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Radio and the Comics by Richard Opp

During radio's golden age, comic books and comic strips were often used as source material for new programs. This was especially true for juvenile adventure shows. Superman, Flash Gordon, Don Winslow of the Navy, Terry and the Pirates, Dick Tracy, Dick Cole, Hop Harrigan and Mandrake the Magician and many others were all successful comics before they debuted on the airwayes.

This was by no means a one-way street. Popular radio characters just as regularly found their way onto the 4-color page. My Friend Irma, Mr. District Attorney, The Lone Ranger, The Green Hornet, The Cisco Kid, and Captain Midnight are some of the successful comics that originated on radio.

Of course, this practice makes excellent marketing sense. You have an established character with a ready-made audience. The most popular characters became institutions and found incarnations in all areas of popular culture and with as many commercial tie-ins as imaginative merchandisers could devise.

Although such cross-overs are common, it is more unusual to find the same story presented in comic form and on radio. These are fun to compare, to see, as McLuhan puts it, how the medium affects the message. One example discovered by Cincinnati collector Paul Meek is from the Straight Arrow series. Before we look at this story, let's get some background on Straight Arrow.

Straight Arrow premiered on the Mutual network during the 1948 season. It featured a white man, Steve Adams, reared by Commanches. In his everyday personna Steve was the owner of the Broken Bow cattle ranch. When trouble brews Steve's alter-ego, complete with

Commanche dress and warpaint, Straight Arrow would appear on his golden palomino Fury.

Howard Culver (who starred as Mark Dillon in a Gunsmoke audition show) played Steve Adams. Packy was the obligatory sidekick. The show was sponsored by Nabisco and ran until 1951.

The comic book version of this character was longer lived, running from 1950 until 1956. It was published by Magazine Enterprises, who also brought you *Ghost Rider* and *Tim Holt*. Bob Powell was the artist most associated with the title, but comic collectors will note that two issues featured Frank Frazetta covers.

The story we will look at appeared in the second issue of Straight Arrow comics, dated April/May 1950, and titled "Land of Our Fathers". The story was lifted from the radio episode "White Commanches" that aired on March 24th, 1949 during the first season of Straight Arrow.

To make things a little more interesting, we're going to run a little contest. One of the differences between the radio and comic book versions is where the crooks plan their phony Indian attack. In the comic, as you'll see, they meet at Monte's house. The first person (as judged by the earliest postmark) to identify the location of this meeting in the radio show will win a cassette featuring two Straight Arrow shows. We'd also like to hear of any other examples of the same story in a comic and on radio.

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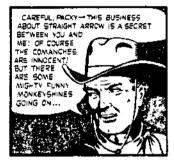


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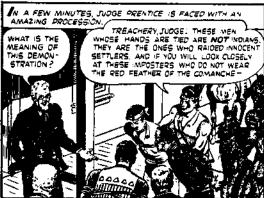




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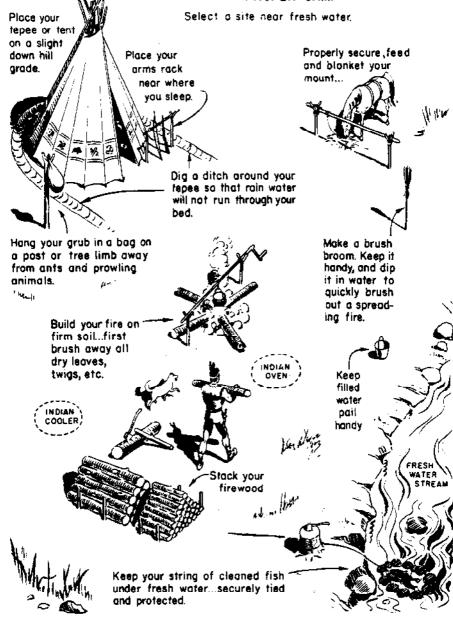


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Private Eyes for Public Ears by Jim Maclise

In the past year or so a number of programs have surfaced which haven't been available since their actual broadcasts during the 1940's and early 50's, tht golden age for radio detectives. Two of the better ones are Barry Craig. Confidential Investigator and Murder and Mr. Malone. (Okay, okay, I know there's a purist out there who's already objecting that Malone is not a private eye, but a criminal lawyer. To him I say, hold your complaints until we get to Casey, Crime Photographer!)

