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:::A GOOD SCOUT AND CAMPING PARTNER::: BY: Charles Ingersoll  
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Way last winter when snow was piled to the eaves of the house, I made plans with my Mother, to take one week of my vacation the week of her 72nd Birthday (June 17, 1970) and head for my Wilderness Hideout which is located about 140 miles from home base. Mom counted the days....and finally on the morning of June 15th we headed the Buick northward for a week in the woods. The car was loaded with enough groceries and 'goodies' to last a week....and I threw in the typewriter, stencils, and the workin's of RADIO DIAL. What a wonderful chance to make up a few pages of RADIO DIAL.

After stopping in Ely for more groceries we finally left for the remaining 27 miles to our "Glimpse Of Heaven"....but what did we find? Due to two torrential rain storms the week before, THE ROAD WAS WASHED OUT...which meant that we could only get within a quarter of a mile of the cabin...and the quarter mile is all up hill! When I saw the road was in such bad shape I said "Well, I guess we'll have to turn around and go home." ---but to my surprise my 72 year old Mom said "That's what you think!"---was out of the car as quick as a wink...grabbed up two bags of groceries and was half way up the hill before I figured out what I was going to pack up the quarter mile. Being concerned about her age I kept telling Mom to slow down..but she forged ahead! I believe her fast trip up the hill was due to the fact that she was hungry....it only seemed a matter of minutes before we were eating.

On the evening of the 17th (Her 72nd Birthday) a group of dear friends, from Ely, trudged up the hill to wish her a happy birthday. After killing two big pots of coffee and finishing off a big Birthday cake we all agreed it was a most wonderful Birthday for Mom.

Yes, Many of the pages for this issue were typed in the Wilderness area...a perfect place to concentrate....and with the road in the condition it was I was assured of NO interruptions.

Nothing discouraged Mom on the trip because she is now making plans to return to the summer home with me come September....she says "I don't care if the road is fixed or not, God gave me two good legs...and I am going to use them as long as I can."

Whats that? Did I hear someone ask what we had for dinner after making the hike up the hill? We had chicken and dumplings....and did it ever taste good....amid the towering pines where the air is fresh and pure. If you like this little story...drop Mom a card...she'de be glad to hear from you. Address: Mrs. Leona Ingersoll, 315 1st Ave. S. E. Aitkin, Minn. 56431. Incidentally, Mom assists RHSA by researching many of the articles printed in RADIO DIAL.

Don't you think I am blessed with a wonderful camping partner?  
I DO!!



THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE RHS  
 RADIO TAPES ARE IN THE MAIL  
 AND ALL MEMBERS THAT ORDERED  
 IT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ONCE  
 AGAIN ENJOY SOME OF THE OLD  
 RADIO SHOWS.  
 THE NEXT TAPE IS BEING MADE  
 UP AND WILL CONTAIN THE  
 FOLLOWING MATERIAL:

Half hour Spike Jones Show  
 Starring Frances Langford.

"Dr. I. Q." from 1942

"Suspense" -- "The Man Who  
 Went Back To Save Lincoln."

"Amos & Andy Life Story with  
 Freeman Gosden-Charles Cor-  
 ell.

Tape can be ordered for  
 \$1.00 which goes to pay  
 for the time to make up  
 the tapes. If you have  
 paid in advance and do not  
 want the above material  
 let us know so we can  
 take you off the list.  
 You need not take a tape  
 if you have the material.

HAPPY LISTENING!

AM ESPECIALLY INTERESTED in contact-  
 ing collectors making air checks of  
 re-issued shows. Would like to cor-  
 respond with someone in Evanston and  
 Peru, Illinois. Have had the privilege  
 of air checking almost 100 hours of  
 radio drama and wish to compare notes  
 and techniques. JIM BLYTHE, 170  
 Walters Ave. Merrillville, Ind. 46410

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

I have about 300 old 78's of the BIG  
 BAND ERA which I would like to sell.  
 Write me! MILLER HAHN 912½ East  
 Washington St. Newcastle, Penna. 16101  
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Anyone remember the radio program that  
 had "THE WHISTLER AND HIS DOG" for its  
 theme song? If you know---or have an  
 idea please write RHSA, Box 190 Cloquet  
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PICTURES OF OLD RADIO  
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 The following 4 x 6 glossy  
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 Jean Hersholt & Rosemary  
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 "Vic & Sade" cast before the  
 NBC Mike. (Rare photo)  
 Blow-up of advertisement of  
 Fibber & Mollie Show. Has  
 both of them pictured.  
 Dick Powell & Frances  
 Lanford of Hollywood  
 Hotel.  
 Rare picture of Kate  
 Smith with Ted Collins  
 in background. Send to  
 RHSA Box 190, Cloquet,  
 Minn. 55720

## MORE SWAPPERS

DOUG MORTIMER 2007 Banbury Road  
 North Vancouver, B. C. CANADA

VINCENT DAMIANO 752 Onderdonk Avenue  
 Ridgewood, New York. 11227

RUDY BUBALO 9516 Seaver Avenue  
 Duluth, Minnesota. 55808

ROBERT ERSCHEN - Box 304  
 Leoti, Kansas. 67861

RADIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY GETS FINE  
 PUBLICITY ON KQED-FM-SAN FRANCISCO.  
 Member John Stanley of the San Francis-  
 co Examiner & Chronicle gave RHSA an  
 excellent boost on his program of old  
 radio shows "Antique Ear" on KQED-FM.  
 Because of this kind act Mr. Stanley  
 has been made "SOLID GOLD MEMBER"



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++ PRESENTED BY MORRIS B. SACHS - WENR ++  
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BY: Jim Blythe, Merrillville, Ind.

