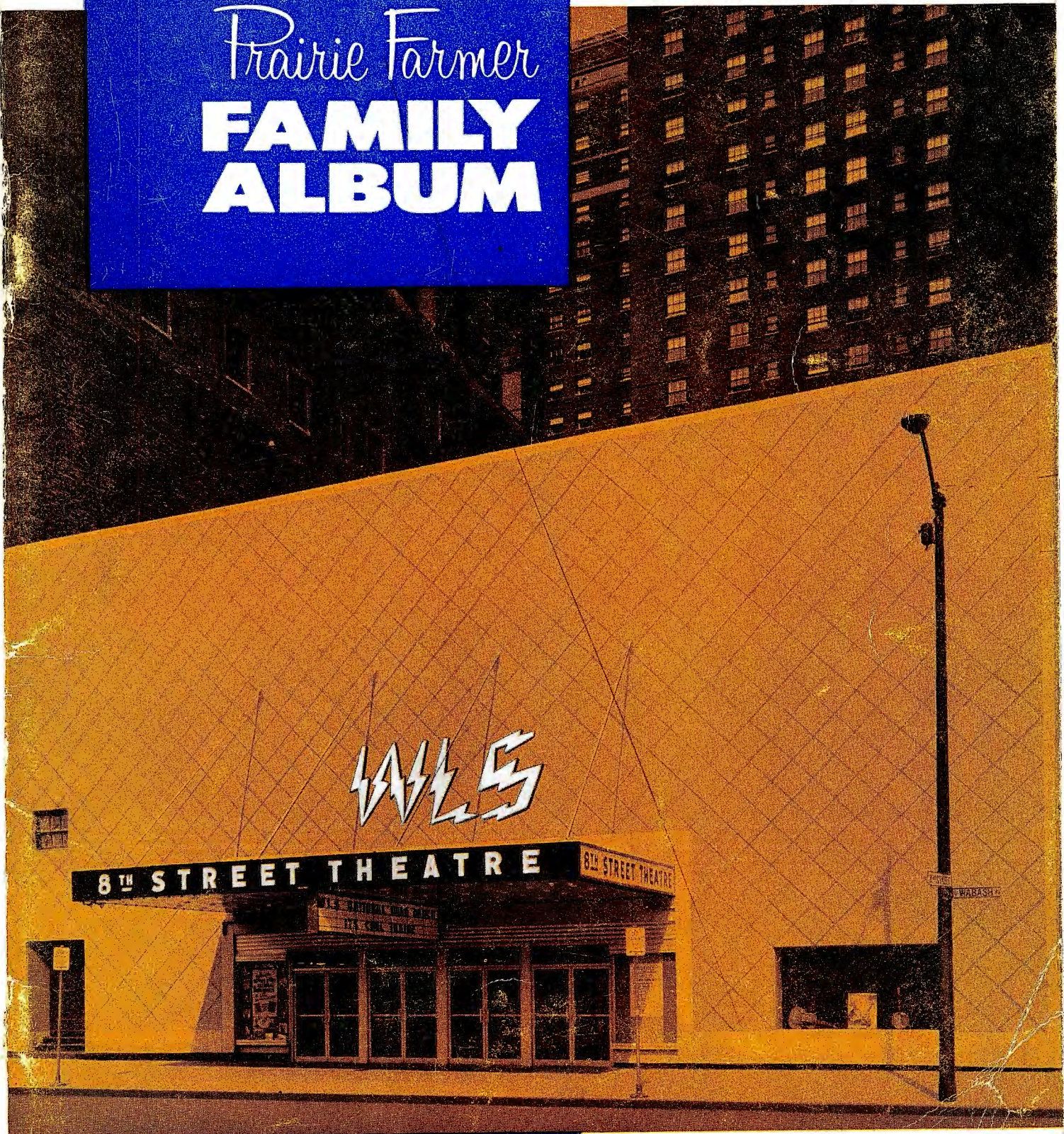


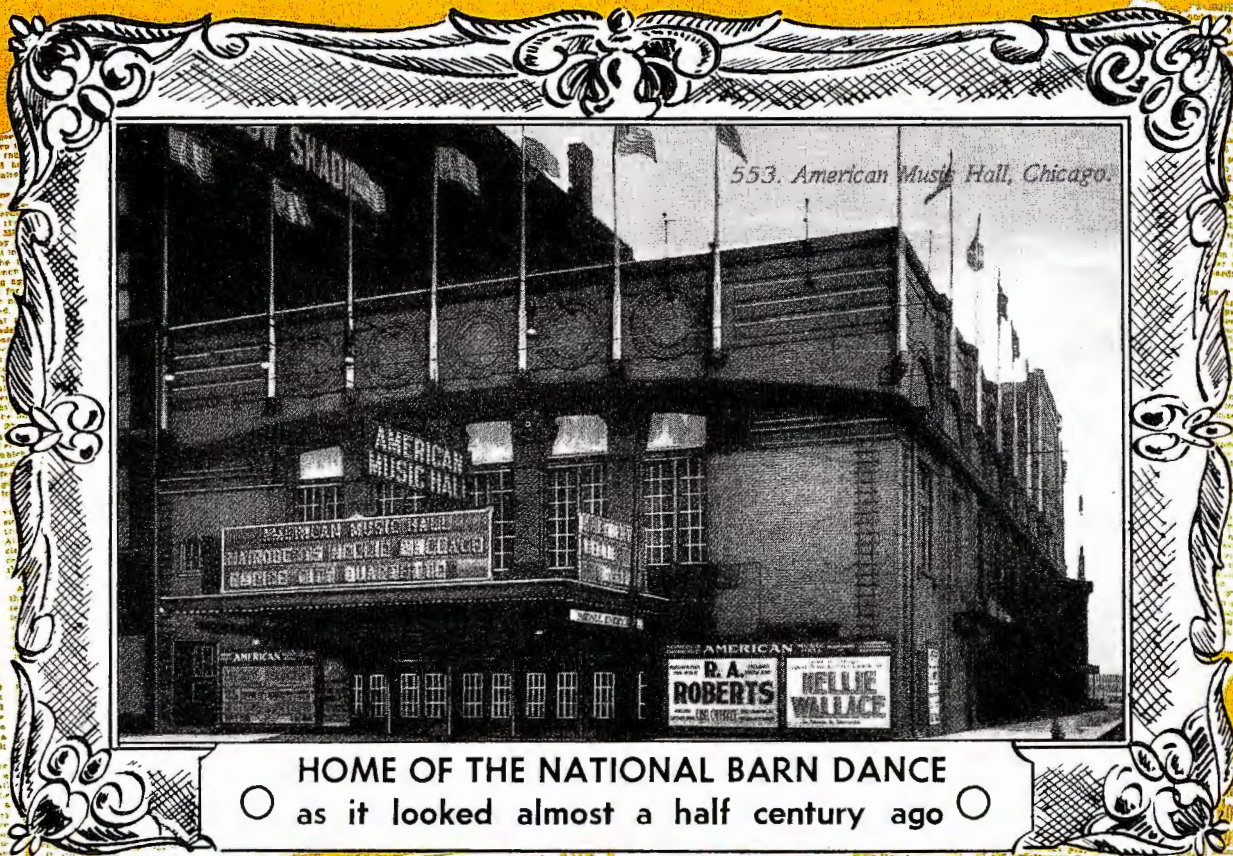
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THE EIGHTH STREET THEATRE in Chicago, now internationally known, was originally opened in 1908 as the Garden Theatre and it was later changed to the American Music Hall.

The picture on the cover of our Family Album this year shows the "new look" given the front of the theatre. But this is only the beginning—the theatre has been "done over" inside and is now completely air conditioned for the comfort of our many listeners who attend the theatre on Saturday nights to see and hear the National Barn Dance broadcasts.

The National Barn Dance has been broadcast continuously over WLS every Saturday night since April 19, 1924—MORE THAN 31 YEARS. We moved our broadcasts of the National Barn Dance to the Eighth Street theatre on March 19, 1932, due to the overwhelming demand of our listeners who wanted to see the famous show while it was being broadcast. Since that date more than two million five-hundred thousand people have seen the program broadcast from the theatre.

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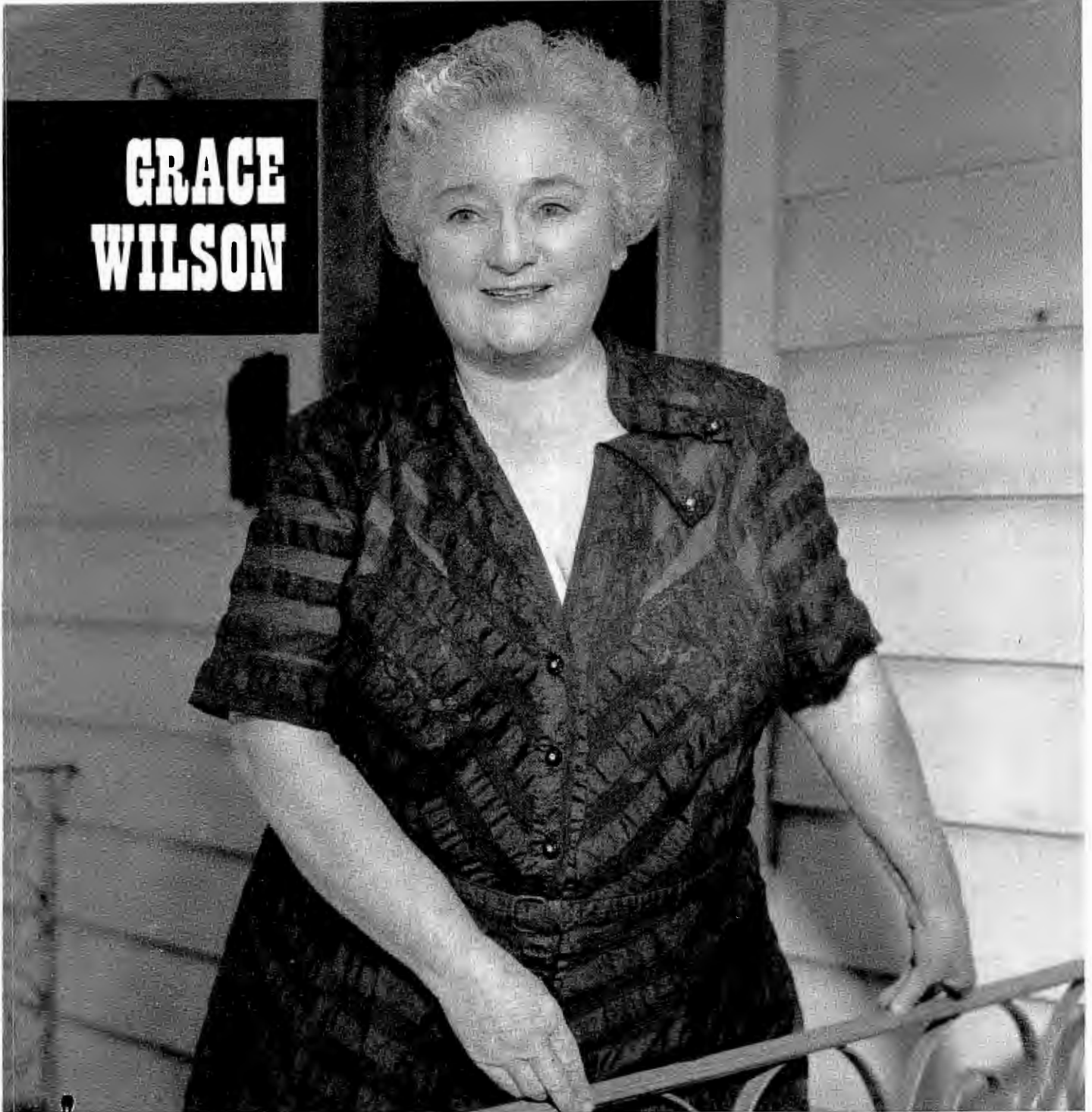


