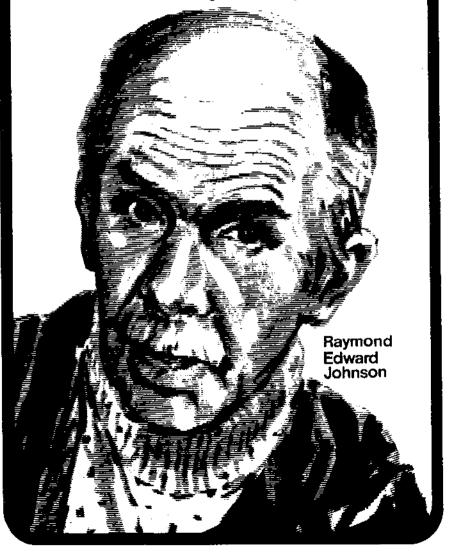
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Editor's note

In this space last issue there was a photo of two young men. It was taken in 1952, and they were seniors in high school. A lot of our readers who know them may have already figured out their identity. They are very young Dave Warren and Bob Burchett, the other two thirds of the "Digest" stuff.

Dave and myself worked on "Collector's Corner" and sometime during its run we got Herb Brandenburg involved with the printing. The end came when Joe Webb sold "Collector's Corner" and we became a staff without a magazine. Herb then said. "Let's start our own and call it 'Old Time Radio Digest.'" It's hard to believe that was 10 years ago. We can do all the artwork we want and the writers can write all they want, but if it doesn't get printed, no one will ever see the work. It's like when a tree falls in a forest, there's no sound, unless there's someone there to hear it. Thanks, Herb, for making the "Digest" possible.

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N A winding road, glistening and wet with a driving rain, two black cars made their way. One was a hearse, the other a funeral car. In the hearse lay the body of Arthur Ramsey. Behind, in the other car, Father Brandon tried to comfort Betty Gordon, the best friend of Ramsey's daughter, Helen.

"I'm glad Helen couldn't come," Betty said. "This would have been too much 'for her—the funeral and this rain that gets inside you and lies heavy on the heart."

"You've been a loyal friend to Helen," the priest said. "I don't know what she would have done without you. She's taking her father's death yery hard."

"I'm worried about her, Father Brandon. She's been behaving strangely since her father escaped from prison. And when the terrible accident happened to him, she didn't speak a word for days, just sat in the chair and stared out of the window."

"We must keep her from brooding," Father Brandon said in a soft voice.

Helen had been too unwell to attend the funeral especially in the damp, cold weather. The priest promised Betty he would return home with her after the ceremony at the cemetery and say a few words to Helen. Then he mentioned something closer to his heart, a set of circumstances that had puzzled him for months.

"I'd never believe that Arthur Ramsey would become an escaped convict," he said, "And now he's dead. It was a terrible way to die—hit by a truck and crushed into an almost unrecognizable shape until only his papers told us the truth. And he was innocent. It believed him, Arthur Ramsey was incapable of harming anyone."

"Yet," said Betty, "he was con-

victed of murdering his best friend."

"The trial was fair," the priest said, musing. "Everything pointed to Ramsey's guilt. I suppose some day we'll know the truth."

Betty was bitter. "It won't do Mr. Ramsey any good. He's dead now."

"You must not talk like that, Betty," Father Brandon said soberly, as the two black cars passed through the wide iron gates of the cemetery to the waiting grave.

All that was left of Arthur Ramsey was buried that rainy morning, but the tragic event had a sequel. When Father Brandon and Betty returned to the Gordon home, Helen Ramsey was missing. Betty was quite upset. She knew Helen had been too ill to leave the house, yet she was gone.

"Something dreadful has happened to her!" Betty exclaimed, frightened and tearful.

Father Brandon promised to start a search for the missing girl and advised Betty to stay in the house in case Helen returned. She was alone with her fears when darkness fell that night, and unprepared for the terrible shock that awaited her when she answered the imperative summons of the front doorbell. She recoiled in horror when she saw the gray face of the man at the door looking at her soberly from the darkness.

It was that of Arthur Ramsey, the man they had buried that morning! She screamed and tried to slam the

door, but the wind was too strong.
"Don't be afraid, Betty," said the
tall, gray-faced man. "It's me, all right.
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"No—no!" cried Betty in horror. "It can't be true."

But Ramsey crossed the threshold and closed the door behind him. His clothes were dripping wet and a little pool of water began forming on the polished hall floorway where he stood in his wet shoes.

