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with the glory of her smile! And it's only human nature to resent it, like a physical blow, when she does turn, when she does smile-and all her loveliness turns to ashes! For when a smile betrays dull and dingy teeth-tender and ailing gums-no glory of eyes or hair can save loveliness.

NEVER NEGLECT "PINE TOOTH BRUSH"

Too many soft foods ... too little work and resistance for the natural health of our teeth and gums-there are the reasons why that dental warning "pink tooth brush" is so often in evidence.

And for the sake of your own loveliness and your own health-if you see that "tinge of pink" on your own tooth brush, see your dentist. You may be in for serious trouble. But he is far more likely to explain the menace of our "modern menus" -to tell you to take better care of your gums, to give them more exercise. And he may tell you-he often does-to switch to Ipana Tooth Paste and massage.

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78.	WILDERNESS ROAD
79.	BOBBY BENSON (BS 6:15 P.M. EST M-1-0-1-P) (BS 6:15 P.M. EST M-11-F) GREATER SINCLAIR MINSTRELS
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87.	MUSICAL TOAST-JERRY COOPER, SALLY SCHERMERHORN, RAY BLOCK'S ORCHESTRA
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88.	DAVID HARUM
89.	VIC AND SADE
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90.	EDGAR GUEST IN WELCOME VALLE Y 48.6 NBC 8:30 P.M. EST Tues.
91.	FIVE STAR JONES 47.8 NBC 10:15 A.M. EST M-T-W-T-F 47.8
92.	MA PERKINS 47.2
93.	MA PERKINS 47.2 NBC 3:15 P.M. EST M-T-W-T-F 46.7 UNCLE DON READS THE FUNNIES. 46.7
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hat are the 8 "MUSTS" doctors demand of a laxative?



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KEEP YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL

Honey Chile, Bob Hope's Sleepy-time Stooge, who really is Margaret Johnson, faithfully follows a cleansing routine every night before she goes to sleep.

A special make-up scarf, whisked over your dress, makes your powdering and brushing a pleasure, says Honey Chile. The scarf snaps on one shoulder.



BEAUTY HINTS FROM BOB HOPE'S HONEY CHILE - THE BLUEBONNET GLAMOUR GIRL

IT'S smart to be lazy, says Honey Chile, and we believe her. For Honey Chile to you, and Margaret Johnson to her Texan family, has laziness down to a fine art. She actually puts it to work for her, in keeping "young and beautiful."

Yes, ma'am, Honey Chile may claim to be one of the laziest gals south of the Mason-Dixon line, but we claim that she is also one of the loveliest. She is a tall, willowy blonde, with honey-colored hair, the proverbial Southern belle's peaches-and-cream complexion, and eyes a deeper blue than a whole field of Texas bluebonnets. Incidentally, she flew to Dallas, Texas, recently to reign as Queen of the Bluebonnets at the Texas Centennial, which is our idea of the perfect job for Honey Chile, next to being Bob Hope's stooge in *The Atlantic Family*.

There is a radiance about this dimpled, laughter-loving Honey Chile which reminds me of the definition of glamour given by a famous Hollywood director. He said: "I'm going to take the poetic license of Carl Sandburg, who defined poetry as a synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits; I say that glamour is a synthesis of sunshine and laughter."

But we were back where glamour began with a yawn. Honey Chile has a perfectly grand system for keeping beautiful and lazy all at the same time. She loves having her hair brushed and, if put to it, will brush it herself, but a plan she likes better is to have her sister or girl friend brush it for her, and then she reciprocates by manicuring the sister's or girl friend's nails, which requires less elbow grease, but more talent.

Honey Chile's own nails are meticulously manicured. She does them herself. She is superstitious, too, about 10 her nail polish! She thinks it is bad luck to wear the same shade twice in succession! She has a lot of superstitions, but that is the only one she would tell. Maybe part of that superstition might be accounted for subconsciously, in the fact that she adores bright shades of polish, and likes an excuse for changing shades as often as possible. When we took the photographs, she was wearing a rust shade of polish which blended in beautifully with her peach négligée and the bright ribbon tied around her bouny blonde hair. (It's too bad we couldn't have had color photography in this case.) She was going to don a dark blue knitted suit with a perky bandana next, so her next change of nail polish was to be a new bandana red.

In spite of the fact that Honey Chile maintains staunchly that every bone in her body is lazy, evidence will slip out now and again that denies it. Take the suit, very beautifully done, that she knitted herself; and the evening gown she showed me. She admits that, as befits a Southern lady, she can "do anything" with a needle. From authoritative hearsay, too, I understand that she can do right nobly with a skillet and some good old Southern cooking ideas. In fact, her idea of a perfect day off is to spend it making pies and things.

Honey Chile is a girl after our own hearts. She loves to eat. Especially Southern smothered chicken! She has what she calls her lazy way of keeping her figure, nevertheless, because not even Honey Chile can eat her cake all the time, and have "it", too. Her way is very simple. You can follow it, too. As soon as she gets up in the morning, she has a large glass of orange juice. Then all

B ARY BIDDLE



Milk and sleep are Honey Chile's only recipe for keeping young and beautiful.

she has for breakfast is a glass of milk. You coffee drinkers would no doubt have to substitute the coffee for the milk. For lunch, this Southern food-lover contents herself with another glass of milk, and a raw vegetable salad, or a vegetable plate. (If you want a non-calorie dressing, you reducing gals, here it is. Just plain mineral oil, plus lemon juice, a dash of Worcestershire sauce and maybe a pinch of mustard.) For dinner, Honey Chile indulges herself, Southern smothered chicken and all, but she never takes second helpings, and she never eats both bread and potatoes. So you have a shining ex-ample of will power in the luscious Honey Chile, who maintains that her grandfather was a Confederate soldier, "because the food was better."

Honey Chile loves milk. And right here and now we want to squelch the widespread belief that milk is fattening. Any food is fattening, if you have enough of it. Just on calorie count, for example, you will find that milk hasn't nearly the heavy caloric content that certain other common foods have. One glass of milk has only about (Continued on page 63) **M**y skin was never lovelier Thanks Camay"

SAYS THIS CHARMING ALABAMA BRIDE

HILDA WADE is even lovelier than her picture. This gracious bride has a perfect complexion-smooth, clear, fresh. "A tribute to Camay's excellent care," she says.

thanks to Camay.

August 5, 1936

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

I know the perfect skin care that Camay

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(Signed) Hilda Wade

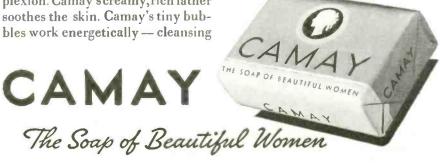
(Mrs. Frank E. Wade)

gives me. My skin was never lovelier-

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Disfiguring eruptions vanish magically if you remove their real cause. And the cause in thou-sands of cases—perhaps in yours—is poisons that have accumulated within your body and tainted your blood.

To win the beauty you want—you must rid your system of these poisons at once. So do as thousands have done—and try pleasant-tasting Yeast Foam Tablets today.

Yeast Foam Tablets are pure, wholesome yeast—one of the richest known natural sources of Vitamin B Complex. And this precious *natu*ral food substance works in nature's own way. It tends to strengthen and tone intestinal or-gans—helps rid the body easily and naturally of poisonous wastes. Then—your skin has the chance to become truly lovely.

Get Yeast Foam Tablets today. End the fre-quent cause of ugly blemishes—and strive to make all your skin enchantingly lovely.



RADIO STARS



TED: 1 tell you Rudy, 1 can paint

men and women. RUDY: So-you're a portrait painter. TED: No-you are ignoramipuss. I paint MEN on one door and WOMEN on

the other. (TED BERGMAN on Vallée Varieties.)

- -TIM: Why isn't your mother here tonight?

tonight? IRENE: She's home singing a duet. TIM: With whom? IRENE: With me. TIM: But you're here. IRENE: I know, but I finished first. (TIM RYAN and IRENE NOB-LETTE, Jello Program.) -

JACK: Mary, what do you want to do with your vacation?

MARY: I'd like to go to Chicago and see the World's Fair. JACK: The World's Fair! Why, that

closed two years ago! MARY: I told you it wouldn't last! (JACK BENNY and MARY LIV-INGSTONE, Jello Program.)

KEN: You'd be surprised, Fred. All the girls in my home town don't want to marry.

ANNC'R: How do you know?

KEN: I asked them? . . . So, I came back yesterday feeling a little blue and went to see the "Gold Diggers of 1936." ANNC'R: You mean the picture? KEN: No-the Income Tax Depart-

ment?

(KEN MURRAY, Rinso Program.) --

MILTON: I phoned down to the clerk and said: "There's a rat in my room." And he said: "Sorry, but he'll have to come down and register." ANNC'R: And did you register Mil-

ton? (MILTON BERLE, Follies of the

Air.) -

TED: I am a great Russian lecturer. STRAIGHT: Did you ever speak before

a large crowd? TED: Smertainly! I said "Not Guilty!"

STRAIGHT: Not guilty? TED: I said it . . . but the jury didn't. (TEDDY BERGMAN, Vallée Varieties.) --

FRED: I'm sure gonna miss Maw around here. I reckon I won't do much catin'

JACK: You ain't aimin' to let your grief interfere with you're eatin'? FRED: 'Taint that . . . Maw's took

our teeth!

(FRED ALLEN and JACK SMART, Town Hall Tonight.)

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WILLIE: Wanna buy a sweepstakes ticket?

GENE: Yeah—how much? WILLIE: Twenty cents. GENE: Twenty cents! I thought they

cost two dollars apicce. WILLIE: They do. GENE: Then how can you sell 'em for twenty cents? WILLIE: Easy. You see, the race

was last week! (WILLIE and EUGENE HOWARD,

Folies de Paree.)

PHIL: Good morning, Agnes. I would have been here earlier, but I took the elevator to the fortieth floor. AGNES: But Phil, our studio is on

the third floor.

PHIL: I know . . . I like to slide down banisters.

(PHIL BAKER, Gulf Program.) -

BOB: My uncle went to see Pagliacci in Little Rock once, and went out and asked for his money back because he wasn't goin' to pay his good money to have a fellow laugh at him for ten minutes. When the management saw him they gave him his money, because they knew that tenor wasn't just singin' a song! (BOB BURNS, Kraft Music Hall.)



TIM: Say, Irene, you look swell to-

11M: Say, Irene, you look swell to-night, but I notice you're wearing one black shoe and one brown one. IRENE: Isn't that funny? My sister had the same trouble this morning! (*TIM RYAN* and *IRENE NOB-LETTE*, Jello Program.)

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OSWALD: I fell on my gun and the gun went off.

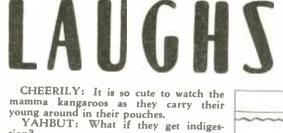
KEN: Yes? OSWALD: Yes... the bullet went in

my chest and came out of my back. KEN: Wait a minute . . . you can't tell me that the bullet went in your chest and came out your back . . . why, it would go through your heart and kill you!

OSWALD: Oh, no! KEN: Why not? OSWALD: My h My heart was in my mouth!

(KEN MURRAY, Rinso Program.)

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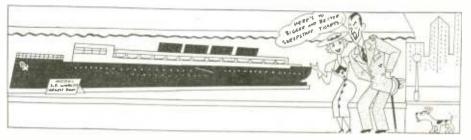
mean? YAHBUT: Can't keep anything on their stomachs?

(YAHBUT and CHEERILY, Vallee Varieties.)



RIVE

Selected Snickers from Popular Programs



FRED: How are things at your cousin's corset shop, Portland?

PORTLAND: She closed up her corset It turned out to be a bloomer. shop. FRED: She closed it in the knicker time,

eh? (FRED (FRED ALLEN and PORTLAND HOFFA, Town Hall Tonight.) ALLEN

FIGGSBOTTLE: Can you remember when you were born? FISHFACE: I was just a baby then

-how could I remember? (FISHFACE and FIGGSBOTTLE, N.B.C.)

MILTON: In my hotel, rooms are one dollar and up . . One dollar and you're up all night! (MILTON BERLE, Follies of the

Air)

PORTLAND: Why are they building boats so big these days?

FRED: I don't know . . . unless it's to bring over more sweepstakes tickets. (FRED ALLEN, Town Hall Tonight.)

WILLIE: You know, Gene, I've got a lucky charm that keeps me from going broke.

GENE: Nonsense, I don't believe in lucky charms. WILLIE: I know what I know! With

my charm I'll always have money in my pocket.

GENE: What is this charm? WILLIE: A hundred-dollar gold piece! (WILLIE and EUGENE HOWARD, Folies de Paree.)

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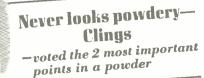
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Chic Manicure Requisites are sold in all Five and Ten Cent 10, Stores at 10c each.

SHE WEARS WHAT





Gladys Swarthout shows Fall smartness in gray wool stripes, with brown accessories. Misty tulle for evening wear, with the daisy motif that is one of Gladys Swarthout's preferences. You will see this in *Champagne Waltz*.

BY ELIZABETH

ELLIS

GLADYS SWARTHOUT is back in Hollywood, which means that all you who are her screen and radio fans will be able to feast your eyes upon her once again and can tune your ears to her charming voice.

She is busy making *Champagne Waltz*, but she will find time, offscreen, to satisfy the demands of her air fans as well. To me, Gladys is the true example of that very overworked description "A typical American." Not only in her perfectly groomed good looks, but in her personality and the perseverance behind it. She has worked hard to achieve a three-fold fame, in opera, screen and radio. She doesn't affect a foreign exoticism, instead she is animated and interesting-looking in that special way which makes American women distinctive the world over. She is lovely-looking but, quite aside A typical Swarthout effect. Chic homespun jacket of green, brown and beige, and flaring beige tweed skirt.



Glamorous Gladys Swarthout in a fas

SHE *LIKES*



Another suit of beige and gray blended wool, with a peaked-crown hat of gray and a matching pouch bag.

from that great asset, she has a smartness and vivacity that is within the easy reach of every one of you. Gladys is a home-grown product that all of us can be proud to copy!

The Swarthout wardrobe always is an interesting one and especially so in this current season of changing silhouette and detail. In color, her clothes are adapted to the California brand of a milder fall and winter, but in lines and details, they are just what all of us will be looking for to wear through the Indian summer days of October and, later, snuggly hidden beneath our heavy topcoats.

hidden beneath our heavy topcoats. Gladys, like so many Hollywood stars, is a suit fiend. Spring and fall she adds several new ones to her already large wardrobe. While her suits are tailored, they usually have some trick to the cut that gives them a feminine silhouette. Often she chooses the same material as her husband's suits for her own favorite skirts and jackets. She has her skirts tailored in a certain way that makes them keep a perfect shape. She likes (*Continued on page 86*)

cinating fall outfit

RADIO STARS

What Every Woman Desires!

A BODY BEAUTIFUL with the LINIT BEAUTY BATH

Just dissolve some Linit in a-tub of warm water and bathe as usual. After drying, feel your skin it will be delightfully smooth and soft — And the Linit bath does away with the damp or semi-dry feeling of the skin that usually follows an ordinary

bath ... Make it a habit to take a Linit Beauty Bath and join the many thousands of women who daily enjoy its refreshing luxury.

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Linit is also unequalled for all fine laundering.



The swimming pool on Lowell's country estate is shaped like a holl And is's grand on a host days bell. And it's grand on a hot day! What sort of a guy was this fellow Thomas, once e faded from the micronhone or disanneared behind

BY HENRY ALBERT PHILLIPS "All you need is ambition, nerve, and a little luck," says Lowell Thomas, radio's popular news commentator LOW-DOWN

RADIO STARS

Everybody!" to that final: "So long until tomorrow!" Like all to which he gave a new twist every night. Like all to which he gave a new twist every night, always the others, we felt his magnetic personality, always the others, we felt his brinning over with geniality bursting with news and brinning over with geniality and good humor. bursting with news and brimming over with geniality and good humor. Lowell Thomas was just another myth of the ether. and good humor. Beyond that, however, to us Lowell Thomas was just another myth of the ether, too good to be true in real life too good to be true in real life.

LIKE countless millions of other radio fans, we knew every inflection of Lowell Thomas' friendly, slightly Western accent, from that sonorous: Western accent, from that sonorous initi tomorrow! Everybody!" to that final: Everybody!" to that final: to which he gave a new twist every night.

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the scenes from the lecture platform, or set aside his manuscript? For years, everything we had heard or read about him had made him almost superhuman. The have a wife and children? What was his bome life like. if any? home life like, if any? Such inquisitive thoughts and questions kept run-Such inquisitive head, as, one summer's afternoon, ning through our head, as, one connecticut to his in we motored from our farm in Connecticut to his in ning through our head. as, one summer's afternoon, we motored from our farm in Connecticut to his in New York State, the only address we had, so we in New York, was the only address we had, so we in quired at the gas station. home life like. if any? tired at the gas station. The man's face brightened. The man's face miles over Quaker Ridge. Just three miles over Quaker Ridge. quired at the gas station. eh?

What sort of a guy was this reliow 1 nomas, once he faded from the microphone, or disappeared behind the scenee from the lecture platform or set aside his

ne taded trom the microphone, or disappeared benind the scenes from the lecture platform, or set aside his manuscript? For years everything we had heard or

Lowell Thomas broadcasts a special program, aided by former heavy-weight champion of the ring Jack Dempsey

program, alaed by tormer neavy-weight champion of the ring, Jack Dempsey.

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Lowell and his boy enjoy doing some of the harvesting on his extensome or me norvesting on the York. sive farm near Pawling, New York.

You'll have to go through the gate marked Private Road" We looked down in the value and gamed Yritale Yritale Road. We looked down in the valley and gasped It was an enormous white house with a cluster of This gives you an idea of the real Lowell Inis gives you an idea or the real Lowell Thomas, working at his ease, with a faithful friend and companion beside him Road. We looked down in the valley and gasped. It was an enormous white house with a cluster of fine barns and stables nearby. The surrounding four bundled correct of the estate were well-prooped It was an enormous white nonse with a cluster of fine barns and stables nearby. The surrounding four hundred acres of the estate were well-groomed four hundred acres of surrited horses and sleek tour number of the estate were well-groomed green, with a number of spirited horses and sleek green, with a number of Springer masses and the lodge down cover drove through the gates past the lodge down with pines and maples and then

LOWELL

We were

Village claims him: to them he is "our Lowell." The man went on to tell us how Lowell organized Village claims him; to men ne is our Lowell organized. The man went on to tell us how beed beed beed to the local beed on the local beed o Line man went on to ten us now Lowen organiz managed and played on the local baseball team. We drove out into the bille and ret loct We drove out into the hills and got lost. We were trying to picture just the little cottage that a Vestern how born and brought up in Crimile Creek Colo-

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trying to picture just the little cottage that a Western boy, born and brought up in Cripple Creek. Colo-rado would pick out or build for himself when he boy, born and brought up in Cripple Creek, Colo-rado, would pick out or build for himself when he made his bile. We recalled how he had worked in rado, would pick out or build for himself when he rado, his pile. We recalled how he had worked in made his pile. We recalled how he that worked in the gold mines near that gold-rush city, in the crater of a volcano, at an altitude of 10,000 feet. After of a volcano, at an altitude of a sold newspaners on that still a boy of twelve, he had sold newspaners of a voicano, at an altitude of 10,000 reet. After that, still a boy of twelve, he had sold newshapers on the streets and in the cambling hells of that turbuthat, sum a noy or tweive, ne nau sour newspapers on the streets and in the gambling hells of that turbu-

At this juncture, the farmer driving just ahead of At time juncture, the farmer driving just allead of us turned into a lane that led to the very little white beyon the billside that our Lowell Thomas would us turned into a lane that led to the very little white house on the hillside that our Lowell Thomas would have chosen. lent town.

house on the hillside that our Lowell Thomas would Lowell have chosen. "Yes, this place belongs to This is "But he don't live here. This is Thomas," he said. "But he don't live here. Thomas," he said. We got four hundred of the finest his fox farm. We got four number ever raised in cantivity. silver foxes fitch and minks ever raised in cantivity. his tox farm. We got four hundred of the finest silver foxes, fitch and minks ever raised in capitvity. We sell 'em to the London market and make a root suver roxes, nuch and minks ever raised in captivity. Suver roxes, nuch and minks ever raised in captivity. We sell 'em to the London market and make a good We sell 'em to the London market of him there profit, too." Everybody that spoke of him there to the London market and make a source the terryhody that spoke of him there. profit, too." Everybody that spoke of him there-abouts seemed to be included in one big family, al-abouts seemed to be included in one big family, al-abouts seemed to be included in one big here. "That's Lowell ways saying "we belonged to him. to them, or they belonged to him. Thomas's place half way down the valley

no time to lose. It was nearly 0:50 and Lowell was going on the air as usual at 6:45. A healthy lookgoing on the air as usual at 0:43. A neariny look-answered the bell, answered the bell, ing hoy of twelve, in dungarees, in his study finish-the said his father was unstairs in his study. ing boy of twelve, in dungarees, answered the bell, ing boy of twelve, in dungarees, answered the bish-the said his father was upstairs in his study, finish-le said his fathe for the day. We sat down in the ing up his talk for the day. hallway and a minute ing up Xew England Colonial hallway are us. He broad Xew England burried down to greet us. later Lowell Thomas burried down to greet us. broad New England Colonial hallway and a minute broad New England Colonial hallway and a minute use Lowell Thomas hurried down to greet us. He was later Lowell Thomas hurried down to greet us. have 94) was better looking than his photographs. have 94) was better looking than his photographs. was better looking than his photographs. He was coatless, but his blue shirt (Continued on page 94)

We drove through the gates past the lodge down a long lane shaded with pines and maples and then turned into a cut-stone driveway and bulled up bea long lane shaded with pines and maples and then turned into a cut-stune driveway and pulled up be-fore the door Relow by the enclosed compart tennic turned into a cut-stone driveway and pulled up be-fore the door. Below lay the enclosed cement terms fore the door. Below lay the enclosed cement terms fore the door. Below lay the enclosed cement terms courts and below that the huge bell-shaped swim-courts and below that the huge and cardon seats becourts and below that the huge bell-shaped swim-ning pool with sun unbrellas and garden seats be-side it. Roces in full bloom work climbing over male ning pool with sun umbrellas and garden seats be-side it. Roses in full bloom were climbing over walls a rences. The clicking of a typewriter, away up under the Ine clicking of a typewriter, away up under the eaves of the great house, reminded us that there was no time to lose. It was nearly 6.30 and I ownly was eaves of the great nouse, reninded us that there was no time to lose. It was nearly 6:30 and Lowell was going on the air as nearly 6:15. A beatthy tool and fences.

RADIO RAMBLINGS

Tales, tall or short, as you like them, from the broadcasting byways

Autumn greetings!

Comes now the seasonal change. The frost on the pumpkin and the corn—if any—in the shock. The new-lit leaf. New zest in the air. New radio programs—and old ones in gay new colors.

There's the new stream-lined Show Boat, presenting one of the largest regular casts on the air. Helen Jepson is the soprano star. And how do you like its new comedian, Horace Nimble? He's Sam Hearn, and formerly was Schlepperman, with Jack Benny.

Helen Hayes comes back in a new dramatic series, Monday nights. And the Firestone concerts once more star Richard Crooks. . . . Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians start a second season at the Roosevelt Grill. . . Nelson Eddy begins his weekly program for Vick's. . . Marion Talley changes her program schedule to Sundays, 5:30 EST on the NBC-Red Network. . . Walter Winchell returns to the Jergens program. . . .

Below, Sing Me a Love Song—Zasu Pitts, James Melton, Patricia Ellis. We can't begin to list all the exciting offerings that beckon us to the dials this season. Only one thing shows no welcome change the commercial announcements!

"TIGER, TIGER!

"Burning bright, in the forests of the night," those commercial announcements still remain a menace to enthusiasm for radio entertainment. Just when the program is in full swing, the mood pleasantly established, comes an abrupt break—the killer is stalking its prey! Quickly the illusion is slain. . . Perhaps it can be restored in the next few minutes —more often it is past rescuing. And the destruction of illusion is not even mercifully brief. It is played with, tossed and tortured, wearied to death!

We can't quarrel with the sponsors' purpose to present their products. But in the right places, and with a little more restraint. ... Why can't they all get together and take this matter up? Bring illusion back alive!

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Ethel Barrymore, First Lady of the American Stage, with Ben Bernie.

Jack Benny



QUICKER-ACTING LOTION SOFTENS ROUGH SKIN Soone

(GOOD-BYE, SANDPAPER HANDS!)

IT'S FUN to be outdoors. but no kindness to your skin. Face and hands lose their niceness-get coarse, dry, and rough. Smooth them-sooner -with Hinds. Its precious softeners soak into skin—stay there too. Your skin wins back lasting smoothnessnot just a half hour's slickness. Try Hinds in the 50c size with the new, free one-piece dispenser. Read all about it below.

BRIDE CRIES over burnt bacon, kitchen hands! So much to do-only two hands to do it with-and both those hands getting "sick and tired." Skin so dry, it's cracking. Natural softness dried out by ovenheat and soapy work! Put softness back again with Hinds. It's quicker-acting —not watery. Every creamy drop does good!

(left) SOFT HANDS are sweet music to his eager touch. Keep yours in the verymuch-wanted class -by using Hinds. It isn't watery. Every rich, creamy drop works better-softening and whitening dry, red skin.

> IN HOT WATER and out-all day long. Hands pucker up, chap and crack. Put softness back into your hands with Hinds. Its precious lubricants soak into dry abused skin, restoring natural smoothness-not just a surface slickness. Hands freshen up with a sweet smell, a cool soft look. Use Hinds regularly. It's creamynot watery. Every drop works!

The first One-Piece DISPENSER FREE The first. One-Piece DISPENSER IN THE STORES NOW!

The new perfect 1-piece lotion dispenser! Free on the Hinds 50c-size bottle! Ready to use. Nothing to take apart or put together. Works instantly Simply turn bottle upside down-press-out comes Hinds quicker-acting lotion! Every drop creamynot watery. Keeps your hands feeling good, looking grand! Hinds comes in \$1, 50c, 25c, and 10c sizes.

VDS is Quicker-Acting ... Not Watery! **HONEY AND ALMOND CREAM**

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UST the other day we asked ourself: "What about glamour on the air?" "Is it possible," we wondered, "to take a

glamour girl from the screen, put her on a regular radio program and recapture that same elusive something which the lady possesses in pictures?" We decided to ask for opinions on this, from people who should know.

First, of course, we must pick our glamour girl. Hollywood, glamour's major stronghold, has two outstanding examples. Ask the man on the street and he'll tell you Garbo and Dietrich. Well, Garbo won't talk—there are days when she doesn't even speak to herself—and since talk, or sound effects of some kind, are essential to radio, our subject will be Marlene Dietrich.

Perhaps you heard Marlene with Clark Gable on the opening program of the *Lux Radio Hour* series. This hour's sponsors spend thousands of dollars every week on their program. They can obtain the best or at least the most expensive—talent money can buy. Naturally, they wanted to inaugurate the series in as auspicious a manner as possible. So—this question comes up:

Did they engage Marlene Dietrich because she was a "name" or did they believe her radio histrionics would add materially to the entertainment value of the program? We put that question to Cecil B. DeMille, oue of Hollywood's pioneer movie makers, who directs the Lux shows.

"Of course," said Mr. DeMille, "for our opening program we wanted the biggest names we could find. But that doesn't imply that we were in the market for names alone. Entertainment is the keynote of our program; if we don't furnish it we can expect no audience. We selected Marlene Dietrich and Clark Gable because we felt they could give our audience the sort of entertainment to which it is entitled.

"Does Marlene Dietrich's personality register on the air? I am definitely of the opinion that it does. For Marlene not only has glamour of person, she has glamour of voice. She can express an emotion with a word. To me, her voice is one of the most glamorous qualities about her."

And Mr. DeMille should know his actresses. He was in Hollywood almost before the town itself arrived. With Jesse Lasky, as far back as 1915, he made *The Squaw Man*, a major epic of its day, an enterprise which started a brand new California gold rush. Since those days Hollywood has grown up, pretty faces have been wired for sound, matinee idols who stamped their footprints in the forecourt of Grauman's Chinese Theatre have long since been forgotten, but C. B. DeMille remains one of Hollywood's most important personages. For that reason alone, one can take his word as the word of (*Continued on page 54*)

> CAN RADIO TRANSLATE THE CHARM OF MAR-LENE DIETRICH?







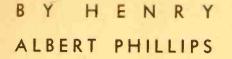
Marlene Dietrich with Charles Boyer in The Garden of Allah

Another of the many beautiful scenes from the same motion picture.

A desert rendezvous for the hapless lovers in *The Garden of Allah*, starring Marlene Dietrich, with Charles Boyer.

IS MARLENES ALLURE FOR THE EYE ALONE?

BY LEO TOWNSEND



DR. HOW BABY

World Copyright, 1936, NEA Service, Inc. Dr. Dafoe with the Quintuplets at their wading pool. The babies, from left to right, are: Yvonne, Marie, Annette, Emilie, and Cecile. They take to the pool in a big way, says the Doctor proudly.

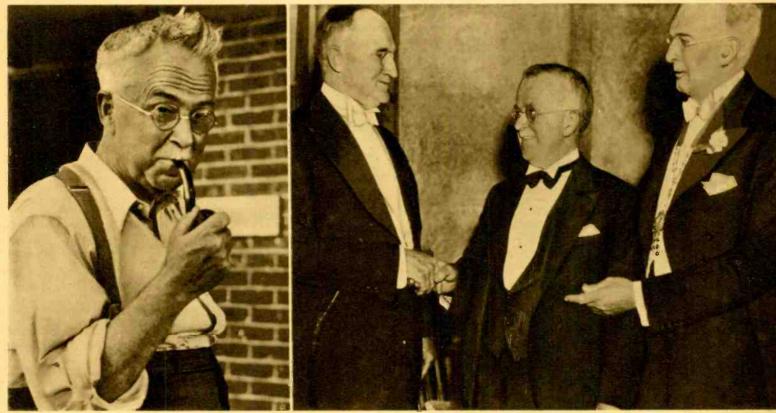
"SUPPOSE an epidemic should break out in a neighborhood. . . They do, sometimes—especially where people are not over sanitary and careful. . . What a wonderful thing it would be, if we could have a community service radio! Then your doctor could sit right in his office and give directions to all of the sufferers at once—tell them what regimen to follow, what precautions to take."

Dr. Dafoe knocked the ashes from his pipe and nodded thoughtfully. "To minister to a whole community over the radio," he went on, "not only would save the doctor, but his patients as well. And it would be as efficacious in large cities as it would in small, scattered communities, such as ours is here in Callander. Here they live so far apart, it's a problem to reach them when the snows set in. "People," the Quintuplets' physician mused, "seldom follow printed instructions precisely. But the human voice, from the radio, reaches their hearts, their brains calls on their common sense. . . . Reading is not always believing, but hearing is—especially if it is the doctor speaking!

"Speaking thus, over the air," said the grizzled small man who, on a dismal May morning, two years ago, became world famous, "your doctor, any doctor, may be able to save the lives of other babies as the Quintuplets were saved. If it hadn't been 'for radio," said Dr. Dafoe with conviction, "the whole present-day happy picture of the Quintuplets might have been radically changed." He looked at me over the top of his spectacles. "Radio," he

DR. DAFOE NURSES A DREAM OF BEING ABLE

DAFOE REVEALS RADIO MAY SAVE YOUR AS IT DID THE QUINTUPLETS!



