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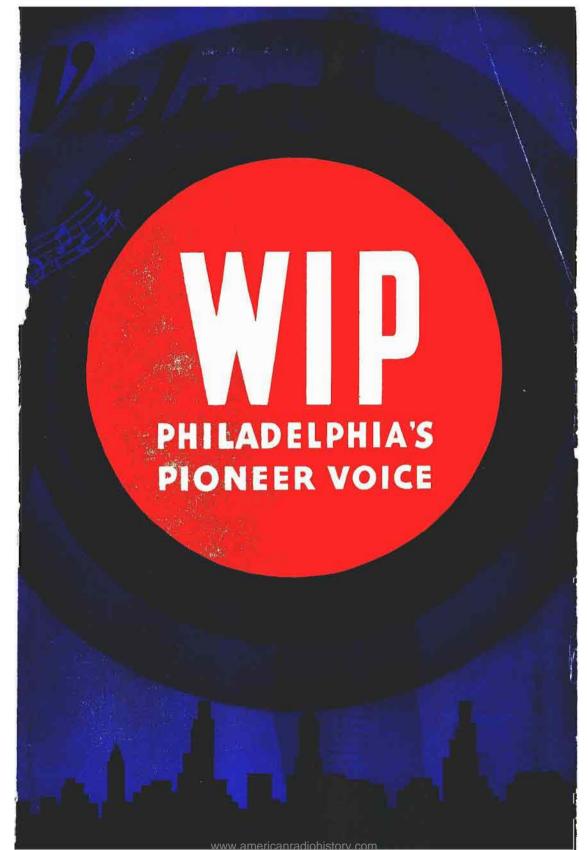
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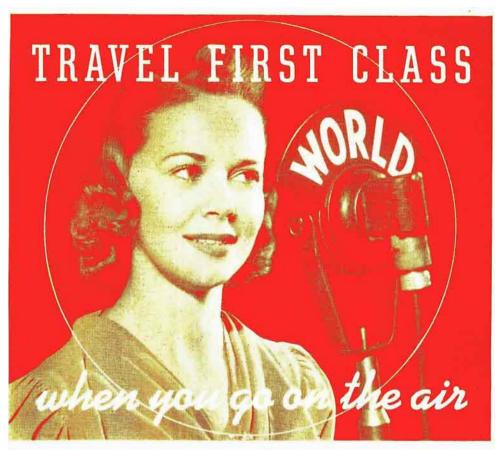
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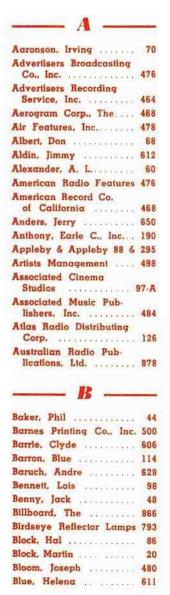
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Minstrelsy came and went. Vaudeville did likewise. The legitimate theater is on its last legs.

Radio entertainment, in so far as type of program is concerned, has pretty much followed the same course that was trod by the stage, and it is only in recent years that a few strictly radio formats have been developed to a point where they belong specifically to radio.

Whereas the engineers and technicians of radio have made steady improvement in the mechanical end, the producing department has shown less enterprise and ingenuity; much of today's dramatic radio fare, for instance, is the equivalent of the old-time "mellers" of stage and screen.

Radio's popularity in the years to come will depend entirely on the broadcasters' ability to hold the public ear by improvements, innovations and periodical fillips to revive interest when it falls into one of those inevitable ruts.

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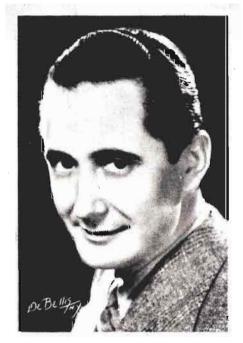
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Out of some 31,500,000 American families, more than 25,000,000 have radio sets; 4,500,000 homes have two or three sets, and there are in excess of 5,000,000 radio-equipped autos.

Radio time sales in 1937 exceeded \$125,000,000, compared with \$108,000,000 in 1936; national network billings accounted for about 55 per cent of the amount.

Approximately \$500,000,000 was spent by the public in purchasing 8,000,000 radio receiving sets in 1937, against 8,248,755 sets sold in 1936, when the all-time record was set.

Amount spent on radio talent in the past year is roughly estimated at \$45,000,000.

A survey by the magazine Fortune on favorite pastimes gave radio first place with 18.3 per cent; movies, 17.3 per cent; magazines-books, 13.8 per cent; hunting-fishing, 11 per cent; watching sporting events, 10.4 per cent; newspapers, 7.1 per cent.

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Unions Launch Organization of Radio Workers, Resulting in Widespread Adoption of 40-Hour Week, Wage Increases, Etc.

John Elmer is Elected President of NAB, succeeding C. W. Myers.

Warner Bros. Pictures Revealed as Having 65 per cent Control of Transamerican.

WLW Line is Established as Potential Fourth National Network.

Congressional Probe of Radio Demanded in Several Bills.

Elliott Roosevelt Becomes Head of Hearst Radio.

Paul M. Segal, attorney, suspended for irregular practices before FCC; charges against George S. Smith dismissed.

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Marconi sent and received his first wireless signals across his father's estate in 1894.

First signal to be sent across the Atlantic was plucked by Marconi in Newfoundland on Dec. 12, 1901.

Broadcasting as it is known today "officially" started Nov. 2, 1920, when KDKA of Pittsburgh aired the Harding-Cox election returns. Station operated under an experimental radio-telephone license until Nov. 7, 1921, when its regular broadcasting license was issued.

First station to obtain a regular license for broadcasting was WBZ, Springfield, Mass., which was issued a license by the Department of Commerce on Sept. 15, 1921, while WWJ, Detroit, was licensed Oct. 13, 1921, although it opened experimentally on Aug. 20, 1920.

First radio station to broadcast a play by television was WGY, Schenectady, which transmitted "The Queen's Messenger," a one-act drama, on Sept. 11, 1928.

Warner Bros. was the first film studio to go on the air with a program—the weekly "Vitaphone Hour" over CBS in 1928.

A telephone tieup between WEAF, New York, and WNAC, Boston, on Jan. 4, 1923, was the first "chain" broadcast; first multiple station hookup took place in June of same year.

Dempsey-Carpentier fight was the first boxing match to be aired, with Major Andrew J. White as announcer, on July 2, 1921.

Opening of Congress was broadcast for the first time on Dec. 4, 1923.

First international program was rebroadcast by WJZ from Coventry via Houlton, Me., in 1924.

First coast-to-coast broadcast took place Jan. 1, 1927, when a Rose Bowl football game was aired.

First round-the-world broadcast sent from Schenectady on June 30, 1930.

President Roosevelt inaugurates "fireside chats" on March 12, 1933.

WLW in Cincinnati starts operating with 500,000 watts, first and only station with such power (experimental).

RCA starts television tests from Empire State Building, New York, on June 29, 1936.

