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5000 CANADIANS HEARD ON CKCW'S 6th FESTIVAL



RT. HON. LOUIS ST. LAURENT, Prime Minister of Canada, is shown above as he addressed the audience in the Moncton High School auditorium at the official opening of the Moncton Music Festival. The Prime Minister visited the Festival on its opening night. On the stage of the auditorium are, left to right: adjudicators W. H. Brodie, Hilda Strombergs and Reginald G. Geen; Hon. Milton F. Gregg; Mrs. E. W. George; Lt.-Col. E. W. George, M.P., Westmorland; Mrs. David McKay; Mayor A. E. Stone; Mrs. F. A. Lynds; F. A. Lynds, who was chairman of the opening ceremonies; Mme St. Laurent, seated behind her husband; Mrs. M. Samson, daughter of the Prime Minister; Hon. A. C. Taylor, provincial Minister of Agriculture; and adjudicators Clayton Hare, Mlle Louise Chouzet and Howard Brown.

—Photo by Moncton Transcript.

Moncton.—Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent officially opened the sixth annual Moncton Music Festival, sponsored by station CKCW, here last month. Six days later, when the last entry had been heard, the function was accorded the highest praise from many quarters in its history.

Largest event of its kind in the Maritimes, the Festival this year was presented by close to 5,000 individuals competing in 1,500 entries before six adjudicators in three halls for an entire week. This is an increase of 25 per cent in the number of competitors over last year

Prime Minister St. Laurent said at the inaugural ceremony that CKCW provided through the Festival an "admirable illustration" of the way in which local radio stations can stimulate the growth and appreciation of music in the community. He hoped this would serve as an example to other parts of the country.

Serving another year on the board of judges, Clayton Hare, conductor of the Calgary Symphony Orchestra, said that a definite improvement could be seen in the performances of school groups this year, indicative of the value of the Festival. Adjudicator Reginald G. Geen, president of the Dominion College of Organists, was pleased with the over-all high calibre of the entries, and he said that in performing his task

he "had a whale of a good time."

The Festival was directed by CKCW manager Fred Lynds, assisted by the station's sales manager, Tom Tonner and program director Hubert Button. The station arranged for the 30 scholarships and prizes donated by companies, educational institutions and service clubs in the area. Active co-operation came from interested music teachers and local citizens who formed an advisory board and selected music for about 250 competition classes. The station underwrote all expenses.

A feature event since it first appeared in the Festival in 1949 at the urging of CKCW, the renowned St. Joseph's University Boys' Choir had its performance this year recorded by cameras of the National Film Board. The 10-minute film is currently being shown in theatres across the country. Gaining prominence from its original Festival success, the choir was later awarded the Lincoln Trophy, presented to the best Canadian choir to appear before the English Chain of Music Adjudicators which tours this country annually. Last year it captured top honors at the Welsh Eisteddfod.

An event which drew the commendation of the Prime Minister was the introduction of the Dor-

chester Penitentiary Choir to the competition. He felt it praiseworthy "that the Festival should aid the prison authorities in trying to rescue these unfortunate people."

ALL-CANADA & WORLD DEAL TO AID TALENT

Toronto.—Canadian talent may get a break with a major recording outfit in the not too distant future. This plan is part of a deal that has just been made between All-Canada Radio Facilities Ltd. in this country and World Program Library Service in the United States. Starting June 1, All-Canada Radio Facilities Ltd. has set up World Program Sales as a new division of its program activities. It will operate under Bob Tait, of the All-Canada sales staff, who will handle the World Program Service Library for Canadian.

Plans, according to All-Canada's assistant general manager, Stuart MacKay, embrace "far-reaching additions in service, designed for the Canadian audience and advertiser." Some of these plans, he said, include the use, in the World Program Library Service, of Canadian radio artists and musical groups. MacKay speaks also of the addition of new radio ideas, specifically for Canada, such as programs for Canadian holidays.

World Program Library Service, which listed 30 Candian subscriber stations in the Data section of



BOB TAIT

this paper (April 23, 1952), is a subsidiary of the Frederic W. Ziv Company, which has been represented by All-Canada in this country for a number of years. World general manager Bob Friedheim said of the new association: "It will give us and our Canadian affiliates the benefit of Canadian thinking and successful Canadian radio sales programming and selling techniques."

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AGENCIES

By Art Benson

J. WALTER THOMPSON

Toronto. — Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. has started the 15-minute five a week live Vive La Gaiete over seven stations of the French Radio Associates Ltd. network fed from CKVL, Verdun. The show has been scheduled for one year and features emcee Emil Genest, singer Monique Leyrac, Eddy Tremblay's orchestra, with commercials being handled by Leon Lachance.

Montreal. - Kraft Foods Ltd. have scheduled special Canadian cut-ins on six shows of the Kraft Television Theatre over WBEN-TV, Buffalo and WWJ-TV, Detroit, advertising the varieties of Kraft Deluxe Cheese Slices.

