



1948
EDITION

WMMN

*Family
Album*

920 ON THE DIAL

CBS



ALLEN L. HAID
Managing Director

Dear Friend:

We here at WMMN feel very, very close to you indeed and while we have, in many cases, never met you personally we feel that we know you very well. Your continued loyalty in listening to our station, your letters and cards all combine to bring you and your family and all of us here under one roof.

We are presenting this "Family Album" to further acquaint you with the WMMN people who make your favorite programs possible. This is the first time since 1941 that such a type book has been offered and of course during that span of years some change in faces has taken place, but the spirit of friendship has never changed.

WMMN, as you know, has never changed its fundamental policy of being the "Friendly Family Station." It is because you and your's and hundreds of thousands of families like you, have made our success possible, that we gratefully dedicate this 1948 edition of the "WMMN Family Album."

Trusting that you will enjoy every page and that you will ever remain loyal to WMMN, we close with every good wish for you.

Sincerely,

Allen L. Haid
Vice President & Managing Director
Radio Station WMMN
Fairmont, West Virginia.

Department Heads



FRANK J. LEE

Frank J. Lee, WMMN assistant manager and program director. Frank joined our staff in 1943 as an announcer, coming from a radio station in Ohio. In 1944 he was made program director and his duties are to supervise the production department. In addition Frank is on the air daily with Hartley's Home Herald and does the sports broadcasting for "Your Friendly Voice." He's a native of Pennsylvania, his hobby is sports.

Charles E. Smith, WMMN commercial manager. "Chuck" joined our staff in 1946, coming to Fairmont from Washington, D. C. His duties are many and in addition to supervising the salesmen he plans promotion campaigns for Monongahela Valley's most powerful radio voice.



CHARLES E. SMITH



JOSEPH C. STRELAUSKI

Joseph C. Strelauski, WMMN's chief engineer. Joe joined our staff as transmitter engineer in July 1942 coming to Fairmont from a radio station in Washington, Pennsylvania, not far from his home. After taking time out for service with Uncle Sam's navy, Joe returned to WMMN and was promoted to the position of chief engineer in 1947. His hobby, amateur radio.

Department Heads



DOROTHY MEHOSKY

Dorothy Mehosky, office manager. Dorothy joined WMMN's office staff in March 1946 and was promoted to office manager early in 1947. Dorothy is responsible for supervising the office staff and directing business office activities.



WILLIAM W. POWELL

William W. Powell, better known as Bill is chief announcer at WMMN. In addition to supervising the announcing staff, Bill also directs the traffic department and is heard daily on the "Betty May Presents" program as well as your Esso reporter. Bill has been on the staff since February, 1944.



NORBERT C. ROBINSON

Norbert C. Robinson, WMMN control room chief. "Bugs" as he is known by everyone joined our staff in 1940 as control room operator. His duties are to supervise the technical operation of our studios and control room. Hobby is sports.

Friendly Voices



ROBERT BLAIR FRAZIER

Robert Blair Frazier, known to WMMN listeners as Bob. Since joining the staff in 1944 Bob has been head man at the "920 Club" every afternoon as well as conductor of the early morning alarm clock. Bob is what we in radio call a disc jockey. Perhaps you listeners know him best as M. C. of the WMMN Sagebrush Roundup.



JERRY WEST

Jerry West is a native of Fairmont and works as part time announcer on WMMN. Jerry is usually heard on week-ends with most of his in between time taken up working on his masters at West Virginia university.



JAMES MARSHALL McCARTY

James Marshall McCarty. Marsh, as listeners know him, is the newest member of the WMMN announcing staff having been with us since November of 1947. Marsh is best known by our night-time listeners and his "Dream Time Melodies Program" is gaining steadily in popularity.



WALTER T. SMOOT

Walter T. Smoot is WMMN's early bird. Walt is on the job at 4:30 A. M. to start your day's favorite programs. In addition Walter is one of the Esso reporters and is heard daily on the "Jones To You" program. Next to announcing he's best in bowling.



