

1945-1947 The Joan Davis Show Log

9/3/1945	Joan has some nervous moments as she prepares to open a tearoom with crooner Andy Russell	The Miami News
9/10/1945	Posing as a fortune-teller, Joan Davis gives some tea-leaf reading that almost ruins the local ban and sends Wall Street into a tailspin.	The Times (Shreveport, LA)
9/17/1945	Guest Luigi Belcanto	The Boston Globe
9/24/1945	When Swanville goes all out to celebrate its 100th birthday, vivacious Joan Davis goes just as far as a contender for the title Queen of the Swanville Centennial," very largely because the winner also gets Andy Russell for king. On the musical side of the show, Andy Russell sings "I Wish I Knew."	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
10/1/1945	His current salary too small to see him through Swanville college, Andy Russell, as Joan Davis' tea room assistant, strikes his boss for a raise. Instead of giving him the raise, Joan helps Andy get a job in the Swanville bank, which is owned by the father of Barbara Weatherby, Joan's arch-rival for Andy's affections. For his musical number, Andy sings "Stars in Your Eyes," accompanies by Paul Weston's orchestra.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
10/8/1945	Joan Davis has been named honorary president of the National Fire Prevention Institute of America by Dr. E. L. Mattox, president, and will incorporate the theme of fire prevention in the hom. The honor was bestowed in reognition of the comedienne's efforts the past year in behalf of fire prevention.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
10/15/1945	Joan Davis gets engulfed in a local crime wave when a bank robber hides out in her tea-room and holds Joan as hostage to foil pursuing police;	The Capital Times (Madison, WI);
10/22/1945	Joan Davis turns talent scout in an effort to get Andy Russell into the movies. A Hollywood casting director visits Joan's tea room. She gets Andy to give out with "How Deep is the Ocean" and he comes through with flying tea pots.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
10/29/1945	Election time rolls around in Swanville and finds Joan Davis setting her bonnet for the mayoralty. When both political parties are unanimous in wanting banker Weatherby for mayor, Joanie goes all out with some fancy electioneering. The "Queen of Comedy" cunningly devises a plot to split the votes and puts Harry von Zell up as "front" for her third party, but the best-laid plans of mice and politicians tend toward complications, Joanie finds out to her dismay.	The Lima News (Lima, OH)
11/5/1945	Joan Davis calls upon George Jessel to make keynote speech for her candidate for mayor, Harry von Zell.	Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI)
11/12/1945	Joan invents new ways to crash the gate when football hits Swanville and the "Queen of Comedy" goes a-rootin for Andy Russell. Joanie's rival for Andy's affections, Barbara Weatherby, snags Andy to escort her to swanville's big annual football dance, and how to recover the tearoom's handsome hired man for herself is the boss-lady's problem.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
11/19/1945	Joan Davis sets out with all good intentions to sell Thanksgiving turkeys and, thanks to a misplaced comma, winds up the object of suspicious distrust. The "Queen of Comedy" sends out sales literature calculated to land a bird in every Swanville pot. But some helpful citizen reads between the lines a diabolic plot that makes Joanie out less than the dauntless darling she really is. How to vindicate herself and still sell turkeys takes a lot of conniving before the last wishbone is broken.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)

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| 11/26/1945 | Joan Davis inherits an estate in the nick of time to give the old wolf at the door the brush-off. Banker Weatherby puts the bee on the "Queen of Comedy" when the quarterly payment on her tea-room comes due and she has no money to pay up. Nothing short of a miracle can save the non-profit-making tearoom for Joanie. The necessary miracle duly arrives, in the form of a telegram announcing Joan sole heir to her Uncle Serenus' estate. Her financial embarrassment is soon dissolved, but from the way Swanville goes all-out trying for a share of the wealth, Joanie discovers that the life of an heiress has its pitfalls, too. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 12/3/1945 | Joan Davis enters into the chase and makes a killing. When "Hippy Hipperton" invites the "Queen of Comedy" to her mountain lodge on a hunting trip, Joanie closes her tearoom and makes for the woods to join the sporting crowd. Harry von Zell and Andy Russell tag along and who bags who is the question of the hour. In the heat of the pursuit one of them falls a dead duck, but Joanie has the last horse-laugh. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 12/10/1945 | Joan Davis and Andy Russell go Christmas shopping together and set Swanville to buzzing. Joanie sets out to help Andy select a gift for his girlfriend. The floor walker assumes that the "Queen of Comedy" and Andy are engaged, which is fine and dandy with Joanie. But when news of the engagement spreads around town and Harry von Zell and Andy's heart throb hear about it, the eternal triangle is in for some revolutionary revamping. