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Guide to the

Mel Goodstein collection of radio scripts

1944-1981 [bulk 1940s]

*T-Mss 2013-146

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Summary

Creator: Goodstein, Mel, 1934-

Title: Mel Goodstein collection of radio scripts

Date: 1944-1981 [bulk 1940s]

Size: 2.31 linear feet (6 boxes)

Source: Donated by Mel Goodstein, 1987.

Abstract: Mel Goodstein (1934-1987?) collected radio scripts that document the Golden Age of Radio.

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Creator History

Mel Goodstein (1934-1987?) collected radio scripts that document what was known as the Golden Age of Radio. Prior to television, the radio dominated with news, live music, comedy, variety shows and dramatic programs. Some of the most popular radio shows crossed over to television, such as the action-adventure show Sky King broadcasted episode "The Flight to Nowhere."

Many sponsors of the radio shows used the air-time to promote their products or company. For

example, DuPont created Cavalcade of America, an anthology drama series, to rebrand their image after World War I.

Goodstein's lifetime interest in scripts extended to the long-running soap-opera The Doctors broadcasted on N.B.C. from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Goodstein's last known residence was in New York City.

Scope and Content Note

The collection, dated 1944-1981 (bulk dates 1940s), contains mostly radio scripts that document the Golden Age of Radio. The scripts are for anthologies or individually titled shows and do not represent the entire run of the programs. Some scripts lack complete identifying information. Popular series or individual shows represented in the collection include the anthologies Cavalcade of America, and The Chicago Theatre of the Air; and shows Crime Files of Flamond, the Gene Autry Show, and Jack Armstrong the All-American Boy. The collection also holds several televised scripts of the soap opera The Doctors; a television movie script for The Easter Promise written by Gail Rock, and a script for the children's show Quiz Kids TV.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by format.

Key Terms

Titles

Cavalcade of America (Radio program)
Chicago Theatre of the Air (Radio program)
Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy (Radio program)

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Radio scripts
Television scripts

Names

WBBM (Radio station : Chicago, Ill.)

Container List

Radio Scripts

- b. 1 f. 1 Add-A-Line 1949
- b. 1 f. 2-5 Adventures of Johnny Lujack 1949
- b. 1 f. 6 Adventures of Sam Spade 1949
- b. 1 f. 7 Barney Babbitt Program 1949
- b. 1 f. 8 Call for Help 1949
- b. 1 f. 9-12 Cavalcade of America 1946-1949
 - b. 2 f. 1 Chicago Public Schools 1945-1948
 - b. 2 f. 2-5 Chicago Theatre of the Air 1949
- b. 2 f. 6-10 Crime Files of Flamond 1945-1948
 - b. 3 f. 1 Date After Ten 1949
 - b. 3 f. 2 Firebrand 1949
 - b. 3 f. 3 First Hundred Years 1949
 - b. 3 f. 4-5 Gene Autry Show 1947, 1949
 - b. 3 f. 6 He Knew What He Wanted 1949
 - b. 3 f. 7 Hometowners 1949
 - b. 3 f. 8 Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy 1947-1949
 - b. 3 f. 9 Judy and Jane 1944-1945
 - b. 3 f. 10 June Bride 1949
 - b. 3 f. 11 Junior Miss 1949
- b. 3 f. 12-13 Ladies Be Seated 1948-1949
 - b. 4 f. 1 Lawrence Welk's High Life Revue 1949
 - b. 4 f. 2 Luck of the Irish 1949
 - b. 4 f. 3 McGarry and his Mouse 1947
 - b. 4 f. 4 (A) Man for the Ages 1951
 - b. 4 f. 5 Meet Corliss Archer 1949
 - b. 4 f. 6 Mr. President 1949
 - b. 4 f. 7 Name the Movie 1949
 - b. 4 f. 8 National Farm and Hoe Hour 1946
- b. 4 f. 9-13 Sky King 1950
 - b. 4 f. 14 Stars Over Hollywood 1949
 - b. 4 f. 15 Stars of Tomorrow 1947
 - b. 4 f. 16 Surprise Package 1949
- b. 5 f. 1-5 WBBM 1945-1947
 - b. 5 f. 6-8 Wake Up and Smile 1946-1947
 - b. 5 f. 9 Wieboldt's Your Neighbor Program 1949
 - b. 5 f. 10 1949
 - b. 5 f. 11 Young Love 1949

Television Scripts

Television Scripts (cont.)

(The) Doctors

- b. 5 f. 12 1976
- b. 6 f. 1-2 1981
- b. 6 f. 3 Ock, Gail, Shayne, Alan. The Easter Promise 1974
- b. 6 f. 4 Quiz Kids TV 1949