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LISTINGS AND NEWS**



SHIRLEY ROSS

Scoops! Why is Fred Allen through with Radio?
Why is Lanny Ross Quitting Show Boat?



GENEVIEVE: "Why, Lucy, you're not leaving—the party's just begun."

LUCY: "You'd leave, too—I came with one of those 'it'* boys . . . the wrong kind of it . . ."

* Nothing spoils an evening, breaks up a pleasant association, or loses a friend so quickly as a case of halitosis (*bad breath*). Nothing conquers this condition so quickly as LISTERINE, the quick deodorant.

SHOOT YOUR MAN *at Sunrise*

BY JANE JONES

I DON'T care whether he looks like a Greek god, makes love like an Italian, or writes out a six-figure check for his income tax,—I say, shoot him at sunrise—or even earlier—if his breath is objectionable.

Too long have men gotten away with the idea that women should be grateful for their mere presence, without any consideration of what kind of presence it is.

In my opinion, a man whose breath isn't what it should be, is nothing short of a Grade A bore and nuisance . . . and should be so informed as adroitly as possible.

How to do it is a problem. After

all, the subject *is* delicate. If hints do not work . . . if the power of suggestion flops miserably . . . you can, as a final resort, send him a Listerine ad—of course withholding your name.

Perhaps because of the heinousness of his offense, anonymity is justified. If after all this he still doesn't take the hint, dust off your revolver.

I know any number of women who feel as strongly about bad breath as I do and who, by a campaign of clever suggestions, have transformed walking nuisances into really agreeable suitors. A bow to Listerine for its aid in this matter.

BAD BREATH WORST FAULT OF MOST MEN

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checks
halitosis



REFLECTIONS IN THE RADIO MIRROR

EVEN a magazine has its dreams. Two of those dreams have come true for Radio Mirror. They have come true with two new features beginning in this issue, features created for just one purpose—to double your listening pleasure.

On page 11 of this issue is the Radio Mirror Almanac, eight new pages that place at your finger tips an actual day-to-day record of program listings. Read about what you are listening to, while you listen. Each day in every month will have its own facts, its own small feature story, and last minute news. It couldn't be done in a monthly magazine? Pages 11 to 18 are the answer.

Hollywood, most complex, most dramatic city in the world, has drawn radio into its fascinating grasp. Few understand Hollywood, fewer still have the knowledge, the capability to report its daily occurrences. Radio Mirror could think of just one man for the job of bringing its readers a clear picture, free of distortion, of what goes on backstage of radio in Hollywood. Radio Mirror got that man.

On page 22 you will find "Behind the Hollywood Front" by Jimmie Fidler, an uncensored column written with the same biting and searching honesty that distinguishes his broadcasts every week on NBC, written with the same fearlessness that has won him the respect of Hollywood's biggest stars, and with the same sparkling style of his daily newspaper columns and weekly news-reel features.

Follow "Behind the Hollywood Front" each month as it appears in Radio Mirror if you would know radio in Hollywood. So we herald two innovations for doubling your listening pleasure—dreams into realities.

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PROFESSOR QUIZ

TWENTY QUESTIONS

(ED. NOTE: It is new, it's different, it's exciting. RADIO MIRROR in this issue introduces radio's newest game, *Twenty Questions*, written by Professor Quiz, the famous asker of fascinating problems. Tune in his regular weekly broadcasts, heard over the CBS network every Saturday night at 8:00 E.D.S.T., sponsored by Kelvinator Division, Nash-Kelvinator Corp.)

1. What famous singer was ordered to lose twenty pounds—and did—before she could start work on her first moving picture?

2. What star is paying for the maintenance of four orphans?

3. The face of what movie star is ideal, experts say, for television?

4. In what play did Frank Parker make his stage debut?

5. What town were Fred and Tom Waring born in?

6. What is the name of Andre Kostelanetz' theme song on his Chesterfield broadcasts?

7. What is the real name of Phil Baker's "Bottle"?

8. Where is Arthur (Street Singer) Tracy now, and what is he doing?

9. Who was the first woman ever to sing over the air?

10. What was Mrs. Lanny Ross' maiden name?

11. How many children has Helen Hayes?

12. Which is the youngest member of Horace Heidt's King Sisters quartet?

13. What well known radio commentator got his start on the air at the age of forty-odd by debating with Socialist Norman Thomas?

14. Who persuaded the editor to fire Floyd Gibbons from his first newspaper job?

15. What radio actor lost his voice and spent several years as a clown in a circus before he recovered it?

16. Why does a radio director put his index finger on the tip of his nose?

17. What historic radio broadcast was recorded by several companies as it came over the air because they knew there would later be a brisk sale of the records?

18. What recent Vallee Variety act caused raised eyebrows and threats of air censorship among some listeners?

19. What radio star's career received a setback by an illfated world cruise?

20. What member of a famous male quartet recently married the youngest member of a former sister team?

(You'll find the answers on page 58)

"What has happened to us, Dear?"

Why are we Drifting Apart?"



How could he answer frankly? How could he tell her that one serious neglect — a lack of proper attention to feminine cleanliness — had made her almost repulsive to him?

IF UNHAPPY COUPLES would consult doctors, instead of divorce-lawyers, many a wife would be surprised to learn why her husband's love had cooled. Often it is due simply to ignorance about the proper precautions to insure intimate personal daintiness.

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RADIO'S PASSING SHOW,
YOUR SEARCH CAN END ON
THESE FACT-FILLED PAGES

WHAT'S



Above is handsome Jerry Cooper, the newest Hollywood Hotel star to try and fill the shoes of Dick Powell. Left, Fibber McGee and Molly are in Hollywood now to star in the films.

AFTER weeks of uncertainty, it's been decided that Nelson Eddy will join Don Ameche, Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy the dummy, and Werner Janssen's orchestra on the Sunday night Chase and Sanborn show. The date is even set—August 8. And here's the amusing story behind the delay in the negotiations. Nelson liked the program, liked the salary, liked everything about it, except—he had a wistful desire to be the master of ceremonies as well as the singing star. But the sponsors had Don Ameche under contract, and wanted *him* to be the master of ceremonies. Deadlock, conferences, indecision. Finally Nelson philosophically gave in and agreed to join the program as soon as he has taken a short vacation after his

concert tour. You never can tell about these singers. Sometimes they're yearning for a master of ceremonies job they can't have; sometimes they're eating their hearts out because they have one they can't get rid of.

* * *

A RADIO comedian's life is a tough one. Week in, week out, he has to be funny. That's not news, but Phil Baker's plan for rescuing the poor comedian is. Phil told me he'd like to arrange with a sponsor to hire two comedians instead of one, and broadcast their shows on alternate weeks. Thus each funnyman would have time to get his breath before buckling down to work on next week's script. The only catch is that the plan, if it were put into practice

NEW?

By TONY SEYMOUR



Above, Fred Keating of the movies, who's heard every Sunday as the new master of ceremonies on the Rubinoff broadcasts, coming from Hollywood.



Right, just when everyone thought Nelson Eddy had lost out on the new Sunday night broadcast with Don Ameche, Nelson announced he had signed.

on all comedy shows, would require twice as many comedians as there are now—and as it is there aren't enough to go around! Phil even had the scheme lined up and almost in working order once. He and another comedian were to alternate on the Good Gulf programs. But fate intervened. The other comedian was Will Rogers.

WITH scarcely a ripple, Paramount on Parade slipped out of the radio swim the end of April, and a

noble experiment went down to defeat. The idea had been for NBC to give Paramount Pictures a half-hour every Sunday; Paramount, using its contract stars, would then produce a radio show with all the glory that is Hollywood's. NBC would get a good sustaining show, and Paramount would get valuable publicity for its pictures.

A Sunday morning hour was picked, so there'd be no danger of folks staying away from Paramount movies to listen to Para- (Continued on page 80)



—SHE'S A WILDCAT!

WHAT a penalty people pay for being mean and nasty-tempered! They forfeit friends and romance! They're their own worst enemies!

Still, they're not always to blame. You know, yourself, that you can't escape being nervous, irritable, crabby, if your system is clogged with poisonous wastes. So if you really want to be light-hearted . . . popular, fresh-looking . . . be sure that your bowels move regularly. And whenever Nature needs help—take Ex-Lax.

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When Nature forgets — remember

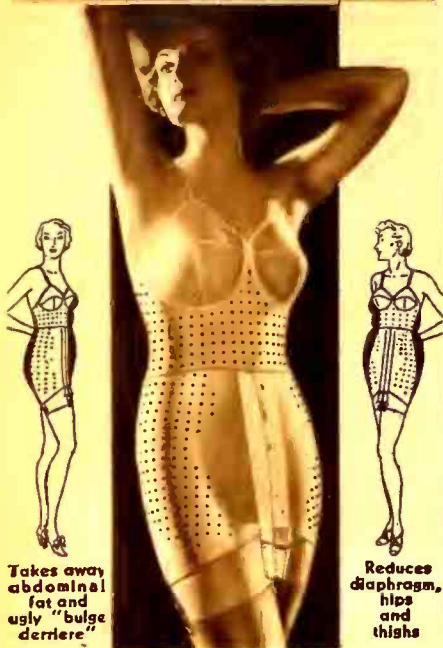
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COAST-TO-



Above, Hal Styles directs the personnel for "Help Thy Neighbor" over KHJ.



Above, Jettabee Ann Hopkins, the one-woman show on KFAB, Lincoln, Nebraska, and one of radio's busiest people. Jettabee writes, directs and acts in popular Babs and Betty.



Gabriel Heatter, left, one of the four contributors to the special program for women only broadcast every Friday at 1:30 p.m. over WEAF. Read the show's story.

SPECIAL EDITION — As big-time a local program as you'll ever find away from the networks is Borden's Special Edition, broadcast every Friday at 1:30 P. M. Just one station carries it—the same station at which many of NBC's biggest network shows originate, WEAF in New York. Another unique thing about the program is that it is strictly for women only. Men aren't supposed to listen,

not even casually. Special Edition is as near to a women's newspaper as you can put on the air. It has four star editors—Gabriel Heatter, Fanny Fitzwater, women's editor of the New York *Herald Tribune*; Dr. Arthur Frank Payne, famous child psychologist, and Janet Howell, noted Hollywood writer—and between them they give the ladies news, fashions, advice on home making and raising children, Hollywood

COAST HIGHLIGHTS

By R U S S K I N G

gossip, beauty hints, and a resume of what's happening around town. It isn't often that a sponsor goes to all this expense for a local program, but on the other hand, a lot of people in and around Manhattan listen to it. And if the New York program keeps on being the success it has been so far, probably it will be extended to other cities where the sponsor sells his milk.

If your radio can, by hook or crook, tune in this show, your Highlights reporter advises a sample listening. You'll get the habit.

* * *

RALEIGH, N. C.: All radio stars have their own ways of gaining fans but it took the Three Tobacco Tags, daily noontime stars over WPTF, to discover a new fan-getting method when returning to Raleigh recently from one of their nightly show dates at a nearby town. Coming upon a burning farmhouse, George, Luke, and Reid stopped their car, and while one of the boys aroused the sleeping occupants and got them safely outside, the

others found water and went to work on the flames. Result: No deaths; a home saved from ruin; and a grateful farmer's family pledged as life-long fans of the Tags.

* * *

HOLLYWOOD, CAL.: The Hollywood anti-Nazi league has taken time on KFWB Saturdays from 7:30 to 7:45 p. m., and Thursday's 9:30 to 9:45 p. m.

The fifteen minute period features "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock Abroad," well known to Americans as the comedy characters in two of Donald Ogden Stewart's books. Mr. Stewart donated "The Haddocks" to the league and is writing the present series which takes the family through Germany and Europe in general. The league hopes to place the program on a nation-wide hook-up.

* * *

WHEELING, W. VA., Nobody seems to know whether Shorty Hobbs, WWVA'S eccentric banjoist with Frankie (Continued on page 60)



Meet "Letsy," youngest of the Happy Pickards, of station WWL. It's her daddy at her side.



THE BOYS THINK IT'S A PANIC! ANN NEVER HAD HER POWDER PUFF OUT OF HER HAND AT THE DANCE

HER SKIN'S SO SCRATCHY THAT'S WHY... SHE OUGHT TO TRY POND'S VANISHING CREAM. IT MELTS SKIN SMOOTH

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Lady Milbanke

"First smooth on Pond's Vanishing Cream... then powder will look 'just right' and stay."

8-Piece Package Pond's, Dept. 8 RM 60, Clinton, Conn. Rush 8-piece package containing special tube of Pond's Vanishing Cream, generous samples of 2 other Pond's Creams and 5 different shades of Pond's Face Powder. I enclose 10c for postage and packing.

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Singin' Sam expresses his philosophy of life in action. Here is the NBC singer fly casting back home in Indiana.

DO YOU WANT TO SAY?

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NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS, SOMETIMES!

HIGHLIGHTS of the news! Repetition of the news would be a better suggestion. News commentators should have to listen to each other and maybe there would be a little variety.

If the 10:00 A. M. broadcast of news flashes are about someone landing somewhere, or a woman getting tipsy on the jury, you hear it at least five times during the day, and end up with Lowell Thomas telling it all over again at 6:45 P. M. for news—and by that time it's history.

True, I don't have to listen, you say, or I can turn the dial, but often when I am too busy to leave my work to change the station, or perhaps waiting for a program, there is no escape; the newscasters go merrily on in spite of everything.

L. J. SHEPARD,
Elm Grove, W. Va.

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FROM ONE EXTREME TO THE OTHER

Radio programs could be improved by having a little psychology injected into them. Take this for an illustration:

I am listening to a pipe organ and the rendition of a series of church songs. A masterly voice has inspired me, lifted me out of my hedged-in environment and, as it were, transported me to a higher plain of living and thinking. Just for a moment my existence is changed, I have lived in another realm where things are different—not real.

But suddenly the tones of the organ die away, the voice recedes, and as if by the lifting of a jesting eyebrow, or the trick of a sleight-of-hand, my cathedral surroundings vanish and I am snatched up into a jazz syncopation, blatant and bizarre. I can almost hear the bells jang-

ling upon the clowns' costumes, see their grimaces, and smell the peanuts that are being tossed to the animals in the circus ring.

(Continued on page 56)

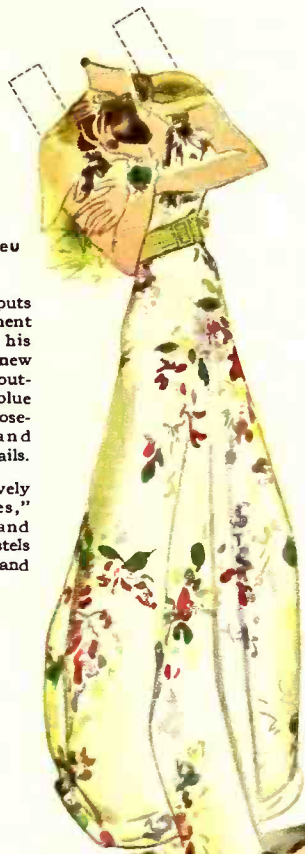
The New "Smoky" Nail Shades as Miss Nancy Harrar wears them



**Manoir Richelieu
Canada**

Nancy Harrar puts her tennis opponent very much off his game with her new above-the-knees outfit in 2 shades of blue accented with a rose-colored sash and Cutex Old Rose nails.

"Old Rose is lovely for blonde types," Nancy says, "and especially with pastels for both sports and evening."



**Rainbow Room
Rockefeller Center
New York**

Nancy Harrar is the particular star of the evening in gleaming white satin boldly splashed with primavera bouquets and belted with chartreuse . . . worn with nails in the startling new Cutex Burgundy.

Nancy finds Burgundy creates a big stir—it's so new and unusual. She wears this sophisticated color with black, white, wine, carnelian and, above all, blue.



En route to London

For tea with the Captain of the Aquitania—Nancy Harrar chooses distinguished gray and white sheer jersey with lovely dusky nails in Cutex Rust.

Nancy says Rust is gorgeous with green, beige and copper, as well as gray. "And it's absolutely the nail color when you're sun-tanned!"



Old Rose

Burgundy

Rust

NO GATHERING of the smart younger set is completely lovely without the willowy, blue-eyed Nancy Harrar—one of the outstanding New York debutantes of this last season.

Whether she's doing 18 holes of golf or playing Chopin for her friends, Nancy has the knack of making a charming color picture of herself.

Part of this glamour picture are her tapered musician's hands that she makes still more interesting with the new Cutex "smoky" polish shades. "Even the deep shades are soft and smoky," she says. "You can do a lot

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aboard S.S. Conte di Savoia

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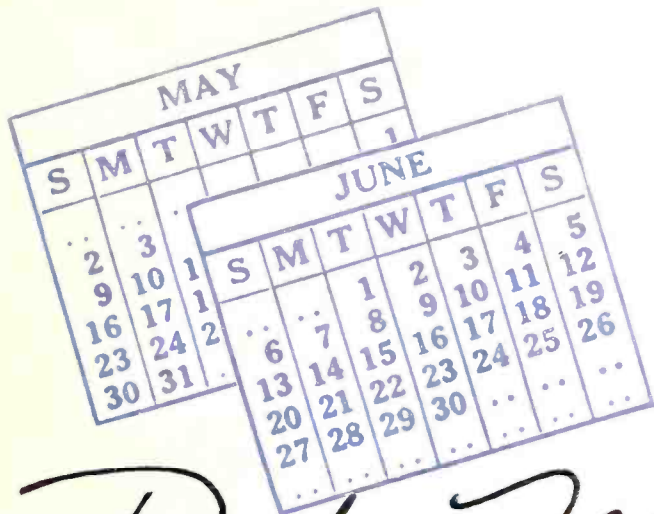
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STATIONS AND WHERE TO TUNE THEM IN

Station	Kilocycles	Station	Kilocycles	Station	Kilocycles	Station	Kilocycles	Station	Kilocycles	Station	Kilocycles
Columbia Network		WREC	600	KTUL	1400	NBC Blue Network		WCOL	1210	Station Kilocycles	
WABC	860	WSBT	1360	KVI	570	WABY	1370	WCSC	1360	KDYL	1290
WACO	1420	WSFA	1410	KVOR	1270	WBAL	1060	WDAY	940	KECA	1430
WADC	1320	WSJS	1510	KWKH	1100	WBZ	990	WEBC	1290	KERN	1370
WALA	1380	WSPD	1340	CFRB	690	WBZA	990	WFAA	800	KEX	1180
WBBM	770	WTAQ	1330	CKAC	730	WCKY	1490	WFEA	1340	KFBK	1490
WBIG	1440	WTOC	1260			WEAN	780	WFBC	1300	KFI	640
WBNS	1430	WWL	850			WEBR	1310	WFLA	620	KFSD	600
WBRC	930	WWVA	1160			WENR	870	WFL	1370	KFYR	550
WBT	1080	KFAB	770	NBC Red Network		WFIL	560	WIBA	1280	KGA	1470
WCAO	600	KFBB	1280	WBEN	900	WGAR	1450	WIOD	1300	KGBX	1230
WCAU	1170	KFH	1300	WCAE	1220	WHAM	1150	WIS	560	KGHF	1320
WCCO	810	KFPY	890	WCSH	940	WICC	600	WJAX	900	KGHL	780
WCHS	580	KGKO	570	WDAF	610	WJZ	760	WJDJ	1270	KGIR	1340
WCOA	1340	KGVO	1260	WDEL	1120	WLS	870	WKY	900	KGNC	1410
WDAE	1220	KLRA	1390	WEAF	660	WMA	630	WLW	700	KGO	790
WDJB	930	KLZ	560	WFBR	1270	WMT	600	WMC	780	KGU	750
WDBO	580	KMBC	950	WGY	790	WREN	1220	WOAI	1190	KGW	620
WDNC	1370	KMOX	1090	WHO	1000	WSYR	570	WOOD	1270	KHQ	590
WDOD	1280	KNOW	1500	WIRE	1400	WTCN	1250	WORK	1320	KJR	970
WDRC	1330	KNX	1050	WJAR	890	WXYZ	1240	WPTF	680	KLO	1440
WEI	590	KOH	1380	WMAQ	670	KDKA	980	WRVA	1110	KMJ	530
WESG	850	KOIN	940	WNAQ	1230	KOIL	1260	WSAN	1440	KOA	830
WFBL	1360	KOL	1270	WOW	590	KSO	1430	WSB	740	KOMO	920
WFMB	1230	KOMA	1480	WRC	950	KVOD	920	WSM	650	KPO	680
WBBI	880	KOY	1390	WSAI	1330	KWK	1350	WSMB	1320	KPRC	920
WGL	1370	KRLD	1040	WTAG	580			WSOC	1210	KSOD	1110
WGR	550	KRNT	1290	WTAM	1070	NBC Supplementary Stations		WSUN	620	KSTAR	620
WGST	890	KSCJ	1330	WTIC	1040	WAPI	1140	WTAR	780	KTBS	1450
WHAS	820	KSFO	560	WWJ	920	WAVE	940	WTMJ	620	KTHS	1060
WHEC	1430	KSL	1130	KSD	550	WBAF	800	WVMC	570	KVOO	1140
WHIO	1260	KTRH	1290	KSPP	1460	WCFI	970	KANS	1210	KWCF	1200
		KTSA	550	KYW	1020			KARK	890	CRCT	1140

ALL TIME GIVEN IS EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVING

SUNDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Andre Kostelanetz

He who knows not the love of fine music is only half alive.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 9:00
CBS: Sunday Morning at Aunt Susan's
NBC-Blue: White Rabbit Line
NBC-Red: Orchestra
- 10:00 A. M.
CBS: Church of the Air
NBC-Blue: Russian Melodies
NBC-Red: Sabbath Reveries
- 10:30
CBS: Romany Trail
- 11:00
NBC: Press-radio News
- 11:05
NBC-Blue: Alice Remsen, contralto
NBC-Red: Ward and Muzzy, piano
- 11:30
CBS: Major Bowes Family
NBC-Red: The World Is Yours
- 11:45
NBC-Red: Henry Busse Orch.
- 12:00 Noon
NBC-Blue: Southernaires
- 12:30 P. M.
CBS: Salt Lake City Tabernacle
NBC: Ted Weems Orchestra
NBC-Blue: Music Hall of the Air
NBC-Red: University of Chicago Round Table Discussion
- 1:00
CBS: Church of the Air
NBC-Red: Dorothy Oreslin
- 1:30
CBS: Poetic Strings
NBC-Blue: Our Neighbors
NBC-Red: The Hour Glass
- 2:00
CBS: St. Louis Serenade
NBC: The Lamplighter
NBC-Blue: The Magic Key of RCA
NBC-Red: Choral Voices
- 2:30
CBS: Dramas of the Bible
NBC-Red: Thatcher Colt mysteries
- 3:00
CBS: Howard Barlow
- 3:30
NBC-Blue: London Letter
- 4:00
CBS: Spelling Bee
NBC-Blue: Sunday Vespers
NBC-Red: Romance Melodies
- 4:30
NBC-Blue: Fishface and Figg-bottle
- 5:00
CBS: Sunday Afternoon Party
NBC-Red: Marion Talley
- 5:30
CBS: Guy Lombardo
NBC-Red: Smilin' Ed McConnell
- Six P. M. to Eleven P. M.
- 6:00
CBS: Joe Penner
NBC-Red: Catholic Hour
- 6:30
CBS: Rubinfoff
NBC-Red: A Tale of Today
- 7:00
CBS: Columbia Workshop
NBC-Blue: Helen Traubel
NBC-Red: Jack Benny
- 7:30
CBS: Phil Baker
NBC-Blue: Ozzie Nelson. Bob Ripley
NBC-Red: Fireside Recitals
- 7:45
NBC-Red: Fitch Jingles
- 8:00
CBS: Moore and Broderick
NBC-Blue: General Motors Concert
NBC-Red: Oon Amehc, Edgar Bergen
- 8:30
CBS: Eddie Cantor
- 9:00
CBS: Ford Sunday Hour
NBC-Blue: Rippling Rhythm Revue
NBC-Red: Manhattan Merry-Go-Round
- 9:30
NBC-Blue: Walter Winchell
NBC-Red: American Album of Familiar Music
- 9:45
NBC-Blue: Choir Symphonetto
- 10:00
CBS: Gillette Community Sing
NBC-Blue: California Concert
NBC-Red: Scafest Party

MAY 30, 1937

IT'S Memorial Day, and the second day of a long weekend. Don't let your enjoyment of the holiday make you forget its purpose. Officially, the day is observed this morning in Washington's Arlington Cemetery—and the ceremonies will be broadcast on all networks. . . . You listeners have a full day in front of you, particularly if you're sports fans. First there are the automobile races from the Indianapolis speedway. Then, NBC and CBS both broadcast the second day of the Davis Cup tennis matches between the United States and Australia at Forest Hills, N. Y. Your announcers are Ted Husling for CBS and John R. Tunis, tennis expert, on NBC. . . . There'll be a real novelty at three o'clock, and all you stay-at-homes better listen in to get the

imaginary thrills of an airplane tour over Yellowstone Park. NBC has an announcer and the park superintendent in a plane, flying around and telling you what they see. . . . The evening's full of doings, too. If you're interested in drama on the air, listen to the Columbia Workshop's broadcast at seven o'clock. Tonight it's an original verse play by Geoffrey Bidson, called "March of 45." . . . Devotees of soprano voices must hear Bidu Sayao, guest star on the Ford program on CBS at nine. She's a young Brazilian who made her Metropolitan Opera debut last season. . . . Your birthday reminder list is a fat one today. Cornelia Otis Skinner, Benny Goodman, and Norris Goff (Abner of Lum & Abner) are all celebrating.



Bidu Soyoo (you pronounce it Bidoo Soy-yow) is soloist on tonight's Ford Hour.



Pionist Mischo Levitzki has a record of twenty tours in the United States.

JUNE 6, 1937

THIS is the day for staying home and resting up from that long automobile trip out of town you took last Sunday. You ought to have recovered from the sunburn you got, by this time, though. . . . It's Sweden's big day, and in Stockholm they're having a Royal celebration. Be sure to listen in, on NBC. . . . In the evening, there's another of those Columbia Workshop plays. All summer long this program will continue, under the direction of Irving Reis, and you'd be surprised at some of the famous authors who are writing original plays for it. The Workshop is radio's first attempt to create its own form of drama, and it deserves more than a pat on the back. . . . Later in the evening, Mischa Levitzki, famed concert pian-

ist, is the Ford Sunday Evening Hour's guest soloist. Mischa's an American by birth, even though he was born in Kremenchug, Southern Russia, and his parents were both of Russian blood. Figure that one out. . . . Answer: Mr. and Mrs. Levitzki had gone to America and become naturalized citizens, and were back in Russia just for a visit. Mischa was a child prodigy, and took lessons on the piano long before he could reach the pedals with his feet. He's making his twentieth tour of the United States now. . . . Tonight on NBC is one of your last chances to hear Robert Ripley. The "Believe It Or Not" man leaves the air June 27th. He'll be back again late in July with B. A. Rolfe joining the show.

JUNE 13, 1937

DID you think America had the largest automobile racing track in the world? If you did, you're wrong. It's in Nurburgring, Germany, and today you can listen in on the International Eifel Races being held there. NBC is broadcasting the doings. . . . Tonight's concert by the Ford Symphony is the last until September 12—the last time you can hear that haunting theme song, which, by the way, is the Children's Prayer from the opera, Hansel and Gretel. Mr. Ford's guest soloist tonight is Josephine Antoine, coloratura soprano, who made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House when she was only twenty-one. She isn't much older now—one year, to be exact. A Boulder, Colorado, girl, she's never studied a

note outside of the United States. Radio gave her her start in 1929 when she won third place in a national audition. . . . For you Spelling Bee enthusiasts, CBS offers one with all the hardest words for you to try. It's on at 4:00 today and every Sunday afternoon. That's Eastern Daylight Saving Time, so figure out what time it is in your home town and listen in. . . . But if spelling doesn't excite you, why not listen in to the Magic Key of RCA at two o'clock on NBC-Blue? Chances are you missed its gala broadcast, welcoming back the Philadelphia Orchestra from its trans-continental tour, two weeks ago. Never can tell what fine stars the Magic Key will unlock, because it gets very little advance publicity.



Ford Soloist Josephine Antoine made her Metropolitan debut in January of 1936.

JUNE 20, 1937



"The widow of Windsor" was England's nickname for its beloved Queen Victoria.

A HUNDRED years ago today, England's most beloved Queen ascended the throne, and today Great Britain is celebrating that hundred-years anniversary—only a little more than a month after Victoria's great-grandson, George VI, in his turn took over the crown and sceptre. You'll hear the ceremonies from London over NBC and short wave. . . . Victoria was only eighteen when she stepped to the throne, and she ruled for more than sixty-three years, until she died on January 22, 1901. After the death of her husband, Prince Albert, in 1861, Victoria went into mourning for a long time, proving that not all royal marriages are necessarily loveless. . . . If you're lucky, you'll see Queen Victoria recreated on

the stage this winter, when one of your favorite radio stars, Helen Hayes, comes to your city in the play "Victoria Regina." Helen plans on touring with the play all winter, doing her radio work from whatever city she happens to be in. . . . Tonight's your last chance to laugh at Phil Baker, Bottle and Beetle until next fall, for tomorrow Phil will be on his way to Hollywood and a summer of picture-making. For the first time in his life he'll try a straight acting role in the "Goldwyn Follies." Mrs. Baker and the three young Bakers are going with him. . . . Phil has been in strict training for the last month, taking off fifteen pounds the movie bosses told him he'd have to lose before the picture could start.

MONDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Phil Spitalny

Laughter is artless, but knowing when not to laugh is an art.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00 A. M.
CBS: Betty and Bob
NBC-Blue: Capt. Tim Healy
NBC-Red: Mrs. Wiggs
 - 10:15
CBS: Modern Cinderella
NBC-Blue: Ma Perkins
NBC-Red: John's Other Wife
 - 10:30
CBS: Betty Crocker; Hymns
NBC-Blue: Pepper Young's Family
NBC-Red: Just Plain Bill
 - 10:45
CBS: News
NBC-Red: Today's Children
 - 11:00
CBS: Heinz Magazine
NBC-Blue: The O'Neills
NBC-Red: David Harum
 - 11:15
NBC-Blue: Personal Column
NBC-Red: Backstage Wife
 - 11:30
CBS: Big Sister
NBC-Blue: Vic and Sade
NBC-Red: How to Be Charming
 - 11:45
CBS: Dr. Allan R. Dafoe
NBC-Blue: Edward MacHugh
 - 12:00 Noon
CBS: The Gumps
NBC-Red: Girl Alone
 - 12:15
CBS: Edwin C. Hill
NBC-Red: Mary Marlin
 - 12:30
CBS: Romance of Helen Trent
 - 12:45
CBS: Our Gal Sunday
 - 1:00
CBS: Five Star Revue
 - 1:15
CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Red: Dan Harding's Wife
 - 1:30
CBS: The Wife Saver
NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
 - 1:45
CBS: Aunt Jenny's Life Stories
 - 2:00
CBS: Kathryn Cravens
 - 2:15
CBS: Jack and Loretta
 - 2:45
CBS: Myrt and Marge
NBC-Red: Personal Column
 - 3:00
CBS: Mollie of the Movies
NBC-Red: Pepper Young's Family
 - 3:15
NBC-Red: Ma Perkins
 - 3:30
NBC-Red: Vic and Sade
 - 3:45
NBC-Red: The O'Neills
 - 4:00
NBC-Blue: Let's Talk It Over
NBC-Red: Lorenzo Jones
 - 4:30
NBC-Red Follow the Moon
 - 4:45
NBC-Red: The Guiding Light
 - 5:00
CBS: Clyde Barrie
NBC-Blue: Mary Marlin
 - 5:15
NBC-Red: Dari-Dan
CBS: Eton boys
 - 5:30
NBC-Blue: Singing Lady
NBC-Red: Jack Armstrong
 - 5:45
CBS: Funny Things
NBC-Red: Little Orphan Annie
- Six P.M. to Eleven P.M.
- 6:30
Press Radio News
 - 6:35
CBS: Sports Resume
 - 6:45
NBC-Blue: Lowell Thomas
 - 7:00
CBS: Poetic Melodies
NBC-Blue: Griffin Revue
NBC-Red: Amos 'n Andy
 - 7:15
CBS: Ma and Pa
NBC-Red: Uncle Ezra
 - 7:30
CBS: The Lone Ranger
NBC-Blue: Lum and Abner
 - 7:45
CBS: Boake Carter
NBC-Red: Passing Parade
 - 8:00
CBS: Alemitte Half Hour
NBC-Red: Burns and Allen
 - 8:30
CBS: Pick and Pat
NBC-Red: Voice of Firestone
 - 9:00
CBS: Lux Radio Theater
MBS: Gabriel Heatter
NBC-Red: McGee and Molly
 - 9:30
NBC-Red: Hour of Charm
 - 10:00
CBS: Wayne King
MBS: Famous Jury Trials
NBC-Red: Contented Program

MAY 31, 1937

STILL a holiday, for you and you and you, but not for the men and women at the microphone. Holiday or not, their job is to keep the air filled with mirth, news and melody. . . . The Davis Cup matches at Forest Hills go into their concluding day, and you'll want to be in at the finish as the United States and Australia fight out the question of which has the best tennis players. Ted Husing, who is covering the matches for CBS, thinks tennis is the best game in the world, but if he were announcing football today he'd hand the palm to it, for Ted thinks any game you're watching is the best in the world. Ted spent a quiet winter, mostly in Florida, but now that the out-of-doors games are here again, he'll be a frequent visitor to your

loud-speaker vicinity. It's no secret that CBS considers him just about tops in the sports announcing line. . . . Don Bestor picked tonight for opening the summer season at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, and tonight and in the future you will hear him broadcasting late at night from that magnolia-scented spot. . . . Farther north, Clyde McCoy is settling down tonight in the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, to give the citizenry a taste of his "Sugar Blues." . . . For your birthday file—Fred Allen was born John Sullivan just forty-three years ago today in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Don Ameche is twenty-nine and Ben Bernie is forty-four. It's Bob McCoy's birthday too. He's the baritone in Horace Heidt's orchestra, on CBS tonight.



Ted Husing's back after a quiet winter, describing the Davis Cup matches for CBS.



Seventeen-year-old Alma Adams is the tuba player in the Hour of Charm band.

