
Old Time Radio Researchers (OTRR) Wiki

First Lines : Halls of Ivy

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The page mentioned by Andrew is an older copy of the page previously mentioned by Menachem. Since then 3–6 additional shows have been added at <http://www.wjp-otr.com/openings/ivy.shtml> so use that page for additional updates.

Walt? January 10, 2006, at 01:25 PM

I just saw this yesterday. In that page is a link to this one: <http://www.wjp-otr.com/openings/ivy.shtml> It has some amazing information. I don't know where that leaves us with this page though. There are other logs that have already been created that could benefit from an overhaul (like Bulldog Drummond: **old** vs. **new**) so we should probably take a look at this one to see if more work is needed.

~ **menachem** February 17, 2005, at 03:23 PM

After transcribing about a dozen of Ken Carpenter's First Lines, I checked **Walt Pattinson's website** (listed above) for his First Lines. In a small number of instances, I've found disagreements on what was said, or how a word was spelled or a line punctuated.

Examples:

50/03/24, "Professor Gerhardt's Secret"

"...is known to the student body naturally enough as the Power House." (website version)

"...is known to the student body, naturally enough, as 'The Powerhouse.'" (my version)

50/05/10, "Mrs. Whitney's Statue"

"...achieves pre-eminence in any particular field prescribes to him the wisdom..." (website version)

"...achieves pre-eminence in any particular field to ascribe to him the wisdom..." (my version)

Walt has done an outstanding job transcribing Ken Carpenter's introductions and I appreciate the chance to compare notes with him while I continue working on this Wiki. **Lisa Fittinghoff** March 22, 2005

Walt Pattinson and Andrew Steinberg have pointed out that there are "The Halls of Ivy" television soundtracks being mistaken for the radio episodes. This is especially easy to do with scripts being used again. A brief description of the episode would not be enough to tell them apart. However, the scripts were usually altered, so the first lines of the radio episodes often don't match the first lines of the television episodes. In addition to that, the television episodes can be identified with the following: During the show's introduction, Ken Carpenter always says, "As you enter the gate of Ivy College, you enter a world that is dedicated to the principle 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.'" These words aren't spoken in the radio episodes.

You won't find advertising by the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company.

A close listen to the episodes themselves indicate scene shifts that aren't likely (if not impossible) in a live radio broadcast.

The episodes that have television alter egos will be noted in the First Lines page below the episode in question. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

The shows begin with a tolling bell and an announcement of the show's title, cast and sponsor (the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company). After the chorus sings the school song, Ken Carpenter, the announcer for the show's complete run, sets the scene beginning with, "Welcome again to Ivy, Ivy College that is in the town of Ivy, USA." Later in the series run, Ronald and Benita Colman greet the radio audience before the chorus takes up its song. Both Ken Carpenter's introduction and the first lines of dialogue are given First Lines treatment. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 49/06/22

Episode Number : Audition

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dr. Hall's Reappointment

First Line (Don Stanley): "Welcome to Ivy, the town of Ivy and Ivy College. It is coeducational and nonsectarian and its age is indicated by the fact that until recently the curriculum required two years of Greek."

First Line (Dialogue): Member of the Board of Regents: "I have to catch the four o'clock train."

Synopsis : Apparently two formats of an intro were aired. This, the first, emphasized the integrity of Ivy College and ultimately was selected. Same plot and subplot as below.

Note: Gale Gordon and Edna Best star as Dr. and Mrs. Hall.

Date Aired : 49/06/23

Episode Number : Audition

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dr. Hall's Reappointment

First Line (Unidentified voice) : "Hey Don! Don Quinn! Oh I'm sorry. I didn't know you were busy."

First Line (Dialogue): Chairman of the Board of Regents: "Gentlemen, I regret that this has been a rather long, drawn out session and your restlessness is certainly excusable."

Synopsis : The Board of Regents has gathered to discuss Dr. Hall's reappointment as president of Ivy College.

Subplot tells how Dr. Hall met his future wife, an English actress.

Note: Gale Gordon and Edna Best star as Dr. and Mrs. Hall.

Date Aired : 50/01/06

Episode Number : 1

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Reappointment

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Good evening! This is Ken Carpenter saying welcome to the world premiere of the new Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Colman show, 'The Halls of Ivy.'"

First Line (Dialogue): Member of the Board of Governors: "I have to catch the four o'clock train back to

town.”

Synopsis : The same as the audition (49/06/23) but without the intro about Ivy College and Don Quinn.

