

DON MACLAUGHLIN

William Donald McLaughlin was born November 24, 1907 in Webster, Iowa.

MacLaughlin was a prolific radio actor who performed steadily throughout the 1940s and 1950s. He made the transition to television and spent the last 30 years of his life on a television soap opera.

MacLaughlin's roles on radio included playing Batman on "The Adventures of Superman", the titular role in "Chaplain Jim" and "Tennessee Jed", and the District Attorney in "The O'Neills". He was the announcer for "The Carnation Contented Hour" and the soap opera "Myrt and Marge".

Other soap opera performances included "The Story of Mary Marlin", "Lora Laughton", "Bright Horizon", "Young Widder Brown" and "As the Twig is Bent".

His most notable radio roles included a stint as the Host for the real life crime show "Gangbusters" and his performance as David Harding in "Counterspy".

In 1954, MacLaughlin starred in the television series "The Road of Life," a CBS soap opera based on the radio drama of the same name. The radio show, based in a hospital, ran on various networks from 1937 to 1959. He played the same role on television that he had played on radio, that of Dr. Jim Brent.

In 1956, MacLaughlin originated the role of the lawyer Chris Hughes on the television soap opera "As the World Turns", a role he played until his death.

His films include "Hell of Borneo" (1967) and "Runaway Train" (1985). In 1983, MacLaughlin played Chief Justice

Earl Warren in the television mini-series "Kennedy". MacLaughlin died May 28, 1986 in New York City, and is buried in Dover, Vermont.

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