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Panel discusses "Did radio kill TV?"

Bruce Armstrong

"Bad television is helping out radio"

Don Sims, a guest in Friday night's panel discussion on Radio, brought an old friend to the Midland library with him. It was a 1934 microphone, of the type that Foster Hewitt used when he began his celebrated hockey broadcasts.

Thus the scene was set for a lively discussion of radio-current and historic.

The panel was chaired by Gordon Smith (former manager owner of CFOR

Orillia and a radio man since 1934) and consisted of Sandy Stewart, author of A Pictorial History of Radio in Canada and producer of CBC's "Reach for the Top"; Bruce Armstrong, described as "one of the most outstanding technicians who ever worked with the CBC," and presently of CKMP, Midland; Don Sims, who began with CJIC in Sault Ste Marie, moved to the CBC in 1942 and is now Chairman of the Theatre

Branch of the Ontario Board of Censors, and Barry Campbell, an MSS student who hopes to make his career in the communications industry, and who works part time with Maclean-Hunter Cable television. Sims and Smith recalled the days of commercials on radio, and together, sang a promotion jingle for a medicine with a cheerfully large percentage of alcohol.

On a more serious note, Stewart maintained that radio is thriving because the Big Three U.S. television networks are knocking off competitors. He recalled a recent visit by Pierre Trudeau to Toronto. "It's revealing that he chose an open line radio show as his way of getting to the people. Radio is the best form of communication for that kind of politician."

Don Sims still thinks that television has a greater impact. "Full marks go to the visual medium," he said. "In radio, the listener has to paint his own pictures." Sims felt that radio has gone into an era of excess. "We've gone too far in terms of talk. We've lost the music. CBC ought to be encouraging musical talent. But every time I turn my radio on, it's talk, talk, talk."

Barry Campbell said, "Radio used to be sentimental, but now the quality of AM radio has gone down somewhat. The commercials are almost insulting."

Bruce Armstrong saw radio as prospering in the vacuum left by television which is "committing suicide with repeats and lack of continuity."

Members of the audience turned out to be fans of radio, CBC in particular. Some of them wondered why radio listings were no longer printed in daily newspapers. Others praised the CBC for its contact and involvement with the current scene.

Bruce Armstrong summed up the evening's discussion in one sentence. "Bad television," he said, "is assisting radio to become better and better."

Gryphon theatre representative

Mr. Andrew Markle of 296 - 5th Street, Midland has agreed to act as the Midland area representative for the professional Gryphon Theatre Company in Barrie.

Mr. Markle will sell summer season's sub-

scriptions — five shows for the price of four — and will supply information about the season and the Company. Artistic Director Sean Mulcahy has chosen five American comedies to salute the U.S. Bi-Centennial: Harvey by Mary Chase,

July 5-10; Ah, Wilderness by Eugene O'Neill, July 19-24; George Washington Slept Here by Hart, Moss and Kaufman, August 2-7; The Show-Off by George Kelly, August 16-21; and a Neil Simon comedy, August 30-September 4.

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Tickets for the art tour are \$3.00. Senior Citizens and Students \$1.00. Tickets are available at Stephens Store for Men, 40 Dunlop E., Barrie, or by calling 728-2943.

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