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DeMoss Turns Grocer at Hit Show Preview

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New Shows Pep-up Spring Mornings

"Marian and Jim" to Start 12th Year on WOW

Fibber McGee and Molly, in pri-vate life, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Marian Jordan, will put 11 birth-day candles on their cake next month as they start their 12th year on NBC and WOW for the same sponsor (S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.).

As a birthday present they have received a brand new con-tract for another 52 weeks' work at the same stand—8:30 p. m., Tuesdays, right after "Amos 'n' Andy" and just be-for Bob Hope.

The Jordan's begin their 12th year with their popularity at an all-time peak with a national Hooperating of 31.5 (February 15). For most of their years on the air their show has been in either first or $s \in c \circ n d$ place among all radio programs.

Jim and Marian met at choir practice in their home town of Peoria, Ill., when Jim was 17 and Marian, 16. There followed a year of courtship as Jim, having been graduated from high school, worked in a wholesale drug store and Mar-ian gave piano lessons.

In 1918, when World War I was raging, Jim then a mail carrier, and Marian, still teaching piano, decided to get married. Five days later (August 31, 1918) Jim was on a troop train bound for Camp Forrest, Ga. And only a few weeks later Private Jordan landed in France. Trouble upon trouble followed the Jordans after Jim's return. They tried show business time after time but usually had to return to other occupations to keep their little world together. They had two chil-dren a how and a cirl and thou dren, a boy and a girl, and they tried travelling together with and without the children. Finally they tried radio, in which they could stay in one spot.

Could Do Better

From the moment the Jordans listened to a broadcast of music, the story of the couple from Peoria took an upward swing. Jim said just what thousands of listeners fre-quently say: "We could do a better job singing than anyone on that program.'

The Jordans drove to Station WIBO that very night, told the station manager they could sing, and were on the air! The next day they had a sponsor, at \$10 a broadcast once a week.

In 1931 they met Don Quinn, a discouraged cartoonist, who thought he could write for radio. The Jordan-Quinn combination created "Smakout," a five-time-a-week NBC serial. Quinn has been writing the Jordans'



"You shouldn't'ave snapped my picture," smiled Mrs. L. H. Morris, when Lyle DeMoss accosted her on the first "Meet Me at Hinky-Dinky's" rehearsal.



Always a killer-diller with the ladies, Lyle got nowhere with 10-year-old Patty McGrath whom he tried to flirt with at the Ever-Fresh display.

WOW'S SCORE The new "Guide to Good Listen-

ing" prepared from time to time by Area recommends 49 WOW pro-grams to "everyone interested in making effective use of radio lis-tening time."

tening time." The Guide recommends 38 pro-grams on KOIL, 35 on KFAB, 24 on KBON, and 15 on KOWH, or 160 programs total. The Radio Council, headed by Mrs. W. F. Ottman, is made up of representatives of 34 organiza-tions 20 individuals and represent tions, 20 individuals, and represena



An ardent Fred Waring fan, Lyle was attracted to the meat counter with larceny in his mind, but Butcher Ray Earnst and his cleaver had the upper hand.



Mrs. Oppelfelt, the ex-York grocer's wife thought it was right funny the store had a new employee as Lyle tried his hand as a "checker."

he was an important member of

the News Tower's editorial staff.

CROSBY SIXTH

"Shoppers after my own heart," mused Lyle when he caught Mrs. Gertrude Woodhead and Jeanette Kolacny with Butter-Nut and Coco-Wheats in their cart.

used to be a grocer in Lyle's home town, York.

RADIO CONFAB Nearly 500 broadcasting officials have registered for the University of Oklahoma's Annual Conference on Radio Problems, March 6 to 10, at Oklahoma City. One session will be addressed by Bill Wiseman, WOW promotion manager. Wise-man will lead a panel discussion of a group of advertising agency men on "Serving the Client." —WOW—

PONS IS GUEST

Laughs and Music In Forenoon Features

Three hilarious new morning Three hilarious new morning shows—all locally created and pro-duced, but strictly of network cal-iber—have added spring zest to WOW's schedules. All three utilize WOW talent, and two of them the full WOW studio orchestra, directed by Mor-ton Wells.

Newest of the "A-M-ers" is "Meet Me at Hinky-Dinky's" a sort of a cross between the types of shows put on by Peo-ple Are Funny, Truth Or Con-sequences, and familiar comical man-on-the-street formats. It is aired at 11:30 a. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, direct from neighborhood Hinky-Dinky food stores.

Lyle DeMoss is master-of-cere-monies and star of the new Hinky-Dinky feature. The broadcasts orig-inate in a different store each day at 9:30 a. m., with 1,0001 "audience-participation" angles and generous prizes both to listeners and to house wives who attend the "store shows." Fach quarter-hour is transcribed so Each quarter-hour is transcribed so the store participants may hear themselves at the 11:30 a. m. time. A second new daytime feature "Eight - Oh - Seven Special" stars Thomson Holtz with either Merrill Workhoven or John Leslie as stooges and is aired mornings as its names indicated at 8:07 o'clock weekdays except Saturdays. (For further details see page 5.)

Jamboree Clicks

Jamboree Clicks The third new daytimer already has amassed a teriffically large and enthusiastic audience. It is called "The WOW Jamboree," and is aired at 10 a. m., Saturdays. The "Jamboree" (a new name is being sought for it) enlists all the talent on WOW's payroll and many outsiders in a full-scale, big-time variety show. Its master-minds are Program Director Lyle DeMoss, Production Manager Ray Olson, and Writer Bill O'Halloran, with nearly everybody else on the staff having a finger in the pie. The "Jamboree" has been on the air, without much fanfare for sev-

The "Jamboree" has been on the air, without much fanfare for sev-eral weeks. After the February 9 broadcast, which included selections by the WOW Announcer's quartet, 15 listeners called with the same plea, "Give us more!" Hundreds of listeners have re-

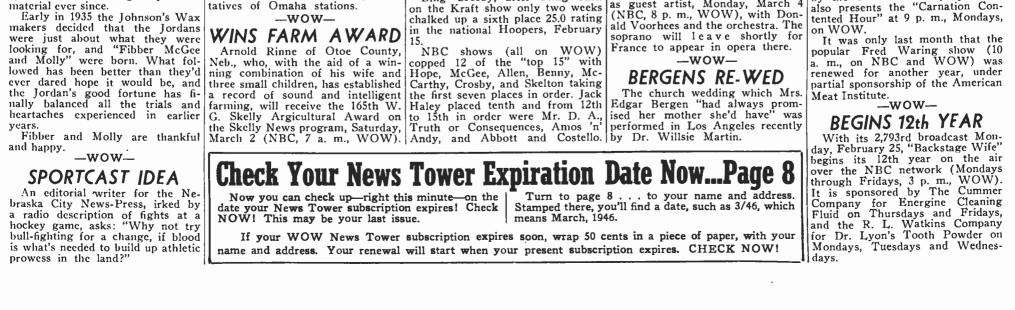
sponded to a plea for a new name for "The Jamboree."

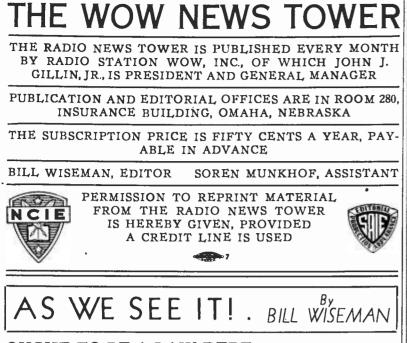
'Journey' Back

Another favorite morning show "Lone Journey," which left the air in 1944, will return on April 1, via NBC to WOW's across-the-board **CROSBY SIXTH** Bing Crosby, after being back n the Kraft show only two weeks are guest artist, Monday, March 4 as guest artist, Monday, March 4 by the Carnation Company which also presents the "Carnation Con-

-30-The staff of the News Tower notes with sincere regret the death of Frank W. Mokry, Sr., one of our faithful printers. Frank was more than a printer,

-The Editor.





OUGHT-TO-BE-A-LAW-DEPT. . . .

田田 Next month (April 28), the networks will start operating on Daylight Savings Time. This will cause serious confusion 늎 to the listener, because the times of many, many, programs will have to be changed.



