

# RADIO FANS WON BY LEDGER STATION

Welcome Announcement of Progressive Broadcasting Program of Expansion

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"This is WIP—The Gimbel Brothers' Public Ledger Radio Broadcasting Station!"

Hundreds of thousands of radio fans within a radius of 500 miles heard this announcement last night. Today it is their principal topic of conversation.

The decision to combine the forces of the Gimbel Brothers' Station and the resources of the PUBLIC LEDGER and EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER was made two weeks ago, and the intervening time has been filled with activity in mapping out and arranging a program of expansion that will make Station WIP the most progressive broadcasting station in the country.

The call letters will now stand for "Watch Its Progress."

The first big public event that has been tied up for radio broadcasting is the inauguration of Governor Pinchot at Harrisburg January 16. This will be done by means of long distance land wires, which will be connected directly to the transmitting instrument in the station on the seventh floor of the Gimbel Store, and from there it will go out by radio to each and every home in the city and hear it with the simplest kind of crystal set, and everybody in the State and neighboring States can hear it with the average audio bulb outfit.

Will Describe Each Event

There will be a member of the PUBLIC LEDGER staff in a special glass booth on the receiving stand, and he will describe every event as it takes place in Harrisburg just as the play of football game is broadcast. He will tell when each marching band from each state is passing the stand and will "put in" the microphone and speak "live" to the radio audience and can hear the bands playing and the crowds cheering. This microphone will also be "cut in" when the Governor takes his oath, and the full ceremony will be heard as well as the speeches.

This is something that has never been attempted before in radio, and the carrying of radio signals from such a distance will launch a new era in radio, the solution of which has taxed the ingenuity of engineers.

The plan of co-operation as now outlined for Station WIP embraces every possible kind of "entertainment" and their varying tastes. There will be a judicious arrangement of popular and classical music; there will be many very attractive educational features which will amount almost to a University Extension course, and there will be concerts by the best musical organizations that it is possible to obtain.

Concerts on Program

The splendid concert that was broadcast last Tuesday night by the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club was arranged by this new combination, and the plan will be continued on January 16, when the University Glee Club will play on Friday, the 12th, when the University Band will play, and on the 16th, after the Governor's inauguration, when the University Orchestra will play in the studio and give a concert. A special permanent transmitting instrument has been installed in the new Cafe Algon for the purpose of giving regular Saturday night dance programs, where Ernest Kells Potter, one of the best-known organists and choir directors of the city, will arrange his services with a special view to their effectiveness via radio. The full service of the chapel will be broadcast on Sunday morning.

To Broadcast Chamber Music

On Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock, WIP will broadcast a series of chamber music concerts by one of the most famous organizations of the kind in the section of the country. The full details of this chamber music program will be announced later.

One of the most interesting events to the general public will take place on January 16, when the Military Order of the United States, which has been in command of the Court of Honor during the war; Senator L. H. Ball, a noted orator from Delaware and a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Representative John Jacob Rogers, who is one of the most eloquent members of the lower house.

Next Tuesday afternoon a concert will be given by the Hahnemann College Orchestra and the Glee Club will sing at a late date.

Friday, December 22, the Philadelphia Police Band, under Lieutenant Joseph Kiefer, will play a very novel program and will be introduced by a speech from Director Cortelyou.

In the new combination the staff of technicians developed by Gimbel Brothers, under the management of John H. George, will continue to have charge of the engineering part of the station, and the development work and program plans have been placed in the hands of Harry E. Meyer, Edward A. Selman, John F. Flaherty, Edward L. Lawler and Gerald F. Furlong.

CRASH HITS COMMUTERS

Gloucester Ferry Suspended Two Weeks When Boats Collide

Residents of Gloucester and farmers of the outlying districts will be compelled to travel to Camden to cross the Delaware for the next two weeks as a result of the collision yesterday between the steamboat City of Wilmington and ferryboat Fearless.