Note: Ronald and Benita Colman begin their starring roles as Dr. and Mrs. Hall. The Board of Regents has been changed to the Board of Governors.

Date Aired : 50/01/13

Episode Number : 2

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Student Editorial

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “We suppose most people regard a college president, when they happen to think of him at all, as a man concerned only with scholarly matters such as a fat endowment or a new football stadium.”

First Line (Dialogue): [phone rings] Mrs. Hall: “Toddy, the telephone... Toddy, please answer the telephone.”

Synopsis: A student editorial about the Board of Governors has Wellman outraged.

Date Aired : 50/01/20

Episode Number : 3

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Gangster’s Son

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy College, has all the troubles common to college presidents.”

First Line (Dialogue): [door opens] Dr. Hall: “Ahh, what a lovely room this is. Not an old grad in sight.”

Synopsis : Dr. Hall must decide between the college’s integrity and money from a gangster for a new gym.

Date Aired : 50/01/27

Episode Number : 4

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Wellman’s Nose - Charter Day Ceremonies

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Dr. Hall, William Todhunter Hall, the president of Ivy, has problems shared by Mrs. Hall, the former Victoria Cromwell of the London stage, problems not entirely curricular.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Toddy, may I tell you something?”

Synopsis : Victoria uses unorthodox methods to cure Wellman of ceremonial jitters.

Date Aired : 50/02/03

Episode Number : 5

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dr. Bromley, Shakespeare Expert

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “The last class of the day has been dismissed and both students and faculty are relaxing.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Here’s the last of the lot. It’s an invitation for tea. What reply shall I make?”

Synopsis : How will Dr. Hall convince Dr. Bromley to join the faculty at Ivy College? Victoria supplies the answer.

Date Aired : 50/02/10

Episode Number : 6

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Snowman

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Five people didn't go to bed at all last night here at Ivy."

First Line (Dialogue): [bell tolling] Mrs. Hall: "Good morning, Dr. Hall." Dr. Hall: "Good morning." Mrs. Hall: "And congratulations. You've just set a new record for going without sleep."

Synopsis : An annual event where students show teacher appreciation by the size of the snowman built in the teacher's yard.

Date Aired : 50/02/17

Episode Number : 7

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Chinese Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Dr. William Todhunter Hall, like any other college president or almost any kind of executive, has to make certain concessions to his superior officers."

First Line (Dialogue): Merriweather: "Enjoy your lunch, Doctor?" Dr. Hall: "Very much, Mr. Merriweather, very much."

Synopsis : National Brotherhood Week. Dr. Hall takes to the pulpit to speak against racial bias and to keep a student from leaving Ivy.

Date Aired : 50/02/24

Episode Number : 8

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Student Thief

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, has been working in his study all morning."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Oh, I'm glad you're finished, Toddy." Dr. Hall: "Vicky, I am never finished."

Synopsis : Eddie Gray (from episode 3) is wrongly accused of theft.

Date Aired : 50/03/03

Episode Number : 9

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Merton Savada's Crush

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Spring came to Ivy a few days ago and in spring, as we all know, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, just as it does in summer and autumn and in winter."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Was that you making all the racket just now, Toddy darling?"

Synopsis : A 15-year-old scholar at Ivy has a crush on Victoria.

Date Aired : 50/03/10

Episode Number : 10

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Victoria's New Review

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's a little past noon and so far it's been an ordinary day."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Hello, Penny. Will you tell Mrs. Hall please that I'm ready to eat now?"

Synopsis : A former theatrical partner seeks Victoria's help in putting on a new review.

Date Aired : 50/03/17

Episode Number : 11

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dirty Politics

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Today is the windiest day of the windiest month of the year here at Ivy."

First Line (Dialogue): [sound of wind blowing] Mrs. Hall: "There's Mr. Wellman." Dr. Hall: "Where, where?"

Synopsis : A city politician wants to engulf Ivy College in his snare.

There is a recording with this date that is a duplicate of 50/02/17,"The Chinese Student." **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 50/03/24

Episode Number : 12

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Gerhardt's Secret

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The president of Ivy College has a residence on the campus which is known to the student body, naturally enough, as 'The Powerhouse.'"

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "That's checkmate isn't it, dear?"

Synopsis : Mrs. Gerhardt suspects her husband of being with another woman and seeks Dr. Hall's advice.

Date Aired : 50/03/31

Episode Number : 13

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Ivy Chamber Music and Knockwurst Society

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Music, as we all know, has always played a large part in college life and most college presidents enjoy it in all its forms, from the students' Whiffenpoof Song through Beethoven's Ninth right up to that most musical of all sounds, the rustle of a big fat endowment check."

