern
Bill Shelley

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Bell

WRITER:
Innes Osborn

ORIGINAL MUSIC:
Sven von Hallberg

THE ORANGE LANTERN, broadcast in the early 1930's, was regarded as the answer to FU MANCHU in the network competition of that era.

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ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR

See MAJOR BOWES AND HIS ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR.

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ORPHAN ANNIE

See LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 267
ORPHANS OF DIVORCE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Michael..................................................James Meighan
Gregory Pearson.................................Louis Hall
Nora Worthington.................................Margaret Anglin
                      Effie Palmer
Cyril Worthington...............................Richard Gordon
Juliet Worthington..............................Claire Wilson
Joan Worthington.................................Patricia Peardon
Dick Worthington.................................Warren Bryan
Barbara..............................................Geraldine Kay
Alex Pratt...........................................James Krieger
Annie..................................................Vivia Ogden
Also..................................................Charita Bauer
                      Richard Keith
                      Joseph Julian
                      Henry M. Neely

THEME:
“I’ll Take You Home Again, Kathleen”
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ORSON WELLES

See THE COLUMBIA WORKSHOP and THE MERCURY THEATER.
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OUR BARN
Children

OUR BARN was a Saturday morning children’s program directed
by Madge Tucker and written by Jean Peterson. It was on NBC and
featured many of the cast members from COAST-TO-COAST ON
A BUS.
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OUR GAL SUNDAY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Sunday..................................................Dorothy Lowell
                      Vivian Smolen
Lord Henry Brinthrope.............................Karl Swenson
                      Alistair Duncan
Jackie..................................................Jay Jostyn
Lively..................................................Robert Strauss
                      Joe Latham
                      Roy Fant
Mrs. Sedgewick.....................................Irene Hubbard
Bill Jenkins.........................................Carleton Young
Slim Delaney........................................Van Heflin

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CAST: (Cont.)

Lanette.................................................Charita Bauer
Fred Castleson......................................Spencer Bentley
Elaine..................................................Vicki Vola
Dwight..................................................Louis Hall
Lord Percy.............................................Eustace Wyatt
Oliver Drexton.......................................Santos Ortega
Barbara Hamilton....................................Kay Brinker
Lt. Nevils..............................................John McGovern
Jack.....................................................Tom Gunn
Rose Hunt..............................................Florence Robinson
Madelyn Travers.....................................Joan Tompkins
Vivian Graham........................................Delma Byron
Gann Murray..........................................Hugh Marlowe
Prudence Graham.....................................Anne Seymour
Lonnie..................................................Alastair Kyle
Charlotte Abbott...................................Elaine Kent
Irene Galway..........................................Fran Carlon
Hilda Marshall......................................Ara Gerald
Peter Galway..........................................Joe Curtin
Kathy...................................................Ruth Gerald
Lawrence Shieffield.................................Clyde North
Pearl Taggart........................................Ann Shepherd (Scheindel Kalish)
St. John Harris.......................................John Raby
Steve Lansing........................................John McQuade
Victor Maidstone...................................James Monks
Susan Robinson......................................Venezuela Jones
Countess Florenze....................................Ara Gerald
Lile Florenze..........................................Inge Adams
Anna....................................................Jay Meredith
Leona Kenmore......................................Charlotte Lawrence
Aunt Alice............................................Katherine Emmet
Fred Davis............................................Louis Neistat

DIRECTORS:
Frank and Anne Hummert        Stephen Gross        Arthur Hanna

WRITERS:
Jean Carroll        Helen Walpole

THEME:
“Red River Valley”

OPENING:
ANNCR: Our Gal Sunday. The story of an orphan girl named Sunday, from the little mining town of Silver Creek, Colorado, who in young womanhood married England’s richest, most handsome lord, Lord Henry
OUR GAL SUNDAY (Cont.)

Brinthrope. The story asks the question—Can this girl from a mining town in the West find happiness as the wife of a wealthy and titled Englishman?

The program’s locale was the state of Virginia and Lord Brinthrope’s manor was known as Black Swan Hall.

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OUR MISS BROOKS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Miss Brooks, Madison High School teacher............ Eve Arden
Philip Boynton, the bashful biology instructor.....Jeff Chandler
Osgood Conklin, the principal..........................Gale Gordon
Walter Denton..............................................Dick Crenna
Harriet Conklin.........................................Gloria McMillan
Mrs. Davis, the landlady.................................Jane Morgan

DIRECTORS:
Larry Berns     Al Lewis

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OZZIE AND HARRIET

See THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET.

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PADUCAH PLANTATION
Variety

CAST:
The Old Southern Colonel....................Irvin S. Cobb, humorist

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PAGES OF ROMANCE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring........................................Peggy Allenby
            Ned Wever
            Allyn Joslyn
            Eunice Howard
            Teddy Bergman
            Hugh Rennie
            Alma Kruger
            John McGovern

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PAINTED DREAMS
Serial Drama

This serial drama on WGN, Chicago, is regarded as that station's first true "soap opera." It evolved from a program called SUE AND IRENE which was sponsored by Super Suds and starred Irna Phillips as Sue and Irene Wicker as Irene. Miss Phillips and Miss Wicker also handled all the other roles on the show at first. PAINTED DREAMS was originally written by Miss Phillips who also took the role of Mother Monahan; Bess Flynn later became the program's writer and played Mother Monahan. Irene Wicker played the daughter and several other roles. Also appearing in the cast were Lucy Gilman, Kay Chase, Alice Hill and Olan Soule.

PRODUCER:
Frank Hummert

THEME:
“I’m Yours”

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PALMOLIVE BEAUTY BOX THEATER
Musical-Variety

CAST:
Featuring........................................Jessica Dragonette
            Benny Fields
            Baby Snooks..................................Fanny Brice
            Daddy........................................Hanley Stafford

DIRECTOR:
Ken MacGregor

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 271
This was one of the early variety programs. Jessica Dragonette was a major star of early radio and was known variously as “The Little Angel of Radio” and “Vivian, the Coca-Cola Girl” (the latter on THE MUSICAL COMEDY HOUR).

See also ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR.

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PARADE OF PROGRESS
Drama

CAST:
Starring.......................... Charlotte Manson

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THE PARKER FAMILY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Richard Parker............................. Michael O'Day
Leon Janney
Mr. Parker................................. Jay Jostyn
Mrs. Parker.............................. Linda Carlon-Reid
Marjorie Anderson
Nancy Parker.......................... Mitzi Gould
Elly.................................. Pat Ryan
Grandpa Parker......................... Roy Fant
Announcer.............................. Hugh James

CREATOR-PRODUCER:
Don Becker

DIRECTORS:
Oliver Barbour Chick Vincent

WRITERS:
Ed Wolfe Chick Vincent Ben Kagan
Priscilla Kent Vera Oldham

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THE PASSING PARADE
Documentary

CAST:
Host-Narrator.......................... John Nesbitt

THEME:
“Romeo and Juliet Overture” by Tschaikovsky

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PASSPORT FOR ADAMS
Drama

CAST:
Doug Adams.................................................. Robert Young
       Myron McCormick
Perry Quisinberry...................................... Dane Clark
       Paul Mann

DIRECTOR:
Norman Corwin

WRITERS:
Ranald MacDougall      Norman Corwin

In this series a New York news syndicate, Consolidated Syndicate, sent Doug Adams, a small-town (Centerville) editor, and "Quiz" Quisinberry, a New York photographer, around the world to report on the people of countries friendly to the Allies. The program was on the air in 1943 and 1944. Among the places visited by Doug and "Quiz" were Belem, Monrovia, Tel Aviv, Marrakesh and Moscow.

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PAT NOVAK, FOR HIRE
Adventure

CAST:
Pat Novak.................................................. Jack Webb
       Jocko.................................................. Tudor Owen
       Inspector.......................................... Raymond Burr

WRITER:
Richard Breen

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PEEWEE AND WINDY
Comedy

CAST:
Peewee.................................................. Jack MacBryde
       Windy............................................. Walter Kinsella

DIRECTOR:
Paul Dumont

WRITER:
Pete Clarke

MUSIC COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR:
Joe Rines

This program was about the adventures of two young sailors on shore leave.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 273
PENTHOUSE PARTY
Conversation

CAST:
Hostess.........................................................Gladys Glad
Ilka Chase

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PEOPLE ARE FUNNY
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C..............................................................Art Baker
Art Linkletter

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
John Guedel

WRITERS:
Art Linkletter John Guedel Jack Stanley
John Murray

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PEOPLE'S PLATFORM
Discussion

CAST:
Moderator......................................................Lyman Bryson
Chef..............................................................Louis Heuberger

For this program, four guests were invited to dinner at the CBS studio. Under the centerpiece of flowers was a concealed microphone. After dinner, Bryson would lead the guests into the subject chosen for the broadcast and the results were spontaneous and informal. The guests consisted of one big name, an expert on the subject, a woman and an "average" man.

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THE PEPPER POT

See THE BREAKFAST CLUB.

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PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Larry (Pepper) Young........................................Curtis Arnall
Lawson Zerbe
Mason Adams

Peggy, Pepper's sister.................................Elizabeth Wragge
Sam Young....................................................Jack Roseleigh
Bill Adams
Thomas Chalmers

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PEPPER YOUNG’S FAMILY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Mary Young ..............................................Marion Barney
Nick Havens .............................................John Kane
Ted Hart, football coach .............................. Alan Bunce
Sally ......................................................Maureen McManus
Linda Benton ............................................ Eunice Howard
Biff Bradley ........................................... Laddie Seaman
Elliott Reid
Tony Barrett

Edie Gray ................................................Jean Sothern
Butch ........................................................Madeleine Pierce
Pete Nickerson ..........................................Arthur Vinton
Lou Scott ...............................................Fred Herrick
Mrs. Curt Bradley ......................................Grace Albert
Curt Bradley ...........................................Edwin R. Wolfe
Hastings ..................................................Jim Krieger
Molly O’Hara ...........................................Katharine Stevens
Marcella the Menace ...................................Jean McCoy
Carter Trent ............................................Bert Brazier
James Krieger
Stacy Harris
Michael Fitzmaurice
Chester Stratton

Ivy Trent ................................................Irene Hubbard
Horace Trent ............................................Charles Webster
Andy Hoyt .................................................Blaine Cordner
Anna ......................................................Annette Sorell
Hank ........................................................G. Swayne Gordon
Hattie Williams, the maid ............................Greta Kvalden
Mr. Jerome ..............................................Richard Gordon
Announcer ...............................................Alan Kent
Martin Block

DIRECTORS:
Chick Vincent  John Buckwalter

WRITER:
Elaine Sterne Carrington

THEME:
“Au Matin”

This serial drama evolved from RED ADAMS, RED DAVIS and FOREVER YOUNG. The Youngs lived in Elmwood.

See also RED DAVIS.

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THE PERFECT FOOL

See THE FIRE CHIEF.

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 275
PERRY MASON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Attorney Perry Mason..........................Bartlett Robinson
Santos Ortega
Donald Briggs
John Larkin

Della Street........................................Gertrude Warner
Jan Miner
Joan Alexander

Paul Drake.........................................Matt Crowley
Charles Webster

Sgt. Dorset........................................Arthur Vinton
Lt. Tragg...........................................Mandel Kramer
Frank Dane

Peg Neely...........................................Betty Garde
The Judge.........................................Maurice Franklin
Mary Blade.....................................Mary Jane Higby

PRODUCER:
Tom McDermott

DIRECTORS:
Arthur Hanna Carlo De Angelo Carl Eastman
Hoyt Allen Ralph Butler

WRITERS:
Irving Vendig Erle Stanley Gardner

This program was based on the stories by Erle Stanley Gardner.

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PETER SALEM

See THE AFFAIRS OF PETER SALEM.

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THE PHIL BAKER SHOW
Comedy

CAST:
Starring.............................................Phil Baker
Beetle..............................................Ward Wilson
Bottle..............................................Harry McNaughton
Ferdinand.........................................Ward Wilson
Mrs. Sarah Heartburn..........................Agnes Moorehead
Also................................................Artie Auerbach
Oscar Bradley
Mabel Albertson

Orchestra.........................................Frank Shields
Hal Kemp

Vocal Group.....................................The Seven G's
THE PHIL BAKER SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Announcer............................................ Harry Von Zell

WRITER:
Arthur Phillips

Phil Baker was a vaudeville comedian and accordionist who appeared on his own variety program from 1933 to 1940. Bottle was his very British butler and Beetle was a heckling stooge. After a two year rest, Baker returned to radio as quiz-master of TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT and became equally successful with that format. The PHIL BAKER SHOW was also known as THE ARMOUR HOUR.

See also TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.
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THE PHIL HARRIS AND ALICE FAYE SHOW

See THE FITCH BANDWAGON.
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PHILIP MARLOWE

See THE ADVENTURES OF PHILIP MARLOWE.
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THE PHILIP MORRIS PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
Featuring............................................ Ray Collins
Charlie Cantor
Teddy Bergman
Bill Johnstone
John McIntire
Jeanette Nolan
Ann Thomas
Barbara Weeks
Ward Wilson
Raymond Edward Johnson
Many others
Orchestra............................................ Russ Morgan
Johnny Green
Ray Bloch

DIRECTORS:
William Spier      Jack Johnstone     Charles Martin

One of the most famous programs in this dramatic series sponsored by Philip Morris cigarettes was Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" starring Luther Adler.
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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 277
PHILO VANCE
Detective

CAST:
Philo Vance........................................Jackson Beck
 District Attorney Markham.......................George Petrie
 Vance’s secretary..................................Joan Alexander
 Sgt. Heath.........................................Humphrey Davis

PRODUCER:
Frederic W. Ziv

DIRECTOR:
Jeanne K. Harrison

WRITERS:
Robert J. Shaw   Kenny Lyons

ORGANIST:
Henry Sylvern

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PLANTATION PARTY
Music and Comedy

CAST:
The Duke of Paducah.................................Whitey Ford
Tom.......................................................Bud Vandover
Dick......................................................Marlin Hurt
Harry.....................................................Gordon Vandover

PLANTATION PARTY was sponsored by Bugler Tobacco.

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POET’S GOLD
Poetry

CAST:
Narrator..............................................David Ross
Orchestra.............................................Victor Bey

THEME:
“Clair de Lune” by Debussy

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POLICEWOMAN
Adventure

CAST:
The Policewoman.....................................Betty Garde

This program was based on Mary Sullivan’s file of police records.

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POND’S PROGRAM
Talk

This program, sponsored by Pond’s, began in 1932; it featured talks by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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POPEYE THE SAILOR
Children

CAST:
Popeye.................................................................................................................................................. Det Poppen
                                                                                                    Floyd Buckley
Olive Oyl.................................................................................................................................................. Olive La Moy
                                                                                                    Mae Questel
Matey, a newsboy adopted by Popeye................Jimmy Donnelly
Wimpy..................................................................................................................................................... Charles Lawrence
Also......................................................................................................................................................... Don Costello
                                                                                                    Everett Sloane
                                                                                                    Jean Kay
Orchestra..................................................Victor Erwin’s Cartoonland Band
Announcer............................................................... Kelvin Keech

This program was based on the comic strip created by E. C. Segar.

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PORTIA FACES LIFE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Portia Blake Manning.............................................. Lucille Wall
Dickie Blake.............................................................. Raymond Ives
                                                                                                    Larry Robinson
                                                                                                    Alastair Kyle
                                                                                                    Edwin Bruce
                                                                                                    Joan Banks
Arlene Manning........................................................... Carleton Young
Kirk Roder........................................................................ Myron McCormick
                                                                                                    Bartlett Robinson
Dr. Stanley Holton.......................................................... Donald Briggs
Miss Daisy........................................................................ Henrietta Tedro
                                                                                                    Doris Rich
Lambert........................................................................ Walter Vaughn
Bill Baker........................................................................ Richard Kendrick
                                                                                                    Les Damon
John Parker............................................................... Bill Johnstone
Buck.............................................................................. Ken Lynch
Dr. Byron........................................................................ Peter Capell
Eric Watson...................................................................... John Larkin
Clint Morley...................................................................... Santos Ortega
Joan Ward........................................................................ Ginger Jones
Lilli............................................................................... Cora B. Smith
Mark Randall...................................................................... Lyle Sudrow
Leslie Palmer..................................................................... Luise Barclay
Arlene Harrison............................................................. Nancy Douglass
Amelia Blake....................................................................... Ethel Intropidi
PORTIA FACES LIFE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
   Elbert Gallo.............................. Karl Swenson
   Kathy Marsh.............................. Marjorie Anderson
   Esther Ralston
   Selena Royle
   Rosaline Greene
   Anne Seymour
   Elizabeth Reller
   Meg Griffin.............................. Alison Skipworth
   Phillip Coolidge........................ James Van Dyk
   Susan Peters............................ Nancy Douglass
   Announcer............................... George Putnam

PRODUCERS:
   Don Cope  Tom McDermott

DIRECTORS:
   Hoyt Allen  Mark Goodson  Beverly Smith

WRITERS:
   Mona Kent  Hector Chevigny

OPENING:
   ANNCR: "Portia Faces Life"...a story reflecting the courage,
          spirit and integrity of American women everywhere...

Portia was a very successful lawyer. She was obviously named for
Shakespeare’s heroine in “The Merchant of Venice.”

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POT O’ GOLD
Quiz

CAST:
   Host............................................... Rush Hughes
   Ben Grauer
   Orchestra................... Horace Heidt and His Musical Knights
   Tommy Tucker
   Vocalist.............................. Amy Arnell
   Don Brown
   Guests................................. Cole Porter
   Other songwriters

DIRECTOR:
   Paul Dudley

CATCH-PHRASE:
   GRAUER: Hold it, Horace...stop the music!

Phone calls were made to listeners giving them an opportunity to
win money by answering questions.

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PRAIRIE FOLKS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Torwald Nielson ........................................ Erik Rolf
Smiley .................................................. Parker Fennelly
Mrs. Anna Nielson ................................. Helen Warren
Adam Bassett ........................................ Morris Carnovsky
Curtis Bassett ....................................... Cliff Carpenter
Hansi .................................................... Kingsley Colton
Eldora Wilkins ........................................ Nell Converse
Arne Anders ......................................... Joe Helgeson
Mrs. Arne Anders ..................................... Josephine Fox

PRAIRIE FOLKS told the story of settlers in Minnesota in the 1870's.

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PRETTY KITTY KELLY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kitty Kelly ............................................. Arline Blackburn
Michael Conway ................................. Clayton ‘Bud’ Collyer
Bunny Wilson ........................................ Helen Choate
Kyron Welby ........................................... Bartlett Robinson
Mr. Welby .............................................. Dennis Hoey
Mrs. Welby ............................................. Ethel Intropidi
Dennie Pierce .......................................... Richard Kollmar
The Doctor ............................................. Charles Webster
Patrick Conway ....................................... Charles Slattery
Mrs. Mogram .......................................... Florence Malone
Jack Van Orpington ................................ Richard Kollmar
Slim ....................................................... Artells Dickson
Grant Thursday .................................. John Pickard
Dr. Orbo ................................................. Louis Hector
Isabel Andrews ....................................... Lucille Wall
Inspector Grady ................................. Howard Smith
Mr. Astrakhan ....................................... Luis Van Rooten
Mrs. Murger ........................................... Charme Allen
Narrator ............................................... Matt Crowley

THEME:
“Kerry Dance”

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PRINCESS PAT PLAYERS
Drama

This show began in 1933.

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THE PRIVATE LIVES OF ETHEL AND ALBERT

See ETHEL AND ALBERT.

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PROFESSOR QUIZ

Quiz

CAST:
Prof. Quiz, quizmaster.................................................. Craig Earl
Announcer................................................................. Robert Trout

DIRECTOR:
Ed Fitzgerald

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THE PRUDENTIAL FAMILY HOUR

Music

CAST:
Commentator.............................................................. Deems Taylor
Featuring................................................................. Gladys Swarthout, contralto
 Ross Graham, baritone
 Jack Smith, pop singer
Orchestra................................................................. Al Goodman
Announcer............................................................... Frank Gallop

WRITER:
William N. Robson

This music program was sponsored by the Prudential Insurance Company.

See also THE FAMILY HOUR.

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PURSUIT

Adventure-Drama

CAST:
Chief Inspector Peter Black of Scotland Yard.... Ted de Corsia
 John Dehner

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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Variety

CAST:
M.C................................................................. Burgess Meredith

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS was a CBS series of the 40's featuring music and drama.

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QUALITY TWINS
Comedy

CAST:
Featuring........................................................................... Ed East
Ralph Dumke

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QUEEN FOR A DAY
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Jack Bailey
Announcer..................................................Gene Baker

DIRECTORS:
James Morgan   Bud Ernst   Lee Bolen

Women selected from the studio audience explained why they wanted a specific item. The winner was picked by studio applause, crowned Queen for a Day and given not only the gift she asked for but many others.

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QUICK AS A FLASH
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Ken Roberts
Win Elliot
Bill Cullen
Announcer..................................................Frank Gallop
Cy Harrice
Dramatic cast..................................................Santos Ortega
Jackson Beck
Elspeth Eric
Julie Stevens
Charles Webster
Joan Alexander
Mandel Kramer
Raymond Edward Johnson

DIRECTOR:
Richard Lewis

WRITERS:
Louis M. Heyward      Mike Sklar      Eugene Wang

A group of studio contestants were pitted against one another. Each contestant was assigned a different colored flash of light, which he activated by pressing a buzzer in front of him. If he thought he knew the answer, he pressed the buzzer. If he answered correctly, he won the round but if the answer was wrong he was disqualified until the next round.
The final round was a mystery featuring a guest detective such as Nick Carter, The Falcon, etc. The first contestant to spot the clue that solved the mystery won the round. Occasionally no one could unravel it so the guest detective gave the solution himself.

The makers of Helbros watches were long-time sponsors of the program.

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QUIET, PLEASE
Adventure

CAST:
Narrator............................................. Ernest Chappell

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Wyllis Cooper

THEME:
Second Movement of Franck's Symphony in D Minor

THE QUIZ KIDS
Quiz

CAST:
M.C....................................................... Joe Kelly
Quiz Kids............................................. Cynthia Cline
Van Dyke Tiers
Jack Lucal
Richard Williams
Jack Beckman
Claude Brenner
Geraldine Hamburg
Margaret Mary Dougherty
Ruthie Duskin
Harve Fischman
Sparky Fischman (Harve's brother)
Joel Kupperman
Gerard Darrow
Charles Schwartz
Betty Swanson
Gunther Hollander
Patrick Conlon
Corinne (Rinny) Templeton
Lonnie Lunde
Naomi Cooks
Jack Rooney
Judy Graham
Vanessa Brown
THE QUIZ KIDS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Bobby Burns
Dick Sedlack
Danny Martin
Dianne Mathre
Richard Weixler
Dave Prochaska
Stormy Barry
Bernard Griesel
Mark Mullin
Sheila Conlon
Andre Aerne
Virginia Rodes
John Pollack
Dick Cravens
Sandra Bagus
Darice Richman
Rochell Liebling
Noreen Novick
David Freifelder
Mary Ann Henderson
Joan Bishop
David Jenkins
Jack French
Mary Clare McHugh
Margaret Merrick
Many others

DIRECTORS:
Jack Callahan      Riley Jackson      Forrest Owen

WRITER:
John Lewellyn

A panel of exceptionally intelligent youngsters answered difficult questions on this program. A Quiz Kid "graduated" at the age of 16 and left the show.

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QUIZ OF TWO CITIES
Quiz

Two cities, represented by studio contestants, were pitted against each other on this quiz program. The rival cities were New York vs. Chicago, Minneapolis vs. St. Paul, San Francisco vs. Los Angeles, etc. The M.C. in New York was Michael Fitzmaurice. He would conduct the quiz in New York, then switch to Chicago for that city's turn.

PRODUCER:
Dan Enright
DIRECTOR:
Ray Kremer

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QUIZZER BASEBALL
Quiz

CAST:
The Pitcher.........................................................Budd Hulick
The Umpire.........................................................Harry Von Zell

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RADIO BIBLE CLASS
Religion

RADIO BIBLE CLASS was first broadcast on a national network in 1940.

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RADIO CITY PLAYHOUSE
Drama

CAST:
Guest Stars
Announcer.............................................Fred Collins

DIRECTOR:
Harry Junkin

In one memorable program in this NBC series, John Larkin played a scientist and Bill Lipton a jet pilot who experiments with speed, crashes through the time barrier and suffers a loss of age. When the pilot and wreckage are finally discovered, the pilot is an infant almost smothered in the uniform. Unfortunately the show was on the air the same evening as an Air Force defense drill. Many listeners had not heard about the drill — and when they saw lights searching the skies for ‘the enemy’ and were bombarded by the sounds of jet aircraft, they assumed the radio show was describing the real thing. The broadcast was in a documentary style so it was easy to jump to the wrong conclusion. The program marked the end of such realistic radio scripts.

