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## KMA Stays Up All Night to Report Prisoner of War List to Anxious Midwest

When a big story breaks you can depend on veteran KMA news editor Ralph Childs and his staff to bring listeners all the details — even if it takes all night!

And, that is exactly what happened December 18 when KMA remained on the air throughout the night to carry the complete list of American prisoners of war now being held by the North Koreans and Chinese Communists.

In addition, KMA set up an information bureau so that anxious parents, wives and friends of missing service men could call KMA anytime of the day and night to inquire about a particular soldier, sailor or marine.

Many calls were received from all over the midwest. For some KMA could report good news when a boy's name was on the enemy prisoner list, but for others there was only disappointment.

Much of the all night duty fell on the shoulders of Gail Bank, who was armed with a coffee pot and plenty of doughnuts (the coffee cream was kept in a nursing bottle). Bank, formerly of Garden City, Kansas, joined the KMA staff several months ago and is KMA's regular 11 p.m. newscaster.

KMA's first newscast of the day is now heard at 6 a.m. instead of 5:50. Paul Pippert reports the news on this 15-minute "dawn edition", which, in addition to national and regional news, presents a five-minute summary of the weather conditions in the midwest.

KMA is now fully prepared to present to its newscast listeners complete information about road conditions on principal highways in the KMA area. A group of area correspondents, located on major



Left to right: Engineer Norman Kling, KMA news editor Ralph Childs and Gail Bank at the beginning of their all-night broadcast.

highways in Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri, keeps the KMA news bureau completely informed on road conditions.

This information, coupled with AP and UP wire reports, short wave reports from midwest airports, and complete and exact information from KMA's own official U.S. weather station, results in complete weather news on KMA throughout the day.

#### Merl Douglas, Emcee and Entertainer, Returns to KMA

Merl Douglas, longtime favorite announcer and entertainer in the midwest, returned to KMA January 1st after an absence of a year and a half. His friendly, pleasant voice became well-known with many KMA listeners who will probably remember Merl best singing his theme "A Smile Will Go a Long, Long Way."

Born in Larrabee, Iowa, 6-foot Merl is married and has a daughter Sharon, age 6. His charming wife's name is Ruth. Merl may be heard on KMA each weekday afternoon on various KMA talent shows, where he will emcee and do frequent numbers of his own.

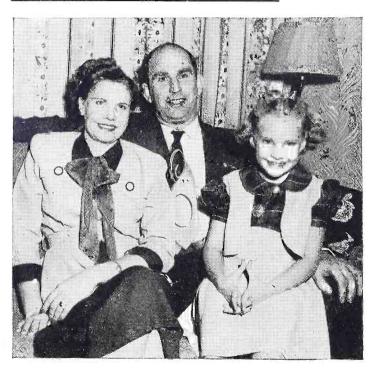
## BUD COLLYER EMCEES RADIO'S QUIZ-FEST, "BREAK THE BANK"

Twenty eventful years in show business prime Bud Collyer beautifully for his emcee role in the famous cash-prize program, "Break The Bank", heard every Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. over KMA and the ABC Network.

Bud got a good hold behind the footlights while a student at Williams College, where he organized an undergraduate band. After graduating, he studied law at Fordham U. and received his law degree in 1933.

However, Bud abandoned the practice of law shortly after starting it to become a radio announcer. Listeners soon knew him as the narrator on "Cavalcade of America" and as the straight man on such major programs as those of Jack Pearl, Tommy Dorsey, Eddy Duchin and Hildegarde.

When styles in announcers changed, and the ad-lib wit of the quiz-master became a premium among radio artists, Bud Collyer changed his style. He then emerged as the quick-thinking, fast-talking genial emcee of quiz and other audience participation shows.





Bud Collyer of "Break The Bank"

## Ernie Frost Comes From Long Line Of Entertainers

Singing and guitar and mandolin playing should come naturally to Ernie Frost—his parents and grandfather were talented musicians and entertainers before him!

His father and mother, who now live in Springfield, Mo., were a singing team and his grandfather was "one of the best banjo players Missouri ever turned out", according to Ernie.