First Line Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "That instrument is known as a what?"

Synopsis : Dr. Hall longs to belong to a local music club.

Date Aired : 50/04/07

Episode Number : 14

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Toddy Plays Hooky

First Line (Hy Averback): "A college president, as some of us may not know, leads a life of quiet

desperation.”

First Line (Dialogue) : Dr. Hall: “Victoria, it’s much too beautiful a day for work. Let’s play hooky.”

Synopsis: Dr. Hall tries to evade a faculty meeting so he can go on a picnic with his wife.

Date Aired : 50/04/14

Episode Number : 15

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Mrs. Foster’s Lost Dog

First Line: (Ken Carpenter): “You know, many people think of a college president as a man who spends most of his time worrying about his school’s financial situation.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “I do like dinner parties. I wonder what the main course will be.”

Synopsis: The Halls hurry to an important dinner party in the hope of a large endowment for Ivy, but complications, including a lost dog, threaten their plans.

Date Aired : 50/04/21

Episode Number : 16

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Traffic and Cocoanuts

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “It’s early in the evening with the spring dusk settling over the campus and a vespers stillness spinning a quiet web over the great oaks and maples at Faculty Row.”

First Line (Dialogue): [Dr. Hall sneezes] Mrs. Hall: “Toddy!” Dr. Hall: “What is it, Victoria?” Mrs. Hall: “You’ve caught cold.”

Synopsis: An ill Dr. Hall, kept company by Mr. Merriweather, waits anxiously for Mrs. Hall to return from the drugstore.

Date Aired : 50/04/28

Episode Number : 17

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Scofield Prize

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “As most of us know, teachers are intensely concerned with books.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “What do you suppose is the matter with Carter?”

Synopsis: Dr. Hall is elated to hear he has won the best biography prize, but it turns out there has been a mix up.

Date Aired : 50/05/05

Episode Number : 18

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Student Actress

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “It’s that period of watchful waiting which happens every spring between Easter vacation and final exams.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “And it’s true every year, Vicky. From the moment they come back after the Easter holiday anything can happen.”

Date Aired : 50/05/10

Episode Number : 19

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Mrs. Whitney's Statue

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's an old American custom when an individual achieves pre-eminence in any particular field to ascribe to him a wisdom and clairvoyance embracing the entire field of human activity."

First Line (Dialogue): Mr. Crane: "Do you consider soil erosion a serious threat to our national prosperity, Dr. Hall?"

Note: Show moves to Wednesday evenings.

Date Aired : 50/05/17

Episode Number : 20

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dr. Abel

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The campus has taken on an air of serenity and peace."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Victoria?" Mrs. Hall: "Yes, Toddy dear?" Dr. Hall: "Lean the Tower of Piza the other way for a moment and talk to me."

Date Aired : 50/05/24

Episode Number : 21

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Fighting Med Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "When a college student with a flair for literature or economics graduates into a high salaried position which utilizes his natural talents, he's honored and acclaimed."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "I suppose it's a matter of professional life expectancy."

The script for "The Fighting Med Student" was used again for the television series. It may be found titled "Boxing Versus Medicine" and should be dated 54/12/14. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 50/05/31

Episode Number : 22

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Sexton Award

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "This is a most important night for Ivy and few realize it more than its president, Dr. William Todhunter Hall."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Toddy? It's late, dear. Have you finish dressing?"

Date Aired : 50/06/07

Episode Number : 23

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: D-Day

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's an exceptionally warm, lazy, hazy Saturday morning and most of the college staff members who live on Faculty Row are using the sun and their free time to excellent advantage."

First Line (Dialogue) : Mrs. Hall: "Toddy... Toddy? [hears sleepy mumbling] You awake?"

Date Aired : 50/06/14

Episode Number : 24

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Stolen First Edition

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's a quiet day, a day of contentment, if not fulfillment."

First Line (Dialogue): [door opens] Mrs. Hall: "Toddy... Is that you?"

Date Aired : 50/06/21

Episode Number : 25

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Bentheimers and the Census

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "As it must to all men in these United States, the census taker has finally gotten around to that institution of learning presided over by Dr. William Todhunter Hall.

First Line (Dialogue): Census Taker: "Now I have a surprise for you, Dr. Hall."

Date Aired : 50/06/28

Episode Number : 26

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Faculty Raffle

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's graduation week at Ivy, and like every small college, it has its own traditions and customs which will be carried out by both students and faculty."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "It's amazing! Everything is going according to schedule!"

