

BEHIND the MIKE

GEORGE CRANDALL, former manager of the concert division of New York's Federal Music Project and previously station manager of WIBX, Utica, has joined the CBS publicity department as field representative. Mr. Crandall is now visiting principal cities on behalf of CBS sustaining music, education, and drama features, including in his itinerary all cities which the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra will visit on its out-of-town schedule starting Oct. 28.

BETTY POLLEN, formerly in the radio division of J. Walter Thompson Co., Hollywood, has joined Don Lee Broadcasting System, Los Angeles, as television talent scout, and assistant to Jimmy Burton, director of studio operations.

TOM HUDSON, formerly of the Texas State Network, has joined the announcing staff of WGN, Chicago.

JACK EDMUNDS, formerly at WLW and WSAI, Cincinnati, and recently director of states for the New York Fair, has been named production chief of WKRC, Cincinnati. Before his Cincinnati connections he had been an NBC producer, later manager of CFCF, Montreal. Horace Hunnicutt, formerly with NBC, Washington, and WNOX, Knoxville, has joined WKRC as pilot of the *Dawn Patrol*. Bill Welch, recently with WCKY, Cincinnati, and KOBH, Rapid City, S. D., has joined WKRC as announcer and news commentator.

HARRY RENFRO has been added to the news and announcing staff and Sylvia Connor to the program department of KXOK, St. Louis.

J. J. MURRAY, auditor of WEEI, Boston, and his bride, the former Margaret Grady of the WEEI general service department, are honeymooning in the East and South.

ROD CUPP, of the production department of WLS, Chicago, is the father of a baby girl born Sept. 19. John Brown, of the WLS music department, is the father of a baby girl born Sept. 17.

CLARENCE TONAHILL, formerly of WACO, Waco, and K TSA, San Antonio, has joined the announcing staff of KGKO, Fort Worth. Thaine Engle has been relieved of routine announcing and is doubling in continuity.

BOB DRAKE, and his *Jackson Family*, after nearly four years at WHAS, Louisville, has joined WROL, Knoxville, where he is sponsored six evenings a week.

JACK MANNING, announcer of WBZ-WBZA, Boston-Springfield, is writing a radio column for a new local magazine, *What's New in Boston*. Horace Rofs, of the mail room, is art editor of a church publication and writes an amusement column for the *Youth Tribune*. Charles Higgins, recently with WORC, Worcester, Mass., is announcing temporarily at WBZ.

DAVE PORTER, recent graduate of Texas College of Mines, has joined the continuity staff of KTSM, El Paso.

VIC ROWLAND, former associate editor of the Golden Gate International Exposition *Guidebook* and news editor of the *Stanford Daily* at Stanford University, has been promoted to promotion manager of KVOE, Santa Ana, Cal. He succeeds Jack O'Mara, who has joined the promotion staff of WOWO, Fort Wayne, Ind. Virgil Blakemore is a recent addition to KVOE's sales staff.

WILLIAM M. KEPHART, of the announcing staff of NBC-Chicago, has succeeded Everett Mitchell as supervisor of the NBC announcing staff. Mitchell relinquished the post to devote his full time to a heavy schedule of sustaining and commercial jobs.



NOT FOR hitting home runs, but for spelling them is this trophy awarded to Tony Koester, sports-caster of KFBK, Sacramento, awarded by the Pacific Coast League. Koester was adjudged the most "appreciated" sports announcer in the League in a competition which included Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Oakland and Hollywood, as well as Sacramento, which is the smallest city in the League. Old Gold cigarettes and Briggs Pipe Mixture, P. Lorillard Co., products, have sponsored baseball over KFBK for the last two seasons. The award was based on the proportionate increase in attendance on designated Radio Appreciation nights at the ball parks.

RON GAMBLE, announcer of WJR, Detroit, announces his engagement to Eleanor Ryan, soprano of the *WJR Chorus*. Gamble got his airplane pilot's license the same day (Sept. 15) as well as a new contract to m.c. the *Fort Sunday Evening Hour*.

LEE STRAHORN, producer, NBC, San Francisco, is recovering from a lung injury suffered during a severe attack of coughing. He was hospitalized several weeks.

ELLIS CRAIG KOY, Phoenix, account executive, and prior to that announcer, has resigned to join Sahuaro Plaster Co., Los Angeles.

DON LOGAN, former announcer-singer at KROW, Oakland, Calif. and previous to that radio editor of the *Oakland Post-Enquirer*, has been made manager of the Regal Theater in Los Banos, Cal.

ROD HENDRICKSON, commentator-actor at NBC, San Francisco, is also radio editor of *The Argonaut*, San Francisco weekly.

EMERSON SMITH recently resigned the KPO-KGO announcing staff in San Francisco to become assistant program manager of KDYL, Salt Lake City.

ARNOLD MARQUIS, of the San Francisco NBC production staff, will conduct a series of lectures on "Radio Writing" for the University of California Extension Division this Fall.

J. B. CLARK, announcer of WPTF, Raleigh, N. C., has started a series of weekly sport pages in *The State*, North Carolina magazine. Graham Poyner, program director, has been named to the Community Chest publicity committee.

