Famous Sign-Offs

INNER SANCTUM

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, good night . . . Pleasant dreams.

Sound: (DOOR SQUEAKS SHUT)

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

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.


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

THE GREEN HORNET

Music: (THEME UP FULL AND UNDER)

Newsboy: Special cxtryp Murderers in jail! City saved from deadly ray gun! Read all about it! Green Hornet still at large! Special cxtry! Paper!

Music: (UP FULL AND OUT)

THE LONE RANGER

Sound: (HOOFBEATS OF HORSE FADING)

Man: Who was that masked man?

Second Man: You don't know? That was the Lone Ranger!

Music: (UP FULL TO FINISH)
A fond and loving look back at those thrilling days of yesteryear when radio was in flower and the world was good and beautiful.

Remember?: Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!

Remember?: From out of the past come the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse Silver. The Lone Ranger rides again.

Remember?: Height: 6 feet. Weight: 290 pounds. Fortune: Danger! Whooo is it? The Fat Man!

Remember?: "Fibber McGee and Molly, Grand Ole Opry, The Goldbergs, Inner Sanctum Mysteries."

Here are many of the actual lead-ins we all remember—but think we have forgotten. Here are rare photos of the hidden heroes and heroines whose faces were unknown but whose voices we recognized on first syllable.

Through photos, scripts, and reproductions of actual radio listings of by-gone years, REMEMBER RADIO covers the full range of radio greats—the mystery shows, kiddie shows, soap operas, dramas, comedies, and news. It provides the reader with a true feeling for the wonderful mystique that kept America glued to the magic box that was radio.
THE AUTHOR

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INTRODUCTION

It all began in London. One evening, after an exhausting day of museums and shopping, I found myself headed back to my hotel room, dead tired. Sleepily, I flopped down on the bed, and flicked on the hotel radio.

Suddenly, I was wide awake. For here—in this foreign land and impersonal hotel room—what should fill my ears but _The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes_!

Sherlock Holmes—it had been years since I'd heard his adventures, or any other drama, on radio. Yet all at once I was flooded with the memories of radio—radio as it used to be in America, before we had abandoned it for a new toy—television. Radio! Those wonderful days of great mystery and comedy and variety and dramatic shows. As I closed my eyes and listened to the Baker Street sleuth at work, it seemed as though my entire childhood were washing over me. So many of my old radio friends I thought I had forgotten—_The Fat Man, Jack Benny, The Shadow, Little Orphan Annie, Fred Allen, Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy_. And with each and every “old friend” remembered, I remembered, too, the circumstances under which I’d listened to them.

I remembered _The Inner Sanctum_—and it was a Monday night once again. There, in eerie darkness, the whole family sat around the big living-room radio, chilled by the Sanctum’s host, Raymond, as he welcomed us through his frightening, squeaky door. Then came merciful relief with those two wacky neighbors who lived on a street called Wistful Vista, _Fibber McGee and Molly_.

_The Lone Ranger_, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 P.M., always meant a homework break. We’d be sitting around the kitchen table, trying hard to study, when “Hi-yo, Silver!”—it was the Ranger himself, calling out to his great white horse. “Gettum up, Scout!” replied his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, as we scurried for the radio. Homework was forgotten, as we were suddenly transported to those “thrilling days of yesteryear,” the Old West, where men were bigger than life and the villains were really bad guys.

Saturday morning meant no school. It also meant time to listen to _Let’s Pretend_. “Cream of wheat is so good to eat, and we eat it every day,” the _Let’s Pretend_ kiddie chorus sang, and we all settled down on the floor, in front of the radio, to listen to a fairy tale that would hold us spellbound for thirty minutes.

Then there were the times we were home sick from school, and a whole new world would open up to us. While Mother fussed in the kitchen with soup and medicine to feed our illness, she was tuned in to a very special world of turmoil, strife and tears. There was _Ma Perkins_ and her family
problems and *The Romance of Helen Trent*, which must have made her think anything was possible at any age. How they suffered, endlessly, and how Mother—and we—loved it. But best of all, when you were sick, was to be able to have your own radio, up in your room. It wasn't a big wooden radio like the one in the parlor. It was a smaller, wooden table model, and heavy—none of your puny transistors. For no little plastic contraption could fully capture the mystery and adventure of *The Green Hornet*. Orange juice, nose drops and *The Green Hornet*—those cured the common cold back then.

Program after program, memory after memory came back that evening in London. The big wooden radio that had held its place of honor in our parlor was not lightly forgotten. It was not something you took to the beach for a little incidental music, something that woke you up in the morning or just reminded you of the time or weather or gave you a late news bulletin. It was nothing to be taken for granted. That old radio was the heart of the house, an important part of our lives. Who can forget where they were when they heard the news of Pearl Harbor on radio? Or when Orson Welles scared half a nation into believing that it was being attacked by Martians? Who wouldn't like to be transported back to those "thrilling days of yesteryear," when the world seemed simpler, when we were less sophisticated and took such delight letting our imaginations soar while we listened, listened, listened . . .

Then and there, in that London hotel room, I decided I would construct a radio and fill it with the lost memories and lost art of a less complicated time. I would do it for all who remembered—and all who would never again have the chance to know the thrills of radio firsthand. This book is that radio. It's not a radio of wood and wire and tubing and filaments—but one of paper, cloth, print and love. I have tried to cram into it all that I felt was most worthy and popular and important and evocative. But alas, time and space would not allow me to include each and every gem that ever has been heard on the wireless. I had to be selective and therefore subjective, relying on my own memory and the popularity ratings of the late 1930's, the 1940's and the early 1950's (Radio's Golden Years) for the final choice. If one of your favorites is missing, I most sincerely apologize, for radio lovers are some of the most passionate people alive. But for every favorite that is missing, you should find another you loved just as well. For inside this radio, I have deliberately packed only the fondest memories—memories that I hope will bring back your own past for you, as they have for me.

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MYSTERY, CRIME AND ADVENTURE SHOWS

Mystery, crime and adventure shows were big with the listening public during Radio's Golden Age. Detective programs like The Green Hornet, Nero Wolfe, Boston Blackie, Chandu the Magician, Hannibal Cobb and David Harding, Counterspy were the favorites, followed by "spook" shows like The Inner Sanctum, The Whistler, Suspense and Escape. Old favorites like the movies' Charlie Chan and Sherlock Holmes and the action-packed adventures of The FBI in Peace and War and Gangbusters also proved popular with listeners. Fans took it all so seriously that they listened intently as the announcer, at the end of a Gangbusters show, gave a description of a "wanted criminal still at large and roaming the streets." They shivered in both fear and anticipation as the world's smartest detectives risked their lives proving that "crime does not pay." Mystery solving was always a favorite American pastime, but unlike reading a mystery-thriller, the listeners could just settle back, close their eyes and let their imaginations involve them in adventures they could only dream about.

radio detective QUIZ

Guess the names of the microphone sleuths pictured below, and check your answers at the bottom of the page.

1. He's fond of saying, "It figures."

2. He's always identified as a "famous private investigator."

3. He makes his living as a lawyer and goes sleuthing only at night.

4. He's not afraid of crooks—just women.

Warning!! DO NOT FAIL TO LISTEN TO THE EXCITING PROGRAM "I LOVE A MYSTERY"

CARLTON MORSE'S HAIR-RAISING, TEETH-CHATTERING THRILLERS THAT HAVE ALL AMERICA ON THE EDGE OF ITS CHAIR !!!

MONDAYS, 8 P.M. EST, W B Z and other stations of the Blue Network
Presented by FLEISCHMANN'S FRESH YEAST
Announcer: There he goes—across the street—into the drugstore. Steps on the scale.

Sound Effects: (CLINK OF A COIN)

Announcer: Height: six feet. Weight: 290 pounds. Fortune: Danger! Whooo is it?—The Fat Man!

Mystery writer Dashiell Hammett patterned radio's Fat Man after his detective novel character of the same name. J. Scott Smart, an actor of considerable size and stature, played the Fat Man role. With Sergeant O’Hara, played by Ed Begley, who later went on to fame and fortune as a stage and motion-picture star, fat detective Brad Runyon (the Fat Man) proved to be an impregnable fortress against the forces of evil. Writer Hammett had the particular distinction of having created no fewer than three of radio's leading mystery-crime-adventure heroes: the Fat Man, the Thin Man and the detective hero who had gained so much attention in a film called The Maltese Falcon, Sam Spade. Each of Mr. Hammett's characters had a snappy, convincing way of talking, and although their personalities were different, they all were masters of the tough quip. Their cynical, realistic dialogue was revolutionary and fascinating to radio audiences.

J. Scott Smart, at left, who played the rotund detective, was the living personification of the fictional Fat Man.
Announcer: The C.B.S. radio network brings you tales well calculated to keep you in... Suspense!

Announcer: Tonight, Lucille Fletcher's classic mystery drama, Sorry, Wrong Number, brought back by popular request on Suspense!

Agnes Moorehead, above, played a complaining invalid, slated for murder, in the Suspense classic, Sorry, Wrong Number, with such consummate skill, she was invited to repeat her performance annually.

The producer of Suspense, Eliot Lewis, is seen above with his wife and oft-time performer on the series, Cathy Lewis.

The success of the Suspense series was guaranteed as long as each and every tale lived up to the series' title. Every week, a half hour play was presented which had to keep listeners sitting on the edge of their chairs waiting out the painful suspense right along with the main characters. The leading actor might be waiting to be murdered, or expect an attack of man-eating cannibals at any moment, and the audience enjoyed waiting right along with them. Writers Lucille Fletcher, William Spier, Norman Mac-Donald, John Peyser and Tony Leader, among a few, turned out script after script that were masterpieces of sadistic spell binding.
THE SHADOW

Music: (SPINNING WHEEL. FADE UNDER.)

Shadow: (FILTER) Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows! (LAUGHS)

Announcer: 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 young and old alike that crime does not pay!

Music: (THEME UP, SEGUE TO NEUTRAL BACKGROUND.)

Announcer: 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 Long Walk."

The Shadow proved one of radio's most enduring mystery shows. Cold tingles went up and down the spines of every "tuned-in" man, woman and child in America when The Shadow's chilling voice told them that crime did not pay, and they believed it.

Orson Welles above was The Shadow during the first few years the program was on the air. Agnes Moorhead was his Margot Lane.

Actor Bret Morrison played the Lamont Cranston-Shadow role longer than any other performer during the long run of the series.
GANGBUSTERS

Sound Effects: (MARCHING FEET, MACHINE GUN FIRE, SIREN WAIL.)

Voice: Calling the police! Calling the G-Men! Calling all American’s to war on the underworld!

Announcer: Gangbusters! With the cooperation 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.

Created by Phillips H. Lord, pictured at right, Gangbusters actually did what its opening theme message, (see above) said it would. In the years the show was on the air, many criminals at large were brought to justice through the descriptions offered at the end of each program. The show was not to everyone’s taste because of its violence and was often severely criticised by various church and PTA groups, but it survived all the same. So believable were the Gangbusters characters that one of the regular actresses, Elspeth Eric, frequently heard as a gun moll, received several proposals of marriage from convicts who listened in regularly.

Actors performing on Gangbusters often got quite emotionally involved in the scripts they were reading as witnessed by the photo at left.
THE INNER SANCTUM

Announcer: Palmolive Brushless and Palmolive Shaving Cream present . . .
Raymond: Inner Sanctum Mysteries.
Music: (UP AND UNDER)
Sound Effects: (DOOR SQUEAKS OPEN)
Raymond: Good evening, friends. This is your host, Raymond, welcoming you into The Inner Sanctum . . .

Academy Award-winning actress Mercedes McCambridge got her start in show business on radio programs like The Inner Sanctum Mysteries. Her unusual voice made her a popular featured player on this eerie series.

. . . Your “host,” Raymond . . .
(Raymond Edward Johnson)

I LOVE A MYSTERY

The exciting I Love a Mystery adventure series was the brainchild of the same man who created the popular soap opera One Man’s Family, Carlton E. Morse. The series was about three soldiers of fortune, Jack Packard (played by Michael Raffeto), Reggie Yorke (played by Walter Patterson), and Doc (played by Barton Yarborough).
SAM SPADE, DETECTIVE

When *Sam Spade, Detective*, first hit the airwaves, its success was immediate. The radio public took the Dashiell Hammett character to their hearts, mainly because of the rich and sexy baritone voice of the series star, Howard Duff, and because of the snappy, almost “racy” Hammett-like dialogue the radio writers reproduced so well. Before long, every radio mystery fan knew Sam’s detective license number—137596—and everyone could say “Period,” right along with Effie, Sam’s secretary, who was played by radio veteran Lurene Tuttle, as Sam finished dictating his latest case’s final report at the end of the show.

This portrait of Howard Duff, who played the Sam Spade role, appeared in a radio fan magazine in the 1940’s. It showed radio audiences that sometimes the face belonging to the unseen radio voice could be exactly as they imagined.
Mr. District Attorney was a durable series which began broadcasting in 1939 and had a long ride on the radio waves. With the help of Police Detective Harrington, and his loyal secretary, Miss Edith Miller, Mr. DA was able to keep his city in good order for at least a decade.

THE THIN MAN

The radio popularity of Dashiell Hammett’s Thin Man paralleled that of the motion picture series of the thirties and forties, which starred William Powell and Myrna Loy. Radio actors Claudia Morgan and Les Tremayne were chosen for their radio roles mainly because of the similarity of their voices to those of their movie counterparts. The hero of the series, Nick Charles, was a suave man about town private detective, who seemed to prefer the gay social whirl to his private detecting. Nora, his wife, on the other hand, was keen to become involved in her husband’s cases and offered just the right drawling support to solve them before the last line of the program.
MR. KEEN, TRACER OF LOST PERSONS

To the strains of his theme song, “Somewhere I’ll Find You,” Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons, was able to find many a vanished soul during the run of his series. With the help of Mike Clancy, his trusted assistant, he found approximately one hundred amnesia victims, several runaway bride-grooms and at least one valuable pet. One can almost hear his calm, familiar voice assuring yet another “seeker” that “all would be well.” This show proved to be the longest-running detective series of them all.

Bennett Kilpack, left, played “the kindly old investigator” Mr. Keen, and James Kelly, seen with him, played his assistant, Mike Clancy.
CASEY, CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER

The four “deans” of radio mystery writers—Alonzo Dean Cole, Milton J. Kramer and Harry and Gail Ingram—were unquestionably responsible for the success of the Casey series. Each week they involved Casey, his reporter girlfriend, Ann Williams, and Ethelbert, their favorite bartender, in exciting adventures which always culminated in Casey’s inevitably snapping just the right picture of one desperado or another “caught in the act” of doing something against the law, thus saving the day for the city police.

