

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Paul Rhymer Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also

## Brief History

### Scope

Vic and Sade was a radio show (1932 – 1945) and short lived television show (1957) created by Paul Rhymer (1905 – 1964) in 1932 while working at National Broadcasting in Chicago. The characters were based on people Rhymer knew when growing up in Bloomington. Paul Rhymer attended Bloomington High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. He briefly worked at the Pantagraph before going to Chicago.

### Box and Folder Inventory

#### Folder 1: Newspaper Articles

- 1.1. "Paul Rhymer, Bloomington Boy, Found Success by Chance Skit," 4 Apr 1937.
- 1.2. "Paul Rhymer And His Staff To Come Here," 16 Feb 1938.
- 1.3. "Rhymer Banquet Tickets Find Heavy Demand," 19 Apr 1938.
- 1.4. "Author! Author!" 21 Apr 1938 (photograph and caption).
- 1.5. "Banquet Fame Spreads," 23 Apr 1938, (photograph and caption).
- 1.6. "Paul Rhymer's Vic and Sade Returns to TV . . . In Color," 17 Jan 1957.
- 1.7. "'Vic, Sade' Author, Paul Rhymer, Dies," 28 Oct 1964.
- 1.8. "Paul Rhymer, Vic and Sade Creator, Dies," *Chicago Tribune*, 28 Oct 1964.
- 1.9. "Paul Rhymer Is Dead at 59; Wrote 'Vic and Sade' Show," *New York Times*, 28 Oct 1964.
- 1.10. "Remember That Little House Up the Next Block?" September 21, 1969.
- 1.11. "Vic and Sade and their friends," *Chicago Daily News*, 11 Nov 1972.
- 1.12. "Meet two old friends again – Vic and Sade," *Pantagraph*, 10 Dec 1972.
- 1.13. "Remembering Vic and Sade," *Chicago Tribune*, 14 Jan 1973.
- 1.14. "A 'motor trip' in gentle era of Vic and Sade," *Chicago Daily News*, 3-4 Aug 1974.
- 1.15. "Radio show made waves across U.S." ("Back Then" column), 14 Nov 1999.
- 1.16. "Radio whiz Paul Rhymer put Twin Cities on the air ("Page From Our Past" column), 17 Feb 2008.
- 1.17. "To Rhymer, Vic and Sade--With Love," *Des Moines Register*, undated.

#### Folder 2: Magazine Articles

- 2.1 "Vic and Sade," *Time* magazine, 27 Dec 1943.
- 2.2 "Appointment with O'Hara" column, *Collier's*, 25 Jun 1954.
- 2.3 "A Memory That Times Doesn't Dim," *Midwest Magazine*, supplement in Chicago Sunday Sun-Times, 3 Jun 1962.
- 2.4 "The Small House Halfway Up in the Next Block," *Nostalgia Digest*, April-May 1999 (includes scan of Rhymer at typewriter, from the Chuck Schaden Collection).
- 2.5 "Talk of the Town," *Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine*, Summer 2002.

- 2.6 “Critiquing Culture in the ‘Small House’: How Vic and Sade Brought the Mass Culture Critique to the Masses” by John T. Hetherington. *Journal of Radio & Audio Media* (May 2008): 76-89.

**Folder 3: Program**

- 3.1 “. . . the Young Men’s club honors Bloomington’s distinguished radio author Paul Rhymer,” 29 Apr 1938 (3 copies—2 original, 1 photocopy).

**Folder 4: State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

- 4.1 Press release announcing donation of radio scripts, 1969, 4 pages.  
4.2 Announcement, Rhymer papers on deposit at SHSW, July 1969, card and envelope (2 copies).

**Folder 5: List of Vic and Sade Episodes**

- 5.1 13-page printout.

**Folder 6: Miscellaneous**

- 6.1 Promotional giveaway, 14-page booklet, “100 Prize-Winning Household Hints,” Compliments of Vic, Sade, & Rush (undated).  
6.2 List of “Vic and Sade” episodes on compact disc held by the Museum, 2 pgs.  
6.3 Multiple emails between Richard Cohen (FL) and Bill LaBounty (Museum volunteer) regarding research into family of Paul Rhymer for possible book on Rhymer, spring 2007  
6.4 Typewritten script “Keystone Chronicle,” a radio sponsored by Keystone Steel and Wire (Peoria, IL) and produced in Chicago, 21 Feb 1931.  
6.5 Excerpt from *The Best Radio Plays of Paul Rhymer*, “Books,” which mentions Bernard Gummerman’s name, published 1976.  
6.6 Greeting card to “Barbara” from Raymond Dooley regarding memories of Paul Rhymer, 6 Jun 1987.

**Folder 7: Ray Louis White Donation of Cassette Tapes**

- 7.1 Letter, April 17, 2000, and Gift Agreement.  
7.2 Typed list of cassettes (and episodes if indicated).

**See also books in library:**

1925 *Aegis* (Bloomington High School yearbook) for two Rhymer short stories (beginning page 24).

*Vic and Sade : The Best Radio Plays of Paul Rhymer*, Paul Rhymer, 812 Rhymer

*The Small House Half-Way Up the Next Block: Paul Rhymer’s Vic and Sade*, Paul Rhymer, 812 Rhymer

Paul Rhymer's Vic and Sade : Great Art from the Soaps, Fred Schroeder, 791.44  
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Preface to Vic and Sade, Len Ayers, 791.44 AYE