Ernie, one of KMA's "Ozark Mt. Boys" (1:30 p.m. daily on KMA) is a true son of the Ozarks, having first seen the light of day in Ozark County, Missouri.

Ernie himself, began his professional entertainment career at the ripe old age of 11 when he teamed with a 60-year-old fiddle player to play for dances!

The Frost family: Imogene, Ernie and young Jeannette.

## On the KMA Party Line DORIS MURPHY

FRANK FIELD seldom misses giving his listeners news about important events . . . but the morning of Dec. 1st, he slipped up! He forgot to tell about the birth of his fifth grandson at 12:15 the night before. When kidded about it, FRANK explained he had failed to make a note previous to the broadcast, and that was why he forgot.

"I was more afraid of that little mouse, than if it had been a burglar in the house." declared homemaker BERNICE CURRIER as she told how she sat up all night after finding a mouse in her bed. The mouse, had slipped under the covers of her bed. Upon getting ready to retire, BERNICE was startled to see the mouse jump out and go scampering across the floor. That settled it! She couldn't go to bed. As the hours dragged on, she thought she would lie on the davenport, but even that didn't last long, for fear the mouse would decide to use the davenport too. Not until a couple days later, when she saw the mouse dead in a trap, did BERNICE rest easy and get some sound sleep.

Glancing at his watch, CURLY DALE noted it was 2:10 p.m. He had plenty of time for a cup of coffee before his 2:30 show. Starting toward the fountain, he glanced into the studio, and saw DOC EMBREE on the air. He wondered why, but soon found out when he looked at the clock on the wall and found it was past 2:30. DOC was taking HIS place! Unbeknown to CURLY, his watch had stopped and he had already missed several minutes of his show.

This sweet little lady admiring her handsome mother and daddy is PAULETTE KAY, daughter of announcer PAUL PIP-PERT and wife WAVA. PAULETTE, born Nov. 6 weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. She has lots of coal black hair which pleases mother immensely, as she is a beauty operator and will love curling her daughter's hair.

VICKI COMER, daughter of clarinetist EDDIE COMER thinks Santa was mighty good to her when he surprised her with a beautiful new wrist watch. And brother DONNIE got a thrill too, when he got a

new electric football set.

Ever try to fix something and end up with it costing you more than if you had a mechanic do the job in the first place? That's what happened to announcer BILL HARE! BILL tried to fix the thermostat on his car. He worked diligently . . but somehow the darn thing just didn't fixed. The thing got so jammed up it cost him \$5.00 to fix the part he had been trying to fix, and to top it off . . . he lost two quarts of Prestone. Better stick to announcing, BILL . . you'll be money ahead!

Plans have been made for ESTHER EMBREE to enter a Kansas City



Paul and Wava Pippert and their new daughter, Paulette.

hospital the middle of January to undergo a major operation. Her husband DOC will carry on their regular programs until ESTHER is able to return to the air.

Being versatile is a virtue . . . but WARREN NIELSON finds it sometimes gets you bogged down. Last spring when a continuity writer resigned, WARREN was asked to pinch hit in the copy department. So for the past 9 months he has been dividing time between his duties as head announcer and continuity writer. Now that MISS MARGE McGAVREN of Norfolk, Nebr. has been added to the continuity staff, WARREN is happy to be back full-time at his regular job! Thank you WARREN for your help . . . the lift was appreciated.

Thinking it would be nice to have a stepping stone sidewalk between their two trailers, entertainers EZRA HAWKINS and DOC EMBREE started searching for rocks. Sundays found them driving many miles looking. But they were scarce! Finally they located some in a hard-to-reach place over hills and thru a timber. Borrowing a trailer, they drove there and started carrying rocks. It proved such a hard job, both boys had sore, aching backs for several days after the ordeal. Getting them in town, they laid the sidewalk. You can imagine how they felt upon completion, to have the landlady tell them she had just made arrangements for a cement sidewalk to be laid. Now . . . the boys are figuring out a use for the pretty rocks they worked so hard to bring to town.