Wide World Photos

The world-famous country doctor—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe of Callander, Ont., now to be heard on the *Lysol* program.

reminded me, "broadcast to the four corners of the earth this phenomenal birth and made this remote, unknown settlement in the lumber region of Canada's far north the focus of world interest. To be sure, the press did its part, but millions who seldom or never saw a newspaper learned of the event, in their homes or huts or cabins, from the voice on the air. And the Quintuplets were adopted by the world. Their preservation and welfare became a matter of public concern."

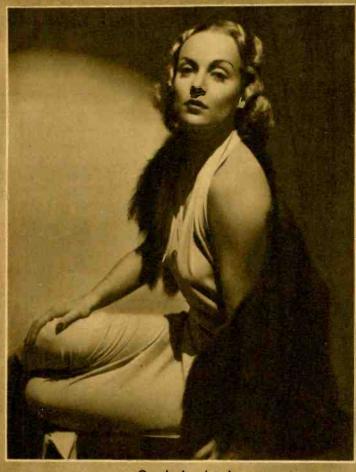
We were sitting in the tiny "office" of Dr. Dafoe's simple home, in Callander, Ontario, Canada. This was the office to which he had hurried, half-dressed, in the middle of that memorable night, and found a trembling little man who pleaded with him to hasten out to the

Dr. Dafoe being congratulated by Dr. James S. McLester, president of the American Medical Association and Dr. J. C. Meakins, president of the Canadian Medical Association.

Dionne farm—some four miles away. The expected baby was about to arrive—prematurely, and Mrs. Dionne was very, very ill.

"Only God and Nature could give us any help during those first few terrible weeks," Dr. Dafoe continued, "and they both did. It was no time for talking—only for immediate decisions and action. We had a sick mother and five premature, under-nourished and barely-breathing babies on our hands. The parents were poor and had very little equipment for such extraordinary and critical circumstances. For a long time, there were twentytwo persons living and stewing and fretting in that little French Canadian farmhouse. Several of us were desperately fighting to save the lives (*Continued on page 68*)





Glamorous Carole Lombard would make some startling changes in our broadcasts!

Carole Lombard

HAVING heard beforehand that she is a young lady with definite opinions and knowing that she is one of the most gracious gals in Hollywood, we walked into our Carole Lombard interview date with head and notebook held high, in spite of the fact that it was one of those Mondays when you wake up wondering what ever became of Sunday.

Radio is a fine thing, we thought to ourself, even on this bluest of all possible Mondays and Carole Lombard is a fine girl. In fact, anyone who submits herself to the ordeal of an interview on Monday, any Monday, is not only fine and beautiful—she is positively astounding. And we'll fight the man who says she isn't-only not on a Monday, if you don't mind.

By the time we had run all this through our so-called mind we found ourself seated in the Lombard dressing room, reaching for the Lombard cigarettes. (It is an unwritten law, strictly adhered to, that no interviewer smokes his own. He just sits there, mooching and listening. They whisper of a case, several years ago, when a writer new to Hollywood actually bought a drink for the interviewee. Naturally, he was promptly tossed out of the press club, shorn of his credentials, and shot the next morning at sunrise.) Now that we all know how interviews are conducted,

and who pays, let's get on with this one. "I understand from the first paragraph that you're a young lady with definite opinions," we began. "Do you suppose you could tell your public what you'd do if you suddenly found yourself ruler of the air waves?"

"My first definite opinion," said the lovely Miss L., "is that I shouldn't care to inherit that throne. Of course if

BY WILFRED HEALY IF RADIO WERE **UNDER CAROLE'S THUMB**

it were forced on me and the salary were okay, I'd start right at home and do something about guest programs. "With four or five national radio hours emanating from

Hollywood using picture personalities as guest stars, it seems highly implausible to me that the sponsors can dig up enough good material with which to surround all their

expensive talent. "For instance, I've had several offers to appear and so far I've turned them all down, simply because I haven't found a suitable vehicle. I don't like radio versions of last year's pictures, because I don't think people want to hear a rehash of something they might not have liked in the first place. A good radio dramatization of a current the first place. A good faulto infinitization of a current picture, if that picture lends itself to radio adaptation, is swell, but in my own case, *The Princess Comes Across* is the only one of my recent pictures which would fit radio requirements. My Man Godfrey is a good comedy and screen audiences like it, but I'm sure that kind of comedy on the air would sound like something just out of Major Bowes.

Carole Lombard, as you might well imagine, prefers comedy to any other type of radio program. She wouldn't be averse to doing a comedy series herself if the right script and the right offer came along. Anyone who saw her grand Garbo impersonation in The Princess Comes Across knows what Carole can do with comedy. She was so good in that rôle that a haughty foreign star on her own lot—Paramount—held a private showing of the pic-ture just to make sure it was Garbo Carole was mimicking.

"With radio under my thumb I would proclaim Jack Benny as my favorite comedian," Miss Lombard con-tinued. "His delivery is perfect, his diction is smooth

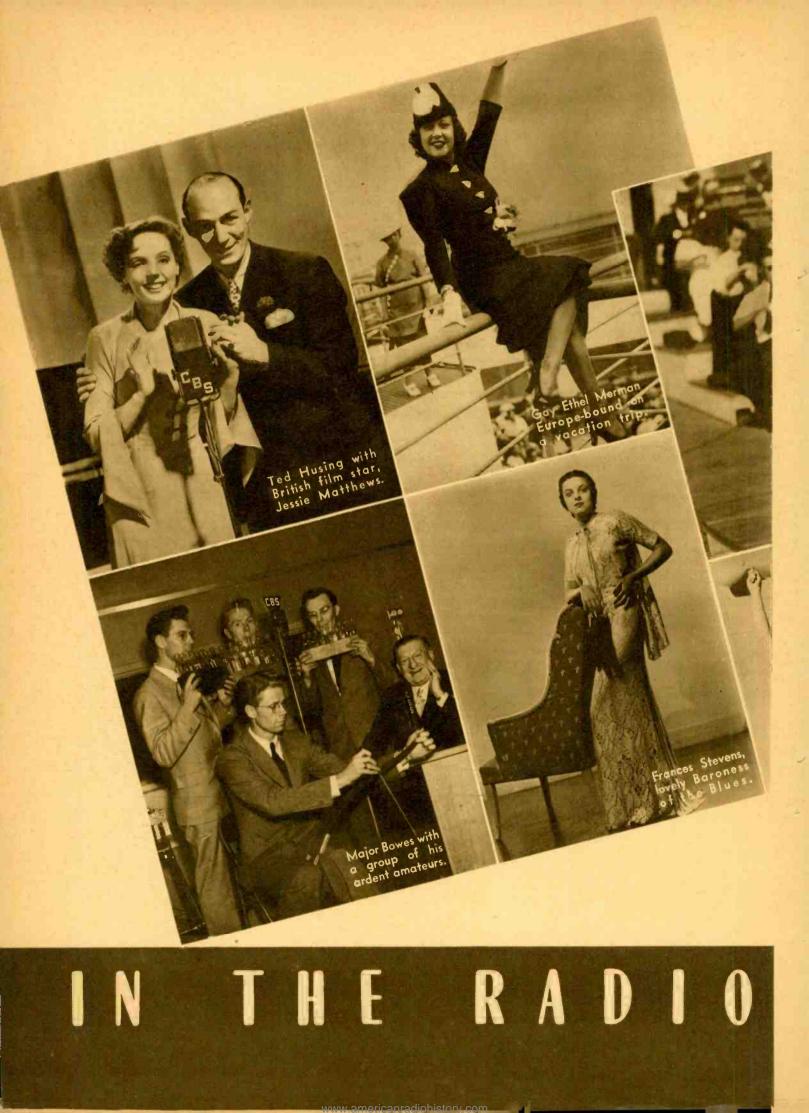
and he's a natural master of ceremonies. Besides, he advertises his sponsor's product in the most painless method possible. For instance, I never touch Jell-O, but

I buy loads of it simply because of Jack Benny. "One of the major faults with radio programs is that there is not enough painless propaganda. That, of course, will all be changed when I'm queen of the air. One of the first of my royal edicts will be this: Every sponsor in the Waring's Ford show. That's my Utopia of all radio programs. The music is swell, the program has vitality and Mr. Ford mentions his product only twice in the en-tire session. 'Watch the Fords go by' tells just as much about a product as an announcer's saccharine speech about the tremendous merits of so-and-so's salad dressing, and, as I mentioned before, it's painless. At this moment, for instance, I have a garage full of Fords and I'll bet you can ransack the house for even a drop of so-and-so's high pressured salad dressing.

"If I were ruler of the air, I would certainly add Fred Allen to the list of my favorite court jesters. His pro-grams are fresh and, aside from his amateurs, very funny. Offhand, I can't think of any radio comedians who can be classed with Benny and Allen. They are, to coin a word, terrific.'

There are other programs which would also win regal

favor. For instance: The Hollywood Hotel program. Miss Lombard has appeared on it twice, doing radio versions of her current screen hits. She particularly admires Bill Bacher, the program's director, for his knowledge of radio and his ability to get the utmost out of (Continued on page 98)





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Robert Toylor with wford in the MGM picture, he Gorgeous Hussy.

RADIO'S GIFT

"THERE'S no going back," said Bob to me, "unless it's on the air. That's the only way I could go home, now, you know." I didn't know what he meant. But he told me

We were having iced coffee, Bob and I, sin the MGM commissary. It was Bob's second day on hour Garbo picture (he'd taken an hour But he told me.

It was boos second day on the Garbo picture, (he'd taken an hour off the set to talk to Radio Stars) on the set to talk to Radio Stars) his second day of playing Arm-and to Garbo's Camille. He wore a white pith helmet with a green peak, white shirt open at his strong peak, white shirt open at his strong columnar throat, white duck trou-

Revealing some unknown facts in the life of sets. I said. Tou suonid nave made in that outfit." "Oh, I have!" laughed Bob. "Oh, I have!" laughed BOD. I said: "Are you nervous—playing op-posite Garbo?" For, after all, I thought, this is skyrocketing for this lad named Arlington Brough from Beatrice, Nebraska. This 13 skyrocketing for this lad named Arlington Brough from Beatrice, Nebraska. This lad who has conned a connect of Arlington Brough from Beatrice, Nebraska. This lad who has capped a career of cli-maxes seldom known even in Hollywood, by playing opposite Garbo in his second year

year! "No," Bob said, "not at all. She's just a human being like the rest of us. Why should I be nervous?" He expects people to be "just human year!

should I be nervous?" "just human He expects people to be "just human beings, whit boy from Nebraska—and so that's what they are, to him. He expects Life to come through like a gentleman Life to come through like a Not a bad

and Life does the expected. And then he told me what he has done, point of view, this!

Robert It's Rober Taylor him-self, your favorite movie star.

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TO ROMANCE "There isn't ever any going back," he

Robert Taylor when he was a radio entertainer He added, with a short laugh "I don't He added, with a short laugh: "I don't mean physically. I could, of course, trans-plant the body to Nebraska, in my car, or by plane or rail, any time I have the stime to go. But—I wouldn't be 'the Brough kid' going home. I'd be Robert Taylor, kid' going picture star. There'd be curiosity, not the old comradeship of simple folk to notion picture star. There'd be curnosity, not the old comradeship of simple folk to-gether. There'd be constraint. There'd be some pride, too, I'm stre. Small towns always are generously proud of their some be some price, too, I'm stre. Small towns always are generously proud of their sons who go abroad' and win any kind cf an accolade." And I thought of the pride of Cadiz Obio in Clark Cable. Beacon New sonanty nad been dissected and disclosed. I had hoped he would give me some inter-esting slants on radio. Terdor accolade. And I thought of the prize of Cadiz, Ohio, in Clark Gable; Beacon, New Very in Robert Monteconomy and comment He said that, if he goes on the air consistently, he does not want to be the ro-York, in Robert Montgomery; and so many mantic, conquering, glamorous movie star. He wants he says to be plain Arlington "But the old relationship would "But went on." He wants, he says, to be plain Arlington Brough, "that Brough kid" from Nebraska, the kid the farmers and local garage men be gone. Bob went on. There d never again be the easy familiarity, the clap on the back. The farmers might not offer Brough, "that Brough kid" from Nebraska, the kid the farmers and local garage men the kid the farmers and cowmen knew and others). "But the old re be-gone," Bob went on. the kid the farmers and local garage men and plainsmen and cowmen knew and talked to long before. Hollywood claimed him as one of her favorite sons. He said again: "I'd like to go back-on the air. the back. The farmers might not once ine buttermilk any more, nor pie and cheese and apples, a place at their kitchen tables. If L offerer a band with the milking they and appres, a prace at unit. And the miking, they If I effered a hand with the miking, end if I critered a name with the minking, they would try to stop me. I couldn't sit, as I used to sit, all agog, listering to my friends the farmers talking about the corn me air. "I said, "that you are homefriends, the farmers, talking about the corn frome the cowe calving the drought the thenus, the tarmers, taking about the corn crops, the cows calving, the drought, the taxes. They wouldn't think I'd be inter-ested. They'd probably try to entertain me the keysto-the-city kind of thing "No, not exactly homesick," said Bob, No, not exactly nomesick, said Bob, his sapphire blue eyes darker and bluer with gravity. I know that I never can go back, not really me, the key-to-the-city kind of thing. wouldn't be going home at ail. "Thzy'd think (Continued on page 60)

In a scene from The Magnificent Obses-sion, in which Robert Taylor played cpposite Irene Dunne.

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young star who has been interviewed until, young star who has been interviewed unity, you might suppose, every facet of his per-sonality had been dissected and disclosed.

ARE GUEST STARS A NECESSARY EVIL?

Would some radio programs be more entertaining if highpriced indifferent "visiting firemen" were excluded?



BY NANCY BARROWS

Kate Smith is a new recruit to the ranks of those who pay exorbitantly for guest stars.

They had a lot of guests come to the house one night, Bob (Bazooka) Burns recounted in his engaging drawl. They didn't have room to put 'em all up. So Pop went outside.

It was a mighty cold night and by and by the folks got kinda worried about Pop. They went looking for him and found him out in the barn, under a wagon. He was shivering till his teeth clicked.

"Cain't we do something ter make yer more comfortable, Pop?" they asked him.

"Well," Pop said, "yer might throw on another wagon."

WE HEARD Bob tell this story on Bing Crosby's Kraft Music Hall program—and we couldn't help drawing a deadly parallel.

In just this selfsame fashion the radio programs troop home with their glittering guests—guests whose very names imply exorbitant remuneration—clamoring for accommodation for them at the expense of the whole radio family. And Pop—and Brother and Sister, too—are crowded out in the cold.

There's not even an extra wagon to throw over them. All the wagons are hitched to the stars!

It just doesn't make sense! It doesn't make good radio entertainment nor good radio entertainers. We believe that radio should, as it did in its early days, develop its own artists.

William Lohr, president of the National Broadcasting Company, supports our contention.

"This guest-star craze," said Mr. Lohr, "has got to stop.

It's not making successful radio programs. It's not pleasing the public. It's not satisfying the sponsors. The sponsors are paying out extravagant sums for something that doesn't sell their product. They don't like it. "Radio programs," he reiterated, "are defeating their

"Radio programs," he reiterated, "are defeating their own ends, with this influx of guest stars—all of them costing a great deal of money. All of them contributing little of entertainment value. All of them alien to the sphere in which they suddenly find themselves. Shouldering aside talented folk who might become genuine radio artists."

It's a curious feature of our psychology, that we all try to be just like everybody else, instead of seeking ways to be different, to achieve something original, unique. If one stage play featuring an erring husband or wife is a hit, we will have a baker's dozen of such. If a movie dealing with the more naïve period of our history grosses a tidy sum, out come all the films in covered wagons! Or they're all concerned with the careers of crooks. Or all gunning with G-Men.

And if one radio program puts on a guest star, all radio programs must have guest stars!

Listening to a series of radio programs, one is impressed with a sense of repetition, of ennui, or growing distaste. There is Kate Smith's program. . . . Having rounded up all discoverable champions, she now hunts notables in any line. Arthur Hammerstein disinters dead days with stars his grandfather made famous. *Hollywood Hotel* brings on movie biggies—and stars whom we know and delight in on the screen seem (*Continued on page 72*)

Fred presents his own program on the air now. He comes to us, too, in the new RKO-Radiomovie, Swing Time, his sixth co-starring movie with Ginger Rogers.

He does

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FRED ASTAIRE TAKES OFF! HE SINGS, HE DANCES, HE BROAD-CASTS – HE'S TOPS!

WHEN the new Packard show went on the air last month. it came under the guiding hand—or is it feet?—of radio's newest star. Having achieved considerable fame on the stage and on the screen, it is only natural that Fred Astaire should come to radio. In this particular case, however, radio came to Fred Astaire. And radio hopes he likes it well enough to stay for awhile.

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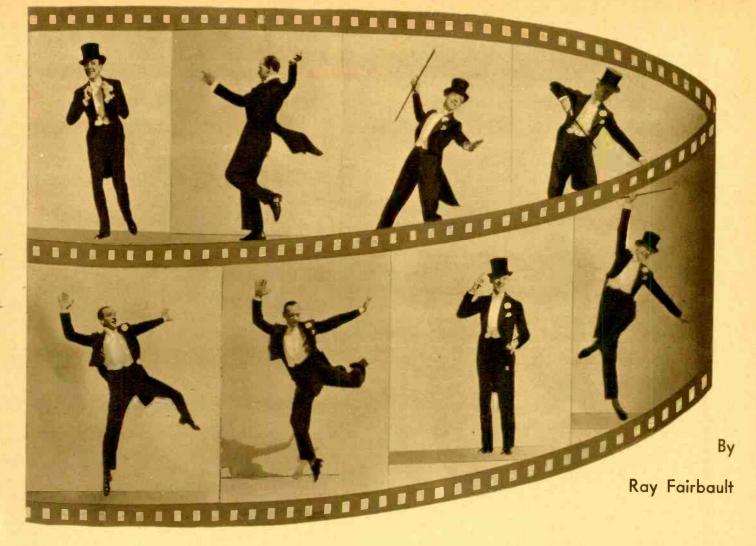
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The Astaire bank account, as you may well imagine, 32

is in no need of refurbishing. It's a streamlined affair with all the latest improvements—meaning money—and it took a lot of persuasion to convince Fred Astaire that an hour a week on the air would add immeasureably to his own personal happiness.

For an hour a week on the air, to a performer as thorough and as sincere as Fred Astaire, means many hours of hard work. He's not the kind of guy who can grab his script on the way into the studio, rattle it off and rush over to the pay window for the fabulous check, Astaire's been too many years in show business to think a person-

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EVERYTHING but take the tickets

ality can click on name only. He knows a performer is as good as his last performance, and for that reason you'll probably find that the Astaire radio show will turn out to be one of the smoothest on this fall's air lanes.

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For one thing, it is undoubtedly the biggest one-man show on the air, for the Astaire duties cover a wide territory. He's not only starring in the show, but has to sing. go into his dance, and, besides, play the piano. He plays a couple of other instruments which he can't remember off hand, but the minute he thinks of them they'll get their moment at the mike.

In addition to the Astaire activities, there is Johnny Green with the largest band he's ever put on the air, plus a group of guest performers each week. In spite of the fact that the program originates in Hollywood, the guest performers will not be movie stars doing dramatic skits. For a Hollywood show such a departure must be looked upon with horror by the boys who plan the programs and, perhaps, by the movie stars themselves, who have been knocking off from one to five thousand dollars each

time they give the public the privilege of hearing them without seeing them.

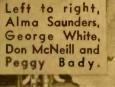
"Our plan isn't exactly a new one," says Fred Astaire, "but we think it makes for good entertainment. Although from time to time we'll have picture stars on our program, our guests as a rule will be neither stars nor amateurs. But between those two extremes there is a large group of entertainers here in Hollywood who are good performers and who have something to offer. They're the people we're going to put on our program." "A sort of 'Give the professional a chance' movement?"

I suggested.

"Let's not call it that," said Astaire. "I'm not against amateur shows, for they have brought attention to a number of persons who otherwise would still be singing their songs or playing their piccolos in obscurity. On the other hand, there are experienced performers sitting around in the same obscurity. We hope to dig them out of their hiding places."

Fred Astaire wants it (Continued on page 88)

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INFORMAL VIEWS OF SOME FAVOR-ITES OF THE AIR

Gertrude Niesen, glamorous *CBS* star, is one of the most photographed girls in radio. She has dark hair and gray-green eyes and takes her fame lightly. Hollywood Hotel—Claude Rains with Anita Louise in a scene from Anthony Adverse.

Swing time for John McIntyre and Jeanette Nolan of *March of Time*. They're Mr. and Mrs. in private life. Joan Marsh, of The Flying Red Horse Tavern, enjoys a restful week-end in a sylvan setting.

Broadcasts

Brunette Barbara La-Marr, contralto, is heard several times weekly on a morning variety hour over the Mutual network.

ARE THESE STORIES OF

IS life with all its jumbled elements of starkness and pathos and humor and tragedy, as presented on the *Good* Will Court, the thing you listeners want in the way of radio entertainment? Whether or not Chase and Sanborn has picked a worthy successor to Major Bowes and his Amateur Hour is now being decided by you listeners.

A year ago it was the Major and his amateurs everyone was talking about. Starting on one of the smaller New York stations, this program was snapped up by Chase and Sanborn and given the coveted eight to nine hour on Sunday evening. The hour which statistics prove to be the one in which most people tune in their radios and settle back to be entertained. Now the Good Will Court has taken the Major's place on this important NBC hour.

Like the Amateur Hour, the Good Will Court won its popularity on a small New York station. Like the Amateur Hour its principal actors come to you with no stage experience, no recognized acting talent, no box office appeal, no salaries. Like the Amateur Hour it un-

By Elizabeth Benneche

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HUMAN SUFFERING ENTERTAINING RADIO FARE?

folds itself without benefit of script or gag writers.

But will it achieve the popularity of its predecessor, the Major and his amateurs?

A. L. Alexander who is the mediator for the Good Will Court believes it will.

"The Good Will Court begins where the Amateur Hour stopped," he said. "You might add that I am reluctant to make a comparison but our program shows the end of the story, the other the beginning and I feel that everybody is more curious concerning the end of a story than they are concerning the beginning."

But of course it is you listeners who will decide if this program, based as it is on the broad cross-section of life itself, is here to stay.

It was an absorbing experience watching the program unfold. Sitting in straight-backed wooden chairs were the twenty-odd people who had come to this court of the air for guidance. Most of them shabby, some tragiceyed, some jaunty and a little excited at the prospect of telling their stories over the radio and all of them in trouble of some sort. Real trouble in some cases, only fancied in others, minor annoyances and tragic happenings all brought to the court to be weighed and decided upon.

Sitting at a plain wooden table were two men. They were the judges invited for that evening to counsel those seeking help. Jonah J. Goldstein, judge of General Sessions, County of New York, to hear cases involving domestic relations, and J. Raymond Tiffany, former assistant Attorney General and District Court judge of the State of New Jersey, to listen to those involving civil litigation.

The first case was called. She was a girl, young and rather pretty, wearing smoked glasses to further the protection of privacy the *Good Will Court* gives to everyone who comes to it seeking help. A tragic story hers. A mock marriage and the man who had betrayed her disappearing shortly afterward and then the baby born to her and the parents who would not forgive her the disgrace she had brought upon herself and them. They refused to help her in any way and she could not see her baby starve. So she had a police record. A sordid one. And now she had reached (*Continued on page 89*)

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JUNGLE BEASTS AT YOUR FIRESIDE

FRANK BUCK, who has been rubbing elbows with death-dealing carnivora for a quarter of a century, and has pictures to prove it, was warning us of the dangers of listening to salesmen. Buck would sooner meet a lion in hand-to-hand conflict, or grapple with a python, than be stalked by a salesman!

Tune in on Buck, as he sits in his office in the General Motors Building, overlooking New York's Columbus Circle and Central Park. He is far away from the African veldt or the jungles of Sumatra, but he is apprehensively alert, lest he fall a victim to that scourge of civilization-the salesman.

"A few years ago," commented Buck, "I allowed a smart salesman to talk me into taking a radio receiving set into the Far East with me. It was against my better judgment, but my better judgment, if any, seems to melt before the blandishments of a salesman. He told me that with this radio I would be able to tune in on New York programs every night.

"The radio was packed, despite the fact that in traveling through the jungles you need every inch of space and have no room for anything which isn't strictly utilitarian.

"When we made our camp deep in the jungles, I had one of my camera men, who was both a good mechanic and an expert electrician, set up the radio. He drove a pipe forty feet into the earth, so as to secure a good ground for reception.

"Picture our party, now. We are weeks from civilization, with no way of knowing what is going on in the outside world. Eagerly we set up the set and eagerly we await the tuning-in. Will we get a jazz band, baseball scores or what? The answer, friend, is that we got nothing-not a peep. Not even the harsh crackle of static. We'd have been willing to listen to some political speech, even, but not a sound came out of that radio. And none ever did, regardless of what electrical tricks my camera-man tried.'

Buck paused and permitted himself a quiet chuckle. "Now for the sequel," he resumed. "About two years later I was here in New York, idly tuning in a radio. I happened to hit the commercial plug for a radio set, the same brand that the convincing salesman had virtually forced me to lug to the Far East with me.

And here's what the announcer was saying

"'This is the same type of radio which Frank Buck carried into the jungle with him. And every night when the explorer was through with his strenuous chases after elephants, lions, tigers and what-not. he would relax by tuning in this set and enjoy the fine programs from New York, Chicago and Hollywood!'

"Now, what can you do with a guy like that?"

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FRANK BUCK "BRINGS 'EM BACK ALIVE," TO OUR HOMES

BY TOM MEANY

Atmospheric conditions in the jungle are such that broadcasts are not possible yet. Buck once tried to make one for King Features, while he was there filming his second picture, Wild Cargo. King Features cabled him at Singapore that they wanted him to make a Christmas broadcast for Station WINS.

"The only place in the hills with a radio station was at Bonbong, in Java," explained Buck. "This station was operated by the Dutch government and was in touch with Holland. Virtually all the government business was transacted via the radio, but it was notavailable for private use.

"The station at Bonbong could reach Sydney, Australia, and Sydney was in almost constant communication with the big station at Schenectady, New York.

"It would, however, take all the influence of King Features to get permission from the Dutch government to use the (Continued on page 82) Frank Buck with some of his many jungle captives. The python trapped himself by slipping into the pig-pen and devouring the pig. Then he found himself unable to get out!

NO, NO, A KAY THOMPSON

By Dorothy Brooks

Lovely Blues singer, Kay Thompson, is afraid of marriagel But still the men continue to proposel

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HUNDRED TIMES NO!

SINCE the days when movies were flickery shadows cast on bedsheets, Hollywood has given the world *it girls*, and *glamour girls* and *exotic orchid-girls*. Indeed, it has become a part of our folklore that Hollywood has a monopoly on that elusive feminine quality called glamour. But now radio, the screen's little Cinderella sister, is putting on long dresses. The motion pictures' loveliest ladies are being lured to the microphone. And, as a crowning achievement, radio can now boast her own, her very own, sophisticated lady—gorgeous, baffling Kay Thompson. She has out-Hollywooded Hollywood. She has said "No" a hundred times to a hundred importunate men's proposals of marriage. There's a score for the Garbos, the Dietrichs, the Lombards to shoot at!

"I've been telling men I don't want to get married, ever since I was sixteen," she confided, waving a fork for emphasis over a lobster thermidor, "but they just wouldn't believe me!"

She sighed prettily—but long exotic lashes dropped over one eye in an unmistakable wink. There was a mischievous gleam in the other larkspur blue orb.

"In love? I'm in love all the time! It's fun! It's the salt and pepper of life—and I adore salt and pepper!" She laughed gaily. "I want my whole life to be highly seasoned. Oh, I've been in love, all right—but so far," she made a rueful move, "I haven't got beyond the stage of being in love with love."

Kay is afraid of marriage. Nothing in the world ever has frightened her—save boredom. She's appalled at the thought of seeing, every morning, the same face across the breakfast table, of watching the same man put the same number of lumps of sugar in his coffee. "And I'm not the maternal type, either, I'm afraid," she lamented.

"Well, how did it happen-ah-all these men-"

"Oh, I know what you're trying to say," Kay came to the rescue. "You mean, if I didn't want any men, how did it happen that there always were so many around?

"To begin at the very beginning, I did care about men —or rather, I did care about having men around. That was because then I was the official ugly duckling of the family. My sisters, Blanche and Marion, were both beauties, but all our relatives used to say: 'Isn't it a shame about Kay?' When I reached the dating age Blanche was awfully sweet. She always used to make her date bring along a man, reluctant or otherwise, for me.

"Now I was an independent sort of kid. It made me mad as a hornet. I wanted to show 'em all. And I saw that, in this man business, if a girl hasn't beauty, she'd better learn to use her head. Well, here's one example. When we went to parties, I was always the one to play the piano while the others danced. Of course the ones that danced got the men. So I hit on this scheme: I'd sit down at the piano and sing blues. The tempo was impossible for dancing. Pretty soon all the men would be grouped around the piano—and the other girls would be thinking of forming an organization to work for the repeal of the existing laws governing homicide. "All of which is highly unimportant, really, except that

"All of which is highly unimportant, really, except that it started me off on two definite roads. One led to a singing career—and the other which (*Continued on page 92*)

RANCH REVELRY

LOUISE MASSEY AND THE WESTERNERS ARE HERE!



Above, Louise, Milt Mabie, Henry Auerwater, Larry Wellington, Jim Babcock and Dott and Allan Massey. Below, Larry, Dott, Louise, Allan, and Milt Mabie.



Above, time for grub, and, boy, how good that coffee smells! Henry and Louise are the cooks. Below, who wouldn't yearn for boots and saddle!





Pibber McGee goes on the air. When taller tales are told, Pibber will tell them.

DON'T DON'T

Marian and Jim Jordan in their familiar rôles of Fibber McGee and his Molly.

SAYS FIBBER (JIM JORDAN) OF FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY

THERE are some people who can't eat strawberries without breaking out in a rash and there are others who swell up like the Hindenburg after tackling a delicacy like sword-fish. All of which is a round about way of saying what one of the early philosophers said, back in the days of crystal sets: "One man's dish is another man's poison."

So it is with the word Münchausen to Jim Jordan, Fibber McGee of Fibber McGee and Molly and the husband of Marian Jordan, who is Molly of the act, in case you haven't guessed. All you have to do to start Jim is to say Münchausen! It's like waving a red flag at a bull, or throwing a slow ball to Jimmy Foxx—you've got to duck immediately. I found that out!

It was one of those hot nights in Chicago, when even the air-conditioned studio of *NBC*, in the Merchants Mart building, was little help. Marian and Jim Jordan had just concluded their 66th consecutive *Fibber McGee and Molly* program and were killing the four-hour interval, before the repeat broadcast, by posing for a series of publicity pictures. As I said, and as the thermometer also said, it was a hot night and the arduous waits under the glaring Kleiglights set up by the studio camera-men weren't making it any cooler.

