

*The Famous*

WOWO

# HOOOSIER HOP



*Every  
Saturday  
Night*

**BLUE NETWORK - COAST-TO-COAST !!**

RURAL  
RHYTHM  
FAVORITES



*Souvenir Program*



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Cordially,

Hoosier Harry Smythe.

# HARRY K. SMYTHE

PRESENTS

STARS OF

## *The Famous Hoosier Hop*

A SAT. NIGHT FEATURE OF THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING CO.  
COAST TO COAST ON 140 STATIONS

Master of Ceremonies	- . . . . .	Fred Oliver
OREGON RANGERS	- . . . . .	{ Slim McCarthy Eddie Johnson Roy Hansen Sam DeVincent
And Their Sweetheart	- . . . . .	Nancy Lee
DOWN HOMERS	- . . . . .	{ Guy Campbell "Shorty" Cook Bill Haley Lloyd Cornell
Old Man of the Mountain	- . . . . .	Fred Oliver
Uncle Fezz	- . . . . .	"Skeets" Cross
HARMONY TWINS	- . . . . .	{ Judy Herrell Jen Herrell
The Nation's Ghost—Coast to Coast	- . . . . .	"Skeets" Cross
Danny O'Grady	- . . . . .	The Voice of Geo. Troxel
Geo. Troxel	- . . . . .	Himself

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE FOLLOWING  
WHO HAVE MADE THE SATURDAY NIGHT HOOSIER HOP FAMOUS

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Personnel Management	- . . . . .	Harry Smythe
Script	- . . . . .	"Skeets" Cross



## Skeets Cross

A talented young fellow who vowed he would never be caught near a stage, and ended up a top flight comedian is "Skeets" Cross. One night he was drafted out of a theatre orchestra pit to replace a drop-out in the show and he displayed such unusual ability that he was off to a brilliant start as an entertainer. Particularly adept at dialect roles "Skeets" has brought down many a house with his vivid comedy. In radio for 8 years, his prime hobby is script writing. He has a flare for collecting jokes, likes good literature, and his favorite sport is fishing. "Skeets" also plays the part of "Uncle Fezz" famous philosophizing character role on the "Hoosier Hop."





# Joe Geels' Family

THE GEELS FAMILY are known around Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio as "Pa, Ma and the five kids." Carl, their son, who is 25 years of age, has just been discharged from three and one-half years of service in the Army Air Corps. He has spent 26 months overseas.

Dolly is 19, and Sally is 16 and they are known as the "Yodeling Cowgirls." Naomi is 13, and she sings trio with Dolly and Sally, and little Vera, who is 11 years old, and they are known as "The Family Sweethearts."

"Ma and Pa" and the five Kids live on a beautiful farm near Decatur, Indiana.



## *Judy and Jen*

One of the most beautiful sister teams in radio, Judy and Jen, are affectionately known as "The Harmony Twins." Versatile as well as talented, they have performed not only with Western and hillbilly bands, but also with dance orchestras. Both are rabid baseball fans. They dress alike, and both are just five feet three inches tall. They have sung together since early childhood. Married? One of them is—but for mystery's sake, we'll let you guess which one it is.



*Guy Campbell*



*Shorty Cook*



*Ken Roberts*



*Loyd Cornell*

# *The Down Homers*

It so happens that these members of the "Hoosier Hop" are four of the ablest and most experienced performers in radio today. Headed by Guy Campbell, able emcee and violinist, with Shorty Cook, guitarist, who also plays "Cecil," comedy character; personable Ken Roberts, bass player and harmonica virtuoso; and Cowboy Lloyd Cornell, handsome singer and guitarist, each one a star performer in his own right, and as a group they are what can be termed only as terrific! They claim—and rightly—that they can handle ANY string instrument.



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HOOSIER HOP  
SHRINE THEATRE



BIG XMAS PARTY



SKEETS



SELLING "DOWN HOOSIER WAY"  
AT MUSIC COUNTER



SATURDAY NIGHT GANG





# George Troxel WITH Danny O'Grady

George Troxel, a born Hoosier, is reputed as being the youngest nationally known ventriloquist in radio. While he was 11 before making his first attempt at his unusual profession, he had already been making occasional stage appearances as a singer and dancer for 6 years, and boasted several broadcasting experiences.

In 1943 Danny O'Grady came from Chicago to join him, and, to quote Danny, "I ain't had no rest since." George and Danny spend much of their time riding, talking, or reading about horses, which is their favorite pastime.



# Oregon Rangers



Realistic renditions of cowboy songs and romantic western ballads have made the OREGON RANGERS one of the most popular acts in radio. Connoisseurs of harmony, they are also adept at original novelties. The personnel of the group includes Nancy Lee, guitar and solo singer, Slim McCarthy, Violin, Eddie Johnson, Steel Guitar, Roy Hansen, Bass, and Sam DeVincent, accordion. They are the newest members of the Hoosier Hop family.



## Howard Ropa

When Howard Ropa, famed baritone of the WOWO "Famous Hoosier Hop" announced his marriage over a coast-to-coast hook-up in 1940 he promptly received hundreds of congratulatory messages from all over the U. S. and Canada which is just one indication of his nation-wide popularity. However, radio has not been Howard's only attachment to the field of music. He has taught voice for years, and has appeared on frequent occasions as Master of Ceremonies throughout the Middle West. Daytime, he's on duty at General Electric.

## Don Bush

MASTER OF CEREMONIES and "FOREMAN of the HOOSIER HOP GANG" is a Veteran of Radio since its infancy.

Known from coast to coast as DON & HELEN "THE SWEET-HEARTS OF SONG," Helen is staying at home for awhile to take care of their pride and joy, Donalyn Elizabeth Bush who is almost six months old.





*Fred Oliver*



A natural showman, Fred Oliver's beaming smile, his friendly chatter, and his yodeling ability have made him one of the most popular Hoosier Hop personalities, and fit him well for his role as emcee. Fred's father was a fiddler, and his mother a talented singer, so showmanship just came "natural" to him. In addition to emceeing and yodeling, Fred sets a lot of rhythm with some fancy maneuvering on the bass. He is married and the father of four children.



# Herb Hayworth



Story teller, vocalist, and gagster, Herb Hayworth, "The Old Hoosler" himself, is known and loved for down-to-earth, "homey" entertainment. Born in Southern Indiana Herb is a veteran of show-business and of radio from its infancy. He just started his fifteenth year on Indiana's most powerful broadcast station and is well known to millions as "Happy Herb." Famed for his large repertoire of songs, Herb's capable showmanship and kindly wit have made him one of radio's most beloved personalities.

