

BOB HITE BIO

Bob Hite, Sr. (born **February 9, 1914** in **Decatur, Indiana**; died **February 18, 2000** in **West Palm Beach, Florida**) was an **American radio** and **television announcer**, **voice-over** artist, and **news anchor**.

Hite began his announcing career in the **1930s** at **WXYZ** in **Detroit, Michigan**. During his years there, he was among the announcers for such **old-time radio** shows as **The Lone Ranger**, **The Green Hornet**, and **Challenge of the Yukon**.

In **1944**, Hite joined the **New York** announcing staff of **CBS**. His radio announcing credits for the network included **Let's Pretend**, **Casey**, **Crime Photographer**, and **The CBS Radio Workshop**. In the early and mid-**1950s**, he was **narrator** of several **short films** for **RKO Pictures**, including one of **Stanley Kubrick's** early works, **Flying Padre**. During the early years of television, Hite was an anchor of five-minute morning news updates for the local CBS **flagship station**, **WCBS-TV**; at one point, he was paired with fellow announcer **Peter Thomas** on those newscasts.

Hite announced the opening **bumper** for CBS's **color** programs starting in **1966**, replacing fellow staff announcer **Hal Simms** who had voiced the same bumper the year before. But his most famous television credit was as announcer for the **CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite** beginning in **1970**, and continuing until his retirement from the network in **1979**.

Hite died at a **hospice** in **West Palm Beach, Florida** at age 86.