

## With Ike and Mike

A few years ago television was a distant prospect. Today it has emerged from the realm of the maybe and is an accomplished fact, with regular programs on the air daily. The television camera is known as "Ike" while the familiar microphone is "Mike" in television parlance. These pictures take you to the Columbia Broadcasting system's television studio in New York.



View of the control panel where television programs are directed and monitored out to the transmitter atop Chrysler tower, then sent through ether.

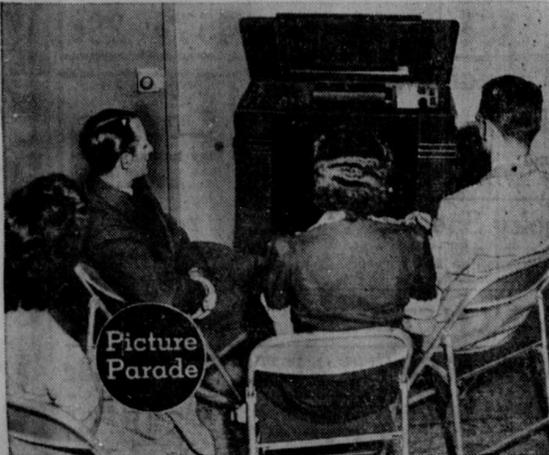
Here you see a television cameraman in action, with a "dolly-man" assisting. The "dolly" is used to work the camera into any desired position.



Telecast of a children's hour at the studio finds Lydia Perera telling the story to little Ann Francis as John Rupe (left) illustrates "Jack and the Beanstalk" with drawings.



This is Toy and Wing in action before "Ike and Mike." They are performing one of the ballroom dances that made them famous. In the foreground is a roller skating act awaiting its turn.



And here is a typical scene in a home equipped with a television receiver. The family sits around and enjoys its own little theater.



## SHORT STORY

### A Happy Couple

By BARBARA ANN BENEDICT

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HARRIET KNIGHT still felt a little bitter because Stanley Corliss had married Erla. Harriet was sure she would have been a better wife if only because her own disposition was so much better than Erla's. Erla had a temper and Erla also liked an active, exciting life. Harriet, and unfortunately several other people wondered how long Stanley, her serious-minded architect husband, would be able to hold her affection. And so when Harriet, who lived next door to the Corlisses, heard the sound of shrill voices and the crashing of china in the Corliss home she knew a feeling of elation. It wasn't long before rumors of the Corliss' quarrels reached the ears of most everyone who had an interest in the young couple.

And so they waited, expecting a smashup and saddened because of what they expected. They liked Erla and they liked Stanley and they hated to see their lives ruined. That is, everyone did except Harriet. Harriet waited for the smashup hopefully, contemptuously and with a faintly fluttering heart. She still had moments when she thought of herself as Mrs. Stanley Corliss. Meanwhile the objects of the anticipated smash-up continued to survive as man and wife, but the stories of their arguments continued.

With each report the friends and acquaintances waited silently and unhappily for the announcement



"Tell us, before we die of curiosity."

that the Stanley Corlisses had decided to call the venture off, Harriet Knight's heart increased its fluttering and her eyes glowed in triumph. But six months passed and then a year and still Erla called herself Mrs. Corliss and lived under the same roof with her husband. The thing became somewhat of a mystery. It was extremely hard to understand, because Erla wasn't the type at all to be satisfied, even though she loved her husband ardently. Their friends puzzled over it, advancing a number of reasons and explanations and finding them all inadequate. The thing was beyond their comprehension. Why Erla herself, before the wedding, had said, addressing her bridesmaids in the utmost confidence, "I probably won't last, darlings. I can't conceive of myself being contented for very long. It just isn't in my blood. Stanley's sort of a stuffy person, but I love him, and I'm going to marry him—at least temporarily."

No, the thing was a puzzle, and their friends became curious. They were fairly perishing to know what it was that had so completely thwarted Erla's natural instinct. They even went so far as to question Erla, in a tactful sort of way, of course. But Erla was reticent and uncommunicative. And finally, almost in desperation, Beth Woodward called a meeting of the three bridesmaids. "Kay," she said to Mrs. Dayton, "it's up to you. You've always been her closest friend. We're all dying to know the reason for it, and you're better able to find out than either Anne or I."

Anne Tupper endorsed the plan heartily. Kay was doubtful. "It seems so silly," she said. "Perhaps Erla has discovered she really does like married life, and is happy and contented."

Then explain their quarrels and the smashing of dishes and furniture. You told us yourself they hadn't been discontinued."

To this Kay was forced to agree. And in the end she agreed also to make an effort to satisfy the curiosity of the ex-bridesmaids, herself included. Secretly she hoped to discover a contented harmony in the household of Corliss. The satisfaction of being able to report such a condition to Harriet Knight would be worth a good deal.

And so the meeting adjourned and Kay Dayton set off on her mission. A week passed and she had nothing to report. The remaining ex-bridesmaids became impatient. And then one day Kay sent out two phone calls and within an hour Beth and Anne were grouped about the Dayton fireplace, all thrilling with excitement.