The use of D.S.T. will be particularly annoying to listeners in the Central (that's us!) and Mountain time zones. Generally speaking, it means for us that all network shows will be moved ahead one hour. However, by a lot of fancy juggling WOW will probably be able to retain its newscast schedule "as is" - all its programming, in fact, during the breakfast, noon and dinner hours. Radio broadcasting, as an industry, is not opposed nor in favor of Daylight Time. It does favor a uniform time, that is, the

Bill Wiseman

same time for all parts of the country the year around. The confusion of various times should be eliminated by a national law or uniform state laws.

As a listener you should agree with broadcasting's position. It's for your benefit. Next time you're discussing your views with your congressman, tell him what you think on this subject.

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FARMERS AIN'T HICKS! . . .

We repeat (for the 'steen-millionth time!) that Farmers Ain't Hicks . . . and we offer more proof.

WOW's new farm circulation figures show that 48 per cent of the farmers in 300 WOW-land counties listen to WOW in the daytime, and 54 per cent at night.

That should be pretty convincing evidence that farmers like WOW programs — and WOW programs are not "farm stuff" (i. e., musical saws, hill billies, etc.).

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BENNY STRUCK OIL . . .

The "I-Can't-Stand-Jack-Benny-Because . . . " contest is still being discussed and cussed by the master minds of radio promotion. The contest "pulled" 277,000 entries for \$10,000 in experiences of prizes.

That figures 27.7 letters for each prize dollar. This is one sling shot and felled this boastful of the all-time miracles of radio.

The critics of the stunt swore it would undermine Jack's popularity, but it didn't. Nearly every entry received (and they were very carefully checked) was written in the same vein ness, fear. of humor as the contest itself.

BIG PAY, BUT . . . The very idea of :

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Advertising Federation of America

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The Bible tells us about a man UNO may heal some of the open who killed the lion and then killed sores, but we will never cleanse the system of international relathe bear. His first victory gave him courage for his next and larger

tions until we get rid of suspicion. The second beast is covetous-ness which breeds discontent. Un-happy with our lot. It isn't always that we want something because we need it, but we want it just because we want it or we don't want anybody else to have it.

Both of these breed the spirit of Both of these breed the spirit of fear. The result is that people are jittery and jumpy. What's going to happen now? The Bible has a text with a perfect method of deal-ing with fear: "Perfect love casteth out all fear." When suspicion and covetousness go, fear will be dis-sipated. We will have restful con-fidence and life will be safer, fuller, and consequently more enjoyable. The test involves all of us. Let us destroy our suspicions with a spirit destroy our suspicions with a spirit of trust. Let us expel our covetousness by displacing it with contentment, and destroy our fear by liv-



Note.-WOW listeners are cordially invited to air their views on any phase of radio in this column. Please make your comment brief, and don't fret if the editor uses only what he thinks is most interesting to the most folks.

OKAYS "ET"

Sioux City, Iowa-I think you should be congratulated on allow-ing Aunt Sally to give her early morning program by transcription rather than having it presented in person.

Her work is so important that it is much better to give it by transcription and make it possible for her to continue. The Sunshine Service is a won-

derful project and many people are grateful to WOW for the years of service given hy Aunt Sally through your station. MRS. FRED HADLEY.

-wow-THE WINNAH

Alliance, Neb .- Could you please epeat prize-winning entry in Jack

Benny contest? MRS. ALBERT PEASNER.

Sure. Here 'Tis: "He fills the air with boasts and brags

'And obsolete, obnoxious gags.

"His cowardice alone, indeed, "Is matched by his obnoxious greed, 'And all the things that he portrays "Show up my own obnoxious ways." The winner was Carroll P. Craig, Sr., Pacific Palisades, Calif.

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GLAD TO SERVE YOU

(To The Falstaff Hour) Belleville, Kans.—Whenever any-onc, in the future, mentions Fal-staff Beer to me I shall always think kindly toward your product. Reason: The joy you have brought to the "gals" with your redeployment news each evening redeployment news each evening. By listening to your program each night we knew when that necessary person was going to land in the States. Your service kept us from sitting unnecessarily by the 'phone for days—this way we knew the night before when and where their

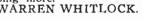
ship would dock. Many of our friends have listened to this same program for the same reason. Even though we don't all take time to write and thank you for this service — be content in knowing that you are doing a fine thing for us here.

Many thanks. MRS. FRED O. MORNS. -wow-

THANK YOU

Spencer, Neb.-Please find en-closed \$1.00 to renew my subscription for two years since it expires with the March issue and I do not want to miss an issue as I still insist it is my favorite reading matter.

I enjoy the writeups about different staff members, as of Tom Chase this month, and I did especially like the picture of Clark and his two "little peanut vendors" ex-cept it lacks his plucky little wife. Thank you for a grand maga-



conquest. The climatic test came when the great giant chal-lenged an ancient people. The king and his army trem-bled and hid when Goliath roared his challenge. But a lad

the past took a hulk of humanity.

This generation must meet its enemics. Three things will have to be conquered: suspicion, covetous-

Labor suspects capitol. The UNO of humor as the contest itself. At the end of Benny's 535th broadcast, February 3, Benny's Hooper stood at 26.8, highest of this season, four points better than a year ago and exactly the same as it was ten years ago! —WOW— DIC DAY DUC zine. ing in the spirit of love. Tune in each Sunday morning at 8:30 to America's first non-denom-MRS. W. LANDHOLM. —WOW— TELEPHONE COMMENTS ON THE WOW JAMBOREE inational radio service and the most continuous program, religious or secular, in the world. Sunday, April Council Bluffs-I think the quar-, we will celebrate our twentytet was "pretty hot." Wish they would sing more. WARREN WHITLOCK. declarations do not reflect an hon--WOWdeclarations do not reflect an honest appraisal of their financial con-dition. Industry is suspicious that **INTO THE FUTURE** Omaha — The quartet on the labor is trying to play a political "These jet-propelled planes that WOW Jamboree was very good. flew from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast in 253 minutes were game in quest for power rather MRS. MARTIN. than increase for wages. Great Britain suspects Russia. Russia Omaha—Wish the quartet would sing more often on the Jamboree. MRS. GUY. doing more than flying from west to east. They were flying out of the past into the future."—MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK L. ANDER-SON on NBC's World Front (Sun-days, 11 a. m., WOW). isn't sure of the Britisher. The smaller nations are wondering what the big powers will do as they push them around. Here is a lion Omaha-Everybody has such fun on the program—the Jamboree is a fine show and should be sponthat has to be slain. We are tempted to suspect everybody and every-thing. All of us get taken in oc-casionally. Because my office is downtown, I think I was the "prize sucker" in Omaha during the less sored. If I were buying time, I'd rather have a piece of that program than a lot of other things we hear ? Your Last Copy ? Yes, sir. Simply turn to page 8, on the air. sucker" in Omaha during the less prosperous days. We begin to won-der whether we can believe any man's story. There must be more honest dealing and transparency in our commitments. We are going to be crying "Peace, peace" where there is no peace unless the nations come to open agreements. The where your name and address is stamped on the margin. The date MR. MARVIE HICKS. your News Tower subscription expires is printed here. "3/46" means March, 1946. If your Omaha – I am a convert to WOW now that you have such a splendid morning program as Fred Waring. . . . I think it's subscription expires soon, RE-NEW now! Just send your name, marvelous. MRS. JOHN RATHBUN. address and 50 cents to WOW! come to open agreements. The

experiences of Rev. R. R. Brown

\$10,500 per week (talent only) for Fibber McGee and Molly!

\$15,000 per week for Bob Hope! \$22,500 per week for Jack Benny! \$14,500 per week for Edgar Bergen! \$12,000 per week for Fred Allen!

And, yet -

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The sponsor pays only:

34 cents per thousand to amuse listeners to Fibber's show . . .

50 cents per thousand for Hope's listeners . . .

74 cents per thousand for Benny's listeners, and 49 cents per thousand for entertaining Allen's audience.

Big pay? Sure, but they do entertain a tremendous number of people!

March 1, 1946

WOW NEWS TOWER

CITIES SERVICE IN 19TH YEAR ON WO

By SOREN MUNKHOR

The WOW staff is definitely airminded. Among the air enthusiasts is Pilot Al Larson, office manager of the station.



working for their pilot's licenses. Among them is Al Maller who mutters

Soren Munkhof to himself that

as a pilot he's a good truck driver. Transmitter Chief Roy Glanton has also been hitting the flight line.

Time Salesman Fred Ebener, of course, carries his interest in avia-tion over from his work as a captain in the air forces.

Two other flying enthusiasts who just haven't piled up much in the way of flying time yet are your writer who is a Senior Warrant Officer in the Civil Air Patrol and Control Room Chief Glenn Flynn who is in the radio section of CAP.