Jerry Maxwell

Interviewing the radio comics under these conditions was more than a little difficult. I was trying to squeeze in a few questions between takes and was getting nowhere rapidly. Jordan was willing, but tired. I happened to ask: "How did you come to select the character of a rura! *Münchausen?*" And we were off! It was like dropping a coin in a slot machine and hitting the jack-pot. The conversation flowed from Jordan, clear, concise and intelligent

"Münchausen!" said Jim, "Münchausen! That's one word I can't stand. Neither our program nor my character resembles Jack Pearl's Baron in any way, shape or form. I've never copied anybody's style (Continued on page 58)

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Is this the elusive Beetle, shaking hands with Phil?

Baker and McNaughton (Bottle) toast a new contract.

ONLY THEY



By RUTH GERI

IT WAS a social call, pure and simple. I hadn't expected to run into a story; wasn't looking for one. I

had stumbled through the semidarkness of the backstage labyrinth in a Philadelphia theater, found a battered door with a gilt paper star pasted on its outside. Two of the star's points hung frayed and torn. I knocked and a shadowy figure in a worn dress-

ing-gown opened the door a cautious few inches and peeked out. Inside I saw two other figures perched precariously on rickety chairs. Hastily I apologized for the intrusion.

"Oh, that's all right. Come on injust a couple of friends of mine."

Phil Baker threw open the door. Then as I entered the tiny dressingroom, one of the visitors arose politely and gave me a seat. Phil in-



troduced me to the two youngsters. They were from a Philadelphia school paper, and they had been assigned to interview a visiting celebrity. The senior, a serious-

faced boy of about thirteen, overcame a seeming tendency of his Adam's apple to leap up and down and proceeded where he had left off at my interruption. "Mr. Baker,"

he asked (his

voice a mixture of bass and soprano, so, in the dim-lit room, it might have been two people speaking); "can you give us your formula for success?"

A startled light leaped into Phil's sad eyes. An absent look succeeded it. His Adam's apple did acrobatics.

"Success!" he echoed, and looked through and beyond the two boys. "I don't know. You see, I—I never had it." His voice vibrated sincerity. The two youngsters gawked. Their busy pencils stayed poised in midair. You could read their startled thoughts. This was a funny man's Maybe this was a gag. Maybe you ought to laugh. Phil realized the consternation into which he had plunged them. He straightened in his chair.

"Oh, don't mind me, boys. I was just kidding," he reassured them

gently. The budding young reporters, relieved but still puzzled, trotted out ten minutes more of questions, to which Phil patiently replied. They glowed with pride as they stammered their

they stammered their thanks and adieux. Phil sent out for two bottles of sarsaparilla and, while we drank it from the bottles, kidfashion, I started right in to take him to task.

"What was the big idea," I de-



PHIL BAKER'S WHOLE CAREER WOULD HAVE BEEN



Phil Baker with his justly famous accordion.

Phil enjoys a cuiet evening with his wite.

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manded, "of kidding those boys like that? What do you mean, you never had any success? There is a nice gold star out there on the door, even if it is torn. In show business,

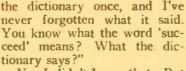
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that's-"Wait a minute. Wait a minute," he interrupted. "I wasn't kidding. I just wasn't thinking, I guess-and I blurted out the truth instead of what those youngsters wanted me to say. But that is the truth."

Now even if you've never seen Phil in person-although most theater-goers have---certainly you've seen his pictures often enough. You know those sweetly sad eyes-sort of like a spaniel's. (I hope he won't mind that !) Well, at any rate, they sud-

denly, if you can imagine the transformation, turned from soft, sad eyes to hard, bitter ones.

"Success!" he sneered "Baloney! Say, let me tell you what I mean. You know, I looked that up in



No, I didn't know that. But that seemed to be get-

ting a little technical. To succeed was to get somewhere; to make a lot of money; to be famous, wasn't it?

"Oh, no. Not at all! You're 'way off. Here's what the book says 'To obtain one's wishes;

to accomplish something attempted.' All right. There you are. I haven't done that yet. Sure, I've made some

dough. But that's luck. But you know what I've always wanted? Wanted ever since I was a dirty-faced little kid on the east side in New York? Why, I wanted to be a musician ... And I can't read a note !"



He paused to let that sink in

"I wanted to be a musician—and I can't read a note!" He "If laughed hollowly. that's success, they had better hire a new defi-

nition man for the dictionary! And here's a funny thing

"Last winter I was at a dinner where Jascha Heifetz was the guest of honor'. I met his accompanist, Mr. Aarons, and I happened to mention to him that I can't read music. I was

sitting at the piano, playing snatches of this and that—all by ear, the way I play everything. 'Why, Mr. Baker, that's a great pity,' he said. 'You have real talent, musicianship. You should learn. It isn't too late

"You know, I'd rather have heard him tell me that than have my sponsor give me a raise!"

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SENSATION ON THE sportsman resents more than hitting below

the belt. Personal abuse soon seems to be age American. just that, however justified it may have ap-

"Take Jack Dempsey, for instance_it peared in the beginning. was thumbs down on him and for a while the public ate up stories blackening his character. His comeback was directly due to the public's final reaction against the violent personal abuse heaped on his head. The same thing is illustrated by the case of Samuel Insull—"

We were sitting at luncheon, discussing the news, which of course is Gabriel Heat-Samuel Insull-

He begins his day at seventhirty with the morning papers. News comes to him from all over the world, by ter's life. All mail, by telephone, by wire and cable. events, great and small—politics, at home and abroad; the black shadow of war in Europe the importing decree to be war Europe; the impending drama of the polit-ical war at home, vital enough without the inevitable mud-slinging; outstanding events in sport or in the world of the theatre; or the stirring little dramas that take place in the average American home-all are

Mr. Heatter himself likes best the human element in stories and is most successful at grist for his mill.

what he calls humanizing the news. He is, one suspects, a romanticist at heart and it is his gift for seeing the heart appeal, the human interest behind a news story that has made his program so popular. And it is the fairness, the impartiality of its presentation as well as his diction and delivery that make his listeners determined never to

"Radio is primarily a show business," he plained. "I am not a crusader. People miss a broadcast. don't want to hear what I think about these

things, whether they are right or wrongexplained.

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TEN THOUSAND people fight madly for a glimpse of a hanging. Girl shoots jealous rival. Wife confesses all. Brutal and convincing headlines of every day! The whispering chorus is no respecter of persons. Did you hear that Coughlin bought silver? Who were the men men-

tioned in Mary Astor's diary? Is it true Sensation-eating, scandal-loving—is that America today? I asked a man who should that Eleanor Holm Jarrett-?

"The vitamines of sensationalism are hate, panic, hysteria," he answered. "They are rampant abroad, but they are foreign to know, if anyone does.

the American character. "MBS's dis-It was Gabriel Heatter, MBS's dis-

tinguished commentator, speaking: "Curiosity is natural, the appetite for in-

formation, interest in what is going on around us, is right and should be met and stimulated, but the public tires of scandalmongering. It might have a marvelous run for a while, but it defeats itself in the end and the public reacts against it violently and the public reacts against it violently. "Sportsmanship," he continued, "is as typically American as it is said to be—an integral part of the make-up of the aver-

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they want to hear a story, they want to be entreating want to near a story, they want to be en-tertained. But of course they also rely on me to give them the gist of the day's news, they want to feel I have covered the ground, omitted nothing they ought to know about. But scandal, violent personal attacks, have no place on

"Radio is different from everything else -there'll never be any official censorship as long as a hundred thousand individual listhe radio. as long as a hundred thousand murrar at turn teners can be their own censors and by a turn People of the dial, eliminate the undesirable. can throw away a newspaper, burn up a magazine that disgusts them—but when the radio is on, all the family can hear it. For that reason, although you can violate good taste on the air once, you won't get a second chance !" "But how do you draw the line," I asked, "between sensationalism and news? How do

you know now far you can go: "There are some things a radio commentator would not touch upon," he explained care-fully. "Such a case as this Luciano, the vice you know how far you can go?" king, for instance, would be absolutely banned. The Mary Astor business, too-now, if it were a murder case and legitimate news, I I could should touch upon it in some way.

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"It is a question of good taste. Not only my own sense of what constitutes good taste, but what I feel to be the taste of the average it. affair. Women, by a large percentage, make up the radio audience, husbands and chilnake up the radio audience, husbands and chil-dren are the balance. When you think of them that way, as a family listening in, you American. will see how important it is not to offend them. "The people themselves feel a strong sense

of personal control. If I slip up, if I err in good judgment, you may be sure I hear about it very promptly. Take the Jimmy Walker case, as an illustration. When he came back case, as an illustration. When he came back from Europe, it was front page news, dramatic, appealing a (Continued on page 65) Operation Net Grips

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For Gilbert's Linen

In the Paramount picture, The Big Broadcast of 1937, Gracie Allen (right) shines anew. And over beyond is Sam Hearn, famous radio comic, who brightens the show in the rib-tickling rôle of Schleppy. Also in the cast are Jack Benny, Martha Raye, and others.

A GROUP OF STARS FROM PARAMOUNT'S NEW FILM, "THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1937"

RADIO

Between Gracie Allen and Martha Raye, Bob Burns (below) doesn't know whether to laugh, scream, cry for help or yawn. But it's all for a scene in *The Big Broadcast of 1937*. And next beyond is song-maestro Benny Fields, who recently achieved over-night fame in New York, via radio and the night clubs. Benny comes back to Hollywood for a featured rôle in the new motion picture. On the opposite page Gracie Allen does her stuff. Gracie, you know, always gets her man! This time the somewhat reluctant suitor is Jack Benny. We're so sorry for poor Jack! But look at the next picture! One suitor isn't enough for our Gracie, it would seem! Here she is exposing herself to a couple of Burns(es), Bob, who has 'swapped his bazooka for a straw and George, complete with tails!

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Success and happiness

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Miriam, Gibson

Harry Von Zell, at work on the script for the *Town Hall* program, checking the final details.



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Von Zell enjoying a game of table tennis. Below, Harry with his wife and the children, Kenneth and Jeanne.



THE rise of Harry Von Zell is the story of a wife's devotion.

"We were only nineteen when we were married," says Harry with an affectionate glow in his eyes. "We had met two years before, at a dance at the Venice Polytechnic High School. That was in Los Angeles, Çalifornia. A friend of my wife's, Jeanne Meade, for whom our little girl is named, introduced us. We were married on October 20th, 1925, in a little Methodist Church in Culver City. Jeanne, and Kenneth de-Land, now a director at Paramount Pictures, were our attendants. My father gave us two hundred dollars for a wedding gift. We used it to furnish a two-room apartment."

Then the Von Zell struggle began. Harry's has been no overnight success. It has been a hard road with much heartache. "But Mickey (his pet name for the missus) always has been a good sport about my work," he quickly explains.

When they were first married, Harry worked for the Union Pacific Railroad in California for less than twenty-five dollars a week. His wife had a secretarial job to help the family finances. His first radio job paid him ten dollars a week for a fifteenminute period, in which he sang, played the ukelele and did his own announcing. His next step took him to announcing, from seven in the morning to twelve at night, at thirtyfive dollars a week. He received an extra five dollars for arriving at the studio at six A. M. to announce the opening programs of the day. A talent contest brought him a sponsored program at fifty a week. The early Paul Whiteman show was his next step. He finally substituted for Bing Crosby as singer for a short

time. During this time Harry also was manager of the radio station. His working hours were sixteen hours a day, including Sunday. He never saw his baby, except when the child was asleep!

In 1930, Harry was earning seventy-five dollars a week An agency man became interested in him, believed that here was a man who had the stuff of which success is made. He brought the Von Zell name to the attention of a *Columbia Broadcasting System* official. An offer to join the staff in New York was made, at a salary of sixty dollars a week.

At this turning point in his career, Harry did not know what to do. He had a wife and a baby less than a year old. Was it fair to them to take such a chance? To leave them in California and go three thousand miles away? In California he was buying a house. He had bought a small car on installments. Would New York offer the golden egg which meant financial security for him and his family?

"It was Mickey who made me decide at that crucial moment," he says. "In that fifteen minutes in which I had to make up my mind, she made me take the road which we now are traveling.

we now are traveling. "Poor Mickey! That was a terrible moment for her. I would have to leave her in our home in California, with her sister Beulah who lives with us, and our baby Kenneth. Leave her, on a fifteen-minute decision to earn a salary of sixty dollars instead of the seventy-five I was making on the coast. But Mickey never hesitated.

"'Your future lies in New York, dear,' she said, 'and the baby and I will be all (*Continued on page 84*)

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.. and her famous Little **Dinners**"

MISS ANNE C. ROCKEFELLER, of the distinguished New York family, enjoys entertaining in a casual, unpretentious way-intimate little dinners with a few friends who share her interest in the arts. Good conversation, unhurried pleasure ... the menu itself kept very simple. Just soup and entrée ... a pause for a Camel ... followed by a green salad, dessert, and coffee ... with Camels between courses and after to accent subtle flavors. "Smoking Camels," Miss Rockefeller says, "makes the choicest delicacy taste that much better. They help digestion, too, and bring a delightful sense of well-being, an at-peace-with-theworld mood. When entertaining, I always see to it personally, as a compliment to my guests, that there are plenty of Camels within their reach."

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A few of the distinguished women who prefer

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THE RADIO HOSTESS, NANCY WOOD, PRESENTS ROBERT L. RIPLEY



Left, a chef from France presides in the kitchen of Ripley's country home.

Right, one of Bob's rare treasures is this wooden bucket from remote Goust.



IT was Webster who said: "There is nothing so powerful as truth and often nothing so strange," to which Robert Ripley has added "and nothing half so interesting!"

With that thought in mind, Bob has spent the last dozen years or more collecting incidents and facts that could be described by such terms as odd, strange, amazing, phenomenal and even incredible! But never a one has he used unless he has on hand indisputable proof of the truth of his statement.

Because of the interest that the world at large has taken in these "truthful phenomena," Bob has earned and long held an enviable place in the public's offtimes fickle affections. Starting his career as a sports cartoonist, he since has become one of the most copied artists in the world and his is one of the most widely syndicated of newspaper features. Not surprising, then, that now, through the medium of popular dramatizations of some of the most interesting of the tales he has to tell, he also has become one of the best known names on the air waves.

But interest in his sketches and his stories should not make us forget that the man himself is astonishing. His insatiable curiosity, his ever alert interest in anything and everything, the things he knows and the very way he lives also are a part of the present day success story that we know as Bob "Believe-It-Or-Not" Ripley.

Nor did *I* overlook the fact—in my amazement and interest—that my real duty as *Radio Hostess* lies in telling you what Bob likes to eat and how you can secure recipes for these unusual dishes of his. You can rest assured, therefore, that I went into the subject of his food preferences most thoroughly and found Bob as interesting on that question as on all others. So you'll find, at the end of this article, a convenient little coupon which will bring you a free copy of this month's *Radio Stars* recipe leaflet which contains specific directions for preparing Robert Ripley's favorite foods. (*Continued on page 56*)

And, believe it or not, Bob knows some delightful dishes!



• UNLESS you have one of the rare husbands who is amused to watch mysterious beauty rites, it's up to you to join the secret association of KURLASH enthusiasts. These wise ladies keep a little private cache of KURLASH products and slip away for a few minutes' beauty conference with them daily. Husbands are entranced with the results and news know may myse hock prettier.

and never know why wives look prettier. You can whisk your lashes into KURLASH (\$1 at good stores) in a split second. When they emerge, they'll be curled back soulfully—looking longer and darker, making your eyes larger. No heat; no cosmetics nothing to arouse husbandly suspicions. Do not hesitate to use these other absolutely undetectable KURLASH products also. Try them in private . . and give your husband a BEAUTIFUL surprise today.



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Write JANE HEATH for advice about eye beauty. Give your coloring for personal beauty plan. Address Dept. MM11. The Kurlash Company, Rochester, N. Y. The Kurlash Company of Canada, at Toronto, 3.

IS MARLENE'S ALLURE FOR THE EYE ALONE?

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one who knows.

The next question we put to Clark Gable, who co-starred with Marlene on the Lux program:

"Granted that you were a radio fan, would you tune in on Marlene Dietrich if she were on a weekly program?" "My answer is 'yes,'" said Clark, "if

"My answer is 'yes,' " said Clark, "if I didn't happen to be tied up in front of a camera, which seems to be my fate whenever there is something good on the air. I've never appeared with Miss Dietrich in pictures, so naturally I watched her work closely when we did our radio skit. From where I was standing. Marlene Dietrich has the same vital quality on the air that she has in person—something a number of her pictures hasn't caught."

And Mr. Gable, too, should know about glamour. In his meteoric screen career he has appeared with most of Hollywood's smouldering sirens. So let's place his opinion along with Mr. DeMille's.

We asked Danny Danker, the man behind the *Lux* program (he produces the show and signs all the talent) about the listeners' reaction to Miss Dietrich. "We were," said Mr. Danker, "es-

"We were," said Mr. Danker, "especially anxious to hear what our radio audience had to say about our opening program. We, who are so close to a program's source, sometimes feel that we don't have the proper perspective for judging audience reaction, so we read every letter carefully.

"The vast majority of listeners who wrote in congratulated us on securing Marlene Dietrich for the program. Most of them had heard her on the air for the first time, and practically all of them asked that we engage her for another performance."

All of this literary hand-clapping for Marlene must mean that the listeners want to hear more of her. But our quest was not yet ended. We still wanted to talk to the man on the street. Here he is:

He will, of course, remain anonymous. For want of a worse name we shall call him Homer J. Quibble. "Mr. Quibble," we said, "as a man who

"Mr. Quibble," we said, "as a man who heard Marlene Dietrich on the air, what is your honest opinion?"

"Frankly," said Mr. Q., "my answer is mostly yes and a little bit no. What I mean is this: In her dramatic skit Miss Dietrich was swell, but I can't say I liked her singing of *Falling in Love Again*. Her speaking voice has everything, but her singing either hasn't enough quality or it simply isn't adjusted to radio requirements."

Mr. Quibble probably is right about the Dietrich vocal departments. Her singing, to those of us who saw as well as heard her, was highly pleasing. For the unseen and unseeing audience, however, it needs more study of radio technique.

Thus the jury has returned, as it were, a verdict in favor of Marlene. At the moment, however, she's not around to hear it. She and her daughter, Maria,



Marlene Dietrich has glamour in her every word, her every breath.

are abroad on a vacation and visiting Marlene's husband, Rudolph Seiberwhich means that the Dietrich radio fans won't hear the lady's voice on the airwaves for a month or two, at least. Then she'll probably play a return engagement at the *Lux Radio Theatre* or on some other program featuring Hollywood stars.

In the meantime, what would you like to hear as her next radio vehicle? Her last, *The Legionnaire and the Lady*, was a shortened version of *Morocco*, a Dietrich picture of several years ago. Should she enact a version of one of her other pictures? Or would you prefer her in original dramas written for radio?

This is purely personal, but we should like to hear Marlene put *The Blue Angel* on the air. Made in Germany, it brought her instant acclaim and led her, of course, to Hollywood. In *The Blue Angel*, unlike some of her more recent pictures, she was alive, full of the joy of living; she had a warmth and a compelling quality about her which won every audience. Can she repeat that on the air?

Some of Marlene's more recent screen rôles have given us nothing more than a series of beautiful photographs; they've made her almost an inanimate object beautiful but cold and lifeless, and not at all like the off-screen Dietrich. Actually she is much more like the Dietrich of *The Blue Angel*, and it is our guess that Marlene would welcome an opportunity to prove it to the radio audience.

The answer, in our opinion, is that some of the glamour girls of Hollywood can translate their appeal into terms of radio, while others would doubtless get themselves tuned off in favor of Uncle Don or the So-and-So Mountaineers. Glamour is sometimes only skin deep, but it must have been born in Marlene Dietrich, for she has it in her every word, almost in her every breath. Everyone admits she's Hollywood's

Everyone admits she's Hollywood's most beautiful woman. Everyone says she has that certain something—they used to term it *s. a.:* now it's whatever you want to call it. Whatever it is, it sounds swell on the networks. So climb onto the airwaves, Marlene—unless you're holding out for television!



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Deep-skin rousing needed

The truth is, almost all skin faults get their start, not on the surface,



but in your underskin.

In your *underskin* are little hidden glands and cells and blood vessels. These are the foundation of your *outer* skin's health. The minute they function poorly, pores begin to clog. And then blemishes come. Even lines are really nothing but creasings in your outer skin, caused by failing tissues underneath.

But—you can rouse that underskin to healthy vigor—by the regular use

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Twice daily—for a fault-free skin

Pond's Cold Cream goes deep into the pores. Its specially processed oils loosen every particle of dirt. Easy to wipe it all off.

briskly patted in. How wonderful it feels. Blood tingling. Skin glowing . . . and so much softer! You are waking up that underskin.



Every night, pat in Pond's Cold Cream to loosen dirt, make-up. Wipe off. Pat in

loosen dirt, make-up. Wipe off. Pat in more cream briskly — to rouse your *underskin*, keep it working properly, so annoying little faults *can't* age your skin.

Every morning, and during the day, repeat this treatment with Pond's Cold Cream. Your skin becomes softer every time—looks younger. And it's all smooth for your powder.

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THE RADIO HOSTESS

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But before discussing culinary matters I want to tell you about the fascinating house in which our host lives.

Ripley, when not on one of his trips to far-off lands, lives on an island in Long Island Sound, conveniently near to New York's broadcasting studios and to his favorite golf courses! Bob has named his place *Bion Island*. Just take the first letters of those now famous words of his, *Belicve-It-Or-Not*, and you'll know the reason for the name.

The estate is reached by crossing an ordinary bridge from the mainland, but in time, I understand, there will be a drawbridge to satisfy the owner's liking for privacy and the bizarre! As you approach Bion Island the house, from the outside, looks for all the world like the prosaic home of a retired banker. But step inside the front door and I guarantee that your eyes will fairly pop! Then, if you are lucky enough to have Bob himself as guide, I'll guarantee further that you are sure to spend the most absorbing afternoon of your life—listening to his stories about the fascinating things that surround you on every side.

The rug in the hall, he would tell you, is a priceless one from far-off India. The lamp above it a most rare example of the glass and metal work of ancient Spain. The wood carvings in the Tap Room are 'Primitives' from darkest Africa. The tiny mummified head on the side table of the living-room comes from South America and is the best example of its kind that Bob has ever found. The buffet in the dining-room is an old hand-carved wooden altar. The scarf on the dining-room table once was a Mohammedan woman's veil with a black patch in the centre which served as a none-too-transparent face covering for this unknown beauty of the harem when she walked abroad. The wooden bucket, filled with good old American cheese popcorn, was originally a milk pail in Gouse-one of the least known and least visited spots in the entire world, situated as it is on a plateau high in the Pyrennes, with a language that rivals that of the Basques for tongue twisters.

These are but a few of the countless strange things I saw, scattered about the house. Then finally we went into the *Muscum Room* and here, indeed, I felt Eke Alice in Wonderland with everything growing "curiouser and curiouser."

And as I listened to Bob describe every item in the fascinating collection which he has placed in that lovely room with its star-studded ceiling. I realized more fully what an inexhaustible well of information is his mind-from which he can draw at will whole bucketsful of related and unrelated facts. Just mention any country on this globe of ours and he can tell you some strange tale about its history and its people. He has visited one hundred and eighty-five countries, including places like Djerba and Zara of which I dare say few of us have heard! In fact, according to Bob, not many people can even name fifty countries-believe-it-or-not-so you might try it out as a brain teaser some time and

see if he's right.

Ask Bob about food, too, as I did and he'll surprise you by being equally well informed, with facts about more strange native dishes than any mere culinary reporter could hope to remember—much less describe. However I did take notes on some of them, which I shall pass on to you.

But first, let's discuss Bob's favorite dish. And what do you think that is? Stew!

"Wherever you go," said Ripley, "you are sure to find that the most tasty and typical dish of the country you are visiting is the local version of Stew. In other words it is meat prepared and seasoned in a characteristic fashion, placed in a pot with the vegetables that grow in that particular region and cooked until the whole thing is tender. The cooking vessel may be a three-foot iron one, such as is used by the gauchos in South America; in which case the Stew would be called puchero and would be as good as anything you've ever tasted. Ask for Ragout in France, Goulash in Hungary, Sukiyaki (pronounced Skee-ya-kee by Bob, if I remember rightly) in Japanand it's still Stew! And chances are, the world over, that it will be fresh and flavorsome. But don't ask for Chop Suev in China," he added laughing, "for they've never heard of it!

"In my opinion," Bob continued, "the best cooks in the world are the Japanese. Much charm is added to their foods, too, because you usually see what you are going to eat before it is cooked, as it is prepared right at the table before your eyes.

"The Chinese also have a deserved reputation as good cooks. And, of course, it would be wrong to overlook the French. It would be particularly foolish of me to do so because my French chef, Louis, might 'feel slighted by such an omission on my part! Funny thing, my chef doesn't talk English and I don't talk French! Yet we get along famously. Of course the love of good food can be expressed without words—an approving smile and a smack of the lips after a good meal being a language that is more universally understood than Esperanto could ever hope to be!

"I'm as curious about the foods of foreign countries as I am about their customs," Bob went on. "And I'm always ready to try anything in the food line once! In Java, for instance. I enjoyed eating their characteristic dish, called *Rijsttafel*. This requires the services of twenty waiters and consists of a basic mixture of rice which is brought in on a large plate. Presently the procession of waiters appears, each bearing a platter laden with every conceivable kind of meat and vegetable.

"As they file past, each transfers some of his load to your plate, until you have in front of you a pile of mammoth proportions, consisting of rice, curry, sausages, gravy, chicken, green peppers, minced meat, fried eggs, beef hash, ba-

nanas, fried fish, olives, pickled eggs, beef stew and cucumbers! The whole thing is then stirred together vigorously and each diner is supposed to eat all that is set before him. This is a formidable task, indeed, for a novice, although during my stay in Java I saw many a dainty Dutch Miss absorb about half her weight in *Rijstlafel* at a single sitting!

"But I never bothered asking for cooking directions," Bob concluded.

"But haven't you some recipes filed away in your collection of oddities, that I might be able to use?" I inquired.

"I imagine we can get a couple of good ones from the chef," Bob agreed helpfully, "that is if you can *parlez Francais* sufficiently to understand him. He ought to be able to give you a good *Ragout* recipe and one for *French Pancakes* about the only sweet I eat. Then I'm sure my secretary can find you some others in my files. How about *Lemon Soup* from Greece? And *Bavarian Cabbage*, cooked with apples, believe-it-ornot! Or England's justly famous *Yorkshire Pudding*, which isn't a *pudding* at all, if you think of the word as applying to a dessert. And there is India's *Curry of Chicken and Rice*, which with some modifications and considerably less curry will please the average taste."

You will find the recipes for these very dishes that Bob mentioned in this month's leaflet. All are unusual, it is true, but none so strange that it would not appeal to anyone who is not a slave to habit.

Nor does a single one of them call for ingredients that could not be found on the shelves of any well stocked pantry. So send for your set now—just to be different! You are sure to enjoy making and eating these characteristic culinary favorites of India, Greece, England and France.

Included also in this month's leaflet are some amusing food facts culled from Bob Ripley's files, which serve as footnotes to his recipes. These *Believe-It-Or-Nots* of Bob's inspired me to make a somewhat similar collection—strictly on my own.

The first positive evidence in regard to cooking equipment dates from Egypt about 6,000 years ago. Among the painting on the walls of their rock tombs along the Nile there are a number illustrating the preparation of meals. About 1600 B.C., the kitchen had become a department of great importance, as shown by paintings of the royal bakery and kitchen of Rameses III.

The Barbecue of today may be traced back to Homer's time, when meat was roasted over the fire in similar style.

The Queen of Sheba included several camel loads of spices among the gifts she presented to King Solomon.

One fruit supplies the world with two widely different spices. Mace and Nutmeg. Mace is the brightly hued inner lining of the shell and Nutmeg is the seed.

Clove derives its name from the French word *Clou*—meaning nail—which describes its shape.

Rice was considered the symbol of fertility and happiness in ancient countries. From this grew our custom of throwing rice at brides. Rice, in some parts of the Orient, was and still is the medium of exchange for debts, taxes and even wages.

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DON'T DARE CALL ME THAT!

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yet and I have no intention of starting now."

"But, Mr. Jordan," I protested, "The *Münchausen* stories were published over one hundred and fifty years ago. You've got to admit that antedates Jack Pearl." I grinned at him.

"Sure," he agreed. "I know that and you know it, but how many radio fans associate Münchausen with a book which was published in 1785? Münchausen and Pearl are coupled in the betting as far as radio listeners are concerned. I thought Jack's program was swell, it's success proved that, but I don't like the Münchausen tag being hung on our act, lest it be misconstrued as a copy of Pearl's previous programs."

And then Jim was off, describing the character which practically every radio listener knows by now, the bombastic rustic who is forever given to flights of fancy, only to be brought crashing to earth by the nasal realities voiced by his wife, *Molly*. It is a development of their own *Smackout* series, which revolved around the proprietor of a crossroads general store, who invariably was "jest smack out of" whatever commodity his customers attempted to purchase.

The character comes naturally to the Jordans, who trouped through many a small town in their vaudeville and concert days and who have a rural background of their own, both being brought up on a small farm a few miles outside of Peoria, Illinois.

They have endowed *Fibber McGee* with characteristics which are as American as ham and eggs. If you've ever lived in a small town, you have only to tune in on *Fibber and Molly* once or twice before you've identified the pair—it's the local village blow-hard, who is kept in check only by the homely good sense of his better half.

The Jordans are one of the few radio teams which bases its act upon the theory that its listeners have some intelligence. Pioneers at broadcasts, with twelve years of experience behind them, they've seen radio comedy grow up from infantile gags, blue-printed and hurled straight into the laps of the listeners, to humor which is more deft and subtle, more adult. "Radio audiences are smarter now," declared Jordan, "thanks to the work of comedians like Fred Allen and Jack Benny. They're educated to expect something more than the old-time minstrel question-and-answer gags and we're trying to give them that type of humor-smart, but not too smart. We're playing up to our audiences, instead of down to 'em, which was the accepted formula in the old days," explained Iordan.

Although the Fibber McGee and Molly program is on the air only thirty minutes a week. and much of that time is given to musical interludes by Ted Weems' orchestra and commercial interpolations by Announcer Harlow Wilcox, the pair works at least eighteen hours on each program, counting rehearsals, script revisions and so on. The Fibber McGee script is prepared by Don Quinn, a reformed commercial artist, who took to script writing when the depression made commercial artists a luxury in which few firms cared to indulge. Quinn drifted into script writing by accident, working on early scripts of the Jordans through his friendship with them. He later worked with Olson and Johnson for a long period.

It is Quinn who writes the first, rough draft of the script. He does this by himself and then presents it to Marian and Jim. Through a series of consultations with the pair, the script is rewritten at least twice.

Then Don takes a night off for the final preparation, starting at midnight and working through until about eight in the morning, fortified by countless pots of coffee and innumerable packs of cigarettes.

"And even then, we sometimes make last minute changes." admits Quinn. "I keep just one program ahead. I used to try and get three or four up in advance, but found that the script was very much fresher when it was prepared only a week ahead."