Little did entertainer CURLY DALE realize he was talking to the guilty person, when he lamented he wished the person who stole his song books would return them. Hearing him, LEE SUTTON suddenly remembered, HE had borrowed the books one night! You can imagine how little LEE felt, as he admitted he had them, and the books were soon returned safe and sound.

Here's the picture many of you have re-



Johnnie Embree and King Cole.

quested. It's JOHNNIE, 15 yr. old son of DOC and ESTHER EMBREE, and his black cocker . . King Cole. King has been showing JOHNNIE he likes him by giving him a lick on the face, and his tongue is still hanging out. JOHN'S favorite pastimes are reading stories of Indian lore and dogs, making model airplanes and pitching for a baseball team. JOHNNIE a Freshman doesn't think he wants to be a radio entertainer, but he may change his mind. As for his good looks, he gets that from BOTH his parents.

Sometimes jokes you play on others, backfire on YOU! That's what happened to fiddler HERMAN HOUSCH. While ERNIE FROST was in the studio, HERMAN messed up ERNIE'S car by taking steering wheel cover off, turning rear view mirror upside down and other things. Then he started to leave, but his car was dead. Guess he thought it was revenge for the trick he had played on ERNIE, so he decided to straighten things up, when ERNIE caught him in the act! His joke had failed and his car had failed him!

Christmas at our home was made happier this year by a visit from my son TOM, who is attending Harvard Graduate School of business in Boston.

## KMA DAILY PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY, 1952

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#### DAILY DAYTIME PROGRAMS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

5:00 a.m.—Hillbilly Jamboree 6:00 a.m.—RFD 960—News & Weather (Pippert) 6:15 a.m.—RFD 960—Farmhands 6:30 a.m.—RFD 960—Langfitt 7:00 a.m.—Paul Pippert, News 7:15 a.m.—Frank Field 7:30 a.m.—Betty & Lyn 7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines—Pippert 8:00 a.m.—Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.—Homemaker Visit—Bernice Currier

9:25 a.m.—Edward Arnold 9:30 a.m.—Betty Crocker 9:45 a.m.—Against The Storm 9:45 a.m.—Against The Storm 10:00 a.m.—Edith Hansen 10:30 a.m.—Break The Bank 11:00 a.m.—Jack Berch 11:15 a.m.—Victor H. Lindlahr 11:30 a.m.—Doc & Esther 11:45 a.m.—KMA Cowboys

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12:00 noon—Ralph Childs, News
12:15 p.m.—Edward May
12:30 p.m.—Half Past Nooners
12:45 p.m.—Market Reports, Childs
1:00 p.m.—Western Hit Tunes
1:15 p.m.—Camp Meeting Time
1:30 p.m.—Nishna Valley Boys
1:45 p.m.—Rob Statts 1:45 p.m.—Bob Stotts 2:00 p.m.—The Midwesterners

2:30 p.m.—Joyce Jordan, M. D. 2:45 p.m.—Evelyn Winters 3:00 p.m.—Matinee Melodies 3:30 p.m.—Kitchen Klinik—Adella

Shoemaker

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4:05 p.m.—Merl Douglas Show
4:30 p.m.—P. Pippert, News
4:45 p.m.—Mickey Cottey
5:00 p.m.—Bar Nothing Ranch
5:30 p.m.—Fun Factory (M.W.F.)
5:30 p.m.—Space Cadet (T. Th.)
5:55 p.m.—Will Rogers (T. Th.)

#### MONDAY NIGHT

6:00 p.m.—Sports Parade — Douglas 6:15 p.m.—Mickey Cottey 6:30 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News 6:45 p.m.—Edw. May, Mkts. & Weather 7:00 p.m.—Lone Ranger 7:30 p.m.—Henry J. Taylor 7:45 p.m.—Outdoor Mid-America

8:00 p.m.—Paul Whiteman's Teen Club 9:00 p.m.—Bob Crosby 9:15 p.m.—Dream Harbor 9:30 p.m.—Time For Defense 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News 10:15 p.m.—Sports Report 10:30 p.m.—The Big Hand 11:00 p.m.—Newstime — Bank 11:15 p.m.—Music By Lamplight 11:55 p.m.—News

