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What's on the Air

FREQUENCIES					
WIBA	1310	WCFL	1000	KMOX	1120
WHA	970	WIBU	1240	WGN	720
WLW	700	WENR	890	WIND	560
WBHM	780	WTMJ	620	WJJD	1160
WCCO	830	WMAQ	670	WLS	890

Tonight's Aces

Miscellaneous

8 p. m.—Dunninger (WENR): master mentalist will prove ability as "lie detector"; judges, Irene Rich, actress; Charles Revson, cosmetics manufacturer; and Dick Todd, radio singer.

8:55 p. m.—Storyteller (WENR): "The Magnificent Masquerade."

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Variety

7 p. m.—Allan Jones-Frankie Carle (WBBM): musical program and interviews with servicemen abroad.

9:30 p. m.—Soldiers With Wings (WCFL): Mary Astor and George Murphy; dramatization of story of returned U. S. flyer.

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Music

7:30 p. m.—Xavier Cugat (WGN): "Etude for Violin," "Chopsticks Polka," "Rhumba Rhumba," "Time Waits for No One."

8:30 p. m.—Spotlight Bands (WENR): George Olsen . . . **Mildred Bailey** (WBBM): with Art Tatum, pianist, and Chris Griffin, trumpeter.

9 p. m.—Phil Harris (WIBA): replaces Kay Kyser on summer series of College of Musical Knowledge; with King Sisters, Kay Kyser orchestra, Sully Mason and Ish Kabibble . . . **Great Moments in Music** (WBBM): servicemen's favorites: "Carry Me Back to the Lone Prairie," "Beautiful Lady," "The Rosary"

PHIL HARRIS
WIBA at 9

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Drama

7 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. North (WIBA): become the target for a knife-throwing act.

7:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian (WBBM): helps wounded army sergeant to readapt himself in prizewinning drama, "To Live in Peace."

8:30 p. m.—Mr. District Attorney (WIBA): "The Case of the Scientific Heart Failure."

10:30 p. m.—Arthur Hopkins Presents (WIBA): Zazu Pitts in "Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh."

Discussion

9:15 p. m.—Rep. Chester Merrow (WIBU): New Hampshire congressman discusses "Congressional Representation at the Peace Table."

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Thursdaytime

9:45 a. m.—Listening Post (WLS): dramatization of magazine article, "Paris, U. S. A.," showing how New York has become head of fashion world.

12:45 p. m.—American Woman's Jury (WGN): considers case of real estate "Indian-giving."

2 p. m.—Our Greek Heritage (WHA): Prof. Walter Agard discusses "How Greek Poets Viewed Life."

4 p. m.—Radio Workshop Players (WHA): summer school students in radio production present "The Good Companions," drama of English vaudeville.

WIBA TONIGHT

5:00 WIBA Rangers
5:30 News Edition
5:45 Sports Parade
5:55 News Report
6:00 NBC Music Shop
6:15 NBC News of the World
6:30 Dinner Melody
6:45 NBC H. V. Kaltenborn
7:00 NBC Mr. and Mrs. North
7:30 NBC Beat the Band
8:00 NBC Alan Young
8:30 NBC Mr. District Attorney
9:00 NBC Phil Harris
10:00 Night News Edition
10:15 BLUE Raymond Gram Swing
10:30 NBC Arthur Hopkins Presents
11:30 NBC Design for Dancing
11:55 NBC News Report

