

# BEHIND the MIKE

LOUIS LEPROHON, formerly with the circulation department of the *Montreal LaPresse*, has been named promotion and station relations manager of CKAC, Montreal. Marcel Sylvain has been promoted to the mail division of the station, and Andre Daveluy has been named chief statistician.

WALTER REULEAUX, musical director of WFBM, Indianapolis, and Paul Brown, of the musical staff, were badly shaken up in an accident last month in which the Reuleaux car was demolished. Al Logan, of the sales staff, returned only a few days before to his duties after recuperating from an auto accident.

OWEN L. SADDLER, Bucknell University graduate and formerly of the English department of Northwestern University, has joined KMA, Sheu-audoh, Ia., as production manager.

BETTY FULLER, radio ingenue of the *Dorothy Dix Column Dramatizations*, and Warwick Ogelsby, announcer of WHAT, Philadelphia, announced their engagement June 25.

JAMES HARVEY, of the KYW, Philadelphia, program department and organizer of the KYW Camera Club, spoke before members of the Women's Camera Club of New Jersey in Newark June 21 and the Olney Photographic Guild June 30.

WILLIAM H. DODDERIDGE, who helped compile the 1938 Yearbook number of BROADCASTING, on July 1 registered with the flying class at the Army Air Corps Training Center, Randolph Field, Texas.

RICHARD NEHER, of the *Song-fellows Quartet* on WHO, Des Moines, married Miss Kathryn Ferguson, of Des Moines June 23. On the June 18 *May I Suggest* program, bride and bridegroom were saluted by the staff, with Miss Ferguson ushered into the studio for the ceremony on the arm of Col. B. J. Palmer, WHO president.

JOHN F. GRAHAM, formerly with the *New York Sun* and *New York Daily Mirror*, has joined the NBC press division.

BURTON M. ADAMS, of NBC station relations department, New York, and Ramona Jean Flagg of the public relations staff, have announced their engagement.

JOHN FITZGERALD of CBS special events department on June 23 addressed the Rochester (N. Y.) Baseball Club and affiliated organizations on "Behind the Sports Broadcast".

EARL LORD, announcer of WMAZ, Macon, Ga., will marry Miss Vivian Green of Gray, Ga., July 30.

MAJOR ROBB, formerly of WCHV, Charlottesville, Va., has joined WSAL, Salisbury, Md.

GORDON SUITS, June graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, has joined WFAA, Dallas.

HAL BOHM, part-time announcer of several Chicago stations, has joined the announcing staff of WGN, Chicago.

WARREN HEIT, new to radio, has joined the announcing staff of WAAF, Chicago.

HERMAN CECIL and James Beck, formerly in radio work in Port Worth, are now on the announcing staff of KDNT, new local which started operating June 1 in Denton, Texas.

BILL BROWN, sportscenter of WHO, Des Moines, is the father of a girl born June 15.

GARRY MORFIT, announcer of WBAL, Baltimore, is making a series of personal appearances once a week at local Chevrolet dealers showrooms. The entire cast of the *Hi Jinks* show accompanies him with entertainment.

RUPERT GEORGE will bring back *The WIP Minstrels* July 2 to WIP, Philadelphia, after an eight-month absence.

WARREN WADE, of WTAM, Cleveland, has been added to NBC television production department in New York.

CLARE SHERIDAN, switchboard operator at WOR, Newark, was married June 18 to Malin Brown.

DOUGLAS COULTER, director of production at CBS, on July 5 starts a series of lectures on radio at New York University.

EDWARD DUKOFF, director of publicity of WOV-WBHL, New York, has been appointed to the same post for WPEN, Philadelphia, as well. Gil Babbitt, formerly of the *Philadelphia Record*, will handle publicity for WPEN under the supervision of Arthur Simon, new manager. Harold Koch will assist Mr. Dukoff in New York.

