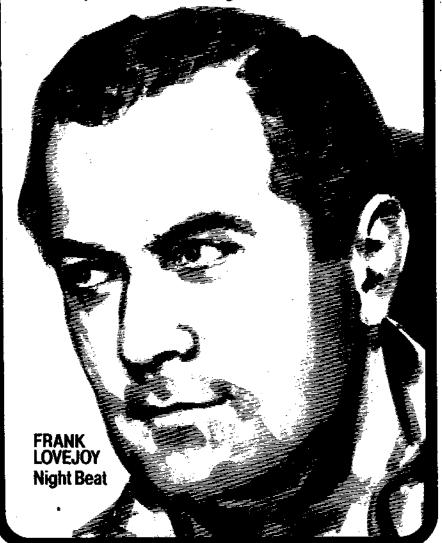
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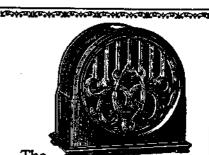
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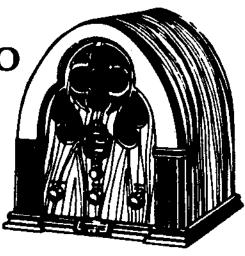
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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

by Clair Schulz

It ran only two years. It was sustained more than it was sponsored. It appeared late in the game, at a time when most programs were losing the good fight to the other medium. Mention it to ten people at random and it is likely that none of them will remember it. Yet Night Beat remains a favorite not only among collectors but also with listeners to shows that feature vintage broadcasts. What is there about these tales of a newspaperman's adventures that attracts such a loyal following?

The primary asset of the program was that the write person was played by the right person. The casting of Frank Lovejoy as the reporter for *The Chicago Star* was a master stroke. The character of Randy Stone required an actor who could convey the honesty, sincerity, compassion, and vulnerability of an everyday Joe, and nobody could portray those traits more convincingly than Lovejoy did. Lovejoy played dependable characters in the movies and a stalwart detective on television's *Meet McGraw*, but Randy Stone was the role of his career.

We are naturally drawn to Randy because he isn't just a scribe and narrator; he is one of us. We are walking the cold and windswept streets of Chicago with him in search of a story. When he tries to return a hat to a pedestrian or finds a good home for a cat, we feel that he is merely doing what we would do. Even when he does something less than admirable like running away from a man who claims to be pinned in a condemned building because he suspects that the

man is the one who wrote him a threatening letter, Stone is only guilty of being human.

One of Randy Stone's most endearing qualities is his kinship with the little guy, the eccentric, the castoff. As he admitted at the top of one episode. "I seem to have a knack at getting mixed up with offbeat characters," It doesn't matter if it's an old man with a system to beat the roulette wheel ex a farmer who wants to love a crook out of town or a seared girl from Kansas who doesn't belong in a police line-up or a punch-drunk ex-fighter who wants to see his old flame one more time or a lover of art who claims that someone has killed Vincent (var. Gogh); no matter what their circumstance or mental capacity, Randy Stone is their champion.

Although many episodes were devoted to these studies in human nature, some of the scripts would have been right at home on Suspense. The "race against time" theme was used to great effect a number of times. In the first show of the series broadcast February 6, 1950, Randy rushes to the top of the Wrigley Building to save a man from committing suicide. In other episodes he searches for contaminated butter to prevent a typhoid epidemic. stages a last-minute rescue of a woman slated for execution, and spearheads a manhunt for a probable carrier of rables. The most inventive of the suspense episodes is "The World at Your Fingertips," a telephone drama somewhat reminiscent of "Sorry, Wrong Number." Stone dials a number at random and gets a distraught

woman who has been locked up in an office by her mentally-ill husband who has gone for a gun so he can kill her. The rest of the show chronicles Stone's efforts to locate the woman or her husband and keep his line clear so she can call back.

Stories in the series about crime or revenge are superior to those written for programs like Gangbusters and This is Your FBI. "My Brother's Keeper," which tells about an escaped convict who holds a couple and Stone captive before being gunned down by the police, contains the kicker that elevates it above the level of crime melodrama: neither the husband nor the convict could kill the other because they were brothers. In "Firebug" our attention during the search for an arsonist is not directed to the fires and their consequences but rather to the suspicions of a father and son and the anguish of the lonely wife and mother who started the fires because "nobody talked to me." In "Juvenile Gangster" a confrontation between two thugs in a roadhouse is designed not to demonstrate dishonor among thieves but rather to show a boy what his father was really like. A heavy-handed approach to the oft-told variations of Chancer's "The Pardoner's Tale" could have resulted in the typical "crooks kill each other off" finale, but at the end of "Molly Keller" the emphasis is on bitterness and wasted lives as a widow sends two men to find the third member of a robbery, the man who framed her husband. In "The Football Player and the Syndicate," William Conrad gives a brilliant performance as a gambler who can't pay his debts; his fear is so palpable that we can see the beads of perspiration on his face and his eyes darting back and forth as his end ap-

Radio Humor

KENNY: I'm still wearing my winter

underwear.