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GRACE WILSON



HERE TO GREET YOU with a smile at the front door of her home is the ever popular Grace Wilson. Down through the years Grace has endeared herself to listeners singing songs as only she can sing them, and has become known and loved as the "Girl with a Million Friends." Grace Wilson sang her first song on WLS on the station's inaugural program April 12, 1924. She started singing professionally when she was four and while yet a young girl had attained national success as a singer. Her rollicking songs such as her famous "Bringing Home the Bacon" number are always popular but she is known and loved best for her songs of the heart and home which express the depth of her sympathetic and understanding character. At the right Grace is shown with figurines she collects as a hobby.





ONE OF THE MOST popular and best loved couples in radio—Lulu Belle and Scotty Wiseman are shown in the picture above with their son, Steve, 15, and daughter Linda, 19. Scott Wiseman and Myrtle Cooper were married in 1934 while both were singing on The National Barn Dance, and they have been singing happily together ever since. The three pictures below show them enjoying a tune on their old-fashioned player piano, Scotty in his workshop, and Lulu Belle polishing her collection of bowling trophies which she has won as woman's bowling champion of the Oak Park Club. Scotty has written many songs, such as "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You," "Homecoming Time in Happy Valley," and the beautiful hymn, "Tenderly He Watches." Records of his numbers have sold into the millions.

**LULU BELLE
AND SCOTTY
WISEMAN
AND FAMILY**



WOODY MERCER AND HIS FAMILY

WOODY MERCER, a "sure 'nuff" cowboy from Arizona, is "right proud" of his nice little family—wife Bett, 6-year-old Cheri, and little Ginger, two years old. Woody comes by his love of songs of the west and cowboy ballads naturally because he spent much of his youth "ridin' the range" on a ranch near Douglas, Arizona. Woody is happiest when singing and playing his guitar and he has become a popular favorite with WLS listeners doing just that. Below he is shown receiving a deputy sheriff's star from a local sheriff. Woody naturally is a great lover of horses and in the lower right hand picture you see him visiting with one of his buddies. The Mercers are in love with the great midwest, but, of course, they look forward each year to a visit to their "wonderful Arizona."





TOM FOUTS with his wife Lou, son Tommy, 14, and daughter, Connie, 7, spent some time last summer on the Fouts family farm near Deer Creek, Ind., where Tom learned how to farm from his dad, Glenn. At the left is "Stubby" with Tommy in a soybean field on the Fouts farm. Grandfather Fouts was the first farmer in Indiana to grow soybeans and Henry Ford, Sr., used to purchase the crop for use in the manufacture of his cars. Lower right shows "Captain Stubby" and his son ready for a dive into the "ol' swimmin'" hole.



CAPTAIN STUBBY: Tom Fouts and his family



SONNY FLEMING and his family

ANOTHER MEMBER of the always popular Buccaneers is Sonny Fleming and that's the happy Fleming family enjoying a little snack at the big picnic table in the yard at their home in LaGrange—left to right: Carol, 10; Sandra, 14; Sonny's wife Mary Edd holding little Pamela, seven months old; Michael, 16; and—no, that's Sonny at the end, the fellow next to Michael is one of their pet Beagles. Sonny sings and plays guitar and besides his solo numbers sings with the other Buccaneers in their trio and quartet numbers. Raising Beagle Hounds and golf are his two main hobbies.





DWIGHT STOKES AND HIS FAMILY



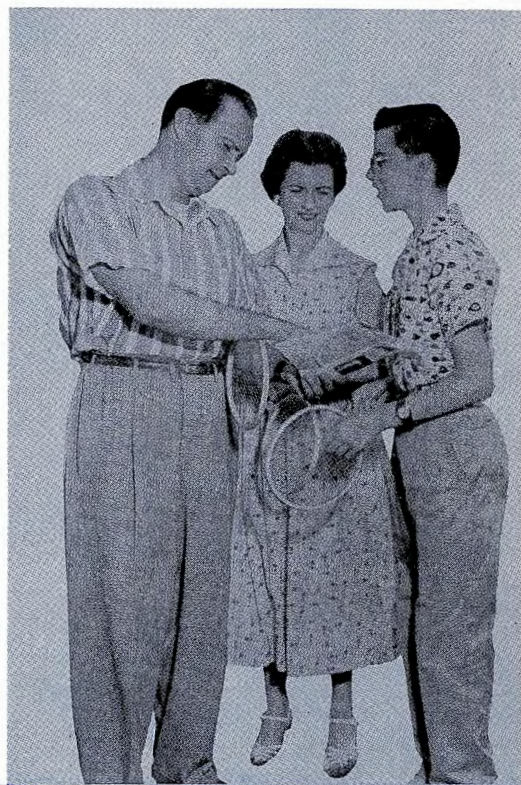
HERE'S Dwight "Tiny" Stokes of the Buccaneers, with his wife, Glenna, daughter Debra, 9, and son Larry, 14, in their home at LaGrange. Tiny, as most everyone knows, is the fellow with the beautiful tenor voice, and his fine solo numbers are always a popular part of any Buccaneer program. The pictures above show Tiny doing some "road work" on his bike (just trying to keep "tiny"); taking care of the lawn in the Stokes spacious garden; and his complete workshop at home. He really knows how to make use of it, too.

PETE KAYE and his family

PETE KAYE and his wife Edith are shown with their two daughters around the wading pool in the yard of their home in La Grange Park. The youngest is little Joyce who is just 16 months old. Her sister's name is Peggy and she's seven. Pete and Edith are expert gardeners and when weather permits they can always be found adding little touches to the landscaping and keeping everything looking "just right." Pete is the accordionist member of the Buccaneers family and he is not only a talented artist on the accordion, but on the piano and organ as well.



JERRY RICHARDS AND HIS FAMILY



THE HAPPY TRIO at the left is Jerry and Ginny Richards and their 14-year-old son, Ronnie, at their home in La Grange. Jerry is the exceptionally talented clarinetist of the Buccaneers but that is not his only accomplishment. He also plays saxophone, celeste, ocarina, novelty tinwhistle, string bass and sings with the group in quartet numbers. He also arranges many of the Buccaneers' numbers. Above, the Richards are shown checking scores after a badminton game. Jerry and Ronnie were snapped (top picture) getting ready for a little paint job. Jerry (center picture) is a real "do it yourself" fan.



**COLLEEN
and DONNA
WILSON
and their
families**

IN THE HAPPY, smiling group above are the Wilson sisters who have been very popular on WLS for several years with their fine harmony singing as the Beaver Valley Sweethearts. At the left is Donna—Mrs. George Challas—with her husband and son Bobbie Allen, 6; at the right is Colleen—Mrs. Frank E. Zela—with her husband and little daughter, Colleen Thoralee, also six. This picture was taken in the garden of the girls' mother in South Holland, Ill. Colleen and her daughter are seen at the left below at the slide in their yard, and at right "Davy Crockett" Bobbie is guarding his mother, Donna, from any "ferocious 'bars'." Colleen and Donna have been singing together professionally since they were in their early teens.





DOLPH HEWITT AND FAMILY

THE DOLPH HEWITTS were busy in the garden of their home near Lombard when the picture at the left was taken. Mrs. Hewitt, the former Ruth Johnson, was popular on radio before she decided to "keep house" for Dolph and Chuckie, their son who is 9 years old. The "Boy from the Hills of Pennsylvania" has been singing on WLS for ten years and has always been a popular favorite. While he was just "a little shaver" Dolph started to play the fiddle under the coaching of his father, who was always busy playing for country dances, and even now Dolph often picks up a fiddle when square dancing starts at the National Barn Dance. Next to his family and radio work Dolph's chief hobby is his farm and he is shown below checking his corn field.





THEY'VE ENTERTAINED MILLIONS...

MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND people packed the huge grandstand to overflow at the Illinois State Fair to see and hear the five-hour broadcast of the WLS National Barn Dance, Aug. 13, 1955. The candid camera was busy at the State Fair and also in the Old Hayloft at the Eighth Street theatre to get the other pictures on these two pages. We're sure you'll recognize Red Blanchard talking with one of the clowns at the Fair; Woody Mercer with one of his loyal young





fans; Lulu Belle, Colleen and Donna making it mighty tough for Arkie while he tries to sing a song; Homer and Jethro with Cousin Tilford; a quartet of long-time WLS favorites, Red Blanchard, Arkie, Lulu Belle and Grace Wilson, in a little reminiscing session between programs "back stage"; and Sonny Fleming and Red during one of the novel Barn Dance stunts with a real live burro and a little Mexican boy.