Date Aired : 50/07/05

Episode Number : 27

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Poetry Reading

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's Saturday afternoon and the Ivy campus has the deserted air of a United States destroyer when the crew is away on shore leave."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "I don't know why I stand for it, year after year."

Date Aired : 50/07/12

Episode Number : 28

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Education of Annie Belle

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Night has descended upon the Ivy campus."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "You still awake, Victoria?" Mrs. Hall: "I'm sorry, darling. Did the light waken you?"

Date Aired : 50/09/13

Episode Number : 29

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Ivy vs the United Nations

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “

First Line (Dialogue):

Notes: A show with this date and name was actually #31 50/09/27 The Leslie Hoff Painting

Date Aired : 50/09/20

Episode Number : 30

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/09/27

Episode Number : 31

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Leslie Hoff Painting

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “When a student manages to distinguish himself in any field, usually one of the first persons contacted for a statement is the president of his college.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mr. Crane: “You’re the logical one to give me the information I need for a Sunday feature, Doctor.”

Synopsis: A brilliant painting by a student artist complicates a wealthy woman’s gift to the college.

Date Aired : 50/10/04

Episode Number : 32

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The New English Teacher

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Autumn days, filled with the excitement of the coming first snow, and football, and there’s a zing in the air.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Hm, we’ve had him to tea. Check. And him, he was the fat one who teaches romance languages.”

Date Aired : 50/10/11

Episode Number : 33

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Phone Problems

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “The inimitable Doctor Johnson once observed that, ‘There must be a time in which every man trifles; and the only choice that nature offers us, is, to trifle in company or alone.’”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Wait a minute, Toddy. Grandpa’s shoulder’s sagging.”

Johnson’s quote comes from The Rambler, no.89, Tuesday, January 22, 1751, according to [this webpage](#)

I have used the punctuation as provided by the library. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 50/10/18

Episode Number : 34

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Scandal

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “To judge by the heap of unfinished business on the desk of Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, college is a going concern.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Haven’t you gone yet, Toddy? Your appointment’s at two.”

The professor in this episode is named Huntley, not Rousseau, as he is called in the television episode, “Scandal of Professor Rousseau,” dated 55/04/12. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 50/10/25

Episode Number : 35

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/11/01

Episode Number : 36

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/11/08

Episode Number : 37

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/11/15

Episode Number : 38

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/11/22

Episode Number : 39

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Jack Benny Visits Ivy

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “For the past few days, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy College, has been almost completely unaware of the undercover campus activities of his wife, Victoria, former star of the English stage.”

First Line (Dialogue) : Dr. Hall: “Vicki, my darling, I’ve been so busy lately I’ve hardly seen you.”

Date Aired : 50/11/29

Episode Number : 40

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Honor Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “For all the headaches of being the president of a college, Dr. William Todhunter Hall has achieved a full measure of contentment and peace.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: [yawns] “Well, if you don’t mind darling, I think I’ll...”

The script for “The Honor Student” was used again for the television series on 55/05/24. Ken

Carpenter's first line is different, but Dr. Hall's first line is the same as the radio episode. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 50/12/06

Episode Number : 41

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/12/13

Episode Number : 42

Available : NO

Date Aired : 50/12/27

Episode Number : 44

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/01/03

Episode Number : 45

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Barrette's Play

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "A vast silence has recently descended upon the campus. The midterm examinations will soon begin and like most college presidents, Dr. William Todhunter Hall enjoys this terminal lull."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Well, if you're quite certain it's important, I'll try and get him out."

Date Aired : 51/01/10

Episode Number : 46

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/01/17

Episode Number : 47

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/01/24

Episode Number : 48

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Goya Bequest

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's morning in the household of the William Todhunter Halls; the doctor is sitting at his desk."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Ridiculous... Preposterous..."

Date Aired : 51/01/31

Episode Number : 49

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Warren's Retirement

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's one of those nights that makes home a real haven."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Ahh, that's better. Now, blow winds, and crack your cheeks."

Synopsis: An aging history professor still in his prime faces mandatory retirement.

Date Aired : 51/02/07

Episode Number : 50

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/02/14

Episode Number : 51

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Dr. Hall Resigns

First Line :

Date Aired : 51/02/21

Episode Number : 52

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Calhoun Gaddy

First Line :

Date Aired : 51/02/28

Episode Number : 53

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The French Scholarship

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Second perhaps on the list of well-known presidents who play the piano is William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy College."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr Hall: [playing piano badly] "Hmmm..."