Following an opening teaser with perhaps a bit of gun fire, a sultry jazz clarinet underlines the terse and tense announcement: "Barry Craig, Confidential Investigator, starring William Gargan!" NBC ran the show from 1951 until 1955 with Gargan as the reincarnation of his earlier 1949 Mutual success, Martin Kane, Private Detective. Gargan had quit Mutual to, as they say, "move on to other things," but by 1951 when being a radio shamus didn't look so bad after all, his old job belonged to Lloyd Nolan. Thus the new program withsimilar title and format. (What has become of the remains of Gargan as Martin Kane seems to be an unsolved mystery, as the only show I've come across is a 1953 episode featuring Mark Stevens in the title role, apparently as successor to Nolan.)

In one of two episodes now circulating, Barry Craig is hired to bodyguard a newspaper gossip columnist whose life's been threatened. In no time the columnist is dead, shot in his apartment as he starts to read a hot item from his latest column over the phone to Craig (some bodyguard). When Craig arrives at the columnist's place, the police are examining the body and only blank paper remains in the victim's typewriter.

A better script is "Paper Bullets," in which a publisher sponsoring a first novel contest has had the winning entry stolen and offers \$2,000, for its recovery. (The eccentric author makes no copies, we're told.) After Craig is knocked out by a hurled inkwell as he leaves the publisher's office, he thirsts for revenge (his \$49.75 suit is ruined!) and some buttermilk. While drinking the latter, he listens to the complaints of the novel contest runnerup, who claims the winning author is a fraud. But when Barry notices ink stains on the complainer's hand, he sets down his buttermilk to say, "You've been playing with inkwells, sonny. Uh-uh, don't apologize. Fun's fun, and I like to play myself. My interest runs to sugar bowls!" Thus the runner-up gets bowled over. And, like the buttermilk, the plot thickens. Soon we have a not-quite duplicate of the missing manuscript, a fresh corpse, and a blonde holding a pistol. The solution to all of this, glad to say, proves quite satisfactory. But the best thing about Barry Craig is actor William Gargan himself, whose gruff, hard-guy delivery is much in the style of Frank Lovejoy, star of the other recently available show to be examined.

Murder and Mr. Malone was an ABC Saturday night series during 1947-48 featuring Lovejoy as John J. Malone, criminal lawyer. In 1948 the show acquired the less alliterative title The Amazing Mr. Malone, but Lovejoy remained for a while (John Dunning's indispensable Tune in Yesterday suggests otherwise, but a '48 Lovejoy show with the new title refutes this.) Under both names the program opened with gunshots followed by a desperate voice saying, "Operator, operator, get me the office of John J. Malone!" The music which followed is

highly reminiscent of that on the 1946 Michael Shane show, perhaps because both programs were directed by detective show expert Bill Rousseau (he also directed Richard Diamond, Pat Novak for Hire, and early Dragnet). Lovejoy then delivered such introductory remarks as: ", alone is the name, John J. Malone, attorney and counselor at law. They say one of the qualifications of a good lawyer is a sense of humor, but I wouldn't know about that." And indeed the listener can agree, for Lovejoy, as he always did, plays the role with fierce intensity and his staccato machine-gun delivery.

In the two currently available Lovejoy episodes, Malone is involved in trapping gangsters. In "Mr. Morgan, the Cheat," a blonde is the bait. But things do not go as planned, and Malone ends up defending his would-be victim against a murder charge in a somewhat over-plotted episode.

A better story (from *The Amazing Mr. Malone* incarnation) is "Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness," in which mobster Tony Milano worries a lot about germs and gambling competitors. As he prepares to

bump a double-dealer in order to frame the murder on his gambling rival Jack Reed, the victim pleads for his life. "You don't realize what you're doing! I got a wife and two kids!" As he guns him down, Tony calmly replies, "They get by on your insurance." Malone enters the case when he awakes to find a razor pressing against his throat. This convinces him to undertake Jack Reed's defense. This particular episode must be vintage Maline, and the actor (unidentified on my tape) who plays Milano is as good as radio gangsters get (had The Godfather been done first on radio, he'd have had a part); he even upstages Lovejoy.

A third 1951 show is also in circulation, but cannot be a Lovejoy show and presumably features Gene Raymond, who took over as Mr. Malone in the fall of 1949.

Note: BRC Productions has the Malone episodes, and a just received flyer indicates that they have now obtained the Barry Craig shows mentioned above as well.

