

Ranger Bill

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Running time	15 minutes (1950-1954), 30 Minutes (1954-1964)
Country	 United States
Home station	WMBI-FM
Starring	Miron Canaday
Writers	Charles Erkhart, John Rowan
Directors	Charles Christensen, Jim Grant
Producers	Moody Radio
Recording studio	Studio B
Air dates	1950 to 1964
No. of episodes	206 List

Ranger Bill is a [Christian radio program](#) from the 1950s, produced by [Moody Radio](#). With over 200 episodes produced, Ranger Bill stars Miron Canaday as the title character and Stumpy Jenkins and Ed Ronne, Sr as Grey Wolf. The main character, Ranger Bill, is a [forest ranger](#) located in the town of Knotty Pine along the [Rocky Mountains](#). The show describes the various tales of the adventures of Ranger Bill and his friends.

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Radio Program

The [Moody Bible Institute](#) originally aired on October 2, 1950 in 15 minute episodes. The series later aired in half-hour episode format, with the earliest known episode airing May 14, 1954. The series continued through 1964, and was later syndicated through to the present in 30 minute episodes.

Crew

- **Charles Christensen** - director
- **Jim Grant** - director
- **Charles Erkhart** - writer
- **John Rowan** - writer
- **John McCombe** - sound effects

Main characters

- **Bill Jefferson** is the chief forest ranger. He lives with his mother in the small town of Knotty Pine. He's described as a well-built leader capable of accomplishing nearly anything.
- **Stumpy Jenkins**, another forest ranger, is often referred to as "The Old Timer". Known for his superb marksmanship, he likes to tell jokes and travel around with his [rifle](#). A good description of his rifle is given in the episode "The Prehistoric Monster".
- **Henry Scott** is the teenage ward of Ranger Bill, who helps out in many park ranger tasks.
- **Gray Wolf** is a [Native American](#) of the [Dakota tribe](#), and also a forest ranger. Although he talks in broken English, he is knowledgeable in both modern forest management and the traditional ways of his people. Drawing on both, he makes a valuable contribution to the rangers.

Minor characters

- **Ralph**, a forest ranger.
- **Sheriff Cal**, the county [sheriff](#)
- **Jo Jo**, a friend of Henry's
- **Pat O'Roark**, Knotty Pine's chief of police.
- **Frenchy DeSalle**, chief [lumberjack](#) in the area.
- **Colonel Anders**, Ranger Bill's boss.
- **Moose McBain**, a local [fur trapper](#).
- **Maggie Murphy**, Stumpy's [housekeeper](#) in "The Battle At Jenkins Manor" and [cook](#) at summer camp in "Mrs. Murphy's Chowder" and also {cook} aboard the "River Giant."
- **George Benton**, Replaces Col. Anders temporarily in "The Hard Head."
- **Jane Reeves**, Fire watcher in "Petticoat Rangers."
- **Jock McIntosh**, Knotty Pine's [blacksmith](#) in "The Wrong Valley."
- **Annie McIntosh**, Jock's wife. Also appears in "The Wrong Valley."
- **Dutch Vanderhaven**, Knotty Pine's own version of "The Self-Made Man."
- **Mary Lu**, a friend of Henry's in "Mystery Island" and "The Measure of a Man."

Location Universe

- **Knotty Pine**, the central focus of the Ranger Bill series.
- **Junction City**, a town about an hour from Knotty Pine and comparable in size.
- **Border Town**, a town of questionable character located just outside the park rangers' jurisdiction.
- **Central City**, the nearest major city to Knotty Pine.