

Radio Stars Eulogize Stephan in Broadcast After Funeral

As Robert S. Stephan, Plain Dealer radio-television editor, was buried in Riverside Cemetery yesterday afternoon, stars and executives of radio paid tribute to him in messages read in a memorial broadcast over WGAR.

Burial followed services in Lakewood Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Stephan's associates in the newspaper and radio fields gathered with many other friends. Rev. Peter MacAuley, pastor of Miles Park Presbyterian Church, conducted the service. He was assisted by Rev. LeRoy Lawther, pastor of Lakewood Church.

Rev. Mr. MacAuley said Mr. Stephan left behind many friends he had gained while making a great contribution to the world through his writings.

"He went around doing good," the clergyman said. "There was nothing small in him. He always was true to his better self."

Mr. Stephan died suddenly Sunday of a heart attack in his home at 9713 Clifton Road N. W. He was 53.

Work Summarized

The radio broadcast began with an organ theme played by Grant Wilson. Wayne Mack, as announcer, said the program was a "brief tribute to a man who touched all our lives"—broadcasters and listeners alike. There was a summary of Mr. Stephan's work as radio editor. Then were read the tributes that came from all parts of the country.

Reg Merridew, the station's program director, sang "Dear Little Boy of Mine," a favorite of the radio editor, and "Lead, Kindly Light." James Orgill produced the program.

Here are excerpts from messages that were read:

PAUL WHITEMAN—Bob Stephan was a close friend for many years. I owe him tribute for his constructive criticisms, and radio, generally, is in debt to him for the evaluative comments which have stimulated the industry to strive for higher levels of entertainment.

ED GARDNER, Archie of Duffy's Tavern—The news of Bob's death comes as a great shock to me and the members of our radio cast. In his passing we of the radio have lost one of our staunchest friends and fairest critics.

"Trusted Friend and Adviser"

CHET LAUCK and **NORRIS GOFF**, Lum and Abner — Bob Stephan was our trusted friend and adviser for many years—since our early days on the air from Cleveland. We'll miss his annual visits and his interest in our work.

JACK BENNY—Bob Stephan's death was a great shock to me. I knew Bob for many years, and he will always live in my memory as a gentleman, a friend and a great newspaperman.

GABRIEL HEATTER — Deeply regret the passing of Bob Stephan. He was one of the best, and I will miss him.

AL JOLSON—It seems only yesterday that Bob Stephan spent a lazy, pleasant day at my home in Hollywood. It is hard to realize that he won't be back this summer. He was a real friend, and I'll miss him.

FRANK STANTON, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System—For many years he was a frequent visitor at C. B. S. headquarters, both in New York and Hollywood. He was regarded by all of us as a friend and a courageous critic.

ARTHUR GODFREY, who also paid tribute to Mr. Stephan on his network broadcast yesterday morning—Newspaper guys all over the United States have been swell to Godfrey. Bob Stephan prominently was one of them. He was a nice guy.

"A Wonderful Friend"

GENE CARROLL — There was never a finer fellow born than Bob Stephan. He was a great pal. He was a wonderful friend.

JOHN F. ROYAL of the National Broadcasting Co.—Radio has lost a great friend in Bob Stephan. No other writer had as much understanding as Bob. He was a man of high standards and integrity, and we shall miss him very much.

WAYNE COY, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission—American broadcasting has lost one of its best friends and one of its ablest leaders in the movement for higher programming standards. Because of his wide knowledge, his open-mindedness and his enthusiasm for radio broadcasting, he was unsurpassed as a critic.

EDGAR BERGEN—I always looked forward to his visits in

Hollywood and to seeing him each time I stopped in Cleveland. He was a real friend and one whose loss will long be felt.

FREEMAN GOSDEN AND **CHARLES CORRELL**, Amos and Andy—Aside from knowing him as a newspaperman we knew him as a friend, and like many others we thought he was one of the most competent men in the business.

Mrs. Walter V. Magee, first president of the Radio Council of Greater Cleveland, paid tribute to Mr. Stephan for his part in the organization and fostering of the council. She said he "shrewdly appraised the passing scene and interpreted it to us with refreshing sincerity."

John F. Patt, WGAR manager, paid tribute to the radio editor for his "consistent criticism and constant help."

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