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 12/17/1945 | The Christmas rush sends business booming and has the eternal triangle working overtime. When Andy Russell wants time off to escort socialite Barbara Weatherby to a pre-yule shindig, Joanie puts her foot down and says absolutely no to absenteeism. Barbara tries to buy the tearoom away from Joanie but the "Queen of Comedy" isn't going to sign on the line when the Christmas spirit is apt to put Andy in a romantic mood. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 12/24/1945 | Joan Davis has a Christmas dream when she falls off the ladder while trimming the tearoom tree. The unconscious "Queen of Comedy" dreams of her childhood days and relives her first trip to Santa Claus. Andy Russell figures prominently in Joanie's reverie but Harry von Zell as jolly Santa manages to influence the little girl's thinking in his own direction. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 12/31/1945 | Joan Davis tries to buy a party gown on credit. | Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI) |
| 1/7/1946 | Joan Davis finds a new love at the Lonely Hearts club. | Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI) |
| 1/14/1946 | Joan Davis decides it's high time to re-do her tearoom and invites everyone in Swanville to an antique hunt. The "Queen of Comedy" is all for Duncan Phyfe for the doughnut dunkers, but kibitzers who think they're refurbishers differ on the décor. After everyone has had his say, they're stuck with the bed George Washington slept in and poor Joanie realizes too late that she should have stuck by good old Grand Rapids. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |
| 1/21/1946 | Joan Davis musters all her feminine wiles in a last stand effort to snatch Andy Russell away from rival Barbara Weatherby. For months now Joanie has watched Andy fall more and more for Barbara. She decides it's now or never if she hopes to keep the handsome singing handymay by her side, and she pulls no punches trying to convince Andy that she's the one he's got under his skin. | Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA) |

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- 1/28/1946 Joan Davis is called upon to mend the breach when famed George Bernard Schwartz fails to show up before the annual meeting of the Swanville Literary society. The red letter affair takes place in Joanie's tea room and it's up to the "Queen of Comedy" to keep the customers happy. She proffers a reasonable facsimile of George Bernard Schwartz and everything is lyrically lovely until Barbara Weatherby unmask the deception and reveals Harry von Zell as the man behind the long white beard. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 2/4/1946 "Thar's gold in them thar tea cups" when it's suspected that Joanie's tea room is the locale of Swanville's long-lost gold mine. It looks for a while as if money will bring Joanie honor, friends and conquest of Andy Russell. But all Swanville stakes a claim in the "Queen of Comedy's" cellar and when the cellar walls cave in, the end is imminent for them all. Joanie is happy to die with Andy but her brother-in-law Serenus comes through with an offer to make the supreme sacrifice. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 2/11/1946 Joan Davis hints for a birthday party and Swanville comes through with a big celebration. For a change Barbara Weatherby puts animosity aside and cooperates 100 percent in making Joanie's party a sensational success. This glimpse of her generous side boosts Barbara's stock with Andy too much to make it a happy birthday for the "Queen of Comedy." Faithful old Harry von Zell comes through with a novel solution that saves the day and Andy for Joanie. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 2/18/1946 "Who filched the cash?" is Joan Davis' \$64 question when her bank balance turns up \$300 shy. A lot of 3 figure deals around Swanville keep the gum-shoeing "Queen of Comedy working her lie-detector overtime. Hippy Hipperton is a likely suspect when she buys a \$200 pup, Barbara Weatherby sports a new fur choker that's a bargain at half the price, and even Joanie's brother-in-law Serenus is up for questioning when he makes a down payment on a new car. All suspects have air-tight alibis except Andy Russell. Joanie has to cover up for her handsome handyman and still recover the deficit. Life around the tea room is pretty grim until the real culprit is accidentally uncovered and Joanie solves her problem. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 2/25/1946 Rumor that the UNO will set up permanent headquarters in the local community spreads like wildfire. The Capital Times (Madison, WI);
