

Happy Birthday, Jasii!



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CIVIC AUDITORIUM - OCTOBER 24, 1961



JASIU'S CONSISTENTLY NAMED AS
ONE OF THE TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN



Rev. and Mrs. Whitcomb
(Parents of the Groom)

Bob and
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Robert J. Whitcomb was born Oct. 23, 1922 in Evansville, Indiana . . . the youngest of three children. Bob's father being a minister (and Bob being Bob) the family moved often during Bob's growing up years. Chicago has yet to recover from Bob's grammar school days . . . and Topeka, Kansas, where Bob attended high school, breathed a sigh of relief when he left to join the Army Air Corps in 1943.

To say that Bob deserted the Air Corps in 1944 is not true. He was medically discharged (his CO was sick of him). After leaving the Air Corps (which probably shortened the war by several years) Bob attended Notre Dame for two years under the G.I. Bill. He also began his radio career while at Notre Dame as the morning announcer at Radio Station WSBT in South Bend. It was not polkas but jigs he was playing each morning for the Fighting Irish.



MISS MICHIGAN, 1961 - KAREN JEAN SOUTHWAY
... is Bob and Carol's niece!



Carol
DDING''

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred
(Parents of the Bride)

In February of 1948, shortly after Radio Station WGRD first went on the air, Paul F. Eichhorn (then General Manager of WGRD) persuaded Bob to come to Grand Rapids and join the WGRD staff. Bob did . . . latching onto ORIGINAL POLKA TIME to build it from a once-a-week 15-minute program to a three-hour-a-day institution.

Through the years Bob has become "JASIU" to thousands . . . has learned to speak Polish (he still has difficulty with English) . . . has broadcast everywhere from Schwabens and Polish Halls to streetcorners and children's hospitals.

WHO WILL FORGET BOB'S SUSPENSEFUL CABIN CRUISER VOYAGE ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN - THE NAWARA BLOCK PARTY - THE CLIPPER CRUISE TO MILWAUKEE - THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM POLKA PARTIES, ETC. . . . ?

In 1954 Bob married Carol Eldred of Grand Rapids. After seven happy years (Bob calls them "Seven Years With The RIGHT Woman") they have two wonderful little girls, Robin and Linda, and the loyal friendship of Jasiu's many fans throughout Western Michigan.



THE WHITCOMB GIRLS
Robin, age 3 (left) & Linda, age 7



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