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NATIONAL NETWORKS

By



M. H. SHAPIRO

Associate Editor RADIO DAILY





NQUESTIONABLY one of the most healthy and progressive industries in the world, the major networks, virtually without knowledge of depressions, much less recessions, have never taken a step backward since their inception. Continuous progress, both financially and as public servants, has marked each successive month of their comparatively short histories, with the lucrative 1937 score showing a 16 per cent increase in gross receipts for the three major companies. Of the record breaking total of approximately \$69,200,000, NBC contributed \$38,651,286, up 12 per cent, for both the Red and Blue webs. CBS gross billing totaled \$28,722,118, an increase of 24 per cent. Mutual billings for the year were not far from the \$2,000,000 mark. The general trend at the close of the year was highly encouraging, as evidenced by the December billings.

During the year 1937, NBC added 41 stations (although not quite as many markets), bringing the grand total for the Red and Blue to 143 stations, with more additions in line for 1938. CBS added 21 stations and 18 markets, 3 outlets being involved in station changes, giving a grand total of 108 at the close of the year. For 1938 additional outlets have been set. Mutual, which began the year with 20 odd stations, increased the chain to 76 all told. In each instance, whether NBC's two chains, CBS or Mutual, the wattage added was a considerable factor.

Apart from newcomers, increased power grants to numerous outlets further boosted the wattage, while NBC and CBS expansion plans were much in evidence as to new equipment and facilities. Advertisers and their agencies have actually written the success story of

the radio network, and are continuing to write it, daily.

Educational side was strongly advanced, with NBC hiring Dr. James Rowland Angell, former Yale University prexy, as educational counselor. CBS formulated its Adult Educational Board, comprised of a strong array of nationally known educators and publicists. NBC brought Toscanini to conduct its own symphony orchestra to match CBS' New York Philharmonic broadcasts. Mutual has likewise sought to leave no stone unturned in an effort to maintain good music and educational features.

For 1938 the financial outlook is better than ever. The major network executives are busy concerning themselves with new developments, problems and obligations to the vast listening public.

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GENERALLY speaking, the individual station found itself in a stronger position financially during the year 1937 as compared to the year previous. A spot business recession made itself felt in the late fall, but this was considered more or less a part of the same aspect that confronted many other industries at the time.

For the coming year the broadcasters will be under additional overhead of serious nature, particularly the independently owned affiliated outlets of major webs. The increased burden imposed by the AFM requires a minimum of \$1,500,000 to be absorbed in extra musician salaries by the affiliates alone. What, if any, additional burden will be imposed upon the wholly independent stations remains to be seen at this writing.

Two major problems that confronted the broadcasters in 1937 were the AFM demands and the decision to reorganize the NAB, brought to a head as a result of the musician situation. Outcome of the

reorganization plan for the trade association will be found in another section of this volume pertaining to the NAB.

Usual percentage of Construction Permits for new stations were issued by the FCC during the year, and important power increases were granted numerous outlets. Appointment of Frank R. McNinch as Chairman of the FCC and the resultant new setup and procedure is generally regarded as being a fair one. Utterances by Chairman McNinch and other commissioners indicate no drastic changes in policy beyond what has taken place.

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Jack Benny

JELL-O PROGRAM

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DON WILSON
PHIL HARRIS
KENNY BAKER
SAM (SHLEPPERMAN) HEARN
ANDY DEVINE

My Authors:

BILL MORROW ED BELOIN

TELEVISION AND THE RADIO INDUSTRY

By David Sarnoff

President Radio Corporation of America, and Chairman of the Board of the National Broadcasting Company



RADIO—which grew from the seed planted by physicists to the point where it affects the life of nations — has "arrived," but only at an early station on its journey. We are just beginning to enter, in any practical way, the fascinating domain of ultra-high frequencies—in which radio sight will be added to radio sound.

RCA EXPERIMENTAL STATION

Television emerged from the laboratory "into the open air" on June 29, 1936. At that time RCA engineers began transmitting television images from the RCA experimental station at the top of the Empire State Tower, New York City, to receivers at selected observation points throughout the metropolitan area. As a result of continuous experiments under actual service conditions the transmitting antenna and much of RCA's other television equipment has been remodeled several times.

TELEVISION ENGINEERING PROGRESS

Week by week and month by month television engineering progress has seemed slow and difficult. Yet when we look back today over the relatively short period that separates us from our first television field tests we can observe a number of definite and promising achievements.

Whereas in 1936 each separate image was scanned with 343 lines, today we are scanning with 441 lines. This standard of picture-definition is now generally regarded as satisfactory. During the past year the color of tele-

vision pictures has been changed from green to black-and-white, and their brilliance greatly increased. The size of the picture has been increased from approximately 5 x 8 inches to 7½ x 10—almost double the area. In addition, important progress has been made in projecting television pictures of approximately 3 x 4 feet onto a screen. Kinescopes and other articles of television equipment have recently been made available to amateur experimenters.

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

These are some of the technical advances in television accomplished by RCA engineers during 1937. Meanwhile, the broadcasting service of RCA —the National Broadcasting Company -has been operating an experimental television studio in the RCA Building, and has also made significant progress in the development of television programs. Lighting and make-up, sound effects, scenic design and studio architecture, as well as the manipulation and coordination of television cameras. have been the subject of continuous study and experiment by NBC engineers and program specialists. New techniques for the writer, the director,



and the actor are being explored. Practical experiments with outside television pick-up equipment are now under way. It has become apparent that the television program must blaze many new trails in order to develop a form of presentation fitted both to the scope and limitations of the new medium.

Ultimately television will create its own individual art form—a fresh and unique world of illusion. It will supplement the older arts of stage, motion picture, and sound broadcasting, and supersede none.

TELEVISION TALENT

In the world of creative and expressive art the hardest question which television propounds is that of supplying talent. Television broadcasting, even more than sound broadcasting. will be the great consumer of art. It will constantly demand more and better writers, musicians, actors, and scenic designers-new thoughts, new words, new songs, ne wfaces, new backgrounds. Unlike a play on the stage or a motion picture which may run for a year, the television program, once it has been shown to a national audience, is on the scrap-heap. It is finished. Television will call for a whole new generation of artists.

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

In evolving a satisfactory program technique we have already learned that television programs will cost much more money than sound broadcast programs. If television programs are to be provided through the support of commercial sponsors, advertisers must first be furnished with sufficient circulation to justify their expenditures. Here we have the dual problem of simultaneously creating a cause and an

effect: we must create large audiences in order to support costly programs, and we must build costly programs in order to attract large audiences.

FACILITY PROBLEMS

To meet the requirements of a nationwide television service, vast sums of money must be invested in new facilities. The present range of useful television signals is less than 50 miles. The creation of even limited networks. with connection by coaxial cable or radio relay, is a highly expensive undertaking. As in every other pioneering development and rapidly changing art such investments cannot be made without risk. I believe, however, that the same American pioneering spirit of private enterprise which has given us great systems of transportation and communication, and has produced the great industries of the automobile, motion picture and radio, will likewise provide us with a nationwide system of television.

THE NEW INDUSTRY

Radio has already furnished extensive employment to both capital and labor. In television, the newest child of the radio art, we can foresee another vigorous industry which will provide many new avenues of employment, and will furnish opportunities to the younger generation looking for careers in new fields.

We can, I believe, look forward to the ultimate establishment of an American television system, which, like our present system of sound broadcasting, will employ many thousands of workers, will offer a unique advertising service to American business, and will render a free educational and entertainment service to the public.

