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Quality triumphs over quantity. A recent Alumni Bulletin, which gave a more detailed profile of a fewer number of grads, (rather than the usual, lots of one-line "mentions"), proved so popular — that we're going to the "new" style more often. We're hopeful that this will stimulate more of you to sign-in . . . PLEASE!

## NICK PAUL TOP HIT IN DAVY CROCKETLAND TV

Down deep in the heart of Texas and the Alamo the top rated TV is "Your Show" starring grad Nick Paul as mc and featured singer. Across the board, Monday thru Saturday, Nick's variety feature has



Nick Chats with Preston Foster

included such guests as Alfred Hitchcock, Dore Shary, Ann Baxter, Zachary Scott, Joan Crawford, John Foster Dulles, Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds, the governor of Texas, etc.

Nick Paul, who Texas Preview Magazine calls one of the few who "Now are our best known men . . . who take up the spare time of most Texans," is also a top producer of TV programs. Nick came to station WOAI-TV in San Antonio after a very successful few years in radio and TV in St. Louis. He also does commercials for a couple of San Antonio's leading sponsors, and the "groan-by-groan" on a wrestling show. Sandwiched in are a staggering number of movie jobs, guest appearances and Mc'ing spots.

In the "home and family department," Nick is off the bachelor rolls, (and a very, very lovely Mrs. Paul it is!!). To the applause, which Nick's outstanding performances have won in Texas and the southwest, the Dial's editors add theirs.

## MAXINE LANNING NEW COPY CHIEF AT KWWL-TV

Back to Iowa's tall corn (it's grown, not played) as continuity director at KWWL-TV, Waterloo, Iowa, is Maxine Lanning, a Columbia College Miss of a few years ago. KWWL-TV, though new on the air has already racked up an impressive sales and showmanship record. In addition to her copy work, Maxine regularly appears on the daily TV half-hour show, "Starr Sighted."

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# Alumni DIAL

Chicago, Illinois

## GRADS SHINE IN MIDWEST TV PICTURE

### "VERSATILE" STILL HAL TATE'S NAME

Popular radio-tv personality, Hal Tate continues his energetic way among an amazing variety of broadcasting functions. Probably the first major station TV disc-jockey, Hal Tate's show on WBKB-TV (Chicago) was a style setter for the disc shows now widely featured on stations throughout the country.

A few years ago Hal was the Chicago editor of Broadcasting-Telecasting, the top trade publication of the Broadcasting industry. His career includes a long list of network and local radio shows as lead talent and as producer-director. In TV's early days Hal Tate did a weekly show with Buddy Ebsen. He's written scripts for "Lights Out" and gag material for Phil Baker and George Givot.

As a TV program packager his programs are appearing on more than 100 stations. With all this Hal Tate is the Chicago manager of the Alex Rosenman station representative firm. He's married and has two children. All of this would keep any other three men busy.

### A SPORTS SHOT IN SALES SLOT

Though he did the play-by-play TV call on the Indiana State High School football championships, Will Darch's main line is as Manager—Local Time Sales for WSBT-TV and Radio (So. Bend, Indiana).

Will came to WSBT by way of WBIW (Bedford, Indiana) where he had very quickly become one of Indiana's top sports announcers. In the heart of this basketball mad state, sports enthusiast Darch was right at home.

Will's present job, in addition to time sales, includes servicing accounts and writing TV and radio continuity. However, as the first line of this suggests, Will won't be kept from the sports scene altogether.

### STAGE-RADIO STAR JANICE KINGSLOW GOES TO NBC NETWORK JOB

Forsaking the stage (for not too long, we hope) the very glamorous Janice Kingslow, whose exciting performance in the title role of

Anna Lucasta won hurrahs from the nation's critics, has joined the staff of NBC - Chicago's promotion department. Veteran of more than 100 lead radio and stage roles, Miss Kingslow is also a very creative writer (children's stories, plays) a top publicity woman and an inspiring teacher.



Janice Kingslow

Currently working on promoting NBC-TV programs, Janice is prominently mentioned for Leonard Sillman's proposed new "New Faces" cast. Before going to NBC Miss Kingslow was the public relations director for Chicago's Provident Hospital.

### CITY SLICKER BING SCORES WITH WESTERN SHOW

With most of his life spent in wild and woolly Chicago, Dick Bing was the natural choice of station WNEM-TV, (Bay City, Michigan) as the personality MC on the very popular "Country Crossroads," country-western show.

With plans underway for a TV disc-jockey show, also featuring Dick, and a regular staff announcing schedule, his TV work-day will be a long one (and profitable, too).

Dick Bing came to the Saginaw-Flint-Bay City audience by way of WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo, Michigan and a short stint in radio.

**BRIEFS . . . Gene Waller '52** — out of service and now with the American Theater Wing in New York. **Thelma Grindbarg '49** — former continuity chief at WFDF, Flint, Michigan, to Ruthrauff & Ryan, lead ad agency. **Jim Mulqueeny '48** — to WBBM-TV, Chicago, as engineering-production staffer.