The Hayloft Gang is here...





...to bring you lots of cheer!

THERE IS NEVER a dull moment at the National Barn Dance as you can easily see by the pictures on these two pages. Bob Atcher (upper left) is enjoying himself as he sings one of his happy songs of the west; and in the next picture you can just tell that Arkie and Stubby are up to no good as Red Blanchard tries to make them laugh. Dorothy Ann Ferguson is also happy as she sings one of her rollicking songs, while next to her is pictured a group of our expert square dancers with Caller





John Dolce. In the picture at the right Jack Stilwill is introducing Strother G. Jones, manager of the Illinois State Fair, and Director of Agriculture Stillman J. Stannard at the broadcast of the National Barn Dance at the Illinois Fair. You'll surely recognize the people in the other pictures on this page as they are shown busily engaged with their hi-jinks.





HOMER and JETHRO

FROM THE ridiculous to the sublime, or vice-versa—that's Homer and Jethro. The one with the mandolin is Jethro and his right name is Kenneth Burns. Henry Haynes is Homer and he plays the guitar. They are famous for their comic parodies of popular song hits. The two boys claim to be from Hoot 'N Holler, Tennessee, and started their musical career together as kids. They were asked to be guests on the WLS National Barn Dance one Saturday night in 1948 and proved so popular they have been featured on this famous radio program ever since. As Homer puts it: "We were told they'd let us know if they wanted us to stay. Nobody let us know, so we're still here." It's so hard to describe Homer and Jethro we decided to let this page of pictures do the job instead. They're one of radio's most popular teams.





ARKIE and his family

THE ARKANSAS Woodchopper—Luther Ossenbrink—is shown here with his wife Vera, and her cousin, Laura Ann Nash, 14, of Tucson, Arizona. Laura spends a lot of time at Arkie's home and they love her as if she was their own daughter. Arkie is shown in the two lower pictures while he was on the annual ride of the Desert Cabelleros at Wickenburg, Arizona, in April, 1955. Jovial, good natured Arkie has been popular with WLS listeners since he first came to the station in August of 1929. Besides singing Arkie likes to call for square dancing, and he's mighty good at it too. He is a great outdoors man and loves to hunt and fish.

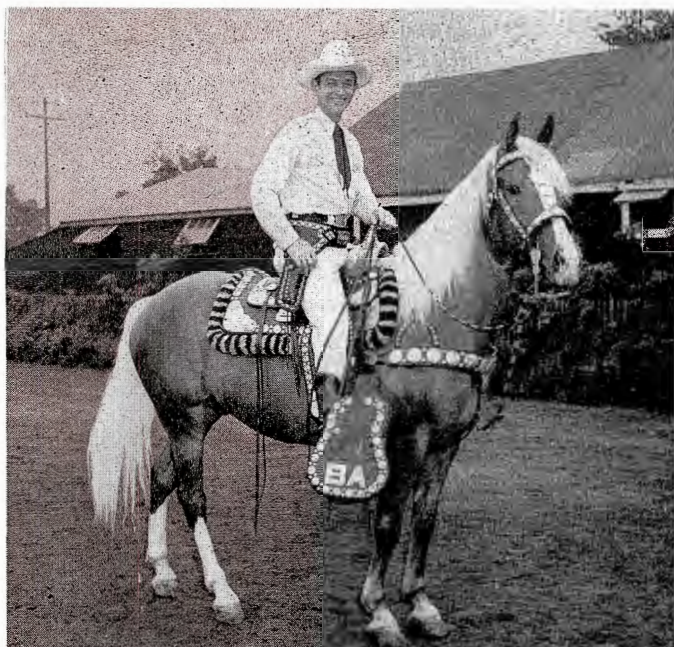
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DONALD 'RED' BLANCHARD AND FAMILY



DONALD "RED" BLANCHARD is one fellow who's always ready for anything that's fun. This popular WLS comedian is shown above ready for a ride on one of the ferris wheels at the Illinois State Fair. You'll usually see Red with a big broad smile on his face because he loves people and laughter. He can be serious though, especially when he's preparing material for his many radio programs, and also when it comes to looking after his lovely wife, Sally, (left) with their three fine children, Donald Junior, 8 years old, Colleen Donna, 4, and baby Laura Lee, 7 months old, posing for Daddy at their home in Brookfield. Don't let the picture in the upper left hand corner fool you—it's just Red in another of his "gags" trying to give us the impression that he is really a handy man around the house.



BOB ATCHER and family

ON A 200-ACRE FARM northwest of Chicago live the "Top Hand of the Cowhands" Bob Atcher, his charming wife, Maggie, and their three children—Robin, four years old, Mary Christopher "Christy" who is three and Cecily who is one year old. Bob, who has been a popular favorite on radio for many years, is first of all devoted to his lovely family and home, but running a close second is his love for spirited Palomino horses. He is shown at the left on one of his favorites, Stormy. We're sorry Robin's pet dog didn't get in the picture.



JIMMIE,
DOROTHY ANN,
OTTO,
HOLLY and
his family



THE FELLOW with the troubled look on his face and the banjo and other instruments is Jimmie James, a fine musician and a capable performer on many instruments. He entertains National Barn Dance listeners not only with his music but his comedy antics as well.

THE CHARMING young lady with the guitar and a winning smile is Dorothy Ann Ferguson, 18, who in the short space of a year has won her way into the hearts of WLS listeners with her songs. She is featured every Saturday night on the National Barn Dance.

THE PORTLY gentleman at the right is the one-and-only Otto. In real life he is Ted Morse. A fine musician and a grand guy, Ted is best known and loved by our listeners for the laughter he brings them as "Otto," and for his portrayal of the little girl character, "Sweet Little Genevieve."



IN THE GROUP picture below is Arthur "Holly" Swanson—better known as Cousin Tilford—with his wife Lila, two sons, Richard, 21, and James, 8, and daughter Barbara, 16, who is affectionately called "Sweetmeat" by her Daddy. Holly is showing his family a picture of his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Lindstrom, (insert at left) who was 102 years old in March, 1955.



DOLPH'S FRIED CHICKEN

Southern Style



1½-3 lbs. chicken
½ cup flour

½ teaspoon salt

Cut chicken in serving pieces. Rub thoroughly with seasoned flour. Drop in hot fat at least 1 inch deep, putting large pieces in first and in hottest part of frying pan. Lower flame and cover tightly. Cook at low temperature, turning pieces if necessary to brown evenly. Transfer pieces to warm serving dish as rapidly as cooked. Do not have pieces touch in frying.

FAVORITE
RECIPES
IF YOU
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SONNY'S HOT TAMALES



1 lb. beef or pork
2 tbsp. chili powder
1 clove garlic
2 tbsp. bacon fat
2 cups white cornmeal
Corn shucks
Salt and pepper to taste

Chop clove of garlic fine and brown in bacon fat while rendering fat from pork. Keep pork fat in pot, add meat cut in small pieces. Add one cup of hot water. Moisten chili powder in another cup of hot water. Cook meat until it is very tender and then grind and add to the chili powder mixture. To two cups of white cornmeal add the liquid from the meat and cook until it is a little thicker than buttermilk. Spread on corn shucks along with the meat mixture and roll and bake for 2 hours.

GRACE'S BAKED SCALLOPED OYSTERS



2 cups med. coarse
cracker crumbs
½ cup melted butter
1 pint oysters
Milk or cream

Pour ½ cup melted butter over 2 cups medium coarse cracker crumbs and toss lightly with fork. Drain 1 pint of oysters and save the juice. Add enough milk or cream to make 1 cup. Butter around baking dish, then spread a third of the buttered crumbs on the bottom. Cover with half of the oysters sprinkled with salt and pepper. Alternate oysters and crackers. Pour the 1 cup oyster juice, milk or cream over the last layer and bake in moderate oven (350) 35 to 40 minutes.



ARKIE'S COFFEE CAKE

¾ cup butter
1¼ cups sugar
3 eggs
1 cup milk
3 cups flour

3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 lemon, juice and rind
½ cup raisins
1 tsp. vanilla

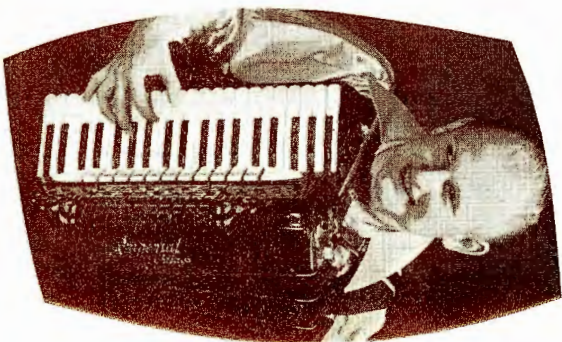
Cream sugar and butter, add unbeaten eggs and flour that has been sifted with baking powder and salt alternating, then add raisins, lemon juice, rind and vanilla. Grease spring pan well with butter. Sprinkle bottom of pan with brown sugar and nuts. Then pour batter and bake 45 to 60 minutes in 350 degree oven.

LOUIS STUFFED CABBAGE

1 large head cabbage
1 lb. ground beef
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

1 cup cooked rice
1 cup milk
2 tsp. fat
1 can tomato sauce
(8 oz.)

Dip cabbage leaves in hot water. Dry leaves on clean towel. Combine meat, salt, pepper, cooked rice and milk and mix well. Place a spoonful of meat mixture on each leaf; roll cabbage leaf around meat and fasten with a toothpick. Brown the cabbage rolls in hot fat in a heavy skillet. Cover with tomato sauce and place in a 375 degree oven for about 1½ hours.