Jan Miner played Ann Williams, and Staats Cotsworth played Casey in the Crime Photographer series.

ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

Indestructible Sherlock Holmes was as popular on the radio as he was in print and on film. Arthur Conan Doyle’s hero was played by a long list of actors on radio, including Richard Gordon, Louis Hector, Tom Courtney, Ben Wright and John Stanley, as well as everybody’s favorite Holmes, Basil Rathbone, who is seen here with his Dr. Watson, Nigel Bruce, and actress Irene Rich.
ELLERY QUEEN

Ellery Queen (Hugh Marlowe) and Nikki (Marion Shockley) seen caught up in the plot of their Ellery Queen radio script. This popular young detective and his sidekick provided young radio fans with a detective hero of their own.

PHILIP MARLOWE

Detective-hero Philip Marlowe was played by actor Van Heflin the first few years it was on the air. When Heflin went to Hollywood to become a big movie star, he was replaced by popular radio actor Gerald Mohr.

MARTIN KANE, PRIVATE EYE

Actresses Mary Orr and Mitzi Gould are seen with movie actor William Gargan who played Martin Kane, Private Eye. The show later became a popular TV series starring Lee Tracy, Lloyd Nolan, Mark Stevens and Gargan.
Announcer: Woodbury, the cold cream for softer skin and an even softer, lovelier you, presents The Adventures of Mr. and Mrs. North, starring Alice Frost and Joseph Curtin.

Music: (UP AND UNDER)

Actress Alice Frost played Pamela North through the series entire run...

... as did Joseph Curtin his Jerry North role.

Mr. and Mrs. North were the George Burns and Gracie Allen of the detective world. Pam North's talent for “coming on” dead bodies was unrivaled in radio annals. Her long-suffering publisher husband, Jerry, became unwittingly involved in her numerous adventures, much to the chagrin of family friend Detective Bill Weigand of the city police. Everything always worked out well in the end, with Pam purring her appreciation for his help into Jerry’s ear like a lovesick cat.
BIG TOWN

Newsboy: Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Get your Illustrated Press here!

Music: (THEME—"Tell the Story"—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: Big Town! Home of the Illustrated Press where crusading newspaper editor Steve Wilson and his star reporter Lorelei Kilbourne bring you stories of Big Town!

Reporter Lorelei Kilbourne (Fran Carlon) shows editor Steve Wilson (Edward Pawley) the latest edition of the Illustrated Press, radio's most famous fictional newspaper. The paper "published" weekly adventures of people living in Big Town. Steve and Lorelei were played by movie actors Edward G. Robinson and Claire Trevor during the early years the program was on the air.
Front Page Farrell was a combination soap-opera-mystery-detective show which had a long and successful airing on radio. It flitted from fifteen-minute to half-hour format... back and forth... till it finally settled down to being a plain old daytime serial. Richard Widmark (Farrell for many years) and actress Betty Garde, who played Kay Barnett in the series, are seen above.
BULLDOG DRUMMOND

Sound: (FOGHORN BLAST . . . FOOTSTEPS . . . TOLLING OF BIG BEN)

Announcer: Out of the fog . . . out of the night . . . and into his American adventures . . . comes . . . Bulldog Drummond!

Music: (THEME UP AND UNDER)

English actor George Coulouris was heard as Bulldog Drummond, the suave London-based master private detective. He is seen here (left) with supporting player Jean Muir.

NICK CARTER

Music: (FANFARE UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: Nick Carter, Master Detective!

Music: (UP FULL AND THEN UNDER)


Music: (BRIEF TEASING ON ORGAN, THEN THREE CHORDS)

Announcer: Now, another intriguing adventure with Nick Carter, Master Detective . . . presented by the Mutual Network.

Lon Clark starred as Nick Carter and Charlotte Manson played Patsy on this adventure series, which was produced and directed by Jack MacGregor.
THE LONE RANGER

Music: (THEME—William Tell Overture—UP FULL AND UNDER)

Sound: (HOOFBEATS FADE IN)

Ranger: Hi-yo Silver!

Sound: (GUNSHOTS AND HOOFBEATS)

Announcer: A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and hearty hi-yo Silver! The Lone Ranger!

Music: (THEME UP FULL AND UNDER)

Announcer: 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...

Sound: (HOOFBEATS FADE IN)

Announcer: From out of the past comes 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!

Actor John Todd (left) played the role of the Masked Rider of the Plains’ Indian friend, Tonto, for the twenty-one-year run of the show. Tonto’s horse, Scout, was almost as famous as the Ranger’s horse, Silver.
Brace Beemer, who played The Lone Ranger for many years, had a voice which became so identified with that character that he was required by contract to restrict his radio acting to that one role until the program left the air.

Unquestionably the most famous of all radio adventure series, The Lone Ranger has a special place reserved in the minds and memories of anyone who ever heard the program. Created by Fran Striker and George W. Trendle, it was first heard on January 30, 1933. The last Ranger broadcast was presented in September, 1954. Brace Beemer played the Ranger role for thirteen years and is the Ranger voice we remember best. Transcriptions of The Lone Ranger broadcasts recorded in the forties are still being played over local radio stations.
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<td>(1:00 EST) National High School Orchestra; The National High School Band and a choir will be heard on the broadcast from the New York World's Fair. Dr. Joseph E. Bddy, Mason, Gra- ham Overgard and Peter D. Thach will be the conductors.</td>
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7:30 EDT (6:30 EST) Joe E. Brown, Comedian. Will and Deming, Margaret McCormack, and Harry Somma's orchestra.

9:00 EDT (8:00 EST) Arch Oboler's Plays. Donald MacRae, Stirling Silliphant. "Operation Zero." A fantastic story of a spy who was captured by the Nazis, but who escapes with the secret formula for the new super weapon of the future. The story is set in the murder house for the world's most famous detective, Dr. Blake, and his associate, Dr. Joseph G. Smartt.

9:30 EDT (8:30 EST) Death Valley Days. Drama. An interrupted wedding, an elopement, an arrest and a perilous figure will all be contained by the surprising twist-in-the-tale, "Love Will Find a Way."

10:00 EDT (9:00 EST) Grand Central Station. Drama.

10:30 EDT (9:30 EST) Grant Park Concert. Orchestra.

11:00 EDT (10:00 EST) Highways to Health. Dr. Richard T. Paton, surgeon at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, will discuss "Children of Cerebral Palsy."

11:45 EDT (10:45 EST) Nature Sketches. This program is from the Rocky Mountain National Park. Dr. Greg's subject will be "Six Legs or Eight." An informative program may be heard on all stations.

Afternoon

12:30 EDT (11:30 EST) Farm and Home Hour. Representatives of the National Grange will be heard in a discussion concerning the activities of the organization.

3:00 EDT (2:00 EST) Sing Song from London. Variety program, with Rupert Hazell and Elsie Day, host and hostess; Gene Aurely, singing cowboy; Regan and Ann; Al Bollingon, organist, and Ernest Langstaffe conducting the orchestra.

5:00 EDT (4:00 EST) National High School Band. The National High School Band will be heard from the New York World's Fair. Dr. Joseph E. Mady, Graham Overgard, Lucien Caillet and Lloyd Marvin will be the conductors.

Thursday


4:00 EDT (3:00 EST) Sunshite Smile Parade. Variety program, with Ransom Sherman, Bill Thompson and others.

7:00 EDT (6:00 EST) Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.

7:15 EDT (6:15 EST) Matty Malneck's Orchestra.
Every Saturday morning, just before lunch, you could turn on your radio and hear the well-known “Cream of Wheat” theme song which introduced the popular, hour-long, fairytale anthology show *Let's Pretend*. Originated by Nila Mack, who also produced and directed the show the twenty years it was on the air, such well-known children’s classics as “Cinderella,” “The Sleeping Beauty” and “Snow White and Rose Red” were standard fare. Among the regulars who appeared on the show were Miriam Wolfe, Daisy Olton, Robert Dryden, Marilyn Erskine and Ronald Liss.

**ROY ROGERS SHOW**

In 1945, cowboy-singing star, Roy Rogers, took to the airwaves. Joining him on his combination songfest-adventure stories were cowgirl Dale Evans, who later became his wife, comic Pat Buttram and, of course, Roy’s famous horse, Trigger.

**GENE AUTRY SHOW**

The first of radio’s big cowboy stars, Gene Autry of Melody Ranch, like Roy Rogers, offered his listeners music as well as adventure tales. The show proved immensely popular with the small fry, and Gene and his famous horse, Champion, provided thrills and chills for many years.
SHOWS

TERRY AND THE PIRATES

Sound: (STROKE OF A CHINESE GONG)
Announcer: (NONSENSE SYLLABLES WHICH SOUND LIKE CHINESE. FINALLY) Terry and the Pirates!
Sound: (CHINESE GONG)
Music: (MAN SINGING THEME AND PLAYING UKULELE)

Milton Caniff's Terry . . .

. . . and the Dragon Lady.

DICK TRACY

TWENTIES???
PODNER, YOU'RE IN MOON COUNTRY NOW!

The Dick Tracy radio show was based on the detective comic-strip character created by cartoonist Chester Gould. Ned Weaver played Tracy, Jackie Kelk was Junior and Helen Lewis was Tess Trueheart.
JACK ARMSTRONG  
THE ALL-AMERICAN BOY

Announcer: Wheaties, the breakfast of champions, presents . . .

Voices: (ECHOING AND REVERBERATING) Jack Armstrong! Jack Armstrong! Jack Armstrong!

Announcer: The All-American Boy!

Singers: (SINGING)
Wave the flag for Hudson High, boys!
Show them how we stand!
Ever shall our team be champion,
Known throughout the land! (THEY HUM UNDER ANNOUNCER)

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

Announcer: Ovaltine presents Little Orphan Annie!

Singers: 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, Little Orphan Annie!

Annie and her pal, Sandy.
SUPERMAN

Announcer: Faster than a speeding bullet!

Sound: (GUNSHOT AND RICOCHET)

Announcer: More powerful than a locomotive!

Sound: (LOCOMOTIVE)

Announcer: Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!

Sound: (FLYING EFFECT, WIND)

Announcer: Look! Up in the sky! It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s Superman!

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

Sound: (GONG TOLLING MIDNIGHT. AIRPLANE SWOOPING DOWN)

Announcer: Cap... tain... Mid... Night!

One of radio’s best remembered daytime serials, Captain Midnight, starred actors Ed Prentiss, Bill Bouchey and Paul Barnes during the many years it was presented for young action seekers. Millions of kids sent away for and delighted in the captain’s “Secret Decoding Ring” and other premiums which could be obtained merely by sending in a dime and a box top to the sponsor. Soon after, Little Orphan Annie, Dick Tracy and other late afternoon heroes were also offering various premiums to the listening audience.
SOAP OPERAS

Every day, all day, housewives were offered relief from their tedious household chores by being able to escape into the problems of daytime serial heroines and heroes. These serials, called soap operas because they were usually sponsored by one soapflake company or another, relied heavily on the woman of the house's enjoyment of other people's problems to sell their products. Some of these fifteen-minute-a-day five-day-a-week programs enjoyed decade after decade of continual broadcasting, and women all over America would gossip about characters like Mary Marlin, Lorenzo Jones and his wife, Belle, the Second Mrs. Burton and John's Other Wife as if they were discussing dear old friends.

WOMAN'S FIRST RIGHT . . .

"THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS"

Listen to Carolyn Kramer's courageous struggle for security and peace of mind on "The Right To Happiness," one woman's search for a richer, more meaningful life.

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If you have overcome obstacles to your own happiness, write Carolyn Kramer about it and you may win $50. For details see the current issue of TRUE EXPERIENCES magazine. Now at newsstands.

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Over All Stations of the American Broadcasting Co.

Every day—Monday thru Friday—you're an important guest at a very important wedding. You're in on the excitement, the thrills, the romance of a brand new bride and groom. And your host for the big day is genial John Nelson, m.c. of the "Bride and Groom" program. Share this delightful half hour with him every day.

READ "My True Romance" by John Nelson in the August issue of TRUE ROMANCE magazine . . . the true story of his own courtship and marriage.
Listen to
"Wendy Warren and the News"
Monday through Friday CBS Stations
Check Paper for Time

Read the fascinating feature,
"Woman's World"
reported by Wendy Warren each month in
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BACK ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Those We Love
ORIGINAL HOLLYWOOD CAST
CBS See listing for station and time
Sponsored by TEEL

"It's 25 minutes of real life adventure for me every day."

So writes one woman about the "My True Story" Radio Program. "It takes the drabness out of my life... but these true-life stories are not mere flights of fancy. They are so real they help me live my own life better."

Every morning, Monday thru Friday, this favorite program presents a complete drama. Listen to radio's greatest morning show. Prepared in cooperation with the editors of True Story Magazine.

Tune in "MY TRUE STORY"
AMERICAN BROADCASTING STATIONS
THE WOMAN IN WHITE

From the pen of Irna Philips, radio’s “first lady” of the “soap” writers, The Woman in White was the story of a large city hospital. Miss Philips, in her own words, tried to show with her series that nurses and doctors did “more than administer to the sick. They served as friends and counsellors and their private lives were highly colorful in contrast to the pure white of their uniforms.” After a melodramatic day at The Woman in White’s city hospital, it’s a wonder radio audiences didn’t ask when the doctors and nurses actually found time to “minister to the sick.”

BIG SISTER

Each weekday the familiar strains of “The Valse Bluette” would introduce another episode in the heart-rending series Big Sister, in which the problems of an older sister, trying to raise her younger sibling, were painstakingly presented.
The Youngs of Elmwood were a normal everyday American family. There was Father Young, Sam (Thomas Chalmers); his wife, Mary (Marion Barney); and their children, Pepper and Peggy. Under the professional guidance of writer Elaine Carrington, the series worked its way in and out of domestic trials and tribulations, love affairs and marriages until the late 1950’s, when daytime television “soapers” outpaced it on the popularity charts.

Aunt Jenny told her many tearful tales to the accompanying tune of “Those En-dearing Young Charms” on her daily serials. In between chapters of the story, Aunt Jenny and her announcer, Danny (Danny Seymour), would sing the praises of her longtime sponsor, Spry, and give cooking tips as well.
Vic and Sade were happily married, unlike so many other soap opera couples. They lived in “a little house halfway up the next block.” Their many odd friends like the Robert and Slobbert Hink twins, Blue Tooth Johnson, Ruthie Stembottom and Jack Gumpox, the garbage man, made their home seem like a permanent party site and gave the show more of a situation comedy feeling than that of a daytime serial.

