

**Save Them! The Life of Paul Rader, Christian Radio Pioneer**  
**Viewing Guide**

1. Which aspects of Paul Rader's career:
  - a. followed from the historic emphases and practices of the C&MA?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. were at odds with the historic emphases and practices of the C&MA?
  
2. How did /may have the particular ministry of Paul Rader shape(d) the future ministry and character of the C&MA?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In what ways were Simpson , Rader, and their ministries a) similar? b) different?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What significant innovations was Rader responsible for/involved in?

TUNE  
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DAILY BROADCAST 7 to 8 A.M.  
"Reveille Hour" for the Breakfast Brigade  
The Spiritual Awakening Hour

Return to the early days of radio broadcasting in this one-hour oral history documentary and meet one of the first religious radio pioneers—Paul Rader.

This once cowboy, pugilist, football star, pastor, and sawdust trail evangelist caught a vision for using mass media to reach the world for Christ.

His first radio broadcast—June 3, 1922—forever changed the radio landscape & how the church saw its mission to reach the masses with the Gospel.

Featuring newly discovered audio recordings, rarely seen historical photographs and interviews with some of those who knew him best; discover one of the forgotten heroes of faith—Paul Rader, Christian Radio Pioneer.



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## DVD MENU:

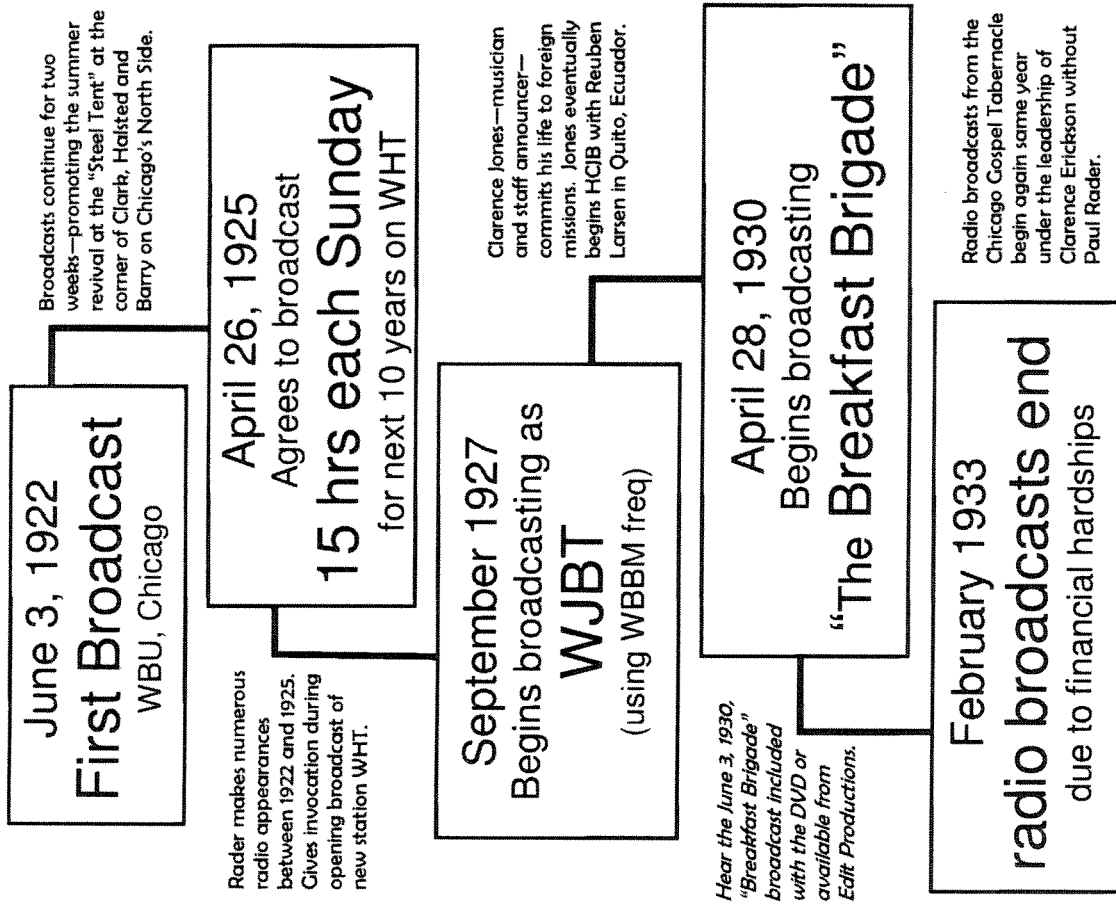
- Chap. 2 — Main Menu
- Chap. 3 — Extras Menu
- Chap. 4 — Complete Silent Film Footage (14:00):  
Includes Rader Funeral home video from  
Merrill Dunlop
- Chap. 5 — *Radergrams* (3:00):  
A series of short sayings/sermon illustrations,  
frequently included in Chicago Gospel Taber-  
nacle Publications
- Chap. 6 — Slide Show (2:00):  
Some of the best pictures from the document-  
ary set to music from a 1930's radio broadcast.
- Chap. 7 — Extended Interviews Menu
- Chap. 8 — Mark Ward Extended Interview (18:00):  
An extended interview exploring the  
religious and broadcast history of Rader's  
life. A great teaching tool.
- Chap. 9 — Lenore Dunlop Extended Interview (4:30):  
Interview excerpts from Mrs. Dunlop that  
didn't fit into the documentary.
- Chap. 10 — Esther Filken Extended Interview (3:30):
- Chap. 11 — James Snyder Extended Interview (10:00):
- Chap. 12 — Complete Documentary (57:00)