Engineers Back

Before we drop the subject of engineers, Controlroom Operators Dick Peck and Bill Dunbar have both started back to work. Dick came back from the army, having served in the signal corps in Italy. Dunbar has just finished a tour of duty as a licutenant in the navy—

in the radio and radar sections. Incidently, Technical Super Joe Herold rushed back east again dur-ing February. This is not a repeat on the mention in last month's column. Joe came home and then left again for a special color television showing. Flynn and Chief Engineer Bill Kotera are also spending a large part of their time these days on the subject of television.

Careful Horace

One of the chuckles of the

One of the chuckles of the month was Newsman Horace Ham-acher shopping all over town for, of all things, "a nonconittal valen-tine" for a girl friend. Aunt Sally says we don't love her anymore. All I said in last month's column was that Aunt Sally was back. Says Sally in an injured tone: "Why couldn't you have said, 'we're glad Aunt Sally is back'." Okay, we say it, "We're glad Aunt Sally is back with us." Forgiven now, Sally? Three ex-staffers were back on a visit during the month—strangely

a visit during the month—strangely enough on the same day. Irene O'Hara Something, and Marian Stitt Something Else both stopped in. (Apologies for not remembring their married names.) So did Laura York Avery. Her married name I



Mr. Wimple, Old-Timer or just plain Bill Thompson. Whichever he is, he's most entertaining and, re-



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Chick Amy Arnell is the new

singer on NBC's "Abbott and Cos-

tello" show. This Virginia-born-

Want to know how to set your watch so that you'll have the cor-rect time-right down to a gnat's evebrow?

On the even hour between eastcoast-originated network shows you will hear a brief "beep" tone. Listen for it. You can depend on that tone giving you the correct

time, for it's the signal which synchronizes the times of all stations on the network at the time.

Andy Gives Kiss to Elderly Nebraskan

When Charles (Andy) Correll selected a pert septagenarian and kissed her as part of the audience warmup at the Tuesday NBC "Amos 'n' Andy" show, he found that years had not dulled her wit. He asked her name and she replied: "1'm Annabella Grant from Impe-rial, Neb., and they say we are related to Ulysses S. Grant—but I don't smoke as many cigars!"

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Bob Burns, the NBC philosopher, carries his own lunch.



Johnny Desmond, recently hon orably discharged from the Army, is singing star of NBC's "Philip Morris Follies on Tuesday nights. cently discharged from the Navy, tello" show. This Virginia-born-may be heard regularly on NBC's and-bred lovely once was a secre-Fibber McGee and Molly program. tary, and sang in church choirs. with Glenn Miller's AAF band.

Clarence L. Menser, vice-presi-dent in charge of programs for the

National Broadcasting Company, announced today that his depart-ment is taking several steps to re-store Chicago to "its proper place in the radio picture," including the

origination of additional network programs from that point. "First of all," Menser said, "we

are budgeting the sum of \$100,000 for 1946 to be allocated solely to talent development. This amount is

to be distributed among.our M&O

stations throughout the country,

and Chicago will be given a considerable proportion. The money will be used not for sustaining

Radio Comeback

Chicago Set For

Is the "Oldest" NBC Show on WOW

An important milestone was reached in February, when the Cities Service Company started its twentieth year

of broadcasting over WOW via the NBC network. In a special way, the story of this program is also the story of twenty years of NBC (and al-most of WOW!) The National Broadcasting Company was



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Company was only three Paul Lavalle months old when Cities Service, on Friday, February 18, 1927, began the series February 18, 1927, began the series which now ranks as the oldest sponsored program on the air. The NBC log of that day for WEAF, states unhappily that it went off the air for three minutes at the start of the program "due to a fuse blowing out." It is probable, there-fore that the radio audience was fore, that the radio audience was deprived of the pleasure of hearing Goldman's 40 piece band playing the opening strains of Marche Militaire.

Station WOW was nearly four years old when Cities Service placed its "chain" program on the air for midwest-erners. At this time WOW erners. At this time wOW (first network station west of the Mississippi) had been as-sociated with NBC just four months. The Cities Service fea-ture has been on WOW con-tinuously since that date— February 17, 1928

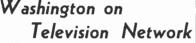
It required a bit of pioneering courage plus vision to undertake a program of such quality in those early days of broadcasting.

Graham McNamee was first announcer on the Cities Service pro-gram. The Goldman Band remained a feature of the programs until June, 1927, when Rosario Bourdon programs but solely for the de-velopment of radio talent of all wide range of semi-classical music. It was in 1930 that the program introduced Jessica Dragonette. For six years she was the featured soloist.

During the years the program itself underwent slight changes. Brief dramatic sketches were added. The Revelers became part of the ensemble, replacing the Cavaliers, and Lucille Manners replaced Miss Dragonette as soloist. A number of notable guests made intermission appearances. Amelia Earhart Put-nam was the first of these, speak-ing on the first anniversary of her flight across the Atlantic.

In 1936, the Cities Service radio program celebrated its 10th year on the air and was judged the best program of light music in radio by the Women's National Radio Committee in one of this organization's

Dr. Frank Black, general music for Philadelphia and Radio Station WIBG where Gene became Chief Announcer. He left WIBG to be-ing Company, became conductor of come a part of the announcing staff at WIP (Philly) for a short time, then accepted the position of achieved a brilliant radio career Night Manager at Station WDAS, since making his debut on the air also in Philadelphia. He remained in 1934. Dr. Black explained the at WDAS for seven years and joined the staff of Radio WOW success of the concerts by saying, "It's the music that the people want in 1943. While in Pennsylvania, the Numto hear—not what we think they ought to hear." ber One Hobby of the Edwards (really an avocation), became the raising and showing of Afghan Hounds. This venture also involved the operation of a first class "Dog-tel" (board and room for dogs), Paul Lavalle became director of the Cities Service Orchestra in October, 1944, and the program changed its name at the same time, becoming Highways in Melody. Paul Lavalle's career has moved steadily along with radio. He played clarinet in the first Cities Service catering only to the pooches of the Philadelphia elite. Gene is also an ardent photographer. Orchestra. He tackles his every job with _wow_ he tackies his every job with determination and vigor, going "all out" with every bit of copy he reads on the air . . and is now becoming famous for the character NEW BOOK "Who Threw That Coconut?" is the title of a witty book by "Prof." Jerry Colonna that has just parts he does on the "Jamboree" ... this "kid" who wanted to be-come a radio announcer ... and been published by the Garden City Publishing Company of New York.



The first long-distance television broadcast from Washington to New York was made recently in a tele-cast of the capital's observance of Lincoln's Birthday. Carried in New York by NBC's television station

Hal Peary, star of NBC's "The Great Gildersleeve," this week received a letter of commendation from the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, representing Parents and Teachers, representing more than 154,000 members, "for presenting a family-type comedy program which meets with the ap-proval of mothers and fathers." —WOW— Bud Abbott and Lou Costello arc looking forward to seeing old cronies and new shows on Broad-way this spring. Plans are being

way this spring. Plans are being discussed to take their Thursday NBC program to New York during mid-April and continuing from there through May and June.

"Mister, I'll do anything . . wash windows . . . sweep out . . . anything, if I can just hang around their married names.) So did Laura York Avery. Her married name I remember because ex-WOW an-nouncer Gay Avery, Laura's hus-band, was a friend of mine. Staff Changes New night hostess is Anne Marie Katusin (neat, too). Another new staff member is Patricia Carter who staff member is Patricia Carter who shall was a with the state of the stat

By Harold Storm



Horatio Alger Had Nothing on GENE EDWARD courted and wed the lovely Lois Saltzgiver, a member of the Fan-chion-Marco dance team, in 1934. The part now, of course, is "male, led."

first awards. In 1934, the Edwards left Omaha

types. _wow_ DRAMA STAR J. Carroll Naish will star in Van Sant's "The Garden of Kilkrany Lane" on The Skippy Playhouse (6:30 p. m., WOW) March 12th. Another flicker starlet, Hilliary Brooks will be featured in "The Cliff" on the same program March 5.

replaced Wilma Swatek on the balcony when Wilma moved to the more hectic atmosphere of the newsroom. Among the departed staffers is Night Hostess Kay Sibbernsen, leaving for another job.

Also leaving during the month was Ruth Jones who quit to get ready to get married to a newlyreturned serviceman. 'Tweren't sudden, though, they've been planning it for a long time.