JUNE 7, 1937

IT'S the day before the eclipse of the sun (Radio Row calls it NBC's exclusive eclipse, what with all the preparations this network has been making to broadcast it from the one place on earth which scientists say has the best visibility.) Way back in April, three men and four tons of broadcasting equipment started out for a tiny, uninhabited island in the South Pacific. Tonight at eight o'clock, New York time, a dress rehearsal for the eclipse is held. George Hicks, NBC announcer, tells you about last-minute preparations for observing the phenomenon. There's only one catch to all this—if that South Sea Island is as nice as it's supposed to be, how is NBC going to coax its three men and four tons of equipment back

to Radio City? Radio has its regular attractions today too. Listen in on Fibber McGee and Molly, broadcasting from Hollywood. It'll be thirty minutes of laughter and you may win a trailer besides. . . . Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra, you know, is on at night now—9:30 on NBC's Red network. And when you listen, give a special thought to the little girl who produces the deepest bass notes. Alma Adams is her name and she plays the tuba. She's seventeen years old and in a few days will graduate from her home town high school in Dumont, New Jersey, a good commuter's jaunt from Radio City. . . . Thirty-four years ago today, Glen Gray was born in Metamora, Illinois.

JUNE 14, 1937

YOUR novelty program for the day 'is something that at first glance holds only a fair promise of something exciting. It's the proceedings of the World Petroleum Congress in Paris, short-waved to NBC's network. There wouldn't seem to be many thrills connected, but there is certainly some reason for NBC's spending so much money. Better listen in and see what it's all about. . . . Today's the birthday of a man who ought to be a radio star every week but who, for some reason known only to sponsors, isn't—John McCormack, born in 1884 in Athlone, Ireland. It's Major Bowes' birthday, too. The fleeting years seem to hold no fear for this amazing ringmaster of radio's amateurs. Today the Major will sit down

to a birthday cake with sixty-three candles on it, if he can find that big a cake. You should know by this time that he was born in San Francisco of Irish parents. . . . Short, sweet and important are the words for Chesterfield's sports resume, broadcast tonight and every night except Sunday at 6:35, E.D.S.T. It lasts only ten minutes, but it hits practically all the CBS chain of stations. Paul Douglas has the coveted announcing job—and he earned it, too, because for a long time he conducted a similar sports program as a sustaining feature for WABC. Now he's announcer for Alexander Woollcott, the Friday night Chesterfield program and the Saturday Swing Club besides his own program.



Paul Douglas brings you important sports news for ten minutes six nights a week.

JUNE 21, 1937

THERE'S tennis in the air again today, if you are in the mood for sporting thrills—the most aristocratic form of that aristocratic game, championship lawn tennis as played at Wimbledon near London. The short waves again do duty to bring the details to NBC and your ears. For a lesson in genteel sports announcing, if for nothing else, better tune this in. . . . Are you a Pepper Young's Family devotee? It's hard not to be these days, because the sponsors give you twice the usual opportunity to hear the program. It's on the NBC-Red network at three in the afternoon and the NBC-Blue at 10:30 in the morning, five days a week, and if you don't think that's often enough you ought to ask the actors. You

could even ask Butch, the baby, and you'd get an intelligent answer for Butch is none other than Madeleine Pierce, a dark-eyed and very beautiful young woman. Her job is something that could happen only in radio—specialist in baby noises. She can play an infant mood from the smallest sleepy cry to the loudest milk-hungry wail. For cries she muffles her mouth with a pillow. For gurgles and coos she uses no pillow. Madeleine was born in Philadelphia and learned her art by imitating her brothers and sisters. When she grew up she got married, but she still amused her friends by chuckling and cooing. Three years ago she took an audition and a week later was as busy as the quintuplets' nurse.



Expert impersonator of infants is lovely Madeleine Pierce of the Young Family.

TUESDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Eddie Cantor

Everyone raises his hat to the success of a man who can rise above success.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00 A. M.
 CBS: Betty and Bob
 NBC-Blue: Capt. Tim Healy
 NBC-Red: Mrs. Wiggs
- 10:15
 CBS: Modern Cinderella
 NBC-Blue: Ma Perkins
 NBC-Red: John's Other Wife
- 10:30
 CBS: Betty Crocker; Hymns
 NBC-Blue: Pepper Young's Family
 NBC-Red: Just Plain Bill
- 10:45
 CBS: News
 NBC-Red: Today's Children
- 11:00
 CBS: Mary Lee Taylor
 NBC-Blue: The O'Neills
 NBC-Red: David Harum
- 11:15
 CBS: East and Dumke
 NBC-Blue: Personal Column
 NBC-Red: Backstage Wife
- 11:30
 CBS: Big Sister
 NBC-Blue: Vic and Sade
 NBC-Red: Mystery Chef
- 11:45
 CBS: Eleanor Howe
 NBC-Blue: Edward MacHugh
 NBC-Red: Allen Prescott
- 12:00 Noon
 CBS: The Gumps
 NBC-Red: Girl Alone
- 12:15 P. M.
 CBS: Edwin C. Hill
 NBC-Red: Mary Marlin
- 12:30
 CBS: Romance of Helen Trent
- 12:45
 CBS: Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00
 CBS: Jack Berch
- 1:15
 CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
 NBC-Red: Dan Harding's Wife
- 1:30
 NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
- 1:45
 CBS: Aunt Jenny's Life Stories
- 2:15
 CBS: Jack and Loretta
- 2:45
 CBS: Myrt and Marge
 NBC-Red: Personal Column
- 3:00
 CBS: Bill Wright, V. P.
 MBS: Mollie of the Movies
 NBC-Red: Pepper Young's Family
- 3:15
 NBC-Red: Ma Perkins
- 3:30
 CBS: Concert Hall
 NBC-Red: Vic and Sade
- 3:45
 NBC-Blue: Have You Heard
 NBC-Red: The O'Neills
- 4:00
 CBS: Sing and Swing
 NBC-Red: Lorenzo Jones
- 4:30
 NBC-Red: Follow the Moon
- 4:45
 NBC-Red: The Guiding Light
- 5:00
 NBC-Blue: Mary Marlin
 NBC-Red: White the City Sleeps
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 NBC-Blue: Easy Aces
 NBC-Red: Amos 'n' Andy
- 7:15
 CBS: Ma and Pa
 NBC-Red: Vocal Varieties
- 7:30
 CBS: Alexander Woolcott
 NBC-Blue: Lum and Abner
 NBC-Red: Hendrick W. Van Loon
- 7:45
 CBS: Boake Carter
 NBC-Red: Passing Parade
- 8:00
 CBS: Hammerstein's Music Hall
 NBC-Blue: Husbands and Wives
 NBC-Red: Johnny Presents
- 8:30
 CBS: Al Jolson
 MBS: Listen to This
 NBC-Blue: Edgar A. Guest
 NBC-Red: Wayne King
- 9:00
 CBS: Al Pearce
 MBS: Gabriel Heatter
 NBC-Blue: Ben Bernio
 NBC-Red: Vox Pop—Parks Johnson
- 9:30
 CBS: Jack Oakie
 MBS: True Detective Mystery
 NBC-Blue: Sweetest Love Songs
 NBC-Red: Fred Astaire
- 10:30
 CBS: Your Unseen Friend
 NBC-Red: Jimmie Fidler

JUNE 1, 1937

BACK to work after the week-end—but remember, the working week is one day shorter than usual, so cheer up. . . . Over in Moscow, they're having an event today you won't hear broadcast, but it's important just the same. The Russians are holding a radio and television exposition which opens today. No telling what new developments in your listening habits may result. It's the first of its kind that has ever been held. . . . Set an hour aside tonight right now. It's your very last chance to listen to Fred Astaire being heckled by Charlie Butterworth—the program goes off for the summer and there's no telling if it will be back next fall. . . . From 10:00 to 10:30 tonight you can become eclipse expeditioners. At least

you can listen to the program of news and entertainment NBC is broadcasting for the special amusement of the men who have gone to a tiny Pacific island to watch the total eclipse of the sun on June 8. This broadcast will mean a lot to these temporary exiles, and NBC hopes it will to you, too. . . . Two birthdays for you to remember today. Hugo Mariani, dance orchestra leader, was born on June 1, 1899, in Montevideo, Uruguay, South America. Ray Heatherton, on the other hand, was born in 1909 in Jersey City and only had to cross the Hudson River to be a radio star. . . . Eddy Duchin begins his summer engagement at the Palmer House in Chicago. You're invited to join the festivities by tuning in MBS.



Romantic Eddy Duchin begins his summer engagement of a smart Chicago dance spot.

JUNE 8, 1937

IN ancient times, when the sun went into an eclipse, everybody hid in the wood shed until it was all over, being sure that they were receiving punishment for their sins. Nowadays, scientists spend a fortune in going to Enderbury Island, the one spot where they can see the eclipse better than if they stayed at home. They know it's going to happen years beforehand and their only fear is that a telescope or camera won't work. The peculiar thing about this eclipse is that, through radio, you can hear it described while it is happening, twice in the same day. At Enderbury Island, where NBC watches it, the eclipse happens at 3:08 p.m., New York time, but in Peru, where CBS men are on the job, it happens shortly

after 6:00 p.m., New York time. So you'd better lend an ear to both broadcasts. NBC has sent three men—George Hicks, announcer, and Marvin S. Adams and Walter R. Brown, engineers—down to Enderbury Island to report what goes on, and CBS has two in Lima, Peru, for the same purpose. It would take radio to spend all that time and money to describe what it looks like when you can't see anything. . . . George Hicks has taken this assignment very seriously. He studied astronomy before he left by painting the important members of the solar system on an umbrella. Freak broadcasts are all in the day's work for him. He's broadcast from the bottom of the sea and in the cockpit of an army bomber.



George Hicks is the man NBC sent to the South Seas to report the sun's eclipse.

JUNE 15, 1937

WHO'S the mysterious Cobina Fenwick of Myrt and Marge? Is that her real name? . . . Well, no, frankly, it isn't. Her real name is Frances Woodbury, and she's the possessor of one of the few perfect radio voices in the world. She has a full career on the stage behind her, and it's an honorable career, too, in spite of Cobina's villainous maneuvers. Frances was born in New England and raised in Boston. It was her participation in school plays at the Bradford Academy in Haverhill, Massachusetts, that led to dramatic courses at the Emerson School of Drama in Boston and, later, the New England Conservatory. For several years she was a leading lady in stock companies in New Orleans,

Portland, Oregon, Halifax and Atlanta. In New York she was featured in the same play that brought Joan Blondell and Jimmy Cagney to fame, "Maggie the Magnificent." Then she went to Chicago and into radio. You've heard her in The Romance of Helen Trent, The First Nighter, Betty and Bob, and other dramatic shows. When Myrt and Marge moved to New York this winter, Frances moved too, because she's Myrt's most dependable villainess. . . . Dollars to doughnuts you're missing a show that would give you a lot of solid pleasure if you'd listen. It's John Nesbitt's Passing Parade, on NBC-Red at 7:45 tonight and last night. John started it as a local show out in San Francisco, and it gained quick success.



Frances Woodbury is the mysterious, menacing Cobina Fenwick of Myrt and Marge.

JUNE 22, 1937



Another infant impersonator is Frances Reynolds, also of Myrt and Marge.

RADIO'S second expert practitioner of baby sounds is Frances Reynolds. (The first is Madeleine Pierce whose story we told you about in yesterday's section.) Frances' most famous part is that of Marge's baby in the Myrt and Marge series, which you will listen to at 2:45 this afternoon; but like Madeleine, she's always on call for this and many other programs that need an infant. Network shows have to use baby imitators, since there's an iron clad rule against using any recorded sound effects except of mechanical sounds like trains, automobiles, egg beaters, and the like. There's some good reason for this no one has ever disclosed. Frances has been on the stage most of her life. She used to do children's acts in vaude-

ville and Chautauqua, and her experience tramping then has stood her in good stead since she got into radio via Major Bowes' old amateur show on a New York station. Unlike Madeleine Pierce, who often imitates children and adolescents, Frances sticks pretty closely to infant roles. She was born in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, and her family name is Womelsdorf. If you come from Pennsylvania, you'll recognize that as the surname of a fine old Dutch family. And—one for our friend Robert Ripley—there's even a small Pennsylvania town named Womelsdorf. Just one birthday for you to remember today—Phil Duey's. He was born in Macy, Indiana, thirty-five years ago.

WEDNESDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Lanny Ross

It is better to lose a fortune than a friend.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00 A.M.
CBS: Betty and Bob
NBC-Blue: Capt. Tim Healy
NBC-Red: Mrs. Wiggs
- 10:15
CBS: Modern Cinderella
NBC-Blue: Ma Perkins
NBC-Red: John's Other Wife
- 10:30
CBS: Betty Crocker; Hymns
NBC-Blue: Pepper Young's Family
NBC-Red: Just Plain Bill
- 10:45
CBS: News
NBC-Red: Today's Children
- 11:00
CBS: Heinz Magazine
NBC-Blue: The O'Neills
NBC-Red: David Harum
- 11:15
NBC-Blue: Personal Column
NBC-Red: Backstage Wife
- 11:30
CBS: Big Sister
NBC-Blue: Vic and Sade
NBC-Red: How to Be Charming
- 11:45
CBS: Dr. Allan R. Dafoe
NBC-Blue: Edward MacHugh
- 12:00 Noon
CBS: The Gumps
NBC-Red: Girl Alone
- 12:15
CBS: Edwin C. Hill
NBC-Red: Mary Marlin
- 12:30
CBS: Romance of Helen Trent
- 12:45
CBS: Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00
CBS: Five Star Revue
- 1:15
CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Red: Dan Harding's Wife
- 1:30
CBS: George Reesor
NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
- 1:45
CBS: Aunt Jenny's Life Stories
- 2:00
CBS: Kathryn Cravens
- 2:15
CBS: Jack and Loretta
- 2:45
CBS: Myrt and Marge
NBC-Red: Personal Column
- 3:00
CBS: Mollie of the Movies
NBC-Red: Pepper Young's Family
- 3:15
NBC-Red: Ma Perkins
- 3:30
NBC-Red: Vic and Sade
- 3:45
NBC-Red: The O'Neills
- 4:00
NBC-Red: Lorenzo Jones
- 4:30
CBS: Russell Dorr
NBC-Red: Follow the Moon
- 4:45
NBC-Red: The Guiding Light
- 5:00
CBS: Elsie Thompson
NBC-Blue: Mary Marlin
- 5:15
NBC-Red: Dari-Dan
- 5:30
NBC-Blue: Singing Lady
NBC-Red: Jack Armstrong
- 5:45
CBS: Funny Things
NBC-Red: Little Orphan Annie
- Six P.M. to Eleven P.M.
- 6:30
Press-Radio News
- 6:35
CBS: Sports Resume
- 6:45
NBC-Blue: Lowell Thomas
- 7:00
CBS: Poetic Melodies
NBC-Blue: Easy Aces
NBC-Red: Amos 'n' Andy
- 7:15
CBS: Ma and Pa
NBC-Blue: Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt
NBC-Red: Uncle Ezra
- 7:30
CBS: The Lone Ranger
NBC-Blue: Lum and Abner
- 7:45
CBS: Boake Carter
- 8:00
CBS: Cavalcade of America
NBC-Blue: Beatrice Lillie
NBC-Red: One Man's Family
- 8:30
CBS: Ken Murray
NBC-Blue: Tonic Time
NBC-Blue: Helen Menken
NBC-Red: Wayne King
- 9:00
CBS: Lily Pons
NBC-Red: Town Hall Tonight
- 9:30
CBS: Beauty Box Theatre
- 10:00
CBS: Gang Busters, Phillips Lord
NBC-Red: Your Hit Parade
- 10:30
CBS: Babe Ruth
NBC-Blue: Minstrel Show

MAY 26, 1937

YOU'VE started your listening day and month off right by consulting your Radio Mirror Almanac to see what you mustn't miss on the air. Get the Almanac habit . . . and remember, the best time to look over the Almanac is right after breakfast to see if there aren't some early programs you just have to hear . . . Today's special occasions come late at night, but that's no sign you'll always have to wait that long . . . It's Glen Gray's opening night at the Palomar in Los Angeles. That's the big dance hall out there which, like Chicago's Aragon, is winning such a reputation by hiring America's ace dance bands. Glen and his Casa Loma boys are there for an extended summer engagement and you

can join in the fun by tuning them in on the Mutual network. Glen's actually leading the band himself. You'll recall that always before he simply played the saxophone and let someone else wave the baton . . . Gala opening number two is Harry Reser's at the Graystone Ballroom in Detroit. If you loved Harry and his Eskimos—and who didn't—you'll want to be among those present when they make their bow to the motor-makers. Harry has an NBC wire to your home. . . . For that experimental mood, why don't you tune in France on your short-wave equipment? At 5:10 E. D. S. T., this afternoon, turn your dial to 25.24m—11,885 Kc. Or, if you prefer, to the German station DJB, 19.74m—15,200 Kc.



Out in Los Angeles, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma orchestra open at the Palomar.

JUNE 2, 1937



Young Walter Tetley celebrates a birthday while working on Fred Allen's program.

IT'S Derby Day in England, and the big Epsom Downs are swarming with people. As usual, your radio is on the job, and you needn't miss any of the excitement . . . You know, the Epsom Derby is the special property of all the common, ordinary people in England—the high-hats have their steeplechase classic at Aintree. Which doesn't mean that there aren't plenty of high-hats in the crowd at Epsom today. Just try to keep an Englishman away from the races! You can listen in on NBC . . . Dick Gasparre's orchestra opens tonight at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, broadcasting on the Mutual network . . . And Henry King starts his summer season at the very swell Westchester-Biltmore Country

Club in Rye, New York, also on a Mutual wire . . . While you are waiting for them to come on the air, how about a balanced radio ration for Wednesday night? The Easy Aces get into new trouble of Jane's devising at seven; at 7:15 the First Lady of the Land gives you some low-down on the problems of a President's wife—all on NBC. At 7:45 you switch to CBS and Boake Carter's opinions, which are always provocative even if you can't understand what he's saying. At nine you must listen to Fred Allen, because there won't be many more opportunities. If there's a hoy's voice on his show, it's Walter Tetley, Fred's favorite child actor—and Walter ought to be good tonight, because it's his birthday.

JUNE 9, 1937

REMEMBER the girl who used to speak Mary Lou's lines on the old Show Boat? Those were the days, weren't they? Well, Mary Lou is no more, but the girl who created her is still very busy. You hear her tonight, in fact, but unless your ears are sharp to recognize voices you won't know who she is. Her real name is Rosaline Greene, but she does the announcing for Mrs. Roosevelt under the name of Virginia Barr. She flies from New York to Washington and back for her Wednesday date at the White House. On Monday nights she's busy too, announcing for Phil Spitalny's Hour of Charm program. By this time each June Rosaline is spending every free weekend in the Great South Bay, off Long

Island, where her family live and where she has a yacht to cruise around in . . . Complaints have been coming in from listeners that Rosaline's too solemn on her Hour of Charm program and ought to pep up her announcements. What do you think about it? Listen in next Monday, and see what you think . . . At 8:30 tonight you can listen to Helen Menken, one of America's great actresses, in the serial drama, Her Second Husband, on the NBC-Blue network. Miss Menken, who is tall, blonde and stately, once played Queen Elizabeth on the stage opposite the Mary Queen of Scots of another radio Helen — Miss Hayes, who is short, blonde, and winsome . . . and, at the moment, vacationing.



The first Mary Lou, Virginia Barr, Rosaline Greene—they are the same girl.

JUNE 16, 23, 1937



Ken Murray's Marlyn Stuart holds radio's most unique contract with her comic boss.

TONIGHT, for just about twenty seconds, you'll hear the possessor of radio's queerest contract, Marlyn Stuart, on the Ken Murray show. Marlyn has a long-term personal agreement, in writing, with Ken to do only one thing, cry "Mama, that man's here again!" at the beginning of each program. After that, she retires, her duty done—and it does seem a shame that as lovely a blonde as Marlyn shouldn't have more things to do on the program . . . Better listen to Lily Pons tonight. Movie contracts are calling her back to Hollywood and next week is her last broadcast. In July, her place will be taken by Frank Parker, but Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra will remain. June 23: It's Fred Allen's

next-to-the-last broadcast for a very long time, so be sure to listen. He won't be back on the air in the fall—and maybe he won't ever be back, unless some sponsor succeeds in getting him to change his mind. Why? There isn't space to tell you here, but read the story on page 19. And, for something to remember him by, here's one of his most recent script jokes, taken straight out of the script for a Town Hall Tonight broadcast: "Fred Allen: You say Miss Barrie has received her final decree? Actor: Yes, Elaine is returning to the stage. Allen: Which name will she use, Barrie or Barrymore? Actor: Barrie. Barrie's all there is. There isn't any 'more.'" . . . Today's Mary Livingstone's birthday.

THURSDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Kate Smith

After the verb *To Love*, the most beautiful verb is *To Help*.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00 A. M.
CBS: Betty and Bob
NBC-Blue: Capt. Tim Healy
NBC-Red: Mrs. Wiggs
- 10:15
CBS: Modern Cinderella
NBC-Blue: Ma Perkins
NBC-Red: John's Other Wife
- 10:30
CBS: Betty Crocker: Hymns
NBC-Blue: Pepper Young's Family
NBC-Red: Just Plain Bill
- 10:45
CBS: News
NBC-Red: Today's Children
- 11:00
CBS: Mary Lee Taylor
NBC-Blue: The O'Neills
NBC-Red: David Harum
- 11:15
CBS: East and Dumke
NBC-Blue: Personal Column
NBC-Red: Backstage Wife
- 11:30
CBS: Big Sister
NBC-Blue: Vic and Sade
- 11:45
CBS: Merrymakers
NBC-Blue: Edward MacHugh
NBC-Red: Allen Prescott
- 12:00 Noon
CBS: The Gumps
NBC-Red: Girl Alone
- 12:15 P. M.
CBS: Edwin C. Hill
NBC-Red: Mary Marlin
- 12:30
CBS: Romance of Helen Trent
- 12:45
CBS: Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00
CBS: Jack Berch
- 1:15
CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Red: Dan Hardino's Wife
- 1:30
CBS: George Rector
NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
- 1:45
CBS: Aunt Jenny's Life Stories
- 2:15
CBS: Jack and Loretta
- 2:30
NBC-Blue: Women's Clubs
NBC-Red: It's a Woman's World
- 2:45
CBS: Myrt and Marge
NBC-Red: Personal Column
- 3:00
CBS: Bill Wright
NBC-Blue: Mollie of the Movies
NBC-Red: Pepper Young's Family
- 3:15
NBC-Red: Ma Perkins
- 3:30
NBC-Red: Vic and Sade
- 3:45
NBC-Red: The O'Neills
- 4:00
NBC-Blue: NBC Light Opera Co.
NBC-Red: Lorenzo Jones
- 4:30
NBC-Red: Follow the Moon
- 4:45
NBC-Red: The Guiding Light
- 5:00
NBC-Blue: Mary Marlin
- 5:30
NBC-Blue: Singing Lady
NBC-Red: Jack Armstrong
- 5:45
CBS: Dorothy Gordon
NBC-Blue: Green and De Rose
NBC-Red: Little Orphan Annie
Six P. M. to Eleven P. M.
- 6:30
Press-Radio News
- 6:35
CBS: Sports Resume
- 6:45
CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Blue: Lowell Thomas
- 7:00
CBS: Poetic Melodies
NBC-Blue: Easy Aces
NBC-Red: Amos 'n' Andy
- 7:15
CBS: Ma and Pa
NBC-Blue: All Star Cycle Show
NBC-Red: Vocal Varieties
- 7:30
CBS: Alexander Woolcott
NBC-Blue: Lum and Abner
- 7:45
CBS: Boake Carter
NBC-Blue: Pleasant Valley Frollics
- 8:00
CBS: Kate Smith
NBC-Red: Rudy Vallee
- 8:30
NBC-Blue: Boston Pops Concert
- 9:00
CBS: Major Bowes Amateurs
NBC-Blue: Gabriel Heatter
NBC-Red: Show Boat
- 9:30
NBC-Blue: Melody Treasure Hunt
NBC-Blue: Spelling Bee
- 10:00
CBS: Floyd Gibbons
NBC-Red: Kraft Music Hall
- 10:30
CBS: March of Time

MAY 27, 1937

LEND an ear today to baseball. All over the country there are sponsored baseball broadcasts, today and every day, coming over your big local stations. For instance, if you live in Philadelphia or one of its many suburbs, Bill Dyer is telling you today, over WCAU, about the game between Cleveland and the Philadelphia Athletics—unless it rains. Your Almanac is looking for fair weather, with a hint of just a few showers. Time was when baseball teams wouldn't let their games be broadcast, but today only the New York and Brooklyn teams are still holding out . . . Should you be bored with or by baseball, you certainly aren't by that favorite of daytime programs, The O'Neills. Today, at 11:00 (E. D.

S. T. of course) on the NBC-Blue network or at 3:45 on the Red network, you can tune in this broadcast. If you do, you'll want to know about Danny O'Neill, that impetuous Irish youngster. Jimmy Tansey plays this role. His age? He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 20, 1910. Both his father and mother were theater folk, so Jimmy's elementary education came from twenty-two schools in fifteen states. At the age of eight, he made his stage debut as—a fifty-five year old midget! There's been no holding him ever since and his radio debut came in the fall of 1930 . . . Go dancing tonight to the music of Emil Coleman who opens at Ben Marden's Riviera, one of New York's glamour spots.



Emil Coleman and his orchestra open their summer season tonight and you can tune in.

JUNE 3, 1937



Arch McDonald goes around the country with the Senators for Station WJSV.

THERE'S a morning program on CBS you may have been missing, but if you'll take the Almanac's word for it, don't. Tune in this morning at 11:45 (E. D. S. T. again) on the CBS network and hear Eleanor Howe, who conducts the "Homemakers Exchange." Between 8,000 and 10,000 of you write in to her each week, and you picked an expert to help solve your homemaking problems. Eleanor was born in Denver, Colorado, went to school in Homewood, Illinois, and received degrees from the University of Illinois and Columbia University. Her radio debut was in Denver, and she boasts of conducting one of the first cooking schools on the air . . . This can be another baseball listening day,

if you want to tune in this afternoon to station WJSV in the nation's capital, Arch McDonald will give you the game between the Senators and the Detroit Tigers—though your Almanac says there's a good chance of rain. The game is played in Detroit . . . Tonight you must listen in to Floyd Gibbons' true adventure program, because it's the first Thursday of the month and that's the night he always presents his prize of \$250 for the best adventure submitted during the month. . . Later, there is Paul Kain's music from the Hotel Commodore over your nearest Mutual System station. It's Paul's opening night and his first New York engagement. Will he make good? Here's hoping he gets a break.

JUNE 10, 1937

REAL sports fans don't get tired of baseball as a steady radio diet, but for you who are looking for a diversion, today and the next two days are going to be radio's golfing days. Tune in to hear the network's description of what goes on at the Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham, Michigan. It's the annual National Open Golf Tournament and radio's giving you a divot-by-divot account of what the putter and niblick experts are up to—and still save you the trouble of following the players around from hole to hole. Tony Manero won the Open last year and he'll be in the running again today. The National Open is just about the biggest event of the golfing world, for it pits amateurs and professionals together

and all the pros fight to prevent the ignominy of defeat at the hands of an amateur. Bobby Jones was one who did the trick . . . Tonight Bing Crosby—bless our souls he's a good master of ceremonies—kicks another famous guest, with an assist by Bob Burns. Some listeners complain that Bing is too free with the informal style around personages like Greta Stueckgold and Rose Bampton. Your Almanac says that's heresy. Bing is the first to make some of those dignitaries sound human . . . Senator Fishface was born twenty-nine years ago today in Amarillo, Texas, and his parents christened him Elmore Vincent! . . . Ramon Ramos opens tonight at New York's ultra swank Ambassador Hotel.



Tony Manero, winner of last year's national Open. Can he repeat this year?

JUNE 17, 24, 1937



Marion Barney plays a beloved radio character—Mrs. Young of Pepper Young's Family.

YOU hear Marion Barney today. She's Mary Young, the mother who combines all the best qualities of every mother that ever lived, in Pepper Young's Family. Marion was born in San Francisco, went to college at the University of California, and then went on the stage where she played with George Arliss, Margaret Anglin, and other great stars. A few years ago, after she had gone into radio, she was offered the part of George M. Cohan's wife in that smash stage success, "Ah Wilderness," but she turned it down because she liked radio better. Marion is married and her favorite food is anything at all that has cheese in it. Her hobby is gardening.

June 24. Tonight there will be a big occasion in the Ozzie Nelson Hollywood home. David Ozzie, Jr., is just eight months old and mama will celebrate, though papa is still on his way west. Harriet Hilliard (mama, of course, to junior) is working in RKO's "New Faces" with Milton Berle, Parkyakarkus and Joe Penner and that's something to look forward to seeing . . . Tonight, on CBS, you hear Kate Smith for the last time until September when she comes back to the same time, with the same show, but with a new sponsor . . . Fred Waring and Phil Harris, bandleaders both, are opening birthday presents this early summer day . . . and glamorous night! Guy Lombardo opens at the Waldorf roof. You must come via CBS.

FRIDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Arthur Godfrey

Fools talk much and say little; wise men talk little and say much.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00
CBS: Betty and Bob
NBC-Blue: Capt. Tim Healy
NBC-Red: Mrs. Wiggs
- 10:15
CBS: Modern Cinderella
NBC-Blue: Ma Perkins
NBC-Red: John's Other Wife
- 10:30
CBS: Betty Crocker
NBC-Blue: Pepper Young's Family
NBC-Red: Just Plain Bill
- 10:45
CBS: Music News
NBC-Red: Today's Children
- 11:00
CBS: Heinz Magazine
NBC-Blue: The O'Neills
NBC-Red: David Harum
- 11:15
NBC-Blue: Personal Column
NBC-Red: Backstage Wife
- 11:30
CBS: Big Sister
NBC-Blue: Vic and Sade
NBC-Red: How to Be Charming
- 11:45
CBS: Dr. Allan R. Dafeo
NBC-Blue: Edward MacHugh
- 12:00 Noon
CBS: The Gumps
NBC-Red: Girl Alone
- 12:15
CBS: Edwin C. Hill
NBC-Red: Mary Marlin
- 12:30
CBS: Romance of Helen Trent
- 12:45
CBS: Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00
CBS: Five Star Revue
- 1:15
CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Red: Dan Harding's Wife
- 1:30
CBS: George Rector
NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
NBC-Red: Special Edition
- 1:45
CBS: Aunt Jenny's Life Stories
- 2:00
CBS: Kathryn Gravens
- 2:15
CBS: Jack and Loretta
- 2:45
CBS: Myrt and Marge
NBC-Red: Pepper Young's Family
- 3:15
CBS: Concert Hall
NBC-Red: Ma Perkins
- 3:30
NBC-Red: Vic and Sade
- 3:45
NBC-Red: The O'Neills
- 4:00
CBS: Melody Revue
NBC-Red: Tea Time at Morrell's
- 4:30
NBC-Red: Follow the Moon
- 4:45
NBC-Red: The Guiding Light
- 5:15
NBC-Blue: Singing Lady
NBC-Red: Dari-Dan
- 5:30
NBC-Red: Jack Armstrong
- 5:45
CBS: Funny Things
NBC-Red: Little Orphan Annie
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CBS: Pretty Kitty Kelly
NBC-Blue: Lowell Thomas
- 7:00
CBS: Poetic Melodies
NBC-Red: Amos 'n' Andy
- 7:15
CBS: Ma and Pa
NBC-Blue: The Stainless Show
NBC-Red: Uncle Ezra
- 7:30
CBS: The Lone Ranger
NBC-Blue: Lum and Abner
NBC-Red: Edwin C. Hill
- 7:45
CBS: Boake Carter
- 8:00
CBS: Broadway Varieties
NBC-Blue: Irene Rich
NBC-Red: Cities Service Concert
- 8:15
NBC-Blue: Singin' Sam
- 8:30
CBS: Hal Kemp's Orch.
NBC-Blue: Death Valley Days
- 9:00
CBS: Hollywood Hotel
NBC-Blue: Louis Armstrong
NBC-Red: Waltz Time
- 9:30
NBC-Blue: Coronet
NBC-Red: True Story Court
- 10:00
CBS: Philadelphia Orchestra
NBC-Blue: Jack Pearl, Cliff Hall
NBC-Red: First Nighter
- 10:30
CBS: Babe Ruth
NBC-Red: Jimmie Fidler

MAY 28, 1937

HERE'S a gala day whether you like dance music or symphonies. All the dance bands are settling down into their summer spots, and tonight there's a bumper crop of openings—Nye Mayhew, who has a new band nobody knows much about, is opening at the Glen Island Casino, broadcasting over Mutual. Nye must be good, because no less a person than Hal Kemp manages him and arranges his playing dates . . . The Hudson-DeLange orchestra, which will go down in history as the outfit which started the vogue of "Organ Grinder's Swing," will keep the crowds at Playland Beach, Rye, New York, happy tonight and every night from now on. Your radio will have to tune in on the nearest NBC sta-

tion to keep step . . . And for CBS tuner-inners, there's still another first-night—Shep Fields, the Rippling Rhythmer himself, at the Surfside Beach Club, Atlantic Beach, Long Island . . . To wind the list up, Happy Felton goes into the William Penn Hotel, in Pittsburgh, and you listen to him on Mutual . . . Jerry Cooper has hit his stride as the new male star of Hollywood Hotel, and if you haven't got around to listening to him yet, tonight's your chance . . . Leave the radio tuned to the same station, and you go right from Hollywood Hotel to the Philadelphia Orchestra's first broadcast on its old series since returning from its coast-to-coast tour . . . Birthday greetings to Charlie Winninger.



Shep Fields brings Rippling Rhythm tonight to your local CBS network station.

JUNE 4, 1937

WELCOME tonight to a new star. Lester Tremayne makes his bow in radio's toughest job—successor to Don Ameche on the First Nighter programs. Barbara Luddy continues as the leading lady of these exciting tabloid dramas . . . Lester's one of those actors who were practically born in a theatrical trunk. His mother was Dolly Tremayne, a movie star in England before and during the war, and Lester was born in 1913, a little more than a year before London became a target for enterprising Zeppelins. One of his earliest recollections is of the time he huddled in a darkened room, waiting for a bomb to drop on the house. It was almost the end of the war when Mrs. Tremayne took Lester and his younger

brother to the United States, where Lester grew up and went to school. He first went on the stage, but has been in radio since 1932, starting as an announcer in a Chicago station. Motoring, he thinks, is more fun than anything in the world, and his idea of a vacation is to drive six thousand miles in two weeks. He isn't married . . . Tonight may be your last chance to listen to Jack Denny's orchestra from the Drake Hotel in Chicago, over NBC and MBS. Jack followed Paul Whiteman into that opulent tavern, on a four-week contract, and tonight is the last night of the contract period . . . Don't forget your 9:30 session with the True Story Court tonight over NBC. These true life dramas become more interesting every week.