## AUDIO CD INDEX:

- Index 1—Stone Age (Sermon, date unknown)
- Index 2-25—Breakfast Brigade Broadcast (June 3, 1930. CBS Radio)

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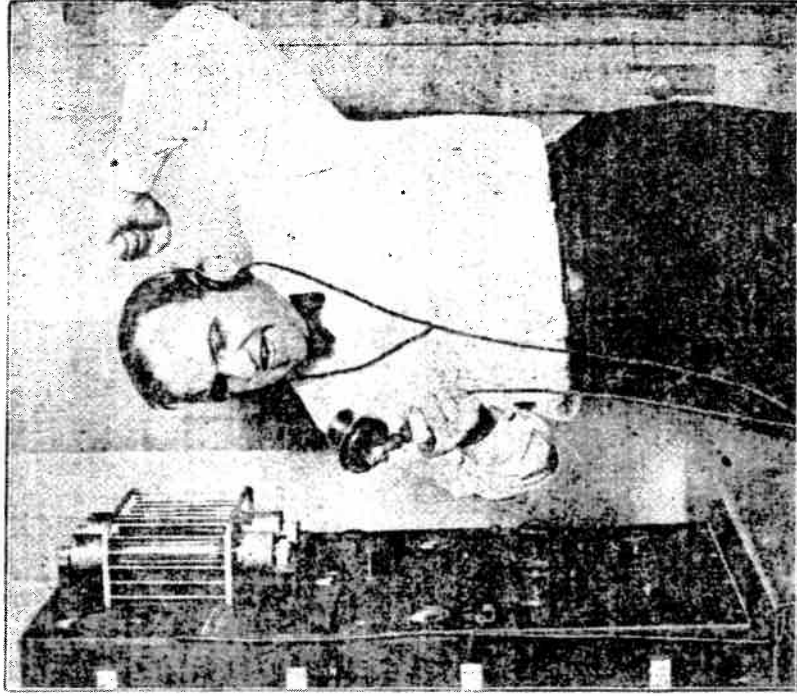
## Radio Broadcast Time-Line



Courtesy of Billy Graham Archives  
[www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/cgt.html](http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/cgt.html)

First Broadcast—June 1922

CONDUCTS FIRST RADIO REVIVAL.