. . . JAMES LOVICK

Toronto. - John Rowland, account executive here, has been appointed manager of the Toronto office of James Lovick & Co. Ltd., succeeding Ray Barford who has taken over the general managership of the Vancouver News-Herald.

British-American Oil Co. Ltd. has a campaign of spot announcements, newscasts and sportscasts going to 85 stations coast to coast until the end of June. Same sponsor has also scheduled the 10minute three a week Paris Swing over CKVL, Verdun.

Canada Bread Co. Ltd. has a spot announcement series under way until the middle of June over 11 Southern Ontario stations advertising its new loaf "Toast-

IMPERIAL ADVERTISING

Halifax.—J. E. Morse & Co. (Tea) has scheduled the 15-minute five a week transcribed Edgar Wallace stories (S. W. Caldwell) over CJFX, Antigonish and VOCM, St. Johns, Newfoundland. Same sponsor is also using spot announcements over CHNS, Halifax; CKCW, Moncton; CFCY, Charlottetown and CJON, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

L. E. Shaw Ltd. has started a series of five-minute three a week transcribed commentaries by Claud Cain over CHSJ, Saint CFCY, Charlottetown; CJCB, Sydney and CHNS, Hali-The program advertises tile product Thermocrete.

GETS CAB FRANCHISE

Ottawa.—Century Television & Radio Agencies Ltd. has had its application for recognition by the Canadian Association of Broad-casters approved by the CAB's board of directors. The agency is located in Winnipeg.

BAKER ADVERTISING

Toronto. - Eversharp Inc. has scheduled a spot announcement campaign over 30-odd stations until the end of July advertising Schick Injector Razors and Blades.

0 0 0 ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING

Toronto. - Templeton's Limited has scheduled a series of Sunday morning 10-minute newscasts until June 30 over CHUB, Nanaimo and CJAV, Port Alberni, advertising TRC's.

TANDY ADVERTISING

Toronto.-Aulcraft Paints Ltd. has scheduled a six-week series of spot announcements over 12 stations in Ontario and Quebec advertising its new rubber base paint, Royal Saltin.

VICKERS & BENSON

Montreal. — Benson & Hedges (Canada) Ltd. has started the five-minute five a week Joe Crysdale's Baseball Round-Up over CKEY, Toronto, advertising Cabinet Cigars.

HARRY E. FOSTER

Toronto.—Northern Electric Co. Ltd. has started the 15-minute once a week transcribed Barber Shop Quartet over seven Ontario stations advertising Northern Electric appliances.

LOCKE JOHNSON

Toronto.-Hobbs Glass Ltd. has renewed the five-minute five a week transcribed Home Decorating School of the Air featuring Gordie Tapp and Teddy Forman over 30 stations coast to coast. Series is scheduled until the end of October. . . .

KENYON & ECKHARDT

Toronto.—Kellogg Co. of Canada Ltd. has started the 25-minute twice a week transcribed Wild Bill Hickok over 17 stations coast to coast advertising Rice Krispies and Corn Pops.

Richard Hudnut Ltd. has a spot announcement series going to CFRB and CKEY, Toronto, advertising its Home Permanents.

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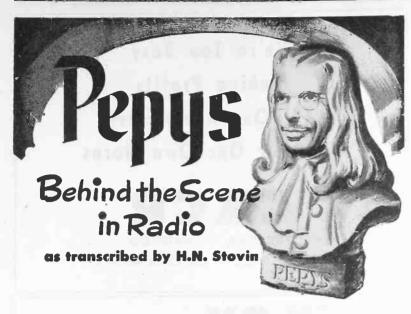
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"Am much taken with a story now being told in the coffee houses of the youth who, on leaving school, was undecided on what trade or vocation to take up, since his father did desire him to be a barber, while his mother hoped he would be a radio comedian. Finally the perplexed youth settled it by tossing a coin, though I do not know whether it came down heads or tales • • Did this week receive a visit from Fred Tully of CJGX, Yorkton, suntanned from the unexpected 90° temperature his part of the West has been enjoying, and jubilant over the news that 1952 will be a 2-harvest year. One harvest is already in, one-third of last year's wheat crop having wintered well in the fields, and on being threshed this Spring, proved to be of excellent quality. Fields were all cleared in time for the normal Spring sowing, so a second crop may be looked forwith consequent prosperity and new money in the Yorkton area. Indeed, it is already prosperous, for in Canora alone, a thriving though small centre near Yorkton, \$750,000.00 has already been spent in farm implements • • A salute, as befits the occasion, to Edmundston, which now has Royal Assent to the title of New Brunswick's fourth city. CJEM now serving a larger audience, therefore, than formerly; and indeed a good one, since Edmundston now has the second highest per capita income in Canada • • Bill Hawkins, CFOS. Owen Sound, prompt in reporting fine coverage by his station of the recent fire in the Collegiate and Vocational Institute. CFOS was on the job ten minutes after the firemen arrived. and for 434 hours aired an eye-witness flame by flame account. followed by a later roundup on description and interviewsa truly wide-awake and thorough job • • All indications point to a bigger tourist invasion of Canada than ever before. Pepys advises, 'Don't forget that hoilday money is easy money.' Let any Stovin man advise you how to get your share."

