



PERSONALITY SKETCH

Gil Stamper

"That fellow who wakes up the roosters" is the affable Gil Stamper.

Up before the crack of dawn six days a week, Gil signs on WBT Monday through Saturday at 5 a. m. with his familiar "Morning Almanac", devoted to keeping WBT's vast farm audience abreast of the times. Gil packs farm news, market reports, weather and seasonal data, taped agricultural reports from all over the nation, and two devotionals into an hour and a half of whimsical conversation and music.

At 12:15 he returns with another quarter-hour of farm news, weather, and stock market reports from WBT's own Washington farm correspondent.

A qualified member of the American Meteorological Society, Gil delivers two weathercasts daily in addition to his heavy farm schedule.

Like so many others who came face-to-face with the world in the early thirties, Gil found he had a "long row to hoe". Graduating from the University of North Carolina in the shank of the depression, he drifted from pillar to post trying to earn a living. He drove a truck, sold clothes, ran a service station, and delivered dry cleaning.

It was not until 1944 that Gil realized he might be able to derive a steady source of income from the sharp wit and glib tongue that placed him in so much demand as an after-dinner speaker. Forthwith, he joined WAIR in Winston Salem.

Ascending to the position of Chief Announcer, Gil developed his "Musical Hayloft" into the area's most listened-to program.

With seven years under his belt, he came to WBT in 1951, where his facility for conversation made him an instant and enduring personality.

Married on Valentine's Day, 1937, Gil is now the father of two sons and teaches the largest couples' Sunday School Class in Charlotte.

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