**YOUNG DOCTOR MALONE**

“Can a young medico achieve success and happiness in life?” was the question Young Doctor Malone asked its listeners each day for more than twenty years. This was one of the few daytime serials which made a rather easy transition from radio to television when women began to prefer watching their “soapers” than merely listening to them.

The Young Doctor Malone cast: Front row, left to right: Tess Sheean (Mrs. Penny), Alan Bruce (Dr. Jerry Malone), Elizabeth Reller (Ann Malone). Back row, left to right: Amanda Randolph (Ruby), Tommy Hughes (Bun Dawson), and Helene Dumas (Veronica Ferral).
MYRT AND MARGE

The first soap opera to gain national popularity was *Myrt and Marge*. It was an “inside-show-business” story of a hard-boiled trouper named Myrt and her soft-boiled sister, Marge. It would seem the program’s theme song, “Poor Butterfly,” had more to do with Marge than Myrt.
OUR GAL SUNDAY

Music: (THEME—"Red River Valley”—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: 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 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?

Music: (UP AND OUT)

LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

Papa David Solomon, kindly old Jewish provider and philosopher, spent his life worrying about his daughter, Chichi, played by Alice Rhinehart. In spite of the enormous catastrophes which befell him, he still came up saying, “Life can be beautiful!” Papa David (Ralph Locke) is seen above making a point to Logan Smith (Bud Collyer).
Arthur Hughes, above, played the title role on *Just Plain Bill* from 1932 until the series went off the air in the 1950's. Radio audiences took Bill so seriously that they would write hundreds of letters a week to the kindly old philosopher-barber of the small town of Hartville, asking his advice about any number of personal problems. The opening theme of the serial, "Nellie Gray," and the closing theme, "Polly Wolly Doodle," became as familiar to fans of the show as the gentle, good-natured voice of Mr. Hughes himself.
YOUNG WIDDER BROWN

When a woman is widowed early in her married life, how much does she owe her children? Young Widder Brown was the story of one woman's attempt to answer that question. For years, the heroine, Ellen Brown, tried to find an answer, but when the program left the air in the mid-1950's, her ghost was apparently still asking it in the hallowed halls of the NBC studios.

The Widder Brown cast: Front row, left to right: Marjorie Williams (Toni Gilman), Tommy Donnelly (Mark Brown), Florence Freeman (Young Widder Brown), Marilyn Erskine (Jane Brown), and Agnes Young (Maria Hawkins). Back row, left to right: George Ansbro (announcer), Rita Royce (Victoria Loring), Ned Weaver (Dr. Anthony Loring), and Martha Atwell (the show's director).

THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS

The Right to Happiness cast members.

Happiness, according to The Right to Happiness writers, was the sum total of many things—health, security, friends and loved ones. "But the most important," they told us, "is the desire to be happy and the will to help others find their Right to Happiness as well."
STELLA DALLAS

Music: (THEME—“How Can I Leave You”—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: 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, went out of Laurel’s life.

The Stella Dallas cast: Front row, left to right: MacDonald Carey (Dick Gregory), Vivian Smollen (Laurel, or Lolly Baby as Stella called her daughter), Ann Elstner (Stella Dallas), Neil Malley (Stephen). Back row, left to right: director Richard Leonard, Ara Gerald (Aunt Agatha) and Mandel Kramer (Sam).

DAVID HARUM

David Harum was the Will Rogers of radio soap operas. He was a kindly banker in the small New England town of Homesville. (How’s that for a “soap” town? Better even than Peyton Place.) A bachelor, David occupied himself by do-gooding and problem solving. As a businessman, however, he was as tightfisted as Silas Marner.

The David Harum cast: Front row, left to right: William Walter (David Harum), Peggy Allenby (Susan), Charme Allen (Aunt Polly), Arthur Maitland (Zeke). Back row, left to right: director Lester Vail, Philip Reed (Brian Wills), Florence Lake (Tessa Terwilliger), Bennett Kilpack (James Benson) and announcer Ford Bond.
WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

Music: (THEME—“Drago’s Serenade”—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: When a Girl Marries . . . this tender, human story of married life . . . is dedicated to everyone who has ever been in love . . .

Often called the Queen of the Soap Operas, actress Mary Jane Higby (left) played the leading role of Joan Davis on When a Girl Marries for eighteen years, as well as starred or “appeared” in just about every other major daytime serial on the air in the 1940’s and 1950’s. The part of Joan’s husband was played by John Raby.

Author of When a Girl Marries Lyle Sudrow, the show’s star, Mary Jane Higby, and Georgia Burke, who played Lillie, the maid.
The smash hit serial of the 1940's was the popular *Those We Love*. CBS dropped the show because of supposed low ratings after a short run. Irate fans poured volumes of protest letters into the network, and CBS bowed to the public's demands and reinstated the show. Fans sympathized with the difficult task the widower Dr. Foster had in bringing up his motherless daughter, Amy. When listeners got a glimpse in the radio fan magazines of the handsome Donald Woods, who played Foster, and the beautiful Nan Grey, who played Foster's love interest, their interest in the show increased.
MARY NOBLE, BACKSTAGE WIFE

Music: (THEME—"Rose of Tralee"—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: And now, Mary Noble, Backstage Wife. The story of an Iowa stenographer who fell in love with and married Broadway matinee idol Larry Noble...

Vivacious Vivian Fridell played Mary Noble in the Backstage Wife series.

PORTIA FACES LIFE

Music: (THEME—"Kerry Dance"—UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: Portia Faces Life... a story reflecting the courage, spirit and integrity of American women everywhere.

Portia Manning was a famous woman lawyer, named after Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice heroine. She was a sort of housewife version of Perry Mason. Like her fellow sufferers on other serials, Portia seemed to prefer washing out her own, as well as other people's, dirty linen in public, rather than merely practice her chosen profession in the courtroom.

Lawyer, Portia Manning (played by Lucille Wall) is seen poking her nose into an elderly couple's business.
ONE MAN'S FAMILY

Music: (THEME, UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: One Man's Family is dedicated to the mothers and fathers of the younger generation and to their bewildering offspring. Tonight we present Chapter Eight of Book 20, Christmas with the Barbours.

On Friday, April 29, 1932, the first broadcast of One Man's Family was aired. Twenty-seven years later, on May 8, 1959, the final program of the series was presented, making the show the longest-running noninterrupted serial in the history of American radio. The series told the story of the Barbour family of San Francisco. Father Barbour (J. Anthony Smythe) was the patriarch and monarch of the family. His wife and constant companion, Fanny (Minetta Ellen), was the family's stabilizing influence. Their children were Paul, the eldest son (Michael Raffeto), Hazel (Bernice Berwin), the twins, Claudia and Clifford (Kathleen Wilson and Barton Yarborough) and Jack (Page Gilman). The story unfolded in "Chapters" and "Books" and by the time the last drop had been squeezed out of the series, 134 Books, with 30 Chapters in each Book, had been sent to the binders (3,256 episodes in all).

The "Barbour" family got together for this publicity still to show their Christmas togetherness in 1948. In the center of the family portrait are Father Barbour (J. Anthony Smythe) and Fanny Barbour (Minetta Ellen) holding court for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
MA PERKINS

Music: (THEME UP AND UNDER)
Announcer: And now ... Oxydol's own Ma Perkins! Today we find Ma, Fay and Evey sitting at the kitchen table talking about Shuffles and his latest problems with the lumberyard bookkeeping.

Virginia Payne played Ma Perkins for more than twenty years. She is seen here (left) with Al Hodge, who later became known as TV's Captain Video.

"Ma" Payne as radio audiences pictured her.

Ma Perkins owned and operated a lumberyard with her friend and neighbor, Shuffles Shober, in the tiny town of Rushville Center. A widow, she was devoted to her two daughters, Fay (Rita Ascott) and Evey (Kay Campbell), in spite of the fact that they were in constant trouble.
THE ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT

Music: (THEME—“Juanita”—WHISTLED BY LAWRENCE SALERNO, UP AND UNDER)

Announcer: The Romance of Helen Trent . . . who sets out to prove to herself what so many women long to prove, that because a woman is thirty-five or more . . . that romance can live in life at thirty-five and after . . .

Music: (WHISTLING UP AND OUT)

Pretty actress Julie Stevens played the lead role of Helen Trent on The Romance of Helen Trent. Helen, a fashion designer, had the peculiar misfortune of constantly choosing lovers who almost always wound up dead, dying or simply disappearing.
Here's your guide to good listening on the daytime drama circuit. These up-to-the-minute reviews will keep you informed of all that's new on your favorite radio dramas. Keep Daytime Diary near your dial—you'll find it indispensable.

**Backstage Wife**

CAST: Mary Noble, wife of Larry Noble, one of the most popular actors on Broadway; Rupert Barlow, backer of the new play in which Larry is starring; Beatrice Dunmore, beautiful press agent hired by Barlow to publicize the play.

BACKGROUND: At rehearsals for Larry's play go on, Mary becomes aware that Barlow seems anxious to spend as much time as he can with her. She finds him a pleasant and considerate companion, and is grateful for his activities on Larry's behalf, but does not suspect that he has fallen so deeply in love with her that he has hired Beatrice Dunmore to attract Larry.

RECENTLY: Determined and clever as Barlow is, he does not know much about the solid, enduring kind of love that exists between Mary and Larry. In spite of his efforts they have been drawn even closer together. Mary seems immune to all Barlow's plans to involve her with himself, and Larry remains cold to Beatrice Dunmore's charms. Blaming Beatrice for his failure as well as her own, Barlow dismisses her. But Beatrice herself is not yet ready to admit failure.

**Big Sister**

CAST: Ruth Wayne, wife of Dr. John Wayne; Dr. Reed Bannister, John's associate at the Glen Falls Health Centre; Valerie, Reed's wife; Dr. Kenneth Morgan, former protege of Reed's; Mary Winters, a widow with a farm just outside Glen Falls.

BACKGROUND: The friendship between Reed and John, in which there has always been an element of rivalry, is badly strained over John's cultivation of Parker, a power-hungry millionaire distrusted by all the others. But when John angrily resigns from the Centre, Ruth persuades him to reconsider.

RECENTLY: Still in conflict with Reed, John resumes work at the Centre. The situation is not improved when Dr. Kenneth Morgan comes to town. This embittered young man, whose work Reed believes brilliant, arouses John's antagonism, and the tension increases when Reed gives Morgan a job at the Centre. It looks too as though Morgan is going to bring trouble to Mary Winters, who has already had more than her share. At Ruth's suggestion the young doctor takes a room at the Winters farm, and Mary finds herself falling in love with him.

**Brighter Day**

CAST: Liz Dennis, daughter of Reverend Richard Dennis of Three Oak, who—though she's only twenty-six—mothers the rest of the family; Althea, now Mrs. Bruce Bigby; Patty, the sharp-tongued teenage; Bobby, the baby; Grayling, the only boy.

BACKGROUND: Althea's marriage to young Bruce Bigby, student son of the very wealthy Bigby family, seemed like a real success story. So Liz believed when glamorous Althea, evidently prepared to be the perfect wife, went off with Bruce to the college town in the East where he was scheduled to complete his studies.

RECENTLY: Now, however, Althea is back in town for a visit—a visit after which none of the Dennises will ever be the same. For it is shockingly apparent now that Althea married Bruce only for his money, and is determined to get some that she finally provokes Bruce's father into ordering her out of his house. Undaunted, Althea starts using Bruce's love for her as a good to make him fight for money. Even Liz, who believes ill of nobody, now sees her sister as the callous person she really is.

**Dorothy Dix at Home**

CAST: Dorothy Dix is a name familiar to all of us—the name of a woman who has earned world-wide fame through her sensitive, yet forthright advice on personal relations. This new radio drama tells the story of the woman behind the name, the woman who, in a pleasant, rambling farmhouse near Greenfield, writes her thoughtful replies to the questions of bewildered people, and somehow finds time as well to consider the problems of her neighbors.

BACKGROUND: Dorothy's handsome nephew, John, has been offered $10,000 by Rosanne Wallingford's banker to break up an affair between the headstrong young heiress and the gangster, Sherman Lane. Though Rosanne seems interested in John, Lane's influence over her is very strong. Dorothy suspects that the real basis for it lies in Rosanne's hatred for her mother, Lelo. RECENTLY: In an honest talk with Dorothy, Lane reveals that Rosanne is almost insanely determined to force her mother to leave their home. It's Dorothy's problem now: should she tell Lelo how desperately her own daughter despises her?
CAST: David Harum, leading citizen of Homeville; Aunt Polly Benson, his sister; Mrs. Elaine Dilling, an old Homeville resident whose recent return has started a mysterious "Dorothy" who is supposed to be Mrs. Dilling's daughter—but isn't; Jack Wallace, "Dorothy's" fiancé; Hilda Jackson, posing as Mrs. Bradshaw, mother of Elaine Dilling.

BACKGROUND: As president of the Homeville Bank, David is vitally concerned in Elaine Dilling's affairs, because she has returned to Homeville to claim an inheritance belonging to her daughter.

RECENTLY: A secret in Elaine Dilling's life has placed her in the power of Jack Wallace and his accomplice, the girl who is posing as Dorothy. Meanwhile the real Dorothy, a prisoner in the old Dilling home, watched over by Hilda Jackson, Willy old Hilda successfully deceives David into accepting her as Elaine Dilling's mother, and—when Elaine powerless to help herself and her daughter Dorothy—it looks as if Jack, "Dorothy" and Hilda may succeed in acquiring Dorothy Dilling's money.

CAST: David Farrell, star reporter for the New York Eagle; Sally, his wife.

BACKGROUND: When his city editor sends David out on a story, he is almost always sure of getting more than he asked for, because "Front Page" Farrell is never satisfied with mere facts. He wants to know and generally finds out—what's behind the facts. Sally, who used to be a reporter herself, has the same keen-eyed curiosity as her husband, and though he sometimes tries to talk her out of coming along on his more dangerous missions, he invariably ends up being grateful that she is around to help.

RECENTLY: One of David's recent assignments centers around an authoress whose new book sensationally "exposes" a number of socially prominent people. Keeping an appointment to interview the woman, he arrives at her house just as a taxi pulls up before the door. In it, to David's horror, is the writer...murdered. The confused trail which leads David from this incident guides him finally to a society party at which a daring robbery takes place, and to the capture of a gang of blackmailers.

