

CHUCK SCHADEN'S

NOSTALGIA NEWSLETTER

AND RADIO GUIDE

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Hello, out there in Radioland!

THOSE WERE THE DAYS -- The Friday, June 12, 1942 issue of the Skokie News (serving Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Niles & Golf) reminded Skokie housewives that they could get extra sugar for canning purposes if they made application to the Skokie Rationing Board. The gals could get a certificate enabling them to purchase an extra pound of sugar for each four quarts of fruit they intend to can, with a limit of one pound per person in the family. (Today it's the price that rations sugar!)

ALSO IN THAT ISSUE was a LINCOLNWOOD IGA (Touhy & Crawford) ad that offered shoppers a Leg of Lamb for 33¢ a pound, a pound of Maxwell House coffee for 32¢ and two packages of Kellogg's Rice Krispies for 23¢. If you were listening to Captain Midnight and wanted to send in for a 1942 Secret Decoder, you had to get the inner seal ring from a jar of Ovaltine and the IGA had that on special, too: 35 cents for a small "can." (Just add a dime for "postage and handling" and soon the decoder arrived.)

VARIETY recently reported that the World Entertainment Corporation is about to distribute -- to theatres for kiddie matinees -- many of those good old Republic movies and serials. There'll be some 44 John Wayne features, 87 with Roy Rogers and others starring Laurel and Hardy, Olson and Johnson, W.C. Fields and Bergen and McCarthy. The serials will include Captain America, Zorro and The Masked Marvel. A whole new generation will get to have some good old Saturday-afternoon-at-the-movies fun. (Might even give us some competition!)



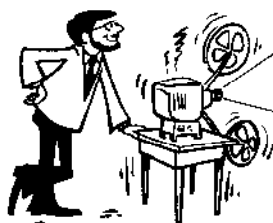
DOES ANYONE HAVE ONE OF THE SILVER STARS shown at the left? Listeners to the Cinnamon Bear series in the 1940s sent in for them. You qualify for an invisible facsimile if you let us know that you have one. And how about a Cinnamon Bear Coloring Book?

HOPE YOU LIKE THIS FIRST ISSUE of our new Newsletter. We know one thing already: not enough room for everything! We'll solve that problem next month with smaller type! Thanks for turning us on!

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MEMORY CLUB MOVIES



Our Memory Club is on a brief winter vacation, but it will resume on Saturday evening, January 18th with a 1975 season of good old movies from the 1930's and 1940's. The Club meets in the Community Room at North West Federal Savings, 4901 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. There's ample free parking at the rear of the office and there's CTA transportation to the door. Memory Club movies begin at 8 p.m. and next year, the doors will open at 7:30 p.m. "Dues" are \$1 per meeting and everyone who reads this is a member of the Memory Club

We'll have complete details in the next issue of the Nostalgia Newsletter, but as of now, here's the tentative list of Memory Club movies for the first part of next year.

SATURDAY, January 18th

GO INTO YOUR DANCE (1935) Al Jolson,
Ruby Keeler

SATURDAY, January 25th

SUNNY SIDE UP (1929) Janet Gaynor,
Charles Farrell

SATURDAY, February 1st

SHALL WE DANCE (1937) Fred Astaire,
Ginger Rogers

SATURDAY, February 8th

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA (1935) The Marx
Brothers

SATURDAY, February 15th

NO MAN OF HER OWN (1932) Carole
Lombard, Clark Gable

SATURDAY, February 22nd

NOW AND FOREVER (1934) Carole Lombard,
Gary Cooper, Shirley Temple

SATURDAY, March 1st

SING YOU SINNERS (1938) Bing Crosby,
Fred MacMurray

SATURDAY, March 8th

WHITE WOMAN (1933) Carole Lombard,
Charles Laughton

SATURDAY, March 15th

BROADWAY GONDOLIER (1935) Dick
Powell, Joan Blondell

SATURDAY, March 22nd

ARGENTINE NIGHTS (1940) Andrews Sisters,
Ritz Brothers

SATURDAY, March 29th

YOU'RE A SWEETHEART (1937) Alice Faye,
George Murphy, Ken Murray

SATURDAY, April 5th

RHUMBA (1935) George Raft

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

SATURDAY - 1 TO 4:15 PM • WLTD • 1590AM

SATURDAY, December 7th

RADIO TO ADDRESS CHRISTMAS CARDS BY—

1. FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (Dec. 9, 1941)
2. COMMAND PERFORMANCE (Christmas, 1943) Bob Hope, Kay Kyser, Jimmy Durante, Nelson Eddy, Spike Jones, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Dinah Shore
3. CASEY, CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER (Dec. 19, 1946) Christmas shopping

