

BEHIND the MIKE

TOMMY SMITH, formerly program director of WPEN, Philadelphia, now stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pa., with the 103d Engineers, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Army camp newspaper. He will be transferred to Harrisburg, Pa., to fulfill his new duties.

AXEL GRUENBERG, a former member of the NBC production staff in Chicago, and Roy Lockwood, recently with the British Press Service, have joined the NBC production staff in New York.

ROY COLLINS, page boy of WOR, New York, as well as songwriter, tap dancer and singer, last week won first prize for his acting on the amateur radio theatre program *People's Playhouse*, heard weekly on WOR, New York.

PAUL HADLEY, news editor and special events announcer of WWNJ, Watertown, N. Y., leaves shortly to join the Naval Reserve.

JIM ROSE, formerly of WNYC, New York, and Bob Walters new to radio, have joined the announcing staff of WWNJ, Watertown, N. Y.

ARTHUR VAN HORN, formerly announcer of KFRC, San Francisco, has joined the announcing staff of WOR, New York.

JOHN T. VORPE, formerly production manager of WHK, Cleveland, and previously publicity director of WTAM, Cleveland, has joined MBS as program service supervisor, concentrating on the Coca Cola Co. account and new program ideas.

Mrs. Barber Honored

MRS. WALTER BARBER, wife of "Red" Barber, ace sportscaster of WOR, New York, last week received a fitted traveling case as a token of appreciation from his friends at WOR. An accompanying letter from Alfred J. McCosker, WOR president, stated that the gift was sent to make up in part for "the many hours Red has spent on the air and away from home," and as thanks "for your cooperation and efforts which have spurred him on to greater achievements."

LORING KNECHT has left KFJR, Bismarck, N. D., to join WCAL, Northfield, Minn. He is replaced by Bill Weaver, formerly of Aberdeen, S. D.

TED GRACE, announcer of WJR, Detroit, recently qualified as an ensign in the Naval Reserve, and expects to receive orders for active duty by mid-October.

JOHN D. WHITMORE, formerly director of publicity of WJHP, Jacksonville, has been named program director of WLOF, Orlando, Fla.

ROY HANSEN has been appointed chief announcer of WLOF, Orlando, Louise Grant, publicity director, and Charles F. Dallas, chief auditor.

BILL McCORD, announcer of the *Boys Town* and *Easy Chair* programs of WLW, Cincinnati, has been called to do civilian work in the emergency personnel department of the Secretary of War. He assumed his new duties Oct. 6.

ALLEN WARD, formerly of WTSP, St. Petersburg, Fla., has joined WPAT, Paterson, N. J., as announcer and commercial copywriter. Also new to the WPAT announcing staff is Hal Kosut, formerly of WWRL, New York.

JACK MARTIN, formerly announcer on the *Fashions in Music* program on WHN, New York, has rejoined WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., as sports announcer.

RAY REEVE has been promoted to program director of WRAL, Raleigh, N. C.

PHIL COHEN, radio director-producer recently head of the radio research program of the Library of Congress on a Rockefeller Grant, has joined WNYC, New York's Municipal station, as acting program director in charge of production.

PRIVATE THOMAS DeHUFF, formerly in the advertising and promotion department of NBC, has received a specialist rating and is serving in the Public Relations Office at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He recently completed a series of Army broadcasts on WCAP, Asbury Park, N. J. Also serving in the same Public Relations Office and promoted to corporal Oct. 2 is Alfred M. Scott, former in the NBC sound division.

MARJORIE HAYE CAMP, free-lance radio writer and formerly on the editorial staff of *Time* and *Life* Magazines, has joined WMCA, New York, as a continuity writer. Also joined WMCA on the production staff is Waring Gillespie, formerly of J. W. Pepper Adv. Agency.

BILL HUCK, formerly of WGAC, Augusta, Ga., is now in the Naval Air Corps.

WILLIAM S. BARKENTIN, formerly of the Oliver Saylor Publicity Office, has joined WOR, New York, as a continuity editor, succeeding Robert Blake, who last Monday was inducted into the Army.

PAUL STEWART, formerly of KFBI, Wichita, Kan., has joined the announcing staff of KWBW, Hutchinson, Kan.

GENE MARTIN, news editor of WFAA, Dallas, Tex., on Oct. 3 married Gertrude Buchanan of Denver.

JIM DOYLE, Hollywood announcer, has been assigned to the three-weekly quarter-hour *News & Views* with John B. Hughes, which started Sept. 30 for five weeks under sponsorship of Studebaker Sales Corp., on 32 Don Lee stations.

HUBERT MOREHEAD, of Columbus, O., has joined the announcing staff of WMRN, Marion, O.

TOM DYER, of the promotion department of KSO-KRNT, Des Moines, is the father of a baby girl born Sept. 23.

BYRON PALMER, of CBS Hollywood guest relations staff, has been made an announcer. Clark George has taken over his former duties.



IT'S THE MIKE on the flying trapeze as WSIX, Nashville, does an interview with members of the Peaches Sky Revue at the Tennessee State Fair. Jack Wolever, program director of the station, sits 100 feet up for his interview with one of the members of the act.

BOB SEAL, of KGO-KPO, San Francisco, is now conducting the weekly class in radio writing at the U. of California extension division in place of Arnold Marquis who recently transferred to NBC Hollywood.

HAROLD MODLIN, announcer of WIBC, Indianapolis, is taking instructions in flying.

JACK SULLIVAN, formerly of WNBC, New Britain, Conn., has joined WFCL, Pawtucket, R. I., as editor and newscaster.

BILL ADAMS, formerly of WSAZ, Huntington, W. Va., has joined WCHS, Charleston, W. Va. Ronald Dawson, formerly of WOL and WJSV, Washington, has joined WCHS as production manager and continuity chief.

BILL MURPHY, continuity director of KIT, Yakima, Wash., is the father of a baby boy born Sept. 24. Dave Lindberg, KIT traffic manager, on Sept. 24 became the father of a girl.

VIC HURLEY, formerly continuity director of KOMO-KJR, Seattle, has joined KHQ-KGA, Spokane, Wash., as program director. H. J. McAllister, acting production manager of KHQ-KGA, has been named chief announcer.

GEORGE HALL, former editor of the *St. Louis County Observer*, has joined the news staff of KMOX, St. Louis, replacing Don P. Owenby, who has resigned to take a job in the East.

MRS. WILL R. ATKINSON, former studio hostess at WLW-WSAI, and former soprano soloist with the Cincinnati Symphony, died Oct. 2 at her home in Cincinnati at the age of 60.

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