"I'm not dead, Betty, I'm very much alive." His voice was kind and fatherly, but Betty shrank away from him, her face pale with fright. Ramsey pulled a chair closer toward the fire on the hearth. "Here, sit down, Betty. Let me get you a drink of water. Can't I convince you that I'm alive?"

"Alive?" Betty asked in wonder. "But you were buried a few hours ago! I was at the funeral."

"That body in the coffin wasn't me. It was a tramp who had been hit by a truck so hard that it would have been impossible to identify him. I slipped all my papers and identifications into his pocket. Now I'm legally dead and no longer a criminal who has been hunted for months."

Betty's voice did not conceal her great relief. "You almost scared the life out of me," she said. "You must have had a terrible time of it all these long weeks..."

"Yes," Ramsey said thought-fully, "I did have a terrible time. But I had to come back. I had to take care of my friend and lawyer, Charley Dexter." Ramsey's voice became harsh with bitterness. "I found out later that the witness, Barton, whose false evidence convicted me, was in league with Dexter, had been coached by him."

"Eut why should Dexter want to frame you—he was your lifelong friend?"

"I trusted him," Ramsey explained.
"I gave him complete power of attorney over my money, that's why he wanted to get me out of the way."

Betty felt at ease now with the gaunt-faced Ramsey, who always had been like a father to her. She told him that it was unbelievable that Dexter could have done the things Ramsey said he had done. She told him, too, that Dexter had been especially nice to Helen, that he once had offered her

THE CAST

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The Character	The Player
Father Brandon	Santos Ortega
Betty Gordon	Anne Seymour
Arthur Ramsey	Neill O'Malley
Charles Dexter	Santos Ortega
Barton,	Gilbert Mack

a thousand dollars until she could get on her feet. Ramsey leaned forward in his chair.

"He offered her money? Why?"

"Dexter told Helen that the money you left her had come to an end. The stocks were worthless. He made her sign something."

Ramsey's hand clenched into tight fists. His face was drawn into tight lines of anger. His voice was cold with hate.

"The dirty rat! He even took her money away. I left her thousands of dollars in cash. She trusted him, too. How has she been getting along? Where is she now? I must see her at once."

Betty's fears for Helen had almost been forgotten during the past hour she had talked with Ramsey. Now they returned twofold because they were shared by another who was closer to Helen even than she had been. Yet neither Arthur Ramsey nor Betty Gordon were prepared for the tragedy that awaited discovery at dawn the next day when two fishermen pulled a sodden thing from the river and notified police.

Helen Ramsey, physically ill and shocked by the tragedy of her father's apparently terrible death, had ended the struggle of living!

Ramsey looked down on his daughter's frail body at the morgue and his face became more gaunt and bitter. Betty had come with him to make the identification and to keep his own identity a secret. Under the name of Ramsey, he still was a fugitive criminal who must remain dead—a ghost in the land of the living.

"We had better go, Betty," he said at last, turning his sorrowful face away from the shrouded form on the slab. "We'll have to make funeral arrangements, and then there's something else I've got to do—something that can't wait . . ."

PROSPEROUS Charles Dexter dined well that night. He spent a quiet hour in the library with a book and a glass of ancient brandy whose bouquet brought murmurs of pleasure to his sensual lips. He pendered philosophically on his comfort and good fortune. The good things of life, he thought, go to the strong—and the clever. The weaklings of the world were made to suffer. That was their lot. Dexter's conscience gave him a slight twinge, but he pushed his guilty knowledge back into the recesses of his mind and made his way to his luxuriant bedroom to retire for the night. His sleep was fitful. He woke easily at the slight sound of a softly closing door.

"Who's there?" he asked in a startled voice, "Who's in my room?"

Dexter sat up in bed while his eyes tried to pierce the darkness. Then he sank back on the satin pillow. He had a guilty habit of talking to himself in the privacy of his bedroom.

"Thought I heard the door close," he said with assurance. "Must've dreamed it—"

Out of the darkness came a voice—a voice not his own. It seemed disembodied and cold. It was a dead man's voice—the voice of Dexter's best friend, Arthur Ramsey.

"Maybe you did dream," said the voice. "Maybe you're still asleep—"

Dexter sat up and mopped the cold sweat from his forehead.

"It can't be you—it can't be anyone. You're dead, Arthur Ramsey, and dead men don't come back. I must be dreaming—I—I—"

"Why don't you try and wake up?" the voice suggested. "Just pinch your-self and then maybe I'll disappear."

