**Tinker Lindquist** - Host of *Around the Town with Tinker Lindquist*, Tinker is very protective of her image and her TV show. She could be called a control freak and does not like when things do not go according to her plan. She is prepared for each and every guest almost to the point where she can safely guess what their answers will be to her questions. And she is most certainly prepared for today’s show because its success or failure could very well determine whether or not she’s voted the “Twin Ports TV Personality of the Year” and wins the coveted “Porty” award. Tinker will do almost anything to keep the award out of the hands her archenemy Edna “Nothin’ But Strikes” Polaski. Edna has her own TV bowling show, *Out of the Gutter*, and won the “Porty” award last year. Tinker is going to make sure that doesn’t happen again. Unfortunately, things don’t always go according to plan.

**Chet Osterholm**- Stage manager/director of *Around the Town with Tinker Lindquist*, Chet has worked with Tinker for a few years and knows how she likes things her way. He sometimes feels frustrated with Tinker’s obsessive behavior, but he accepts it as part of the job. He can’t, however, help but tease her a bit about her quest to win the coveted “Porty” award which he sometimes refers to, much to Tinker’s consternation, as the “Potty” award. Chet is pretty laid back, but this episode of *Around the Town*almost does him in.

**Hank Halverson**- Hank Halverson is Tinker’s first guest and not someone that she would usually invite on her show. Pressured by a local sporting goods sponsor, Chet has booked Hank, a local deer hunter, as part of his plan to reach an audience that otherwise wouldn’t tune into Tinker’s show. Hank turns out to be more than they bargained for with a vocabulary that challenges FCC regulations, his fondness for beer and his ability to turn up at the wrong place at exactly the wrong time. Hank has no boundaries.

**Dorothy Peterson**- Dorothy Peterson is Tinker’s guest for the cooking segment of the show. Dorothy is from South Superior, one of the church ladies at Bethel Lutheran and an expert at preparing lutefisk - a favorite holiday treat. In fact, Dorothy is preparing Holiday Lutefisk Pudding and she says that people always exclaim “oh, my” when they hear that she’s serving it for dinner. Dorothy takes her lutefisk very seriously.

**Vivian Coyle**- Vivian Coyle is a clothing buyer for Superior’s Roth’s Department Store. Very much impressed by Jacqueline Kennedy’s fashion sense, Vivian is excited to discuss with Tinker and her guests what the First Lady will be wearing this holiday season. Clothes are serious business for Vivian and she is not impressed by Fran’s wardrobe or her job. Let’s just  say that they won’t be going out to lunch after the show.

**Fran Streeter**- Fran Streeter is a last minute substitution for Millie Martinson, society editor of *The Evening Telegram.*Fran does not write about local society for the newspaper. She writes a column for the paper called *Streeter on the Street*and covers all the news that happens in Superior - mostly in the North End between North 3rd Street and North 5th Street - after midnight. She is sharing her interview with Vivian Coyle, clothing buyer for Roth’s Department Store, and has no intention of discussing holiday parties and what everyone will be wearing to them with Tinker and Vivian. Fran shops at Northwest Outlet for her clothes.

**Norman Jensen**- Norm is Tinker’s “man on the street” who will be telephoning her with updates about Superior’s Christmas parade which he is covering for WDSM radio and for *Around the Town*. An eager young man, he is determined to make Tinker and his bosses at the radio station happy. He wants to eventually make the leap from radio to TV and is hoping that this parade will be his big break. Little does he know that Edna “Nothin’ But Strikes” Polaski and Santa Claus have something else in mind for him.

**Roy Klepper**- A loyal member of Superior’s Rotary Club, Roy has been chosen by the organization to be Santa Claus in this year’s Christmas parade. It’s a simple job, right? Wave to the kiddies, throw out some candy and say “Ho, Ho, Ho” to everyone you meet. What could possibly go wrong? Maybe the question should be, “what could possibly go right?”