

## Sincerity of Vaughn DeLeath Impresses Critic

The late Mrs. Augusta Rupp received a clipping from the Philadelphia Daily Chronicle, regarding her niece, Vaughn DeLeath, written by a staff member in his column "Behind the Scenes," and it will be of interest to the many friends of this famous radio star, who was born in Mount Pulaski and is now making stage appearances.

### A Meeting With Vaughn DeLeath

"Vaughn DeLeath first introduced herself to me about five years ago via my radio. Since then, both Miss DeLeath and I have agreed that her best number is 'The Toymaker's Dream'. It has lingered in my mind ever since, and, doubtless, it is still in her blood.

"You can understand, perhaps, that I was somewhat thrilled a day or two ago when I was privileged to interview this famous artist who is playing all this week at Fay's Theatre, 40th and Market Sts.

"To get in the mood for the interview, I first watched her performance from the orchestra and, while observing, thought: 'Now here is an artist who is not high-strung and temperamental, as you might expect her to be'.

"She makes the impression of being the genial, whole-hearted friendly sort, the type who would give a ragged newsboy a green-back for a paper and tell him to have the rest for 'mom'.

"Fifteen minutes later, seated in her dressing room, chatting with her and Miss Nora Lee, her accompanist, I realized the truth of my first impression.

"Miss DeLeath, in the first five minutes of your acquaintance, makes you as much at home as tho you were an old friend. Her impressive, naturalness is not part of her act; it is, a part of her, a quality which is symbolic of sincerity.

"Although born in Illinois, she is true to her profession in claiming New York as her home by adoption. She is also justly proud of the distinction of having been the first woman to sing over the radio. (Please don't start figuring, that wasn't so long ago.)

"Asked if the greatest thrill to an entertainer was the overwhelming applause she was both surprising and pleasing in her reply:

"I suppose all entertainers like to hear applause, but my biggest thrill comes in my fan mail when someone tells me that my songs have entertained their sick child, or that I have helped some tired mother'."

## Vaughn De Leath First Lady To Get ASCAP Emblem

The following letter received by Vaughn de Leath in September 1937, from the chairman of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, is further indication of the high esteem in which she was held in the field of music:

Miss Vaughn de Leath,  
The pare Vendome,  
West 37th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Vaughn:

I wanted to personally send you the first of the ASCAP membership pins issued to a woman member, and it is herewith enclosed.

We are proud indeed of your membership in ASCAP and I hope this little emblem, which signifies that you have made worthwhile contributions to American musical literature, and which can be worn only by people who have done that very thing, will be acceptable to you.

With warmest personal regards,  
Sincerely yours,  
E. C. Mills, Chairman.

The highway commissioner office we have today came into being in 1914 when an election was held on the question of continuing with three commissioners, or only one. The latter carried by a vote of 409 to 180.



AN ASCAP BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY of Composers, Authors and Publishers was presented to Miss Florence Wynd, librarian at the Mount Pulaski Township Library by Publisher Harry J. Wible. The book was presented in memory of Vaughn De Leath, First Lady of Radio, who in addition to her singing fame, wrote many musical compositions. Her name and many of her compositions are listed in the book.—Times-News Photo.

## LOREN HARPER WITH VOICE OF AMERICA

Loren Harper, a Mount Pulaski high school graduate, has had a distinguished career in radio and television and is now Deputy Chief, Special Events Section, of the Voice of America, Washington, D. C.

His career started as a commercial announcer on local radio stations in the midwest, including Springfield, where he did newscasts, commercials and sports.

In 1941 he moved East, first to New York and then to Washington, D.C. Since that time his achievements have included: producer and director for the Columbia Broadcasting System, contract announcer for American Tobacco Co., newscaster for the Office of War Information, director and actor during the early experimental period for the DuMont Television Co., director for the Columbia Broadcasting System in Washington, D.C., where he handled broadcasts direct from the White House and the Capitol, and special events officer for the Voice of America.