Date Aired : 51/03/07

Episode Number : 54

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Eddie Gray's Wedding

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The lull between Christmas and Easter, between the hibernation of basketball and the awakening of baseball, can be a period of acute concern to a college president."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "It isn't normal, this ominous peace and quiet."

Date Aired : 51/03/14

Episode Number : 55

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: His Father's Image

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Left to itself, memory can draw a glowing portrait of the past. But when one of the characters steps out of the frame into the present, well, that can spoil the whole picture."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Allen Richards, 'Old Triple A,' we used to call him, Vicky. 'All-American Allen.'"

Date Aired : 51/03/21

Episode Number : 56

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/03/28

Episode Number : 57

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Night Club Singer

First Line :

Date Aired : 51/04/04

Episode Number : 58

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Student Vandalism and the Draft

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Like millions of other citizens, the president of Ivy, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, scans each morning paper for some little ray of hope that the world may be tottering on the brink of sanity."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Ah, it's the loss of perspective, that's what it is."

Note: These First Lines are taken from the repeat performance of this script on 51/05/02.

Date Aired : 51/04/11

Episode Number : 59

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/04/18

Episode Number : 60

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Romiette and Julio

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The annual theatrical production of the Athenaeum Club is only a few weeks away."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Frankly, Toddy, I'm a little hurt, and mortified and mystified, too."

Date Aired : 51/04/25

Episode Number : 61

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Note the Quote

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "William Todhunter Hall is an erudite man. Nobody's ever questioned that fact."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Toddy?" Dr. Hall: "Yes, Vicky?" Mrs. Hall: "I was thinking.."

This script was used again for the television series on 55/02/15. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 51/05/02

Episode Number : 62

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Champ Waterfield

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Like millions of other citizens, the president of Ivy, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, scans each morning paper for some little ray of hope that the world may be tottering on the brink of sanity."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Ah, it's the loss of perspective, that's what it is."

Note: Ken Carpenter, speaking from Washington, D.C., announces that last Thursday "The Halls Of Ivy" was presented with The Peabody Award. Ronald Colman announces that the cast is in Washington giving a repeat performance of their program from several weeks ago before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. This is a repeat of 51/04/04, Student Vandalism and the Draft. Afterward, the Chamber of Commerce presents a citation of merit to the show.

Date Aired : 51/05/09

Episode Number : 63

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Glory Golightly

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It is spring. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds has come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

First Line (Dialogue): [Dr. Hall is singing to himself, then he stops] Mrs. Hall: "Oh, go on, Toddy, you can make it."

Synopsis : A well-known Viennese singer is taken ill from Wellman's food and Calhoun Gaddy's wife saves the concert with folk-singing.

Date Aired : 51/05/16

Episode Number : 64

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: The Eleventh Comandment

First Line :

So far, a copy of this radio episode has not turned up. There is file with this date and title, but it is actually from the television series. That episode ran on 54/12/07. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 51/05/23

Episode Number : 65

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Cook's Night Out

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, is no alarmist, but after his wife, Victoria, spent a couple of days living on aspirin and fruit juices and still felt the miseries, he called the doctor."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "How do you feel now, my darling?"

Date Aired : 51/05/30

Episode Number : 66

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Finals Day Award

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “‘The hounds of spring’ are yapping merrily at Ivy’s president, Dr. William Todhunter Hall.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: [laughing] “Ah, Vicky, it’s really amazing.”

“The hounds of spring” is a quote from Swinburne’s “Atalanta in Calydon.” I haven’t capitalized the phrase because it comes from a line in the poem’s Chorus rather than being a title. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 51/06/06

Episode Number : 67

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Vicky and the New Professor’s Wife

First Line :

Date Aired : 51/06/13

Episode Number : 68

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Finals Season

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “With the student body and the faculty of Ivy College in the grip of final examinations and administrative chores for the academic year completed, Dr. William Todhunter Hall has found an idle hour or so to reacquaint himself with a small volume which is not included, but should be, in the Great Books course.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Nine and eight, seventeen, and five, twenty-two, and seven and four...and love of money is the root of all evil and I wish I had the green financial thumb to locate all the roots.”

Date Aired : 51/06/20

Episode Number : 69

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Pork Barrel Politics

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Ivy’s president, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, was a guest last night at a civic banquet.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Frankly, my darling, I enjoyed it. Perhaps I’ve mellowed with age, or been weakened by the final weeks of the school year.”