LULL BELLE'S METHODIST PIE

FILLING:
1½ lb. cream cheese
¾ cup sugar
3 whole eggs

1 tsp. lemon juice
Pinch of salt

CRUST:
18 graham crackers
2 tbsp. sugar
¾ stick butter
(enough to hold together)

Line pan with graham cracker crust. Cream the cheese very thoroughly. Add the well-beaten eggs, sugar, salt, and lemon juice. Bake in 375 degree oven for exactly 20 minutes. Remove from oven and pour over: 1 pint sour cream to which has been added 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 scant teaspoon vanilla. Return to oven and bake five minutes more at 475 degrees. Remove to refrigerator and chill before serving.

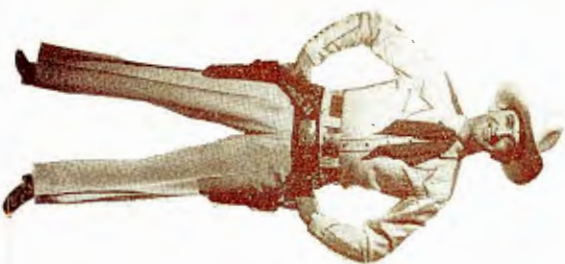


BOB'S BEEF STROGONOFF

2 lbs. beef
Seasoned flour
1 tsp. flour
2 tbsp. butter

2 cups beef stock
Onions
Mushrooms
1 cup sour cream

Cut 2 pounds beef into thin strips and sprinkle with seasoned flour and let stand for 1 hour in refrigerator. Blend 1 tablespoon flour with 2 tablespoons butter over low heat until smooth. Gradually stir in 2 cups beef stock and stir until thickened. Fry beef in 3 tablespoons butter with sliced onion and mushrooms until tender. Just before serving add 1 cup sour cream and stir, heating thoroughly. Serve over buttered noodles sprinkled with chopped parsley and paprika.



JERRY'S CHICKEN ALA KING



- 1 pint heavy cream
- 1 pint milk
- 1½ cups chicken fat, melted
- ¼ lb. butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1½ qts. cooked chicken
- ¼ jar diced pimentos
- 1 pint mushrooms

Mix cream, milk and chicken fat together. Melt butter over low heat, whisk in flour and seasoning. Add cream mixture, stir constantly until smooth and well blended. Add the pimentos, mushrooms and the diced cooked chicken to sauce and heat before serving. Serves 10.

OTTO'S FRENCH FRIED SHRIMP



- BATTER:**
- 1 cup sifted flour
 - 1 tsp. melted shortening
 - 1 egg beaten
 - ¾ cup milk
 - 1 cup sifted flour
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - 1½ tsp. baking powder

Combine ingredients as for any batter. Can be used for cover batter for frying sliced eggplant, onion rings, oysters, scallops or shrimp. Dip shrimp in batter and fry in deep fat until batter is golden brown (about 375 degrees).

MARTHA'S CHERRY TORTE



- 2 cups red cherries
- 1¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1 egg well beaten
- 1 tsp. melted butter

- SAUCE:**
- 1 cup cherry juice
 - 1 tsp. corn starch
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - 1 tbsp. butter
 - ½ cup sugar

Mix dry ingredients into drained cherries and nut meats. Add well beaten egg and melted butter. Pour into torte pan or cake pan, and bake for 50 minutes in 350-degree oven. Cool, cut in wedges, combine sugar, cornstarch and salt, add cherry juice and butter, and cook until slightly thickened. Cool and serve over Cherry Torte.

JACK'S CHRISTINE'S DUTCH COOKIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 pkg. coconut
- 1 cup flour
- 1½ sticks butter
- 1 tsp. shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 cup oatmeal
- Pinch of salt

Soften the butter and shortening together. Add rest of ingredients. Place in refrigerator overnight. Pat the batter on cookie sheet, thin as possible. Bake in moderate oven until golden brown. Cut cookies while hot; they harden quickly.



HARRY'S ESKIMO SALAD



- 1 No. 2 can fruit cocktail
- 1 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 pint whipping cream
- Salad greens

Drain fruit cocktail thoroughly. Soften cheese with fork and blend in lemon juice, sugar, and a pinch of salt. Whip cream barely stiff, fold in cheese mixture, and fruit cocktail. Turn into refrigerator tray or shallow individual molds. Place in freezing compartment with control set at lowest temperature. Freeze until barely firm. Reset temperature control to normal. To serve, cut into rectangles on greens.

JO'S CHICKEN-RICE BAKE



- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2-oz. jar pimento
- 1/4 cup mushrooms
- 1/2 cup blanched almonds
- 1 1/2 cups cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 tbsp. flour
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Saute mushrooms and almonds in butter. Combine rice and pimento; place 1/3 in greased casserole; alternate chicken, celery, mushroom-almond mixture with remaining rice. Pour over this the chicken broth seasoned with salt and blended with flour. Bake 1 hour. Six to eight servings.

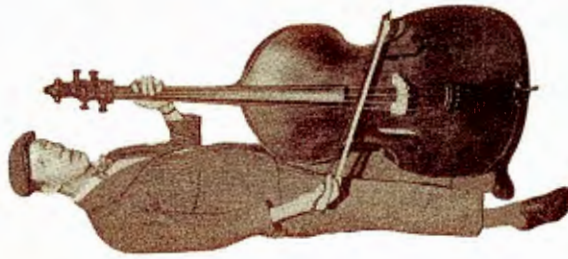
COLLEEN'S PORCUPINES



- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. ground pork
- 2 eggs
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 onion
- Cracker crumbs
- Garlic salt and pepper to taste

Mix beef, pork, eggs, rice, onion and seasoning well. Add cracker crumbs and mix until the ingredients hold together when molded into balls. Brown meat balls. Dilute soup and sauce with equal amount of water and bring to a boil. Then drop meat balls in sauce and let simmer for about 1 hour.

HOLLY'S SAUCE BAR-B-Q



- 2 cups beef broth
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. mustard
- 1 tsp. horse radish
- Dash of tobasco sauce, salt and pepper to taste

Mix the above ingredients together in the order given and let simmer 1/2 hour. Pour over cooked ribs in baking dish and bake in 325 degree oven until brown. This sauce recipe is enough for 4 pounds of ribs.

BILL'S AUNT MARJORIE'S FRIED CHICKEN



1 3 lb. fryer
1½ cups bread
crumbs

3 or 4 slices of bacon
Salt and pepper to
taste

Roll pieces of chicken in mixture of bread crumbs, salt and pepper. Grease a sheet of aluminum foil to fit inside large pan. Place chicken pieces in pan, and lay bacon slices over top. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about one hour and 15 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

SCRAMBLED EGGS ALA KAYE



2 fresh eggs
½ cup corn flakes
¼ cup milk
Salt & pepper to taste

Break eggs into bowl and pour ¼ cup milk in and mix thoroughly and add ½ cup corn flakes. Add salt and pepper according to taste. Mix again and pour ingredients into preheated frying pan with butter. Cook until hardened.

JOHN DOLCE'S BROWN BREAD



1 cup rye meal
1 cup entire wheat
flour
1 tsp. salt
1 cup floured, seeded
raisins

1 cup corn meal
1½ tsp. soda
¾ cup molasses
2 cups sour milk

Mix and sift dry ingredients; add molasses and milk and stir until blended. Add raisins. Pour into well-greased molds, filling only ½ to ¾ full. Cover tightly. Steam 3½ hours, being careful not to disturb during first hour. If additional water is needed during steaming, it must be boiling when added. Makes 3 small loaves.

MY WIFE'S Banana Cream PIE



2 cups milk
2 egg yolks
1 tbsp. vanilla
1 pinch salt
¾ cup sugar
3 tbsp. corn starch
Sliced bananas
Whipped cream for top

Boil 2 cups of milk and add the egg yolks, vanilla, salt, sugar, corn starch, and bananas and cook over low flame until thick. Pour into 9-inch baked pastry shell and serve with whipped cream on top.

SCOTTY'S CHILI-MAC

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| 1 1/2 lb. ground chuck | 1 can red kidney beans |
| beef | 1 tbsp. chili powder |
| 1/4 lb. suet | 2 tsp. salt |
| 1 med. sized onion | |
| 1 large can tomatoes | |

Fry a few pieces of suet until you get about 3 tablespoons grease, add meat, diced onion, and brown. Add tomatoes, beans, chili powder, and salt. Simmer 20 or 30 minutes. Cook 1/2 box elbow macaroni in boiling salted water until tender; drain and rinse, return to pan and add 1 tablespoon butter. Place over low heat and warm to melt butter. Put macaroni in a bowl, pour chili sauce over it and dig in.



DIX'S FAMILY PIZZA

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| 1 cup Biscuit mix | 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. garlic |
| 1/3 cup milk | 1/2 lb. Brown & Serve Sausage links |
| 1/2 can tomato soup | 1/2 cup grated Italian Cheese |
| 1 tsp. parsley flakes | |
| 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. Oregano | |

Add milk to biscuit mix and pat out in a nine-inch round flat pan. Add the Oregano and parsley to the tomato soup and spread over the dough mix. Split the Brown and Serve sausage links and arrange over dough. Sprinkle the grated cheese over the top. Bake at 400 degrees F. until brown. Serves four.



RED'S Charcoal Broiled Steak

My favorite recipe is charcoal broiled steak. Preferably T-Bone. First I light the charcoal in the burner about 1/2 hour before putting the steaks on. Then sprinkle the steaks on both sides with generous amounts of garlic powder. Just before putting them over the fire, I throw a few chips of hickory on the coals to give it the hickory smoked flavor. Then put the steaks on. Pour a little water on the hickory when it flames up to keep it from burning too fast. I broil the steak about 15 minutes on one side, then turn it over. About then the neighbor comes over to get his lawnmower. We visit, and the next time I look the steaks are burned to a crisp. I give them to the dog, and we head for the nearest restaurant.