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PROGRAMS

News With Guts Can Beat TV By Tom Briggs

Toronto. — Besides being "the best sales tool in a radio station," local news is one part of programming where radio can more than hold its own against television, declared E. R. Vadeboncoeur during the morning session of the sixth Canadian BMI program clinic held in the King Edward Hotel here last month under the auspices of the Central Canada Broadcasters' Association. The speaker is general manager of the AM, FM and TV operations of WSYR, Syracuse.

He pointed out to the 147 program people that Syracuse is the smallest city in the United States with two television stations and therefore the competition for audience is the keenest in the country. But by completely reporting news from the local area his radio station is doing so well that evening newscast audiences have not appreciably dropped, he said.

Vadeboncoeur felt that radio generally lacks the prestige in the community which has been captured over the years by the local newspaper, simply because it has not developed the commentary and "editorial" types of programs along with its straight news reporting activities. "Most of us do not take stands on local issues," he said, "nor do we stand up and fight back when radio gets kicked around publicly."

The speaker recommended staffing a station with competent and experienced newsmen as the first step in building a news service that would command large audience and prestige. He considers a station can afford to pay more for good newsmen than the local newspaper, and he felt that it is profitable for a station to develop a local news-gathering force equal in efficiency to that of the newspaper.

All local news on WSYR is originated by the station's newsroom except for a five-minute late-evening newscast. He termed "deplorable" the practice of trying to cover the local scene by having announcers read the newspaper over the air.

A fearless approach to local news commentaries by the right newsmen will draw listeners, create interest, perform a public service and make the time easy to sell, the speaker said. "A local commentary takes guts," he warned, "but you ought to have them." He cited the recent case of fraud involving some of Syracuse's top business men which was uncovered and reported by WSYR staffers. He said that the grim results to the station in this incident, which were considered obvious on the surface, didn't materialize, and the effect was goodwill for the station and even renewed business from the companies whose top executives became defendants in the resulting legal action.

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Commerce Or Culture?

if the CBC is depending on the adverting agencies and their clients to provide it with even part of the revenue to operate it television service, it had better take expizance of the remarks of the New York aency executive, Rod Erickson of Young ad Rubicam, whose recent speech to the Ironto Advertising and Sales Club is roorted in the Telescreen section of this

Erickson said that advertisers and their æncies are in business to move merchange and not to entertain the public. In ther words, agencies look to TV, as they lok to AM radio, for the delivery of mass diences which may be induced to buy their products. Obviously this is attained the production of programs with wide pular appeal, as are broadcast by the merican networks, and not such comendable efforts with appeal limited to tall segments of society—the vocal minores—as are produced by the CBC.

It has always been our plaint that Canaan and American broadcasters have sold at to the advertising agencies. We feel at the entertaining and informing part of e broadcast schedules should be placed the hands of expert informers and enteriners as obtains in the case of the newsaper business. We believe that whatever te medium, the advertising agencies should ontrol only the preparation of their adversing material and, if they wish, the position holds in relation to the reading or proram material supplied by the publication r radio station. We believe, though, that ais material, if it is to be worth while, aust not only be prepared or produced by eople who are versed in the craft, but Iso that those who direct the operations of nese craftsmen must be trained in its skills s well.

The men and women who will man the ameras and the typewriters, the scripts and he scores that will go to make up CBC-TV are no doubt possessed of the basic skills hat the medium will need. But those who will direct their activities from a managerial and policy level will, unfortunately, not be proadcasters or telecasters, first and foremost. They will be civil servants, bureautats, politicians, cabinet ministers, leaders of pressure groups and just about everyone whose fingers are itching to get into the new pie, except Mr. Average Citizen for whom it is allegedly being baked.



"Aw, don't turn it off, Ma! I'm just about to find out what Pablum is for."

A Health Unto Her Majesty!

The Canadian Association of Broad-casters will produce and sponsor a half-hour program as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth on the celebration of her birthday, June 9. According to preliminary details, the \$3,000 show will originate in Montreal and be fed to a coast-to-coast network of private stations, the number of which has yet to be announced.

With two choirs, a 30-piece orchestra, narrators and announcers, the theme of the program is a salute by the communities and community stations of Canada to Her Majesty. The broadcast is to herald the coming years as another Elizabethan age, recalling that in the days of Elizabeth I there was a glorious awakening of creative energy and expansion by men who made British history.

The broadcast, which will include excerpts from addresses made by Her Majesty while in Canada last year, is being scripted and produced by Victor George, advertising and public relations manager of the Canadian Marconi Company Ltd.; Walter Dales of Radioscripts, and George Salverson, freelance writer.