"I'll get out of bed," Dexter said wildly.

"Let me touch you." The voice was cold as gray granite. "Let me touch you and then you'll know it's only a dream."

"No-no!" cried Dexter, half screaming. "Don't touch me."

"Why don't you put on the lights?" the voice asked. "It's much less terrifying when you can see whom you're talking to. You're a little nervous, Dexter. Let me turn the lamp on."

The room suddenly was flooded with light. Dexter gasped in horror when he saw the gray-faced figure at the door. It was that of the man he'd framed and robbed—Arthur Ramsey

returned from the dead!

"You recognize me, don't you, Charley?" Ramsey's voice remained hollow and cold. "I look a little different since the last time you saw me—but that's because I'm dead and my clothes are a little muddy. Do you know why? You get a little muddy when you have to crawl out of the grave—"

"Wh—why do you want to frighten me?" squealed Dexter. "I—I've always been your friend, your lifelong friend."

"Maybe I'm not really here," Ramsey said relentlessly. "Maybe it's only your conscience bothering you. Remember Barton, the witness whose evidence convicted me? You were in league with him, you coached him in what to say. And all the time you were my lawyer trying to defend me—"

"It's not true," cried Dexter. "It's not true."

"They convicted me of murdering Bill Watson, my old friend. He was found dead in a vacant lot near my house. Barton swore that he heard Watson and myself quarreling fiercely as he was walking past my house. Then he saw me hit Watson over the head with a blunt instrument." Ramsey paused a moment, then sneered and said, "He couldn't see very well. Later they found poor Watson's body with his skull cracked open."

Dexter tried to lie, but the guilt was written on his perspiring face.

"You even robbed my daughter of her money," Ramsey continued, "and they've found her body in the river. You murdered her just as much as though you had killed her with your own hands. Well, Dexter, I'm going to give you the cold touch of death!"

"No-no-don't!" Dexter was wild with terror. "Please don't touch medon't come near me. I'll make up for it—everything. I'll do anything you ask--"

"There's nothing you can do for me now," Ramsey said, "but there's something I can do for you. I'm going to haunt you every night, you and Barton, until I'm ready to take you back with me to the grave!" BARTON was even more frightened than Dexter when the apparently dead Ramsey returned from the grave to haunt him. He even whimpered a confession that it actually had been himself who had killed Watson.

"Let me go," Barton had pleaded in terror. "Let me go. I'll go to the police. I'll give myself up. I'll tell them the truth. I'll tell them everything. Please, please let me go—"

"All right," the ghostly Ramsey told him. "You're free to go. You're free to give yourself up to the police. You have until tomorrow. If you don't, though, I'll be back, and nothing in the world will save you then!"

But before Barton went to the police he paid a visit to Dexter, his partner in the murder frame-up.

"What's the matter with you, Barton?" Dexter asked. "You look scared to death."

"I am," Barton replied honestly. "I met Ramsey last night on a dark road. You can't hide from a ghost and I'm going to the police to give myself up. I'm going to tell them everything that happened."

"Pull yourself together," said Dexter, who had gotten his nerve back overnight. "If you talk, you'll hang, and I'll spend the rest of my life in prison."

But Barton couldn't be moved. "If I ever see Ramsey again," he said, "I'll die of fright. I'd rather hang!"

"Look here, Barton," Dexter argued. "I was scared as you were when I found Ramsey in my room in the middle of the night. He had me fooled for a white. I thought he was really dead. But he's alive all right and it's a trick of some sort. Dead people stay dead. They never come back. Look, Barton, if you wait a while I'll bring you evidence that Ramsey is alive. Give me a few hours."

Barton was not convinced. "I'm not waiting," he said. "I'm going right now."

Dexter's face became suffused with anger. He cautiously opened the drawer of the library table which stood a few feet from the massive fireplace with its wrought brass andirons, fire basket and gleaming fire tools. But Barton leaped toward him, pulling a small revolver from inside his coat.

"I warn you, don't try to stop me!" he almost shouted. "Get your hands up."

"Put that gun down, you fool," said Dexter, playing for time and an opening. Barton hesitated and Dexter was upon him at once. The two men wrestled before the fireplace for possession of the gun, but Barton slipped and crashed backward against the heavy andirons. The gun flipped over his shoulder and lay beneath his bleeding head. Abruptly the bleeding ceased and Dexter looked at the man with horror. He leaned across Barton's body, felt his pulse. He reverted to his habit of talking aloud.