OTHER STATIONS TONIGHT

6:00 Terry and the Pirates—WENR
6:15 Malcolm Claire—WENR
6:15 Lyn Murray Orch.—WBBM
6:15 University Special—WIBU
6:15 Safety Legion—WGN
6:30 Jack Armstrong—WENR
6:30 Tom Mix—WIBU WGN
6:45 Superman—WGN WIBU
6:45 The Sea Hound—WENR
6:00 Music Shop—WTMJ
6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.—WIBU
6:00 Jim Blade Music—WMAQ
6:15 Passing Parade—WBBM
6:30 Supper Interlude—WMAQ
6:30 Easy Aces—WBBM KMOX
6:30 Lone Ranger—WLS
6:45 Ration Reporter—WIBU
6:45 H. V. Kaltenborn—WMAQ
7:00 Allan Jones—WBBM WCCO
7:00 Victory Jamboree—WIBU
7:00 Mr. & Mrs North—WMAQ WTMJ
7:15 Lum and Abner—WLS
7:30 Xavier Cugat—WGN
7:30 Beat the Band—WMAQ WTMJ
7:30 Dr. Christian—WBBM WCCO
7:30 My Best Girls—WLS
8:00 Jack Carson—WBBM
8:00 Gabriel Heatter—WGN WIBU
8:00 Dunninger—WENR
8:00 Alan Young—WMAQ WTMJ
8:15 Screen Test—WGN
8:15 Today's American Hero—WIBU
8:30 Mildred Bailey—WBBM
8:30 First Nighter—WGN WIBU
8:30 Mr. District Attorney — WMAQ
8:30 Spotlight Bands—WENR
8:55 Storyteller—WENR
9:00 Great Moments in Music—WBBM
9:00 Raymond Gram Swing—WENR
9:00 Phil Harris—WMAQ WTMJ
9:00 Royal Arch Gunnison—WIBU
9:15 Rep. Chester Merow—WIBU
9:15 Ted Malone —WENR
9:30 Report to the Nation—WBBM
9:30 Northerners—WGN
10:00 Music Shop—WMAQ
10:00 Radio Newsreel—WIBU
10:00 Answer Man—WGN
10:00 I Love a Mystery—WBBM
10:15 So the Story Goes—WIBU
10:45 Rumpus Room—WTMJ
10:45 Serenade and Swing—WBBM
11:05 Petrillo, Janette—WBBM
11:10 Benny Strong Orch.—WGN
11:15 Benny Strong—Orch.—WGN
11:15 Lew Diamond Orch.—WENR
11:30 Caravana Tropical—WMAQ
11:30 Geo. Hamilton Orch.—WGN
11:30 Ray Benson Orch.—WBBM
11:30 Eddie Oliver Orch.—WENR
12:00 Say It With Music—WENR
12:00 Nite Watch (to 6)—WIND
12:05 Promenade Concert—WMAQ
12:05 Henri Gendron Orch.—WBBM
12:05 Carl Ravazza Orch.—WGN
12:30 Les Crosley Orch.—WBBM
12:30 Woody Herman Orch—WENR
1:00 News and Music—WBBM

WHA THURSDAY

7:30 Band Wagon
7:45 Morning News
7:58 WHA Program Review
8:00 Music You Want: Debussy—Nocturnes
8:30 Fun Time
8:50 News and Views
9:00 The British Empire—Prof Paul Knaplund
9:57 Weather Report: Eric Miller, meteorologist
10:00 Homemakers' Program: Happy Vacation Days, Agnes Hansen; The Dietician Considers: Food that you Crave, Edith Keesey.
10:30 Concert Airs
10:45 Treasury Salute
11:00 Music Appreciation—Prof. Leland Coon
11:50 Noon Musicale
12:20 Noon News
12:30 Farm Program: Soil Conservation: The State Committee Looks at Its Job . . Mamre Ward, Paul Weis, George Nygaard, and B. F. Rusy; Farm Bureau Program . . . James Green
1:00 Chapter a Day: "Time for Each Other" by Margaret Lee Runbeck
1:30 Organ Melodies
2:00 Our Greek Heritage . . . Prof. Walter R. Agard
2:30 Music of the Masters: Beethoven Eroica Symphony
3:30 Reading for Wartime
4:00 U. of W. Radio Workshop: "The Good Companions"
4:30 Belgium at War
4:45 Excursions in Science
5:00 Musical Varieties
5:30 Adventure Stories: Mountains Are Free
5:45 Dinner Musicale
6:30 Masterworks of Music
7:00 World Politics—Prof. Wm. Ebenstein
7:50 Evening News

WIBA THURSDAY

MORNING

6:00 Morning Variety
6:30 News Report
6:35 Interlude
6:45 Patay and Her Guitar
7:00 NBC World News
7:15 Trading Post
7:25 Interlude
7:30 State Journal News Edition
7:50 Musical Clock
8:30 Contents
8:30 Interlude
8:45 Shopping Guide
9:00 The Gospel Twins
9:15 Belgian Information
9:30 NBC Finders Keepers
9:45 Lutheran Gospel Hour
10:00 NBC Road of Life
10:15 Music of the Day
10:30 News
10:40 Interlude
10:45 NBC David Harum
11:00 Linda's First Love
11:15 Mary Foster
11:30 Farm Roundup