CAST: Charlotte and Ray Brandon, whose marriage begins to break up when their adopted child, Chuckie, is claimed by his real mother, Meta Bauer; Dr. Ross Boling, with whom Meta and her sister Trudy are in love; Ted White, Chuckie's father, who wants to marry Meta; Mama and Papa Bauer, anxious about their daughters; Dr. Reginald Parker, brilliant, cynical surgeon who knows something about Ross Boling's past.

BACKGROUND: When Charlotte, over Ray's protests, agreed to give Chuckie up, she thought she was doing the best thing for him. Nobody knew that the little boy would become the center of a struggle as Ted, determined to give his son a home and family, tries to force Meta to marry him.

RECENTLY: Finally persuaded that she owes it to Chuckie, Meta agrees to marry Ted. Trudy hopes this will give her a clear field with Ross, but the young doctor faces his real feelings and makes a fight for Meta. Meanwhile, Reginald Parker's sanity hangs like a two-edged sword over Ross's head—a personal, and professional, threat.

CAST: Julie Paterno, assistant to Mrs. Grace Dilauna, supervisor of Glendale's orphanage, Hilltop House; Michael, Julie's lawyer husband; Kevin Burke, whom Julie once loved; Clementine, the six-year-old Hilltop girl who knew she would someday find her father.

BACKGROUND: To everyone's joy, Clementine's father is found. But Julie's efforts to bring them together change quickly into an anxious attempt to keep them apart, for Sgt. Clement Arnaud is not only refuses to acknowledge the child but makes many bitter, frightening threats against her.

RECENTLY: Julie finally learns that Arnaud's hatred for Clementine is based on the lies about his wife, now dead, that were sent to him by his jealous sister while he was overseas. Working patiently, Julie convinces Arnaud that his suspicions are unwarranted, and is delighted when he completely accepts Clementine. But Mrs. Dolben's heart is set on having Clementine adopted by the Jessups, particularly since Arnold is penniless. She resents what she considers interference on Julie's part.

CAST: Bill Davidson, barber of Hartville; Nancy, his daughter, wife of lawyer Kerry Donovan; Wesley Franklin, whose return to Hartville upset the lives of John Ross and his daughter, Karen.

BACKGROUND: Karen Ross, knowing that Wesley Franklin is determined to get control of her father's factory, tries to turn Franklin from his purpose by flirting with him. Bill warns her against trifling with a man like Franklin, but Karen goes on—suddenly she realizes Bill's fears are justified. Franklin forces her to promise that she will marry him after he divorces his wife.

RECENTLY: John Ross furiously orders Franklin to leave Karen alone. In the midst of this explosive situation Franklin suddenly disappears. Ross, who made no secret of his hatred for the man, is suspected of knowing something about the disappearance, and when Franklin is later discovered, murdered, Ross is in a very dangerous position. But Bill Davidson, who has a habit of keeping his eyes and ears open, manages to save his friend and bring the real murderer to justice.
LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

CAST: Papa David, whose belief that life can be beautiful has helped many of his friends, particularly Chichi, the girl who is now like a daughter to him; Douglas Norman, engaged to Chichi; Alice Swanson, who helps Douglas run the East Side News.

BACKGROUND: After their brief quarrel over Chichi's interest in Chuck Lewis, the tough young gang-leader, Chichi and Douglas are closer than ever. Douglas now realizes that the attention Chichi was paying Chuck arose from her desire to help the boy outgrow his delinquent tendencies—in a way, she was spreading Papa David's philosophy to still another young person, knowing how it had helped her.

RECENTLY: Everyone is happy that Chichi and Douglas are reconciled, except, perhaps Alice Swanson. With one bitter marital experience behind her, Alice has been very much afraid to fall in love again. But Douglas Norman has come to represent everything she wants in a husband—and he, apparently, cares only for Chichi. Alice hasn't had much happiness lately. Will she try to win Douglas?

LORALAWTON

CAST: Lora Lawton, who works in a dress shop and lives quietly with her friend, May Case, until millionaire Theodore Blaine enters her life; Rosalind Roy, star of the play Blaine is backing: Sidney Markey, Rosalind's manager.

BACKGROUND: With Blaine's encouragement, Lora embarks on a career as a designer. Planning the costumes for the play in which Rosalind Roy stars, Rosalind watches with cat-like jealousy as Blaine's interest in Lora deepens into love.

RECENTLY: Undiscouraged by several failures to discredit Lora in Blaine's eyes, Rosalind and Markey work out a brutal plan for the out-of-town opening of the play. They mix up the costumes Lora has designed so carefully, and manage to create a clumsy effect for which, of course, Lora, as the designer, is blamed. But before the play opens on Broadway, the mix-up is straightened out. Lora's costumes are shown in their proper light and she is hailed as a success. However, Rosalind's determination to break up the affair between Lora and Blaine has reached a dangerous intensity.

LORENZO JONES

CAST: Lorenzo Jones, a mechanic who'd rather be an inventor; Belle, his wife, who may question Lorenzo's ideas, but won't allow anyone else to do so; Marty Crandall, an old friend of whom Ma is in the lumber yard she runs; Joe, the young resident; Shuffle Shober, her associate in the shop and lives quietly with her friend, May Case, until millionaire Theodore Blaine enters her life; Rosalind Roy, star of the play Blaine is backing: Sidney Markey, Rosalind's manager.

BACKGROUND: Though at first he's happy to see Marty again, Lorenzo becomes suspicious of the invention about which Marty talks so mysteriously. The admiration which the whole town—Belle included—lavishes on Marty adds strength to Lorenzo's distrust of the man. What kind of machine is it, Lorenzo wonders, that keeps Marty so busy in the workroom that Lorenzo has loaned him? Lora Lawton, working near Roger in town, makes opportunities to s him and out for the truth all along, becomes the town hero. After basking in this for a while, he turns to new food for thought: a famous author, whom he somehow, instinctively, mistrusts.

MA PERKINS

CAST: Ma Perkins, Rushville Center's best-loved resident; Shuffle Shober, her associate in the lumber yard she runs; Joe, the young man of whom Ma is so fond.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Boswell, an old friend of whom Ma is in the lumber yard she runs; Joe, the young resident; Shuffle Shober, her associate in the shop and lives quietly with her friend, May Case, until millionaire Theodore Blaine enters her life; Rosalind Roy, star of the play Blaine is backing: Sidney Markey, Rosalind's manager.

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MARRIAGE FOR TWO

CAST: Vikki Adams, who marries Roger Hoyt believing he will outgrow his instability; Roger's Aunt Debbie and Vikki's parents, who are worried about the marriage; Pamela, Roger's former girl friend.

BACKGROUND: Vikki and Roger set up housekeeping in the lavish house Roger insisted on renting from Debbie. It forces them to live beyond their means; Roger even hires a maid to help with the housework. Vikki hears in the cellar are heard by the maid too, and after that it seems no maid will stay in the Hoyt home.

RECENTLY: Pamela, working near Roger in town, makes opportunities to see him and remind him how wonderful he is. In contrast to his uneasy home and to Vikki, who is always over-tired and worried about money, these interludes seem increasingly pleasant to Roger. Meanwhile Vikki is drawn into the troubles of Loretta, her matron of honor, who can't decide whether to go to art school, or from whom she's separated. Vikki is on the side of true love... but is she giving Loretta the right advice?
OUR GAL SUNDAY

CAST: Sunday and her husband, Lord Henry Brinthope, who live at Black Swan Hall, in Fairbrooke, Virginia; Lewis Carter, his crippled daughter, Hazel, and his brilliant ward, Joyce Irwin; Florence, Carter's wife, just released from a mental hospital; Roy Kingsley, the mysterious stranger who was kind to Hazel—until he saw Joyce; Clifford Steele, an insistent suitor of Joyce's.

BACKGROUND: Everyone, including Joyce, is shocked when Lewis Carter's devotion to her is finally revealed as a romantic attachment, instead of the fatherly affection it seemed to be. It is particularly upsetting in view of Florence Carter's recent return to a normal life, full of hope that it will be a happy one.

RECENTLY: The tragedy which Sunday fears finally strikes. Joyce Irwin falls to her death from a hotel window in nearby Richmond. Everyone assumes she killed herself in remorse over coming between Carter and his wife... everyone but Sunday, whose firm conviction that Joyce was murdered is triumphantly vindicated when she helps to expose the murderer.

PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY

CAST: Pepper Young, the red-headed boy who grew up to be Mayor of Elmwood; Linda, his wife; Peggy, his sister, wife of Carter Trent; Doc Young, who hopes Mother Young won't tell Carter's wealthy, strong-willed mother, Mrs. Ivy Trent, what she thinks of her; Edie, who firmly believes that Andy, her husband, is still alive though he's been missing over a year after a plane crash in South America.

BACKGROUND: When Mother Young sees Andy, her husband, is finally revealed as a romantic attachment, instead of the fatherly affection it seemed to be, it is particularly upsetting in view of Florence Carter's recent return to a normal life, full of hope that it will be a happy one.

RECENTLY: Pepper Young persuades tough Gil and his long-suffering wife, Min, to come to Elmwood for a while. She gives Gil some money, feeling vaguely that it's wise to have him available for anything she might want him to do. Bored with Elmwood, Gil arranges for his extra-marital girl friend, Sadie, to come on from Chicago. What will happen when Min finally rebels? And what of the search for Andy, which is still going on in South America?

PERRY MASON

CAST: Perry Mason, sharp-witted lawyer-detective; Della Street, his secretary; Martha and Don Smith, his clients, now standing trial for the murder of blackmailor Wilfred Palmer, Allyn Whitlock, a willful girl completely corrupted by her association with a peculiar man named Walter Bodt; Audrey Beakman, desperate with fear that her hard-won happiness will be destroyed if her husband, Ed, learns she was involved with Palmer.

BACKGROUND: In spite of Perry and his colleague, Paul Drake, Martha is indicted for Palmer's murder, with Don named as her accomplice. The most hopeful clue Perry has so far is a glove... a glove which Audrey, from its picture in the newspapers, recognizes as her own.

RECENTLY: Hysterically, Audrey visits Martha in jail and extracts a promise that Martha will not reveal that Audrey, too, was being blackmailed by Palmer, and can testify to Martha's innocence, unless there is no other way for Martha to save herself. But is anyone safe while Allyn Whitlock is still at large?

PORTIA FACES 'LIFE

CAST: Portia Manning, a lawyer, whose heart-breaking present assignment is the defense of her husband, Walter, who stands accused of the murder of Joan Ward; Clint Morley, the district attorney whose admiration for Portia leads him to press for Walter's conviction; Dickie, Portia's son, who was forced to reveal evidence which he knows helped build the case against Walter; Connie Abbott, a waitress who owes Portia a debt of gratitude, and pays it by trying to clear Walter.

BACKGROUND: As circumstantial evidence piles up around Walter, even Murray Lathrop, the lawyer with whom Portia is working, decides his client is guilty and withdraws from the case.

RECENTLY: Connie Abbott knows that if Nick Evans can be persuaded, or paid, to tell the truth Walter will be out of danger, for Nick's story can prove that Steve Ward, the dead woman's husband, has no alibi for the time of the murder. But can Connie and Kathy Baker raise the five hundred dollars without which Nick will not reveal what he knows?

RIGHT TO HAPPINESS

CAST: Carolyn Kramer, divorced from Dwight Kramer, who has been granted custody of their son, Skippy; lawyer Miles Nelson, Carolyn's fiancé, who is running for Governor; Constance Waterfield, once Carolyn's good friend, now Dwight's wife; Dr. Dick Campell, Carolyn's former suitor; Annette Thorpe, powerful head of the newspaper chain backing Miles's candidacy.

BACKGROUND: Miles, after beginning a brilliant fight on Carolyn's behalf in the custody battle over Skippy, was forced to turn it over to his partner when a crisis in his political party called him to the state capital. Though Carolyn knows his presence might have made a difference, she feels that he deserted her when she needed him.

RECENTLY: Carolyn's resentment and fear for the future are intensified when, on Miles's return, she sees that Annette Thorpe's claims on him have become powerful. Losing hope that he will succeed in getting the custody decision reversed, Carolyn forms a plan to take Skippy and flee the court's jurisdiction. It's an unsafe scheme, but Carolyn is too upset to see how foolishly she's acting.
ROAD OF LIFE

CAST: Dr. Jim Brent, who does not suspect that his wife, just returned to him and his daughter Janey after a year-long absence, is not the real "Coral Brent" but an impostor; Beth Lambert, the actress trained to pose as "Coral" in a gang that wants information about Jim's important work at Wheelock Hospital; Frank Dana, a newspaperman who is suspicious of the story Beth tells to explain Coral's absence.

BACKGROUND: Though Beth's mission gets accepted a promising new job in an advertisement; Frank Dana, a newspaperman, who is always Helen's enemy; her maid Francine, whose association with the sinister Karl Dorn involves her in Carroll's murder.

BACKGROUND: Found in the poster; Beth Lambert, the actress trained to present as "Coral Brent" but an impostor; Frank Dana has sent a man to Europe to investigate her background. His suspicions gain strength when he learns of a meeting between Beth and Rockwell, who is now pretty sure that he is being deceived and comes to check on Beth. Time is what Beth needs . . . time enough to gain Jim's confidence and tell him the truth.

ROMANCE OF HELEN TRENT

CAST: Helen Trent, Hollywood designer, fighting for her life against the charge that she murdered producer Rex Carroll; Gil Whitney, resourceful lawyer, working desperately for Helen because he believes her innocent—and loves her; Cynthia Swanson, always Helen's enemy; her maid Francine, whose association with the sinister Karl Dorn involves her in Carroll's murder.

BACKGROUND: Found in Carroll's apartment alone with his dead body. Helen's explanation that he was dead when she arrived makes no impression on the police.

BACKGROUND: Having made room for Helen because he believes her innocent, and loves her; Cynthia Swanson, always Helen's enemy; her maid Francine, whose association with the sinister Karl Dorn involves her in Carroll's murder.

BACKGROUND: Still without a memory, Barbara makes history in Springdale, for at the last minute his assistant, Jane Springham, decides to go along. Some time later Jane returns, and frankly tells Rosemary that she loves Bill. However, when she told him so when they were alone in New York, he insisted that she go back to Springdale.

BACKGROUND: Completely convinced of Bill's love, Rosemary joyfully hires him to help her return to his way to join him. But there is no Bill to meet her, and since she can't seem to contact his office, she spends a frantic time searching for him before he finally finds her. Sent off at the last minute on an urgent out-of-town deal, he made arrangements to have her met, which misfired. But now they are together in the luxurious apartment Bill's boss found for them, and eagerly embark on an exciting new phase of their marriage.

