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"HELLO, ANYBODY!" Opening of Harry Morgan on "Here's Morgan" in many shows in the late '40's

IT'S THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

The next meeting of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held Sunday, December 7, starting at 7:00 P.M. at 324 West 99th avenue. The emphasis at this "get-together" will be on sociability and business will be kept to a minimum. All who receive this newsletter are invited. Please bring your wife, or a friend, with you.

BACK IN OCTOBER

The last meeting was a most interesting and productive one. John Dunning was present and was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of RHAC. It was a pleasure to those present to have the opportunity of meeting Mr. Dunning who, undoubtedly is the leading proponent of good OTR in Colorado. John was very supportive of the organizations activities. In fact, arrangements may be made so that the Club Library could receive some unreleased reels of tape through going in on a purchase with Mr. Dunning. More information on this will be forthcoming if such a situation develops.

THE BELLS ARE RINGING

Wedding bells, that is! Richard Mann will wed Miss Ramona Rollins on November 25 in the Latter Day Saints Temple at Salt Lake City, Utah. Rich has helped many OTR collectors in the metro area. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

THE SPOOK ARRIVES

Congratulations to Richard and Debra McDuke on the birth of their new baby girl!

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARY

There will be 10 reels available for the 50 cents fee in the mail circulation library at the December meeting. There may be a Christmas present available to our more dedicated library participants.

Also, the 20 reels purchased from Blacklock by the contributors will probably be available to the library by the January meeting. Any member may donate reels of shows to the lending library, but contact Harold Bender prior to bringing the material so that there are not too many at a given time, or too many duplications.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST MEETING

Ray Stofer volunteered his knowledge and time to assist members in establishing proper alignment of their reel to reel machines. He offered to teach some members in a "clinic" that would take two or more hours about alignment and proper use of their machines.

A proposal to tour KOA radio was well received. Some Saturday, early next year, this activity will be arranged.

The membership again discussed the merits of various blank tapes. Some expressed dissatisfaction with DAE and are trying Oregon Magnetics. L. M. McDermott can make arrangements to get good prices with a local dealer on tape such as BASF, if a group goes together to order in bulk. John Lanning reported that at present he is using a line of Scotch tape. Capitol and Amper brand tapes were generally praised, but no one was aware of a local outlet that would discount prices on these brands.

SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY

The contribution of reels of radio programs through Dick Mullins to the Institute for the Blind is progressing satisfactorily. Dick may wish to line up some more contributors, however, by some time early in 1976.

John Nicholson could use some assistance in the presentation of OTR to senior citizen listening groups. Contact John if you have some time to donate.

You might want to initiate a listening service at a nearby retirement home. The Christmas season could be an appropriate time to engage in such an endeavor.
(Editors Note: These are both very rewarding activities and Dick and John are to be praised for their generosity. We are all very fortunate to have these radio shows at our disposal. What could be more rewarding than to share them with others and see the smile on someone's face as they enjoy OTR. Lets get involved!)

ON KAAT

It is reported that the Saturday Morning OTR program on KAAT comes from Radiola or other commercial discs. Some members comment that the editing for local commercials leaves something to be desired.

ON GRIF

Iec Dauton said that the weekly newspaper GRIF is running a series of articles on radio personalities. A subscription is only \$9.00 per year. The address is GRIF Publishing Co., Williamsport, Pa. 17701.

Lee and his wife also came across Bob Madison who is a collector of antique radios and radio memorabilia. Mr. Madison is selling his games, magazines, and premiums related to OTR and some cassette recordings. If you are interested in this material, contact Mr. Madison at 989-0877.

FOR SALE

Dick Millans and Jerry Appleman have some blank DAK tape they are willing to sell in lots of 10 or 25.

OUT-OF-STATE

Although we have mentioned these 2 services before, if you missed them - perhaps you need these addresses:

"HELLO, AGAIN" is a national OTR newsletter sent out by Jay Hickerson. It has much to offer to a collector. In one issue during the past year a list of logs known to be compiled was published by Jay. The information included the price and place to obtain the logs. (Editors note: I have misplaced my issue that contained this listing. Perhaps someone who has it might bring a copy to the December meeting!)