First Nighter's new star, replacing Don Ameche, is London-born Lester Tremayne.

JUNE 11, 1937

SCHOOL in your town will soon be out for the summer, if it isn't already, and you'll be faced with the job of keeping the children busy all day. Here's a tip for Fridays particularly, but for every other week-day too. Irene Wicker, the Singing Lady, comes along at 5:15, E. D. S. T., Friday afternoons, 5:30 other afternoons; and on Fridays she lengthens her program to a full half-hour, with one of her famous music-stories. These are the plays she has listed for producing in the next month, though not necessarily in this order: "Jack and the Beanstalk," written by the Singing Lady with music arranged by Milton Rettenburg; "The Cobbler and the Fairy"; "The Story of Sigurd," an

original play by the Singing Lady; and an adaptation of Wagner's opera, "Lohengrin" . . . Guaranteed to keep any youngster quiet, or is yours different? . . . Tonight, Jimmie Fidler brings you the fourth in his new Friday night series—same time, same network as his Tuesday newscasts. You simply can't keep up with what's happening in Hollywood unless you listen to James Marion Fidler—nor can you keep up on Hollywood's radio doings unless you read the master's own column in this magazine . . . Your convenient baseball bulletin: Washington vs. Chicago on WJSV, Washington; Boston vs. Detroit on WWJ, Detroit; Chicago vs. Phillies on WCAU, Philadelphia, except for rain.



The Singing Lady's Friday programs are twice as long as her shows on other days.

JUNE 18, 1937

THE noisiest program on the air—that's what the critics called it after its first broadcast, anyway—is recommended for you tonight. Louis Armstrong, Eddie Green and an all-colored cast cavort for your pleasure on the Blue network at nine o'clock. It's their next-to-last time on this hour, because on July 4 they move bag, baggage and trumpet into the show which now stars Ozzie Nelson and Bob R. Ripley. This is definitely a promotion for the boys from Harlem . . . You may not like swing music or a lot of noise in your radio shows, but you have to admit the Messrs. Armstrong, Green, and the rest get more fun out of performing at a mike than any twenty white stars you can name. "Ol' Satch-

mo'"—that's Harlem's name for Louis Armstrong—just loves to play the trumpet . . . Leave your set tuned in to the same station you hear Satchmo on, and you get Deems Taylor and Robert Armbruster's orchestra. Nobody would ever expect a music critic and composer to turn radio star, but that's what Mr. T. has gone and done. His comments on the Philharmonic Symphony broadcasts last winter were twice as entertaining as some of the music. Now up he bobs on a commercial program, demonstrating what a lot of fun can be had with music, and acting as if he'd been born under a microphone. It's very peaceful, after the Armstrong show—but Deems will fight if you say it's more highbrow.



A new time's forecast for Louis Armstrong, the famous trumpeter of Harlem.

SATURDAY

MOTTO OF THE DAY

By Burns and Allen

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely stoges.

All time is Eastern Daylight Saving

- 10:00 A. M.
CBS: Your Home and Mine
NBC: Press-Radio News
- 10:05
NBC-Blue: Breen and De Rose
NBC-Red: Charioteers
- 10:15
CBS: Richard Maxwell
NBC-Blue: Raising Your Parents
NBC-Red: The Vass Family
- 10:30
CBS: Let's Pretend
NBC-Red: Manhattans
- 10:45
NBC-Blue: Clark Dennis
- 11:00
CBS: Cincinnati Conservatory
NBC-Blue: Madge Marley
NBC-Red: Our American Schools
- 11:15
NBC-Blue: Minute Men
NBC-Red: Home Town
- 11:30
NBC-Blue: Magic of Speech
NBC-Red: Mystery Chef
- 11:45
NBC-Red: Fitch Romances
- 12:00 Noon
NBC-Red: Abram Chasins
- 12:30
NBC-Red: Rex Battle's Orch.
CBS: George Hall Orch.
- 1:05
NBC-Red: Whitney Ensemble
- 1:30
CBS: Buffalo Presents
NBC-Blue: Farm and Home Hour
NBC-Red: Federation Music Clubs
- 2:00
NBC-Blue: Madison Ensemble
NBC-Red: Your Host is Buffalo
- 2:30
NBC-Red: Golden Melodies
- 2:45
CBS: Tours in Tone
- 3:00
CBS: Down by Herman's
NBC-Red: Walter Logan
- 3:30
CBS: Dept. of Commerce Series
NBC-Red: Week End Review
- 5:30
CBS: Vocals by Verrill
NBC-Blue: Bert Block Orch.
NBC-Red: Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten
- Six P. M. to Eleven P. M.
- 6:05
NBC-Blue: Nickelodeon
NBC-Red: Top Hatters
- 6:30
Press-Radio News
- 6:35
CBS: Sports Resume
NBC-Blue: NBC Home Symphony
NBC-Red: Alma Kitchell
- 6:45
CBS: Tito Guizar
NBC-Red: Religion in the News
- 7:00
CBS: Saturday Swing Session
NBC-Blue: Message of Israel
- 7:30
CBS: Universal Rhythm
NBC-Blue: Uncle Jim's Question Bee
NBC-Red: Hampton Institute
- 7:45
NBC-Red: ABC of NBC
- 8:00
CBS: Professor Quiz
- 8:30
CBS: Johnny Presents
NBC-Blue: Meredith Willson
- 9:00
CBS: Grace Moore
NBC-Blue: Smitlin' Ed McConnell
NBC-Blue: National Barn Dance
NBC-Red: Snow Village Sketches
- 9:30
CBS: Your Pet Program
NBC-Red: Shell Show, Joe Cook
- 10:00
CBS: Your Hit Parade and Sweepstakes

MAY 29, 1937

WHAT'S the program for the weekend? Have you had the car oiled and filled up for that jaunt into the country? Switch on the dashboard radio and here we go . . . First, there's the opening day at the Davis Cup tennis meet at historic Forest Hills, to be broadcast on all networks. But don't get too interested as you drive. It's heavy traffic today and that guy ahead has some fancy driving up his sleeve . . . The hotels are freshening up with new bands tonight. Charlie Dornberger replaces Guy Lombardo at New York's Roosevelt. Hear his music on the Mutual system. These stations also give you Bert Block from the Statler Hotel in St. Louis . . . From the world's largest ballroom, Chicago's

Aragon, come the strains tonight of "Summertime," which—as if you didn't already know it—is Bob Crosby's theme song. It's opening night for Bing's kid brother . . . Before all this dance music starts, tune in to Grace Moore and Vincent Lopez from Hollywood . . . Lopez traveled all the way out there just for this program. He disbanded his orchestra in the East, taking only a few members with him and picking up the rest out West. La Moore will probably finish her radio season the last week in June . . . At 9:30, New York time, right after Miss Moore, switch to NBC's Red network station nearest you and hear Joe Cook interview another large batch of guests on the Shell Show.



Bing's kid brother Bob Crosby is a big shot in the dance-bond world tonight.



Jack Grony used to play baseball before he became announcer on WHK, Cleveland.

JUNE 5, 1937

BIG doings afoot in Oslo, Norway—and Your Almanac means afoot, because there's a parade and public dancing. It's Norway's Oslo Day, which means as much to the small boys in Oslo as the Fourth of July does to your son. There are carnivals, speeches and all sorts of popular festivities, and NBC is bringing them to you intact . . . In our own country, baseball again rules undisputed by everybody except the weather man as king of the sports calendar. For Cleveland and its radio radius, Jack Grony is well into his fifth season of describing Cleveland Indian games into a WHK microphone. Jack knows what he's talking about too; he played left field with the Indians when they won their only pennant back

in 1920. . . On many stations of NBC's Blue network (though not on all of them) there comes a half hour of real pleasure for all you question bee fans, for at 7:30, New York's time, Uncle Jim brings you his version of this popular new radio fad. Uncle Jim is Jim McWilliams, now a church elder at his home in Virginia Beach, and formerly a partner of Frank Crumit when he toured in vaudeville. With your head buzzing with questions, switch right over to CBS, where Professor Quiz holds forth. There's a mystery about the Professor. He won't allow his picture to be taken and he has a clause in his contract prohibiting any personal publicity. Your Almanac believes he is a big business executive.

JUNE 12, 1937

YOUR baseball schedules for today: In the American league, Washington at Chicago, New York at St. Louis, Boston at Detroit, Philadelphia at Cleveland; in the National league, St. Louis at Boston, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, Cincinnati at New York, Chicago at Philadelphia; in the International League, Syracuse at Rochester (and it's a double-header), Buffalo at Newark, Montreal at Baltimore, Toronto at Jersey City. All of them—need your Almanac add?—weather permitting . . . Turn your radio on early today for Richard Maxwell and his Songs of Comfort and Cheer on CBS at 10:15 Eastern Daylight Saving time. He's a radio singer who likes tropical fish and always wanted to be an ichthyolo-

gist, but plenty of fans are glad he never achieved his ambition. Born in Mansfield, Ohio, he was the son of a singer and an artist. Before he found out what an ichthyologist is (all right, it's a scientist who's an expert on fishes) he wanted to become a social worker or a doctor. But from the time he sang at church socials at the age of a year and a half he was destined to be a singer. He attended several colleges, from many of which he was sent home for being class clown, but finally he ended up winning a Phi Beta Kappa key. He's a radio veteran, having made his debut in 1923 and his CBS debut in 1928. Before that he'd been a chorus boy in musical comedy at the age of 21, and worked at selling real estate.



Gil Gibbons is the observer who helps Grony call all the plays right far you.

JUNE 19, 1937



Newspaper man and announcer, Ty Mon does baseball honors for WWJ in Detroit.

IF you're still enough of a kid at heart to wish you didn't have to go to work on your birthday you'll be glad today for Virginia Payne. You know her better as Oxydol's Ma Perkins. This is her birthday, and it is also one of the days in the week she doesn't have to work on the air. Ma Perkins in real life is only 27 years old. Born in Cincinnati, Virginia is the daughter of John Lewis Payne, a physician, and when she was four she registered her disapproval of acting and actresses by walking out on Maude Adams' performance of "Peter Pan." Two years later she began to study elocution, however, and found that acting was more fun than she'd thought, and harder work besides. She is twice a college graduate,

holding both an A.B. and M.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati. Before she was out of school she was working at station WLW and also on the local stage. One of her leading men with the Stuart Walker players was movie star Tyrone Power, but he wasn't famous then. She created the part of Ma Perkins when it was a local WLW serial, and moved with it to Chicago and the networks in 1933 . . . Two more birthdays to celebrate are Guy Lombardo's and Enni Coleman's . . . Your day's baseball schedule includes Chicago-New York, St. Louis-Washington, Pittsburgh-Boston; New York-Cincinnati, Philadelphia-Chicago, Detroit-Philadelphia . . . Always, remember the weather permitting.

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Why

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Cap'n Henry



Lanny Ross



Fred Allen

By NORTON RUSSELL

THERE'S revolution in the air, and open rebellion's the order of the day. Soon—though you listeners aren't supposed to see behind the curtain of publicity headlines that has been drawn across the war-torn scene—the second most popular comedian will be gone from the radio scene forever (he insists), a grand old favorite, one of the first of all big programs, will have bedecked itself with new frilleries, and a young tenor whose voice you've learned to love on his Thursday night program will be gone, to what he hopes are greener pastures.

No one knows what is really in a star's heart, but when you hear him talking to his best friend, you can pretty much get the general idea of what's going on inside him. That is why I can tell you that Fred Allen is through with radio, for reasons which, in spite of your disappointment at losing him, you can understand and sympathize with.

On the other hand, everyone on Radio Row has known for a long time about Show Boat's troubles—the lengthy conferences, the carloads of cigars consumed over the writing and rewriting of scripts, and the hundreds of auditions. All have had just one purpose—to keep Show Boat afloat! And now, Lanny Ross is really quitting—walking ashore for good—and Show Boat's going Hollywood! With a bang! New guest stars, new story, new actors, and one familiar, dearly loved face. Charlie Winninger, the one and only Cap'n Henry, is coming back.

That's revolution enough, rebellion aplenty, for any radio season. And it leaves questions that have to be answered,

questions involving two of your favorite entertainers and one of your best loved programs.

Why, first of all, is Lanny quitting Show Boat?

The answer to that question lies in just three words: to justify himself.

When Lanny got his first big chance, on that same Show Boat program years ago, he was an unknown youth. He was not a star, but only the tenor singer on the show, a member of the cast. As Show Boat grew more popular, Lanny's personal popularity kept step. Then came the day when he stepped into the starring role. It was Lanny Ross' Show Boat now.

As Show Boat changed, so did Lanny. He grew older, less carefree; and he took new responsibilities upon himself when he married. He began to want to become a serious singer, and he worked and studied to master difficult songs—German *lieder* and operatic arias which could find no place on the light-hearted Show Boat programs.

Once, during those years with Show Boat, Lanny appeared in a moving picture. Even his friends had to admit that his performance left much to be desired, and that experience left a mark on his character which has remained. He set to work studying acting as well as music and made a silent vow that some day he would return to Hollywood and wipe the slate clean of that early failure by turning in a smash acting performance.

Now all those years of work and study have combined with the gradual change in his (*Continued on page 78*)

WHO CAN

Grace



A. L. Shajer-Columbia Pictures

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J A C K S H E R

Grace Moore today is the same high-tempered girl who ran away from her dull school life, and got a job as singer in a Greenwich Village cafe. She still insists on her own way.

CALLING Grace Moore a little bit temperamental is like calling the Atlantic Ocean a nice little body of water. The Atlantic can be very friendly and accommodating when sun and wind and tide are right. It can make you forgive it for the times when it raises the dickens—but if you don't forgive it, the Atlantic doesn't care. Nor has it ever been known to stop raising the dickens. In all of which Grace Moore resembles the Atlantic Ocean.

There are temperamental stars, hard-to-handle stars,

short-tempered stars and downright aggravating stars—more even than you would suspect. But there are almost no stars who will sit down and admit they're like that.

Grace Moore was smiling sweetly the day she admitted it to me. She was sitting in her luxurious New York apartment, in an exquisite flowing red gown. She looked very gentle, very mild, very calm. The same kind of beautiful calm that makes sailors run up storm warnings.

"I have always been hard to handle," she said. "I've often been accused of showing temper, and it's true. I know that

TAME Moore?

When Hollywood buzzed with rumors that Grace was losing her voice she was really ill—but she defied her doctor's orders twice and emerged triumphantly, able to sing as well as ever!



I'm temperamental. But," she shrugged, "what of it?"

What of it? What of the ships lost at sea? What of the many brave souls asleep in the deep? What of the Coast Guard? Any number of people could have told Grace what of it—her father, her old school chaperone, Claudette Colbert's husband, a couple of motion picture directors, three radio production men, and her own husband, to name a few.

Even me. Right about then, I could have told her what of it.

It had taken me just two weeks to get into what I began to call The Presence. She'd broken three appointments with me. I called up her apartment, and a voice which I knew good and well was Grace Moore's with artificial guttural overtones, answered, to tell me that Miss Moore was out. Later I called again, and asked to speak to her husband. The same voice said, "He's in Europe. Goodby"—and hung up.

So I went to one of her rehearsals—and was sorry because they wouldn't let me smoke closer than three floors away from the one on which Miss Moore (Continued on page 73)

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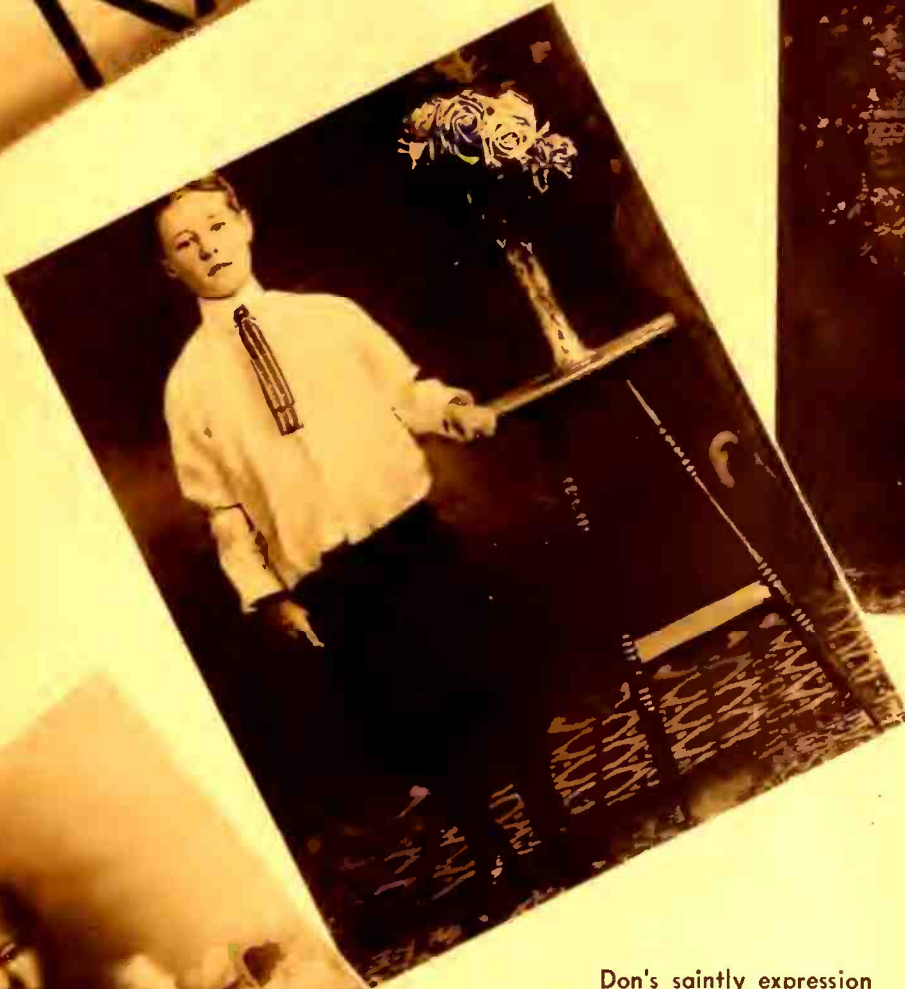
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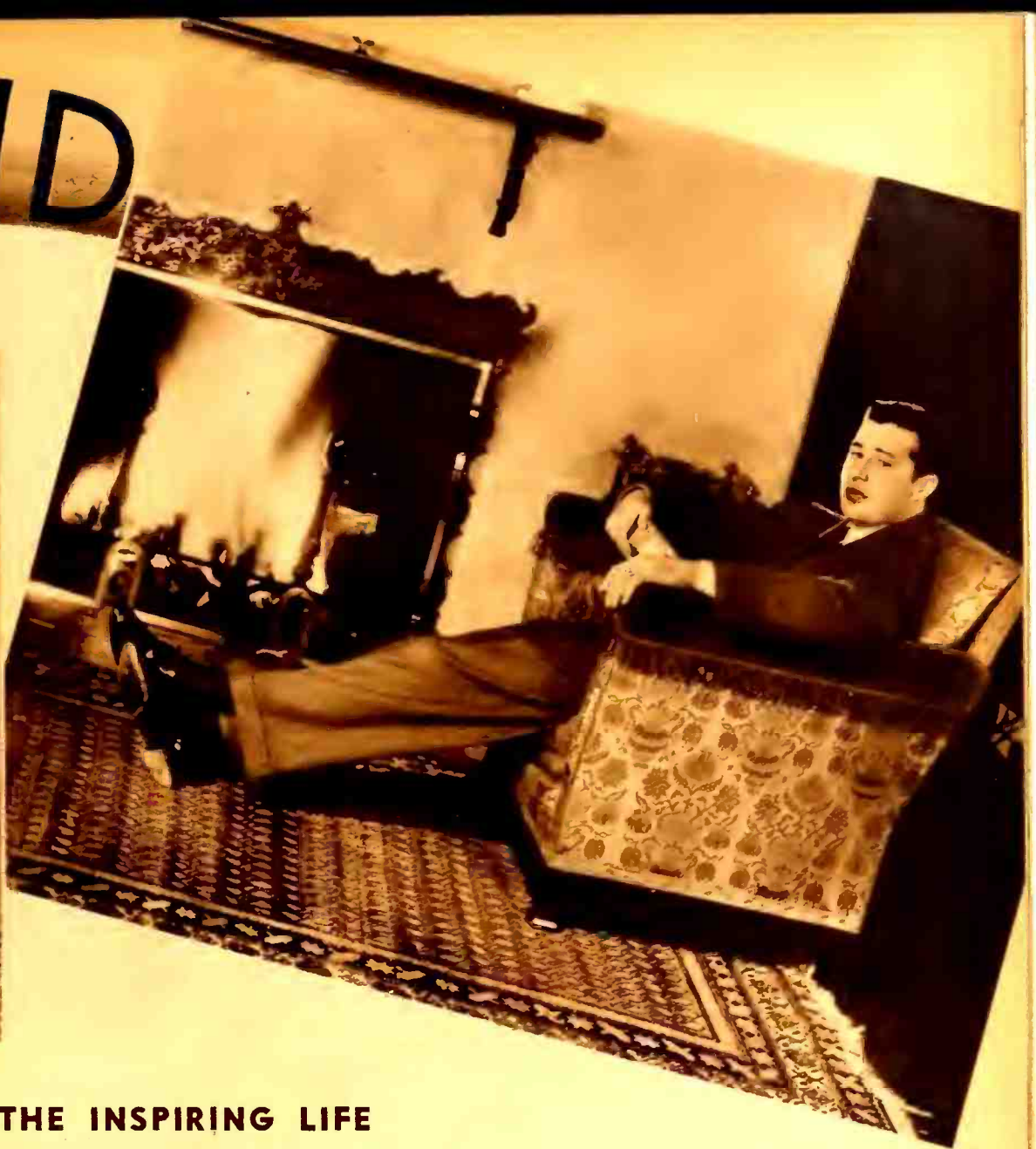
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If this were fiction, you'd be sure by now that it concerned a millionaire's son; especially if you had looked at his photograph. For Don Ameche looks exactly as the scion of a wealthy family should look but seldom does. It is hard to believe he was born without a silver spoon in his mouth, a poor man's son.

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BEGINNING—THE INSPIRING LIFE STORY OF DON AMECHE, WHO FOUND THE PATH TO FABULOUS FORTUNE

With fame and fortune his, Don Ameche can relax in his beautiful California home and marvel at his success.

But this happens to be a fact story, the true life story of the son of an Italian immigrant who worked years as a day laborer, finally supporting his large family as a saloon keeper in a small Mid-western town. Thereby hangs a tale—a tale, which, we repeat, could happen only in America. And one in which radio plays an important part.

Don Ameche's father, Dominick Felix Amici, was born and raised in a small village north of Rome, Italy. At the age of twenty, with practically no luggage or money, but with great expectations, he came to this country to seek his fortune.

He never found that fortune, except in terms of happiness. But his son was destined to be radio's first true matinee idol, and to find the pot of gold at the foot of the movie rainbow while still in his twenties.

The elder Amici worked in coal mines and iron works and stone quarries all over the East. His work finally took him to the coal fields at Springfield, Illinois.

There it was he met and fell in love with a pretty fair-haired girl, a German-Scotch lass with a quaint name—Barbara Etta Hertel. Today Barbara Etta is "Mama" to their eight children, and looks not a great deal older than their oldest daughter. She can put before her husband as savory a bowl of spaghetti as though she had been born in his native Italy. It was one of the first things he taught her.

Soon after their marriage, they migrated to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where, thirty-odd years ago, Mr. Amici ran a small grocery store. Like most Italians, he planned for a large family, and he wanted to provide well for them.

A daughter named Betty was the first born. Two years later, Don arrived and was christened Dominick Felix, after his father. (Not until years later, when he began his career, did he change his first name to Don and adopt the phonetic spelling of Amici.) Passage of another two years brought another son, Louis; and it became (*Continued on page 70*)



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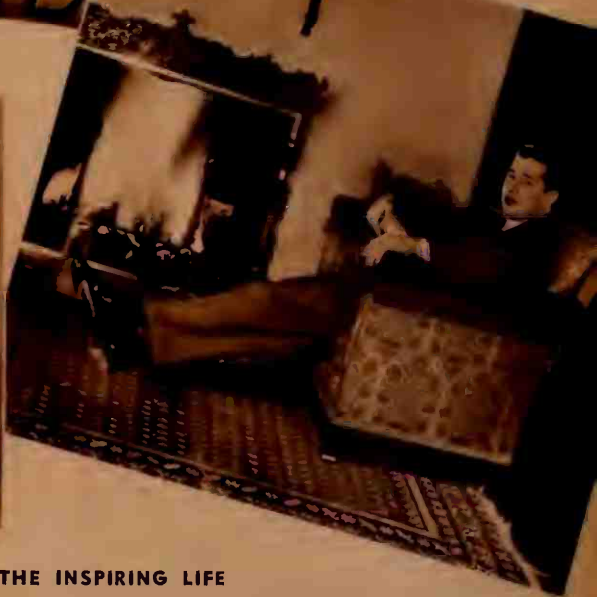


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If this were fiction, you'd be sure by now that it concerned a millionaire's son; especially if you had looked at his photograph. For Don Ameche looks exactly as the scion of a wealthy family should look but seldom does. It is hard to believe he was born without a silver spoon in his mouth, a poor man's son.



With fame and fortune his, Don Ameche can relax in his beautiful California home and marvel at his success.

BEGINNING—THE INSPIRING LIFE STORY OF DON AMECHE, WHO FOUND THE PATH TO FABULOUS FORTUNE

But this happens to be a fact story, the true life story of the son of an Italian immigrant who worked years as a day laborer, finally supporting his large family as a saloon keeper in a small Mid-western town. Thereby hangs a tale—a tale, which, we repeat, could happen only in America. And one in which radio plays an important part.

Don Ameche's father, Dominick Felix Amici, was born and raised in a small village north of Rome, Italy. At the age of twenty, with practically no luggage or money, but with great expectations, he came to this country to seek his fortune.

He never found that fortune, except in terms of happiness. But his son was destined to be radio's first true matinee idol, and to find the pot of gold at the foot of the movie rainbow while still in his twenties.

The elder Amici worked in coal mines and iron works and stone quarries all over the East. His work finally took him to the coal fields at Springfield, Illinois.

There it was he met and fell in love with a pretty fair-haired girl, a German-Scotch lass with a quaint name—Barbara Etta Heriel. Today Barbara Etta is "Mama" to their eight children, and looks not a great deal older than their oldest daughter. She can put before her husband as savory a bowl of spaghetti as though she had been born in his native Italy. It was one of the first things he taught her.


Soon after their marriage, they migrated to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where, thirty-odd years ago, Mr. Amici ran a small grocery store. Like most Italians, he planned for a large family, and he wanted to provide well for them.

A daughter named Betty was the first born. Two years later, Don arrived and was christened Dominick Felix, after his father. (Not until years later, when he began his career, did he change his first name to Don and adopt the phonetic spelling of Amici.) Passage of another two years brought another son, Louis; and it became (Continued on page 70)



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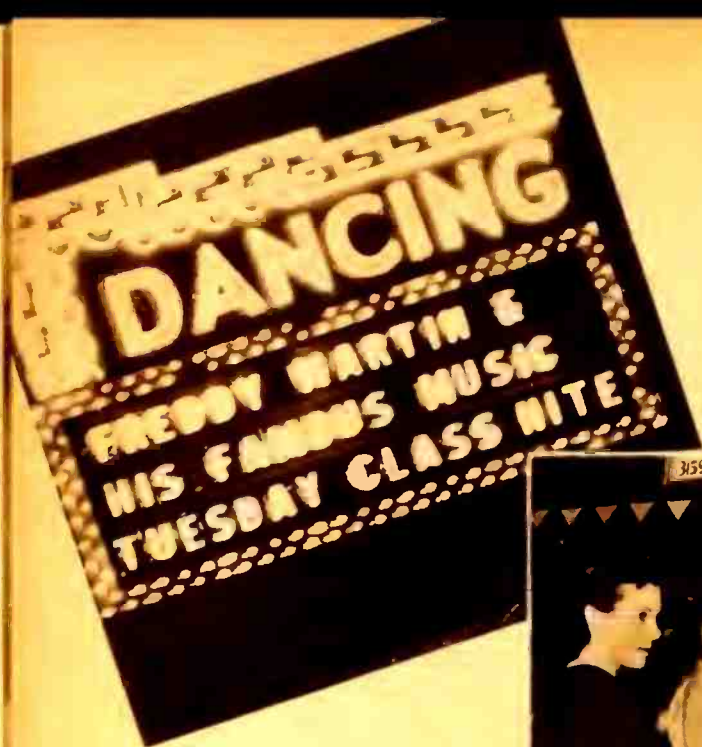
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Photos made especially for RADIO MIRROR by Wide World



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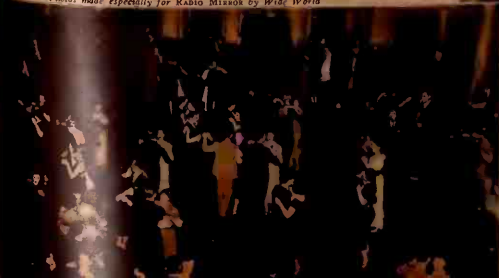
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WHEN HOLLYWOOD

1931



When Rudy Vallee foured the South he saw in plain little Frances Langford of Lakeland, Florida, a possible star. Above is the chubby face of the small-town girl who sang on the Vallee Hour, February 12, 1931.



Frances had just arrived in New York when this picture was taken. Rudy saw what so few others ever do—a glittering future for an eighteen-year-old blues singer just out of high school. Another Vallee appearance, June 18, and then—



Left, Frances' transformation was complete by the time she was in "Broadway Melody of 1936." From ordinary looks and restrained cars, she went in for glamor and this type of custom-made, streamlined sports model.

SEE FRANCES LANGFORD'S AMAZING SUCCESS

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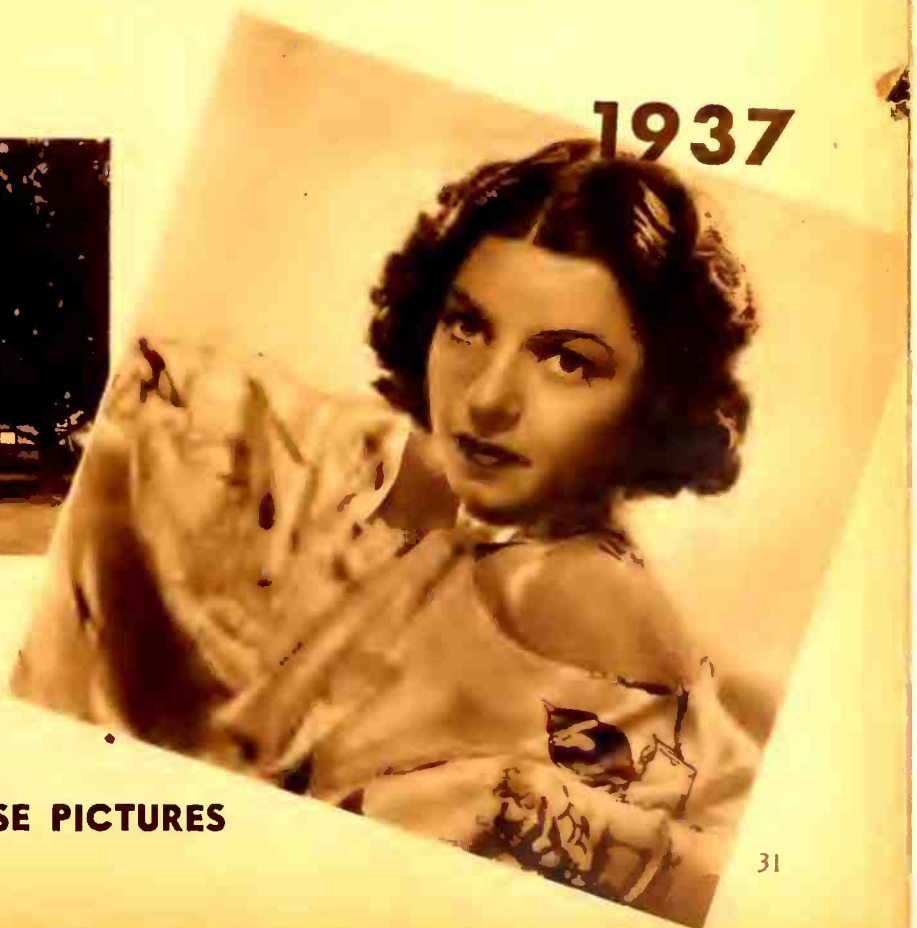
Three years of radio stardom made Frances rich but it remained for Hollywood to bring out the beauty of her face. Her real transformation began in 1934 when she sped West to sing on Hollywood Hotel, sharing honors with Dick Powell.



Her success on the new program was sensational and immediate. Walter Wanger put her under contract and she got her first expensive car. Then Wanger sent her over to MGM for her first big musical picture.