SECOND MRS. BURTON

CAST: Terry Burton, whose husband Stan is a merchant in Dickson; Barbara Wright, who is hurt in a railway crash on her way to the Burton's; the strange traveling companion who steals her purse, and her identity, and whose real name is Helene Gruner.

BACKGROUND: Having made room in their home for Barbara at the request of Terry's father, the Burtons welcome Helene . . . unaware that the real Barbara is fighting amnesia in a nearby town. But almost once Helene behaves oddly; she is tough, evasive, and steals jewelry from Terry and merchandise from the store.

BACKGROUND: Seeing Laurel's happiness threatened, Stella sacrifices her own principles against the gang, and tries to warn Mrs. Grosvenor against Gordon. But the deluded woman goes ahead with plans to marry the smooth gentleman who—as Stella fears—is merely after the Grosvenor money.

BACKGROUND: Though Stella can't destroy Mrs. Grosvenor's faith in Crale, she can work to save Laurel's marriage from Mercedes Crale's obvious determination to break it up. Then one of Crale's agents double-crosses him, stealing some securities which Mrs. Grosvenor planned to give to Crale to invest in her. Stella sees that the Crale plot is even worse than she suspected. Fortunately, Dick is now on her side—but, even together, can they save his mother?
CAST: Nora Drake, a nurse, who is trying to help lawyer Charles Dabbs save his career from the after-effects of the death of Big John Morley; Tom, Morley's vindictive son; Suzanne, the sensitive young refugee befriended by Nora, in love with Charles, but persuaded by Tom to become his ally; George Stewart, Charles's brother, who makes it possible for Tom to fulfill his threat against Charles; Dorothy, George's wife.

BACKGROUND: Believing his father killed himself to avoid a case Charles was building against him, Tom is delighted when he finds evidence that enables him to bring suit against George for forgery. Charles and Dorothy pool all their cash for George's bail . . . which makes it grim for them when he disappears.

RECENTLY: In a characteristic reversal of feeling, George decides he has injured his brother and must make some restitution. He broods over what it shall be, and finally appears one day in Tom's hotel room, determined to make him pay for Charles's suffering. Shocked, Tom realizes that he is facing an enemy intent on murder.

CAST: Wendy Warren, newspaperwoman; Mark Douglas, who hoped to marry Wendy when his estranged wife Nona divorced him; Aunt Dorrie, who kept house for Wendy's father until he went to a sanitarium to recuperate from a heart attack; Don Smith, new managing editor on Wendy's paper.

BACKGROUND: The Douglas divorce is almost under way when Nona seeks a meeting with Wendy, to tell her that she has discovered she is going to have a baby and has decided, in spite of their past troubles, to try to make a go of her marriage to Mark.

CAST: Joan Davis, who learns that her husband, Harry, has not really recovered from a recent loss of memory; Terry McDonough, who knew Harry while he was ill in New York, and comes to Beechwood to warn him that Angie, the woman to whom he became engaged during his spell of amnesia, has not given him up; Anne Dunn, who hates Joan, and hopes to make her suffer by hiring Angie to work at her hotel.

BACKGROUND: The separation between Anne and Jerry, at first considered a temporary one, stretches on and on until Anne, realizing that their marriage is hanging by a thread, makes a pride-destroying trip to New York to attempt reconciliation.

RECENTLY: One thing is plain when Anne and Jerry meet. They still love each other. But over plans for the future they clash. Knowing that Lucia Standish's influence will be fatal, Anne insists that Jerry resign from the Institute and return to Three Oaks. But Jerry cannot understand her reason. Blistered by the glare of his big job, he refuses to leave, not realizing that more and more Lucia Standish is running his life.

CAST: Anne Malone, superintendent of the Dineen Clinic in Three Oaks, who is separated from her husband, Dr. Jerry Malone; Sam Williams, an industrialist, and Gene, his son, both attracted to Anne; Lucia Standish, under whose influence Jerry has always lived; Dorothy, Jerry's friend, who tries to warn him against Charles; Stangly, who keeps house for Wendy's father until he went to a sanitarium to recuperate from his efforts to keep Angie's presence in town.

BACKGROUND: Though Joan now knows that Harry's love for her is all he actually recalls from his past life, she hopes the future will bring complete memory back to him. She has not been told about Angie's appearance in town.

RECENTLY: Knowing that Angie is obsessed with the desire to get Harry back, and that Anne Dunn will help her, Terry thinks perhaps Joan should be told, so that she will be prepared for whatever shocking scenes she must go through. Harry, almost desperate, proceeds from his efforts to keep Angie's presence from Joan, decides to tell her, but before he can do it, Joan—who has been strangely ill lately—collapses.
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*WGIR—Buffalo, N. Y.

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Weekly dramatic anthology shows were popular prime-time features during radio's heyday. Adaptations from the great classics of the stage, novel and motion picture were given first rate showcasing. Some of these programs, like Lux Radio Theatre, The Screen Guild Players, The Ford Theatre and Studio One, used name stars of the silver screen and theater in leading roles, while others, like First Nighter, The Columbia Workshop and The Mercury Theatre, depended on a company of regular radio actors working in repertory.

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LUX RADIO THEATRE

Music: (UP AND UNDER)


Hollywood had its moment on radio each week, when Lux soap presented hour-long adaptations of screen plays, occasionally using the original stars of the films being presented. Monday evening became the “night to stay in” and “listen to Lux,” a phenomenally popular program. If you had missed a particular movie on the screen or wanted to enjoy an old favorite again, Lux Radio Theatre was a must.

Irene Dunne, James Hilton and Frank Goss were heard on a 1947 Lux Radio Theatre broadcast.

William Bendix, Ann Blyth and Robert Cummings are seen above, standing in back of the CBS Lux Radio Theatre “Oscar,” the metal stand provided for nervous performers to grip.

Bouncy Betty Hutton, seen above after a Radio Theatre broadcast, was also a frequent performer on the show in the 1940’s.
Actress-swimmer Esther Williams and actor-song-and-dance man Van Johnson, both of the MGM lot, are seen above with William Keighley who replaced C. B. DeMille as the show’s host.

Popular Jimmy Stewart made many appearances on the *Lux* show.

Motion picture director Cecil B. De Mille was the host of the *Lux Radio Theatre* during the first several years the show was on the air.

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.
THEATRE GUILD OF THE AIR

This advertisement, which appeared in a radio fan magazine in 1948, indicates the big buildup radio fans were given for the broadcasts of plays and players in those years. The Theatre Guild of the Air, which was indeed presented by the Theatre Guild, presented name stars in successful Broadway plays.

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FIRST NIGHTER

Arriving at “the little theater off Times Square,” Mr. First Nighter was ushered to his seat moments before the curtain rose. He looked at his program and acted surprised that Barbara Luddy was once again “appearing” in an original half-hour play at the imaginary theater. During the “intermission,” at which time a commercial for Campana Balm or some other product was heard about, ushers would call out, “Smoking in the downstairs and outer lobby only, please.” The format was successful enough to give the series an unprecedented twenty-four-year engagement which began in 1929 and continued until 1953, making it the longest-running anthology series in radio history.

Barbara Luddy and Les Tremayne, co-stars at “the little theater” from 1936 to 1942. Actually the program originated first from Chicago and later from Los Angeles and never even got close to New York’s Times Square.

In 1943, Olan Soule took over co-star billing from Les Tremayne and appeared with Miss Luddy until the program left the air in 1953.
Cashing in on the *Lux Radio Theatre*'s popularity, the *Screen Guild Players* presented Hollywood stars in radio adaptations of screen plays. Each show was a half hour long, and often gave movie stars a chance to play roles they missed out on on the "silver screen." Roger Pryor (seen above, left) was MC of the series. Movie favorites Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart (above, right) were frequent guests.

**FAMILY THEATRE**

Father Patrick Peyton got together with several Hollywood friends and decided what radio needed was a decent family type of dramatic series—a series which would present Hollywood and Broadway stars in good, wholesome plays by authors like James M. Barrie. The radio audience agreed, and the show was a hit.

Father Peyton is seen here with two of his many friends, Charles Boyer and Ethel Barrymore.

Loretta Young was a firm supporter of Father Peyton's family show. The motion-picture star is seen above with Father Peyton himself.
GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Sound: (TRAIN)

Announcer: As a bullet seeks its target, shining rails in every part of our great nation are aimed at Grand Central Station, heart of the country’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 2½-mile tunnel, which burrows beneath the glitter and swank of Park Avenue and then . . .

Sound: (TRAIN COMING INTO A STATION, HALTING, STEAM COMING FROM THE ENGINE)

Announcer: Grand Central Station! . . . crossroads of a million private lives.

The stirring introduction to Grand Central Station, seen above, signaled the beginning of the popular half-hour anthology series, which each week told a different story of people arriving in and leaving the big city. At right, producer Martin Horrell is seen with actress Neva Patterson, a frequent performer on the show.

CAVALCADE OF AMERICA

Each week American history was given a fair shake on radio when Cavalcade of America presented everything from George Washington chopping down the cherry tree to Woodrow Wilson’s formation of the League of Nations.
MAYOR OF THE TOWN

The Mayor of the Town series was an effective treatment of the life-in-small-town-America theme. The Mayor, his housekeeper, Marilly, and his nephew, Butch, were no more than running devices for the stories told each week of the citizens of the Mayor's town. It was the Mayor who had to find the weekly solution to the citizens' problems before the end of each program. Lionel Barrymore (seen at left) played the Mayor in a role similar to his Dr. Gillespie part in the Dr. Kildare motion-picture series. Even the Mayor's housekeeper, Marilly, played by Agnes Moorehead, was not unlike Gillespie's nurse, Molly Bird.

STAGE DOOR CANTEEN

In 1942, to "offer support to the boys in uniform," Stage Door Canteen was created. The series was hosted by Bert Lytell (right), and countless stars made guest appearances in skits, plays and musical interludes for the benefit of the nation's servicemen. The program made everyone feel that he was doing his part for the war effort by merely listening to the show.
The weekly *Dr. Christian* program, which starred Jean Hersholt (right) as the good small-town doctor, and Rosemary De Camp (below) as his nurse, Judy, was the “amateur hour” of the dramatic serials. Listeners were encouraged to send in original scripts for the show, and prizes were awarded to those scripts the judges chose for top honors at the end of the season.
HELEN HAYES THEATRE

Helen Hayes at her CBS mike.

Helen Hayes, First Lady of the American Theater, starred in a dramatic anthology radio program, presenting adaptations of famous plays. Most of Miss Hayes' stage successes were repeated on the show for those who hadn't been fortunate enough to see them on Broadway.

COLUMBIA WORKSHOP

Orson Welles, Betty Garde, Ray Collins, director William N. Robeson and poet Archibald MacLeish are seen above preparing a Workshop production for airing. The Columbia Workshop series was a highly respected anthology of experimental plays written expressly for radio. Authors were unknowns as well as established writers like William Saroyan, Archibald MacLeish, Norman Corwin and Ambrose Bierce.
MERCURY THEATRE

A forerunner of the Workshop series was Orson Welles' Mercury Theatre of the Air. Like the Workshop show, the Mercury Theatre presented experimental works, as well as adaptations of classics like Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights. When, on October 30, 1938, the group presented its documentary-style drama "The War of the Worlds," about Martians invading the earth, many listeners thought it was the real thing. The article from the New York Times reprinted here shows just how real the whole thing seemed to be.

Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact

Many Flee Homes to Escape 'G. Mars' Pl.'

New York, Monday, October 31, 1938.

A wave of mass hysteria seized thousands of radio listeners throughout the nation between 8:15 and 9:30 o'clock last night when a broadcast of a dramatization of H. G. Wells's fantasy, "The War of the Worlds," led thousands to believe that an interplanetary conflict had started with invading Martians spreading wide death and destruction in New Jersey and New York.

The broadcast, which disrupted households, interrupted religious services, created traffic jams and clogged communications systems, was made by Orson Welles, who as the radio character, "The Shadow," used to give "the creeps" to countless child listeners. This time at least a score of adults required medical treatment for shock and hysteria.

In Newark, in a single block at Heddon Terrace and Hawthorne Avenue, more than twenty families rushed out of their houses with wet handkerchiefs and towels over their faces to flee from what they believed was to be a gas raid. Some and radio stations here and in other cities of the United States and Canada seeking advice on protective measures against the raids.

The program was produced by Mr. Welles and the Mercury Theatre on the Air over station WABC and the Columbia Broadcasting System's coast-to-coast network, from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The radio play, as presented, was to simulate a regular radio program with a "break-in" for the material of the play. The radio listeners, apparently, missed or did not listen to the introduction, which was: "The Columbia Broadcasting System and its affiliated stations present Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre on the Air in 'The War of the Worlds' by H. G. Wells."

They also failed to associate the program with the newspaper listing of the program, announced as "Today: 8:00-9:00—Play: H. G. Wells's 'War of the Worlds'—WABC." They ignored three additional announcements made during the broadcast emphasizing its fictional nature.
Bulbsnatching "says Sen. Claghorn "is just a YANK-EE trick."

PHILCO invites you to listen to Bing Crosby!

RADIO STARS SELL PRODUCTS
COMEDY, VARIETY AND MUSICAL SHOWS

Most of the “big names” of the world of entertainment had weekly variety or musical radio shows in the 1930’s and 1940’s. Old favorites like Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Eddie Cantor and Nelson Eddy became stars of “the stage, screen—and radio.” Performers like Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Kate Smith, Fibber McGee and Molly, the Happiness Boys, the A and P Gypsies, Joe Penner (with his “Wanna buy a duck?” and “You nasty man!”) and Amos and Andy were, however, first and foremost radio stars. They went on to other fields of endeavor only after achieving stardom via the airwaves.
THE JACK BENNY PROGRAM

A Sunday night ritual for radio devotees was listening to The Jack Benny Program. The perpetually thirty-nine-year-old Benny’s “cheapness,” his pet bear, Carmichael, who ate the gas man and who was kept locked in Benny’s basement, and his “feud” with comedian Fred Allen were just a few of the show’s running gags. Benny began his broadcasting career on The Ed Sullivan Show on May 2, 1931, and earned himself considerable attention. His own show on NBC was the result, and he became a permanent institution on radio for some twenty-five years thereafter.

This publicity still for The Jack Benny Program shows Jack in his old Maxwell. Sound effects for the broken-down buggy were provided by actor Mel Blanc. Rochester is in the driver’s seat. They’re pulling up in front of tightfisted Benny’s private money vault.
One of the most popular characters on the Benny show was his valet, Rochester, seen here (left) with Jack. Rochester was played by Eddie Anderson.

