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**JEAN SHEPHERD
PRESENTATION, SEPTEMBER 5, 1980**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jean Parker Shepherd (1921–1999) was born in Chicago, Illinois, but raised in the Hessville area of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana. After graduating from Hammond High School in 1939, he attended Indiana University Northwest, worked as a mail carrier in a steel mill and served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. After his military service, Shepherd began a career in radio at WJOB in Hammond before moving on to Toledo. From 1950–1954 he worked in Cincinnati, Ohio on WSAI before moving to WOR in New York in 1956 where he broadcasted for the next twenty-one years.

Shepherd was a humorist, satirist, author and actor in addition to his work in radio. He authored five books. WGBH/PBS made five of his stories into productions as part of the Great American Playhouse series in the 1980s. He was also involved in two movies taken from his stories, the most famous of which, *A Christmas Story*, came out in 1983 and has become a holiday classic. A sequel, *My Summer Story*, came out in 1994. In 1995 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Purdue University, Calumet. Shepherd died in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 78 after a lengthy illness. He had been married three times and had two children.

Sources:

Jean Shepherd Web Site/keyflux.com www.keyflux.com/shep/

Jean Shepherd IMDb

Wikipedia

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The talk/presentation took place at the Annual Fall Conference of the Indiana Historical held at Purdue University Calumet Campus on September 5, 1980. Shepherd talks about growing up in the Hessville area of Hammond, going to high school, relationships with Polish girls, living next to the Bumpus', and the trials of being a fan of the Chicago White Sox. Several of his stories were taken from his books, but he also humorously comments on the topics on the Society's fall program.

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