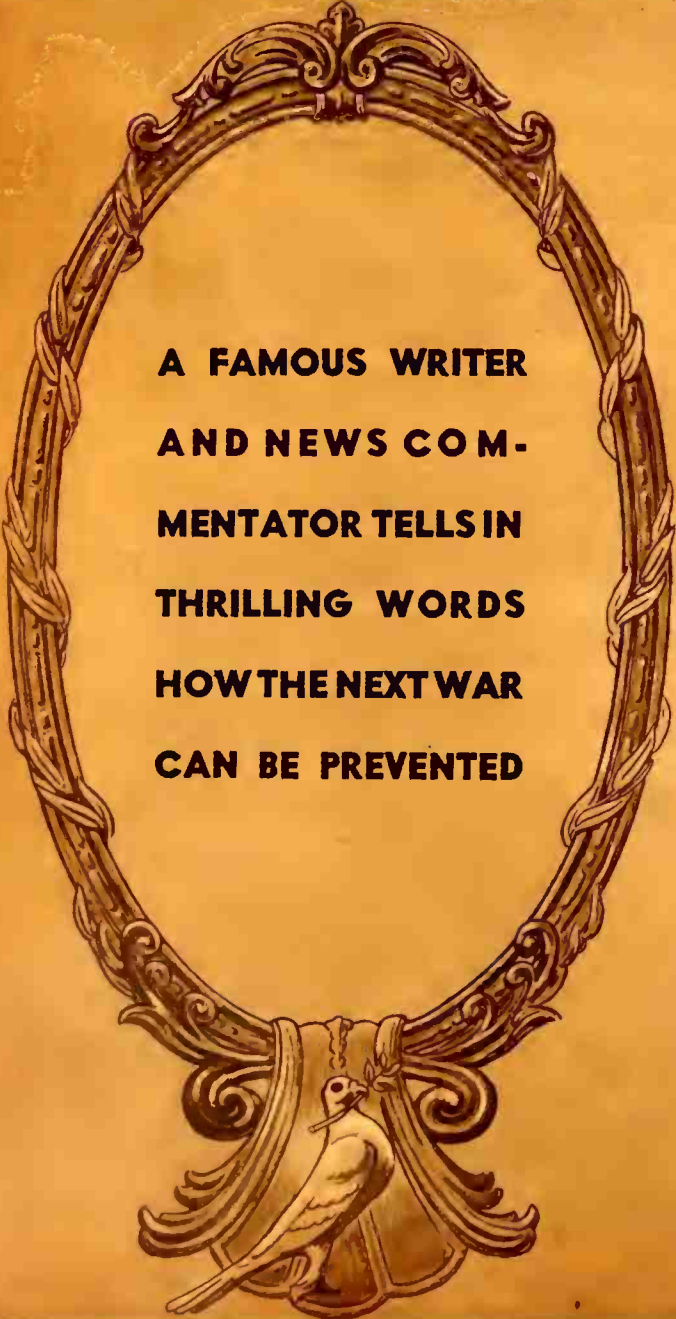


Above, a house accompanied her second car, in the best Hollywood tradition. Built on a lovely estate, it's complete with badminton courts. Right, the finished product—fame and beauty hers in six incredibly brief years.

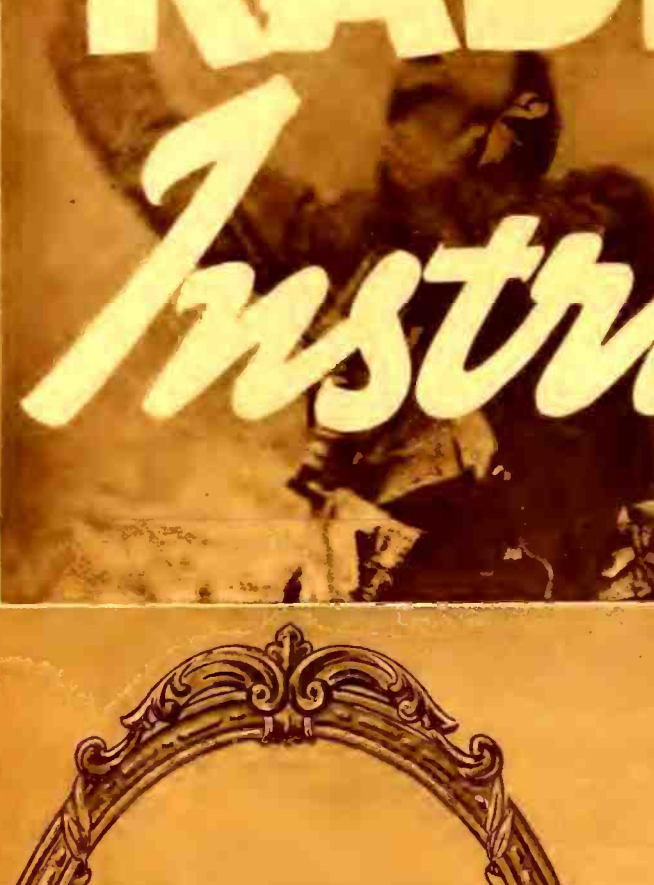


STORY COME TO LIFE IN THESE PICTURES

RADIO— Instrument



**A FAMOUS WRITER
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THRILLING WORDS
HOW THE NEXT WAR
CAN BE PREVENTED**



WAR is nothing but an admission of the fact that nations get to the point now and then where they cannot talk to one another except with guns.

If you are old enough, you can remember how it was in 1914, when that fatal shot was fired at Sarajevo and war exploded over Europe. We know now that no government wanted war. No people wanted war. Diplomatic notes flashed back and forth between the European ministries. Kings and statesmen telegraphed to one another. But all appeals, all pleas were vain. Reason was moribund. Passions were alive.

Not one government, not one king or statesman, knew how to speak words that carried conviction. What one government said, another treated as a lie, or a sly hypocrisy. Since there were no words that carried the accents of truth, the guns had to talk—and the guns talked destruction. Yet many students of history believe even that monstrous conflict could have been averted if the European telephone in those days had been the highly perfected instrument of communication it is today.

If it were even barely possible that a modern telephone system could have prevented war in those tense days of July, 1914, how much more possible is it that today's radio can become some day a truly great instrumentality for peace.

Do you wonder how a medium of communication can save the whole world from forces which would tear it to pieces? When you understand what causes wars, the real underlying reason behind them, it will be obvious that radio some day may be the blessed

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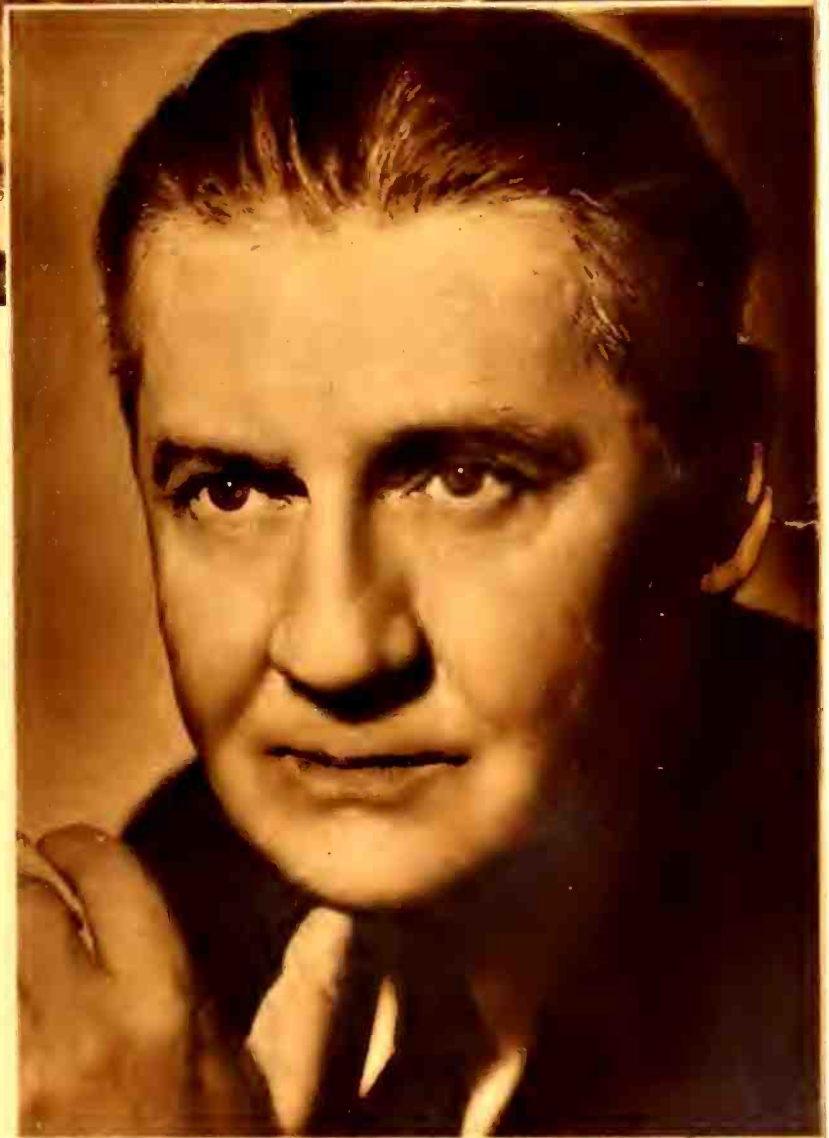
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M-G-M

By RUTH GERI

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ONE Wednesday evening last month a girl with violet-gray eyes and hair the color of a newly-minted penny stepped out of the wings of the Hollywood Music Box theater and up to a CBS microphone. A minute later she had poured a new personality voice out upon the air.

If you were tuned in on the new Campbell Soup program that night you heard Ken Murray introduce her as—"the one and only Shirley Ross!"

Ken wasn't kidding. Neither am I when I second the motion. Only Ken meant one thing and I mean another. He meant there was only one Shirley Ross whose husky, full, low-registered voice has a way of taking words and music and making them sound as if they'd never really been sung before.

I mean Shirley Ross is the one and only actress in Hollywood who has fought her way to top success in two mighty tough leagues, movies and radio, through the biggest flock of jinxes that ever ganged up on a girl.

It was just a song she sang that night, but it was also a farewell, she hopes, to a run of hard luck and heart-breaks that has haunted her career from the day she first tried out before a camera lens

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show. I'd seen her sit down at the piano and painstakingly go over each bar of her number until every inflection, every breath, every note was round and perfect. Obviously she was taking no chances.

At lunch I learned why. Along with a whole lot of other things about this amazing girl whose even more amazing career has had more ups and downs than a jockey in the Grand National.

It all began not long after Shirley Ross came out of Hollywood High School, still calling herself by the name they'd given her back in Omaha, Nebraska—Bernice Gaunt. The Gaunts had moved from the Middle West because their young daughter wanted a career. Hollywood seemed like a good place to prepare for it.

It wasn't a movie career she wanted. She was to be a concert pianist. But even if Shirley and her parents had known then that it was a screen and radio career she'd eventually seek, I doubt if they would have changed their plans. They wouldn't have guessed in a million years what everyone in Hollywood knows to be a fact. That any Hollywood girl who tries to crash a picture career is behind the eight-ball six deep before she starts.

Why? Don't ask me. I can't

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until, well, only a few days before her debut on the air.

Just a few hours before the red light flashed the start of another Hollywood coast-to-coast program Shirley Ross sat with me at late lunch in the Bamboo Room of the Hollywood Brown Derby. I say late lunch because it was three o'clock and we were supposed to have lunched at noon. But you know how it is backstage on the opening day of a new air-show. Time doesn't mean anything. The show's the thing. Calls for "another dress . . . let's iron out that last medley . . . not enough sock . . . all right, let's do it again . . ." And before you know it such mundane matters as food and rest are forgotten.

I had seen Shirley sing into the box so many times that I wondered if any voice would be left for the evening's

tell you. No more than I can tell you why when one movie star dies, two more will die before the month is out. Death strikes in threes—you can't crack Hollywood from the inside. Superstitions? Sure, but superstitions that seem to work, somehow.

When you mention this to Shirley Ross today she laughs and says, "How silly!" And maybe she's right. Just the same, trouble was piling up. Only a girl with courage and brains and a drive like Bill Tilden's old forehand wallop could have crashed through.

The first time Hollywood became aware of Shirley, enough to build her up so it could bat her down again, was when Gus Arnheim, the dance band maestro who used to pay Bing Crosby's salary, picked her out of the University of California at Los Angeles. He moved her into the

While singing in a cabaret, Shirley was signed for movies, but it took radio to lick the jinxes that pursued her.

Paramount Photo



Shirley Ross

Beverly-Wilshire Hotel, then a big favorite of the movie crowd. It was only a matter of days until a big-shot saw her and she was signed, sealed and delivered to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Shirley was as surprised as anyone. You see, she still didn't have the slightest intention of taking a serious crack at the movies. She still wanted to be a concert pianist, and as for her voice—that to her was a big joke. She had a trick double voice—she still has—a natural high soprano, and a husky, low-register blues voice. But she couldn't and still can't slide from one into the other. The job with Gus Arnheim was a lark, that's all. Now she was signed up to sing—and she couldn't really sing; to act, and what did she know

about acting? All she knew was how to play the piano.

Right then things might have stopped, and the screen trade papers might have printed an item like this: "Metro Drops Co-Ed Canary." Only the Hollywood jinx likes to build up for an awful let down. An M-G-M executive saw Shirley hanging around the lot doing a whole lot of nothing. He saw her going to all the studio schools of dramatic technique and voice culture and this and that, but not getting a chance to show what she could do, not getting any seasoning or breaking in in the only thing that brings talent out or kills it—performance.

"Give me this girl," he suggested. "Let me take her East for a few months and I'll (Continued on page 53)

**By KIRTLEY
BASKETTE**

PERSONALITY

CHATTERBOX ARLENE—A new way to radio success was found by Arlene Harris, left, the rapid-fire comedienne on Al Pearce's CBS program Tuesday nights. Her husband's really a doctor, and after a hard day at the hospital he used to enjoy her impromptu comedy monologues. Then the depression came and Arlene decided to capitalize on her talent. She went to Los Angeles' Station KFWB, auditioned, and was put on a sustaining program. When Al Pearce heard her he put her under a long-term contract. She thinks up all her own gags and never listens to rival comedians for fear she might unconsciously be influenced.



CANTOR'S HELLO GIRL—Eddie's contest for a name for his chattering telephone operator is over and Helen Troy, who plays her role, is now called Saymore Saymoore. You may remember Helen as the girl who played Sally of the Cecil and Sally broadcasts. She was born in San Francisco December 22, and has been in vaudeville since she was three. She's been in movies too—her last picture was MGM's "Born to Dance." She's married and has two children, Troy, 14, and Jane, 10, and a cocker spaniel, Susie, who goes everywhere with her. In spite of her job on Eddie Cantor's Sunday night show, she's scared to death of telephone switchboards. Her favorite occupation is watching passersby.



PRETTY KITTY KELLY—You'd never believe it from her perfect Irish accent, but Arline Blackburn, left, who plays the role of Kitty, was born in New York City. Arline was a full-fledged actress before finishing her education. At the age of two-and-a-half, she appeared with Lionel Barrymore in "Copperhead." When she was fifteen she left the stage for a while and finished her schooling. In 1929, she made her radio debut on the True Story Hour. Arline's pet hobby is collecting toy dogs, and she says the most exciting moment in her life was when she was called to take Claudette Colbert's place in a radio play.



CLOSE-UPS

JUDGE HUGO STRAIGHT—He's the one who says "Who's excited?" on the Community Sing broadcasts, Sunday nights. His real name's Tommy Cecil Mack and his birth-place is in the Bronx, political hotbed of New York. That's why he feels at home in his character of Judge Straight. A song plugger for Leo Feist at the age of eleven, he took up splits and kicks behind the footlights. He even did a dance routine once with George Raft. Tommy has two dogs which he picked up in the street and trained to go in an act with him should he return to the stage. Eddie Cantor introduced him to radio in 1934. He's married to a Palo Alto girl.



CHILD STAR JUDY—You probably first paid heed to Judy Garland when you saw "Pigskin Parade." It's hard to believe she is actually only thirteen. Now, Judy is going strong on the air singing in Jack Oakie's CBS program Tuesday nights. She began her career almost as soon as she was born in Tennessee to Frank and Ethel Gumm, vaudeville people. Her early ambition was to be an attorney, but she lost it when her two older sisters formed a trio with her and worked at the Chicago World's Fair. Without employment at the age of twelve, Judy went to MGM and demanded work. She got it, making her film debut in a short. She's Sophie Tucker's protégée and thinks chocolate cake is swell.

GRACIE'S COWBOY DICK—Right, the lusty young baritone on Burns and Allen's NBC program is Dick Foran. He's played cowboys in movie after movie, but really he has never been closer to a cowboy's life than his youthful days in Flemington, N. J., when he rode a Shetland pony. He attended Princeton University, but left school to go to New York and have a whirl at radio. It didn't turn out so well, and he set out for Hollywood, where he had three screen tests. Nothing happened so he went back to New Jersey—to find a contract at the Fox lot waiting for him. That was in 1934, and this is his first big radio job.



THE STRANGE WAY BOB BURNS FOUND HIS SON

WHAT fate takes away with one hand, she sometimes returns with the other. Somehow, the ledger is balanced, the accounts kept straight, the eternal law of equality observed.

It has been that way with Bob Burns. From his greatest tragedy came his greatest happiness. In one soul-shattering day his whole life was changed. It was the day he lost his wife—and found his son.

Bob's friends knew, and sympathized, when his wife died, only a few months after Bob had begun to make enough money to insure her a good, comfortable home. But they would never have known, never been able to sympathize, if he had been unable to avert the second tragedy that threatened him that same day. For it was on that day Bob learned for the first time that he and his fourteen-year-old son were strangers. He had left his son entirely to the care and companionship of his wife, the boy's mother; and now the mother was gone, there was no meeting ground for the boy and the man.

Bob has never told anyone but me the story of how he faced that realization and conquered it. If it hadn't been for Bob's early days in Hollywood, when no one except a few friends knew who Bob Burns was, I would never have heard it either. Bob was stranded in Hollywood, doing a very little radio work and even less picture work, and he used to come up to Lew Ayres' house in the evenings to talk.

He'd sit around by the hour—Lew, Ben Alexander, Bob, and I—talking about everything under the sun, just good friends. He was cheerful and pleasant then, just as he is now, even though he sometimes didn't have the twenty-five dollars for the rent on his house when the first of the month came around. Not that he ever let us know that. He never spoke of his private affairs—in fact, it wasn't until months after I'd met him that I knew he had a wife and child to provide for, as well as himself.

Bob isn't one to wear his heart on his sleeve. He wasn't then, and he isn't now—now that comfort and financial security and fame have replaced the poverty and obscurity of those old days. But neither is he a man to forget a friendship, and when I told him I wanted to write this story for everyone to read, because I believed it was something everyone *should* read, he agreed to let me.

Less than a year ago, Bob's wife died, as you know. The girl who had stuck with him through years of poverty, of knocking about from carnival to vaudeville circuit to circus to movie lot to broadcasting studio back to carnival again—she died just after success had at last come into her husband's grasp. With a life of ease and happiness ahead of her, in her sight, she died, still young.

It was a brief illness that took her. Bob, Jr., had said good night to her, that night she was taken ill, and gone to bed in his own room. He didn't hear the sudden stir in the house, the arrival of the doctor, the whispers—and, at four o'clock in the morning, the abrupt hush. He was asleep.

He still slept, through the cold hours before dawn, while his father sat in that other room, beside the quiet form on the bed, alone for the last time with the girl he had loved and married.

Little Bob woke early, to see his father standing beside his bed. "Come on, son," he said. "Get dressed. Your mother—*isn't* feeling so well, and we're going out to get breakfast."

It was a great event even in Bob's young life. He hadn't been out with his father, alone, more than half a dozen times since he could remember. The sun was shining, it was a beautiful day, and his father was going to take him to a real restaurant for breakfast!

They went to the Roosevelt Hotel, to a room filled with sparkling silver and glass, smoothly clean linen, and bowing, respectful waiters. Bob ordered a huge breakfast, and didn't even notice that his father had nothing but orange juice and coffee.

"Are we going back home now?" Bob asked after breakfast, but his father hesitated and then said:

"No, let's drive out to the beach. I've got to—let's just spend the day having a good time by ourselves."

Never before had anything like this happened to young Bob. His father had always been too occupied with his own business and his own friends to spend any time with him. He was happy, but one thing bothered him. At last he gave in to his conscience: "I guess I better be getting to school," he said.

"Never mind, son," said his father. "I'll write the teacher a note for you tomorrow." *(Continued on page 88)*

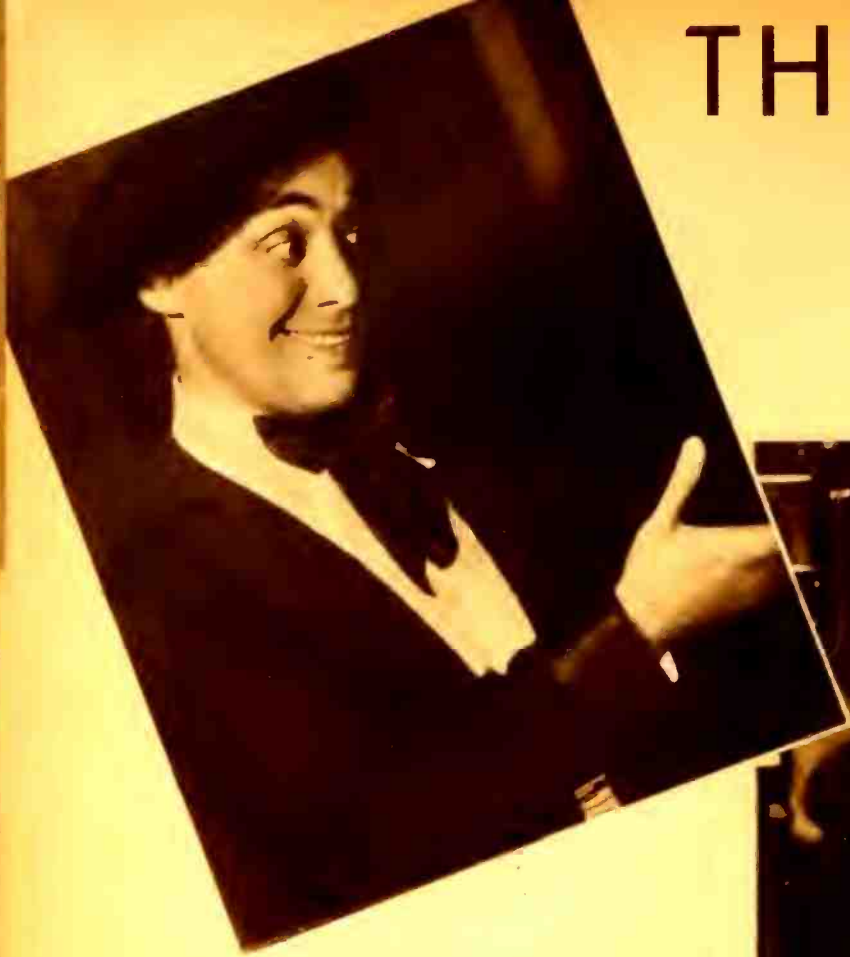
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By DICK MOOK



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THE STORMY BLACK



Above, Phil in a scene from one of his most successful shows, "Artists and Models."



Above, an actual broadcast shot with Phil making faces at the rest of the cast and putting aside his script to ad lib an unrehearsed line.



Left, the girl in whom Phil has found his life's first real contentment. Peggy Cartwright Baker became a mother for the third time in March.

LIFE STORY OF A SHEEP

By DAN WHEELER

DIVORCE AND COSTLY PARTIES, A FRESH BEGINNING WITH A SECOND WIFE, THEN RADIO AND — HAPPINESS AS PHIL BAKER COMES TO THE END OF HIS RAINBOW TRAIL

Conclusion

PHIL knew, when he married Vivian Vernon, that marriage and the theater don't mix. He'd even vowed, beforehand, that he'd never marry. But somehow when he fell in love he forgot his convictions and his vows in the optimistic belief that things would be different for him.

Things weren't different for him. They were precisely what he'd been afraid of.

He and Vivian returned to the United States after a three-month stay in Europe to find that his parents had forgiven him for breaking his promise not to marry, and that there was a good part waiting for him in the Greenwich Village Follies, which was soon to set out on tour. There was no part in the show for Vivian, though—nothing but a place in the chorus.

It bothered them both, to have Phil starring while his wife was only one of the chorus girls, but they wanted to be together and they didn't feel they could afford, just then, to pay Vivian's traveling expenses, so she took the job. It worked out fairly well, while they were on tour, but when they returned to New York a year later Phil made the first big, irreparable mistake of his married life.

He was to star in the Music Box Revue—the gayest, wittiest, most glamorous musical show of the year—and once more they offered Vivian a place in the chorus. But this time Phil refused. It had been barely possible to have his wife in the chorus of his starring show on tour; on Broadway it was inconceivable. A star simply does not allow his wife to linger in the ranks while he takes the spotlight.

Vivian had wanted to take the job. With feminine directness, she saw no reason for Phil's attitude. She was a show girl, and not ashamed of it. They had their first quarrel, but Phil stood firm, and the Music Box Revue opened with Mrs. Phil Baker sitting in a good orchestra seat instead of dancing in the chorus.

The quarrel did not last, of course, but the resentment in Vivian's heart did, and it added to the boredom of a life in which she had nothing to do while her husband's

days were filled with work and applause. She stood it for a few months. Then she joined the chorus of the Follies.

That was really the end of their marriage, although outwardly it continued for another two years. You can't say it was the fault of either one of them. They were both too young to realize what was happening until it was too late. Life went on, and then, one day, they woke up to the knowledge that their interests and their thoughts and their friends were not the same, that they had nothing in common except that they shared an apartment and sometimes saw each other at breakfast. And—what was worse than anything else—that they didn't care. There had been love between them, but somewhere, somehow, it had gone.

Their separation came three years after their marriage; their divorce two years later.

At first, after the separation, Phil went to live at his club. He was through, he declared, with both marriage and women. He was going to devote himself entirely to working hard and becoming the greatest star of the American musical stage, and nothing in the world was going to get in his way again. For six months he steadfastly rose early in the mornings, worked out at a gymnasium or rode in the Park, practiced his accordion and worked on new comedy acts, appeared at the theater, came straight back to the club for a brief drink with whatever other members happened to be around, and went to bed soon after midnight.

For the first month it was all right, and after that it got progressively more awful. He began to dread going up to that lonely room of his, and he grew to hate the sight of the men he saw night after night at the club. And his program didn't seem to be doing his career much good, either. His work was dead and without sparkle.

Finally he gave it up, and the pendulum swung to the other extreme. He took an apartment and became New York's party man. Every night, after the performance, his apartment was filled with people—some of them slight acquaintances, many not even that. Phil provided the liquor and sandwiches, and there was never any lack of guests to consume them. At least, now, he never had time to think that he was unhappy.

There was one girl who used to come in now and then, not so often as some. She was different from the rest—young, red-haired, with a calm, sweet face and eyes that seemed to look at the truth without fear. She'd been at his apartment several times before somebody told him her name was Ruby Stevens, and that she was a hooper in a Broadway chorus.

One night she sat down beside Phil. "Why don't you tell us all to get out?" she asked. "You're not really having a good time."

"I'm not? Do I look so bored?"

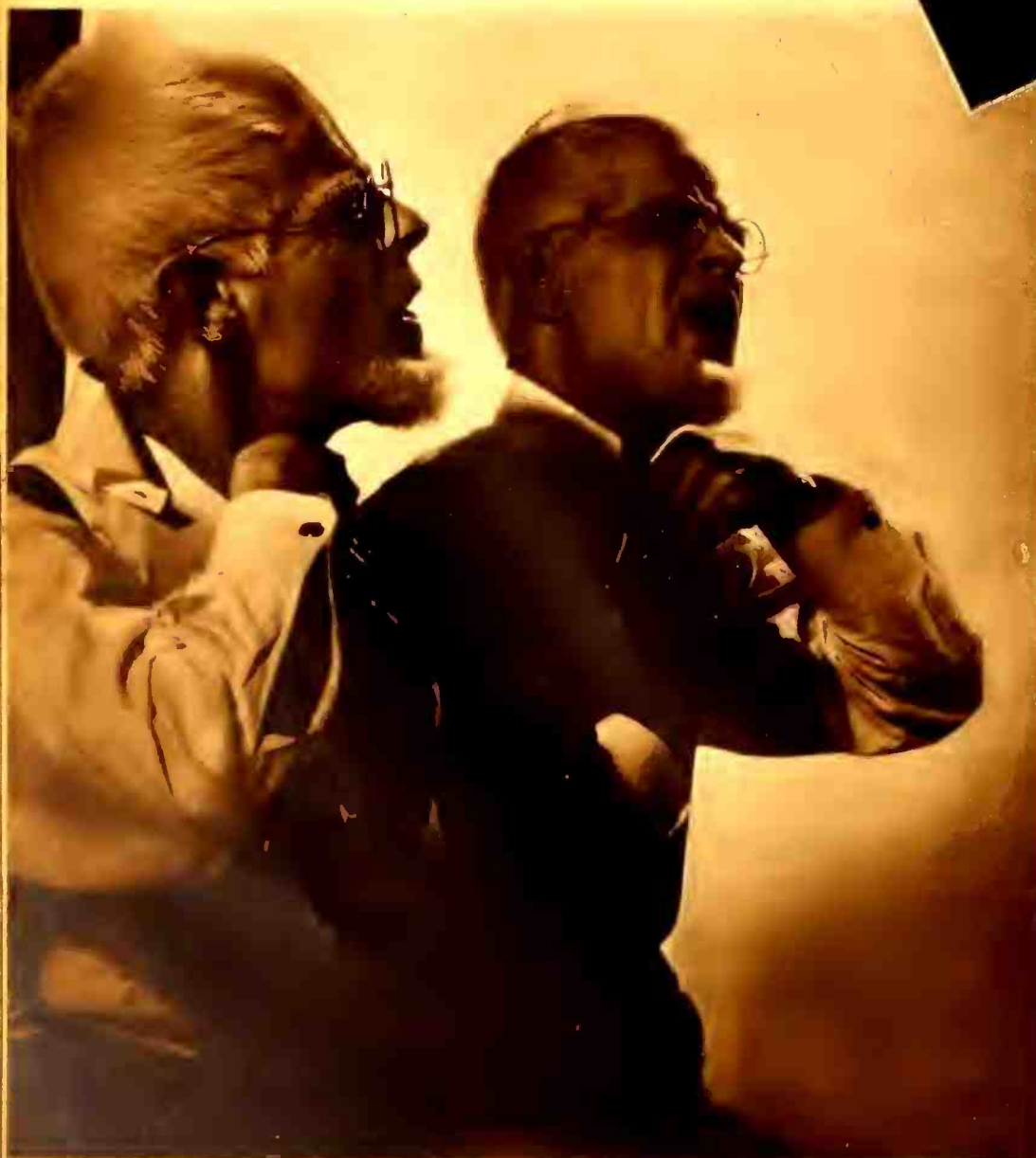
She looked around the noisy, smoke-filled room. "No. But I'd hate to think you *were* enjoying yourself, with all this."

You couldn't pretend, with this girl. "I'm not," he admitted, "but it's better than sitting alone, doing nothing."

She nodded, as if she understood perfectly. It was the first time in years, it seemed to Phil, that anyone had spoken to him frankly and sincerely. They became friends—affectionate, unsentimental, not in (*Continued on page 65*)

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"I'M NOT forgetting"

By DON BESTOR

Moderato (lightly)

I'm not forgetting the apple you gave me at school, The
 smile that you gave me too, I'm not forgetting the lecture for
 breaking the rule when I was to blame not you. We're both just a bit old -
 - er and times seem to have changed. Look all o—round you and



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see as I do — Ev'ry thing's en-tire-ly dis-ar-ranged. I'm

not for-get-ting the day that I left you a-lone and now I am aw-fl'y

blue. I love you tru-ly I can't for-get it.

And I still re-gret it 'cause I'm not for-get-ting you.

FACING THE MUSIC

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his mother's love of music, because he started out in life as a musician, switched to salesmanship, and now combines both professions.

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Wide World



Hoffman

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ASK any veteran maestro and he will tell you that if you don't keep up a good front and get your name before the public, radio and its fickle public will soon forget you. That is why the majority of our tune titans hire press agents, use costly advertising in trade papers so that Radio Row won't forget them.

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Joy Hodges, left,
and Penny Gill,
right, tell you
how to get that
Hollywood tan.

Beauty's

PLACE IN THE SUN

**ARE YOU AFRAID TO GO NEAR A BEACH IN
SUMMER? THEN THIS WAS WRITTEN FOR YOU**

NOT long ago, no matter how hot the weather, ladies trailed about in veils and petticoats, protected by frilly parasols and huge hats from the sun. The belles of bygone days languished in shady nooks and sparkled only when evening came, their white shoulders fully exposed to nothing more glaring than glamorous candlelight. But freedom for women has brought about

one unexpected result! Today, we know how much more attractive the glow of health and vitality can be. Beauty has truly found its place in the sun, part and parcel of the gaiety and camaraderie and surpassing loveliness of summertime.

But there's a technique for beauty in the sun. Nowhere in the world have they developed that technique so completely as in Hollywood, where *(Continued on page 90)*

B Y J O Y C E A N D E R S O N

*"The snapshot wouldn't
let me forget her"*



"I DIDN'T KNOW there was such a person as Betty in the world when I went on my vacation last year. I met her at the Inn, and she was one of the crowd that went around a good deal together during the two weeks.

"Of course some snapshots were taken—one of the fellows shot this of Betty and me on a picnic. When I got back on the job, things seemed pretty flat, somehow. Every little while I'd dig this snapshot out of my pocket—then write Betty another letter.

"The snapshot wouldn't let me forget her. Boy, am I glad right now!"

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THE MOST CAREFUL WATCHING

By MRS.
MARGARET
SIMPSON

COOL OFF
with
COLD CEREALS



Pretty Betty Wragge, who plays the part of Peggy in the Pepper Young Family, poses in her new shirred, two-way stretch, cotton print suit.

HAVE you got spring fever? Don't blame it all on the weather. Watch your diet and you can snap your fingers at a soaring temperature.

It's a simple diet trick that you need if you feel lazy and listless, for the chances are, though you've gone from winter woolies to summer silks, you haven't thought of changing your eating to warm weather foods.

So change now to a summer diet and see the difference in the way you feel. And, just in case you want more con-

vincing proof, I've discussed this subject with Betty Wragge, the beautiful and energetic young star of Pepper Young's Family, the girl with the intriguing voice who takes the part of Peggy.

Now Peggy really has two jobs, the five-day a week broadcast and the job of understudy for the feminine lead in the successful Broadway play "Dead End." It takes stamina to keep going, especially when New York lies stagnant under hot and humid air. (Continued on page 72)

**You Really Ought to Meet
Shirley Ross**

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bring you back a star."

Shirley was in New York when the first big chance came. On Broadway at the Capitol with George Jessel. For weeks she had been playing the smaller cities of the Middle West and East, "breaking in" and learning plenty about show business and what it takes besides looks and luck and a lingering wish to make good in the toughest racket in the world.

When she hit the Big Street she was pretty good.