That's another one quitting to get married. Tom Chase and I lose more girls that way.

Storm, Subsides

Sports news last month was featured by little, blond Gwen Hen-nings of the promotion department. Gwen beat Harold Storm at bowling. And, Stormy wears a bowling medal. He alibis: "I haven't bowled

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of WOW announcer Gene Edward.

Gene was born in Springfield, Mo., June 28, 1910, the eldest of four children. The family moved to Missouri Valley, Ia., before he reached school age and he received his grade school and high school education there. After leaving high school, he attended Drake University, College of Fine Arts.

Following college and in the roughest part of the depression, Gene, like many were forced to, moved from one job to another He acted with a traveling stock company. He played Chatauqua. He was even a bank examiner for the State of Iowa. Then came the incident related at the beginning of always coveted the role of the hero. parts he does on the this story. His first salaried an-nouncers job was for \$15.00 a week and board. The "Board" was the lead" part was done when he did... one of the best.



Gene Edward

talent fee paid by the sponsor-owner of a local restaurant.

During his stage career, Edward

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WOW NEWS TOWER

CONGRESS DEAF TO PETRILLO'S TOO

Balks as Music Boss Says to "Go Jump"

Editor's Note: One of America's most famous news feature writers, United Press' Fred Othman, recently sent to WOW the following in re the current attempt to "slap down" James C. Petrillo, the "music czar." The House passed the Lea Bill February 21.

By Frederick C. Othman

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (UP) — The five-by-five horn tootler, James Caesar Petrillo, who worked his way up in a bullet-proof sedan to become union arbiter of all things musical, appears to have blown one sour note too many.

He told Congress to go jump. That was a mistake. Congress scems to be jumping, all right, straight on the Caesar of the ar-peggios. The Senate passed a bill last session to slap him down. Now the music lovers of the House Rules Committee have ordered up con-sideration of the bill, plus another which would put Caesar and his horn in the clink next time he attempts one of his financial symphon-ies for the benefit of his American Federation of Musicians.

Defied FDR

He operated on the theory that nobody should toot a horn, saw a fiddle, or pound the ivories for pay unless he bought a union card. That ukase included Heifetz, Toscanini, the Marine Corps Band, and all of America's high school musicians.

He forced the phonograph record makers to pay a fee for every platter they manufactured, defied President Roosevelt (who tried to make him blow a more melodious song), and almost eliminated fre-quency modulation (FM) broadcasting.

FM is a new system of sending music through the air and it needs a new kind of transmitter and receiver. It is supposed to sound better than the old-fashioned radio to which we have been listening these many years and the broadcasters agreed it would become one of the big post war industries.

Hindered FM

Then came Caesar. He ruled that when a 95-piece symphony orchestra, say, broadcast on the standard wave lengths, its music could not also be piped over the FM waves unless the broadcasters hired 95 more union musicians to sit on their handkerchiefs until the concert was over. Most of the FM studios either shut up shop or cur-tailed operations.

Chairman Clarence F. Lea, Calif., and his Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee decided to investigate. Representative Lea in-vited Caesar to testify. The musical Czar did not know, apparently, that Congress is like a woman; scorn her and your name is mud.

"He, he told us to do our worst," Representative Lea said, still amazed. "He said the hell with us."

The committeemen wrote a law which would put Caesar and his musical helpers behind bars for a year, or fine them \$1,000 each if they made their musicians strike in order to exact tribute from the broadcasting companies. The bill puts it that baldly, while the form-al report calls Petrillo an extor-tioner and a racketcer. (You can't sue me, Caesar; that's Congress calling you names. Remember? About the scorned woman?)





WOW Aids Army's

trical Transcription) service.

for recruiting the nation's peace-time army. Many of them were formerly used for WAC recruiting

Since last October WOW's ET

division has been cutting a second series of 5-minute recruiting pro-grams used nationally for the same

All of WOW's facilities have

Representative Smith, who then

"Judge Cox and I agree that

this bill is a new departure all right; it is like a ray of sun-

been donated for this work.

campaigns.

purpose.

announced:

reason to complain about the service, but they couldn't ask for a prettier view of his pert cashier, Betty Rhodes. His woes turn to comedy on the merry NBC show, "Meet Me At Parky's," 9:30 p. m., Sundays, on WOW.

JUDY MAY SING

Louise (Judy) Erickson, pretty young star of NBC's "Date With Judy" program, is all a-twitter at the news that Scribe Aleen Leslie is cooking up another airer which will feature Louise as a singer. Miss Erickson has sung several times on "Judy" and last fall en-Recruiting Drive "In the public interest" has a special meaning to WOW's staff of recording engineers. Almost every day these experts help worthy causes which require "ET" (Elecher warbling up to full profes-sional standard.

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Many of these activities go un-noticed, according to Chief Control Engineer Glenn Flynn. One such activity is the "cutting" of ET's for Army recruiting work. Since May of 1945 the WOW boys have been making twenty-five 15minute records a week in the series entitled "Victory View." These pro-grams are used on many stations





Set on WOW

"The Name Speaks," a series of 13 quarter hour recorded programs, featuring commentary by Quentin Reynolds, will be heard on WOW, 11:30 a. m., Saturdays. The series is presented by NBC in cooperation with "The Brand Names Research Foundation."

The series dramatizes the contri-butions brand names have made to every-day living and seeks to foster the "brand names" system of pro-duct identification. Starting March 15, it will be broadcast over more than 110 stations in the United States and Canada and is expected to reach a total listening audience of almost 28,000,000 families.

In line with the program's theme that "names" are synonymous with quality, the series, each week, will feature Norman Cloutier and his orchestra playing the music of such "name" composers as Jerome Kern, Victor Herbert, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and Stephen Foster.

Thomas Hayward, Metropolitan Opera star, will be heard as feat-ured vocalist. Ford Bond will emcee the series and Reynolds will ured vocalist. Ford Bond will emcee the series and Reynolds will identification, drawn from his ex-periences as a world traveler and war correspondent. Production of the series was under the supervision of H. H.

war correspondent. Production of the series was under the supervision of H. H. Wood.



When Omahan Marilou Neu-mayer, the actress heard as Stella Carlon on Ma Perkins (NBC, five-a-week, 2:15 p. m., WOW), was visited recently by one of her form-er school mates who served over-seas, she was told that he had last seen her in Germany during last wintar's bitter forthing

winter's bitter fighting. Her friend, Maj. Robert E. Walker of Omaha, Neb., went on to explain to the bewildered Marilou that during a night drive with the 29th Division in Germany, the ma-jor dived into a muddy foxhole to escape intense enemy fire, and

landed on a dirt covered booklet. He stuffed the book hastily in his pocket and forgot it. During a lull in the battle a few days later



March 1, 1946

By GLENN FLYNN WOW's Chief Control Operator SHOULD I BUY

A NEW RADIO? ...

Many WOW listeners have asked our advice on the purchase of new receivers. During the war production of radio re-

ceivers for civilian use was sus-pended. Because of this fact many homes have been with-out satisfactory radio reception. In other homes radios purchased before the war are inoperative due to the shortage of tubes and repair parts. The



G. Flynn

first radios to appear on the post-war market are the small table models. Later will come the large console models in-

able. Later in 1946 a large selection of models should be available for you to choose from.

Every home should have a good patient.

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WOW MEN 'HAMS' AGAIN

WOW engineers who are also amateur radio operators are get-ting their stations into operation now that the Federal Communications Commission has reopened

some of the frequencies used by the amateurs before the war. Roy Glanton, WOW transmitter supervisor has built a radio room in his basement and is contacting stations all over the world. Bob Rudd, transmitter engineer, has been on the air for some time operating in the 10-meter band. Among the others who are planning stations are Al Maller, G. Flynn and Louie DeBoer of the studio and Cy Hagrman and Mark McGowan from the transmitter. -wow-

WELCOME HOME . . .

February saw the return from the war of two members of the WOW engineering department. On February first Richard Peck re-turned as a studio engineer. He saw service in the Army Signal Corps both in the European and Pacific theatres.

Later in the month Bill Dunbar, also a studio engineer returned. Bill was a Navy radar officer and also saw service in both the Pa-cific and European war zones. -wow-

Representative Lea went to the Rules Committee to set a date for the vote.