FRANCIS T. LAUZAU

Francis T. Lauzau, WMMN announcer, joined our staff in May 1947 and is heard daily on our afternoon and early evening programs. In addition to his announcing Francis is in charge of the Music Library which controls all music you hear on our station.

Office Staff



PAT DOTTS & BETTY HAWKINS

Pat Dotts and Betty Hawkins, members of WMMN's office staff. These young ladies are not known by our listeners, but every letter you mail to WMMN is first handled at the station by Pat who is mail room clerk. Betty is first to greet visitors at our studio, as her job is at the receptionist desk. It was Betty's voice you heard when you telephoned WMMN.



JIMMY JO RYAN

Jimmy Jo Ryan, a member of our office staff since 1944. Jimmy Jo started at WMMN as receptionist then in 1947 took over the position of secretary to Manager Allen Haid and Program Director Frank Lee.



SARAH FISHER AND JOSEPHINE MUTO

Sarah Fisher and Josephine Muto. Both important members of WMMN's office staff. Sarah is traffic manager and it's her job to get out the daily program schedule, which of course, takes in every program you hear from morning til night on WMMN. Josephine is the bookkeeper and it's her responsibility to keep the vital records in order.



CHARLES L. McGRATH

Charles L. McGrath, head of the continuity department at WMMN. Chuck's job is to prepare continuity for the many programs broadcast by your friendly voice. His hobby is collecting records.



JOE F. WRIGHT

Joe F. Wright, a native of West Virginia, and a member of the WMMN family since 1935. Joe is responsible for the maintainance of our station. His hobby is collecting pictures.



HENRY G. LOWTHER

Henry G. Lowther, WMMN salesman since January 1947 is a native of Fairmont. Glen as he is known around the station joined our staff after 3 years service with the army.



R. GLEN BROWN

R. Glen Brown, a native of Fairmont is the newest member of our commercial department. Glen joined the WMMN staff as salesman on January 1, 1948.

Twenty Years of Service

By

WMMN and its 5000 Watts of Friendship

Since 1928 WMMN has been serving Central and Northern West Virginia, Southern Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and Eastern Ohio.

Founded in 1928 by A. M. Rowe and Clyde S. Holt the station started on its history. In 1935 WMMN was purchased by the Fort Industry Company headed by George Storer and J. Harold Ryan and has been operated continually by them since that time.

It was under the present ownership that the station's power was increased in 1938 to 5000 watts and an affiliation was made with the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Since that date WMMN has constantly moved ahead to new achievements in giving the best in radio service to the vast area it covers.

In 1947 the studios on Adams Street were completely renovated and studio equipment installed to bring up to the peak of perfection the production of the programs you hear daily.

WMMN, with its twenty year history of service, has been successful mainly because you, the listener, has made it so and any of the improvements that will come in the future will be because of you. We look at the future of great expansion with confidence because the past twenty years have proven that our listeners are loyal in every way and with such cooperation and loyalty, the future years hold a bright promise.

No history would be complete without a tribute to those who in the past contributed much to today's achievement. Space will not permit the naming of each person but to that great parade of entertainers who have marched past the WMMN microphones, our sincere thanks. Many a great star today started here, others have entered other lines of endeavor, still others have passed on to the great unknown. This we know that each and every one has left behind a bit of himself and all those bits put together have built the heritage of WMMN.

Engineers



Owen C. Swisher, better known as Claude is a transmitter engineer and a native of Fairmont. Joined our staff in March 1941. His hobby is photography.



Thomas O. Moore, control room operator. Tommy joined our engineering dept. in July 1941. His job was interrupted for two years service in the Navy.



Donald W. "Don" Gruitt, a member of the engineering staff since 1939 started his radio work in Pittsburgh near his home town of McKees Rocks, Penna.



John B. Deak WMMN control room operator. His middle name we are told is Bunny. John joined our staff in April 1947 after four years in the Navy.



Charles R. Hawkins another member of our expert engineering dept. Charley has been with us since 1944. Works at the transmitter and his hobby is climbing.



Elbert Oiler, control room operator. A native of Fairmont, joined us in Aug. 1947 after service in the Navy. Photos in this album are a sample of his hobby.



