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FRED REINHARDT, former WJPF Herrin, Ill., program director, has been named station public relations director in charge of public interest programming. In addition he will air majority of local newscasts.

DAVID KENT HARRIS, former announcer and newscaster at WHNC New Haven, Conn., has been appointed program director of the station. **WILLIAM H. HANRAHAN** has joined announcing staff.

JIM FOSTER, former chief announcer of KTBI Tacoma, is now program director of KPQ Wenatchee, Wash.

MILLIE PRICE, formerly with KWSC Pullman and KIRO Seattle, has been added to continuity and program staff of KTBI Tacoma, Wash. She will conduct new "Lazy Housewife's Program."

CLARKE THORNTON has been added to the announcing staff of KOIL Omaha. He transfers from WFTC Kinston, N. C., where he was announcer after five years' service in Army Signal Corps.

J. PAUL REED, released from the Army Signal Corps, has been added to staff of KFJX Grand Junction, Neb., as writer, announcer and organist.

DEAN ANDREWS, program director of WFTM Trenton, N. J., has started a weekly class in script writing and radio production for Trenton school teachers.

RICHARD COUGHLAN, formerly with WMEK and WCOP Boston and Army veteran, is new addition to the announcing staff of WIS Columbia, S. C.

JEAN BRABHAM and **LOUIS LAND** of the WIS program department, are studying retail promotion and advertising at University of South Carolina. **RAY A. FURR**, WIS program director, is conducting a weekly series of radio classes in station studios for university students.

CAROL PAUKER has joined KQW San Francisco as producer.

BETTY MEARS, KOMO Seattle script writer, May 1 joins NBC Hollywood as writer.

KEN WOODS, formerly with KFJI Klamath Falls, Ore., has been added to announcing staff of WMRN Marlon, Ohio.

ALEX ROBB, NBC Hollywood assistant program director and package sales manager, has returned to his duties following an illness that kept him at home for eight weeks.

HARRY KRONMAN has been assigned producer of CBS "Forever Ernest," replacement for "Vox Pop," starting April 29. Emerson Drug Co. (Bromo-Seltzer), is sponsor. **JACKIE COOGAN** will be starred, supported by **ARTHUR Q. BRYAN** and **LURENE TUTTLE**. **RUPERT (Poot) PRAY** is chief writer with **LEONARD SOLL** and **DAVE DEKOVY** teamed as writing aides. **DICK JOY** will announce. Show is packaged by John Guedel Productions, Hollywood. **BBDO** New York services drug company account.

BOB GREENE, CBS Hollywood announcer now in armed service and who has been doing a schedule of newscasts on AFRS station in New Delhi, India, is enroute to the U. S. Upon discharge he returns to CBS.

J. DONALD WILSON, ABC Western Division supervisor of programs and production, has returned to his network duties after a nervous breakdown which confined him to his home for more than a week.

BERT WINN, for more than four years with OWI and prior to that program director of KROW Oakland, is production manager of Hawaiian Broadcasting System (KGMB KTOH KHBC), and headquartered in Honolulu. In addition he conducts daily quarter hour man-on-the-street interview program, "Main Street, T. H." on that regional network.

LARRY BERNS, producer of CBS "Jack Carson Show," is recovering from a heart attack which occurred just prior to broadcast time on April 5.

ROUEN JAMES WESTCOTT, released from AAF as captain, has been appointed commercial editor of NBC Hollywood continuity department. He succeeds **HARMON HYDE**, resigned. Prior to service Mr. Westcott was on CBS Hollywood editing staff.

KEN HIGGINS, released from the Navy as lieutenant, returns to KFI Los Angeles as writer-producer.

EDGAR (Cookie) FAIRCHILD, radio and film musical director, is recovering from a heart attack which occurred Feb. 4.

HENRY GLADSTONE, WOR New York announcer, has been commended by



Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, for sponsoring a prize competition for the best food-saving menu submitted by students in the New York public schools.

DONALD CHARTIER, formerly with WFNL Fayetteville, N. C., announcing staff, has been released from the armed forces. While overseas he served with the American Forces Network in Berlin.

WARD FENTON, released from the Army after four years of service, has resumed duties as announcer at WBBN Buffalo.

GENE HAMILTON, announcer of "Professor Quiz" and other ABC productions, has been called by the Army to re-cut sound tracks of training films he originally narrated three years ago when with the Army Signal Corps.

IVY PETERSON and **JOE CARRIER** have returned to the WSB Atlanta entertainer staff after service with the Marine Corps and Army, respectively. Recent additions to the entertainer staff include **JOYCE** and **JUANITA OXNER** and **MAC ATCHESON**.

FRANCES LANGFORD, vocalist, withdraws from NBC "Bob Hope Show" at end of current contract to head her own program in the fall.

ELON PACKARD and **STAN DAVIS** have been added to the writing staff of NBC "Duffy's Tavern."

LARRY CLARK, WIBA Madison, Wis., announcer and m.c. for "Farm Round-up" show, is first veteran student at University of Wisconsin to take advantage of Public Law 16, giving veterans on-the-job training. At WIBA he is assisting with production of "East by East," local variety show.