AFTERNOON

12:00 News Report
12:05 Farm Roundup
12:15 Farm Service
12:30 Noon News
12:50 Interlude
1:00 NBC Guiding Light
1:15 NBC Today's Children
1:30 NBC Women in White
1:45 Serenade with Jan Loring
2:00 NBC A Woman of America
2:15 NBC Ma Perkins
2:30 Music of the Day
2:45 NBC Right to Happiness
3:00 NBC Backstage Wife
3:15 NBC Stella Dallas
3:30 NBC Lorenzo Jones
3:45 NBC Young Widder Brown
4:00 Camus Jamboree
4:45 Pet Lovers' Corner
5:00 WIBA Rangers
5:30 News Edition
5:45 Sports Parade
5:55 News Report

EVENING

6:00 NBC Music Shop
6:15 Dinner Melody
6:30 NBC Charlie Chan
7:00 NBC The Aldrich Family
8:00 NBC Music Hall
8:30 NBC Harry Savoy
9:30 Melodic Interlude
9:45 Life of General Smuts
10:00 Night News Edition
10:15 BLUE Raymond Gram Swing
10:30 Treasury Salute
10:45 Serenade
11:00 NBC News Report
11:05 Masterworks
11:30 NBC Design for Listening
11:55 NBC News Report

OTHER STATIONS THURSDAY

—MORNING—

6:00 Breakfast Frolics—WGN
6:00 Farm Service—WLS
6:00 Top o' The Morning—WTMJ
6:15 Everett Mitchell—WMAQ
6:15 Morning Devotions—WLS
6:30 Victory Farmers—WLS
7:00 Pats Gallicchio—WMAQ
7:01 Farm Service—WIBU
7:45 Dr. Preston Bradley—WLS
8:00 Your Neighbor—WMAQ
8:30 Breakfast Club—WLS
9:00 Valiant Lady—WBBM WCCO
9:00 Sweet River—WLS
9:00 Lora Lawton—WMAQ WTMJ
9:00 Hebrew Christian Hour—WIBU
9:15 Light of the World—WBBM
9:15 My True Story—WLS
9:30 This Changing World—WBBM
9:30 Finders Keepers—WMAQ
9:30 Shady Valley Folks—WIBU
9:45 Listening Post—WLS
9:45 Bachelor's Children—WBBM
10:00 Breakfast at Sardi's—WLS
10:00 Road of Life—WMAQ WTMJ
10:00 Honeymoon Hill—WBBM WCCO
10:15 Second Husband—WBBM WCCO
10:15 Vic and Sade—WMAQ WTMJ
10:30 Star Playhouse—WMAQ WTMJ
10:30 Bright Horizon—WBBM WCCO
10:45 David Harum—WMAQ WTMJ
10:45 Aunt Jenny's Stories—WBBM
10:45 What's Your Idea?—WIBU WGN
11:00 The Editor's Daughter—WMAQ
11:00 Boake Carter—WGN WIBU
11:00 Kate Smith Speaks—WBBM
11:00 Guiding Light—WTMJ
11:00 Martha and Helen—WLS
11:15 Rhymster Time—WGN
11:15 Linda's First Love—WMAQ
11:15 Farm Hour—WIBU
11:15 Today's Children—WTMJ
11:15 Big Sister WBBM WCCO KMOX
11:30 Light of the World—WTMJ
11:30 Helen Trent—WBBM WCCO
11:45 Our Gal Sunday—WBBM WCCO

