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RADIO ACTIVITIES

The Story Hour is being a success; all participants have been miraculously reliable and punctual and a wonderful variety of material has been presented. There are about twenty-five people now in the recording groups, and we are looking for others who would be interested. As you know, the stories are taped well in advance of the broadcast, so finding time to record is a (relatively) simple matter.

Additional Radio Programs

Mr. Hedberg is interested in broadcasting other kinds of programs which, like the Story Hour, would be taped in advance. The way we have organized the Story Hour seems to be convenient to everyone, and other programs could no doubt be organized the same way. For Story Hour, those participating are divided into five groups; there are 4-5 people in each group and one person is the leader. It is the leader's responsibility to discuss material for the program with the group and to set up the recording date. Each group does one week, so that there may be a month or five weeks between recording sessions, on occasion, a group will want to record its programs early and that is all right with Mr. Hedberg, but check with him first.

Mr. Hedberg has approved these kinds of programs -

- a story hour (i.e., 15 min.) for adults - this could be an evening program or it could be a Tuesday Afternoon Ironing and Story Society
- political comment - 5-10 min. - reviews of what is being said in various magazines (Reporter, New Republic, The Nation, The New Leader, etc.) and out of town newspapers on various national and world issues
- panel discussions on local issues - here we could make use of local people and audience participation through phone calls - Open Line on WOCO could be our model
- magazine review - 5-10 min. - summaries of articles of general interest from such ungeneral magazines as Atlantic, Harpers, Scientific American, Natural History, Commentary, etc.

Except for the panel discussions, the programs would be once or twice weekly. Each will take some time to prepare, but if you are interested in these kinds of subjects, you can probably think up the outlines for several programs while you are reading this.

Some will feel interested but doubtful of their own ability to speak well on the radio. So DID all those participating in the Story Hour! Since the programs are taped beforehand, you can correct any egregious error easily.

We should think about the attitude with which we undertake these programs. Hardly anyone in Morris is panting to have his soul saved politically or aesthetically; if we use that tone of voice, we will no doubt be invited to cease our activities. But everyone is always curious about any number of things, and we would be giving a welcome service if we present information on a variety of subjects. We have a lot of local experts - artists, musicians, guidance counselors, tax lawyers, welfare workers, those who have traveled to unusual places. If we ask interesting questions, they could give answers that would interest everyone.

Think it over and decide what you would like to do. We'll be asking you to sign up for a program (or two) which interests you at the October 12 meeting, or you may call Margarita Thomas (589-3859) or Dot Barber (589-1979).