# Tuned to Music . . . . News . . . .

## LEN KAYE HEADS UP WBBM-TV (CBS) MUSIC DEPT.

"He shall have music wherever he goes" would be an apt theme song for Len Kaye. In addition to supervising all recording and transcription music at this major CBS television and radio outlet, Len also has charge of one of the most extensive music libraries.

Having everything to do with broadcast music, Len is the producer of WBBM's one hour music feature, "Concert or Corn." He's also the producer of the popular "Art Hellyer Show," a two hour a day across-the-board feature.

Before coming to WBBM-TV, Len Kaye was a staff director, announcer and producer at WHFC. If you turn on your TV set, you'll probably never see Len, but you'll sure hear what he did.

## LONG TENURE FOR BILL MACK AS PD.

It's been a hectic but happy seven years as Program Director of WEDC (Chicago) for Bill Mack. As PD Bill holds the reins



**Bill Mack**

on overall station operation, publicity and staff. If this wasn't enough, Bill does two hours on the air daily with his very popular show music and light classical features.

Columbia grads Tony Ventrella and Tony Campo are also on Bill's station staff.

## DON CARROLL IN TOP SPOT WGN-TV CONTINUITY

In this major, Chicago Tribune—Mutual TV station Don Carroll supervises all show scripts, commercial continuity, spots and station promotional material. Under Don, WGN-TV won a national award for the best major-station commercial copy. Before coming to WGN-TV, Don was a leading continuity writer for the ABC-TV network. Recently, grad Carroll returned to CC in a guest lecturer spot.

## "ALLAN COOK AND THE NEWS" Top Michigan TV Fare

No shy-guy is Allan Cook, one of the most looked at and listened to men in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area. WKZO-TV's lead newsmen, Alan does a weather show and a full schedule of staff commercials in addition to the news shows in which he is featured.

Recently, he became a 100% TV'r, moving from a time splitting schedule with WKZO-Radio, where he had hopped between stints as station news editor, staff radio announcer and copy writer. Allan also did a number of seasons of sports play-by-play.

Before coming to WKZO, Allan had a number of important radio assignments in Reading, Pa., Sheboygan and Milwaukee, Wisc., Des Moines, Iowa, Hannibal, Mo., and Raleigh, N.C.

## HAMMERSTROEM NBC-TV NITE OPERATIONS MANAGER

After the 9 to 5-ers go home most of NBC-TV's midwest problems dump in on Dick Hammerstroem's desk, in his job as Nite Operations Manager for NBC's Central Division.

From a job with the local NBC-TV outlet, which began while Dick was still going to Columbia College, he's been promoted to this important job. It requires a thorough knowledge of station management, station policy, FCC regulations, continuity acceptance, music rights and programming and production.

As preface to his TV job, Dick was a leading actor on the WBBM-CBS radio feature, "That Men Might Live," was assistant director on "To Be Continued" on the same station, and writer-director of the Spotlight on Youth series on WJJD (Chicago).

Dick writes a number of radio and television scripts and somehow crowds in work as a writer, director, stage manager and actor with a theater stock company.

## DRUCKER NEW HEAD of TV Film Dept. of Lead Ad Agency

Despite the fact that he has to preview about ten times as many ancient feature films as the most inveterate late movie addict ever sees, Ed Drucker has stepped into a big, attractive film job with Malcolm-Howard, one of the country's leading TV ad agencies. He started at the agency while still a CC student.

Ed selects and buys film for the agency's many programs and works with the motion picture studios who are producing film features and commercials for the agency and its clients. Ed also writes copy for a great many filmed commercials as well as handling the purchase and scheduling of syndicated film shows shown for sponsors on a number of stations.

He's the producer of the "House of Plenty" TV show and the Roller Derby telecasts. Also, Ed's currently working on "Talent Show," a 26-week film series being produced by Kling Studio.

And a toast to your recent marriage.

## CUNNINGHAM TO CHIEF ANNOUNCER AT KROS

Upped to oversee of the announcing staff at KROS (Iowa) is Don Cunningham, who has a full schedule of staff and specialty announcing in addition to his new duties.

Don's present broadcast day includes a couple of top rated DJ shows and a housewives' show where he has "learned" discussions with the ladies about their favorite recipes. (Remembering Don's penchant for eating, he must really enjoy this one!)

The radio road to KROS, for Don, went thru WGEZ (Beloit, Wisc.) and WRRR (Rockford, Ill.). At the Wisconsin station he did a network origination show for Mutual and the area's top DJ.

Formerly at KROS, were two other CC Alumni, Vic Avers and Sid Fields.



**Cunningham**

## CORNELIA LEIN VERSATILE TALENT AT WISH-TV

Cornelia Lein is one come true for WISH-TV (Indianapolis, Indiana). The always very capable Miss Lein fills the bill at WISH in a variety of commercial copy assignments, and as an actress in a number of show features. She does commercial announcing for such accounts as Bulova Watches, a jewelry chain and a local baking company.

Cornelia also does most of the big show writing and special events jobs for the station, and recently did the adaptation of a Broadway musical for WISH presentation.

Before her big leap up the ladder, Miss Lein was a producer director on the radio-TV staff of the Chicago Board of Education station, where she directed a variety of drama, documentary and musical programs.

**SIGN OFF TIME — LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!**