Cole Porter saw her and came backstage. He was hunting for someone to do the Ethel Merman part in "Anything Goes" in London. He told Shirley he wasn't hunting any more. He wanted her.

London! Europe! Big time in the biggest city of the world. Imagine how a bright ambitious kid not half way through college felt about a break like that. Imagine what it meant. Shirley wired the studio in Hollywood. They would say "yes," of course. It was to their advantage. A London success would make her worth something to them.

A wire came back. It said, "No."

It said "No" because—and Shirley could hardly believe her eyes—because "Broadway Melody" was about to start and they'd need her for the big singing spot! Come back at once!

LONDON was forgotten. She had made good at home! She was a star in the biggest M-G-M musical of the year! The plane couldn't fly fast enough.

But when she landed in Hollywood he met her—that man—the fellow with the ghostly grin, Mr. Hollywood Jinx in person.

While Shirley was on her way to the big break, it had vanished like a magician's rabbit. The studio had decided to make "Melody" a dancing picture. They'd found a new star. Her name was Eleanor Powell.

So she was back, lost again in the wilderness that can swallow up a young hopeful like nothing else in the world, a big Hollywood studio with too many already established stars.

The next time was even worse. Because all of Hollywood was in on it.

Henry Duffy was staging "Anything Goes" at the El Capitan on Hollywood Boulevard. The El Capitan is the best Hollywood can do about the legitimate stage. Whenever a show clicks on Broadway a carbon copy, sometimes a little fuzzy, plays at the El Capitan.

Duffy borrowed Shirley for the lead. The show was a hit. Shirley was terrific. For weeks all you heard around Hollywood was Shirley Ross. Her own studio raved and the air was thick with big plans. The show went to San Francisco and Louis B. Mayer himself showered Shirley with wires telling of special musical pictures they were dishing up for her.

But when she came back to town there was that jinx man again with his big wide grin. Somehow the plans all tumbled like a stack of blocks. Once again she slipped back into an obscurity that lasted until option time came around. Then it was the old familiar story. Closed. Dropped. Finished—at twenty-one! You can't crash Hollywood if it's your own home town.

Any other girl but Shirley Ross would probably have done what most other local girls have done when the Hollywood haunt got them. Left town, hunted a job somewhere else and then tried to come

**Three guests were there...and
SO WAS a GHOST!**



GUEST #1 Sue saw the ghost when she picked up the tea napkin. A dull, dingy shadow! "People will whisper, if Madge doesn't get rid of this ghost," thought Sue. But she said—nothing!



GUEST #2 Betty saw the ghost—lurking in the curtains. The same dingy shadow—"tattle-tale gray." "Poor Madge!" thought Betty. "She'll never get rid of this ghost if she doesn't stop using lazy soap. Her clothes are only half-clean."



GUEST #3 Then Laura saw the ghost dimming a lovely towel. And she spoke up! "Change to Fels-Naptha Soap the way I did, Madge. Its richer golden soap and lots of naphtha get clothes so clean and snowy, there isn't a chance for tattle-tale gray. So why let it linger in your house—when it's so easy to chase it out?"

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back. But when you talk to Shirley you realize right now that you're talking to a girl who's not the runaway type.

"I had spent a lot of time learning a lot of things," said Shirley grimly. "I was darn' certain they were going to give me a career now—or else!"

She not only stayed in Hollywood, she stayed at the same studio. Her guardian angel, who had taken her East, Bernie Hyman, went to bat. "You've got talent," he said, "and I'm going to prove it!" Though her contract had expired, he found a spot for her in "The Devil Is a Sissy." It took munching a healthy portion of humble pie to ask for another chance, but it would be worth it if she could show 'em.

Shirley had no idea what the jinx was cooking up for her.

She was two weeks along in production. Film shot, still portraits made, wardrobe fitted. Then it happened. Over at Paramount "The Big Broadcast of 1937" was having star-trouble. The singing star, half way through the picture, didn't work out. Paramount, looking around desperately for a substitute remembered Shirley in "Anything Goes." They got in touch with her. Would she do it?

"No," said Shirley. "I won't. I can't. I'm doing a picture."

"But," they argued, "this is your big chance!"

Shirley didn't believe that. Last year's "Big Broadcast" hadn't been so hot.

"Read the script, anyway," they pleaded, "We're sending it over."

WELL, when she read the script, there wasn't any question about it. She had to do it. It was made for her. It was her big chance. But—

No demon could have dangled a more mocking morsel before her eyes. She had to, but how could she? Signed for a picture and doing it. Signed because a friend who believed in her had personally pleaded for another chance. How could she throw him down, now? How could she even dare mention walking out on his picture? And yet—

Paramount had to know that night by seven-thirty. Yes or no. Even if she could, even if by some miracle they'd let her walk out on a picture in production, would it be the thing to do? Suppose "The Big Broadcast" was a flop. M-G-M would never let her on the lot again! Then she'd really be through!

If the Hollywood jinx was chuckling to watch Shirley Ross stew on that maddening spot, the chuckle died in his throat.

She looked him in the eye and tightened her lips and made up her mind to gamble everything. She was through fooling. She would end her bad luck or else. She went to her friend, Bernie Hyman. "This is it, Bernie," said Shirley.

"How do you know?"
"It's got to be it," she told him. "Can I do it?"

If he thought she was crazy, he didn't tell her so. And Shirley will always love him for that. "I'll see what I can do," he said.

It was late afternoon then. Not until seven twenty-five did he talk the studio into the unheard of—releasing an actress in the middle of a picture to do a part for another studio!

Five minutes before the deadline Shirley Ross dialed Paramount Studios.

The next morning without any preparation, she went through ten pages of dialogue and a couple of songs. "I don't know how," she told me. "I was in a daze for three weeks. Jack Benny kept telling me funny stories and kidding me out of my nerves, or I'd never have made it."

You know what happened! "The Big Broadcast" was a smash hit. After three

long years, Shirley was on her way, without any local Indian sign hanging around. You know the rest, how she followed through with "Waikiki Wedding," certain to be one of the year's big popularity sensations. How Ken Murray grabbed her for his new Campbell program and a radio success that looks as big as anything Hollywood can offer.

But what you don't know, perhaps, is that just a week before she answered her cue on the Campbell program she was telling them she couldn't do the show! That jinx again, or at least his shadow, hovered around the start of her air career.

Shirley had already turned down a solo spot on Shell Chateau. Then she had fought for a radio clause in her contract, and finally she got it. But when the Campbell offer came, Adolph Zukor, that grand old man of films, called her into his office.

"You'll worry," he told her, "about this radio program and it will hurt you in pictures. Worry photographs."

"I won't worry," said Shirley, and she wasn't speaking to Zukor, but to that old familiar ghost leering over his shoulder. "I'll just work, like the devil!"

That's bad news for any jinx. That and what they used to call sand. Shirley has plenty of that, too. She showed that the first time she hit Broadway. At the Capitol she started to run off the stage after her first number, tangled her toes in the mike cord and fell flat on her face. The heavy mike crashed down on her head and she was out like Lottie's eye. When they brought her to, the audience was still clapping. Her knees were buckled under her like Leon Errol's and the house was just a tossing sea of blurred faces. But she did her encore and then collapsed.

AND, closer to home, I remember a time not too long ago when her personal world crashed about her head. When, only hours apart, her engagement to Hank Fonda broke up, and her best friend, Ross Alexander's wife, Aleta, committed suicide. No one knew then, or will probably ever know, just how both personal tragedies rocked her to the roots of her being. They never knew because the next day she started an important picture with the pain hidden deep inside where a trupper has to hide it.

At twenty-three Shirley Ross has the looks and energy of a kid and the keen career-wise brain of twice her years. Calamity will have a hard time hooking a ride from now on. She has faith in her judgment. She knows when to say "yes" and when to say "no." She knows how to rise above disappointments. She knows how to separate her personal life from her career. She knows how to take care of herself. She lives with her folks and goes to bed at night instead of to Hollywood's night clubs. She was just old enough when the talkie panic struck Hollywood to learn a lesson from the stars who tumbled from paradise to the poorhouse; she's driving a Ford, but she's got a nice annuity all paid up.

Maybe a jinx isn't such a bad guy to have around after all.

But as I said, Shirley doesn't hold much truck with jinxes, Hollywood or otherwise. She's entirely too practical by now. So look at it her way:

"Of course it's hard to get a break in Hollywood," she assured me before she ran back to rehearsal. "The smartest people in the world are in radio and movies. That's not your fault."

"But it is your fault," she added, "if you finally get your foot on the ladder and then let it slip off!"

Which, she inferred with a confident toss of her chin, she had absolutely no intention of doing.



● **"Hi-ya, Fuzzy! Don't be scared of me—come over here and get acquainted! Where did you come from and why the heavy woolies on a day like this? ... You can't change 'em? ... Say, that's tough!"**



● **"Mother, come quick! Look at this poor guy—has to wear a camel's hair coat the year around! And he's so hot it's sticking tight to him—bring some Johnson's Baby Powder right away!"**



● **"Now cheer up, pal—that soft, cooling powder makes you forget all about prickly heat and sticky hot weather. And every time Mother gives me a rub-down, I'll get her to give you one, too!"**



● **"Feel my Johnson's Baby Powder—it's as soft as the kitty's ear! Not gritty like some powders. That's why it keeps my skin so smooth." ... Smooth, healthy skin is the best protection against skin infections, Mothers! And Johnson's Baby Powder is made of the rarest Italian talc...no orris-root...Don't forget baby's other toilet needs —Johnson's Baby Soap, Baby Cream and Baby Oil!**

Johnson & Johnson
NEW BRUNSWICK NEW JERSEY



"Your Eyes have Told Me So"

Music in the air—romance in your eyes. Tell him with your eyes—for beautiful eyes may say what lips dare not. The charm of alluring eyes can be yours—instantly, easily, with just a few simple touches of Maybelline Mascara—to make your lashes appear naturally long, dark and luxuriant.

No longer need you deny yourself the use of make-up for your most important beauty feature—your eyes. You can avoid that hard, "made-up" look that ordinary mascaras give by using either the new Maybelline Cream-form Mascara, or the popular Maybelline Solid-form Mascara—both give the soft *natural* appearance of long, dark, curling lashes. At cosmetic counters everywhere.

Loveliness demands—eyebrows softly, gracefully, expressively formed. For this, use the largest-selling, smoothest-marking Eyebrow Pencil in the world—by Maybelline.

Complete loveliness demands—the final, exquisite touch of eyelids softly shaded with a subtle, harmonizing tint of Maybelline Eye Shadow—it means so much to the color and sparkle of your eyes.

Generous purse sizes of all Maybelline Eye Beauty Aids at 10c stores. The preference of more than 11,000,000 discriminating women the world over.



Maybelline Solid-form Mascara, in brilliant gold vanity—Black, Brown, Blue. 75c. Refills 35c.

Maybelline Cream-form Mascara, with brush in dainty zipper bag. Black, Brown, Blue. 75c.

Maybelline smooth-marking Eyebrow Pencil. Black, Brown, Blue.

Maybelline Eye Shadow. Blue, Blue-Gray, Brown, Green or Violet.

Maybelline
THE WORLD'S LARGEST SELLING EYE BEAUTY AIDS



What Do You Want to Say?

(Continued from page 8)

It doesn't happen that way in real life. The transition is too sudden. Why should it happen that way on a radio program if it is to be a vital, living thing?

MISS MYRTIS SEALE,
Lyon, Miss.

\$1.00 PRIZE

SHOULD THEY BE PUT OFF THE AIR?

These community sings, spelling bees, and question-and-answer programs are the most inane nonsense to be wished on the public in a long time. Why do sponsors think they can get away with such stuff? It's silly, foolish, and utterly disgusting. Who cares if New York is farther west than Los Angeles? Who wants to hear a thousand yaps yelling at the tops of their voices, and be told by some gullible announcer that they were singing? Who cares if some brat in some jerkwater town can outspell all the other brats in the country? Such programs should be put off the air. Like all novelties, they will soon wear out their welcome, but what can the public do until then? Nothing but turn off their radios.

THOMAS NATHAN PAPPAS,
Memphis, Tenn.

\$1.00 PRIZE

IT'S AN EDUCATION!

I like spelling bee programs over the radio because they are educational and a necessity; we learn how to spell properly; we improve our vocabulary and correct our own mistakes. No matter what grade of spelling bees we hear over the radio, whether for young people or grown-ups, it's always interesting and educational. Give to me, at any time, spelling bee broadcast programs. I love them because they are also instructive and entertaining.

RODOLFO TOVANY,
New York, N. Y.

\$1.00 PRIZE

INVENTORS, ATTENTION!

It would be grand if an instrument were invented which could convey to some sponsors the volume of groans which rises from listeners grouped along the airplanes when certain nuisances are committed upon these sponsors' programs. The nuisances in question are as follows:

1. Applause in studios. Sponsors should listen to Kraft Music Hall program, and note that there is no studio applause permitted. This is one factor that helps to account for the popularity of that program.

2. Maladroit, stupid, obvious, bromidic manner in which advertising is worked into a program. For the reverse, sponsors should note how cleverly advertising is inserted in the Jello program.

3. Announcers who say, after introducing a celebrity, "Come on, let's give him (or her) a great big hand!" Even an Emily Post would feel, in such a case, like kicking the bird right where there is the most tension when he stoops over in his dress clothes.

FRED B. MANN,
Danville, Ill.

\$1.00 PRIZE

A BOUQUET FOR "LET'S PRETEND"

Why doesn't Let's Pretend get more attention and publicity?

Although they are put on for the children, I never fail to enjoy these programs. The boys and girls playing the roles

are, in my opinion, as good as some of the older actors, if not better. Their programs go along as smoothly as any of the big network shows.

I have not talked to a person yet that has heard the program who doesn't fully enjoy it.

So I repeat. Why doesn't Let's Pretend get more credit for all its splendid child actors and clever plays?

MISS FLORENCE HARRIS,
Steubenville, Ohio.

\$1.00 PRIZE

A DISAGREEMENT

In your April issue of the RADIO MIRROR, Mrs. G. T. Rowland wrote of her annoyance at many well known radio programs, wishing to know whether they were getting inefficient, or old and lazy.

For example, I will take Mr. Cantor's program. When our dial is turned on his program we hear two children singing. It is a great pleasure to hear such angelic voices as those of Dianna Durbin and Bobby Breen. If this is thought to be inefficiency or laziness on the part of Mr. Cantor for letting such splendid talent on his program, I think the one complaining of such a program has no love for music or knowledge of it.

As for Mr. Cobb's, Mr. Hill's and Amos 'n' Andy's programs, I think they are more educational and interesting in the manner in which they are now carried out.

ANN BRADY,
Exeter, Pa.

HONORABLE MENTION

"He who laughs last laughs best. Last summer I wrote to you commenting on the fact that Emery Deutsch's new Streamlined Rhythm was slightly terrific. I guess you didn't take me very seriously, because the letter never appeared in print. But recently that same Emery Deutsch was chosen from among thirty-five name bands for the swank Rainbow Grill in Radio City. And is he making a hit! Tune in sometime! Now do I get that last laugh?"—MARJORIE GOETSCHHUS, New York.

"Believe me, advertising pays. I get so curious about things a good announcer raves about, I'm not satisfied till I try them."—Mrs. Iva DUNHAM, Masontown, Pa.

"Just a short criticism of two major programs: I'd give my Jack for Benny but I've had my Phil of Baker."—JOHN HANDFORD, New York, N. Y.

"It isn't his grand personality, or his thrilling voice that makes me admire Rudy Vallee, it's his contribution to radio. I am one of his many fans who enjoy his and his stars programs."—FLORENCE GANSLER, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"May I express my opinion about the one and only Phil Baker? The Phil Baker brand of humor which he has been dispensing over the ether waves and also the footlights of the theater, has won for him many listeners. It is indeed a far cry from an East Side street urchin to reach the pinnacle of fame in the entertainment world. A brilliant wit, and clever jokesmith, and when Baker delivers a joke over the air, it clicks in spite of 'Beetle's' remark 'get off the air.'"—WALLACE HANSEN, Racine, Wis.

Owing to the great volume of contributions received by this department, we regret that it is impossible for us to return unaccepted material. Accordingly we strongly recommend that all contributors retain a copy of any manuscript submitted to us.

*Back in his heart
again!*

**...SINCE
I'VE LEARNED THIS
"LOVELIER WAY"
TO AVOID
OFFENDING!**



THE TEARS GIRLS WASTE
before they learn never to risk offending! So a wise precaution is to bathe with Cashmere Bouquet . . . the perfumed soap whose deep-cleansing lather removes every trace of body odor—leaves its lovely fragrance clinging to your skin.



YOU CAN'T BLAME MEN for preferring girls who guard their daintiness the lovelier way . . . with Cashmere Bouquet baths. Why don't you try this exquisite perfumed soap . . . see how its subtle, lingering fragrance keeps you alluringly dainty!



NOW ONLY 10¢



MARVELOUS FOR COMPLEXIONS, TOO!
This pure creamy-white soap has such a gentle, caressing lather. Yet it removes every trace of dirt and cosmetics—keeps your skin alluringly smooth, radiantly clear!

**TO KEEP FRAGRANTLY DAINTY—BATHE WITH PERFUMED
CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



HOT WEATHER HINT!

Serve Delicious, Nourishing Franco-American Spaghetti

Ready in a jiffy...costs less than 3¢ a portion

YOU can make your kitchen-work much easier this summer. Several times a week give your family delicious Franco-American Spaghetti. They'll love it! It's simply packed with nourishment—good for children and grown-ups, too, and it is the greatest little work-saver you ever saw. All you need to do is just heat it, and it's ready to eat.

Sometimes serve Franco-American Spaghetti as a main dish. It makes a complete meal with perhaps a fresh green salad, milk, and a fruit dessert. Other times, use Franco-American Spaghetti to make your left-over meats into savory, delicious meals.

Please do not confuse Franco-American Spaghetti with ordinary ready-cooked spaghetti. Franco-American is entirely different. That marvelous cheddar cheese and tomato sauce, with its eleven delicious ingredients, makes Franco-American what it is—a tasty, delicious dish, with a flavor all its own.

Franco-American is a real help to the budget, too. A can usually costs ten cents, so Franco-American costs less than 3 cents a portion. Why not give yourself a break this summer, and give your family a treat, too?

Franco-American SPAGHETTI

Made by the Makers of Campbell's Soups



THE FRANCO-AMERICAN FOOD COMPANY, DEPT. 47
Camden, New Jersey

Please send me your free recipe book:
"30 Tempting Spaghetti Meals."

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

C. M. Buck, Toledo, O.—You can now find Professor Quiz listed in the Saturday column of the new RADIO MIRROR program guide on page 18. The reason it wasn't listed in the May issue was that the program was only on a sustaining basis then.

Mary Rogots, Akron, O.—I'd suggest that you write to Fred MacMurray in care of Paramount Pictures, Hollywood, California, for his photograph.

E. A. Brown, Grays Mills, Wis.—James Hall was on radio for a short time but left to appear in a legitimate show, "Lady Chatterley's Lover," which I believe is now on tour. I couldn't find very much information on James, except that he has one brother, is married and has no children. A letter addressed in care of the Theater Guild, New York City, New York, might reach him.

Mrs. D. C. Curtiss, Louisville, Ky.—The Oracle humbly asks forgiveness for erroneously publishing that Don Ameche never played the part of Bob in Betty and Bob. Upon digging up the old files, the secret was discovered. The reason you can't get Five Star Jones on the air any more, is that it has been dropped.

Geo. W. Burns, Hardin, Mont.—You can get in touch with Bud Linn by writing to him in care of the National Broadcasting Company, Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

Jerry Cooper and Frank Parker fans, attention! In the February RADIO MIRROR, the Oracle stated that Annette Shreier was President of the Harmony Club. This was a mistake. Annette is really co-president. Alice Allgood is the original founder and president and she would like to have some new members. So write to Alice in care of the East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, North Carolina.

Helen Radzewick, Brooklyn, N. Y.—We have just what the doctor ordered. You'll find a short story on Jack Berch on page 48. Write to Don Kerr in care of station WMCA, 1697 Broadway, New York City.

Miss Edna Mulberry, Pawtucket, R. I.—Zeke Manners and his gang are real hillbillies. Zeke was born in Marshall, Arkansas, and they say that he was so musically inclined in his youth that he made his first accordion out of several old harmonicas. Zeke's present "Pappy" is played by Zeb Tourney and he comes from Joplin, Missouri; Ezra learned his three R's in Little Rock, Arkansas; Gabe Drake, nineteen-year-old singer comes from Claremont, Oklahoma. Ace Giddens and Hank Culpepper are cousins. Didn't you know

that Jack Randolph was Jerry Cooper? However, Jerry has dropped that other name now.

Peewee Hunt and Kenny Sargent fans, attention! Theresa Daniels, 199 Caroline St., Derby, Conn., is interested in a Peewee Hunt fan club and Anna Vincent, 11 Hawkins St., Derby, Conn., is interested in a Kenny Sargent Club. How's about it?

M. A. O. Leary, Winchester, Mass.—I really couldn't answer all those questions at one time. I hope you'll be satisfied with just two for a while. David Harum and Andy Gump are played by the same person—Wilmer Walton. If you bought the June issue of RADIO MIRROR, you must have seen pictures of some of the David Harum cast. There were pictures of David; Zeke Swinney, played by Arthur Maitland; Susan, played by Peggy Allenby and David's Aunt Polly, played by Eva Condon. Bob White plays the part of Jonathan in the Story of Mary Marlin.

A Radio Fan, Buffalo, N. Y.—I'm sorry that I can't give you any more definite information on Stuart Churchill. He's in New York at present with several irons in the fire and as soon as a radio contract is signed, you may be sure RADIO MIRROR will print the news.

Miss Yetta Schwartzman, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Gertrude Berg is not on the air at present. She just finished writing the script for Bobby Breen's next movie and will be in New York for about two weeks, during which time, one news sleuth says, a radio contract will be signed.

Catherine Mulligan, Brooklyn, N. Y.—I've forwarded your inquiry to James Melton and I hope he will answer your question as soon as possible.

The Westerners fans, attention! Anyone interested in Louise Massey or the Westerners are invited to join the club. For information get in touch with Agnes Kramer, 15325 Ninth Avenue, Harvey, Ill.

XYZ, Boston, Mass.—Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians are scheduled to make a picture but their radio plans have not been definite. However, you will be hearing them from time to time in guest spots.

Wm. Mitchell, Dayton, O.—Deanna Durbin just finished making her second moving picture entitled, "One Hundred and Twenty Men and a Girl." She's really only fourteen years old. Did you read her own story in the June issue?

Answers to Professor Quiz' Twenty Questions on Page 3

1. Marion Talley.
2. Kate Smith.
3. Ginger Rogers.
4. "Howdy Stranger!"
5. Tyrone, Pennsylvania.
6. "Carefree," by Charles Henderson and Edward Heyman.
7. Harry McNaughton.
8. He is in London, where he is a successful radio and vaudeville performer.
9. Vaughn De Leath—and she's still singing, on NBC.
10. Olive White.
11. One—Mary MacArthur.
12. Yvonne—the only blonde sister.
13. Gabriel Heatter.
14. His father—because he didn't want his son to be a reporter.
15. Ed Jerome.
16. That the program is finishing exactly on time—"on the nose."
17. The abdication speech of King Edward VIII.
18. A sketch taken from the Broadway success, "Having Wonderful Time."
19. Phillips Lord.
20. Robert Simmons—he married Patti Pickens.

E. N., Hawi, Hawaii—Address Tommy Dorsey and Edythe Wright in care of the National Broadcasting Company, Rockefeller Plaza, New York. James Wallington's address is in care of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Seventh and Bixel Streets, Los Angeles, Cal.; the same address for Jerry Cooper, who is now on Hollywood Hotel, Address Ben Bernie and Pinkie Tomlin to the National Broadcasting Company, Hollywood, Cal.

Robert Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.—In addition to broadcasting work, Edythe Wright is singing with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra at the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

Josephine Kropkowski, Jersey City, N. J.—Ginger Rogers can be reached at the RKO Radio Studios, Hollywood, Cal.

Bing Crosby fans, attention!—You are cordially invited to become a Charter member of the Bing Crosby National Fan Club, organized by its president, Bill Noonan, Jr., Lock Box No. 79, Brant Beach, N. J. The dues are very inexpensive and each member receives a membership card, a personally autographed photograph and biography of Bing, plus participation in other club activities. A year's subscription to the Bing Crosby News is also included. Get in touch with Bill Noonan if you wish to join.

Lillian Hall, Seattle, Wash.—Eddy Duchin opened at the Palmer House in Chicago, Ill., June first and is scheduled to play for dancers there during the summer months.

Ned, Springfield, Mass.—The part of Dick Huddleston is played by Lum. There are no other players on the Lum and Abner show. The boys take all the parts.

Myrt and Marge fans, attention!—Mrs. Edith Derickson, 238 W. 88 Place, Los Angeles, Calif., wants to know if there

is a Myrt and Marge fan club. Lazy Dan who is Irving Kaufman, is singing over the Mutual Broadcasting System, Sunday mornings from 11:30 to 12:00. Tune him in on station KHJ. Address him in care of the Mutual Broadcasting System, 1440 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Peggy Woods, Chicago, Ill.—For a picture of Shirley Lloyd, write and ask her for one in care of the National Broadcasting Company, Rockefeller Plaza, New York; Kay Kyser and Horace Heidt in care of the Mutual Broadcasting System, 1440 Broadway, New York.

Kay Kyser fans, attention! In case you don't know about it, there's a Kay Kyser Fan Club of Pittsburgh, being conducted by Miss Mary Wilson, 807 Eighth Street, West Park, McKees Rocks, Pa. Get in touch with her if you want to become a member.

Miss Mary Wilson, McKees Rocks, Pa.—For information on Ted Weems, write to him in care of the Mutual Broadcasting System, 1440 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Miss Dorothy Chase, Glendale, Calif.—You certainly said some nice things about RADIO MIRROR so I'm going to be extra nice to you. Here's a brief biography of Jesse Crawford. He's called the "Poet of the Organ" . . . born in Woodland, California, December 2, 1895 . . . started to play the mouth organ at the age of three . . . he's stocky, has thick, dark brown hair and his snappy blue eyes are always smiling. He's married and has a ten-year-old daughter.

S. B. Stack, Jamaica, L. I., New York.—Russ Morgan was born in Scranton, Pa., on April 29, 1904. Russ always wanted to be an orchestra leader. His mother was a pianist who played with his father

in vaudeville before he decided that the coal mines of Pennsylvania would present a more substantial sort of a living. Russ had a taste of the coal mines too before taking his first musical job as pianist in a Scranton movie house. He's six feet tall, has brown hair and hazel eyes. His hobby is saving old coins.

Vera Ayres, Oakland, Calif.—Here's what you've been waiting to know about Eddy Duchin. Eddy was born in Boston, the son of a druggist who thought his son would follow in his footsteps, but a chance engagement with Leo Reisman's orchestra ended that career and started him on his present one. He's married to Marjorie Oelrichs, of the society register.

Nelson Eddy Fans, attention! For information about joining the Nelson Eddy Club, get in touch with Mr. R. B. Wilkins, 2510 N. 12th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Details will be sent immediately.

Anna Marie Satek, Quakertown, Pa.—Nino Martini is not broadcasting now. He's in Hollywood. You can address him in care of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Seventh and Bixel Streets, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bobby Breen and Deanna Durbin fans, attention!—Percy E. Appleby of 421 Osborne Avenue, Verdun, Quebec, Canada, wants to know if there are fan clubs for these two young stars.

Joseph Stanko, Simpson, Pa.—For a picture of Guy Lombardo and his orchestra, I'd suggest that you write him in care of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. To get in touch with Jimmie Lunceford, address your letter in care of Mills Artists Inc., 799 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

WOMAN HATER?

THAT'S WHAT MEN THOUGHT
—BUT GIRLS KNEW BETTER!...



WHAT A MAN! BY THE WAY, SIS, WHAT'S THE LOW-DOWN ON HIM? IS HE A WOMAN-HATER, OR --

HER BROTHER TAKES A HAND

SIS IS A SWELL GIRL ... FUSSY ABOUT THINGS LIKE BAD BREATH, OF COURSE. SHE SAYS HER DENTIST TOLD HER--

GUY TAKES THE HINT

YES, GUY, TESTS PROVE THAT 76% OF ALL PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 17 HAVE BAD BREATH. TESTS ALSO PROVE THAT MOST BAD BREATH COMES FROM IMPROPERLY CLEANED TEETH. I ADVISE COLGATE DENTAL CREAM BECAUSE...

COLGATE DENTAL CREAM COMBATS BAD BREATH

"Colgate's special penetrating foam gets into every tiny hidden crevice between your teeth... emulsifies and washes away the decaying food deposits that cause most bad breath, dull, dingy teeth, and much tooth decay. At the same time, Colgate's soft, safe polishing agent cleans and brightens the enamel—makes your teeth sparkle—gives new brilliance to your smile!"

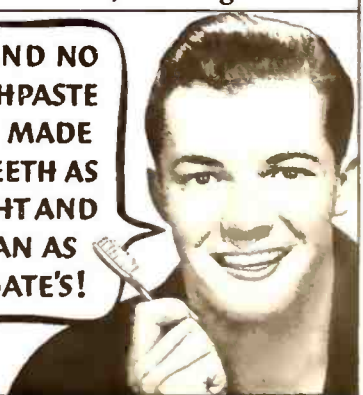
SEVERAL WEEKS LATER

JUST HEARD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOU AND SIS, GUY. GOOD LUCK!


THANKS! I OWE ALL MY GOOD LUCK TO YOU... AND TO COLGATE'S!

Now—NO BAD BREATH
behind his Sparkling Smile!

...AND NO TOOTH PASTE EVER MADE MY TEETH AS BRIGHT AND CLEAN AS COLGATE'S!



20¢ LARGE SIZE
35¢ GIANT SIZE
OVER TWICE AS MUCH



COLGATE
RIBBON DENTAL CREAM

Coast-to-Coast Highlights

(Continued from page 7)



QUEST...

is completely effective
ON SANITARY NAPKINS

● Why take chances now that complete protection is so easily obtainable? The makers of Kotex bring you a new deodorant powder named *Quest* that positively destroys all types of napkin and body odors!

Quest is utterly effective—even on sanitary napkins. It prevents perspiration offense; assures all-day-long body freshness, yet does not irritate the skin or clog the pores!

Try *Quest* today. Use this cool, soothing powder on sanitary napkins—after the bath—under arms and for foot comfort. Unscented, it does not cover up the fragrance of lovely perfume.

And *Quest* costs no more than other kinds... only 35c for the large two-ounce can. Buy it today at any drug counter.



More's Log Cabin Boys, and Grandpa Jones, daily soloist on the same station, got their feudin' idea from Logan County's famed Hatfield-McCoy feud or from the more up-to-date Winchell-Bernie and Fred Allen-Jack Benny shin-kicking matches, but anyway word comes from the Virginny hills that Shorty and Grandpappy "is a gunnin'." But there's a woman in this one and, what's more, they say "a Hobbs never fergits."

When Grandpa started showering "Cousin Emmy" daily with flowers, candy, and things, Shorty, in whose act Cousin Emmy appears, stood it just so long and then started polishing his shootin' irons. The grand finale took place in the recent WWVA Jamboree with Shorty and Grandpa the featured entertainers.

The winner? Nobody knows except Cousin Emmy, and when interviewed all she had to say was, "Phooey!" Better luck next time, boys.

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MEET THE PICKARDS

When Dad Pickard's two-year-old granddaughter, "Letsy" Pickard, joined WWL's Happy Pickards in their nightly broadcasts, it gave the New Orleans station three generations of entertainers on one program. And three generations of good entertainers, too.

The Happy Pickards of today, with the exception of little Letsy who only recently became big enough to join her elders at the microphone, have been on the air continuously since 1928. And Dad Pickard started it all with his air debut in 1924. Born in the Tennessee hills back in '84, getting music out of fiddles, harmonicas, and mandolins "just came natural" to Dad, and listening to his first broadcasts immediately became a natural habit for many tuner-inners. His gifted versatility was a hit from the start, and it was shortly afterward that he was joined by his equally talented wife at the piano. That started him thinking. Why not have the whole family on the air? Consequently, 1928 found Dad, Mother, Bub, Ruth, Charley and Anne each adding talent to the popular Happy Pickards family programs.

Bub, Ruth, Charley and Anne not only sing but Bub also plays the guitar, Charley adds to the happiness with his musical jug, and Ruth is an accomplished accordion player. Dad, in addition to his mastery of the many instruments, can and does sing the "songs that never grow old," as they should be sung.

Letsy, christened Arlette, is the daughter of Bub Pickard and is known to her many listeners as the Angel of the Air. As far as WWL knows, she is the youngest singer who actually sings before the mike on a regularly sponsored program.

The Happy Pickards, who have been heard over coast-to-coast networks since professionally outgrowing their native Tennessee, are at present sponsored on WWL both by the Peruna makers and the makers of Kolor-bak. And with their three times nightly programs for a total usually of seventy minutes, their eager fans still call for more.

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KFAB'S BUSY BEE

There may be busier people on the airwaves than pretty, red-haired Jettabee Ann Hopkins, the one-woman show on KFAB in Lincoln, Nebraska, but we doubt it. Not only is she author of KFAB's

popular program, the Jangles, but she also directs the sketches and acts most of the roles in this popular five-day-a-week program. And that isn't all. Miss Hopkins also writes and directs Babs and Betty on the same station and portrays one of the two leading roles in that interesting working girls' skit Monday through Friday.

How does she do it? Well, she says she's never thought about that. Just does it, that's all. But it all started this way.

Born in the western part of the Cornhusker state and coached from childhood by a talented and artistic mother, she graduated from college in Chicago and did her first radio work there under the direction of William Ziegler Nourse with the WMAQ players. Then followed dramatic and music teaching back in a home-state conservatory; five years of coast-to-coasting with summer Chautauquas; and winter tours with the Bob Pollard university players. All of which landed her in Norfolk, Nebraska, where she had her first fling at writing and presenting half-hour original plays over WJAG. Then came 1933 and her KFAB association in Lincoln with that station's Little Theater of the Air.