"He cracked his skull against the andirons," Dexter mumbled. "It's his own fault. He tripped. Maybe he's dead—"

"Yes," said a new voice in the room, "maybe he's dead!"

Dexter whirled about and confronted Ramsey, who had entered the room on noiseless feet during the climax of the quarrel. Neither Dexter nor Barton had noticed him, so occupied had they been in their own affairs. Dexter suddenly became afraid.

"Ramsey," he gasped,

"Yes," the gaunt-faced man replied, "and really very much alive, as you have already guessed."

"H-how did you get in here?"

"I just walked by and saw the two of you lighting. You bit him with some kind of a blunt instrument. I couldn't quite see what it was."

Ramsey came closer, bent over Barton's body, Dexter backed away.

"I didn't hit him," he said, "He tripped and fell, I didn't kill him. You know I didn't kill him!"

"It was some kind of a blunt instrument," Ramsey repeated, looking under Barton's head. "Ah," he continued, "it must have been this gun—it's bloody at the butt end."

"He hit his head against the andiron," Dexter said frantically. "Some of the blood dripped onto the gun. You saw the whole thing. You know that's true."

"I saw you hit him with a blunt instrument," Ramsey said stubbornly. "The evidence is right here. You're a murderer, Dexter, and now you're going to pay for every crime you've committed. Justice has a way of catching up with everyone! You're going to clear my name and you're going to return my money."

"I'll do everything you say, but please believe me. I swear I didn't kill Barton!"

"No one will believe you," Rainsey said quietly. "All the evidence will convict you. I say you killed Barton. You killed him to prevent him from squealing. You killed him with a blunt instrument. I was going to frighten you until you went to pieces, but it wasn't necessary, as you can see."

"You're trying to frame me!"

"Horrible, isn't it, to be a helpless victim of a frame-up?" Ramsey's voice was cold and ghostly. "But don't feel so outraged, Dexter. You're just getting what you deserved. They'll hang you for this. Hang you by the neck—until you're dead!"

This thrilling story was adapted by Wiley S. Maloney from the original "Inner Sanctum Mystery" play by Sigmund Miller. "Inner Sanctum Mystery" may be heard Sunday nights over the Blue Network at 8:30 p.m. EWT, 7:30 p.m. CWT, 7:30 p.m. MWT, 6:30 p.m. PWT under the sponsorship of Carter Products in behalf of Carter's Little Liver Pills.



KEEPER OF THE SQUEAKY DOOR . . .

Raymond Edward Johnson, the ghoulishly genial host of the Inner Sanctum Mysteries on the Blue network Sunday nights, sometimes gets letters from listeners written in blood. At least, it's supposed to be blood, although Raymond admits it looks more like plain red ink. Other listeners thoughtfully send him oil cans to be used on that squeaky door, but it's no use—the door will continue to squeak as long as Inner Sanctum is on the air.

Although Ray is one of radio's best actors, and comes from Orson Welles' home town of Kenosha, Wisconsin, his early ambitions were strictly non-theatrical. He wanted to be a big-league baseball star. But he never was as good at playing ball as he was at oratory and dramatics, so the latter won out—although he didn't became an actor until he'd first served an apprenticeship as a golf caddy, a haberdashery clerk, a teacher, a soda-jerk, a bank teller and an insurance salesman.

Ray's first radio break came in NBC's Chicago studios. He had been auditioning for director after director without success. Finally, after he'd finished his regular prepared audition material, the umpteenth director asked him to act a tough gangster—without a script. Ray boiled over in fury, and poured all his bitterness into the impromptu speech, directing all his insults at the director, who slowly turned a beautiful brick red. Just the same, his performance was so good he got the job.

Ray is married to Betty Caine, who is also a radio actress. She has kept the script of the broadcast that brought them together-an NBC Chicago show which cast him as a doctor and her as the patient. They live in a New York suburb in a charming house surrounded by stone walls Ray built himself. Their special hobby is collecting antiques, and until gasoline was rationed they used to scour the countryside for prize early American pieces. Next to antiques, Ray likes to collect phonograph records best. Betty gave him a big Capehart machine last Christmas, and he's already on the way to having one of the largest assortments of records in existence outside of a music shop.

He likes to play tennis, and once taught it professionally. He also likes to ride horses—a fact which the horses resent, judging from the way they throw him off their backs whenever he tries to ride them. Back in Kenosha, he says, they used to call him "The Prince," after the Prince of Wales who suffered from the same affliction.