A number of years ago four young teenagers, with one of their mothers, piled into a then new 1939 Buick and headed for Chicago. It wasn't a long trip from Hammond, Indiana, but it always seemed a chore as in those days there were no super-highways and the trip was spent waiting on one train and stop-light after another.

This turned out to be a never-forgotten experience for a group of young lads with rather dubious musical talents, who played under the not too imaginative name of "The Hillbilly Band". The collection of musical instruments were as unsophisticated as their title, namely: harmonica, guitar, Jew's harp and crock jug. The occasion was an invitation to appear on a live radio amateur hour show, broadcasting from Chicago.

One of the biggest snags encountered was that for some reason the tunes that were rehearsed were not allowed on the air (we never did fully understand why), and a substitute song was played. It turned out to be "You are my Sunshine", which at that time was being beat to death throughout the country by anyone who could carry a tune.

Needless to say all the friends and relatives listened to the radio that night, with the announcer urging all that listened to vote for the performer of their choice. The voting was done by post-card.

As in any group of young fellows, it seems that one is a little more enterprising than the rest. At his suggestion each bought a dollar's worth of post cards and saw that they were mailed, voting for their group. This was no mean task, as back in those days you got a hundred cards for a dollar.

The actual tabulation of the voting was not made public, but the group probably received exactly 400 votes. Anyway, they were not declared winners.

As the show that night was reserved for the talents of young people only, a prize was awarded to everybody who appeared. Those who weren't declared winners were given a less expensive Gruen watch with an inscription on the back.

I don't know what happened to the watches the other fellows were awarded, but in my box of souvenirs can be found all that's left of an old Gruen watch, the back, with this inscription:

"PRESENTED BY MORRIS B. SACHS - WENR"

**WILL TRADE TAPES FOR OTHER-TAPES!**

I have old radio programs from 1926 to 1955. Hundreds of all kinds. Will also trade tapes for comic books, premiums, etc. OLD RADIO UNLIMITED, 1647 Enfield Street, Spring Valley, Calif. 92077

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**WANTED:** Items of interest to radio collector-restorer. Radio and crystal sets, parts, tubes, and technical magazines of the early 20s. Write: VINCE HIGHMARK, WJVD 525 9th Ave. Two Harbors Minnesota. 55616.

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ORDER YOUR "STEINITE" RADIO RUBBER STAMP TODAY! SEE AD ON ANOTHER PAGE! MEMBERS WHO HAVE ORDERED LIKE THEM!

OVER 100,000 hard-to-get phonograph records, 1903 to LP. JACK'S RECORD CELLAR, 254 Scott Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94177

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JOIN "JAZZ UNLIMITED" Tape Club. Write: Robert Powell, Floodwood, Minn.

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MEMBERS WANTED: Join "Friends+Hobbies" Receive monthly magazine "FRIENDS AND HOBBIES JOURNAL". Contact Mr. Wallace Ward, Box 304, Chadbourn, N. C. Tell Wallace that Charlie sent you!

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WILL SHARE LARGE TAPE COLLECTION of 20s and 30s...Pops & Dixieland. Two tracks 3.75 speed. 1½ Hr. tape for \$5.95, 3 hour tape \$9.95. Six selection sampler for \$1.00. D. I. Martin, 107 Waverly Place, Mt. View, Calif. 94040

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RADIO DIAL...The only FANZINE dedicated to OLD RADIO DAYS!