SATURDAY, December 14th

RADIO TO WRAP CHRISTMAS GIFTS BY—

1. COMMAND PERFORMANCE (Christmas, 1944) Bob Hope, Xavier Cugat, Jerry Colonna, Jimmy Durante, Dinah Shore, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Spike Jones, Kay Kyser, Dorothy Lamour, Danny Kaye, W.C. Fields, Judy Garland, Spencer Tracy, Lee J. Cobb.
2. LIFE WITH LUIGI—Christmas program

SATURDAY, December 21st

RADIO TO TRIM THE TREE BY—

1. THE WHISTLER (Dec. 24, 1950) Three Wise Guys
2. COMMAND PERFORMANCE (Christmas, 1945) Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore, Harry James, Herbert Marshall, Jimmy Durante, Ginny Simms, Johnny Mercer, Judy Garland, Ed "Archie" Gardner, Frances Langford, Kay Kyser, Frank Sinatra.
3. SUSPENSE (Dec. 21, 1958) Out For Christmas starring Raymond Burr

SATURDAY, December 28th

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

1. THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR (Dec. 24, 19??) David Copperfield starring Boris Karloff, Richard Burton, Cyril Ritchard
2. JACK BENNY PROGRAM (Dec. 28, 1941) Annual New Year's Play
3. LUX RADIO THEATRE (March 10, 1947) It's A Wonderful Life starring James Stewart

HALL CLOSET SPECIAL

MONDAY-8 TO 10:30PM • WTAQ • 1300AM

Southwest suburban vintage radio fans will enjoy tuning in to our new series of HALL CLOSET SPECIALS, heard every Monday evening from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on LaGrange station WTAQ (1300-AM). The first program in the series will be presented on:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd—

Salute to Jimmy Durante

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th—

Salute to the Mystery Makers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th—

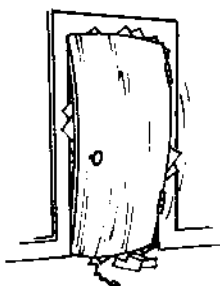
Salute to Bing Crosby

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd—

Salute to Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th—

Salute to Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland



THE HALL CLOSET

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY • WLTD • 1590AM

"DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!!"

MONDAY, December 2

MAIL CALL (1940's) Olsen & Johnson, Frank Parker

GREAT GILDERSLEEVE—Hal Peary

PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 62

BIG SISTER—Chapter 62

TUESDAY, December 3

LINIT BATH CLUB REVUE (1933) Fred Allen

BILL STERN'S SPORTS NEWSREEL (1945)

~~JACK ARMSTRONG, THE ALL-AMERICAN~~
BOY (1941)

DANGER WITH GRANGER—Christmas drama

WEDNESDAY, December 4

BOB HOPE SHOW (1946) Tyrone Power

NATIONAL BARN DANCE—Bob Atcher, Arkie, Red Blanchard

ONE MAN'S FAMILY (1949) Book 72, Chapter 11

THURSDAY, December 5

JACKIE GLEASON TV SHOW (Dec. 20, 1952)

Soundtrack from the TV show—Art Carney, Audrey Meadows, Joyce Randolph.