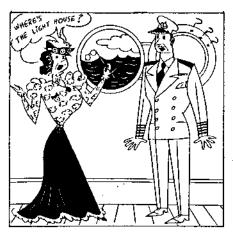
JACK: Why Kenny, this is June. For heaven's sake-how long do you wear winter underwear?

KENNY: Down to my ankles. (JACK BENNY and K. and KENNY BAKER, Jello Program.)

PORTLAND: I yot a tip on the fifth race this afternoon, Fred.

FRED: Let's hear it—is it hot? PORTLAND: It's a cinch. The jockey has halitosis. The horse wins trying to get away.

ALLEN and PORTLAND (FRED HOFFA, Town Hall Tonight.)



That's just like my aunt BURNS:from Van Buren, Arkansas, who couldn't Incate her stateroom on a cruise. Finally an officer asked if she could remember the number, but she said no, but would know her room if she saw it, because there was a lighthouse outside the windowl (BOB BURNS, on Kraft Music Holl.)

EUGENE: Willie, what's the idea of wearing a woman's nightgown aboard ship?

WILLIE: Suppose something happens to the ship-women and children first, you know!

(HOWARD BROTHERS and VICTOR ARDEN, Folies de Paree.)

proaches. For a program in which the threat of death was a mainstay, Night Beat was remarkably restrained; murder and suicide were usually waiting in the wings, but they got onstage infrequently.

A few episodes in the series are unique. "Old Home Week" is the only one that is not set in Chicago or its environs and, even though there is an attempted murder and an accidental shooting, it is one of the lighter efforts complete with puns, banter, and garrulous characters, "His Name Was Luke" approaches fantasy as it unfolds a story of a christ figure who does not appear to us or Randy but who changes the lives of four disparate people for the better. Perhaps the most touching story is "Anton's Return," which tells of a prisoner and his wife who not only die at the same time but with the same final words on their lips. Achieving poignancy without becoming maudlin has never been easy, but the writers for Night Beat accomplished it as well as anyone on гафіо.

Russell Hughes wrote a number of the scripts as did director Warren Lewis and editor Larry Marcus, but whoever did the writing followed the unvarying pattern: teaser, story, moral It is this tight, unified structure that is one of the delights of listening to these shows. We look forward to Stone luring us into his web with lines like "This one began in the shattering turmoil of a manhunt and ended in the quictness of the morgue" or "That night my story began with the innocent ringing of my telephone... I didn't know that at the other end of the line was death" or "This one began with the story of an execution and ended with the death of a man's soul." Who could turn off the radio or switch stations after hearing leads like that?

The stories themselves are filled with realistic dialogue and vivid descriptions. Several episodes, particularly "Byline for Frank," begin with graphic images of Chicago that are much more sensuous than Sandburg's poem about the city. It

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doesn't matter if Stone is engaging in raillery with a short-order cook. exchanging veiled threats with a ruffian, or cajoling policemen; all the conversations ring true. The mark of verisimilitude is also on the portraits Randy paints for us. When he mentions the souls eaten away by loneliness like "the lone drinker in a plush bar who toasts his reflection in the mirror. and wishes he was too drunk to see it.' we know that we have seen his counterpart all too often. The description Randy gives of a woman named Stella could have come from the pen of Raymond Chandler: "I'd met her type before. The gals that were beautiful once but who don't care too much any more. She wore a white strapless number. She was fighting a losing battle with weight, and her hair, in spite of a mass of small blonde curls piled over the part, showed at least two weeks behind on the bleach." Randy Stone calls them like we see them.