Kay passed around cigarettes and lighted one herself. "Well," she said, smiling, "I found out."

"You did? Tell us before we die of curiosity."

Kay blew smoke toward the ceiling. "Darlings, the union is set for life. I doubt if our expectations of a smashup will ever be justified."

"You mean," asked Anne in amazement, "that Erla likes being married? That she's contented and satisfied?"

"Quite."

"But it doesn't sound reasonable! Whatever did she say? Oh, Kay, do get this suspense over with."

Kay smiled wickedly. "As a matter of fact, I didn't talk with Erla at all."

"Didn't talk with Erla! Then whom did you talk with?"

"Stanley."

"Stanley?"

"No other." Kay became communicative. "Erla wouldn't tell me a thing, except that she liked being married and planned to stay married. And so, as a last resort, I went to Stanley and he told me the whole story. It's a secret and we mustn't breathe a word. He told me because he thought it such a good joke on us. He knew how we felt and how Erla felt, too. And that's what we didn't figure on—that Stanley understood Erla better than any of us. He knew the things she craved and because he wanted to keep her as a wife he set out to provide them."

"Provide them? But how?"

"Very simply. By picking a fight with her about every two weeks. By storming around and complaining of this, that and the other thing. By appearing to be discontented and unsatisfied. By providing a bit of excitement and romance and thrills. By keeping Erla on her toes, for her mind off herself. Girls, every one of the dishes that has been broken, was broken by Stanley, not Erla. Every bit of the storming has been perpetuated by Stanley. I tell you, the man's a genius. He intends gradually to taper off his outbursts until he can discontinue them altogether, but always holding one or two new ones in readiness in case marriage should seem to be palling on his wife. It's merely a case of hubby being the smarter of the two."

Anne and Beth sat back and stared in amazement. "Well, I declare!" the former exclaimed. And Beth added: "Wouldn't Harriet Knight fairly go into a spasm if she knew?"

Kay nodded slyly. "Let's let Harriet continue to think as she does. It'll probably do her a lot of good." To which they all agreed.

### Child of Two Answers Questions Correctly

Little Miss Jill Felder, Atlanta, Ga., tot of two, is challenging Clifton Fadiman to a battle of wits. Jill is 30 pounds of practically all memory, and if Mr. Fadiman will just ask the right questions, Jill will guarantee to answer them. In fact, so sure of her memory are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Felder, whose address is the Kimball House, that they offer to pay "Information Please" \$1,000 if Jill misses any of the questions on her list of 15, or any popular nursery rhyme, of which she knows 25 that she can repeat on demand.

At an age when most babies are just learning to put words together to make sentences, she is rattling off whole songs and verses. She can say the complete alphabet, and recognizes some of the letters when she sees them in the paper, too. The "A with sticks" as she calls it, and the "B with bumps." She can count to 10 with no difficulty, and add one and one together, and spell cat and dog. Her mother says she is no trouble to teach; she has to be told a thing only once, and she remembers it.

The remarkable fact about the chubby memory-marvel is that she gets the right answer to the right question. When you ask her "Who freed the slaves?" she does not get mixed up and say "Roosevelt." She says "Abraham Lincoln." But "Mr. Woosevelt" is the answer to "What is the President's name?" and she is right there with "George Washington" to "Who crossed the Delaware?" You'd think she might get her answers crossed, in a case of pure memorizing like that. But she doesn't.

Jill answers questions with a casualness that seems to indicate she doesn't even have to put her mind on it, playing with the telephone or scribbling with a pencil at the same time. You get the impression that if she really got down to it she might say the Lord's Prayer backwards or translate a passage of Sanskrit. She is interested in everything. She says "What's that?" at least 50 times a day, and when she is told, she remembers the answer.

Her parents call her "Baby-doll," and that's what she tells you when you ask her name. But if you insist she will tell you her real name, too, and where she lives. If you ask her nicely she will sing "School Days" for you, and "Oh, Susannah." She tells you proudly that the flag is red, white and blue. But when she is tired of being questioned, she says "That's all," with finality.

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The Questions

1. In whose honor was the Pantheon in Rome erected?
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3. Who wrote the classic series of papers called the Federalist?
4. The prime meridian passes through what city?
5. In Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" what is the name of the merchant?
6. What dirigible made the first transatlantic flight?
7. How many figures make up the Mount Rushmore memorial in South Dakota?

The Answers

1. All the gods.
2. A stream.
3. Alexander Hamilton.
4. Greenwich, England, in which is situated the Royal observatory, from the meridian of which geographers and navigators of nearly all nations count their longitude.
5. Antonio.
6. Graf Zeppelin (Oct., 1928).
7. Four (Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt).

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As Smith and Jones were waiting at the bus stop, a passer-by stopped and asked Jones the time. Jones did not reply. After the stranger had passed on, Smith asked: "Why didn't you answer him?" "Well, it's this way," Jones replied. "If I'd told him the time, he might have got chatting, and in the end I might have asked him home to supper. "There he might have met my daughter and they might have fallen in love. Finally they might have got married. "And let me tell you, I don't want a fellow for my son-in-law who can't afford to buy a watch."

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