Jettabee got the idea for the Jangles program from a party guest, a bride of two years who was in tears because every bite she ate, her young husband reminded her of her increasing poundage and repeatedly compared her weight with that of other women. So started the fictional life of Newlyweds Jack and Jerry with all the troubles of the average young married couple. Because much of the program's appeal depends on the inclusion of current local news in the script, the writing is a daily job in itself. Currently sponsored by Haskins Brothers, the thousandth broadcast of this Monday through Friday 3:15 P. M. (C. S. T.) program was recently celebrated with the author playing the roles of Jerry, the young wife; Jennie, the small daughter of a poor relative; Buddy, a little crippled boy; Mother Jangles, the mother-in-law; and Fannie, a back row ex-chorus girl. John Shafer, KFAB's assistant program director plays the young husband, Jack, and also Uncle Charlie, the friendly, philosophical old uncle.

The Babs and Betty program, at present sponsored by Milady Coffee, is also a five-day-a-week program and has been on the air continuously for two years. But this versatile writer-director-actress practically loaf on Sundays. On that day for the past two years all she has done is present her original fifteen-minute plays, several of which have been published.

When asked what her hobbies were, Jettabee glanced up from her busy typewriter and answered, "My friends call me Jerry." Okay, Jerry, we understand.

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A WINNER

Life may be only a game to some of us, but to dark-haired, dark-eyed, tiny Beryl Cameron, new KPO songstress in San Francisco, life has been mostly a contest.

When eight years old, Beryl danced away with her first prize among a hundred juvenile dancing contestants at the Princess Theater in Honolulu. That was the beginning of a career that for several years made her unknowingly a professional. A professional, that is, at winning amateur contests. The daughter of a navy officer, Beryl got around when a child, and given

the opportunity to win various amateur contests in Portland, Tacoma, San Francisco, and other western cities she seized opportunity whenever it knocked and won medals and prizes at all schools she attended.

Facing her first microphone three years ago, she continued her winning habit to the extent of landing the soloist job with Tom Brown's orchestra at San Francisco's famous Bal Tabarin restaurant. But even then, a full-fledged professional, the contest habit was so much a part of her life she couldn't resist taking a try at bigger and better things. Not accustomed to anything except winning, Beryl was chosen from a large group of applicants as featured singer on the recent Chevrolet program from KPO. But there her contesting ended when NBC signed her as a regular KPO staff member at the finish of the series.

Still a youngster in years and with her career of contests behind her, she lives in the country with her father, now retired. She drives to her studio or her voice lesson daily, and due to her serious study her voice with its sweet, low undertone is equally at home in both popular songs and the more difficult scales. Busy as she is she still finds time for her favorite diversions, yachting, dancing, and listening to every radio singer she can find on the dial.

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TUNING IN WITH CUPID

Omaha, Neb.: Arthur Peterson, actor in WOW's Guiding Light program, recently married Miss Norma Ransom, a former classmate of his at the University of Minnesota.

Cincinnati, O.: Ruth deVore, member of WLW's famed deVore sisters' trio, and Fred Thomas, WLW news writer, recently announced their wedding of February sixth. Ruth and Fred took their vows at the time when both were devoting long hours in the Ohio flood crisis, Fred handling bulletins and his bride-to-be singing on flood relief programs in addition to her regular broadcasts.

Another WLW recent wedding was that of Miss Frances Jensen of the accounting department and continuity writer Robert Maley. The bride is a native of Cincinnati.

Los Angeles, Cal.: When Sam Pierce, writer and producer of KHJ's Calling All Cars program, announced to his friends that "she was entirely too swell a 'program' to be allowed to roam about on an unsponsored basis," he was referring to the former Miss Georgianna Parker, Riverside debutante. So "sponsor" Sam popped the question and those recent wedding bells heard at Laguna Beach were the result. The newlyweds are at present residing in two places—Hollywood and aboard the Pierce yacht which now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pierce.

Chicago, Ill.: Miss Wilma Kuehn, WBBM receptionist, and Walter Wichy, Chicago manufacturers' representative, were recent marriage license users, too.

As ventured last month, Bob Casey, King's Jesters string bass thumper over Chicago's WMAQ, and Marge Morin of the NBC Morin sisters' vocal trio, are now Mr. and Mrs. Bob Casey. That puts Cupid on record this month with two hits in the harmony ranks of sister trios. Maybe the little fellow resents intrusion in the harmony business.

New York: Although wedding bells are still a thing of the future, Cupid says "so far, so good," and he credits Uncle Sam with an assist in the engagement of WHN's Elena Jimenez and Charles Redlick who is in California. The U. S. mails carried the question and answer.

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TRAILING THE STORK

Cincinnati, O.: The little man who recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Foster has been named Donald Lee, and papa Foster, WLW sound effects technician, is telling the world about it.

Chicago, Ill.: It was candy and cigars recently at the WBBM studios and a seven pound lad at the Emil Waeltis home. Emil is the engineer on the Poetic Melodies program.

Charlotte, N. C.: We neglected to salute little Alice Leslie, an early 1937 arrival at the Charles Crutchfield home. "Chock," WBT program director, and Mrs. Crutchfield, when interviewed, expressed great happiness with the new family member, but Alice Leslie wasn't certain. All she said was "Goo"—or maybe it was "Boo!"

OUR POETRY DEPARTMENT

Although a little bird had warned us Spring was here we were still skeptical until the postman arrived with the following poem. The title must have been lost in the mail, because it arrived titleless—but we fixed that, with apologies to the writer, of course.

SATISFIED

From hearth and home
I'll never stray,
With a set
That can get
KDKA

—Pittsburgh Peggy

Okay, Peggy, and attention: Pittsburgh's KDKA. In case the Highlighter, doesn't get around to pay you a personal call soon, how about shooting him some inside information on your many satisfying local programs and stars?

And all you RADIO MIRROR tuner-inners: What favorite local station program and stars would you like to see and read about in Coast-to-Coast Highlights? Let us know and we'll do our best to satisfy, too.

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LOOKING BACK

We've been turning back the clock on radio folks again and there is hardly a turn of the hand but what we uncover some past that we didn't know existed before.

Did you know Jack Meakin, KGO's Bughouse Rhythm conductor in San Francisco, has written sixty popular songs, twelve piano solos, ten ballads, twenty ballet suites, four concert works for orchestra, three complete Bohemian Club shows, thirty theme songs and is nearing his thousandth arrangement—and isn't thirty years old yet? Whew! Well, we didn't either.

And in New York, Marion Melton, WHN's high-powered blues and swing singer, was once a school mar'm. . . . Bud Rainey, the same New York station's Dixie Deacon, has held the U. S. Army pistol record since 1924, and no wonder—Bud scored 996 out of a possible 1000.

Charles Gerrard, the Sidney LaCrosse in One Man's Family on San Francisco's KPO, practiced dentistry for several years before getting the radio bug. But having never applied for a California license he reluctantly turns down friendly prospective customers with aching teeth. Incidentally, going way back, we find Charles' first money making job was one we admit a secret liking for. He got paid for sleeping. When the home town banker learned he could reduce the bank's insurance rates by having some one in the bank at all hours, Charles moved in for the night shift.

KHJ's attractive eighteen-year-old vocalist on the 1937 Radio Show in Holly-

wood is Christina Lind. But Christina used to be Jean. In full, Jean Peterson. She did it this way: name of the great Swedish queen, Christina; name of the Nordic country's greatest singer, Lind. And there you are, or rather there is Christina Lind. . . . Dick Quine, talented youngster who plays the title role in KHJ's Tom Sawyer program, first ventured into business as the proprietor of a lemonade stand. But Dick, who was seven years old at the time, says he likes radio much better.

And to prove you don't always have to go "way back when" to uncover forgotten things of the past, there are the six extra pounds WBT's program director Charles Crutchfield used to carry around down in Charlotte, N. C. "Chock" lost 'em in the athletic rooms of the local Y. M. C. A.

FROM HERE TO THERE

Although we knew tuner-inners took great pride in distant programs they could pull in on their individual sets—the greater the distance, the greater the pride—we weren't aware stations had the same pride from the sending end until we accidentally stumbled onto it through our own boast of a distant reception.

"If you think you had distance, take a look at these," replied Cecil Carmichael, digging into his WBT press files in Charlotte, N. C., and coming up with a fist full of letters from all over the world. "WBT literally reaches around the world for its listeners," he added, spreading the proof out on his desk. And after glancing through them we agreed our distant reception was only across the street in comparison.

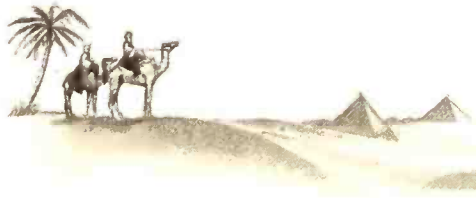
One writer, an American soldier stationed in Honolulu, wrote of listening to WBT regularly with perfect reception. Adding it was interesting listening to the Hawaii Calls program originating there in Honolulu and relayed back to his loud-speaker from WBT.

Another listener, a United States Army lieutenant-colonel stationed at an American consulate in France, told of getting a dance program from the Hotel New Yorker through WBT "as clear as from a local station." His location was 4300 feet above sea level in the French Alps, five hundred miles southeast of Paris. "The radio," he added, "in case anyone interested, is a five-tube Philco, model 37-604."

Mr. Marquardt, technical director of Chicago's WCFL, is another who has developed into an international correspondent. In one day he received letters from Honolulu and Frying Pan Farm, Chalkeymead Melksham Wells, England, reporting perfect reception of a WCFL program. While J. B. Clark, station Boswell for WPTF in Raleigh, N. C., informs us he has records of WPTF listeners in every county in North Carolina, every state in the union, and in Australia, Canada, and Great Britain.

Don't Miss the Thrilling and Intimate Story of Don Ameche's Romance in the Second Installment of "Rainbow's End," in the August Radio Mirror.

Thirst!

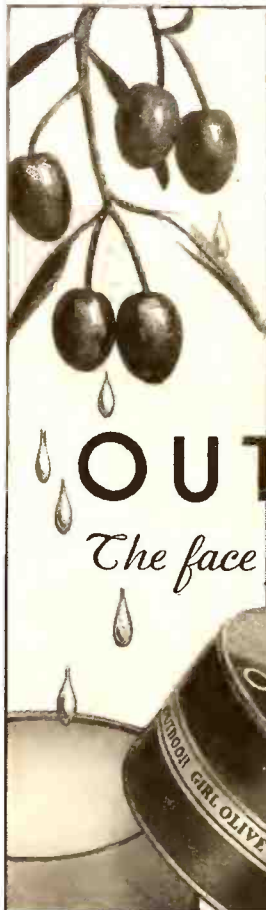


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Radio—Instrument of Peace

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each other well. It is an idea which applies in special force to the relationships between nations. Probably there always will be disputes between and among nations.

Every nation involved in such disputes will maintain passionately that it is right and its opponent wrong. And the reason a nation can see only its own side of an argument is that it seldom hears the other side. It gets the other side from stiff, formal diplomatic communiques, couched in terms which only trained diplomats can understand, and frequently deliberately untruthful or provocative. When these communiques are published in the newspapers, you and I, the ordinary citizens, seldom take the trouble to read them. They are dull documents, duller than mud. We simply don't get the human side of the other fellow's argument. And so, not understanding, we are usually willing to go to war—simply because there has been no common language for ourselves and the people with whom we may have a mad on.

That is the picture as it would continue to be without radio. With radio, there is hope, at least, that it can be changed!

When a manufacturer has a message he wants to give the world, he buys time on a radio chain and uses it to state his case. Why can't nations do the same thing. It might work. Or it might not. But it would be a swell experiment.

SUPPOSE President Roosevelt bought radio time on the networks of France, and told the French people, in the same intimate way he talks to us in his fireside chats, how America feels about the war debts; and then suppose Premier Blum or some other great Frenchman spoke directly to America, putting France's sincere belief that it should not pay those debts before us. Would we feel more like love and kisses or would we want to take a hearty sock at Johnny Frenchman? The chances are at least equal that direct, simple talks exchanged by the leaders of the two countries would create better understanding.

In radio the world has a weapon for peace potentially greater than any it has ever known. A word spoken into a microphone can girdle the globe in one-tenth of a second, and everywhere it is heard it is warm and alive, going direct to the minds and hearts of its listeners. In this tenth-of-a-second world, it seems rather absurd for nations to speak to one another with guns.

A start has been made in sending words flying across national borders. The Pope speaks to the members of his Church everywhere; they hear his voice and then a translation of his words. Premier Mussolini and Chancellor Hitler have been heard in this country on the air and no one who listened to King Edward's abdication speech can ever forget the feeling of kinship it brought.

Maybe I am shooting at the millennium. Maybe the world—Europe especially—is such a mess of old jealousies and hatreds and frustrated ambitions, so infernally mean and ornery, that nothing much can be done about it. Maybe statesmen will even corrupt the good angel of radio and use it to heighten rancor and intensify their cat-and-dog squabbles. Even now Russia accuses Germany of throwing hostile propaganda across Russian borders by air. The French shake their fists at Mussolini for the same reason. Nevertheless, the opportunity is here for radio to attempt a service of vast benefit to humanity—the only agency that could accomplish it. More power to it!

The Stormy Life Story of a Black Sheep

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the least romantic—and it was to Ruby that Phil went for the truth when he first learned what Broadway gossip was saying about him.

Broadway is one vast backyard fence, and it gossips as much over the stars whose names are in electric lights as you or I do over the family across the street. It was saying about Phil that he was drinking too much, so much he couldn't break the habit. And the reason, said Broadway, was that his wife had left him and he couldn't take the rap.

Ruby told him this, and she showed him what he had to do. "Your show is closing in a week or two, isn't it?" she asked. "Why don't you get out of town, take a vaudeville tour or something, and stay away long enough so that when you come back you can settle down to a sensible way of living? Keep at it long enough, and this party life will get you."

She was right, he knew, and he followed her advice. He booked himself into a long vaudeville tour, starting in San Francisco a few days after the Music Box Revue closed. In his bag, for the long train journey across the continent, he packed a bottle of brandy and one of rye. This was an idea of his own. He wanted to see if the gossips were right.

RUBY came down to the train to see him off, and stood on the platform waving as the train pulled out. He never saw Ruby Stevens, the little hooper in Broadway shows, again. By the time he returned to New York she had become Barbara Stanwyck, a woman and a star.

All the way across the country those two bottles stayed in Phil's suitcase, handy but untouched. The gossips were dead wrong; and he arrived in San Francisco feeling better than he'd felt in years. There were three days in which to prepare for his opening at the Orpheum. He spent them playing golf and whipping his act into shape with Sid Silvers, whom he had hired to sit in a box and heckle him.

At his opening performance he felt all the old sparkle and zest that had been missing for so long, return to him. The audience, a capacity one, was with him heart and soul. He had them rocking in their seats with laughter, and he forgot he was working. It was such fun to feel himself once more master of a theater full of friends that his eyes danced and he laughed with pleasure.

In fact, he had too good a time at that first performance. Afterwards he had to spend half an hour in convincing the manager of the theater he wasn't drunk. The manager, while pleased at Phil's success, was sure that nobody who had been having such an obviously high old time on the stage could possibly be sober, and before Phil managed to prove his innocence he had received a long lecture on the evils of strong liquor.

Phil stayed on tour for six months before returning to New York, and in that time he learned the wrong-headedness of both his former designs for living. He made up his mind to be neither a monk nor a rake.

Twenty-four hours after he landed back in New York he broke his word for the first time in his life. He is still ashamed of it. On the train, coming in from Boston, he had promised George White to appear in White's new production of the Scandals. The next day the Shuberts offered him a long-term contract, and the thought of years of security was too much

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for his promise. He signed with the Shuberts, and though he stayed with them for six years and was starred in hit after hit, he's never felt quite right about it all, and still wonders sometimes when the long-deferred punishment for breaking his promise will catch up to him.

In the years which followed, while his success on the stage was becoming a solid, assured thing, Phil fell in love more than once, but never enough to forget that he wasn't going to get married again, ever. His fear of marriage was by this time almost an obsession. He was what they call a "confirmed" bachelor.

Yet, somehow, he didn't get the pleasure he should have out of planning a course of conduct and sticking to it. He didn't get any pleasure out of it all, to tell the truth. There was a big gaping void in his life, and subconsciously he knew it.

ONE night he and a friend went to the musical show, "Americana." Afterwards they were going to take a couple of the girls in it out to supper. The girls were acquaintances of Phil's friend—English girls—Phil didn't know them and didn't particularly care to. But there was one little brown-haired ingenue who might as well have been on the stage alone, for all the attention Phil paid to the rest of the show.

"Who is she?" he asked, nudging his companion.

"Peggy Cartwright—one of the girls we're taking out afterwards," was the answer, made as calmly as if it weren't the most earth-shaking piece of news imaginable.

When they went backstage, after the performance, and Phil met Peggy Cartwright, a terrible thing happened. He, the man about town, the Broadwayite, the squire of fair ladies, suddenly became tongue-tied in front of a shy little thing who'd arrived in New York from England only a few weeks before.

Where were the witty speeches, the compliments, the wise-cracks? Where was even some word that would make her look up and smile at him? He couldn't think of anything—and desperately, in a panic, he blurted out the only words his paralyzed mind could form:

"You and I," said Phil Baker, "are going to have a baby!"

She looked up, all right. She gave him a long, cool look. She said, "You are absolutely mad. Please take me home."

He took her home, apologizing all the way into an empty silence. When he left her he couldn't think of a single way he could see her again, but he knew he had to, or the earth would stop turning.

The next day he heard that "Americana," after an unpromising start, was going to close. Just another Broadway flop. He rushed up to see the producer and made that puzzled gentleman an astonishing offer.

"Keep the show going," he said, "and I'll go into the cast. I don't want a salary—just give me a percentage of the box-office receipts. Ten—five per cent, I don't care. I'll even pay for my own comedy script and my stooge."

The producer thought Phil was crazy, because he knew Phil had been paid \$5,000 only the week before for a seven-day vaudeville appearance, and he also knew that ten per cent of "Americana's" takings, the way things were going, wouldn't be more than \$250. But if Phil was crazy, he didn't see why he should be crazy too, so he accepted the offer.

"Americana" ran another seven weeks with the boost Phil's presence in the cast gave it. Then it closed in a discouraged manner, but by that time Phil didn't care.

You see, two weeks before "Americana" closed, on November 21, 1932, he married Peggy Cartwright.

Now comes something that's hard to explain. You'd think, newly married as Phil was, that he'd have realized his responsibilities and settled down to a quiet, steady routine of becoming even more rich and famous than he already was. Instead, he finished a two-week engagement at the Capital Theater, and came home at the end of it with his soul filled with the emptiness of success. He was utterly sick of the stage and everything connected with it—including radio, because an audition he had made the week before had just been refused.

Peggy, who had been out all day in the rain, trying to find a part in some play and not succeeding, looked as if she felt the same way. She was pale and listless, and as Phil looked at her he felt a sudden surge of anger at New York and Broadway and the rain and the honking taxicabs and—and everything.

"Honey," he said, "I've been figuring up and I've got enough money now for us to live on the rest of our lives. If I work three months a year, I can make enough extra to take care of my father and mother. . . . Let's go to Florida and buy a little house and just stay there."

Peggy's weariness disappeared like a flash. She didn't even stop to ask when they were leaving. She went and started to pack.

They actually got to Florida and bought the house—a little white playhouse covered with vines—and had occupied it exactly one day when a wire came from the National Broadcasting Company. The recorded audition Phil had made had been sent by NBC to the Armour Packing Company in Chicago—and Armour liked it, so well they wanted Phil to go on the air at once.

There is no evidence to show that Phil so much as remembered his loud disgust with work. "They want me right away—I've got to catch the train tonight—where's my trunk?" he roared, storming around the little house. Its rooms, that had once seemed so cozy, were now just plain cramped. They couldn't hold him. Peggy saw that they could never hold him.

"I'm going too, you know," she said. They didn't even see Florida again for more than two years. The Armour program was such a success that once they got to Chicago, they stayed there, and Phil went on broadcasting.

FROM some source, Phil had acquired the peculiar belief that the way to create a wonderful radio program was to corral everybody connected with the show into one house and keep them there all the time. He leased a huge mansion out in Evanston, a Chicago suburb, and installed in it not only himself and Peggy, but Bottle and Beetle, his gag writers, a girl stooge, their families, and assorted pets.

It must have been a nightmare. The mansion soon acquired a bad reputation among the staid citizens of Evanston, because lights burned in it all night, and in the dim hours of early morning weird moans and shrieks of pain could be heard coming from those brilliantly illuminated rooms. Evanston was sure that life in the Baker home was one long orgy, when in reality it was one long prison sentence. The moans and shrieks came from tortured script writers trying vainly to wring new gags out of themselves; and the lights burned because nobody ever had time to sleep.

A steady procession of servants marched in and out of the house, trying without success to cope with the tide of cigarette ends and ashes, half-gnawed sandwiches,

demented actors and writers, and irregular hours. Because Phil's sponsor was the Armour Packing Company, somebody had the bright idea of sending him a live baby pig, and it frolicked through the rooms with the dogs and cats owned by the other members of the company.

But the program was a success. Harry McNaughton was Phil's Bottle, then as he is now; and Hank Ladd was his Beetle, the ever-present and impolite ghost. Phil has changed Beeties twice since then, incidentally, and you never realized it.

For two years Phil and Peggy lived in the midst of the Evanston bedlam. They even added a third member to the Baker family there, little Margot. But suddenly, while his contract with the Armour people still had several weeks to run, Phil knew he couldn't stand it a minute longer. He couldn't understand why he hadn't gone crazy long before, but he knew if he didn't get out of Chicago, and particularly Evanston, he would go crazy.

He went to the sponsor and told him he was leaving, going to Italy, and he didn't know when he'd be back. The sponsor might have argued, but he took one look at Phil, sighed, and agreed.

It would be fine to tell you that Phil and Peggy and the baby went to Italy and spent their time, lolling on sun-warmed sands, leaning out of palazzo windows while gondoliers sang sweet melodies. It would be fine, but it wouldn't be true. Phil's strongest recollection of that trip to Italy is of a scene that took place in the baggage car of a train between Paris and Rome.

Peggy was back in their compartment, worn out by a day of traveling and the more recent strain of trying to find some warm milk for Margot. Italian trains, it seemed, weren't equipped to heat milk

for babies. But Phil, with the aid of the baggage master and a porter, was solving the milk problem. Down on the floor of the baggage car knelt the two train officials, heating a pan of milk over the weak flame of a little oil lamp and crooning to themselves in Italian. Above them, with Margot in his arms, stood Phil Baker, the great American comedian.

Suddenly the incongruity of the situation struck him—that he, once of the East Side, more recently of Broadway and the Bright Lights, should be standing over two Italian peasants while they heated milk for his baby, in the gloomy baggage car of a train. And he began to laugh.

I think that's as good a place as to leave him, because right there, it seems to me, was a period put to the stormy part of this black sheep's life story. Surely no one can ever think of him as anything but a family man again.

The Bakers have their home in Florida now, and another in Mamaroneck, New York. It was in Florida that their third child, Michael Conway, was born on the fourteenth of March, this year. Their second is another boy, Stuart, who is three years old now.

PHIL still grumbles, now and then, when he has been working too hard, and hints at another characteristic Baker upheaval. But I don't think these grumbings will ever amount to more than vague threats. He'll go off the air soon, and set out for Hollywood to appear in the "Goldwyn Follies," and when he returns he'll be all ready for another season on the air—because if there is one thing true of Phil Baker, it's this: he can swear he's tired of working until he's blue in the face, but he's never really happy any other time.

PROGRAM DOTS AND DASHES: Phil Baker's "Gulf Gazette." . . . Heard on CBS every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. . . . Though heard on only half the stations other Sunday-night comedians use, Accordionist Baker's programs are the nation's tenth most popular. . . . Radio experts give much of the credit to the Messrs. Black, Perrin & Phillips, the three musketeers of the gag . . . Hal Black, 21-year-old graduate of the University of Chicago is the No. 1 gag man. Two years ago he urged his parents to send him to Gotham before studying law. He had won honors at school as editor of the funnypaper Phoenix and author of the student musical shows produced by Chicago's Black Friars . . . Once in New York, however, Black looked up Baker, who was in need of comedy material . . . The Chicagoan submitted two sample scripts and was hired . . . He hasn't opened a law book since . . . In that time Black has typed out over 104 comedy scripts and swears he never once resorted to a gag book . . . Black writes the first draft, sends it by messenger to partners Perrin & Phillips, who are really script constructionists. They in turn rewrite it, and submit it to Baker . . . Back it goes from Baker to Black for "tightening up." . . . Even at dress rehearsal young Black is busy at a typewriter near the studio stage, inserting the latest wheezes that appeal to Baker . . . Though the Seven G's have only one song a week, which is timed for two minutes on the air, Ed Smalle rehearses them for 10 hours on the one tune. William, Baker's valet, has the addest job in the world . . . He takes care of the bass' music box, polishing it daily, and removing the instrument to a safe corner of the studio after Baker has played his sala. You see, left-handed accordians are scarce, and Phil can't afford to damage the only one in the U. S.

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Facing the Music

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band from among the students of N. Y. U. and Columbia University. He took this green group and worked and sweated with them, patiently, thoroughly. Before a man was hired they made this solemn vow to Ferdi:

"I promise to make music my livelihood as long as I live."

The majority of the newcomers were physically handicapped. Some cannot use their bodies to the utmost advantage. It was music that gave them an out from a dreary life.

Today the band is heard in a night club near Bridgeport, Conn. They have an NBC wire. They are far from perfect, but they play as one man. At the present, the hours from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M. are still devoted to practice sessions. Professor Ferdi instructs the boys as if they were in a classroom. The boys work together, live together and live and breath music. Girls are out, for the time being.

NBC has given Ferdi three years to develop this strange band. If they have reached their goal within that time, network commercial programs will be offered to them.

"It must work out," Ferdi says confidently. "It will work out. These boys are sincere. They will not desert me."

Only time will tell the results of Don Ferdi's arduous task, a bored bandsman who, sick of bright lights and small talk, became a Svengali of Swing.

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OFF THE MUSIC RACK

MARK WARNOW is spending his summer vacation in Hollywood and it won't be surprising to this reporter if, while there, he makes a connection that will keep him in the cinema capital permanently. . . . Maxine Gray is to be heard again with Hal Kemp's orchestra when the band goes into New York's Hotel Astor. The Louisiana-born lark has been ill and recently went back home to Shreveport to rest up. . . . Maxine is a dead ringer for Kay Francis. . . . Hal also released Gus Mayhew, his trombonist-arranger so that he can join his brother Nye Mayhew at Glen Island Casino. . . . Larry Marsh, CBS orchestra leader on the Al Pearce programs is experimenting with a new idea in dance bands—an orchestra without drums. He is arranging for tempo and beat to be supplied by the left hand of the pianist, the bass violin, and the guitar. . . . Johnny Green penned a new tune in the five-minute recess of the Fred Astaire program; it's called "Five Minutes Alone." . . . Carmen Lombardo worked for four weeks before he could play his own hit tune, "Boo Hoo." Other maestros cleared the network rights to play this number before the composing Canadian could get around to it. . . .

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WHERE THEY'RE PLAYING

EDDY DUCHIN will be in the Palmer House in Chicago shortly. . . . Johnny Hamp can be found at the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City. . . . Kay Kyser is one-nighting at present but is tickled pink because he just grabbed off a big Mutual network program for an auto sponsor. . . . Henry King is now at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco while Leon Belasco hies to New Orleans for a session at the Hotel Roosevelt. . . . Dick Barrie and his orchestra, which this pillar reported as stranded, are back in business again, swinging out on a tour of Ohio one-

night stands. His charming wife and vocalist, Anita Boyer, is with him. . . . Art Kassel's band will entice Memphis dancers when he begins an engagement in their Hotel Claridge this summer. . . . Jacques Fray returns to the swank St. Regis Hotel roof in New York. . . . Atlantic City visitors and natives will have a string of ace bands this summer at the world-famous Steel Pier ballroom! Guy Lombardo, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey lead the sweet and swing parade.

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GOULD IN THEM HILLS

A THIN bespectacled lad named Morton Gould has been conducting a program called Music for Today on the Mutual network these last two years without too much nation-wide acclaim. The blue-shirted batoneer, who has just passed his twenty-second birthday, is a triple-threat man—he not only conducts, but scores all his own arrangements and composes modern American music. He shied away from publicity stunts and romance, preferring to sip milk in the control room before his broadcasts and devote all his time to music.

Then a man came into his life—a very large, double-chinned man. His name was Paul Whiteman. For the last year Paul has been looking for some young genius to succeed him as director of his great organization when the King decides to abdicate. Whiteman wants his band to continue even though he lays aside the baton. The former Denver viola player heard of Gould, then got busy straightening out the minute details with Pappa Gould, Morton's manager.

Today Morton Gould is in an enviable position as heir apparent to the throne of King of Jazz. He is preparing arrangements for Whiteman and is listed as assistant conductor.

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HOW THEY CONDUCT

HAL KEMP holds his baton face down; he struts quietly to the rhythms of his own orchestra. . . . Richard Himber uses no baton; prefers a clenched fist. . . . Isham Jones turns his back on the dancers and conducts as if he were leading a symphony, majestically ignoring the customers. . . . Mal Hallett gesticulates wildly, spends more energy in one dance set than a laborer digging ditches. . . . Ruby Newman frequently pulls aside a dancing couple to ask their candid comment of the tune he is currently thumping out.

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WATCH OUT FOR:

AUSTIN WYLIE, who is currently making music at the Hotel Commodore Perry in Toledo. Being an Irishman he's got rhythm and a good business head. Listen to his advice to young maestros: "When people are eating they don't want to be bothered with swing music. So for dinner hour we dish it up sweet. When they're sipping cocktails at the supper hour, then go to town."

The Dixie Debs, a trio of Southern girls who could play important parts in the "Gone with the Wind" flicker, because you can cut their Georgian accents with a bread knife. They're currently heard with Arnold Johnson's New Yorkestra.

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ORCHESTRAL ANATOMY

PAUL WHITEMAN: Violins: Mischa Russell, Harry Struebel, Mat Malnick, Bob Lawrence; saxophones: Al Golladoro,

Frankie Trumbauer, Jack Cordaro, Jack George Bamford, Murray Cohn; trumpets: Eddie Wade, Charlie Teagarden, Goldie; trombones: Bill Rank, Jack Teagarden, Hal Matthews; piano: Roy Bary; banjo: Vincent (Mike) Pingatore; drums: Larry Gomar; basses: Art Miller, Norman McPherson; vocals: The King's Men, who are Ken Darby, Rad Robinson, Jon Dodson, Bud Linn. Theme: "Rhapsody in Blue."

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RUDOLPH FRIML, JR.: Violins: Fred Baron, Jack Wechsler; bass: Edward Feldbauer; viola: Maurice Pollack; cello: Caesar Pascarella; saxophones: John Dornbach, Fred Glantz, Rocco Galgano, Foster Morehouse; cornet: James Sexton; piano: Bert Stevens; drums: John Sorin; guitar: Mickey Mote. Theme: "Huguette Waltz."

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CORRESPONDENCE

Edward Reighard: Dave Rubinoff's theme song is "Give Me a Moment, Please." He reads and answers your fan mail when you write him care of Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, or at his own offices in the Paramount Building, New York. A recent issue of RADIO MIRROR printed some "facts you should know about Rubinoff." If you ever vacation at Atlantic City, N. J., you'll probably see Rubinoff pacing the boardwalk. It's a hobby.

Len Fraser: That was certainly a healthy list of America's top-notch orchestras you sent me. But you can't stymie an Alden. Here goes: Write to Music Corporation of America, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, for pictures of Larry Lee, Abe Lyman, Wayne King, Clyde Lucas, Henry King, Eddy Duchin, Guy Lombardo, Shep Fields; NBC for Nat Brandwynne, Phil Harris, Johnny Green, Dick Stabile, Don Ferdi; CBS for Isham Jones, George Hall, Bob Crosby, Claude Hopkins, Lenny Hayton, Fats Waller; Dave Alber, 1619 Broadway, New York for Don Bestor, Emil Coleman; Rockwell-O'Keefe, 1270 Sixth Avenue, New York for Al Donahue, Ray Noble. Whew! That's over. Shep Field's theme song is "Rippling Rhythm."

J. P. Rice: Larry Taylor is twenty-one years old, has been singing since he was fifteen and has recently started a commercial series on WOR for *Esquire*. He started his radio career as an office boy at WDEL, Wilmington, and signed for his first singing job when he was sixteen by Phil Emerton, New England maestro. He was a protege of Roxy. He is 5 feet six inches tall and is still single.

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Rainbow's End

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For the Last Days

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an old family custom thereafter to celebrate christening every two years or so. Until eventually there were eight fine, healthy, strapping (and scrapping!) boys and girls, hungry and noisy and demanding.

Soon the father felt the need of getting into a more lucrative business, so he would be able to give his children many things he himself had missed—among them, excellent schooling. So he sold the grocery store and opened up a modest and orderly saloon. But he wanted much more than this sort of thing for his own boys. Nothing was ever too good for his kids, his *bambinos*. A strict father, he punished them with one hand but gave them gifts and pats on the head with the other.

Don's christening was celebrated with a real fiesta. He was the first boy, the one to carry on his father's name, and he was a beautiful baby. Prodigious amounts of food and wine were consumed, lavish congratulations and gifts bestowed. This little Dominick would do great things. The prediction was more prophetic than his proud parents then had reason to suspect.

BUT Don was by no means a model child. Smart as a whip, to be sure, but destructive and mischievous. A trial to his father, who expected so much of him; a worry to his mother, who alibied for him and wept when he had to be punished.

None of her other children had Don's same nervous energy nor his ability to get in and out of trouble. He drove his young mother to the verge of nervous breakdown many times. She sent him to kindergarten the minute he was old enough to enroll, and replaced the furniture he ruined in his baby days.

In school, he got good marks without apparent effort. But the worry spared his mother was visited on his long-suffering teachers.

"That Amici boy will come to no good end," they said, shaking their heads; at the same time hiding grins at his ingenuity. For he was a strange blend of deviltry and angelic sweetness, the bad boy who manages, in spite of all, to be "teacher's pet."

His mother often thought her Dominick was headed for reform school; but the next day she would decide he was so brilliant that one day he would surely be president. The worst of her boys, and the dearest—you see, he always had that smile—so she made valentines for him to give his small sweethearts, and bound up his bruises when he fought.

One point of discipline he never fought, however: going to church. He sang in the choir, looking like an angel; and in church he was one, for his badness always seemed to slip off like a magic cloak the moment he came into contact with religion. Even now, scarcely a day passes when he does not attend church.

