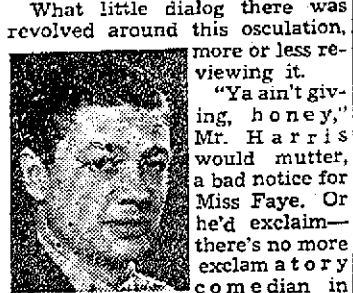


Radio In Review

By JOHN CROSBY

The Phil Harris Revisited

PROBABLY no show in radio ever started out less auspiciously than the Phil Harris-Alice Faye operation—back in the Fall of 1946. Radio critics everywhere shuddered in rare unison. Looking back through my yellowing clippings on this program, I discover the first few episodes were largely kissing games, which immensely simplified the task of the writers. Either Phil was kissing Alice. Or both of them were kissing the children.



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What little dialog there was revolved around this oscillation, more or less reviewing it. "Ya ain't giving, honey," Mr. Harris would mutter, a bad notice for Miss Faye. Or he'd exclaim: "There's no more exclamation!"

While not exactly opposed to domestic felicity, critics—not just this one, either—muttered that it was a rather slender pretext for a radio show. Even as late as 1948, I find myself complaining that the Harris show was loud, crude and in decidedly questionable taste.

WELL, ALL THAT is in the past. Great changes have been wrought in the Harris household. The writers, for one thing, have been put to work, dreaming up something besides stage directions for kissing sequences.

The children, while still in existence, are largely kept in the back room safely out of mischief, especially at the microphone. Miss Faye, who is not the most vivid of radio performers, has been pepped up a bit and, at the same time, her role has been

Hours are Portsmouth time (Eastern Standard). Erroneous listings, if any, are due to last-minute changes by stations and networks. WPA-FM (104.1 megacycles) duplicates WPAV programs daily from 3 to 11:15 p.m.

COLUMBIA	NATIONAL	MUTUAL	AMERICAN
WPAV 1400	WLW 700	WGN 720	WJZ 470

TUESDAY NIGHT			
6:00 News	Sports Review	Straight Arrow	Hasel-Sports
6:15 White Hot	Easy Listening	D-Bar-B Ranch	Allen Prescott
6:30 Sports Review	Three Star Extra		Johnny Thompson
6:45 Ohio-Go-Round			
7:00 Cote Glee Club	Light Up Time	Hurligh-News	Headline Edition
7:15 Dinah Shore	Number Please	Number Please	Elmer Davis
7:30 Club 15	Quicker Calling	Behind the Story	Counter Spy
7:45 Edw. R. Murrow	Harkness		
8:00 Dr. Danfield	Cavalcade America	Monte Cristo	Carnegie Hall
8:15 F.T.A. Forum	Fanny Brice	Official Detective	Gent'm'n of Press
8:30			
8:45			
9:00 Life with Luigi	Bob Hope	Fulton Lewis Jr.	Town Meeting
9:15	Fibber McGee	This is the Story	Canham-News
9:30		John Steele	We Care
9:45			
10:00 Pursuit	Big Town	Dr. Kildare	Defense Time
10:15			
10:30 My Roadway	People are Funny	The Northerners	Your Business
10:45			
11:00 CBS News	Grant-News	Dr. Bradley	News
11:15 Ray Robbins	Morton Downey	Calling Detective	Ted Malone
11:30 Joe Richman	Barbershop 4	Chicago at Night	Record Shop
11:45			
12:00	Moon River	News	Symphony Sid

WEDNESDAY MORNING			
6:00 Sunrise Roundup	News Roundup	Farm News	
6:15			
6:30 News	Chortletime	Farm Hour	Kierman's Korner
6:45 Sunrise Roundup			
7:00 News	News	Farm Hour	News
7:15 Musical Clock	Cable Tabernacle	Rise and Shine	Kierman's Korner
7:30 News	Rambler	Siegrist-News	
7:45 Musical Clock			
8:00 News	Dr. Lindahl	Reveille	News
8:15 Birthday Club	News	Reveille	Fitzgeralds
8:30	Morning Matinee		
8:45 Call to Worship			
9:00 News-CBS		Hurligh-News	Breakfast Club
9:15 Melody Time		Two Ton Baker	
9:30 News	Editor's Daughter	Today's the Day	
9:45 Your Neighbors	Hearts in Harmony		
10:00 News	Welcome Traveler	Allen-News	My True Story
10:15 Arthur Godfrey	Marriage for 2	Kelsey's Coffee	Betty Crocker
10:30		Virginia Gale	Andrew
10:45			
11:00 Arthur Godfrey	Love & Learn	Bob Foote	Modern Romance
11:15	Kenny Roberts	News	
11:30 RFD 1400	Jack Berch	Galen Drake	Quick as a Flash
11:45 Farm News	David Hecum		

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON			
12:00 Man on the Street	Fifty Club	Kat Smith	Bo Seated
12:15 News		F. McCormack	
12:30 Helen Trent	News-Markets	Tom Mix	Herb Sheldon
12:45 Our Gal Sunday	Chortletime	Nichols-News	
1:00 Housewife Recut	Ma Perkins	Let's Have Fun	Baukhage Talk'n
1:15	Linda's Love	Market Report	Nancy Craig
1:30	Guiding Light	Allen-News	Baker's Notebook
1:45	Big Sister		
2:00 News	Double or Nothing	Ladies Fair	Break'n in Holly'd
2:15 Teatime Times	Today's Children	Queen for a Day	Bride & Groom
2:30 Nora Drake	Light of World		
2:45 Music for Mom			
3:00 Music for Mom	Life can be Real	Tune-Tact	Pick a Date
3:15 Hullo House	Penner Young	Tommy Bartlett	Hannibal Cobb
3:30 House Party	Right to Happin's	Licence Bureau	
3:45			
4:00 Garry Moore	Backstage Wife	Radio Quiz	Carter Family
4:15	Stella Dallas	You Can't Lose	Tune Time
4:30 1400 Club	Lorenzo Jones	Linda's First Love	Melody From
4:45	Yng Wder Brown	Editor's Daught'r	Pat Barnes
5:00 News	When Girl Marries I Love	Mystery Yukon Challenge	
5:15 Treasury Band	Portia Faces Life	Marshall Kent	
5:30 Gene Autry	Just 2 in Bill	Baker's Spotlight Sky King	
5:45 Curt Massey	Front Page Farrell	Story Time	

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7:30 Club 15	Dixieland	Heater-News	Lone Ranker
7:45 News-Murrow	Kaltenborn	Behind the Story	
8:00 Salon Serenade	Your Life	Serenade	Dr. I., Q.
8:15 Here's to the Vets	Gildersleeve	Alpsort	Sherlock Holmes
8:30 Dr. Christian			
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9:00 Groucho Marx	Break the Bank	Fulton Lewis Jr.	Johnny Desmond
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