The Jordans are now in their 72nd week on the Fibber McGee and Molly program, with indications that it will run through the winter. The Weems orchestra has supplanted that of Rico Marchelli, which appeared for a solid year on the program. The Jordans are now on a Coast-to-Coast hook-up, making a repeat broadcast four hours after their first, for the benefit of California listeners.

Their fan mail has mounted steadily in the past year, so much so, in fact, that it takes a letter four weeks to reach Marian or Jim. It goes direct to their sponsors, the Johnson Auto-Wax Company, where it is sorted and checked. A radio club in Chicago made Jim a member and presented a membership key to him, but he had to go around to the club personally and pick it up, unless he wanted to wait the month it would take to reach him via the studio mail.

The Jordans feel the responsibility of a weekly program, as opposed to a daily program. "When we first were on the air, we used to broadcast at least once a a day and sometimes we were on afternoon and night," explained Marian. "If you felt that a broadcast didn't click, you didn't mind much, because you knew you could come right back the next dav and redeem yourself. When you're on only once a week, you've got to be good! It takes too long to square yourself for a flop broadcast."

One item over which *Fibber and Molly* never cease to congratulate themselves is the policy of their sponsors, which is to let the entertainers plan the program. This is one program which has escaped the bane of every radio performer's existence, "sponsor trouble."

The one standard line in their broadcasts is a derisory : "T'aint funny, McGee!" contemptuously flung in Fibber's direction by Molly when he soars too high in his impractical schemes. The line, however, is used sparingly, with the Jordans careful not to lean too heavily on it, lest it become a millstone around their necks, such as: *Vas you dere, Sharley?* or *I'se regusted!*

In the parlance of the trade, the Jordans are "actors' actors." At all of their performances, there may be spotted in the audience other radio entertainers, even some from rival networks, enjoying the *McGccs* and contributing to the applause. Another favorable mark of the Jordan programs is that they never have had to descend to questionable humor or *double entendre* lines for their laughs.

It was not always as comics that this pair appeared on the air-waves. The Jordans spent three years in vaudeville as a harmony singing team and never spoke a line and their only humor was expressed in character songs, of the type made famous by Van and Schenck when vaudewas enjoying its golden era.

The Jordans came to the ether as singers, but before long decided that there were far too many singers on the air and far too many singers out of work. "Better singers than we were, too," admitted Marian, honestly. And so they decided to try comedy.

Remember a song called Can't Yo Heah Me Callin', Caroline? and another called Knee-deep in Daisies? Kind of ancient, aren't they? Well, those songs date the advent of the Jordans before a microphone, on a little station in Chicago, II'IBO, back in 1924. It was their first try at radio and they applied for the chance on a dare given by some friends.

Later the Jordans appeared on the first

commercially sponsored program in the midwest, the O. Henry candy bar program, for which they received the munificent sum of ten dollars. They supplemented their radio work with week-ends in vaudeville, since in those days there was not enough money in radio to live on.

Once they started to click on the radio, the Jordans abandoned vaudeville. The Smith Family, which endured for three or four years, was one of their first radio hits, but they indulged in a wide variety of programs in those days, including a children's hour, in which they dramatized Mother Goose tales, such as King Cole, Little Bo-Peep and others.

Later, the Jordans were on a program known as The Grab Bag, in which they clipped gags from the humor magazines and dramatized them. In this hour, as in their nursery rhyme series, Marian and Jim would impersonate as many as a dozen characters. They seldom play double, triple or quadruple rôles, because it wouldn't go over well before a studio audience. Marian does the popular little girl and the whoopla old lady, regular characters in the show, and Jim does a sort of goofy smartaleck oaf called Mort Toops. Their current program is well supplied with stooges, and impersonations by the Jordans would merely add to their labors and serve, furthermore, to keep other entertainers out of work.

Both Jordans are of Irish descent and their romance began years ago when they met in the choir of St. John's Church in Peoria, back in 1918, when Jim already had appeared in vaudeville and Marian was taking voice culture lessons. Their romance was interrupted briefly by the war, for Jim went overseas. He makes no claims to being a war hero, however, for he became ill on the trip to France, was sent directly to a base hospital when the troopship landed at St. Nazaire. When he was discharged, he was taken into a troupe whose business it was to entertain the soldiers behind the lines and maintain their morale.

When Jordan finally returned to civil life, he and Marian organized a concert company, known as *The Mctropolitan Entertainers*, although neither had ever seen New York, barring the brief glimpse Jim got when he embarked from Hoboken as a doughboy. No town was too small for them to play and they appeared in ham lets that even map-makers Rand and Mc Nally never heard of, ranging through the midwest and southwest from Wappello Iowa, to San Angelo, Texas.

They played in barns and in fire-houses. if the town had no local opera house. Their show lasted over two hours and had thirteen intermissions. Then they took a fling in vaudeville, not because the remuneration was any greater, but because the accommodations were beter. And, finally, as already related, they landed in radio.

The Jordans are happy now in radio. portraying rural America, instead of barnstorming through it, happy with their children, Kathryn, sixteen, and James Junior. twelve, in school in Chicago, happy in their characterization of *Fibber McGce* and *Molly*. Happy, in fact, until someone says. *Münchausen!* And then get ready to duck.

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RADIO'S GIFT ROMANCE

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I'd want to tell them about Hollywood, the night life, the studios. It just wouldn't be the same. We lose contact, if not a taste for the simple things once we get caught up in—in this—" Bob gazed about the commissary-Spencer Tracy just walking in, Una Merkel being interviewed at a nearby table, Jean Hersholt ditto, Myrna Loy lunching in the distance.

"I'd like to go back," Bob said, "to the days when I got a thrill out of getting up at daybreak, mounting my horse, riding for hours over the prairies. I still like to ride. I'd still like to get up at daybreak and ride. But I don't do it. The only day I have time for it is Sunday and there always are so many things one has to do on Saturday nights that I'm too tired on Sunday mornings to see the dawn come up like thunder !

"But do you see what I am driving at, the point I'm making? I could go home on the air. It's the only way back for me now. I could-and I will if I have anything to say about it-do folksy, plain-folksy sort of things on the air. I'd ad lib all I could. I'd talk to the people back home about the things that interest them-and still interest me.

"I'd talk to my friends, the farmers, about farming problems and conditions, their crops of corn, wheat, barley, rye I'd talk to the garage men about cars and what I've learned about them. I'd tell Joe all about my new Packard roadster and he'd realize, better than anyone else in the world that l've realized the dream of years and years by buying the darn thing. Whereas, if I blew into town some day, driving it, the sight of it might put him off me. But if I could just talk to him, disembodied, invisible, he'd know that I'm just getting a kick out of it, the same kind of a kick I got out of my first bike when I was a kid and he blew up my tires for me.

"I could talk to some of the girls I used to know back there-girls I played with when I was a kid. I'd tell them about the fun we have out here, where we go, what we do. I'd tell them it's no more fun, really, than the old quilting bees, such as we used to have at home long ago.

There was one particular farmer I used to spend a lot of time with, when I was a kid, before I ever came to California. He was a Big Shot to me. If I could talk to him I'd make him know he still is. He was retired. Owned his own farm outright. Had fifteen thousand in the savings bank. Gee, I thought he was Big Time! He'd let me sit in the kitchen with him, or out by the cowbarns, while he whittled and talked to me about the cattle and the condition of the soil and I felt more flattered and important and honored than I feel now when I talk to Big Producers. Because I've got something to give, too, now. It's a question of buying and selling. But when

that old farmer talked to me, I had nothing to offer him except a boy's honest admiration and respect and reverence. And it was enough. He didn't want anything more of me, I think he was wise and knew that there isn't anything more to be given. I could talk to him on the air, as I used to talk. And it would interest radio fans, too, I know, that kind of talk—because it's human stuff, it's *real*.

"So I wouldn't want to do fancy things on the air. I'd like to be the fellow I was back home. I'd like to start with the old: 'Well, folks' lingo and give 'em the old mid-Western drawl. And there wouldn't be any physical stuff to interfere. There'd be nothing on earth to remind them that I'm not Arlington Brough any more but that fellow named Robert Taylor whose pictures they see on the screen, in movie fan magazines and in the daily papers.

"It's funny," said Bob, while cigarette smoke spiralled around his dark proud head set so valiantly on broad shoulders, "it's funny but we all go back to first principles sooner or later. I don't know whether you know this or not but it was the radio that gave me my first taste of being 'a star.' And it was the farmers who were my first audiences, first fans, first autograph seekers. If I keep my head where it belongs, and I hope to,-if I never 'lose the common touch' it will be because I was the common touch on the radio, in Nebraska. It will be because I began my career by playing to plain people with simple, honest reactions and a healthy contempt for any phoney 'stuckup.

"I was on the air while I was going to Deane College, you know. In the summer time a few of us fellows used to broadcast. The Caterpillar Tractor Company sponsored us for a time. Later on Old Trusty Coffee let us advertise for them and after that Old Trusty Cow Spray sponsored us. The station, in Clay City, Nebraska, was called The Old Trusty Station-Station KMMJ, no less. And the studio where we did our stuff had three windows from which we could see nothing but corn fields stretching for miles and miles against the horizon. We covered a radius of a few hundred miles, taking in some of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. And we didn't get paid a dime, of course-it was 'work for the joy of working.'

"I sang and played the 'cello and things. And it was a 'W'cll, folks' program. We couldn't use any flowery language. We couldn't give it the 'And now, Ladies and Gentlemen' kind of thing.

"The audiences in the station were mostly farmers and their wives. And don't think they weren't fans! Don't think they didn't prepare me for fans in New York and Chicago and so on. They 'learned me' that we are all sisters or brothers under the skin! To them we were heroes because we were on the radio. They used to write us fan letters and ask for our autographs, all in the most accepted manner.

"And when I sang for them or played the 'cello, or both, I felt at home. I could see them, not only the ones in the studio, but all the farmer fans everywhere. I knew what they were doing. They were sitting by their old battery



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sets, the kerosene lamps smoking. They were snowed in or rained under or up to their shoulders in mud. And they were listening to their radios and it was all they had of color, of excitement, of otherworldness.

"We used," laughed Bob, "to ask them to send in parodies on the old songs—you know, songs like *She'll be Coming Round the Mountain* and *Alice Blue Gown* and *Jingle Bells* and *Secin' Nellie Home* and the others. And they'd write their parodies and send them in and we'd do them on the air and I could see their brick-red, embarrassed faces and hear, almost, their snorts and guffaws of self-conscious pride.

"I'd still like to do that sort of thing if I went on the air," said the young Armand to Garbo's Camille—and he said it more wistfully than he knew. "I'd still like to sing the old songs. I'd like to feel that I was entertaining those who have no other entertainment, not even movies, most of them. I'd like to think I was talking to kids and shut-ins and the old and the sick and the poor—and talking to each of them in their own language.

"And I could talk to them, too. I wouldn't have lost the common touch if I could talk to them. I may live differently, dress differently, but I wouldn't talk differently, if I could really go home again.

"I'd like to talk to some of the girls back home—girls in small towns and on the prairies. I'd like to tell them that they are just as sweet and pretty and clever as some of the famous beauties living here in Hollywood. Even though few know their names or ever will.

"I'd like to tell little Jenny, for instance, that she has as pretty a voice as any I've ever heard on the air and that she could probably do something about it if she went to a big city. But I'd also tell her that she is just as happy, if not happier, where she is. I'd tell her, and the thousands of unknown little Jennys everywhere, that they have their places in the sun, too, and that their places are every bit as important and vital and valuable and dearly paid for (though in a different coin) as the places of the Jennys of the stage and screen and radio.

"I'd tell them that I do not believe that every pretty or talented girl is a potential screen or radio star—and that she shouldn't want to be. There are other kinds of heavens—and other kinds of stars.

"This may be a bit beside the point," said Bob, "but someone asked me the other day whether I thought a man could fall in love with a girl's voice-on the air, you know. I should say that it depends on the man and just what that man is likely to fall in love with. Some men fall in love with a nose, eyes, hands, feet, voice, one or all. Certainly the voice does carry the personality or ninety per cent of it. Softness, tenderness, emotion, fire, ice, shrillness, throb, thrill, meanness -almost all of the human qualities can be detected in the voice. I think a man can pretty well tell whether a woman would be apt to croon a lullaby with her heart in it or a blues without any heart at all, just by hearing her on the

air. *l* should say that a man could fall in love with a voice—yes.

"But to get back . . What I have said about wanting to go home—to the simple things—may sound as though I am not appreciative, not grateful for Hollywood and the breaks I've had. That isn't so. I am grateful. I wouldn't have it otherwise for the world.

"I love-why not be honest?-the attention, the flattery, the fan letters, the autograph seekers, being recognized-all of it. There are times when it's annoying of course-times when fans peer over the garden hedge and watch me playing ping-pong in pajamas or something-but on the whole, I get a big kick out of it. It's only human, after all. Let one person pat any small boy on the back, tell him he's the berries, and the small boy inflates his chest. gets red in the face but loves it! Multiply that one pat on the back, that one person's attention, by millions, and any boy, large or small, will love it, too. It doesn't embarrass or impose any restraints on me to be recognized, because I never behave any differently than I would if I were not known to anyone but my mother. I'm not given to making scenes, to drinking, to doing anything that I'd be ashamed to be 'caught at.' Therefore I can be myself in public as well as in private.

"But it does alarm me now and then. It always alarmed me, any kind of success, even when I won a prize for some contest in school or in college. I'd think: "This is swell, but, but—what can I do next?" You have to keep topping success, you see.

cess, you see. "It's the same with Hollywood, with the radio. I've had so much in two years, so much of everything, that I find myself getting cold feet and wondering, not so much what I'll have or do ten years from now as what I'll have left to want to have or do.

"I've had stardom, more money than I ever dreamed of, fun and fame and all that goes with it. And quite a tidy bit goes with it! I never can get a much bigger thrill out of anything than I had when I knew I was to play opposite Garbo. If anyone had told me, even five years ago, that five years hence I would be playing *Armand* to Garbo's *Camille*, I would have said, not that they were crazy nor even that I was—but," laughed Bob, "I would have said that Garbo was crazy!

"I never can top the thrill, so far as cars go, that I got when I realized the dream of a lifetime the other day and bought the roadster. I have a nice house. So has my mother. I've got all the clothes I can handle. What will I want ten years from now? It alarms me, not because there may not be 'new fields to conquer' but that there may not be any new fields at all. For me.

"Which brings me right back to where we started—I can go back on the air. I can renew my youth, recharge my interest and zest and enthusiasm by talking to the folks I knew when I was a boy and life had just begun and every field was a new field, unploughed.

"I just hope," laughed Bob, "that if Robert Taylor goes on the air, they'll keep Robert Taylor off of it—and let Arlington Brough go home."



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one hundred and sixty calories, but a neat two-inch pat of butter or piece of cheese accounts for three hundred calories and an average serving of roast beef gets the three hundred count, too, unless it is very lean. The reason milk got its reputation for being a fattening food is because it is our most nearly perfect food and hence is recommended as a weight-builder for underweights whose digestions are delicate and who find milk easy to assimilate. Milk really is our supreme beautifying food. It contains more vitamins and important minerals than any other one food. If you are on a reducing diet, safeguard your body (and your teeth and nails . . . milk has calcium in it) by including in your calorie count for the day one pint or three hundred and twenty calories. I wish we had more Honey Chiles to demonstrate the beautifying properties of milk.

Honey Chile says that her only two recipes for "keeping young and beautiful" are milk and sleep. She is like a cat . . she can sleep anywhere, any time, all the way around the clock. Incidentally, I wish that you women, especially nervous. highstrung girls, would never begrudge any of the hours you spend in sleep. Think of sleep always as nature's greatest beautifier. Sparkling eyes, a sunny disposition and a radiant skin (all part of Honey Chile's vital charm) are a few of the assets that sound, healthful sleep can help to give you. Remember that worry and lack of sleep can shrivel the most radiant skin.

Bob Hope's sleepy-time stooge says that she doesn't have any hidebound system for anything, except for cleansing her skin. And no matter how late at night it may be, or how tired she is, or how much she loves to sleep, she follows the same nightly routine faithfully. The first thing she does is to tie a ribbon around her hair; this is one of her pet habits. (Have you ever tried a wide band of loosely woven elastic material for protecting your hair from creams?) Then she applies cleansing cream lavishly all over her face and neck. She wipes the cream off carefully with cleansing tissues and then scrubs her face thoroughly with warm water and soap, finishing with a grand wholesale splashing of cold water.

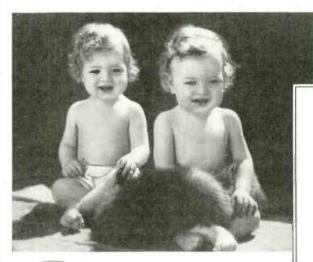
A new cleansing cream on the market has captivated her completely. This cream has colloidal gold in it and Honey Chile says her superstitions tell her it is good luck to use it. She likes the cream most of all, however, because it does such an ambitious, industrious job of cleansing for her; it just seems to pull the stale makeup and clogged dirt right out of the pores. All she has to do is pat it on. It practically gives her the advantages of a facial without the work of one. It is rose-pink in color, too, and that happens to be Honey Chile's favorite color. Of course you can't see the gold in the cream. But neither can you see the iron in spinach, of which,



• "Looka here - this animal isn't so fierce. Hasn't got a tooth in his head-heck, we've each got six!...Maybe he isn't looking fierce at all - only cross. I know why-he's hot. No wonder-all that hair. Phooey! . . . he makes me hot, too!"



• "Now stop and think -what was it we decided was the best thing for that hot, sticky feeling?...Drink of water? No, that wasn't it. Bath? Now you're on the right track.... I've got it-a nice downy sprinkle of Johnson's Baby Powder!"



• "See! Mother's bringing our powder now! She's a very smart woman Mother, here's a riddle for you! What feels better than a baby all slicked over with soft soothing Johnson's Baby Powder? . . . That's right. Two babies!... I told you she was bright!"



• "I'm Johnson's Baby Powder... I make babies happy and comfortable. And I help to keep their skins in the pink of condition-which is the surest protection against skin infections!... I'm made of the very finest Italian talc, silky-fine and even. No gritty particles-and no orris-root... Do you know the rest of my family? Johnson's Baby Soap, Baby Cream and Baby Oil-they're all made especially for babies." Johnson Johnson



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Seeing double? It's Loretta Poynton and she does double duty on the air, too, being in two popular NBC serials—*Flying Time* and *Dan Harding's Wife*. Loretta is petite and twenty-one.

incidentally, Honey Chile is very fond, believe it or not. The iron in spinach is in somewhat the same colloidal form as the gold in the cream. Bob Hope's stooge insists that she is too dumb to understand such technicalities, but dumb girls get along, she says. Maybe they don't know why a thing is good, but so long as they know it is good, they're doing all right by themselves. (P. S.— Feminine note: It's the not-too-obviously clever clinging-vine type of women that still get their man, according to surveys.) The creamy-complexioned Honey says

The creamy-complexioned Honey says that she is one of the puff-puff brand of powderers, who succeed in covering themselves with a fine dusting of powder just as the handsome escort arrives at the door. Hence she is devoted to a special make-up scarf which she can whisk over her dress in a jiffy ... it snaps neatly and quickly on one shoulder.

Our blue bonnet glamour girl likes to try all sorts of glamour stunts, but she says she never thinks of doing them until the last minute, when it's really too late to do much good. That is why she is so attached to a new little zipper case of cream mascara which she pops right into her purse at the last second. The case has a separate compartment for the mascara brush and a separate compartment for the cream mascara, which comes in handy tube form. All you have to do is to take out the brush, squeeze enough mascara from the tube to spread a thin line over the brush and you're all set to apply it. No scrambling around in your purse, first for the brush and then for the mascara. No mixing with water, or other fuss-budgeting. Honey Chile chooses deep blue mascara for evening.

All you lazy-daisy folks (and aren't we all?) will be interested in my special complexion loveliness bulletin . . the recommended routines are "as simple as pie"; also my not too energetic, somewhere near painless, exercises. As a final lure to the lazies, I'm offering a new bulletin, "Keeping A Young Face." I will be glad to send you the names of the products we mentioned, and answer any of your personal problems. Am I lazy?

Mary Biddle RADIO STARS 149 Madison Avenue, New York City. Kindly send me your bulletin on "Keeping A Young Face."
Name
Address Please enclose stamped addressed envelopes.



sort of return from Elba. His name had been smirched and he had left in a cloud, but the public rallied; there were thousands at the pier to meet him. It seemed to me that he was legitimate news and that my audience would be interested." He shrugged his broad shoulders expressively. "I was swamped with letters. Oddly enough, the men praised me for good sportsmanship, but the women were opposed, without exception. They did not want to hear about him, they did not want him discussed over the air, before their children-not, mind you, because of his political career, but because of his home life. They are, after all, the larger number of listeners-it is only wisdom to listen to them and to follow their guidance in such matters.

'The important thing," he went on thoughtfully, "when you have to deal with a possible scandal, is to tone it down, never to let it get away, out of hand-to treat it from some inoffensive angle. Take the case of Eleanor Holm Jarrett, for example-she is another for whom excessive abuse in the papers aroused sympathy. I might have her on my program but I would not stress the right or wrong of what she did: people are divided, some think that since she was representing America, was chosen and sent on the trip, expenses paid, she should have kept in strict training, while others think that she was merely sent to win and if she could win on champagne, that was her affair! I should not go into that-I should merely ask her what she ate and what she thought about it !"

In the midst of the horrible, bloody days of the Spanish rebellion, Mr. Heatter presented Miss Agna Enters over his program in an interview. Miss Enters, driven from Malaga by the rebellion, talked from the Rex, in the harbor. It was stirring, dramatic to hear some one speak who had so recently heard bullets whining through the air, seen walls collapsing, great homes burned to the ground. The rebellion became not something read about, dimly realized, but an actuality.

Yet to Mr. Heatter's way of thinking, there was as much drama in a workman, falling from a height of twenty-two stories, caught on a spike, wounded, dying. And a doctor, climbing perilously, aided by two firemen, performing a life and death op-



Elinor Sherry sings on MBS network.



"I'm in a jam, Mrs. Coe. I bet I could cut down Elsie's stocking runs. What do other women do?" "Why, I've hardly had a single run since I changed to Lux and quit rubbing stockings with cake soap."

5 WEEKS LATER



"Say listen, Elsie, what about paying that stocking bet? Did I solve the runs problem or didn't I?"

"You certainly did, Jimmy darling, and I'm tickled to death to pay it. It seems like I never get runs since I've been saving elasticity with Lux."

LAN PART



"Miss White, you never get runs inthose sheer stockings you wear. Tell me the secret and help me win a bet!"

"Why, I always use Lux, Mr. Gates. I never risk ordinary soaps—they might contain harmful alkali and that ruins stocking elasticity."

HOW to save elasticity cut down runs

• Pull your stockings inside out as you take them off. As soon as possible after wearing, toss them into gentle Lux suds (take off your rings first). Avoid hot water, cake-soap rubbing.

• Rinse several times in clear water and then gently squeeze out some of the moisture. Roll in a Turkish towel and squeeze some more.

> • Unrollrightaway and stretch to shape. Dry away from a hot radiator. Cared for the Lux way, your stockings will keep their *elasticity*, wear longer.

eration, hanging dizzily in space. He dropped everything else that day to bring that bit of human drama to his listeners. And phoned the hospital, just as he went on the air, to have the latest bulletin on the injured man's recovery.

He works all day; his is a full-time job. His office is in his home. He reads, digests, plans his program and types it himself. When he is dealing with incomplete, changing news, news in the making, he is on the phone at the last possible moment. The latest news from Europe, from the home press, is at the tip of his tongue, so that he who runs may hear without troubling to read!

Right now the political campaign looms dominantly. He does not want to say too much, too early, lest his hearers tire of the subject.

"But it is thrilling, exciting," he exclaimed. "The world and America are at the crossroads-it is as exciting as at Lexington or Bunker Hill, Valley Forge or Gettysburg! A war between Fascism and Communism is inevitable, a matter of time. We don't face that sort of issue in America fortunately-and I think the people here who talk it, should be sentenced to a term abroad-it would cure them! But for those people who think Europe is far away and doesn't concern us, there is excitement enough in our own country. Big issues at stake. And minor. The Coughlin-Lemke convention. Townsend. John Lewis. And, preeminently of course, Roosevelt and Landon. I am strictly nonpartisan, you understand. I don't belong to any club with the slightest political

leanings, I don't even cast a vote. "But these things remind me again of the contrast between American sportsmanship and the hate and hysteria abroad. Coughlin called the President a liar and the people rose up against him as one voice—not primarily because it was the President, either. You'll find that John Smith, going on the commuters' train to New York, can't refer to his neighbor as a liar and get away with it!

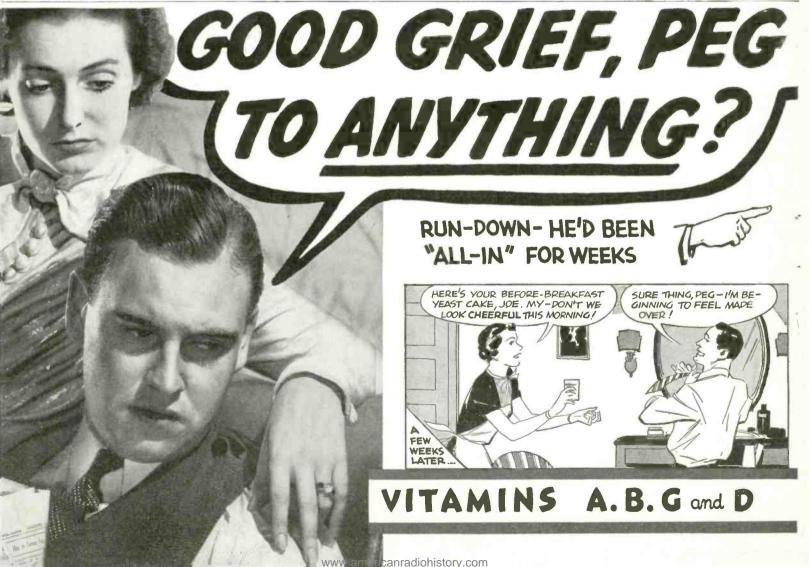
'The same thing has happened before, disastrously. Senator Nye, for instance, and his committee, working on the causes of the World War, were doing splendid work and had raised a hundred thousand dollars in appropriations. But Nye called Woodrow Wilson a liar-and with exceeding difficulty, raised seven thousand dollars to complete his work. Perhaps Wilson was a liar-perhaps he merely 'forgot'-it didn't matter. Nye was finished. The same thing happened to Senator Black-he was discredited when he seized private letters. An infringement of personal liberty-Americans resent that sort of thing. Deep and bitter personal accusations are the signs of a passing fury. 1 ignore them, I try to look at the whole thing sympathetically, impartially. Scare psychology is all wrong-it won't work in America. And the mud-slinging, the scandalizing inevitably revert upon the mudthrower, the scandal-monger. In big things and in small, in public and in private lives. . . .

As an evidence of his strict impartiality, Mr. Heatter reminded me that although he wrote a quarter of a million words on the Hauptmann case, he never once said whether he thought Hauptmann innocent or guilty. A most amazing feat at that time was his fifty-seven minutes of *ad libbing* when the execution was delayed.

"I was afraid of that assignment," he admitted. "In fact, I dodged it—ran away to my camp in Candlewood, Connecticut. But the dodging was futile—the execution was postponed forty-eight hours and I was caught by that time, haled back. It was a horrible thing—I hated the very idea, and I felt it might well finish me. How could anyone want to listen to the description of an execution? But I succeeded in escaping that—I would not witness the actual execution."

And in the fifty-seven minutes that the execution was delayed, Mr. Heatter made radio history. His audience listened enthralled, in a dramatic suspense that made them hang on every word-and he was talking on a subject that had gone dead forty-eight hours before, with that last illtimed reprieve. People thought they did not want to hear any more-but they listened to every word, were held spell-bound by the fair-minded commentator in Flemington that night (so fair-minded, so impartial, that he was the only one chosen to represent radio when Hauptmann's appeal was presented). One New York judge sat in his car listening to Gabriel Heatter that night, and chose to be forty-five minutes late to an appointment rather than miss one word of that forceful, stirring résumé. Of the unpleasantness of the Hoffman-

Wendell case, Mr. Heatter had little to say.



"I believe in the beginning Governor Hoffman was sincere-but he has been badly advised. He is wrong, of course, in the present instance and it will have far-reaching results.

"What about Zioncheck?" I asked. "Do you think the sensational publicity contributed to his suicide?"

"Unquestionably! I happened to know, and to speak before his death, of the tragedy behind the printed word in that case. Zioncheck was a brilliant young man and his tragedy was definitely caused by overwork. He was a prodigy-one of the most brilliant men ever to come to Washington. And he was sincere, big. People back home knew that if a son or daughter got into trouble, Zioncheck would take the case without pay. But he overworked and the people who saw what was happening were helpless. When he first went 'haywire,' the papers played it up and when he made an effort to come back, to steady down, to try again, he saw how futile it was. He was damned by a few escapades and what had been said about them. Nobody remembered the endless labor that drove him to the breaking point. He took the only way out he could see.

"In less degree, the same thing threatens Mary Astor. And I don't believe a radio star could survive a breath of scandal. There is a personal intimacy in radio, a closeness between actor and audience, between a commentator like myself for instance and his listeners, that precludes his living a life they would not approve of. I don't want to sound prim, but a person like myself has to lead an almost

THE NEXT EVENING

ascetic life. In the first place, of course, it is a full time job and there is no time for play-not even enough to get one's fill of fishing! But it is more than that. It is something personal and intimate in the medium itself, that brings the voice of the unknown into your living room, into your family life. The work humbles you and mellows you," he confessed. "The tapestry of human emotions is marvelous, wonderful. . . . There is a tremendous spiritual satisfaction in the work, however taxing it is.

"Because the audience takes radio more seriously," he went on earnestly, "not only the selection of a story is important, but the treatment of it. You can say things in print that you couldn't say over the air. Dorothy Thompson can discuss the importance of the Negro Vote in her column, but I can't discuss it over the air. As for this scandalizing we were talking about, it is not for radio at all-and in any case, the public will tire of it; it will defeat its own purpose.

"Of course there are ways of handling stories with an edge of scandal: Recently, I had an inside story on Mussolini, in connection with the Spanish rebellion-he had been promised something in Gibraltar in return for his support of the rebel cause. I treated it not as scandal, but as indicative of the utter helplessness of the people in Europe when their leaders bargain. Forgive so many 'I's' I wanted to illustrate what I meant and could only do so in terms of my own experience."

He smiled disarmingly and I assured him no apologies were needed-it was

- CAN'T YOU SAY NO

his point of view we were interested in.

A point of view that carries considerable weight His program is, for example, included in the educational curriculum of schools in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. It is required in the high school of Brooklyn, makes up the major part of civics courses. Children are kept up past their bedtime to listen to it. Women's Clubs recommend it. And radios in hospitals and in prisons are tuned in regularly for it. A tremendous responsibilit, and one that Mr. Heatter meets honestly, sincerely, in his dispassionate presentation of vital news.

A background of twenty years' experience on metropolitan papers preceded his entrance into the radio field. He is a big, broad-shouldered man, six feet tall, darkskinned, gray-haired, with candid brown eyes. A man who, in a few quiet-spoken words, makes you feel his strength, his sincerity.