# IN THIS CORNER WITH DYAL TURNER

REMEMBER the musical program "The American Album of Familiar Music"? Producers of the show were Frank and Anne Hummert and directed by James Haupt. This beautiful program started in 1931 and continued through the war years into 1945. It was a favorite of the men stationed in overseas bases and was transcribed by the Armed Forces Radio Service for rebroadcast. Remember some of the names on the show?...we wonder what ever became of Evelyn MacGregor, Bob Hammon, Jean Dickenson and Donald Dame? Many singers appeared on the show but the usually associated name was Frank Munn. Mr. Munn passed away in the late 40's. Announcer for the show was Andre Baruch. Another show very similar to AAOFM was titled "Waltz Time". It used the same format and most of the singers on the Album show.....FRIEND and MEMBER Miller Hahn of 912½ E. Wash. St. New Castle, Pa. 16101 sends out this SOS...NOW HEAR THIS! Miller says: The following material is needed to complete my collection of radio tapes: Dimension X - "Kaleidoscope"; Dimension X - "The Last Objective". Many "2000 Plus" shows --- CBS Radio Workshop "The Weans" and "A Pride of Carrots". Many other Science Fiction wants. Have complete "X-1" collection as well as large collection of a variety of radio shows. Would like to trade for science fiction shows needs? Can anyone help Miller out? .....GOSSIP ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...We hear that member Don Boates, 7411 S.E. Knight, Portland Ore. 97206 is going to Saipan for two or three months this summer.....GERRY KRAMER, 203½ 6th St. Coralville, Iowa 52240 is starting a newsletter for collectors of radio premiums and giveaways. Write to him if you are interested....."SORRY TO HEAR IT DEPARTMENT"...yes, we were very sorry to hear that member Bob Vito was forced to put out his final issue of his STAND BY...ON THE AIR fanzine. Perhaps Bob can be persuaded to continue if we all write him...his address: Bob Vito, 1369 E. 38th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234..... Say...you'll want to get the next RR tape put out by RHSA....it has the suspense filled Suspense program "The Man Who Went Back To Save Lincoln"....see complete announcement of tape contents on another page.....WE'DE LIKE TO FIND AND HEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING RADIO STARS---Paul Arnold, young baritone star (1940) of WLV Cincinnati....Connie Haines, popular star of the 1940 show "Fame & Fortune"..... Larry Stewart who was vocalist on the old "Alec Templeton Time" program..... Vivian Block who played "Cookie" on the "Mother O' Mine" soap opera. She was also heard on the "Aldrich Family" show.....and finally-ANY INFORMATION ON DYAL TURNER'S DREAM GIRL glamorous Mary Patton who was cast in the role of Marie Martel in the NBC "Arnold Grimm's Daughter" series? MEMBER OTIS ZIRKLE informs us that he recently had a long visit with Bill Rank who was former trombonist with the Gene Goldkette Orchestra...later Paul "Pops" Whiteman. "Zirk" says Bill still plays the horn beautifully....also had a nice visit with Johnny Long. "Zirk" knows many of the old dance band artists...having been a musician himself. DO THESE NAMES MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU? Paul Tretsch - Gabe Ward? They were "Hezzie" and "Gabe" of the "Hoosier Hot-Shot" fame...any information on their whereabouts? How about a note from you? Let us know what you think of the column. I promise next one will be just a little more interesting....it's summer and "Dyal Turner is too interested in fishing on a cool clear Minnesota Lake....to write a column". Anyhow---Let us know what you think of "IN THIS CORNER" --30-- D.T.

Wouldn't a membership in RHSA make a nice birthday gift for a friend? Yes, it would even make a nice Christmas gift. 1000 MEMBERS IN 1971????????????????????



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++THE ROAD OF LIFE++  
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By: Charles W. Ingersoll

"THE ROAD OF LIFE" told the intensely human and true-to-life story of a young surgeon's struggle for success and happiness. Jim Brent was the doctor who grew up in the steel-mill district of South Chicago. Since his intership, Dr. Brent had devoted himself to surgical practice, in which he had proved himself as an expert. He was a member of the staff of City Hospital and was assistant to Dr. Parsons, eminent surgeon and favorite doctor of Chicago's elite. Besides developing under Dr. Parsons' tutelage into a nationally prominent surgeon, Dr. Brent was very popular with his associates. Jim's young brother, Fred Brent, had caused him Jim a great deal of inconvenience and worry. At one time Fred was mysteriously shot, and it was only through kindness of Jim's good friend, Helen Gowan, that Jim succeeded in covering up the incident. Helen permitted Fred to remain at her apartment until he recovered. Fred's gratitude later proved embarrassing to both Jim and Helen. Then in a heated argument Fred accidentally shot Jim in the right hand. The injury placed Jim's future as a surgeon in grave doubt. The incident had caused him to postpone his marriage to his schoolday sweetheart, Mary Holt. Mary did not approve of the postponement and decided there would be NO marriage at all if not now. Meanwhile, Jim had opened his old office in the basement of the Brent home in South Chicago for practise...and ON and ON and ON!

"THE ROAD OF LIFE" was a morning "soaper" on NBC and an afternoon program on CBS. The show was written by Irna Phillips who also authored "The Guiding Light" and "The Woman In White". Miss Phillips was a Chicago girl. Director of the show was HOWARD KEEGAN. Before taking over as director of The Road Of Life he was a member of the NBC production department in Chicago. He also directed The Guiding Light and The Woman In White."

#### THE CAST OF "THE ROAD OF LIFE"

Dr. Jim Brent -- Ken Griffin	Helen Gowan -- Betty Lou Gerson
Fred Brent -- Frank Dane	Mary Holt -- Vivian Fridoll
Dr. Parsons -- Reese Taylor	Carol Evans Martin -- Lesley Woods

In the late 1940's Ken Griffin became extremely popular as an organist and made many records and albums. He was very popular with the young people as most of his records were used at roller rinks. He also traveled coast to coast playing in small night clubs. I was fortunate to meet Ken in a Bar & Grill in West Duluth shortly before his death. (CWI)

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COMING IN NEXT ISSUE OF RADIO DIAL!  
"RADIO REMINISCENCES" by RHSA MEMBER  
Carl T. Erickson.

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"BASIL RATHBONE" an article submitted  
by member Doug Casey.

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"GOING WAY BACK" by member Donald  
Koehnemann.

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"YOUR RADIO SPEAKER" by Bob Vito

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"JUST SEND A BOXTOP AND A DIME" By RHSA  
member Bernie Weis.

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"RADIO QUIZ" By member Tom Cole.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS from  
member Mel Shlank.

AND MANY MANY MORE ARTICLES AND  
FEATURES...ALL IN THE AUTUMN ISSUE  
OF RADIO DIAL!

WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!

Tapes of "Land of the Lost; "Coast to  
Coast on a Bus"; Cliff Arquette's  
"Glamour Manor" (32 rooms & 2 baths);  
and "Kaltonmeyer's Kindergarten" Write:  
Chuck Burnes, 2341 West Transit Avenue,  
Anaheim, Calif. 92804. (Mark envelopes  
"FORWARD PER ROUTE")

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WANTED: Would like to hear from any-  
one interested in Ford cars of the 1932  
to 1940 vintage. I would like to have  
members who know of such cars which are  
or might be available to contact me so  
that I can see about purchasing same.  
DON SCOTT, 1762 Gilda Way, San Jose  
California. 95124. Apt. # 23.

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POPULAR PROGRAM IN 1939 on KGNF North  
Platte Nebraska was "Mystic Melodies".  
The same year WGN in Chicago had a very  
delightful program of music titled "ARM-  
CHAIR MELODIES."



WE ARE VERY SORRY!!!

In the Spring issue we promised a story on "Mr. District Atty." for this issue. We were unable to finish the story so we are presenting a story on "THE ROAD OF LIFE"---and it will be found on another page of this issue.

The Mr. District Attorney story will be finished soon and in the WINTER 1971 issue. CWI--

WANTED: OLD Radio Fan Magazines of 20's - 30's and 40's. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE and your price. To be used in RHSA Reading Room.

ALSO

Interested in securing 8 x 10 glossy print pictures of Old radio Stars. RHSA- Box 190, Cloquet, Minn. 55720

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OUR GOAL --- 1000 members by 1971. Tell a friend about RHSA!

Hello...Bob Powell! This is "cuz" Charles with information about a new album on the HISTORICAL Label. Music by Benny Moten and his KC Orchestra 1923-1929! You'll want to get a copy so write HISTORICAL RECORDS INC., Box 4204 Bergen Sta. Jersey City, N. J. 07304. Price is \$5.98 postpaid. RHSA members who like JAZZ can also order. Ask for their large catalog of other HISTORICAL RELEASES!

REMEMBER THESE PROGRAMS FROM 1939

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- "What's My Name" -- "Plantation Party" -- "Those Happy Gilmans" -- "Club Matinee" -- "Pretty Kitty Kelly" -- "Josh Higgins of Finchville" -- "The Fact Finder" -- "Don Winslow of the Navy" -- "Famous Jury Trials" -- "Ask-It-Basket" -- "Don't You Believe It" -- "Mary & Bob's True Stories" -- "American Viewpoints".

Would like tape copy of a program of the 30's "Gumdrop & Goober" on KGBX-Springfield, Mo. Would also like copy of an "Eb & Zeb" show. Write: R. H. S. A. Box 190 Cloquet, Minn. 55720

DX BY: D. MARTIN

During the early 30s I was an avid radio listener and DX'er. On Saturday nights I could often tune in (on our Stromberg-Carlson) where we lived around the Great Lakes, the NBC Station in San Francisco, KPO. That city was the center of radio programming for the west coast.

After midnight reception was good, and I could enjoy "Pacific Moonlight" a program of quiet organ and guitar music with Paul Carson at the organ. There was also "Carefree Carnival" a variety show which featured Meredith Wilson's Orchestra (he was head of the studio music department at KPO) Vera Vague (who later appeared in many movies) doing an act much like Gracie Fields; Cliff Nazarro, (who later made a record in which he was labeled "Jack Benny's double-talking comedian) singing and getting laughs with his double-talk---he too later appeared in some movies and later ended up in a mental hospital. There was Charlie Marshall and His Boys doing western songs, playing and singing along the lines of The Son's Of The Pioneers.

Several years later I migrated to San Francisco, and used to regularly visit the NBC studios, which were at that time on one floor of a Sutter Street Office Building, with very limited audience space. By that time the "Carefree Carnival" was sponsored by a short-lived brand of cigarettes called "Kentucky Winners." The program was broadcast nation wide and earlier on Saturday nights at 5:30 Pacific time. Studio audiences had become part of radio by that time, so the broadcast was done from the Auditorium of the Women's City Club. I still have an admission ticket to one of those broadcasts.

Not too long afterward---Hollywood became the radio programming capital as emphasis shifted to screen stars for radio programs.... and most of the radio personalities went there too. Charlie Marshall got himself a job as a Farm Editor of KFBK in Sacramento and until the late 50's used to broadcast an early morning farm program where he spun records of country music alternated with farm news. He retired about 1960.

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DOUG MARTIN is one of the first members to join RHSA. Doug lives at 107 Waverly Place, Mountain View, California, 94040. He is a GOOD member and a PRECIOUS friend of Mr. Charles Ingersoll, Director of RHSA.

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1000 IN 1971????????????????????????????????



# SELL-BUY-TRADE-SWAP--

WANTED: Antique radios, horns, catalogs, magazines, tubes. Will buy-sell-swap. MID-AMERICA WIRELESS MUSEUM, 2603 Independence Ave, Kansas City Mo. 64124.