FRIDAY, December 6

LIFE OF RILEY (1945) William Bendix

CHANDU THE MAGICIAN—Chapter 64

THE FAT MAN—*Murder Sends A Christmas Card*

MONDAY, December 9

AMOS 'N' ANDY (1949)

CARNATION HOUR (1948) Buddy Clark, Ken Darby Singers

PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 63

~~BIG SISTER—Chapter 63~~

TUESDAY, December 10

KRAFT MUSIC HALL (1943) Bing Crosby, Phil Silvers

JACK ARMSTRONG (1941)

DAMON RUNYON THEATRE—*Dancing Dan's Christmas*

WEDNESDAY, December 11

CONTINENTAL CELEBRITY CLUB (1946)

Jackie Kelk, Hildegard

JACK BENNY SHOW (1957)

ONE MAN'S FAMILY (1949) Book 72, Chapter 12

THURSDAY, December 12

PHIL HARRIS-ALICE FAYE SHOW (1949)

GUEST STAR—*Meaning of Christmas*—Red Skelton

BILL STERN'S SPORTS NEWSREEL (1945)

CHRISTMAS DRAMA—*Miracle of Christmas*—Thomas Mitchell

FRIDAY, December 13

GRAND OLE OPRY—Christmas show

CHANDU THE MAGICIAN—Chapter 65

SUSPENSE (1959) *Korean Christmas Carol*

MONDAY, December 16

JILL'S ALL TIME JUKE BOX (1944)

Christmas show

BOB HOPE SHOW (1940's) Bing Crosby, Jack Kirkwood

PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 64

~~BIG SISTER—Chapter 64~~

TUESDAY, December 17

EDDIE CANTOR SHOW (1944)

GUEST STAR: *Stand In for Santa*—MacDonald Carey

JACK ARMSTRONG (1941)

THIS IS YOUR F.B.I. (1948) *Return of St. Nick*

WEDNESDAY, December 18

JACK BENNY PROGRAM (1944)

AMOS 'N' ANDY MUSIC HALL (1950's)

ONE MAN'S FAMILY (1949) Book 72, Chapter 13

THURSDAY, December 19

CHRISTMAS JUBILEE—Ernie Whitman, Count Basie, Lena Horne, Bing Crosby, Delta Rhythm Boys

MILTON BERLE SHOW (1947) Salute to Christmas

RADIO CITY PLAYHOUSE (1949) *"Twas The Night Before . . ."*

FRIDAY, December 20—

~~KRAFT MUSIC HALL (1934) Paul Whiteman, Jack Teagarden~~

CHANDU THE MAGICIAN—Chapter 66

HALLMARK PLAYHOUSE (1948) *The Desert Shall Rejoice*—John Hodiak

HELLO OUT THERE IN ADVERTISING LAND!

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE!!

MONDAY, December 23

BOB HOPE SHOW (1953) Frank Sinatra
PHIL HARRIS-ALICE FAYE SHOW (1949)

Jack Benny

FIRST NIGHTER—*Little Town of Bethlehem*—
traditional First Nighter Christmas drama
starring Barbara Luddy and Olan Soule.
PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 65
BIG SISTER—Chapter 65

TUESDAY, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE HALL CLOSET—

Special All-Day Show from 6 a.m. until 4
p.m., host Chuck Schaden presents:

6 a.m. THE RAILROAD HOUR (12-25-50)
Gordon MacRae

7 a.m. CHARLIE MC CARTHY SHOW (12-
24-??) Edgar Bergen

8 a.m. FIBBER MC GEE & MOLLY (12-23-47)

9 a.m. SUSPENSE (12-17-61) Yuletide
Miracle

10 a.m. OUR MISS BROOKS—Eve Arden
stars in Christmas bit

11 a.m. DRAGNET—Jack Webb in The Christmas
Show

Noon THE CINNAMON BEAR—The final
chapter

AMOS 'N' ANDY (12-24-41)

1 p.m. A CHRISTMAS SING WITH BING
(12-24-58)

2 p.m. HALLMARK PLAYHOUSE (12-23-
48) Silent Night

3 p.m. BURNS AND ALLEN—Christmas Day
broadcast, 1940's
THE CINNAMON BEAR—repeat of
final chapter

WEDNESDAY, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM WLTD—no regular
programming on WLTD on this Christmas Day.
Christmas music and special features from sunrise
to sunset.