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RADIO HALL OF FAME
Music

CAST:
Featuring.............................................Martha Tilton
Georgia Gibbs
Paul Whiteman
The Merry Macs
Virginia Rees

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RADIO READER’S DIGEST
Drama

CAST:
M.C.............................................Richard Kollmar
Les Tremayne
Narrator.............................................Conrad Nagel
Musical director.................................Van Cleave

PRODUCER:
Anton M. Leader

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 287
DIRECTOR:
Robert Nolan

WRITERS:
- Martin Magner
- Robert Nolan
- Henry Denker
- Josephine Lyons
- Ralph Berkey
- James Erthein
- William N. Robson
- Peggy Lou Mayer
- Carl Bixby

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RADIO'S COURT OF HONOR
Drama

CAST:
- Don Towne.............................................. Fred Uttal

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THE RAILROAD HOUR
Music

CAST:
- Starring.............................................. Gordon MacRae
- Announcer............................................ Marvin Miller

WRITERS:
- Jerry Lawrence
- Bob Lee

THEME:
- “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”

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RAINBOW HOUSE
Children

CAST:
- M.C....................................................... “Big Brother” Bob Emery
- Featuring................................. The Dolphe Martin “Vocal Orchestra”
  (children’s choir)

DIRECTOR:
Bob Emery

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RAISING YOUR PARENTS
Children’s Panel

CAST:
- M.C.................................................. Milton Cross

PRODUCER:
Dan Golenpaul
RAISING YOUR PARENTS (Cont.)

RAISING YOUR PARENTS featured a panel of children discussing parents.

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THE RALEIGH ROOM
Music

This program featured Hildegarde (Hildegarde Loretta Sell), pianist-songstress, who was billed as "The Incomparable Hildegarde."

See also BEAT THE BAND.

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RATE YOUR MATE
Interview-Quiz

CAST:
M.C. ...................................................... Joey Adams

Adams egged on married and engaged couples who estimated each others' ability to answer questions. If a wife, for example, rated her husband's answer correctly they would win even though her husband's answer was wrong.

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THE RAY BOLGER SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring .............................................. Ray Bolger
Also .................................................... Elvia Allman
                                 Harry Lang
                                 Verna Felton
                                 Jeri Sullivan
 Orchestra .......................................... Roy Bargy

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REAL STORIES FROM REAL LIFE
Serial Drama

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTOR:
Ernest Ricca

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RED ADAMS

See RED DAVIS.

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CAST:

Red Davis .................................................. Burgess Meredith
Red's sister ........................................... Elizabeth Wragge
Sam Davis ................................................ Jack Roseleigh
Mother ..................................................... Marion Barney
Clink .......................................................... John Kane
Connie Rickard ................................. Jean Sothern
Luda Barclay ........................................... Eunice Howard

This serial drama later became FOREVER YOUNG and then PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY. The original title had been RED ADAMS...but when Beech-Nut Gum sponsored it, the name was changed to RED DAVIS so there would be no mention of "Adams"...a Beech-Nut rival.

See also PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY.

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RED HOOK -31
Farm

CAST:

Featuring ................................. Woody and Virginia Klose

DIRECTOR:

Woody Klose

These farm broadcasts came from "Echo Valley Farm."

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RED RYDER
Western Adventure

CAST:

Red Ryder ................................................ Reed Hadley
Carlton KaDell
Little Beaver ................................. Tommy Cook

CATCH-PHRASE:

LITTLE BEAVER: You betchum, Red Ryder.

This series was based on the comic strip by Fred Harman.

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THE RED SKELTON SHOW
Comedy

CAST:

Junior, The Mean Widdle Kid ......................... Red Skelton
Clem Kadiddlehopper ................................. Red Skelton

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THE RED SKELTON SHOW (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Deadeye......................................................... Red Skelton
Willy Lump-Lump........................................ Red Skelton
J. Newton Numskull...................................... Red Skelton
Bolivar Shagnasty......................................... Red Skelton
Junior's Mommy............................................. Harriet Hilliard
                              Lurene Tuttle
Daisy June.................................................... Harriet Hilliard
                              Lurene Tuttle
Calamity Jane.............................................. Harriet Hilliard
Mrs. Willy Lump-Lump..................................... Harriet Hilliard
                              Ge Ge Pearson
Sara Dew....................................................... Ge Ge Pearson
Mrs. Bolivar Shagnasty.................................... Ge Ge Pearson
Mrs. J. Newton Numskull................................... Ge Ge Pearson
Junior's Grandmother.................................... Verna Felton
Mademoiselle Levy......................................... Marlin Hurt
Also............................................................. "Wonderful" Smith
                              Tommy Mack
Vocalists...................................................... Ozzie Nelson
                              Harriet Hilliard
                              Anita Ellis
Orchestra..................................................... Ozzie Nelson
                              David Rose
Announcer.................................................... John Holbrook
                              Truman Bradley
                              Rod O'Connor
                              Pat McGeehan

DIRECTOR:
           Keith McLeod

WRITERS:
         Edna Skelton    Jack Douglas    Ben Freedman

CATCH-PHRASES:
JUNIOR:   If I dood it, I gets a whipping. I dood it!
DEADEYE:  Whoa, horse! Oh, come on, horse, whoa!
CLEM:     Well...here I am!
CLEM:     W-e-e-e-ll, Daisy June!

REG'LAR FELLERS
Children

CAST:
Jimmie Dugan............................................. Dickie Van Patten
Dinky Dugan.............................................. Dickie Monahan
Washington Jones....................................... Orville Phillips
Puddinhead Duffy........................................ Ray Ives
Aggie Riley............................................... Patsy O'Shea
Victor....................................................... Skippy Homeier
Daisy.......................................................... Joyce Van Patten
REG’LAR FELLERS (Cont.)

DIRECTOR:
Joseph Hill

This program was based on the comic strip by Gene Byrnes.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS
Religion

RELIGION IN THE NEWS was first heard nationally on NBC in 1933.

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RENFREW OF THE MOUNTED
Adventure

CAST:
Inspector Douglas Renfrew of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.......... House Jameson
Carol Girard.................................................. Joan Baker

CREATOR-WRITER:
Laurie York Erskine

OPENING:
SOUND: WIND NOISE
ANNCR: (SHOUTING) Renfrew! Renfrew of the Mounted!
SOUND: WOLF HOWL

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REPORT TO THE NATION
News

This was a documentary program featuring reports from CBS news correspondents, along with dramatizations of events in the news.

WRITERS:
Joseph Liss Earle C. McGill

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RESERVED FOR GARROWAY
Music and Conversation

CAST:
Host.......................................................... Dave Garroway
Vocalist.................................................... Connie Russell
                                      Jack Haskell
Also....................................................... Art Van Damme Quintet

This program was known later as NEXT, DAVE GARROWAY.

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RFD AMERICA
Farm

CAST:
M.C......................................................... Ed Bottcher
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RFD #1
Farm

CAST:
Featuring.............................................. Irene Beasley

This program featured songs and talk for farm listeners.
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RICH MAN’S DARLING
Serial Drama

CAST:
Packy O'Farrell................................. Karl Swenson
Peggy O'Farrell.................................. Peggy Allenby
Gregory Alden..................................... Edwin Jerome
Claire Van Roon................................. Ethel Remey
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RICHARD DIAMOND, PRIVATE DETECTIVE
Detective

CAST:
Richard Diamond................................. Dick Powell
Lt. Levinson......................................... Ed Begley
Also................................................. Virginia Gregg
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RICHARD LAWLESS
Adventure

CAST:
Richard Lawless................................. Sidney Smith
Kevin McCarthy

This adventure series was set in 17th century England.
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THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Carolyn Kramer Nelson.......................... Claudia Morgan
Eloise Kummer
Doris Cameron................................. Selena Royle
Constance Crowder
Irene Hubbard

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THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Fred Minturn.................................................Charles Webster
Art Kohl
Hugh Studebaker
Mr. Kramer..................................................Julian Noa
Mrs. Kramer..............................................Leora Thatcher
Bill Walker...............................................Reese Taylor
Louise Sims.............................................Sarajane Wells
Dwight Kramer..........................................Frank Behrens
Ed Prentiss
David Gothard
Fred Minturn.................................................Charles Webster
Art Kohl
Hugh Studebaker
Mr. Kramer..................................................Julian Noa
Mrs. Kramer..............................................Leora Thatcher
Bill Walker...............................................Reese Taylor
Louise Sims.............................................Sarajane Wells
Dwight Kramer..........................................Frank Behrens
Ed Prentiss
David Gothard

Adele Carmody...........................................Sunda Love
Mary.........................................................Mary Patton
Dr. Richard Campbell.................................Les Damon
Alexander Scourby

Susan Wakefield..........................................Charita Bauer
Rosemary Rice
Ginny........................................................Anne Sterrett
Ted Wakefield............................................Jimmy Dobson
Constance Wakefield....................................Violet Heming
Luise Barclay

Alex Delavan.............................................Staats Cotsworth
Miles Nelson.............................................Gary Merrill
John Larkin
Jane Browning...........................................Ginger Jones
Rose Kransky............................................Ruth Bailey
Terry Burke..............................................Carlton KaDell
Emily Norton............................................Alice Yourman
Ed Norton................................................Jerry Macy
Also..........................................................Bill Lipton
Elizbeth Lawrence
Announcer....................................................Ron Rawson

DIRECTORS:
Frank Papp      Charles Urquhart      Arthur Hanna

WRITERS:
Irna Phillips    John M. Young

OPENING:
ANNCR: And now—Ivory Soap's own story—The Right to Happiness.
MUSIC: (CHORDS AND MUSIC UNDER)
ANNCR: Happiness is the sum total of many things—of health, security, friends and loved ones. But most important is a desire to be happy and the will to help others find their right to happiness as well.
MUSIC: (CHORDS)
ANNCR: The Right to Happiness...
MUSIC: (CHORDS)
ANNCR: A very human story.....

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RILEY

See THE LIFE OF RILEY.

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RIN-TIN-TIN
Adventure

CAST:
Owner of Rin-Tin-Tin..........................Francis X. Bushman
Also..................................................Lee Duncan

This program featured stories of the bravery of Rin-Tin-Tin, The
Wonder Dog, and other dogs. Rin-Tin-Tin was actually owned by
Lee Duncan.

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THE RISE OF THE GOLDBERGS

See THE GOLDBERGS.

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ROAD OF LIFE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Dr. Jim Brent...........................................Ken Griffin
Matt Crowley
Don MacLaughlin
David Ellis
Howard Teichmann

Nurse paging Dr. Brent at opening
of broadcast..........................Jeannette Dowling
Angel Casey

Dr. Winslow..........................................Jack Roseleigh
Percy Hemus

Helen Gowan Stephenson.....................Peggy Allenby
Betty Lou Gerson
Muriel Bremner
Janet Logan

Arthur Reads......................................Carlton KaDell
Mrs. Evans........................................Hope Summers
Doris Rich

Mary Hot..............................................Vivian Fridell
Dr. Reginald Parsons............................Reese Taylor
Jack Petruzzi

Fred................................................Lawson Zerbe
Frank Dane

Mrs. Brent..........................................Effie Palmer

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 295
ROAD OF LIFE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Julia...........................................Olive Parker
Sylvia Bertram..............................Joan Winters
                         Lois Zarley
Paula Harwood............................Mary Mareen
Janet Mercer...............................Eloise Kummer
Adele Corlis................................Betty Arnold
Mrs. Chapman...............................Dorothy Francis
Morton Blair.................................Ray Suber
Dr. Ralph Thompson.......................Sidney Breese
Dr. Bill Evans.............................Harry Elders
                         Lee Young
                         Bill Griffis
Tom Stephenson............................Robert Griffin
Marion Baxter..............................Barbara Fuller
Verna Roberts..............................Barbara Fuller
Dorothy Reads..............................Lillian White
Grandpa Sutter............................Hugh Studebaker
Ray Sawyer................................Frank Behrens
Dr. Grant Frasier..........................Dick Post
                         Willard Waterman
                         Robert Duane
Clifford Foster............................Dick Foster
Dale Humphrey..............................Bob Bailey
Hartley Knowlton..........................Stanley Gordon
Jack Felzer................................Russell Thorson
Butch Brent.................................Donald Kraatz
                         Roland Butterfield
                         Lawson Zerbe
                         David Ellis
                         Bill Lipton
Francie Brent (Mrs. John Brent)........Elizabeth Lawrence
Auntie........................................Evelyn Varden
                         Dorothy Sands
Mr. Overton...............................Charles Dingle
Mrs. Overton...............................Abby Lewis
Jocelyn......................................Barbara Becker
Linden Wake.................................Bret Morrison
Junior Stephenson........................Dick Holland
                         Cornelius Peeples
                         Jack Bivens
Carol Evans Martin.......................Lesley Woods
                         Barbara Luddy
                         Louise Fitch
                         Marion Shockley
Sally Barnett..............................Doris Mead
                         Nanette Sargent
                         Viola Berwick
Miss Todd.................................Mary Patton
Dr. Burke..................................Ralph Camargo
Claudia Wilson............................Sarajane Wells
ROAD OF LIFE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Mrs. Hurley........................................ Hellen Van Tuyl
George Hurley.................................... Arthur Kohl
Miss Radcliff.................................... Eva Parnell
Miss Bradley..................................... Gladys Heen
Alice Jamison.................................... Angeline Orr
Frank Roberts................................... Leslie Spears
Joe Buckley..................................... Arthur Hern
Daley............................................. John Briggs
Isobel Daley..................................... Mary Patton
Alice Randall................................... Terry Rice
Dr. Carson McVicker............................ Charlotte Manson
Frank Dana...................................... John Larkin
Dr. Yates........................................ Guy Sorel
Nurse Lanier.................................... Grace Lenard
Faith Richards.................................. Vicki Vola
Miss Boyle....................................... Ethel Everett
Elizabeth........................................ Nanette Sargent
Maggie Lowell.................................. Julie Stevens
Frances Brent................................. Eileen Palmer
Jim Brent's father.............................. Joe Latham
Dr. Miller....................................... Sam Wanamaker
Mary Holt........................................ Dale Burch
Society Doctor.................................. John Anthony
Night Nurse..................................... Peggy Allenby
Eloise Cummings................................ Ethel Wilson
Announcer....................................... Clayton "Bud" Collyer
                                                    Ron Rawson

DIRECTORS:
Charles Schenck                      Charles Urquhart         Walter Gorman
Stanley Davis

WRITERS:
William Morwood                      John M. Young           Irna Phillips
Howard Teichmann

THEME:
First Movement of Tschaikovsky's 6th Symphony (Pathetique)

ORGANIST:
Charles Paul

OPENING:
SOUND: HOSPITAL BELL
NURSE: Dr. Brent...call surgery. Dr. Brent...call surgery.

ROAD OF LIFE, though remembered as a drama of doctors and nurses, was once billed as "the story of an Irish-American mother and her troubles raising her children."

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 297
THE ROBERT BURNS PANATELA PROGRAM
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring..................................George Burns and Gracie Allen
Orchestra.........................Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians

DIRECTOR:
Herschell Williams

WRITERS:
Carroll Carroll        Willy Burns        John P. Medbury
George Burns          Harry Conn

Burns and Allen first gained fame by appearing with Eddie Cantor and Rudy Vallee. THE ROBERT BURNS PANATELA program began in 1932 and featured thirty minutes of comedy and music. Because Burns and Allen and the Lombardo band were frequently in different places, this was one of the very first shows to integrate music and talk originating in widely separated locations. The show rapidly rose to a highly ranked position among network shows following an all-network search for Gracie’s missing brother.

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ROBINSON CRUSOE JR.
Children’s Adventure

CAST:
Robinson Brown Jr..........................Lester Jay
Julie.............................................Toni Gilman
Jinky..........................................Michael O’Day
Friday.........................................Arthur Bruce
The Twins...................................Billy and Bobby Mauch
Katie, the maid.............................Jean Sothern
Binnacle Barnes, the sailor..............Cal Tinney

This was the story of a rich little boy and his less fortunate playmates who are shipwrecked on a mythical island.

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ROGER KILGORE, PUBLIC DEFENDER
Drama

CAST:
Roger Kilgore..............................Santos Ortega
Raymond Edward Johnson

WRITER:
Stedman Coles

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ROGUE'S GALLERY
Detective

CAST:
Richard Rogue................................................. Dick Powell
Barry Sullivan

DIRECTORS:
Clark Andrews        Dee Engelbach

WRITER:
Ray Buffum

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ROMANCE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Voice of Romance.............................................. Doris Dalton

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THE ROMANCE OF EVELYN WINTERS

See EVELYN WINTERS.

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THE ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT
Serial Drama

CAST:
Helen Trent...................................................... Virginia Clark
Julie Stevens

Philip King...................................................... David Gothard

Mrs. Ward Smith.............................................. Hilda Graham

Monica Ward Smith.......................................... Audrey McGrath

Tony Griffin.................................................... Louis Krugman

Agatha Anthony............................................... Marie Nelson

Katherine Emmet
Bess McCammon

Alice Carroll.................................................... Ginger Jones

Drew Sinclair.................................................... Reese Taylor

Jeanette McNeil............................................... Vivian Fridell

Margot Burkhart............................................ Alice Hill

Mrs. Kelvin..................................................... Selena Royle

Mr. Kelvin..................................................... William Thornton

Lucia Lang....................................................... Loretta Poynton

Nancy Granger................................................... Lucy Gilman

Dick North....................................................... Les Mitchell

Roy Gabler....................................................... John Larkin

Ginger Leroy..................................................... Bernice Silverman

Bernice Martin

Brook Forrester.............................................. Karl Weber

Frank Chase..................................................... Whitfield Connor

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE  /  299
CAST: (Cont.)
Chuck Blair........................................... John Walsh
Lisa Valentine...................................... Nanette Sargent
Douglas............................................... Spencer Bentley
Dr. Fleming......................................... Reese Taylor
Gordon Decker...................................... Bill Bouchey
Gil Whitney........................................ Marvin Miller
                                  David Gothard
                                  William Green
Cherry Martin...................................... Marilyn Erskine
Marjorie Claiborne.............................. Charlotte Manson
Nancy.................................................. Patsy O'Shea
Bud................................................... George Ward
Sylvia Hall......................................... Alice Goodkin
Buggsy O'Toole..................................... Ed Latimer
Cynthia Carter..................................... Mary Jane Higby
Jeff Brady......................................... Ken Daigneau
Harriet Eagle...................................... Amzie Strickland
Tember Adams...................................... Lesley Woods
Rita Harrison...................................... Kathleen Cordell
Nick Collins....................................... Klock Ryder
Norman Hastings.................................. Lauren Gilbert
Eric Stowell........................................ Olan Soule
Agnes................................................. Linda Reid
Curtis Bancroft.................................... Bartlett Robinson
Lydia.................................................. Helene Dumas
Jonathan Hayward................................ Bret Morrison
Mrs. Dunlop......................................... Hope Summers
Barbara Sue......................................... Mary Frances Desmond
Chris Wilson....................................... Carlton KaDell
Lois Colton........................................ Peggy Wall
Marcia................................................ Donna Reade
Hiram Weatherbee.................................. Klock Ryder
Nina Mason.......................................... Patricia Dunlap
Clara Blake......................................... Janet Logan
Also.................................................. Les Tremayne
                  Don MacLaughlin
                  Alan Hewitt
                  Ed Prentiss
                  Grant Richards
                  Karl Weber
                  John Hodiak
                  James Meighan
                  Jay Barney

Announcer................................. Fielden Farrington

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Stanley Davis

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THE ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:  
Ernest Ricca  Blair Walliser  Richard Leonard

WRITERS:  
Ruth Borden  Martha Alexander  Ronald Dawson  
Marie Banner

THEME:  
"Juanita" (hummed by Stanley Davis, Lawrence Salerno)

OPENING:  
ANNCR: The Romance of Helen Trent...the story of a woman who sets out to prove what so many other women long to prove in their own lives...that romance can live on at 35...and even beyond.

Opening lines, of course, varied on programs. For a time the announcer opened with: The Romance of Helen Trent...who sets out to prove for herself what so many women long to prove, that because a woman is 35...or more...romance in life need not be over...that romance can live in life at 35 and after.

Helen Trent, many of whose lovers met violent death, was a fashion designer.  

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ROOSTY OF THE AAF  
Adventure

CAST:  
Roosty..........................................................William Tracy  

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ROSA RIO RHYTHMS  
Music

CAST:  
Organist..........................................................Rosa Rio

THEME:  
"Sunrise Serenade"

This program featured the well-known organist of many famous radio programs in her own daily presentation of music.  

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ROSEMARY  
Serial Drama

CAST:  
Rosemary Dawson........................................Betty Winkler  
Peter Harvey................................................Sidney Smith  
Mr. Dennis....................................................Ed Latimer  
Dick Phillips..............................................James Van Dyk  
Joyce Miller.............................................Helen Choate

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE  /  301
ROSEMARY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Tommy Taylor ........................................ Jackie Kelk
Patti Dawson ......................................... John Gibson
Lt. George Schuyler ................................. Michael Fitzmaurice
Mr. Martin .............................................. John Gibson
Dr. Jim Cotter .......................................... Bill Adams
Mother Dawson ........................................ Marion Barney
Audrey Roberts ....................................... Lesley Woods
Bill Roberts .......................................... George Keane
Jessica ................................................... Joan Lazer
Lefty Higgins .......................................... Larry Haines
Mrs. Kenyon ............................................ Ethel Wilson

DIRECTORS:
Carl Eastman  Hoyt Allen  Leslie Harris
Theodora Yates

WRITER:
Elaine Sterne Carrington

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ROSES AND DRUMS
Historical Dramas

CAST:
Featuring .............................................. DeWolf Hopper
Elizabeth Love

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ROXY'S GANG
Music

CAST:
Roxy .................................................... Himself (Samuel L. Rothafel)
Featuring .............................................. James Melton, tenor
Jan Peerce, tenor
Leonard Warren, baritone
Harold Van Duzee, tenor
William (Wee Willie) Robyn, tenor
Alva (Bomby) Bomberger, baritone
Douglas Stanbury, baritone
Peter Hanover, bass
Frank Moulan, character actor and
Gilbert and Sullivan specialist
Beatrice Belkin, coloratura
Caroline Andrews, coloratura
Betsy Ayres, soprano
Gladys Rice, soprano
ROXY'S GANG (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Florence Mulholland, contralto
Adelaide De Loca, contralto
Julia Glass, piano soloist
Yasha Bunchuk, cellist
Maria Gambarelli, dancer
Patricia Bowman, dancer
Roxy Male Quartet........................................George Reardon
                                          John Young
                                          Fred Thomas
                                          Frank Miller

COACH, PIANIST AND ARRANGER:
Leo Russotto

ROXY'S GANG was broadcast from the Capitol Theatre, the Roxy
Theatre and Radio City Music Hall during its tenure on the air.
It was the first radio show to broadcast from a theater. Roxy led
the orchestra although he couldn’t read music. All he needed to
know was the general tempo—fast or slow—and he’d take it from
there. He would honor musical requests and dedications and he
closed the show with “Good night—pleasant dreams—God bless
you.” His was the first show on radio to broadcast a complete
symphony, a complete opera and a complete oratorio.

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ROY ROGERS
Western Adventure

CAST:
Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys.........................Himself
Dale Evans....................................................Herself
Also..............................................................Pat Buttram

ROY ROGERS was first heard on NBC in 1945.

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RUBY VALENTINE

See THE STORY OF RUBY VALENTINE and WE LOVE AND
LEARN.

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THE RUDY VALLEE SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring.................Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees
Commercial announcers..............................Jimmy Wallington
                                          Carol Hurst
Fleischmann’s Yeast spokesman....................Dr. R. E. Lee
Conchita (“Vot else?”) Shapiro....................Sara Berner
Guest stars................................................John Barrymore
                                          Ethel Barrymore

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Rudy Vallee was host and producer of THE FLEISCHMANN HOUR, which began broadcasting in 1929 and ended on September 28, 1939. During this time, Vallee proved himself a pioneer of radio variety programs and also pointed the way for radio drama, situation comedy and documentaries. His program showed careful attention to production detail, good writing and quality performers. He introduced on radio Beatrice Lillie, Ezra Stone, Edgar Bergen, Tommy Riggs, Carmen Miranda, Eddie Cantor, Milton Berle, Phil Baker, Alice Faye, Olsen and Johnson, Bob Burns, Lou Holtz and many others in their premiere appearances on the air. Among the program segments that later became programs in their own right were THE ALDRICH FAMILY and WE, THE PEOPLE. The program also introduced such stars of the theater as those listed above in dramatic sketches written especially for radio rather than in scenes from Broadway plays, which had been the custom up until then. Later, Vallee was the star of THE SEALTEST HOUR which co-starred John Barrymore. Vallee was associated with many songs — foremost of these was "My Time is Your Time."