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FOR SALE: Old Airline radio combination with record player. Sheet music dating back to World War One. Song book "Radio Favorites" by Albert Brumley. Book on "How to make Radio Character Dolls. Contact: Mrs Martha Schmitt, 218 1st Ave. N. E. Aitkin, Minn. 56431

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WANTED: Tapes of old ragtime artists like Scott Joplin, Ben Harney Etc. I have 3000 78 RPM records and many old radio shows that I can dub in trade. JACK PFEIFER, 19 Lindis Farne Avenue, Westmont, N. J. 08108

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Does anyone have any information and/or tapes regarding either, "Latitude Zero" or "The Bishop and the Gargoyle?"

WRITE: CHARLES P. HOEFLER, 21 Charlemont Court. North Chelmsford, Mass. Zip: 01863

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NOTICE: I am interested in augmenting my collection of music by the "name bands" of the late 30's and early 40's, and would be interested in hearing from anyone along this line. Also have many "Goon Shows" produced in Canada. Would be willing to exchange these for copies of "I Love A Mystery". Write: CARL T. ERICKSON, P. O. Box 449, Shoreham N.Y. Zip: 11786

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WANTED: Recordings, books and photos pertaining to "One Man's Family". If you have anything please write to Mr. RALPH E. MILLER, PO Box 160 Allston, Mass. 02134

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NOTICE: Some of the readers in the Boston, Mass. area may be interested to know that radio station WCRB A. M and F. M. is broadcasting the program "GANGBUSTERS" on Sunday nights at 8:00 (EST)

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EL SHUMWAY of P.O.BOX 322, Kenosha Wisc. says: "I collect old radio and old music from the 20's through the 40's and have quite a fine collection that I will share with those of the same interests.

WANTED: Old battery and crystal radio sets. Also speakers, tubes radio parts and magazines. Also want ancient phonographs and records. RALPH BARNETT, 3434 East Oakwood, Decatur Ill. 62521

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AUTHENTIC old-time radio shows, on tape. The Shadow, Suspense, One Man's Family, Henry Aldrich, many more, exactly as heard on the air 20 or more years ago. Send for free catalog to RADIO CLASSICS, P.O. Box 18514, Denver, Colo. 80218.

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WANTED: Interested in getting a copy of Fred Allen's book Treadmill to Oblivion. ROBT. J. ELLSWORTH, 279 Washington Ave., Kingstown, N. Y. 12401

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NOTICE: Anyone interested in joining a round robin of radio programs, please contact LEWIS J. CRISPELL 188 Bayard St. Port Ewen, N. Y. 12466. I am also interested in contacting anyone interested in vintage music, especially pre-electric or mechanical music.

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WANTED: Any "Lone Ranger" programs starring EARLE GRASER. Write: WESLEY TOM, 3228 E. 13th St. Vancouver, WASH. Zip: 98661

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WANTED: Old battery radios, crystal sets, horns, tubes, catalogs, radio programs. Will BUY-SELL -SWAP. MID AMERICA WIRELESS MUSEUM, 2603 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64124.

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WANTED: Information on program and characters of the old program "It Pays To Be Ignorant". Write: Wilbur Nitsch, 255 Heberle Rd. Rochester, N.Y. 14609

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MEMBERS: I have a small collection of radio tapes which I hope to enlarge. My main interests are SGT.PRESTON-STRAIGHT ARROW and TOM MIX. Also interested in Fred Allen Radio Programs. ROBT. J. ELLSWORTH, 279 Washington Avenue, Kingstown, N. Y. 12401.

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NOTICE: Interested in articles and pictures of the dance bands from the 20's. EL SHUMWAY P.O.BOX 322, Kenosha, Wisc. Zip: 53140.

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TELL A FRIEND ABOUT RADIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HE'LL THANK YOU FOR IT!



-WE WANT TO SWAP RADIO TAPES!  
GEORGE B. JOHNSON, 425 East  
Main St. Logan, Ohio. 43138  
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DANNY FERGUSON, 7216 North  
Oatman Ave. Portland Ore.  
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MONROE O. MOEN, 275 Estates  
St. Livermore, CA. 94550  
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Stephen Massey, 778 Caliente  
Ave. Livermore, CA. 94550  
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Don Scott, 1762 Gilda Way,  
San Jose, CA. 95124 (Apt-23)  
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Larry P. Gabriel, 223 Arb-  
allo Dr. San Francisco, CA.  
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Jack Sutherland, 1826 South  
4th St. Springfield, Ill.  
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Meade Frierson III, 3705  
Woodvale, Rd. Birmingham  
Alabama. 35223  
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Mike Ryan, 185 Elder Ave.,  
Milbrae, CA. 94030  
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Chuck Burnes, 2341 West  
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Holmes or late ELLERY QUEEN  
shows. Write:

HAROLD BRODSKY  
218 ORANGEVIEW LANE  
LAKELAND, FLA. 33803

## DEATHS

JOHN J. ANTHONY-- John J. Anthony,  
whose daily advice show was broad-  
cast nationally on radio for over 20  
years, died July 16th of an apparent  
heart attack.

Anthony, 68, was best known for the  
show's opening line, "Mr. Anthony, I have  
a problem" and his frequent plea: "Don't  
touch the microphone."

He was stricken while eating dinner  
at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Fran-  
cisco, and was dead on arrival at a hospi-  
tal.

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FRAN VAN HARDESVELDT, 59, radio producer  
and director, died June 29 of a heart  
attack in Methodist Hospital, Houston.