Date Aired : 51/06/27

Episode Number : 70

Available : NO

Title/Plot/Host: Commencement

First Line :

Date Aired : 51/09/26

Episode Number : 71

Available : NO

Date Aired : 51/10/03

Episode Number : 72

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Adoption

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "...in the town of Ivy, USA, which is still in the throes of settling down for the academic year."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall [on the phone]: "Well, I'd simply love to, Eddie, but let's wait till school settles down a bit, shall we?"

Date Aired : 51/10/10

Episode Number : 73

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Editorial in the Ivy Bull

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Autumn is the season beloved of poets, football coaches, painters, wholesalers of woolen goods, and at least one college president."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "I've never seen the trees so brilliant here, Toddy. Does it mean anything?"

Date Aired : 51/10/17

Episode Number : 74

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Student Council Election

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The fall semester being well underway, Ivy's president, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, can steal a few moments now and then to dip into a magazine or scan the newspapers."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Ah, the dear old Fifth Estate. To think of what mechanical ingenuity, what integrity and what chicanery go into making up a modern newspaper."

Date Aired : 51/10/24

Episode Number : 75

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Mrs. Why

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "The first few weeks of every new college season more or less resemble a shake down trip on a newly launched cruiser."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Why, Toddy, you're not through? You hardly ate a thing."

Date Aired : 51/10/31

Episode Number : 76

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Football Coach

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "In any well-regulated college the departments of science, medicine, mathematics and philosophy are of top-drawer importance."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Nope, Andy, nope. No chocolate creams today.”

There is a recording with this date that is a duplicate of 51/01/31, "Professor Warren's Retirement." **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 51/11/07

Episode Number : 77

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Halloween

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “On Halloween, by old tradition, evil spirits are allowed to roam the earth after dark and hold high revel until the stroke of midnight when the chimes usher in the Christian festival of All Saints.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Toddy!” Dr. Hall: “Here, Vicky.” Mrs. Hall: “Oh, I’m sorry I’m late but the shops are crowded and the traffic was dreadful.”

Date Aired : 51/11/14

Episode Number : 78

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Late Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Some people can go out for an evening simply because they want to go out and with no apologies to anyone.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “‘And lighthearted I take to the open road, healthy, free’...except for gasoline at twenty-eight cents a gallon...’the world before me, the long brown path before me...”

Date Aired : 51/11/21

Episode Number : 79

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Minister's Son

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “It might reasonably seem that after many years of experience, the opportunities and importunities of a college president's life would have become so standardized and so repetitious that all problems could be settled by rule of thumb.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Vicky, do you know what my father used to say?”

Date Aired : 51/11/28

Episode Number : 80

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Warren's Romantic Folly

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “For many families breakfast is a small pandemonium, filled with the clatter of cups, the confusion of tongues, desperate last gulps of scorching coffee, and a mad dash to the bus station.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “There, now, nothing like a few well-arranged renuncul...renunc...hm, renun...what's the plural of renunculas, Toddy?”

Date Aired : 51/12/05

Episode Number : 81

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Calhoun Gaddy's Agricultural Development

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's a well known fact that the residence of Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, and his wife, Victoria, is always open house, the keeping of which is a minor miracle."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Toddy, the house is spotless. Everything is where it should be. I can't find a thing. It's all very confusing."

Date Aired : 51/12/12

Episode Number : 82

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Royce Returns

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "At this time of the year academic responsibilities are pushed around by social obligations, and while great public issues wait for action, momentous personal decisions must be made."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Toddy, help! Oops, quick!" Dr. Hall: "Coming, darling, coming. Good heavens, where are you?"

The script for "Professor Royce Returns" was used again for the television series. It's usually titled "Umbrella Man" and dated 55/05/17. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 51/12/19

Episode Number : 83

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Snowman

First Line :

This may be a repeat of show #6 "The Snowman" broadcast on 50/02/10. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

The correct date can be verified by the mention of WTIC having its 25th anniversary. WTIC went on the air February 10, 1925. **Andrew Steinberg**

Date Aired : 51/12/26

Episode Number : 84

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Sweet Sorrow

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Presidents of colleges normally spend their days coping with complexities which would unseat the reason of lesser men."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Give me another large cup of coffee, will you please, Vicky, or as large an amount as you can get into this little cup."

Date Aired : 52/01/02

Episode Number : 85

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Hell Week

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's the post-prandial period at Number One Faculty Row, post-prandial being a euphemism for, 'Oh, let's let the dinner dishes go for awhile.'"

First Line (Dialogue): Dr Hall: “Ah, that was a splendid dinner, Vicky, and you should...why are you gazing at me with that air of concern?”