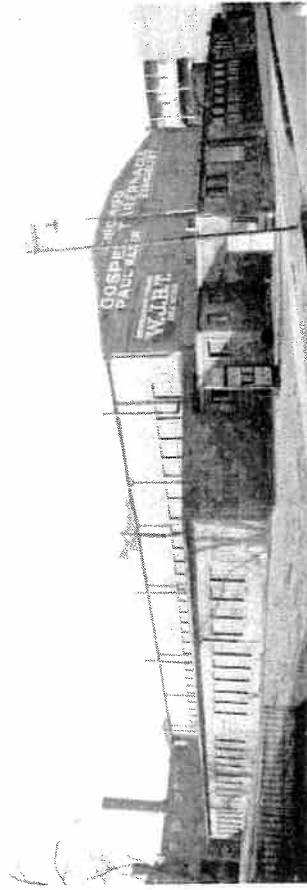
PAUL RADER, EVANGELIST, PHOTOGRAPHED IN CITY HALL WIRELESS STATION TO-DAY AS HE CALLED FOR CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY.

OVER the wireless telephone to-day Paul Rader, evangelist, conducted the first radio revival ever given, preaching and exhorting sinners to repent and calling for converts to Christianity in the broadcasting station atop city hall, coal off, his waving, his ps kneeling and maning the revivalist who is to launch his Chicago campaign in his new gospel tabernacle at Clark and Halsted streets June 18, went at his myriad listeners as though they were at the foot of his pulpit. A brass quartet, two cornets and two trombones played hymns into the receiving apparatus and to complete the program Rader sang. He had previously opened his fifteen-minute revival with prayer.

Mr. Rader, who keeps it by maintaining his old skill as a boxer, having been a sparring partner for Jaddies and Fitzsimmons in other years, put in as strenuous a fifteen minutes as he has ever done in the pulpit, he said at the conclusion of his meeting.

Chicago Daily News

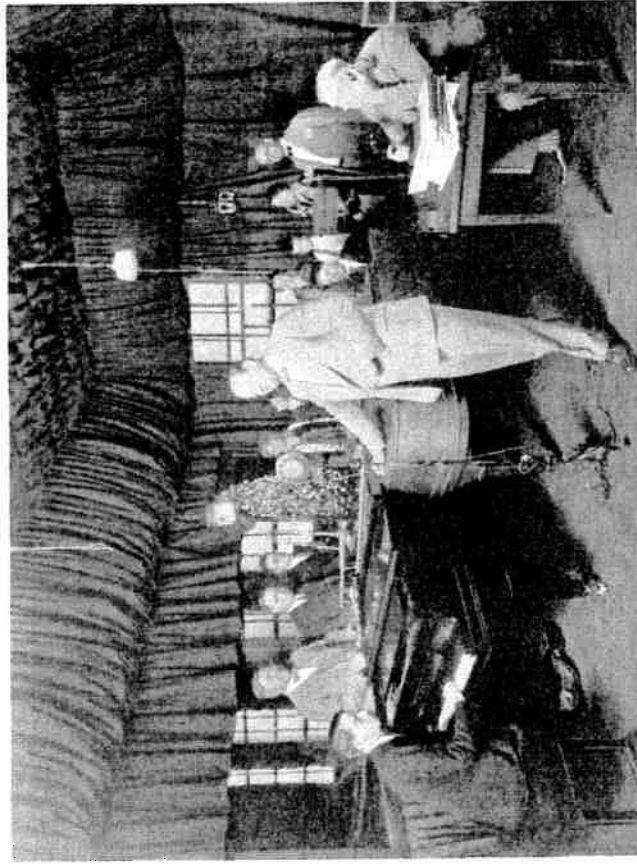
WJBT— "Where Jesus Blesses Thousands"



Chicago Gospel Tabernacle — Clark, Barry and Halsted

Radergram:

"All the harmony there is in the world comes from knowing how to play second fiddle to God."



"The Burlap Bungalow" — Radio studio in Gospel Tabernacle

## "The Family Tree"



Rader always looked for ways of connecting with the audience. "The Family Tree" was a great method of getting the audience involved in the financial support of all the Tabernacle ministries. It took a large secretarial staff to keep up with the incredible volume of mail that came in each week.