Homer's Boston BAKED BEANS

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| 1 qt. pea beans | 1 tbsp. to 1 cup molasses to taste |
| 1 lb. fat salt pork | 1/2 tsp. mustard |
| 1 tsp. salt | Boiling water |

Soak beans overnight in cold water. Drain, cover with fresh water, heat slowly and cook until skins will burst. Drain beans. Scald pork and scrape, remove 1/4-inch slice and put in bottom of bean pot. Put beans in pot and bury remaining pork in beans, leaving rind exposed. Mix salt and molasses, add 1 cup boiling water and pour over beans; then add enough water to cover beans. Cover bean pot and bake 6 to 8 hours in slow oven, 250 degrees, uncovering the last 1/2 hour of cooking.





TINY'S BAKED ROCK CORNISH HEN

1 Rock Cornish Hen
 ¼ cup boiled wild rice
 2 tbsp. onion—and
 ¼ cup celery sauted in
 butter—add to
 ¼ cup mushrooms
 sauted in butter

Salt and pepper to
 taste
 1 tsp. parsley
 Pinch of sage, pinch
 of garlic powder

Rub Rock Cornish Hen with salt, pepper and butter. Stuff with the above dressing (wild rice dressing) and place in uncovered shallow pan basting often with butter. Bake at 450 degrees 20 minutes, 35 minutes at 350 degrees or until tender and brown.



JIMMY JAMES' NUT BREAD

2 cups whole wheat
 flour
 1 cup white flour
 1 tbsp. baking
 powder
 ½ tsp. soda
 ½ tsp. salt

¼ cup brown
 sugar
 ½ cup honey
 ¾ cup cold water
 ¾ cup cold milk
 1 cup nut meats

Sift and measure white flour and mix with remaining dry ingredients. Blend liquid ingredients. Combine wet and dry ingredients, and stir until dry ingredients are dampened. Add nuts. Bake 1¼ hours in slow oven, 325 degrees F. Makes 1 loaf. Age 2 days before cutting.



MARK'S ALL-PURPOSE DRESSING

2 hard boiled eggs
 8 slices of toasted
 bread

½ cup chopped celery
 1 diced apple

Fry celery, onion and apple in butter and simmer until tender, then add three cups of water. Pour mixture over broken-up toasted bread, add two hard boiled eggs that have been sliced, then add enough broth from chicken, beef or pork to make mixture rather moist. Add salt and pepper to taste and a little sage. Place in pan or glass dish and bake in oven until brown on top. Excellent either hot or served cold with gravy. Enough for four.



JOHN BROWN'S BANANA CAKE

1 cup sugar
 ½ cup butter
 1 beaten egg
 1 cup mashed
 bananas

1½ cups sifted flour
 1½ tsp. soda (level)
 2 tablespoons
 sweet milk

Cream sugar and butter, add egg, flour, soda and milk mixture, and then mashed bananas. Mix well and bake in loaf tin in moderate oven until done. Frost with your favorite white frosting.

STUBBY'S STEAKED SPAGHETTI



- ¼ lb. cheese, grated
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 lb. round steak, ground
- 1½ cups of tomato soup
- 2 green peppers, chopped
- 2 cups cooked spaghetti or macaroni

Combine cheese, onion, soup, steak, peppers and spaghetti or macaroni and season with salt and pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly and pour into a baking dish. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) about 45 minutes.

MERCER'S AMERICANIZED TACOS



- 2 doz. Tortillas
- 1 lb. Wisconsin Long-horn cheese
- 3 med. sized tomatoes diced
- 2 lbs. ground round steak
- 2 heads lettuce, shredded
- 1 small onion, chopped fine

Mix onion and ground round steak together. Put each ingredient in separate bowls. Fold tortillas in half and fry in hot fat—400 degrees—just before smoking—until brown. Remove tortillas and fill with 2 tablespoons meat mixture, 2 tablespoons cheese, lettuce and tomatoes to suit. Enjoy with salt, pepper and Louisiana Hot sauce to taste.

JETHRO'S HONEY CORN BREAD



- 1 cup corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp. double-acting baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 2 eggs
- 2 tblsp. shortening

Mix honey and fat. Add beaten eggs and milk. Blend with dry ingredients and bake at 375 degrees from 20 to 30 minutes.

DONNA'S GREEK MACARONI AND CHEESE SOUFFLE



- 2 lbs. long macaroni
 - 1½ lbs ground beef
 - ¾ lb. Italian cheese
 - ½ lb. butter
 - 1 onion
- CRUST
- 1½ qts. milk
 - 1 tbsp. flour
 - 6 eggs

Chop onion—add to ground beef. Brown lightly. Boil macaroni—drain large casserole dish and prepare in layers, putting macaroni on bottom—ground beef—top it with cheese, salt and pepper, and very little cinnamon. Then prepare crust. Mix ingredients and bring to boil stirring continuously until it begins to thicken. Pour over macaroni casserole and bake 20-25 minutes, at 400 degrees.

*the
Holdens,
the
Duanes,
and the
Stilwills*



FAMILIAR VOICES on the air. Jack Holden is shown in the top picture with his wife, Christine, and their son John Haviland, age 8. Jack has been with WLS 23 years and Mrs. Holden was a popular singer on the station for many years, affectionately known as "The Little Swiss Miss."

In the center is Bill Duane, his wife Helen, and daughters, Kristen, 11, and Elizabeth, "Missy," age 9.

Jack Stilwill is having coffee with his wife, Dorothy Jeanne and their son "Rick," 18. Oh yes—perched on Jack's shoulder is another important member of the family, their parakeet, "Buddy."





YOU WERE THERE...
if you listened to the news on WLS

YES, IF YOU listened to WLS you were there just as soon as top news events, such as those portrayed below, took place. Rounding up the news for you was the WLS news staff (above left, reading up): Jerry Uhrhammer, Dave Schoumacher, Ass't News Director Harold Salzman, Norman Syse, and News Director Bill Small. Sometimes news was covered by recorded telephone interview, such as the one Jack Holden is making (center) as





Newsman Salzman and Engineer Chuck Ostler stand by. Sometimes our men are on the spot, as above where Newsmen Syse and Uhrhammer board the Joseph Medill, a Chicago Fire Department fireboat which ranges over a wide area fighting waterfront blazes. Heading up the News Staff is WLS Director of News Bill Small (right) whose department in 1955 won the Headliners Club Award as the nation's outstanding radio news operation, the World Understanding Award of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, top Civil Defense citations and other honors. At the end of 1955, the Radio-Television News Directors Association awarded WLS its Distinguished Achievement Award in Radio News.



BRUCE DAVIES is shown at the right interviewing a shipper to the Union Stockyards from our studio in the Chicago Live-stock Exchange building. Bruce is heard daily on "RFD 890" with his news, views, and interviews.



LLOYD BURLINGHAM, pictured next to Bruce, is heard daily at noontime on WLS. "Doc," as he is familiarly known, is a veteran farm commentator and a practical farmer experienced in agriculture.

**FARM
SERVICE
IS THEIR
BUSINESS**



IN THE CENTER picture are Harry Campbell and his family—his wife, Betty, and daughters Becky, 13, and Barbara who is five years old. Harry, who is a veteran in radio, is another important member of our Farm Service team. He conducts the informative Farm Bulletin Board program each week-day morning on WLS from 6 to 6:30 o'clock.



THE BOTTOM picture on this page shows the Dix Harper family in the living room of their home in Wheaton. Of course there's Dix, his wife, Shirley, Susan, age 4, and Tod who is two years old. Dix is Farm News Editor of WLS and he is heard regularly on "RFD 890" giving listeners important farm news, the latest market reports, weather, and Noontime News.



DAVE SWANSON, manager of the Chicago Livestock Producers Commission Association, is shown in the picture at far left. Dave outlines the trends and possibilities of the livestock market every Saturday noon on WLS.

BILL MORRISEY (left) of the Chicago Livestock Exchange, has been heard regularly on WLS since 1940, giving our listeners the latest and most authentic livestock market reports at noon direct from the Union Stockyards in Chicago.

BILL MASON, another young man who makes farm service to WLS listeners his business, is shown below with his wife Patricia in their home at La Grange. Bill can be heard conducting many of the important agricultural programs on WLS.



THE MEMBERS of the WLS Farm Program Department give their full time to serving the farm families of the great middle west, bringing them the weather news, up-to-the-minute market reports, farm news and information. Because of the nature of agriculture and its importance to everyone as consumers our farm programs also have a large audience of city dwellers.

Our Farm Program Department has only one goal. That is—to help the farmers of Prairie Farmerland improve their standing in the world by keeping them informed so they can adjust their operations to bring them the largest return. In addition to a complete schedule of farm programs broadcast daily from our studios WLS broadcasts direct from all important mid-west agricultural events.

Yes—truly—farm service IS their business.

SMILING RIGHT OUT at you in the picture above is the Maynard Bertsch family. In this happy group with Maynard are his wife, Esther, their daughter, Linda who is 16, and son Larry who has reached the ripe old age of 18. Maynard is Farm Program Director of Prairie Farmer-WLS and conducts Dinnerbell Time. This program is the oldest continuous farm service program on radio. Members of the Bertsch family share one hobby together—their fine new home in Wheaton.



OUR WLS Orchestra, heard regularly on Dinnerbell Time, the National Barn Dance, and many other musical programs is shown above. Standing at the left is Herman Felber, director, and seated at the right is Ted Dumoulin, cellist and orchestra manager, both of whom have been directing orchestral activities at WLS since 1926.

music makers



HOWARD PETERSON, his wife Avis Leone, and daughter Melody, who is 13 years old, are seen in the center picture enjoying a game of Scrabble in their home in Riverside. An extremely talented musician Howard has been staff organist at WLS for many years. He is heard playing the large pipe organ in our Prairie Farmer studios.

WHEN YOU hear Dolph, Lulu Belle and Scotty, Woody and others singing on the afternoon programs on WLS during the week you may be sure that it's the WLS Rangers accompanying them. Here they are at the right: Dave Chausow, violinist, Lou Prohut, accordionist, "Doc" Swalley, string bass, and Verne Fiedler, guitarist and leader of the group. The Rangers are also featured in their instrumental numbers and they are kept plenty busy in the Old Hayloft Saturday nights during the National Barn Dance.