The orchestra is to be conducted by Neil Chotem, and a 20-voice choir is to be directed by Allan Rob. The other group will be the St. Joseph's University Boys' Choir whose portion of the program will be fed to the network from CKCW, Moncton. Contributions from other cities and stations, on tape recordings, will point up the different aspects of Canadian life. Others, fed live to the network, may be added.

By Their Good Works

The story on the front page of this issue, telling of CKCW's sixth annual Moncton Music Festival, is only one piece of evidence of the job of talent development that is being undertaken by the private stations, and has been undertaken, year after year, since long before the Massey Commission was even thought of. The whole story is contained in the heading on our article—"5,000 Canadians Heard on CKCW's Sixth Festival."

In a recent issue, it was our privilege to report, as we do every year, the distribution of scholarships to the winners of the national talent hunt "Singing Stars of Tomorrow." This is not a private radio station's project. Neither, though, is it done or has anything comparable in scope ever been done by any educational body, including the Jarvis Street Culture Shoppe, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It is sponsored by Canadian Industries Ltd.

Next issue we shall be telling our readers about a course in broadcasting which has just been completed in Vancouver. This is a joint venture of station CKWX and the University of British Columbia, in which the University provides the facilities and the station the instructors and the finances, to make this course available to young Canadians whose talents lie along broadcasting lines, without charge.

Later this month a musical comedy of entirely Canadian components, "Bonanza," will have its premiere in Halifax, because, when all other sources had failed, finances were made available for its production by radio station CJCH, in the Nova Scotian capital.

By this recital of worthy endeavorsand we have mentioned only a few examples we are not trying to canonize the men who are gainfully engaged in the broadcasting industry, because it is by such useful enterprises that they earn success. Neither are we going to say that all private broadcasters pursue their callings in the same public-spirited manner. We should like to draw attention, though, to three simple examples of what its critics persist in playing up for their conspicuousness by their absence, because we earnestly believe that it is by the publicization of their many good works that private radio in particular and private business in general might be known in their true light.



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PROGRAMS (Continued)

Returning to television, Vadeboncoeur said radio will never have to fear TV in the news department as long as it can get and report news faster. He claimed news on TV, unaccompanied by a pertinent picture, was a wasteful use of the medium.

WHEREVER YOU GO, SELL RADIO

Selling radio through public relations has to start with enthusiasm for the medium at the station staff level, program director George Gingell of WRBL, Columbus, Georgia, told the BMI clinic.

Speaking on "Building Station Public Relations," Gingell said that WRBL employees had changed a current broadcasting slogan into "Wherever You Go, Sell Radio," and that all of them were now the best public relations men a company could have.

He reiterated the remarks of Vadeboncoeur on the value of goodwill, saying: "We added prestige to our operation and business naturally followed." He warned, however, that to sell the radio story to the public it is necessary to get promotional thinking "off the high horse and get down to the people."

With a reputation for never letting a civic organization down as a goal, Gingell said that a station's biggest promotion job was in selling the value of the community to the community. The value of radio would then be apparent, he said. "Use every possible stunt to make friends," said the speaker, "but be sure you are sincere and enthusiastic."

Dealing with publicity, Gingell said a station must do something newsworthy to get a story into the newspapers, but clever stunts usually require only imagination and seldom cost much money. It also helps, he said, to make friends with the newspaper men.

In pointing out the many ways a station can perform "the little things that count," Gingell said that WRBL men spend a lot of time coaching public service applicants in using radio to the best advantage. If these people cannot read their stories effectively, or deliver them spontaneously, he said, the station announcers do it for them.

PUBLIC SERVICE THAT PAYS

All programs should be in the public interest or they should not

be on the air, CJBQ manager Bill Stovin told the clinic. Speaking on "Programming in the Public Interest," he said that producing public service programs paid in three ways. In addition to the personal satisfaction which comes from airing something worth while, such programs foster goodwill toward radio in general and the local station in particular, and they materially assist the community.

Stovin held that, contrary to a common concept, there is nothing against selling public service broadcasts to advertisers. In fact if some were not sponsored they wouldn't exist because of cost, he said.

The CBC, he pointed out, has developed many vocal lobbies of its own, like Farm Forums and Citizens' Forums, which endorse the CBC's activities. The private stations, he suggested, should do a similar job, each in its own area.

To handle this aspect of programming properly, a station must have its public service activities organized by one full-time employee or, failing that, a few good men working part-time on a detailed and planned schedule, he said.

Stovin said that public service involved supporting organizations in the national and regional fields, but he felt that most of a station's effort should be directed toward assisting local groups. All worthwhile community clubs should be actively supported by assigning a man to cover as many of their meetings as possible, he said. Also, most stations have devotional periods and through this connection the clergy should be made more interested in their local stations, he said. Assistance to agricultural groups was another phase of public service work emphasized by Stovin.

