

AMOS and ANDY

THE COMEDY RADIO TEAM OF AMOS AND ANDY — FREEMAN GOSDEN AND CHARLES CORRELL — HAVE DELIGHTED RADIO FANS FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS — AND THEY'RE STILL AMONG RADIO'S TOP FAVORITES!

THE AMOS 'N' ANDY SHOW



IN 1926 RADIO WAS CAPTURING THE FANCY OF AMERICA. ON JANUARY 12 OF THAT YEAR GOSDEN AND CORRELL CREATED THE RADIO COMEDY TEAM OF "SAM AND HENRY."

HENRY, DID YOU EVER SEE A MULE AS SLOW AS THIS ONE?

I SHO DIDN'T!



"SAM AND HENRY" RAN FOR 550 BROADCASTS. ALL CHICAGO FOLLOWED THEIR ADVENTURES.

HENRY, THIS HOSS IS GOING TO SLEEP ON US AGAIN.

WELL, SAM, FEED HIM SOME MORE SMELLIN' SALTS!



THE BOYS MOVED TO A NEW RADIO STATION IN 1928 — THEY NEEDED A NEW SET OF CHARACTERS.

GOING UP IN THE ELEVATOR FOR THE FIRST BROADCAST...

AS HE STOPPED AGAIN...

GETTING A SET OF NAMES THAT WILL MAKE A HIT—THAT'S OUR PROBLEM.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE JIM AND CHARLEY.

THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR WAS A TALKATIVE TYPE. AS HE STOPPED TO PICK UP PASSENGERS...

HELLO THERE HANDY ANDY!

WELL—FAMOUS AMOS!



THAT'S IT, CHARLEY. I'LL BE AMOS!

OKAY, I'LL TAKE ANDY FOR MINE!



THEN AND THERE, ON MARCH 19, 1928, PATIENT, LONG-SUFFERING AMOS AND BURLY, BLUSTERING ANDY WERE BORN.

UH, AMOS, MY FRIEND, I GOT TROUBLE.

OH, OH—ANDY—HOW MUCH CASH DO YOU WANT NOW?



AMOS AND ANDY WERE A QUICK HIT. THEY MADE RECORDINGS WHICH WERE BROADCAST BY STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN 1929 THEY HAD A NETWORK OF THEIR OWN.

ONE EVENING DURING A PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN SALT LAKE CITY...

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THAT SHOW? IT'S TERRIBLE!

THEY'RE STEALING OUR STUFF AND KILLING IT. LET'S CALL THE STATION.



HELLO? YES—WHOSE PROGRAM IS BEING BROADCAST? IT'S TERR—OH, THAT'S AMOS AND ANDY?

AMOS AND ANDY? MIGHT AS WELL HANG UP QUIETLY!



WHEN COAST-TO-COAST NETWORKS CAME ALONG, AMOS AND ANDY WON A SPOT ON NBC, SIX NIGHTS A WEEK. THEY MOVED THE SCENE OF THEIR STORY TO NEW YORK'S HARLEM AND PIONEERED IN RADIO'S FIRST FIFTEEN-MINUTE CONTINUITY PROGRAM. WITHIN A MONTH AFTER THEIR FIRST SPONSORED SHOW, ON AUGUST 19, 1929, THEY WERE A NATIONAL SENSATION.

MOVIE HOUSES HALTED THE PICTURE AND HOTELS SUSPENDED DINING SERVICE, WHILE ...

THIS IS THE AMOS AND ANDY PROGRAM.

WAITER! MY SOUP'S GETTING COLD!

PLEASE, SIR, SHH! AMOS AND ANDY ARE ON THE AIR!

IN 1929 THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND, CHARLES G. DAWES, TOLD REPORTERS ...

GENTLEMEN, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I REGRET IN ACCEPTING THIS HONOR. I WILL BE MISSING AMOS AND ANDY.

TO CATCH THE SHOW, KANSAS SENATOR ARTHUR CAPPER REQUESTED A MOTORCYCLE ESCORT! A POLICEMAN RACED THE SENATOR THROUGH TRAFFIC ...