THE CHORE BOYS, shown below, are just about the busiest bunch of fellows on the National Barn Dance Saturday nights. They accompany many of the Barn Dance favorites and also make a decided hit whenever they play one of their novel instrumental arrangements. Left to right are Jimmy Hutchinson, Toby Nix, "Tiny" Murphy, Augie Klein and John Frigo.



DR. JOHN WESLEY HOLLAND and his wife, Daisy, are shown in the garden of their home in Oak Park. The beloved pastor of Prairie Farmer-WLS has conducted Little Brown Church of the Air services Sunday mornings for over 23 years. Dr. Holland recently celebrated his Golden Anniversary in the ministry.

DR. and
MRS.
holland

REV. and
MRS.
WOOD

REV. WALTER S. WOOD, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, and his wife, Faith, are shown below. Rev. Wood is well known to WLS listeners as he has conducted Little Brown Church broadcasts during Dr. Holland's absences.

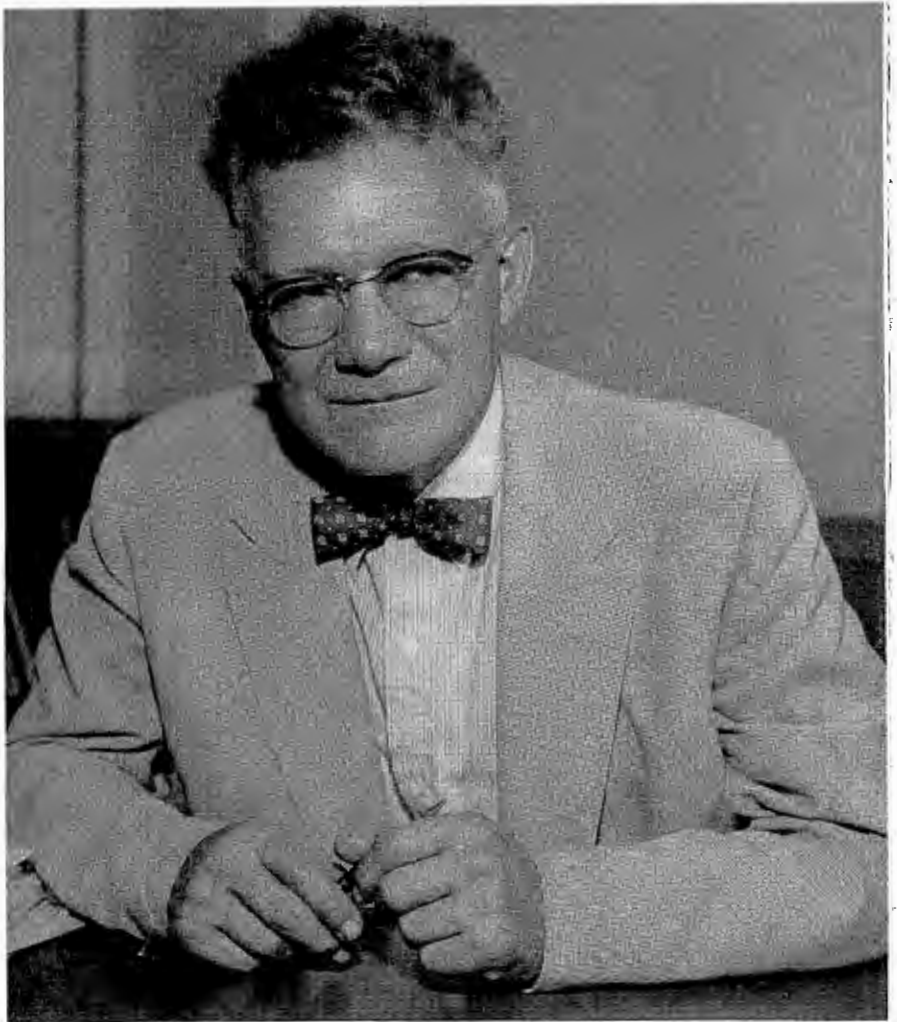


JOHN BROWN, a real WLS veteran. John, a talented musician, has been staff pianist at WLS since 1928. His wife Juanita, also a pianist and singer, was popular on the air in the early days of WLS. The Browns have two daughters, Joan, 19, and Bette, 16.

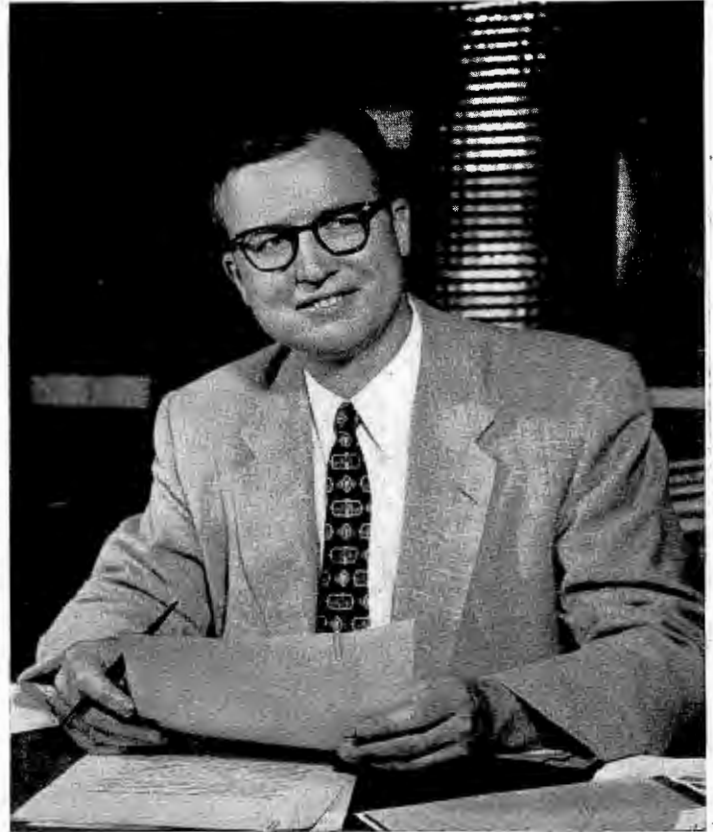
FARMLAND, U.S.A. IS OUR BEAT

PRAIRIE FARMER EDITORS work as a team to produce a "heads up" farm newspaper that helps the farmer make a success of his business. State editors live and work in their own state. They know what their people think and what they need. Other editors visit agricultural colleges and experiment stations in search of new ideas. Editors send in farm news regularly for WLS newscasts and farm programs, thus giving WLS listeners the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

PAUL C. JOHNSON (right) has headed the Prairie Farmer editorial staff since 1947 and conducts the Editor's Roundup every Saturday morning at 11:30 over WLS. His "Business of Farming" is a popular editorial feature.



RALPH S. YOHE, associate editor, is a trained scientist in charge of new research in agriculture and travels widely to get the newest and best information on how to improve livestock and crops.

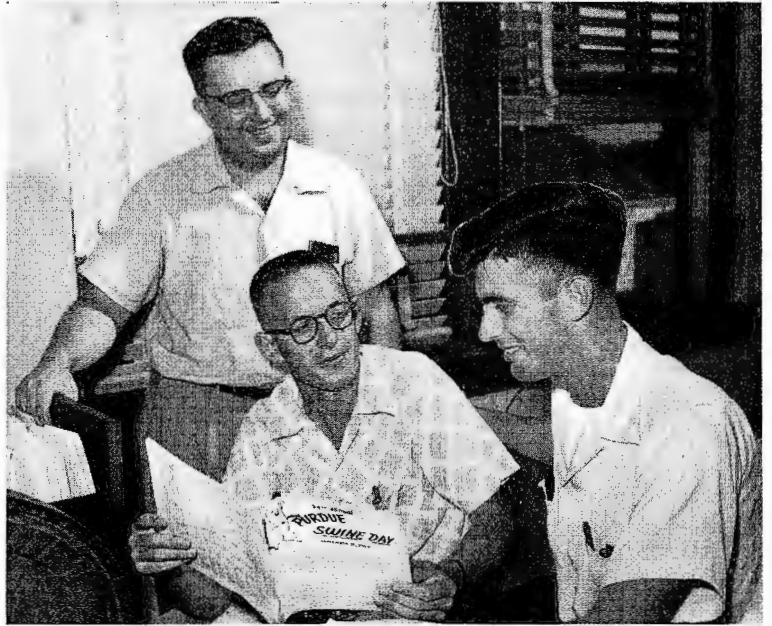


JAMES THOMSON, managing editor, is in charge of newspaper production. He also edits the garden department and keeps readers posted on the Washington situation through Farm Report and special articles.

HOME EDITOR JERI JENSEN (below) visits farm homes and test kitchens to get ideas. She puts in the homey touch that makes Prairie Farmer a family paper.



JAMES LILLY, seated below with folder, is Indiana Editor. He devotes his full time to his home state and is shown interviewing Richard Hollandbeck and J. H. Conrad of Purdue University.



RICHARD ALBRECHT (below) Illinois editor and manager of the Farm Progress Show in 1953 and 1955, is a student of agriculture affairs and writes articles analyzing farm methods.