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6:00 p.m.—Sports Parade—Douglas 6:20 p.m.—Let's Go Visiting 6:30 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News 6:45 p.m.—Edw. May, Mkts. & Weather 7:00 p.m.—Silver Eagle 7:30 p.m.—Newstand Theatre 8:00 p.m.—Am. Town Meeting 8:45 p.m.—Adventure Is Your Heritage 9:00 p.m.—Stars On Parade 9:15 p.m.—Dream Harbor 9:30 p.m.—United Or Not 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News 10:15 p.m.—Sports Report 10:30 p.m.—Autumn Serenade 11:00 p.m.—Newstime — Bank 11:15 p.m.—Music By Lamplight 11:55 p.m.—News

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AMERICAN BROAD



CASTING COMPANY

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7:30 p.m.—Defense Attorney
8:00 p.m.—Amateur Hour
8:45 p.m.—Foreign Reporter
9:00 p.m.—KMA Showcase
9:15 p.m.—Club Can-Do
9:30 p.m.—Henry JeRome's Band
10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
10:15 p.m.—Sports Report
10:30 p.m.—Dance Orchestra
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7:30 p.m.—This Is Your FBI
8:00 p.m.—Ozzie & Harriet
8:30 p.m.—Mr. District Attorney
8:55 p.m.—Sanka News Roundup
9:00 p.m.—Boxing Bout
9:30 p.m.—Am. Sports Page
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7:00 a.m.—Ralph Childs, News
7:15 a.m.—Frank Field
7:30 a.m.—Betty & Lyn
7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines—Childs
8:00 a.m.—Saturday Shopper
9:00 a.m.—Homemaker's Visit—
Bernice Currier
9:30 a.m.—Space Patrol
10:00 a.m.—For Kids Only
10:15 a.m.—Holland Calling
10:30 a.m.—Pvt. Eddie Fisher
11:00 a.m.—101 Ranch Boys
11:30 a.m.—Am. Farmer
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6:15 p.m.—March of Dimes

6:30 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News

6:45 p.m.—Here's To Vets

7:00 p.m.—Dancing Party

9:00 p.m.—Sat. At The Shamrock

9:30 p.m.—Treasury Band

10:00 p.m.—Merl Douglas, News

10:15 p.m.—Buddy Weed's Trio

10:30 p.m.—Dance Orchestra

11:00 p.m.—Newstime — Douglas

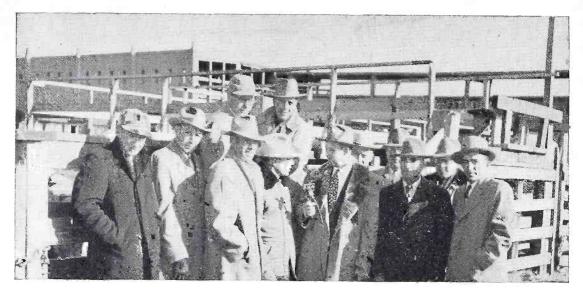
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6:55 a.m.—Weather Summary — Bank 7:00 a.m.—News 7:15 a.m.—Favorite Hymns 7:30 a.m.—Worship Service 8:00 a.m.—Rev. Gene Phillips 8:30 p.m.—Your Worship Hour 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School Lesson 9:15 a.m.—Bible Truth
9:30 a.m.—News — Bank
9:45 a.m.—Morning Song
10:00 a.m.—Negro College Choir
10:30 a.m.—Milton Cross Opera Album
11:00 a.m.—Piano Playhouse
12:00 noon—Gail Bank, News
12:15 p.m.—Songs For America
12:30 p.m.—U. N. Story
12:45 p.m.—Guest Star
1:00 p.m.—Marines In Review
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Merrill interviews some of the "Operation T-Bone" participants in the Chicago Stockyards.

## Grass Root Notes

By MERRILL LANGFITT
KMA Farm Service Director

Several weeks before Christmas I had the pleasure of participating in "Operation T-Bone", which transported 97 carloads—more than 2,100 head of beef—to the Chicago stockyard from feeders in the Audubon, Iowa area. Along with more than 50 feeders and business men I rode the "Operation T-Bone" special train into Chicago and watched the feeders realize nearly \$1.000,000 in gross receipts!

