Death takes Don Stanley; longtime announcer for NBC radio/television

Served as voice of 'Navy Reporter' for AFR during WW II

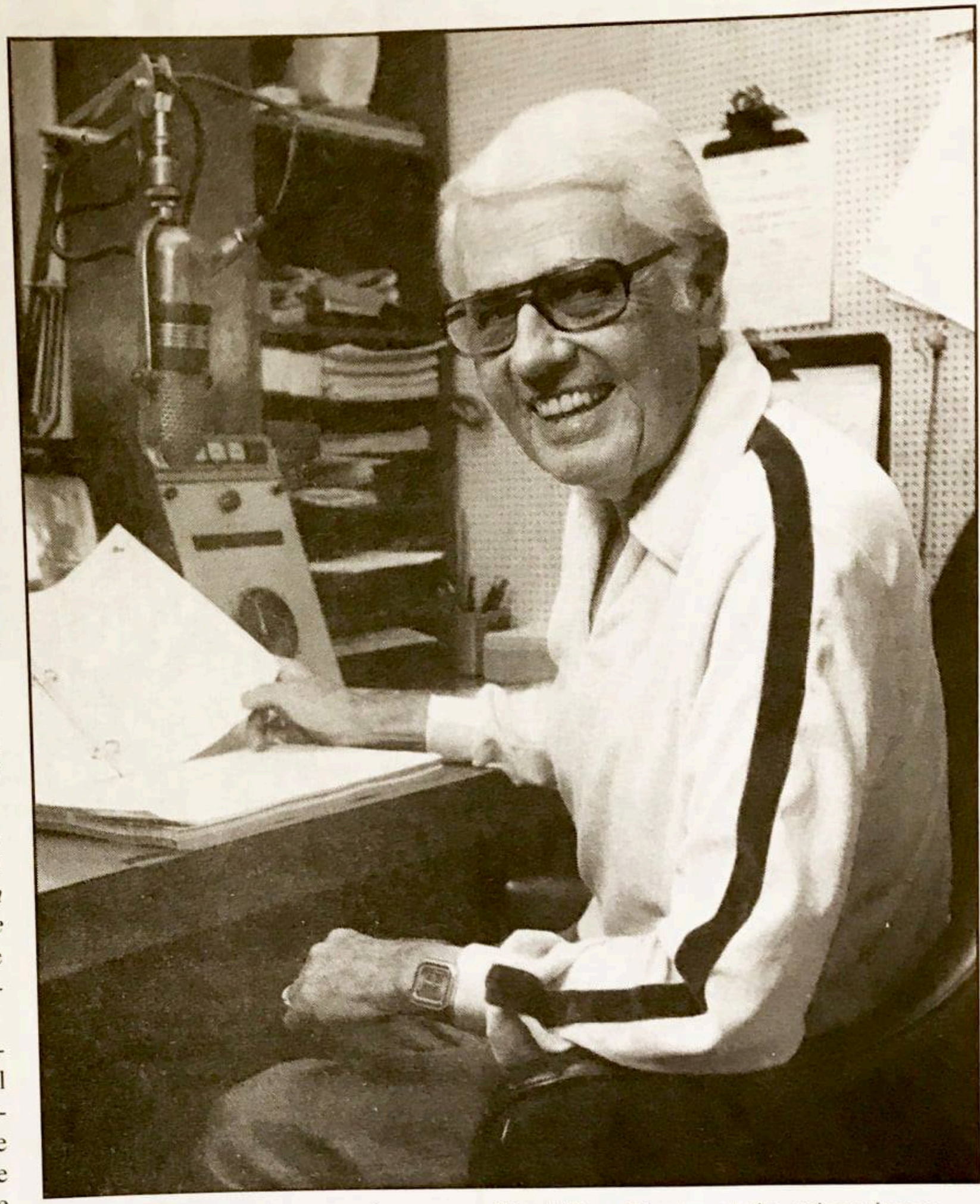
Don Stanley, a pioneer in radio/television broadcasting, died on January 20, 2003 at age 85 of complications from cancer. Don worked for more than half a century in broadcasting, including 46 years at the NBC television network as a staff announcer in Hollywood/Burbank.

During World War II, Don was assigned to Armed Forces Radio as the voice of the "Navy Reporter" and during the golden years of radio could be heard as the announcer on numerous radio shows, including *Nero Wolfe*, *The Saint*, *Dangerous Assignment*, *Edgar Bergen*, *Mr. and Mrs. Blandings* (starring Cary Grant), and other old-time radio shows featuring Charles Boyer, Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, Dennis Day and George Brent.

During the early years of television, he served as the announcer on several television series, including *The Sheila Graham Show*, *One Man's Family*, *The Spike Jones Show*, and later as the voice of NBC's Monday, Tuesday and Saturday Night at the Movies presentations.

Some historic moments in Don's career included a New Year's Rose Bowl broadcast interrupted by his announcing the descent of Fidel Castro from the mountains into the city of Havana, the sad task of breaking the news of the Olympic massacre of Israeli athletes on NBC's Nightly News, as well as the job of announcing a pilot for a sit-com starring Nancy and Ronald Reagan (during a quiet time in their careers).

Don Stanley is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elinore, his three children, Jon Stanley, Kristin Spayde and Donna Chaffee, as well as four grandchildren, Kevin Stanley, Dr. Erik Spayde, Katharine Spayde and Ian Chaffee.



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Longtime announcer and SPERDVAC friend Don Stanley at the microphone.

Crenna

made-for-television films, and in 1999 appearing in a four-hour series about three generations of police officers.

Recently, he had played the love interest of Tyne Daly in CBS's *Judging Amy*.

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Lone Ranger's Bob Maxwell dies

Bob Maxwell, 78, whose long career in radio included many episodes of WXYZ's *The Lone Ranger*, *Challenge of the Yukon*, and *The Green Hornet*, died December 24 in Palm Springs of complications from multiple strokes.

Maxwell, who was a featured guest at SPERDVAC's 2002 convention, also had small roles in the films *City Heat* and *Tough Guys*.

Born in Custer, Ky., Maxwell served as a medic in the Navy during World War II and participated in the D-day invasion. He earned his bachelor's degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he began his radio career.

He later became a well-known disc jockey in Detroit at WJLB and WWJ. His radio shows included *Platter Chatter* and *Maxwell & the Music*.

He moved to New York City in the early 1960s and hosted such programs as *The Bob Maxwell Show* and *College Quiz Show* on WCBS. He later worked for WABC.

He also did voice-overs on commercials for a number of products, including Anacin pain reliever and Aim toothpaste.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1981.