

# Great Work of the Radio Mailman

## Byrd Expedition Is Kept In Touch With The World

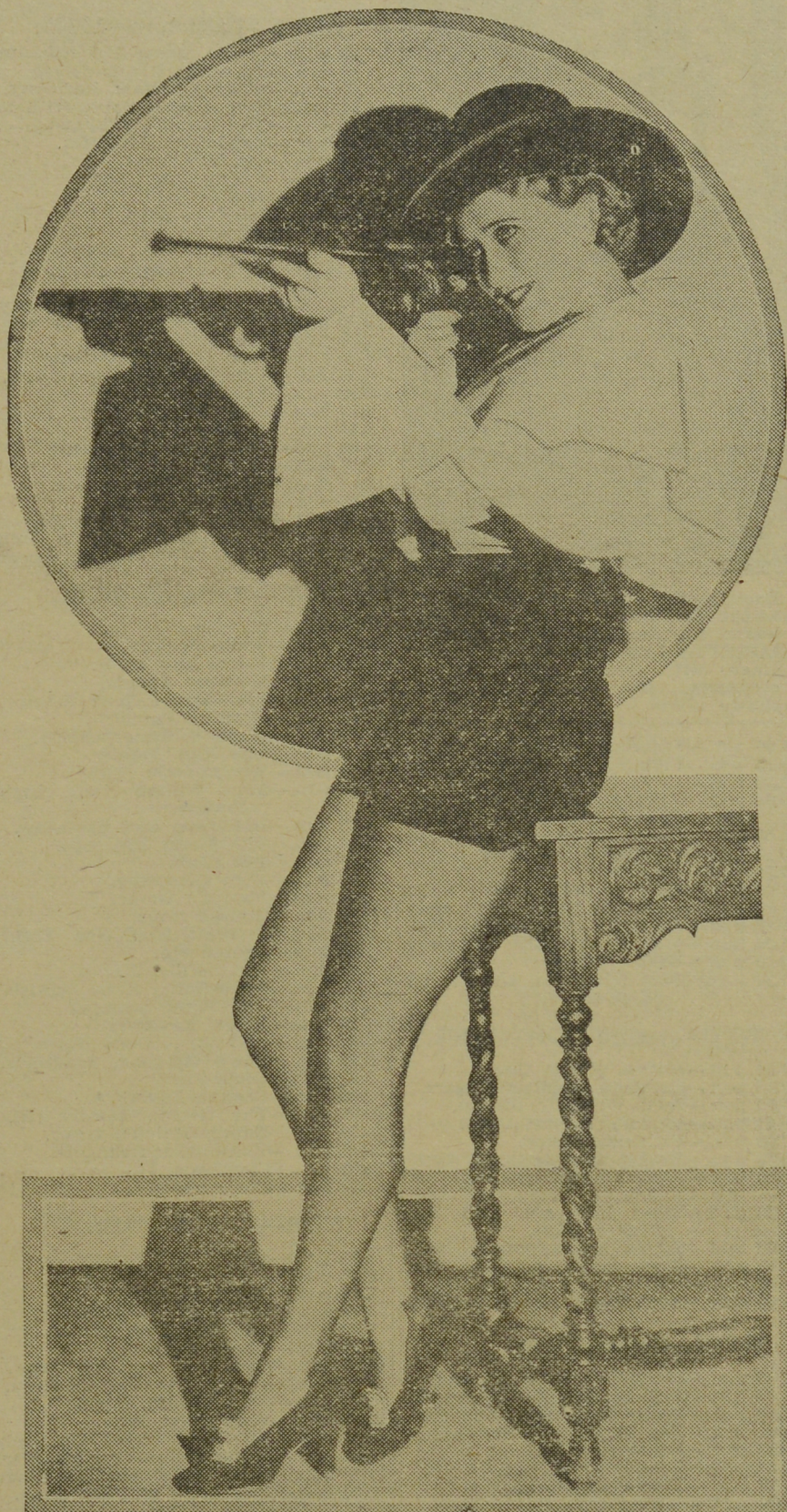
### Letters From Everyone Read to Men on the Expedition.