HOW TO TELL GOOD OTR SOUND FROM BAD Bob Burnham

One of the aspects of old-time radio that has always been very subjective and prone to controversy is the age-old topic of sound quality.

Some collectors and dealers have elaborate and very sophisticated means to "rate" shows; others have very simple generalized ratings, while still others have no system at all.

When possible, I have always felt the more reputable people will generally always have a notation in their listings when a show is DEFINITELY in poor shape—either that or just not list the show at all.

Other collectors are nearly obvious to the condition of the show—don't really care one way or another, while yet ANOTHER group is aware that problems may exist, but get so wound up with the content of the show, that the flaws may go unnoticed. A long-time collector friend of mine tells me: "I just enjoy the shows..."

Well, suppose you're making up a hatch of tapes, and someone really presses you about sound. Are they REALLY as good sounding as people say they are? Just what ARE really good sounding shows, anyway?

A lot depends on your perception of what good sound is in comparison to what you've heard in the past. If you've spent your entire OTR "career" listening to junk sound, then you come upon a "very good" sounding show, you might rate it as GREAT SOUND. On the other hand, if you're used to very good sound and obtain carefully done copies of transcription disks in high fidelity sound, then that becomes your perception of GREAT SOUND, because it's better to

your ears than what you're used to hearing. As stated, it's very subjective.

Let's divide sound quality into various categories and try to describe what the relative flaws should or shouldn't be there, and the characteristics of the sound. I don't use a GOOD rating as some do, because what GOOD really means is BAD, but not as bad!

GREAT SOUND - There should be very little tape hiss or disk hiss. The show is very clear. You can hear the characteristics of the performers voices including "s" words, but without distortion when they are spoken. In addition, the tonal spectrum sounds very natural on GREAT SOUND. You can hear bass during music bridges and openings, the performers voices are very resonant (and deep-when appropriate) yet are NOT MUDDY sounding. There is no distortion, no hum or buzz whatsoever on the recording.

of the above, but the show sounds very flat and lifeless. The tonal balance is not appropriate for natural sound. This was probably because when the transcription disk was copied, the wrong equalization or type of pre-amp was used. It is also a characteristic of most 1930's shows. Often, there is not much that can be done to improve shows like these. Equalizers can't boost bass when there's no bass there to boost! Other than the flat sound, the show is very clear and has low hiss, and no other MAIOR flaws.

VERY GOOD SOUND - This show is probably the most common type of sound found in todays collectors hands. The show can have a great tonal balance like



A very young Bob Burnham and Byron R. Bullough

the GREAT SOUND category, but may have some other flaw like too much hiss, some hum or rumble (from the transcription player). Using sophisticated equipment, it MAY be possible to upgrade it to GREAT SOUND.

FAIR SOUND - Shows which have lost some clarity and have early stages of muffled sound fall into this category. They may have too much bass; almost always are very hissy and/or may have some distortion problems. They are still listenable, but upgrades should be available from other sources. In some cases, a marginal improvement may also be made with sound processing equipment.

FAIR SOUND is caused by one or more of the following things:

- 1.) Too many generations of trading in analog format (cassette or reel).
 - 2.) Dirty tape heads
 - 3.) Worn tape heads
 - 4.) Equipment not operating properly
 - 5.) Poor recording tape

POOR SOUND

This show requires paying close attention in listening, to understand. Muffled sound is the usual description given to this flaw. Some shows only exist in this form due to the fact that the original source master/disk became badly deteriorated and/or it was recorded on a home wire recorder off the radio. In

MOST CASES, however, POOR SOUND is the result of the same bad practices mentioned for FAIR SOUND. In some cases, sound processors can make the show slightly clearer, but usually at the expense of adding distortion, excessive hiss or other problems.

Unless you know for a fact the show is not available anywhere in better sound, shows with POOR SOUND at this level should be bulk crased.

There are a few things that can be done to minimize degrading a radio show when making copies for fellow traders, and NOT sending it into a lower sound grading just by your making a copy. This will be discussed in greater depth in a future article, but in brief, follow these guidelines:

- 1.) Use good equipment. Buy the best you can afford. Use a three head cassette deck, if possible.
- 2.) Avoid "MASTERING" on reels at the 3-3/4 "consumer" speed. Use good cassettes with Dolby "C" instead. If you prefer reel to reel, use 7-1/2 speed on new tape. The famous Ampex 641 government surplus tape hissy. I personally prefer 3-M products for open reel. The lower grade mastering tapes such as 806 and 807 are well suited to OTR purposes. 3-M also has a great track record for making tape that remains stable and playable for decades.
- 3.) Use good recording tape (see above!)
- 4.) Clean the tape heads and path of your equipment regularly. You can't clean too often!
- 5.) Periodically compare the sound of your master to your copy. If there's a big difference get your equipment tuned up right away, or replace it!