# RADIO RELATIVES FAMILY TREE

CHICAGO GOSPEL TAVERNACLE

W. J. B.T. 369.4 METERS 770 HILDCYCLLS

INDIA AFRICA SOUTH AMERICA RUSSIA CHINA TIBET

WORLD WIDE CHRISTIAN COURIERS

This is to Certify that:

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member of  
**THE FAMILY TREE**

Every giver to this work becomes a member of our great family.  
We are counting on you to stand by us as we go forward.

*You Now Have the Right to Call Yourself a Member of  
the Family. Whenever You Write, Wire or Phone Us.*

God bless You!

*Ray Rader*  
Chairman

**Family Tree Certificate**

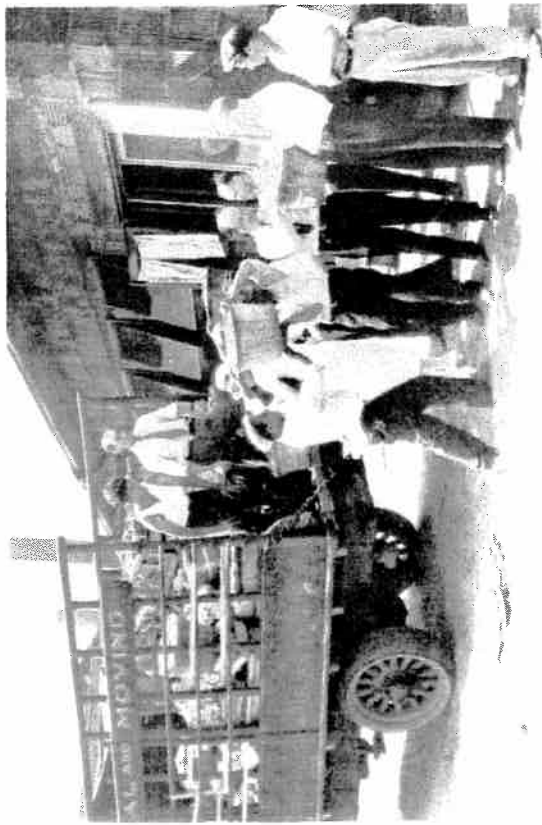
Broadcasting every Sunday thru  
8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
369.4 METERS  
770 HILDCYCLLS

*Radergram:*

"I believe in advertising, but I am not here to advertise Rader...If my face gets you here, all right, but when I get you here I want you to see the face of Jesus..."



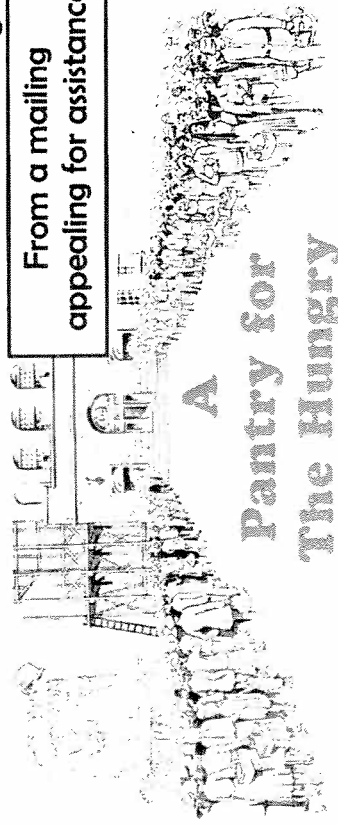
## "Rader's Pantry"



During the great depression, Rader was moved to reach out to the North Side community with food, clothing and assistance for those most affected.

