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Gracie For President: Burns & Allen



Synopsis

In 1940, America was still staggering its way out of the Great Depression and war clouds were rolling in from Europe. The upcoming Presidential campaign spotlight turned to perhaps the unlikeliest, but certainly the most entertaining, candidate of all - Gracie Allen. Politics was perfect for Gracie's particular brand of logical illogic. Join the hilarity, and the throngs of supporters, as George Burns, Gracie, and their entire cast embark on a whistle-stop tour all the way to the Surprise Party's national convention in Omaha, Nebraska. This quirky collection includes 12 surviving "campaign" episodes of the classic Burns & Allen radio program, as well as "campaign stops" by Gracie on the Jack Benny and Fibber McGee & Molly radio programs. Episodes Included: Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 02-28-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 03-06-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 03-13-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 03-27-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 04-03-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 04-10-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 04-17-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 04-24-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 05-08-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 05-15-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 05-22-40 Hinds Honey and Almond Cream presents George Burns and Gracie Allen: 05-29-40 The Jack Benny Program: 03-03-40 Fibber McGee & Molly: 03-05-40

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In a campaign speech (1940) when she was running opposite FDR on the 'Surprise Party' ticket, Gracie Allen said " As I look around me and see all all these trusting and believing faces shining up at me with love and respect, tears come into my eyes. And do you know why? My girdle is killing me."In the 1940, Gracie Allen threw her hat into the presidential ring as a Publicity stunt on the George Burns and Gracie Allen Radio shows. Well this stunt was as memorable to me as a radio program as the WC Fields /Charlie McCartney Feud and The Fred Allen/Jack Benny Feud was. Straight man George was the foil for Gracie's skewed view of the issues of the 1940's. Her views made sense is someway.Gracie said, "I don't know much about the Lend-Lease Bill, but if we owe it we should pay it." Another typical Gracie-ism on the campaign trail went like this: "Everybody knows a woman is better than a man when it comes to introducing bills into the house." She went on to receive 42,000 votes in the general election in November 1940; only six other female United States presidential and vice-presidential candidates have received more votes in a presidential election. he also must remember there was no equal time for each candidate rule in the 1940's as there is today.These 14 shows from the good people of Radio Spirits publishing are the cleanest master recordings I have heard in a long time of Old Time Radio shows. George and Gracie are in their best comedic form ever withese shows. These 14 radio shows on seven CDs shows are over 70 years old and are still funny and entertaining. In spots, they are as topical today as they were 70 years ago. You will see NOTHING changes in regards to politics.

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