On a closing note, another OTR dealer

recently announced it would be offering "technical advice and information in the near future on recording techniques and collecting..."

You should be aware that if you have questions or suggestions, you can ALWAYS get free information and advice from me. By profession, I am a broadcast engineer. I have a broader background, and more contacts and resources for information/sources of equipment than most people in OTR. In the OTR hobby, I've been writing articles of a technical nature for nearly 20 years. In 1984, I was the proud recipient of the Allen Rockford Award at the Newark convention for my work in this area. Those are my credentials - and imagine that, I'm not even selling anything, but offering free tech support!

You can mail your questions/suggestions to your editor or directly to me: Bob Burnham, P.O. Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151. If you require a reply, a self addressed stamped envelope would be appreciated.



Question: If scores of sheets of paper, costing \$40 and containing a list of 6,000 OTR shows is called "Ultimate", what do you call a computerized, paperless list of 36,000 OTR shows that costs \$30, lets you pull up information such as "all shows in which Agnes Moorehead appeared" quickly and painlessly without hunting through page after page of information, and actually contains circulating Suspense shows, not just the un-circulating ones?

Liberal answer: The fast as whitewater, Al Gore tree saving, Bill Clinton cost cutting, Hillary Clinton good housekeeping approved entrance ramp to the information highway.

Conservative answer: A handy little program for looking up quite a few OTR shows effortlessly.

Its really called CAT-LOG, but it IS a handy little program for looking up quite of few OTR shows. You can sort the shows by program name and title, program name and date, all shows by date (existing shows first, missing shows follow), or all shows by date (existing shows intermixed with missing shows for log purposes). You can search for any word or letter combination band bring up all shows that have "Orson Welles" in them. There are at least 32,000 circulating shows in the database and programs are updated every few months. Wanna bug AI? CAT-LOG will still let you eat up paper as you print out shows you select.

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For he's a Jolly Bad Fellow

by Clair Schulz

Lou Costello frequently told us that he was a "b-a-a-a-d boy," but we didn't really believe him. Even though Red Skelton's Junior was mischief personified, we knew it was just an act. There was only one person who could truly claim to be radio's bad boy to the core of his irreverent soul, and that was Henry Morgan.

Morgan had a reputation as a sponsor-baiter in the New York area on WOR and WJZ, but it was not until 1946 that the entire country could hear his slings and arrows on ABC.

When Morgan was allowed to handle the commercials, he rarely delivered them according to form. He would sometimes begin like he was going to read it straight and then when it came to the "push-pull, click-click" feature he would have the sound effects people insert sounds appropriate to a construction site. Another time after commenting that commercials were too serious and that they deserved a lighter touch, he laughed after every assertion. which seemed to cast doubt about the quality of the razor. Other spots portrayed disastrous things happening to people during the minutes saved shaving with the speedy razor, as well as a hapless man who got bloody fingers from picking up the blades.

Even when the sponsor went to the trouble of recruiting men for a shaveathon on stage using various razors, Henry prefaced it by calling it "the world's worst commercial" and then after a Schick user was declared the winner in less than half a minute, he threw a shadow over the validity of the contest by saying, "Well, if they're going to use an eight-year-old in there..." One night he even told the audience outright that the sponsor didn't particularly like them. "They don't like me," he added. Small wonder.

It wasn't just the commercials that were unorthodox. Right from the beginning when the announcer asked instead of proclaimed the title of the program to the unique rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" to Henry's devil—may-care greeting to "Good evening, anybody. Here's Morgan" listeners somehow got the idea that this half-hour was not going to be anything remotely akin to The Aldrich Family.

In fact, The Henry Morgan Show wasn't really like anything else on the air. Milton Berle's program also was a string of sketches often built around a theme like housing or recreation, but like Jack Benny and Skelton he exchanged banter with his announcer and usually had one domestic scene that was like a mini-sitcom. Morgan's shows were constructed of free-wheeling skits that were sometimes related, sometimes not. Whatever Henry thought was funny went on the air whether it made sense to the rest of the universe or not.