A years subscription is priced at \$5.50. With the price of postage going up soon, the subscription price will likely increase. So, now might be a good time to write: Mr. Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477.

For those who would like to borrow 2 tapes at a time for copying at a charge of \$1.50 per reel, you could contact Len Lawson's Lending Service: Mr. Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Court, Livermore, Ca. 94550.

The Texas Radio Historical Society evidently is still in business. After a lapse of 3 months since the March issue came in July, their April issue of Radio In Depth arrived in November.

SUPPORT THE SPONSORS

Circle Water Beds and Hakers Department Stores have been sponsoring OTR on KFNL for the last few weeks. Drop them a card or say something to the Manager when you are in these stores about appreciating their sponsorship.

"BOOM! AND BOB! SHE GOES, AND WHERE SHE STOPS - NOBODY KNOWS!"
Major Edward Jones on many "AMATEUR HOURS" in the '30's.

The entire last pages of radio nostalgia are courtesy of Jerry Appleman and Joan Lloyd.

MATCH THE CHARACTER WITH THE SHOW BY PLACING THE NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. THE ANSWERS APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE BUT NO FAIR LOOKING. GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY YOURSELVES.

1. WALLACE WEMPLE
2. BRITT REED
3. DOC LONG
4. TITUS HOODY
5. BETTY COLBY
6. LT. LEVINSON
7. SQUIRE SKIMP
8. INSPECTOR FARADY
9. HOMER BROWN
10. JUDGE HOOKER
11. HENRY BARBOUR
12. HARRINGTON
13. HARCOT LANE
14. KILLER KANE
15. PHILLIP BOYNTON

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| <u>10</u> | a. | GREAT WILDERLEETE |
| <u>6</u> | b. | RICHARD DRANCO |
| <u>12</u> | c. | MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY |
| <u>8</u> | d. | BOSTON BLACKIE |
| <u>9</u> | e. | ALDRICH FAMILY |
| <u>7</u> | f. | LUN AND ABNER |
| <u>15</u> | g. | OUR KISS BROOKS |
| <u>1</u> | h. | PETER MCGINN AND MOLLY |
| <u>13</u> | i. | THE SHADOW |
| <u>4</u> | j. | FRED ALLIE SHOW |
| <u>14</u> | k. | BUCK ROGERS |
| <u>3</u> | l. | I LOVE A MYSTERY |
| <u>11</u> | m. | ONE MAN'S FAMILY |
| <u>5</u> | n. | MEL BLANC SHOW |
| <u>2</u> | o. | GREEN SOBNET |

SPOTLIGHT ON OLD TIME RADIO

"THE WHISTLER"

"The Whistler" was identified by the mournful whistling of the theme music. He never actually participated in the dramas. He observed the actions of the participants and commented on the ironies of life.

The original version of this long running program was heard in the Pacific and Mountain zones over CBS as a half hour, Sunday evening broadcast for Signal Oil. Bill Forman was "The Whistler" in the version with Marvin Miller as the announcer. Miller also played the part for six months while Forman served in the Army. The director was George Allen and William Hatch conducted the orchestra. Hatch also wrote the catchy theme.

The two octave range of the theme made it an extremely difficult assignment for whistlers, and the only person who ever mastered it was a girl, Dorothy Roberts.

SOURCE: "The Big Broadcast"

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

2 VIDEO YEARS

BRING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER

Put Few Radio Stars Have Joined TV

BY LARRY WOLTERS

It's just two years ago that television came to our house. The set was unveiled just in time to bring in the final Northwestern game. Nearly 40 persons showed up to have a look at this curiosity. For the Northwestern-Illinois game this season only a few friends dropped in.