He produced and directed "The Aldrich  
Family" from 1939 to 1951 and the "Rail-  
road Hour," "The Great Gildersleeve," "Fath-  
er Knows Best", and the "Roy Rogers Show".

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CHESTER STRATTON, 57, actor, died July 8  
in Los Angeles. On radio he played in the  
"O'Neills," "Pepper Young's Family," "Ace  
Of the Airways," and "Lux Radio Theater."  
He has been appearing on TV dramatic  
shows from New York.

### MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Members who have not received their  
membership certificates will get them  
with the Autumn issue mailing. Our RHS  
artist in Minneapolis is working on  
them. AND....BELIEVE ME THEY ARE WORTH  
WAITING FOR!

### RADIO DIAL IN LARGER SIZE

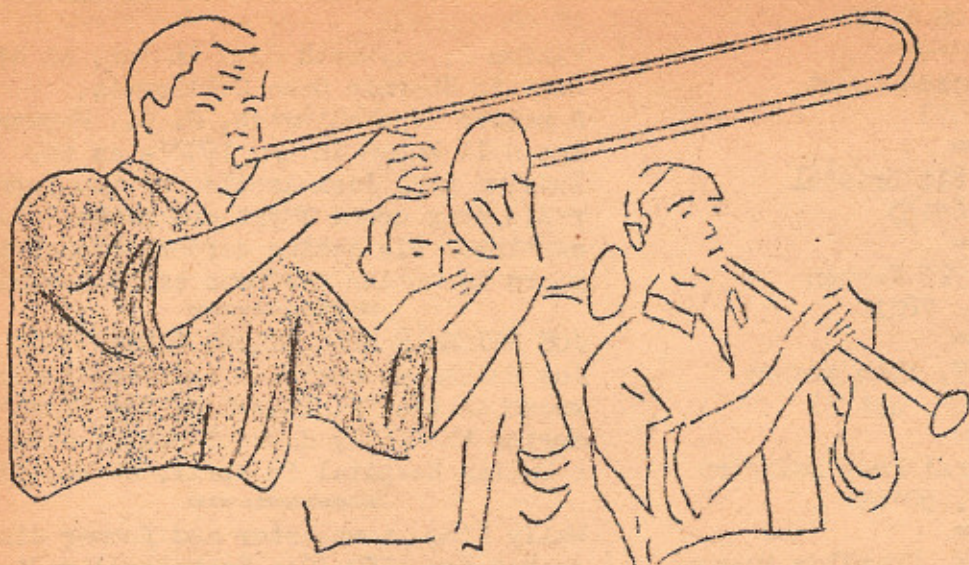
With the Autumn issue...RADIO DIAL  
will be printed on a much larger size  
paper. Instead of 8½ x 11 it will be  
8½ x 15.

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JACK MARTIN---MARSHALL OF 'ALICE'  
PARADE AT LA CROSSE.

Member Jack Martin retired WKBH-WKBT  
farm director, acted as marshal of the  
1970 Alice in Dairyland parade in La  
Crosse on June 13th 1970.

Martin, who has been given national  
recognition for the longest period of  
service as a farm director in the United  
States, has done farm and marketing  
reporting for 37 years. He also found-  
ed the "Radio in the Barn" and "Radio  
in the Kitchen" clubs on WKBH.

Martin awarded the grand trophy to the  
winner judged best following the theme  
"This Land Is Your Land".

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1000 MEMBERS IN 1971????????????????????

VETERAN ACTOR VINTON HAYWORTH DIES  
AT 64 (RDNS)

Vinton J. Hayworth died in June at his  
home in Sherman Oaks California.  
A native of Washington, D. C., Hayworth  
was well known in the 1930's as the  
leading man, Jack Arnold, of the popular  
radio soap opera "Myrt and Marge." He  
continued his acting career through the  
years in motion pictures and television.

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JOE REICHMAN BAND LEADER PASSES AWAY

Joe Reichman, musician and band leader  
known as the "Pagliacci Of The Piano"  
during the early days of radio, died in  
a Dallas hospital in April. He was 72.

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Wally King, newscaster and former disc  
jockey for KSFO (San Francisco) radio  
in Oakland in April. He was 58

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CHICAGO BAND LEADER DIES

Memorial services for Anderson (Husk)  
O'Hare were held in Chicago on May 3rd.  
Mr. O'Hare died April 22nd.

Mr. O'Hare, who was known as "The Genial  
Gentleman of the Air," when he and his  
band performed on Chicago radio stations  
during the 1920's and 1930's passed away  
in Chicago's St. Joseph Hospital. He was  
75.

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PAUL SUTTON PASSES AWAY (RDNS)

Paul Sutton who played the part of  
Sgt. Preston passed away recently.  
Radio Dial does not have complete de-  
tails of his death.

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CORRECTION: Member Walter Wiener of  
St. Paul, Minnesota corrected a state-  
ment we made in the Spring issue. He  
said: "Carmella Columbo was not the  
widow of Russ Columbo....she is his  
sister....Russ was never married and  
died at the age of 26".

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Member Martha Schmitt of Aitkin, Minn.  
says: "I enjoy Radio Dial so much and  
when I get it I can't lay it down. It  
brings back memories of the good old  
days when Pop was the head of the house  
and we all had to be still when Ed Wynn  
came on the radio. Will you please write  
a story on him in a future issue?"