Harry W. Jackson, transmitter engineer since January 1947. Has worked at radio stations in Parkersburg and Clarksburg, his home town. Is a good trouble shooter.



Dorothy Irene Conley, joined the WMMN family in July 1943 as a receptionist. In Dec. 1943 she began work in the Engineering Dept. as control operator. Dorothy works in the control room at our studios.



Arnold R. Matthews, control room operator for WMMN, joined the family in 1945 as a part-time operator. A mail man for many years, his hobby is radio.



JOHN TAYLOR

John Taylor, boss man of The Railsplitters act. Known to his listeners as "Jake" this veteran entertainer was born in Arkansas and has been in radio since 1931. He's the author of over 80 songs and now has 12 numbers published, has recorded two of his own selections, and has several song books published. Jake served in Uncle Sam's army for over 3 years, returning to WMMN in 1946. The "Railsplitters" with Jake Taylor were first heard on our station in 1941. Jake is married and the proud father of two boys and a girl. His hobby is writing songs.



HANK STANFORD

Hank Stanford, better known to his many listeners as "Hank the Cowhand." Hank is head man of the Foggy Mountain act and has been broadcasting from WMMN for over two years. He's a veteran entertainer with 15 years of radio and stage work as a background. Hank's hometown is way out west in Seymour, Texas. In addition to entertaining, Hank has had several song books published. His service record shows 3 years in the navy on a Destroyer in the Pacific. When he has spare time, Hank likes to fish.



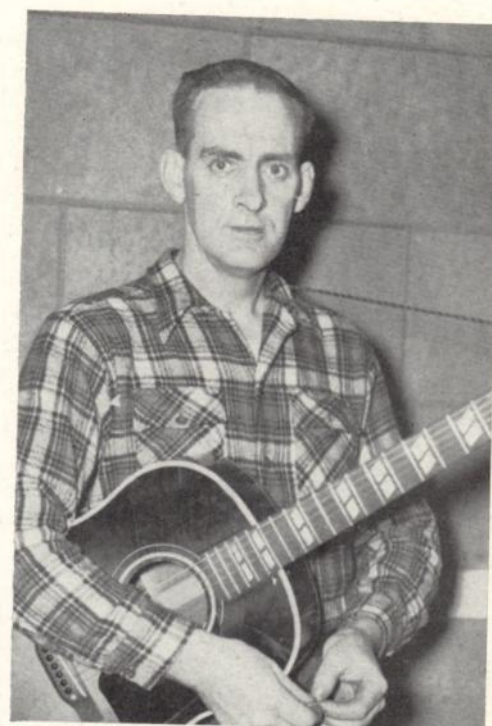
JAMES J. CORTEZ

James J. Cortez, the one and only "Frog". A native of Pennsylvania "Froggy Cortez" has been making people laugh for 15 years. He's a member of the Railsplitters act and came to WMMN in 1946 after working on several radio stations around the country.



BLAINE STEWART

Blaine Stewart, a whiz on the mandolin, Blaine also does well as a singer. He's a member of the Railsplitters Group with over ten years radio experience. Blaine came to WMMN in 1946 after serving in the Army with General Eisenhower's Headquarters.



PERRY "GRANDPA" WILSON

Perry "Grandpa" Wilson. Grandpa is well known to WMMN listeners. He's up early each morning to sing and play for the folks at 4:30 AM. Perry was first heard on our station in 1942 and after broadcasting on stations in Ohio and West Virginia he's again back as a member of the Foggy Mountain Act.



COLLEN and DONNA WILSON

Collen and Donna Wilson, the Beaver Valley Sweethearts. This sister duet came to WMMN from their home in Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania after appearing on radio stations in New York and Pennsylvania. They are heard with the Foggy Mountain Boys and Girls.



EMMA JEAN and BRADLEY FURBY

Emma Jean and Bradley Furby, are a brother-sister duet from Rosedale, West Virginia. They are members of the Foggy Mountain Act.



JAKE TAYLOR AND THE RAILSPLITTERS



HANK AND THE FOGGY MOUNTAIN ACT

Roundup Scenes





YOUR RADIO FAVORITES — WMMN 1948