He has little time for hobbies, fishes when he gets a chance, goes as often as possible with his family to their camp in Connecticut. He is justifiably proud of his daughter, who does fashion illustrating for a New York department store, and of the seventeen-year-old son who made a bicycle trip through Europe this summer and furnished his father copy on the situation of the young people in half a dozen European countries.

A full life and a gratifying one. We can understand why Mr. David Wilentz, when asked to talk about the issues and the speakers at the Philadelphia convention, said : "I'd rather talk about Mr. Heatter!"



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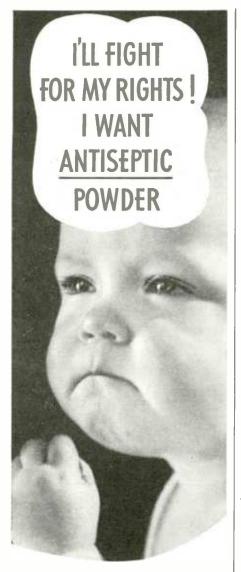
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America's first baby powder is now Antsseptic. But it doesn't cost a penny more. Why use any other!

W. G. Mennen



DR. DAFOE REVEALS HOW RADIO MAY SAVE YOUR BABY

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Here are radio's blithe, beguiling favorites, Tim and Irene of the Wacky Family, with Eddie Hall, in a scene from an Educational Comedy. Eddie Hall is the baggy individual! One of radio's most popular Mr. and Mrs. comedy combinations, Tim and Irene also have been occupied with motion picture work during the past year.

of those precious Babies..., There's where the radio helped immeasurably. The Babies' case was hopeless, unless extraordinary means could be found to fit and finance this most extraordinary case. Every time someone told the story of the Quintuplets over the air, it was like a personal appeal—although we never actually made one.

"Offers, suggestions and advice came pouring in. Most of them were fantastic or worthless. The world already is familiar with the outcome. A half dozen or so manufacturers of children's staple preparations paid the Babies—the monies being held and used in trust by their guardians—for the exclusive use of their foods, for example.

"As a matter of fact, while enriching their treasury and providing means for carrying out the plans that I had conceived during those early dark days, the choice of certain foods, for instance, was scarcely altered an iota. We had made practically all our own choices of food and everything else for the Babies, and if certain manufacturers and purveyors met our high standard and were willing to pay us for using their products, all the better. Nothing on earth could induce us to use anything of which we could not approve. The saving, the nurturing and the ultimate welfare of those Babies have become the objectives of my life. I have abandoned my career as a general practitioner to devote myself and my profession solely to them."

If you could see, hear and become acquainted with this stolid little country doctor, in his native surroundings, you would appreciate his honesty, earnestness and sincerity. He is built four-square, stocky, stubborn and homely in the best sense of the word and stuffed full of common sense from the crown of his rather massive gray head to the square toes of his old-fashioned laced shoes. What he says in Callander goes; and furthermore, what he says can be depended upon. From the initial miracle of bringing the Quintuplets into the world, he has had practically everything to say about their care and up-bringing.

In a way, Dr. Dafoe has been the village czar and those who didn't like it could be still, but they all came to know and recognize that there was wisdom in what he said, and kindliness. He and the Catholic priest to an amazing degree guided and steered the destinies of the community; he the health of their bodies and the priest the health of their souls. The proverbial Country Doctor, who has almost disappeared from our ultra-modernized map.

"Dr. Roy," they call him, affectionately, or otherwise. For twenty-five years, on call night and day, ploughing through snow and ice that envelopes that far North country in a glacial shroud and. for half of the year, almost cuts it off from our work-a-day world, he unremittingly attended to his duties. He fully expected to fall in his tracks doing "my job," as he called it.

Then came the Quintuplets and fame but not fortune; he wouldn't have it. When they offered him ten per cent. of all the monies that poured in from various sources to his Babies, he refused

it point blank. When arrangements were completed with the parents, for the Quints to become the wards of the Government richly paying their own way, however he made a stipulation that he should receive two hundred dollars a month for "his trouble." That represents approximately the income he would have carned if the Quintuplets never had been born under his careful hands and guiding wisdom.

"And were you content to live and practise here in this God-forsaken wilderness — especially, during those dreadful winters?" I asked him.

"You talk like a man from the cities." he said. "In the first place, I'm a Dutchman—our name originally was DeVose, and we came to Canada by way of the United States, where our family first settled. Once a Dutchman always a Dutchman—although I'm a loyal Britisher. Whatever our job, we plod through it, doing the best we can. . . In the second place, I'm a doctor and I had pledged myself to succor all people who called upon me. . . In the third place, these people of Callander and the surrounding country have become *my* people.

"But, I confess," he went on, "it was not pleasant to be cut off from your world. We got letters and newspapers occasionally, and a few of us went sometimes to Toronto, but most of us were completely marooned by winter. Then suddenly, a miracle happened that changed the whole situation—a miracle that you who live in cities and suburbs and thickly-settled communities, never can appreciate. It was the invention of radio and the making a practical commodity of it!

"I had never realized before how much sound had to do with true communication-the sound of music and the human voice, for example We had books and newspapers and could from time to time read what the outside world was thinking and talking about. But to have the world -the whole world, in time-talk to us at our firesides, with six feet of snow blocking the roads, the wires down, maybe, trains not running! To have a voice -maybe Lowell Thomas's genial voice, saying: 'Good evening, Everybody!' and telling us the latest news in China-or Rudy Vallee crooning a greeting. My time is your time!'-or the orchestra at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto playing something I hadn't heard since I was a medical student. . . .

"But I'm getting ahead of my story. I've always been a radio fan from its very beginning. I go back to the crystal age of radio, when we used to have little crystal sets and had to listen in with ear-phones. We didn't get much and there were days when we didn't get anything. But what we got was so precious that we could hardly sleep nights in our excitement over it. Now, I get almost too much trash and sometimes I get sick of it," he pointed significantly to a huge all-wave instrument, through which we had just been listening to the stroke of Big Ben in London.

"Then, the loud speakers came in and we formed a sort of a club—right here in this room. We'd sit and listen till midnight, amidst shrieks, buzzes and catcalls. Those were the days when we spent half our time trying to get the far-



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RADIO STARS



Two noted composers, Sigmund Romberg (seated, left) and Jerome Kern (standing) with comedian George Jessel, present a new baton to Andre Kostelanetz, noted CBS maestro, at a luncheon in his honor.

thest stations in the world-it didn't seem to matter whether we could hear anything distinctly but the signal! We kept a list of faraway stations. The radio had a glamour in those early days!

We have electric current here, so it was a happy day when we could throw away our cumbersome and expensive batteries and hook up with the house wires. Now, I've got the voice of the whole world right here at my elbow And I'm not one to go traveling around, so that it suits me. I'm afraid I'd never take the trouble to travel to far places. And nearly everybody-as poor as we arehas a radio, too, nowadays. So all winter long, we're all listening in to New York, Chicago, Toronto-anywhere and everywhere that our radio will reach. I don't see how we could do without it.

"So I have often thought," he repeated, "and we're coming to it someday, too," he shook his head confidently, "what a wonderful thing it would be, if we could have a community service radio! I could sit right here in my office and give directions to all of them together, at regular intervals. Of course, there would be some visits to make. . . . When the call comes, I've got to pick up my satchel and go. Many a time I've been dumped in the snow and maybe had to wade through it back home

"But radio is a great blessing-a kind of a healer in its way. Takes the mind of patients off their diseases-some of which they never had, especially! But that idea of being able to minister to a whole community over the radio is something to look forward to! It would be a good idea, epidemic or no epidemic."

Doctor Roy showed me the village, which was accomplished by walking about five hundred feet from his dooryard, to

the cross-roads. The Callander Hotel, a packing-case butcher shop, a dinky railway station, a garage, a Quintuplet souvenir shop, a refreshment establishment and two information booths-one for the whole of Canada, the other for the Quintuplets. An irregular road leading down to a lake where camps had sprung up to accommodate Quintuplet sight-seers. A fairly populous street running up a hill, on the top of which stood the Catholic Church of the Quintuplets. Perhaps sixty houses in all.

Later on, we drove out to see the Quints-to the hospital, as it is calledfour miles beyond through a desolate uninhabited country with a scrubby growth of small trees on either side. I tried to picture the Doctor making his way, winter after winter, over this road through mountains of snow with the thermometer at forty below.

"There it is," said Doctor Dafoe proudly, pointing to three new buildings enclosed by a heavy woven wire fence. A house for the Babies, another for the nurses and a pavilion enclosing the Quintuplets' playground on three sides. Visitors were allowed to enter the pavilion, which is separated from the children by a stout glass partition through which the crowd can look on without being seen by the Quintuplets. As the children's play hour, from 1:30 to 2:30, approached, cars began to pour in. I noticed markers from twenty-seven States in the Union. They brought about 7,000 visitors that day

"Radio did that," said the doctor, pointing to the line of cars that extended off into the distance for nearly a mile. "My fan mail shows me that people from every corner of the world listen in to every word spoken about the Babies on the radio. They never seem to get enough. They ask all sorts of questions—fool questions and wise ones. Now there's where that idea of a doctor reaching a community with his advice, comes in," he said again. "My audience, to whom I'm going to speak tomorrow night from Toronto, is the world!" A look came into his eyes, both humorous and triumphant.

"The only epidemic is babies. It gives me the opportunity of telling the world of mothers just what a terrible problem we had with the Quintuplets and how we are bringing them up. Mothers who think they have a hard or hopeless time of it, are bound to feel encouraged and take new hope. I tell you, that radio talk, linked up to the actual case of the Babies in whom they are so interested, means something to mothers and expectant mothers. The Voice again. Not me—good Lord, I'm just an old country doctor !"

Dr. Dafoe also has a radio set in his car, and he obviously enjoyed it as we dashed along that 225-mile drive to Toronto, the following evening. He had a wide range of tastes, however, for during six hours the radio worked faithfullyexcept when we approached and were passing Canada's biggest broadcasting towers, about twenty miles from Toronto. We had a mélange of grand opera and jazz, politics and patent medicines, all of which the Doctor accepted, discussing their merits and demerits analytically. The secret of his enjoyment, no doubt, is that he loves life. And despite his being wedded forever to what must be a terrifying wilderness all through the deep winter, he loves every phase of the life of the great world outside, from which he so willingly divorced himself to devote his future to the Quintuplets.

When we arrived at the Royal York Hotel, Dr. Dafoe told them that he wasn't satisfied with the regulation loud speaker to be found in every room. He wanted the biggest and best one they could get. The moment he got into his suite, he took off his coat, lit his pipe and sat down in an arm-chair beside the radio, glancing occasionally out of the window over Lake Ontario, with an air of sublime satisfaction, as though all his wishes had been gratified.

When we went out to the studio for his rehearsal, preparatory to broadcasting that evening, as the feature of the *Contented Hour*, everybody made a great time over him and he was accorded the honor of writing his name on the White Derby, an honor that is permitted only to topnotchers. Through it all, Dr. Dafoe was interested, calm and collected. When it came time for him to go into the little cabinet-like broadcasting chamber, where he sat alone, he was not in the least perturbed, although he confided to me later that, if anything, it was a little more disconcerting than the Quintuplets' birth.

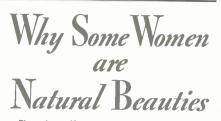
He set his jaw, tightened his fists, and faced the radio—just the same as he has faced all the other jobs in life—obscurity in the wintry wilds of Canada, calls year in and year out, day and night, never flinching. Count on him for doing an honest job—especially on the radio, from which, with the Quintuplets, he derives his greatest joys in life.

And maybe, some day, his dream of a community radio service will come true!

KOOLS NEVER MISS! Do better by yourself this winter -smoke KOOLS. When overheated rooms dry out your throat or sniffles spoil you for hot smokes—smoke KOOLS. Freezing weather, sudden thaws, late nights, early parties—you'd better smoke KOOLS. Their touch of mild menthol soothes and refreshes. Their better tobaccos have won millions of friends. And each pack carries a B & W coupon good for fine premiums. (Offer good in U. S. A. only.) Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., P. O. Box 599, Louisville, Ky.



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ARE GUEST STARS A NECESSARY EVIL?

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Your old friend Eddie Cantor who is now on the *Texaco Program* with Parkyakarkus, Jimmy Wallington and Bobby Breen, the child sensation. Eddie, aside from being his usual hilarious self, is also trying to make life safer for both pedestrian and driver. Last season, if you recall, Eddie put over an anti-war essay contest which was highly successful in emphasizing the virtues of peace throughout the nation.

curiously ineffectual over the air. Bing Crosby and Rudy Vallee exhibit their quota of celebrities. The Camel Caravan, the Shell Chateau, the Show Boat, Fred Astaire—even Amos 'n' Andy—all fall into line and trot out their distinguished guests.

We've no quarrel with the guests, themselves. We like guests, at home or on the air—in moderation. It's when they come to the radio program without any specific contribution to our entertainment that they leave us a little weary, a little cold.

For example, the movie star.

She has a *Name*—and names, it would appear, are the ultimate decoration to a radio program. Names are better than talent—and cost considerably more!

In the screen world this movie star has a definite place. She has devoted all her time and effort and such talent as she has to making that place or herself. There she contributes a degree of entertainment and pleasure. But as a guest star on the radio program, she is alien to its design, unfamiliar with its technique. As a career, radio has no part in her scheme.

She is introduced. With the master of ceremonies she exchanges bright banter, concerning the weather, concerning her enviable success and pleasant popularity. Then she sings—though singing is not her forte. And we wait with pained resignation for the final: "Thank you, Maisie. It's been lovely to have you here and we hope to have you with us again soon."

For such, and similar, guests, we are beginning to feel our welcoming smile is becoming a trifle fixed — that sort of forced, frozen cheer with which the country householder greets the wearying procession of week-end guests. There have been so many of them!

Every entertainment medium that has been successful has developed its own artists. Great stars of the stage, whose names travel down the ages, gave their lives to perfecting the technique of dramatic art.

The old silent movies produced artists in that medium. Who can forget the great ones of those days? The Gish sisters, Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Henry Walthall—the list is long and memorable. True, many came from the stage—but they came not as guests but as members of the new family, working for the progress and perfection of the movie film.

The talkies drew more stage players from Broadway—and again these identi-

fied themselves with the new medium. The Barrymores, Ruth Chatterton, Alice Brady, Edward Everett Horton and countless others found new inspiration and new opportunity in the fresh fields of Hollywood. But they did not think of themselves as stage stars, visiting the movies. They became movie stars and added to their earlier laurels brilliant success in the new technique of the talking screen.

In its early days radio developed its fledgling stars. And bright stars they were, too. Remember the Happiness Boys -Billy Jones and Ernie Hare? And there were Goldy and Dusty (Harvey Hinderman and Earl Tuckerman), and Joe White, who achieved great popularity as The Silver-Masked Tenor. Wendell Hall was known as The Red-Headed Music Master. Remember his favorite: "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More!"? And there was Vincent Lopez with his band. And Franklyn Baur, the Firestone Tenor. And Vaughan De Leath.

Others there were, too, whose very names were scarcely known to their eager listeners. Radio in those days involved a degree of anonymity, since there were no publications devoted to it. No radio columns in the daily press. Often we, lots of us didn't even know what was in store for us on the air. We just worked away at our dials—and a tricky job it was, too—and we were delighted with what we succeeded in bringing in. Radio was radio in those days!

Radio hopefuls then knew no such competition as meets the struggling artist today. F. Chase Taylor, now the renowned Colonel Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle, made his radio début in 1925. Budd (Wilbur Budd Hulick) stepped from a job as soda jerker in a Buffalo drugstore to become entertainer and announcer for the Buffalo Broadcasting Company. And Stoopnagle and Budd came into being in 1931, to fill a fifteen-minute period when a chain program failed. It's only recently that this gifted pair have had a hard time to find a sponsor. But now they are signed for their own series.

In 1931 Kate Smith made her bow, as the Songbird of the South. Margaret Speaks was broadcasting in Columbus, Ohio, long before the days of commercial radio and developed her lovely voice in the Firestone chorus—working up to the starring position she now enjoys. Jessica Dragonette, Lanny Ross and Rudy Vallee are among the old-timers of the air.

But now opportunity, it would seem, knocks only upon the doors of the already famous.

Which, as Mr. Lohr has pointed out, defeats the proper purpose of radio, to produce and develop its own artists. For not among those will many of the great radio stars be found.

Major Bowes hewed out a new path with his *Amateur Hour*, in the effort to discover among ambitious amateurs new radio artists. And whatever their unpredictable future, he at least is presenting pleasing radio entertainment that still tops the list of popular radio programs. He's done a worthy job. Let's give him credit for it.

Rudy Vallee usually works his guest

stars into a carefully designed program, so that they seem to be an integral part of it. The *Show Boat* achieves a patterned unity. And now and then some dark star glows with new light as a genuine radio artist.

For example, Bob Burns, who made his radio début as a guest star on the Rudy Vallee program. Bob was born in Arkansas and his stuff has the freshness and vigor of an Arkansas breeze. In his quest for a career he tried out his talents in various directions. Vaudeville headliner, jazz band leader, newspaper publisher, resort concessionaire, film player, he came at last to appear on Rudy's *Fleischmann Variety Hour*. There his delightful homely humor led inevitably to his engagement for his present radio series.

And there are, undoubtedly, many such, capable of being sterling radio stars—if they are not crowded from the microphone by famous film folk, prize fighters, wrestlers, fan dancers and what have you.

And the salaries these guest stars draw for one radio broadcast!

And all the vast army of the as yet unknowns, lost somewhere in the shadows, waiting. When will their chance come?

When will radio stop defeating itself stop filling its house to overflowing with guest stars who secretly scorn its limited accommodations—shouldering out a talent that would more admirably serve its purpose of entertainment?

Let's shut the door to some of the laurel-crowned—and bring Brother and Sister in from the barn!



Melt dry "tight" skin into supple smoothness

BRISK cool days to tempt you out of doors for hours at a time! No wonder your skin feels dry and "tight" when you come in ... harsh to the touch.

What happens is that dying cells on the surface of your skin dry out quicker. They begin to shed.

But you can make it smooth and moist in a minute. By *melting away* those tiny rough particles—with a *keratolytic* cream!

A dermatologist explains

A prominent dermatologist makes this clear: "When a keratolytic cream (Vanishing Cream) touches dried-out surface cells, they melt away. The underlying cells, moist and young, come into view. The skin immediately appears smooth and fine textured."

That's why Pond's Vanishing Cream is such a wonderful skin softener! More than a perfect powder base, Pond's Vanishing Cream, applied regularly twice a day, starts you toward a young, fine-textured skin.

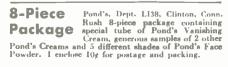
For a smooth make-up—Before you put on make-up, film your skin with Pond's Vanishing Cream. It melts away flaky bits



Why skin feels harsh Cross-section of outer skin (epidermis) . . . showing how dead cells on top dry up. flake off, cause roughness. You can melt them off. ... leaves your skin smooth for powder. Overnight for lasting softness — Every night, after cleansing, smooth on Pond's Vanishing Cream. It won't show, won't smear the pillowcase. It goes on invisibly —softens your skin all night through!

Miss Nancy Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitney

softening"



Name____ Street___

City_

State_____ Copyright, 1936, Pond's Extract Company **NEW CREAM MASCARA** Ends the artificial look of old-fashioned mascara!



Waterproof ... far easier to use!

True charm now replaces the bold theatrical look that has discouraged so many women from using old-fashioned forms of mascara.

The effect you have always wished to achieve with mascara is now actually possible! Your lashes seeming to sweep your cheeks with their length... their luxuriance rich with the enticing charm of *naturalness*!

Quite obviously, such exciting loveliness requires an entirely new kind of mascara; one that darkens lashes without shouting "mascara"; one that does not brand its user as artificial, "theatrical" or "bold."

TATTOO Cream Mascara is just that. It goes on so evenly and smoothly its presence on the lashes is not detected. Nor will tears, rain or a plunge betray the secret . . . for THIS mascara, not being mixed with water when applied, is really waterproof! Much easier to use than cake mas-cara too, and perfectly harmless. Can't smart.

Complete with brush in smart rubber-lined satin vanity ... Black ... Brown ... Blue ... 50c at the better stores. TATTOO your eyelashes!



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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

Told by topnotchers of the air in reply to oft-repeated questions from their fans



Mr. and Mrs. Red Nichols enjoy a bit of tea in their charming home in Forest Hills, Long Island. Red's wife, the former Willa Inez Stutzman, was in the Vanities when she met the popular band leader. Red plays a mean trumpet.

Do you agree that the success of a broadcast depends almost as much on the presentation, material, and commercials as on the artistry of the individual performers?

Bing Crosby: "I'm still guessing."

David Ross: "I would say definitely that the presentation, material, and commercials can make or break a program."

Deems Taylor: "I do, except that 'almost as much' is faint praise. 'Two-thirds' would be more accurate, and the average commercial broadcast is seven-eighths performer and one-eighth the rest.

Thornton Fisher: "I would not say, 'depends almost.' I believe sincerely that it depends entirely on presentation, material, and commercials. The radio performer has a certain personality, certain individual talents. These are his assets. He (or she) is commanded by the sponsor or the director to perform according to the show. The tempo may be too fast or even too slow for the performer, based on his past performances. The man who writes the continuity, backed by the sponsor or agency, is responsible. The artist flops and the critics pan."

Loretta Lee: "I believe that presenta-

tion and material are very important, but do not think the commercial has much to do with the quality of a broadcast one way or another. The slogan, 'The play's the thing,' is practically a truism as far as I'm concerned, and while a great artist can make mediocre material listenable he needs much more than this for a truly great performance."

Parks Johnson: "Many a radio artist has been seriously held back, or completely eliminated, simply through poor presentation, cumbersome and stereotyped commercials, and poor material. However, sponsors generally wish to avoid such things, and I believe this situation is rapidly improving."

Art Van Harvey: "Emphatically yes. No matter how good the artist, if the material is poor the show will not be a success. On the other hand, no matter how well the material is written, unless it is portrayed properly it meets with the same results. Therefore, I should say it is about a fifty-fifty break."

Nino Martini: "Undoubtedly the pres-entation, material, and subtlety in which the commercials are included have a great deal to do with the success of any broadcast program."

Bernice Claire: "I certainly do agree. A smartly expressed commercial (not too long, please) or one that is brought in in a subtle manner makes the whole program more pleasing. Many a beautiful selection is sometimes spoiled by an irritating 'and now ladies and gentlemen.'"

Ed McConnell: "Certainly. Without material suitable to his personality, there is scarcely an artist on the American radio who could hold the attention of the listeners. Presentation is also a big part of the success of any program. I believe the handling of commercials is an art in itself, and that they can be used in a way that promotes entertainment."

Olga Albani: "I thoroughly agree with you on this for I have often felt that the fine artistry of an actor or singer has been almost nullified by poor material and bad presentation."

Harry von Zell: "I believe that a program can attain a certain degree of success through the force of 'name appeal.' But lasting and complete success can be attained only if the material, commercials and production are designed to 'frame' the personality of the program's stars."

Lucy Monroe: "Most certainly. That's something that some actors never learn. In the last analysis, 'the play's the thing.'"

Lennie Hayton: "I do agree that the success of a broadcast depends as much on the presentation, material, and commercials as on the artistry of the individual performer. I only hope that more commercial programs will see the benefits derived from minimizing commercials.

From the standpoint of good advertising -should commercials be injected into the scripts of the various members of the cast, or should they be entrusted entirely to the announcer?

Deems Taylor: "That depends on how they are injected. If they are done amusingly, as Burns and Allen do them, they are a thousand times more effective than the usual over-emphatic and humorless sales blather. If they are handled as badly as the average commercial is, it doesn't matter who does them. They're rotten advertising in either case. It's very dangerous for the performer, to hand him the commercials. He may become so identified with the product that he will have a hard time getting another job."

David Ross: "I believe it is unsound advertising to ask the cast members to step out of the rôles they have created, to have them do the commercials. It shocks the listener's sense of logic, and strains his credulity. Whereas, in the person of the announcer, the commercials sound logical and natural."

Helen Marshall: "I think that is purely a matter of individual likes and dislikes, but at any rate all advertising should be made as attractive as possible."

Igor Gorin; "I do not believe that real artists are suited to carry over advertis-(Continued on page 76)



See If You and Your Girl Friends Use the Right Shade of Face Powder

By Lady Esther

You're sure about the shade of face powder you use, aren't you? You're convinced it's the right shade for you, or you wouldn't use it.

Your girl friends feel the same way about the shades they use. Each is certain she uses the right shade.

All right—I'll tell you what I'll do: I'll let you hold a "face powder party" at my expense. What's that? Well, it's a party at which you can have a lot of fun and, at the same time, learn something of great value. You can hold this party at home or you can hold it at the office during lunch hour.

The Test That Tells!

Here's what you do: First, send for all five shades of my Lady Esther Face Powder, which I offer you free. Then call in several of your girl friends. Try to get girls of different coloring—blondes, brunettes and redheads. Let each girl select what she thinks is her best

Let each girl select what she thinks is her best shade of face powder. Have her try that shade on. Then, have her "try on" all the other four shades. Let the rest of you act as judges while each girl tries on the five shades.

on the rive scaleds. Then, see how right or wrong each girl has been! Note that in most cases, if not in all, the shade of face powder that proves the most becoming is not the one the girl selected. On the contrary, you'll probably find that the shade that proves most flattering to a girl is one she would never think of using at all.

You can instantly tell which shade is most becoming to a girl. It immediately makes her stand out—makes her look her youngest and freshest. The other shades, you will observe, have just the opposite effect. They make her look drab and years older than she really is.

Why Look Older Than You Really Are?

It's amazing the women that use the wrong shade of face powder. I see evidences of it on every side. Artists and make-up experts also bemoan the fact.

There is one and only one sound way of telling your most becoming shade of face powder and that is by trying on all five shades as I have described above. Trying to select a shade of face powder according to "type" is all wrong because you are not a "type," but an individual. Anyone knows that a blonde may have any one of a number of different colorings of skin while a brunette may have the same. So, trying to match a "type" is fundamentally unsound if not impossible, and may lead to some weird effects.

Prove My Principle!

Be sound, be practical, in the selection of your shade of f_{1} cc powder. Use the test method as I have described here. Clip the coupon now for all five shades of my Lady Esther Face Powder. I will also send you a 7-days' supply of my Face Cream.

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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

Guy Lombardo—CBS maestro of Lombardo Time

ing material. This is much better done by a regular announcer, who is trained for the purpose."

Jimmy Fidler: "Both—but the artist should not overdo it. Announcers should read the commercials—but I think commercials should be interesting, both in material and presentation. They should by all means be brief. The artist may on special occasion endorse the product, and should. I wouldn't do a radio program for a product I could not personally endorse and I certainly don't mind saying as much to my radio listeners. On the contrary, I never cheapen my show by beating a commercial reader out of a job.

Ted Hammerstein: "The new personality of the announcer plus his individual popularity I think is much better."

James Melton: "Entirely to the an-

Andre Kostelanetz: "Commercial announcements should be left entirely to the anouncer. The entertainment should be kept intact."

Hal Kemp: "I think dramatized com-

mercials are the most effective."

Fred Waring: "Depends on the technique employed, the popularity and ability of the performers, or the message itself, and above all the product."

Jimmy Farrel1: "Good commercial advertising is a field of its own and demands the undivided attention of at least one announcer and should be left to him—for best results."

Edward MacHugh: "I think the advertising should be left entirely to the announcer."

Conrad Thibault: "Certain set-ups do permit clever and unusual methods of injecting commercial script by members of the cast, possibly to some advantage, but it would not be a good rule to follow in the majority of cases."

Boake Carter: "It depends entirely on the product being merchandized."

Don Bestor: "They should be entrusted to a good announcer—one who doesn't put too much "sell" into his voice and just gives the facts." Ed McConnell: "I think this depends entirely upon the nature of the entertainment. On the whole I would say there would be less likelihood of danger to the entertainment if an announcer were used in conventional manner. I do most of my own advertising, but that is made possible by the nature of my programs. Incidentally, I am paid for being able to do this."

Nick Dawson: "The adroit insertion of commercials in comedy shows of the Benny-Allen-Cantor type, I should say, is good advertising. Their injection into the lines of a dramatic performance can result only in the destruction of the illusion and consequently resentment on the part of the listener."

Phillips Lord: "I believe commercials should be left to the announcer most of the time. An occasional logical and natural variation, however, should also be effective."

Ireene Wicker (the Singing Lady): "In my opinion, commercials sound embarrassed and insincere when they are injected into the scripts of the various members of the cast. A good announcer with a simple straightforward style lends dignity and credibility to the claims of a sponsor. However, I think Jack Benny's style is the exception."

Kate Smith: "I believe that a commercial can be woven into the script without detriment to the show. On our A & P programs we do that but keep the commercial down to a minimum. This seems to be important. The audience then does not become annoyed."

Ozzie Nelson: "I think it is O.K. for the performer, providing it is not the type of commercial that might cheapen the value of his name . . . but the tie up must be graceful."

Ray Perkins: "Can't be answered with



Ireene Wicker visited Washington, D. C., recently, to gather material for a series in which she will depict, for children, the youthful days of the nation's presidents. a yes or no. Depends on the type of product, audience appealed to, personnel of the program, and other factors."

Abe Lyman: "That is one question that should be left to the discretion of the sponsor."

Vaughn de Leath: "For the sake of the artist they should be limited to the announcer. From the standpoint of the advertisers, good results may be got by letting the members of the cast share the burden, providing the commercial material is cleverly interwoven."

John Barclay: "I think they should be entrusted to the announcer—except in the case of a comedian—Ed Wynne has a way of taking the curse off!"

Bernice Claire: "I like them as part of the script—if they are done cleverly—but otherwise let them be negotiated by the announcer—you see, there are so few Jack Bennys on the air!"

Teddy Bergman: "I believe the listener will 'take' a commercial from an artist more readily than from an announcer."

Bob Crosby: "If cleverly and entertainingly done. I believe the former method is the better, since announcers' commercials are apt to become wearisome, that having been the accepted procedure for so long."

Helen Jepson: "Entirely to the announcer—except, perhaps, in the case of clever comedians,"

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SUPPOSE YOU FOUND you were less beautiful than you could be ... and then discovered a way to new loveliness... wouldn't you act—and quickly? Of course! Well, ordinary rouge certainly doesn't give you all the beauty you <u>could</u> have. It gives that "painted, artificial look"

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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

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Benay Venuta: "I like commercials in the script—and done in an off-hand manner—people are more liable to hear them that way. I don't think anyone pays the slightest attention to formal commercials."

Eddy Brown: "Under no circumstances should commercials be injected into radio scripts. All such advertising should be left entirely with the announcer."

At what point do you feel most nervous . . . at the beginning, during, or at the end of the broadcast?

Igor Gorin: "Every true artist is always at a tension at the beginning, during, and at the end of a performance."

Ozzie Nelson: "Just before the battle, Mother."

Parks Johnson: "I'm not of a nervous temperament. However, that hour just before the broadcast finds me quite on edge. I'm anxious to get under way! You see, I so thoroughly enjoy my broadcast, that I'm sincerely eager to get at it! Selfish, perhaps, for thinking of my own pleasure!"

Bob Burns: "When the act ahead of me is on."