But as a youngster he was full of restless energy and curiosity, difficult in the baffling manner of a small boy. Given nickels for ice cream, he and his brother Louis would decide they would also like to go to a picture show. They would go downtown and te., Mr. Amici mother had sent them out for coffee but had given them no money. With the quarter he hastily handed them (they were not allowed in his place of business) they would run off gaily to the movies, eating ice cream cones luxuriously in front row seats.

But eventually their father discovered the truth. There was talk of whipping,

they had lied to him.

"Ah, Felix, they're just babies," Mother would plead. So he merely sent the boys to bed without supper, ate his own spaghetti and returned to work for the rest of the evening. One night, having done this, he came home unusually early to find the two culprits sitting at the table eating, their mother waiting on them. She was as bad as the children, he complained, he should punish all three of them! Instead, he relented and they all had coffee together.

Don won the junior championship in basketball, was always star performer on school and church programs and a good student; but good marks in deportment eluded him. He was forever instigating mass rebellion or perpetrating some giant hoax.

It was the custom then as now to put pupils through a sort of intelligence test, to the end of dividing them into two sub-classes according to their individual degree of brightness. Those who did not respond adequately were sent into the cloakroom. Small Dominick did not understand just what this meant, of course—but he *did* want to find out what was happening in that cloakroom.

So, when they came to examine him, he did not seem to be able to hear the questions. When they shouted at him, he shook his head dumbly and looked pathetic. So convincing was his act that he was sent straight to the cloakroom, to his delight. The next day he was herded into the class with delinquents.

A week went by before his father heard about it, and his fiery Italian nature asserted itself.

"What is my boy doing in the dumb class? My kids are as smart as anybody's—maybe smarter!"

Straight to the school he went, stood in the doorway of Dominick's room. The teacher was speaking loudly, trying to break through his son's "deafness." Puzzled, at first, the father finally realized it was not the teacher who was at fault.

"Hey! Dominick!" he roared out suddenly; and Don's hearing returned with a bang. This was the end of that particular game; it was another part of his anatomy with which he had trouble the next few days. For he got the spanking he richly deserved.

ALTHOUGH devoted to his younger brothers and sisters, he disliked "minding the baby" as much as any youngster does. One day, when there was a big marble game down the street, he rolled a younger sister's baby carriage down a plank into a deep hole where builders were excavating. His mother rushed out screaming, but the baby was unharmed and much amused with the trick. Yes, Don was always lucky. . . .

He ran away only once, then turned back at the edge of town, deciding he would rather risk returning late for supper than go out and brave the world alone.

But a day came when he did leave home, for boarding school. He was eleven and Louis nine when it was decided that they were to enter St. Berchman's Academy, a Catholic school at Marion, Ohio.

In spite of her boys being such a trial to her, their mother was sad as she shopped for their clothes, sewed their names in new underwear, mended and laundered socks and shirts. Finally came an evening when two shiny new trunks stood in the dining-room of the small house. Piles of clean clothes stood neatly

about on the table, ready to be packed by loving hands.

But the mother, in getting the boys off to school, could not neglect the rest of her family. She and Don's sister, Betty, were putting up tomatoes. Bushel baskets of them stood about the room, to be made into tomato paste, an important ingredient of real Italian spaghetti.

Then Louis and Don stamped in. What great spirits! Tomorrow they were going away! They really should celebrate. Don glanced at the tomatoes, then back at Louis, who was quick to get the idea. A tomato fight! Ripe, juicy tomatoes flew through the air and landed in splashes on walls, ceiling and carpet. But worst of all the clean garments on the table looked as though murder had been done. The red destruction was complete when their mother entered. Her heart-breaking work of days—all undone!

THAT night the lights stayed on very late in the Ameche house. Don and Louie were made to take up the carpet, clean away the stains and hang it outdoors, then put it back again. They had to wash the walls and floors, too, before they could retire. So they paid dearly for their few frantic seconds of fun.

But their mother and sister bore the brunt of the whole thing, because they washed and ironed all those clothes again and packed them in readiness for the train trip the next morning. They should have been glad the boys were leaving, those two big nuisances! But when they left for the depot, Mrs. Amici wept as any mother does when her boy leaves home for the first time.

At boarding school Don and his brother cut a wide swathe. The other boys hung around admiringly as they un-

packed. Being new, they had pairs and pairs of new socks; the others had been wearing socks so old and so many times darned that finally it had become necessary to sew in whole new feet. And Don was the proud possessor of a brand-new basketball, which was given him for winning the championship back home. A new basketball at school—unheard of!

"Rich kids," the other boys sniffed, and prepared to dislike the Amicis intensely.

But after his first few days there, Don was the darling of St. Berchman's. He could think up more crazy things to do than any other pair of boys, and he was fearless. But he was to learn that he could not get away with everything short of murder with the ease he could at home. The nuns who were his teachers were very strict, and he no longer had his mother to alibi for him.

He soon learned to respect rules for the first time in his life. Disobedience meant sure punishment—and public punishment—if you were caught. Everyone knew why you had to wash dishes, or sort laundry. They had probably done the same thing!

However, he continued to live up to his reputation. There was the time he started a pillow fight in the big dormitory. There were a hundred and fifteen beds in the dorm, made up painstakingly by the boys themselves, with no wrinkles tolerated. When the fight was over, the dormitory was a mess and the beds turned upside down. "Meche," as he was now nicknamed, and his best pal were the ringleaders, and for punishment they had to make every one of those one hundred and fifteen beds up before they crawled into bed exhausted. No help from the sisters—and no wrinkles allowed. There were no more pillow fights.

But Don earned commendation as well as punishment at boarding school; he sang in the choir, played piano in the orchestra, and took part in religious plays. He played the role of the Blessed Virgin once in the Christmas pageant—since there were no girls in school—and played it nobly. It must have been a picturesque performance, since he had a peach of a black eye at the time!

Since the boys' ages ranged from six to fifteen, smoking was strictly taboo. So of course they gave cigarettes a try; and one day eight of them were caught smoking. They were off the grounds, but the rule still held. There was a conference, and talk of expelling all eight boys. However, this would have proved embarrassing, since Don was one of the chief offenders and he was just on the eve of being presented with a special medal for elocution as well as an award for excellence in Latin. Consequently, all eight of them got off with severe reprimands, and smoked no more—or at least were never caught again!

ST. BERCHMAN'S was, however, a good influence on Mrs. Amici's boy Dominick, and he made there several close friends whom he still sees often. One is Mark Tobin of Chicago, who also went to Columbia with him. Another is Gabriel Van der Dorpe, a Belgian boy, now right-hand man at Don's Hollywood home. "Gabe" could hardly speak a word of English when Don first took him under his wing as a mere youngster. It is beautiful to hear Don speak of the nuns who were his teachers—particularly Sister Cornelia, now Mother Cornelia at Mt. Mercy in Cedar Rapids, where two of Don's sisters are enrolled now.

Mrs. Amici came often to visit her boys;

HOW ABOUT A DATE FOR FRIDAY?

WHAT! ALL DATED UP FOR A MONTH?

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between visits she sent huge boxes of food which they shared with their room-mates. Vacations they spent at home, and were always on hand to eat the spaghetti with anchovies and steaming bean soup served in Italian homes only on Christmas Eve. On account of the mother, the Amici children did not learn or speak much Italian, but they loved their father's sort of food and still do.

Don was thirteen when he left St. Berchman's and had finished his freshman high school work. His father knew then that he wanted his son to be a lawyer; but Don himself had no plans except that he wanted some day, some way, to make a lot of money. The last thing he would have thought of was being an actor. Why should he? There had never been a per-

former in the family that he knew about.

The following fall he was to enter Columbia College in Dubuque, where he met two people who influenced his life powerfully. One was a girl. The other was a priest—a priest who helped to guide the young man in the right channels of living and teach him the real meaning of friendship. A priest who sponsored a romance—a romance envied today by Hollywood, though in those days it seemed merely a carefree boy and girl affair.

Two people—and except for them radio would never have known Don Ameche. Next month, follow this dramatic true life story through Don's carefree school days, into the darkest part of his career, then out again, into happiness he'd never known existed.

Cool Off With Cold Cereals

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It's easy to understand why Betty told me that, “With two Pepper Young broadcasts a day and my ‘Dead End’ assignment I just can't take any chances on not feeling at my best all the time, or it will show in my work. Well, the best way I know to be sure of keeping fit is to eat the foods that keep me that way.

“I have to be at the studio every morning at nine-thirty for a Pepper Young rehearsal, and I've learned never to turn up for rehearsal without first tucking a good breakfast under my belt—not a heavy breakfast, but one that will provide sufficient energy to see me through my work.

“I start out with fruit or fruit juice, then have cereal and milk. In the winter I like a poached egg, but I find that during the warm months fruit, cereal and milk is the best breakfast for me.”

Betty is right, of course, about the importance of a good breakfast for starting off the day right, and about the importance of cereal in that breakfast. Cereals are valuable for a number of reasons. They are nourishing and easily digested, they satisfy your appetite without giving you that dreadful stuffed feeling, they provide the roughage you must have and their cost is so small that any budget can manage them. Best of all, they are delicious in flavor. The old favorites, of course, are the wheat biscuits, the crisp flakes of corn, wheat or bran, the puffed grains and the nutty varieties, but don't overlook the new varieties coming into the markets with their new combinations of flavors.

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Betty Wragge doesn't eat potatoes or other starchy foods, she told me, but she realizes that starch should not be eliminated entirely from her meals so she takes it in the form of cereals.

Cereals play an important role in two other desserts which Betty rates as tops—cereal puff pudding and cereal flake custard.

CEREAL PUFF PUDDING

- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 4 tbl. butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks, well beaten
- 3 tbl. lemon juice
- 2 tbl. flour
- 4 tbl. cereal (nutty variety)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Add lemon rind to butter and cream well. Add sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add egg yolks and beat thoroughly, then lemon juice. Add flour, cereal and milk, mixing well. Fold in egg whites. Turn into buttered baking dish and place in pan of hot water. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) one hour and fifteen minutes. When done, pudding will have crust on top and jelly below. Serve cold with plain or whipped cream. Serves six.

CEREAL FLAKE CUSTARD

- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 cups milk, scalded
- 1 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ¼ tsp. mace
- ½ cup finely cut shredded cocoanut
- 1½ cups cereal flakes

Combine eggs, sugar and salt. Add scalded milk gradually, mixing thoroughly. Combine remaining ingredients and fold into custard mixture. Pour into greased baking dish. Set dish in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) one hour and a half, or until knife inserted into custard comes out clean. Serves six to eight.

There's just space enough for one more recipe, a nut bread which is guaranteed by Miss Wragge to make your summer picnics and tea parties a success.

LUNCH-BOX NUT BREAD

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tbl. melted butter
- 1½ cups cereal flakes
- ½ cup broken walnut meats

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and sugar and sift again. Combine egg, milk, sugar and butter and add to flour mixture, stirring just enough to dampen all flour. Add cereal flakes and nuts and blend. Bake in greased loaf pan 7x3x2½ inches, in moderate oven (350° F.) one hour and ten minutes, or until done.

Miss Wragge also recommends blueberry flakes griddle cakes, cereal flakes pecan muffins, lace cookies and quick bran cinnamon rolls, all made with uncooked cereals. If you would like to have these recipes, send a stamped, self addressed envelope to Mrs. Margaret Simpson, RADIO MIRROR, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., with your request.

Who Can Tame Grace Moore?

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was running over her numbers. Seemed that some of the nasty fumes might tickle the Moore nostrils and throat.

I'd just given up seeing Grace Moore at all, when her secretary called me and very politely said Miss Moore had consented to talk to me—but of course for only twenty minutes.

Well, I got to the door of her apartment, in a fit mood to kick that smooth surface of a mahogany-painted steel in. There was the duckiest sign over the bell. It read, "Knock, don't ring." What a temptation that was! I wanted to ring that bell loud enough to wake her husband in Europe out of a sound sleep. So I knocked. And I knocked. I knocked on that door for a full fifteen minutes before anyone bothered to answer it.

At last a bespectacled gentleman, whom I recognized as Grace Moore's radio production man, peered out and let me in. He walked on tiptoes as he led me into the drawing room. And I sneered to myself. Who was this Grace Moore anyway?

She was a gracious, lovely lady who sat and talked to me for two hours, giving me as utterly frank and fearless a confessional as I have ever heard. She told me things about herself I wouldn't have expected her worst friend to whisper. If she didn't precisely justify her own outbursts of temperament and stubbornness, at least she admitted them and blamed herself for them, which is more than most people, star or no star, would do.

EVERYONE knows, I suppose, about the time she ran away from the exclusive finishing school to which her father had sent her. It was the start of a great career, and as such, has been told time and again. But not everyone knows the sequel, which is a complete pay-off on the Moore character.

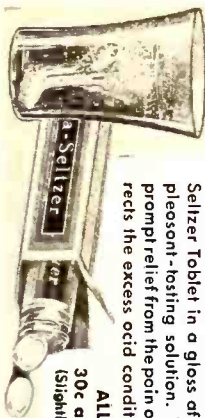
She told me how she ran away from Nashville and came to New York, where she got a job singing in the Black Cat, a Greenwich Village cafe. That was in the days when Greenwich Village was something and the Black Cat suited the high-spirited Miss Moore right down to the ground. It was filled with artists and writers, all penniless and all quite mad. She loved them, and lectured them tartly when they didn't applaud loud enough for her songs.

Then, one night, she saw one of the teachers from the Nashville school creep timidly in at the door. A spy! A spy come up from Nashville to check up on the runaway. The poor woman, it later developed, was simply in New York for a vacation and had dropped into the Black Cat to see how her one-time pupil was getting along.

Most girls would have ducked into the dressing room. But not Grace. She not only went on singing, she stepped off the orchestra platform, lifted a glass of red wine from the nearest table, and set her sails in the direction of the teacher. She was the gay, mad cafe singer—flirting, coquetting, and singing that most daring of songs, "Kiss Me Again!"—and giving it all she had into the bargain. She drew up to the teacher's table without even a nod of recognition, whirled around and deliberately spilled her wine on the table.

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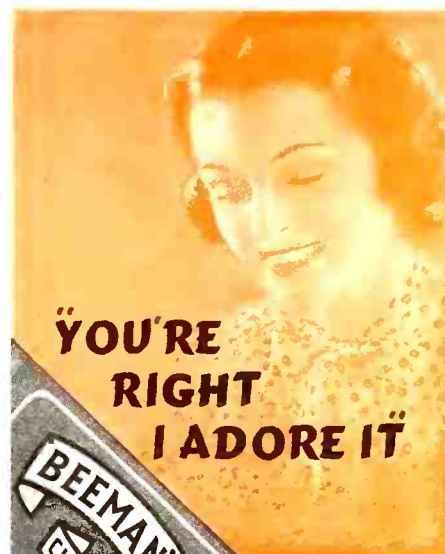
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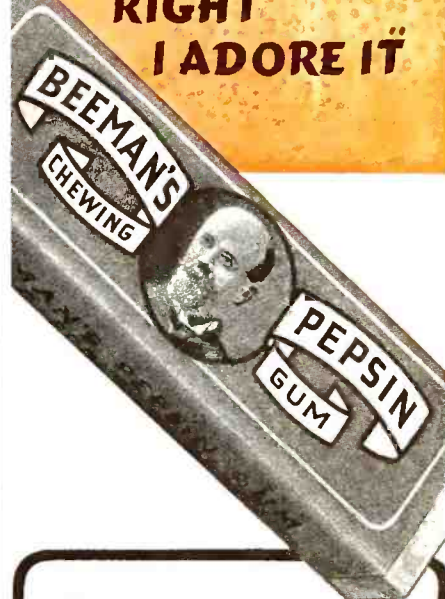
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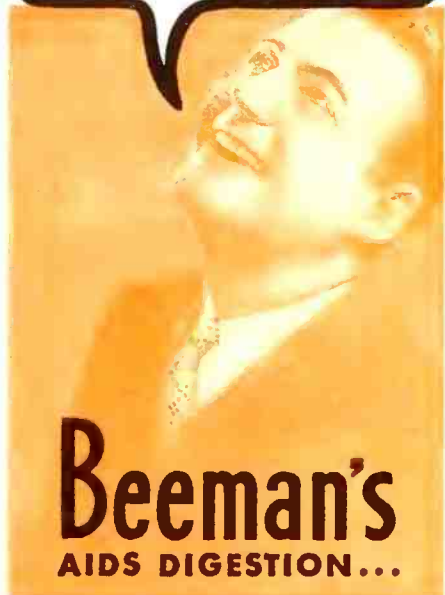
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and was seen no more. Grace's father was though. The teacher's report brought him to New York by the next train. Not that it did him any good. He spent a few hopeless days trying to talk his willful daughter out of her newly found career and ended up by discovering what many another has discovered since—that nobody stops Grace Moore from doing what she wants to do.

Her voice teachers found it out a few years later, when after she had been singing in musical comedy they told her her voice would never be suitable for opera. Grace laughed at them and made a bet with Otto Kohn that she'd make her debut in the Metropolitan in two years. After less than two years of study in Milan, when all her teachers advised furiously against it, Grace outfired them, and opened at the Met just two weeks before her two years were up! She was a sensation.

Call it "stubborn ambition." You might as well. That's what Grace Moore calls it. Or maybe it's just stubbornness.

That is undoubtedly what you'd call it if you were a production man on Grace's radio program. A Moore rehearsal is something unusual in radio, because it is not a rehearsal. Grace comes, whispers a few numbers and leaves. The musicians don't know how she will sound against the background of their music. Sound engineers don't know where they will have to cut down the volume of their transmitters because they don't know when Grace plans to unleash her glorious voice to its full strength. Nobody knows much of anything, except the serene, untroubled Miss Moore.

THE reason is that from her point of view, Grace Moore is right and everybody else is wrong and nobody has yet been found with courage to convince her otherwise. "I have found," she said seriously to me, "that if I give a good performance at rehearsals my broadcasts are bad. This is always true, so I have refused to give good performances for musicians and sound men."

If she could once be convinced that she's talking through her hat—mind you, I'm not saying that in this case she is!—Grace would yield gracefully, and more than that, would punish herself for her obstinacy.

"When I am wrong," she admitted, "it makes me twice as angry at myself as at the people I sometimes take my anger out on. I always punish myself by going into a room alone and fighting out my battle with my own temperament. And it isn't so sweet!

"But," she added, "when somebody else is wrong, and fails to do his job, when he is really capable of doing it, I revolt. I want to do things right; I have a consuming desire to progress, and I expect others who work with me to feel the same way!"

Her eyes flashed as she spoke. I've never met Grace Moore's husband, Valentin Parera, but I'd like to. Judging

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from what she told me about him, and from what I already knew, he must be a wise man. Because there surely can't be any greater wisdom than a willingness not to give advice when it isn't wanted.

After rehearsals and after broadcasts, Grace and Valentin retire into a corner and hold long, voluble, low-voiced conversations in Spanish. Grace listens when Valentin talks, and everybody around the studio believes she takes his advice.

ON the other hand, Grace told me herself that when she runs up against a problem she feels only she can grapple with she summarily sends him out to play tennis. And he goes! Valentin Parera must be quite a hand with a tennis racquet by this time.

If a husband can't tame Grace Moore, who can? Perhaps old Mother Nature herself? But even she has tried and failed. There was a time, last spring, when the old lady summoned up all her forces and cracked down hard on her rebellious daughter—only to retire, utterly defeated. Grace told me about it herself, and I know she was inwardly chuckling over the way she had defied Nature on her own grounds and come off scot-free.

A few weeks before her last-year's Vick's contract was to run out, Grace began having voice trouble. Sore throats developed weekly. It hurt her to sing. Vick's gave her a vacation to see what was the matter.

She was plenty scared, but game. Valentin was sympathetic and anxious to be helpful, but she sent him out to play a lot of tennis and began going to see doctors. They all said it was tonsils, but refused to take the responsibility of operating and possibly ruining her voice.

Gladys Swarthout came to the rescue,

and sent her to see Claudette Colbert's husband, Dr. Joel Pressman. When he had finished looking at her throat, Dr. Pressman asked Valentin, who had come along, to leave the room. Valentin refused at first, but Grace asked him to leave, and he did. Then Dr. Pressman told her brusquely that she had an abscess on her left tonsil, that he must operate, but that he could not tell what might happen to her voice.

Of course, there was only one thing to do—submit to the operation. Afterwards, Grace and Valentin left for Palm Springs. Dr. Pressman gave her strict orders that she must not attempt to use her voice for at least three weeks, not even to talk more than was absolutely necessary. He was very grave about it, and told her frankly that he didn't know what was going to happen if she followed his orders, but he did know what would happen if she disobeyed him: she'd have no voice left!

Five days at Palm Springs dragged by. Grace couldn't stand it any longer. She sent Valentin up to Los Angeles, called in her colored maid, Anita, and sang.

When she finished: "Well," she asked, "how do I sound?"

Anita scratched her head and admitted miserably, "That sho don't sound lak you, Miss Mo'."

Then they both began to cry.

Grace knew she had strained her voice, and put in a long-distance call for Dr. Pressman. There was quite a fuss when he arrived. In no uncertain manner he told Grace Moore that her behavior in ignoring his orders was opening the gate for complete loss of her voice.

He left a very chastened and subdued prima donna behind him when he returned to Los Angeles, but in another

week she'd got into the old Grace Moore stride again. She defied the fates once more! She went to a little piano teacher at the other end of town told her her name was Mrs. Parera, and asked her to play an accompaniment for her.

The piano teacher, who keeps up on her movies, recognized Grace Moore, and told all her friends about it. Just as she began to sing Grace caught sight of a face peering in from the hallway. She turned, and there was another at the window. She tried to continue, fighting against the sudden terrifying clutch at her throat.

Only squeaky, unrecognizable sounds emerged.

Grace Moore fainted.

She had at last learned her lesson—whether too late or not, she did not know. For three weeks, until she went back on the Vick's program, she did not sing a note. That was one time she really did have to whisper at rehearsal.

When she stepped to the microphone nobody knew what was going to happen—least of all Grace Moore! Purposely, she sang three of the most difficult arias in the soprano repertoire. Her voice never failed once. It was almost a miracle!

BOW down before Grace Moore for telling me about that chapter in her life, with never an attempt to disguise the revealing sidelights it throws upon her character. It takes a real person to admit her temper, her stubbornness, her actual foolishness in disobeying orders even when it means courting disaster. You just can't do anything with a woman who can break all the rules and, by confessing it, make you like it.

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Ginger Rogers presented a dilemma that would have sent most movie directors in despair to their bosses. Yet compared to some of the temperaments Woodruff has had to soothe, Ginger's was easy, a mere exercise in one-two-three.

Ginger didn't like the play she was to do for Lux, "The Curtain Rises." For that matter, neither did Woodruff, so he couldn't argue with her. But there was the play, and he had to put it on.

He reached her through her most vulnerable spot—her desire to be recognized as an actress rather than merely Fred Astaire's dancing partner. He admitted to Ginger that the play left a lot to be desired as a masterpiece of the theater, but at the same time, he pointed out what an opportunity it gave her for some difficult and artistic work as a light comedienne! The words "light comedienne" won Ginger over, and she consented to do the play. Not only did she consent, but she threw herself into the thing so wholeheartedly that what might otherwise have been a mediocre performance turned out to be a high spot of the season.

A LITTLE more finesse was necessary to overcome Claudette Colbert's deep seated objection to a line in "The Gilded Lily," which she did on Lux with Fred MacMurray. She and Fred had already done a film version of the play for Paramount and Claudette never had liked that line. In the movie she had ordered it out—and out it came. In the Lux rehearsal, she ordered it out—and out it *did not* come!

"Let's change the wording," Woodruff suggested.

"No!" replied the star.

But Woodruff painstakingly explained the necessity for retaining the line in some form. Claudette was so astonished at having any director, and especially a youthful radio director, run so flatly counter to her wishes, she agreed to have the line changed. But when the scene was re-read, "It still sounds wrong," she complained.

"I'd used the wrong approach," Woodruff admitted later. "Miss Colbert's vulnerable point is her funny bone. She has a magnificent sense of humor."

So he made her laugh. He agreed to cut the line, and started to hunt his red pencil. The line could only be cut with a red pencil—that particular red pencil. He hunted high and low, while the cast waited. Finally he gave up.

"Do you know," he admitted sheepishly, while Claudette and the rest roared with laughter, "I believe I must have left that pencil at home!"

Meanwhile the line had been forgotten—and it stayed in.

Many outbursts that are set down to stars' temperaments are really not temperament at all, but plain nervousness. Film

stars who have had little or no stage experience often get extremely nervous when they face a microphone, because they realize suddenly that there can be no retakes; that the scene as played is final. Often they verge on hysteria.

Joan Crawford, for instance, went through rehearsals for "Chained" like a little major. But at the Sunday dress rehearsal, she blew up completely. Her hands shook so that she couldn't hold the script, and her knees buckled. Woodruff, always the soul of sympathy with genuine nervousness, suggested she do the part sitting down. That was no better.

Finally Joan threw the script down and declared flatly she couldn't go on; that someone else would have to play the part. But that was impossible; it was too late. Woodruff cajoled, reasoned, encouraged, all to no avail. Finally he hit upon the solution. He took her by the arm. "Come on in here," he ordered, leading her into the wings. Quickly he had another microphone set up—and from the privacy of the wings, Joan breezed through the part like a seasoned radio veteran!

NATURALLY when Jean Harlow bobbed up with the very same difficulty in "Madame Sans Gene" Woodruff thought it would be like taking candy from a baby. Hadn't he coped successfully with a similar situation before? The wing trick worked—but another harrowing problem immediately presented itself.

"It's all flat now that I'm alone," Jean objected. "I can't seem to get anything out of it but words."

Hollywood's top problem solver was, for the moment, between the devil and the deep sea. But then he hit upon the idea of describing the scene minutely, down to the color of the imaginary drapes and chairs, and giving Miss Harlow her directions as if she was on a movie set instead of in a radio studio. Then she felt at home. Probably you recall her finished performance.

That temperament is just fear was proved again when Lily Pons did "Conversation Piece." It was only after much persuasion that she even accepted the role. She had never before tried to speak English on the radio. Frank admits he was licked that time. Whatever credit is due, he passes along willingly to Andre Kostelanetz. But it was Frank who had the idea of calling in the maestro.

At rehearsal, he had Andre's New York broadcast piped into the Music Box Theater control room, and called a half hour recess while Lily listened to her fiance three thousand miles away. She felt better then, and went on with the rehearsal. Meanwhile, Andre boarded a plane for Hollywood. When he arrived, Woodruff told Lily to ask him to attend the dress rehearsal—and it was his presence and reassuring help that carried the star through that night, and on the succeeding night at the performance!

It is not generally known that at a rehearsal which occurred between the first and the dress rehearsal, Lily became hysterical and wanted to leave the program. Woodruff cleared the stage, took her to a dressing room, and soothed her so that she could go on. He gained her promise to remain by giving his own promise that Andre would direct the orchestra for her vocal numbers at the actual performance.

Not all cases of temperament arise from such excusable causes, however, as those of the Misses Crawford, Harlow, and

Pons. Now and then a star accustomed to her own way on the movie lot cannot grasp the idea that the Lux Theater is another matter altogether.

Marlene Dietrich, after snubbing the entire cast, decided that a rehearsal must be called off because she was "not in the mood."

"We haven't time to wait for 'moods' here," Woodruff snapped, and the rehearsal went on, with Marlene doing her part.

ANOTHER foreign star found that the Lux director does not wear kid gloves or pull his punches. This glamorous screen lady took a decided "Sir-do-you-realize-who-I-am" attitude. She refused to work at the same microphone with a stock radio actress. She was given another. She demanded more and more concessions—until Woodruff got downright tired of her antics. He tossed his script to the floor before her.

"I don't believe you'll do for this part," he told her icily. She flew into a rage, and used very unladylike language. Woodruff flew into a bigger and better rage. She was so surprised at being topped that she immediately subsided, and went on, a very chastened young woman.

A Woodruff tantrum, by the way, is something to watch. Take it from no less a personage than Olivia de Havilland. Olivia told me about an eruption of the Lux director quite by accident one day. She had seen one while rehearsing for "Captain Blood."

"It was magnificent. Awe inspiring. Never in all my life have I seen such wrath," she declared. "I stood before my mirror night after night for a long while trying to register anger like that."

I scented something peculiarly sinister to have caused such a monumental eruption. Inquiry revealed that there had been. It seems that Errol Flynn was playing opposite Miss de Havilland in the show, and Lily Damita, his wife, was present. Now everyone conversant with Hollywood's major domestic infelicities knows that second only to Johnny Weissmuller and Lupe Velez, Lily Damita and Errol Flynn have—well, call them spats. They were having a spat during the rehearsal.

So Woodruff erupted. His ire made the spat as innocuous as two kittens playing with a woolen string.

"An actor cannot give a good performance and battle with a wife at one and the same time," he stormed at the embattled Mr. Flynn. "Now you will please do one or the other—preferably the performance."

Woodruff was to be sorry a few weeks later that Robert Taylor, as well as Olivia de Havilland, had not been present at the Flynn-Damita outburst. The script of "Saturday's Children," in which they were appearing together called for the portrayal of a married couple emerging from the honeymoon stage with the stern realities of married life. They were supposed to be irritable, to snap at one another. But neither Bob nor Olivia knew just how to do it. Neither had had actual experience.

Woodruff dismissed the rest of the cast and kept the two stars "after school." Lying prone on the floor, they went over the script for hours. Finally Woodruff became irritable. He yelled at Taylor; snapped at Olivia. Suddenly he sprang to his feet.

"There you are!" he cried. "That's what we're after. Imitate me."

"Bob was taking himself too seriously,"

he commented afterward. "Like many young actors anxious to prove they are not merely matinée idols, he had a tendency to overact. The lines which were supposed to sound indifferent and irritable sounded instead like someone about to commit murder. However, he is still one of the best radio bets in Hollywood. His voice is as romantic in timber as his appearance on the screen, and all he needs is a sense of humor."

Offhand, you'd think Woodruff himself must have been a great actor had he ever essayed a Thespian career. Yet he wasn't. To put it bluntly—the way he himself puts it—he was a flop. He even didn't make a go of touring vaudeville houses as assistant to a magician, nursing pet rabbits to be pulled out of hats and things like that.

But he did pursue relentlessly and unwaveringly a career in the theater. When he found he wasn't cut out for an actor, he decided perhaps he'd make a director.

THAT was because I never seemed able to mind my own business," he explains.

So he went abroad and studied. Then he returned and studied some more at the Yale dramatic school. He studied every phase of the theater. Today he could be a stage electrician. He could make the wigs for a costume play. He could design the settings. He could take over the carpenter's job, or the property man's.

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personality to take him away from Show Boat. Lanny's last Show Boat broadcast will occur within the next few weeks. Then he will be free to satisfy one—or all—of the other ambitions which have been his for so many months. Already he has started negotiating with a Hollywood film company, and the probability is that he will make a picture this summer.

Secret conferences were carried on early this spring between Lanny and representatives of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. No one knows what their results were, but their purpose was to star Lanny in a mammoth Broadway musical like "The Great Waltz" and "White Horse Inn."

It's certain that Lanny will be back on the air in the fall, but it is also certain that whatever program secures him for its star will be widely different from Show Boat. It will have room in it for some of the more serious songs Lanny wants to sing as well as for the familiar or popular melodies he has sung so well on Show Boat. And there will be no attempt to cast him in the role of master of ceremonies. He hasn't enjoyed his master of ceremonies job during the last few months, and you can't blame him. It isn't exactly fair to ask a man to introduce his own tenor solos.

THE last reason for Lanny's desertion of Show Boat is inextricably tied up with the fate of the beloved old craft herself. For Show Boat's old Cap'n Henry is coming back on board! That's Why Show Boat is going to Hollywood!

It's an open radio secret that for the past year Show Boat has had its seams caulked, its decks hystoned, its engines overhauled, its crew changed, endlessly and continuously—and that nothing has done any good. Never, since Cap'n Henry left, has Show Boat been the glamorous, exciting program it used to be when he was its star. The program directors did everything they could—they changed leading ladies and then they changed plots; and finally they threw both leading ladies and plots overboard entirely, changing the program to a straight variety show, with Lanny as master of ceremonies introducing famous guest stars.

No good. Lanny's romantic singing appeal was, perhaps, lost in a role which made him uncomfortable; and in becoming a variety program competing with all the other variety programs on the air, Show Boat had deliberately thrown away the quality which had made it unique and delightful.

There was only one thing to be done—go back to the old days and recapture the old sparkle and listener appeal. Bring back Cap'n Henry—that was the important first step. Everything that will happen to Show Boat late this spring hinges on that one decision.

Charlie Winninger is in Hollywood, and wants to stay there, so when he rejoins the program it will originate in the movie capital. Not that the Show Boat directors were reluctant to change the broadcast point from New York to Hollywood. Of late years it has become a radio belief that

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a move to Hollywood peeps up a sagging program and gives it new life.

A few months ago it would have been impossible to persuade Charlie Winninger to rejoin Show Boat. It isn't generally known that when he quit the program three years ago he did so largely because of his differences of opinion with two men who were then prominent in its production and direction. One of these men left Show Boat shortly after Winninger did, the other last winter. Because I know Winninger's belief that his ideas differ from theirs so greatly that it would be impossible for him to work with them, I am sure he would never have returned while they were concerned with the program.

DO you see how the decision to bring back Cap'n Henry made it impossible for Lanny to stay on the show, even if he had wanted to? Since Cap'n Henry left, Lanny has become a star. He couldn't step down from stardom to the supporting role he used to hold.

Show Boat isn't the only program that must undergo a radical change. One of radio's finest jesters has announced that he will not return to his old program in the fall. He has told intimate friends that he hopes never to return, to any program.

Fred Allen's decision to retire from radio comes just as he has set his foot upon the peak of his profession. It comes at the end of a steady climb in popularity of his program, Town Hall Tonight. His relations with his sponsors are perfectly friendly.

Why, then, is he leaving radio?

To anyone who knows Fred Allen at all, one reason comes at once to mind. Though it is not the only reason, it is an important one. For some years, Fred's health has not been good, and its condi-

tion can be traced, in a large degree, to upset nerves.