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BENNY GOODMAN



THAT the power output from one microphone is so small that it would require the combined output of twenty-four billion microphones—or about twelve to every human being on earth—to produce sufficient power to light an ordinary 40-watt electric light bulb. Broadcast microphones produce only .0000000166 watts. This is amplified thirty trillion times (30,000,000,000,000) before being broadcast from a 50,000-watt station. This is accomplished without distorting the character of the original complex sound wave.

SOUND WAVES

That radio waves travel with the same velocity as light—186,000 miles per second. This is equal to a distance seven and one-half times around the world? Audio signals transmitted over telephone circuits, such as are used for network transmission, have a velocity of approximately 20,000 miles per second. Contrast this with the speed of sound waves, which is approximately 1100 feet per second. Because of the difference between the speeds of radio and sound waves, a broadcast listener in California, or a short-wave listener on the opposite side of the world, can hear a program broadcast from the stage of a New York CBS Playhouse before a spectator seated in the last row of the orchestra hears it.

OPERATING FREQUENCY

That radio engineering is one of the most exact of sciences? The operating frequency of most American broadcast stations is maintained with 10 cycles of its assigned frequency. At 1000 kilocycles, this represents a deviation of only ten parts in one million.

RECEPTION

That geography has a lot to do with radio reception in your home? The primary service area of a broadcast station is dependent upon the station location, frequency, power, soil conductivity, topography, antenna radiating efficiency, interference from other

stations and interference created by electrical noises—both man made and natural.

1937 BROADCAST HOURS

That more than 3,250,000 hours of broadcasting took place in the United States this past year? Nine stations operated by CBS originated 100,000 programs during this period. Of these 100,000 programs 20,000 originated for the Columbia network from the New York studios alone. This vast amount of entertainment was made available to 25,000,000 radio homes and 4,000,000 radio equipped automobiles. There are at the present more than 100,000,000 radio listeners in this country.

FADING

That fading is caused by the "sky" and "ground" wave signals, radiated from a single location, arriving at the point of reception over paths of dif-This results in the ferent distance? signal being received at different in-Broadcast receivers tervals of time. that use automatic volume controls compensate to a great degree for "carrier" frequency fading but are not capable of eliminating "selective" fading, which is the result of the "carrier wave" and side band or audio frequencies fading at different time intervals. This phenomena identifies itself by "mushy, distorted" reproduction. Fading is a transmission evil which engineers are continually investigating in the hope of eventual reduction or pos-



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sible elimination. During the past few years the use at many stations of so-called "anti-fading" antennas has greatly improved this condition.

WIRE LINES

That more than 60,000 miles of wire lines are used, on a permanent basis, to distribute broadcast programs throughout the country? The Columbia Broadcasting System, the world's largest broadcasting network, is comprised of 111 stations located in the principal cities of the United States. Canada and Hawaii. The amount of electrical power consumed by these CBS stations in one year would operate the average receiving set three hours per day for 250,000 years.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD

That all broadcast stations must, according to regulations, operate with good engineering practice? A modern station should be capable of stable high-fidelity performance from microphone input to antenna output inclusive. Satisfactory performance standards, as present, are as follows:

(A) Studio acoustical properties should be properly related to equipment performance characteristics. The average reverberation period should be optimum for a given studio size and should be substantially the same at all frequencies from 50 to 8000 cycles per second.

(B) The audio response from microphone input to antenna output should be uniform from 50 to 8000 cycles per second.

(C) Overall audio distortion should not exceed 3% r-m-s from 50 to 8000 cycles per second at 95% modulation with full rated antenna input power.

(D) Extraneous noise and hum modulation should be 60 decibels, unweighted, below 100% modulation.

(E) Radio frequency harmonic signal intensity at one mile should be 70 db or more below fundamental signal intensity.

(F) The carrier frequency should be maintained within ±10 cycles per second of the assigned frequency.

(G) Antennas should produce an effective field intensity at one mile, with one kilowatt antenna input power, corrected for attenuation of at least 160 mv/m for low-powered stations and 230 mv/m for high-powered stations.

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTS

That international broadcast station activities in this country reached a new high this year? More than 200 interna-

tional program relays, originating at many worldwide points, were sent to CBS audiences in the United States. CBS international station W2XE, operating on its five assigned frequencies, was on the air more than 5,000 hours during the past year and transmitted 12,000 programs, many of which were arranged for W2XE's international audience only. Thousands of letters addressed to station W2XE were received from 38 foreign countries and from nearly every state in the Union. The operating schedule, as related to frequencies used by this station, is changed several times annually in order to render maximum service at distant points. The best frequency for optimum results is, in general, dependent upon time of day and season of the year. This station uses high-gain directional antennas which radiate a maximum amount of energy either in the direction of Europe or toward Central and South America.

EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

That although the improvement in the fidelity of transmission and reception is a gradual transition process, there were many recent outstanding circuit and equipment developments resulting in more efficient technical operation? These developments include the Doherty circuit used in high powered broadcast transmitters; stabilized or negative feedback used in both audio amplifiers and in broadcast transmitters; the uni-directional microphone; the automatic peak volume limiter; the shunt-fed antenna; high, uniform cross-section, anti-fading vertical radiators; new and greatly simplified measuring equipment used for routine checking of station equipment performance: greatly improved receiving sets; all-wave antenna kits; automatic tuning.

RADIO SPECTRUM

That less than one-half of the broadcast stations in the country are affiliated with national networks? Of the total usable radio wave spectrum, the broadcast band 550 to 1600 kilocycles inclusive occupies only three-tenths of one per cent (0.3%) of the radio spectrum, which includes radio frequencies from 10 to 300,000 kilocycles per second. A broadcast channel is 10 kilocycles wide. Contrast this with the present-day television channel which is 6,000 kilocycles in width. A single television channel would, on the present basis used in allocating broadcast stations, accommodate 4000 broadcast stations.

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Production in the broadcasting industry reached its highest peak in the past year. Financially, technically and generally, 1937 was the most successful year enjoyed by the industry in its brief history. The three major networks, National Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System and Mutual Broadcasting System, showed a total gross billing for the year of \$69,200,000, an approximate increase of 16 per cent over 1936. Technical advancement brought renewed efforts in the television field, and 30 new broadcasting stations.

Program production was brought closer to Hollywood when both Warner Brothers and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer entered the broadcasting field by producing radio shows for commercial interests. NBC, because of the added importance given to Hollywood by radio, shifted its west coast headquarters to that city from San Francisco. Many large shows were removed from New York to Hollywood either to draw upon the vast talent resources of that city, or because their stars had film commitments. Columbia Broadcasting System launching a new expansion project to facilitate the handling of programs from the west coast.

The networks, in addition to financial gains, continued to build station affiliations in a fight for supremacy. NBC, with its two webs, added 41 stations, bringing its total number of affiliates to 143; CBS, with 21 additions, brought its total to 115, while Mutual can now boast of a coast-to-coast network of 76 stations.

Union activities during the past year entered the production phase of broadcasting with a splurge. American Federation of Musicians battled with the entire industry in an attempt to put more musicians on the payrolls of the radio stations. AFRA came into being, and embraced all radio talent exclusive of musicians. American Communications Association, formerly known as ARTA, organized the technical staffs of radio stations with resultant 40-hour week, wage boosts and other concessions from employers. Towards the close of the year, ACA widened its scope to embrace all station personnel. AGRAP was organized and made rapid strides in its efforts to organize in a well knit organization all announcers and production men.