Committeeman Earl C. Michener of Michigan said he had a bushel of letters from union men who wanted to hear their children play music on the radio, but couldn't be-cause of Caesar. Representative Howard W. Smith of Virginia told how Petrillo refused to let the Marine Corps Band play at a patriotic celebration in Fredericksburg, Va. Representative Eugene Cox of Georgia, whispered with

light, breaking through the clouds." You see how it is, Caesar. You can give other folks the Spike Jones raspberry and get away with it; blow sour music at Congress and it's likely to stuff your horn down your throat.

Dr. Frank Black celebrates his 13th year as general music director of NBC this month.

? Your Last Copy ?

Yes, sir. Simply turn to page 8, where your name and address is stamped on the margin. The date your News Tower subscription expires is printed here. "3/46" means March, 1946. If your subscription expires soon, RE-NEW now! Just send your name, address and 50 cents to WOW!

The 10th birthday anniversary of the NBC serial, "David Harum," was recently observed in unorthodox manner by Cameron Prud-homme and Peggy Alenby. Heard as David and Susan, respectively, they set aside the traditional methods of marking milestones in favor of extra rehearsals for the celebration broadcast.

IT'S FREQUENCY THAT COUNTS ...

WOI, the popular Iowa daytime radio station operated by Iowa State College has recently published some interesting data on radio cov-crage in miles for the various frequencies in the broadcast band.

Their data shows that a 5000 watt station operating on 640 kilocycles has a coverage of approximately 150 miles, while a station on 1500 kilocycles with the same power only cover a little over fifty miles.

This shows the distinct advantages of the lower frequencies and is of special interest to WOW listeners because WOW has an even lower frequency than 640 kil-ocycles. WOW's frequency is 590 kilocycles. (These distances are

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WOW NEWS TOWER

HERE COMES THE "EIGHT-OH-SEVEN"

Former Newspaper JANE

C-H-A-T-S How to Grow a With Your Own Aunt Fancy Hog Prof. Lawrence M. Winters, head

Sally of WOW . . . KNOCK . . . KNOCK! MAY I COME IN?

Hi, neighbors, how's the weather down your way? By the time you sit with me for this bit of timely

gossip you will know if March rushed in with the roar of a powerful lion or tripped softly in tripped softly in our midst as a gentle lamb.

We haven't time to talk about the weather now for there are many questions to be asked of our "inside members" for

Aunt Sally

April has always been the month in which we do our housecleaning in the file boxes to bring every card strictly up to date.

There have been changes of address and ages must be corrected and we want complete information about all the new members.

News Towers

This year I am going to make an effort to get the WOW News Tower in the home of every shut-in who is a member of our organiza-tion. The News Tower is a necessity in every home and it has always been a keen delight to the shut-in. Through this column I can pass along information of the go-ings on of the SUNSHINE SERV-ICE to the members who do not rise early enough to follow the activity that is mentioned on the daily broadcast

activity that is mentioned on the daily broadcast. And now for the questions . . . and a letter to— My Dear Children: I want to thank you for your splendid co-operation in the past year. You have shown your appreciation of membership in our organization by your lovalty. By your lovalty and your loyalty. By your loyalty and cooperation I mean that you have faithfully sent in your report on the first of the month and you have replied to the letters written by our listeners, and have not for-

gotten your cards and letters of thanks for attention received. All these things are necessary for the good of the cause, and the report is especially important, as it keeps me in touch with each as it keeps me in touch with each of you and also enables me to keep a check on the work being done by our listeners.

And now for the questions. Will you please answer each one no matter if you have answered the have sent in your report for the month do not wait until April to reply to these questions but send in the answers as soon as possible that we may start the work of making the new cards.

Questionnaire

Give your full name and address. Age, day of month and year of birth.

With whom do you live? Affiliated with what church?

of the animal husbandry division of the University of Minnesota's col-lege of agriculture and breeder of the new hog, Minnesota No. 1, will be interviewed by Everett Mitchell on the National Farm and Home Hour, March 9 (NBC, 12:45 p. m., WOW).

The new breed, whose progeni-tors are the American Bacon Hog, the Tamworth and the Danish Landrace, was bred by Prof. Win-ters and assistants to fit the speci-fications of Minnesota packers.

Greatest assets of the new porkers. Greatest assets of the new porker are its efficiency to turn corn into pork, requiring 325 pounds of feed as compared with 425 pounds for average hogs for every 100 pounds of weight; its rapidity of growth, it reaches a weight of 200 pounds in 135 days; its long-bodied heavy in 135 days; its long-bodied heavy build with a minimum of waste fat and a maximum of ham, bacon and pork chops for its weight, and its ability to rear large families.

In other portions of the program, Everett Mitchell will present the weekly U. S. Department of Agriculture farm market report. Music will be supplied by the Homesteaders orchestra, directed by Whitey Berquist and the Farm and Home Quartet.

Give weight and height.

- From the men I would like to know their weight, height, size of shirt collar and length of sleeve. Also size of sox and slippers.
- There should be some sort of a picture of every member in our family album and if you have not sent a picture of some kind please do at your earliest convenience . . . a snap shot will do. And now comes the sixty-four dol-

lar question. Is there anything in the way of medical attention or treatments needed that you can-not meet? It is the purpose of the SUNSHINE SERVICE to give comfort, happiness and an improved health condition to any member so far as it is in our power to do so.

All right, let's go for more health and happiness to all of you. I'll be expecting to hear from you real soon with all the answers.

'Bye for now!

YOUR AUNT SALLY.

"I have been told that one rea-son (for the beef cattle shortage) on NBC National Farm and Home may be that many farmers expect a rise in the ceiling price on cattle. -WOW-

Lovely Jane Wilson, soprano with Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians or

wish to say that I know of no plan to raise the celling price on cattle... In fact, if there should be a glut of cattle on the market later on as a result of holding back now, prices might be expected to be lower."— CLINTON P. AN-



"The United Nations has not solved the Russo-Iran dispute, but it did establish right at the start that where there are tough issues, the United Nations will not duck them, and it won't discuss them in the sort of diplomatic doubletalk with which thorny issues have often been evaded in the past."— CLIFTON UTLEY on weekly NBC commentary (Sundays, 12:45 p. m., WOW).

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"Bing Crosby is one man who never forgets past favors. Why, when the Groaner went to New York recently, he dropped in at the Stork Club and gave everyone in the place a gift the realized in the place a gift. . . . He realized it was about time he gave the stork something." — FRANK MORGAN on NBC's Kraft Music Hall (Thurs-days, 8 p.m., WOW).

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Holtz Stars in Newest WOW

Clear away those breakfast dishes, ladies! Here comes the Eight-Oh-Seven Special! With Thom-

son Holtz as "conductor, en-gineer and whis-tle puller" this new post-breakfast feature made its bow recently on WOW and has already met with a favorable response from listeners.



listeners. As its name implies the Thomson Holtz "Eight-Oh-Seven Special" rolls around each weekday morning at that hour, 8:07 a. m., on WOW. It is designed to fill in for the housewife's second-cup-of-coffee rest period after the family gets out of the house. The "Eight-Oh-Seven Special" includes a bit of humor, the time, temperature, and weather forecast, and the latest BMI recorded popu-

and the latest BMI recorded popular tunes. On Mondays and Tues-days Holtz is assisted by Merrill Workhoven and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by John

Thursdays and Fridays by John Leslie. A typical scrip called for this music: "Canadian Capers" by the King Sisters with Alvina Rey; "Are These Really Mine?" the Music of Manhattan orchestra; Neil Bond-shu's new south-of-the-border hit, "Pa Ran Pan Pan" and Hal Dor-win singing "Stars in Your Eyes."

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Waring Hillbilly

is a Nebraskan

Fred Waring's Cornplasters, who provide those brief billbilly choruses on the NBC morning music ses-sions, are Jimmy Atkins, who doubles as romantic baritone, and Hugh "Lumpy" Brannum, custo-dian of the string bass. Atking who sang mountain mu-

Atkins, who sang mountain mu-sic for a living until Waring fitted him with a pair of shoes, musically speaking, plays the guitar and provides the low voice in the duets, with Brannun, a Marine veteran of Iwo Jima and other Pacific cam-paigns, singing top tenor and

thumping the bass. Jimmy is a native of Sedan, Neb. and got his start in radio stations in Clay Center and Lincoln.

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Queen of Cotton

Slights Bill Bivens It was "Bill Bivens Day" recently on the Fred Waring Show (NBC, five-a-week, 10:00 a. m., WOW), but as usual Bill came off second

best with Fred. When the lovely "Queen of Cot-ton," Miss Gwin Barnwell, of Gas-tonia, N. C., presented a boll of cotton, it was Fred and not the announcer who received it.