Radio is the last place in the world for a nervous man. Everyone who has ever had anything to do with the nerve-racking business of preparing a script every week, rehearsing it, cutting it, getting it past the studio censors, and seeing that it goes on the air in perfect, smooth-running form, knows this.

A weekly turn in a broadcasting studio, particularly a comedy turn, can change a mild case of jitters into an upset stomach, a galloping headache, shooting pains in the back, and chronic insomnia. This is not exaggeration, but sober fact. The microphone becomes an ever-present menace in a sensitive and conscientious star's mind, haunting him until he never has a moment's peace from worrying about his next program.

Until this year, Fred has always been able to take a long, restful vacation in the summer and return to the studios refreshed and ready to cope with the drain upon his strength the winter of broadcasting would bring with it.

But this summer he is under contract to act in a picture for 20th Century-Fox in Hollywood. There were two things he could do: return to his program in the fall, without his vacation, or ask his sponsors to do without him until the first of the year.

He chose to do neither. It didn't seem fair to Fred to ask his sponsors to hold his program open for him until he was ready to return, filling in with substitute talent in the meanwhile. From their point of view, he knew it would be much better for them to build a complete new show. That is why he explained his position to them, and announced he wasn't contemplating signing a new contract.

There are other reasons for his decision.

Few people know that one of Fred's ambitions is to write for the stage, but it's a fact. He would like to spend the next year doing nothing but study play-writing, and at the end of that time, try his hand at concocting a Broadway success.

The financial problem, fortunately, presents no difficulties. It's ironical that radio, to which Fred has given all his energy for the last five years, has left him no time to spend the money he earned from it. He has actually had no time to travel, buy cars or homes, go to night clubs, or do any of the things which eat up money. The result is that he has enough saved to make retirement and a play-writing gamble possible, even without the money he will earn from his picture work this summer.

He would like to have time to make more movies, too, when he feels like it. There won't be many of them, because he doesn't intend to act in them except when he wants to, and when he likes a script.

SO radio stands to lose a genius—for that is exactly what Fred Allen is, one of the great comic spirits of modern times. The air waves won't be as bright without him; but what radio loses the stage will gain, if he goes ahead with his play-writing plans. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that Fred could write plays that would keep the world laughing for years. There's just one doubt that haunts me. Will Fred, when fall comes and he's feeling good again, be able to resist a new contract calling for a big raise in salary? I could make money if I knew.

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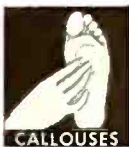


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mount on the air, and the show got under way with everybody feeling very happy, except the people on the program. They had to be at the studio at nine o'clock on a Sunday morning, which is enough to make anybody unhappy.

The show stayed on the air five weeks, sagging badly after the first, and when daylight saving time in New York came along everybody concerned sighed with relief and took the hour's difference in time as a good excuse to call the whole thing off. It all seemed to prove one thing: movie producers know how to make good movies, radio producers know how to make good radio programs, and never the twain shall meet.

ANOTHER disappointment will bow its way meekly off the airwaves late in June—Helen Broderick's and Victor Moore's Twin Stars program. It should have been one of the bright spots of the week, with two such talented comedians as Helen and Victor, but—it just never was. Script writers were called in by the handful to provide new funny situations and gags, but their best efforts fell flat. It's really too bad.

DO you suppose it's safe for other movie actors to let Fibber McGee and Molly come to Hollywood and go to work in their first movie, "This Way, Please," on the Paramount lot? Both Fibber and Molly are so versatile and can imitate so many different characters, that Paramount is really getting twenty-four actors for the price of two. Which ought to come under the heading of unfairness to organized movie actors, so many of whom go on playing the same old part in picture after picture.

PITY the Columbia Broadcasting System. They want to build a big new office and studio in New York. They need it badly. They even have the site picked out, on Park Avenue. It would be nice, they figure, to have the building completed by 1939, when New York will throw a world's fair. But they can't okay the plans because nobody knows how much room they'll need. If shows keep on moving to Hollywood, the New York building won't require many studios. Contrariwise, if the movie companies decide once and for all they don't want their stars on the air, all the shows will scurry back to New York, and CBS will need acres of studios. Not having any little crystal ball into which they can peer and see the future, the CBS executives don't know what to do.

IT isn't likely that you'll hear Sheila Barrett on the Vallee program again for a long, long time. There was a little matter of crossed wires, mixed dates, or absent-mindedness a few Thursdays ago. Rudy Vallee had sent out the news that Sheila was to be on his program, just as Kate Smith began spreading the word that Sheila was to be on her show—same night, same hour, different network, different sponsor.

The Vallee agency said that couldn't be, because Sheila had an agreement to appear exclusively for them. The Smith agency countered by showing a contract, signed, sealed, and delivered. Sheila wound up on the Smith program, and now

there is a distinct coolness cast in the Barrett direction by the Vallee forces. Seems it was largely a misunderstanding. Sheila hadn't had time to prepare a new act for Vallee Varieties, and sort of took it for granted they wouldn't want her without new material.

WHO said Babe Ruth would never feel at home in front of a microphone? He's broadcasting now, twice a week on CBS, and to watch him you'd think he had grown up slinging words instead of baseball bats. He even has his own pet method of tuning up his voice before a broadcast. He takes a drink of Bromo-Seltzer and says it works fine. The Babe admitted to me that he sometimes has an almost ungovernable desire to get out on the diamond again and knock out a couple of home runs for the customers. "But," he declared, "I've definitely retired. My legs won't stand the game any more."

Retired or not, Babe still knows his baseball, and has definite opinions about it. As early as the start of the season he'd picked the pennant winners, and broadcast his choices on his program. In case you missed hearing that particular broadcast, here they are: New York Yankees to win the American League championship, St. Louis Cardinals to win the National League championship; Yankees to win the World's series.

GOOD news for Tony Wons fans is that after an illness of more than a year he will make a radio comeback next fall. Time was when Tony and his Scrapbook combined to make one of the air's star attractions. Then he dropped out of sight, showed up briefly on a midwestern station, and disappeared again. The explanation, which none of his old microphone friends knew, was that he was suffering from the recurrence of a throat ailment which he contracted during services in the World War. Now his doctor says he is well enough to return, and that's exactly what he'll try to do in a few months. Network sponsors, please note on your calendars.

THE sweetest case of sponsor-co-operation we ever heard of came to light with the announcement that Kate Smith would change sponsors when she returns from her vacation in September. Just so you and I won't have to get used to listening to Kate at a different time and on a different network, her old sponsor and her new one went into a huddle, with the result that A. & P. agreed to let General Foods, Kate's new bosses, take over the eight o'clock spot Thursday nights on CBS.

THERE'S one little racket in radio that could bloom nowhere else. Few are the stars who haven't had it tried on them at least once. Here's the way it operates. The most favorable time for the racketeer is late at night, after a repeat broadcast. He hangs around outside the studio until he sees an important star come out. Then he rushes up, explains that he is Mr. Montmorency Blank, assistant production man of the agency which handles the star's program, and says that he's short of cash and needs the fare out to his home in some distant Long

Island or New Jersey town.

The star doesn't recognize either the face or the name, but the big agencies have so many men connected with them he can't be sure. And he doesn't want to offend anybody in the agency because, after all, the agency is his boss. So he usually comes across with the "loan," even though he's morally certain he'll never see Mr. Montmorency Blank again. Lanny Ross was saved from being victimized in this way only the other evening by the opportune arrival of a bona-fide agency man.

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ONE person whose head can't be turned by sudden success is Ray Heatter-ton. He's been all through this fame business once too often. Ray's career began when Paul Whiteman heard him sing at a party and gave him a job on the Old Gold program. That was when Ray was seventeen and in high school. The job came his way so easily he naturally thought all jobs came that way.

When his Old Gold contract ran out, Ray wasn't worrying, because he thought he'd arrived. Instead, he couldn't find another job anywhere, couldn't even get anybody to audition him. He went to work for the telephone company to make a living while he tried to break into radio again. At last he succeeded, to the extent of a sustaining series on NBC.

He worked harder on that program than he had ever worked before in his life. It was the first step on a long, slow climb which finally landed him in a secure radio position and a leading role in the hit Broadway musical show, "Babes in Arms." The day after "Babes in Arms" opened a scout from every movie company in Hollywood was on his doorstep, offering Ray screen tests. Ray didn't go crazy over this, his second big success. The first one evaporated so fast he can't be sure this one won't do likewise. And the last time I saw him he was busy auditioning for another commercial radio program, and worrying for fear he wouldn't get it.

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VITAL statistics: Helen Jackson is the first of Kay Thompson's Rhythm Girls to follow her boss' lead and take unto herself a husband. Kay, you know, was married a few months ago to Jack Jenney. Now Helen is the bride of Art Millett, announcer on the General Mills and East and Dumke program. She isn't going to quit her job, however. . . . Paul Douglas, celebrating his acquisition of the Chesterfield daily sports program, broadcast over CBS every night except Sunday at 6:35, is a bridegroom. The other half is a girl who isn't connected with radio at all, except by marriage. . . . Lucy Monroe will remain off the air for another month or so, resting up in an effort to recover from the recent shock of her mother's tragic death. No doubt you read about it in the newspapers. Radio Row's unanimous sympathy went out to Lucy, and when she returns she can be sure of plenty of friends to welcome her.

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IT'S not only a nice, friendly gesture on Jack Benny's part to take Bill Morrow and Ed Beloin, his script writers, with him on his European jaunt this summer, it's a good way of insuring another top-notch Benny season next year, as well. Jack is modestly aware that the comedy material Bill and Ed have written for him has been responsible for much of his popularity, and he doesn't want to take any chances of losing them by going away and letting them wander around Hollywood unattended.

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Behind the Hollywood

Front

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years old. Well, she isn't the sponsor's daughter, but answers to the name of Eileen Barton. Papa Barton showed me "Jolly's" birth certificate to prove that she's only ten, and he's mailing photostatic copies of the certificate to all doubting Thomases who write. Already, those who are hard to convince are hinting the certificate is just a publicity stunt, but I assure you that "Jolly" doesn't look more than ten.

FRED WARING is making a picture for Warner Brothers for which he will be paid \$160,000—the biggest price ever paid a band for a film. Fred wanted \$200,000 but he was laughed down \$40,000. Paul Whiteman must burn when he thinks how much less than \$160,000 he got for "The King of Jazz."

THE spectre of television has this town in the shivers. No matter where I go, it is the topic of conversation—at Lakeside Golf Club, Brown Derby, Trocadero.

Well might the movie greats shiver in their timbers, because regardless of these scoffers who say television is ten years away, it really is not more than two years away. And when it comes, who can tell what it will do to the motion picture industry? Right today theater owners are howling to the high heavens about the inroads radio has made into business. All those empty seats in theaters, claim the owners, are due to folks sitting home listening to Jack Benny and Fred Allen and Bing Crosby. I might here add that the theaters are simply packed on Tuesday nights, when Fidler broadcasts. At any rate, if theater owners howl now, how much more will they howl when television takes one hundred per cent entertainment (sound and sight) right into people's homes?

Television is going to demand perfection for the first time in the history of the drama. The stage does not demand it, because the audience is too far from the actor to see whether he mugs or cannot use his face to express himself. On the stage, voice and pantomime are vital. The screen does not demand perfect acting, because an imperfect scene may be remade. Radio requires less talent than any, because only the voice counts, and performers read scripts. But television will combine stage, radio, and screen. It will bring the actor close to the audience, therefore his facial expressions must be right. It will bring his voice, as does radio. But it will mean an end to reading scripts, therefore it will mean that an actor must not only have the appearance and voice, but he must be able to go through his program with memorized lines.

Now do you see why the spectre of television hangs over Hollywood? Easy times will go, and tedious work will come, when television arrives.

THE candid camera, which doesn't need the word "flattery" to describe what it does to the world's great, has been invading the NBC Studios in Hollywood, so you'll soon be seeing such microphone colossals as Jack Benny, Bing Crosby, Marion Talley, and even Fred Astaire in action before the mike. NBC expected a few blowups from temperamental ether stars, but the cry for candid art made them brave the possible wrath of the gods and goddesses. Strangely, though, there



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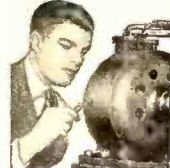
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EDDIE CANTOR is responsible for a feud among the special delivery boys at the Hollywood postoffice. Entries in Eddie's contest to select a name for Helen Troy, hizzoner's gum-chewing telephone operator, kept on coming in by the bushel, and among these were a hundred or more special delivery letters each day. Cantor has four places where he gets his mail—the studio where he makes pictures, KNX, the Texaco headquarters, and at his home. Letters in the contest came addressed to "the Mayor of Texaco Town, Hollywood." These could be delivered to any one of four zones served by different delivery boys and each boy, eager for the nine cents per letter fee paid for delivery, launched a hot fight for his individual rights. Uncle Sam finally had to turn Solomon and rule that the Cantor specials should be split four ways, each delivery boy getting his share.

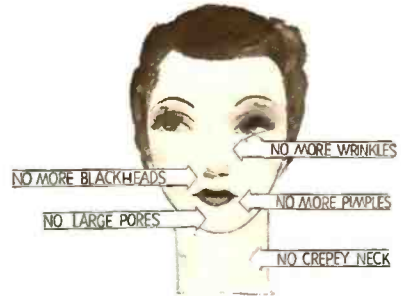
LUM and Abner may break down and take a try at pictures and if they do I predict that the man who will have much to do with tuning out their objection to screen work will be Frank Lloyd, one of Hollywood's ace directors. Lloyd is a Lum and Abner fan and he met the boys in the NBC Studios after he had made a guest appearance on Elza Schallert's program. The talk swung to pictures and I overheard the boys tell Lloyd an idea he outlined to them for a picture debut sounded good. I know these two Arkansas chaps are happier now than ever before. They came to California, not to get into pictures, but to end working nights. The difference between Central and Pacific time makes their broadcasts fall so that they have their evenings free for doing what other folks, with leisure after dark, do. The same reasons apply to the shift of Amos 'n' Andy from Chicago to California.

WHEN Don Wilson waddled off the train in Los Angeles after a trip east with Jack Benny, he carried a broad grin. "Boy, am I glad to be back!" he greeted friends at the station. During the handshaking he felt a paper in his hand and one glance at it wiped the grin off Don's face. He had accepted a summons on an "overlooked" traffic citation.

AL JOLSON'S air programs are born on his ranch at Encino. Gag men, writers and players gather 'round Al's swimming pool, dive in often, and every once in a while come up with an idea. Al would like to broadcast from the ranch, too, but his weekly flesh-and-blood audience would put too much wear and tear on the Jolson habitat.

THOSE who think Bing Crosby's academic style is just a pose to impress his air fans are wrong. Big words are as natural to Bing as they are to a dictionary, and have been ever since he was studying at Gonzaga. You can take my word for it, Bing doesn't use thirty-five

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AIR fans of the Sunday night Community Sing hour may join in the songs but the boys and girls who pack the CBS Playhouse in Hollywood to see the program can't be depended upon to do more than just see—and laugh. Sometimes Wendell Hall's best efforts haven't been productive of much enthusiasm, so the producers put aces up their sleeves. They spot fifty lusty voices through the crowd and pay them \$10 per night, just to make sure the mike brings you plenty of song.

VIA WIRE—Reports you may have heard about Bobby Breen leaving Eddie Cantor are not without basis: Bobby's contract with Eddie runs until June, when the program melts for the summer. Meanwhile, overtures have been made for Breen to star in his own show. While Cantor takes a fatherly interest in this young protege, he is not Bobby's manager, does not handle his money, and also, Eddie never stands in the way of one of his discoveries who has a chance to move up. So it should not be a surprise if Bobby sings his farewell to Cantor on the final program in June... At this writing, there are hot rumors that Dick Powell has been signed for Show Boat. Dick tells me the story is untrue. He is the center of a brilliant one-hour show that has been built by Trans-American, which is owned by Warner Brothers. I will be surprised if this show is sold this summer, but I will be even more surprised if it fails to land with a big sponsor next fall... "All the Lads," who went on their own when the old maestro closed his Coconut Grove engagement in Los Angeles, have found new homes with other orchestras. Ben Bernie retained only five of his old bandmen, and around this quintet he has woven a new unit for radio... Answering about a million inquiries, Rudy Vallee will soon quit calling New York his home, and transfer his affections to Hollywood. He has already okayed plans for his new estate among the film colonists... Richard Himber, who is having sponsor trouble, is flirting with several Radio and night club offers. He may do a turn at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles... Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Joe Penner and other CBS toppers took their steam shovels in hand April 27 to break ground for the new CBS studio in Hollywood... NBC has taken an option on ten acres for another Hollywood Radio Center, which will be equipped for telecasting... Nelson Eddy has been tagged at \$5,000 a week as singing emcee for the new Chase & Sanborn show starting August 8th... Benny Goodman's Swing Band will broadcast from the Palomar in the Hollywood area when Ted Fio Rito bows out of that spot in June.

Be Yourself!

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did not. He seemed to have been out-distanced by crooners.

In the years that followed Henry Burr tried vainly to find a place for himself in radio. Too many auditions ended with the same story. He was told his singing was out of date, asked why didn't he croon a little, put in a couple of boo boo pa doos? But just a little stubbornly, he would always refuse.

A few years ago a friend persuaded him to audition for the National Barn Dance, and Henry Burr, who had then retired from professional life, reluctantly consented.

He sang that day as he sings now, as he has always sung—wholehearted, masculine singing, deep and rich and joyous. And when he went on the air he kept on singing that way. Now, in his second year with the Barn Dance, never a day passes that Henry Burr's mail box isn't filled with letters, letters from people all over the country who 'remember.'

It may not sound plausible to say that the famous Hoosier Hot Shots, with their washboard, their bull fiddle, and their individuality, have ever been anything else but themselves, but there was a time when sadly it was true.

Fresh from the farm, the boys started out more than fourteen years ago, doing just what they are doing today—being themselves. But after a rapid rise to the top they broke up their partnership to start out separately, each one with the firm conviction he was going to be terrific in a tuxedo and a stiff shirt.

What made it harder later on, was that they were a success. Each made good on his own, Hezzie Ken, Frank, Gabe; each went out, put a board in his spine, plastered grease in his hair, climbed into a dress suit and made good.

When talking pictures came in, and vaudeville, small orchestra, and musicals went out, the Hoosier Hot Shots, from the four corners of the United States, came back together again. But this time it was different—they were more reserved and sophisticated; their music was all dressed up, rural rhythm trying to be civilized.

During their audition for the Barn Dance, they made one mistake, and that mistake, now famous, brought them success. It was good old Hezzie's fault. He, as usual, was fooling around with his washboard and horns, making eyes at the girls, and generally not paying any attention to what was going on. So with the producer waiting in the booth, the boys turned with exasperation.

"Are you ready, Hezzie?"

He was, and to prove it he turned around and immediately started off with a toot-toot, and a rub-a-dub-dub. The rest of the boys, trying to catch up with Hezzie, forgot to be reserved, forgot to be dignified, and, automatically reverting to their true selves, pitched notes gayly hither and yon in a wild dash for the finish.

Later four very puzzled young gentlemen marched back to their hotel, sat thoughtfully on the bed, pulled out a long-term contract, and started to figure how the devil they'd got it. They didn't know then, but they do know now. "Are you ready, Hezzie?" has started off every one of their broadcasts, everyone of their recordings. And on the day when they started with the Barn Dance, and determined never to be anything else but themselves, the old clothes man could have picked up four slightly used tuxedos at a mighty rare bargain.

Little Sally Foster, who has risen from obscurity to stardom on the Barn Dance, had to learn this first valuable lesson which is the byword of the show. She had

to learn to be herself.

When she auditioned for the program, about a year ago, she was just a naive little country girl with many misconceptions about the show business. Having traveled on the road with a second rate barn dance unit, playing four and five a day through small towns of the Middle West, she felt she was an accomplished "hill-billy" artist, twang and all.

As she sang her first song the producer winced with pain to hear a beautiful girl with a naturally beautiful voice, forcing herself to groan like a lone prairie warbler. He stopped her almost as soon as she started.

"Wait," he interrupted, "that's not what I want at all. I want you to relax, forget all about Blue Ridge Mountaineers, be yourself, and sing!"

It took months of patient work and training before she could understand that people might even be slightly interested in just plain Sally Foster, who used to live on Elm Street in Milwaukee. Today, she is rapidly rising to the top, but she remains unchanged and unspoiled. She has been trained to be just herself, and she is still a little mystified that it should pay such big dividends.

So it has been with every member of the show. As the Maple City Four put it, "When you're four fellows like us, you can't be anything else but yourself. Heck, we ain't actors, and we sing for two reasons; cause we like to sing, and cause we hate to work."

It is only natural that the boisterous rural comedy and songs of the barn dance should be supplied by Lulu Belle and Scotty, who, in private life, are Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman. Their love story was one studded with hardships and disappointments, and they attained their present success only after they, too, had learned the lesson which every Barn Dance star knows so well.

Lulu Belle was born and raised in the little town of Boone, North Carolina, and Scotty was born and raised 'just over the ridge,' in the neighboring town of Ingalls. Living as children not ten miles apart in the Carolina hills, they were brought up with the same background, but were destined not to meet until many years later, in the reception offices of the NBC studios in Chicago.

There sat Scotty, who thought he was one of these highbrow announcers, and wasn't. Next to him sat Lulu Belle, who was under the impression she was a concert singer, and wasn't. As they waited to be told there was "nothing open," Lulu Belle muttered something about wishing she'd never left Boone, North Carolina. That gave Scotty his cue to get acquainted, and he more than took advantage of it. A few months later they were married.

There was only one thing to mar their early married happiness. As Scotty put it, "We never had any privacy. The wolf moved in, bag and baggage, and stayed all winter!"

It was only after they got sick and tired of being broke, fed up with posing as something they weren't, that they suddenly realized how blind they'd been. All those old folk songs they'd known and sung as children, why not sing those on the air? Why not relax and be themselves? This sudden turn about face brought them instant recognition and a rapid rise to stardom.

Talking to Bill Jones, who produces and directs the Barn Dance, I realized that he, too, knows the secret of the show's success, and that it has been forcefully brought home to him in his personal life.

A few years ago Mr. Jones was a young

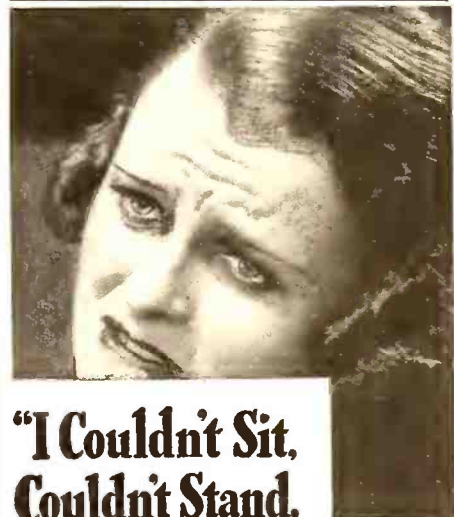


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ambitious producer. His accomplishments at that date, although few, were the last word in sophistication. To look at him you'd never guess that he was a home grown product, an ex-country boy from a small Illinois farm. And when he came to Chicago as the new director of the National Barn Dance he was inwardly a little ashamed that he, who had produced only the highest type of entertainment—symphony programs, classical music, and sophisticated dialogue—should be producing a barn dance.

That was nearly four years ago. Today our Mr. Jones is just Bill, a regular guy who takes his coat off and rolls up his sleeves when he goes to work. It didn't take the Barn Dance long to snap him out of his drawing room complex, to make him realize that down deep inside he was still akin to the soil, a country boy at heart.

"There's something about working on the show," he confessed, cocking his feet up on the desk, "that takes all the superficialities out of a guy. For one thing, there is no pre-broadcast nervousness on the Barn Dance, because a person is only nervous when he's worried about a possible mistake. On the Barn Dance a boner is only good for an all around laugh. So everybody just relaxes and has a darn good time."

So the Barn Dance also taught its director to be himself, blended his desire to produce a polished, high class program, with his boyhood love of the simple things in life, making the barn dance show you listen to today, a hayloft party that uses symphonic musicians to play "Turkey in the Straw," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and other old favorites.

"We don't put on a 'hill-billy' show,"

Bill explained, "never have and never will. The goal we strive for is to present the simple songs, like those of Stephen Foster, but to prepare them as skilfully as if they were a Brahms symphony." And to this end they have assembled one of the finest groups of musicians on the air today.

In its eleven-piece string orchestra are two former first violinists from the Chicago Symphony orchestra, and three former violinists from the Metropolitan Opera Company. The pianist, John Brown, was formerly with the Chicago Civic Opera Company, accompanying such stars as Lucy Gates, Francis Ingram, and Hazel Eden, while the musical director for the show, Walter Steindal, has for many years been conductor of the famous spring concert of Singverein.

All these, to play music for a Barn Dance.

To step backstage at the Eighth Street Theater in Chicago where they broadcast is to walk into an old fashioned barn dance not only in fact, but in spirit. You see, not a formal gathering of stiff shirts and evening gowns, but rather all the old gang you knew back home. In overalls and gingham they're as unpretentious as the good old kitchen sink, yet master artists all. You listen, not to names, but to people, people you know. And in their humanness lies their greatness, in their simplicity will be found their showmanship. Small wonder they have enjoyed national popularity for nearly ten years. The soil has been close to the American people for many times ten years, and the National Barn Dance, its roots planted deep in that soil, will continue on, long after other programs more lofty have faded to hazy obscurity.

The Strange Way Bob Burns Found His Son

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After that the day was perfect. He played on the beach all morning, and at noon Bob bought him hot dogs and ice cream, and afterwards they drove around some more. For the first time in his life—there were so many first times today!—he actually talked to his father as man to man, telling him what he thought of things and people, asking him questions and getting sensible, masculine answers. He can be forgiven, it seems to me, for failing to see that sometimes his father didn't answer him at once, and that sometimes he turned away his face.

ALL day long Bob Burns tried to find courage to tell his son that the mother he adored was dead—and all day long he failed. He saw, now, that he and his son were almost strangers, certainly no more than acquaintances; and a stranger has no right to break such bad news. All the boy's life he had looked to his mother for advice, comradeship, help. Bob, Sr., had believed his responsibility was ended when he paid the bills. Now he saw he'd been wrong. He didn't know his own son—the one person left for him to love.

Late in the afternoon, just at sunset, he stopped the car on the summit of Mt. Lowe. Clumsily, he said what he had to say. He watched horrified disbelief change to grief on the boy's face; he saw the tears welling-up—and in a flash of intuition which proved he was already learning to know his son, he said, "Don't cry, Bob. I'm in the same boat you are. We'll just have to look after each other."

Young Bob set his jaw. He did not cry.

Right after the funeral, old Bob and young Bob went up to Lew Ayres' cabin at Big Bear. They stayed there a week,

and when they came back they were friends. They were a very different pair from the two who had set forth so somberly seven days before; they knew they had only each other to depend on.

If, before his wife's death, Bob had always lightly waved aside every responsibility of paternity except the financial one, it was because he hadn't realized what he was throwing away. Now everything is changed. His son comes first.

"That boy will always be a responsibility to me," he told me a week or so ago, when I was talking to him about this story, "but he'll never be a problem. I'll never have a moment's worry over him, except to make him enjoy himself. He knows what it is to be without money, so he can't realize we have enough now and that he can spend more."

As far back as the boy can remember, the Burns family always had what they called a "change drawer," filled—whenever it was possible—with coins to pay the paper carriers, milkmen, and so forth. Bob used to go to the drawer every day for lunch money. He could take as much as he needed, but he always knew he must never take more than that.

Not long ago he wanted to go to a carnival with some friends, and Bob gave him a dollar. He looked at it a while, then shook his head and handed it back "No, thanks," he said. "I'd better take my own money and then I won't spend so much."

One day the boy lost his glasses. Bob grumbled a little, but he bought a new pair. A few days later the boy laid these down somewhere and stepped on them. Bob bought a third pair—and a week later a baseball hit young Bob in the eye and broke these glasses, too.

He was afraid to tell his father. He was conscious that glasses cost money and that he was being sinfully wasteful. And in fact, when he did confess, Bob's first impulse was to grow angry. Then he remembered.

When he himself was a boy, back in Van Buren, his father had never permitted an argument. Mr. Burns was always right, because he was older; it was inconceivable to him that a little boy could have any sensible ideas. Once Bob had nearly cut the tip of his finger off. It dangled there like the flap of an envelope; and he still has the scar. He bandaged it up and said nothing, but during the night it began to throb and he went into his parents' room, scared and unhappy. His father, without looking at the finger, said, "You're making a big hullabaloo about a little cut. Why, I could cut my whole hand off and never cry."

Bob, in his pain and fright, said, "Aw, that's what you say!" And his father, in a sudden burst of anger at his impudence, tried to slap him. Bob ducked and ran—and kept on running. He didn't go back to Van Buren for two years.

The memory of this stemmed his irritation over the broken glasses, and he realized that the important thing was not the glasses at all, but the fear in Bob's face when he confessed.

LISTEN, son," he said, "when you lose your glasses or break them carelessly like you did those other two pairs, I don't like it much. But when you break them playing, that's something you can't help. To show you how much I care about those glasses, I'll make a date with you. Every afternoon about sundown, when it's getting too dark to play, you and I will go up on a hill and watch the sun set. Just about the time it goes down I'll take a rock and break your glasses. Then you can say to yourself, 'I might as well have broken them playing because now they're broken anyhow.'

It was one of the few times Bob has ever kissed his father.

The boy has never forgotten what his father said, up there on the summit of Mt. Lowe. "I guess we'll just have to look after each other." Young Bob is carrying out his part of the bargain. He worries about old Bob and his work as much as if he were the father.

Since Bob began writing a daily newspaper column, he is busy all week long, and seldom goes out of the house at night. But because the boy knows his father is under a severe nervous strain on Thursdays, the day of his Kraft Music Hall broadcast, he insists that after the broadcast Bob must go out and enjoy himself. That's his night out, and young Bob complains if he comes home too early.

Theirs is a beautiful relationship, one seldom possible under ordinary circumstances between boy and man. It would not be possible for them, except that each feels the need to make up to the other for that which both have lost.

And yet—not quite lost. There is something of Betty Burns still in that modest little bungalow, for they are living as she would have wished them to.

There is only one other thing to tell. It explains why there is no picture of Bob Burns, Jr., to go with this story. Betty Burns always wanted to keep herself and the boy in the background, and in the first days of Bob's radio success she steadily refused to allow the publication of any pictures of either of them. Perhaps I could have persuaded Bob, now that she is dead, to let me have a picture of the boy. But I didn't want to. He is carrying out her wishes in so many things. Let him carry them out in this, too.



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sun-bathing is a cult and beauty is a byword. That's why I went to some of the loveliest girls in radio, who spend their leisure hours in the sunshine of the California beaches, for their summer beauty secrets.

Joy Hodges, for instance, the charming vocalist on the Joe Penner air show, has a word of caution to offer. She warns: "Unless I'm going through the very early stages of tanning (by which I mean a daily sun-shower of no more than five to fifteen minutes), I try to wear a cap or some sort of bandanna over my hair. The California sun is usually too intense to risk drying out the scalp with an overdose of ultra-violet rays. I'd be very grateful to anyone who'd create a hair-preparation that would act as a sort of protective covering. So far, I've found a slight dampening with chilled olive oil, just before going to the beach, is rather effective. Still, a scented oil of some sort would be more fun to use."

PENNY GILL, "secretary" to Prexy Jack Oakie of radio's mythical Oakie College, urges the tan-seeker to do her sun-bathing near a convenient shelter of some sort so that, at the first danger-signal of too-reddened skin, milady can scoot for cover. "Another thing," she adds, "don't have so much of a lark romping around on the sand that you forget what a strain the sun's glare may be on your eyes. If you've got to that grand stage of tan where you've just the right permanent bronze for you, don't get too brave. Sun glasses are so easily available, why not take advantage of their defense against the reflected glare from white sand or wave tips, if you're going to spend a whole day at the beach?"

Not everyone can achieve that "permanent bronze." To tell the truth, it's darned unbecoming to some of us. For instance, the person with too-pale eyes should avoid a too-deep tan just as assiduously as the girl whose delicate skin can't stand too much "weathering." Of great importance, also, are the reliable remedies for preventing or removing freckles. For all these purposes, there are preparations to protect the skin and permit plenty of playtime on the beach without attempting to achieve a rich mahogany coloring. Most of us, however, like Martha Raye, can afford to use the splendid oils and lotions which allow the sun's rays to affect the coloring of our complexions without injuring the texture.

"What are my do's and don'ts about acquiring a suntan?" Martha repeated. "I haven't anything but do's! I like sun any time and all the time, and I take my brother's word for it that women look more attractive even when they're a bit too red from scampering about in the sun! Plenty of oil so that the skin doesn't scorch, and you can be one of those gals who can take her sun or leave it alone. Personally, I take it."

Lately, she's been able to combine her fun-in-the-sun with her work on Al Jolson's broadcast series, since Al decided to remodel the Junior Jolson's nursery and make a rehearsal room of it. As the weather grows warmer, they'll undoubtedly have open-air rehearsals on Al's lovely estate.

It was Gertrude Niesen who brought up one very important matter. She firmly believes that a place in the sun is the only right one for any girl who wants to look her best during warm weather, but no one realizes better than she how hard it is for the city girl to find that place in the sun.

"It's easy enough," she observed, "for the girls who are in Hollywood the year around to get their proper shade of tan, whether it's the pale coppery shade becoming to blonde types or the deeper amber tones for the brunette, but what about the young lady who is a 'city child'?"

"I was a New Yorker long enough to realize the difficulties of living in town through the summer and yet attaining the healthy bronze that has become almost universally popular. Those of us in a position to make use of a sun-roof of our own, of course, have the easy way out. But, at that, there's more to this sunning process than just lazing around in the open."

Gertrude advises the aspiring sun-worshipper to experiment with several different types of cosmetic oils before deciding which one is best for your individual skin texture. All four of these sun-wise girls agreed that there were two fundamental rules to follow in exposing yourself to the sun: Use your beach oil generously, and be sure to start out gradually, spending a longer period in the sunlight each time.

"Even if it's only fifteen minutes a day," says Gertrude, "get out and get under the sun somewhere and somehow every day, not just every time you happen to think of it. There are many clubs in New York, and other cities, equipped with sun-roofs. Ordinarily they are available at a modest rate, and really Old Sol can be just as warm and health-giving on top of a roof as he is on a sandy beach!"

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