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**Decoy** - was the first American police series with a female as the main character and this series gave Beverly Garland the honor of becoming the first actress to star in a television dramatic series.

Episode Title: The Comeback - Aired in syndication Monday evening on June 23, 1958.

**Beverly Garland** - In addition to her role as Barbara Douglas on *My Three Sons*, she also played mothers of three television women with hazardous lives; mother of Laura Holt (Stephanie Zimbalist) on *Remington Steele* (1982), mother of Amanda King (Kate Jackson) on *Scarecrow and Mrs. King* (1983) and mother of Lois Lane (Teri Hatcher) on *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman* (1993). Her second husband, land developer Fillmore Crank, built two hotels which bear her name. After his death in 1999, Beverly Garland (with the assistance of three of her four children) continued to operate the 255-room Beverly Garland-Holiday Inn in North Hollywood, just a few miles from the Universal Studios Entertainment Center. Today this hotel is known as The Garland.

**Peter Falk** - His right eye was surgically removed at the age of three, because of cancer. In his first acting role as a sign of things to come, he took the part of a detective in a high school play when original student-actor got sick. Peter Falk once said regarding a baseball game in which he played: "I remember in high school the umpire called me out at third base when I was sure I was safe. I got so mad I took out my glass eye, handed it to him and said, 'Try this'." Two times he was nominated for an Academy Award and an Emmy in the same year (1960 and 1961). Although he did not win any Academy Awards, he did win an Emmy five times, three of them for *Columbo*.

**Harold Huber** (Harry) - held degrees from New York University and Columbia Law School but did not pursue a career as a lawyer. Appeared in four Best Picture Oscar nominees *The Thin Man* (1934), *Naughty Marietta* (1935), *San Francisco* (1936) and *The Good Earth* (1937), which were released in consecutive years from 1934-37.

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**Biff Baker U. S. A.** - This series was filmed at Republic Studios in Studio City, California. Republic Studios was the former home of the Mack Sennett Studios. Sennett purchased the property in 1928. However, due to bankruptcy, the property was sold off and eventually merged with other studios to become Republic Studios in 1935. Republic ended production in 1958. Over the years, this studio has been the home of such programs as *Gunsmoke*, *Gilligan's Island* and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Seinfeld*. Today, this property is known as the CBS Studio Center.

Episode Title: London Incident - Aired on CBS, Thursday evening at 9:00PM on December 25, 1952.

**Alan Hale Jr.** - was Skipper Jonas Grumby on *Gilligan's Island* from 1964 to 1967.

**Randy Stuart** - (Birth name: Betty Jane Shaubel) In 1950, she was the calculating telephone roommate of Eve Harrington (played by Anne Baxter) in *All About Eve*. (Bette Davis was Margo Channing.) Her best-remembered role was in the cult classic *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957) as Louise Carey, the wife of shrunken husband Scott Carey, played by Grant Williams.

**Hayden Rorke** - was Dr. Alfred Bellows on *I Dream of Jeannie* from 1965 to 1970.

**Claude Allister** - appeared in the 1931 feature film *The Sea Ghost* with Alan Hale, Jr.'s father, Alan Hale, Sr.

Film Editor **Richard Currier** was a mainstay at the Hal Roach Studios from 1920 to 1932 where he edited many of the Laurel & Hardy films.

**June Vincent** - When she began her acting career at Universal Studios, she got to meet and have dinner with legendary actress Greta Garbo during her first week in Hollywood, California. Among her many television appearances were roles on *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Perry Mason* and *The Adventures Of Ozzie and Harriet*.

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**Mr. & Mrs. North** - was a radio mystery series that aired on NBC and CBS from 1942 to 1954. **Alice Frost** and **Joseph Curtin** had the title roles when the series began in 1942. The characters, publisher Jerry North and his wife Pam, lived in Greenwich Village at 24 St. Anne's Flat. They were not professional detectives but simply an ordinary couple who stumbled across a murder or two every week for 12 years. The radio program eventually reached nearly 20 million listeners.

Television Episode Title: *Pretty Baby*. Aired Friday evening at 10:00PM, April 3, 1953 on CBS.

**Richard Denning** - portrayed George Cooper, the husband of Lucille Ball, on CBS Radio's "My Favorite Husband" (1948-1951). The series was such a success that CBS executives offered Lucille Ball a TV deal with Denning, but she refused, insisting on husband Desi Arnaz as her TV husband.

**Barbara Britton** - was Revlon's lovely pitchwoman and remained on view in that capacity for 12 years. She appeared in Revlon commercials live for a number of programs, including "The \$64,000 Question," "The

\$64,000 Challenge," "Revlon's Big Party" and "The Ed Sullivan Show." She also portrayed Laura Petrie with Carl Reiner as Rob Petrie in the television pilot titled *Head Of The Family* (aired in 1960, but filmed in December 1958). This show eventually became the basis for The Dick Van Dyke Show (1961).

**Marie Blake** - full name Edith Marie Blossom MacDonald. She married vaudevillian Clarence Rock in 1926. Their marriage lasted for nearly 34 years until his death in 1960. In 1938, she became established as "Sally" the phone operator in the Dr. Kildare film series (with Lew Ayres).

**Gloria Henry** - played Alice Mitchell in the Dennis The Menace series starring Jay North in the title role from 1959 to 1963.

**Allen Jenkins** - We saw him recently in the Abbott & Costello television episode *The Actor's Home*. He is probably best remembered by "baby boomers" as the voice of Officer Dibble in the popular cartoon series Top Cat (1961).

**Robert Kenzel** - (the baby) - is an actor, known for *Mr. & Mrs. North* (1953). He has been married to Mary Kathryn Blackshear since September 21, 1992.

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