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RUMPUS ROOM
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C......................................................................................................... Johnny Olsen

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THE SAD SACK
Comedy

CAST:
The Sad Sack.............................................Herb Vigran

This program was based on the comic strip by George Baker.

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SAFETY LEGION TIME
Children

CAST:
The Story Lady...........................................Colleen Moore
Captain Jack..............................................Jess Kirkpatrick

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THE SAINT
Adventure

CAST:
Simon Templar, The Saint..............................Edgar Barrier
                                      Brian Aherne
                                      Vincent Price
                                      Tom Conway
Louie............................................................Larry Dobkin
The Inspector................................................John Brown
Happy..........................................................Ken Christy
Patricia Holmes..........................................Louise Arthur
Also..........................................................Tom Collins
                                      Von Eitz
Announcer...................................................Dick Joy

This program was based on the character created by Leslie Charteris.

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THE SAL HEPATICA REVUE

See THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.

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THE SALAD BOWL REVUE

See THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.

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SALUTE TO YOUTH
Variety

SALUTE TO YOUTH was a program of the early 40's dedicated to recounting the achievements of young Americans. The National Youth Orchestra conducted by Raymond Paige, provided the music.

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SAM 'N' HENRY

See AMOS 'N' ANDY.

SAM SPADE
Detective

Cast:
Sam Spade .................................................. Howard Duff
Steve Dunne
Effie ............................................................. Lurene Tuttle
Announcer .................................................... Dick Joy

DIRECTOR:
William Spier

WRITERS:
Gil Doud    Bob Tallman

Sam Spade's license number was 137596. He ended the program by dictating a report on the case to Effie and then saying, "Period. End of report." The program was based on the characters created by Dashiell Hammett and was replaced by a program known as CHARLIE WILD, PRIVATE EYE.

SARA'S PRIVATE CAPER
Comedy-Mystery

CAST:
Sara ............................................................. Sara Berner
Bob Sweeney
Ed Fields
Herb Vigran

SATURDAY NIGHT SERENADE
Music

CAST:
Featuring .................................................... Jessica Dragonette
Bill Perry
Gustave Haenschen

SATURDAY NIGHT SWING CLUB
Music

CAST:
M.C. ............................................................ Paul Douglas
Ted Husing

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SATURDAY'S CHILD
Serial Drama

CAST:
Ann Cooper.................................Doris Kenyon
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SCARLET QUEEN
Mystery

CAST:
Featuring......................................Elliott Lewis

This mystery series was set on the high seas.
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SCATTERGOOD BAINES
Serial Drama

CAST:
Scattergood Baines..............................Jess Pugh
Wendell Holmes
Hippocrates Brown............................John Hearne
Pliny Pickett................................Francis “Dink” Trout
Clara Potts.................................Catherine McCune
Ed Potts......................................Arnold Robertson
J. Wellington Keats............................Forrest Lewis
Agamemnon....................................Forrest Lewis
Erne Baker....................................Forrest Lewis
Mr. Martin.....................................Arnold Robertson
Dr. Chancellor...............................Burton Wright
Eloise Comstock..............................Louise Fitch
Beth Reed.....................................Norma Jean Ross
Mirandy........................................Viola Berwick
Lorinda........................................Viola Berwick
Jimmy Baines................................Chuck Grant
Spotty.........................................Patty Conley
Verne Sanders..............................Bob Bailey
Barbara Calkins.............................Barbara Fuller
Geraldine Quinton..........................Dorothy Gregory
Mrs. Black.....................................Eileen Palmer
Bob.............................................George Wallace
Margie........................................Jean McCoy
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SCHOOL OF THE AIR OF THE AMERICAS

See THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF THE AIR.
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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE  /  307
SCIENCE IN THE NEWS
Science

CAST:
Narrator.................................................Olan Soule

DIRECTOR:
James Whipple

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS was produced in Chicago in the early 1940's by the University Broadcasting Council and was heard on NBC.

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SCOTLAND YARD'S INSPECTOR BURKE
Detective

CAST:
Inspector Burke...........................................Basil Rathbone

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SCRAMBY AMBY
Quiz

CAST:
M.C..........................................................Perry Ward
Announcer..................................................Larry Keating
Orchestra..................................................Charles Dant

Contestants had to unscramble words written on a blackboard. For example:
NOC LUES...COUNSEL
ATA CLIP...CAPITAL

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SCREEN GUILD THEATER
Drama

CAST:
M.C..........................................................Roger Pryor
Orchestra..................................................Oscar Bradley

This program, sponsored for many years by Gulf, featured Hollywood stars in radio adaptations of motion picture screenplays. Among them were "The Tuttles of Tahiti" with Charles Laughton and Jon Hall; "Dark Angel" with Merle Oberon, Ronald Colman and Donald Crisp; "Design for Scandal" with Carole Landis and Robert Young; "Altar Bound" with Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Betty Grable; "Liberty's Lady" with Loretta Young; and "Bachelor Mother" with Henry Fonda, Laraine Day and Charles Coburn. Other stars who appeared included Barbara Stanwyck, Clark Gable, Anna Lee and Lucille Ball.

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THE SEA HOUND
Adventure

CAST:
Captain Silver..........................................................Ken Daigneau
Jerry.................................................................Bobby Hastings
Carol Anderson......................................................Janice Gilbert
Kukai.................................................................Alan Devitt
Tex.................................................................Walter Vaughn

DIRECTOR:
Cyril Armbrister

WRITERS:
Floyd Miller
Frank C. Dahn

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THE SEALTEST HOUR

See THE RUDY VALLEE SHOW.

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SEALTEST VILLAGE STORE

See VILLAGE STORE.

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SECOND HONEYMOON
Audience Participation

CAST:
Featuring..........................................................Bert Parks
Dick Todd

WRITER:
Don Witty

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SECOND HUSBAND
Serial Drama

CAST:
Brenda Cummings....................................................Helen Menken
Grant Cummings (the second husband).........................Joe Curtin
Milton Brownspun................................................Ralph Locke
Bill Cummings.....................................................Carleton Young
Ben Porter..........................................................Jay Jostyn
Marion Jennings.................................................Arlene Francis
Edwards, the butler............................................William Podmore
Fran Cummings..................................................Janice Gilbert
Charita Bauer
Dick Cummings....................................................Tommy Donnelly
Jackie Grimes

RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 309
SECOND HUSBAND (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Louise McPherson..........................Ethel Wilson
Irma Wallace..................................Joy Hathaway
Valerie Welles..........................Jacqueline De Wit
Marcia..................................Judy Blake
Peter..................................Dick Nelson
Dr. Mark Phillips..........................Vinton Hayworth
Also..................................Lois Hall
James Meighan
Colleen Ward
Nancy Bashein
Skippy Homeier
Peter Donald
Stefan Schnabel

Announcer..................................Andre Baruch

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

WRITERS:
Helen Walpole    Nancy Moore    Elizabeth Todd

SECOND HUSBAND was originally a night-time show, later became a leading day-time serial drama.

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THE SECOND MRS. BURTON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Terry, the second Mrs. Burton.......................Claire Niesen
            Patsy Campbell
            Teri Keane
Mrs. Burton, the first Mrs. Burton...............Evelyn Varden
            Ethel Owen
Louise..................................Patsy Campbell
Stan Burton..................................Dwight Weist
Brad.....................................Karl Weber
            Ben Cooper
            Larry Robinson
Marion.....................................Joan Alexander
Stanley.....................................Gary Merrill
Marian Sullivan.............................Joan Alexander
            Cathleen Cordell
Lillian Anderson..............................Elspeth Eric
Jim Anderson..................................King Calder
Greg Martin.............................Alexander Scourby
Mrs. Miller..............................Doris Rich
Don Cornwell..................................Robert Readick
Judge Watson.................................Craig McDonnell
Van Vliet, the lawyer......................Rod Hendrickson
THE SECOND MRS. BURTON (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:
Beverly Smith Viola Burns Stuart Buchanan

WRITERS:
Priscilla Kent Martha Alexander John M. Young
Hector Chevigny

The first Mrs. Burton was the second Mrs. Burton's mother-in-law.

SECRET CITY
Mystery

CAST:
Ben Clark....................................................... Billy Idelson

SECRET THREE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring...................................................... Murray McLean

SERGEANT PRESTON OF THE YUKON

See CHALLENGE OF THE YUKON.

SERVICE TO THE FRONT
Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Bob Brown Ted Robertson

WRITERS:
Frank and Doris Hursley

SERVICE TO THE FRONT was a World War II program broadcast by CBS in behalf of the U.S. Army.

SETH PARKER
Music and Serial Drama

CAST:
Seth Parker.................................Phillips H. Lord
Lizzie Peters.............................Sophia M. Lord (Mrs. Phillips H. Lord)
Ma Parker.................................Effie Palmer
Barbara Bruce

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 311
CAST: (Cont.)

Jane.................................................................Joy Hathaway
Erva Giles
Captain Bang....................................................Raymond Hunter
Cefus Peters....................................................Bennett Kilpack
Laith Pettingal..................................................Bennett Kilpack
George, the Captain’s brother..............................Edward Wolters
Dr. Tanner.......................................................William Jordan
John..............................................................Richard Maxwell
Singers and neighbors........................................Gertrude Foster
James Black
John Kulik
Norman Price
Edwin Dunham

Accompanist......................................................Polly Robertson

This program of small-town humor and hymn singing was an early show of great popularity. It was written and created by Phillips H. Lord; the setting for the stories was Jonesport, Maine.

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THE SHADOW
Mystery Drama

CAST:

Lamont Cranston, The Shadow*...............Robert Hardy Andrews
Orson Welles
Bill Johnstone
Bret Morrison
Margot Lane......................................................Agnes Moorehead
Marjorie Anderson
Gertrude Warner
Grace Matthews
Lesley Woods
Commissioner Weston...........................................Dwight Weist
Arthur Vinton
Kenny Delmar
Santos Ortega
Jimmy LaCurto
Ted de Corsia
Shrevie..............................................................Keenan Wynn
Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman)
Mandel Kramer
Also...............................................................Everett Sloane
Bob Maxwell
Announcer.........................................................Andre Baruch
Carl Caruso
Sandy Becker
Ken Roberts

Blue Coal’s Distinguished
Heating Expert....................................................John Barclay
THE SHADOW (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:
Dana Noyes  Harry Ingram  John Cole
Chick Vincent  Bill Sweets  Wilson Tuttle

WRITERS:
Peter Barry  Max Ehrlich  Alonzo Dean Cole
Stedman Coles  Joe Bates Smith  Nick Kogan
Robert Arthur  Jerry McGill  Bill Sweets

THEME:
“Omphale’s Spinning Wheel” by Saint-Saens

ORGANISTS:
Rosa Rio  Elsie Thompson  Charles Paul

OPENING:
MUSIC:  “SPINNING WHEEL”—FADE UNDER
SHADOW:  (FILTER) Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows! (LAUGHS)
MUSIC:  THEME UP...SEGUE BRIGHT THEME
ANNCR:  Once again your neighborhood Blue Coal dealer brings you the thrilling adventures of the Shadow…the hard and relentless fight of one man against the forces of evil. These dramatizations are designed to demonstrate forcibly to old and young alike that crime does not pay!
MUSIC:  THEME UP...SEGUE TO NEUTRAL BACKGROUND
ANNCR:  The Shadow, mysterious character who aids the forces of law and order, is in reality Lamont Cranston, wealthy young man-about-town. Several years ago in the Orient, Cranston learned a strange and mysterious secret…the hypnotic power to cloud men’s minds so they cannot see him. Cranston’s friend and companion, the lovely Margot Lane, is the only person who knows to whom the voice of the invisible Shadow belongs. Today’s drama…“The Lady in Black.”

CLOSING:
ANNCR:  The Shadow program is based on a story copyrighted by Street and Smith Publications. The characters, names, places and plot are fictitious. Any similarity to persons living or dead is purely coincidental. Again next week the Shadow will demonstrate that...
SHADOW:  (FILTER) The weed of crime bears bitter fruit. Crime does not pay. The Shadow knows! (LAUGHS)

*The Shadow made his first appearance on a program for Street & Smith’s Detective Story Magazine. The program featured a dramatization of stories from the magazine. A young writer named Harry Charlot came up with the idea of the announcer being “The
THE SHADOW (Cont.)

Shadow.” Dave Chrisman and Bill Sweets of Ruthrauff and Ryan Advertising Agency carried the idea still further and had him become a narrator — an ethereal, disembodied voice that knew everything. The first actor to play the part was James LaCurto, who gave it up within a few weeks to appear on Broadway. He was succeeded by Frank Readick who did the part for several years. The program became so successful that in order to copyright the idea, Street & Smith began publishing a new magazine called The Shadow. Later the Lamont Cranston character was developed and became the model for such celebrated crime-fighters as Superman, Batman and Captain Marvel who also lived two lives. By the time the series appeared on Mutual Radio in 1936, The Shadow was no longer just the narrator but the principal character in the show.

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SHELL CHATEAU
Variety

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Al Jolson
Wallace Beery
Smith Ballew
Edward Everett Horton
Vocalist ............................................................ Nadine Connor
Nadine Connor’s spoken voice ......................... Mary Jane Higby
Orchestra ......................................................... Victor Young

DIRECTORS:
Herb Polesie Cal Kuhl

WRITERS:
Bob Colwell Ed Rice Carroll Carroll

THEME:
“About a Quarter to Nine”

SHELL CHATEAU was a program created especially to star Al Jolson. While it remained essentially a variety program, it changed in character slightly with each successive M.C.

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THE SHERIFF
Western Adventure

CAST:
Sheriff Mark Chase ......................................... Bob Warren
Robert Haag
Cassandra Drinkwater (Cousin Cassie) .... Olyn Landick (a man)
Also ............................................................... Helen Claire
THE SHERIFF (Cont.)

DIRECTORS:
Walter Scanlan   John Wilkinson   Florence Ortman

See also DEATH VALLEY DAYS.

SHERLOCK HOLMES
Detective

CAST:
Sherlock Holmes ........................................ Richard Gordon
Louis Hector
Basil Rathbone
Tom Conway
Ben Wright
John Stanley

Dr. Watson ................................................ Leigh Lovel
Nigel Bruce
Eric Snowden
Alfred Shirley
Ian Martin

Moriarty ...................................................... Louis Hector

Mr. Bell (interviewed Sherlock Holmes
and always suggested they have a
cup of G. Washington coffee) ....................... Joseph Bell

Also .......................................................... Agnes Moorehead
Harry Neville
Lucille Wall
Bill Shelley

Musical director ............................................. Graham Harris

DIRECTORS:
Basil Loughrane   Joseph Bell   Tom McKnight
Glenhall Taylor

WRITERS:
Edith Meiser   Dennis Green   Howard Merrill
Max Ehrlich

THEME:
“March of the Ancestors”—based on a theme from “Ruddigore”
by Gilbert and Sullivan

This program was based on the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
As in the original writings, Holmes frequently remarked to his friend, “Elementary, my dear Watson.”
SHOW BOAT
Variety

CAST:
Captain Henry..............................................Charles Winninger
                    Frank McIntire
Captain Barnet Barnett.................................Carlton Brickert
Aunt Maria...................................................Irene Hubbard
Mammy........................................................Hattie McDaniel
Molasses 'n' January.................................Pat Padgett and Pick Malone
Mary Lou..................................................Muriel Wilson (singing voice)
                    Rosaline Greene (talking voice)
Vocalist......................................................Winifred Cecil
Also............................................................Annette Hanshaw
                    Lanny Ross
                    Conrad Thibault
                    Jules Bledsoe
                    Frank Willoughby
                    Ross Graham
                    Sam Hearn
                    Edmund “Tiny” Ruffner
                    Jack Haley
                    Virginia Verrill
                    Warren Hull
                    Nadine Connor
                    Dick Todd
Show Boat Four........................................Scrappy Lambert, tenor
                    Randolph Weyant, tenor
                    Leonard Stokes, baritone
                    Robert Moody, bass

WRITERS:
Sam Perrin       Arthur B. Phillips

CATCH-PHRASE:
CAPTAIN HENRY: It's only the beginning, folks!

The Maxwell House SHOW BOAT started in the late 1920's and was a pioneer variety show. At one point the sponsor tired of the show boat locale and decided that as part of the plot the show boat would burn up, forcing the troupe to a tent-show locale. Simultaneously and coincidentally, THE GIBSON FAMILY program had the same idea of joining a tent-show because the Gibson youngsters were stage-struck. The Gibsons beat the SHOW BOAT to it and the SHOW BOAT continued to travel the river. SHOW BOAT was eventually replaced by the HOLLYWOOD GOOD NEWS program, produced in conjunction with MGM.

See also HOLLYWOOD GOOD NEWS and THE GIBSON FAMILY.

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SIDEWALK INTERVIEWS

See VOX POP.

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316 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
CAST:
Jim West.............................................Jim Ameche
Joe Bideaux.................................Mike Romano
     Jack Lester
Inspector Argyle...............................John Barclay
     Jess Pugh
Doc..............................................Clarence Hartzell
Also..............................................Dennis Price
     Dick Moore
     Bill Windom
Maurice Copeland
Don Gallagher
     Art Peterson
Charles Flynn
Everett Clarke
Harry Elders
     Jim Goss
George Cisar
     Jack Bivens
Alexander McQueen
Howard Hoffman
     Art Van Harvey
Stanley Gordon
Cornelius Peeples
     Johnny Coons
     Sam Siegel
     Paul Barnes
     Art Hern
Clare Baum
Norman Gottschalk
     Pat Murphy
Lester Podewell
     Kurt Kupfer
     Leo Curley
     Frank Dane
     Jim Bannon
Eloise Kummer
Fern Persons
     Sondra Gair
     Alma Platts
Beverly Younger
     Geraldine Kay
Elmira Roessler
     Vera Ward
Viola Berwick
     Ilka Diehl
Sally Hughes
Leonore Allman
Nancy Brougham
Laurette Fillbrandt
CAST: (Cont.)
Narrator:.................................Ed Prentiss
Bill O'Connor
Announcer:.........................Ken Nordine
Ed Cooper

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
James Jewell

DIRECTOR:
Bob Woolson

WRITERS:
James Lawrence  Gibson Scott Fox  Thomas Elvidge
Richard Thorne  John T. Kelly

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Richard Dix

OPENING:
ANNCR:  (COLD-ECHO) The Silver Eagle!
SOUND:  WOLF-FADE IN GALLOPING HOOFs
ANNCR:  A cry of the wild...a trail of danger...a scarlet rider
of the Northwest Mounted, serving justice with the
swiftness of an arrow...
SOUND:  ARROW EFFECT-THUD
ANNCR:  The Silver Eagle!
RECORD:  THEME: WINGED MESSENGER
SOUND:  BLIZZARD...DOG TEAM FADE IN AND OUT BE-
ANNCR:  The untamed North...frontier of adventure and
peril! The lone, mysterious North...where one man,
dedicated to the motto of the Canadian Northwest
Mounted Police, faces danger and death to bring
in the lawless and maintain the right...the most
famous Mountie of them all...The Silver Eagle!
RECORD:  SWELL----------FADE OUT BEHIND

Although this program was not on the air until after 1950, putting
it just outside the scope of this book, it is included because it was
a radio milestone...when it went off the air on March 10, 1955, it
virtually marked the end of top-flight radio adventures. It debuted
on July 5, 1951 and was created by James Jewell, who was dubbed
"Dean of the Adventure Stories," having also produced THE LONE
RANGER AND THE GREEN HORNET from their inception until 1938.
At that time he moved from WXYZ to WWJ (Detroit stations)
where he originated and directed the series titled THE BLACK
ACE which introduced Danny Thomas in his first running comedy
role in radio. Jewell's next writing and direction assignment
was JACK ARMSTRONG, THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY from 1943-

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318 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
SILVER THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Host..................................................Conrad Nagel

WRITER:
Joseph Russell

This program started in 1938. Its long-time sponsor was 1847 Rogers Brothers Silver Company.

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THE SIMPSON BOYS OF SPRUCEHEAD BAY
Drama

CAST:
The Simpson Boys.................................Arthur Allen
Parker Fennelly

This story was set in rural New England.

See also SNOW VILLAGE.

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THE SINCLAIR MINSTREL SHOW
Music

CAST:
Interlocutor.........................................Gene Arnold
Gus Van
Sinclair Minstrel Men............................Bill Childs
Cliff Soubier
Fritz Clark
Spare Ribs.........................................Malcolm Claire
Sinclair Quartet.................................Pat Patterson
Art Janes
Al Rice
Fritz Meissner

The show was originated by Gene Arnold, who first played the Interlocutor. The Sinclair Quartet was called the Maple City Four on other shows.

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SING IT AGAIN
Music and Quiz

CAST:
M.C..................................................Dan Seymour
Vocalists..........................................Alan Dale
Patti Clayton
Bob Howard

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 319
SING IT AGAIN (Cont.)

Also......................................................... The Riddlers Orchestra......................................... Ray Bloch

DIRECTORS:
Bruno Zirato Jr.   Lester Gottlieb   Rocco Tito

WRITER:
Johanna Johnston

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SINGIN' SAM, THE BARBASOL MAN
Music

CAST:
Singin' Sam............................................. Harry Frankel

THEME:
"Barbasol, Barbasol,
No brush, no lather,
No rub-in,
Wet your razor, then begin."
(Sung to the tune of "Tammany.")

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SINGING BEE
Music

CAST:
Featuring......................Welcome Lewis, 4'10" female singer

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THE SINGING LADY
Children's Stories and Songs

CAST:
The Singing Lady.................................Irene Wicker

PRODUCER-WRITER:
Irene Wicker

DIRECTORS:
Charles Warburton   Charles Bishop

MUSICAL DIRECTOR:
Milton Rettenberg

Miss Wicker changed her first name from Irene to Ireene after an astrologer told her it would bring her good luck.

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On SINGO, listeners could send in a combination of any three song titles which tell a story or ask a question. The prize was four dollars. The contestant had to include the name of a serviceman or servicewoman with whom he would split the prize money. The Daily Double Duet, sung by Welcome Lewis and Art Gentry, paid off double to the winner.

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SISTERS OF THE SKILLET
Comedy

CAST:
Starring................................................. Ed East
Ralph Dumke

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THE SIX-SHOOTER
Western Adventure

CAST:
Starring.................................................. Jimmy Stewart

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THE SIXTY-FOUR DOLLAR QUESTION

See TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

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SKIPPER JIM
Children

CAST:
Skipper Jim............................................. James Sarsfield

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SKIPPY
Children

CAST:
Skippy..................................................... Franklin Adams Jr.
Socky...................................................... Francis Smith
Jim Lovering........................................... St. John Terrell

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
David Owen
SKIPPY (Cont.)

WRITER:
Robert Hardy Andrews

This program was based on the comic strip by Percy Crosby.
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SKY BLAZERS
Aviation Adventure

CAST:
Narrator.................................Col. Roscoe Turner, Ace Flyer

PRODUCER:
Phillips H. Lord
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SKY KING
Aviation Adventure

CAST:
Sky King........................................Jack Lester
Earl Nightingale
Roy Engel
Penny..............................................Beryl Vaughn
Clipper............................................Jack Bivens
Sky King's foreman..............................Cliff Soubier

WRITER:
Abe Burrows
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THE SMACKOUTS
Comedy

CAST:
Starring.........................................Jim and Marian Jordan

The Jordans performed these comedy skits before they and writer Don Quinn created the characters Fibber McGee and Molly.

See also FIBBER Mcgee AND MOlLY.
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SMALLTOWN BOYS

See SNOW VILLAGE.
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322 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
SMILE TIME
Comedy

CAST:
Featuring.............................................Steve Allen
Wendell Noble
Junie......................................................June Foray
Manuel Labor............................................Wendell Noble
Claude Horribly......................................Steve Allen

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTORS:
Steve Allen    Wendell Noble

THEME:
"It's Smile Time,
Time to chase your blues away."

ORGANIST:
Skitch Henderson

SMILE TIME, a mid-day hit in the 1940's, was on Mutual Radio for two years. Manuel Labor was a Mexican who appeared on the show frequently...Claude Horribly was a character who greatly resembled Edgar Bergen's Mortimer Snerd. One of the regular features was a satire of other programs such as "Young Doctor Magoon" (YOUNG DR. MALONE), "Life Can Be Blaah" (LIFE CAN-BE BEAUTIFUL) and "Dr. Ice Cube" (DR. I.Q.).