LIEUT. ROBERT D. HEINL JR., U. S. Marine Corps, son of Bob Heinel, the Washington radio writer, on Sept. 23 was married in Washington Cathedral to Nancy Gordon Wright.

Note From Abroad

FERNANDO DE SA, Portuguese language announcer of NBC, New York, International Division, has just learned, to his regret, that his voice carries throughout Latin America. Years ago, while attending a Brazilian University, Fernando generously signed as security on a fellow student's note. During a recent broadcast his voice was recognized by the holder of the note, who promptly notified him that the note never had been paid. The net loss to Fernando was \$130.

JIM COX, continuity chief of WKY, Oklahoma City, and his wife, Harriot Johnson, are authors of a new song, "Inquire Within", sung for the first time Sept. 23 by Allan Clark, WKY musical director, with Bobby Clark as pianist.

ROBERT W. McDONALD, writer of KMOX, St. Louis, suffered a fractured skull Sept. 19 in an auto accident and was in a serious condition. He was injured while riding with a police radio dispatcher, who was instantly killed when the car hit a pole and overturned.

MAURICE BARRETT, production manager of WHN, New York, has written a book on American poetical philosophy titled *Thoughts Are Things*, which will be published this fall.

EMMETT JACKSON, announcer of WHIP-WVAE, Hammond, Ind., married Anne Wilkin Sept. 22.

STANLEY VAINRIB, recently of the Chicago Radio Council, has been subbing during the illness of Jack Foster, announcer of KRIC, Beaumont, Tex.

H. L. JOHNSTON has been named musical director of W D Z, Tuscola, Ill.

CHARLES TIGNER, Texas State Network announcer, and Margaret Knotts, of Dallas, were married recently at Fort Worth.

Meet the LADIES



HILDA C. WOEHREMEYER

AROUND WOWO-WGL, Westinghouse stations in Fort Wayne, Hilda C. Woehrmeier, continuity supervisor, is known as "the mainstay of the general office". She has been with the stations nine years and has been active in both sales and programming. At present she acts as liaison between sales and program departments, reporting to the manager.

ARDENNE WHITE, tenor of *Musical Steelmakers* on MBS, has joined the program's production staff, replacing Walter Patterson, who has resigned to return to station work. Mr. Patterson, former program director of WWVA, Wheeling, has not announced his future plans.

ALICE HILL, actress of WGN, Chicago, and MBS, was married Sept. 29 to Sumner Walter Dill Scott, son of the former president of Northwestern U. Miss Hill is a member of the cast of *Betty & Bob, Painted Dreams and Curtain Time*.

ARCH OBOLER, New York writer-producer, will originate his weekly dramatic series from Hollywood for approximately a month starting Oct. 12.

KEMP TOOLE, formerly of KFBB, Great Falls, Mont., has joined the announcing staff of KGVO, Missoula, Mont., replacing Glenn Marston, now assigned to news.

BILL SHARPE, formerly of KLAH, Carlsbad, has joined KIUN, Pecos, Tex., as chief announcer, replacing Wray Guye.

ROBERT DOBBIN, formerly of KFJB, Marshalltown, Ia., has been named farm editor and continuity chief of WDAY, Fargo, N. D. Dave Henley has been promoted to production manager of WDAY.

PAUL BRENNER, formerly announcer of WNEW, New York, has joined the staff of WAAI, Jersey City, and will conduct two daily programs, the *Breakfast Special* from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. and a musical program from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m.

MERLE PITT, musical director of WNEW, New York, recently became the father of a second child, a girl.

FRED FOX, continuity writer of KYA, San Francisco, suffered a concussion of the brain and severe bruises recently when he slipped and fell on a gravel walk. Watson Humphrey, producer of commercial programs, suffered an injured leg in a fall at home.

GEORGE BACKUS, in charge of participation programs of the Arizona Network, after spending the entire summer in Riverside, Conn., has returned to KOY, Phoenix.

CLINTON JONES, CBS Hollywood, assistant news bureau editor for three years, has been appointed news editor of the network's San Francisco bureau.

STEPHEN DALE, formerly of CHML, Hamilton, Ont., has joined the announcing staff of Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Toronto.

DON GILLS, of the music staff of WBAP, Fort Worth, is the father of a baby boy born Oct. 18.

MISS MABEL HOLLAND, a member of the sales staff of WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., will marry Broadus Bryan Wright, of Washington, in October and move to Washington.

GLENN MARTIN has been named chief announcer and special events director of KGVO, Missoula, Mont.

WILLIAM BAMFORD, acting program director of WNBX, Springfield, Vt., has been given that post on a permanent basis, and Miss Grace Cross has been named assistant program director. Robert F. Anthony has been appointed continuity director.

GEORGE COSTLEY who writes and conducts the daily quarter-hour *Charm School* on Arizona Network, has been signed by Public-Rickards-Nace Theatres, Phoenix (statewide chain) to write *Theatre Time*, sponsored on that network. Both shows originate at KOY, Phoenix.

JOE BIGELOW, who wrote comedy material for the Rudy Vallee program, is returning to Hollywood from New York as staff member of J. Walter Thompson Co. He will work with Carroll Carroll and Lynn McManus on the NBC *Kraft Music Hall*.