Bill read a congratulatory tele-"Edgar Bergen should take a gram he received from Governor R. est—he's been loafing too hard Gregg Cherry of North Carolina



Gracie Has Budget Troubles



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- Do you like to read and what kind of books do you prefer?
- From the women I would like the

Mrs. Burns is having allowance trouble again because that old meanie George, will insist that she make both ends meet, and Gracie just can't information as to size of dress devise any kind of arithmetic that will make those hateful figures come NBC's Show or gown, hose and house slippers. out right. The bantering of George and Gracie enlivens their NBC show. p. m., WOW).

lately."—CHARLIE MCCARTHY on NBC's Charlie McCarthy Show (Sundays, 7 p. m., WOW). —WOW—	and Fred was presented with a Confederate flag by the blond southern belle in token of his being made an honorary officer of the Confederacy by Governor Cherry.	
"A genealogical society is some- thing like a vacuum cleaner—they both pick up all the dirt."—JUDY CANOVA on NBC's Judy Canova Show (Saturdays, 9 p. m., WOW). —WOW—	Bob Burns has just renewed Shirley Ross as singer on his NBC	
"Digger O'Dell, the friendly un- dertaker, is a man who sticks to the end. He is always the last to ditch a friend."—BILL, BENDIX as Chester Riley on NBC's Life of Riley (Saturdays, 7 p. m., WOW). —WOW— "Nowadays too many parents aren't on spanking terms with their children." — BOB BURNS on NBC's Show (Thursdays, 6:30	? Your Last Copy? Yes, sir. Simply turn to page 8, where your name and address is stamped on the margin. The date your News Tower subscription expires is printed here. "3/46" m e a n s March, 1946. If your subscription expires soon, RE-	

LISTENERS "IN ON" PRESS CONFERENCE

Newsmen Quiz Experts at Farm Meet

WOW special events reporters introduced a new wrinkle in radio reporting at the recent National Farm Institute in Des Moines.

Chief speakers at the conference, including business, farm, labor and political leaders, all faced WOW microphones during the regular press conferences. This permitted listeners to hear leading newspaper and radio news men fire questions, many of them brutally embarrass-ing, and to hear the answers "hot off the griddle."

Most interesting of the exclusive press-conference broadcasts was one in which Henry Wallace, Secretary of Commerce was on the receiving end of a flock of questions.

The conference opened:

"Well, Mr. Secretary, are you going to run?"

"Run for what?" Wallace countered.

"For president in 1948?"

Wallace, somewhat take n aback, hesitated a moment and then explained that he under-stood President Truman would run, in which case he wouldn't

Wallace's answer made top news at the conference.

Earlier at the meeting WOW carried direct press-conference broad-casts with Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, and with William L. Clayton, assistant Secretary of State.

Anderson steered clear of politi-cal questions but talked at length on U. S. policy regarding farm prices, and farm machinery availability.

Clayton began his conference by frankly asking the press to "give me all the publicity you can on this loan to Britain business." He con-tended that the failure of the Britbish Loan to pass Congress would put this country in "an unfortunate position" in the post-war world.

While in Des Moines, WOW made seven broadcasts most of them via special leased wire from studios set up in a sample room at Hotel Fort Des Moines. Ray Clark did the broadcasts with the assistance of Bill Wiseman and Engineer Glenn Flynn.

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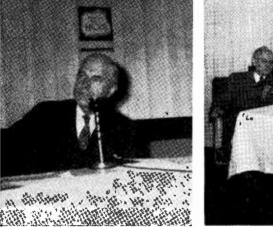
ENJOY PAR

Omaha—We enjoyed Harold Par singing "Rugged Cross" ever so much. It is my favorite number and I thought he sang it beauti-fully. fully. MRS. TARTONER.



Henry Wallace, Secretary of Commerce was slightly flustered when a Agriculture's Clinton P. Ander-newsman hurled at him "Are you going to run in 1948?" The camera son told press conferees and WOW caught him at the WOW microphone just as he first heard the question, at listeners his views on farm com-a press-conference broadcast at the National Farm Institute, Des Moines. modity price problems.

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William L. Clayton, assistant Secretary of State, said the pro-posed \$4 billion - dollar loan to Britain would avoid Sterling-Dollar blocs.



Successful Farming's Kirk Fox, Labor's (AFL) Marion Hedges, Dr. Howard R. Tolley, Dept. of Agriculture, CED's Paul Hoffman, Studebaker president and Ray Clark took part in this-a typical "round-table" broadcast in WOW's Des Moines hotel studios, at the big farm meet.

NOBLE'S DOUBLE

Norman Felton, director for Mas-querade (NBC, five-a-week, 11 a. m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, on WOW), wishes that Maestro Ray Noble, of the Charlie McCarthy Show, would grow a beard, wear a monocle, dye his hair or other-wise change his appearance.

Not that Felton doesn't like Noble's looks—"very handsome, distinguished type of chap," says he with true British reserve. Also with an ulterior motive behind the fattery, since Felton and Noble resemble each other. Not only that, they have identical accents, products of Lunnon.

TECHNICAL INFO (Continued from page 4) measured at the .5 millivolt per

meter contour line.) --wow---

Many people have been puzzled by the term FM so perhaps an explanation is in order. FM means frequency modulation and is a new type or method of broadcasting invented by Major Armstrong, the man who developed the Superheter-odyne type of receiver in common use at the present time.

FM has two features in its favor, some disadvantages in comparison with the present system of broad-casting which is known as AM or amplitude modulation. Many ex-perts believe that FM will never replace the present AM system but will only supplement it.

FM has two features in its favor, one, in reception there is almost complete elimination of atmospheric un. or man made noises, and, second, a wider band of frequencies is transmitted permitting high fidelity

Eve Arden Picked In Film Award

A high tribute to her fine comedy technique has been paid Eve Arden, featured comedienne on Jack Haley's Sealtest Village Store (NBC) who this week was nominated for the Academy Award as "Best Feminine Supporting Actress" during 1945. The Academy of Motion Picture

Arts and Sciences selected Miss Arden to vie for the coveted Oscar in this classification because of her excellent performance in "Mildred Pierce" starring Joan Crawford. Final voting will be held March 7.

Should she win the award, it will climax eight years of oustanding screen portrayals since leaving Broadway to score in her first film, "Stage Door."

Hooperatings of Ten Years Ago

A late Hooperating on network radio shows appends a list of the most popular shows at the same time 10 years ago. Only three of the present first 15 were in the the present first 15 were in the first 15 then in about the same for-mat — Jack Benny, Fred Allen and Walter Winchell. Benny has the same number of points, 26.8, al-though he is fifth now and was third then. Allen is now eighth with 22.7; then he was seventh with 22.2. Winchell has moved from thirteenth place to tenth, improv-ing his rating from 19.2 to 21.

Phil Baker is on both lists, but his show is considerably different. Then he headed a comedy-variety show which ranked eleventh at 20.4 and now he conducts a quiz pro-gram which is fifteenth at 18.8. Some of the familiar names miss-ing from the current list are Major Bowes, Rudy Vallee (they ran one-two then), and the March of Time.

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This Kind of Gift Should Be Welcome

A gift of two pounds of butter proved too much for a tough city cop in Philadelphia recently, ac-cording to Farm Commentator Everett Mitchell on Voice of the Dairy Farmer NBC, Sundays, 12:45 p. m., WOW).

The officer was feted by his fel-low patrolmen after completing 20 years of service. They presented him three pairs of nylons for his womenfolk, which was very nice; five pounds of sugar, which was even nicer, and lastly, two pounds of buttar. of butter.

This last token of generosity proved too much for the policeman. Believe it or not, he fainted.

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GRATITUDE

Ish Kabibble, comedian on NBC's College of Musical Knowl-edge, stepped out of his car at Santa Anita race track last week to discover that the car next to him was on fire. He broke the glass and put the fire out before the engines arrived and a week the engines arrived and a week later the owner of the car sent him a bill for breaking the window!

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NEW ACUFF TUNE

Roy Acuff is preparing a new Roy Acuff is preparing a new song book for the music store trade, containing many of his best-liked songs which he sings on the Saturday night NBC "Grand Ole Opry." It will be the fifth song book he has published, and will be out some time in March.

WOW NEWS SCHEDULE (NOTE. — WOW will instantly interrupt any program at

any time for important news flashes or bulletins.