SMILIN' JACK
Aviation Adventure

CAST:
Smilin' Jack..........................................Frank Readick

This adventure series was based on the comic strip by Zack Mosley.

THE SMITH FAMILY
Situation Comedy

This program debuted in 1925 on WENR, Chicago, and featured the vaudeville team of Jim and Marian Jordan who later became Fibber McGee and Molly. This was one of the first situation comedy serials.

SNOW VILLAGE
Drama

CAST:
Dan'l Dickey..........................................Arthur Allen
Hiram Neville..........................................Parker Fennelly
Wilbur...................................................John Thomas
SNOW VILLAGE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Margie.....................................................Jean McCoy
Hattie.....................................................Agnes Young
Wilbur Z. Knox (Grandsir)............................Arthur Allen
Grammie..................................................Elsie Mae Gordon
Carrie...................................................Katharine Raht

This story was set in rural New England. Arthur Allen and Parker Fennelly did several shows which were basically the same—New England characters in a New England village.

See also GIBBS AND FINNEY, GENERAL DELIVERY; FOUR CORNERS, U.S.A.; THE STEBBINS BOYS; SMALLTOWN BOYS; and THE SIMPSON BOYS OF SPRUCEHEAD BAY.

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SO YOU WANT TO LEAD A BAND?
Music

CAST:
Starring.................................The Sammy Kaye Orchestra
("Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye")

DIRECTOR:
John Cleary

WRITERS:
Bill Mogle    Marian Stearn

Audience members were invited to lead the band.

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SOCIETY GIRL
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bryn Clark Barrington..............................Charlotte Manson
Russ Barrington........................................Philip Reed
Dexter Hayes..........................................Jim Backus
Bryn's brother........................................Carleton Young
Organist..............................................Ted Steele
Also....................................................Guest celebrities

DIRECTOR:
Ted Cott

WRITERS:
David Davidson    Jerome Ross

The story of SOCIETY GIRL was set in New York City.

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324 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
SONG OF THE STRANGER
Adventure
CAST:
Pierre Varnay, The Stranger ............... Bret Morrison

WRITER:
Doris Halman

THE SONG SHOP
Music
CAST:
Vocalists............................................. Kitty Carlisle
Alice Cornett

SONGS FOR SALE
Music and Comedy
CAST:
Host....................................................... Jan Murray

This program featured amateur song writers whose music was performed by professionals.

SONGS OF THE B-BAR-B
Music and Comedy
CAST:
Bobby Benson......................................... Ivan Cury
Windy Wales, the handyman.......................... Don Knotts
Tex Mason.............................................. Herb Rice
Tex Fletcher
Al Hodge
Tex Ritter
Announcer............................................. "Cactus" Carl Warren

WRITER:
James McMenemy

This program was the music and comedy version of BOBBY BENSON’S ADVENTURES.

See also BOBBY BENSON’S ADVENTURES.

SONS OF THE PIONEERS
Western Music
CAST:
Sons of the Pioneers.............................. Bob Nolan, leader
SONS OF THE PIONEERS (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Pat Brady
Hugh Farr
Karl Farr
Lloyd Perryman

Bob Nolan was the composer of "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds."

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THE SPARROW AND THE HAWK
Adventure

CAST:
Lt. Col. Spencer Mallory,
The Hawk.................................Michael Fitzmaurice
His nephew Barney Mallory,
The Sparrow................................Donald Buka
Laura Weatherby..........................Susan Douglas
Tony..................................................Joe Julian
The Hawk's mother..............................Mary Hunter

DIRECTOR:
Richard Sanville

WRITERS:
Carl Alfred Buss    Larry Menkin

This was a dramatic adventure serial concerning a teen-age aviator and his uncle, a former Lt. Colonel in the Army Air Corps.

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SPEAK UP, AMERICA
Educational Quiz

CAST:
The Wordmaster.................................Vincent Pelletier

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SPECIAL AGENT
Adventure

CAST:
Insurance Investigator Alan Drake..............James Meighan
His assistant........................................Lyle Sudrow

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SPECIAL DELIVERY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Tiny Woodward.................................Marian Randolph
Aunt Mary..........................................Irene Hubbard

This story concerned life in a small college town.

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326 / RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE
THE SPIKE JONES SHOW
Music and Comedy

CAST:
Starring......................................Spike Jones and His City Slickers
(musical satirists)
Featuring.....................................Dorothy Shay, "The Park Avenue Hillbilly"

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SPIN TO WIN
Quiz

CAST:
M.C..............................................Warren Hull

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THE SPORTS NEWSREEL STARRING BILL STERN

See THE COLGATE SPORTS NEWSREEL STARRING BILLSTERN.

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THE SQUEAKING DOOR

See INNER SANCTUM.

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STAGE DOOR CANTEEN
Variety

CAST:
M.C..............................................Bert Lytell
Orchestra.......................................Raymond Paige

WRITER:
Frank Wilson

The radio studio from which STAGE DOOR CANTEEN was broadcast was designed to resemble an actual canteen for servicemen. Members of the orchestra wore busboy aprons. Countless celebrities visited the program...among them Alexander Woollcott, Jeanette MacDonald, Merle Oberon and Wendell Willkie. The program, suggested by actress Helen Menken, had its premiere in July 1942.

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STARRING BORIS KARLOFF
Mystery

CAST:
Starring..............................................Boris Karloff

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 327
STARS OVER HOLLYWOOD
Drama

This dramatic program was first broadcast on CBS in 1941.

THE STEBBINS BOYS
Drama

CAST:
Esly.............................................Parker Fennelly
John..............................................Arthur Allen

See also SNOW VILLAGE

THE STEELMAKERS

See THE MUSICAL STEELMAKERS.

STELLA DALLAS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Stella Dallas........................................Anne Elstner
Stephen Dallas.....................................Arthur Hughes
Carleton Young
Frederick Tozere
Helen Dallas.........................................Julie Benell
Laurel Dallas Grosvenor ("Lolly Baby")........Joy Hathaway
Vivian Smolen
Dick Grosvenor......................................MacDonald Carey
Spencer Bentley
George Lambert
Michael Fitzmaurice
Charlie Martin......................................Frank Lovejoy
Tom Tully
Beatrice Martin....................................Mary Jane Higby
Sam Ellis............................................Mandel Kramer
Nellie Ellis........................................Barbara Barton
Mr. Bruce............................................Harold Vermilyea
Vera Johnson.......................................Helene Carew
Lewis Johnson......................................Raymond Bramley
Dr. Ramey..........................................Luis Van Rooten
Thomas............................................Henry M. Neeley
Agatha Griswold...................................Ara Gerald
Gus Grady...........................................Walter Kinsella
Bob James..........................................Albert Aley
Warren Bryan
Madge Harte.......................................Elaine Kent
Fletcher............................................Kenneth Daigneau
Mrs. Grosvenor....................................Jane Houston
CAST: (Cont.)
Minnie Grady........................................Grace Valentine
Ed Munn..............................................Arthur Vinton
Philip Baxter........................................Bill Smith
Dr. Alan Simms.....................................John Brewster
Merle Chatwin.....................................Ethel Everett
Madeline Carter.................................Nancy Sheridan
Jerry...................................................William Quinn
Jack....................................................Peter Donald
Also....................................................Ed Begley

Raymond Edward Johnson

Announcer...........................................Jimmy Wallington
Frank Gallop

PRODUCERS:
Frank and Anne Hummert

DIRECTORS:
Richard Leonard          Ernest Ricca

WRITERS:
Helen Walpole            Frank and Anne Hummert

SOUND EFFECTS:
Agnew Horine

THEME:
“How Can I Leave You?”

OPENING:
ANNCR: We give you now...Stella Dallas...a continuation on
the air of the true-to-life story of mother love and
sacrifice, in which Stella Dallas saw her own beloved
daughter Laurel marry into wealth and society and,
realizing the differences in their tastes and worlds,
got out of Laurel’s life. These episodes in the later
life of Stella Dallas are based on the famous novel
of that name by Olive Higgins Prouty...and are writ-
ten by Frank and Anne Hummert.

Stella sewed in a little shop on Beacon Street. The first broadcast
of STELLA DALLAS was on Oct. 25, 1937.

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STEPMOTHER
Serial Drama

CAST:
Kay Fairchild, the stepmother......................Sunda Love
Janet Logan
Charlotte Manson

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CAST: (Cont.)
John Fairchild, Kay's husband..........................Francis X. Bushman
Bill Green
Charles Penman
Willard Waterman
Peggy Fairchild..............................................Peggy Wall
Barbara Fuller
Mrs. Fletcher....................................................Edith Davis
Adella Winston...............................................Cornelia Osgood
Genevieve Porter.............................................Ethel Owen
Donelda Currie
Betty Arnold
Leonard Clark...................................................Ken Christy
Bud Fairchild..................................................Cornelius Peeples
David Houseman..............................................Harry Elders
Mother Fairchild.............................................Bess McCammon
Edith Wood.....................................................June Meredith
Pat Rority.......................................................Stan Gordon
Boss McKinney..................................................Stan Gordon
Mattie, the maid..............................................Edith Davis
Guila Adams
Bert Weston.....................................................John Larkin
Robert Guilbert
Jim.................................................................Robert Guilbert
Billy Fairchild.................................................Elmira Roessler
Jane Gilbert
Andy Clayton....................................................Forrest Lewis
Don Gallagher
Ginnie Sayers...................................................Dorothy Gregory
Jamie O'Connor...............................................Dick Ahearne
Luella Hayworth...............................................Betty Hanna
Pop...............................................................Francis "Dink" Trout
Gerald Lowe....................................................Karl Weber

WRITER:
Roy Maypole Jr.

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STOP AND GO
Quiz

CAST:
M.C...............................................................Joe E. Brown

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STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE
Comedy

CAST:
M.C...............................................................Roger Bower

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STOP ME IF YOU’VE HEARD THIS ONE (Cont.)

Also.........................................................Milton Berle
                        Jay C. Flippen
                        Harry Hershfield
Orchestra..............................................Horace Heidt

DIRECTOR:
    Mitch Benson

WRITER:
    Ray Harvey

This program featured joke-telling by prominent comedians.

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STOP THE MUSIC
Musical Quiz

CAST:
    M.C....................................................Bert Parks
                        Also..............................................Kay Armen
                        Dick Brown
                        Happy Felton
Orchestra..............................................Harry Salter

DIRECTOR:
    Mark Goodson

WRITER:
    Howard Connell

On this program musical selections were played and telephone calls
to listeners were made. When the connection came through, a tele-
phone bell was heard and the announcer cried, “Stop the music!!!”
If the contestant could name the selection, a prize was awarded. In
addition, contestants had a chance to guess “The Mystery Tune”
for a giant jackpot. STOP THE MUSIC was an immediate success;
so much so that Fred Allen, who was on at the same time, announced
a bond guaranteeing $5,000 to anyone who was called by STOP THE
MUSIC while listening to THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.

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STORIES BY OLMSTEAD
Drama

CAST:
    Story-teller...........................................Nelson Olmstead

DIRECTOR:
    Norman Felton

All of the characters in these stories were portrayed by the nar-
rator, Nelson Olmstead.

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RADIO’S GOLDEN AGE / 331
STORIES OF THE BLACK CHAMBER
Drama

CAST:
Bradley Drake, Chief of the American Black Chamber..................Jack Arthur
Steve, his aide.......................................................Paul Nugent
Betty Lee Andrews.................................................Helen Claire
Paradine, the master spy.........................................Gale Gordon
Joyce Carraway,
Paradine’s assistant.................................Rosaline Greene
Thornton Oliver.................................................Morgan Farley

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THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bess Johnson.....................................................Bess Johnson
Mr. Jordan.........................................................Joseph Curtin
Mrs. Jordan.........................................................Irene Winston
Mrs. Townsend....................................................Agnes Moorehead
Natalie Holt.......................................................Nancy Marshall
Barbara Bartlett.................................................Mitzi Gould
Wally Scudder....................................................Donald Briggs
Dr. Franklin.......................................................Eric Dressler
Arthur Bartlett..................................................Walter Vaughn
Patricia Jordan.................................................Adrienne Marden
Whitney Lewis....................................................Bill Johnstone

WRITER:
William Sweets

In March 1941 HILLTOP HOUSE became THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON. The Bess Johnson character and the actress moved from the orphanage, where she was a matron, to become superintendent of a boarding school.

See also HILLTOP HOUSE.

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THE STORY OF BUD BARTON

See THE BARTON FAMILY.

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THE STORY OF MARY MARLIN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Mary Marlin.......................................................Joan Blaine
Anne Seymour
Betty Lou Gerson
Muriel Kirkland

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THE STORY OF MARY MARLIN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Eloise Kummer
Linda Carlon
Anne Seymour
Elinor Harriot

Sally Gibbons
Eloise Kummer

Henry Matthews
Raymond Edward Johnson

Bill Taylor
Gene Morgan

Daniel Burke
Gene Burke

Frances Moran Matthews
Bess Johnson

David Post
Carlton Brickert

Joe Marlin
Robert Griffin

Campbell B. Campbell
Clare Baum

Eve Underwood
June Meredith

Annie, the maid
Judith Lowry

Betty Caine

Bunny Mitchell
Fran Carlon

Templeton Fox

Frazier Mitchell
Phil Lord

Fred Sullivan

Doc Sharpe
Murray Forbes

Miss Wood
Charlotte Learn

Barbara Crayley
Mary Jane Higby

Jay Meredith

Abner Peabody
William A. Lee

Maria
Patsy O'Shea

Henrietta Dorne
Betty Lou Gerson

Peter Fortune
Jess Pugh

Michael Dorne
Harvey Hays

Francis X. Bushman

Never-Fail Hendricks
Frank Dane

William A. Lee

Sarah Jane Kane
Helen Behmiller

Charme Allen

Robert Malloy
Bob Bailey

Rufus Kane
Rupert LaBelle

Timothy
Frankie Pacelli

Hennessy, head nurse
Joan Vitez

Cynthia Adams
Loretta Poynton

Marge Adams
Constance Crowley

Isabel Randolph

Jonathan
Bret Morrison

Philo Sands (Sandy)
Barry Drew

Arthur Adams
DeWitt McBride

Tanya
Olga Rosenova

Davey Marlin
Jerry Spellman

Bobby Dean Maxwell

Dolores Gillen

Dennie McKenzie
Eddie Firestone, Jr.

Bill Lipton

Peter Hujaz
Arthur Peterson

Arnold, the butler
Arthur Kohl

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THE STORY OF MARY MARLIN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Robert White
Joe Post ........................................... Arthur Jacobson
Oswald Ching ...................................... Peter Donald
Giles Henning ...................................... Arnold Moss
Franklin Adams .................................... Bill Adams
Penny ............................................... Judy Blake
Tootie ............................................. Rosemary Garbell
Grandma ........................................... Joan Blaine
George Crabbe ..................................... Bill Lee
Parker ............................................. Earl George
Olga .................................................. Sharon Grainger
Irina and Lina Troyer (twins) ...................... Gerta Rozan
Mrs. Hopkins ...................................... Eunice Howard
Announcer .......................................... Nelson Case

CREATOR-WRITER:
Jane Crusinberry

DIRECTORS:
Basil Loughrane     Don Cope     Kirby Hawkes
Ed Rice

THEME:
"Clair de Lune" by Debussy

PIANIST:
Joe Kahn

Mary Marlin was a Senator who was, naturally, very active in politics. When the program was broadcast from Chicago the title role was played by Joan Blaine, Anne Seymour and Betty Lou Gerson. After it originated in New York, Anne Seymour again took over followed by Muriel Kirkland, Eloise Kummer and Linda Carlon.

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THE STORY OF RUBY VALENTINE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring ............................................. Juanita Hall
                         Viola Dean
                         Earl Hyman
                         Ruby Dee

Pianist ............................................. Luther Henderson

This program, although it began in 1955, well past radio's "Golden Age," was the first Negro soap opera with an all-Negro cast. Its locale was a beauty parlor in Harlem.

See also WE LOVE AND LEARN.

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STORY TO ORDER
Children

These dramas, written and narrated by Lydia Perera, were written to order. Children would write in and suggest three subjects to be woven into an original story.

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STRAIGHT ARROW
Western Adventure

CAST:
Straight Arrow........................................Howard Culver

DIRECTOR:
Ted Robertson

WRITER:
Sheldon Stark

According to the story, Indian-born Steve Adams, the owner of Broken Bow Ranch, donned Comanche war paint and became Straight Arrow whenever villains appeared.

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STRANGE AS IT SEEMS
Drama

CAST:
Narrator.................................................Gayne Whitman
                                      Patrick McGeehan

This program featured dramatizations of the newspaper cartoon series by John Hix.

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THE STRANGE DR. KARNAC
Mystery

CAST:
Dr. Karnac, a sleuth.....................................James Van Dyk
His assistant..............................................Jean Ellyn

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THE STRANGE DR. WEIRD
Chiller Drama

CAST:
Dr. Weird..................................................Maurice Tarplin

WRITER:
Robert A. Arthur

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THE STRANGE ROMANCE OF EVELYN WINTERS
See EVELYN WINTERS.

STREAMLINER’S SHOW
Comedy

CAST.
Featuring....................................Arthur Fields
Fred Hall
Orchestra........................................Jerry Sears

STRIKE IT RICH
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C..............................................Todd Russell
Warren Hull

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Walt Framer

DIRECTOR:
Larry Harding

This quiz program featured contestants who tried to win prizes and gifts because of their hardships, which they enumerated in the course of the program. One of the features of the program was The Heartline, a large red heart set up on the stage. When it was lit up, a phone would ring and the M.C. would inform the audience that a call had come from a manufacturer or someone at home offering gifts to the contestants.

STUDIO ONE
Drama

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Fletcher Markle

DIRECTOR:
Robert J. Landry

WRITER:
Vincent McConnor

STUDIO ONE presented hour-long dramatizations of literature, often from the classics. It was first broadcast on CBS in 1947.
SUE AND IRENE

See PAINTED DREAMS.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT AUNT SUSAN'S
Drama

CAST:
Aunt Susan..................................................Elaine Ivans
Also..............................................................Harry Swan
Artells Dickson
Vivian Block
Albert Aley

DIRECTOR:
Nila Mack

This hour-long CBS family potpourri was broadcast on Sunday mornings in the mid-thirties.

SUPERMAN
Adventure

CAST:
Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter
for The Daily Planet, alias
Superman.....................................................Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Michael Fitzmaurice
Lois Lane, girl reporter.................................Joan Alexander
Editor Perry White............................................Julian Noa
Jimmy Olson, office boy.................................Jackie Kelk
Beanie, office boy..........................................Jackson Beck
Batman.......................................................Stacy Harris
Gary Merrill
Matt Crowley
Robin...........................................................Ronald Liss
Narrator.....................................................Jackson Beck
George Lowther
Also.............................................................Mandel Kramer
George Petrie
Robert Dryden
Guy Sorel

PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTORS:
Robert and Jessica Maxwell        George Lowther

DIRECTORS:
Allen DuCovny        Mitchell Grayson

WRITER:
B.P. Freeman

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SUPERMAN (Cont.)

OPENING:
ANNCR: Faster than a speeding bullet!
SOUND: GUNSHOT AND RICOCHET
ANNCR: More powerful than a locomotive!
SOUND: LOCOMOTIVE EFFECT
ANNCR: Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!
SOUND: FLYING EFFECT, WIND UP FULL AND UNDER
MAN: Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird!
WOMAN: It's a plane!
MAN: It's Superman!!!

SUPERMAN was based on the comic strip created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Superman was "a strange visitor from outer space" who fought criminals and disguised himself as mild-mannered Clark Kent, reporter for The Daily Planet, a large metropolitan newspaper in Metropolis. The actor who played Superman used a relatively high pitched tone for Clark Kent and then a deep, powerful tone for Superman. He would usually make the voice change in the middle of the line: "This looks like a job—for Superman!!!" Batman and Robin occasionally appeared as guests.

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SUPERSTITION
Drama

CAST:
The Voice of Superstition........................................Ralph Bell

DIRECTOR:
Robert Sloane

WRITERS:
Robert Sloane Albert Aley

SUPERSTITION was a thirty minute fantasy drama of the mid-forties broadcast on ABC.

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SURPRISE PACKAGE
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Jay Stewart

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SURPRISE PARTY
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Stu Wilson

DIRECTOR:
Dave Young

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SUSPENSE
Drama

CAST:
The Man in Black ............................................... Joe Kearns
Narrator ............................................................ Paul Frees
Guest stars .......................................................... Cary Grant
Ida Lupino
Agnes Moorehead
Lucille Ball
Orson Welles
Brian Donlevy
Many others

PRODUCERS:
Charles Vanda
Elliott Lewis

DIRECTORS:
William Spier
Norman MacDonnell
Tony Leader

WRITERS:
Joseph Russell
Sigmund Miller
Robert Richards
Joseph L. Greene

These tales were “well calculated to keep you in—Suspense.” One of the most popular productions was “Sorry, Wrong Number” starring Agnes Moorehead. It was repeated many times by popular request.

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SWEENEY AND MARCH
Comedy

CAST:
Starring ............................................................ Bob Sweeney
Hal March
Vocalist ............................................................. Patsy Bolton
Orchestra ............................................................ Irving Miller

DIRECTORS:
Sterling Tracy
Manny Mannheim
SWEENEY AND MARCH (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Bob Sweeney    Hal March    Manny Mannheim
John Hayes

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SWEET RIVER
Serial Drama

WRITER:
Charles Jackson

SWEET RIVER was first broadcast on ABC in 1943.

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TAKE A CARD
Quiz

CAST:
Featuring.................................Wally Butterworth
Margaret (Honey) Johnson

TAKE A NUMBER
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C.............................................Red Benson

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
Quiz

CAST:
M.C...............................................Phil Baker
Bob Hawk
Garry Moore
Jack Paar

DIRECTORS:
Harry Spears       Betty Mandeville

WRITER:
Edith Oliver

On this program, later known as THE SIXTY-FOUR DOLLAR QUESTION, contestants could quit and keep the money already earned or keep trying until reaching the $64 question. The first question was for a dollar, the second for two dollars, etc.

A TALE OF TODAY
Serial Drama

CAST:
Joan Houston Allen..........................Joan Blaine
Betty Caine
Luise Barclay

Harriet Brooks...............................Isabel Randolph
Ethel Owen

Dot Houston.................................Laurette Fillbrandt

Billy Houston...............................Frank Pacelli
Beulah........................................Harriette Widmer

Dick Martin..................................Willard Farnum

Robert Houston............................Harvey Hays
Carlton Brickert

Dr. Robert Gardner........................Robert Griffin
Johnny Ward.................................Bob Jellison

Sally...........................................Norma Peterson

David Allen..................................Ed Prentiss
Raymond Edward Johnson

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A TALE OF TODAY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Sandra Hall........................................... Sunda Love
Michael Denby........................................ Ed Prentiss
Flora Little........................................... Mercedes McCambridge

DIRECTOR:
Howard Keegan

WRITER:
Gordon Saint Clair

THEME:
Coronation March from Meyerbeer's opera "The Prophet"

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TALES OF FATIMA
Adventure

CAST:
Narrator and Star................................... Basil Rathbone

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TARZAN
Jungle Adventure

CAST:
Tarzan................................................... James Pierce
Jane Porter............................................. Joan Burroughs

This program was based on the stories by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

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THE TED MACK FAMILY HOUR

See THE FAMILY HOUR.

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TED MALONE'S POETRY

See BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS.

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THE TELEPHONE HOUR
Music

CAST:
Guest artists........................................... Jascha Heifetz
Ezio Pinza
Marian Anderson
Lily Pons
Jose Iturbi

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THE TELEPHONE HOUR (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Grace Moore
James Melton
Nelson Eddy
Helen Traubel
Robert Casadesus
Many others
Alexander Graham Bell............Raymond Edward Johnson
Orchestra......................Donald Voorhees and the Bell Telephone
Orchestra
Announcer........................Floyd Mack

DIRECTOR:
Walter McGill

WRITERS:
Norman Rosten        Mort Lewis

THEME:
"The Bell Waltz"

TENA AND TIM
Comedy

CAST:
Tena............................................Peggy Beckmark
Tim...............................................George Cisar
Mrs. Hutchinson............................Gladys Heen

DIRECTOR:
Harry Holcomb

WRITER:
Peggy Beckmark

TENNESSEE JED
Western Adventure

CAST:
Tennessee Jed...............................Johnny Thomas
Don MacLaughlin
Sheriff Jackson............................Humphrey Davis
The Deputy.................................Jim Boles
Indian Chief...............................Juano Hernandez
Masters, the gambler....................Raymond Edward Johnson
Also.........................................John McGovern
George Petrie
Theme singer..................................Elton Britt
Announcer-narrator......................Court Benson

DIRECTOR:
Bill Hamilton
WRITERS:
Ashley Buck  Howard Carraway  Tom Taggart

OPENING:
ANNCR: There he goes, Tennessee!
SOUND: RIFLE SHOT AND RICOCHET
ANNCR: Got him! D-e-a-a-a-a-d center!