Dramatic programs came into their own, with both NBC and CBS offering Shakespearean cycles as sustaining features. MBS joined the parade with Orson Welles and his troupe presenting a radio adaptation of Les Miserables. Script shows showed remarkable increases, while an effort was made to divest juvenile programs of all blood and thunder. International broadcasts were frequent, and a close commercial alliance with Canadian broadcasting stations was made when numerous sponsors added the Canadian network to their American chains. Program producers became aware of the growing trend towards quality music, and advocated same to the industry.

The broadcasting year 1937 left a high mark for the industry to shoot at during 1938. Production has reached a high state of perfection in so far as broadcasting is concerned, and is now concentrating on its next problem of major importance, Television. The advancement of 1938 will largely depend upon the advances made in that field.

(200 pages of complete production data—see page 465)



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The American radio industry's progress during the last 12 months in the foreign market has been paced by the splendid and comprehensive service rendered by the Radio Section of the Electrical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the United States Department of Commerce.

It is the Radio Section, one of the major trunk lines leading to the Federal central switchboard of American business, which keeps the industry abreast of the changes abroad and which correlates the unending flow of statistics upon which the successful pursuit of foreign markets is predicated.

The scope of the Section is comprehensive, embracing as it does the manufacture of all receiving and transmitting equipment as well as the operations of the industry, the exchange of foreign and domestic shortwave programs included. Obviously, much of the data thus placed at the disposal of the American industry cannot otherwise be obtained.

To a marked degree, radio entails peculiar demands. It is essential that the Federal government, through its accredited agents abroad, note the widely varying conditions and interpret them in terms of world changes, prospective markets and required adaptations. Differing characteristics, tastes and customs are vital factors in the correct marketing approach.

The changing political complexion of Europe, and the altering complexion elsewhere, serve to further emphasize the value of other Bureau divisions to the radio industry. Important among them the Economic and Technical Divisions. The sphere of the Commercial Intelligence Division is indicated by its appropriate title. The Commercial Laws Division, among other valuable services, provides assistance in foreign industrial property problems - trade marks, copyrights, patents, unfair competition, etc. It also assists in adjusting difficulties and disagreements arising out of foreign commercial transactions.

From the Bureau's Tariff Division, the American radio industry receives speedy reports of all changes in customs tariffs, trade regulations and commercial policy. Available as well are latest information on preparing export shipments, new trade agreements and foreign customs decrees.

Probably one of the most valuable contributions of the Bureau is the statistical service which shows the amount of a given commodity—sets, tubes, parts, etc.—imported from all leading countries into a particular foreign market. This service, coupled with basic data on population, resources and production, permits the exporter in the radio field to accurately gauge his trade possibilities.

Reference already has been made to the part played by national and provincial tastes and customs in the successful exploration of the foreign radio market. The Bureau's Radio Section as the result of its studies has valuable suggestions to make for the exporter's guidance. Not infrequently, appearance, color and design, including those of labels, may prove a factor.

The Bureau's Specialties Division is now engaged in preparing a series of non-technical publications for the exporter covering advertising methods. Meanwhile it provides lists of foreign advertising media and lists of foreign advertising agencies.

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PREPARING FOR TELEVISION BROADCASTING

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Television will be the next important step in the progress of entertainment. It is rapidly gaining momentum and will soon be with us. The article that follows, by the recognized authority, Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, should be extremely helpful to broadcasters who now have the opportunity, at minimum trouble and expense to prepare for the advent of television so that this potent force, when it comes, may be skillfully and economically handled and met with wide public response.—Jack Alicoate.

TELEVISION RESEARCH

Television broadcasting has attracted considerable attention in the press during the past several years. Elaborate researches in the leading radio laboratories have been carried out aimed at the improvement of television methods: and engineering development in that field has proceeded with considerable rapidity. As a result, new and promising methods of television transmission and reception have been worked out to some extent. Experimental television transmissions have been carried out in several cities but no regular or commercial television broadcasting service has been established nor is such a service an immediate prospect in the United States. A television broadcasting service (with some interruptions) exists in London, but the public has not as yet responded on any considerable scale by purchasing receivers.

TELEVISION EXPENSE

The present American broadcasters are naturally interested in this field, which may present attractive prospects to them in due course. There is a question as to the best way for them to prepare for television broadcasting at minimum expense and inconvenience. There is naturally room for considerable difference of opinion as to the

urgency of such preparation and the extent to which it is economically justifiable and feasible. For one thing, corporate and national economic judgments are involved. Yet certain general suggestions may be helpful in this connection.

If a television broadcasting system is studied, it is found to consist of a number of elements. These will be briefly described and their present importance considered, with some suggestions to the present broadcaster as to preparation for their use in television.

TELEVISION STATIONS

Every television station will utilize an ultra-high-frequency transmitter located on as high an elevation as practicable, and centrally placed within the area it is planned to serve. The reception range extends perhaps 20 to 40 miles from the transmitter depending on local conditions. While the immediate purchase or construction of a television transmitter might not be justified in some cases, the study of suitable locations for such a future transmitter is in order. Further, larger broadcasting stations might be justified in establishing in the reasonably near future an experimental low-power ultra-high-frequency telephone broadcasting transmitter for the experimental study of transmission and reception



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at various points within their corresponding territory. Facsimile transmission from such a transmitter is not difficult and may add to the interest and ultimate commercial value of the experiment. In this way, the new audience available to ultra-high-frequency transmissions may be built up, and the advertising aspects of such transmissions can be explored.

TELEVISION STUDIOS

Studio equipment for television is both extensive and expensive. The establishment of studio facilities at this time may not be warranted in most cases, but the location of a suitable studio for future television purposes may merit study. Such a studio should preferably be placed close to the transmitter location to reduce interconnection costs. On the other hand, since television studios will be fairly large and since they do not fit readily or economically into office-building surroundings, it may be more practical to locate them in the suburbs. In that case, they may be connected to the transmitter either by a radio-relay link (for example, of the micro-wave type) or by means of a coaxial-cable connection. Adequate power supply for studio lighting, transportation facilities for actors, and the like must be provided when the time comes. Experimental work on a small scale on micro-wave telephone relaying may prove to be useful.

PERSONNEL

The personnel required for television will in considerable measure overlap with those now used for sound broadcasting (just as the present sound motion picture actors include many who were successful in the "silent movie" days). However, there are undoubtedly some who will fall by the wayside when television comes. It is desirable to study available radio talent so as to have a list of artists who, when television comes, may still be suitable for that field. It might also be worth while occasionally to rehearse such actors in costume on a simple conventional set, so as to accustom them to television conditions (using a few spot lights and swinging microphones for that purpose). This will also accustom the actors to memorize their lines and "business."

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Program production for television requires a different technique from that for present sound programs. Accordingly script writers, directors, and announcers should be carefully scrutinized as to their future suitability in that field. New contacts with persons who may be useful in the television field along such lines should be established by the prospective television broadcaster.

SPONSORS

It would also be well for the television broadcaster to study the availability and needs of advertising clients for television programs. It may be found that clients not now available would be particularly attracted by the television type of program as showing their product in a particularly favorable and attractive light. Wherever appearance and motion add to the appeal of a product, this may particularly be the case.