ON THE NOSE

The speaker at the clinic luncheon was Richard G. Lewis, editor of this paper. He went overtime in needling, cajoling and kidding the program people in his audience into producing "programs with a purpose," in the speech he titled "Over the Boss' Dead Body."

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Parts of this speech appeared in the last issue of this paper and no doubt others will crop up time to time. His concluding taunt suggested that some broadcasters

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Women Interest You Too?

THESE nine stations, within the past two weeks, have joined our long list of subscribers: WHEC, Rochester, N.Y.; WHIL, Medford, Mass.; WNBH, Fairhaven, Mass.; WHMP, Northampton, Mass.; WTHT, Hartford, Conn.; WXKW, Albany, N.Y.; WLBS, Birmingham, Alabama; KGNB, New Braunfels, Texas.

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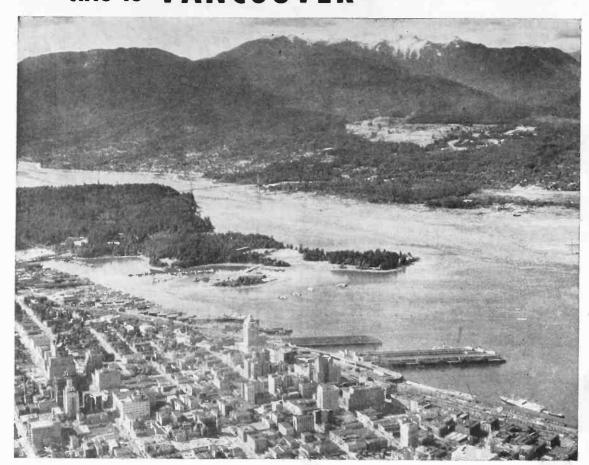
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PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

place less importance on what is said on the air than finishing their programs "on the nose."

Those who were the objects of his barbs—everyone from office boy to president—laughed loudest when their turns came; and gastric acidity had to leave early. The speech was new to everyone—except his staff.

RADIO CREATES MUSIC

If it wasn't for 20th Century radio, present-day authors' rights would be almost pushed out of existence, according to Bob Burton, general manager of BMI Canada Ltd. and vice-president of Broadcast Music Incorporated, New York. He was referring to the fact that every day stations broadcast new music by new composers, and he pointed out that "never has there been such an opportunity as now in radio and television for creators to get their products before great audiences."

At the same time, Burton felt broadcasters have a continuing obligation to the creators of music of our time to give them a chance to be heard. He was the first speaker during the afternoon session of the clinic.

Burton, who is an American lawyer as well as a copyright society representative, attempted to discuss in lay language some of the legal technicalities of copyright. He said copyright is a limited monopoly and its purpose has been broadly stated as assisting creative effort generally and particularly the author concerned. In the U.S., however, copyright is intended for the broad public interest, he said; not to benefit only one group, but to give the creator just sufficient incentive to make him feel his efforts have been rewarded.

As far as copyright is concerned, Burton said that all broadcasts are considered public performances for profit. But, he warned, "it is our own fault that we (broadcasters) are considered predatory users of music and programs. We have failed to tell the people that we are actually creators of music and programs as well as users," he said.

Besides copyright, which covers all broadcast music except that classified as public domain, protection is also afforded other parts of radio programming, Burton said. In news, he revealed, there is an unfair competition law which protects a news story "for as long as it has resale value." Usually, he said, this protection is for about 24 hours in the case of daily newspapers and radio newscasts.

Program formats, he went on, receive no copyright protection, but the originator can establish property rights in a program provided he can prove his authorship, that the program is being used, and that a few things about it are unique from all other similar programs.

FARMERS ARE PEOPLE

An appreciation of rural life was the secret of successful farm audience programming put forth by Vin Dittmer, sales promotion (Continued on page 9)

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- LOCKERBIE, Beth
- MILSOM, Howard
- MORTSON, Verla
- MOSS, Len
- OULD, Lois
- PACK, Rowland
- RAPKIN, Maurice
- RUTTAN, Meg
- SCOTT, Sandra

Day and Night Service at Radio Artists Telephone

Exchange

THANKS, BOB!

Toronto.—A feature of the BMI Clinic luncheon, held here May 16, was a draw for a 17-jewel Bulova "Broadcaster" model wrist watch and expansion band, valued at \$49.50, a gift from Bulova president Bob Day. The healthy sum of \$110 was raised, and was turned over to the fund for Cam Langford, the CJOY, Guelph, announcer who is in hospital following a serious car accident. The watch was won by Paul Mulvihill, national sales representative.

A tilt of the lid is due to Bob Day who is currently advertising the new Bulova "President" watch over every station in Canada.

director of CKNX, Wingham. He was another clinic speaker who believed that all of a station's staff had a part to play in putting their value across to the surrounding community.