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+++MURDER AT MATTY'S+++  
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(From Autumn 1968 RADIO DIAL)  
By: ROBERT H. POWELL

Charlie Ingersoll, Director of the Radio Historical Society and Editor of "Radio Dial", who, incidently, is my cousin, once owned and operated Radio Station WXLT in a small city in Northeastern Minnesota called "Ely", which you could visit on your way to the Canadian Border as it is not too far away from our friendly neighbor to the North.

After a year of planning and building, WXLT was finally "on the air". It was in the year 1948 when cousin Charles began broadcasting activity from his small station and, it was during this time that really GOOD RADIO PROGRAMMING all over the country was coming to an end.

This, of course, presented quite a problem to keep listeners interested and it took a lot of original ideas to fill a 16-hour day with programs. It seemed that the radio listener then was not as interested in the "phonograph record and talk shows" as he is today, so WXLT featured such home grown shows as "Native Tunes", "A Guy, A Gal and Two Turntables", "Hal's House", "Miscellaneous" with Miss Elaine and "Ask The Kiddies" and others. They had a remote broadcast, each day (6 days a week) from Matty's Bar and Grill, in downtown Ely, which was owned and operated by a fellow by the name of Matty Kapsch. Charlie had a phone line installed along with the permanent remote equipment for the programs from there which came at 5:45 P.M. and at 10:15 P.M. The first show was primarily "dreamy dinner music" and the last show featured the more vigorous and "peppy" kind of music and this last show had all the "whoopy doo" sounds in the background. These remote shows became very popular with the listener in range of WXLT, as they received requests from such other cities as Cook, Hibbing, Grand Rapids and International Falls. They got letters from as far south as McGregor a small town in Aitkin County.

Matty hired organists to play in his lounge from where these remotes originated and the first entertainer to be hired was Glenn Brooks (a fine gentleman from the state of Illinois), followed by Cy Perkins, Tony Lonetto and a husband and wife team named Tommy and Mary Thompson. Tommy played the organ, piano and solovox and wife Mary vocalized, on occasion.

It happened that Tommy and Mary were on the 5:45 P.M. show on that Autumn afternoon in 1948, when the "murder" took place and this is what happened. Just as the show was coming to a close, Matty entered the lounge with a wooden yardstick in his hand and, as we all are susceptible to "urges" we can't explain, Matty being no exception, he slapped the yardstick flatways on a formica-topped table, making a very loud "crack"---much like a gunshot. At that instant, Mary gave out with a piercing scream and Tommy shut off the remote equipment. Result: Dead silence on the line to the station.

All of a sudden the telephones began to ring at the station...people wanted to know what had happened. Of course, we didn't know and could give them no information at all.

A gal by the name of Mae Sletten, who was the telephone operator, called WXLT and said "What the dickens happened up there...this switchboard lit up like a Christmas tree?" A listener put in a call to Chief Of Police Douglas Nankervis, telling him there had been a murder at Matty's and, with his assistant Mr. Joe Markovich, rushed to the place, siren blowing.

When they entered the bar, they expected to see a body on the floor and blood spattered on the ceiling. Well, you can imagine their amazement upon finding no evidence of the "crime", as Matty and the other occupants of the place were in excellent health. In fact, didn't know what it was all about, as he hadn't heard how the broadcast had ended.

A fellow from Ely, who was listening on his car radio on his way to Virginia, heard all this and his curiosity caused him to turn around and return to Ely, as he was just 5 miles away.

The next day the station had a caller in the person of Mr. John Keenan. John, whom I assume to be manager of the telephone company, warned cousin Charles and the gang not to try a trick like that again.

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MURDER AT MATTY'S -CONTINUED.

Keenan said that if all the phones were removed from their hooks at the same time, it would burn out the switchboard. I guess they took this warning to heart for no further chaos occurred such as that on that eventful afternoon.

Well, Charles and his crew found out they had a lot of listeners, that day, without going to the expense of hiring Mr. Hooper to give WXLT a rating.

WXLT was replaced by WELY, but I am sure that it will never be forgotten when the series of events that led to the "Murder At Matty's" are rehashed over a cup of coffee by some of the old timers in a cafe in downtown Ely, Minnesota. This is one crime you won't read about in True Detective Mysteries. If you want the facts, just ask COUSIN CHARLES INGERSOLL----he'll tell you! (RHP)

SOMETHING ABOUT JUVENILE RADIO STARS OF DAYS GONE BY -----

Orphan Annie was played by Shirley Bell and her pal Joe Cornstassel was played by Allen Baruck....Walter Tetley, boy radio actor started his career at the age of seven doing impersonations of Sir. Harry Lauder....Billy Idelson played the part of "Rush" on the "Vic & Sade" program.

MEMBER BILL LEWIS of New Brunswick Canada says: "I have a personal letter from the late Eddie Cantor. There is a story behind it. He was a wonderful person and I thoroughly enjoyed his programs, and the letter reflects his thoughtfulness in fulfilling the request of another person who wished him to write me".

