

# Jack Carpenter is catching top ratings



By Jennifer Barr  
 What's Jack Carpenter doing these days? Acton's own show biz personality is back in full-time radio with a very successful show on CFCA-FM.  
 "Music Hall", aired from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday nights, has taken off like a rocket in its first four months, judging by the growth in listening audiences. The show is totally a Carpenter production featuring a blend of music, comedy, newsy patter and interviews.  
 Jack explains he uses the formula of a good music hall variety show, integrating many facets of entertainment. Each segment of the program is carefully planned as a separate show. Music is chosen with an ear to its best place, whether it leads into something else or acts as a finale.  
 Many of the old B.B.C. "steam" radio comedy programs are featured such as Hancock's Half Hour and Tommy Hanley's Tmar. Old-time English Stars appear—Grace Fields, Max Bygraves, Jimmy Edwards, all were guests in person or on record. Jimmy Edwards premiered his latest record on Music Hall. Hand music is also a feature. Jack loves all toe tapping music. "If you stop tapping your foot it isn't music," he grins.  
 Planned Nostalgia  
 But Jack is quick to describe his show as 1975 with a 1920 sound—"planned nostalgia".  
 Stars of today play a prominent role. Lynn Redgrave is slated for an interview. Patrick Cargill appeared and premiered "Father, Dear Father" for Canadian audiences. Two coming shows will feature stars of the London Palladium Show appearing at the O'Keefe Centre in March. Many of the cast of the English pantomime Cinderella guested with Jack.  
 However, although the program is reminiscent of an English music hall, it is not geared solely for immigrants from "over one" or those with English backgrounds, according to Jack, Canadian artists play a substantial part in the program and a large percentage of the audience is Canadian or of other ethnic backgrounds.  
 The term "steam radio"

"How about that!"  
 JACK CARPENTER plans his program, making record notes, at his home on Elizabeth Drive.

Jack explains, refers to the era of total listening, the era of radio as an entertainment rather than a background noise. He feels interest in returning in radio for its special programs.  
 "After all, radio employs the fourth dimension—the listener's imagination", he states. "We also have a captive mobile audience".  
 Jack refers to drivers returning home on Sunday afternoon. "One chap tuned us in and refused to leave his car when he reached his driveway. His wife came out and joined him—they sat in the car and howled with laughter."  
 Many people are writing to say their Sunday evening life style is changing. Supper is eaten early, the table cleared and the family sits down for serious listening to Music Hall.  
 Mrs. C. K. Browne of Acton takes her radio to her confectionery store and keeps her ear glued to it throughout the program.  
 23 years in radio  
 Carpenter falls into the role of broadcaster-entertainer very easily, having been in broadcasting for 25 years. In fact, he started performing on the stage as a child in the Channel Islands. He worked with Ralph Header in the

Scout "Gang Shows".  
 In the services after the war, he was a writer and standup comedian with the Stars and Battle Dress show. Many years were spent with the B.B.C. writing for such shows as the Goot Show and comedians like Tony Hancock.  
 He describes himself as a very bad gagline writer—referring to the gags, not the ability. An example of the humour: "My girlfriend has eyes like traffic lights, not different colours, but one above the other." Carpenter also spent considerable time as an MC for comedy and variety shows.  
 Emigrating to Canada in 1956, he worked in many areas of C.I.C. and private radio. He freelances in news broadcasting and does commercials.  
 His many talents are not confined to radio. He has done television work and is a well known photographer, designer, and artist.  
 Hatings  
 Don MacDonald, programming director of CFCA, is delighted with the impact of the show and climbing ratings. He feels much of Music Hall's success is due to Carpenter's professionalism. According to MacDonald, CFCA-stereos enjoys some of the best ratings across Canada and many of its shows are number one on the charts.  
 Music Hall's conception was a mutual idea picked around three years ago by Carpenter and MacDonald which actually started to take shape in the summer of '74.  
 An enthusiastic fan is Bob Smith, sales representative for CFCA who loves watching Carpenter in action.  
 "He's so well-known and liked he has no trouble getting the really big stars to appear on his show."  
 Smith chuckles over the effect Carpenter has at the station when he stunts in snapping out one-liners and handing out cream buns. "everyone stops work and we break up", he says.  
 "Jack's even brought back the 'catch phrase'." Smith relates. "Every old-time radio program had its repetitive phrase and if you listen to Music Hall, you'll hear a lot of 'how about that!'."  
 With more and more people tuning in to 105 FM Sunday evenings, the future of Music Hall seems obvious.  
 As Don MacDonald grins, "I only hope the show continues to provide a challenge for Jack. I want him to stay with it."