After nine months of delivering mail to the Antarctic by way of short wave radio, the "mailmen" of the General Electric short wave station W2XAF at Schenectady have been rewarded by being given still another route to cover. Having previously claimed that they had the longest "air mail beat" in the world, they have now definitely cinched the title against all comers. On September 23, just before taking their microphone trek to the base camp of the second Byrd Expedition, they will deliver letters and messages to Rockwell Kent, who is sojourning in the front yard of the north pole with his son. The American artist, who will be pretty much of an expedition unto himself, is spending two years writing and painting at Igdloussit, island of Ubejgent, 600 miles within the Arctic circle, and nearly as close to the north pole as Admiral Byrd and his men are to the south pole.

For an hour or more, every other Sunday night since the Bear of Oakland and the Jacob Ruppert were outward bound in southern waters, W2XAF has acted as post office for Little America. Friends and relatives have addressed their messages to Schenectady, where they were opened and read over the air, utilizing a special directive antenna designed by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, General Electric consulting engineer. During the recent months when the Antarctic was wrapped in darkness, the service has been specially valuable in keeping up the morale of the expedition.

When the expedition was in its

## Thanksgiving Turkeys Beware!



Some succulent turkey seems destined to make a Thanksgiving feast as RUTH ETING, singing star of the air and screen, trains her fowling piece upon him. Note the Pilgrim costume—1934 model—worn by the star of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

## Crashes Hollywood



ZELLA SEXTON,

young Denver girl, took a circuitous route to Hollywood, but she got there just the same. Coming to New York as one of the twelve finalists in the "Hollywood Hotel" national audition, Zella failed to land the coveted star's role in that program, but her dramatic work so impressed the judges that she was given a speaking part in the program. She has just left New York for Hollywood and will be heard with Dick Powell, Rowena Williams and Ted Fiorito's orchestra on the broadcasts beginning Friday, October 5.

early stages, the letters received were invariably similar in content. The old standby topic of the weather was varied only by requests for seals and penguins. As the months wore on, the letters became more personal and practical in nature. There were insurance premiums to be paid, financial matters to be arranged, and family matters to be settled. Friends and relatives became engaged and married, and there were even babies to be named.

What might be termed the third and final stage has now been arrived at. Those at home are already counting the days until the return of the expedition, while in Little America the return of the sun and the spring weather are heralds of renewed activity. Various scientists who have contributed information and assistance to the expedition are interpreting facts that have been discovered, and write suggestions as to the use of the instruments and date. When the relief expedition, sent out to Admiral Byrd in his advance observation post, had trouble with the tractors, an engineer who had had similar experience with the generator brushes offered a solution. Dr. Paul A. Bonquet, professor of nutrition at the University of Southern California, who prepared the concentrated vegetable foods for the expedition, prescribed a new menu or two for the coming of spring, suggesting a change to red cabbage, onions, spinach and tomatoes as a strength restorative.

Men on the expedition are looking forward themselves to a return, as the answers to their radiograms indicate. One of them has already arranged for four different girls to meet him in New York, and when complications ensue may regret his rashness. Another touch of humor was furnished recently when W2XAF received a letter from an automobile finance company, seeking to get in touch with one of the expedition members who had made only the first payment on a new car. More frequent, however, are the letters from home, asking the men to start planning what they want to eat when they arrive home—next spring.

Almost every "mailbag" night at the studio sees some messages being delivered in person by the senders. When David Paige, artist on the expedition, had a birthday recently, a group of his friends made the journey from New York and put on a real birthday party in the studio. Misunderstandings often create funny situations, as when a visitor at the broadcast one Sunday night closed his remarks by wishing good luck and a speedy recovery to Colonel Ruppert instead of to Admiral Byrd.

The men charged with the delivery of these letters is Kenneth G. Patrick of the General Electric Publicity Department.

### JOE COOK AS HOST

Joe Cook delights in entertaining friends at his Sleepless Hollow estate at Lake Hopatcong, N.J., but performs little at his parties.

## Sabbath Day Service

(BROADCAST THROUGH CHSJ, SAINT JOHN, N. B.)

### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Leinster and Carmarthen Streets  
REV. BRICE D. KNOTT, B.A., Minister

#### MORNING SERVICE—11.00 O'Clock

ORGAN PRELUDE—Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, "The Cathedral" ..... Bach  
DOXOLOGY.  
INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER.  
HYMN, No. 345—"My God I Thank Thee."  
READ IN UNISON—Psalm 146.  
SCRIPTURE LESSON—Ephesians 5: 6-20.  
MIXED QUARTETTE—"God So Loved the World"..... Stainer  
MISS ELEANOR COLLINS, Soprano MISS MARGARET HENDERSON, Alto  
A. STAFFORD, Tenor. G. ALLWOOD, Bass.  
PRAYER by Rev. C. W. Camp, D.D.  
SOLO—"The Prayer Perfect"..... Stenson  
MISS ELEANOR COLLINS, Soprano.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS and THANK OFFERING.  
OFFERTORY—"Prayer"..... Harris  
ANTHEM—"Seek Ye The Lord"..... Roberts  
Tenor Solo—B. BEAN  
HYMN, No. 710—"Come Ye Thankful People Come."  
SERMON—THANKSGIVING MESSAGE.  
HYMN, No. 730—"God Bless Our Native Land."  
BENEDICTION.  
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Festive March"..... Smart

#### EVENING SERVICE—7.00 O'Clock

ORGAN RECITAL—6.45 to 7.00 p.m.

"The Bells of St. Anne"..... Russell  
Negro Spirituelle.  
"Traumerel"..... Schumann  
DOXOLOGY and INVOCATION.  
HYMN, No. 402—"Rescue The Perishing."  
SCRIPTURE LESSON—Phill. chapter 3.  
SOLO—"He Shall Feed His Flock"..... Handel  
MISS MARGARET HENDERSON, Contralto  
PRAYER by Rev. B. D. Knott.  
MALE QUARTETTE—"Lead Kindly Light"..... Buck  
THE BRUNSWICK SINGERS:  
MESSRS. B. BEAN, A. STAFFORD, DAVID THOMSON, G. ALLWOOD  
ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING.  
OFFERTORY—"Melody of Peace"..... Martin  
ANTHEM—"The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away"..... Woodward  
HYMN, No. 503—"True Hearted, Whole Hearted."  
SERMON—THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.  
HYMN, No. 481—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds."  
BENEDICTION.  
POSTLUDE—"Grand Chorus in D"..... Foulkes  
SOPRANO—Miss Eleanor Collins. CONTRALTO—Miss Margaret Henderson.  
TENORS—B. Bean, A. Stafford. BASSES, David Thomson, G. Allwood.  
ALBERT H. MORRISON—ORGANIST  
CHOIR DIRECTOR—DAVID THOMSON

## Tibbet Starred In "Falstaff" Back In The Year 1925

### Singer Will Be Heard Over WJZ in Weekly Series.

Lawrence Tibbett, who will be starred in a new triple role on a weekly series of broadcasts over an NBC-WJZ network which began September 18, is in a triple sense a product of his own country. Born in California, trained entirely in America, it is in this country that he has achieved a distinction known and recognized throughout the world.

Tibbett, outstanding American baritone, was heard for the first time in the roles of an actor and raconteur as well as a singer, when he is presented by the Packard Motor Company of Detroit in the first program of a weekly series broadcast from 9.30 to 10.15 p.m., A.S.T.

Lawrence was only six years old when his father, William Tibbett, Sheriff of Kern County, California, was shot to death in a gun fight with a bandit. After

this tragedy, his mother, with her two other children, moved to Los Angeles, where the future opera star received his school education.

On graduating from high school, Tibbett made his living both as an actor and singer, careers which were abruptly interrupted by the war. He joined the navy.

He came to New York in 1922, and after six months of intensive study was rewarded with a contract with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Near the end of his second season with the Metropolitan, Tibbett, singing the role of Ford in Verdi's "Falstaff," received one of the most enthusiastic demonstrations ever seen in America's leading opera house. That was in January, 1925, the date that established him among the nation's foremost singers.

### OPERA "BLUES"

Helen Jepson, lovely blonde soprano heard in Paul Whiteman's Music Hall over NBC, first met Al Johnson at rehearsal. Al's greeting was "Gosh, these blonde blues singers are getting better looking all the time." Imagine Al's surprise when he learned that Helen was slated to become a Metropolitan Opera star.

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