PRODUCTION

The economics of television program production require careful consideration. It appears certain that television programs will be more costly to produce and to transmit than present sound programs. Accordingly the entire rate structure will require revision. Thought must be devoted to such questions as the most desirable program duration. A one-hour television program may prove far too long as a general rule, and even 5-minute or 10-minute programs may become more common than is now the case. Program construction will take careful planning on the part of the prospective television broadcast-

The present broadcasters should be able to place themselves in readiness for television, without excessive confusion during the transition stage, by devoting some thought at this time to the suggested subjects and by carrying out modest experimentation along allied lines as presented in the preceding. In this way the broadcasting industry can prepare for an expanded (and presumple subject of the preceding of the proadcasting becomes feasible as a service to the general public and for commercial use.

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THE EDUCATIONAL SIDE — OF BROADCASTING—

By LYMAN BRYSON

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The radio is like the newspaper, the magazine, the book, and the theatre in being educational in spite of itself. Whatever is broadcast will have some effect on the thinking of whoever listens and will direct his emotions in good ways or bad.

Professional education has long ago adjusted itself to most of these forms of mass communication. The radio is more dangerous and can possibly be more beneficial than most of the other general educational influences. We are having a hard time trying to decide what to do with it.

EDUCATION BY LOCAL STATIONS

There are three obvious ways in which we can make educational use of broadcasting. One is to take broadcasting directly into the schools. This is probably best done by local stations under local direction except for some programs such as those of Walter Damrosch and the American School of the Air. Systematic classroom instruction cannot be put on a national network. The reasons against it are partly educational, partly technical. A large city, however, can carry on part of its classroom work

by using master teachers for supplementary instruction.

SUSTAINING PROGRAMS

A second phase is the use of music, drama, editorial discussion of current events, open forums such as the Town Meeting of the Air, and all other "serious" programs for the general enlightenment and cultural enrichment of the listeners' lives. I believe that the broadcasting companies have achieved much more in this field than they have been generally given credit for. Doubtless too

much of sustaining time is wasted on indifferent music, but the general character of sustaining programs is constantly improving when judged by educational standards.

COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINMENT

The third obvious educational aspect of the radio is the effect on the public mind of commercial entertainment. Responsibility here lies chiefly with the sponsors. No one has authority to demand that they make greater use of their tremendous educational opportunity. There is some hope, however, that competition for favorable attention and a realization that stupid repetitious plugging, bad taste, and dreary inartistic fooling disgust people, will lead the advertisers themselves to offer better entertainment. Education itself can have entertainment value. In this field we are still lost in speculations and the way out is not yet clear.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

Since the larger networks are now seeking advice from professional educators and even some of the program-making advertising agencies are putting educational consultants on the staff, it is evident that the broadcasters want help. In the meantime, the relations between education and entertainment are being carefully worked out in the various college workshops and by some of the stations that are controlled by the colleges. Important contributions are being made by the United States Office of Education and by national committees and conferences. Gradually the educators. with their highly developed sense of responsibility for cultural and intellectual values, are being brought closer to the broadcasters who have their own professional skills and their intimate knowledge of devices and effects.

RADIO AND THE FUTURE

In this country we appear to be committed to a radio system largely supported by commerce. This has both handicaps and advantages. But our newspapers and magazines are also supported by commerce and that has not prevented them from being a major element in our cultural life. The radio will partly reflect and partly control the development of American life for the next few generations. If we do not realize its full possibilities, it will be because the general public is not fully aroused to all that it might do. The broadcasting industry, all educational institutions, and all public spirited citizens share responsibility for the future.



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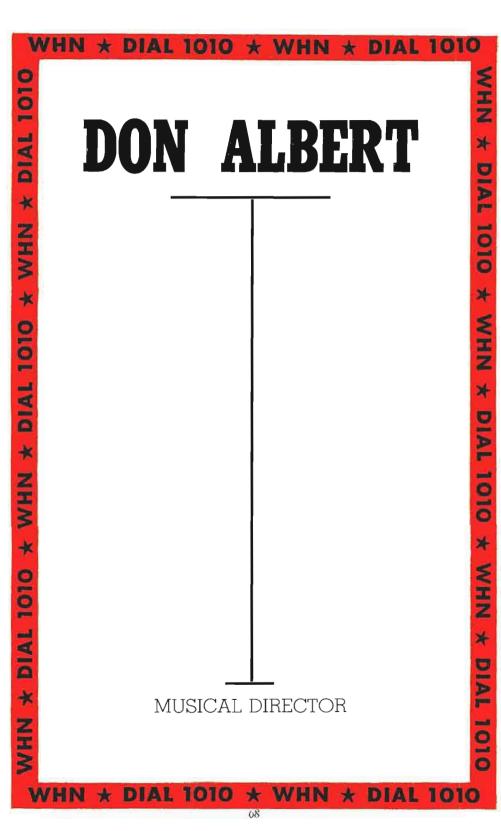
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NVESTMENT in the radio industry, in terms of actual cash, is comparatively small. This is because one of the most important elements in the physical machinery of transmitting programs—the ether—is obtained by license from the government without cost.

Station and network property and facilities represent an investment of less than \$75,000,000. On basis of business turnover, however, amounting to about \$130,000,000 in time sales last year, broadcasters as a rule place a high "good-will" value on their enterprises. But FCC spokesmen have pointed out that broadcasters are not rightfully entitled to claim value for anything except their tangible equipment.

The manufacturing end of the business has entailed a more sizeable outlay. Leading unit here, RCA, is a hundred-million-doilar corporation, but its activities extend beyond broadcasting into the movie, phonograph and communications fields. Westinghouse, General Motors, General Electric and various other companies also turn out radio sets and accessories as part of their activities, but because of mixed operations of these concerns it is difficult to segregate the radio portion so as to arrive at an approximate investment in this field.

Radio receiving sets in American homes represent a current investment of about \$1,000,000,000. This is based on 25,000,000 sets at an average cost of \$40, a conservative calculation.

A complete section giving financial summaries and other data on radio companies whose securities are listed will be found starting on page 769.

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—Its Reorganization Program Washington, D. C., 1938



At the sixteenth annual meeting held in Washington on February 14th, 15th and 16th, the NAB Reorganization Plan was adopted without a dissenting vote. In accordance with the plan, seventeen geographical groups, comprising the Active Membership, each elected its member to the new NAB board. The seventeen directors then chose six directors at large, making twenty-three members of the new NAB board. This board, along with the newly appointed president, is to rule the NAB. An executive committee of six was selected by the board as its next step under the new NAB regime.

As this edition of RADIO ANNUAL goes to press, it remains for the executive committee to choose the NAB chief executive, at a salary ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000 annually. Temporary officials were chosen until late in March when the next meeting of the committee is to take place. Destiny of the NAB is now in the hands of the following, pending the presidential appointment:

Phillip G. Loucks (continues as Special Counsel until March 21).

Temporary Chairman of the Board: Mark Ethridge.

Executive Committee: Mark Ethridge and Edwin W. Craig representing the clear channel members, Walter J. Damm and Frank Russell the regional or medium outlets and Herbert Hollister and John Elmer the smaller stations.

