RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

FRANCES LANGFORD

BOB HOPE

Radio's loveliest! Radio's funniest! Those are the phrases which have been used to describe Frances Langford and Bob Hope. Maybe you heard Bob Hope's radio riot of laughs which was broadcast for the first time over a dominion wide 21-station network of the CBC last Tuesday 10 to 10.30 p.m. Radio's top funmaker is in rare form these days, gagging and quipping at a mile a minute, ably supported by the one and only Professor Jerry Colonna, beautiful Frances Langford, "not-so-vague" Vera Vague and Stan Kenton, and his orchestra. Canadian radio fans will welcome the Bob Hope show to Canadian stations. From now on the series will be heard every Tuesday evening.

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Bob Hope returned only a few weeks ago from a 5 months tour in the interests of maintaining the good humour of the fighting men and women of Britain and the Mediterranean zone. Bob admits that he was terribly frightened when the enemy dropped bombs close by during one of his performances . . . says he would give his shirt to be in Clark Gable's shoes. Clark Gable has already taken part in flying operations over Germany. Meanwhile, Bob Hope is keeping up his end preserving our sense of humour on the home front. As for Frances Langford, well she obviously is preserving our sense of proportions . . . feminine proportions.

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While we're on the subject, it might seem appropriate to give a hearty slap on the back to Foster Hewitt, radio's ace hockey broadcaster, who is doing a swell job of maintaining our sense of sportmanship on the home front. Foster Hewitt has stayed close to the Maple Leaf microphone for about 20 years, but many of his fans have moved far and wide. This season Foster tells the story of hockey not alone for Canadian and United States listeners, but for men and women in the services in Newfoundland and those in the areas of conflict far across the oceans. Many people wonder how he keeps fit for the exacting grind of describing in rapid motion one and a half hours of hockey. The answer is by going to the "Y" for stiff workouts.

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And not alone in sports has radio proved a link between home and fighting fronts. Throughout 1943 we at home were kept in close touch with all United Nations' efforts and achievements. We heard encouraging messages from our King and Queen and from our leaders, Churchill and Roosevelt. Our boys overseas maintained via radio a personal link with home as they listened to shortwave broadcasts by favourite stars. They sent us their messages via the microphone — you sent messages to them—they enjoyed brief glimpses of home. And in 1944 radio sets out to forget still deeper this invaluable link between home and overseas listeners . . . between you and the world around you . . . between you and absent loved ones . . . between you and those who plan and work for early victory and peace.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

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Are you back to your stride again—back to normal after all the excitement that goes with that special event which we call Christmas.

It was quite a good Christmas on the whole, wasn't it? Perhaps you had a pleasant surprise by one or more of your family coming home after you had given up all hope of their being able to get there at all. I know of several such instances and I hope there were many more that I did not hear about at all.

We had a very quiet Christmas —the quietiest, I think, that we have ever known. But it was happy one for all that. Yes, even though son Bob was away from home for Christmas for the first time in his life, yet, since he is still in Canada we knew we had no need to be unduly anxious on his account.

Young John wasn't here either. The people for whom he works took him with them to Toronto for Christmas so we knew he was happy and provided for.

And Daughter? Well, Daughter was here—and is yet. She is on night work this week and does not have to start work until Monday night. That gave her a grand break. It is the longest time she has spent at home since she started in on her war job. And what a grand Christmas present she had for us—there is absolutely nothing that could have pleased us better. It was an enlargement of a photograph of she and her brother taken together last time he was home on furlough. How she ever managed to get Bob roped in for anything like that I don't know. But there it is—thanks to her scheming—and a photograph of our two taken together means far more to us at present than two separate photos.

Today is officially known as Boxing Day and at long last Canada is beginning to observe it as an after-Christmas holiday. When we first came to Canada no one seemed to know anything about Boxing Day—what it meant or what it was for. Each year Christmas Day would be celebrated and the next day stores would be crowded business going on much the same as usual. At least it was supposed to be—but that is as far as it went. Stores would be open and weary-eyed salesclerks on hand to wait on prospective customers—very few of whom ever showed up. Most of them were where the salesclerks would liked to have been—at home and relaxing after Christmas celebrations. So I think holding Boxing Day as a holiday is a splendid idea and one which I hope will continue if only for the sake of storekeepers and their assistants. After all, say what you will, Christmas is somewhat of an ordeal, but there is not one of us that would want to cut it out. No, we wouldn't want to do anything so drastic as that. All we really need is Boxing Day in which to relax and we will celebrate Christmas every year to the end of time.

And now we are on the brink of another year—a year which General Eisenhower said so definitely would bring us victory. That, coupled with news of the sinking of the German battleship is surely a good start for 1944. May each week as it comes bring us news of bigger and better victories. But while we long for peace we must also remember that peace has its price, and we also need to make up our minds as to what we shall do with our peace when we get it. I remember hearing one woman asked the question—"What sort of a world do you want to live in after the war?" And she answered "Well, I think I would like it to be much the same as it was before the war tsarted?" Would that be your answer? It wouldn't be mine, and I don't think it would be the answer of anyone who has lived on a farm for the last twenty years. We would like to be sure that everyone will have a chance to earn a living. Give everyone a chance of a job and most of our economic problems would automatically solve themselves.