6:00 A. M.—News Tower	Daily except Sun.
7:00 A. M.—Alex Dreier	Daily except Sun.
7:30 A. M.—News Tower	Daily except Sun.
8:00 A. M.—World News Review	Mon. Thru Fri.
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20 YEARS AGO ON WOW

Twenty years ago today (March 1) WOW's (WOAW,

March 1, 1946

8:15 A. M.—WOW News TowerSun.	reception.	then) program schedule included:
9:00 A. M.—Robert St. John—News Mon. Thru Fri.		12:45 p. m. Music Art Randall's Royal Fontenelle
9:30 A. MMidwest ReportSun.	The coverage is roughly 35 miles	Orchestra.
10:00 A. M.—News TowerSun.	depending on the frequency used. This means that listeners in the	5:30 p. m. Father Flanagan's Boys' Home Period.
11:00 A. M.—World FrontSun.	rural areas would be unable to hear	6 p. m. Sports Talk by Ivan Gaddis, sports editor
12:00 Noon—Four-Bell News Roundun Daily except Sun	FM stations. It is probable that	the Omaha Daily News.
News Tower	concentrated in areas of large pop-	6:20 p.m. Popular song period by Frank Peterson,
2:00 P. M.—Sheaffer World ParadeSun.	ulation.	tenor; Helen Higgins, piano.
4:30 P. M.—John W. VandercookSat.	-WOW PERSONAL	6:50 p.m. More music by Art Randall's orchestra.
5:30 P. M.—Four-Bell News and SportsDaily except Sun.	NOTES	9 p. m. Variety program under auspices of Hannan-
6:15 P. M.—News of the World, NBC Mon. Thru Fri.	Another trip to New York for	Van Brunt Co., Ford and radio dealers. Featuring,
6:45 P. MHighlights of News Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.	Joe Herold, WOW technical su-	Wizzy's orchestra with Nat Young, piano; Herb
10:00 P. M.—News TowerDaily		- Ferenman, plano, and, O. D. Femple, tenori
11:00 P. M.—News	plans.	10 p. m. Newly-organized Men's Music Club.
11:30 P. M.—News	Des Moines handling the technical	among them "Matings Idole" "Midnite Idlam" "WOWs"
11:55 P. M.—News	end of WOW's coverage of the	"The Elpeez" after Appouncer L. P. (Lester Palmer): and
12:55 A. M.—NewsDaily	National Farm Institute held Feb- ruary 15 and 16 in that city.	the "Bachelor Singers."
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WOW EXPANDS MARKET SERVICE

AD EXECS VISIT "HIGHLIGHTS" STAFF

THE SPORTS EYE

By TOM DAILEY

Hello, Good Sports! Maybe it's because I live too near the baliwick of Phog Allen; or maybe it's because I'm in an argumentative



mood — but it's about time I got into this basketball controversy. We must begin by saying that there's ab-solutely nothing that can be done about barring tall players from the basketball courts. After all, it isn't the fault of the player that he reaches

Tom Dailey

closer to Heaven than some of the tall boys for standing under the bas-ket and dropping the ball through the nets. And neither can you blame the stringy ones when they make a basket and then grin at the short player who barely comes

up to their knees. But! And here's where I submit a plan. Something can be done to the court and to the rules which would put a stop to the tall player having the advantage over a short having the advantage over a short player. Now, isn't that the whole argument? O. K.—here's the an-swer: Get a paint brush and a bucket of paint. Red paint. Make a red line across the court—midway between the foul line and the back-board. At both ends of the court. The Law

Then into the rule book of basketball, write this law:

"No player of either team shall at any time try for a toss at the basket while any part of his or her person is on or across the red line drawn midway between the foul line and the end line of the playing sur-face."

Now, my friends—we have put all players on the same level. No matter how tall, how short, how fat or how wide. If they have the ability to shoot a basket, they can still be a star—but! the shooting must be done from outside the red line.

Naismith Giggles

out it, prohibitive, Wesley I. Nunn, advertising director of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, told Omaha Kiwanians recently. Mr. Nunn came to Omaha as WOW's guests to speak on "The Economic Value of Advertising" and to show his film presentation "If You Build a Better Mouse Trap." I can see the smile cross the face of Dr. Naismith—the fellow who one day hung up a couple of peach baskets and invented the game of basketball. For years he frowned at the tall boys who loped down the court and dropped the ball into the peach basket, and his followers frowned and argued as to what to do about it. "No touchto what to do about it. "No touch-ing the ball on the downward arc" they bellowed. "Limit the size of the player" screamed another au-thority. "Raise the basket" chor-used more. But what happens? Nothing! Not a dang thing! The tall players keep on dropping the tall players keep on dropping the ball into the basket—and grinning at the shorties.

When Dr. Naismith invented the greeted here by John Hay, Omaha hockey game.



An impressive launching of Standard Oil's new sponsorship of "Highlights and Sidelights of the News" took place recently, with Wesley I. Nunn, Standard's advertising director, Chicago, as special

Expert Tells How

Ads Reduce Cost

Advertising, often derided, makes

it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Amer-ica, to enjoy thousands of products, the cost of which would be, with-out it, prohibitive, Wesley I. Nunn,

Nearly 150 business leaders

turned out for Mr. Nunn's speech. Most Kiwanians brought members

of their advertising departments to

guest. Photo shows, left to right, Herb Lee, writer Mr. Nunn, who came to Omaha to address the Kiwanis club; John Leslie, narrator, and John Hay, Omaha division, Standard Oil manager.

> -for instance, John Leslie who said on the news the other day: "The tubgoat operators didn't agree." (Well, re-read it. It's funny.)

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That's all for now, because Herb Lee has refused to give us any news and so hurt our feelings. He says: "I don't deal in gossip ... at least not the kind you print in the News Tower."

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The National Broadcasting Company has been awarded three of the seven citations of merit to be presented by the National Confer-ence of Christians and Jews during National Brotherhood Week.

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and other interested listener wants to get both the general news and the markets with the least possible loss of time from other duties— WOW includes market news. This is a complete report show-ing the total picture of the Omaha livestock market of the day before and indicating receipts, prices of sales, type of sales and price trends in such a way that it gives the in such a way that it gives the listener a thorough and complete report of exactly what happened in the cattle, hog and sheep divi-sions and what the probable effect will be on the current day's

markets. WOW also gives a review of the trends on both the Chicago and Omaha grain markets.

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At 6:30, WOW carries a remote control report from the U. S. De-partment of Agriculture market news service at the stock yards. This report is given by a specially-trained government export. It gives trained government expert. It gives full information on cattle, hogs and

sheep receipts. A special show on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 6:49, brings briefly the top farm news and a picture of the Chicago and Omaha livestock and grain markets

in capsule form. The 7:30 news includes a report on estimated livestock receipts at

seven major midwest markets. About noon, most of the livestock marketing has been cleared up for the day, price ranges are pretty definitely set and the trends in buy-ing cleared and prices are obvious. ing classes and prices are obvious. Therefore, WOW has included a special market report as an integral part of the Four-Bell News Round-

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tion at Chicago. The report also gives a review on corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley trends.

A brief report on the commodity market lets WOW listeners know what the trends are in poultry, eggs and butter. At the end of the mar-ket period, WOW gives a sum-mary of the trend in the New York stock market.

Speaking of sports, one of the favorite gags of the WOW Barber Shop Quartet (the quartet intro-duced it into this area) is the orange gag. The trick is that one guy or gal holds an orange with his or her chin. The other partici-pant tries to transfer it, also by using only the chin (no hands).