The seventeen district directors are (1) John Shepard III, Yankee-Colonial networks; (2) Harry C. Wilder. WSYR, Syracuse; Clair McCullough, WGAL, Lancaster, Pa.; (4) John Kennedy, WPAR, Parkersburg, W. Va.; (5) W. Walter Tison, WFLA, Tampa; (6) Edward W. Craig, WSM, Nashville: (7) Mark Ethridge, WHAS, Louisville; (8) John Fetzer, WKZO, Kalamazoo; (9) Walter J. Damm, WTMJ, Milwaukee; (10) John J. Gillin, WOW, Omaha; (11) Earl H. Gammons, WCCO, Minneapolis; (12) Herb Hollister, KANS, Wichita, Kans.; (13) O. L. Taylor, KGNC, Amarillo, Texas; Gene O'Fallon, KFEL, Denver: (15) Ralph R. Brunton, KJBS, San



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The NAB as a trade association for the broadcasting industry was organized in 1923.

On October 31, 1927, a year after the birth of the first major network, certificate of incorporation was filed in the state of Delaware, the original incorporators being M. K. Gilliam, M. J. Woods and Paul W. Morency. Objects, as then stated under Article 2 and still holding good, read as follows:

"The object of this Association shall be to foster and promote the development of the art of radio broadcasting; to protect its members in every lawful and proper manner from injustices and unjust exactions; to foster, encourage and promote laws, rules, regulations, customs and practices which will be for the best interest of the public and broadcasting industry."

At both the fourteenth and fifteenth annual conventions, held in Chicago in 1936 and 1937 respectively, proposals were considered for the reorganization of the NAB, and these indicated a growing dissatisfaction with the form of organization which had existed with but few changes since its inception in 1923.

During the summer and fall of 1937 it became apparent that rad-

changes and adjustments ical would have to be made if the organization was to fulfill the objective for which it was created. Upon request of a representative group of the membership, the Board of Directors called a special meeting. which was held in New York on October 12th and 13th. Action was taken which made it mandatory for the NAB to be reorganized. For this purpose a committee was created by unanimous vote upon a resolution. Committee on Reorganization consisted of E. A. Allen. Edwin W. Craig, E. B. Craney, Walter J. Damm and John Shepard III, with Mark Ethridge as Advisory Member. Subsequently, Phillip G. Loucks was chosen as counsel to the committee and is still serving in this capacity.

Committee went into action and outlined its plan. More than 100 trade associations were contacted for information on their setups, and ideas were invited from the NAB membership. Result, after taking into consideration the criticisms and earlier proposals, was a departmentalization plan, with the office of Managing Director being abolished. This was the only large salaried job in the NAB. In the vacated position was proposed a paid president who was to devote full time and be actual chief executive, not necessarily to be chosen from the ranks of the NAB members. Salaried secretarytreasurer, other newly created departments and provisions for salaried heads was also part of the new plan. Provisions were made for increases in dues to care for the additional overhead

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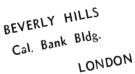
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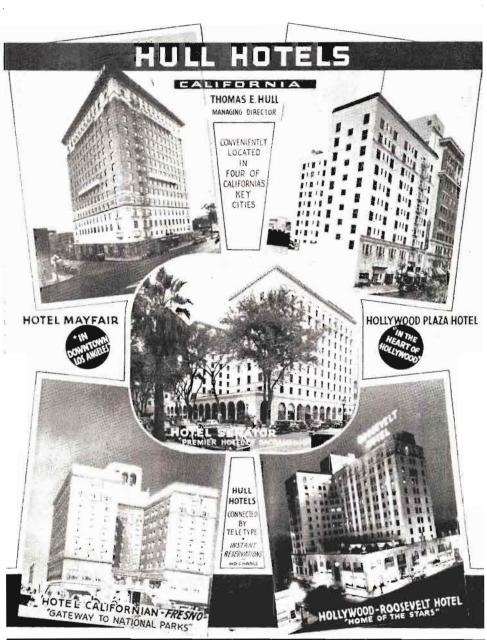


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The consensus of critical opinion reflects the varied viewpoints of the reviewers, editors and columnists on representative American newspapers, both large and small, who were invited to participate.

QUESTION No. 1

Is radio entertainment progressing, going backward or standing still?

Fifty-FIVE per cent of the critics believed that radio entertainment was progressing, 5 per cent were of the opinion that it was moving backward and 40 per cent believed that it was standing still. Dominant thought among those that agreed that radio was moving forward was the expression that programs were improving and the radio audiences becoming more critical.

QUESTION No. 2

How can news periods be improved?

THE majority of the critics agreed that in order to improve the news periods there must be less editorializing and more straight news; assign news programs to experienced newspapermen; better delivery—slower tempo and less shouting; better editing; fewer periods and less repetition.

QUESTION No. 3

Are the number of educational and cultural programs sufficient?

By a percentage vote of 71 to 29, the radio editors and critics of the country declare that there is a plentitude of educational and cultural programs on the air at the present time. Chief comment from many was that educational matter on the air lacked showmanship due to poor presentation.

QUESTION No. 4

Are you prejudiced against a program because it is transcribed, regardless of entertainment value?

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QUESTION No. 5

Can small unaffiliated local stations successfully buck network shows, and how?

RITICS agreed that small independent stations have little chance of bucking networks which have greater resources in both facilities and talent. Principal suggestions advanced included: Localizing scheduled like local newspapers instead of aping networks; play up events, speakers, news and talent of local interest; use less recorded material.

QUESTION No. 6

Should radio be (1) government controlled, (2) government regulated, (3) government censored?

WITH very little qualifying comment, radio critics expressed themselves overwhelmingly opposed to either control or censorship of radio by the government. The FCC was approved by a good majority. Results showed 91 per cent opposed to government control and 9 per cent in favor; 70 per cent in favor of government regulation and 30 per cent opposed; 92 per cent opposed to government censorship and 8 per cent favoring censorship.

QUESTION No. 7 What types of programs do you like best

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Program	Points
1. Variety	786
2. Drama	514
3. Symphony	494
4. Dance Bands	310
5. Commentators	294
6. Sportscasts	274
7. Novelty	198
8. Forums	153
9. Comedy	130
0 Familiar Music (Popular and Classical)	90

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Programs —

Title	Points
Chase and Sanborn	482
Jell-O	. 440
Royal Gelatin	296
Kraft Music Hall	287
Town Hall Tonight	260
Lux Radio Theater	188
N. Y. Philharmonic	185
Chesterfield	136
Ford Sunday Evening Hour	124
Magic Key of RCA	. 103

Personalities -

Jack Benny 5	808
Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy	491
Fred Allen	361
Bing Crosby	355
George Burns-Gracie Allen	144
Nelson Eddy	138
Rudy Vallee	126
Kate Smith	111
Bob Burns	111
Jeanette MacDonald	108

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Guy Lomb	ardo	 	 · • ·	 			 			 				38
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-News Commentators

Edwin C. Hill.	432
Boake Carter	412
Lowell Thomas	326
H. V. Kaltenborn	226
Paul Sullivan	148

-Sports Commentators -

Ted Husing 67	0
Clem McCarthy 25	9
Bill Stern	6
Bill Slater 10	8
Red Barber 6	1
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WORLD-TELEGRAM ANNUAL RADIO EDITORS' POLL

Conducted by Alton Cook, Radio Editor, World-Telegram, New York, with participation of radio editors in United States and Canada.