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TERRY AND MARY
Children's Serial Drama

WRITER:
Robert Hardy Andrews

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TERRY AND TED
Children's Adventure

CAST:
Terry............................................................................ Lester Jay
Chico.................................................................................... Jerry Macy

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TERRY AND THE PIRATES
Adventure

CAST:
Terry Lee........................................................................ Jackie Kelk
Cliff Carpenter
Owen Jordan

Patrick Ryan......................................................... Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Larry Alexander
Warner Anderson
Bob Griffin

The Dragon Lady................................................................. Agnes Moorehead
Adelaide Klein
Marion Sweet

Burma............................................................................... Frances Chaney

Connie............................................................................ Cliff Norton
Peter Donald
John Gibson

Flip Corkin.............................................................. Ted de Corsia
Hotshot Charlie.................................................... Cameron Andrews
Captain Goodhue.................................................. John Moore
Eleta.............................................................................. Gerta Rozan

Also.......................................................... Charles Cantor
William Podmore
Mandel Kramer
TERRY AND THE PIRATES (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Announcer...........................................Douglas Browning

DIRECTORS:
Wylie Adams  Marty Andrews  Cyril Armbister

WRITER:
Al Barker

OPENING:
SOUND: STROKE OF A GONG
BROWNING: (Chinese chatter, actually nonsense syllables that sounded Chinese) Terry and the Pirates!
MUSIC: (Kelvin Keech sang the theme and played the ukelele)

This program was based on the comic strip by Milton Caniff.

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THE TEXACO STAR THEATER

Variety

THE TEXACO STAR THEATER featured various performers over the years, usually in variety programs. Among the most famous were Ed Wynn (“The Fire Chief”) and Fred Allen. (See also THE FIRE CHIEF and THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.)

In the 1940’s THE TEXACO STAR THEATER’s format consisted of a half hour of variety from Hollywood and then a half-hour of drama from New York. Here are two sample programs:

May 1, 1940:

Variety from Hollywood, 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.

M.C.......................................................Ken Murray
Vocalists.............................................Kenny Baker
Orchestra..............................................David Broekman
Also..............................................Irene of “Tim and Irene”
Announcer.......................................Jimmy Wallington

Drama from New York, 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.

“The Milky Way”

Newsboy.............................................Cecil Secrest
Joe Holland........................................Dwight Weist
Gabby Sloan........................................Don Costello
Spider Higgins..................................Tony Burger
Anne Westley......................................Audrey Christie

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THE TEXACO STAR THEATER (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Speed McFarland.......................................................... Jack Arthur
Burleigh Sullivan.......................................................... Joe E. Brown
Mae Sullivan................................................................. Sylvia Field
Announcer............................................................................. Larry Elliott
Director................................................................................ Antony Stanford
Original music composed and conducted by....... Lehman Engel

May 29, 1940:
Variety from Hollywood, 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.
(Same variety cast as above)

Drama from New York, 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.
"The Front Page"

Hildy Johnson................................................................. Lee Tracy
Walter Burns................................................................. Jack Arthur
McCue.............................................................................. John MacBryde
Bensinger........................................................................... Cecil Secrest
Murphy.............................................................................. Raymond Bramley
Mollie Malloy................................................................. Betty Worth
Sheriff Hartman............................................................. Edwin Cooper
Peggy Grant................................................................. Frances Fuller
Earl Williams................................................................. Milton Herman
Mr. Pincus........................................................................ Bernie Suss
Announcer............................................................................. Larry Elliott
Director................................................................................ Antony Stanford
Original music composed and conducted by....... Lehman Engel

Among the writers who contributed to THE TEXACO STAR THEATER were Paul Conlan, Bob Phillips and Frank Phares.

THANKS FOR TOMORROW
Serial Drama

CAST:
Starring................................................................. Mary Jane Higby
Peter Capell
Aunt Agatha............................................................. Vera Allen
Amah.............................................................................. Wynne Gibson
Chinese houseboy...................................................... Edgar Stehli
Announcer...................................................................... Ed Herlihy

DIRECTOR:
Paul Roberts

WRITER:
LeRoy Bailey

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THANKS FOR TOMORROW (Cont.)

THANKS FOR TOMORROW told the story of a blind pianist (played by Mary Jane Higby). When the script called for her to play the piano, Paul Taubman served as pianist.

THANKS TO THE YANKS
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Bob Hawk

DIRECTOR:
Kenneth W. MacGregor

THAT BREWSTER BOY
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Joey Brewster........................................Eddie Firestone Jr.
                                         Arnold Stang
                                         Dick York
Jim Brewster, the father....................Hugh Studebaker
Jane Brewster, the mother...................Constance Crowder
English teacher........................................Ruth Perrott
Minerva....................................................Jane Webb
Nancy Brewster........................................Louise Fitch
                                         Patricia Dunlap
Phil Hayworth........................................Bob Bailey
Herbert Clark..........................................Bob Jellison
Chuck......................................................Billy Idelson
Leftie Harper.........................................Eddie Goldberg
Pee Wee....................................................Jerry Spellman
Mark Brown.............................................Dickie Van Patten
Janey Brown...........................................Marilyn Erskine

WRITER:
Louis Scofield

THAT BREWSTER BOY was replaced by THOSE WEBSTERS on March 9, 1945.

THATCHER COLT
Detective

CAST:
Thatcher Colt..............................................Hanley Stafford
THEATER OF TODAY
Drama

See ARMSTRONG THEATER OF TODAY.

THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR
Drama

CAST:
Host........................................................................Lawrence Langner
Announcer.........................................................Norman Brokenshire
Spokesman for U.S. Steel.................................George Hicks
Orchestra..........................................................Harold Levey

PRODUCER:
George Kondolf

DIRECTOR:
Homer Fickett

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
Armina Marshall

THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR, also known as THE UNITED STATES STEEL HOUR, was a series of radio adaptations of successful Broadway plays. Among the many plays presented were "Strange Interlude," "The Silver Cord," "I Remember Mama," "Dead End" and "Payment Deferred." Two sample cast lists follow:

"On Borrowed Time"

Original Play
by Paul Osborn

Based on the novel
by Lawrence Edward Watkin

Radio Adaptation
by Paul Peters

Narrator.............................................................Dwight Weist
Trixie.................................................................Brad Barker
Susan...............................................................Anne Burr
Jim.................................................................James Monks
Gramps.........................................................Walter Huston
Pud.................................................................Sarah Fussell
Mellett.............................................................Ian MacAllaster
Granny............................................................Leona Roberts
Mr. Brink.........................................................Glenn Anders
Demetria..........................................................Dorothy Sands
Marcy.............................................................Frances Heflin
A Boy Up a Tree...............................................Peter Griffith
Dr. Evans........................................................Frank Lovejoy
THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Mr. Pilbeam.......................... Cameron Prud’homme
Workman.................................. Ian MacAllaster
Sheriff.................................... John Girard
A bartender.................................. James Monks
Grimes...................................... Edwin Jerome

“Three Men on a Horse”

Original Play
by John Cecil Hom and George Abbott

Radio Adaptation
by Arthur Miller

Erwin........................................... Stuart Erwin
Patsy........................................... Sam Levene
Mabel........................................... Shirley Booth
Audrey......................................... Betty Breckenridge
Clarence...................................... J. Scott Smart
Harry.......................................... Frank Lovejoy
Frankie........................................ George Tyne
Charlie....................................... Millard Mitchell
Mr. Carver.................................... Edwin Jerome
Delivery boy.................................. James McCallion
Announcer.................................... James McCallion

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THERE WAS A WOMAN
Drama

CAST:
Featuring................................. Raymond Edward Johnson
Also......................................... Betty Caine
Announcer................................... Les Griffith

WRITERS:
Les Fogely  Ranald MacDougall

THERE WAS A WOMAN was a weekly NBC series which dramatized the fact that behind so many famous men there was a woman who helped make him great.

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THE THIN MAN
Detective

CAST:
Nick Charles.............................. Lester Damon
Les Tremayne
Joseph Curtin
David Gothard

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THE THIN MAN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Nora Charles........................................Claudia Morgan
Ebenezer Williams, Sheriff of Crabtree County..................Parker Fennelly
Announcer.............................................Ron Rawson

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Himan Brown

WRITERS:
Milton Lewis    Eugene Wang    Robert Newman

This program was based on the character created by Dashiell Hammett.

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THINK FAST
Panel Quiz

CAST:
Moderator............................................Mason Gross
Panelists............................................David Broekman
                  Leon Janney
                  Eloise McElhone
                  George Hamilton Combs
Frequent guest panelist..............................John Lardner

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THIS DAY IS OURS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Eleanor MacDonald.................................Joan Banks
                  Templeton Fox
Curtis Curtis........................................Jay Jostyn
Pat Curtis..........................................Patricia Dunlap
Wong..................................................Alan Devitt
Eugene Snell........................................Julian Noa
Frank Allison......................................House Jameson
Catherine Allison.................................Agnes Moorehead
Miss Farnsworth..................................Effie Palmer
Mrs. Simpson......................................Leslie Bingham
Also................................................Frank Lovejoy
Announcer..........................................Mel Allen

DIRECTOR:
Chick Vincent

WRITERS:
Carl Bixby    Don Becker

THEME:
Original music composed by Don Becker

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THIS IS NORA DRAKE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nora Drake.............................................Charlotte Holland
Joan Tompkins
Mary Jane Higby
Arthur Drake............................................Everett Sloane
Ralph Bell
Dorothy Stewart........................................Elspeth Eric
Tom Morley............................................Bob Readick
Dr. Seargent...........................................Lester Damon
George Stewart........................................Leon Janney
Peg Martinson.........................................Lesley Woods
Joan Alexander
Mercedes McCambridge
Dr. Ken Martinson....................................Alan Hewitt
Andrew King............................................Roger DeKoven
Suzanne Turrie..........................................Joan Lorring
Rose Fuller...........................................Irene Hubbard
Gillian Gray...........................................Charlotte Manson
Also......................................................Doug Parkhirst

DIRECTORS:
Arthur Hanna  Dee Engelbach  Charles Irving

WRITER:
Milton Lewis

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THIS IS YOUR ENEMY
Drama

THIS IS YOUR ENEMY was an OWI (Office of War Information) World War II series describing the enemy's military and civilian outrages.

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THIS IS YOUR FBI
Drama

CAST:
Jim Taylor..................................................Stacy Harris
Narrator....................................................Frank Lovejoy
Announcer..................................................Milton Cross
Carl Frank
Larry Keating
Also.......................................................Karl Swenson
Geoffrey Bryant
James Van Dyk
Helen Lewis
Elspeth Eric
Santos Ortega

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THIS IS YOUR FBI (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Also (Cont.)............................................Mandel Kramer
Joan Banks

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Jerry Devine

WRITER:
Jerry D. Lewis

These were dramatized cases taken from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover appeared on the premiere broadcast on April 6, 1945.

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THIS IS YOUR LIFE
Biography

CAST:
M.C.......................................................Ralph Edwards

DIRECTOR:
Axel Gruenberg

WRITER:
Jerry Devine

Ralph Edwards related the life stories of the honored guests.

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THIS LIFE IS MINE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bob Hastings........................................Michael Fitzmaurice
Charlie Dyer..........................................Tony Barrett
Also....................................................Betty Winkler
Paul McGrath

DIRECTOR:
Marx Loeb

WRITERS:
Addy Richton    Lynn Stone

The premiere broadcast of THIS LIFE IS MINE was on March 22, 1943.

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THOSE BARTONS

See THE BARTON FAMILY.

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### THOSE HAPPY GILMANS
**Family Adventure**

**CAST:**
- Gordon Gilman: Bill Bouchey
- Mrs. Gilman: Edith Adams
- Stanley Gilman: John Hench
- Phyllis Gilman: Joan Kay
- Wheezy: Cornelius Peeples
- Aunt Bessie: Henrietta Tedro

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### THOSE WE LOVE
**Serial Drama**

**CAST:**
- John Marshall: Hugh Sothern
- Kathy Marshall: Nan Grey
- Kit Marshall (Kathy's twin): Richard Cromwell
- Aunt Emily Mayfield: Alma Kruger
- Dr. Leslie Foster: Donald Woods
- Amy Foster: Priscilla Lyon
- Elaine Dascomb: Jean Rogers
- David Adair: Bob Cummings
- Ed Neely: Lou Merrill
- Jerry Payne: Victor Rodman
- Dr. Lund: Franklin Parker
- Allan McRae: Owen Davis Jr.
- Lynn Royce: Gavin Gordon
- Abner: Eddie Walker
- Peggy Edwards: Lurene Tuttle
- Lydia Dennison: Anne Stone
- Mrs. Emmett: Mary Gordon
- Ellis: David Kerman
- Martha Newbury, the cook: Virginia Sale
- Lile Kilgore: Sally Creighton
- Steve Blackman: Gene O'Donnell
- Roy Meadows: Gale Gordon
- Rodney Kilgore: Gale Gordon
- Rags, the dog: Lee Millar

**WRITERS:**
- Agnes Ridgway
- Ruth A. Knight

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THOSE WEBSTERS
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Billy Green................................. Arthur Young
His sister.................................. Joan Alt
Jeep........................................ Jerry Spellman
Belinda Boyd............................ Jane Webb
Announcer............................... Charles Irving

PRODUCER:
Joe Ainley

WRITERS:
Priscilla Kent  Alber: G. Miller
Frank and Doris Hursley

The program was set in the town of Spring City. It debuted as a replacement for THAT BREWSTER BOY on March 9, 1945.

THE THREE FLATS
See JUST NEIGHBORS.

THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND
Adventure

CAST:
Starring.................................. John Wayne

THURSTON, THE MAGICIAN
Adventure

CAST:
Featuring.................................. Cliff Soubier
Carlton Brickert
Announcer.................................. William Kephart

This program was also known as HOWARD THURSTON, THE MAGICIAN.

TILLIE THE TOILER
Situation Comedy

CAST:
Tillie...................................... Caryl Smith
Mac....................................... Billy Lynn
Mr. Simpkins............................. John Brown
Tillie's mother.......................... Margaret Burlen

This story was based on the comic strip by Russ Westover.

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THE TIM AND IRENE SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Tim......................................................... Tim Ryan
Irene...................................................... Irene Noblette
Uncle Happy............................................. Teddy Bergman

TIME FLIES
Adventure

CAST:
Featuring............................................ Frank Hawks, flying ace
Also..................................................... Allyn Joslyn

TIME FOR LOVE
Drama

CAST:
Dianne La Volta, International Chanteuse..... Marlene Dietrich

PRODUCER:
Marlene Dietrich

DIRECTORS:
Murray Burnett    Ernest Ricca

TIME TO SMILE

See THE EDDIE CANTOR SHOW.

THE TIMID SOUL
Comedy

CAST:
Casper Milquetoast, The Timid Soul............... Billy Lynn
Madge, his wife..................................... Cecil Roy
The druggist........................................ Jackson Beck

THE TIMID SOUL was based on the comic strip by H.T. Webster.

T-MAN
Adventure

CAST:
Treasury Agent..................................... Dennis O'Keefe
Announcer............................................ Bob Lemond

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CAST:

Kathryn Carter.............................................. Helen Kane
Don Carter.............................................. Forrest Lewis
Aunt Martha.............................................. Judith Lowry
Ralph Santo.............................................. Michael Romano
Nancy Matthews............................................ Harriet Cain
Helen Marshall............................................ Ethel Owen
Bob Brewer.............................................. Robert Griffin
John Bartlett............................................. Rupert LaBelle
Mr. Schultz.............................................. Murray Forbes
Mrs. Schultz.............................................. Virginia Payne
Bertha Schultz............................................ Patricia Dunlap
Terry Moran.............................................. Fred Von Ammon
Lucy Moran.............................................. Lucy Gilman
Henry Matthews........................................ Raymond Edward Johnson
Joan Young................................................ Margaret Fuller
Liza........................................................ Edith Adams
Michael Gregory....................................... Michael Romano
Jack Marsh............................................... Seymour Young
          Frank Pacelli
Junior Matthews........................................ Donald Weeks
John Murray............................................... Willard Waterman
Robert Marshall........................................ Parker Wilson
Jerry Ryan................................................ Robert O'Malley
Gloria Marsh.............................................. Gale Page
Richard Coles........................................... Bob Bailey
Arthur Donnelly......................................... Ed Prentiss
Kay Crane.................................................. Irna Phillips
Bobby Moran............................................... Frank Pacelli
Jen Burton................................................ Laurette Fillbrandt
Judge Colby................................................ Herb Butterfield
Catherine Colby.......................................... Nanette Sargent
Eileen Moran.............................................. Fran Carlon
          Irene Wicker
Bill Taylor................................................ Gene Morgan
Bob Crane................................................ Walter Wicker
Frances Moran Matthews................................ Bess Johnson
          Sunda Love
Tony........................................................ Edwin Rand
Julie Johnson............................................. Lucy Gilman
Marilyn..................................................... Betty Lou Gerson
Naomi....................................................... Jo Gilbert
Peter Piper............................................... Clarence Hartzell
Italo Lagorrio........................................... Milton Herman
Mary........................................................ Lois Kennison
Therese..................................................... Betty Moran
Keith Armour............................................. Wilms Herbert
Candice Drake........................................... Jeanne Bates
David Lagorrio........................................... Jack Edwards Jr.
Walter Drake.............................................. Joe Forte

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TODAY’S CHILDREN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Charlotta Lagorro Armour............................................Gale Page
Katherine Norton..........................................................Irna Phillips
Dick Crane.................................................................Willard Farnum
Patty Moran.................................................................Fran Carlon
Dorothy Moran.............................................................Jean McGregor
Mother Moran..............................................................Irna Phillips

DIRECTORS:
Axel Gruenberg     Bob Dwan

WRITER:
Irna Phillips

THEME:
“Aphrodite”

TODAY’S CHILDREN was the story of German-born citizens who came to America to live.

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TOM, DICK AND HARRY

See THE AFFAIRS OF TOM, DICK AND HARRY and PLANTATION PARTY.

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TOM MIX
Western Adventure

CAST:
Tom Mix.....................................................Artells Dickson
                             Russell Thorson
                             Jack Holden
                             Curley Bradley
The Old Wrangler.......................Percy Hemus
Jimmy...........................................Andy Donnelly
                             George Gobel
                             Hugh Rowlands
Jane....................................................Winifred Toomey
                             Jane Webb
Amos Q. Snood..........................Sidney Ellstrom
Pecos Williams..........................Curley Bradley
Sheriff Mike Shaw...................Leo Curley
William Snood..........................Cornelius Peeples
Calamity..................................Bob Jellison
Wash........................................Vance McCune
                             Forrest Lewis
Judge Parsons..........................Arthur Peterson
Chris Acropolous....................Carl Kroenke
CAST: (Cont.)
Professor Wallace..........................Phil Lord
Sheriff...........................................DeWitt McBride
Pat Curtis..........................................Patricia Dunlap
Lee Loo, the Chinese cook.................Bruno Wick
The Ranch Boys..................................Shorty Carson
Jack Ross
Curley Bradley
Announcer..................................Don Gordon
Les Griffith
Franklyn Ferguson

PRODUCER:
Al Chance

DIRECTOR:
Charles Claggett

WRITERS:
George Lowther  Roland Martini  Charles Tazewell

THEME:
“When It’s Round-up Time in Texas and the Bloom is on the Sage”

Tom Mix lived on the T-M Bar Ranch in Dobie Township. His horse was Tony, The Wonder Horse, who often played a part in rescuing Tom from the bad guys. Tom’s friends and cohorts were Straight Shooters and one of the main moral points of the program was that “Straight Shooters always win!”

Premiums were offered to listeners by the sponsor, Ralston, if the appropriate box tops and money were sent to Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri.

Amos Q. Snood was the Scrooge of Dobie and was known for his Pink Pills for Pale People. The Old Wrangler would spout such homilies as “Well, I’ll be a lop-eared kangaroo with big black eyes, if it isn’t round-up time!”

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TOMMY RIGGS AND BETTY LOU
Comedy

CAST:
Tommy Riggs.................................Himself
Betty Lou...........................................Tommy Riggs
Wilbur, Betty Lou’s moronic boy friend...........Wally Maher
Mrs. McIntyre...................................Verna Felton
Vocalist...........................................Anita Kurt
TOMMY RIGGS AND BETTY LOU (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Sam Perrin    Jack Douglas    George Balzer

Tommy Riggs was a ventriloquist; his alter-ego was Betty Lou, his niece in the skits.

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TOMORROW'S TOPS
Teen-age Talent

CAST:
Hostess.............................Margo Whiteman (daughter of Paul Whiteman)

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TONY WONS' SCRAPBOOK
Poetry

CAST:
Starring.............................Tony Wons (reading poetry)

THEME:
"Träumerei"

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TOPPER

See THE ADVENTURES OF TOPPER.

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THE TOWN CRIER
Interviews

CAST:
Featuring............................Alexander Woollcott

OPENING:
SOUND: BELL RINGING
WOOLLCOTT: Hear ye! Hear Ye!

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TOWN HALL TONIGHT

See THE FRED ALLEN SHOW.

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TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR

See AMERICA'S TOWN MEETING.

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TREASURY AGENT
Drama

CAST:
Joe Lincoln, Chief Treasury Agent...Raymond Edward Johnson

PRODUCER:
Phillips H. Lord

DIRECTOR:
Leonard Bass

TROUBLE HOUSE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Martha Booth..........................Anne Elstner
Bill Mears..............................Carleton Young
Ted Booth...............................Elliott Reid
Ann Lowery............................Joan Madison
Phoebe.................................Elsie Mae Gordon
Harvey, the hired man...............Jerry Macy
John..................................Ray Collins
Dr. Clem Allison......................Gene Leonard
Nancy Booth............................Dorothy Lowell

WRITER:
Elaine Sterne Carrington

TRUE CONFESSIONS
Serial Drama

CAST:
Starring..................................Bess Johnson
Also........................................Ned Wever
Charlotte Manson
Richard Widmark
Alfred Ryder (Alfred Corn)
Lucille Wall
Many others

CREATOR-WRITER:
Bill Sweets

PRODUCER:
Roy Winsor

DIRECTOR:
Ernest Ricca

This series was presented by True Confessions Magazine.

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TRUE DETECTIVE MYSTERIES
Mystery

CAST:
Narrator......................................................... John Shuttleworth
John Shuttleworth............................................ Dick Keith
Also.............................................................. Mandel Kramer
Johnny Thomas

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Murray Burnett

These stories were based on true incidents reported in True Detective Magazine. John Shuttleworth, the editor, narrated the program; his role in the story itself was taken by Dick Keith.

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TRUE OR FALSE
Quiz

CAST:
M.C................................................................. Dr. Harry Hagen
Dr. Harry Hagen
Eddie Dunn
Bill Slater

WRITER:
Ed Rice

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THE TRUE STORY HOUR WITH MARY AND BOB
Drama

CAST:
Mary.............................................................. Nora Stirling
Bob................................................................. William Brenton
Cecil Secrest
David Ross
Also.............................................................. Lucille Wall
Elsie Hitz
Arthur Vinton
Virginia Morgan
Ned Wever
Many others
Orchestra...................................................... Howard Barlow
Announcer..................................................... Ted Husing
Paul Douglas

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Bill Sweets

This was radio's first full-hour dramatic series. It ran on CBS for four and a half years after making its debut in January 1928. A New York Telegram radio poll in October 1929 showed THE TRUE STORY HOUR WITH MARY AND BOB ranked second only to ROXY'S GANG among listeners.

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 361
TRUE STORY THEATER
Drama

CAST:
Featureing........................................... Henry Hull

These stories were selected from True Story Magazine.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.................................................... Ralph Edwards
Announcer........................................... Clayton “Bud” Collyer
                                                   Mel Allen
                                                   Jay Stewart
                                                   Milton Cross
                                                   Ed Herlihy
                                                   Harlow Wilcox
                                                   Ken Carpenter

DIRECTORS:
        John Guedel    Al Paschall    Ed Bailey

WRITERS:
        Carl Jampel    George Jeske    Phil Davis
        Bill Burch    Esther Allen    Ralph Edwards

SOUND EFFECTS:
        Bob Prescott

THEME:
        “Merrily We Roll Along”

This program was the radio version of the old parlor game in which contestants must pay the consequences if they don’t tell the truth. The questions were usually very silly and were seldom answered correctly. If the studio contestant didn’t answer the question in the required time, Bob Prescott, the sound effects man, activated Beulah the Buzzer, indicating that the consequence would have to be paid, namely, a stunt.