Dittmer said that all of a station's staff must "get out everywhere to meet the rural people." Under the title "Programming for the Rural Listener," he said that through meeting the farmer at his place of business, radio men would develop a respect for the farmer and what he is doing and, because of that respect, they would never be guilty of talking down to him.

"The glamor of radio is not waning in the rural areas," he told his audience, "the people are waiting to greet you."

Dittmer said that a station would like to have the farm-dweller as well as the urbanite listen to it all day, instead of just to special farm shows and a few general interest programs. He felt this could be done best by not forgetting the farm wife; by reminding her that she and her husband were considered part of the audience.

"We have an obligation to serve everybody in the rural community," he said. "but you don't do it for nothing." He referred to the experience of CKNX and cited enormous telephone and travelling expenses as two of the costly features of serving a rural community.

"But community service is worth the time and money," Dittmer said, "because eventually it more than pays its own way, a lot of it indirectly."

Well over 600 Canadian radio men attended the six program clinics held from coast to coast and sponsored jointly by BMI Canada Ltd., Broadcast Music Incorporated and the regional broadcasters' associations in whose areas the clinics were held.

PM'S SON GETS STATION

Ottawa. — The CBC Board of Governors has sanctioned transfer of control of the English language Quebec station, CJNT, from Goodwill Broadcasters of Quebec Ltd. to two Liberal Senators and Jean Paul St. Laurent, son of the Prime Minister. The Senators are H. Bouffard and J. M. Dessureault, both from Quebec.

This is a story of SERVICE....

T IS the story of a CFQC microphone that has travelled 3,500 miles already this season—visited 22 towns—and broadcast entertainment that has been applauded to the tune of \$21,052 in aid of the fight against tuberculosis.

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MORE than 8,000 visitors jam-packed Regina's Canadian Legion auditorium May 7th, when CKRM held a "jamboree" to mark its 26th birthday. More than 40 local and national advertisers took part, with display booths and exhibits of interest to the men and ladies. The entire event was broadcast, with live talent on the stage. Anniversary food hampers were given to lucky winners.

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WRITING

Aim The Commercial

Mass Markets and Special Markets all present their own problems. Here are suggestions on writing to particular groups who, together, make a Special Market

Eleventh in a series of articles on Radio Writing by Alec Phare.

Radio Copy? If your answer is going to be "To the radio audience," I warn you you'll go to the foot of the class! For the writer, there must be no such thing as a radio audience. Radio is listened to by individuals, and no two people get exactly the same out of a program, any more than two people ever see the same rainbow. However, there are groups of individuals who, because they have similarities of preferences, vocations, language, needs or habits may — for commercial purposes—be classed together as markets. For instance, fertilizer is more generally purchased by farmers than by ventriloquists; and that section of a community which regards canned heat as a potable will be an indifferent

market for pancake syrup. Much of the entertainment portion of a program, and most of the commercial, is written to individuals, with their market possibilities in mind.

Generally speaking, we write to a Mass Market, which means we scatter our message to all and sundry who may be listening, and hope that enough people will respond to dissuade the sponsor from cancelling the program after next week. If we have a product which has definite mass appeal, that is purchased by all types in the community, we can justifiably write to a mass market. Quite often, however, mass appeal commercials are written because a writer is too lazy to slant his message to the particular group of people who might logically buy the product being advertised. A series of commercials, or of announcements, is written, sent out to all parts of the country same copy is translated into French for Quebec—and there you are. Farmers and Financiers, Housewives and Stenographers, Fishermen and Schoolteachers, are all supposed to be influenced by the same copy, are all supposed to respond in the same way.

IT MAY BE MORE TRUTHFUL, BUT IT'S WORTH IT

A commercial, in any form,

should be as easy, as informal, and as personal as a telephone call. The housewife who telephones the grocery store, her best friend, and the minister of her church, will use different words and a different tone of voice for each one of the three conversations. So does the out-of-town salesman who phones in to the office, and talks first to the blonde on the switchboard, next to a fellow-salesman, and lastly to the boss. It's an effort, admittedly, to use the same technique in writing commercials, but

it pays off in results. And results pay off, too!

We will all admit that 'teenagers form a big market, that they have preferences all their own, and money wherewith to gratify their wants. It is elemen-tary to point out that we would not buy radio time during school hours, but do we take the same trouble to write copy which will find them "at home"? Find out what their interests and habits are, and then write accordingly. you offering a Special in clothing? Then you don't talk about quality, durability, or conservatism of cut. Save that for an older market. You talk appearance, you tell them what their friends will say about it, you mention price; and when you tell them how to buy it, you make sure the hours mentioned are at a time when the 'teen-ager can come to your store. But don't, whatever you do, try to talk to them in their own slang phrasing. Even if you can keep up with itit and it changes overnight sounds phoney, and your audience resents being made fun of. Learn their preferences and habits, cater to these, and talk in a straight-forward way which cannot sound as if you were "talking down."