The purpose of "Operation T-Bone" was to establish Audubon County as one of the leading beef producing areas of the world. In other words the purpose was to secure a "trade name" so to speak for beef produced in Audubon County.

A large part of the success was due to Al Kruse and Ed Howe of the First State Bank of Audubon and to the Audubon News Guide and the business men of the town who cooperated in promoting the project.

"Operation T-Bone" was the largest single shipment of cattle ever carried by the Northwestern Railroad and was one of the largest single shipments ever received in Chicago.

This cattle shipment made several worthy accomplishments:

1. It helped secure recognition for the production of choice beef in western Iowa.

- 2. It provided a means of bringing farmers and business men together, which resulted in good town-country relations.
- 3. It provided an opportunity for the shippers to associate themselves in a group project which was entertaining as well as educational.
- 4. It was a successful enterprise in cooperative or group marketing which can be a guide for future marketing ventures
- 5. It impressed the folks in the city as to the size and scope of cattle feeding and the big business it is.

We at KMA were happy to cooperate in the promotion of "Operation T-Bone". We hope that other communities will invite us to cooperate with them in publicizing similar projects all over KMA land. Our congratulations to Audubon County for setting the pace.

### KMA Women Bowlers Win League Title

For the second year in a row the KMA lady bowlers have been burning up the alleys! Champions in their league last year, the KMA Female Keglers recently placed first in their league again this year, as the league completed the first half of its bowling schedule.

## HOMEMAKER'S GUIDE

## Kitchen Klinik

By ADELLA SHOEMAKER

GRAPEFRUIT AND CHEESE SALAD

3 cups grapefruit pieces and juice (pink)

2 tablespoons plain gelatin

4 tablespoons cold water

1 cup boiling water

1 cup sugar

Pinch of salt

3 three-ounce packages of cream cheese

A little milk

1 cup pecan meats

Soak gelatin in cold water. Add boiling water, sugar and salt. Stir to dissolve. When cold add grapefruit and juice. Put half of mixture in a flat pan and let congeal in refrigerator. Then cover with cheese which has been blended with milk enough to spread, and the chopped pecans. (The cheese spreads and blends easier if you use it at room temperature). Pour remaining half of gelatin mixture over cheese layer and set in refrigerator to become firm. This salad takes no dressing.

#### CRANBERRY CRUNCH

1 cup uncooked rolled oats

1/2 cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup butter

1 pound canned cranberry sauce or 1 pound raw cranberries cooked into sauce.

Mix rolled oats, flour, and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Put half of mixture in an 8" buttered baking dish. Cover with cranberry sauce. Top with rest of crumb mixture. Bake 45 min. in 350° oven. Serve hot with whipped cream or ice cream.

#### JOHN MASSETTI

This has long been my favorite casserole recipe.

1 pound sausage

1 onion, chopped

1 cup tomato juice

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup diced cheddar cheese

1 small package fine cut noodles. (Be

sure noodles are fine cut, not merely narrow).

Fry onion and sausage, crumbling sausage with a fork. Do not let cook until crisp, just cook enough to separate it, and fry out grease. Drain all but about 4 tablespoons of grease. Cook noodles in boiling salted water. Drain. Mix together with sausage, cheese and tomato juice. Bake in greased casserole in slow oven 40 minutes.

#### VERA'S HOMEMADE SOAP

This is a lovely white soap with a nice fragrance.

5 cups water

1 can lye

Mix above together in a large enamel pan or crock and let stand until lukewarm.

10 cups melted grease

2 tablespoons borax

2 tablespoons ammonia

4 tablespoons oil of sassafras

2 tablespoons turpentine

Melt the grease, measure and stir in the borax, ammonia, oil of sassafras and turpentine. Add this grease mixture to the lye water. Stir one way, all the way around, with a big paddle or stick. Stir until it becomes almost too thick to pour. This will take 1/2 to 3/4 hour of stirring. Pour in molds or waxed paper lined boxes. When solid, cut in bars.