MURRY WAGNER, CBS Hollywood announcer, is the father of a boy.

MARGARET ARLEN, WABC New York women's commentator, has been cited for "outstanding public service" by New York's Barblizon School of Fashion Modeling.

GENE AUTRY and his "World Championship Rodeo" on April 14 started a seven-week rodeo tour during which time his CBS program, "The Gene Autry Show," sponsored by William Wrigley Jr. Co., Chicago, Sun. 5:30-5:45 p.m., will originate from Phoenix, Chicago, Washington and Cleveland.

TOM HUDSON, released from the Army, currently is announcing NBC's "The Teentimers Club" and the ABC "Lanny and Ginger" series.

JOHN CONTE, vocalist, May 18 replaces **JOHN D. SMOND** on the NBC "The Teentimers Club" program sponsored by Teentimers Inc., New York. Sat. 11-11:30 a.m. Mr. Desmond is terminating his activities on the NBC show because of exclusive commitments with The Blow Co., New York, for Tuesday night "Philip Morris Show" on NBC.

FRED WIETING, WIBG Philadelphia announcer, is the father of a boy.

NANCY GRAIG and **BERT BACHARACH**, WJZ New York fashion commentators, were chosen by city officials of Atlantic City as judges at the annual Easter Fashion Parade on the boardwalk, April 21.

EDWARD A. BYRON and **JAY JOSTYN**, producer-author and star, respectively, of "Mr. District Attorney," heard on NBC Wed. 9:30-10 p.m., were presented last week with awards for meritorious achievement in behalf of the fight against cancer by Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and national campaign chairman of the American Cancer Society, and Dr. Frank E. Adair, president of the society.

DX Pals

DISTANCE means nothing to Rupe Werring, WIBG Philadelphia production manager, and Roy Neal, WIBG chief announcer who now operates Radio Frankfurt in Germany for the Army. They hold regular conversations via shortwave radio.

ROGER CHASE, formerly on the MBS announcing staff in New York, is now m.c. of "Shoot the Works" program on WMCA New York, Mon. 8:30-9 p.m.

BOB WARREN has returned to the KYW Philadelphia announcing staff after Army release.

WILLIAM ELLIS, who recently returned to the WFIL Philadelphia production department after four years in the Navy, collapsed in the studios. He is seriously ill in Naval Hospital with stomach ulcers.

FRITZ BLOCKI, having sold Columbia Pictures Corp. a series of comedies based on his radio program, has switched his permanent residence from New York to Hollywood.

LOU HOUSTON, released from AAF, has returned to KMPC Hollywood production and continuity staff. Prior to service he was station production manager.

TOMMY COOK has replaced **DIX DAVIS** as male lead in NBC "Date with Judy." Mr. Davis portrayed role of Randolph for five years before his induction into the Army in early April.

JOHN P. MEDBURY has been added to writing staff of weekly NBC "Amos 'n' Andy Show."

ROBERT HALL, former associate editor of KNX Hollywood editing department, has been appointed to the KNX writing staff. **HAL WOLFF** of editing department takes over Mr. Hall's former post.

ED NATHAN, Army veteran and prior to service on production staff of "Dr. I.Q." program, has joined CBS Hollywood script editing department.

JANE READ, conductor of the WCAU Philadelphia "Teen Age Party" and "Movie-Go-Round" programs, has announced her engagement to William Batt Jr., son of the president of SKF Industries. He is a candidate for Congress from Montgomery County, adjoining Philadelphia.

JESSIE STEARNS, formerly in the program department of WLS Chicago and for three years in the WAC, has relinquished her T/Sgt. stripes for a civil service rating at Shanghai, where she is publicity director of the Army AFRS station XMHA. She expects to return to the U. S. in July.

BERNARD STAPLETON, who raised first American flag over Tokyo after the Japanese surrender [BROADCASTING, Sept. 17, 1945], has been discharged from the Army as lieutenant and returned to the WSYR Syracuse announcing staff.

BILL HAYES, former chief announcer at WMUR Manchester, N. H., has joined WFEA Manchester. He has been released from the Army as captain. **CHARLES O'NEIL**, announcer, rejoins WFEA following release from military service. **NICKY PINAS** is new addition to the continuity staff of WFEA.

JACK L. SELLERS, released from the Army, has been added to the announcing staff of WNOX Knoxville, Tenn. He was AAF instrument instructor while in service.

WARREN ROBINSON, new to radio, joins CBS Montreal as announcer.

BILL HOWARD, out of Royal Canadian Navy, and **JACK THORNE**, discharged from RCAF, have joined the production staff of CBR Vancouver.

GORDON LEE, announcer of CJOB Winnipeg, and **FRAN TWELTRIDGE** of CBC studios at Winnipeg, are to be married in June.

PAUL MALLEE, former European correspondent of Austrian newspapers, has been appointed to the Central European section of the CBC International Shortwave Service, as special programs editor.

ANDREW G. COWAN, CBC International Service representative in London, and **HELEN MAGILL**, assistant talk producer of CBC Winnipeg, have announced their engagement.

GEORGE BROWN, released from the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, has rejoined CJOJ Lethbridge, Alta., as production manager.