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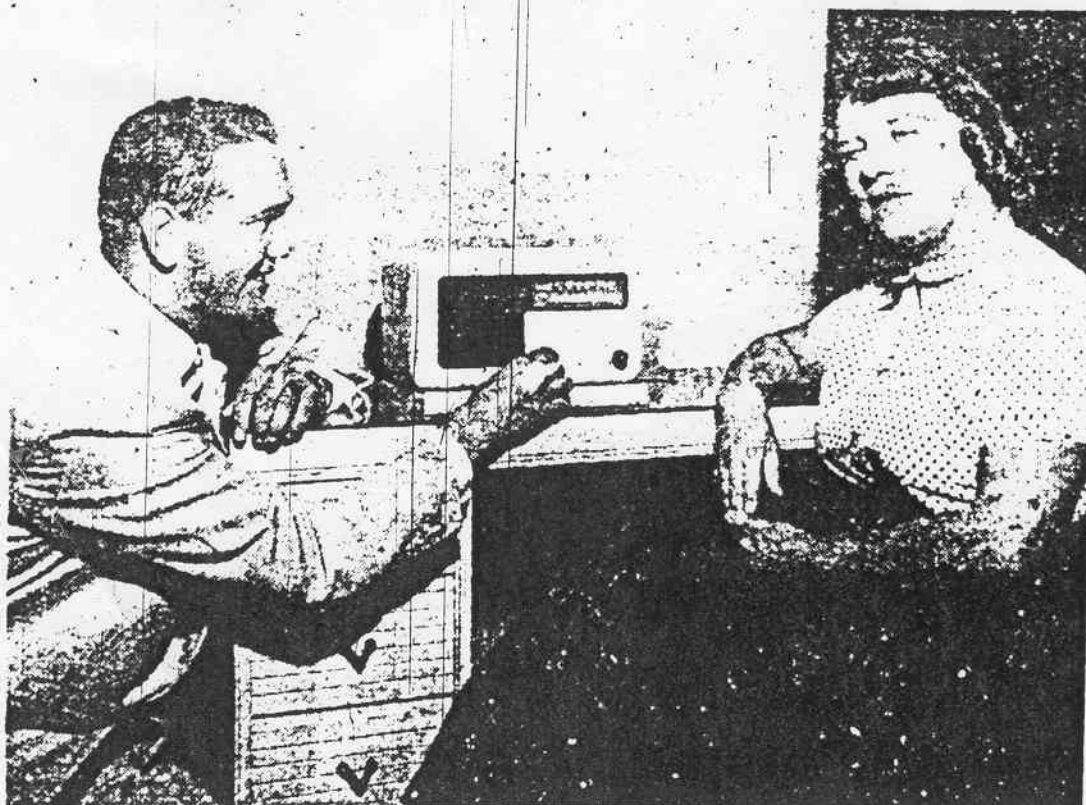
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By EARL WILSON

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"Who remembers the six-day bike race champion of 1930?" Jean—former sportscaster and newscaster in Hammond—asked when we talked it over before he went on the air. (Jean has both a network and a local show.)

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