—AFTERNOON—

12:00 Life Can Be Beautiful—WBBM
12:00 Dinner Bell Time—WLS
12:00 The Grenadiers—WTMJ
12:15 Jack Berch—WGN
12:15 Ma Perkins—WBBM WCCO
12:30 Bernadine Flynn—WBBM
12:30 Loop Noonday Service—WJJD
12:45 The Goldbergs—WBBM WCCO
12:45 American Women's Jury—WGN
1:00 Farm Service—WIBU
1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful—WTMJ
1:00 Guiding Light—WMAQ
1:00 Portia Faces Life—WBBM
1:15 Si Hays—WIBU
1:15 The Goldbergs—WTMJ
1:15 Joyce Jordan—WBBM WCCO
1:15 Today's Children—WMAQ
1:30 Woman in White—WMAQ
1:30 Dr. Malone—WBBM WCCO
1:30 Aunt Jenny's Stories—WTMJ
1:30 Jack Berch—WIBU
1:45 Hymns of All Churches—WMAQ
1:45 Perry Mason—WBBM KMOX
2:00 Tidings of Hope—WIBU
2:00 Morton Downey—WLS
2:00 Mary Marlin—WBBM WCCO
2:00 A Woman of America—WMAQ
2:15 Ma Perkins—WTMJ WMAQ
2:15 Hollywood Star Time—WLS
2:30 Appointment with Life—WCFL
2:30 Nashville Varieties—WIBU
2:30 Pepper Young—WMAQ WTMJ
2:45 Right to Happiness—WMAQ
2:55 Cubs vs. Boston—WJJD
3:00 Baseball—WIND
3:00 Backstage Wife—WMAQ WTMJ
3:00 Broadway Matinee—WBBM
3:00 Family Bible Hour—WIBU
3:15 Stella Dallas—WMAQ WTMJ
3:15 Don Norman Show—WENR
3:30 Full Speed Ahead—WIBU
3:30 Judy and Jane—WGN
3:30 Lorenzo Jones—WMAQ WTMJ
3:45 Widder Brown—WMAQ WTMJ
4:00 When a Girl Marries—WMAQ
4:00 Rev. Polley—WIBU
4:00 Mystery Chef—WENR
4:15 We Love and Learn—WMAQ
4:30 Parade of Bands—WIBU
4:30 Just Plain Bill—WMAQ WTMJ
4:45 Wilderness Road—WBBM
4:45 Front Page Farrell—WMAQ
4:45 Dick Tracy—WENR

—EVENING—

5:00 Terry and the Pirates—WENR
5:15 Malcolm Claire—WENR
5:15 Safety Legion—WGN
5:15 University Special—WIBU
5:30 Tom Mix—WGN WIBU
5:30 Jack Armstrong—WENR
5:45 The Sea Hound—WENR
5:45 Superman—WIBU WGN
6:00 Jim Blade's Music—WMAQ
6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.—WIBU
6:00 Music Shop—WTMJ
6:15 Passing Parade—WBBM WCCO
6:15 Lum and Abner—WIBU
6:30 Supper Interlude—WMAQ
6:30 Mr. Keen—WBBM KMOX
6:30 Hollywood Theater—WTMJ
6:45 Discussion Club—WLS
6:45 H. V Kaltenborn—WMAQ
7:00 Suspense—WCCO WBBM
7:00 Those We Love—WMAQ WTMJ
7:00 Confidentially Yours — WGN
7:15 Lum and Abner—WLS
7:30 Human Adventure—WGN
7:30 America's Town Meeting—WLS
7:30 Old Timer Jamboree—WIBU
7:30 Death Valley Days—WBBM
7:30 Aldrich Family—WTMJ WMAQ
8:00 Music Hall—WMAQ WTMJ
8:00 Gabriel Heatter—WIBU WGN
8:00 Major Bowes' Amateurs—WBBM
8:00 America's Town Meeting—WENR
8:15 Screen Test—WGN
8:15 Today's American Hero—WIBU
8:30 Corliss Archer—WBBM WCCO
8:30 Starlight Serenade—WIBU WGN
8:30 Spotlight Bands—WENR
8:30 Joan Davis—WMAQ WTMJ
8:55 Storyteller—WENR
9:00 Harry Savoy—WMAQ WTMJ
9:00 Raymond Gram Swing—WENR
9:00 The First Line—WBBM WCCO
9:15 It's Murder—WCFL
9:15 Dale Carnegie—WGN
9:30 Joe E. Brown—WENR
9:30 Lone Ranger—WCFL
9:30 Army Air Forces—WIBU
9:30 Here's to Romance—WBBM
9:30 Swings the Thing—WGN
10:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.—WGN
10:00 I Love a Mystery—WBBM
10:00 Music Shop—WMAQ
10:15 King's Jesters & Janette—WBBM
10:30 Pop Concert—WENR
10:45 Rumpus Room—WTMJ
11:05 Jimmy Dorsey Orch.—WBBM
11:10 Servicemen in the News
11:15 Freddy Martin Orch.—WENR
11:15 Benny Strong Orch.—WGN
11:15 One for the Book—WMAQ
11:30 Ralph Morrison Orch.—WBBM
11:30 George Hamilton Orch.—WGN
11:30 Eddie Oliver Orch.—WENR
11:30 Design for Listening—WMAQ
12:00 Meditations—WTMJ
12:00 Say It With Music—WENR
12:00 Night Watch (to 6)—WIND
12:05 Lawrence Welk Orch.—WGN
12:05 Henri Gendron Orch.—WBBM
12:05 Promenade Concert—WMAQ
12:30 Carl Ravazza Orch.—WGN
12:30 Bill Snyder Orch.—WBBM
12:30 Woody Herman Orch.—WENR
1:00 News and Music (to 2:10)—WBBM