- 3/4/1946 When heartsick Joan Davis needs a love tonic, the sympathy treatment is prescribed and the "Queen of Comedy" almost gets her man. "Hippy" Hipperton confides that the way she got her 3rd husband was by playing on his sympathy, whereupon Joanie decides to do a Camille to win Andy Russell away from rival Barbara Weatherby. She goes to a doctor for X-rays and when the plates show that she has only one more day to live, Andy agrees to marry Joanie and make her last hours happy. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 3/11/1946 Insomnia creeps up on Joan Davis when the "Queen of Comedy" loses sleep over Andy Russell. "Hippy" Hipperton and Barbara Weatherby prescribe sleeping potions that turn Joanie into a slithering zombie. An overdose of sleeping pills lands her in a jam with the law, but love comes to the rescue and like a flash she wakes up to live. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)

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- 3/18/1946 Counterfeiters descend upon Swanville and set up their printing press in Joanie's tea room. Prosperity comes to the "Queen of Comedy" when flashy out-of-towners rent her basement and pay her off in brand new \$10 bills. Counterfeit money that floods the town is traced to Joanie, and she's in a spot trying to explain away the bundles of fresh bills that clutter up her cellar. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 3/25/1946 Joan Davis' tea room gets out of bounds when the "Queen of Comedy" goes south for the border to import a rhumba band and singer for her establishment. When the talent fails to arrive, Harry von Zell and Andy Russell make with the "Si, si" - and with dire results. Joanie puts a fruit salad on her head and becomes "Carmen" Davis. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 4/1/1946 Sets up a chocolate éclair business as a tea room sideline. Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI)
- 4/8/1946 Joan Davis impersonates Madam Zaza, seeress, and advises Mrs. Hipperton to loan her \$2,000 to save the tea room from being condemned by the fire department. During the séance, "Hippy" insists on consulting her 3 husbands, all deceased, about the financial matter. Joanie does some fast thinking and has Harry von Zell, Andy Russell and Si Wills characterize the voices of "Hippy's" late mates. The "Queen of Comedy" is able to save her tea room - but no thanks to her "helpful" friends. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 4/15/1946 Joan enters the Swanville song-writing contest. The Capital Times (Madison, WI)
- 4/22/1946 Joan Davis doesn't make much progress with Andy Russell, but when it comes to "soothing the savage beast," she does much better with "Goonie, the Gorilla." Mrs. "Hippy" Hipperton plans a charity circus, and when "Goonie" and his trainer fail to arrive, Andy Russell, in a rented costume, impersonates the gorilla - with "trainer" Joanie putting him through his paces. Meanwhile, the real gorilla puts in an appearance in Joanie's darkened tea room and the "Queen of Comedy," on her return from the circus, finds herself in an intriguing situation - until Andy comes along and turns on the lights. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 4/29/1946 Joan Davis, who has a map like no one else in Swanville, finds another map during spring house cleaning and starts on a treasure hunt with her companions. Joanie, Andy Russell, Harry von Zell, Mrs. Hipperton, Serenus, Babs and Mr. Weatherby charter a boat and set out for Anilatac island, which spelt backwards makes more sense. They actually find \$100,000. But much to their sorrow, the treasure seekers discover that the money was printed years ago - south of the Mason-Dixon line. Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 5/6/1946 Joan Davis runs for the "Queen of the May" title and the judges run in all directions hoping that "spring will be a little late this year. Joanie wants to be selected as "Queen of the May" but she hasn't a chance against Barbara Weatherby, whose father is the judge. Serenus sends a false telegram to get rid of Mr. Weatherby, but the ruse is discovered at the last minute, and Joan is elected low woman on the Maypole. Behind a spring shower of tears, Joanie sings a parody of "Laughing on the Outside." Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
- 5/13/1946 Joan Davis finds her cupboard as bare as Mother Hubbard's when the meat shortage hits Swanville and "Joanie's Tea Room." Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)

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5/20/1946	Andy Russell steps in to save the day for Joan "Love in Bloom" Davis, when the comedienne takes up fiddle-playing for the Swanville musical festival.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
5/27/1946	Joan Davis seems to be the only one of the "Tea Room" cast who is going on vacation after tonight's broadcast. She is going to bask in the sun at Malibu Beach. Her husband, Si "Serenus" Wills, is going to work on a novel; Andy Russell is booked for personal appearances in New York; Harry von Zell is going to make a movie; Verna Felton and Shirley Mitchell continue their roles on other shows.	Courier-Post (Camden, NJ)