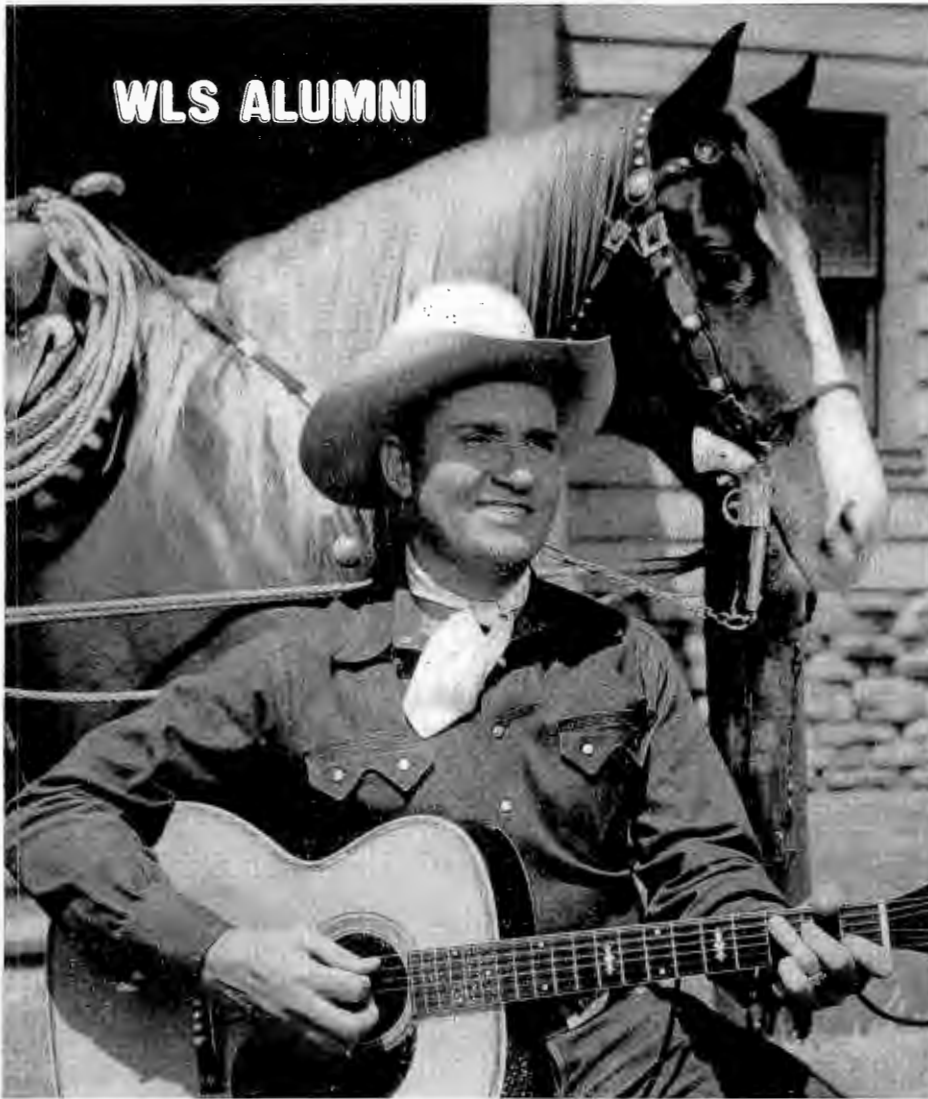


KEATS VINING (below), Michigan editor, knows farm folks well as a result of many years as a county agent. Here he is interviewing Carl Hessler, Kent county farmer.



DELLA LOUI, Wisconsin editor, is an accomplished horsewoman and thorough farm reporter. She is always on top of important Wisconsin agricultural events.

WLS ALUMNI



HERE ARE TOP personalities who got their first real start in radio and show business on WLS. Gene Autry (above), still active on the air, operates several of his own radio stations. Below is George Gobel as he looked as the "Little Singing Cowboy" on WLS in 1931 and as a successful star today. Top right is jovial Rex Allen, the Arizona Cowboy, now a top western movie star; center is the "Alabama Flash" Pat Buttram, busy on the air and in pictures; and below him is Smiley Burnette, still "going strong" making movies and in radio and personal appearances.



PROGRAMMING

THE IMPORTANT responsibility of planning and supervising all programs on WLS, including the National Barn Dance, falls on the shoulders of Herb Howard, program director, shown at the right. Herb has had a long and varied experience in radio. He was program director of WNAX, Yankton, S. D., for several years.



THREE MEN who assist Herb in his program planning and preparation, and who keep programs "moving" on the air, are pictured above. At the top, left to right are Ray Farris and Bill Joyce, and just above is Al Rice. Ray has been in radio as a singer and in programming since 1926; Bill Joyce, among his other duties, produces the National Barn Dance; Al Rice was for many years a member of the famous Maple City Four quartet.

AT THE RIGHT (left to right) are Mary Kay Lehman, Hazel Moore and Alice McNamara, who are always busy in our music library. Hazel Moore has been with WLS for 20 years and was with KYW in the early days of Chicago radio.



LEE BALDWIN, who is in charge of our music department, is shown above with his wife, Claire, and daughter, Barbara, 16, in the garden of their home in LaGrange Highlands. It is Lee's responsibility to coordinate all musical activities on WLS.



**MARTHA CRANE
and her family,
and GRACE,
KAY, and RITA**

MARTHA CRANE and the other three members of the Raymond L. Caris family are shown above on the porch of their home in Highland Park; left to right: Barry, 16, "Dad" Caris, Crane who is 20, and Martha, who has broadcast her very popular and informative women's programs on WLS for over 27 years.

GRACE CASSIDY, who has a most important job as Traffic Manager, is sincerely loved by everyone at Prairie Farmer-WLS. Grace has been busy at WLS since before the station's first program was broadcast in April, 1924

KATHRYN BRADY, (below center) is continuity editor and it is her job to be sure that all scripts are "right" in every way before being broadcast.

RITA ASCOT BOYD, a talented actress, has conducted children's programs on WLS; heard frequently on School Time; and her present Shoppers Program Saturday mornings is immensely popular.





FOR THE FIRST TIME all 19 Saffords came to a family reunion at the Safford home in Wheaton this past summer and sat still long enough to be photographed. The Saffords' three daughters and one son, with their respective husbands and wife, and nine grandchildren "came home" from Hawaii, from California and from Illinois. With Harold Safford, a real veteran of WLS, who for many years was WLS Program Director, and is now assistant to the General Manager, and his wife, Mabel, seated center, are (sitting) Carol Kernahan, 8; Ann, 5, and Mrs. Gail Safford; Mrs. Kathie Lou McConnell holding Tommy, 3; Jimmy McConnell, 5; baby Colleen Kernahan, 9 months; Mrs. Betty Kernahan; Mrs. Genevieve Pillsbury, holding baby Paula, 7 months; and Candy Lei Kernahan, 5. Standing are Bill Safford holding Paul, 3; John McConnell; Rev. Earl Kernahan; Earl Pillsbury; and Karen Kernahan, 10.

**"ONE MAN'S
FAMILY"**



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YOU JUST CAN'T do without the girls, and in the two pictures at the left you see THE BEST, all of them doing an important job "behind the scenes" at WLS.

IN THE CENTER picture (left to right foreground) are: Mary Ryan, Nancy Roberts, Nancy Allen, Margaret McCallag; at the back are: Emma Olsberg, Henrietta Stricker, Grace Cassidy, Mildred Burton and Carol Forsbeck.

IN THE BOTTOM picture (left to right) are: Geri Lattyak, Marion Kay, Shirley Blaha, Ruth Luce, Grace Patrick, Betty McCann, Emma Bauman and Mildred Fredrickson.

JO WETZLER and SCHOOL TIME

MRS. JOSEPHINE WETZLER, director of our Prairie Farmer-WLS School Time program, is shown at top right with four of her grandchildren: left to right they are: John Gainer, 6; Donna Jo Gainer, 3; George Knackstedt, 6; and Robert Knackstedt, 6. Two other grandchildren—Roberta Wetzler, 11, and Thomas Edward Wetzler the second, 8—live in California. At the right, Josephine Wetzler receives the Freedoms Foundation Award for School Time's "Outstanding Contribution to the American Way of Life" from W. C. Sawyer of the Foundation. Josephine Wetzler was selected as one of seven outstanding women broadcasters to receive McCall Magazine's "Gold Mike" award for distinguished public service. At top center Mrs. Wetzler is being presented with her "Gold Mike" and pictured with her is, left to right: Vernon H. Nickell, Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction; Elizabeth Marshall, of Chicago Radio Council; John W. Dailey, features editor of McCall's; Mrs. Wetzler; Glenn Snyder, general manager of WLS; and W. E. Winn, president of Pure Milk Association. Pictured at center right is one group of the thousands of school children who visit our studios each year to see and hear the School Time programs. The School Time program was launched in 1937 and is recognized as the nation's outstanding in-classroom educational program on radio.

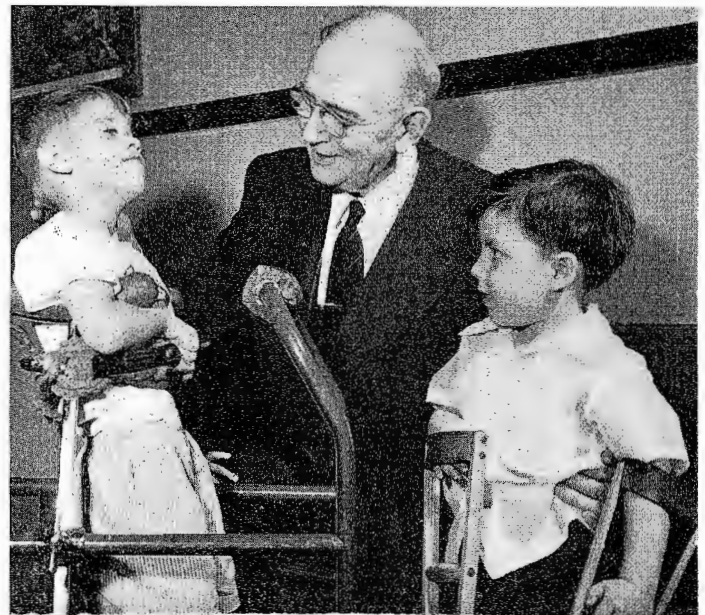


ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT, are Mollie Feldman of the Prairie Farmer-WLS Protective Union, and Ray Neilson, special investigator, who assist our readers and listeners with many and varied problems. Right above are Fred Vopatek and Max Thompson, two WLS veterans, who see to it that records and transcriptions go on the air at the right time.

OF THE MANY BOYS and girls who sent their pictures and wrote letters in response to Rita Ascot's request on her Aunt Rita's Childrens Hour last summer we have chosen the six



ART A. KILLIAN of Eagle River, Wis., was visitor No. 2,500,000 to the WLS National Barn Dance at the Eighth Street Theatre on Sept. 24, and he is shown above with Mrs. Killian receiving the congratulations of Jack Stilwill in the Old Hayloft. Jack presented Mrs. Killian with a big bouquet and Mr. Killian with a portable radio.



