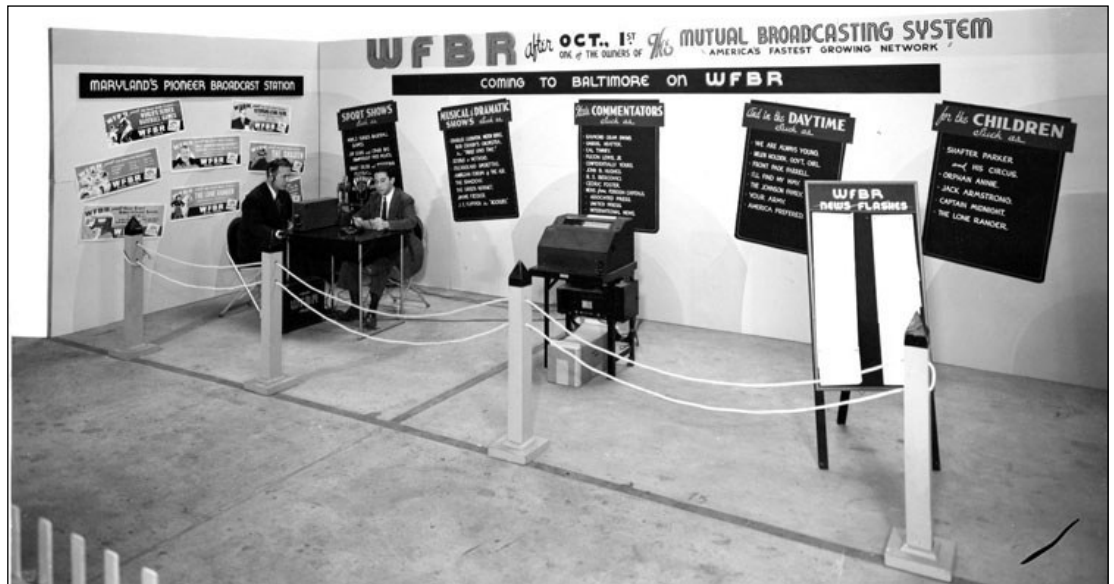




Artifact Showcase

WFBR Joins the Mutual Network

Washington and Baltimore radio and TV stations are well represented in the Museum's extensive collection of old photographs. Baltimore station WFBR dates back to the 1920s. In 1941 it joined the Mutual Broadcasting System and mounted this special display to commemorate the occasion.



The Mutual Network lasted from 1935 to 1999. Most affiliates were smaller independent stations, although when it started, Mutual included a few larger stations as well known as WOR (Newark), WGN (Chicago), WXYZ (Detroit) and WLW (Cincinnati). At its peak, Mutual had around 500 affiliates—more than CBS or NBC's Red or Blue Networks. It covered major sporting events, had an effective news gathering operation, and aired programs as popular as "The Lone Ranger" and "The Shadow." In the center of the photo is a Teletype machine that WFBR used to receive Mutual's news bulletins



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