Incidentally, the possibilities of the high school set are not as fully explored by way of radio as they might be, nor as fully as they are already being catered to by publications intended solely for their use. Yet we are constantly being made aware that school homework is "studied" to the accompaniment of radio—and that this practice is on the in-



New Brunswick Tourist Industry

LATELY we've been talking about the tourist industry in New Brunswick in rather general terms but here are some interesting figures on the subject. Customs officials report that about 150,000 cars entered New Brunswick through customs points in 1951.

AS THE RESULT of a survey the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has estimated that more than eighty dollars is spent by the occupants of every tourist car that enters the Atlantic provinces. By putting these figures together we find that about 12 million dollars was spent by tourists in New Brunswick last year.

DON'T OVERLOOK this bonus market in New Brunswick and don't forget that CFNB is the way to reach it because more people in New Brunswick listen to CFNB than to any other station.

See

The All-Canada Man Weed & Co. in U.S.A.



New Brunswick's Most Listened-To Station crease. A business house which buys and sells used schoolbooks claims to have pioneered the idea of spot announcements, during homework periods, offering this service, and to have done so with marked success.

Another youth group which forms a very discerning market, and one extremely worth while cultivating by radio, is the young farmer group-boys and girls. If you had the privilege of addressing one of their groups—at Ontario Agricultural College, or similar institutions across Canada you would find them keen, welldressed, indistinguishable by their speech from any urban group. You might, indeed, find them, in outlook and seriousness of purpose, even more worth while than their city brothers and sisters! Besides forming a separate market with money to spend, these young people are the missionaries who go back to their families with the story of improved farming methods, and exert a wide influence on such farm homes as have not already learned the story for And, too, they are themselves. the Canadian farmer-producers of tomorrow, coming in to that industry at a time when it was never more prosperous, nor had more money to spend. And this leads us, naturally, to the main farm market—the young farmer's parents.

THE FARMER IS NO LONGER THAT TRADITIONAL RUSTIC FIGURE CHEWING A STRAW

The comic strips, where every farmer is called Cy and every farmer's wife is Mirandy, are behind the times. He may still wear a cow-breakfast hat, because it suits his type of work, but today's farmer is a progressive business man, an educated agricultural executive. Although he wears overalls, he understands soil chemistry, can maintain complicated equipment and machinery, is a pretty good cost accountant, understands modern merchandising, and may be a graduate of an agricultural college. When he gets out of his overalls, there is nothing in his dress or speech to set him apart from urban Canadians. So the farm broadcast, commercial, or spot announcement, should be written with this in If anything, your farmer is even less gullible than most city listeners, and you had better have your facts correct, and your statements sincere, before you attempt to talk to him. He gets up earlier in the morning than you do, and (Continued on page 12)

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License collections	\$ 96,549	\$ 53,539	\$ 43,010
Bank deposits			
(Total debits to bank accounts)	\$154,870,799	\$ 45,346,565	\$109,524,234
Post Office revenue	\$ 149,900	\$ 127,328	\$ 22,572
Customs and Excise collections	\$ 1,102,685	\$ 404,766	\$ 697,919
Building permits issued (value)	\$ 1,866,717	\$ 378,311	\$ 1,488,406
Water consumption (gallons)	602,130,000	379,317,218	222,812,782
Telephones (lines in service)	3,186	1,375	1,811
Power plant			
(Total kw. hours generated)	34,088,452	10,851,000	23,237,452
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REPS:

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CJCH. HALIFAX. WATTS

WRITING (CONTINUED)

generally retires right after the 10 o'clock news, because his work compels him to, so you can often find him listening to his radio before city dwellers are awake. He is interested in his own prosappreciates information perity. that will lower unit costs in any crop he produces, and is an avid listener to both local and world news. He knows the value of money, because he makes it the hard way himself. He seldom responds to the "hurry, hurry" type of commercial. Surrounded, as he is, by the slow processes of Nature in his barns and fields; governed by the unhurried progression of the seasons; he has come to think in the same methodical way. But, in every other way, radio material addressed to a farm audience should be just as high quality as is written for anybody else.

These-with the addition of the French-speaking Canadians, who require a special article to themselves, and will be dealt with in the next issue—comprise the main "Special Markets." Tourists, shutins, home gardeners, hobby and craft groups, and innumerable other similar classifications, are all—in a broad sense—markets, but their small size and scattered nature makes them expensive to reach by radio. One other opportunity, however, does suggest itself, and that is for employers, in the event of labor disturbances, to get their viewpoint right into the homes of striking employees, and talk to husband and wife together in a way which would be impossible face to face. On a small scale this has already been tried, with excellent results. The possibilities of using the influence of radio in new ways is limited only by the radio writer.

ADD TWO TO CBC BOARD

Ottawa. — Two new governors have been appointed for three-year terms to the board of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, it was announced here last month.

They are Roy J. Fry, an executive of the T. Eaton Company, Winnipeg, and Gordon A. Winter, a business man from St. John's.