Many of the bits began with a "What if..." premise. What if people in the year 2000 were looking back at the artifacts of New York in 1946? What if there was such a place as an old jokes home where gags like Pat and Mike wheezes go? What if a reserved coach from England was giving a pep talk at halftime to the losing team? What if a Frenchman broadcasting a boxing match acting according to stereotype and became preoccupied with a beautiful woman in the crowd?

Some of the pieces fit together nicely, others misfired badly. Combining baseball with the worlds of symphonies and operas was witty as was the glimpse into the private lives of businessmen who talk adspeak even at home. But then there were the



adventures of Peter and the landlord and also the march of science feature that sputtered each time they were dragged out (in more ways than one). Morgan was an innovator who was not one to play it safe; he even took swipes at the KKK and the needless violence of comic strips.

Henry had a better batting average in the parodies than he did in the speculative brand of humor. A man who had an innate distaste for commercials was certain to invent some beauts like "Onc-a-Minute Vitamin. Pop one in your mouth. Do this every minute, every day. You'll agree you were never more active in your life," and "Nicoteenies, the cigarette dipped in cough medicine" that rots the lungs.

Morgan was at his very best when lampooning radio shows and movies. His version of an Anglicized quiz program was called <u>Take It Or If You'd Rather Not You Needn't</u> with categories like "Famous Prime Ministers who've been hit by cricket balls." As Jimmy Morgan he would mimic Jimmy Fidler's delivery of such tidbits as "Bulletin—The Marx Brothers are related." His soap operas presented teasers like "Can a woman of sixty-five find happiness with a man twice her age?" <u>Non sequiturs</u> flowed all around his Ouestion Man:

Announcer: Who played first base for the Baltimore Orioles in 1902?

Question Man: The Mill on the Floss was written by George Eliot.

Announcer: Our next question: George Eliot asks. . .

The motion pictures that bore a passing resemblance to those we saw were presented at the Henry Morgan Theater of Coming Attractions. A promo for a Bogart and Bacall film consisted primarily of his guttural mumbling and her sultry muttering. One movie that was to star Betty Gargle had a supporting cast of "Richard Moey as Joey, Robert Joey as Moey, Doris Doey as Floey, Florence Floey as Doey, and Lassic as Chloc." They don't make pictures like that any more or at anytime.

Other bits of nonsense thrown in from time to time were interviews with Morgan in a variety of guises and also exchanges with Arnold Stang. Henry, who was more than adequate with dialects, regularly appeared as either a Russian or the Austrian-German Heinrich von Morgan, resident expert on everything. Arnold and Henry as Gerard and Hank would converse in laconic New Yorkese that either got the show off to a running start of a walking lull.

What better way to liven up a dull

moment on an unconventional program than presenting some of the most offthe-wall music this side of Spike Jones. Have a gent play "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" on the bagpipes. Introduce "Sitting Bull" who chants "a combination of all the Indian stuff he's ever heard." Produce a singer who does "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" in five languages. Allow a man to out-Lauder Sir Harry with a Scottish ditty. Give Stan Freberg a chance to play "The Flight of the Bumblebee" on his lips. Permit a woman and her cocker spaniel to warble through "Sugar Blues." When Bernie Green and his musicians played midway through the show, the audience probably expected kazoos to pop out of nowhere.

Green should have considered himself fortunate, for he alone got billing next to the star. It was "The Henry Morgan Show" featuring Bernie Green and his Orchestra and a few surprises." Stang's distinctive "What's to like?" rang loud and clear, and the unmistakable voices of Clarence Hartzell and Joe Kearns turned up now and then, but the other actors who labored anonymously are not so easy to identify.

The Henry Morgan Show of 1949-50

Carney, a song from the Billy Williams Quartet, another bit, a band number, and a sketch. Some of the sketches like the one in which Hamlet is a detective or private orb were well-done, but the whole program was wrapped in too nice a package that made it look like others being offered to us. There was no jackin-the-box or rubber snake to jump out and startle us.

The Henry Morgan Show of 1946-48 was just what the title promised; except for the occasional Hortense and Gerard routines, all the comedy centered around the writer and star. If ratings dropped or the jokes fizzled. there was only one person to blame. Unlike the writing for Benny and for Marian and Jim Jordan which was remarkably consistent in quality week after week, the Morgan opus was very erratic. The October 15, 1947 show. which opened with a lame joke that was resuscitated later for no other reason that did give credit to Stang, Minerva Pious, Art Carney, and other performers was a slicker product, but that was the problem: it was too predictable. There would be banter with Stang, an interview with athlete than Morgan thought it was good and wanted it to get a laugh, featured a

lethargic sketch on the history of pretzels that went nowhere. The following week raked quiz shows, child psychiatry, and movies over the coals in fine style.