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Alibi for Husbands Well, Ray Olson and Thomson

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Holtz have started carrying towels with them on the trips the quartet makes. Because, they couldn't sucthe meeting. "Mr. Nunn's talk was one of the most informative and practical we've ever had," said Irving Zerzan, Ki-trying to get the orange. Happened wanis president after the meeting. to Olson with a brand-new, light While in Omaha, Mr. Nunn took suit, the lapel and shoulder of time out to get acquainted with which was liberally smeared with

WOW staff members who present "Highlights and Sidelights of the News" for Standard Oil on WOW Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fri-the Women's club of South Omaha. all players keep on dropping the all into the basket—and grinning t the shorties. Happy Day But now everything is settled. But now everything is settled. Happy Day But now everything is settled. But now everything is settled. Happy Day But now everything is settled. Happy Day At six o'clock, the boys were en-dread of the Women's club of South Omaha. At six o'clock, the boys were en-tertaining at an Organized Agricul-ture meeting at Lincoln and at 8 they were back in Omaha for the

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:30	4-Bell News-Sports Phillips "66" Smith Bros. Studebaker Falstaff Overland Greyhound American Home Prod.	4-Bell News-Sports Phillips "66" Studebaker American Home Prod. Fairmont Falstaff Overland Greyhound	4-Bell News-Sports Phillips "66" Smith Bros. Studebaker Falstaff Overland Greyhound American Home Prod.	4-Bell News—Sports Phillips "66" Studebaker American Home Prod. Fairmont Falstaff Overland Greyhound	4-Bell News—Sports Phillips "66" Smith Bros. Studebaker Falstaff Overland Greyhound American Home Prod.	4-Bell News-Sports Phillips "66" Studebaker American Home Prod. Fairmont Falstaff Overland Greyhound	Great Gildersleeve Kraft
6:00	Chesterfield Supper Club	Chesterfield Supper Club	Chesterfield Supper Club	Chesterfield Supper Club	Chesterfield Supper Club	Seven Up Club of the Air	Jack Benny
6:15	News of the World Alka-Seltzer	News of the World Alka-Seltzer	News of the World Alka-Seltzer	News of the World Alka-Seltzer	News of the World Alka-Seltzer	Dinner Music Nebraska Power	Lucky Strike
6:30	Singin' Sam—Hamms	Skippy Hollywood	Singin' Sam—Hamms	Bob Burns	Singin' Sam—Hamms	Music, Allgaier	Fitch Bandwagon Cass Dailey
6:45	Standard News	Theater—Skippy Peanut Butter	Standard News	Lifebuoy	Standard News	News, Allgaier	Cass Daney
7:00	Cavalcade of America Dupont	Philip Morris Follies of 1946	Mr. and Mrs. North Woodbury Products	Burns and Allen Maxwell House	Cities Service Highway in Melody	Life of Riley Teel	Charlie McCarthy Show Chase & Sanborn
7 :30	Voice of Firestone Concert	A Date With Judy Tums	Hildegard e Raleighs	Dinah Shore's Open House Birdseye	Duffy's Tavern Vitalis Minit Rub	Truth or Consequences Duz	Fred Allen Show Tenderleaf Tea Blue Bonnet Margarin
8:00	Telephone Hour Bell Telephone	Amos 'n' Andy Lever Rinso	Eddie Cantor Show Trushay—Ipana	Bing Crosby Kraft Music Hall Kraft Foods Co.	People Are Funny Raleighs	National Barn Dance Alka-Seltzer	Manhattan Merry-Go-Round Dr. Lyons
8:30	Information Please Socony-Vacuum	Fibber McGee and Molly Johnson Wax	Mr. District Attorney Sal Hapatica—Vitalis	Sealtest Village Store	Waltz Time Phillips Milk of Magnesia	Can You Top This? Palmolive	American Album of Familiar Music Bayer Aspirin
9:00	Contented Hour Carnation Milk	Bob Hope Pepsodent	College of Musical Knowledge	Abbott and Costello Camels	Mystery Theater Molle	Judy Canova Show Palmolive	Hour of Charm General Electric
9:30	Dr. I. Q. Mars, Inc.	Red Skelton	Colgate-Palmolive-	Drene Show	Bill Stern—Colgate	Grand Ole Opry	Meet Me at Parkys Old Gold
9:45		Raleighs	Peet Co.	Rudy Vallee	Talks	Prince Albert	
10:00	C., B. & Q. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Lever Bros.	C., B. & Q. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Nebraska Power	C., B. & Q. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Lever Bros.	C., B. & Q. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Nebraska Power	C., R. & O. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Lever Bros.	C., B. & Q. WOW News Tower Paxton & Gallagher Nebraska Power	WOW News Tower Kilpatrick's Perfex
10:15	Sports Nebraska Clothing	Sports Nebraska Clothing	Sports Nebraska Clothing	Sports Nebraska Clothing	Sports Nebraska Clothing	Sportstime	Show Time Murnan
10:30	Honored Flights Longines	His Honor the Barber Ballantine	Symphonette Longin es	RCA Victor Show	Symphonette Longin es	Orchestra	Pacific Story
11:00	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	Midnight Revue Falstaff Beer	News

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5:30 A. M.—Five-thirty Call
6:00 A. MWOW News Tower-Staley MillingDaily except Sun.
6:15 A. M.—Aunt Sally
6:30 A. M.—Markets (Remote)
6:35 A. M.—Jessie Young's Helpful Hints—Midwest Cleanit
6:55 A. M.—Reveille—Fair StoreDaily except Sun.
7:00 A. M.—Alex Dreier—Skelly NewsDaily except Sun. Revival Hour, Gospel Broadcasting AssociationDaily except Sun.
7:15 A. M.—Lyle, Stan and Company—Nutrena
7:30 A. M.—WOW News Tower—Roberts, Byron Reed, Mid-Continent, Peter Paul
7:45 A. M.—Reveille Roundup—Groves Cold Tablets
8:00 A. M.—World News Review—National BiscuitMon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. What's What Today?—Metropolitan UtilitiesSat. Al Williams Health SystemSun.
8:07 A. MEight-O-Seven Special
8:15 A. M.—Little DoghouseSat. News Highlights and Sidelights—Tek-Seed HybridsSun.
8:30 A. M.—Special Delivery—Aquila
Chapel Service, Rev. R. R. Brown
8:45 A. M.—Songs of Praise
Pleasure Parade-Beaumont 4-WayTue., Thu., Sat.

11:30 A. M.—Meet Me at Hinky-Dinky'sMon., Wed., Fri.
Art Van Damme Quartet
The Man SpeaksSat.
House of Beauty-LorenzoSun.
11:45 A. MLife Can Be Beautiful-P. & G. Oxydol Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Canary Pet Shop—Hartz Mountain ProductsSun.
12:00 Noon-Four-Bell News, Markets
WOW News Tower-Kilpatrick's, PerfexSun.
12:15 P. MFarm Magazine of the Air-Yager Seed CompanySun.
12:30 P. MSupreme Serenade-Merchants Biscuit Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Ben Adams Family—Robinson SeedSat.
University of NebraskaSun.
12:45 P. M.—Noonday Forum—Planters Peanuts
Mitchell and Utley—American Dairy AssociationSun.
1:00 P. MGuiding Light-General Mills
Farm and Home Hour—Allis Chalmers
Harvest of Stars—International HarvesterSun.
1:15 P. M.—Today's Children—General Mills
1:26 P. M.—Betty Crocker—General Mills
1:30 P. M.—The BaxtersSat.
Westinghouse Concert
1:32 P. MWoman in White-General Mills
1:45 P. MJudy and Jane-Folger Coffee
Veterans' Advisor Commander Ty KrumSat.
2:00 P. MWoman of America-P. & G. Soap Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Orchestras of the Nation
Sheaffer World ParadeSun.
2:15 P. MMa Perkins-P. & G. Oxydol
2:30 P. M.—Pepper Young—P. & G. Camay
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9:00 A. M.—Robert St. John, News	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Homemakers Club-Nebraska Power	Sat.
9:15 A. M.—Lora Lawton—Babo	. Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9:30 A. MRoad of Life-P. & G. Duz	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Adventures of Archie Andrews	Sat.
Midwest Report	
9:45 A. M.—Joyce Jordon—P. & G	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Cheer Up Time—Iowa Master Breeders	
10:00 A. MFred Waring	. Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
WOW Jamboree	
WOW News Tower-Kilpatricks, Perfex	Sun.
10:15 A. M.—Gems and Jottings—Zales Jewelry	
10:30 A. M.—Barry Cameron—Manhattan Soap	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Smilin' Ed McConnell-Buster Brown	
Furs on Parade—Herzberg	
10:45 A. M.—David Harum—Babo	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Solitaire Time—Campana	
11:00 A. M.—Strictly Instrumental	
Masquerade-Gen. Mills, Softasilk	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat.
World Front-Bunte Bros., Candy	
11:15 A. M.—Melodic Moods	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
Music in Three-Fourth Time	

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One Man's Family-Standard Brands	
2:45 P. MRight to Happiness-P. & G. Ivory Bar	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
3:00 P. MBackstage Wife-Sterling Products	Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
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4:00 P. M.—When a Girl Marries—General Foods	Mon. Tue. Wed., Thu., Fri.
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4:30 P. M.—Just Plain Bill—Anacin	. Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.
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Tin Pan Alley—Leaf Gum	Sat
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Martin Block's Record Shop	
Catholic Hour, NBC	
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5:25 P. M.—Memory Album—Vicks	. Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri.

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