WSWI'S *RADIO THEATRE*
TO REMEMBER WW II

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Radio Theatre, aired on the University of Southern Indiana's WSWI, 820 AM, on Saturday mornings, will offer a 70-minute special on December 7 -- "The Sounds of World War II," a 50th anniversary commemorative created by Dr. Gordon E. Kelley, host of the weekly program.

Radio Theatre will begin at 10 a.m. with a wartime Bob Hope show from Denver, and close with a Fred Waring show broadcast on December 8, 1941. Sandwiched in between will be an audio compilation of major historic events, excerpts of actual voices and sounds of the war based on available recordings. Political figures of the era will be heard: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, and Adolf Hitler.

The program covers the period from late 1938 until the surrender was signed in Tokyo Bay in 1945. With radio news in its infancy, few recordings exist, but Dr. Kelley has found some, including "on the spot" reports and, interestingly, one from on board an LST during the Normandy invasion. Dr. Kelley said no one knows if the ship was one of those built in Evansville.

For information, contact Dr. Kelley at 812/464-1701 or during the broadcast at 812/464-1836.

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