Loretta Lee: "Usually at the beginning of the broadcast, for then I am not certain just how my numbers will go over. Once I get started, however, the uneasiness disappears and I concentrate on delivering the material to the best of my ability."

David Ross: "Always at the beginning, frequently during the broadcast, and sometimes at the end. On some occasions, all through the program."

Deems Taylor: "At the beginning, when I invariably have a running head cold, and a dry throat, which is one of the miracles of medical science."

Ed McConnell: "I am always nervous just before the beginning of a broadcast. Once I am into my program, I lose this nervous condition immediately. It's the 30-second wait before the opening that causes me the most suffering."

Art Van Harvey: "On those broadcasts where I did feel nervous, it was always at the beginning, especially a minute or so before I knew I was on the air. Usually, however, this quickly wears off once I am into the script."

Lennic Hayton: "My nervousness comes just before the beginning of a broadcast. Once the first note is played this nervousness usually leaves me."

Helen King: "It depends-have experienced all three."

Benay Venuta: "I am usually nervous on my first song, and on a big 'guest program' when they first announce me I have the old 'standing-in-the-wings jitters.' Virginia Verrill: "Just before my broadcast. The minute they start I am never nervous."

Nino Martini: "My most nervous state is just previous to a very important performance whether on the operatic stage, the radio, or a big concert. As soon as I get under way, any nervousness leaves, and never did I feel it at the end of a performance."

Olya Albani: "I am nervous at all times during a broadcast, but not distractedly so."

Nick Dawson: "I must confess that I am never nervous. I'm not sure whether this is accounted for by ego or by stupidirv."

Elsie Hitz: "I am always nervous just before and at the beginning of each broadcast. I rarely have that feeling after reading a few lines."

Gogo De Lys: "Oh, those tense seconds before we go on the air!"

Ray Perkins: "At that zero hour, thirty seconds before going on the air."

Betty Lou Gerson: "The beginning. After the first few minutes any nervous feeling I might have felt has disappeared."

Tim Healy: "To be perfectly frank, I never feel nervous when broadcasting because I realize that those who tune in to hear me are friendly and I know that at most I am only talking to one little room and not to a great crowd of people. By this I mean that you may go into millions of homes, but, after all, you're just talking to one room and the few people assembled there."

Don Ameche: "I feel nervous at no definite point. Insufficient familiarity with the script might bring me general uneasiness. Unfamiliarity with the script of another character will also cause this uneasiness."

Thornton Fisher: "Always at the beginning. This needs some explaining. Having directed many of my own shows in which I play a part after having written them, I would say that my personal reaction is this: you come into a cold studio there you find, perhaps, actors with whom you are unacquainted. The lines are read, sound effects tried no dice! You're coming on the air your voice sounds hollow you grab hold of yourself the show's got to go on your sponsors are listening well, it's

like diving into the water to get your belly warm. You do. After that you're all right. I'm nervous before the show."

Harry von Zell: "Nearly always before and after."

Bernice Claire: "If at all, usually at the beginning."

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Curtis Arnall: "'Mike' fright always before the broadcast."



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The culture of rice is mentioned in literature as far back as 2800 B. C. Genghis Kahn loved to concoct rare dishes in his spare time. His favorite was *Mongolian Curried Chicken and Rice*. Wonder if he also inspired the *Indian Curry* that Ripley praises so highly today—eight and a half centuries later!

The Arabs believe that the date palm is the "Tree of Life." Because plenty of water and heat are necessary to the growing of dates, the Arabs say that a date tree "must have its feet in water and its head in fire." The great need of the date palm for water caused the invention of the world's first irrigation system.

A Mrs. Tibbets is credited with giving the California Citrus Industry its start in 1873, by planting two small orange trees—one of which still bears fruit.

In the Battle Creek plant of a famous cereal manufacturer (Kellogg's), they use up *daily* the yearly yield of 675 acres of corn and 450 acres of wheat.

Charles the First of England was so delighted with the ice cream made by his French chef that he pensioned him. But with the understanding that the process was to be kept secret and the ice cream made only for the king.

Oysters have been under cultivation longer than any other shellfish. Such words as "crop," "farming" and "harvest" are used in the industry by the "under water farmers." The Chesapeake Restaurant in New York City employs a colored man during the *R* season especially to feed their oysters to make them plump!

Archaeologists recently found in the Pyrenees a reindeer bone carved with a picture of a salmon. But although salmon once were found in quantities in most of the rivers of Europe, today they are scarce everywhere in the world except in the Pacific northwest.

The life and habits of the salmon from the time it leaves fresh water where it was born, to travel in the ocean, still is a complete mystery. Some scientists think they travel thousands of miles in the ocean, others believe they stay close to the mouth of their home rivers. But it's a known fact that the Sockeye salmon returns unerringly in the fourth year of its life—almost to the day—to the riverbed or lake where it was born—traveling hundreds of miles to get there yet always gauging the time and distance just right, believe it or not !

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IF **ONLY THEY HADN'T** LAUGHED!

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Phil laughed. "If you write that," he joked, "I hope my sponsor loses his glasses!"

Then the jester became again the thoughtful man with frustrated hope.

"Well, anyway," he resumed. "I told Mr. Aarons how I'd always wanted more than anything else to be a musician. We talked and talked-and three or four days later he called me up. He'd arranged a special course of study fitted to my peculiar needs! What do you know about that?

"But I only took five of the lessons," Phil said ruefully. "How could I sit there and concentrate on what he was trying to teach me? All the time my mind would be back at the office, worrying about the gags for next week's radio programs! I finally had to tell Mr. Aarons it wasn't any use. I was just wasting his time and patience. "But listen to me," Phil spoke almost

fiercely. "Some day-within the next three years, before I'm forty-I'm going to let the radio and vaudeville and the stage and everything else run for Sweeney! I'm going to pack up and with my wife and kids I'll go off to Europe-and we won't know when we're coming back, either. I'll stay there till I've learned how to read music and learned something of its composition. I'll be a musician!

"I know what you're thinking. I know !" he stormed. "You're thinking: 'He's going to do this, and he's going to do that, but he never will.' Well, I will—this time! Of course; when I first went on the stage, my idea was just to stick at it until I had enough money to study music. But then, that was different. I've learned my lesson. Money's wonderful and I'd hate to be without it-but it hasn't anything to do with success. And anybody can get more of a kick out of success than he can out of money.

"Maybe I'm nuts," he mused. "Maybe I'll never accomplish the things I wanthe added grimly, "I'll keep trying but " until they have a funeral at our house and I star in it."

"But one of those boys asked you if you didn't love your work and you told him you did." I reminded him. "Wellhim you did," I reminded him. do you or don't you?"

'I do. Too much," he flashed back. "That's why I'm so dissatisfied with it. If it were just a matter of dollars and cents, I'd be sitting on top of the world. The people I work with are nice. I've had wonderful luck with sponsors. Harry McNaughton-Bottle-is one of my dearest friends. But-

"All week we grub around for gags. We tear our hair hunting new ones. Then I get up there and do a program. And what have I done? What have I put into that microphone that people-

"Why, you've made them laugh," I interrupted. "That's a lot, if you can make people laugh."

"Oh, yes. Maybe," Phil agreed wearily. "But then maybe the night I'm on the air they happen to be over at Cousin Emma's playing bridge. They don't hear

the gags we've worked and slaved over for a week. But the next night they hear Joe Doakes. He's stolen our gags. Or maybe it will just happen that a couple of the gags we use have been used by some other comedian the night before. So they say 'Gee, that guy's terrible!' and tune me out.

"You know, when I first went on the air, radio comedy was a novelty. It was new and untried. We had to find a formula-and we did. The customers liked it, or at least they didn't complain-much. So what happened? So every comedian who came to the air was tailored more or less to the pattern. You know how it goes. Everyone does now. It was something that had been tried out and was sure. But the radio audience is becoming more critical. Sponsors are, too. I think the old comedy cycle is about finished. Run its course. I think big changes are coming. Believe me, I'm going to be right on the job. and catch 'em before they catch meand bounce me out !

"When I come back to the air this fall, my program will be different."

Phil bound me not to reveal his ideas for his new program, but this much I can tell you. He plans the creation of a character through whom comedy, drama, and even the music on the program will be given a cohesive unity.

"Some day I want to do a five-day-aweek program on the air with Bottle," he confided. "Instead of just dragging a lot of gags into the program by the scruff of the neck, I want to do a sort of comic strip-something like Mutt and Jeff or Jiggs and Maggie-adapted to radio. After I've done that, I'll be willing to quit-and take that trip to Europe I was telling you about."

It seemed so unorthodox to hear a celebrated radio comedian who would not state, enthusiastically and without qualification, that he loved his work and would rather be doing it than anything else in the wide world. I knew how those boys had felt when Phil didn't give them the right answer. Maybe if I persisted. . . .

"But outside of being a musician, then, you'd rather be a radio comedian than anything else?" "No!" his reply came explosively. "I

want to be an actor. Now don't get me wrong. I am not one of those comedians who want to play Hamlet. I just want to be an actor, that's all."

Then he told me of another instance of thwarted ambition, gave me one more reason for that sudden outburst when he had denied that he knew success.

"Why just last week, I tried to land a role in a musical comedy that was going into production this fall. Maybe I'm nuts, but I'm just as keen to do a play as any youngster just out of dramatic school. This part I wanted was one I knew I could do, too. It was the sort of thing I'd been successful in before I came to radio-like A Night in Spain, like the part I had in the Follies, like Pleasure Bound,



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made him feel like



Rosemarie Brancato, lovely young coloratura soprano substitute for Margaret Speaks on the Firestone program, will have her own program.

Light sophisticated comedy. But I didn't get the part. Know why?

"Because I'm a radio comedian!"

Once more there was hurt and bitterness in his brown eyes. Too bad those who laughed slyly up their sleeves when a slice of Phil's hard-won earnings went last season to finance the play, *Geraniums* in My Window, couldn't have heard that! They'd have understood. They'd have known this ordinarily shrewd, cautious fellow hadn't taken a "flyer" merely in the hope of fattening his already ample bankroll. They'd have realized that he was giving expression to an urge, a frustrated impulse, a desire to create.

"I guess if you come right down to cases," Phil reflected finally, "about the last thing I'd ever have picked, if I'd had any choice, would have been to become a comedian.

"You know I told you I could play nearly anything by ear, and on nearly any instrument. Well, a booking agent told me an act he knew of could use an accordion player. So I practised on the accordion for a couple of days and got the job. I just wanted a job then. But playing that accordion made me want to learn something about music. I wanted to learn to read it, to learn all about harmony and composition. So I made up my mind I'd just stick along with the act until I had enough money to quit long enough to study.

"It was a swell idea, but like a lot of swell ideas, it didn't work. One day, by accident, I told a gag. It wasn't a good gag, either. Talk about whiskers! It was so old it was on crutches. But the customers laughed. If they hadn't-maybe I'd have been a musician today! But they did—so I'm not a success.

"See what I mean?"

It started out to be a social call, pure and simple. But here was a fellow with a palatial home in Mamaroneck, another in Florida, a bank balance as big as all get-out, and growing every week. A fat radio contract and sponsors waiting to offer him another when that runs out. All that he has—yet he isn't a success. Why that was a story!



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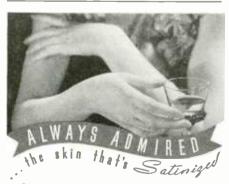
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JUNGLE BEASTS AT YOUR FIRESIDE

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Bonbong station. Furthermore, it was a twelve-day trip from the jungle camp where I was to reach Bonbong. It meant crossing rivers, channels and even a stretch of the South Sea. Then I learned that weather conditions would have to be just right, if the broadcast were to go on through. All this discouraged me, for it meant losing about a month's work on the picture, so I gave up the idea.'

What manner of man is this fellow Buck, who deliberately eschews the comforts of civilization and treks off to unknown spots on the earth's surface, pursuing wild animals with lariat and camera?

To begin with, Buck always has had a yen for animals. He was born at Gainesville, Texas, on St. Patrick's Day in 1884, which may explain his success with snakes. When the family moved to Dallas, his mother discovered little Frankie in the backvard trying to remove the fangs from a deadly copperhead with a pair of pliers. That convinced Mrs. Buck that the wide open spaces held too many allures for her son. The family moved to Chicago, which was much safer in those days, it being before the period of gangsters and machine guns.

Mrs. Buck attempted to swing the natural history bent of her son to birds, figuring that they were less deadly than the reptilian studies Frank had been conducting so informally in Dallas. She purchased him several books on bird-life and young Buck was a confirmed ornithologist long before he became an explorer.

Life as a bank clerk in Chicago was too tame for Frank and he embarked on his first jungle trip in 1911, penetrating the wilds of Brazil. He brought back with him many rare specimens of birds, sold them for surprising sums and decided that he had found his niche in life.

Buck has been going into the jungles ever since. And, in twenty-five years, he has gone through the wilds of Africa and Asia, as well as South America, but in recent years has shown a disposition to confine his adventures to the Malayan jungles.

His No. 1 Boy, Ali, with whom you're familiar if you're familiar with any of Buck's adventures, has been with Buck since his second year in the wilds. The No. 1 "Boy" is now thirty-eight and at present is in New York with his master. That Ali has served Buck so long and so faithfully is as much a tribute to the explorer's fairness as to the native's loyalty.

Buck's jungle trips have cleared up many legends about animal life. He insists that no wild animal will attack a man, unless it is hungry or provoked. All save the King cobra, a savage reptile, which rates just about with salesmen in Buck's rankings.

Frank never graduated from grade school, but later hired a tutor to round out the missing links in his education. His jungle books, pictures and radio programs have been shrewdly devised. Buck stays in the background, never intruding himself upon his audience, narrating his stories with others as the heroes.

He is rather proud of the fact that the Sultan of Johore, a sixty-year-old potentate who has promised to visit Buck in New York, has a pet name for him-Mr. American Bluff. "And he means just that, too," says Frank.

Buck has done as well with his sidelines as he has with his vocation, which is the capture and sale of live animals. He has made three pictures. Bring 'Em Back Alive, which grossed \$1,500.000; Wild Cargo, which grossed \$1,250,000, and Fang and Claw, which has touched the million mark and is still showing.

And none of these cost more than \$45,-000 to make, as Buck is careful to point out, whereas the production costs of the average Hollywood picture run anywhere from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000. After all, the actors in Buck's pictures, the monkeys, lions, pythons and hippopotami, work for nothing, and no Hollywood genius has yet been able to induce the Harlows, Gables or Loys to emote at those rates.

Buck's first writing was for the Saturday Evening Post in 1929. Since then he has collaborated on books, magazine and newspaper articles with regularity. Perhaps the biggest break he ever received was the title, Bring 'Em Back Alive, which appeared over his first book.

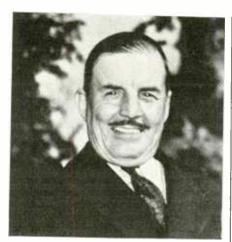
That title, which was arrived at in a round-table conference with his publishers, Simon and Schuster, and Ed Anthony, his collaborator, has served as his trademark ever since. It identifies him as readily as Believe-It-Or-Not identifies Ripley.

In the second year of A Century of Progress at Chicago, Buck met T. A. Loveland, a Minneapolis promoter, who sold him the idea of establishing an animal display there. The Zoo was such a tremendous money-maker that the two, partners by now, decided to move it to Massapequa, Long Island, where it has been a continued success. It attracts from seven to ten thousand visitors on a Sunday and averages about 20,000 each week.

The Massapequa animal compound has served as a base for Buck. He recently sold \$20,000 worth of animals from there to the famous Forest Park Zoo in St. Louis. Private sales are frequently made, for, with the lifting of the depression, millionaires again are stocking their personal zoos.

Despite his frustrations of a few years ago, Buck has not given up the idea of jungle broadcasts. "It will be only a question of time when radio engineers sur-mount the atmospheric obstacles," declared Buck. "And when they do, I'd like to make a commercial program of jungle broadcasts, say three a week, right from our camp.

"Can't you see what an attraction it would be? Reporting the progress of our pursuits of jaguars and other animals, telling of the traps we've set and relating what success or failure we've had. And coming right from the heart of the jungle!"



Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck

Buck is not unfamiliar with radio broadcasts by any means. He first appeared before a microphone on Dec. 2nd, 1931, when he was interviewed by Grantland Rice, on the *Coca Cola* hour. In the fall of 1932, he did a thirteen-week program for the *A. C. Gilbert Company*, manuíacturers of toys.

In 1934, when Amos 'n' Andy, after five successful years on the *Pepsodent* program, decided to treat themselves to a well-merited vacation. Buck replaced them. He originally intended to be on for eight weeks, but his program was so successful that it was extended to twenty-three weeks. And Frank left the air then only because he had a contract with *RKO* to produce a picture.

In all probability. Buck will go on a commercially-sponsored program this fall. He already has mapped out his plans, figuring a program which will appeal both to adults and children, but particularly to the latter. Frank wants to do his own commercial announcements, which would heighten the authenticity.

He plans an almost-serial broadcast, starting with the assembling of an expedition at Singapore, in the Straits Settlements, and then following its progress, step by step, with the establishment of its jungle base and its adventures.

As recently as July, Buck was a guest on the program of Frank Fay and was the recipient of several radio offers immediately after the broadcast. It was these which led him to map out a tentative program, so as to be prepared. When a fellow has been pursuing wild beasts for a quarter of a century, as Buck has, sponsors hold no terrors for him, but he knows full well the value of preparedness.

That there is a touch of the artist in Buck is evidenced by his preference for a weekly program, rather than a daily. "Whatever the sponsors decide, of course, will be O.K, with me," explained Frank. "I feel, however, that going on once a week for a half-hour would be better than a daily program of fifteen-minutes. More time could be spent in the preparation of each script and a better performance could be given."

The only thing which may prevent Buck from going on the air this fall is the possibility that the urge to dash into the Malayan jungles may overpower him. After all, he's safe from salesmen there and he's willing to take his chances with whatever wild beasts he runs across.

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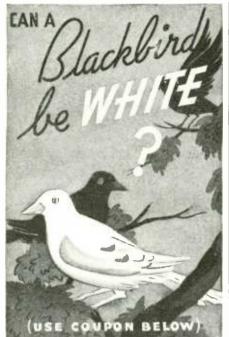
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LOVE FOUND A WAY

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right here. I am not afraid.'

"Not many wives who would meet a drastic change as calmly as that. She was so sure that her husband would succeed!

"After six months of loneliness here, I wired Mickey to come on with baby Kenneth, who then was only a year old. She had to borrow money for the train fare. When she arrived in New York, I met her. But I had to be back at the studio in a half hour. A page boy, who had been one of the few New Yorkers to befriend me, had his car and he took Mickey, her sister Beulah, who was then fifteen, and the baby out to the apartment in Jackson Heights. She was bewildered by the new city, the strange person taking her to that new home, but she was swell about it! It had been tough bringing a year-old baby on that long train ride, too." Harry langhed a little wryly, remembering how he had to greet his young wife after a six-months' separation of three thousand miles ! "I had only selected the apartment that afternoon. But it was a home! I had been living in a tiny room-the cheapest I could find in the city.'

The gradual changes in the Von Zell households are a graphic description of the slow but steady climb of the announcer's success. After a year in the cramped quarters of four rooms, a sixroom apartment in Jackson Heights was theirs for a year. Then came an eightroom duplex in Flushing. From there they moved into a nine-room house in Bayside.

"Kenneth was growing up and we wanted him to go to a nice school. We had a yard in which baby Jeanne could play, too." He spoke cagerly of these changes, made for the best interests of his children, in spite of the fact that they required more of his time, commuting to and from the city. And he had so little spare time.

"We had a maid, too," he went on. "Because Mickey was exhausted. The years of little sleep and hard work were telling. She looked ill. Oh, she never complained," he added quickly. "It was I who insisted that she have help. It meant that she could sleep in the mornings."

Then came the beautiful Norman Tudor house in which they now live.

"This house has a projection room something of which Mickey and I have always dreamed!" Harry Von Zell radiates happiness when he tells about this new home. "We have a game room, a bar, and we're near the water. What a joy that is! How we have wanted that!"

Mr. and Mrs. Von Zell are beginning to receive the dividends on their hard work and sacrifices. No longer is it necessary for them to worry over each penny that is spent. No longer need they wonder how they are going to meet the demands of growing children. Harry now has time to spend with his little boy and girl. "I never really knew Kenneth until lately," he said wistfully. "And the only thing he knew about me was that I was his father, a father whom he saw a few minutes once in awhile. And I have time to play with little Jeanne. I can watch her grow up—something I missed with Kenneth.

"I feel as though I am on a vacation," smiles the genial announcer, the man who has been singer, actor, ukulele player, commentator, and lately comedian, over the airwaves. "For the first time in our eleven years of married life, I have time to spend with Mickey. With Kenneth, who is seven and Jeanne, who is five. The children are really getting to know me for the first time.

"Even though I have been on this easy schedule of only two weekly programs for a year," continues the sandy-haired announcer, "Kenneth said to me the other night: 'Daddy, are you going to be home after dinner tonight again? Don't you ever have to work?' He is continually surprised that I have time to spend with him, to be a normal father."

You and I might not consider his weekly schedule of work a vacation, but Harry Von Zell smiles with pleasure when he considers his business week.

"On Mondays, I get to the office at 9:30 in the morning. I work all day on the scripts of the *Town IIall* program, with Pat Weaver of the advertising agency." Harry acts as director of this show and supervises all script changes. "I reach home at about five in the afternoon," he continues. "That gives me time for a swim or a bit of golf before dinner. Tuesday is spent in a somewhat similar manner except that all last minute changes on the script are made on that day and I leave the office at about eight in the evening. Then I rush home and have the whole evening there."

To the man who, up to a year ago, never saw his home before midnight, Sundays included, a whole evening at home is a real treat. Wednesday finds Announcer Von Zell in his office by nine in the morning, settling last minute details of the *Town Hall* script. All afternoon is spent in final rehearsal of the show, which goes on the air that night. It is two-thirty Thursday morning before he reaches home because of the rebroadcast of the show at midnight. And he calls this business a vacation!

"Yes," he insists, "because Thursday I am at home all day. You can't imagine what that means to me, after ten years of grinding for as many as sixteen or eighteen hours every day of every month of year after year! As a matter of fact, I think I hold the record for any announcer for continuous long hours.

"When I was at top speed, a few years ago, I once worked for four days and three nights without stopping. I never even had my clothes off during that entire time. I had two shows going at the same time, with rehearsals almost conflicting. I was making shorts for Warners and Pathé at the same time. I raced from one place to another, with hardly a second to spare. Believe me, after work

like tnat, I appreciate the kind of life I am leading now."

Harry Von Zell sincerely considers himself one of the luckiest men in the world. He spends Fridays at the office until five in the evening. Saturdays are spent sometimes at home, sometimes at the office, working on the Phil Baker show script. Sunday is no day of rest for him. He is working at the studio all afternoon and most of the evening, on the Baker show.

But compared with the years that have gone before, this seems like play to Harry Von Zell. When he was on the *Columbia Broadcasting System* announcing staff, he had twelve weekly commercial programs. Besides this, he was on call for all routine announcing, station identifications—all the routine duties required from regular staff announcers.

But life is sweeter now.

"And Mickey looks and feels better than she has in years," remarks this man who gives full credit to his wife. "All the time I was having such hectic hours, she adjusted her life to suit mine. In this way we could be together for the few hours that I wasn't working. But it meant double duty for her. When the youngsters awakened in the morning, her day started. And her day ended at two or three the following morning when I came home. We had no maid at that time. It certainly is a treat to see her feeling so much better now. For the first time in our married life, she is rested."

The Von Zell household now boasts of two servants, a maid and a nurse for the children. Harry doesn't say "nurse." He explains: "We have a girl to look after Kenneth and Jeanne." But it has been a long slow upward grind. Their eleven room house in the swanky Great Neck Estates of Long Island is a far cry from the four-room apartment in Jackson Heights to which Mickey was literally dumped back in 1930.

"We both like to do the same things. Outdoor exercise is our favorite pastime. And we do everything together. You see, Mickey is free to be with me, now. We go horseback riding. we play golf, we have a few sets of tennis. And we go swimming with the youngsters."

Truly a family man! And one of those unusual men who shies from all praise, from all credit for the place in radio which is his today.

"It has all happened because Mickey is such a good sport," he says. "She is the one who has made it possible."

His hobbies?

"Anything that I can do with the family," is the reply of Harry Von Zell, the radio announcer who at last has time for leisure.

His dreams didn't all come true but when one dream died, another took its place. Now Horace Heidt, leader of The Alemite Brigadiers, thinks of another ambition he hopes to realize!

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WEARS WHAT SHE LIKES SHE

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tailored shoulders-a little padded and squared-and she has the waistlines slightly shortened and nipped in.

Gladys willingly posed in several suits from her personal wardrobe to show you how they look. There's a new suit for daytime wear about Hollywood-it's made of an imported English woolen in Oxford gray striped in pearl gray. The skirt is cleverly designed with the stripes running vertically, except for a gored front in which the stripes are worked diago-nally to form a panel. This gore also gives the flared effect which is new and important in daytime skirts. Her jacket is a one-button style with rounded front and a nipped-in waist to stress the narrowwaisted silhouette. A brown woolen shirt, brown suede gloves with opening on the back of the hand, brown suede pumps and bag are the accessories she chooses to complete the suit. However, her rolled brim hat is a medium gray felt trimmed with a darker gray band and a swagger tilt to the brim.

Still another suit, which she has just bought, is made in a smooth beige-andgray blended woolen. Gladys is using lots of beige and gray-these are shades to watch, as they are due for a great popularity next spring. This suit is softly tailored, with a single-button closing but a straighter cut to the jacket and a less close fitting line than the other suit shows. With this suit, she wears a peaked-crown hat of gray suede and carries a matching pouch bag with drawstring handle. Her blouse is the same as that worn with the striped suit and she wears the same brown pumps. This knack of combining two or more tones in her accessories is something to jot down in your own fashion notes.

When the weather turns cold, Gladys doesn't pack her suits away till spring; instead she wears them constantly by topping them with warm coats and furs. She often has both skirts and slacks made to match a single topcoat. Incidentally, she never wore pajamas, shorts or slacks until she went to Hollywood, because she prefers feminine clothes. However, like so many stars who have adopted Hollywood ways, she finds that slacks really suit the climate when you have to rise at six in the morning to go to work.

The furs she likes best to wear with her suits are the four-skin scarf she carries with the striped suit on page 14, a three-quarter length fur cape of opossum that has a girlish Peter Pan collar, or a muskrat swagger coat in which the skins have been worked like mink.

Beige, as a color for both costumes and hats, is brought out again in a very attractive two-piece wool dress. The top is a fitted basque-like jacket of homespun which combines beige, green and brown in the weave. A rough selvage edge is cleverly used as the sole trimming. Goring, a detail she adores in all her clothes. gives the circular fullness to the short beige tweed skirt. The rather peasantlike quality of this costume is in line with

her particular preference for this style in sports clothes.

And the very new looking beige felt hat, with its high crown tilted backwards. is just mad enough to suit her. She has worn high crowns since early last spring. and now that they are the current millinery rage, she's having a perfect fling!

You'll notice that Gladys has several pairs of those wrist length suede gloves that open on the back of the hand-they're beige for this outfit to match her hat, brown for another and gray for still a third. She loves amusing gloves and finding a pair she likes, she duplicates them in several colors. She has a giddy pair of black ones, trimmed with ermine tails. And she has been seen wearing brightcolored cotton gloves to the opera with an ermine wrap. No, they didn't look silly, they looked grand!

In fact, Miss S. wears what she personally likes, regardless of the trend of the moment, but her cleverness shows up in this because she never looks conspicuous nor out of step. She says that she never buys a dress just because it is in the current style, she buys things that suit her individuality and figure. Just because it happens that princess lines, high waists and full skirts are in at the moment has nothing to do with Gladys' preference for them--she has worn this silhouette in some version for many seasons because she finds it flatters her miniature waist.

She likes misty tulle for evening-in gray or white. And so, Travis Banton has designed the romantic dress you see here this month for her to wear in Champagne Waltz. The voluminous skirt tapers up to a tightly-fitted, low-cut bodice. Great sleeves, adroitly made in sections, narrow toward the wrist. White daisies trim the shoulder and corsage with a matching bunch caught in her hair. Gladys almost always wears flowers in her hair at night and simple blooms, such as daisies. charm her. That is why Travis Banton used them in designing the evening gown shown in this picture. Gladys often wears one or two large ones in the buttonholes of her suit jackets-she says they have a fresh quality that suits her.

And if you have wondered what she wears when she broadcasts, it is this-a long-sleeved, high-necked and full skirted evening gown cut with a deeper neckline at back.

Did you know that there is a clause in her screen contract that demands the preservation of her specially designed coiffure? Neither did I, till she told me, but it seems that her coiffure, with its center part and high curls at the sides, has become almost a Swarthout trademark! There's a hint for all of you, too-get some quirk to your hair or costumes that is so completely you that you are famous for it.

Gladys told me that her mother taught her, as a young girl, that the way you put on clothes is important. Her early training has told because her clothes always

fit to a T and she keeps them beautifully. It's a family joke that she is positively prim about hanging everything away herself. There is no appointment or interview so important that she won't take time to put her hat on the shelf and her dress on a hanger, despite maids ready to do it for her.

Just as she likes fresh garden flowers better than exotic orchids, so she prefers simple jewelry to the more elaborate.

She loves silk handkerchiefs, especially in gay peasant prints, and she usually has one tucked in her pocket. She never wears scarfs high about her neck, because her throat can't stand swaddling. She likes sheer, supple woolens and the new dull, wool-like silks. And stiff rustling silk taffetas in gray and bronze are her idea of an elegant costume. She loves blue even the bedroom of her New York apartment is done in a gray-blue color. There are over two hundred shades of blue and it is safe to say that Gladys probably has worn all of them !

Her individuality, youthfulness and flair for simplicity with a dash of drama have put her upon the list of the ten bestdressed women in America today.

While lingering in Hollywood, I can't overlook the mention of several popular radio stars who have looked unusually smart at recent social affairs. Gracie Allen and Mary Livingstone attended a premiere together and both were dressed in very charming all-white costumes. Mary wore a white satin ensemble consisting of a simple evening gown topped by a matching cape. A large jeweled clip was the only ornament on either dress or cape and the only color accent was a contrasting satin hand bag. Gracie wore a white metal cloth dress with high neckline and long sleeves. Grape clips of pearls were her only jewels-a white fox cape was her wrap.

Gracie seems to prefer the long-sleeved dinner dress to the more formal type of evening gown. She wore, at a recent party, a lace dress with long sleeves but very low front décolletage. A velvet sash and twin-jeweled clips as accent.

Frances Langford, the popular Hollywood Hotel star and now making Born to Dance with Eleanor Powell, also likes all white for her evening appearances. At a recent opening she looked stunning in a white-beaded gown topped by a full chiffon cape.

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HE DOES EVERYTHING BUT TAKE THE TICKETS

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understood that in bringing talent to the nicrophone he's being neither The Great Discoverer nor a Good Samaritan. The people who appear on his program will be there not because they need a helping hand but because they definitely have something to offer the radio audience. There'll be no talk of struggle or self-sacrifice. So much for that end of the program.