Favorite Programs	Points
Charlie McCarthy and Co. 277 Jack Benny 245 Bing Crosby Hour 146	Tony Martin 26 Jerry Cooper 22 Frank Munn 18 Jack Fulton 17
Fred Allen 127 Rudy Vallee Hour 104	Popular Singers (Female)
Radio Theater 70 Toscanini Concerts 56 Philharmonic Symphony 45 Detroit Symphony 33 March of Time 32 Fibber McGee and Molly 27 Kostelanetz Program and One Man's Family 24 Burns and Allen 23 Lanny Ross Hour 23	Kate Smith Points Kate Smith 242 Frances Langford 224 Connie Boswell 97 Dorothy Lamour 81 Alice Faye 71 Harriet Hilliard and Jane Froman 43 Gertrude Niesen 37 Jeanette MacDonald 35 Deanna Durbin 25
Comedians and Comedy	Popular Vocal Groups
Acts Jack Benny 392 Charlie McCarthy 329 Fred Allen 220 Fibber McGee and Molly 59 Burns and Allen 53 Eddie Cantor 22 Walter O'Keefe and Amos n' Andy 20 Charles Butterworth 18 Phil Baker 17 Stoopnagle and Budd 15	The Revelers 138 Paul Taylor Chorus 135 Spitalny Girl Chorus 58 Town Hall Quartet 51 Kay Thompson Singers, Lyn Murray Choir, Eton Boys 25 Dramatic Programs Lux Radio Theater 361 One Man's Family 164 First Nighter 117
Light Orchestras	March of Time99Gang Busters68
Guy Lombardo 235 Benny Goodman 154 Andre Kostelanetz 133 Wayne King 116	Big Town 62 Columbia Workshop 57 Cavalcade of America 29 Tyrone Power 27
Horace Heidt 96	Classical Singers
Hal Kemp 61 Tommy Dorsey 58 Paul Whiteman 40 Richard Himber 39 Eddy Duchin 32 Rudy Vallee 27 Shep Fields 26 Casa Loma 23	Lawrence Tibbett 199 Nelson Eddy 194 Lily Pons 167 Kirsten Flagstad 166 Richard Crooks 104 Grace Moore 96 Jeanette MacDonald 72
Popular Singers (Male)	GladysSwarthout34LauritzMelchior31
Bing Crosby 441	Jessica Dragonette28Lucille Manners26
Kenny Baker231Lanny Ross115	Symphonic Conductors
Nelson Eddy 75 Dick Powell 51 Frank Parker and Buddy Clark 42 Rudy Vallee 41	Arturo Toscanini 398 Leopold Stokowski 230 Frank Black 81

Points	News Commentators
John Barbirolli 73	Points
Erno Rapee 68	Boake Carter 177
Eugene Ormandy 60	Lowell Thomas 111
Andre Kostelanetz	Edwin C. Hill 98
Artur Rodzinski 56	General Hugh S. Johnson 32
Jose Iturbi	Dorothy Thompson and Gabriel
Fritz Reiner	Heatter 27
	H. V. Kaltenborn 26
Instrumental Soloists	Alexander Woollcott 2-
Points	Walter Winchell
Jose Iturbi	Paul Sullivan 18
	Announcers
Jascha Heifetz	Points
Yehudi Menuhin	
Albert Spalding 106	
Rubinoff 67	Harry von Zell 69 Milton Cross 57
Mischa Elman 52	Ken Carpenter 45
Joseph Hofmann 22	David Ross and Paul Douglas 30
Fritz Kreisler 20	Jimmy Wallington 27
George Enesco	Graham McNamee and Truman
	Bradley
Children's Programs	Ben Grauer 12
Points	
Singing Lady 245	Sports Commentators
Little Orphan Annie	Points
Mickey Mouse 57	Ted Husing 489
Let's Pretend 49	Clem McCarthy 158
Dear Teacher 42	Bill Stern 85
American School of the Air	Don Wilson 84
Jack Armstrong	Graham McNamee 55
	Bill Slater 40
•	Red Barber 30
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	Total	Men	Women
Listening to the radio	18.8%	15.3%	22.4%
Going to the movies	17.3	11.3	23.5
Reading magazines and books	13.8	8.6	19.2
Hunting or fishing	11.0	18.1	3.7
Watching sporting events	10.4	16.2	4.4
Reading newspapers	7.1	8.6	5.5
Playing outdoor games	6.6	9.3	3.8
Playing cards and indoor games	5.3	4.6	6.1
Legitimate theater	3.7	2.4	5.0
All others	3.5	3.2	3.8
Den't know	2.5	2.4	2.6

Favorite Program	Favorite Personality
Jell-O (Jack Benny) 8.79	Jack Benny
Major Bowes 6.9	Boake Carter 7.1
News broadcasts 6.6	Lowell Thomas 5.9
Chase & Sanborn	Eddie Cantor
(Charlie McCarthy) 5.8	Bing Crosby 5.4
Ford Sunday Evening Hour 4.3	Major Bowes 4.6
One Man's Family 4.2	Bob Burns 4.3
Lux Theater 3.5	Nelson Eddy 4.0
Kraft Music Hall 3.3	Edwin C. Hill
Amos 'n' Andy 3.0	Charlie McCarthy 3.0
Gang Busters 2.5	President Roosevelt 2.7
	Gracie Allen 1.9
Fitber McGee and Molly 2.4	Fred Allen
Lum and Abner 2.3	Edgar Bergen 1.3
Texaco (Eddie Cantor) 1.9	Lum and Abner 1.0
Lucky Strike Hit Parade 1.8	Rudy Vallee
All others	All others 36.8

DAILY NEWS RADIO POLL

Conducted by The Daily News, New York, with participation of 39 newspapers throughout the country; results announced Jan. 9, 1938.

	Points
1st—Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen	36,696
2nd—Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone	29,669
3rd—Bing Crosby	22,034
4th—Don Ameche	19,534
5th—Eddie Cantor	17,258
6th—Jeanette MacDonald	9,705
7th—Burns and Allen	9,199
8th—Fred Allen	6,810
9th—Kate Smith	6,334
10th—Nelson Eddy	5,708

HEARST RADIO EDITORS' ——ANNUAL POLL——

Popularity leaders in the Nationwide Survey Conducted by J. E. (Dinty) Doyle, Radio Editor, New York Journal-American: results announced January 30, 1938.

