

Eye on eBay

Women on Radio

Or Babes in Broadcasting

By Doug Hopkinson

Welcome to another edition of Eye on eBay. When we listen to a radio program, we see visions in our heads of the actors. We imagine how they look unless of course we already know. Personally, I concentrate more on feminine than on masculine. That's just how I roll. So I thought it would be fun to flip through the giant photo album that is eBay and see if any female faces match my imagination.

First up is a trio of young lovelies from the 1930's program Clara, Lu and Em.



Clara, Lu & Em Autographed Picture 1931

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Not quite what I imagined. Nice hats though. At only \$650 plus the very tacky 5 dollar shipping these three women could be adorning a wall in your family room or possibly a back hall closet. Either way, what a marvelous photo from a popular program.

Next we have a photo of Richard Diamond's girlfriend Helen. What man doesn't want to snuggle up to her after a long day's work solving cases? Here she is, Virginia Gregg.



1949 Press Photo Virginia Gregg in "Richard Diamond, Private Detective"

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Helen is looking every bit as 1940's sexy as she sounds on radio. The seller has a very odd price on this photo but the shipping is reasonable.

While we are in detective mode, how about Sam Spade's secretary Effie? Hot stuff? Let's see.

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Lurene Tuttle has nothing to be looking so sad about. She aged rather well. Below is her picture about 10 years previous.



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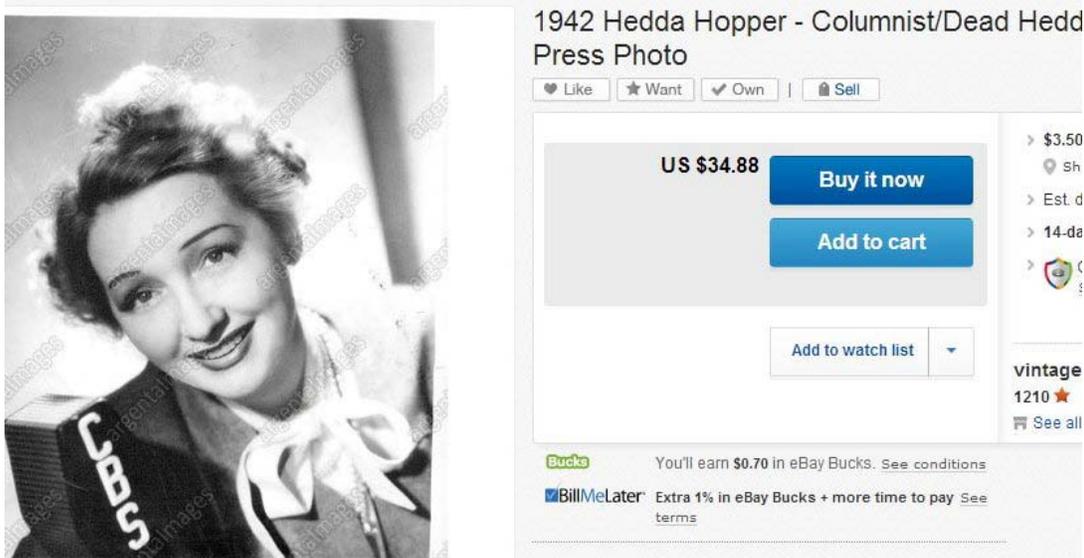
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Definitely hot! \$25.00 a photo is not bad for original photos. I might shop around a bit for copies of these at one fifth the price.

Did you ever wonder about the gossip girls Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons?

Here is Hedda.



Who knew? She doesn't match up for me. It looks like she has bed-head in this shot. That's not necessarily a bad thing. \$34.88 is not only a strange price, it's too much for an 8x10. Pass it up.

Here is Louella.



Another non-match for me. I always thought she sounded like a young Lucille Ball. \$13.90 is another weird price. Kinda on the high side. \$8.00 shipping is ridiculous. Pass.

Let's move along to our next item. This would be the famous duo, Myrt and Marge. This was a very popular program that had a lot of drama on the show as well as behind the scenes. I won't get into that story here but it is very interesting and I recommend looking them up. The show was written by Myrtle Vail who also starred as Myrt. Her co-star was Donna Damerel who played Marge. Damerel was Myrtle Vail's real life daughter. Below are 2 pictures of this mother daughter team.