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Off The Wall

by Jim Snyder

There are a number of bizarre events in the history of radio, and one of these concerns radio station KTNT (Know The Naked Truth) in Muscatine, lowa, and its owner, Norman Baker. Mr. Baker had a background in vaudeville and then later in business. He started up station KTNT in November of 1925 to promote his mail order enterprises. Over his station he promoted his mail order house, his restaurants, his magazine, and the Baker Institute, which was his "hospital" which had the motto of "Cancer is curable."

His hospital was medical quackery in the extreme. He gave medical talks on his station in which he claimed cures for appendicitis, goiter, and cancer "without radium, x-ray, or the knive." His treatment for appendicitis, for example, was to put a hot water bottle and "penetrating oil" in the area of the pain, and then the appendicitis would "unkink itself" in a few hours.

In 1930 the American Medical Association (Baker said that "AMA" stood for the "Amateur Meatcutters of America" and that "M.D." meant "more dough"), The Muscatine Journal, and the State of Iowa began to investigate and to try to convince the Federal Radio Commission not to renew that station's license. Baker then started a series of "demonstrations" and testimonials. On the evening of May 10, 1930, on the hill where KTNT was located, 32,000 people showed up for the first of these demonstrations. Three patients were introduced. The first two told of what wonderful care they received in the Baker Institute and how they were cured. The third was used for a demonstration. According to observers an old man came forward. He had a bandage

around his head which was taken off. His scalp was cut deeply (and a rather foul smell from the incision) and then he leaned forward to show his skull. Mr. Mandus Johnson was then pronounced cured of cancer. Baker then broadcast a speech over his station in which he said, "You doctors of Muscatine all the time hollering about deaths. One of you doctors got eleven deaths credited to you, more than I got with the thousands of patients. I counted them from the records of the courthouse. Why don't you cure your people instead of planting them in the graveyard?" Then, turning his attention to the Attorney General for the State of Iowa. John Fletcher, he said, "He is too damn cowardly to come in and see if we are curing cancer at the Baker Institute! He is too cowardly to do it! I say Fletcher is one of the biggest cowards that ever drew breath in the State of Iowa!"

On his station, Baker discussed the "horrors of vaccination" and told people that they were foolish to insist on tubercular tested milk. He stormed against one Muscatine school principal because she sent a child home, during a scarlett fever epidemic, because he was not vaccinated and was considered a carrier.

He was anxious to get into political campaigns also. During the campaign of 1928 he sought and obtained money from ' the Democratic National Committee to broadcast their political programs for Al Smith. Then he notified the Republican organization that, "I am going on the air with about one hour's talk each night after their (the Democratic) talk is over and will do all I can to break down this campaign." After this sequence of events got underway, the Democratic National Committee was obviously disturbed and cancelled their contract with his station. Baker thought this was a compliment to the "influence" of his station.

The Federal Radio Commission was

reluctant to revoke his license on the basis of his broadcast content because the Radio Act of 1927 specifically said that the commission could not "censor" broadcasting and they didn't know how to interpret this provision. He also had a strong spokesman in Iowa Senator Smith Brookhart who, in return, received extensive airtime on KTNT.

In September of 1930 the State of Iowa took him to court for practicing medicine without a license, and won the suit against him. It was a decision that went all the way to the state Supreme Court, where it was upheld. He solved that problem by leasing the Baker Institute to a licensed doctor, and continued business as usual. In March of 1931 the Federal Radio Commission decided to deny a renewal to station KTNT. That should have been the end of Baker's broadcasting, but it wasn't.

Baker now moved to Texas and built station XENT on the Mexican side of the border. Concerned about this, and other radio related problems between the United States and Mexico, the North and Central American Regional Radio Conference was held in July of 1933 in Mexico City. There was much disagreement at the conference, and although some issues were settled, nothing was done about XENT, and so, in October of that year, the station started up with night time programming aimed at Iowa and points in between.

Trying to counter this, Congress put section 325-b into the 1934 Communication Act, forbidding broadcasters from using studios, remote lines, or recording apparatus on the U.S. side of the border to be broadcast from Mexican (or Canadian) stations. He was putting his talks on records in Texas and sending them across the border to his station, so it seemed that they had him. Criminal proceedings were taken against Baker on this issue in 1937, but the U.S. Supreme Court questioned

the constitutionality of Section 325-b, so he was free to go on as before. They then took him to court in 1940 on Federal charges of deception with mailed advertising matter. This time they were successful and Baker was sent to prison for four years. XENT was turned over to a trusted friend and continued to operate until 1944 when the Mexican government refused to renew its license.