The crash injured the latter so badly that it will have to go into drydock for repairs.

The Fearless is the last of the Gloucester line. The Danvers, a sister craft, was destroyed by fire on October 1.

SINGLE TAXERS ENTERTAIN

The County Committee of the Single Tax Party gave a reception at 842 North Broad Street last night in honor of their candidates in the recent gubernatorial election. Among the many addresses was one by Robert W. Dix, the organization's candidate for Governor.

THREE OVERCOME BY GAS

Timely Arrival of Watchman Saves Family From Death

Gas escaping from a leak in a street main almost caused the death of Martin Minnie, four-year-old, his wife, Harriet, seven years, and daughter, Harriet, seven years, who were found unconscious in a room in their home, at 184 East Monmouth street, last night.

According to a private watchman, the fireman found the gas odor and turned the air for several blocks.

Getting into the house, he found the doorbell of the Kanner home, he forced an entry. He threw the window open and called a physician, who, after using the pump, succeeded in resuscitating the family. Employees of the U. S. G. I. repaired the leak.

WHERE SANTA WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Salvation Army lassies are shown spreading joy among children in the city's slums. They distributed cards to the poor families entitling them to receive Christmas toys and baskets that will gladden the hearts of the youngsters.

POLICEMAN KILLS ROBBERY SUSPECT

Boy Goes to Aid of Bluecoat When Prisoner Beats and Kicks Him

VICTIM NOT IDENTIFIED

Joseph di Angelo, a seventeen-year-old boy, went to the aid of a policeman who was being beaten and kicked by a Negro last night and saved his life, while several men looked on without trying to interfere.

A moment later the patrolman went to the boy's aid, and shot the thug twice through the back, killing him. The victim has not been identified.

The patrolman, Frank Krowliver, is in St. Agnes' Hospital, badly cut and bruised.

Di Angelo lives at 1334 South 20th street, with his mother. She praised his bravery today. The boy himself, unmolested with his exploit of last night, had gone early to his work in a shipyard.

"He is a good son," said the mother, "and it was just like him to do what he did. He always has taken good care of me, and I know he is not the kind of boy to see any one in trouble and not help him. But it makes me trouble to think what might have happened to him. Yet I would not have had him hold back."

Krowliver told the story of the attack in the hospital today, as he lay on his cot, bandaged but thankful that he escaped with his life.

"I had been watching the man half an hour," said Krowliver. "He was walking back and forth on Broad street, near Wharton. I suspected he was getting ready to break into a house, so I arrested him. I took him to the patrol box at Sixteenth and Walnut streets. He went along without trouble and I did not suspect an attack. Then, when I was using the police telephone, he hit me over the head."

The patrolman had opened the box and was talking to the sergeant at the station house when the Negro made his attack. The sergeant heard the voice at the other end of the wire change to a groan, and then a matter of oaths from the prisoner. Sergeant Chaitman sent the motorcycle emergency crew to the box by the house.

Di Angelo was returning from a movie when he saw the men struggling in the street, others around them but apparently helpless or unwilling to interfere. The boy ran up and grasped the Negro about the neck, pulling him off Krowliver.

The patrolman staggered up, drawing his revolver and did so. As the Negro turned on the boy he fired twice. The man was dead when the motorcycle squad arrived.

CARDINAL AT CEREMONY

Confers Tonsure on 22 Seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo's

Cardinal Dougherty conferred the tonsure in the chapel of St. Charles Borromeo's Seminary, Overbrook, this morning on twenty-two students from the St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, and St. Thomas' Monastery, Villanova.

The tonsure consists in shaving the hair from the top of the head in a circular shape about the size of a silver dollar. The practice has been observed since the Tenth Century in cases of students preparing for the priesthood.

The students from St. Vincent's Seminary are Joseph V. O'Driscoll, John J. Roche, Gerald A. Murphy, Francis J. Reilly, Edward J. Lynam, Edward F. Gillard, Joseph A. Gately, John J. Lynch, Anthony G. Kiefer, John A. Flynn, Cyril E. Meyer, Edward A. Selman, John F. Flaherty, Edward L. Lawler and Gerald F. Furlong.