But if only a half dozen or so clustered about each set in the neighborhood the viewing audience in our surrounding blocks is now substantial—big enough to cut a sizable dent into radio. You see a new antenna almost every week within a block or two. For every one you see there is possibly another hidden in the attic. And that's true today for any neighborhood.

Television today brings you more than a houseful of people. Four stations on the air in Chicago viewers have a considerable choice in programs. In fact many a family reports that a second set seems to offer the only way out of irreconcilable differences of program choice at some hours.

Pictures Are Improved

Technically much progress has been made. WBKB, the first station, has acquired considerable in the way of new transmission gear. Then WGN-TV, WENR-TV and WNBQ, all came along with brand new equipment. While these new stations brought service problems to viewers whose sets were aligned for WBKB, most of these difficulties have been overcome or minimized. In our neighborhood we are fortunate in getting good pictures most of the time on all four stations.

Meanwhile, midwestern networks have sprung up resulting in interchange of programs from St. Louis to Cleveland. And on Jan. 12 Chicago's video window on the world will be extended all the way to the Atlantic. That is the date set for the opening of the A.T.&T. coaxial cable linking Cleveland and Philadelphia by way of Pittsburgh. Completion of this link will make possible regular telecasting. Last coast network video features into Chicago and the midwest. First big event to be telecast will be the inauguration of President Truman on Jan. 20.

Two years ago the TV emphasis

Listeners' Choice

SPECIAL EVENTS

10:30 a.m.—W-G-N—Northwestern Reviewing Stand: "Can Economy Stand Another Wage Increase?" Speakers: Alfred P. Haake and Lester Washburn.

12:30 p.m.—WMAQ—University of Chicago Round Table: "Tuberculosis: What the Public Should Know," with Dr. Robert J. Anderson, Dr. James E. Perkins, Dr. Esmond R. Long, and Dr. Robert G. Bloch.

12:55—WIND—Football: Chicago Bears vs. Washington Redskins.

1:00—W-G-N—Youth Looks Up salutes First Congregational church, Crystal Lake, Ill.

3:35—WMAQ—Living-1948: "Thank You God," documentary drama. VARIETY, COMEDY, AND DRAMA

2:30 p.m.—W-G-N—Dress Up Quiz: two teams compete.

3:00—WMAQ—Quiz Kids, with Joe Kelly as master of ceremonies.

3:30—W-G-N, WGNB—True Detective Mysteries.

5:00—W-G-N, WGNB—Roy Rogers show, with Dale Evans.

5:30—WENR—Greatest Story Ever Told, Biblical series.

6:00—WMAQ—Jack Benny, with Rochester and Dennis Day.

6:30—WBBM—Amos 'n' Andy in more humorous entanglements.

7:00—WMAQ—Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy show.

7:30—WMAQ—Fred Allen and his gang fete George Jessel.

8:00—WBBM—Electric Theater: Helen Hayes stars in "Angel Street."

8:30—WLS—Theater Guild: "Two Mrs. Carrolls," with Lily Palmer, MacDonald Carey, and Eddie Albert.

9:30—WMAQ—Horace Heidt conducts his show from Cleveland. MUSIC

12:30 p.m.—W-G-N—American Radio Warblers, with Preston Sellers.

2:00—WBBM—New York Philharmonic plays Paganini Concerto for violin and orchestra No. 1, with Zino Francescatti, soloist. Also Brahms' Symphony No. 2.

3:30—WENR—Metropolitan Opera auditions, with Joan Francis of Chicago singing "Un Bel Di Vedremo."

TELEVISION

6:30 p.m.—WGN-TV—Reading Chicago Sunday Tribune comics.

8:00—WGN-TV—Cross Question, court session drama.

8:00—WNBQ—Television Playhouse, with Judith Evelyn and Rex O'Malley in "Camille."

8:30—WBKB—Hockey: Blackhawks vs. Detroit Red Wings.

was top heavy on sports. Today, in addition to a much greater variety in sports fare, television offers numerous dramatic shows, a lot of acceptable movies—most notable being WGN-TV's Korda series, musical and comedy variety shows, courtroom dramas, whodunits, good newsreels and numerous on the spot pickups of special events. Chicagoans have seen President Truman televised twice in Chicago since June.