After the denouement, Randy always stepped forward to deliver his

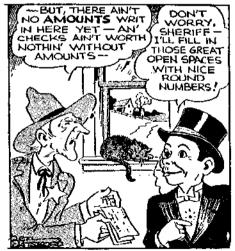
final comments on la condition humaine. Following the suicide of a misunderstood but great painter, Stone aptly adds that "we never appreciate the sane people until it's too late." Some of his closing thoughts analyze either love or hate, and on one show he combined them; "Let someone get up and talk about hate and he's hailed as a new leader. Let him speak of love and he's ridiculed, he's spit upon, and ... even nailed to a cross. Love is the greatest thing, the oldest yet the greatest thing." That last sentiment is revealing for, despite the assorted characters with devious and dubious motives that we meet. Night Beat is life-affirming. Yes, Randy says, this is a rat race we're in, but "just because you didn't come in first doesn't mean you're last." After the aphorism, all that remained for Stone to do was deliver his familiar signature, a call for the copyboy to pick up his completed story.

The scripts were written for an intelligent, sentient audience. It is entirely appropriate that the writing is

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By EDGAR BERGEN



literate for our storyteller is not a street-educated Broadway from Runyonland but rather an experienced newspaperman whose livelihood is words. Allusions to the Bible, Dante, Shakespeare, and Pope do not come as a surprise when spoken by a journalist. What other program would begin with a quotation from Juvenal? As Fred Allen might say, "It's not *The Green Hornet*, kiddies."

The quality of the writing was matched by the sound effects. When Stone steps out of a building, we hear the el, car horns, police whistles, even the ticking of a taxi meter. The crowds that he meets are distinct; appreciative in a jazz club, raucous in a burlesque theater, savage at a prize fight, apprehensive during a hostage crisis. We expect to hear thunder in a death scene or a car smashing a police barricade or a roller coaster, but what demonstrates the attention to detail are the subtle touches like hesitant footsteps and the hum of a elevator. A scene in an operating room is so realistic that we hear the labored breathing of the patient, the passing of the instruments, and the irrigation as counterpoint to the dialogue between Stone and the surgeon. This was clearly not a program devoted to cutting corners.

Nowhere is the quest for quality more apparent than in the casting. Every week some of radio's stand-bys could be heard aiding or frustrating Randy. Ed Begley would be an embittered industrialist, Richard Crenna a quilt-ridden jockey, Sheldon Leonard a hardened gangster (what else?), Bea Benaderet a concerned mother. Other performers like Peter Leeds, Bill Conrad, Jack Druschen, Gerald Mohr, Ben Wright, Larry Dobkin, Bill Johnstone, Ted de Corsia, and Tudor

Owen made multiple appearances playing shady or misunderstood characters. Veterans Jeanette Nolan. Joan Banks (who appeared with Lovejoy in As The Twig is Bent and other serials), Betty Moran, Jeanne Bates. Barbara Fuller, Lurene Tuttle, and Georgia Ellis handled most of the important female roles, although Virginia Gregg deserves honorable mention for doing double duty as landlady and spurned lover in "The Search for Fred." It is no wonder that actors and actresses returned to the program: everyone in the cast was given credit at the end of most episodes.

It really then should be no mystery why followers of old-time radio regard Night Beat with so much affection, it had a fine actor who played his role the way a reporter writes a story: the reporter is not the subject of an article, her only interacts with the subject and then he tells us what he has seen. Give the actor a first-rate cast to work with, well-written scripts, and sound production values, and the result is a good drama.

Well, that's it. Mix the ingredients up anyway you want, rearrange the paragraphs, and it would still come out the same. It's a story of people and a show that just won't die. You can't change that. But none of us is perfect. We all need some help now and then...Copyboy!

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Radio in 1950 A.D.

Some of the amazing possibilities that are visualized by a worldfamous scientist and inventor—

DR. LEE DE FOREST

To the workaday experimenter in the field of radio, absorbed in the practical problems of the next immediate advance along the path of discovery, imagination is a working tool.

But the imagination of the experimenter soon finds itself beyond the bounds of radio phenomena; it ranges out into the realms of the ether. Radio is but one small step in the exploration of an infinite progression of vibrations which quickly get beyond anything but mathematical calculation.

This earth of ours is literally bathed in radiant energy from interstellar space; it bowls along on its way fairly immersed in seas of cosmic force.

"We have actually succeeded in our lifetimes in finding more new relations in physics than had come to light in all the preceding ages put together, and the stream of discovery as yet shows no sign of abatement," says Dr. R. A. Millikan, who is himself playing an important part in it all.

Let us for a moment speculate upon some of the possibilities and probabilities that lie ahead of us—basing our speculations not upon mere fancy but upon the accomplishments of the past in the new field that radio has opened up.

One of the most important is the

possibility that some day we may learn how to draw electricity from the upper air in amounts to suit the individual need of the moment.