... AND THEN JOINED HIM AT THE RADIO.

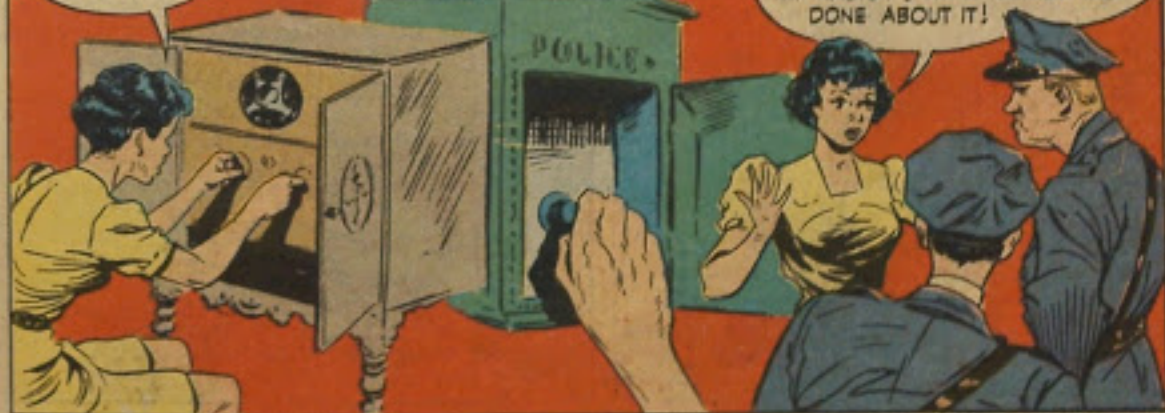
IN PHILADELPHIA, A HOUSEWIFE TURNED ON HER RADIO ...

WHAT'S WRONG? ALL THE DIALS ARE SET!

QUICKLY, SHE RAN TO THE CORNER, AND ...

WHEN THE POLICE RIOT SQUAD TURNED OUT ...

I CAN'T GET AMOS AND ANDY ON MY RADIO! I WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT IT!



THROUGHOUT THE 1930'S, THE AFFAIRS OF AMOS AND ANDY BOOMED.

SAY, ANDY, IS IT TRUE YOU VISITED THE PRESIDENT LAST WEEK?

SHO, SHO, ME AN' HIM DISCUSSED TARIFFS AN' DE TAXICAB BUSINESS! HE ASKED...



... FOR MY REVICE ABOUT DE TARIFF AN' I SAID I WAS THININ' SERIOUSLY ABOUT RAISIN' DE TARIFF ON OUR TAXICAB, SO'S WE C'N PAY OUR RENT!



MILLIONS FOLLOWED AMOS' AND ANDY'S FRESH AIR TAXI SERVICE MORE CLOSELY THAN THEIR OWN BUSINESSES.

TAXI! TAXI!

SORRY, MISTER, YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT FIFTEEN MINUTES. I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS AMOS AND ANDY!



THE RADIO TEAM MADE A MOVIE CALLED "CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK". IT WAS A HIT WHEREVER IT PLAYED!

TO THE LAST PERFORMANCE

AMOS AND ANDY "CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK"



ON STAGE AMOS AND ANDY HAD THE AUDIENCE HOWLING WITH LAUGHTER.

AND NOT LONG AGO, DURING THE WAR...

GOSH, ARE YOU FELLOWS REALLY AMOS AND ANDY?

YOU BET, I'M AMOS AND HE'S ANDY, AIN'T DAT SUMPIN'?



IN 1943, WHEN THEIR FIFTEEN-MINUTE PROGRAMS ENDED, THE BOYS BEGAN THEIR CURRENT WEEKLY HALF-HOUR SERIES. BEFORE LONG, AMOS AND ANDY WILL BE MOVING INTO TELEVISION.



TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF RADIO AND THEY'RE STILL BLAZING A TRAIL! NOW "AIN'T DAT SUMPIN'?"