Phil Harris, Eddie “Rochester” Anderson, Mary Livingstone and Don Wilson (above), seen here with Jack, were regulars on The Jack Benny Program.

The entire cast of The Jack Benny Program listen while Jack gives his rendition of “Love in Bloom,” the show’s theme song.
Bob Hope's comedy writers were the best in the business. Here Mr. Hope pays tribute to them by kissing his script before showtime.
Each week, when Skinnay Ennis' band played Bob's theme song, "Thanks for the Memory," fans knew they were in for a solid hour of fast-paced, laugh-filled comedy by the master of the quick-quipped, double-entendre one-liners, old "ski-nose" Hope himself. Hope entered radio in 1934, after a successful stage appearance in the Ziegfeld Follies, and became a national celebrity. He went on to become a major motion-picture and television star as well.

The Bob Hope Pepsodent program cast go over their scripts before "airtime." Left to right, sitting: Cobina (Elvira Allman), Brenda (Blanche Stewart), writer Al Josefsberg, producer Bill Lawrence and announcer Bill Goodwin. Standing from left to right: Jerry Colonna, sound-effects man Walter Snow, and engineer Al Capstaff.

The Bob Hope Show "on the air." Once the red light signaled that they were "on," the Hope cast was all business.
FRED ALLEN PROGRAM

The Fred Allen Show had its radio premiere on October 23, 1932, and ran for fifteen years thereafter. One of the funnier routines on the show was "The Workshop Players" skits, which were takeoffs on the dramatic anthology programs that were all the vogue in the 1930's and 1940's. Other equally funny features of the program were "The Average Man's Round Table," which mocked radio discussion programs, "People You Don't Expect to Meet," "The March of Trivia" and, of course, "Allen's Alley." Many later famous stars got their first regular jobs on the Allen show, among them Frank Sinatra, Connie Haines, Bob Eberly, Beatrice Kaye, Garry Moore and Charles Cantor (who later became known as Clifton Finnegan on Duffy's Tavern).

One of the longest standing gags in show business was the much-publicized "feud" between Fred Allen and Jack Benny. Actually they were close friends during their long radio careers.
Fred's Thanksgiving turkey looks a bit skimpy, but the jokes on his show never were. Nothing was ever too sacred if Allen's brilliantly satirical mind decided it was good for a laugh.

The most popular feature on Fred Allen's comedy program was the "Allen's Alley" segment of the show. Above, Allen is seen interviewing the inhabitants of "the alley": Senator Claghorn (Kenny Delmar), Mrs. Nussbaum (Minerva Pious), Ajax Cassidy (Peter Donald) and Titus Moody (Parker Fennelly).
The popular comedy team of Jim and Marion Jordan enjoyed a prosperous and fun-filled career on radio as Fibber McGee and Molly.

Fibber McGee and Molly lived at 79 Wistful Vista, and their house was the meeting place of some of radio’s most unforgettable characters: the Great Gildersleeve (Hal Perry), Mayor LaTrivia (Gale Gordon), the Old-Timer (Cliff Arquette), Doc Gamble (Arthur Q. Bryan) and Wallace Whimple, the bird lover (Bill Thompson) were just a few. The entire nation held their breaths when McGee went to his front closet to get one of his guest’s coats. They knew he would inevitably end up under the pile of junk which always cluttered that famous closet.
Bandleader Ted Weems led the Fibber McGee and Molly show orchestra for many years. He is seen above with the cast during a broadcast.

No one on the show thought much of Fibber's (Jim Jordan) "smart quips and witty sayings," but millions of listeners at home found his brand of corn just what the doctor ordered.

Marion Jordan played many roles on the show. Above she is seen as Mrs. Wearybottom, a popular character with radio audiences.

Besides playing Molly, actress Marion Jordan had many secondary roles on the show such as: Mrs. Wearybottom, Geraldine, Old Lady Wheedleduck, Lady Vere-de-Vere and "Sis," the little kid next door, pictured here.
The above ad, for *Your Hour of Charm*, appeared in a radio fan magazine in the 1940's. It tells the whole story of this popular musical-hour show.
**YOUR HIT PARADE**

*Your Hit Parade* presented the most popular song hits of the week in order of their popularity, with “Number one” always sung last. When one song remained on the popularity charts too long, and sometimes the same song remained number one for as many as twenty weeks, it would be musically arranged in innumerable ways to give the weekly show more variety. Lucky Strike (the sponsor) “extras” (old but favorite tunes) also broke up the monotony from show to show.

Early stars of *Your Hit Parade* were Wee Bonnie Baker, the girl with the baby voice who sang “Oh, Johnny,” and bandleader Orin Tucker.

Vocalist Joan Edwards was the female star of *Your Hit Parade* and also one of its longest-reigning “queens.”

A young Frank Sinatra, at the beginning of his career, was one of the stars of the show.
The Kollege of Musical Knowledge was a musical quiz-comedy show with a twist. The contestant had to answer the question incorrectly. Contestants were quizzed on musical selections played by the Kyser band. If their answer was right, Kyser shouted, "That's right! You're wrong!" If the confused contestant didn't know the wrong answer, "Professor" Kyser would call out to his studio audience, "Students?" and they would supply the wrong answer.

Quizmaster Kay Kyser is seen above with his band's vocalist, Ginny Simms.

The Kollege of Musical Knowledge included Ish Kabibble (Mervyn Bogue) in the back row with the bangs, announcer Harry Babbit and singer Ginny Simms.
Two great orchestras were heard on the Chesterfield Supper Club show, one from New York and the other from Hollywood. The Lloyd Shaffer band broadcast from New York.

Perry Como, in New York, is seen with other cast members during a Supper Club broadcast.

The stars of the Chesterfield Supper Club were Perry Como in New York City and Jo Stafford in Hollywood.
RUDY VALLEE SHOW

The Rudy Vallee Show, also known as the Fleischmann’s Hour, began broadcasting in 1929. The Vallee Show changed its name to the Sealtest Hour when the program later changed sponsors. Vallee was the most popular “croon” singer on radio in the late 1920’s and into the early 1930’s, and he had a fantastic following among college co-eds. He was everybody’s ideal “Joe College” in the late flapper era. Vallee was notorious for “discovering” new female singers for his radio program, none of whom seemed to make it anywhere. This, of course, increased his image as a gay-blade man about town and kept female listeners hearts aflutter, dreaming of the day when they might be “discovered” by the dreamy crooner who sang through his nose.

The singing rage of the twenties and thirties, crooner Rudy Vallee is seen above, looking wistful and dewy-eyed and undoubtedly seeing the dollar signs which were looming up on his horizon.
GEORGE BURNS AND GRACIE ALLEN

The vaudeville team of Burns and Allen brought their comic stage routines, intact, to radio. The vague dizzy wife and the long-suffering, cynical husband act proved to be sure-fire stuff for radio audiences, and George and Gracie waltzed their way to stardom to the tune of their theme song, "Love Nest." Paul Whiteman provided the music for their "three-stepping" and announcer Harry Von Zell counted out the "one-two-threes."

By 1948 George and Gracie didn't seem to be taking their radio scripts quite so seriously anymore. Perhaps it was because they had become so firmly planted as radio's favorite husband and wife team.
Major Edward Bowes was the long-standing MC and producer of *The Amateur Hour*. The first broadcast was heard in 1927, and the program has been continuously on the air on either radio or television ever since.

Talented amateur performers from all over the country were assembled by Major Bowes to compete against one another for top honors on *The Original Amateur Hour* program. "The wheel of fortune goes round and round," the major would say, "and where it stops nobody knows." The list of talented amateurs who actually found fame and fortune via this show is indeed impressive. Frank Sinatra, opera singer Robert Merrill and Vic Damone are just a few who made their first nationwide public appearances on *The Amateur Hour*. When the major died, he was replaced by Ted Mack, who can still be seen leading *The Amateur Hour* talent up the elusive path to fame.

Musical spoon players, accordionists and talented but brassy brats could always be depended on to entertain radio audiences on *The Amateur Hour*.
THE NELSON EDDY SHOW

Nelson Eddy, star of stage, screen (Jeanette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy musicals of the thirties) and radio, was voted by an admiring public as their favorite radio performer for several years running into the 1940's. His program, a gentle blend of musical selections and quiet humor, continued to thrill listeners until the late 1940's, when Mr. Eddy unobtrusively retired from the stage, screen and radio spotlights.
FRED WARING AND HIS PENNSYLVANIANS

Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians offered an “at-ease” half-hour program each week, which always concluded with his theme song “Sleep.” The program was so relaxing that most of his listeners probably hit the sack long before the last bars of the theme were over.

THE AMERICAN ALBUM
OF FAMILIAR MUSIC

The American Album of Familiar Music gave radio audiences just that—favorite classical and semiclassical musical favorites “everyone loved to hear.” The show was first heard in 1931 and continued to broadcast until the mid-1940’s. Although many singers were featured on the show, Frank Munn and Vivien Della Chiesa are perhaps the best remembered.

The MC of The American Album show for the program’s entire run on radio was mellow-toned Andre Baruch.

The Album’s beloved soloist, Vivien Della Chiesa, hitting a high note.
KATE SMITH SHOW

From Kate's opening chorus of "When the Moon Comes over the Mountain," to her closing theme, "God Bless America," she never let her radio audiences down. For more than twenty years she sang songs and narrated stories, some of which became radio classics, such as "The Small One" and "The Littlest Angel." She presented only material she knew her audiences wanted to hear, and her voice became as familiar as that of a member of one's own family.

Kate Smith's first radio assignment was in 1930. She was billed as "the songbird of the South."

By 1936 Kate was a well-established radio star. She began each program with "Hello, everybody... this is Kate Smith."

Abbott and Costello, Bert Lahr, Greta Garbo and John Barrymore were just a few of the guests to whom Kate played hostess on her 1940's broadcasts.

Radio's leading lady of song by 1944, Kate saw her reputation as a musical star continue to grow. To this day, she's a favorite guest on the top TV variety shows.
BING CROSBY SHOW

Bing Crosby was the star of The Kraft Music Hall until 1946, when he left Kraft's sponsorship and starred on his own Bing Crosby Show. Bing's programs thereafter were sponsored by Philco, General Electric and Chesterfield cigarettes. His last regular show on radio was heard in 1946. In all, Crosby managed to chalk up twenty consecutive years as the star of one musical variety show or another.

The "king" of the crooners, Bing Crosby, seen above, at the height of his radio popularity.

The ever-popular Andrews Sisters provided tuneful swing backgrounds for "Der Bingle." Bing is seen here with guest Gene Autry and the sisters.
Comedienne Fanny Brice is seen above, not as her radio fans imagined her, but as her Broadway fans knew she looked.

Miss Brice, all dressed up and swinging, as "Baby Snooks."

Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice introduced her Baby Snooks character to radio audiences for the first time on a *Follies of the Air* broadcast in the 1920's. The radio public liked what they heard and asked to hear more. A regular "Snooks" situation-comedy-variety series was the result. Above, "Snooks" Brice and her "Daddy," Hanley Stafford, are seen carving a turkey. Snooks' baby brother, Robespierre (Lenore Ledoux), not in the picture, was probably left the turkey's neck.
Writers Tommy Mack and Vic Knight give Eddie the first copy of an *Eddie Cantor Show* script.

Cantor’s “songbird of the South,” Dinah Shore, was one of the show’s biggest drawing cards. She became so popular on the show she eventually left Cantor for her own weekly series.

Always willing to do anything for a laugh, Cantor would even broadcast from a swimming pool if he thought the idea would get the right response from his audiences.

"I love to spend each (Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday) with you [according to which night he happened to be on that season]," sang Eddie Cantor at the opening of his radio shows. A famous star of the legitimate theater and vaudeville, Eddie was a big name in show business before he took to radio. He was responsible for an impressive list of “discoveries” on his program, including Deanna Durbin, Bobby Breen and Dinah Shore. His five daughters and his wife, Ida, became almost as famous as the banjo-eyed comedian himself, even though they were never heard on any of his shows.
HENRY MORGAN SHOW

Radio's "Peck's Bad Boy," Henry Morgan, poked fun at everyone and everything, even his sponsors. Morgan's program, beginning with the line "Hello, anybody. Here's Morgan," gained a reputation in the business as poison, because of Morgan's nasty way of satirizing a sponsor's product. Since audiences kept laughing, however, so did the sponsors. The program's regulars, like Arnold Stang (Gerald), Florence Hallop (Hortense) and Art Carney (The Athlete), also added to the fun.

SEALTEST VILLAGE STORE

The Sealtest Village Store show, which starred Jack Haley as the store's owner, made comedienne Joan Davis a favorite star with radio fans. She eventually left the show to star in her own series, Leave It to Joan, a situation comedy. The Village Store was produced by Bob Redd and written by Si Wills. Two of the show's most popular characters were Blossom Blimp and Penny Cartwright, played by Verna Felton and Sharon Douglas.
"I dood it," said Red Skelton, playing Junior, "the mean widdle kid" character on his radio show. And soon the entire country was using the expression. Red's other comic creations—Clem Kaddiddlehoffer, Deadeye, J. Newton Numbskull and Willy Lump-Lump—became household names as well. Junior's grandmother, a popular character on the show, was played by veteran character radio actress Verna Felton.

The Red Skelton Show could always be depended on to give radio fans a half hour of hilarity. Red is seen above, with his cast, during a show.

Red's vocalist in the early 1940's was Harriet Hilliard, pictured above. Her husband, Ozzie Nelson, was the show's bandleader. The couple later became stars of the weekly Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet.

ABBOTT AND COSTELLO

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello made their radio debuts on a Kate Smith Hour program and were so well received by listening audiences they were quickly rewarded with their own weekly series, as well as a Paramount movie contract. Some of the well-known Costello lines were "I'm a ba-a-ad boy," and "I'm only thwee and a half years old." Their "Who's on First?" baseball skit became a radio classic.
Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his Charlie McCarthy were big stars during Radio’s Golden Age. Lovable, sarcastic Charlie became more famous in some ways than his Svengali, Bergen, and the Chase and Sanborn Hour was a Sunday night “must” for years.
Comedienne Minnie Pearl (Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon).

Grand Ole Opry was the nation’s number one country and Western program during radio’s heyday. First broadcast in 1925, it is still being heard over the nation’s wires in some parts of the country. Originating from Nashville, Tennessee, unofficial capital of America’s country-and-Western

Country-Western singer Red Foley sang with the Cumberland Boys.
music-recording industry, the program has its own theater, Grand Ole Opry House, in that city. When the local gentry couldn't make it to town to see the Opry in person, they, like millions of other faithful listeners, tuned in on the show in the comfort of their own homes.