Let's have a talk with the star, Or rather let's listen to him.

"One reason I'm so enthusiastic about radio is that it gives me an opportunity to contact an enormous new audience. From the radio public's reaction I hope to learn many things that will help my picturc work."

Fred Astaire, incidentally, is probably the only guy in the world who thinks his picture work needs help. Most of us who watch him on the screen regard him as stupendous, amazing and colossal, and let it go at that. But not Mr. A. He worries. He worries all through rehearsals, because he thinks the new steps he originates aren't so hot. He worries all through the picture, because he's convinced he's terrible. And he continues to worry after the picture is released, and in the face of critical raves, because he's sure he didn't do his job as well as he'd planned.

He never sees previews of his pictures. While everyone else is having a swell time watching the Astaire routines, their creaator sits home hoping he won't be as bad as he's sure he's going to be. When people tell him he was great, he thanks them and thinks they're kidding. And he's on the level about it. He's always been that way and, from all indications, he's going to stay that way.

Watching Fred Astaire making pictures is always a pleasure. On the set you'd never guess he is the star of the production. Take the present Astaire-Rogers opus, RKO-Radio's *Swing Time*. If a scene doesn't come off he gets angry at only one person—himself. If a step goes wrong it's always his fault. To a stranger in those parts he appears to be a novice trying his best to make good in pictures—a contest winner from somewhere, perhaps, hoping he'll pass that dreaded first option time.

Between scenes he never retires in solitary splendour to his dressing-room. You'll always find him sitting around with three or four friends—workmen on the set, as a rule, or someone from the studio publicity department. When he's not in costume he wears a pair of old white pants. a blue shirt and a straw hat. And the tie which should be around his neck is busy holding up the Astaire trousers. All this in spite of the fact that he's often been called The Ten Best-Dressed Men in America.

Most of you probably know all about the Astaire personal history—how he and his sister Adele came to New York, became the Astaires and did their first *Off* to *Buffalo* routines on vaudeville stages all over the country. You also know that



One of radio's continuously popular programs is *Hollywood Hotel*, with Dick Powell and guest stars and its previews of movie attractions. Here is Dick, dancing with Ruby Keeler.

their fancy stepping led them to the musical comedy stages of Broadway and London, and that Fred eventually landed in pictures, to be "discovered" by Hollywood, which never recognizes any talent east of Phoenix until it's been proven in front of a camera.

The Astaire success on the stage and on the screen is now about to be repeated over the air. It can easily be said that ot all the stellar names in Hollywood, he stands for the most diversified talents—he is without doubt the finest all-around entertainer Hollywood ever has given to radio.

Just take a look at his equipment: as a personality-he has an informal, ingratiating style which is bound to win him countless radio fans. It's good because he's not acting-he's being Fred Astaire. As a dancer-well, name a better one. As a singer, Fred is the first to admit he's neither Tibbett nor Crosby But how many guys are? At the piano, he can turn out swing stuff that pleases even the fastidious Fats Waller addicts. Besides, he's going to play a lot of his own numbers. As you know, he's already turned out one hit number--I'm Building Up To An Awful Letdown. Since then he's written several songs, two of which, I'll Never Let You Go and Just One More Dance, Madame-are coming into prominence at this moment. There are other numbers in the Astaire trunk which wil! be polished off and given a hearing at the microphone, and you can be the jury.

Add it all up and it means there's a new star on the air. He sings, he dances, he pounds the piano, he runs the show—he does everything but take tickets, and that's because there aren't any to take.



the end of her endurance and wanted to offer the child for adoption. How should she go about doing this?

It was all very simple. Judge Goldstein advised her where to go, and watching her sit there with bent head, nervous and shamed at the things she had told, it seemed strange that she had voluntarily gone through this ordeal to get advice any police sergeant could have given her.

Another case was called. Here was a woman apparently in her late thirties, lipsticked and rouged, confident in her anonymity and shiny black satin piped with white. She talked and, though before the broadcast had begun the small audience had been warned against making any disturbance, a few scattered giggles rose into a crescendo of laughter as she unfolded her story. She seemed to be an amateur Fannie Brice.

A suit had been left at the cleaner's and, when she had come to call for it, she had been told the place had been robbed. The owner refused to compensate for the loss of the suit. What should she do now? She really didn't think the place had been robbed at all.

There was nothing she could do, Judge Tiffany informed her. The law did not hold a business responsible for customers' possessions unless it could be *proved* there had been no robbery.

"If you had gone to a reputable concern, this would never have happened," he told her judiciously. "Of course, if people insist on going to cut-rate places . . ."

She straightened indignantly.

"It wasn't cut-rate," she protested. "I paid fifty cents."

Even Fannie Brice couldn't have brought out a more appreciative laugh.

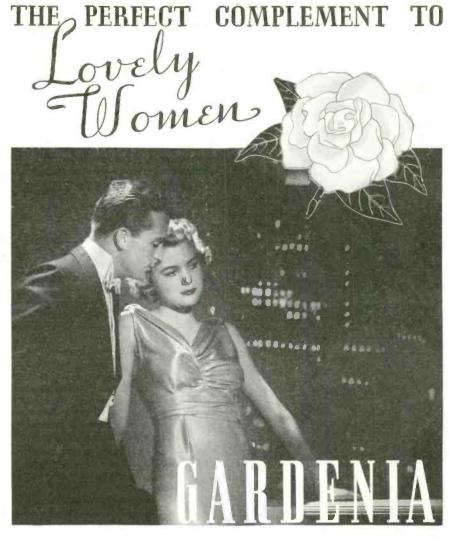
There were more cases. One, an aged negress who had lost one hundred and two dollars through trusting her bank account to her daughter, who had since died. At her son-in-law's instigation, the daughter had drawn out the money and given it to him. And now he refused to make restitution, though he had promised his wife he would.

Nothing could be done for her, the judge told her. Through ignorance of the quirks in the law she had authorized her daughter to be her agent.

One hundred and two dollars. It doesn't seem much, perhaps—but it was her life savings and she was destitute. The court had given her carfare to come that evening.

No one was laughing now.

Another woman came and sat before the judges, lips close to the microphone. She was sure her pet dog had been poisoned. Now she was sure her baby's milk had been tampered with and she had taken it to the local police station, demanding that it be analyzed. The police sergeant had refused. Somehow, listening, you felt that this woman had made many similar visits and many similar demands upon the sergeant. You could almost see how,



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bit by bit, she had worn down his patience.

"Judge," her voice quivered, "he told me he couldn't analyze the milk until the baby died !"

Laughter again and the judge's voice, more soothing, more conciliatory than he had been with the others. She had misunderstood, he explained. No action can be taken at a police station unless a crime has first been committed.

The woman hardly listened to him before plunging into her other grievances. The sergeant had refused to send a policeman to guard her apartment and catch the person who had been tampering with her milk.

"Tie a string around the milk bottle and hold on to it," the Judge advised her. "When you feel someone tugging at it, open the door and catch him."

She took the advice literally.

"Can I sock him with something?" she asked.

"I'm sure the police department would give you a medal for it," the judge assured her.

And so the cases went on. Some talked in a strained, patient way and some were excited and voluble, so that they had to be constrained from going on and on and on. And others were so querulous and complaining that you felt your sympathy, which they were demanding so strenuously, automatically go to the absent ones they were accusing, who weren't having this chance to tell their side of the story.

After all, every altercation, every tragedy has another side, a side that might prove justificaton if it could be heard. But of course the *Good Will Court* can hear only the side that is presented to it.

The Court went on after the broadcast had finished. There were one or two who wanted to discuss their cases further with the judges, there were others who had been invited to stay for more detailed instructions. The telephone kept ringing. A lawyer called to offer his assistance in a case that had interested him. A woman called, wanting to adopt the baby. But most of the calls came from listeners who wanted to bring their own troubles to the *Good Will Court*. To all of them, to those asking for help and those wanting to give it, there was the same stereotyped answer:

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Go to any night court, to any local police station in the country, and life in this same manner will unfold before you. With this difference: In court the cases will come to you as they are presented. You may have to sit through many dull, boring litigations to have your emotions stirred either to laughter or tears.

But the *Good Will Court* is presented by a showman with an eye on the box office, a man who, himself, has had stage experience. It is built on the formula that has made Broadway successes, that has made best sellers of novels, that has enabled Hollywood to turn out one hit after another. A laugh following a tear that's the formula. It's just as simple as that.

The laughs in the *Good Will Court* are provided mostly by the neurotics coming to it with their imaginary troubles. Psychiatrists know these people well. Someone is always waiting to harm these people. Someone is always talking about them. That these fears are only in their own minds does not make their troubles less real.

"We can't really help these people," Alexander explained. "All we can do for the neurotics and misfits is to humor them, tell them we'll put the G-men on their enemies' trails or something like that. They are the most heartbreaking, for nothing can be done for them."

These are the people some of the radio audiences have thought to be experienced actors or actresses brought into the program for the humor they might give it. But they are as legitimate as are the others. There are no "ringers" or "phonies" on this program.

To the disinterested listener it would seem that since nothing could be done for people of this sort it would be better to give the time they take up to cases that could be helped. Even if these cases proved duller, less interesting. Even if the advice given wouldn't give a chuckle to those listening in. Imaginary troubles, even laughable ones, aren't liable to be heard in a real court of law. Police officers, lawyers and judges have an unerring eye in discerning what is real and what exists only in a sick mind and call in psychiatrists who can really help them.

It is interesting to know that, of those who want to tell their troubles to this court, there are three women to every man.

Thirty per cent. of the cases are those involving domestic relations, and a great part of these concern trouble between husbands and wives.

Letters received from listeners show the interest in these cases and in the advice given by the judges. They protest the fact that men and women, suffering mental torture, or humiliation at the hands of their husbands or wives, are told that it would be impossible to get a divorce for such grounds in New York.

"If the answers in these cases do not seem helpful it is because the law does not permit any other," Mr. Alexander explained. "We often have to advise contrary to our own instincts to keep within the law. It's really a case of legal facts against human emotions.

"We hope that. in time, as a result of placing the spotlight of public attention on these divorce cases, many listeners will protest against unfortunate laws that exist in some of the states. That, in time, laws will be passed making it more difficult to get married and easier to get divorced. Laws such as these would do away with much of the unhappiness and tragedy brought to the *Good Will Court* today."

There is no doubt that New York listeners have got a better idea of legal technicalities from this program than they could in any other way except by attending a regular court proceeding. Through the misfortunes of others they have learned what it means to sign papers they haven't read, to buy things on the installment plan and discover that in not keeping up the payments they have promised in writing they can lose the article and still find themselves obligated to further payments. They have learned other things, too. Things that undoubtedly will be of help to them, both in social and business contacts.

But in presenting it as a nation-wide feature, this very element that has helped New Yorkers to learn obscure legal facts will probably be bewildering to residents of other states whose laws differ from those of the state in which the *Good Will Court* presides.

Every mail brings appeals from unfortunates wanting to air their troubles. It seems strange that so many people are willing to bare in this Court secrets they have guarded so zealously from everyone when they could get similar advice by going to the Legal Aid Society or to a local police station.

More than one listener has remarked that no problem is really solved except in clearcut cases where one of the judges has told them they had no ground for suit against offending parties.

Mr. Alexander explained this: "The purpose of the Court is in no sense to trespass upon the rights and functions of properly constituted courts or upon the rights and provinces of members of the bar," he said. "If we provided complete solutions in cases in which it were possible, we should find very quickly that we would be in hot water with proper authorities. "After all, people cannot expect to involve themselves in all sorts of bewildering and unfortunate entanglements that take months and years to create and then expect, merely by telling their story over the air, to have some one say *hocus-pocus*, and relieve them of their problems."

It seems as if there might be danger in the faith these people have in this radio court. Danger that people going through trouble of some sort would flock to the broadcasting station from all over the United States. Getting there any way they could, as so many participants in radio amateur hours have done. By hitch-hiking or selling their possessions, only to receive in the end advice someone could have given them in their own home territory.

A lawyer whose opinion I sought on the Good Will Court made this observation:

"I have listened in to this program and feel that in some cases it really has helped those asking advice. In others its only help has been in telling these people where to go or whom to see for more detailed instructions.

"A danger, as I see it, lies in the fact that often the legal opinion given was not a sufficiently well-considered opinion. And in one particular case it was not correct.

"This case I speak of was one in which a man had had a dispute with his partner and was told to go to the City Court. It happened that this particular court would have no jurisdiction in his case. He should have been sent to the Supreme Court.

"But, as I have said before, it has proved of value to some cases and of aid to others. For, of course, there are people with so little general knowledge of legal law that it probably would not occur to them to seek help from the Legal Aid Society on their own initiative."

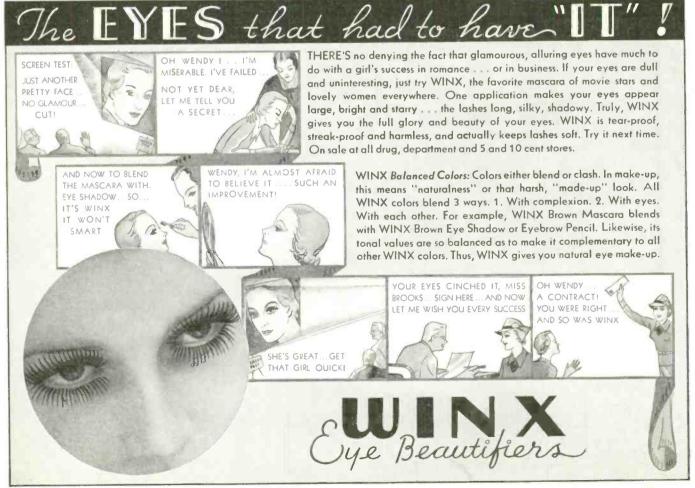
At the conclusion of the broadcast we were attending, J. E. (Dinty) Doyle, radio editor of a New York morning newspaper, pointed out to Mr. Alexander that on its present schedule the program goes on the air at ten o'clock at night, an hour in which children are in bed. But on its national hook-up it will go on the air at eight oclock in New York and the differences in time will make this hour an earlier one for mid-western and western listeners-in. In Los Angeles, for instance, the program will be heard at five o'clock in the afternoon, an hour in which children will be listening in. And certainly a great many of these cases should not be heard by them.

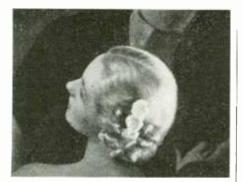
Mr. Alexander thought for a moment before he replied that of course any children listening in would be considered and that cases which might prove objectionable for too young ears would be stricken out of the program.

That, of course, takes care of the children. But what of the adults listening in? Will this program prove as absorbing, if it is censored to such a degree?

As you read this, the *Good Will Court* has had its first broadcasts over a national hook-up, under the guidance of an important sponsor.

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seemed the more important then, to considerable social success in that particular sector of St. Louis' younger set."

The determined young woman decided that her appearance must be changed. Mother Nature must be given a helping hand-and that took money. A five-dollar weekly allowance from her father wouldn't go far. One day a friend called her up to ask if she'd play for her dancing class.

"Three dollars an hour," Kay replied

in her most businesslike tone. "Three dollars an hour!" the friend echoed in amazement. "Why that's preposterous! The usual rate is a dollar-fifty at the outside."

"Not my usual rate," Kay responded sweetly. "I always get three dollars,"

Now the strict truth of the matter was that she never before had received a cent for playing-nor for anything else. However, her very effrontery won her the job -as she was to find later that effrontery often would. After a while she found she had accumulated five hundred dollars--and she went to the best beauty shop and the best modiste in the city. "Make me look like Carole Lombard,"

she commanded, because Carole Lombard was her favorite screen actress. And they did. The St. Louis edition of Carole Lombard walked into her amazed father's study that night.

"I won't need my allowance any more," she told him. His startled cries-at her appearance, not her announcement-had brought the family on the run. They just stood and gaped.

"I guess I learned then," she told me reminiscently, "that all you have to do is to keep 'em guessing and you've got 'em ! That goes," she added profoundly, "for men-and everything.

"With my new appearance, my collection of fraternity pins jumped by leaps and bounds. I've got more than fifty tucked away at home. Of course, social success will interfere with a young girl's education. Perhaps that's why I left college, er-involuntarily, so to speak. I mean they suggested it. But college was getting boresome, anyhow. There weren't any eligible men left to conquer. I felt like Hannibal. Or was it Hannibal?

"Oh, yes. I did have one ambition unfulfilled. I didn't have a Phi Beta Kappa to my credit. I managed to get back into school again, and set about getting one. In the process I developed my first real "crush"-on an assistant instructor. He was terribly attractive and the Phi Beta Kappa key on his watch chain was like a piece of hamburger in front of a kennel.

'Our first date was a terrific success. He quoted Shelley and Swinburne and I thought I'd found romance for sure. We drove into the country, and under a full moon he stroked my cheek. 'Kay,' he whispered, 'your skin is as smooth as velvet!' Which was hot stuff for St. Louis in those days!

"Well, a week or so later he called one night and I was out. So he took Marion for a drive. That night when we were going to bed she said to me: 'What do you think that fellow said? He told me my skin was as smooth as velvet-and the way he said it !'

"I knew what she meant, and I mimicked it for her.

"'Yes! That's just how,' she said.

"So the next day, when he called up, Marion got on the upstairs extension and I got on the downstairs phone. 'Oh, darling, your skin is as smooth as velvet!' We both shouted at the top of our lungs. He hung up-and that was the last we ever heard of him."

Kay was pretty much fed up with St. Louis by now. She felt that her talents demanded a wider field. Opportunity fell right into her lap-aided slightly by ingenuity. Her sister Blanche had copied from advertisements a long list of summer camps. Blanche wrote to them all for a job as counselor and, by dint of giving a lot of high sounding though nonexistent references, plus a wonderful, if wholly imaginary, account of previous experience, she landed a job on Catalina Island in California. But before it came time to take it, she had a new beau-to whom she now is happily married, by the way-and she didn't want the job.

"But it's a shame to leave a nice job like that kicking around," Kay protested. "I'll go and take it." "But you've had no experience," her

family argued.

"Neither had Blanche," Kay replied reasonably. Not only did she get the jobbut they hired her again the following summer, so she must have made good. Back in St. Louis at the end of the first summer, though, she was more or less at a loose end. But not for long. Kay never would be in that state for any length of time. It happened that she went one night to dine and dance at the Coronado Hotel. Her escort was busy proposing.

"I don't want to get married. I want to be a professional singer-with a radio orchestra like that one." she insisted.

"But you can't just say you want to become a singer and become one," the young man insisted.

"Why can't you?" Kay demanded. "I'll bet you I can.'

"You're nuts," the young man said in disgust.

Later in the evening Al Lyons, the band leader, came over to their table. Kay struck up a conversation.

"I have a friend who was a sensation at the Cocoanut Grove, and she'd love to sing with your band," she told the leader. His eyes sparkled at mention of the famous west coast hot spot.

"Bring her in and let's hear her," he invited.

'Tomorrow afternoon," Kay agreed.

The following afternoon she presented herself at the Coronado.

"Here I am," she said, walking over to the piano. There was not much Mr. Lyons could do about it, so he had to listen. She sang with his band for the rest of the season and then, the next summer, she went back to the camp on Catalina. That fall, instead of coming home, she went to Hollywood.

"I expected to love Hollywood—but it was awful. I thought it would be gay and interesting, but I found myself hating it. I stayed there for two years. There were parties and all that sort of thing. But Hollywood is so provincial. They think movies and live movies and talk movies. After I'd been there a while I knew I didn't want any part of movies.

"You know, there's a funny thing. You take the thousands of girls—and a lot of them talented, too—who go to Hollywood with only one ambition. To break into movies. And they never get to first base. Yet, because I *didn't* want to break into the movies, I had a dozen offers."

"But why," I interrupted, "did you stay there that long?" I knew this girl was definitely not the sort to stay in a place she didn't like without a very good reason —and a man is always a very good reason for pretty nearly anything inexplicable that a beautiful girl does. Perhaps here, at last, was romance. . .

"Yep. You're right," Kay nodded vigorously. She had shrewdly guessed my thought. "That was the first time I ever was tempted to take the plunge into matrimony. He was quite a bit older than I, and if he'd been-well, a little more impetuous, it would have happened. You know what I mean. If he'd been one of those men who carry a girl off her feet. I was tottering so it wouldn't have taken much to carry me off mine. But he wanted me to give up my career—which really hadn't started yet, anyhow.

"He was a brilliant man and I admired

him immensely. But I was doing a lot of radio work on the coast, and I was sure I'd found my groove. I certainly didn't want to quit."

Kay sighed.

"Well, I'm happier now than I was then, anyhow. I'm getting all the fun out of life I always craved."

She was silent a while.

"And a few weeks ago, he came east. We had dinner together—and we both agreed that maybe it was best, after all, that we hadn't married. Maybe we'd both have been unhappy."

When Kay was casting about for an opportunity to leave the coast and come east—and that, I gathered, was when the romance with the capital "R" had gone pfft—she had a providential telephone call from Fred Waring.

"He'd heard me on the air in California and wanted me to come to New York for a talk," she said. "After we had the talk, he said: 'I'd love to use you—but I need a girl who can form and handle a choir."

Kay looked at him in wide-eyed astonishment.

"Why, isn't that the luckiest thing!" she exclaimed. "I've been working with some girls and just hated the thought of leaving them stranded if you did take me. They're just the very choir that you're looking for."

Now as in the three-dollar an hour episode and the colossal Al Lyons bluff, Kay was chucking a bluff the size of a grand piano. The "some girls" she'd been working with were, in truth, her sisters Blanche and Marion. But Kay always has had a knack of ironing out such petty kinks when they occur in the pattern of her life.

"I didn't know a soul in New York," she said, "and even yet I don't know how I managed to get a girl choir together for an audition. But I did—and we got the program, after two of the most nightmarish weeks in my young life. And what a kick I've got out of it!"

The "kick" comes in five and six-hour rehearsals every day—Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays included.

"I have to work so hard I haven't time to get bored," she explained. "I love the struggle and competition—even the worries. When I have time I relax—in dancing and at parties."

At that moment a nice young man appeared in the restaurant. He was carrying a bag for Kay. It contained her evening clothes, in which she was to be photographed. She thanked the nice young man prettily, and then, to his very obvious embarrassment, kissed him resoundingly. On the way to the photographer's studio I thought of the nice young man.

"Who is he?" I ventured to ask her, bluntly.

"Well," she replied a little vaguely, "he's the hundredth."

We rode along in thoughtful silence for a while.

"But you know," Kay said speculatively at length, "there is always the hundred and first."

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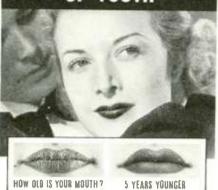
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THE LOW-DOWN ON LOWELL

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and tie were faultless. He told us to go down in the garden and meet the distinguished guests.

They were Lyman Beecher Stowe, grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe, and his wife and Carveth Wells, who was his guest speaker that evening. Wells regaled us with a sketch of the cruise that he and Lowell had once made with Count von Lückner on his full-rigged schooner, down through the Indies. The astute and industrious Lowell Thomas got three best-sellers out of that adventure and association with Count Lückner, the Sea Devil, as he entitled one of them. Then Mr. Stowe re-lated how, when he was associated with Doubleday, Doran, the publishers, he had spent many days in a vain search for the then less known Lowell Thomas, with a blank contract in his pocket, but never found him. The party was broken up on discovering Mrs. Lowell Thomas on the lawn in front of the house signalling for us to hurry. It was 6:38.

When we arrived at the spot, Mrs. Thomas was calling up the stairs, just a little anxiously: "Tommie! Tommie! You've only got four minutes, I tell you!" She turned to us: "He's always that way -just arrives the very last minute."

'And never failed them yet !" Mr. Thomas hurried down the stairs. "Come on, folks, if you're going. The show must go on !" He leaped into the station wagon and the six of us piled in, or at least two of us stood on the running-boards and we were dashed lickety-split in the direction of the barns, fetching up with a screech-ing brake. "One hundred and fifty sec-onds, folks! You'll have to hurry!"

A timid pair had just got out of a runabout. "We wondered if we could listen to you broadcast-L-Mr, Thomas?"

"Where you from?" asked Lowell, never stopping.

"Pawling. I'm a telephone operator."

He was one of the local "family." "Sure. Come along. I'm a friend of all telephone people."

We burst into a gymnasium. At one end was a screen, at the other an asbestos motion picture booth, for Lowell often gave impromptu illustrated lectures here to his Pawling "family." He paused at a corner room that was fitted up with all the regular radio sending apparatus. The National Broadcasting Company's control room operator was looking at the clock a "One minute and forty little anxiously. seconds," he said.

"Time to burn." remarked Lowell, and dashed through a door that had a sign on it: "Halt! Have you turned out the lights!" The now eight honored guests came tumbling after and then we came to a sudden halt, astonished, balked. For Lowell Thomas and his man Friday, Mr. Culberison, were just disappearing through a trap door in the ceiling! A twelve-foot ladder-or worse still, just cleats nailed to the wall-was the only way to get up! We made it in record time, even the somewhat unathletic ladies in their dressy full-length frocks.

"Forty-five seconds," announced Mr. Culbertson.

We panted and looked around. We were up among the rafters that were covered with sound-proofing. There was a single screened window and it was hot! We sat on benches. Lowell took his seat before the table with the mike on it. We seemed all ready to go, when Lowell sprang up and gave battle to a wasp that was buzzing against the screen. "One of those babies stung me once-right in the middle of the broadcast !"

Mr. Culbertson's hand was solemnly raised and he was looking straight at Low-ell. "Loop this string around your wrist," whispered Lowell, handing it to one of the ladies. "When he gives it a final jerk, it means that I'm off the air." He gave it a pull himself, loosened his collar and put his face close beside the microphone: Good evening, everybody!"

It was the same good old voice plus, for here was Lowell himself, smiling and shaking his head at points of emphasis, his eyes a-twinkle. Opposite him, sat Culbertson, with a stop watch before him. At the end of each minute, he would lay a large square of paper on the table in line with the speaker's line of vision, designating in black figures the radio time: "45" --"46"--"47." We never knew that a We never knew that a minute could be so long! A rooster crowed under the window several times and we wondered if you listeners out there on the air got it. As for ourselves, we sat on our benches in a hot huddle, fixed and painfully silent: "58"—"581/2"—"59" "591/2". "And so long—until tomorrow!" The string on the lady's wrist was given a violent tug.

"It's all over," said Lowell. He hadn't turned a hair, or shown the least sign of nervousness. "It went from here across the Hudson, where it was picked up and carried to Bound Brook, New Jersey. And, I'm telling you, this is the biggest audience that my little padded cell ever accommodated. I hope you men took off your coats."

It was harder getting down than it had been to get up, and the air below, by comparison, seemed frigid.

Lowell and ourself went out to look at the stock, where he met a stableman whom he was evidently laying off. "I'll be seeing you in town now and then," said Lowell.

"I hope so, sir-and that there'll be a job soon for me. I'd rather work for you than anybody !"

"So long, Barney."

Back at the house again, Lowell begged to be excused a minute. "I get pretty hot and bothered. I'll change my shirt, if you don't mind." He was wearing a natty double-breasted linen coat when he came down.

Applejack cocktails and then dinner in a large and elegant dining-room, wellfurnished with antiques. "Democrat or Republican?" someone asked him.

President Roosevelt has been my guest here," was his smiling reply.

"And he and Mrs. Roosevelt are neighbors of ours-just across the river in Dutchess County," added Mrs. Thomas.

There was nothing more said about politics after that.

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graciously included all of us in its homey atmosphere. At intervals, we were content just to smoke in silent contemplation of the scene and enjoyment of our surroundings. We sat round in a circle. Sonny, the twelve-year-old son, sat in the centre playing with a spaniel pup who was barking at his own shadow. Lowell sat on a straw cushion, blowing smoke clouds from his cigar. Mrs. Thomas and her mother were

Something was said about going to the nearby country playhouse, the Starlight Theatre, but the matter was dropped and

an infinitely better show was put on. We adjourned for coffee to a Southern pillared portico which had been added the year before. There we found a big round-faced moon looking down upon us over the neighboring hills. It was altogether a genre picture, a happy family scene, which

in the swinging seat. "Remember when I was looking for you in vain-with the contract, Lowell?" asked Stowe.

"You bet I do-for I was down at the office signing it. I walked away with \$15,-000 in my jeans."

"That was the happiest Christmas I ever had," put in Mrs. Thomas. "Imagine finding \$15,000 in your stocking on Christ-mas morning !"

"There was more to it than that," added "I made my first payment on this Lowell. place with that money. I had seen the place and gone crazy about it. I gave them a thousand dollars for a short-time option on it. It left me stone broke, in fact I had borrowed the thousand. The whole thing was crazy, I tell you! Then I got the bright idea of trying to get an advance payment of \$15,000 on my next book. I went to all the publishers in New York, and they all told me I was daft. Then, the very day that the option was due to expire, I got it! All you need is ambition, nerve and a little luck !"

We all knew that he had something beside that, but we had him reminiscing now, and no one interrupted.

The story of his discovery of T. E. Lawrence in the Arabian Desert was inev-And how he had come back and itable. eventually told England about the man who had roused the Arabs against the Turks, the man of whose existence the average Englishman otherwise would never have known. The part never told before, and which throws new light on Lowell Thomas's character, and radio career, is how, even at that early date, our Lowell was speaking in Madison Square Garden, York, about his wonderful adven-New tures in Arabia, when a British impresario heard him and made the proposal that he come to England and give the same talk. Lowell felt flattered, but he took little stock in it all, although he signed a 50-50 contract. Finally Lowell told his backer that he would not consider going to London unless two requests were complied with. First, he must receive a personal invitation from the King; second, he would appear only in Covent Garden, London's sacred temple of music and Shakespeare. Then Lowell forgot about it. It was all too absurd. Shortly afterwards, he received a cable saying that both his demands had been met and to come along and give his show! With everything against him, Lowell Thomas took London by storm. He spoke twice a day to packed houses. After TINTEX TEWEST DECORATING EXHIBITS have Emerald Green, Pumpkin, Peacock Blue, Tartan Red splashed everywhere, Don't let your home look drob and dull. Tixter quickle makes everything fashion-right look drab and dull. faded curtains, drapes, table runners,

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mentator, was reared in Cripple Creek, Colorado, in a mining camp. Before he was eleven, he was working under ground in the old gold mines. He attended four colleges, working his way through. He has been broadcasting since 1930, is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the American Geographical Society and has other honors. He has taught in four universities, but prefers to be known as a newspaper man and world traveler rather than as educator.

that he gave his Lawrence-Allenby lecture 4,000 times before 4,000,000 people, in nearly every English-speaking city in the world. There must be something about the speaking personality of any man who can do that! Ask the many more millions whom he addresses over the air daily, what it is

it is. "Why, I've been a public speaker ever since I was fifteen," Lowell said, giving an explanation of himself. "Was lecturing in Princeton a few years later. Just a gift of gab, I guess. Once or twice I went in for some coaching, with my old friend, Dale Carnegie. Away back in my cub reporter days, I was given an assignment in Chicago where there were two speakers. One put them to sleep and the other spellbound them. I asked the latter what was his. secret.

"'Be humorous' he said, 'from the very start.'"

"Another time, I asked the same thing of a United States Senator famous for his

speeches.