WATCHMAN ROBBED AND TIED ON STREET

Three Bandits Attack and Bind Man of Sixty as He Steps Out of Mill Door

THIEF CHOKES WOMAN

Four bandits bound William Gallagher, sixty years old, night watchman at the Abbott & Allen Hosiery Mills, Twenty-third street and Allegheny avenue, early this morning and left him lying on the sidewalk after taking his watch. The aged man chewed the rope and released himself.

In another hold-up in West Philadelphia, Mrs. Hannah Rosenthal, proprietress of a store at 3120 Market street, was choked into silence by a Negro while two Negro women searched through the store and selected two expensive coats for themselves.

The hold-up of the night watchman occurred this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Gallagher telephoned to the police of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station as soon as he was able to release himself. Police officers were sent to stations throughout the city but no trace of the robbers has been found.

Pistol at His Head

"I was standing out in front of the mill to get a little fresh air," Gallagher said this morning, "when the three came down the street. They were all young men and fairly well dressed. It is not unusual for people to pass at this hour. I thought nothing of them until one poked a pistol against my head and told me to keep quiet or he would shoot."

"One of them quickly bound my arms to my sides with a piece of rope. I suppose they were afraid I might try to get my own pistol if my hands were free."

Chewed Rope at Last

"After I was tied up, they went through my pockets and took my key envelope. It contained \$25 that I had got when I came to work last night."

"I called for help for a minute or two before I heard one. Then I doubled up as best I could and managed to get my teeth onto the rope. It was a tough job. They used a saw and cut the rope with a knife. I must have chewed fifteen or twenty minutes before it finally came in two. Then I went into the factory and notified the police."

"This is going to be a tough Christmas for me, with my Christmas money gone."

The robbery at the store of Mrs. Rosenthal was committed while many persons passed in front of the window on Market street, near Fortieth.

"The Negro man and two women came into the store and began looking around," Mrs. Rosenthal said this morning. "I supposed they were customers and went to wait on them."

Choked by Assault

"What's this coat here worth?" one of the women asked. Gallagher called around the counter to examine the price tag, and the Negro man grabbed me. He put his big hand over my mouth."

"I tried to make any noise," he said, "or I'll choke you to death."

"I started to struggle to get free, but he clamped his hand on my throat and I was so badly frightened I came near fainting."

"The women looked through the rack and picked out two of the finest coats I had in the store. They took them and they ran out."

"I was so weak I simply couldn't run after them, but when I revived and got over my scare I ran to the telephone booth and called the police. I gave them a good description of the people and I hope they will be able to get them."

Thieves entered the home of Mrs. Mary H. Stiles, at 2943 Green street, yesterday, and stole jewelry and silverware worth \$312. Other robberies reported included the home of Mrs. Julia Sidel, 4817 Springfield avenue, where jewelry worth \$110, and the home of Dr. William Fields, 1236 South 22nd street, clothing and jewelry worth \$147.

FATHER OF SIX DISABLED

Gemma and Enrico's mamma has six children. Their father, who with his shaggy hair, reminded one of the sunny skies of Italy, stuck a pick in his hand three months ago. It's only healing now. The room was small, stuffy. Out of the window you could see a wide street and then your eyes were across the street. The whole stuffiness of the scene cried out for the warm, sweet smell of earth and the fresh sky of their Italy. Mamma G—looked at Enrico's union suit. He must have stockings from this Santa Claus, she made out in broken English. Not a sub-way train.

We came next to the little Lewis who did not speak at all but only looked on with a curious spirituality in his gray eyes as his father, who has had his head in a chair for three months, explained to him, on his Christmas there. There was a happy little babe girl of fifteen months in a baby carriage. Her last official act had been to throw her head back and look out the window. A little piece of wooden box, had nearly replaced the damage. Here, too, the coal shortage was felt. Enrico's mother had been working for sixteen years old, working. He makes a mangled platitude. The rent—that sinister sword of Damocles that hangs always over the head of the poor—was eleven dollars.