ANOTHER CANADIAN FIRST

The threatened probe of American radio and TV programs by the U.S. Government.

OBJECTION OVER-RULED

The continuing good works of private stations (see editorial page 5) are actually costing this country a lot of money because only a year has gone by and it is already being proved that the Massey Report was obsolete before it was written.

SUMMER FREEZE

With June here again, program schedules are due for the annual paradox of summer hibernation.

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"Only 10% down and 24 months to pry."

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The daytime occupation of a fly-by-night.

POET'S CORNER

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Where the hell do we go from here?

Page BBM.

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TV and Screen Supplement

June 4th, 1952

ADMEN USE TV TO SELL--NOT TO ENTERTAIN

Toronto.—Advertisers and their agencies are in business to move merchandise and not to entertain the public and nobody should forget this fact. So said Rod Erickson, radio-TV manager for Young & Rubicam Inc., New York. Erickson was speaking to a luncheon meeting of the Advertising and Sales Club here last month. He expressed the view that despite the opportunity to draw on American experience, Canada's television will go through the same trial and error period that has marked TV's beginnings in his and other countries.

Because in an agency the accent must be strictly on sales, the bulk of an agency's TV staff must be directed towards commercials, their writing, their direction and production, the speaker said. Such a staff includes writers, directors for both live and film productions, artists, prop men, display men, stylists and others. They are the best investment an agency can make. Top production talent will always be from outside the agency, he felt, because such people earn too big fees to enable an agency to hire them on a salary basis.

Apart from his basic premise that TV is a sales medium, Erickson emphasized that "the show is the thing" and that TV viewers are very selective in their program preferences. "You can't compete with top shows by using amateurish talent," he warned, although that is what programs in the early days used; stuff like cooking schools, mediorre piano players and marginal sports was seen most.

He said that originally the plan of most agencies was to stay out of the TV program production field and to concentrate on commercials, but the lack of trained talent throughout the industry forced the agencies to take over the production of 50 per cent of the shows. More recently, he announced, the position has changed, with only about 8 per cent of the shows agency-produced while 60 per cent come from package-producers and talent agencies. there is a trend toward putting shows on films and it has been predicted that soon about 80 per cent of television's programs will be filmed, he said.

Still harping back to the "old

days," the speaker said "agencies hired bright young men with well-balanced personalities at \$30 a week and trained them quickly" because "everyone wants to be in television." He told of one youngster who started at this figure, rose to \$100 weekly in six months as producer of an \$18,000-a-week musical, and refused to leave the medium when, days later, he was offered \$750 weekly as producer of musical stage shows. Said Erickson: "He turned it down because he felt TV was a lifetime job."

This was not an isolated case, declared Erickson, since "everybody starts out as an amateur in the beginning, and the smart ones emerge successful." At Y. & R., he said, the TV staff jumped, as the medium grew, from 50 to 165, which was mainly a "loss leader," but it got new business.

The present period of high costs presents television with one of biggest problems, he said. Half-hour dramatic shows have jumped from \$8,000 each to about \$25,000, while musicals have soared from the same starting price to around \$35,000. that American TV has compromised with labor unions to the point where prices have become "excessive and uncontrollable"; a carpenter can get more than \$700 a week, while stagehands often make more than producers, directors, actors, writers and account He thought letting executives. them strike in the early days of TV, rather than submitting to all demands, would have been advisable in keeping prices down, because "the cost-per-thousand viewers of a good TV show is favorable only when amortized against large circulation."

As far as the so-called better programs are concerned, Erickson

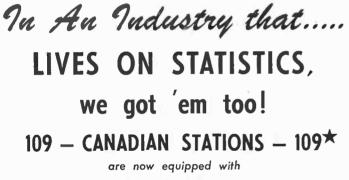
stated: "We hope the cultural level will be raised; we hope the educators and others will do that; but it is not our job." Culture can be very dull, he went on, and no one will watch unless entertained. There is nothing wrong with the fundamental ideas of the educators but circulation for the programs they envision will be greater with commercial knowhow in getting audience, he said.

Besides, he pointed out, commercial TV is already building its own quality shows, and he cited such programs as: CBS' Studio One, with Shakespearean plays; Meet The Press; Edward R. Murrow's See It Now; and the award-winning original TV opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors, written by Gian-Carlo Menotti on commission from NBC.

In emphasizing the value of films in television, Erickson said commercials should be produced this way because they are then "safer, better and more economical than when live, unless you have a great personal salesman like Godfrey." Film is a capital investment that pays off with shows too, he said, since experiments indicate it can be re-run indefinitely. Filming costs more in the beginning, he said, but with circulation rising daily and new stations being added, this can be spread over a long period of time with actual savings.

Live television, he declared, is amateurish because in almost every show there are 200 margins of error every second, one for each of the individuals involved in the production.

The speaker estimated it would probably take a year to develop adequate filming facilities in Canada to meet the demand of television.







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