YOU—OUR LISTENERS and readers—have contributed the magnificent total of \$436,745.61 to the Prairie Farmer-WLS Christmas Neighbors Club since 1935. During these twenty years more than 749 institutions in the listener and reader area of Prairie Farmer and WLS have benefited through your thoughtfulness. Thousands of important items have been supplied to these institutions, including 3,813 radios, 2,261 wheel chairs, 1,512 inhalators, 941 orthopedic walkers, 533 hospital beds and hundreds of other pieces of necessary equipment. Dr. Holland is shown above with two little boys in a hospital who are using Christmas Neighbors Club equipment.



pictures shown here to appear in this year's Family Album.. Left to right they are: Richard Hayes, age 12, of Lombard, Ill.; Darlene Albrecht, age 8, of Francesville, Ind.; Alan Spoor of Winamac, Ind.; Beverly Rae Platt, age 12, of Joliet, Ill.; Charles D. Straw, Route 2, Goshen, Ind.; Donna Jean Wyka, age 11, of Quiver Beach, Havana, Ill.



MORE THAN one hundred thousand people attended the 1955 Prairie Farmer-WLS Farm Progress Show held on the Whitman Taylor farm near Belvidere in Boone county, Ill., Sept 29-Oct. 1. Pictures on these pages were taken at the world's biggest farm field event, which this year broke all records. At the left two 4-H Club boys raise our Nation's Flag at opening ceremonies. Above you see just a part of the crowd in front of the



JAMES E. EDWARDS, president of Prairie Farmer-WLS, is shaking hands with Mr. and Mrs. Whitman Taylor, hosts for the big event. Three hundred airplanes, representing the Flying Farmers of Prairie Farmerland, arrived for the show and part of them are shown below on the airstrip parked to spell out the words "flying farmers." Lower right Jeri Jensen,

1955
Farm Progress
Show

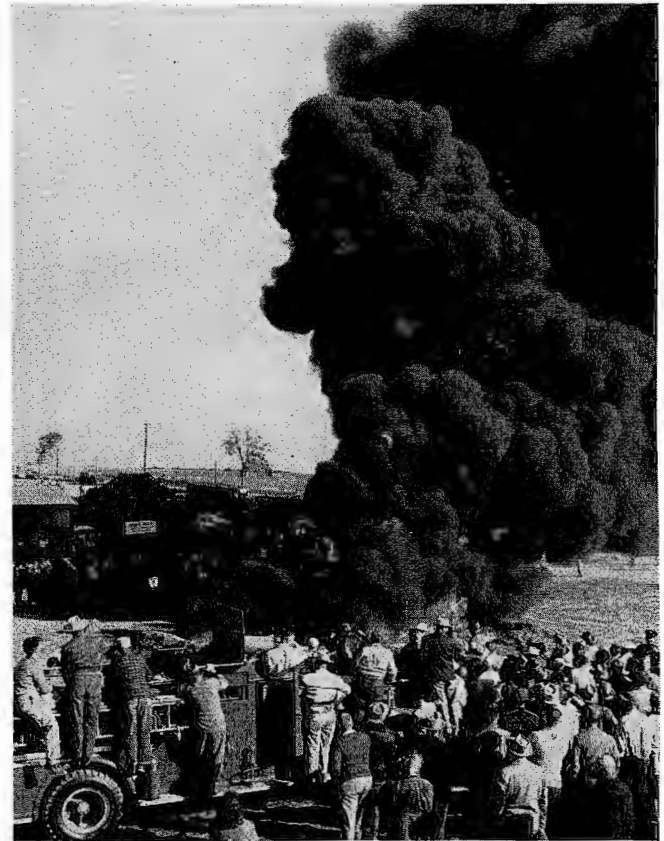


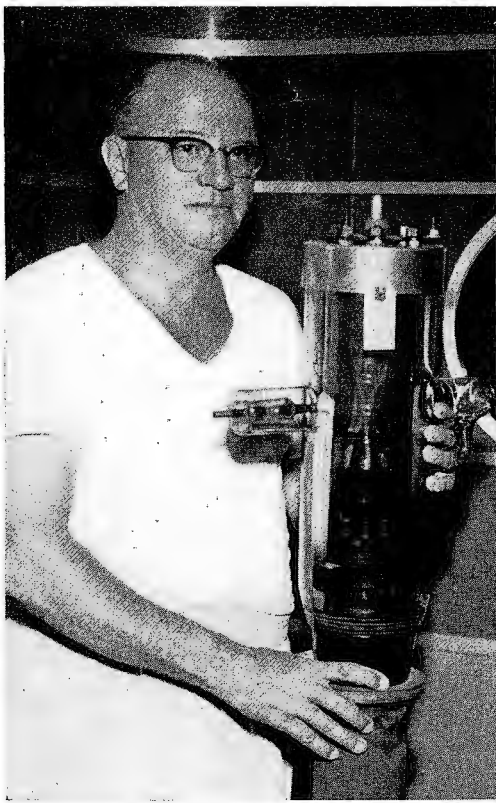


main stage at the Progress Show enjoying one of the programs presented three times daily by WLS artists. The picture upper right shows one of the several parking spaces being jammed with the thousands of cars bringing people to the big show. The picture below it was taken during one of the several fire-fighting demonstrations.



home editor, Maynard Bertsch, farm program director, Jim Thomson, managing editor and Paul Johnson, editor of Prairie Farmer, are in a huddle comparing notes. In the picture lower right you'll recognize Captain Stubby, Dr. Holland and Dix Harper, busy at the show.





BEHIND THE SCENES

WHEN YOU telephone Monroe 6-9700 to talk with someone at Prairie Farmer-WLS or obtain information the friendly voice that usually greets you at our main switchboard belongs to Ann Miller. Ann has been with Prairie Farmer-WLS over 23 years.



ABOVE RIGHT is Thomas L. Rowe, chief engineer of WLS. Tom is a real pioneer in radio broadcasting and has been efficiently handling his important and intricate duties as "chief" since the station went on the air in 1924. At the left is Homer Courchene, another expert and pioneer in radio, is chief engineer at our transmitter. Homer has been with WLS since the first broadcast and is shown inspecting one of the high power amplifier tubes which is 5 feet high. Both Tom and Homer sailed the seven seas as radio operators before entering broadcasting.



AT THE RIGHT above is John Allen, assistant treasurer of WLS, who has been with the station since 1934. Smiling Bill Kearney (left) says "hello" if you phone WLS in the early morning.

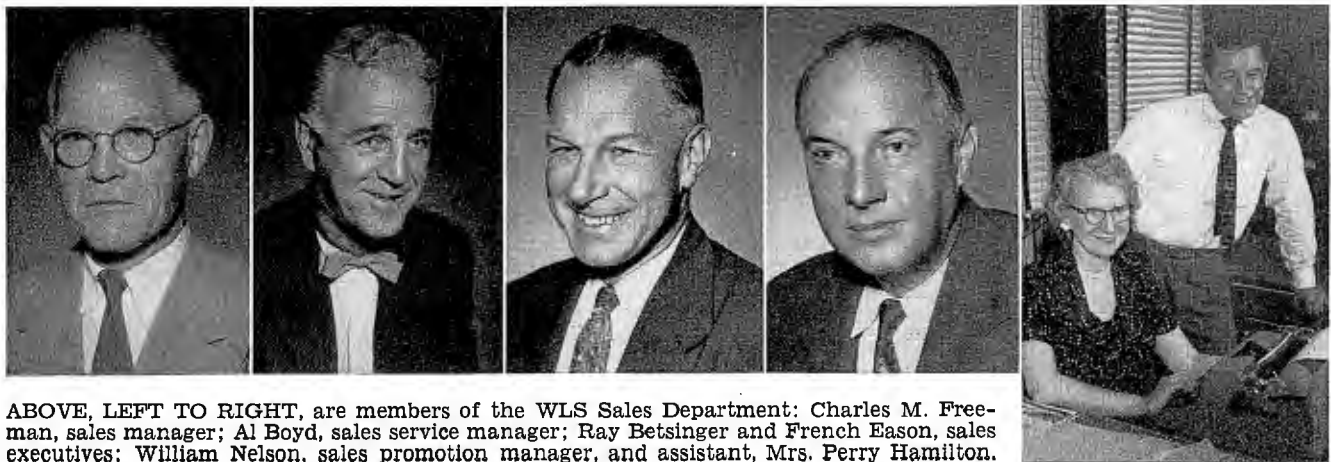
WILLIAM E. RENSHAW, circulation manager of Prairie Farmer (seated above) is discussing features in a recent issue with Kenneth Laus, and Wayne Perry, two of the large staff of Prairie Farmer field representatives. Bill has been with Prairie Farmer 35 years.



MEMBERS OF the WLS Artists Bureau are seen at the left. Shown (left to right) are Mrs. Earl Kurtze, Earl Kurtze, Georgia Smith, and George Ferguson, manager. George has been associated with WLS for more than 30 years. The Artists Bureau arranges all personal appearances of WLS personalities at county and state fairs, theatres, and other events.



TODAY'S PROBLEMS AND TOMORROW'S PLANS are the daily concern of the Board of Directors of Prairie Farmer, shown above. Left to right around the conference table they are: Fred W. Orlemann, treasurer of Prairie Farmer; George R. Cook, treasurer of WLS; Paul C. Johnson, editor of Prairie Farmer; James E. Edwards, president of Prairie Farmer and WLS; Bowen E. Schumacher, legal counsel; Vernon C. Anderson, advertising manager and secretary of Prairie Farmer; and Glenn Snyder, vice president and general manager of WLS. The inset picture is of Gus A. Holt, vice president of Prairie Farmer and WLS, who was unable to be present when the group picture was taken.



ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT, are members of the WLS Sales Department: Charles M. Freeman, sales manager; Al Boyd, sales service manager; Ray Betsinger and French Eason, sales executives; William Nelson, sales promotion manager, and assistant, Mrs. Perry Hamilton.

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at the WLS National Barn Dance
SATURDAY NIGHTS at the 8th STREET THEATRE