Some day it may become possible to build and maintain conductors ten miles high, with a series of antennas to gather in and store up the vast energy that exists in the form of enormous potentials between the upper atmosphere and the surface of the earth. When that time comes we will be able to utilize this exceedingly high potential energy for performing work for mankind. If this power were harnessed, local power stations could be established wherever desirable to supply large sones with electricity and power-and the human race would be immensely wealthier.

When that time comes any one of us—the manufacturer, the railway executive, the newspaper owner, the electrical engineer, the farmer, the house-wife—can get power with ease. Questions of warmth, of light, of transportation—age-old problems fundamental to human progress—will cease to exist. Never again will we be bothered by speculations over the time when our reserves of coal and petroleum would be exhausted, as they must, some day.

To speculate further:

We may discover a new radiation which follows the surface of the earth. Or perhaps some other form of radiant energy will be brought to light that can be directed in intense streams as accurately as a man plays a hose. The nozzle of such an imaginary hose located on the Atlantic coast and with its streams of energy directed due west across the United States, may furnish energizing power to airplanes that will thus be made capable of many times the speed now possible; a thousand miles an hour may well be within reach. We may cross the American continent after breakfast and lunch on the Pacific coast-and return in time to dine in New York! Or we may cross to London in 3 hours. Indeed, streams of energy may be played in whatever direction that there will be traffic; we may literally go "rolling down to Rio" between luncheon and dinner!

Mammoth planes may then travel far above the storm belt as we speed across the sky; disturbances of the air would mean no more in that case than international boundaries. And how long will international boundaries be regarded as important when London is practically in New York's front yard and San Francisco out by the garage?

The electrical frequencies used in radio, which have become a commonplace in our lives at present, are about a million times greater in cycles per second than the audible frequencies upon which humanity had depended for communication for thousands and probably hundreds of thousands and possibly millions of years. The speed of light, as is now generally accepted, is about the same as for radio waves, or approximately 186,000 miles a second. Now comes Dr. Millikan with a new ray that is said to have a frequency 10,000,000 times that of the highest light rays—and light waves constitute the fastest phenomena that is rerecttible to the human senses! This new

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Only a vivid imagination can gain even a relative conception of this!

But even within the band of the high frequencies used in radio there is ample room for speculation and for development.

The short wave for transmission and

reception is receiving a lot of attention and may help us over some difficult places. The transmitting amateur experimenters may properly feel that at last they are coming into deserved recognition. The "short-wave beam" offers a fruitful field to the constructive and experimentally inclined radio enthusiast.

It has long been evident that a dependable means of directing waves from 2 or 3 meters up to 50 meters without fading, bending, or defraction, would be a great advance in radio.

Only a slight amount of power in kilowatts is required to operate on these short wavelengths. They may be sent out at a diffusion angle small enough so that the sender can at least control their direction to a considerable extent; this factor gives a degree of secrecy hitherto unattainable. The more this directional factor is developed, the greater will be the secrecy that can be obtained.

We probably will hear much of overcoming atmosphere troubles and disturbances by means of the short wave. We have been seeking a solution of static—or "atmospherics," as the Englishman calls it—at the receiver for the past twenty-five years. Progress along this line is steady, if it does seem rather slow.

By using the photo-electric cell and boosting its sensitiveness many thousand times with the audion tube, we can now transmit pictures and writing by radio.

Transmitting pictures, however, is not true television.

When we can sit in a darkened theatre or in our home, in New York, and watch on the screen the movement of the holiday crowds in Chicago, or when Chicagoans can see a New York theatrical performance on the screen; when we can see the seals disporting themselves on the rocks off Golden Gate Park in San Francisco; when the film magnate in Manhattan can actually

oversee the work of his directors on "the lot" at Hollywood, or a congregation in an American church with its own eyes can view the Pope celebrating mass in the Vatican—when any of these experiences actually come to pass, then we shall have true television.

Mechanical difficulties in the way are great, but the necessary "speeding up" processes are being studied and slowly evolved in scientific laboratories. Physically, television—the ability to see over long distances—is perfectly possible, but the transmission and reception details are complicated and need further working out.

It is easy to let imagination rove and whatever we imagine may come to pass almost before we are aware of it. I am ready to agree that television may sometime come—and what a marvelous stride ahead civilization will take when it does!

What may soon be done in the regulation of watches and clocks by radio seems of more immediate interest.