NEWS BROADCASTS

TONIGHT

5:00 WCFL WBBM
5:00 WCCO WIND
5:00 WGN WMAQ
5:01 WIBU
5:15 WMAQ
5:30 WCCO WBBM
5:30 WTMJ WIBA
5:45 WBBM WCCO
5:45 WMAQ KMOX
5:55 WIBA WBBM
6:00 WBBM WIBU
6:00 WLS WIND
6:15 WTMJ WMAQ
6:15 WIBA
6:30 WIBU WGN
6:45 WIBA WMAQ
7:00 WGN WIND
7:00 WLS WCFL
7:15 WJJD
7:30 WCFL WIND
7:25 WIBU
7:50 WHA
7:55 KMOX WBBM
8:00 WGN WIND
8:00 WIBU WCFL
8:30 WIND WTMJ
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9:00 WENR WIBU
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11:55 WIBA WENR
12:00 WIND WMAQ
12:55 WMAQ WENR
12:55 WTMJ
1:00 WGN WBBM
2:00 WIND (also 3, 4, 5)

THURSDAY

A. M.
5:30 WIND WMAQ
5:45 WGN
6:00 WMAQ WINE
6:05 WTMJ
6:25 WGN
6:30 WIBA WTMJ
6:45 WLS
6:55 WMAQ WBBM
7:00 WIND KMOX
7:00 WCFL WCCO
7:00 WBBM WTMJ
7:00 WIBA WLS
7:15 WGN WBBM
7:30 WIBA WTMJ
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11:30 WIND
11:55 WIBA WENR
12:00 WIND WMAQ
12:00 WBBM WGN
12:55 WMAQ WENR
12:55 WTMJ
1:00 WGN
1:00 WIND WBBM
2:00 WIND (also 3, 4, and 5)

SPORTS REVIEWS

TONIGHT

5:00 WIND WJJD
5:40 WMAQ
5:45 WIBA WTMJ
6:00 WJJD KMOX
6:05 WBBM
6:25 WCFL
7:00 WIND
9:00 WIND WGN
11:15 WMAQ

THURSDAY

P. M.
2:40 WJJD
2:45 WIND
5:00 WIND WJJD
5:15 WCCO
5:40 WMAQ
5:45 WIBA WTMJ
6:00 WJJD KMOX
6:05 WBBM
6:25 WCFL
7:00 WIND
9:00 WIND

MARKETS

THURSDAY

A. M.
6:25 KMOX
11:30 WLS
11:45 WLS

P. M.
12:00 WIBU
12:10 WIBU
12:15 WIBA
12:30 WGN
12:40 WIBU
12:50 WLS
1:10 WLS

Bridge Holds Flower Show

By FLORENCE L. CLARK
(State Journal Correspondent)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN — The Prairie du Chien-Marquette highway bridge over the Mississippi river is holding a flower show just now — a prize one worth a long drive to see — if you have the gas.

Hundreds of hollyhocks in full bloom in a riot of color, almost solidly line the bridge drive for three quarters of a mile where it winds across islands in mid channel.

It is Bridge Superintendent Cloyd Ferris' very own "Hollyhock Row," lovingly planted and tended over a period of half a dozen years — his one-man contribution to this movement taking hold here and there around the country of beautifying the nation's highways.