And now, if you'll excuse me, my job is to feed the chickens. Isn't that always the way—just when you are ready to tackle a big job there is always a little job to do right at home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 16

JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Mark 2:15—3:35

PRINTED TEXT—Mark 2:23-3:6.

GOLDEN TEXT—**Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Matthew 5:11.**

MEMORY VERSE — We . . . are helpers.

2 Corinthians 1:24.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—The events of this lesson occurred in the summer of A.D. 28, with the exception of our Lord's statement regarding the unpardonable sin, and our intimate relation to Him, which occurred in the autumn of A.D. 28.

....**Place**—All events occurred in or near the city of Capernaum, with the exception of the discourse of Christ on the Sabbath Day, and the related miracle of healing, which occurred somewhere in Galilee, but apparently not in the city of Capernaum.

Jesus and the Sabbath

"And it came to pass, that he was going on the Sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Did ye never read what David did, when he had need; and was hungry, he and they that were with him? How he entered into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the showbread, which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests, and gave also to them that were with him."

At once the Pharisees felt they had something by which they could condemn the Lord, and their condemnation they thought, would be unanswerable. But our Lord justifies His act. He reminds them of an incident occurring in the life of their own king, David, recorded in their own Scriptures (1 Sam 21:1-6) in which David, together with his men when hungry, went into the house of God and ate the showbread which it was not lawful for any man to eat but the priests.

Sabbath Made for Man

"And he said unto them, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." If man is an immortal soul, created with the power of fellowship with God, then a Sabbath is properly spent in securing refreshment for body and mind, but more particularly in seeking and employing the opportunity for spiritual growth and divine communion.

"So that the son of man is lord even of the Sabbath." Jesus, on this occasion vindicated the disciples who ate the ears of grain and also He had a dispensing power to give them this permission as Lord also of the Sabbath.

Scribes Watch Jesus

"And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there who had his hand withered. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man that had his hand withered, stand forth."

The enemies of Jesus, always watching for an occasion to condemn Him, watch now to see if Jesus would heal this man on the Sabbath day, for certainly if He so chose He could have waited one more day to perform an act of healing, but it would seem they expected Him to cure the man there. It has become so divine a custom of His to heal that although there was only one man in the synagogue with disease, and that such as might have been easily overlooked, they expect that it will not escape His gracious notice. Thus out of His abundant goodness they mean in their baseness to construct a snare.

Doing Good on Sabbath

"And he saith unto them, Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill? But they held their peace." Our Lord insinuates that if an opportunity to do good arises on the Sabbath day, and we do not take advantage of the opportunity, but leave the good undone, by so doing we have really done evil. There is nothing here to indicate our Lord is repudiating the fourth commandment. He is telling these men that their regulations regarding this law were of infinitely less importance than doing good to men, who were in need.

Leper Is Healed

"And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was restored." This miracle was remarkable for several reasons. It was wrought in direct challenge to the scribes to defend, on divine principles, some of their burdensome sabbatical regulations — Jesus publicly separated Himself from the scribes. It was wrought without the employment of any external means either of word or touch — the disease was not rebuked nor was the man touched.

The Plot Against Jesus

"And the Pharisees went out, and straightway with the Herodians took counsel against him, how they might destroy him." The Pharisees were the patriotic party among the Jews: the Herodians favored the Roman government, and were their natural enemies. For such men to make common cause against Jesus, showed how violent was their anger and how desperate was their hatred. When men fail to receive truth as truth, they will resist it, and, in the case of our Lord, these Pharisees will not only resist what He is trying to reveal to them, but they will ultimately plot to put Him to death, whose truth they call a lie and whose own lives He is condemning.

AVENGERS STALK JAPS ON BOUGAINVILLE

Casualties were light when the main force of American troops took their beachhead on New Britain's Arawe Peninsula, but the above picture shows that a big element of luck was involved. American landing boats are shown dodging between the bursts of bombs dropped by Jap planes, which also machine-gunned the invaders. Yet only two LCV's were lost, and none of the Navy ships was hit.

Longest Air Freight Line In the World

The longest air freight line in the world now is operating on regular schedule between Patterson Field, Ohio and India, the United States Army announced recently.

C-87 planes, the cargo version of the Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber, fly the route regularly delivering supplies to the air forces in the Orient.

The first flight made early in October, was a 28,000-mile round trip in 12 days, including loading and unloading time.

Outbound, this first flight carried 8,300 pounds of such equipment as airplane fuel pumps, starters and magnetos. On the return trip, it carried 8,500 pounds of damaged parts to be repaired.

The exact route was not disclosed, but Puerto Rico is on it, indicating that the planes cross the Atlantic, Africa and the Middle East.

It used to take months to get to India, going down around the Cape and up past Madagascar and across the Indian Ocean.

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Street Lights

Street lighting is supposed to have originated in Paris about 1700 when the police ordered every householder to keep a lamp burning in a street window from dark to dawn.

