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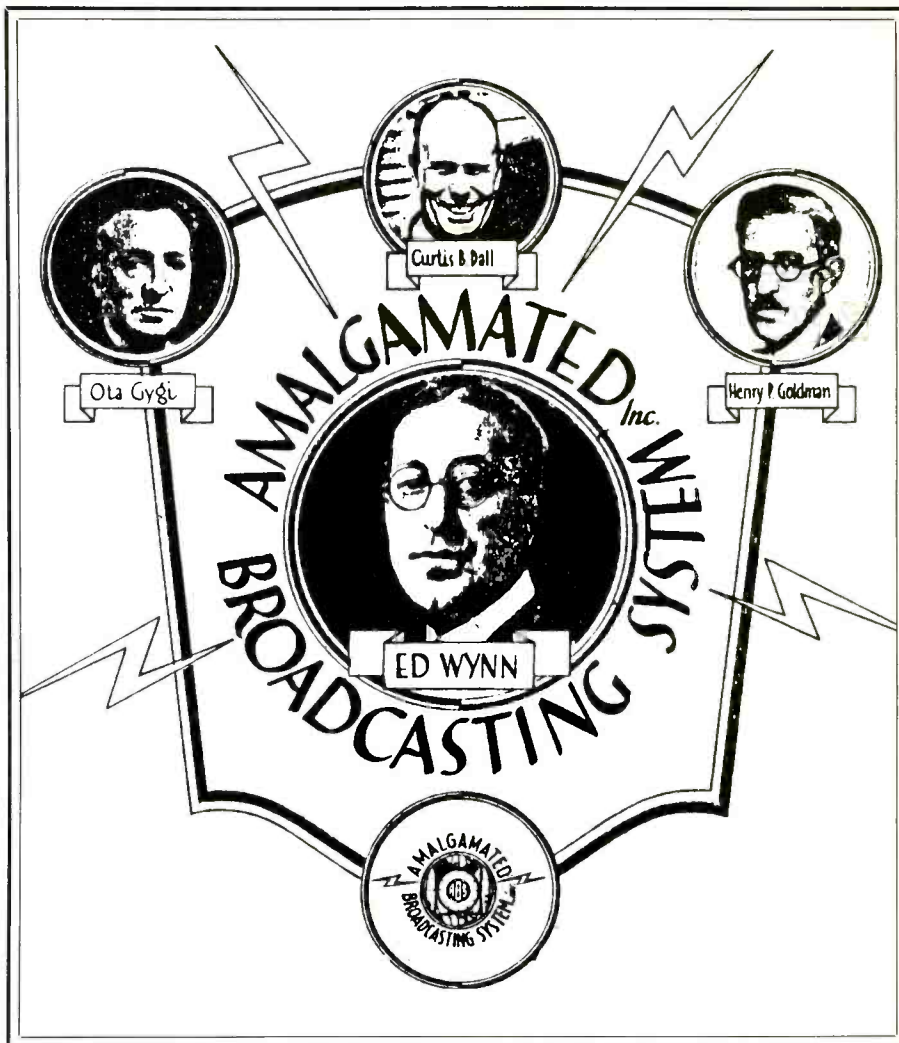
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The Amalgamated Broadcasting System lasted on the air about five weeks in 1933. Considering the time, effort, money, and ballyhoo involved, it still ranks as one of broadcasting's most monumental flops.

the Sheriff who had shown up to help control the unruly crowd.

The Day After

The following day, ABS put on its full fifteen hour schedule of programming, starting at 9 a.m. and going to midnight, although no affiliates carried each and every available ABS program. There were no commercials planned for the first several weeks of broadcasting, ABS announced, but they said they did have "more than thirty" sponsors ready to go, although ABS was tight lipped regarding its rates for commercial time. As of October 10th, ABS stood at twenty (100 to 500 watt) stations in mid-Atlantic and New England states. Upon Ed Wynn's scheduled return from Hollywood towards the third week in October, commercial broadcasts were to begin and ABS was to be expanded to Chicago's WCFL, Detroit's WXYZ, and other midwestern stations.

Programs being aired over ABS (or announced) included news, operas, musical

revues, child psychologists, pop music, American history dramatizations, book reviews, religious and ethnic features, and news commentaries.

The third week of October arrived, and instead of returning to give ABS his personal attention, Wynn dropped a bombshell. On October 23rd, Ed Wynn announced his resignation from ABS, citing his inability to properly function as the network's guiding light during their inaugural phase (while he was in California), and because his NBC/Texaco contract prohibited him from appearing on other programs. He noted that perhaps he had not surrounded himself with the most able executives at ABS. A significant portent of Wynn's discomfort with his role at ABS, he said, came on the day of the network's inaugural broadcast. He said that he was wrestling with a trained bear in a scene they were filming when the bear had "misbehaved." The bear's trainer said that the animal had never before had an accident of that nature. Superstitious Wynn took the incident as a sinister omen for ABS and his participation in the network.