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As guest speaker on the Federal Theatre Radio Division's Exploring the Arts and Sciences Series, Thomas Mabry, Executive Director of the Museum of Modern Art, will give a talk on AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHS BY WALKER EVANS over Station WQXR Friday, September 30, at 9:45 p.m. Carl Miller directs this Series.

Mr. Mabry's talk will be on the work of Walker Evans, an exhibition of whose photographs opened Wednesday at the Museum of Modern Art, 14 West 49 Street. In his talk Mr. Mabry introduces Walker Evans as one who has "gone up and down the eastern part of America, making permanent the fleeting, intrinsic drama of our present time. He does not photograph the dazzling sights that you can buy on two-for-a-nickel postcards. He is not concerned with the accepted glamour of either people or places. The famous and infamous he leaves to the news camera and to the studio photographer. Evans has, rather, that quality of eye which sees and makes use of things so familiar that they escape our conscious notice. <sup>yet</sup> ~~with~~ these familiar but unnoticed places, the half-seen people who pass us daily in crowds, or singly, are the only world we have to remember. It is as though we passed through our time in a train too fast for seeing wholly. But if we ourselves have no power to stop, Evans has done so, and he has given us clues to tell us where we are."

The Exhibition of AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHS BY WALKER EVANS will be on view at the Museum of Modern Art, 14 West 49 Street, through the entire month of October.