9/30/1946	Returns with Si Wills, Wally Brown, Verna Felton, Sharon Douglas and Pat McGeehan; Some people suffer from a "lost week-end" but Joan Davis finds that amnesia has caused her to lose the entire month of September, during "The Joan Davis Show" premiere. Babs Weatherby seizes this opportunity to take Joan's tea room away from her, but cousin Cornelia intervenes by being appointed Joan's guardian. Wally Brown appears at the tearoom and look at him brings Joanie back to her senses, sparse as they are.	Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI); Lima News (OH)
10/7/1946	with the Delta Rhythm Boys and Jack Meakin's Orchestra	The Tribune (Scranton, PA)
10/14/1946	Joanie and Babs Weatherby finally battle it out for complete control of the tearoom. Babs is trying to take over the tearoom from Joan, claiming that the latter is incompetent.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
10/21/1946	Fights incompetency judgement	The Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)
10/28/1946	As the tearoom proprietress who has been suffering from amnesia, Joan Davis recovers her lost memory and promptly wishes for her former state of blissful ignorance. Trying to get rid of her visiting cousin Cornelia forms the basis of comic developments for Joanie.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
11/4/1946	In these days of sugar shortage, the problem of a tearoom proprietress are many, and Joan Davis tackles a new set of them.	The Miami Herald
11/11/1946	Joanie does her usual good job of confusing Wally Brown when the pair go pheasant hunting during the Joan Davis show.	Valley Times (North Hollywood, CA)
11/18/1946	Joan Davis who thinks the white line in the middle of the road is for bicycles, enters a safe-driving contest to win a new car during the Joan Davis Show.	Herald and Review (Decatur, IL)
11/25/1946	Joan Davis has a little clock trouble tonight as Wally Brown and Serenus immerse a ticking package in water thinking it's a time bomb. Joan is more than upset because the timepiece belongs to the object of her affections, Dr. Ronald Crenshaw.	The Rock Island Argus (Rock Island, IL)
12/2/1946	The problem of rehashing the turkey hash besets Joanie's Tea Room in a post-Thanksgiving episode on the "Joan Davis Show." Wally Brown is elected chief taster of the tea room while his rival, Dr. Grenshaw, drools over Joanie's culinary cuteness.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
12/9/1946	With less than 3 weeks left before the holiday, Joanie gets started on her Christmas shopping. Her burning problem is a present for Dr. Crenshaw, who has everything except the right viewpoint toward Joanie.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
12/16/1946	"Babs" Weatherby and Joanie battle it out for the affections of Dr. Ronald Crenshaw. Things look grim until Joanie's dim-witted brother Serenus casts his shadow upon the scene of honor.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)

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12/23/1946	Eddie Cantor crowns Joan Davis "Radio's Queen of Comedy," an honor bestowed on her for the 4th consecutive year. Zany preparations for Christmas in Joanie's tea room provide the basis for the evening's comedy.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
12/30/1946	Joan Davis looks back over 1946, the year I which she retained her title, "Queen of Comedy," for the fourth consecutive year; Joanie finds a pawn ticket;	The Miami News; The Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)
1/6/1947	Joan Davis will receive another award tonight. Miss Davis will receive the National Advertising Club's award for her contribution t the traffic safety campaign.	Ashville Citizen-Times (Ashville, NC)
1/13/1947	Guest Jack Oakie; Searching for bigger and better ways to win the love of Dr. Ronald Crenshaw, Joan Davis decides to enroll in a charm school during tonight's funny business.	The Des Moines Register; Valley Times (North Hollywood, CA)
1/20/1947	Joan Davis continues her efforts to arouse romantic interest in Dr. Crenshaw. However, her efforts to direct Cupid's aim produce an interesting backfire.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
1/27/1947	Comedian Walter O'Keefe plays a "private eye" when he appears as the guest of the queen of comedy on the "Joan Davis Show." Called in to solve the mystery of the missing baby, the glib Walter manages to place Joannie directly behind the 8 ball.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
2/3/1947	Walter O'Keefe will demonstrate how not to solve your income tax problems when he guest-stars for the second week on the Joan Davis Show tonight. When Joan receives a refund on her tax she is sure that something must be wrong.	Ashville Citizen-Times (Ashville, NC)
2/10/1947	Comedian Richard Lane visits CBS' Joan Davis show and sells Joanie some quick drying paint for her tearoom, complications ensue.	Valley Times (North Hollywood, CA)
2/17/1947	Joel McCrea of the movies visits the "Joan Davis Show" and instigates an epidemic of romance. Joanie hatches an ingeniously complex scheme to win his affections, and from then on the whole cast is enmeshed In a very tangled web of deception.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
