

Ed Sullivan Incredible Worker With Enormous Concentration

William Ewald is on vacation. Today's guest writer is Carmine Santullo, right hand man to Ed Sullivan for 23 years.

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New York—Ed Sullivan and I have known each other for 23 years. We met first when he played his second week in Vaudeville at Loew's State Theater on Broadway.

I was a kid then, working backstage, and I used to take his column from the theater over to the New York Daily News. Twenty three years later, I'm

still doing that, and a variety of other things, too.

What sort of a man is Ed Sullivan? Well, offhand, I'd say that he is an incredible worker with an enormous power of concentration and a tremendous competitive instinct. TV was made to order for him. His experience in Vaudeville and in staging World War II shows at Madison Square Garden and in military hospitals equipped him with a keen knowledge of acts and performers that was to come in handy in TV. Couple that background with his ability to get along well with all sorts of people plus his good taste and you

have it, in a nutshell.

He can also be a pain in the neck to those who work with him closely. Because he makes decisions quickly, always has since I knew him, he expects everybody else to work with equal swiftness. For nine solid years, he's had to put on 52 shows a year plus everything else he must do, so, every June I start dusting out the storm cellar. June is generally the month when his nerves get frazzled.

This June was no exception. How did I handle him? Just took him in stride. If he looked icily at me, I looked back with equal frigidity. Or I just said that I was going out to get a sandwich. Usually, that night, I'll get a call at my house. "Carmine, if I acted rudely today, please forgive me. My nerves were bouncing."

You can't stay mad at a guy like that. Particularly so, because in all the basic things, he is 100 per cent.

He is very sentimental. Not long ago, he got all of his work finished in advance so he could go down to Fred Waring's Shawnee-on-the-Delaware inn to play in a one-day golf tournament. This was to be a big vacation. But on the same night, his home town, Port Chester, N. Y., was honoring the high school baseball team. So he played the round of golf, jumped into his car and drove almost 100 miles to get to Port Chester to make his speech at 8:30 p.m.

Right On Time
He didn't have his shower, didn't have his dinner, but he was there on the dot. Without even being there, I know he signed hundreds of autographs enthusiastically and made every player on the team feel he was getting a genuine thrill out of meeting them. And he was.

Since I first met him, Ed always has thought big. He never seemed to be vastly concerned about money. Long before anyone on TV ever signed acts for big salaries, he did it quite casually. He signed Elvis Presley for \$50,000 because he was certain it would pay off in excitement for a nine-year old show. It certainly did. He gave Sonja Henie \$13,000 to skate three minutes in her TV debut. The reason NBC has had rough sledding with my boss is that he isn't a penny pincher.

When they sit in with Ed in a poker game for talent, bet on him. As far as ratings go, this past year, in 52 Sunday shows, the Ed Sullivan show won 48, NBC won 4.

Navy Pilot Survives Parachute Jump From 35,000-Foot Altitude

Moffett Field, Calif. — A Navy pilot who parachuted from his jet plane at an altitude of 35,000 feet said today he "remembered nothing" of his fall until he came to on the ground.

The pilot, Lt. (j.g.) Thomas W. Jackson, 25, Los Altos, Calif., suffered only a scraped chin. He was one of the few ever to survive a fall from such an altitude. Changed Route

The incident happened Sunday as Jackson was returning with his wingman, Lt. (j.g.) George Schwenderman, from a flight to Los Angeles. Instead of proceeding directly to their base, they decided to fly over Sacramento and Stockton to practice instrument flying in their F11F Gruman Tigerjets.

"Our fuel started to get low, so we began to descend slowly," Jackson said. "I had dropped to 42,000 feet, and was a

little bit past Stockton when my engine flamed out."

Jackson tried in vain to start it. Then he found his controls no longer worked.

"I knew I had to bail out, but I waited until 35,000 feet before I pulled the ejector release.

"I let myself fall free until I was past 25,000 feet. I wanted to be sure there was enough oxygen for the chute. Then I pulled the ripcord.

"Then I blacked out. From the time I opened the chute until after I landed I remember nothing. Then I was in the midst of a crowd of people mumbling 'He's the pilot!'"

Deputies Rushed To Scene
Jackson landed in a field off the old Tracy Island Road, midway between Tracy and Stockton. Several persons who had seen him descending had called the sheriff's office, which rushed deputies to the scene.

Jackson's plane crashed in a field five miles away.

A Coast Guard helicopter flew him to San Joaquin General hospital, where doctors found he was no more than shaken up. From there he was flown back to Moffett where doctors put him in the infirmary despite his protests that he was all right.

Murder Charge Filed Against Portland Man

Portland — A murder charge has been lodged against Elton Campbell, 54, Portland, for the fatal stabbing of Luther Morris Riden Sunday night in north Portland.

Campbell admitted the stabbing but said he was defending his property against Riden and two other men, police reported.

Campbell said he had served eight years in the Oregon state penitentiary for second degree murder. He was released from prison in 1950.

Scientists at the Illinois Institute of Technology are working with 10 varieties of synthetic penicillin which they believe may be more effective against disease organisms and also produce fewer allergic reactions.

Tug, Helicopter Join In Search for Bodies

Eureka, Calif. — A Navy tug and helicopter today joined with a Coast Guard cutter in searching for the bodies of four men lost when a Navy anti-submarine patrol plane crashed into the ocean 20 miles off the California coast Saturday.

The Navy tug Calhoun from San Francisco, equipped with divers and diving equipment, and a helicopter from San Francisco, combed the area where the wreckage of the plane was found shortly after it crashed.

The Coast Guard cutter Avoyel was also searching the area. The Coast Guard said that the condition of the smashed pieces of wreckage found floating in the ocean Saturday indicated that all four men aboard were killed.

The plane was en route from San Diego Naval Air station, where it was based, to Port Angeles, Wash.

The Navy said the plane carried a pilot, copilot, one crewman and a passenger.

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Del Monte Grapefruit	303 can	23¢	5 For	\$1.00	Save 15c
Hi-West Frozen Peas	2 Pkgs.	25¢	10 For	\$1.00	Save 23c
Baffin Mandarin Oranges	11-oz. can	19c	6 for	\$1.00	Save 14c
Tre Ripe Figs	303 can	2 for 39c	6 for	\$1.00	Save 17c
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail	303 can	25c	5 for	\$1.00	Save 25c
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