Another flaw in the program was that Morgan sometimes let his personal gripes get in the way of entertainment. When a congressman criticized the way New Yorkers talk, Henry opened a show with a rebuttal that featured a senator who spoke with a southern drawl and concluded with the host saying, "Well, I got that off my chest." When a joke would lie there dying, Morgan would laugh and say, "Some of this seems awfully funny to me," as if the rest of the world was out-of-step. The ultimate failure of Henry Morgan to stay on the air was not his conflicts with Schick or Rayve or any other sponsor; it was because Henry was not playing to the folks at home, but rather to the man inside him who was beating his own different drum.

Stubborn and opinionated though he was, Henry Morgan was a refreshing voice in those post-war years. What a pleasant change it was to hear the sound of honesty running through every show. To the people who greeted a joke with a hand he would say, "Oh, I

don't think it deserves applause." Who else would have encouraged listeners to shop around on the other stations while the band was playing? Instead of opening a show with bombastic promises he would calmly state that "Tonight's program is going to be different. Not better, just different" or admit that "Last week's show was a little disjointed, but this week. . .chaos." And, of course, he couldn't help giving a most appropriate admonition to a claphappy audience: "Never applaud a commercial. You'll ruin radio forever."

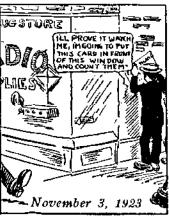
Contrary to what some individuals on Madison Avenue might have thought, Henry Morgan did not ruin radio forever. In fact, if people remember him at all today it is most likely as the smirking imp who sat between Betsy Palmer and Bess Myerson on I've Got a Secret. But there was a time when he was a rebel with some claws whose satire and candor cut mercilessly through the hyperbole and inanity of advertising and entertainment. That alone should fill us with a warm glow every time we pass a cigar store on a corner.

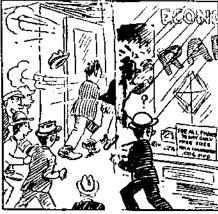
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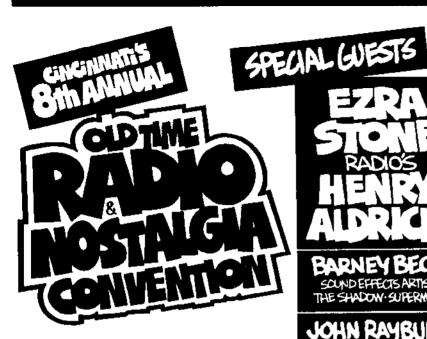












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Above: Harrington (played by Leonard Doyle) is a special officer. He's tough and cynical does the D. A.'s legwork, digs up clews, makes accepts in connection with the O. A.'s office.



The Voice of the Law (played by Maurice Franklin) is the disembodied character who sets thekey to the show by reminding at the beginning: "It shall be the duty of the District Attorney to prosecute all crimes and to defend with equal vigor the rights and privileges of the citizens."



Other actors who are heard often in various roles are pictured above in action. They are, left to right: Paul Stewart, usually a boss gangster; Arlene Francis, who plays molts and maligned wives; and Frank Lovejoy, generally heard as an underling to the big racketeer.

LISTEN: NOVEMBER 10, 1945

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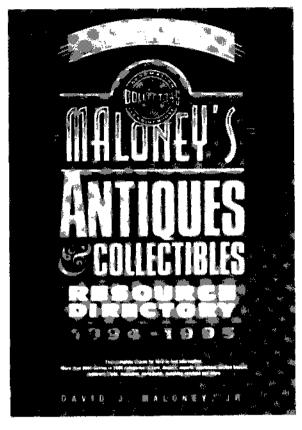
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The day good old Sixth became the Avenue of the Americas some 4,000 United States sailors were lined up outside Carnegie Hall for a parade. Inside, Artur Rodzinski was rehearsing the New York Philharmonic-Symphony for its Saturday night concert and Sunday afternoon CBS broadcast. In a breathing spell the conductor glanced out the window and got a load of the Navy. A few moments later he had 104 members of the orchestra downstairs, complete with instruments, lined up on the sidewalk, and swung them into Anchors Aweigh. The Navy yowled, so he struck up Stars and Stripes Forever and a service band at ease joined in. Group cheering ensued, and the orchestra went back indoors to work. Historians will record that this is the Philharmonic's first sidewalk concert in 103 years.

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