Date Aired : 52/01/09

Episode Number : 86

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Nelson Carter's Son

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Henry Ward Beecher once observed that, ‘Nothing is orderly till man takes hold of it. Everything in creation lies around loose.’”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “I suppose people say ‘apple pie order’ because there’s something so neat and finished looking about one.”

I haven't yet located this particular Beecher quote so I can't be sure that it's accurately transcribed. I have used Carpenter's pauses to determine the beginning and ending of the quote. **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 52/01/16

Episode Number : 87

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Art Exhibit

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “...in the town of Ivy, USA, the president of which, Dr. William Todhunter Hall, is engaged in one of America's favorite indoor sports.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “But after all, dear, we can't just leave things the way they are forever and ever.”

Date Aired : 52/01/23

Episode Number : 88

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Medal of Honor

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “It's a problem with any good executive, just how much authority to delegate.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “And I'm glad you're back in town, Charles.”

Date Aired : 52/01/30

Episode Number : 89

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Track Star

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “On almost any campus, Saturday morning is an occasion for late rising, eager preparations for various forms of violent relaxation, and assorted escapes from academic confinement.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “A fine Victorian hand has been at work this morning, my sweet.”

Date Aired : 52/02/06

Episode Number : 90

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Glee Club Donation

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Every college president, to be successful, must have some talent for improvisation."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Vicky, I didn't see you come in. Possibly I had my eyes closed."

Date Aired : 52/02/13

Episode Number : 91

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Dean Huxley

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's five o'clock of a dark winter's afternoon and the campus is in a soggy state."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "You seem mighty perky on such a murky day, darling."

Note: Colman announces that this program is dedicated to Dr. Lynn Townsend White, Jr., president of Mills College, Oakland, CA.

Date Aired : 52/02/20

Episode Number : 92

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Voice of the Ivy Vine

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Now if you lived in a small college town and had an hour or two free in the evening, you might choose to spend it in the library or the student's union, or you might drop in at the malt shop or just wander through the tree-lined pathways of the campus."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "And except for the eighteen-year-old character lead who seems to think that a clump of crepe hair and a case of the shakes makes him a grandfather, I think we have a very fine cast."

Date Aired : 52/02/27

Episode Number : 93

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Budget Problems

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "When the endowments lag behind, boards of governors are quite justified in trimming their sails to the prevailing financial zephyrs, which is what Ivy's governing board did at a budget meeting last night."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "I'd like another cup of coffee, please, Victoria. It might possibly serve to take the taste of last evening's fiasco out of my mind."

Date Aired : 52/03/05

Episode Number : 94

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Astronomy Exam

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "It's been an eventful day on the campus. Not because of the usual activities of the faculty and student body, not because of what anybody did, but because of what one undergraduate refused to do."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "You know, Vicky, if you ever had a rival for my affections, it would be this campus."

Note: Colman announces that this program is dedicated to Dr. Marion T. Harrington, president of Texas A&M College.

Date Aired : 52/03/12

Episode Number : 95

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Lame Girl and the Hypochondriac

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "When one thinks of a college president, it's apt to be in terms of mortar board, academic gown, and a portentous, harried individual poring over lists of wealthy alumni for some untapped vein of gold and endowments."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Oh, Toddy, I'm so glad you're home." Dr. Hall: "Thank you, darling. Your happiness at my return is most reassuring."

Note: Colman announces that this program is dedicated to Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University, Chester County, PA.

Date Aired : 52/03/19

Episode Number : 96

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Oldest Living Graduate

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Most institutions such as Ivy seem quickly to acquire an atmosphere of age and permanence, so much so that it's hard to imagine a day when they were brash new infants in the field of education."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Now let me see, let me see, I think I'll give him one soft scrambled egg with toast, fruit juice, farina, and green tea, hm?"

Date Aired : 52/03/26

Episode Number : 97

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Stolen Money

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "There's a contagious disease spreading around the college these days and you don't have to be a doctor to recognize the symptoms: the wandering eye, the listless manner, and the unwonted eagerness and rejoicing with which the dismissal bell is greeted."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "Vicky, if I am called upon to justify my absence from presidential duties this afternoon I hope I can do so with dignity and logic."

Date Aired : 52/04/02

Episode Number : 98

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Grimes

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "'Reading maketh a full man,' said Francis Bacon many years ago, but it's a

notorious fact that college presidents get very little time to read.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: [closing book] “I knew it. I just knew it. Couldn’t have been anyone else.”