Video Gives Kids Break

Television program planners have given children a break. In Kukla, Fran and Olle and Little Budy Chicagoland youngsters have entertainment many cuts above the standard juvenile fare on radio. Excellent TV shows for kids are telecast in New York and numerous other cities.

Up to now television has for the most part devised its own attractions. A few radio shows are now telecast simultaneously. We probably will see more of this.

However, few of the big names of radio have as yet embraced video. Milton Berle, altho not in top brackets on radio, is well established in east coast video. Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy apparently have some video plans and Amos and Andy are looking toward the cameras. In all likelihood, however, only the voices of Charles Correll and Freeman Gosden will get into your video set. Negro actors, it's reported, will

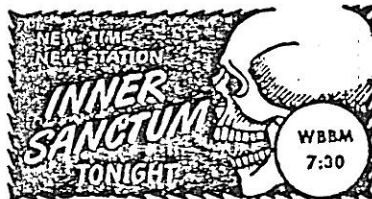
portray the many roles now handled by these two.

Stars Ponder Video

Jack Benny has stated that television offers difficult problems for him. Fred Allen has been dour about television. Many of the other leaders are maintaining a discreet silence until they can peer a little deeper into the video crystal ball.

In the two years that television has developed so dramatically radio has come up with only one major new program idea: The super-give away shows. And in the long run these may prove more bane than boon. The movie houses found out long ago that free crockery was no substitute for good pictures.

What will the next two years bring to television? Best calculations indicate around 400 stations as against today's 45; a nation-wide audience of many millions as against today's 800,000 (sets). The rise of networks will insure the development of costlier shows, and perhaps better ones!



NESBITT DRAWS ON RICH SOURCE FOR RADIO SHOW

When John Nesbitt steps before the microphone with another story of people and events, often he needs only to recall some of his own experiences to judge exactness of detail in various situations.



Nesbitt has worked as coal miner, mill hand, cannery laborer, janitor, and merchant seaman. He has been a reporter on daily papers in Seattle and Spokane, Wash. He has been professional stock player and stage manager.

This week in his Passing Parade program heard at 6:15 p.m. daily over W-G-N-Mutual, he will deal with some of the more unusual human defections. Tomorrow his program will be devoted to "Great Liars," and Friday the title will be "Hoaxes."

Wednesday and Thursday Nesbitt's subject will be Adam Worth, a swindler who stole more than 3 million dollars, including the famous Gainsborough "Duchess of Devonshire" painting.

Nesbitt's Tuesday story will be devoted to coincidences, with the chief illustration in the tale of two men, William James and C. J. Lange, who worked on the same theory 20 years and finished with the same conclusion—each without knowledge of the other.

Television Programs

- (WGN-TV, Channel 9; WBKB, 4; WENR-TV, 7; WNBQ, 5.)
- 4:30—WENR-TV—Super Circus.
- 5:30—WENR-TV—Stump the Authors.
- 6:00—WGN-TV—Real Adventures.
- WENR—Feature film.
- 6:30—WGN-TV—Tribune Comics.
- WBKB—Theater drama, film.
- 7:00—WGN-TV—Amateur hour.
- WENR-TV—Music in Velvet.
- 7:10—WNBQ—Stop Me.
- 7:30—WENR-TV—Television Players.
- WBKB—News.
- WNBQ—America Song.
- 8:00—WGN-TV—Cross Question.
- WENR-TV—Second Guesser.
- WNBQ—Television Playhouse.
- WBKB—Telenews.
- 8:15—WENR-TV—Film Shorts.
- 8:25—WBKB—Blackhawks vs. Detroit
- 8:30—WENR-TV—What Do You Think
- 9:00—WGN-TV—Stars of Tomorrow.
- WNBQ—Newsreel.
- 9:30—WGN-TV—Newsreel Review.
- 10:45—WBKB—Newsreel.