At one time he was doing the commercials on three daily radio soap operas and later, while working in Washington, he was either announcer or director on programs that featured many of the big names in government and the entertainment world.

Loren is the son of Mrs. Richard T. Harper, 100, of Mount Pulaski.

## "WHEATHEART" TO APPEAR IN DECATUR LABOR DAY PARADE

(August 31, 1939)

Miss Eileen Stopher, "Wheatheart" of the World's Fair, has a full day's program outlined for her on Labor Day, Sept. 4 when she makes five appearances in Decatur.

Monday morning she will be featured in the Labor Day Parade which takes place at 10 o'clock in Decatur. She will head the second section of this big parade and will appear in her Farmerette costume which she wore at the New York World's Fair.

In the afternoon she will make two appearances at the Lincoln Theatre in Decatur, being featured with Joe Sanders, the ole left-hander, and his orchestra. Sanders will introduce Miss Stopher at her appearances on the stage both afternoon and evening, when she again appears at the two night shows.

The following day Miss Stopher will enter the Heller Beauty School at Decatur to take up beauty culture, which she had planned on doing before she graduated from high school.

John Harold Connelly, a Mount Pulaski high school graduate and then an announcer over a Peoria radio station, acted as master of ceremonies at both the Homecoming here for Miss Stopher, as well as at the Logan County Fair.

## DONALD A. SNYDER NOW VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN CAN CO.

Donald A. Snyder, a product of Mount Pulaski high school, then completing his schooling at the University of Illinois, is now vice-president of American Can Company and general manager of its Marathon division. This is the story of another "country boy" who made good.

Before his latest promotion, he was assistant general manager for Marathon, a national leader in the manufacture of pulp, paper, paperboard, and paper packaging.

Born at Mount Pulaski on July 3, 1902, the son of Frank B. and Lena Ayres Snyder, he attended the local grade and high school in the Class of 1920. He later attended the University of Illinois and graduated in the Class of 1926 with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business and Accountancy, and a C.P.A. certificate.

Snyder was married in 1935 to Lois D. Flood of Chicago. Two children came into the Snyder household, Jeffrey F., who graduated from Amherst College last year, and is taking graduate work at the State University of Iowa; and Cynthia G., who is a student at Northwestern University.

After finishing college, Snyder was employed by the Real Silk Hosiery Mills in Indianapolis, Ind., headquartered first at Syracuse, N. Y., and later at Rockford, Ill. Joining the Marathon Corpor-

ation at Menasha, Wis. in 1929, he moved through various positions principally in the marketing end of the business, becoming a vice-president in 1948. At the time of the merger with American Can Company of New York in 1957, he was vice-president in charge of Food Packaging. He later became assistant general manager of Marathon Division, and then recently was promoted to general manager of Marathon Division, and a vice-president of American Can Co.

Professional activities include terms as chairman of the board of the Waxed Paper Institute, Inc., director and vice-president of the Waxed Paper Merchandising Council, Inc., and director and member of the executive committee of the National Dairy Council. He also is a recipient of a Distinguished Service Scroll, bestowed by the National Dairy Council in recognition of his service to that organization.

In the Marquis—Who's Who, Inc. publications, he is listed with memberships in the following college fraternities and clubs: Alpha Sigma Phi (social), Beta Lambda Sigma (business), and Beta Alpha Psi (accountancy). Clubs—North Shore Golf Club, Menasha, Wisconsin, and University Club of Chicago.

The home address of the Snyders is 383 Lake Road, Menasha, Wisconsin.



DONALD A. SNYDER



GRANDSONS OF L. K. SCROGGIN, who helped him observe his 90th birthday on January 25, 1909, with a dinner at the old Scroggin Hotel. Back Row: Arthur Scroggin, Frank Suttle, Wilford

Scroggin, Sr., Grover Scroggin, Ira Veail, William Whittle, Jr., John Scroggin. Front row: J. N. Rothwell, Jr., Thos. L. Rothwell, Logan Anderson, Jr., Len Gasaway, Harry Wells.