It is possible, even at this date, to use a simple receiving set for this with a relay which corrects itself once or twice a day, or to adjust the escapement in watch or clock so that it will register an impulse from a master station every second or two. This is actually little more than the Western Union Telegraph Company is doing now with myriad clocks which are electrically operated and regulated. An impulse is sent by wire every ten seconds. In the case of our watches we should doubtless have to arrange to pull these from the pocket at a prearranged momentsay on the hour or half hour, or oftener -and hold them steady in a certain position.

There is no reason why the desk clock in one's office should not be thus kept accurately on the second with Greenwich time.

Meantime some of the most vital advances in radio will come in developments of broadcasting. One day soon



When Radio Permits Us to Look In as Well as to Listen In on the Rest of the World

The time is approaching when receiving sets will be regarded as a regular part of the physical equipment of our schools and universities; many of us may yet see television apparatus similarly installed for "looking in" not only upon class-room demonstrations but also upon explorations in foreign lands, legislative bodies in session and world-events of interest.

the ordinary audion (or vacuum tube valve) may be used to extend the hearing power of the human ear around the globe—to enable us to listen to audible sounds anywhere else.

Think, for instance, of listening in on a tiger hunt in India, or on an elephant hunt in Africa—or on a Henley regatta in England! Or of hearing the balls click on the gaming tables at Monte Carlo, or the sounds of war and all that goes with it!

Broadcasting is already becoming highly specialized and will become more so. We may now listen in on Congress or State legislatures in their sessions; we are beginning to be taken into the homes, the clubs and the offices of public men and women.

It will be hard on the politicians when their constituents generally have this check on what they do and say, but it will make for a realization of pure democracy such as no nation has ever had.

One pleasure we have now in some measure we shall ere long have much more of—the radio drama.

Instead of listening in on bits from plays, striking scenes or even a whole act, why not both hear and see the whole play by radio? Or sporting events?

I believe, also that radio is destined to play a big and significant role in our scheme of education.

Even now the radio set is no uncommon thing in schoolrooms, but real radio schools are coming—a system of education in which much of the instruction will be given radio, with a curriculum specially arranged with that end in view. That will mean more than schoolrooms where receiving sets are installed; it will mean that students can then receive such educational advantages in their own home towns or even in their homes, as no single college or university can give them now.

· Radio is developing its own technic and, instead of being an afterthought, will be a leading thought in the preparation for any event where the medium of expression is vocal or instrumental. The Federal government may at some time be obliged to take over or directly supervise all broadcasting of general public character—and we may then have three or four great stations blanketing the country with a national program on a high wavelength, while local stations keep to lower wavelengths, or vice-versa.

Meanwhile the mission of the radio Moses is to lead us out to a really highstandard of broadcast reception. The loudspeaker or reproducer cannot make up for deficiencies in receiving sets.

Indispensable as radio has come to be in our daily lives, the radio art is still in its infancy. (I will risk that bromide because it is so very true.) It is a lusty infant, to be sure, but infant diseases linger—especially the whooping cough. We have yet to subdue the whoops of the receiving set. The task of the radio technician is to really cure the infant of pulmonary disabilities. Modelled on the telephone receiver, the radio reproducer has from its beginning been built on the piston principle of operation by moving a diaphragm or cone in the direction perpendicular to its surface. There may be discovered better ways to do this in the near future.

One advance in the art of reception we are on the verge of attaining; indeed, it may possibly be an accomplished fact by the time this is printed—the use of one large audion or valve as equivalent to a group of smaller ones, with several steps of high frequency amplification in the same valve or tube. This will get us away from the growing multiplicity of valves which has resulted from our straining after better broadcast reception.

So many improvements are going forward that one hesitates to hazard a guess as to what receiving sets may be like a generation ahead; certainly there will be a still closer tie-up between

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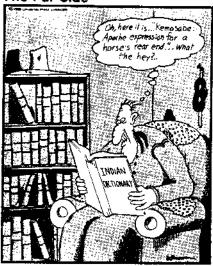
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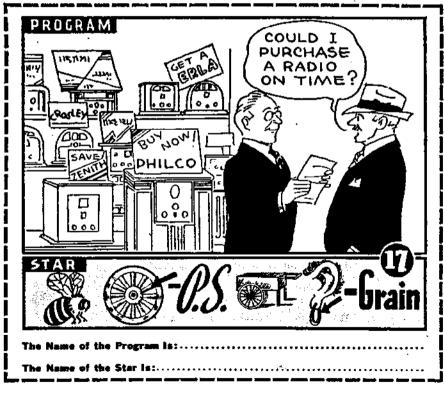
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