"'Always remember the interest of human beings in human beings,' he said.

"I've never forgotten to make use of both. I tell you, you've got to make everything dramatic without being too theatrical," he went on. "I don't think I would ever have put my show over on the British public if I hadn't made it dramatic. True, the subject-matter of my adventures with Lawrence in Arabia was exciting, but I made it a spectacle. To my knowledge, I was the first person ever to make use of sound effects as we know them today. I said it with music!"

And a few minutes later we saw him standing there in the moonlight in front of his lovely country home, with a wave of the hand and in that familiar friendly voice saying: "So long!" We somehow felt like a member of the Pawling "family," just as he makes us feel at home with him on the radio.

HEY

SKINNY!



THE WORD IS PERFECT

Speaking of illusion—for us, the most perfect sense of it ever produced by any radio offering was achieved by Cornelia Otis Skinner's one-woman dramas on the Jergens program this summer. Why, we wonder, don't we have more of this on the air? To us it seems the perfect radio drama.

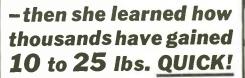
NONCHALANT NUANCES

Lucy Monroe, considered one of the prettiest singers in kilocycle circles, consistently refuses offers to star in the movies, preferring to remain unseen, but heard, in radio. . . Ozzie Nelson has a secret yen to write and illustrate sporting articles for the newspapers. Harriet (Mrs. Ozzie) Hilliard explains that it is because of his association with Believe-It-Or-Not Bob Ripley. . . . Eddie Duchin, CBS orchestra leader and one of the world's greatest pianists, has his hands insured for \$100,000.00. . . . Rudy Vallée, whose hoyhood ambition was to be a mail carrier, celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday this summer at his lodge in Maine. . . . Robert Simmons, Phillips Lord and Voice of Experience are clergymen's sons. . . . Lowell Thomas' home, near Pawling, New York, is a rendezvous for explorers, adventurers and men prominent in public affairs in this and other nations. . . . Bob (bazooka) Burns' Christian name is Robin. Privately he spells his last name without the final "s".... Tim Ryan looks like Pat O'Brien of the films. . . . Fashion experts consider Elza Schallert, *NBC* movie reviewer and commentator on Hollywood happenings, one of the best-dressed women writers in Hollywood. She is married to Edwin Schallert, drama editor of the Los Angeles Times, and their three children, William (13), John (9) and Roy (7) are talented musicians. .

BEFORE FAME

An obscure cub reporter, Eddie Guest, supplied a local actor with lyrics for two songs-and was paid twenty-five dollars for them. . . . Virginia Rea earned her first dollar at the age of fifteen, as soloist in a Des Moines, Iowa, church choir. . . . Twenty-three years ago Erno Rapee, conductor of the Radio City Music Hall Sun-day concerts on NBC, arrived in America with twenty dollars. He had to borrow an additional five before he could land. Rapee was born in Hungary. . . . Fift D'Orsay began her stage career at sixteen, as a chorus girl with the Greenwich Village Follies. . . Durelle Alexander, vocal-ist with Paul Whiteman, was playing in the movies at the age of seven. Andre Kostelanetz was the foremost and youngest opera conductor in pre-war Russia before he came over here to be the leader of the largest dance orchestra in radio. . . Barbara La Marr, contralto on the Mutual network, was a former theater cashier in her native New Bedford, Massuchusetts. (Continued on page 99)

EVERY NIGHT SHE CRIED HERSELF TO SLEEP



NOW there's no longer any excuse for thousands to remain skinny, laughed at and friendless. For hosts of people who thought they were "born to be skinny," and who never could gain an ounce before, have put on 10 to 25 pounds of solid, naturally attractive flesh with this new, easy treatment—in just a few weeks!

Not only has this new discovery given them normally good-looking pounds, but also naturally clear skin, freedom from indigestion and constipation, new pep.

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Scientists recently discovered that no end of people are thin and rundown for the single reason that they do not get enough digestion-strengthening Vitamin B and blood-enriching iron in their daily food. Now the richest known source of this marvelous body-building Vitamin B is cultured ale yeast. By a new process the finest imported cultured ale yeast is concentrated 7 times—made 7 times more powerful. Then it is combined with 3 kinds of iron, pasteurized whole yeast and other valuable ingredients in little tablets called Ironized Yeast tablets.

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No matter how skinny and rundown you may be, try these new Ironized Yeast tablets just a short time, and note the marvelous change. See if they don't build you up in just a few weeks, as they have thousands of others. If not delighted with the benefits of the very first package, your money instantly refunded.

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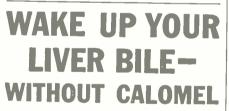
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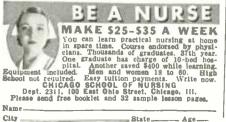
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THE liver should pour out two pounds of liquid bile onto the food you swallow every day. If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays. Gas bloats up your stomach. You get constipated. Your whole system is poisoned and you feel sour, sunk and the world looks punk.

A mere movement doesn't get at the cause. It takes those good old Carter's Little Liver Pills to get these two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up". Harmless, gentle, yet amazing in making bile flow freely. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name. Stubbornly refuse anything else. 25c at all drug stores.



IF RADIO WERE UNDER CAROLE'S · THUMB (Continued from page 25)



Richard Crooks returns as tenor soloist of the Voice of Firestone programs. He is wearing the costume in which he appeared in The Fortune Teller.

the program's dramatic sketches.

The Fleischmann Hour. Mainly because Rudy Vallée is an expert master of ceremonies.

The Kraft Music Hall. Because she's a good friend of Bing Crosby and because she likes his easy manner of delivery. The program sometimes impresses her, however, as being too informal. And for the advertising department, there are no kind words.

And with radio under her thumb, Carole would bear down on:

All hillbilly quartets from the hills of Brooklyn.

Most masters of ceremonies. The majority of them think all they need is a microphone and a script. They should be forced to learn it's a specialized art, by listening to Jack Benny and Rudy Vallee.

At least half of the amateurs. Some of the amateur programs are good, some are funny and some go beyond all comprehension.

Recorded dance programs. Because between each two numbers you are reminded at length that for ten cents down and for ten cents a week you can be the envy of your set with a complete outfit in fashionable mackerel cerise.

Sunshine hours. This is usually an early morning atrocity. You get out of bed, still half asleep, to be greeted with a cheery good morning from some one whose voice has a phoney ring to it. All cheerful philosophers probably beat their wives.

"Frankly, I'm terribly fond of radio. There's more excitement about it, for a performer, than either the stage or the screen. When that little red light goes or you know you have to go out there ank' turn in a performance, because there are no retakes in radio. You're either good or you're aromatic, to put it mildly.

"My first radio appearance was with Bing Crosby and it was, to say the least, an experience. I was so frightened my hands froze to the script, my voice wasn't in its customary place and my knees knocked right through a pair of five dollar stockings. I was supposed to be doing comedy, but I raced through that script like Sir Malcolm Campbell going to a fire. Since then I've calmed down a bit, and in case any prospective sponsors are listening—I can now face a microphone with what might even pass for aplonib.

"My favorite radio day? Sunday, by all means! On Sundays I get everything from symphonies to Walter Winchell, with stops along the way at Major Bowes and wherever else I happen to flip the dial. Maybe I'm wrong, but every program sounds good on Sunday. Could it be, as I suspect. because they *are* good?"

"Perhaps," we suggested, grabbing the rest of the Lombard cigarettes, "it's because Sunday is always so far away from last Monday."

"It can't be that, because next Monday is always just around the corner. Like television. Tell me, what do you know about television?"

We don't know a thing about it. So if anyone hears any rumors, please wire us collect, because we'd like to see Miss Lombard again.



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HE-MAN'S HEADACHE

Laurie Erskine, author of CBS' Renfrew of the Mounted series, relieves nervous tension following long script session, he says, by standing on his head. He discovered this upside-down cure accidentally, while tecovering a box of matches from beneath a couch. Now he declares that he can smoke his pipe, and even read, in this position.

So THEY SAY

Jessica Dragonette: "The soul is dyed with the color of its leisure thoughts."

Rosario Bourdon: "Search diligently the depths of your mind and you'll never return without some treasure."

Connie Gates: "Lor', little chile, when yuh ain't got no education, yuh jes' naturally got to use your brains."

Ken Darby: "If hile the vulgar fret, the gentleman remains calm and spacious." Dick Malone: "Tell a woman a secret

Dick Malone: "Tell a woman a secret and she will promise to tell everybody not to tell anybody."

THE LITTLE WOMAN

Peter Van Steeden, musical director of Town Hall Tonight, is married to Margery Wells, his childhood sweetheart. . . Fifi D'Orsay, French singing comedienne. is the wife of Dr. Maurice Hill, a former actor. . . . Willie Howard is the husband of the former Emily Miles, whom he first met in a New York Winter Garden production. . . . Tim Ryan and Irene Noblette became mister and missus while both were employed by a traveling musical comedy company. Tim was press agent of the show and Irene the ingenue. . . . Marion Talley is married to Michael Rauchiesen, German singing teacher and coach. . . Fred Waring is the husband of the former Evalyn Nair. . . . Hal Kemp eloped with the socially prominent Betsy Slaughter of Texas. They're still mister and missus, also poppa and momma. . . . Mark Warnow met Sylvia Rappaport at a fire and married her not long afterward. . . .

IT'S THE GYPSY IN HIM!

Locked in his room, walking up and down, up and down, Harry Horlick, conductor of the A & P Gypsies, plays softly on his violin to bring back memories of his native Russia. This is his ritual before cach broadcast. In thirteen years on this same program, Harry never has taken a vacation, finding his escape from the commonplace in the wild romance of gypsy music.

"There are at least fifteen types of Gypsy music," says the Gypsy maestro. "They come from plainsmen and rovers, from Hungary, Spain, Russia and the Latin countries. . . I contend, too, that there is American Gypsy music—in the Negro spirituals, the hillbilly and cowboy songs and in the older American folk-ballads, the same romance rings clear and true."

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"LIBELED LADY"

Her reputation was worth \$5,000,000—and she made up her mind to collect from the man who called her "husbandsnatcher." But she reckoned without her heart—the heart she couldn't control! The full-length novel, based on the picture. "Libeled Lady," starring Jean Harlow, Myrna Loy, William Powell, and Spencer Tracy, appears in the November SCREEN ROMANCES.

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Among the sixteen other stories illustrated with actual scenes from the important productions are:

"Champagne Waltz," starring Gladys Swarthout and Fred MacMurray.

"Dodsworth," with Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton and Mary Astor.

"The Plainsman," starring Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur.

"Green Light," with Errol Flynn and Anita Louise.

"Born to Dance," with Eleanor Powell and James Stewart.

"Pennies From Heaven," starring Bing Crosby.

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SCREEN ROMANCES

What Do You Do with Your Little Finger?

- when you pick up a glass or cup?.... You know from watching others that charm and poise can be destroyed instantly by the misuse of hands. And by the same token, the correct use of your bands can become a tre-mendous social and business asset. Great actresses accomplish much of their poise by proper hand action. The makers of Frostilla-the famous skin lotion that keeps hands, face and body smooth and lovely-asked Margery Wilson, the international authority on charm and poise, to tell

- how to hold a cigarette
- how to pick up cards
 how to shake hands
- and how to make hands behave to the best advantage on all occasions

Dest advantage On all occasions Margery Wilson gives the authoritative answers to these and other questions in an illustrated booklet on How to Use Your Hands Correctly. Although this booklet is priced at 50c, we have arranged to present it without charge to Frostill users in the United States and Canada until May 30th, 1937. Just mail coupon with the front of a 35c, 50c or \$1.00 Frostilla Fragrant Lotion box (or two fronts from 10c sizes) and your copy will be sent FREE.





Ben Bernie, the Old Maestro, seems puzzled by the type of microphone used by his orchestra on the initial program of NBC on November 15th, 1926. Bernie has been on NBC networks since the early days of radio and will celebrate the tenth anniversary of NBC this Fall.

Horlick, at present, is orchestrating four new numbers which he bought in manuscript from a Gypsy fortune teller and compiling a book of Romany Romances.

Serious musician that he is, he cherishes one frivolous hobby-he loves to demonstrate his skill as a ventriloquist.

HOME TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

Howard Price, soloist with Harry Horlick's Gypsies, hails from Scranton, Pennsylvania . . . Lois Ravel is from Baltimore, Maryland . . . Fred Allen was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his wife, Portland Hoffa, in Portland, Oregon . . . Richard Himber comes from Newark, New Jersey . . . Irene Noblette is a native of San Francisco and Tim Ryan is a Bayonne (New Jersey) product . . . Alois Havrilla was born in Pressov, Czechoslovakia Helen Marshall comes from Joplin, Missouri . . . San Antonio, Texas, was the birthplace of Irene Hubbard (Maria of Show Boat) . . . Fibber McGee and Molly hail from Peoria, Illinois . . . Dr. Frank Black is a Philadelphia boy.

WHO LAUGHED LAST?

Pick and Pat were indulging in a particularly good joke. . . . Bill Robinson, King of Tap, was driving along Hollywood Boulevard when the joke tickled his ears from his car radio. "Ha-ha-ha!" laughed Bill heartily. Crash! went his car against the fender of a shiny new Duesenberg. Bill tried to explain to the Duesenberg's irate driver-but the latter couldn't laugh at the joke until he had recovered the price of a new fender from Robinson.

"YOUR ANNOUNCER IS-"

Howard Claney.... Ex-art student and Shakespearean actor, he went from Carnegie Tech into the army in 1918-but the Armistice stopped his sailing. He studied architecture, sculpture, painting and drama. In New York he stumbled into a stage job and thence to the NBC dramatic staff. He became an announcer in 1930. Howard is single and was born in Pittsburgh in 1898. He still does some painting, and occasionally sells a picture.

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Ken Niles . . . Was born in 1906 at Livingston, Montana, and studied at the universities of Montana and Washington. His first radio experience was as a crooner with the orchestra of Vic Meyers, who now is Lieutenant-Governor of Washington. Ken joined the Henry Duffy players and was en route east to accept a drama scholarship when he dropped in at CBS' studio KHJ in Los Angeles—and never has left there. You've heard him on the Hollywood Hotel Hour and the Burns and Allen series. Ken has blue eyes and dark curly hair, stands five feet eleven inches tall and weighs one hundred and fifty pounds. But-he's married, girls!

--Ben Grauer. . . An ex-iuvenile. Ben began acting in the movies when he was eight years old. For many years he was on the stage. He appeared also in radio plays, but didn't like the juvenile and villain rôles assigned him. So, in 1930, he auditioned and became and NBC announcer.

That same year he won his B.S. degree at City College in New York and the Sandham prize for extemporaneous speaking. He excels as an ad libber. Ben was born on Staten Island, New York, in 1908. He is a book collector.

Cornelius Westbrook Van Voorhis, Jr. ... "Time Marches On. ..." That's Van's staccato voice. He attended the U. S. Naval Academy, but left when he received a legacy of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The money went the way of most fortunes, and Van went on the stage, got a job on a small New York radio station and later joined *CBS*. He is on many programs, under a number of aliases. Van was born in New York City on September 21st, 1903, and has dark brown hair and gray eyes. He weighs one hundred and fifty-five pounds.

FAN MAIL AND FRIENDSHIP

Ken Darby, leader and arranger for the King's Men Quartet, tells us that he has formed many interesting friendships through fan letters. In San Francisco there is a Chinese laundryman with whom Ken corresponds regularly. The chairman is a regular listener and writes Ken his comments on a laundry ticket. Another of Ken's regular correspondents is a lighthouse keeper in an isolated post off the coast of Maine. Incidentally, the young composer believes that hotcha singing is on the way out. "Listeners," says Ken, "are becoming more discriminating. Tr is my opinion that melody will rule the airwaves this fall."

CONCERNING JESSICA

You may have thought of her as a lissue-paper angel, taken out of a cardboard box on Friday evenings for the Cities Service Concert, and carefully put back again when the concert is over. But Jessica Dragonette is a very human little girl, enjoying normal friendships and recreations when she is not working or studying. She takes great pleasure in sports and is said to excel many men in horseback riding. Also she is a proficient aquaplanist and loves to swim in rough surf. She delights, too, in taking long walks in the country. Strenuous exercise, Jessica believes, keeps her in fine condition for her weekly concerts on the air.

Recently Jessica met a stiff test of her mettle, when she flew to Cleveland to sing at the Great Lakes Exposition. Her plane was met at the Cleveland airport by a delegation of two hundred persons, headed by Mayor Burton, and Jessica was hurried to City Hall, given the keys to the city and made an admiral in the Exposition fleet. Then, for the next six hours, she attended one reception after another, without break. The next day she was feted at a civic luncheon in her honor, visited a hospital where a friend was ill, and then rehearsed up to the hour of her broadcast. After which she shook hands with hundreds who stayed to greet her-and then went the rounds of the Exposition.

Good stuff in this little hundred-and-fivepound songbird!

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Seems we're going to elect a president pretty soon . . . Don't forget to cast your vote!



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Sing the most popular songs of the month. In the November issue of POPULAR SONGS are gathered together the words and music of the songs the whole country is singing. The featured numbers from seven currently popular musical movies are included with dozens of radio's most played pieces.

Here are some of them: "Afterglow," "Empty Saddles," "And They Said It Wouldn't Last," "Hidden Valley," "If We Never Meet Again," "Love Will Tell," "One Rainy Afternoon," "Sing, Baby, Sing," "You Turned the Tobles on Me." Feature stories on Helen Morgan, George M. Cohan, Marian Talley, and Frances Langford, and eight more stars of the air-waves appear in the November issue of







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WEST COAST RAMBLINGS



Versatile veteran NBC announcer, Graham McNamee has been prominent on many studio programs and sports and special events broadcasts. Graham is a good builder-upper for any program on which he figures.

Amos 'n' Andy are completely sold on California. At least Andy (Freeman Gosden) is, and as soon as Amos (Charles Correll) recovers from a recent bill he'll like the place again. All the sunshine went to his head, Amos contends, that was his trouble. He became outdoor-conscious from the minute of his arrival, to such an extent that he invested in a swanky Beverly Hills home with the customary swimming pool. Amos never enjoyed anything so much as that pooluntil the first of the month. The water bill was \$63. Nowadays Amos is taking long walks around Beverly Hills for that outdoor feeling.

It must be love. That's the only possible explanation for the way Dick Powell and Joan Blondell are acting these days. Attending a Hollywood Hotel program one Frday evening, we spotted Joan's blonde head right up in the front row of seats. And the next evening, while attending the Shell Chateau broadcast where Joan was playing in Dinner at Eight, we spotted—you guessed it!—the front row and Dick Powell.

Some Hollywood folks in the five-figure salary range do manage to live within their incomes. Bob Burns, for instance, has been putting out \$27.50 per month for rent since his arrival in town. But the other day the landlord decided on a fivedollar raise. We offered our sympathy to Bob but found him philosophical even in the face of such adversity. "Wa-al," Bob said without a trace of bitterness, "that's the price of fame."

The Bob Burns Day at Little Rock, Arkansas, on July 27th, was attended by the Van Buren sage and his bazooka in person. Three bands, plus all the Burns kinfolk, greeted the plane which brought their Local Boy home. Governor James W. Futrell escorted Bob around town and took him to Hot Springs the next day to address the visitors at the Centennial Celebration. The pay-off, however, is that Governor Futrell is the same gentleman

who expelled Bob fro.n school years ago.

Eddie Cantor and Samuel Goldwyn have definitely come to the parting of the ways. Seems Eddie has had a ven for some time to make Three Men on a Horse, but Mr. Goldwyn doesn't feel the same about itand he owns the picture rights. Another bone of contention was an agreement whereby Eddie would receive \$150,000 per picture and 10 per cent. of the profits. But there weren't any profits. So Eddie will be making eyes exclusively at mikes for a while. But that hardly means the breadline for the Cantors, since that Lux airing alone brought him \$8500.

All these rumors of the movie studios being at war with the radio studios have been squelched once and for all by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. They have just appointed Eddie Mannix as head of their radio policies, thereby insuring coöperation of their stars for air shows.

Jack Benny isn't sold enough on California yet to get a house and mortgage out here. But he has leased a very nice little place of fifteen rooms in Hollywood for the coming year. Says he signed it in a coma, though, since the real estate agent cornered him the same day he purchased that triple star sapphire bracelet for Mary.

Jack had a grand vacation this summer. He spent it playing golf-six dif-ferent varieties of golf. "The golf ball industry," Jack said, "has already declared an extra dividend on the strength of my tee eccentricities."

Frances Langford felt so gala after signing that two-year contract for Hollywood Hotel that she put on an impromptu party that evening in her Beverly Hills home. Over a hundred guests agreed that this was the only way Frances should ever put on a party. The wind-up was a baseball game organized by Benny Goodman, and costumed by Dick Powell and George Raft. The Langford rugs and draperies were pressed into service by the costume department with startling effects.

At the Hollywood Hotel rehearsal the other day we noted a young and handsome young man was getting all Frances' attention between numbers. Young and Handsome, we found out later, had come all the way from Minneapolis just to spend an afternoon and evening with Frances.

Lily Pons received one of the biggest ovations ever accorded a Hollywood Bowl artist when she sang there in August. Andre Kostelanetz conducted the entire concert. He and Miss Pons planed in from New York the day before the concert and announced that they would be married while in town.



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Genial Don Wilson, NBC announcer, achieved gratifying success this summer with the Jello program, in the absence of Jack Benny. Through his expert direction Tim and Irene became highlights of this program.

All the femme songsters and would-be ones in the colony have been industriously airing their vocal chords for the past months. Reason: announcement that Lawrence Tibbett would soon make Love Flight for the fillums. When Mr. Tibbett arrived, he was asked what preference he might have regarding a leading lady. "No singers, please," said Lawrence, "I want to play opposite a beautiful woman."

Since Rudy Vallee fell heir to Frank

Fay's gelatine job. Hollywood is wonder-

ing if Frank will be back in town again.

Looks like that "finis" Barbara Stanwyck

rather have Sam Hearn get the breaks for a change. But it looks like it's too late for any hope now. In his first picture, Florida Special, Sam was billed as Schlepperman. And in the Big Broadcast of 1937 it's simply "Schleppy." Learning of this last billing, Sam sought out the best lawyer in town for advice. The lawyer listened sympathetically to the whole sad tale. "I don't see what can be done about the situation," he said thoughtfully, "but I certainly understand your feelings, Mr. Schlepperman."

licity. Even good publicity. Sam Hearn

is sick of reading and hearing of this guy

Schlepperman, for instance. He'd much

put on their marriage was really meant. She's being seen more and more in the company of Robert Taylor and he's being Since joining up with the movies, Martha Raye is all set for television. The seen less and less in the company of other Klieg lights have melted some twenty-four pounds of Raye curves. But there's as much to the voice as ever and she'll be back on the air just as soon as the Big Broadcast of 1937 is safely in the little

tin box.

After his last picture assignment, Don Ameche found the First Nighter programs a decided snap. The movie was Ramona and most of it was filmed on location. It's a technicolor picture, and therein lay the difficultes. For the cast had to rise at four each morning and be on the job before five. The color camera has a liking for the "white" early morning light and a decided antipathy towards the

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Hollywood gals.

There's a new wrinkle to this "dubbing" business that we have just heard about. A certain radio comedian's sponsor wasn't among his more ardent fans after the first broadcast. Among other things that didn't sound well to his ears was the weak applause from the broadcast audience. Being a man of resource as well as discrimination, the sponsor sent out for records of famous comedian's broadcasts. And had the deafening applause dubbed in on his so-called comic's next broadcast.

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"yellow" lights that appear around noon to sunset. .

A year ago Marion Talley would have felt very glum at the news of her 1600 acres of wheat being destroyed by the Kansas drought. But now she's gone Hollywood with gusto and farming will be merely an avocation She's spent the hardest year of her life in Hollywood, too, between picture and radio engagements. And milking a herd of cows in the morning, according to Marion, is play compared to doing the daily dozen a dozen times before breakfast-and then having to go without breakfast.

Joe Cook says he's purring all over the place since Shell Chatcau signed him for more appearances after his debut on the program last month. Says he's crazy about California, but not crazy enough to live here the year 'round. Besides there's his country home at Lake Hopatcong, N. J. It's known as Sleepless Hollow-and for good reason, according to visitors. Joe maintains there a retinue of old actor friends. In the pose of very dignified old family servants, they act as the comedian's confederates in those famous Cook practical jokes.

Have you noticed the new lift to Benny Goodman's music of late? We suspected there was more than the Camel Caravan back of this exuberance, so set our spies to work. They found the reason-and a very good one. Her name is Phyllis Ludwig. She's blonde, blue-eved and a freelance player for the celluloiders.

Raymond Paige, baton wielder for the Hollywood Hotel programs, has just been offered the position of musical director for Columbia network on the west coast. Mr. Paige knows his stuff. In fact he's just done something in the music line that Leopold Stokowski swore couldn't be done. After months of research into the technical phases of radio, Stokowski stated that radio was incapable of reproducing successfully the music of more than a sixty-piece orchestra. Raymond Paige, on hearing this ultimatum, set to work at once. He assembled a 130-piece orchestra and put on a special program for Columbia officials. Mr Paige was deluged with telegrams following the broadcast. All the CBS moguls in New York were thrilled beyond ten words.

It never rains but it pours in California, was Frank Forrest's surprised discovery. After being in Hollywood for several weeks he was signed up for a Camel Caravan program and a moving picture on the same day. But the pay-off came when he found that he had to start both jobs on the same day. Mr. Forrest spent the first day dashing from radio rehearsals at Columbia broadcasting station to Paramount studos for scenes in Big Broadcast of 1937. At five the radio program went on and at six Mr. F. was back at Paramount, considerably the worse for wear. But he stuck it out until the cast was dismissed at 10.30. But that's Hollywood.



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LAUGHS (Continued from page 13)

GEORGE: I thought your sister and her husband were inseparable. GRACIE: Yeah-it takes about six peo-

ple to drag them apart. (GEORGE BURNS and GRACIE ALLEN.)

PHIL: Bottle, please! When you sneese, do it the other way. BOTTLE: I'm sorry, sir, I don't know

e other way. PHIL: You don't understand, my simple

sinus. When I sneeze I put my hand

over my mouth. BOTTLE: Why do you do that, sir? BEETLE: To catch his teeth! --

PHIL: Bottle, you're ruining my golf game. And to think that yesterday I got four birdies. BOTTLE: Four birdies?

PHIL: Yes-three on the green . . . BEETLE: Yeah . . . and one from the caddic!

(PHIL BAKER, BOTTLE and BEETLE, Gulf Program.)

PICK: Was you ever in the firing line? PAT: Sure . . . only last week our boss stood us all up in line an' I was the first one what he fired. PICK: I know, but was you ever

wounded in battle? PAT: Yes sir, in the battle of Mess o' Potatoes a bullet hit me right in the Dardanelles.

PICK: Were you thrilled?

PAT: No-bored! (PICK and PAT.)

MARY: Look Jack-here's a present for you. JACK: What is it, Mary? MARY: A telephone book.

JACK: But Mary, I've got three tele-

phone books in my house now. MARY: I know-but your table is still lopsided!

(JACK BENNY and MARY LIVING-STONE, Jello Program.)

FRED: The first thing I do when I wake up is look in the morning paper. PORTLAND: What's the point of that?

FRED: That's how I find out how I feel.

PORTLAND: But that's silly.

FRED: No it isn't . . . if my name isn't in the obituary column I assume that I'm still alive. So I get up. PORTLAND: Well, how can you tell

when you've got spring fever, Mr. Allen? FRED: I'll tell you. If you have a sneaky feeling at noon time that your rheumatism got up that morning and left

your body in bed—you've got it! (FRED ALLEN and PORTLAND HOFFA, Town Hall Tonight.)

PAT: We'll go there in a 'plane. PICK: Who's goin' where in what? PICK: Just think . . . if you go high

enough they'll call you the sky terrier. PAT: I'd rather stay down here and be

called a groundhog. PICK: Now just how high would you

like to go in a plane? PAT: Just high enough to shake hands with Singer's Midgets! (*PICK and PAT.*)

EDDIE: Jimmy, I've got a great feature for my paper . . . Embarrassing Mo-ments. I pay a dollar for each one sent in. JIMMY: Do you get many? EDDIE: Yes . . . listen to this one: "Dear Editor: I came home early yester-day and found another guy kissing my wife. Please send two dollars—my wife was embarrassed, too." JIMMY: Did you send him the two dol-lars?

lars?

EDDIE: No-I sent him three. 1 figured the fellow he caught was embarrassed, too!

(EDDIE CANTOR and JIMMIE WALLINGTON.)

PICK: Pat, Lincoln was a great man...

he fought for years for freedom. PAT: Yes... and then he got married. (PICK and PAT.)

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PAT: I done told you I was a big man ... I was a giant.

PICK: Pat, you couldn't be a giant. You is only about five feet six.

PAT: Dat's right . . . Mr. Barnum advertised me as de smallest giant in de world.

PICK: But Pat, old boy, I is going to make you de toast of de world. PAT: De toast of de world?

PICK: That's right—toast of de world. PAT: Well . . . If I'm to be de toast drop a couple of eggs on me now . . . I'm hungry. (PICK and PAT.)

PICK: What paper is that you got, Pat:

P.1T: The Morning Headache. What paper you got there? PICK: The Evening Jag. Which one

has the latest news?

PAT: The Morning Headache . . . It always comes after the Evening Jag. (PICK and PAT.)

EDDIE: You know what a Senator is? PARK: There's a Matador, a Picador and a Senator.

EDDIE: No, stupid . . . Matadors and Picadors fight the bull.

PARK: I see . . . and a Senator throws the bull.

(EDDIE CANTOR and PARKYA-KARKUS)

PICK: I can't help your not likin' your soup . . . my heart wasn't in my cookin'

tonight.

PAT: Maybe your heart wasn't, but your hair was! I mean to ask you—why does your face smell so funny? PICK: My face smells funny because

I did what de cook book say . . . right be-

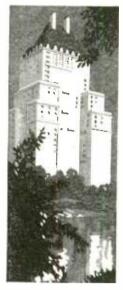
fore I cook dinner tonight. PAT: What did de cook book say? PICK: It say: "Before startin' to cook, rub a little garlic on your pan"! (*PICK and PAT.*)

HONEY CHILE: I went to cookin'

school for two years. BOB: You did, eh? And did you grad-uate with honors?

HONEY CHILE: I should say so! With

flyin' crullers! (BOB HOPE and HONEY CHILE, Atlantic Program.)



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comes along. FIF1: Willie! You are a darleeng to give me a lock of your hair! You must really love me. WILLIE: Sure I love you, Baby.

And to prove it here's my whole toupee! (WILLIE HOWARD and FIFI D'ORSAY, Folies de Paree.)

LESTER: Where did you get the notion that Cleopatra was a flatiron? BILL: 'Cause it says in this book: "Marc Antony pressed his suit with Cleopatra. (Whirligig, NBC.)

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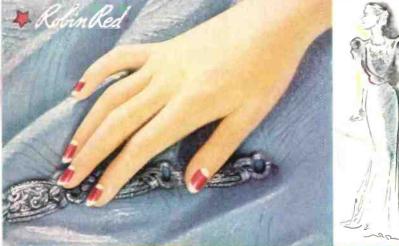


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