Photo MYRTLE VAIL, DONNA DAMAREL "Myrt and Marge"

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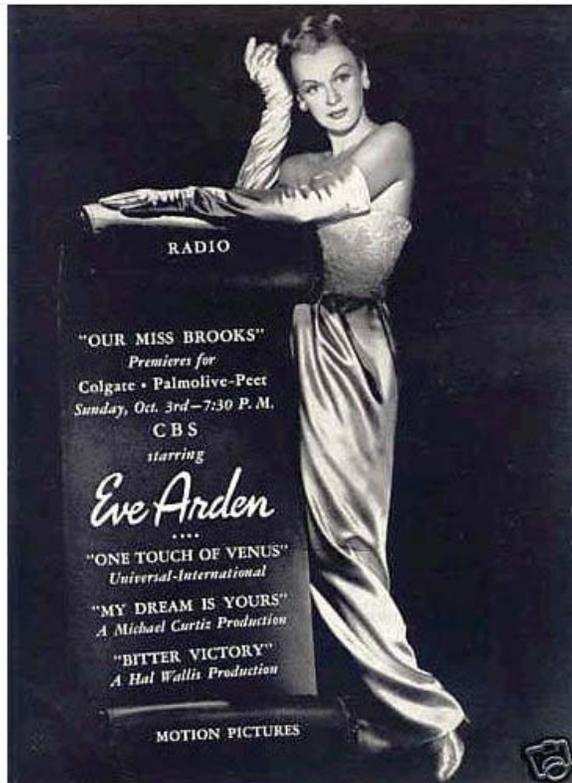
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On the radio program they played a couple of show girls just like in the top picture. In the picture below they are dressed in the height of conservative fashion for the time. I can't say they match my imagination but they do now. I like both of these pictures!

Next we have an ad from a 1948 magazine for the premier of Our Miss Brooks starring Eve Arden. Here it is.



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I already knew who Eve Arden was before I heard Our Miss Brooks but I must say, she never looked so glam in my imagination! For 20 bucks delivered this would make a great framed keepsake for the discerning Our Miss Brooks devotee.

Our next actress portrayed Corliss Archer on the radio program Meet Corliss Archer. Here is Janet Waldo.



Mouse over image to zoom

BS PHOTO agn-721 Janet Waldo Actress CORLISS ARCHER

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Janet is the one on the left. She is just as pretty and perky as her voice. Over the years her voice didn't change. If you close your eyes and listen to Corliss you will also hear Judy Jetson, Penelope Pitstop and Josie from Josie and the Pussycats. All cartoons this author grew up watching. A bit pricey but this is a great picture. Buy it. Now!

The next actress we have is Anne Elstner who portrayed Stella Dallas on the 15 minute soap of the same name for 18 years. Here is a picture of Anne.



JJ360 Photo ANNE ELSTNER, CURTIS ARNALL Stella Dallas

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Pictured here with Curtis Arnall (aka Pepper Young), I can't say she matches in my mind. She is certainly not Barbara Stanwyck who was Stella Dallas in the movie which spawned the radio program but she maintained the role for 18 years while Stanwyck was only at it for 106 minutes.

Did you ever wonder what Ma Perkins looked like? Check this next picture out.



1936 Photo of Radio Star Ma Perkins

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Looks exactly like I thought! Whether this is Virginia Payne in disguise is unknown but it is the picture that was sent out as a premium to listeners of the program in 1936. Virginia Payne portrayed Ma Perkins from 1933 to 1960. She never missed a performance in those 27 years. Below is another picture that is verified as Virginia Payne in 1957 and next to it a portrait of Virginia from 1934 as Ma Perkins.



1957 Press Photo Virginia Payne, "Ma Perkins," CBS Radio

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I think I'll take the 1934 model! Yowsa! There is no way that 1936 picture is Virginia Payne.

Well, that's all we have time for in this edition of Eye on eBay. Look for a new article next time!