#### SAUSAGE SURPRISE

2 cups canned spinach

1 cup celery chopped

1 medium onion chopped

1 cup soft bread crumbs

1/2 pound pork sausage

1 egg

1 teaspoon salt

Pepper

1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese

Combine as for meat loaf. Pat into baking dish. Sprinkle the cheese over the top. Bake 40 minutes at 400°.

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By BERNICE CURRIER

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- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- 3 tablespoons minced pimientoes
- 3 tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1 cup scalded milk
- 1 egg well beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Combine ingredients in order given. Transfer to ring mold, greased. If you haven't a ring mold, rub the outside of a jelly glass with the shortening and place glass upside down in center of deep baking dish. Place mold in pan of water. Bake in 375° oven about 35 min. or until firm. Unmold on serving platter and serve hot with creamed left-over meat in center or just as it comes from oven.

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- A-1 cup flour
  - 1 cup corn meal
  - 1 teaspoon salt
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  - 1 cup raisins
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3 cups sugar 1/2 cup white corn syrup

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 3 squares unsweetened chocolate

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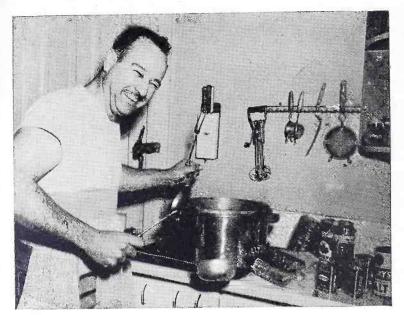
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Remember last month I was complaining a little about the lack of cooperation, on the part of some members of the family, in obtaining the picture for this page? Well, this is Christopher Field Bellamy, and he had made reservations for anytime after November 18th. He finally arrived about 15 minutes after midnight on the morning of December 1st. This picture was taken about 2 o'clock that same afternoon. He weighed a little under 9 pounds, including a full head of hair. That makes us 5 grandchildren now, and all boys. Santa Claus mentioned the fact that it seemed a little odd that his gifts for the Field small fry contained no dolls, doll buggies, sets of dishes or miniature washing machines or cook stoves. Instead they ran entirely to

toy trains and guns, erector sets and other things of strictly a masculine nature.

We thought at first that maybe Shannon's nose might be a little out of joint over the baby brother, but it turned out just the opposite. He is so proud of Christopher that Peggy can hardly drive him out of doors to play.

The other exciting news, as far as the tribe is concerned, is the fact that Johnny and Max-

ine are moving to Hamburg just as soon as they can find a suitable house. Ever since his grade school days, when Johnny was carrying papers for the Evening Sentinel, he has had visions of eventually having his own newspaper. Those dreams are now coming true, as he has taken over the Hamburg Reporter on January 1st, and will be its editor and general manager. Naturally he is all thrills about the whole deal.

We got out the extra table leaves Christmas Day, but only had to use two of them as we were five short of a full crew. Bob and Zo and little Johnny ate Christmas dinner with Bob's folks, and Shannon and Christopher spent the day with their other grandmother, Greta Bellamy. We figured that a 15 pound turkey would be about right for 15 people, but it was entirely too much for the 10 of us, so most of the white meat was wrapped and put down in the freeze box for future use. Yes, we use up the dark meat first, always, and we don't like cranberries, and we do like plenty of sage in our dressing.

Another odd thing that we have always done in our family — we have our Christmas tree on Christmas eye, and all the presents are exchanged and opened, with all the attendant hullabaloo, the night before Christmas. The location is traded around somewhat. The last two years the ceremonies have been at Zo's house. The

next year they will probably be back at our house again. The nice thing about it is that the kids are allowed to stay up as late as they like, playing with their new toys, and consequently everyone gets to sleep late Christmas morning. You see it does have its advantages.

It is well below zero as I am writing this, and there is 6 or 8 inches of snow on the ground. It certainly doesn't

look much like a time to be thinking about flowers, but the new Spring catalog is being requested in ever increasing numbers, so apparently people are already dreaming of roses, green lawns and beautiful blooming shrubs. Incidentally, we have not yet had weather cold enough, here at Shenandoah, to damage the peaches or to hurt the climbing roses, and we are all hoping that we won't have.