HARRY HERMAN, formerly in radio production at J. Walter Thompson Co. and Lord & Thomas, has joined Consolidated Radio Artists, New York, as head of the planning department.

PRENTICE WINCHELL, formerly in charge of radio production for N. W. Ayer & Son, has joined the Douglas F. Storer talent agency, New York, to do writing and production.

JOHN J. DAVIS, WWSW announcer and *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* reporter, married Miss Elaine Poulton, of Pittsburgh, June 25.

DICK TOOLE has joined WHAM, Rochester, N. Y., for the summer.

JIMMY SCRIBNER returned to WSAI, Cincinnati, June 20 after a year's absence to originate his Mutual feature, *The Johnson Family*. Mr. Scribner was on the WLW-WSAI staff several years before his show moved to New York. *The Johnson Family*, featuring 22 characters, all portrayed by Scribner, was previously heard regularly from Cincinnati.

RAY SOLLAR, formerly of WMBH, Joplin, has joined the continuity department of KTUL, Tulsa.

WRIGHT ESSER, formerly of KWK and KSD, St. Louis, has joined the continuity staff of NBC, Chicago, to replace William C. Hodanp, who has gone to New York to write the *Jane Arden* serial.

JAY SIMMS, formerly of WBBM, Chicago, has joined the KHJ, Los Angeles, announcing staff and is handling dance band remotes from Lake Arrowhead.

WILLIAM FULLER, formerly KFAC, Los Angeles, writer-producer, has joined KEHE, that city, as announcer.

BILL BACHER, formerly Hollywood producer of NBC *Good News of 1938*, sponsored by General Foods Corp., has been appointed radio director and advisor of Max Reinhardt Workshop, that city.

JIMMY MCKIRBEN, formerly on the production staff of KFI-KECA, Los Angeles, has joined KVEC, San Luis Obispo, Cal., as writer-announcer.

ART VAN HORN, announcer, KFRC, San Francisco, recently returned to his post following an illness.

JOHN V. RAINBOLT, formerly with KTBS, Shreveport, now with KVOR, Colorado Springs, was married June 16 to Mary Alice Power, secretary of KWKH-KTBS, Wakefield, Mass. KWKH announcer, will be married in July to Miss Evelyn McKenzie.

JOE PEARSON, formerly with WHAS, Louisville, is handling vacation relief at WFBM, Indianapolis.



YOUNGEST baseball announcers are Roger Laux, 7 (left) announcer, and France Laux Jr., 3, sons of France Laux, KMOX baseball announcer as they faced the mike June 4 at the General Mills "Wheaties Baseball Party", an event that drew a record crowd of 18,291 boys and girls to Sportsman's Park. France Sr. had his sons announce the fifth inning. The boys fulfilled their assignment without a slip and drew so many telephone calls that the KMOX switchboard was flooded.

## Robert R. Burdette

ROBERT R. BURDETTE, production manager and sports announcer for WRVA, Richmond, died at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, June 16, after an illness of a year from heart attack. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery. A former football star, he had been active in athletic circles, coaching football teams at Harding High School, Marion, and at other Ohio schools. He coached the Richmond Arrows, professional football team, prior to his illness. He was a captain in the World War with the Ohio National Guard, and came to WRVA from WLW where he was assistant manager.

PAUL SCHIMMEL, formerly with WPAR, Parkersburg, W. Va., has joined the announcing staff of WALR, Zanesville, O. Harold Bryan, former theatre manager, is now on the WALR sales staff.

KATHERINE ROCHE, day studio director of WGN, Chicago, who also conducts the *Jane Baker* home management program for women, in June celebrated her 12th anniversary with WGN and was presented a birthday cake by Quin A. Ryan, broadcast manager.

LEONARD L. LEVINSON and Leonard Neubauer, Hollywood co-writers of *Main Event*, have sold the full radio and television rights to Nat Pendleton, M-G-M film actor.

EUGENE PHILLIPS, formerly WJW, Akron, commentator, has a weekly program, *Path of Beauty*, on KMPC, Beverly Hills, Cal.