2/24/1947	Joanie is suspectd of stealing Babs Weatherby's diamonds, which disappear during a reception for a foreign dignitary. Screen star Allen Joslyn, Joanie's guest, turns detective and "solves" the mystery.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
3/3/1947	When Joanie sends out an S.O.S. for advice on matters of the heart, Ransom Sherman answers her distress signal as an advice-to-the-lovelorn columnist. Joan's idea is to study new tactics for winning Dr. Crenshaw, played by Ben Gage.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
3/10/1947	Accepting a good-luck ring and a tip on the races from brother-in-law Serenus, Joan Davis tosses the charm away in disgust when her horse loses. Later report prove her horse actually won, and Joanie institutes a frantic search, via a newspaper ad campaign, to recover the lost ring.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
3/17/1947	*Bill Thompson's appearance was delayed until the following week. The actual aired episode is unknown.* Dr. Crenshaw demonstrates his new found regard for Joanie by making her custodian of a large amout of cash. Bil Thompson, radio character comedian, undertakes to help her guard the money. Thompson turns up with a policeman, a watchdog and other sundry safeguards to protect Crenshaw's wealth.	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood); Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)

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3/24/1947	Bill Thompson, for 9 years Fibber McGee's man of many voices, plays himself for a changes as guest on the "Joan Davis Show." Dr. Crenshaw has entrusted a large sum of money to Joanie and the versatile Thompson appears on the scene to help her guard the cash.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
3/31/1947	Prodged by the guest appearance of promoter Dick Lane, radio's fastest-talking human, "Dr. Crenshaw" finally proposes to Joan during the "Joan Davis Show." Will Joan accept the marriage offer? The answer will be given at the end of the program.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
4/7/1947	Alan Reed's "Falstaff Openshaw" comes back to life long enough to pur potions of poesy over the romantic souls of Joan Davis and her new fiance, Dr. Crenshaw. Reed deals out copious doses of advice and the newly-engaged couple shop for a wedding site.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
4/14/1947	Billy DeWolfe, visiting comedian, helps Joan Davis with a house-hunting chore in preparation for her impending marriage with Dr. Crenshaw. Thanks to Billy's efforts, the housing problem becomes more acute than ever.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
4/21/1947	Hilarious preparations for Joanie's forthcoming marriage to Dr. Crenshaw continue on "The Joan Davis Show." A guest star joins Miss Davis and Ben Gage, heard as Crenshaw, in the half hour of fun; Phil Silvers only adds confusion to the efforts of Joan Davis to get herself and her fiance on a bride and groom give-away show.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA); Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)
4/28/1947	Alan Reed is the pharmacist visited by Joan Davis to gain the medical knowledge which she thinks the wife of a doctor should have.	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)
5/5/1947	With the star and her script husband-to-be, Dr. Crenshaw, considering a haunted house as their future home, Billy DeWolfe shows them how to un-haunt the place, in a return visit to the "Joan Davis Show."	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
5/12/1947	Looking forward to her script wedding to Dr. Crenshaw, Joan Davis will go shopping for a trousseau and continue her efforts to solve the housing problem on ther Joan Davis Show.	Ashville Citizen-Times (Ashville, NC)
5/19/1947	Comedian Phil Silvers will try to learn something about running a tea room from Joan Davis.	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)
5/26/1947	With Joan preparing to be a June bride, scriptly speaking, Alan Reed and Lionel Stander turn up to supervise the wedding rehearsal. Joanie is slated for an early June stroll down the middle aisle with Dr. Crenshaw. Ben Gage is heard as Crenshaw.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
6/2/1947	Wedding bells are scheduled to chime for Joan, when her long-heralded script wedding to Dr. Crenshaw takes place. There have been laughable complications at every step in the preparations for the marriage, and the wedding itself promises to be no exception.	Globe-Gazette (Mason City, IA)
6/9/1947	The stork kept Dr. Ronald Crenshaw so busy last week his marriage to Joanie couldn't take place. There will be no ceremony this week if Alan Reed's plot is successful.	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)
6/16/1947	Joanie is asked to cater a party in honor of Swanville's sextuplets	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)
6/23/1947	Joan Davis concludes her current series with an all-out effort to walk down the aisle with Dr. Ronald Crenshaw.	Los Angeles Evening Citizen News (Hollywood)