Comedian Rod Brasfield was an Opry regular.

The Old Hickory Singers provided the musical commercials for the show's sponsor.
DON AMECHE SHOW

Movie star Don Ameche began his show-business career as a radio performer and, even after his success in motion pictures, continued to give radio equal time. His songs and his Mr. and Mrs. Murgatroyd skits, which he performed with actress Claire Trevor, gave listeners a delightful half hour's worth of entertainment.

SO YOU WANT TO LEAD A BAND—
THE SAMMY KAYE SHOW

Each week bandleader Sammy Kaye invited members of his studio audience to lead his band. The results were often ear-shattering and always funny, and the show remained a favorite with radio fans for years. Sammy is seen, right, with a contestant bandleader.
JUDY CANOVA SHOW

The Judy Canova Show's menagerie of funsters tickled everyone's funny bone in the 1940's. Some of the show's popular featured players were Ruby Dandridge as Judy's maid, Geranium, Mel Blanc as Pedro, Joe Kearns as Count Botsford, Sheldon Leonard as Joe Crunchmiller, Verna Felton as Aunt Aggie and Hans Conried as William Boswell.

Comedienne Judy Canova is seen in her "country girl" costume.

Here is Judy as her radio audience never imagined her.

HILDEGARDE'S RALEIGH ROOM

American-born Hildegarde (Hildegarde Loretta Sell), the "French" chanteuse, was a Raleigh Room star on NBC. Her witty chatter between songs, after telling her orchestra leader to give her a "little traveling music, please," and her winning flirtations with audiences made her a big radio star in the forties.
A young Vic Damone (second microphone from the left) and Hollace Shaw (the only girl on stage) shared singing honors on this Saturday night musical favorite. The show, presented by Pet Milk, was a pleasing musical interlude on an evening reserved for detective and adventure shows.

The Dinning Sisters, Joan, Ginger and Lou, were National Barn Dance regulars.

The Hoosier Hotshots play a “foot stomper” on the National Barn Dance show.

The National Barn Dance, a half hour version of the Grand Ole Opry, actually charged admission to see the show. Country - and - Western music fans gladly paid the price to see their recording favorites in person, but radio audiences had to settle for listening to them, which they did for free.
THE JIMMY DURANTE SHOW
(WITH GARRY MOORE)

"Everybody wants to get inta de act," Durante told his partner and young sidekick, Garry Moore, on The Jimmy Durante Show. The "Schnozzola" and Moore made an unbeatable team.

Jimmy is pictured here with actress Sara Berner.

A serious Jimmy Durante and his pal Garry Moore broadcasting in 1948.
Radio’s longest continuous career belongs to Arthur Godfrey, who can still be heard broadcasting his daily radio show on the CBS network. The redheaded ukulele player and his “friends,” Janette Davis, Bill Lawrence, The Chordettes, The Mariners, Frank Parker, Lou Ann Simms and Julius La Rosa, were still going strong long after most radio stars and programs had bitten the proverbial dust.

Arthur Godfrey was perfectly at home behind his CBS microphone, having been behind one for more than thirty years.

Talent Scouts (another of Godfrey’s radio shows) winner Bill Lawrence became an Arthur Godfrey Time regular.

Bill Lawrence and Janette Davis, Godfrey’s chief vocalist for many years, are seen with musical director Archie Blyor.
NBC VOICES
THAT EVERYONE KNEW

Judy Canova
Saturdays,
10 p.m. EWT

Josephine Antoina
Mondays,
10 p.m. EWT

John Charles Thomas
Sundays,
2:30 p.m. EWT

Richard Crooks
Mondays,
8:30 p.m. EWT

Rudy Vallee
Thursdays,
10:30 p.m. EWT

Dinah Shore
Thursdays,
8:30 p.m. EWT

Dick Powell
Sundays,
7:30 p.m. EWT

Perry Como
Mon. thru Fri.,
7 p.m. EWT

Ghny Simms
Tuesdays,
8 p.m. EWT

Frank Munn
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9 p.m. EWT

Hildegarde
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**SANTOS ORTEGA** — whom you have heard variously as Charlie Chan, Nero Wolfe, Perry Mason, Bulldog Drummond, Inspector Queen and Commissioner Weston, has now added Roger Kilgore, Public Defender, to his gallery of criminologists and is heard on MBS's program of that name, Tuesday nights at 10:30, EDT. New York-born Ortega had to take a Latin accent to get his first radio role, twelve years ago.
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SITUATION COMEDIES

Humorous happenings which occur in the home, at work and in school and those funny offbeat characters one always sees in restaurants, parks and public places (but nobody seems to know) were all given weekly radio airings. Whether it was Miss Brooks, the funny schoolteacher, the dumb blond secretary Irma, Andy Hardy, Al Pearce, Hal Peary as the Great Gildersleeve or Alan Bunce and Peg Lynch as Ethel and Albert, radio's situation-comedy series provided listeners with the right combination of story, laughs and improbability to make them come back for more of the same week after week.
Radio actor Forrest Lewis, left, was a versatile performer who played several roles on the Scattergood Baines series. In the picture left, he stages one of his many “fights” with Arnold Robertson, right, who played Ed Potts on the show. The role of Scattergood, the well-meaning scatterbrained hero of these comedies was played by Jess Pugh and Wendell Holmes, in that order.

HALLS OF IVY
Celebrated motion-picture star Ronald Colman and his wife, Benita Hume, played college professor William Todhunter Hall and Vicky Hall in a series about fun in a typical American college. The show was later made into a successful television series.

THE GAY MRS. FEATHERSTONE
The Gay Mrs. Featherstone featured “light-headed comedienne” Billie Burke, center, as the rich and silly widow Mrs. Featherstone. At the microphone with Billie is Alan Hale, one of the program’s stooges.

ADVENTURES OF FRANK MERRIVAL
This series was a combination situation comedy-soap opera and featured, from left to right, Lawson Zerbe as Frank, Elaine Rost as Inza and Hal Studer as Bart.
OUR MISS BROOKS

“Teacher” Eve Arden and her Our Miss Brooks students, Richard Crenna and Gloria MacMillan.

Miss Brooks (Eve Arden) and her Mr. Boynton (Jeff Chandler).

Everybody’s favorite high school English teacher, Connie Brooks, as played by comedienne Eve Arden, was first heard as a radio series and later went on to television. The series featured Gale Gordon as Miss Brooks’ principal, Mr. Conklin; Richard Crenna as her favorite student, Walter Denton; Gloria MacMillan as Mr. Conklin’s daughter, Harriet; and Jane Morgan as Connie Brooks’ landlady, Mrs. Davis. Jeff Chandler, before he became a motion-picture matinee idol, was Eve’s love interest on the show, Mr. Boynton, the biology teacher.

MY FRIEND IRMA

Director Cy Howard put his Irma cast through some pretty hilarious paces during the run of the series. The boardinghouse where friends Irma and Jane lived was owned by Mrs. O’Reilly (Gloria Gordon). Professor Kropotkin (Hans Conried) had a room there, too. Jane’s boyfriend, Richard Rhinelander III (Leif Erikson), was a frequent visitor.

Dumb blond secretary Irma Peterson (Marie Wilson) and her boyfriend, Al (Alan Reed), in a 1946 publicity photo.

“Roommates” Irma Peterson (Miss Wilson) and Jane (Cathy Lewis). Miss Lewis was replaced by Joan Banks because of illness.
This domestic series about a Jewish family living in the Bronx, New York, was as popular on TV in the early 1950’s as it had been during the 1940’s on radio. The first Goldberg program was heard on NBC in 1929 and had a healthy run on the airways until 1946. Mrs. Berg turned her radio series into a full-length Broadway play, which also enjoyed a long run.

The Goldberg was written, produced and directed by its star, Gertrude Berg.

Daughter Rosalie Goldberg (Roslyn Silber), Mother Molly Goldberg (Gertrude Berg), and Father Jake Goldberg (James R. Waters).
The action of *Lum and Abner* took place at The Jot 'em Down Store, which was located in the small town of Pine Ridge, Arkansas. The first show was aired in 1931 over the NBC network. Then it jumped from NBC to CBS to ABC over the following twenty-four years.

Lum (Chester Lauk) and Abner (Norris Goff), in the Lum and Abner makeup, provided homespun humor which won them millions of fans over the years.

Actors Lauk and Goff looked like ordinary folk when not dressed up in their Lum and Abner costumes, as seen below with their guest, Zazu Pitts.
BLONDIE

Announcer: Uh-uh-uh! . . . Don’t touch that dial! It’s time for . . .
Dagwood: (CALLING) B-l-o-n-d-i-e!!!

Movie couple Penny Singleton (Blondie) and Arthur Lake (Dagwood) brought their Chic Young characters intact to their radio series. The result was usually silly and always funny.

EASY ACES

The successful formula of the Easy Aces show was simple: clever man married to not-so-clever girl. The result? The husband spends his life saying, “Isn’t that awful?” every time his wife opens her silly mouth.

Writer-comedian Goodman Ace, as well as writing his own weekly Easy Aces program, contributed to such radio hits as The Fred Allen Show, The Aldrich Family and the Henry Morgan Show. “Goody” Ace and his really not so silly wife, Jane, are pictured at left.
In the socially conscious America of today, the Amos and Andy show would hardly gain a very large audience. But to the less civil-rights-minded citizens of the 1930's and 1940's Amos and Andy were perfectly acceptable, humorous characters. The program was certainly not without humor, even though it did present the American Negro in stereotyped terms using dialects and malapropisms. Kingfish George Stevens (“I’se regusted”), Madam Queen, Ruby Taylor, Sapphire Stevens (“Is dat you, Sapphire?”), Shorty the barber and the other comic characters became familiar friends to millions of listeners.
The title role of Rose was played by veteran radio actress Mercedes McCambridge for many years on *Abie's Irish Rose*. Her Abie was Richard Coogan.

Famous Yiddish theater stars Anna Appell and Menasha Skulnik had regular roles on the show. They played Rose and Abie's next-door neighbors, the Cohens, and each week they stole the show.

**HENRY ALDRICH**

*Mother:* (CALLING) Henry! Henry Aldrich!

*Henry:* (ANSWERING FROM A DISTANCE) Coming, Mother!

Henry Aldrich, the teen-age hero of *The Aldrich Family* series, was played by Ezra Stone—who in real life looked like anything but a typical teen-ager. Based on the hit stage play *What a Life*, the Henry Aldrich character was first brought to radio as a feature of *The Rudy Vallee Show*. 
ANDY HARDY

Movie teen-age hero Andy Hardy was transferred successfully from the silver screen to the wireless with the motion-picture cast intact. Right, Mickey Rooney (Andy Hardy) is with his “Father,” who was played by actor Lewis Stone and his “Mother,” actress Fay Holden.

LIFE WITH LUIGI

The Life with Luigi show had many funny situations which amused huge audiences. But Pasquale’s (Allan Reed) fat daughter, Rosa (Jody Gilbert), who was constantly “on the make” for little Luigi, became the show’s most popular running gag. Irish-American actor J. Carrol Nash played his Italian immigrant role of Luigi so well that he was typecast forever as one Italian after another in movies and on radio and TV.
DUFFY'S TAVERN

Sound: (PHONE RINGING AND BEING PICKED UP)

Archie: Duffy's Tavern, where the elite meet to eat. Archie, the manager, speaking. Duffy ain't here. Oh, hello, Duffy.

Archie, the bartender and manager of Duffy's Tavern, with a guest at "the tavern," Hoagy Carmichael.

Miss Duffy, the boss' daughter, was played by actress Shirley Booth. Ed Gardner played Archie, the manager of Duffy's Tavern.

A DATE WITH JUDY

Ann Gillis as the teen-ager Judy Foster was the female version of Henry Aldrich. She's seen here with her brother, Randolph, who was played by Dix Davis, and Lois Corbett as Mother Foster. Actor Richard Crenna played Judy's boyfriend, Oogie Pringle.
THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET

Ozzie and Harriet Nelson were everybody’s “next-door neighbors” or the people everybody would have liked to have had for their next-door neighbors. Here they look over music for their weekly radio series. With their sons, David and Ricky, at first played by actors Tommy Bernard and Henry Blair and later played by David and Ricky themselves; Thorney, their neighbor, played by John Brown; actresses Bea Benadaret and Lurene Tuttle; and singers The King Sisters, Ozzie and Harriet enjoyed one of radio’s most successful situation-comedy runs. The program easily survived the switch from radio to television in the early 1950’s and had an equally long tenure in that medium.

MEET ME AT PARKY’S

Parkyakarkis, the Greek beanery owner, was a well-known and loved radio character. The role was played by talented comedian Harry Einstein. The Parkyakarkis character was created by Einstein for the Eddie Cantor Show and proved so popular it was turned into a half-hour situation comedy series. Parky is seen here with his beanery “cashier,” who was played by Joan Barton, and the show’s vocalist, Patty Bolton.
INSIDE RADIO — Telling You About Programs and People You Want to Hear

SUNDAY

More and more Americans are turning to classical music for relaxation and enjoyment. Soldiers and civilians alike, are demanding more serious music. That's why we've been asked to write about a very lovely, charming young singer named Vivian della Chiesa. You've probably heard her countless times on such programs as the CBS American Melody Hour and NBC's American Album of Familiar Music. Vivian is just twenty-six years old, but she is now celebrating her tenth year in radio.

Vivian's musical education started in Chicago, when she was very young. She didn't exactly come from a family of musicians, but all of her family were music lovers. Her mother's mother was a gifted organist and there were talented singers and instrumentalists, too, long before her. While there weren't any famous names in her family, they were all people who got along famously with music.

When she was only eight years old, Vivian was placed in a convent in Chicago, where she studied piano. But, even at that time, she wanted to become a singer rather than a pianist. Her sister, who was taking singing lessons at that time, is now a very excellent pianist!

In 1935, Miss della Chiesa walked off with the minor roles in a nation-wide contest conducted by CBS. There were 3,700 competitors in that contest, which guaranteed to the winner thirteen weeks on a sustaining program. After the second week on the program, Vivian got an offer from a Chicago movie theater, which she immediately accepted. There she sang arias from the operas, concert songs, even popular numbers. "It was the most wonderful training any young singer could get," Vivian smiles, "because on a moment's notice I had to be ready to sing anything."

