

General Foods Corporation Radio Script Collection

**A Register of the Collection in the Library of
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Collection Summary

Title: General Foods Corporation radio script collection

Span Dates: 1932-1949

ID No.: MSS80423

Creator: General Foods Corporation

Extent: 150 items; 8 containers; 3.5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Scripts for radio series sponsored by General Foods Corporation. Some scripts include annotations for sound effects or voice emphases; others contain commercials for sponsoring products. Programs represented include *The Adventures of the Thin Man*, *The Adventures of Topper*, and *Portia Faces Life*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

General Foods Corporation

Subjects:

Adventures of the Thin Man (Radio program)

Adventures of Topper (Radio program)

Portia Faces Life (Radio program)

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Radio advertising--United States

Radio broadcasting--Sound effects

Radio programs--United States

Radio scripts

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The General Foods Corporation Radio Script Collection (1932-1949) was given to the Library of Congress in 1956 by the General Foods Corporation. The Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division retained the sound recordings but transferred the scripts to the Manuscript Division in 1990.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the General Foods Corporation Radio Script Collection in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.)

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, General Foods Corporation Radio Script Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The General Foods Corporation Radio Script Collection spans the years 1932-1949 and consists of scripts of radio series sponsored by the General Foods Corporation. Included are such popular shows as "The Adventures of Topper," "The Adventures of the Thin Man," and "Portia Faces Life." None of the scripts provides a complete run for a storyline.

Scripts for some of the episodes include typed and handwritten drafts and are annotated to show timing or speech emphases. Accompanying each script are commercials for the sponsoring products, such as Baker's Chocolate, Gaines Dog Food, Maxwell House Coffee, Post Raisin Bran, and Post Toasties. Occasionally included are production records, such as cast lists, plot synopses, sound effects, music clearances, rehearsal timing sheets, and the script editing circuit.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by title of radio program.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Scripts, 1932-1949, n.d.
BOX 1	"The Adventures of the Thin Man," 1944-1945 (4 folders)
BOX 1	"The Adventures of Topper," 1945 (2 folders)
BOX 1	"As the Twig Is Bent," 1941-1942 (2 folders)
BOX 1	"Don Winslow," 1941-1942 (2 folders)
BOX 2	"House of Mystery"
BOX 2	Sept. 1945-Mar. 1949 (11 folders)
BOX 3	July-Aug. 1949
BOX 3	"Juvenile Jury," 1947-1949 (3 folders)
BOX 3	"Kate Hopkins, Angel of Mercy"
BOX 3	Oct. 1940-Jan. 1942 (5 folders)
BOX 4	Feb. 1942
BOX 4	"Maxwell House Show Boat"
BOX 4	Oct. 1932-Jan. 1935 (8 folders)
BOX 5	May 1935-Sept. 1937 (9 folders)
BOX 6	"Portia Faces Life," 1940-1944 (5 folders)
BOX 6	"The Raymond Scott Show," n.d.
BOX 6	"The Second Mrs. Burton," 1941-1942 (3 folders)
BOX 6	"We Love and Learn," 1944
BOX 7	"When a Girl Marries," 1941-1942 (3 folders)
BOX 7	"A Woman of America," 1944
BOX 7	"Young Dr. Malone"
BOX 7	Dec. 1939-Oct. 1940 (6 folders)
BOX 8	Feb. 1941-Mar. 1942 (4 folders)