Generous Foes

War is not what it might be. Two charming stories of the wars between the Maoris and the British in the early days, recalled at a meeting of Edinburgh women, prove it, says The Edinburgh Scotsman. The first related how the guns of the British became stuck at one time in the mud. The Maoris, not liking to spoil a good fight, came over and helped to dislodge them. Then the battle began again.

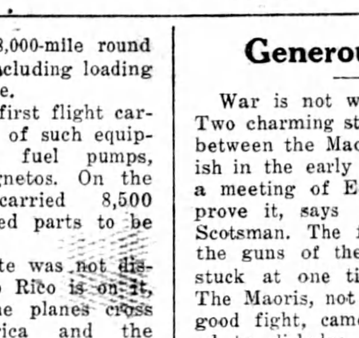
Mr. Maona, a Maori himself, capped this with another story of his chivalrous ancestors, whose descendants are fighting side by side with us today. The Maoris it seems, had discovered in those old wars in New Zealand that our men were short of food. So they sent canoes up the river, loaded with pork, sweet potatoes, and water melons, manned by boys 12 to 13 years of age. After they had allowed time for the food to be cooked and enjoyed, once more the battle was resumed.

U. S. FLEET COMMANDER

HORIZONTAL

2 Pictured U. S. fleet commander-in-chief, ——.
12 Exclamation of surprise.
14 Concern.
15 To the inside of.
16 Him.
17 Contend.
19 Border.
20 Months (abbr.).
21 Meadow.
22 Bark.
24 Tendon.
26 Lines.
27 Fish organ.
29 Two fives.
30 Light tap.
31 From.
33 Assist.
35 Three (prefix)
36 Old English (abbr.).
38 He sails on a ——.
39 His crewmen are ——.
41 Editor (abbr.)
42 Metal.
44 Grove.
45 Fish.
46 Sailor.
48 Blemish.
50 Wall painting.
52 Mongrel.
53 Belonging to him.
54 Female of cattle.
56 Near.
57 Most desirable.
58 Dove's call.
59 Counterfeit.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 He is an officer of the U. S. ——.
3 District of Columbia (abbr.).
4 Disfigure.
5 Flower.
6 Send back.
7 Threshold of psychological stimulus.
8 Have knowledge of.
9 It is (contr.).
10 Negative.
11 He sails the seven ——.
13 Incite.
16 Chop.
18 Sprite.
21 Allotment.
23 Spanish coin.
25 Novel.
26 Metal bars.
28 Nothing.
30 Before.
31 Be in debt.
32 Fashion.
34 Clamor.
35 Tag.
36 Mineral rock.
37 Is (Latin).
40 All right (abbr.).
43 In place of.
45 Hearing organ.
46 High relish.
47 Berry (bot.).
48 Examine.
49 Mow, as hay.
50 Unmarried woman.
51 Booty.
53 She.
55 Grief.
56 Exist.

POP—Wait a Minute, Pop

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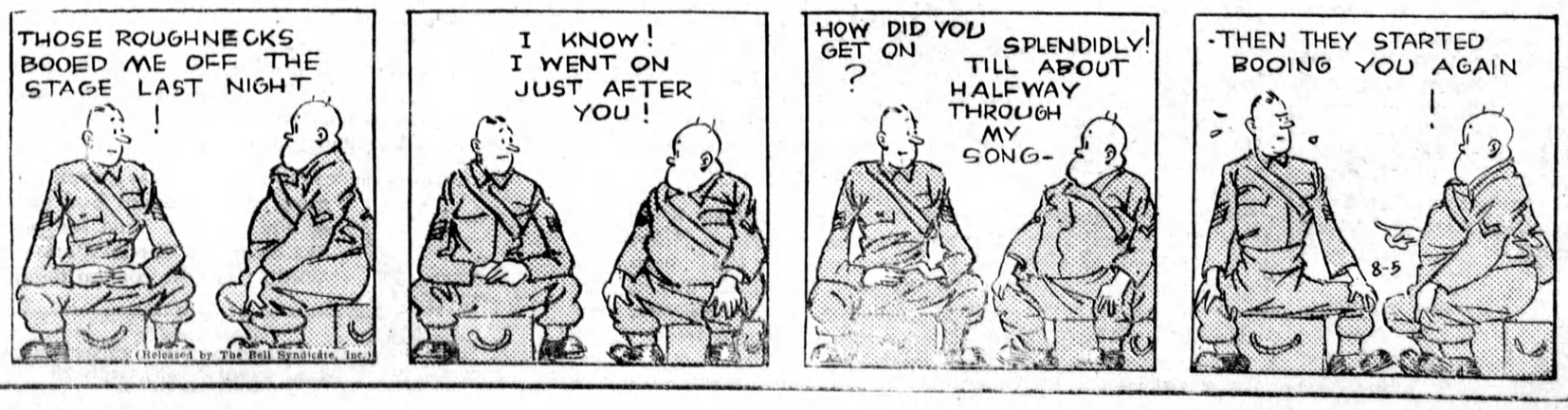

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