The program conducted some of radio’s most famous contests including “Mr. Hush” (Jack Dempsey), “Miss Hush” (Clara Bow) and “The Walking Man” (Jack Benny). Clues were offered concerning the identity of the foregoing stars and a huge jackpot was eventually awarded to each winner.

Ralph Edwards would shout “Aren’t we devils?” after sending someone off on an embarrassing mission.
TUNE DETECTIVE
Music

CAST:
M.C.---------------------------------------------Sigmund Spaeth

Sigmund Spaeth exposed various tunes as being lifted from older melodies.

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TWENTY QUESTIONS
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.---------------------------------------------Bill Slater
       Jay Jackson
Panelists------------------------------------------Bobby Vanderventer
       Florence Rinard
       Fred Vanderventer
       Herb Polesie
Mystery Voice (gave the answers to the
   home audience)---------------------------------Jack Irish
       Bruce Elliott
       Frank Waldecker
Ronson Girl---------------------------------------Charlotte Manson
Announcer------------------------------------------Frank Waldecker

DIRECTORS:
Gary Stevens       Del Crosby

The panel had to identify the given subject within twenty questions after being told if it were animal, vegetable or mineral.

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TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS IN SING SING
Crime Stories

CAST:
Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing..............Himself
       Guy Sorel
Mr. Stark (who interviewed the Warden
   before the story began).......................Joseph Bell
Announcer.......................................Kelvin Keech

DIRECTORS:
Joseph Bell       Arnold Michaelis

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THE TWIN STARS SHOW
Variety

CAST:
The Twin Stars............................Rosemarie Broncato
       Helen Claire

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RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 363
THE TWO BLACK CROWS
Comedy

CAST:
The Two Black Crows.................................George Moran
Charles Mack

See also THE EVEREADY HOUR and THE MAJESTIC THEATER HOURS.

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TWO ON A CLUE
Mystery

CAST:
Jeff Spencer..............................................Ned Wever
Debby Spencer..........................................Louise Fitch
Mrs. Grover.............................................Kate McComb
Mickey....................................................Ronald Liss
Sgt. Cornelius Trumbull..............................John Gibson
The Midget................................................Athena Lorde
The Professor.........................................Jim Boles
Announcer..............................................Alice Yourman

WRITER-DIRECTOR:
Harry Ingram

WRITER:
Louis Vittes

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TWO THOUSAND PLUS
Science Fiction

This Mutual Network program was first broadcast in 1950 in response to a growing interest in science fiction.

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UNCLE CHARLIE’S TENT SHOW
Music and Variety

CAST:
Uncle Charlie.................................Charles Winninger
Orchestra......................................Donald Voorhees
Also...........................................Lois Bennett, soprano
                                            Conrad Thibault, baritone

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UNCLE DON
Children

CAST:
Uncle Don.................................Don Carney (Howard Rice)
Announcer........................................Joe Bolton
                                          Jeff Sparks
                                          Jack Barry
                                          Barry Gray
                                          Henry Morgan
                                          Frank Knight
                                          Norman Brokenshire
                                          Floyd Neal
                                          Arthur Hale
                                          Charles Kribling

CREATOR-WRITER:
    Don Carney

WRITER:
    Bill Treadwell

THEMES:
    “Hello, Little Friends, Hello”
    (to the tune of “My Caroline”)
    “Hello nephews, nieces, mine.
    I’m glad to see you look so fine,
    How’s mama? How’s papa?
    But tell me first just how you are.
    I’ve many, many things to tell you, on the radio.
    This is Uncle Don, Your Uncle Don,
    Hello, little friends, hello.”

    “Hibbidy Gits”

    “Hibbidy gits, hass hah,
    Rainbow ree, Sibonia,
    Skividee, hi-lo-dee,
    Horney-ka-dote, with an alikazon,
    Sing this song with your Uncle Don.”

Uncle Don broadcast locally to children in some eighteen nearby states over WOR in New York for twenty-one years. Although the
program had only one brief year (1938-1939) as a network program it is a classic among children’s programs and is fondly remembered, somehow even by people who never heard it.

UNCLE DON debuted in September 1928, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and continued in that time slot until February 9, 1949. Uncle Don also read the funnies on Sundays at various times. The program was a combination of original stories and songs, advice, personal messages, birthday announcements and lots of commercials. Uncle Don told stories about his typical girl and boy, Susan Beduzen and Willipus Wallipus, and sang songs about such unsavory children as Meanwells, Slackerminds, Talkabouts, Stuckups and Cryterions. A typical birthday greeting would congratulate a child (whose mother had written in with the pertinent facts), chide him for some bad habit (thumb-sucking and swearing were the biggest crimes) and then tell him he would find a present under the couch or behind the radio. Uncle Don frequently arrived at the studio in his imaginary autogyro which he called a “puddle-jumper.” On Monday nights he would have a parade of “Earnest Savers” who had accounts at The Greenwich Savings Bank...or at least had small tin banks which Uncle Don gave out as a premium. Uncle Don held “The Uncle Don Healthy Child Contest” and had an “Uncle Don Talent Quest” for several years which included a trip to Hollywood and a screen test for the winners. He was a tireless worker for various charitable causes and frequently entertained in children’s wards at hospitals and in the homes of extremely sick children. For them, and frequently on radio, he played his favorite song, “The Green Grass Grew All Around, All Around.”

The program set a much-imitated standard for “kiddy” shows and Don Carney broke new ground in radio broadcasting. His many “firsts” include personally checking out sponsors and their products before accepting them for the program, sampling sponsors’ products on the air and accepting free merchandise for his own use from non-sponsors in exchange for free plugs.

The one story about Uncle Don that has been told the most never even happened. The story alleges that Uncle Don signed off the broadcast one night and then, thinking he was off the air, said, “I guess that’ll hold the little bastards.” Supposedly this went out over the air and Uncle Don was taken off the air for a period of time. None of it is true...even though you can find people today who swear they heard it and even though there is a recording of so-called “on-the-air mistakes” that alleges to be this infamous Uncle Don fluff. It simply never happened. A columnist in Baltimore, where Uncle Don was not heard, made up the story to fill space on an otherwise dull news day. And it just grew and grew.

See Bibliography: Treadwell, Bill. Head, Heart, and Heel. * * * * *
UNCLE JIM'S QUESTION BEE
Quiz

CAST:
Uncle Jim.................................................Jim McWilliams
Bill Slater

UNCLE REMUS
Children

CAST:
Uncle Remus............................................Fred L. Jeske

This program was based on the stories of Joel Chandler Harris.

UNCLE WALTER'S DOG HOUSE
Family Adventure

CAST:
Uncle Walter.............................................Tom Wallace
Father.......................................................Charles Penman
Mother.....................................................Kathryn Card
Margie.....................................................Beryl Vaughn

UNDER ARREST
Adventure

CAST:
Captain Drake.................................Craig McDonnell
Joe Di Santis
Announcer.................................Ted Brown
Also..............................................Betty Garde
John Larkin
Patsy Campbell
Lester Damon
Kermit Murdock
Sid Raymond
Vicki Vola
Bryna Raeburn

CREATOR:
Wynn Wright

UNITED STATES STEEL HOUR

See THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR.

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UNIVERSAL RHYTHM
Music and Conversation

CAST:
M.C.................................................................Frank Crumit

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ROUNDTABLE
Discussion

DIRECTOR:
John Howe

This program debuted in February 1931 and had one of the longest continuous runs of any radio program.

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VALIANT LADY
Serial Drama

CAST:

Joan Hargrave-Scott, the Valiant Lady.................Joan Blaine

Joan Banks

Florence Freeman

Jim Barrett, Joan's father..........................Richard Gordon

Bill Johnstone

Gene Leonard

Mike Hagen..........................................Teddy Bergman

Parker Fennelly

Mr. Wright............................................Teddy Bergman

Paul Morrison..............................Raymond Edward Johnson

Emma Stevens (Stevie)..............................Judith Lowry

Agnes Westcott....................................Linda Carlon

Estelle Cummings.................................Elsie Mae Gordon

Clarissa Clarke....................................Ethel Intropidi

Edward Curran....................................Santos Ortega

Mildred Farrell....................................Adelaide Ortega

Mr. Collins........................................Dwight Weist

Mr. Barclay.........................................Maurice Tarplin

Grace Wilson.......................................Jeanetle McGrady

Norman Price......................................Albert Hayes

Mr. Carson..........................................Bernard Lenrow

Judge Kruger.......................................Jerry Macy

Mr. Trent............................................Sidney Slon

Dr. Lillenthal......................................Milton Herman

Billy..................................................Kingsley Colton

Jackie Grimes

Abbey Trowbridge................................Ethel Owen

Dudley Trowbridge.................................Shirling Oliver

Carla Scott........................................Elsa Grsi

Emilio..............................................Luis Van Rooten

Mrs. Scott..........................................Charme Allen

Dr. Lanson..........................................James Trantor

Oliver................................................Jackie Kelk

Lafe Simms.........................................Lawson Zerbe

Thomas R. Clark.................................Charles Webster

Jeffrey Clark.......................................Lawson Zerbe

Margie Cook........................................Jean Ellyn

Mrs. Evans.........................................Kate McComb

Nelson, the butler.................................A.T. Kaye

Eleanor Richards................................Elspeth Eric

Mr. Richards.......................................Everett Sloane

Lester Brennan....................................Everett Sloane

Jolly Rogers.......................................Clifford Stork

Craig McDonnell

Pamela Stanley...................................Ethel Intropidi

Dr. Abendroth.....................................William Shelley

Dr. Alec Gordon..................................Eric Dressler

Myra Gordon........................................Irene Winston

Mrs. Scott, Truman's mother....................Charlotte Garrity
VALIANT LADY (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Dr. Truman "Tubby" Scott....................Charles Carroll
                                      Bartlett Robinson
                                      Martin Blaine
Monica Brewster..................................Cathleen Cordell
Colin Kirby.......................................Ned Wever
Amy Bingham.......................................Elaine Kent
Pixie Jefferys....................................Joan Lazer
Dr. Christopher Ellerbe.......................Frank Lovejoy
Norman Price Sr................................John Brewster

DIRECTORS:
   Roy Lockwood   Ernest Ricca   Rikel Kent

WRITERS:
   Addy Richton and Lynn Stone   Lawrence Klee
   Howard Teichmann

THEME:
   "Estrellita"
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THE VASS FAMILY
   Variety

CAST:
The Vass Family..................................Fran Vass
                                      Weezy (Louise) Vass
                                      Jitchy (Virginia) Vass
                                      Sally Vass
                                      Emily Vass

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VIC AND SADE
   Comedy Serial

CAST:
Vic Gook..........................................Art Van Harvey
Sade Gook........................................Bernardine Flynn
Rush Gook, their son............................Billy Idelson
                                      Sid Koss
Uncle Fletcher.................................Clarence Hartzell
Dottie Brainfeeble..............................Ruth Perrott
Chuck Brainfeeble..............................Carl Kroenke
Russell Miller, nephew.......................David Whitehouse
Announcer........................................Ralph Edwards
                                      Ed Herlihy
                                      Bob Brown

Characters mentioned on the show:
Ruthie Stembottom, Sade's friend who went to all the washrag
sales at Yamelton's Department Store

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VIC AND SADE (Cont.)

Jake Gumpox, the garbageman
The Brick-Mush Man
Smelly Clark
Blue-Tooth Johnson
Mr. Buller
Ishigan Fishigan of Sishigan, Michigan (who occasionally called long distance)
Robert and Slobbert Hink (identical twins from whom Vic and Sade received postcards)

WRITER:
Paul Rhymer

THEME:
“Chanson Bohemienne”

Vic and Sade were a married couple who lived in “the little house halfway up the next block.” Uncle Fletcher used to hang out at the Bright Kentucky Hotel. He would watch the trains go by. When speaking of someone, he often added “...later died.”

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THE VICTOR BORGE SHOW
Variety

CAST:
Starring.............................. Victor Borge, comedian-pianist
Also................................................... Pat Friday Singers
Henry Russell Chorus
Orchestra............................................. Billy Mills
Announcer...................................... Harlow Wilcox

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VILLAGE STORE
Variety

CAST:
Owner.................................................. Jack Haley
Blossom Blimp............................................ Verna Felton
Penelope (Penny) Cartwright.................. Sharon Douglas
Also....................................................... Joan Davis
Eve Arden
Vocalist.............................................. Dave Street

PRODUCER:
Bob Redd

WRITER:
Si Wills
This program was also known as AT THE VILLAGE STORE and SEALTEST VILLAGE STORE.

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THE VOICE OF BROADWAY
Broadway Gossip

CAST:
Starring..............................Dorothy Kilgallen, columnist
Announcer.............................................Allan Stuart

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THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE
Advice

CAST:

The Voice of Experience..................Dr. Marion Sayle Taylor

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THE VOICE OF FIRESTONE
Music

CAST:
Announcer............................................Hugh James
Guests included.................................Margaret Speaks
Richard Crooks
Many others

Orchestra.................................Howard Barlow

WRITER-DIRECTOR:

Edwin L. Dunham

THEME:

"If I Could Tell You"

This program began December 24, 1928, and was sponsored by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. It had one of the longest runs in the history of radio.

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THE VOICE OF PROPHECY
Religion

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY was first broadcast nationally on the Mutual Network in 1941.

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VOX POP
Quiz and Interview

CAST:
M.C.'s................................................................. Parks Johnson
Jerry Belcher
Charles Butterworth (replaced Belcher)
Warren Hull (replaced Butterworth)

DIRECTORS:
Rogers Brackett    Herb Moss    John Bates

WRITER:
Rogers Brackett

This program, originally known as SIDEWALK INTERVIEWS, started in 1935.

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WALTER WINCHELL
News and Commentary

Walter Winchell built up one of the highest rated programs in radio history employing a rapid-fire style of newscasting. Usually working in the studio with his hat on, Winchell was heard literally by millions of American families on Sunday evenings. His familiar opening was: “Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. North and South America and all the ships at sea...let’s go to press!” Many announcers worked with Winchell...one of the best known was Richard Stark who was introduced by Winchell: “Now, here’s Richard Stark for Richard Hudnut.” When Jergens Lotion was the sponsor, the program was known as JERGENS JOURNAL.

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WANTED
True Crime Stories

CAST:
Narrator.......................................................Fred Collins

WANTED used the actual voices of the people involved in the crimes...the criminals, the victims, arresting officers, etc.

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WARDEN LAWES
See TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS IN SING SING.

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WATCH THE FORDS GO BY
See AL PEARCE AND HIS GANG.

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WAY DOWN EAST
Serial Drama

CAST:
Featuring.................................................Agnes Moorehead
Van Heflin

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THE WAYNE AND SHUSTER SHOW
Comedy-Variety

CAST:
Starring.......................................................Johnny Wayne
Frank Shuster
Vocalist......................................................Georgia Day

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WE ARE ALWAYS YOUNG
Serial Drama

CAST:
Starring........................................William Janney
Featuring.......................................Linda Watkins
Margalo Gilmore
Jessie Royce Landis

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
Robert Shayon

WRITERS:
Ashley Buck
Nicholas Cosentino

This was the story of a composer who worked as a cab-driver until
his music was successful.

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WE ARE FOUR
Serial Drama

CAST:
Nancy Webster.........................Marjorie Hannan
Lydia Webster............................Alice Hill
Priscilla.......................................Sally Smith
Pat..................................................Carl Boyer
Tony Webster...............................Charles Flynn
Carl Maritz.................................Reuben Lawson
Arthur Blaine..............................Olan Soule
Announcer.................................Ed Smith

DIRECTOR:
Ed Smith

WRITER:
Bess Flynn

THEME:
“Diane”

WE ARE FOUR was on the air for 2 1/2 years—from 1935 to 1938.

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WE LOVE AND LEARN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Bill Peters........................................Frank Lovejoy
Andrea Reynolds..............................Joan Banks
Betty Worth
Mrs. Van Cleve...............................Grace Keddy
Harrington, the butler.....................Bill Podmore
Abraham Lincoln Watts (Mr. Bones)......Juan Hernandez
Taffy Grahame.................................Mitzi Gould
Kit Collins....................................Don MacLaughlin
Frank Harrison..............................Horace Braham
The Minister.................................Jose Ferrer
Dixie............................................Ann Thomas
Madame Sophie..............................Barbara Weeks
WE LOVE AND LEARN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
    Also.................................................. Lilli Darvas
        Charme Allen
        George Coulouris
        Eleanor Sherman
        Norman Rose
        Cliff Carpenter
        Betty Caine

PRODUCER:
    John Clark

PRODUCER-WRITER:
    Don Becker

DIRECTORS:
    Oliver Barbour    Carl Eastman    Cret Gierlach

WRITER:
    Martin Stern

THEME:
    Original music composed by Don Becker.

ORGANIST:
    Herschel Leucke

This serial drama was originally titled AS THE TWIG IS BENT. In 1955 WE LOVE AND LEARN changed locale from a dress shop to a Harlem beauty parlor and became the first Negro soap opera in radio with an all-Negro cast. The title was changed to THE STORY OF RUBY VALENTINE.

See also THE STORY OF RUBY VALENTINE.

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WE, THE ABBOTTS

CAST:
    John Abbott................................. John McIntire
    Emily Abbott.............................. Betty Garde
    Ethel Everett
    Jack Abbott............................... Cliff Carpenter
    Linda Abbott.............................. Betty Jane Tyler
    Betty Philson
    Barbara Abbott........................... Audrey Egan
    Hilda, the maid........................... Adelaide Klein
    Isabel Kenyon.............................. Kay Brinker
    Madelyn.................................... Esther Ralston

WRITER:
    Bess Flynn

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WE, THE PEOPLE
Human Interest Stories

CAST:
Host.........................................................Gabriel Heatter
Eddie Dowling
Milo Boulton
Dwight Weist
Burgess Meredith

Orchestra....................................................Oscar Bradley

PRODUCER:
Phillips H. Lord

DIRECTORS:
David Levy  Lindsay MacHarrie  James Sheldon

WRITERS:
Arthur Henley  Richard Dana  Ruth Barth  Ted Adams
Leonard Safir  Paul Adams  Laurence Hammond

THEME:
Last Movement of Brahms' First Symphony
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WELCOME TRAVELER
Audience Participation

CAST:
M.C..........................................................Tommy Bartlett

Bartlett recruited travelers passing through Chicago's train, plane
and bus terminals and invited them to appear on the program to tell
the human interest stories behind their trips.

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WELCOME VALLEY
Drama

CAST:
Host.........................................................Edgar Guest, poet
Emmy Ferguson............................................Judith Lowry
Esther Ferguson........................................Betty Winkler
Grace Ferguson..........................................Isabel Randolph
Sheriff Luke Ferguson.................................Cliff Arquette
Jeffrey Barker..........................................Art Van Harvey
Dr. Haines...............................................Hal Peary
Dolores Dumont.........................................Joan Blaine
Mathilda Barker.......................................Bernardine Flynn
Teenie.....................................................Lucy Gilman
Bill Sutter...............................................Raymond Edward Johnson
Bob Drainard.............................................Robert Griffin

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WENDY WARREN
Serial Drama

CAST:
Wendy Warren.......................... Florence Freeman
Newscaster................................ Douglas Edwards
Gil Kendal................................. Les Tremayne
Mark Douglas............................ Lamont Johnson
Adele Lang................................ Jane Lauren
Charles Lang............................ Horace Braham
Nona Marsh............................... Anne Burr
Dorrie..................................... Tess Sheehan
Sam Warren............................. Rod Hendrickson
Bill Flood, the announcer............ Hugh James

DIRECTORS:
Don Wallace  Tom McDermott
Hoyt Allen  Allan Fristoe

WRITERS:
Frank Provo  John Picard

This program was also known as WENDY WARREN AND THE NEWS. The program opened with Wendy and Douglas Edwards doing a show...Edwards the news and Wendy a woman’s feature.

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WHAT MAKES YOU TICK?
Psychological Quiz

CAST:
Host....................................... John K. M. McCaffery

DIRECTORS:
Art Henley  Henry Dick  Dick Charles

WRITER:
Edward Ettinger

The studio contestant rated himself in response to ten questions, such as “How aggressive are you?” Then two psychologists gave their appraisal of the contestant and compared their individual answers with his.

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WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?
Drama-Quiz

CAST:
M.C................................................. Ben Grauer
Announcer..................................... Jack Costello

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WHAT'S MY NAME?
Quiz

CAST:
Starring............................................ Wilbur Budd Hulick
Arlene Francis

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT SONG?
Musical Quiz

CAST:
M.C......................................................Dud Williamson
Bill Gwinn

DIRECTOR:
Loyal Hays

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
Serial Drama

CAST:
Joan Field...........................................Noel Mills (6 months)
Mary Jane Higby (18 years)
Harry Davis.........................................John Raby
Sammy..................................................Dolores Gilen
Phil Stanley.........................................Michael Fitzmaurice
Dr. Samuel Tilden Field..............................Ed Jerome
Eve Topping Stanley..................................Irene Winston
Stella Field..........................................Frances Woodbury
Mrs. Stanley.........................................Ethel Owen
Little Rudy Cameron................................Madeleine Pierce
Angie..................................................Mary Jane Higby
Sylvia Field..........................................Joan Tetzel
Jone Allison
Toni Darnay
Anne Davis (Mother Davis)..........................Marion Barney
Tom Davis...........................................William Quinn
Dr. Wiggins..........................................John Milton
Professor Kilpatrick................................Edgar Stehli
Madison, the butler..................................Eustace Wyatt
Betty McDonald......................................Eunice Hill
Helene Dumas
Ella Ashby...........................................Gladys Thornton
Mr. Cameron.........................................Maurice Tarplin
Chick Norris........................................John Kane
Steve Skidmore....................................Jack Arthur
King Calder

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WHEN A GIRL MARRIES (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Kathy Cameron .............................................. Anne Francis
          Rosemary Rice
Irma Cameron ............................................. Jeannette Dowling
Lola .................................................................... Audrey Egan
Betty Skidmore .............................................. Gertrude Warner
Police Officer Connolly .................................. Peter Capell
John Hackett .................................................. Joe Latham
Whitey .................................................................. Kay Renwick
Mother Field .................................................... Ethel Wilson
Announcer ....................................................... Frank Gallop
          Charles Stark
          Don Gardiner
          George Ansbro

DIRECTORS:
Ken MacGregor  Maurice Lowell  Theodora Yates
Tom McDermott  Oliver Barbour  Olga Druce
Charles Fisher  Art Richards  Scott Farnworth
Warren Somerville  Tom Baxter

WRITERS:
Elaine Sterne Carrington  LeRoy Bailey

THEME:
"Drigo's Serenade"

ORGANISTS:
Richard Leibert  John Winters  Rosa Rio

OPENING:
ANNCR: "When a Girl Marries"...this tender, human story of young married love — is dedicated to everyone who has ever been in love...

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES went on the air May 29, 1939.

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WHICH IS WHICH Quiz

CAST:
M.C. ................................................................. Ken Murray

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WHISPERING STREETS Serial Drama

CAST:
Hope Winslow (Narrator) ................................. Gertrude Warner
          Bette Davis

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THE WHISTLER
Mystery Drama

CAST:
The Whistler........................................... Bill Forman
Everett Clarke

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR:
George Allen

OPENING:
THE WHISTLER: I am The Whistler. And I know many things,
for I walk by night. I know many strange
tales hidden in the hearts of men and women
who have stepped into the shadows. Yes...
I know the nameless terrors of which they
dare not speak.

The Whistler was identified by his mournful whistling of the
theme music. He never actually participated in the dramas. He
observed the actions of the participants and commented on the
ironies of life.

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WHIZ QUIZ
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.........................................................Johnny Olsen

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WHO SAID THAT?
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.........................................................Robert Trout

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WIFE SAVER
Homemaking

CAST:
Host......................................................Allen Prescott

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WILDERNESS ROAD
Serial Drama

CAST:
Sam Weston........................................... Lon Clark
Peter Weston........................................... Jimmy Donnelly
Ann Weston............................................. Vivian Block
Also..................................................... Parker Fennelly
Ray Collins
Chester Stratton

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 381
WILDERNESS ROAD (Cont.)

CAST (Cont.)
Chester Stratton

DIRECTOR:
Richard Sanville

WRITERS:
William K. Clarke Ronald Dawson

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WINGS FOR THE MARTINS
Drama

CAST:
Starring............................................. Adelaide Klein
Ed Latimer

DIRECTOR:
Philip Cohen

WINGS FOR THE MARTINS dramatized social problems involved in the rearing of families.