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fine shows. Unlike many other nostalgia conventions, guests and fana mingle continually, letting radio live again for these two days every year.

ATEN'S

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Some may be added or dropped depending on additional guests or other changes. Time will be announced at the convention.

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PRIDAY MIGHT:

Cocktails: 5 pm Dinner: 7 pm Witch's Tale re-creation Trivia and sing-a-long (Jay Hickerson) SATURDAY (Daytime):

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Radio Book Collecting

by Edward Carr

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I became familiar with this set of books through a trade. I had been under the impression that all it contained were the then and now pictures of movie stars. Well, I was wrong.

Not exclusively radio, numerous stars, such as Nick Carter Master Detective, Corliss Archer, Front Page Farrell, The First Nighter, The Great Gilderleeve, Lorenzo Jones, Mary Livingstone, Guy Madison and many, many others were co-featured. The above were in the fifth series.

When I obtained this book I did start out with those associated with radio. I enjoyed the then and now feature, pictures of what they looked like during their salad days and a picture of what they look like today. This particular book was published in 1974. I must admit I ended up going through the entire book. What a pleasure it was!

I have no idea though how many volumes are in the complete series or if it is complete. Sad to say I only have three books myself.

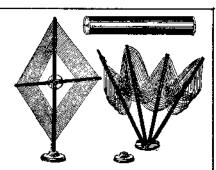
I would say this is an item that might be a little easier to obtain than numerous volumes mentioned before. Some bookstores sell Whatever Became Of? for around \$7.00, which is not a bad price. I would be willing to trade for those I need. I do have a few extra books that I know would be of interest to many of you, but sorry to say as of yet, no extra copies of Tune In Yesterday. Write me if interested.

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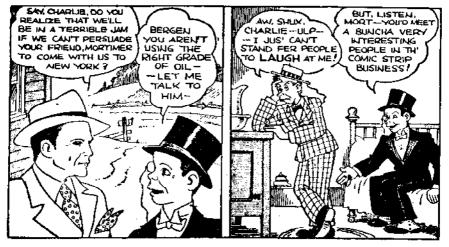
George Wagner

Hey you over there. Yeah you, the one with the Mickey Mouse earphones. You say that *Red Skelton* was the funniest radio comedian of them all? And you grumbling over the recalcitrant tape recorder — you say that *Vic and Sade* had them all beat? And you wrapped up in knotted tape. Who cares about comedy, it was the *Lux Radio Theatre?*

Have you ever wondered how these programs were ranked back when they were new? The following statistics are from the period October, 1941 until April, 1942. Programs 1-20 are all prime time evening broadcasts while 21-30 are all daytimers. With one possible exception (THE WOMAN IN WHITE) a good number of all these programs are available to collectors, although not necessarily from this exact period.

- 1. Fibber McGee and Molly.
- Edgar Bergan and Charlie McCarthy Show (Chase and Sanborn Show).
- 3. Jack Benny Program
- 4. The Aldrich Family
- 5. Lux Radio Theatre
- 6. Bob Hope Show
- Maxwell House Coffee Time (Baby Snooks Show)
- 8. Kraft Music Hall
- 9. Kate Smith Hour
- 10. Walter Winchell (Jergens Journal)
- 11. Major Bowes' Amateur Hour
- 12. One Man's Family (tie)
- 13. Fitch Bandwagon (tie for 12th place)
- 14. Mr. District Attorney (do any of these early shows survive?)
- 15. Kay Kyser
- 16. Eddie Cantor Show (tie)
- 17. Fred Allen Show (tie for 16th place)
- 18. Red Skelton Show
- Lowell Thomas (the War probably gave Thomas a tremendous boost)
- 20. George Burns and Gracie Allen Show

MORTIMER AND CHARLIE



- 21 Kate Smith Speaks (her evening program was ranked No. 9)
- 22 The Woman In White
- 23 Life Can Be Beautiful
- 24 Ma Perkins
- 25 Our Gal Sunday
- 25 The Romance of Helen Trent
- 17 Road of Life (tie)
- 25 Vic And Sade (tie)
- IP The Right To Happiness (three-way tie for 27th place)
- M Big Sister

Veteran radio actress dies

Deteran radio actress Eva Parnell and recently in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was 88 years old.