RALPH ROBERTSON, formerly in Hollywood transcription and film work, has joined KRKD, Los Angeles, as announcer. Dick Variel, new to radio, is also on the staff.

BOB CATLIN, formerly KOMA, Oklahoma City, announcer, has been placed in charge of KMTR, Hollywood, special events.

JON SLOTT, CBS Hollywood writer, married Audrey Ruth Coolish in Las Vegas, Nev., June 16.

ARTHUR W. (Tiny) STOWE, formerly head of Stowe-A-Gram Productions, Chicago, has joined KEHE, Los Angeles, as producer.

LEONARD LAKE, KFI-KECA, Los Angeles announcer, and Sylvia Schwartz, were married in Hollywood June 26.

SAM LAWDER, of WRTD, Richmond, spent his vacation announcing at WTAR, Norfolk, while Jeff Baker was on vacation. Chester Clark recently resigned as vacation announcer at WTAR, and Claude Taylor, of WRTD has taken his place.

AMES HARPER, program director of WJEJ, Hagerstown, Md., recently sold the play rights for one of his original sketches, *Mothers Are Like That*, to a Boston publishing house.

CHARLOTTE BUCHWALD, *Playgoer* for WMCA, New York, was married on June 27 to Lewis Harmon, theatrical publicity man.

CY FEUER, formerly musical director of KEHE, Los Angeles, has been appointed head of the musical department of Republic Productions, Hollywood.

LIN MASON, of WKRC, Cincinnati, will marry Miss Lillian Marshall, Xenia, O., early this fall.

TIM SULLIVAN, University of North Carolina medical student, has joined WFIL, Philadelphia.

DICK BATES, formerly of WORL, Boston, Mass., has joined WGAN, Portland, Me., as program director. Bob Perry replaced him as WORL program director.

WILL YOLEN has resigned from Phillips H. Lord Inc., New York, radio productions, to join Tom Fizzle Inc., radio publicity.

JACK DOYLE, formerly on the publicity staff of KHJ-Don Lee, Los Angeles, who recently joined KFEL, Denver, has taken over publicity.

HAROLD CAIN and Clyde Hinton are new apprentice announcers at KGVU, Missoula, Mont.

WILBUR EDWARDS, Yale theological student formerly with WBT as salesman and announcer, has joined the summer announcing staff of the Charlotte station.

JACK LEWIS, program director of KARK, Little Rock, recently married Evelyn Hodges, of Vilonia, Ark.

DAVID BANKS, formerly of WTJS, Jackson, Tenn., and KBTM, Jonesboro, Ark., has joined KARK, Little Rock, replacing Dave Byrn, who has joined WBAP, Fort Worth.

EARL J. GLADE, Jr., son of the KSL, Salt Lake City, managing director, was recently elected president of the University of Utah Class of '33 at its 1938 meeting.

ROSELLEN CALLAHAN, of the CBS New York publicity staff, visited Hollywood in mid-June.

ARCH KEPNER, formerly of WOL, Washington, has joined the announcing staff of WQXR, New York.

DANIEL S. TUTHILL, NBC Artists Service, has been named vice-chairman of the committee to conduct the 1938-39 advertising and selling course of the Advertising Club of New York.

## WOAI Adds to Staff

ADDITIONS to the staff of WOAI, San Antonio, were announced June 21 by President Hugh A. L. Half, coincident with the construction of new studios for the 50,000 watt. W. Van A. Combs, formerly of the advertising and sales promotion staff of Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, and before that in the agency field, has joined the sales staff. Also new to the sales staff is Louis J. Riklin, former Nebraska lawyer and newspaperman. He founded and edited the *Texas Jewish Press*, weekly newspaper, and afterward joined the Hearst Newspapers handling advertising display. Anna Kaye Carroll has joined the continuity department, and Shirley Arducci, former actress, is handling station traffic and public relations.