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WINGS OF DESTINY
Drama

CAST:
Steve Benton................................. Carlton KaDell
John Hodiak
Peggy Banning.............................. Betty Arnold
Brooklyn, the mechanic........ Henry Hunter (Arthur Jacobson)

Airplanes were given away to contest winners on this program.

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WINNER TAKE ALL
Quiz

CAST:
M.C.................................................. Bill Cullen
Clayton "Bud" Collyer
Ward Wilson

DIRECTORS:
Frank Dodge Mark Goodson Bill Todman

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THE WITCH'S TALE
Drama

CAST:
Host ................................................................. Alonzo Dean Cole
Old Nancy ......................................................... Adelaide Fitz-Allan
Miriam Wolfe

Alonzo Dean Cole, the host, also wrote these eerie stories.

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THE WIZARD OF OZ
Children

CAST:
Dorothy ............................................................. Nancy Kelly

These stories were based on the books by L. Frank Baum.

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WOMAN IN WHITE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Karen Adams Harding, the Woman in White...... Luise Barclay
Betty Ruth Smith
Betty Lou Gerson
Peggy Knudsen
Willard Farnum
Harry Elders
Rosemary Hemingway ............................................ Irene Winston
Genelle Gibbs
Thomas Hawkins ....................................................... Phil Lord
Betty Adams ......................................................... Toni Gilman
Louise Fitch
Alice Day ............................................................... Ruth Bailey
Roy Palmer ......................................................... Frank Behrens
Sybella Mayfield .............................................. Lois Zarley
Bob Banning ......................................................... C. Henry Nathan
Aunt Helen Spalding ............................................ Henrietta Tedro
Bryant Chandler ................................................. David Gothard
Dr. Lee Markham ................................................... MacDonald Carey
Marvin Miller
Uncle Bill .............................................................. Finney Briggs
Dr. Kirk Harding ................................................... Karl Weber
Mrs. Grey .............................................................. Kathryn Card
Gladys ................................................................. Sarajane Wells
Frank Fenton ......................................................... Sidney Ellstrom
Janet Munson Adams ........................................... Edith Perry
Lesley Woods
Barbara Luddy
Tim Barnes ............................................................. Eddie Firestone Jr.
Crandall Boone .................................................. Jack Swingford
Robert Griffin

RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE / 383
WOMAN IN WHITE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Myra Walker........................................Betty Ruth Smith
Dr. Torrance........................................Ian Keith
Mr. Munson.........................................Herb Butterfield
Linda Munson.......................................Gail Henshaw
                          Alma Dubus
Dad Munson.................................Bob Dryenforth
Dave Talbot.................................Lester Damon
                          Bret Morrison
Anna........................................Jeanne Juvelier
Sister Elaine.................................Connie Crowder
Alice Craig.....................................Ruth Bailey
Kenneth Craig.................................Bill Bouchey
Ruth Craig......................................Beverly Ruby
Leonard Huntley...............................Les Tremayne
Dr. Paul Burton...............................Kenneth Griffin
Eileen Holmes.................................Sarajane Griffin
Dr. Bradley......................................Harry Elders
Helen Bradley.................................Muriel Bremner
Amelia Jameson...............................Cheer Brentson
Alice Hendricks...............................Beverly Taylor
Dr. Purdy.......................................Hugh Studebaker
Dr. Wilton.......................................Maurice Copeland
Dr. Jack Landis.................................Harry Elders
                          Robert Latting
Annie Marie Templeton....................Louise Arthur

DIRECTOR:
    Al Ulrich

WRITERS:
    Irna Phillips    Herbert Futran    Robert Futran

WOMAN IN WHITE related the romance of a nurse and a young surgeon.

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A WOMAN OF AMERICA
Serial Drama

CAST:
Prudence Dane.................................Anne Seymour
                        Florence Freeman
Wade Douglas, wagonmaster................James Monks
Slim Stark.................................Kenneth Lynch
Peg Hall..................................Nancy Douglass
Fanny Carlyle...............................Louise Larabee
Emilio Prieto...............................Jackson Beck
John Dane....................................Larry Robinson
Caleb Jackson.............................Ed Jerome
A WOMAN OF AMERICA (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Emmie Hatfield............................................Irene Hubbard
Linda.......................................................Coletta McMahon
Tommy.....................................................Richard Leone
Walter Carlin.............................................Bartlett Robinson
Madeleine................................................Helene Dumas
Johnny....................................................Ogden Miles
Sylvia.....................................................Fran Carlon

PRODUCER:
Don Cope

WRITERS:
Della West Decker    Doria Folliott

A WOMAN OF AMERICA was unique in that the entire locale and motif were altered after it had been on the air. Originally it was a Western serial drama with Anne Seymour in the role of Prudence Dane. In the later version Prudence was the editor of a modern day newspaper. Her part was then played by Florence Freeman.

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WOMAN OF COURAGE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Martha Jackson, the Woman of Courage ..........Selena Royle
Alice Frost
Esther Ralston
Jim Jackson..............................................Albert Hecht
Tommy Jackson.........................................Larry Robinson
Lucy Jackson............................................Joan Tetzel
George Harrison.....................................Horace Braham
Lillian Burke.........................................Enid Markey
Mrs. Sullivan..........................................Dora Merande
Joseph Benedict......................................John Brewster
Susan Benedict.......................................Claire Howard
Red......................................................Carl Eastman
Tommy Lewis..........................................Larry Robinson
Cora.....................................................Tess Sheehan
Mrs. Humphries.......................................Joan Alexander

WRITER:
Carl Alfred Buss

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

See JOE AND MABEL.

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THE WOODY HERMAN SHOW
Music

CAST:
    Starring....................... Woody Herman and His Orchestra

DIRECTOR:
    Chet Gierlach

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WORDS AND MUSIC
Music

CAST:
    Narrator.............................................. Harvey Hays

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THE WORLD SERIES
Sports

The first baseball World Series broadcast on radio was in 1921. Thomas Cowan re-created the action in a studio as the New York Giants defeated the New York Yankees five games to three. Among the sportscasters who handled the play-by-play descriptions in later years were Graham McNamee, Quin Ryan, Grantland Rice, Red Barber, Bob Elson, Mel Allen, Bill Slater and Jim Britt.

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THE WSM BARN DANCE

See THE GRAND OLE OPRY.

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X MINUS ONE

See DIMENSION X.

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YANKEE DOODLE QUIZ
Quiz

CAST:
M.C..............................................................Ted Malone
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YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN
Drama

CAST:
Hostess.........................................................Dorothy Gordon

DIRECTOR:
Charles Warburton

YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN presented children's stories that had
been enjoyed by youngsters of an earlier generation.
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YOU ARE THERE
Drama

Don Hollenbeck and other CBS reporters described re-enactments
of famous events in history as if they were being reported by modern
news broadcasting techniques. Guy Sorel was the signature voice
and the only permanent actor in the cast; he played such roles as
William the Conqueror, Napoleon, etc. The program was originally
titled CBS IS THERE.

CREATOR:
Goodman Ace

DIRECTOR:
Robert Lewis Shayon

WRITERS:
Irve Tunick       Michael Sklar       Joseph Liss
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YOU BET YOUR LIFE
Quiz

CAST:
Host..............................................................Groucho Marx
Announcer.....................................................George Fenneman

DIRECTOR:
Bob Dwan
YOU BET YOUR LIFE (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Bernie Smith       Hy Freedman

THEME:
“Hooray for Captain Spaulding” by Harry Ruby and Bert Kalmar

Groucho would interview the contestants and then ask them the quiz questions. If any contestants said “The Secret Word” they received a bonus. “The Secret Word” was usually an everyday word such as fence or chair; it was frequently said quite by accident by a contestant in the course of the interview by Groucho. The couple who won the most money in the quiz was also eligible to win more in a final big money question. Groucho often aided contestants who weren’t doing so well in the quiz by asking an alternate question such as “Who is buried in Grant’s Tomb?”

YOU MAKE THE NEWS
News

This program presented dramatizations of news events.

YOUNG DR. MALONE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Dr. Jerry Malone..........................Alan Bunce
                                       Carl Frank
                                       Charles Irving
                                        Sandy Becker
                                        Barbara Weeks
Ann Richards Malone........................Elizabeth Reller
                                        Tommy Hughes
                                        Fran Hale
                                        Ray Appleby
                                        Jean Colbert
Dr. Copp..................................Richard Coogan
                                        Nancy Coleman
                                        Isabel Elson
Bun Dawson.................................Fran Bealin
                                        Bun’s friend
Mrs. Jessie Hughes..........................Isabel Elson
                                        Ray Appleby
                                        Jean Colbert
Dr. Dunham.................................James Van Dyk
                                        Helene Dumas
Mr. Wright..................................M. McAllister
                                        Gertrude Warner
Molly.........................................William Podmore
Eddie Blomfield............................Bernard Zanville
Doc Harrison..............................Richard Barrows
Miss Burns.................................Katharine Raht
The lawyer..................................William Podmore
Mrs. Penny.................................Tess Sheehan
YOUNG DR. MALONE (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)
Ruby ................................................... Amanda Randolph
Daisy Matthews .............................. Ethel Morrison
Marsha .................................................. Elspeth Eric
Jean Osborne ............................... Naomi Campbell
Mr. Janac ........................................... Selwyn Meyers
Horace Sutton ............................... Ian Martin
Shari ................................................... Joy Terry
Tony .................................................... Frank Ayres
Jim Farrell .................................. Herbert Nelson
Ingrid ................................................. Eleanor Phelps
Dr. Axland .................................. Arnold Korff
Dr. Kwan ............................................. Ray Hedge
Lucille Crawford ............................ Janet McGrew
Dr. Sewell Crawford ...................... Paul McGrath
David Crawford ............................ Jack Manning
Christine Taylor ......................... Betty Pratt
Marie Duncan .............................. Pattee Chapman
Mrs. Morrison .................................. Ethel Wilson
Roger Dineen ................................ Barry Thompson
Phyllis Dineen ................................ Joan Banks
Carl Ward ...................................... Larry Haines
Mrs. Hale ............................................ Ethel Everett
Malcolm Johnston ............................ Lester Damon
Tracy Malone .................................. Jone Allison
                                      Joan Alexander
                                      Gertrude Warner
Sam ..................................................... Berry Kroeger
                                      Martin Blaine
Lucia Standish ................................ Elspeth Eric
Gene Williams ............................... Bill Redfield
                                      Bill Lipton
Lynne Dineen ................................ Donna Keath
Dr. Ralph Munson ......................... Larry Haines
Mother .............................................. Evelyn Varden
                                      Vera Allen
Jill Malone ....................................... Joan Lazer
                                      Rosemary Rice
Frank Palmer ................................. Bartlet Robinson
George Fredericks ........................ Robert Haag
Sandy ................................................. Tony Barrett
Dr. David Malone ................................ Bill Lipton

PRODUCERS:
Basil Loughrane  Ira Ashley

DIRECTORS:
Walter Gorman  Stanley Davis  Fred Weihe
Theodora Yates  Ira Ashley

WRITERS:
Julian Funt  David Driscoll  Charles Gussman

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ORGANIST:
   Charles Paul

Young Dr. Jerry Malone worked at Three Oaks Medical Center.

YOUNG HICKORY
Serial Drama

CAST:
   Hickory........................................Raymond Edward Johnson
       MacDonald Carey
   Also..............................................Betty Caine

DIRECTOR:
   Maury Lowell

WRITER:
   Bill Murphy

YOUNG HICKORY proved to be the setting for a real-life romance; actor Raymond Edward Johnson and actress Betty Caine first met on the show and were married several months later.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHURCH OF THE AIR
Religion

This program was first broadcast on the Mutual Network in 1940.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE
Discussion

This program featuring Rev. Daniel Poling was first broadcast nationally by NBC in 1926.

YOUNG WIDDER BROWN
Serial Drama

CAST:
   Ellen Brown..........................Florence Freeman
   Jane Brown..........................Marilyn Erskine
   Mark Brown..........................Tommy Donnelly
   Marjorie Williams..................Toni Gilman
   Maria Hawkins......................Agnes Young
       Lorene Scott
       Alice Yourman
YOUNG WIDDER BROWN (Cont.)

CAST: (Cont.)

Victoria Loring........................................Ethel Remey
                                      Riza Joyce
                                      Kay Strozzi

Peter Turner.................................Clayton “Bud” Collyer
Dr. Anthony Loring..............................Ned Wever
Hope Wayne Munks..................................Louis Hall
Yvonne...............................................Lili Valenti
Mrs. Tyson..........................................Irene Hubbard
Herbert Temple....................................House Jameson
                                      Eric Dressler
                                      Alexander Scourby

Uncle Josh.......................................Bennett Kilpack
                                      Tom Hoier

Luke Baxter......................................John MacBryde
Mrs. Charlotte Brown............................Ethel Remey
Dr. Douglass......................................James Sherman
Roger Power......................................Frank Lovejoy
Millie Baxter.....................................Charita Bauer
Evelyn.............................................Helen Shields
Miss Todd..........................................Jane Erskine
Joyce Turner.....................................Joan Tompkins
                                      Helen Shields

Frederick Nelson................................Ray Largay
Hulda..............................................Ethel Intropidi
Nelson Davis.....................................Joy Hathaway
Jimmy Davis......................................Jimmy McCallion
Darius Boggs......................................Warren Colston
Peter...............................................Alan Bunce
Martha............................................Florence Malone
Tug Baxter........................................Tommy Hughes
Olivia McEvoy.....................................Bess McCammon
Norine Temple.....................................Joan Tompkins
Mark................................................Dickie Van Patten
Mrs. Garvin.......................................Muriel Starr
Judith Adams......................................Virginia Routh
Wayne Gardner....................................Robert Haag
Alicia Grayson....................................Eva Parnell
Barbara Storm......................................Arlene Blackburn
Maggie Sprague....................................Athena Lorde
Announcer.........................................George Ansbro

DIRECTORS:
  Martha Atwell    Ed Slattery    Richard Leonard

WRITER:
  Elizabeth Todd

THEME:
  “In the Gloaming”
YOUNG WIDDER BROWN (Cont.)

ORGANIST:
John Winters

The romantic interest centered around Ellen Brown and Dr. Anthony Loring. She ran a tea room in Simpsonville; he interned at the local hospital.

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YOUR DREAM HAS COME TRUE
Audience Participation

CAST:
Host.................................................................Ian Keith
Announcer.......................................................Verne Smith

Wishes from The Wishing Well were granted to lucky contestants on this program.

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YOUR FAMILY AND MINE
Serial Drama

CAST:
Woody Marshall........................Raymond Edward Johnson
Judy Wilbur, “The Red-headed Angel”.............Joan Tompkins
Matthew Wilbur...........................................Bill Adams
Winifred Wilbur..........................................Lucille Wall
Millicent Pennington...............................Francesca Lenni
Ken Wilbur....................................................Bill Lipton
Laura Putnam............................................Francesca Lenni
Barbara Putnam..........................................Joy Terry
Donald Putnam..........................................Maurice Wells
Arch Hadley................................................Carl Frank
Silas Drake...............................................Arthur Maitland
Lem Stacey................................................Parker Fennelly
Dick Burgess............................Peter Donald
Also.........................................................Frank Lovejoy

Morris Carnovsky
William Quinn
George Coulouris

PRODUCER:
Henry Souvaine

DIRECTORS:
Larry Hammond  Harold McGee

WRITERS:
Clyde North  Lillian Lauferty

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YOUR HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Quiz

CAST:
The Birthday Man........................ Edmund "Tiny" Ruffner (6'7" tall)
Vocalist........................................ Helen O'Connell
Orchestra...................................... Jimmy Dorsey

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YOUR HIT PARADE
Music

CAST:
Vocalists........................................ Buddy Clark
Frank Sinatra
Bea Wain
Joan Edwards
Freda Gibbson (later known as Georgia Gibbs)
Lawrence Tibbett
Barry Wood
Jeff Clark
Eileen Wilson
Bill Harrington
Doris Day
Lanny Ross
Kay Lorraine
Johnny Hauser
Kay Thompson
Margaret McCrea
Bonnie Baker
Dinah Shore
Andy Russell

Orchestra........................................ Freddie Rich
Lennie Hayton
Johnny Green
Leo Reisman
Richard Himber
Al Goodman
Axel Stordahl
Orrin Tucker
Mark Warnow
Raymond Scott

Harpist............................................. Verlye Mills
Lucile Lawrence

Also............................................. Fred Astaire
Ethel Smith, organist
Lyn Murray Singers
Ken Lane Chorus

Announcer........................................ Martin Block
Del Sharbutt
Andre Baruch
Kenny Delmar
Basil Ruysdael

DIRECTOR:
Lee Strahorn

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YOUR HIT PARADE (Cont.)

WRITERS:
Gail Ingram  Richard Dana  Bunny Coughlin
Tom Langan  John Henderson Hines  Jacques Finke

YOUR HIT PARADE presented the top popular songs of the week “as determined by YOUR HIT PARADE survey which checks the best-sellers in sheet music and phonograph records, the songs most heard on the air and most played in the automatic coin machines—an accurate, authentic tabulation of America’s taste in popular music.” There were also a few “Lucky Strike Extras,” songs not on the charts at the time. The climax came when the number one song of the week was announced…it was always the concluding number. Its identity was not revealed until the actual introduction of the song.

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YOUR HOSTESS
Conversation

YOUR HOSTESS was an interview program featuring Cobina Wright.

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YOUR LOVER
Music and Talk

Songs and conversation with Frank Luther were featured on this program.

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YOURS FOR A SONG
Music

CAST:
Starring..................................................Jane Froman
Robert Weede
Orchestra...........................................Alfredo Antonini

WRITER:
Nora Stirling

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YOURS TRULY, JOHNNY DOLLAR
Adventure

CAST:
Johnny Dollar*.................................Charles Russell
Edmond O’Brien
John Lund
Bob Bailey
Bob Readick
Mandel Kramer
PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR:
  Jack Johnstone

DIRECTOR:
  Jaime Del Valle

WRITERS:
  Gil Doud  Paul Dudley  Jack Newman
  Sidney Marshall  Bob Ryf  Les Crutchfield

*Lund, Bailey, Readick and Kramer played the role after 1950.

The program always ended with Dollar itemizing his expenses,
then signing off—"Yours truly, Johnny Dollar."

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YOUTH VS. AGE
  Quiz

CAST:
  Host.......................................................... Cal Tinney
ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR
Variety

It was on this program that Fanny Brice introduced to radio audiences her characterization of Baby Snooks. Jack Arthur played the harried Daddy. Later the act appeared on MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME with Jack Arthur, Alan Reed (Teddy Bergman) and Hanley Stafford as Daddy. Writers David Freedman and Phil Rapp are acknowledged to be the creators of the Baby Snooks character.

See also MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME, THE BABY SNOOKS SHOW and PALMOLIVE BEAUTY BOX THEATER.

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PERSONALITIES

News and sports commentators, musicians and singers, announcers and other entertainers without whose inclusion this book would be incomplete.
Ackerman, Berenice .................................................. soprano
Adams, Cedric .......................................................... newscaster
Agronsky, Martin ...................................................... newscaster
Albani, Countess Olga .............................................. soprano
Alexander, Durelle .................................................. soprano
Allen, Ida Bailey ..................................................... cooking expert
Allen, Mel .............................................................. sportscaster, announcer
Allen, Robert .......................................................... newscaster; teamed with Drew Pearson
Alley, Ben .............................................................. tenor
Amsterdam, Morey ................................................... comedian
Antoine, Josephine ................................................... soprano
Arnold, Buddy ......................................................... singer; half of team of Betty and Buddy
Arvizu, Juan ............................................................ Latin-American singer
Aunt Jemima ............................................................ character portrayed by Amanda Randolph and Harriette Widmer
Austin, Gene ............................................................ singer; “The Whispering Tenor”
Baby Rose Marie ........................................................ singer; early child star
Bain, Donald ............................................................ animal imitator
Baker, Belle ............................................................. singer-comedienne
Baker Boys, The ....................................................... singing group; Will Donaldson, Frank Luther, Jack Parker, Phil Duey; “Yo ho, yo ho, yo ho”

Balter, Sam .............................................................. sportscaster
Bampton, Rose .......................................................... contralto
Barber, Red ............................................................ sportscaster; “The Ol’ Redhead”
Barclay, John ........................................................... baritone
Barker, Brad ............................................................ animal imitator
Barrett, Sheila ........................................................... mimic
Barrie, Clyde ............................................................ baritone
Barrymore family ..................................................... actors; John, Ethel and Lionel; Lionel played Ebenezer Scrooge in the annual broadcast of Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”