Vivian has this to say, briefly, to young people who want to become singers. "Work hard." She has often been compared to that operatic singer, Claudia Musix. Vivian smiles about that and remarks that she is terribly flattered, but the only way she can be compared to Musix, she says, is that she has the same capacity for hard work.

Vivian wants most of all to sing at the Met. That has been a driving ambition since childhood. And we feel that she will fulfill her ambition before very long. She really won great acclaim for her wonderful performance with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC symphony orchestra.

Male listeners to her radio program will be interested to know that she is a very beautiful blonde, with large blue eyes and a sparkling sense of humor. She considers walking the finest sort of amusement.

MONDAY

INSIDE RADIO — Telling You About Programs and People You Want to Hear
BUSY ANNOUNCER...

Whether or not you like announcers, it is almost impossible to avoid hearing a young man named Harlow Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox is now spining for four of the top programs in radio. On Fibber McGee and Molly, for instance, he is well known as the stars themselves. He handles the announcing duties on the Maxwell House show, Blending, and Mayor Of The Town. His voice is so close as we can check, Harlow's voice reaches more people than any single person on the air.

Wilcox, who has been with Fibber and Molly since they started their series in 1933, is a tall, broad-shouldered young man with a warm smile, straight brown hair and blue eyes. When he talks, his bushy eyebrows move up and down rhythmically. "They keep time for me," he grins.

In almost eight years with the McGees, Harlow has been off the air only once. When he had to take a vacation from his job as a salesman and young Wilcox knocked about, touching almost all of the forty-eight states and ended up broke. A firm of real estate dealers took him on the run he had as a salesman and young Wilcox decided to try it. After five years on the road in this business, he became sales manager of the concern.

Wilcox was not happy as a sales manager. His years of keeping on the move, made it almost impossible for him to stay in one place. In January, 1934, he gave up his position in the electrical company and joined the announcing staff of NBC in Chicago. He figured he'd save money and then travel. In Chicago, is a tall, broad-shouldered young man, with a warm smile, straight brown hair and blue eyes. He likes poetry, biography and modern music.

When the McGees' program moved out to California, Harlow went with it. Now, most of his traveling is done in and around Hollywood, as he dashes from program to program. Fibber is married to Mari Bishop of California, Harlow went with it.

Today, Harlow is happy as a manager of a small sales office in Chicago. He is married to Mari Bishop of California, Harlow went with it.

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A M E R I C A N  F O R U M...  

Next to being in an argument, Americans love to listen to one. This, no doubt, is why Theodore Granik’s American Forum Of The Air is rapidly becoming one of the most popular programs of our time. Among the people who have matched wits and tempers on Granik’s broadcast, were Donald Nelson, Leon Henderson, Rear Admiral Land, Francis Biddle, Dorothy Thompson and William Allen White. The list could go on and it should be interesting to know that nobody is paid for an appearance on the program.

Sometimes, the people on the program become very hot-headed while trying to prove their points. Mr. Granik, however, is always able to maneuver even the most temperamentally political prima donna so skillfully that scarcely any time is wasted in name calling. He stays neutral, but is always firm, hard headed and diplomatic. This is quite a feat. He works so hard during a broadcast that he has to change his shirt after he leaves the studio, because it is usually wringing wet with perspiration.

Granik lives in Washington and knows almost every important person in politics. He began his radio career in 1926 after leaving, of all things, a job as an interlocutor in a minstrel show! His broadcasting days began with a Bible reading, then a sports review. While attending St. John’s Law School he began a radio discussion program called “Law For The Layman.” He changed the format of the program from law to the practical questions of daily life.

Although he has led an active public life, Granik has always time found to keep his radio forum going. He has been on the air for sixteen years and The American Forum Of The Air has been going strong since 1937. Granik’s career in politics and in radio has never been hindered in the slightest by his activity in radio. He was the Assistant District Attorney for New York County. He was the General Counsel for the United States Housing Authority. He is the co-author of the law establishing the Smaller War Plants Corporation, which made him a hero to little business men.

Today, Granik still has a thriving practice as an attorney and public relations counsel in Washington. He is a counsel for the Bank of the United States. He was recently appointed national general counsel for the American Business Corporation. He is a special adviser to Donald Nelson and serves as a counsel on the Small Business Committee. While he relates all this, Granik smiles and remarks, “And I have a little spare time to spend with my two children. Then he adds, rather whimsically, that he also writes a newspaper column and conducts a College Forum over WOL in Washington.

Granik’s purpose in conducting his Forum Of The Air is to put into action his firm belief in free speech. He states it this way: “The most potent weapon for the maintenance of our Democratic way of life is the guarantee that the people will be heard and their desires expressed.”

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY  

Eastern War Time

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11:25 AM NBC: Nero
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When talk gets around to small radios it must, of necessity, get around to the new ‘Personal’ line of receivers built by RCA Victor. It's a battery-operated portable that weighs only three and a half pounds, and features a lid switch which automatically turns the radio on when the lid is opened. It's small enough to fit in a pocket, measuring only 3½” x 4½” x 6¼”. This set retails for about $33 and comes in red, brown, black and ivory.

Since there's plenty of vacation weather ahead, you may be looking for a portable radio that will give you reception no matter where you go. A good suggestion would be to look over the Crosley model 9-302. It's a three-way set that will operate in AC or DC current as well as on batteries. This portable comes in an alligator-grain brown leatherette case with metal trim.

Another portable using alligator grain is the RCA Victor model 8BX5. Contrasting effect is obtained by balancing the simulated leather with mahogany plastic. This set is also three-way—Battery, AC and DC.
Maxine, Patty and LaVerne, the Andrews Sisters, were frequent visitors on all of the major comedy and variety shows of the thirties, forties and fifties.

The cute little Moylan Sisters (Marianne and Peggy Joan) were the stars of their own weekly radio show after proving their worth on such popular favorites as The Fred Allen Show and others.

Singer Kenny Baker had his own ABC show every Wednesday at noon in addition to his guest-star spots.
In addition to being a medium for entertainment, radio proved invaluable as an instant on-the-spot means of conveying information about the world in which we were living. Newscasters like Edward R. Murrow, Gabriel Heatter, Lowell Thomas, H. V. Kaltenborn, and Elmer Davis gave us the daily news affecting the world. News events like the Hindenburg disaster, all the World War II news, from the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the fall of Corregidor, the Normandy invasion, V-E Day and V-J Day and FDR’s funeral services received full coverage on radio and are an important part of everyone’s recollections of what radio was. Sportscasters like Bill Stern, Red Barber and Bill Corum described the play-by-play excitement of sports events like the Joe Louis fights and major league baseball games, especially the World Series games, which we couldn’t witness firsthand. Motion picture gossip columnists Jimmy Fidler, Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons brought us the news of what “the stars” of screen and radio did when not on camera or in front of the mike. Even the politicians found radio an ideal means of projecting their “real” personalities. FDR had his periodic fireside chats with the listening audience, and Fiorello LaGuardia, New York’s mayor in the 1940’s, read the Sunday comic strips to a comic-starved public during a newspaper strike. And of course, we must remember the men who brought us the “hit” songs of the day, the DJ’s. Along with the newscasters, the DJ’s have remained on radio, playing the new songs and occasionally reviving some of the old favorites for those of us who remember them. Some of the greatest selling hits had their start by a DJ plugging the song and the recording star.
This comedy talk show featured a panel of comedians, Tom Howard, George Sheldon, Lulu McConnell and Harry McNaughton. They attempted to answer impossibly simpleminded questions such as “Who was the author of Charles Dickens’ immortal classic David Copperfield?” Their answer would have probably been “Paul Revere!” because he was a coppersmith. They never gave the correct answer but were always funny with their answers.

**LONG JOHN NEBEL**

Chronic insomniacs had a champion in late-night interviewer-moderator Long John Nebel. His caustic remarks and timely guests were, and still are, good company on sleepless nights.

**JACK STERLING**

For the early risers, CBS had Jack Sterling on hand to help them greet the day. It was easy to wake up to his easygoing, dawn-sided manner and soft music.
KATE SMITH SPEAKS

Popular radio vocalist Kate Smith added a daytime radio-talk show to her busy broadcasting schedule and proved equally as popular with the listening public as an interviewer. The biggest names in the world of entertainment and politics paid Kate daily visits. Above, Kate is seen during one of her *Kate Smith Speaks* shows with movie character actor Thomas Mitchell, her longtime friend and manager Ted Collins, gossip columnist Louella Parsons and movie matinee idol Tyrone Power.

DR. I.Q.

"I have a lady in the balcony, Doctor," *Dr. I.Q.*'s announcer would call from amid the studio audience. When the contestant answered a question correctly, the famous "Doctor," Lew Valentine, would say, "Give that lady thirty silver dollars." The quiz show traveled all over the country and originated from a different city each week.
BREAKFAST CLUB

Chicago radio veteran Don McNeill was the host each morning on NBC's popular Breakfast Club. With a full cast of regulars on hand to add to the early morning fun, like Aunt Fanny (Fran Allison, later of TV's Kukla, Fran and Ollie), Sam (fiction and fact from Sam's Almanac), The Three Romeos and Fibber McGee and Molly (before they had their own radio series), the show drew listeners by the millions. The show began each morning with:

Good morning, breakfast clubbers
Good morning to yuh,
We got up bright and early
Just to how-dy-do-yuh!

QUIZ KIDS

Adult listeners had a taste of humility served up to them each week when the "brainy" and very young Quiz Kids answered questions even college professors had trouble with. Joe Kelly and later Clifton Fadiman (seen here with the "kids") were moderators on the show. Young geniuses like Joel Kupperman, Margaret Mary Dougherty, Sparky and Harve Fischman, Gunther Hollander, Vanessa Brown and Jack Beckman were a few of the "kids" who made regular appearances on the show.
MARY MARGARET McBRIDE

No radio interviewer had as devoted a following as Mary Margaret McBride. Her daily interviews and cozy chatter with radio fans and guest stars were like listening to warm conversations between friends. Such notable celebrities as Vice President Alben Barkley, as well as others from the entertainment and political arenas, were frequent guests. Mary Margaret had a knack for bringing out people, both big and small, from their protective shells and setting them at ease. On the occasion of her tenth anniversary on radio, Mary Margaret’s popularity with fans was demonstrated when 20,000 of them turned out to pay her homage at New York’s Madison Square Garden.
DOROTHY AND DICK

Newspaper woman Dorothy Kilgallen and her actor husband Richard Kollmar had a daily early-morning conversation over morning coffee, which was memorable for the frank talk and "inside show business" info supplied by the couple.

TEX AND JINX

Another husband and wife morning-talk program was the Tex and Jinx show. Tex McCrary and his wife, ex-model-actress Jinx Falkenburg, had a pleasant breakfast manner which delighted radio audiences.
WALTER WINCHELL

With his collar unbuttoned and his hat tilted jauntily to the side of his head, gossip columnist Walter Winchell's fast-paced, almost frantic news style was a weekly (and at times daily) radio highlight for some fans. In between gossip items, Winchell accompanied himself on a telegraph key, giving the impression that the news was "hot off the wires" to add to the excitement. He also punctuated his items with the word "Flash!"
Sportscaster Bill Stern.

Music commentator Milton Cross.

POPULAR ANNOUNCERS AND NEWSCASTERS

Announcer Ken Carpenter.

Announcer Bob Brown.
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

“Either tell the truth or suffer the consequences!” was the theme of this NBC game show. The questions usually asked by the “truth-seeking” management of the show were so crazy and impossible that contestants almost always had to pay the consequences, and that’s when the fun began. The program can still be enjoyed on TV.

Ralph Edwards, the “Aren’t we devils?” Truth or Consequences MC, is seen above preparing some particularly nasty consequences for some unfortunate contestant.

Husband is tested on his ability to get into bed late at night without waking wife. When seal was substituted, blindfolded husband soothed “wife” when she grunted.

Sailor dictates request for pin-up (center) of Janet Blair, describes her glowingly to antagonistic stenographer (left) before discovering that she is actually Miss Blair.

The above pictures illustrate the typical types of consequences.

$64 QUESTION (TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT)

Phil Baker was the MC of the $64 Dollar Question show on the radio which was the forerunner of the $64,000 Question show on TV. Phil had two sidekicks, “Beetle” and “Bottle,” who assisted him, and everybody got wildly excited when the contestants stopped or kept on going. “You’ll be sor-r-y!!” All screamed no matter what the contestant decided.
Here's rip-roaring adventure for everyone, young and old. For thrills, tune in The Lone Ranger 7:30 pm.*
(Sponsor: General Mills, except in S. E. states)

This Is Your FBI. Official, authentic cases from FBI files. Tense, taut dramas produced by Jerry Devine (above). Friday is FBI day! 8:30 pm.* (Equitable Life)

The Sheriff. Don Briggs (above) stars as the super sleuth in this breath-taking adventure series every Friday at 9:30 pm.* (Pacific Coast Borax)

What a night on ABC!

Ace sportscaster Harry Wismer brings you the Champion Roll Call every Friday at 9:55 pm.* Don't miss this lively round-up of late sports news. (Champion Spark Plugs)

 Fight fans: Friday night is fight night on ABC! Gillette brings you Cavalcade of Sports, with blow-by-blow reporting by Don Dunphy (above) and color by Bill Corum 10:00 pm.*

*All times listed are Eastern Standard Time. In other time zones, consult your radio log.

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INFORMATION PLEASE

The highly amusing, literate Information Please program was hosted by sometimes Quiz Kid moderator Clifton Fadiman. This panel-quiz show had well-known experts like John Kiernan and Franklin P. Adams as regulars and featured guest panelists like actor Clifton Webb.

MARGARET ARLEN

Margaret Arlen performed a similar interviewing task to Miss Pritchard’s for CBS. Miss Arlen is seen interviewing American pianist Eunice Podis, as another guest, Mary Marvel, looks on.

FLORENCE PRITCHARD

Florence Pritchard, seen here with her regular announcer, George Hogan, was a glib and popular celebrity interviewer for the Mutual network.

BREAK THE BANK

Before he gained stardom as the Miss America Pageant MC, and as a stage star of The Music Man, Bert Parks was the host of such radio quiz shows as the popular Break the Bank program.
Throughout Radio’s Golden Age, listening audiences were asked by various radio fan magazines to vote for their favorite programs. The above results are from Radio Guide’s poll, taken in the early 1940’s.

**SIGN OFF**

**BOB HOPE**

*Hope: (SINGING)*

Thanks for the memory
Of the fun I’ve had with you...
Guest Bing-a-ling will do.
I’ve had a ball with him, it’s true,
But that is nothing new, and
I thank you... so much!