Date Aired : 52/04/09

Episode Number : 99

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Faculty Marriage

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “You know, many a man takes his wife a box of candy or a bunch of flowers on occasion, but the occasion is usually a birthday or anniversary.”

First Line (Dialogue): [door opens] Dr. Hall: “Vicky! Vicky! Where are you? Your chicken has come home to roost.”

Date Aired : 52/04/16

Episode Number : 100

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The French Exchange Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “One of the most important qualifications of an executive is the ability to make decisions.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Well, Vicky!” Mrs. Hall: “Hello, darling, I found the greenest spring dress today.”

Note: Colman announces that this program is dedicated to Dr. E. Wilson Lyon, president of Pomona College, Claremont, CA.

Date Aired : 52/04/23

Episode Number : 101

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Professor Walden’s Son

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “As a highly competent administrator, a fast clearer-upper of disposable details, and a disciple of the clean desk, the president of Ivy College is not one to linger unnecessarily in his administration building’s sanctum when his work is done, whether it be noon, three o’clock, or midnight.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Good heavens, Miss Goodson, why do I dictate such long letters?”

Date Aired : 52/04/30

Episode Number : 102

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Faculty Follies Part 1

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Sadly enough there are people who make a dubious living from trumped-up lawsuits: professional litigants.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “And so tomorrow I must go before the board of governors and make the best defense I can against the charge of extravagance.”

Note: Colman announces that this is their 100th program and they are dedicating the show to Tufts College, Medford, MA, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and to its college president, Dr. Leonard

Carmichael.

Date Aired : 52/05/07

Episode Number : 103

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Faculty Follies Part 2

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "For the past week administrative chores have been delegated as much as possible because President William Todhunter Hall and his wife, Victoria, have been and are deeply involved with a benefit theatrical production for the Undergraduate Ivy Players."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: "And I find it very stimulating."

There is a recording with this date that is a duplicate of 52/02/13, "Dean Huxley." **Lisa Fittinghoff**

Date Aired : 52/05/14

Episode Number : 104

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Student Singer

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Running a college is a serious responsibility, entailing as it does the care and mental feeding of some hundreds of future citizens."

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: [laughing] "Course it may be that the cares of my office and the familiarity with the usual daily routine make odd or amusing incidents seem odder and more amusing than they really are."

Date Aired : 52/05/21

Episode Number : 105

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Doctor Spatzen

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "This evening Dr. William Todhunter Hall is attending a Board of Governors meeting, leaving his wife, Victoria, to preside at Number One Faculty Row."

First Line (Dialogue): [footsteps] Mrs. Hall: "Who's there?" Dr. Hall: "Don't make no trouble, sister, this is an inside job."

Date Aired : 52/05/28

Episode Number : 106

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Mummynapper

First Line (Ken Carpenter): "Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, has more than ordinary fortitude and forbearance, but even he has moments when he gives way under the many disturbances inevitably encountered in any given day."

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: "Are you in a pet, pet?" Dr. Hall: "Yes, dear, and the juxtaposition of the two words is singularly apt."

Date Aired : 52/06/04

Episode Number : 107

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Pregnant Student

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Somebody once observed that a letter is an unannounced visitor and the postman is thus the agent of impolite surprises.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Darling, I know how busy you are this morning so I’ve already sorted the mail.”

Date Aired : 52/06/11

Episode Number : 108

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: The Wellman’s Come to Dinner

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “The final weeks of any college semester are crowded ones, and Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, has just put in a strenuous day at his office and returns home to Number One Faculty Row and his wife, Victoria, with gratitude and relief.”

First Line (Dialogue): [door opens and closes] Dr. Hall: “Vicky? Vicky? You home, I hope?” Mrs. Hall: “Oh, hello, lamb. You sound tired.”

Date Aired : 52/06/18

Episode Number : 109

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Math Professor

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “As in thousands of such institutions across America, students have come here to prepare themselves for life in a rather uncertain world.”

First Line (Dialogue): Mrs. Hall: “Toddy?” Dr. Hall: “Yes, Vicky?” Mrs. Hall: “Toddy?” Dr. Hall: “At the risk of being repetitious, yes, Vicky?”

Date Aired : 52/06/25

Episode Number : 110

Available : YES

Title/Plot/Host: Summer Vacation

First Line (Ken Carpenter): “Dr. William Todhunter Hall, president of Ivy, starts this week on his vacation accompanied, need we say, by his charming wife, Victoria.”

First Line (Dialogue): Dr. Hall: “Well, let’s finish up, Miss Goodson, before we have another influx of bon voyage visitors and footloose professors.”

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