MEMBERS SAY:

"I really enjoy RADIO DIAL and am looking forward to the summer issue. Thanks so much for your appreciated efforts and keep up the good work. It is most enjoyable". (Wisconsin)

"The Spring issue was really great and can hardly wait for the Summer issue"----- (New Jersey)

"RADIO DIAL" is my favorite little magazine. The stories are well written and very informative" (Alabama)

"After sending my inquiry about RHSA I could hardly wait to get RADIO DIAL. I found it very interesting. Wish it could be issued oftener than 4 times a year"----- (Missouri)

"You have reason to be proud of RHSA. As you grow, each achievement will be noted and cheered by all the old and new radio buffs who constantly wish you - and radio - well". (Indiana)

MEMBER ROBERT VITO TO APPEAR ON MAJOR RADIO NETWORK-----

Member Robert Vito of 1369 E. 38th St. Brooklyn, N. Y. will be going on a radio network in the near future, doing impressions of old radio stars and also plugging his publication "STAND BY.... ON THE AIR."

RHS was very sorry to learn that Bob had discontinued publishing his very interesting FANZINE. We hope he will change his mind and continue issuing it. How about it, Bob?

-o-o-o-NATURES' RADIO-o-o-o-

As a boy I heard a story  
Fact or fiction I don't know  
Of natures first recorded foray  
Into the realm of radio.

In the kitchen, on a homestead  
In the wilds of Canada  
Way back in eighteen hundred  
Occured a strange phenomena.

When the water in the kettle  
Boiled upon the kitchen range  
The location and the metal  
Caused results a little strange.

Steam coming from the kettle spout  
Somehow made a form of speaker  
Refrains of music drifted out  
To astound the disbelievers.

This strange occasional occurrence  
Though logical, was slightly eerie,  
Those pioneers sought reassurance  
It wasn't ghosts or witchery.

Written By Anton F. Weidemann  
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## A GENERATION-GAP RADIO QUIZ

BY ROGER HILL

NAMES APPEARING IN THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN ARE ARE VERY STRONGLY LINKED TO THE OLD RADIO PROGRAMS WHOSE TITLES ARE IN THE RIGHT-HAND COLUMN. SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH-UP THE RIGHT NAMES WITH THE PROPER PROGRAMS.

1. Virginia Payne	_____	Town Hall Tonight
2. Brace Beamer	_____	Duffy's Tavern
3. Fanny Brice	_____	The Life Of Riley
4. Chase & Sanborn	_____	Hopalong Cassidy
5. Earl Graser	_____	War Of The World's
6. Johnson's Wax	_____	Fibber McGee & Molly
7. Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall	_____	Baby Snooks
8. George Seaton	_____	Suspense
9. Bill Boyd	_____	Lum & Abner
10. Nila Mack	_____	Adventures By Morse
11. Bill Stern	_____	Melody Ranch
12. Orson Welles	_____	Ma Perkins
13. Jello	_____	Let's Pretend
14. Ed Gardner	_____	I Love Adventure
15. Roma Wines	_____	The Lone Ranger
16. Jack, Doc & Reggie	_____	Amos & Andy
17. Carlton E. Morse	_____	The Aldrich Family
18. Gosden & Correll	_____	The Shadow
19. Fred Allen	_____	Bold Venture
20. Jot 'Em Down Store	_____	Colgate Sports Newsreel
21. William Bendix	_____	The Goon Show
22. Peter Sellers	_____	Robin (as in Batman & Robin)
23. Gene Autry	_____	Bergen & McCarthy
24. Dick Grayson	_____	Maj. Bowes Original Amateur Hour

MEMBER HAROLD A BROWN SAYS: I suppose my favorite programs were detective stories. I never missed the THIN MAN - who could forget Nick and Nora and their sexy good-night routine. Also I liked BIG TOWN, THE FAT MAN, THE SHADOW, GANGBUSTERS, NERO WOLF, MARTIN KANE, COUNTER SPY, and others.

I'll bet most everyone has forgotten about a short-lived program that came on in the 40's called THE TUCKER FAMILY. It was a patriotic story about an average American family doing its part on the home front for the war effort. Also there was another short-lived program called HOT COPY which was a newspaper story similar to BIG TOWN. There was an adventure story broadcast out of Chicago called THE EXPLORERS CLUB. The stories were mostly about adventures in Africa and South America. They were supposed to be true stories told by the members of the EXPLORERS CLUB.

I also remember a quiz program called THE CAMEL QUIZ SHOW. The contestants had to answer so many questions before reaching a second level of harder questions. They were then called Lemac which was Camel spelled backwards. Bob Hawk was the quiz-master, and if all of the questions were answered a money award was given. But if the contestants lost a certian number of cartons of Camels were sent in their name to a certain service camp or Military Hospital selected for honor each week. It was my favorite quiz program. Does anyone recall it?

I'll never forget those delightful poems and stories read by TED MALONE with mood music played by ROSA RIO at the organ. I wonder if anyone recalls Ted's annual reading of the story, WHY THE BELLS RANG ON CHRISTMAS DAY? Also two religious programs I enjoyed were THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD - reproductions of bible stories - sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., and THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD with Sarah and Josiah Hopkins and their horse Dan. Josiah was the pastor of the little church. As I recall this was only a 15 minute program but a very delightful one. Perhaps I have stirred the memory of some of the readers of RADIO DIAL. ---- Harold A. Brown.