This is only one of the many districts of the poor being visited by the Salvation Army at this time. More than 700 Christmas baskets will be distributed to needy families who will flock to army headquarters from all over the city on the Saturday before Christmas. Each basket will contain a chicken, coffee, corn or peas, condensed milk, potatoes, celery, turnips, bread, onions, apples, oranges, crackers, nuts, toys will be distributed to 1000 children.

The Lucareth family, the mother of which was murdered eighteen months ago, is to be taken care of. The father, a little Victoria, the baby, is sick. More than unemployment has worked hardship on the poor this Christmas.

DROP IN MEASLES CASES

Deaths From That Disease Also Show Decrease in Week

In the week ending today there was a marked decline in the number of measles cases reported and a slight decrease also in the number of deaths from the disease, according to reports of the Bureau of Health.

In the week ending today there were 158 deaths, of which thirty-three were from measles. In the previous week there were 168 deaths and thirty-nine of them were due to measles.

In the last week there were 2241 new cases of measles reported, while in the week previous there were 3124, showing a decline of more than one death from pneumonia during the week.

BULGARIA CONQUERS REBORN

Special dispatches from Sofia report the capture of Kozlevo, the center of revolutionary activities. The whole range of the Balkan mountains is now under Bulgarian control. The Bulgarian army has captured the town of Kozlevo, a strategic point in the Balkan range.

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on it—and a sweet, mellow sound filled the room.

"Then the scroll is the least little bit out of tune—it was the style in those days—200 years ago—to make everything the tiniest bit crooked. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is an example. See, this scroll is lower on one side. The chin rest used to be on the right side—that caused a mark. This violin will fill the largest room—it is called the 'Pignole Strad.' There is a label in it, but that does not prove it is a genuine Strad." Mr. Kane showed the label.

Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis Faciebat Anno 1713

A peculiar little seal appears after the date, the mark of Stradivari.

"The scroll is worn on one side, showing the use the violin has had. Mr. Kane continued, "but the real test of its age and authenticity is its tone. I am not an expert in violins, but I am not quite a novice, since I take every chance I get to study them."

History of Instrument

Then Mr. Kane showed the "pedigree" of the violin.

It was made during Stradivari's "golden period" and belonged for many years to a French amateur, on whose death it was sold to MM. Silvestre and Chanot. Subsequently the fiddle was sold to M. Pignole. On his death William F. Hill & Sons of London acquired it. Thence it journeyed to New York, where it was purchased by Mr. Kane's father.

Charles Murphy, the leading authority on violins in Philadelphia, testified to the genuineness of Mr. Kane's "Strad."

It is one of the three genuine Stradivari violins in Philadelphia and is a beautiful instrument," he said, "remarkably well preserved and possessing a wonderful tone. Stradivari made in all some 1000 violins, of which about 450 are known and registered. The Strads in Philadelphia are among the three finest in the world. Mr. Kane is certainly to be congratulated for he has a treasure."

"MISS HUNTING PARK AVE." WILL BE CHOSEN TONIGHT

One Hundred and Eight Girls in Popularity Contest

With a community interest as fever heat by reason of the fact more than one hundred of its prettiest girls are competing for the honor of being selected queen of the North Philadelphia Popularity Contest which has been waged since December 1, will come to an end tonight with the appearance of the contestants on the stage of the Hilt Theatre, Hunting Park avenue above Sixth street.

One hundred and eight girls were entered for the contest, claimed to be the largest of its kind ever held in this city. While most of the North Philadelphia contestants are expected to be in the theatre tonight, when the judges will choose the winner, who will be crowned "Miss Hunting Park Avenue," they will all be in the theatre Tuesday night when announcement will be made of the name of the winner.

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