There was no expense to it, just a little work, and thought, and care, as he tells the story. He gathered seeds from his yard for the first planting. Since then the plants have year by year spread rapidly. Supt. Ferris has helped them along by gathering seeds each fall, and scattering them in bare places. In the spring when grass and weeds are cut on the borders, care is given that the hollyhock plants escape the sickle.

That's about all there has been to it, said Supt. Ferris, telling happily of the hundreds of tourists who have talked to him of the beauty of the drive and their enjoyment of it.

Hi Neighbor
Listen to the
FARM SERVICE PROGRAM
Facts about livestock, crops, soils, farm practices, and the
LIVESTOCK MARKET
with Phil Campbell Roy Ormond and Fred Gunkel
WIBA 12:15 to 12:30 PM 1310 on your dial
WIBU 12:40 to 12:45 PM Dial setting 1240
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
Broadcast from the stockyards of
OSCAR MAYER & CO.
MADISON, WIS.
FINE MEATS SINCE 1883

Union District Votes $30,000 for School

FENNIMORE—A sum of $25,000 was voted to defray the costs of school year and $5,000 was voted as a sinking fund for a new high school at the annual meeting of the Union high school district Monday night. Ralph Anderson was reelected director.

DRAFTIE

By Paul Fogarty

Uncle Ray's Corner

CATBIRDS IMITATE CATS, CHICKENS AND SOME SONG BIRDS

A cat is said to "mew," meaning that it makes a certain sound. The word also is spelled as "miaow" or "miaou" or miauw." You may take your choice. The noise a cat makes sounds like "me-ow" to me, the "ow" rhyming with "how."

There is a bird which knows how to make the same sound as a cat, or very nearly the same sound. It is called the "catbird" for that reason. Now and then it is called the "chicken bird," because it can imitate sounds made by barnyard chickens. It also is called the "black-capped thrush." It is a member of the thrasher family, however, and is not a true thrush.

The catbird is smaller than a robin or a mockingbird. It is a fairly close relative of the mockingbird, and in some places is called the "slate-colored mockingbird."

The "miaow" sound is made when the catbird is angry or afraid. Let someone get too near its nest, and he will hear this warning cry. It is as if the bird were saying, "Stay away!" or in less polite language, "Get out!"

Catbirds are North American birds. You will not find them in Europe or South America. The farthest south they go in winter is the republic of Panama. The great majority of them make their nests in the United States or Canada.

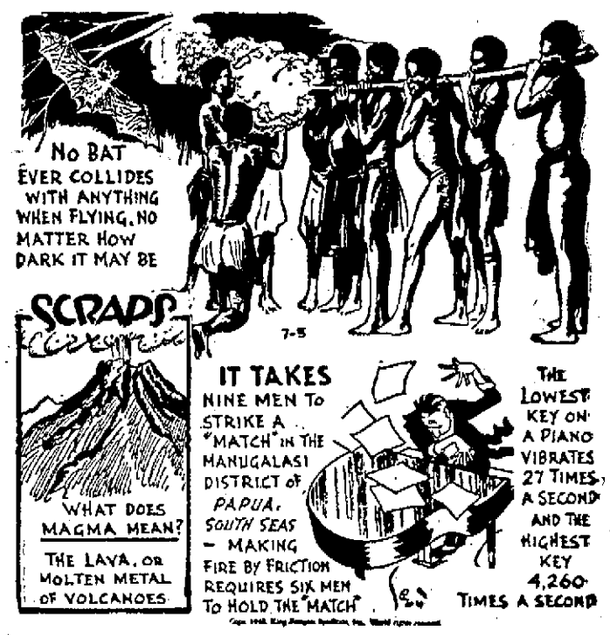
Nova Scotia is one of the provinces in Canada where these birds fly in spring to raise their young. They also nest far through southern Canada in provinces from Ontario to British Columbia.

With its plain gray coat, the catbird is not a handsome bird. It has a black "cap" on its head, and its tail is largely black.

The catbird can imitate other singing birds. Prof. Anna Comstock told how she rushed outdoors one day, thinking she had heard a cardinal singing. The cardinal is rare in the state of New York. Mrs. Comstock found that it was no cardinal, but a catbird singing the cardinal's song!

Catbirds like to build their nests in thickets or masses of bushes in which they can be well hidden. They usually place the nest only four or five feet above the ground.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. Scott



Uncle Ray

(For NATURE section of your scrapbook.)