Miss Parnell graduated from New Eark University and the American Theater Wing, where she studied ander Lee Strasburg and Madame Aberti. Before she began her radio tareer. Miss Parnell taught at Nazareth College in Michigan, at Villa Madonna Arademy (today's Thomas More Colege) in Covington, Kentucky, and at Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati.

During her post-radio years she taught at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

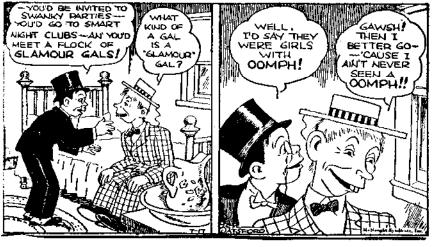
Miss Parnell began her radio career on Cincinnati's WIW. She later moved to Chicago, becoming a semi-regular on such programs as NBC THEATER, ROAD OF LIFE, THE ALDRICH FAMILY, YOUNG WIDDER BROWN, PHILCO PLAYHOUSE and CHEVROLET THEATER. She appeared with such radio luminaries as Red Skelton, Virginia Payne ("Ma Perkins"), Cliff Arquette ("Charlie Weaver"), Bud Collier and Mike Wallace. She also appeared on early television.

Miss Parnell's New York work included Broadway appearances in Kind Lady starring Sylvia Sidney and KISS AND TELL starring Katherine Warren. Miss Parnell later took over the lead of KISS AND TELL when it played a "road" tour of the South Pacific.

In 1953 Miss Parnell worked with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in directing the World Premiere of Carlo Giannini's opera, THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.

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By EDGAR BERGEN



Odds & Ends Yesterday's News

- 1. C. P. MacGregor who has been in the Radio Transcriptions since 1929 went over the 100,000 mark in April, 1945.
- 2. Alice Reinhart, Les Tremayne and Jackson Beck in 1945 formed a partnership and bought the rights to Katharine Brush's "Young Man of Manhattan" with a view toward serializing it on the Air. Edith Meiser will do the scripting.
- 3. Blue Network considered airing a new ½ hour series called Best Sellers.
- 4. The book section of the Chicago Sunday Tribune is sponsor of a new WGN show, "Game of Books", heard from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
- 5. The Philco Radio Corporation will produce 4,000,000 radio receivers in 1946 all with A.M. E.M. and shortwave.
- 6. A tentative new series called "Star and a Story" was auditioned and put on disc during December 1945. The sub-title of the story was called "The O'Sullivan Fantasy which in itself was to be developed as another series. Co-starring on this audition were Ronald Reagan, Joan Loring and Franklin Pangborn.
- 7. 1945 The Sealy Mattress Co. is replacing the transcribed program "The Sealed Book" with a new audience participation quiz called Mr. and Mrs. on WGN each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. C.S.T. Lee Bennett emcees.
- 8. Smilin' Ed McConnell and his Buster Brown Gang NBC Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. PT. make the move to Hollywood December 1, 1945. It formerly originated in Chicago.
- 9. Did you wonder how Richard Rogue can take that beating on his head week after week and not become something less than right. The crushed head is a melon and is divided up among the cast after the show.
- 10. 1945 Pioneer announcer Norman Brokenshine begins a new five week series over Mutual-WOR November 12 at 3:30 p.m. called Remember, will be based on nostalgic reminiscences of radio days gone by.
- 11. How old is Pinky Lee? Pinky Lee featured on Rudy Vallee's show got his start on the stage of Gus Edwards.
- 12. More than 1,300,000 gift packages were distributed to sick, wounded and disabled servicemen at Christmas as a result of Eddie Can-, tor's radio campaign "Give a gift to a Yank who gave."
- 14. Van Johnson, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Dinah Shore and the Dining Sisters will be featured on the 1st Command Performance produced in 1946.
- 15. In 1935, the 1st woman's voice was heard on the Amos 'n Andy Show. It was Eleanor Harriot portraying Amos' bride Ruby Taylor and she spoke just four words, "I do, I do," Staats Cotsworth in 1946 started a new radio series called Lone Journey for NBC sponsor Carnation Milk.
- 16. Art Gilmore veteran announcer made his screen debut for 20th Century Fox in Rendezvous 24. He played an FBI agent and narrated the film.

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