## Build Paul Rader's Pantry

From a mailing  
appealing for assistance



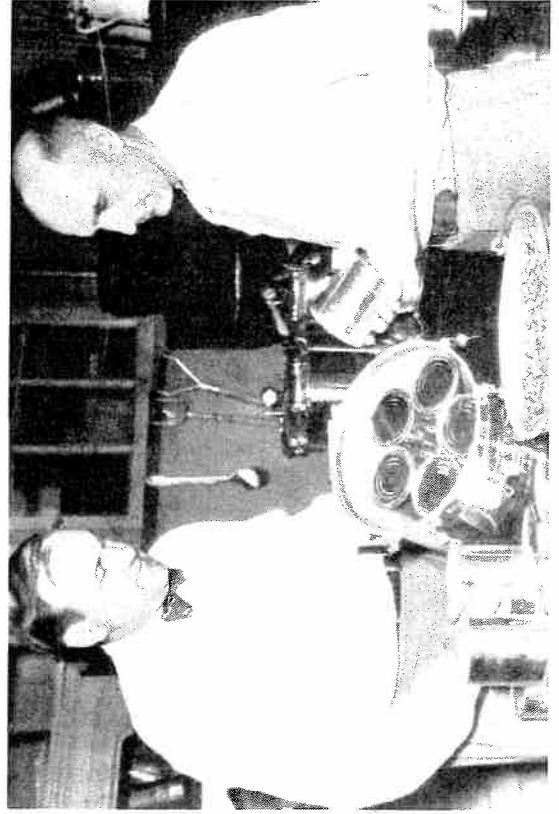
Food is ready in abundance, waiting to be used. The hungry are on every hand, looking to us to feed them. Your contribution to Paul Rader's Pantry will make it possible to get the two together. The farm people will give freely of their surplus, if appeals can continue to be sent out over the air. But after the food is given, it must be trucked and sent to canning depots; pressure cookers, cans, sealers and other modern canning equipment must be ready to convert today's surplus into tomorrow's food. For all this, money is required—not a great deal, not nearly as much as it would cost to buy the same food next winter when we must feed our unfortunate ones or watch them starve. Your dollar sent now to make this simple Christian charity possible, will do the work of ten later on.

*A letter to the Gospel Tabernacle  
from Chicago Mayor Cermak, July 11, 1932.*

"Never before was the need so great in our city for the very kind and quality of work you do in feeding and clothing the poor, and at the same time in giving them daily spiritual uplift, all without regard to race, color, creed or denomination. In times like these every man, woman and child who can should do the utmost to relieve the distress of those less fortunate, and radiate the maximum of hope, good cheer and encouragement.

With strong wishes to your leader and his corps of unselfish workers, for bountiful success in your efforts to alleviate the wants of the deserving needy."

- Mayor Cermak



# "Hello By Radio" poem by Paul Rader, Broadcast Sorcerer

Every morning I say "Hello!"  
To you dear friends by radio.  
I say this through my microphone,  
While sometimes feeling I'm alone  
Until I picture you at home,  
Telling me that I may come  
Like a friend, an old time chum,  
Into breakfast.

There's the horns, the hymns, the  
chimes,  
I wonder how many hundred times  
I've come to visit and to dine  
On food from heaven, food divine  
For breakfast.

There you let me have my say  
With God's message, start the day.  
Starting is the hardest part  
Warming up each waking heart.  
With God's message.

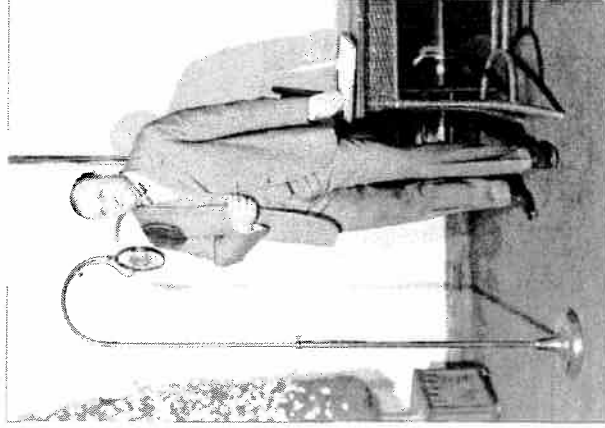
Thus Christ knocked, you felt your  
sin,

Let His gracious work begin  
Then you fully let Christ in  
Cleansed by blood without, within  
Now you know him.

I use His seed, I do not know  
Where His saving truth will go.  
In hearts of faith, the seed will grow.  
There are open hearts I know, so I  
sow

By Radio.

(date unknown)



## "Credits"



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