Award to "Forgotten Man" Edgar Bergen

Best Variety Program

Bing Crosby Hour
Charlie McCarthy Hour
Hollywood Hotel

Best Drama Program
DeMille Radio Theater
Hollywood Hotel
Columbia Workshop

Best Classical Music Sunday Nights at Carnegie Hall Sunday Evening Hour N. Y. Philharmonic Hour

Best Swing Orchestra Benny Goodman Glen Gray Tommy Dorsey

Best Sweet Orchestra Guy Lombardo Wayne King Richard Himber

Master of Ceremonies Major Edward Bowes Bing Crosby Don Ameche

Leading Comedian
Fred Allen
Jack Benny
Edgar Bergen

Leading Comedienne Gracie Allen Marion Jordan (Molly) Fanny Brice

Female Vocalist (Popular)
Kate Smith
Frances Langford
Connie Boswell

Female Vocalist (Concert)
Grace Moore
Lily Pons
Jeanette MacDonald

Male Vocalist (Popular)
Bing Crosby
Tony Martin
Kenny Baker

Male Vocalist (Concert)
Lawrence Tibbett
Nelson Eddy
Richard Crooks

Best Comedy Team
Burns and Allen

Fibber McGee and Molly Jack Benny and Mary Livingston

Best Children's Program

Ireene Wicker The Lone Ranger Dorothy Gordon

Best Night-Time Serial One Man's Family Amos and Andy The Easy Aces

Best Day-Time Serial Vic and Sade The Goldbergs Today's Children

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All-Around Announcer Harry Von Zell Don Wilson Ken Carpenter

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Best Commentator
Edwin C. Hill
Lowell Thomas
Boake Carter

Best Commentator (Movies)

Walter Winchell Jimmy Fidler Elza Schallert

Outstanding Star of '37 Charlie McCarthy

Outstanding Program Idea Hobby Lobby

Most Impressive Broadcast Ohio Flood Relief

Best Educational Hour Columbia School of the Air

Outstanding Non-Professional Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

INTER-AMERICAN RADIO CONFERENCE

Havana—Nov. and Dec., 1937



The first Inter-American Radio Conference, which opened early in November and ran through the better part of December, 1937, was well attended by broadcasters from all parts of North, South and Central America.

Of primary interest were the agreements on broadcasting among the nations of the North American region, consisting of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti and Santo Domingo. Treaty becomes valid when all of these countries have signed. The present bands between 550 and 1,500 kcs. were increased by at least 10 channels, now extending from 550 to 1,600 kcs. and 34 new high-power stations were made possible.

List of recommendations, including the problems of voting, press transmission to multiple destinations, allocations of frequencies, tolerances and spurious transmissions, bands for amateurs, the designation of radio waves in kilocycles, frequencies for aviation in the bands from 6,000 to 30,000 kcs., and the suppression of interference caused by electrical apparatus, was approved by almost unanimous accord and approved in principle unanimously.

Net result in the U. S., when the agreements and allocations are ratified, will allow 63 stations of Class 1 (50 kw. or more) on clear channels; Mexico will have 15, Canada 14, Cuba 5, and Newfoundland, Santo Domingo and Haiti one each. Allocations for Class 1 and Class 2 stations were so arranged that with ratification and engineering adjustments, not one of the 700 stations in the U. S. will have to discontinue operation or be materially curtailed. The item of interference was expected to be vir-

tually eliminated within the next two years. Mexico agreed to discontinue the troublesome border stations which have caused such serious interference. Also, elaborate provisions were made, setting up technical standards with which the countries will comply to insure broadcasting service avoid situations that cause interference. These standards were worked out by engineers of the Federal Communications Commission

An international radio office for the exchange of technical information is to be established in Havana. At the conclusion of the conference, it was decided that the North and South American groups would present a united front at the Cairo conference held in February, 1938. One of the important recommendations for the Cairo meet was for greater facilities for news broadcasts.

The second Inter-American Radio Conference will be held in Santiago, Chile, in 1940.

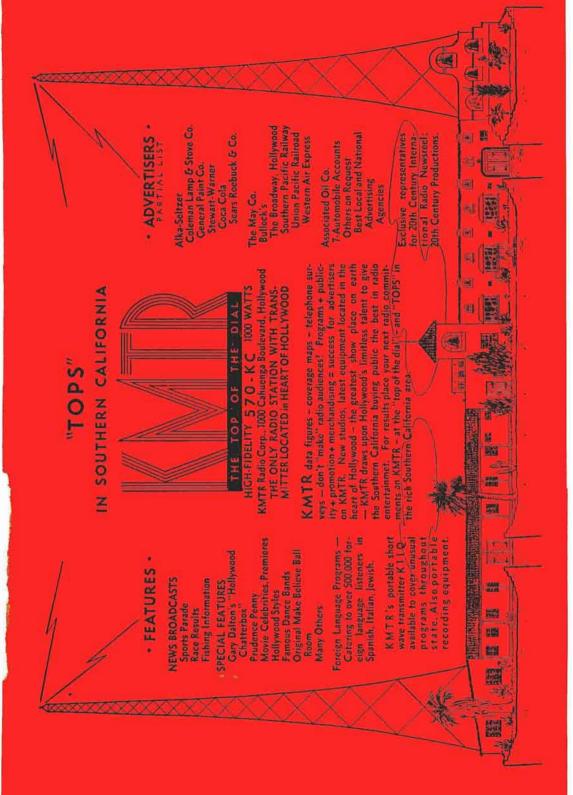
LATEST RESOLUTION of 24th AN-NUAL MEETING of CHAMBER of COMMERCE of the UNITED STATES

Regarding Radio Broadcasting

The rapid growth in the use of radio for entertainment and educational purposes, as well as communications purposes, has made necessary regulation to prevent disorder and interference in the use of the air. The characteristics of radio render this essentially a problem for federal rather than state control.

Regulation of radio communication should not invade private management. It should be based upon the principle that the interest of the listening public is the paramount consideration in radio broadcasting. Other forms of communication are primarily for the service of the sender, but broadcasting serves the listener. No regulation should attempt to force upon the public undesired program matter. Station owners, like newspapers and magazines, must be free to select and edit their program material.

The aforementioned resolution. the only reference ever made to radio broadcasting by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, was passed at the 24th annual convention of that body in April, 1936. To date, there has been no further reference made to broadcasting. However, plans now under consideration will allow the Chamber to study educational and political time allotments by broadcasters, with recommendations and policies expected to be released during the current year.



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RADIO IN EDUCATION

By

CLINE M. KOON

Senior Specialist in Radio Education



The tensions and torsions accompanying the present rapidly changing social order have greatly complicated the educational process and forced the learner to master and coordinate a bewildering number of facts if he is to lead a happy and socially useful life. The problem of the worthy use of increased leisure time has been of growing significance during the past 5 or 6 years. Radio occupies an important placed in the educational and recreational life of America, and consequently there has been a gradually growing interest in the influence which it is exerting upon the understandings, habits, and attitudes of the American people.

Radio is a new avenue for aiding classroom instruction and for acquainting the public with the work of the school in such a way as to develop an intelligent and abiding interest in the work being done. Within the past few years there has been a rapid growth in the number of school systems taking advantage of this new means of communication both as a teaching technique and as a means of accounting for the school's stewardship to the stockholders of this great corporation called the public-school system.

The activities of certain national voluntary associations and special committees have given important service in helping to crystallize thinking and diffuse information in regard to the educational potentialities of radio. Among the latter should be mentioned the Advisory Committee on Education by Radio, the National Committee on Education by Radio, the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, the Ohio Institute for Education by Radio, the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, and the recently formed Federal Radio Education Committee.

Approximately one-fourth of the school systems that make systematic use of broadcasts in instruction indicate that they broadcast some programs for home and/or school reception. These broadcasts are usually sponsored by the school system or an individual school within the system, and deal with a wide variety of subjects, such as the library hour, children's variety programs, the work of the school, public speaking, local history, music, dramatic sketches, school news, and short stories. Some of the programs are arranged in regular series and others are individual programs given from time to time as the occasion arises. More than 250 school systems in various parts of the country broadcast regular series of programs during the past 2 years.

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