Bartell, Ed ............................................................... mimic; one of The Radio Rogues
Barton, Betty ............................................................ singer; half of team of Betty and Buddy
Barton, Eileen ........................................................... singer
Barton, Vera ............................................................. singer
Baukhage, H.R ........................................................ newscaster; Hilmar Robert Baukhage; “Baukhage talking”
Beatty, Morgan ........................................................ newscaster
Becker, Bob .............................................................. gave dog talks
Belasco, Leon ............................................................ actor, dialectician
Benchley, Robert ........................................................ humorist
Bennett and Wolverton ............................................. musical team; Betty Bennett, singer-pianist, and Joe Wolverton, guitarist
Berch, Jack .............................................................. baritone
Betty and Buddy ....................................................... singing team; Betty Barton and Buddy Arnold
Beverly ................................................................. singer; Beverly Freeland
Black, Dr. Frank ........................................................ musical director of NBC Symphony; pre-Toscanini
Blossom Sisters ....................................................... singers; Helen and Dorothy Blossom
Blue Barron .............................................................. orchestra leader; Harry Freedlin
Boone, F.E ............................................................... tobacco auctioneer; Forest E. Boone
Boran, Arthur ................................................. mimic
Bordoni, Irene ............................................. singer
Boswell Sisters ...................... singing trio; Connee (originally spelled Connie), Vet and Martha
Boyd, Henry ......................... bird imitator (heard as whistler in famous “Rinso White” commercial)
Braggiotto, Mario .................... pianist; teamed with Jacques Fray
Brandt, Bill ............................................ sportscaster
Briery, Jimmy .......................................... tenor
Brito, Phil .................................................. baritone
Brokenshire, Norman ............. announcer; “How DO you do!”
Broun, Heywood ......................... author-broadcaster
Brower, Roy ............................................. singer; often sang under the name of Ornamental Johnson
Brown, Cecil ............................................. newscaster
Brown, George Frame ............... comedian; played “Gus” in team of Tony and Gus
Brown, Joe E ............................................. comedian
Brown, Johnny Mack ................. cowboy actor
Browne, Bradford ..................... actor, songwriter
Bruce, Carol ......................................... singer
Burnett, Julietta ................................. singer
Busse, Henry ................................. orchestra leader
Canovas, The ......................... hillbilly trio; Judy Canova, her sister Annie and her brother Zeke
Card, Clellan ............................. newscaster; impersonated people he quoted such as FDR, Churchill, etc.
Carhart, Ruth ................................. contralto
Carmer, Carl ................................. collector of folklore
Carnegie, Dale ......................... author, advisor on human relations
Carrol, Kay ................................. ventriloquist; dummy was “Tommy”
Carson, Mindy ................................. singer
Carter, Boake ........................................... newscaster (“Cheerio!”)
Carter, Sheila ........................................... newscaster; sister of Boake Carter
Cassell, Walter ................................. baritone
Cassidy, Henry ................................. newscaster
Cavaliers, The .................. vocal quartet; Morton Bowe and Jack Keating, tenors; John Seagle, baritone; Stanley McClelland bass; Lee Montgomery, pianist-arranger
Cavallaro, Carmen .............. pianist, orchestra leader
Chamlee, Mario ...................... comedian; played “Tony” in team of Tony and Gus
Chaplin, W.W ................................. newscaster
Charioteers, The .................. vocal quartet; Wilfred Williams and Eddie Jackson, tenors; Ira Williams, baritone; Howard Daniel, bass; James Sherman, pianist
Cheerio .................. personality on talk shows; played by Charles K. Field
Claire, Bernice .......................................... singer
Claire, Marion ................................. soprano
Clapper, Raymond ..................... newscaster
Clooney, Rosemary ..................... singer
Collingwood, Charles ..................... newscaster
Columbo, Russ...........................................crooner-bandleader
Considine, Bob........................................news and sports commentator
Cook, Joe..............................................comedian
Cook, Phil...............................................personality; sang, chatted, played the ukulele; often sang the news in rhyme ("I see by the papers...")
Cool, Harry................................................singer
Cooper, Jerry..........................................baritone
Cornell, Don........................................singer
Courtney, Diane........................................singer
Cowan, Thomas... announcer; known as radio's first announcer
Cowil, Jane.............................................actress
Crawford, Jesse.....................organist; "The Poet of the Organ"
Crumit, Frank and Julia Sanderson.........singers, M.C.'s; husband and wife team; he played the ukulele; Theme—"Sweet Lady"
Cugat, Xavier........................................orthchestra leader
Daly, John.............................................newscaster
Dame, Donald..........................................tenor
Damone, Vic........................................singer
D'Artega..............................................orchestra leader
Davis, Elmer........................................newscaster
Davis, Maude.....................................comedienne; teamed with Nan Rae
Davis, Meyer........................................orchestra leader
Dean, Dizzy............................................sportscaster
Deane, Honey..........................................singer
Dee, Carol...........................................comedienne; teamed with Marty Kay
Deep River Boys, The........vocal quartet; Vernon Gardner, George Lawson, Edward Ware, Harry Douglass
de Leath, Vaughn.....................singer; one of the first women to sing on radio; known as "The Original Radio Girl"
Della Chiesa, Vivian.................................soprano
Desmond, Florence.................................mimic
Dickenson, Jean.....................................soprano
Dole, David..........................................dog imitator
Donaldson, Will.....................................singer
Double Daters, The........singing group; Chuck Goldstein, Helen Carroll, Ruth Doring, Ray Charles
Douglas, Freddy.....................................see Johnny
Downey, Morton.................................tenor
Drake, Galen......................................personality on talk shows
Dream Girl, The..............................singer; played by Alice Joy
Dreier, Alex........................................newscaster
Duchin, Eddie..........................orchestra leader, pianist
Duey, Phil..........................................singer
Dunphy, Don..................................sportscaster
Dutton, Laura Deane............................singer
Eberly Brothers..singers; brothers Bob Eberly and Ray Eberle, who changed the last letter of his surname
Eddy, Nelson.......................................baritone
Edwards, Cliff..................................singer; known as "Ukulele Ike"
Eigen, Jack................................................. interviewer
Eliot, George Fielding................................. newscaster
Erwin, Stuart................................................ comedian
Etting, Ruth..................................................... singer
Evans, Wilbur................................................ baritone
Farrell, Eileen............................................... soprano
Fidler, Jimmy................................................. Hollywood gossip commentator
Field, Charles K............................................. personality; played the part of “Cheerio”
Fields, Benny............................................... song and patter man; teamed with Blossom Seeley
Fields, George............................................. blackface comic; played “Honey Boy” in team of Honey Boy and Sassafrass (Johnnie Welsh)
Fields, Gracie.............................................. comedienne, singer
Fields, Lew................................................. comedian; half of team of Weber and Fields
Fields, Shep.................................................. orchestra leader; “Rippling Rhythm”
Fiorito, Ted................................................... orchestra leader
Fisher, George............................................. Hollywood gossip commentator
Foster, Cedric............................................... newscaster
Fray and Braggiotto................................. piano team; Jacques Fray and Mario Braggiotto
Frazee Sisters......................................... singers; sisters Jane and Ruth Frazee
Frederick, Pauline........................................ newscaster
Frisco, Joe..................................................... comedian
Froos, Sylvia.................................................... singer
Funk, Larry.................................................. bandleader; “Band of a Thousand Melodies”
Fussell, Sarah................................................ baby imitator
Garber, Jan................................................ orchestra leader; “The Idol of the Airlanes”
Gardiner, Don............................................. newscaster; “Monday Morning Headlines”
Garrett, Patsy..................................................... singer
Gates, Connie......................................................... singer
Gaxton and Moore............................... comedy team; William Gaxton and Victor Moore
Gershwin, George........................................... composer, pianist; frequent guest on radio
Gibbons, Floyd............................................. newscaster; pioneered on-the-spot remote broadcasts; his trade-mark was a white patch worn over his left eye
Gibson, Bob..................................................... singer
Gibson, Harry.............................................. comedian; known as “Harry the Hipster”
Givot, George.............................................. comedian; “The Greek Ambassador of Good Will”
Godwin, Earl................................................. newscaster
Gold Dust Twins, The................................. singers; Goldy and Dusty were played by Harvey Hindermyer and Earle Tuckerman
Goldberg, Rube.............................................. cartoonist; famous for his crazy inventions; often appeared on radio
Goris, Albert................................................... actor; played Uncle Wiggily
Graham, Billy..................................................... evangelist
Grange, Red.................................................... sportscaster
Granlund, Nils Thor................................. M.C.; Broadway producer, known as NTG
Grant, Peter.................................................. newscaster and narrator
Grant, Taylor................................................... newscaster
Gray, Glen................................................ orchestra leader; conducted The Casa Loma Orchestra

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Green, Johnny pianist, composer, orchestra leader
Greenwald, Joe comedian; played "Abe Potash" in team of Potash and Perlmutter (Lou Welch)
Guizar, Tito tenor, guitarist
Gunnison, Royal Arch newscaster
Gunther, John newscaster, author
Hale, Arthur newscaster
Haley, Jack comedian
Harkness, Richard newscaster
Harmon, Tom sportscaster
Harsch, Joseph C newscaster
Harvey, Paul newscaster; "Good night!"
Hauser, Gayelord diet talks
Hawley, Adelaide homemaking talks
Hay, Bill announcer; famous for his Biblical readings; see also AMOS 'N' ANDY in "Programs"
Hayes, George newscaster
Hayes, Peter Lind personality; conducted interview and chat programs with his wife Mary Healy
Hayes, Sam newscaster
Hayton, Lennie pianist, conductor
Healy, Captain Tim conducted stamp collecting programs
Heatherton, Ray singer
Heatter, Gabriel newscaster; "Ah, there's good news tonight!"
Heller, Jackie singer
Henry, Bill newscaster
Herrera, Sarita singer
Higgins, Peter singer
Hill, Edwin C newscaster; "The Human Side of the News"
Hillpot, Billy song and patter man; played "Trade" in team of The Smith Brothers with Scrappy Lambert as "Mark"
Himber, Richard orchestra leader; conducted The Studebaker Champions
Hindermyer, Harvey singer; see Gold Dust Twins, The
Hiraoka, Yoichi Japanese xylophonist
Hodges, Russ sportscaster
Hollywood, Jimmy mimic; one of The Radio Rogues
Holtz, Lou storyteller
Honey Boy and Sassafrass blackface comics; played by George Fields ("Honey Boy") and Johnnie Welsh ("Sassafrass")
Hopper, Hedda Hollywood gossip commentator
Hottelet, Richard newscaster
Howard and Shelton comedy team: Tom Howard and George Shelton
Howe, Quincy newscaster
Hughes, John B newscaster
Hulick, Wilbur Budd comedian; played "Budd" in team of Stoopnagle (F. Chase Taylor) and Budd
Husing, Ted.................................sportscaster
Hutton, Ina Ray............................orchestra leader; conducted an all-girl band
Ink Spots, The.............................vocal group; Bill Kenny, Herb Kenny,
                                       Charlie Fuqua, Billy Bowen, Harold Frances
Ives, Burl........................................folk singer
Janis, Elsie........................................vaudeville and Broadway star
Jepson, Helen........................................soprano
Jeritza, Maria........................................soprano
Johnny................................Philip Morris Cigarettes Call Boy; “Call
                                           for Philip Morris!”; played by Johnny
                                           Roventini and Freddy (Buddy) Douglas;
                                           Theme—“On the Trail” from Ferde
                                           Grofe’s “Grand Canyon Suite”
Johnson, Chick..............................comedian; half of team of Olsen and Johnson
Johnson, Don..........................comedian; played “Professor Figgsbottle”
                                           in team of Senator Frankenstein Fishface
                                           (Elmore Vincent) and Professor Figgsbottle
Johnson, Gen. Hugh S..........................news commentator
Johnson, Ornamental........................singer; played by Roy Brower
Jones, Buck........................................cowboy actor
Joy, Alice........................................singer; “Radio’s Dream Girl”
Joy, Jane........................................singer
Kaltenborn, H.V..............................newscaster; Hans von Kaltenborn
Kane, Helen........................................singer; “Boop Boop Bedoop”
Kaufman, Irving...............................singer; known as “Lazy Dan”
Kay, Marty......................................comedian; teamed with Carol Dee
Kaye, Jane........................................singer
Kemp, Hal.........................................orchestra leader
Kennedy, John B..........................newscaster
Kiernan, Walter..........................newscaster
King Sisters..............................vocal group; Donna Driggs, Louise Driggs,
                                         Alyce Driggs and Yvonne Driggs
King, Wayne..........................orchestra leader; “The Waltz King”
King’s Guards, The........................vocal group; Ken Darby, Bud Linn and
                                         John Dodson; later known as The King’s Men
King’s Jesters, The........................vocal group; John Ravencroft,
                                         Fritz Bastow and George Howard
King’s Men, The..................................see King’s Guards, The
Kirbery, Ralph..............................singer; “The Dream Singer”
Kirkwood, Jack..............................comedian; “Put something in the pot, boy!”
Kitchell, Alma..............................hostess of various women’s programs
Knight, Evelyn.................................singer
Knight, Felix...................................tenor
Labriola, Tony..................................comedian; creator of “Oswald”
                                         (“Ooh, yeah!”)
LaCentra, Peg.................................singer
Ladd, Hank..............................comedian; half of team of Wheeler and Ladd
Lahr, Bert........................................comedian
Lambert, Scrappy......song and patter man; played “Mark” in team
                                         of The Smith Brothers with Billy Hillpot as “Trade”
Landt Trio .......................... musical group; Dan, Karl and Jack Landt; "Sing Along with the Landt Trio"
Lane Sisters ......................... singers; Priscilla and Rosemary Lane
Lauder, Sir Harry .......................... Scottish entertainer
Lawnhurst, Vee .......................... pianist; teamed with Muriel Pollack
Lawrence, Bill .......................... singer
Lawrence, David .......................... news commentator
Lazy Dan .............................. song and patter man; played by Irving Kaufman
Lee, Linda ............................ singer
Lee, Peggy .............................. singer
Lee, Pinky .............................. comic; known for his lisping speech
Leeds, Peter ............................ actor
Le Gallienne, Eva .......................... actress
Lehr, Lew .............................. comedian; known as Dribblepuss; "Monkeys iss duh cwaziest peepull!"
Lester, Jerry ............................ comedian
Lesueur, Larry ............................ newscaster; "And that’s the top of the news as it looks from here."
Lewis, Robert Q .......................... comedian
Lillie, Beatrice .......................... comedienne
Lindlahr, Victor .......................... health talks
Little Jack Little .......................... singer-pianist; "Radio's Cheerful Little Earful," 5'4" tall
Little Miss Bab-O .......................... child star; Mary Small
Lomax, Stan ............................. sportscaster
Lombardo Family, The .......................... musicians; Guy, Victor, Carmen and Leibert and their sister Rose Marie, vocalist; Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians—"The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven"
Lopez, Vincent .......................... orchestra leader; "Hello everybody. Lopez speaking."
Loring, Michael .......................... baritone
Lullaby Lady .............................. singer; title used by Louise King, Evelyn Ames, Opal Craven and Margaret Gent
Luther-Layman Singers .......................... singers; Frank Luther and Zora Layman
Lyon, Ruth ................................. soprano
MacCormack, Franklyn .......................... announcer, poetry reader
MacDonald, Jeanette .......................... soprano
MacFarlane, Ian Ross .......................... news commentator; worked without a script as he was partially blind
MacVane, John .......................... newscaster
Madriguera, Enric .......................... orchestra leader
Malone, Pick .............................. comedian; teamed with Pat Padgett as Pick and Pat
Maple City Four .......................... singing group; Art Janes, Fritz Meissner, Pat Patterson, Al Rice
Margo ................................. singer
Marsh, Howard .......................... singer
Marshall, Everett .......................... baritone
Martin, Tony ............................. singer
Martini, Nino ............................. tenor
Martins Quartet, The  singing group; Ralph Blane, Hugh
  Martin and sisters Phyllis and Jo-Jean Rogers
Marvin, Johnny  tenor; "The Lonesome Singer of the Air"
Massey, Curt  singer-violinist
Massey, Raymond  actor; famous for his portrayal
  of Abraham Lincoln
Maxwell, Richard  tenor
McCarthy, Clem  sportscaster; "Racing fans!"; had a gravel-voice
McConnell, Smilin' Ed  singer
McCormack, John  tenor
McCormick, Robert  newscaster
McHugh, Edward  singer; "The Gospel Singer"
McKinley, Barry  baritone, orchestra leader
McLaughlin, Tommy  baritone
McNamee, Graham  sportscaster
McNellis, Maggi  conducted interview programs
Menjou, Adolphe  actor, M.C.
Mercer, Johnny  composer-singer
Merman, Ethel  singer
Merrill, Robert  baritone
Merry Macs, The  singing group; Joe, Ted and Judd
  McMichael, Cheri McKay, Helen Carroll
Michaux, Elder  Negro religious speaker
Mills Brothers, The  singing group; brothers Herbert, Donald, John and Henry; their father, John, later became a member of the group
Minnevitch, Borrah  leader of harmonica group; Borrah
  Minnevitch and His Harmonica Rascals
Modernaires, The  singing group; originally comprised of Chuck Goldstein, Harold Dickinson, Bill Conway and Ralph Brewster; later members included Paula Kelly, Virginia Maxey, Marian Hutton, Mel Torme, Alan Copeland, Francis Scott, Johnny Drake
Monroe, Lucy  soprano; famous for her rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner"
Monroe, Vaughn  orchestra leader, singer
Moore, Grace  soprano
Moore, Victor  comedian; teamed with William Gaxton
Morgan, Helen  singer
Morley, Christopher  author; made frequent guest appearances on radio
Morrison, Herbert  announcer; described the explosion of the German dirigible Hindenburg on May 6, 1937
Mueller, Merrill  newscaster
Munday, Bill  sportscaster
Muriel and Vee  piano duo; Muriel Pollack and Vee Lawnhurst
Murray, Edith  singer
Murray, Kel  musical conductor
Murrow, Edward R  newscaster
Nan and Maude  comedy team; Nan Rae and Maude Davis
  (they were actually sisters Nan and Maude Clark)
Nichols, Red.................................................... orchestra leader
Niesen, Gertrude................................................. singer
Niles, Ken.......................................................... announcer
Niles, Wendell................................. announcer (brother of Ken)
Novis, Donald.................................................. singer
NTG.............................................................. M.C.; Broadway producer Nils Thor Granlund
Oakie, Jack...................................................... comedian
Oglesby, T. Ray.................................................. auctioneer
Oliver, Edna May.............................................. actress
Olsen and Johnson...... comedy team; Ole Olsen and Chick Johnson
Oursler, Fulton............................. news commentator
Padgett, Pat..................................................... comedian; teamed with Pick Malone
as Pick and Pat
Palmer, Olive................................................. singer
Parker, Jack..................................................... singer
Pearson and Allen............................... news and commentary team; Drew
Pearson and Robert Allen
Perry, Bill....................................................... tenor
Pick and Pat......... comedy team; Pick Malone and Pat Padgett
Pickens Sisters, The.............. singing group; sisters Jane, Helen
and Patti Pickens
Pickford, Mary............................... actress; “America’s Sweetheart”
Pied Pipers, The........... singing group; John Huddleston, Jo Stafford,
Chuck Lowry, Allen Storr, Lee Gotch
Poet Prince, The...................... singer Anthony Frome
Pollack, Muriel................................. pianist; teamed with Vee Lawnhurst
Pons, Lily....................................................... coloratura soprano
Ponselle, Rosa................................................ sopranino
Post, Emily.................................................... etiquette authority
Potash and Perlmutter........ comedy team; Joe Greenwald as Abe
Potash and Lou Welch as Mawruss Perlmutter
Powell, Jane............................................... singer
Price, Georgie............................................ comedian
Putnam, George C................................. newscaster
Q.E.D......................................................... news commentator; actual identity
never revealed
Bartell, Henry Taylor
Rae, Nan........................................ comedienne; teamed with Maude Davis
Rapee, Erno........................................... orchestra leader
Ray, Leah.................................................. singer
Raye, Martha............................................... comedienne
Rea, Virginia............................................. singer
Regan, Phil............................................... tenor
Revelers, The............ singing group; James Melton, Wilfred Glenn,
Lewis James, Elliott Shaw, Frank Parker, Robert Simmons
Reynolds, Quentin................................. newscaster
Rhodes, Doris................................. singer
Rhythm Boys, The........... singing group; originally Bing Crosby, Al
Rinker and Harry Barris, later Ice Switzler,
Al Dary. George MacDonald and Ray Kulz
Rice, Grantland......................... sports commentator
Richman, Harry................................. singer, entertainer
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<td>leader of Western music group; Carson Robinson and His Buckaroos; John and Bill Mitchell and Pearl Pickens (Mrs. Bill Mitchell)</td>
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<td>Rogers, Buddy</td>
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<td>Roventini, Johnny</td>
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<td>Saerchinger, Cesar</td>
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South, Eddie..............violinist; “The Dark Angel of the Violin”
Southernaires Quartet, The........singing group; William Edmondson, bass; Jay Stone Toney, baritone;
Homer Smith, tenor; Lowell Peters, soloist
Sparks, Ned..........................comedian; sourpuss comic character
St. John, Robert.....................newscaster
Steel, Johannes.......................news commentator
Steele, Ted..........................musician, singer, actor
Stone, George........................dialectician
Stoopnagle and Budd...............comedy team; Colonel Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle played by F. Chase Taylor and Budd played by Wilbur Budd Hulick
Street Singer, The...............singer; played by Arthur Tracy; theme—“Marta”
Sullivan, Paul.........................newscaster; “Good-night and thirty”
Sunday, Billy.........................evangelist
Swing, Raymond Gram................newscaster
Tamara................................singer; Tamara Drasin Tanner, Elmo..................whistler; his whistle was insured for $10,000
Tastyeast Jesters, The..............singing group; Dwight “Red” Latham, Guy Bonham, Wamp Carlson
Taub, Sam..........................sportscaster
Taylor, Deems......................music commentator, critic, composer
Taylor, F. Chase......................comedian; played Colonel Stoopnagle Taylor, Henry......................mimic; one of The Radio Rogues Taylor, Henry J......................news commentator
Taylor, Mary Lee.....................conducted cooking programs
Teagarden, Jack......................orchestra leader
Templeton, Alec......................blind pianist-composer
Tennyson, Jean......................soprano
Tex and Jinx.........................husband and wife interview team; Tex McCrary and Jinx Falkenburg
Thomas, John Charles..............baritone; “Good-night, Mother” Thomas, Lowell......................newscaster; started in radio in 1930 as substitute for Floyd Gibbons
Thompson, Dorothy..................news commentator
Thorgersen, Ed........................sportscaster, announcer
Three Debutantes, The..............singing group; Betty, Margery and Dot
Three Marshalls, The..............singing group; Peggy, Kay and Jack Marshall (Peggy and Kay Marshall and Hugh Martin)
Three Suns, The.....................instrumental trio; Al Nevins, guitar; Morty Nevins, accordion; Arty Dunn, electric organ
Tilton, Martha......................singer
Tinney, Cal..........................M.C., newscaster
Tom, Dick and Harry...............singing group; Bud Vandover as Tom, Marlin Hurt as Dick and Gordon Vandover as Harry
Tony and Gus........................comedy team; George Frame Brown as Gus, the Swede, and Mario Chamlee as Tony, the Italian
Torme, Mel..........................singer; known as “The Velvet Fog” Toscanini, Arturo.....................conductor of the NBC Symphony
Tracy, Arthur.......................singer; “The Street Singer”
Trout, Robert........................newscaster
Tucker, Sophie......................singer; “Last of the Red-Hot Mamas”
Tuckerman, Earle............... singer; see Gold Dust Twins, The
Turner, Happy Jack................................. singer-pianist
Ukelele Ike................... musical entertainer; played by Cliff Edwards
Uncle Wiggily..................story-teller; played by Albert Goris
Utley, Clifton..........................newscaster
Van, Vera...............................singer
Van Loon, Hendrik Willem...........newscaster, author
Vandercook, John W.....................newscaster
Vincent, Elmore...................... comedian; played "Senator
Frankenstein Fishface" in team of
Senator Fishface and Professor Figgsbottle (Don Johnson)
Vinick, Nell.....................gave talks on grooming and beauty
Wayne, Jerry.................................baritone
Weber and Fields.............. comedy team; Joe Weber and Lew Fields
Welch, Lou.........................comedian; played "Mawruss Perlmutter"
in team of Potash and Perlmutter (Joe Greenwald was
"Abe Potash")
Welsh, Johnnie............... blackface comic; played "Sassafrass"
in team of Honey Boy (George Fields) and Sassafrass
Wheeler and Ladd................ comedy team; Bert Wheeler and
Hank Ladd
Wheeler and Woolsey............ comedy team; Bert Wheeler and
Robert Woolsey
White, Joe............................. singer; "The Silver Masked Tenor"
Whiteman, Paul.......................... orchestra leader
Wile, Frederick William...................news commentator
Wiley, Lee.................................singer
Williams Wythe..........................news commentator
Winchell, Paul..................ventriloquist; dummy called
  Jerry Mahoney
Wismer, Harry.............................. sportscaster
Wolverton, Joe..................guitarist; teamed with Betty Bennett
Woolsey, Robert..................comedian; half of team of Wheeler
  and Woolsey

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A text book for college level radio students with an extensive bibliography.

An autobiography with mention of Allen's radio career.

An analysis of the techniques of sixteen prominent comedians with considerable reference to radio comedy.

The outgrowth of a lecture course, this book covers radio up to 1926.

A book devoted to broadcast advertising and the role of advertising agencies.

A discussion of the employment opportunities in broadcasting.

The story of the early days of the NBC flagship station in New York.

Reprints of broadcasts by Barnes in the "Jimmy and Grandad" series.

The techniques of writing for radio and markets for scripts.

Radio drama during war time.

Radio drama by the famous poet.

Some early sequences from the long-running series.

A synopsis of the serial drama of the same title.

Mostly devoted to servicemen and engineers but it does have chapters giving advice to announcers and actors.
A discussion of the conflicts among government, advertisers and broadcasters in the control of broadcasting.

The script of the Orson Welles broadcast as well as an analysis of the public reaction to it.

The details of radio production including hand signals, studio diagrams, etc.

A very early study of behind-the-scenes-in radio.

A discussion of the details necessary for a radio news broadcast.

A light but complete coverage of broadcasting history up to 1942.

The broadcasting career of "Cheerio" is outlined.

An early behind-the-scenes book.

This book contains articles by various broadcasting authorities of the time.

The history of Amos 'n' Andy and excerpts from their radio broadcasts.

Stories about Amos 'n' Andy taken from their radio series.

The above books by Norman Corwin are anthologies of his radio plays.

A collection of 14 radio plays from the famous series.

A collection of newspaper articles on radio by the famous critic.
   This book contains articles and plays by such authors as Edna St. Vincent Millay, Arch Oboler, Archibald MacLeish, etc.

   A mimeographed script of the program which was available from the sponsor, the Educator Biscuit Company.

   Brief glimpses of the radio stars of the day.

   An autobiography with reference to her radio career.

   A history of radio with some emphasis on the technical aspects of broadcasting.

   A game book for playing this popular radio game at home.

   Glimpses of popular radio performers as well as the major radio stations.

   A study of New York metropolitan area children and their radio listening habits.

   Radio plays as adapted and performed on the program of the same name.

   A behind-the-scenes look at radio broadcasting.
   An illustrated description of radio broadcasting with some discussion of early television.

   This book, available from the sponsor by mail, brought listeners up to date on previous episodes.

   This was a mimeographed script available to listeners from the sponsor.

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Reminiscences gleaned from years of writing a radio and television column.

This book on radio programs covers some of the early days.

A study of the economics of a broadcasting acting career.

Written by a radio station manager, this is a book of reminiscences about early radio days.

A discussion of the broadcasting field covering a wide scope.

A book about the popular radio program of the same name and its stars.

An account of Mr. Hill's career as a newscaster.

An entertaining account of the author's experiences in radio.

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This book tells of Mr. Saerchinger's efforts in Europe to broadcast major events for American listeners.

A large photographic compilation of radio history.

A social criticism of the radio broadcasting industry.

How to overcome "mike fright" and relax before the microphone.

Reminiscences and anecdotes about radio's history.

An extensive list of network radio programs for a thirty year period.

An illustrated story of radio history.

One of the essays in this book concerns radio memories.

The biography of "Uncle Don" Carney.

An account of radio today and its future.

Forty educational broadcasts by the noted author.

A critical account of radio and its relation to the other mass media.

The misuse of radio and what it could be.

An account of radio history and the personalities involved.


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