## Legion Notes

by GARY DAWKINS

The Ping Pong Challenge League finally got underway this past week. Instead of running on any one particular evening it is done in the form of a challenge system throughout the week. Anyone wishing further information should see Andy Nolan. Results this week were, Jan. 15 McCristal and Dyck defeated McMillan and Grien; Jan. 16, Luscoe and Turkosz defeated McMillan and Kilby; Jan. 17 Heller and McCutcheon defeated Arble and Mason; Jan. 18, Holmes and McPhail defeated Dick and Nolan; Dick and Hall defeated Cook and Krapek.  
 Cribbage  
 The Hi Tones were the hottest team this week in Industrial Cribbage play picking up ten points. Present standings are 230 Club 99, Firemen B 97, Hi Tones 97, Campbell Const. 86, Legion A 85, Lo Tones 84, Ink Spots 83, Firemen A 81, Legion C 78, Disston Saw 77, Boat Club 76, Can Dos 65.  
 Standing in the Industrial Dart League are, Bull Winners 58, The Dicks 54, D Gees 52, The Lions 47.

of Doug Mason and served by members of the branch executive.  
 A large crowd enjoyed the dance in the auditorium Saturday evening. Ross Hillier and his group provided the music and a good time was had by all. In the games room Mr. & Mrs. Green organized the weekly euchre. Winners for the ladies were, first, W. Atkinson; second, D. Dick and holding the hidden score, was D. Kentner. Winners for the men were first J. Pargeter; second G. Cook. B. Rody had the hidden score.  
 Dally Draw  
 A. McEachern won the daily membership draw on Jan. 13. Other names drawn this week were J. Zajac, G. Kingsbury, W. Coe, M. Storey and J. Harris.

## Boards agree to share library

Books in the Limehouse School Library will be available to members of the community as well as students.  
 Halton Board of Education entered into an agreement Thursday night with Halton Hills Public Library Board for joint use of the facilities.  
 Under the agreement the library will provide books for both students and for the general public. There is provision in the agreement for certain adult books and some school holdings to be circulated at the discretion of the school librarian.  
 The agreement makes provision for the library to be open to the public at certain hours. Provision is also made to make the balance of the school secure when the library is open.  
 Similar agreements are in effect at Kilbride School and White Oaks High School.



LIBRARIAN BETSY CORNWELL, Limehouse Principal Dave Haley, Halton Hills library board member Ruth Wilson, and Halton Board of Education trustee Ernie Bodnar watch library board vice-chairman Joan Lister and Board of Education chairman Judy Alexander sign the agreement establishing a public library in Limehouse school. The official opening of the library is Saturday January 25.

## Hybrids can be saved

Hybrids among the water-fowl population at Fairy Lake do not necessarily have to be done away with, in spite of a recent Ministry of Natural Resources order that the town have a total pure bred wildlife population or discontinue feeding the wild birds completely.  
 Dale Gartley, a Ministry official told the Free Press last week and arena manager Harold Townsley agreed that interested persons are welcome to come along and assist in removing the hybrids alive, provided they agree to keep them separate from contact with pure bred wildlife wherever they take them. Otherwise, the hybrids will likely be killed and perhaps donated as food to some needy organization.  
 Gartley emphasized that Townsley has the right to eliminate the number of birds necessary to ensure a pure bred wildlife population under the permit issued by the Ministry to the town in his name, as long as he doesn't shoot them.  
 He added that Townsley has to account for each bird at the lake each year and that

## '74 permits up over '73

Building permits were up in Halton Hills last year over the combined totals of the Esqueness, Acton, and Georgetown, in 1973.  
 In 1973 710 permits were issued in the three areas, and in 1974, 794 permits were issued, an increase of 11.8 in the number of permits.  
 In the value of permits the difference was even greater, with an increase of 31 per cent, from \$12,090,159 to \$15,829,407.  
 House building jumped from 224 in 1973 to 320 in '74, an increase of 96 homes.  
 Multiple housing units dropped this year from 139 to 48, a drop of 91.  
 In a report from Chief Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator Doug Sargent to council. He pointed out there is a limited supply of lots left in Halton Hills. He said the only major area is the slightly more than 100 lots in the Elkhorn subdivision near Georgetown hospital.  
 The building inspector predicted a reduction in house building in town this year. He foresaw increased building activity in other categories.  
 The comparison between the former three separate towns and the new town of Halton Hills is not absolutely accurate, since a small portion Esqueness is now in Milton, and a small strip of Oakville is now within Halton Hills.

## Joint meeting re taxi laws

Taxi operators will be asked to meet with the finance and personnel committee in Georgetown Feb. 10, to discuss the comprehensive taxi licensing bylaw.  
 Treasurer Grant Usher had prepared a report for council which the committee received Monday. It includes reports from some of the taxi companies, reports from the police, and Mrs. Usher's summary.  
 Deputy-treasurer Harry Henderson suggested solicitors should be present.  
 The comprehensive licensing bylaw for trades and businesses will be dealt with after the taxi bylaw is finished.  
 The purchasing bylaw and schedule is ready to go to council.  
 Deputy-treasurer Harry Henderson said his department is working toward cooperative purchasing, for better discounts.

The dog control officer will be asked to attend a committee meeting Feb. 24 to discuss changes in collecting dog licenses.

## Report theft at paper box

The Globe paper box at the IGA store has been broken into several times in the last few weeks, the police report, and money taken.

## Remand

An Acton man charged with possession of restricted weapons, appeared in court in Milton this week and was remanded in custody until his court appearance.

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