Peggy with little Christopher Field Bellamy.

## "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet" Now on KMA

When suspense and adventure are presented against a background of the latest, most authentic scientific facts available today, it is not surprising if the resultant show becomes outstanding in its field. Such is the case with "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet", the science-fiction series which became popular on television and is now presented on radio as well, at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday over KMA and the American Broadcasting Company.

Instead of the often harmful blood-and-thunder elements used to create suspense in many children's programs, "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet" achieves its own high degree of excitement by the very nature of today's scientific finds. The fact that "truth is stranger than fiction" is well borne out here. By building its tales around such authentic and thrilling discoveries as rocket power, the show not only presents great adventure, but serves as a valuable educational tool as well.

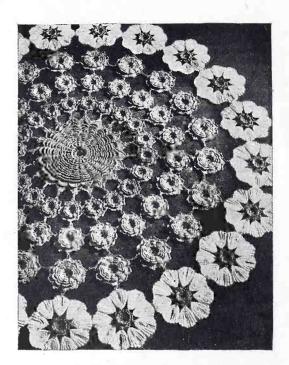
# Robert Carroll Plays Saber of Homicide on "Mystery Theatre"

Inspector Mark Saber of the Homicide Squad, principal character on the broadcasts of "Mystery Theatre", as portrayed by Robert Carroll each Wednesday night at 7:30 over KMA-ABC, is no crude, strong-arm plain-clothesman, but a smooth student of criminology and a master of the latest scientific methods of crime detection.

The impression given of Saber by the broadcasts is of a highly intelligent man in his late thirties, well-educated and steeped in the lore of his profession. As a youth he was the kind who read and marveled at the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Although he is a crack pistol shot and an expert with his fists and ju-jitsu, Mark Saber uses his brains instead of his brawn most of the time.

In marked contrast to Saber is his aide, Sergeant Timothy Maloney, played by Douglas Chandler, Maloney is an old-time cop who believes in the old-fashioned methods of solving cases.



## PATTERN FOR THE MONTH RAISED PETAL DOILY

Two shades of blue and nile green cotton are combined to make this lovely doily. It is worked entirely of flower motifs in graduated sizes joined into rings. The flower petals are raised to give an unusual texture and depth to the design.

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## FAMED ENTERTAINERS ARE AMATEUR HOUR ALUMNI

"The Original Amateur Hour", which is heard on Thursdays at 8 p.m. over KMA and the American Broadcasting Company, started many famed folk of the entertainment world on their way to stardom when they were younger and unknown.

About 10,000 amateurs have been singled out for appearances during the 17 years that the late Major Bowes, and, now, Ted Mack have been presiding over the hour.

Among the thousands who have broadcast on the program are two Metropolitan Opera Stars, Robert Merrill and Regina Resnick; Paul Winchell, the ventriloquist; Tommy Dix, stage and screen actor who appeared on the program in 1936 when he was 12, and who went on to achieve fame as "the Buckle Down, Winsocki kid."

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KMA WESTERN SWINGSTERS — Left to right: Mickey Cottey, Jeep Lindemann, Coy Martin, Eddie Comer and Bob Stotts.

# Western Swingsters Is KMA's Newest Dance Band Group

The KMA Western Swingsters is KMA's new, versatile dance band that is featured in its own Saturday afternoon spot at 2 p.m. each week.

The group comprises a vast range of musical talent and, although specializing in dance music, they can give out with a schottische, polka, rhumba or western number with ease and ability.

Featured vocalist with the group is Mickey Cottey who also plays rhythm guitar. Little Jeep Lindemann, one of the midwest's outstanding accordionists, plays with the Swingsters as does rhythm bass man Bob Stotts.

When the group plays for dances around the middlewest, Coy Martin probably draws more attention than any of the group with his attractive, 26-string, 3-neck electric steel guitar that was designed and manufactured to Coy's own specifications.

Oklahoma-born Eddie Comer, who rounds out the group, is probably the most versatile musician at KMA. Besides playing clarinet, saxophone and bass fiddle, Eddie vocalizes in both solo and trio numbers.