THURSDAY, December 26

MEL BLANC SHOW (12-31-46)

- BOB SWEENEY & HAL MARCH SHOW (12-31-47)

SUSPENSE (12-31-61) The Old Man

FRIDAY, December 27

JIMMY DURANTE SHOW (12-31-47) Garry
Moore & Red Skelton

CHANDU THE MAGICIAN—Chapter 67

SUSPENSE (12-28-58) *The 32nd of December*—
Frank Lovejoy

MONDAY, December 30

MILTON BERLE SHOW (12-30-47)

JIMMY DORSEY REMOTE (12-31-56)

PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 66

BIG SISTER—Chapter 66

TUESDAY, December 31

THE BIGGEST BIG BAND REMOTE OF THEM
ALL! All regular programming, including the
Hall Closet, is pre-empted today for a New
Year's Eve special featuring Mike Schwimmer
and Karl Pearson. They'll have 10 hours of
radio band remote broadcasts.

WHEN RADIO WAS RADIO

THUR. AND SAT. - 8 TO 9 PM • WBEZ • 91.5 FM

Vintage radio broadcasts from Chuck Schaden's
Hall Closet collection may be heard every Thursday
evening at 8 p.m. on the Chicago Board of Education
station WBEZ (91.5 FM). The weekly hour of old
time programs for National Public Radio is repeated
the following Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 5th

OZZIE AND HARRIET (1944)

MR. & MRS. NORTH—The Filed Skate

THURSDAY, December 12th

LUX RADIO THEATRE (1951) Sunset
Boulevard starring William Holden and
Gloria Swanson

THURSDAY, December 19th

ALL-STAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM fea-
turing Armed Forces Radio re-broadcasts of
the Charlie McCarthy Show (12-24-44)
and the Kraft Music Hall (12-25-49) with Al
Jolson and Boris Karloff.

THURSDAY, December 26th

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY from
Armed Forces Radio on Dec. 31, 1945.
Across the country on New Year's Eve with
remotes featuring Count Basie, Freddy
Martin, Woody Herman, Gene Krupa, Henry
King, Louis Armstrong, Jimmy Dorsey, Les
Brown, Stan Kenton, Tommy Dorsey

RADIO FOR KIDS

SATURDAY - 10 TO 11 AM • WLTD • 1590AM

Listen for the continuing adventures of BLACKSTONE,
the MAGIC DETECTIVE and to SPEED GIBSON of
the INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE. And set
your Do-It-Yourself Secret Decoder to A EQUALS 26
to find out what our special weekly story will be:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

26-9-24-19-18-22 26-13-23-9-22-4-8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th

19-12-11-26-15-12-13-20 24-26-8-8-18-23-2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st

7-19-22 8-14-26-15-16 12-13-22

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th

13-22-22-7 7-19-22 14-22-22-16-8

The continuing adventures of the CINNAMON
BEAR are being heard Monday thru Friday afternoons
on WLTD (1590-AM) at 12:05 p.m. and again at
3:30 p.m.

The final chapter of the 26-
chapter story will be presented on Christmas Eve
during the 10-hour *Hall Closet* Christmas special on
WLTD.

(Note to FM listeners: WBEZ (91.5 FM) is pre-
senting the Cinnamon Bear every day at 10 a.m. and
again at 3:40 p.m.)



IF YOU LIKE old movies, then be sure to catch Channel 9 on Monday evenings for WHEN MOVIES WERE MOVIES ...on Channel 44 at various times... and if EARLY TV SHOWS from the 1950s and 1960s is your thing, then catch 44 for LEAVE IT TO BEAVER, MR. LUCKY, PETER GUNN and SUPERMAN. Each series is on throughout the week. Check 32 for THE UNTOUCHABLES and 9 offers DICK VAN DYKE, FATHER KNOWS BEST and I LOVE LUCY. GROUCHO's on 32 at 7&10.

SHERLOCK HOLMES is on radio at 10:30 p.m. Fridays, WFMT (98.7) and of course, there's the CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE, 7 nights a week at 10:30 on WBBM (780-AM).

WGN (720-AM) usually plays an old-time radio program during Floyd Brown's show, Sunday night at 8:30.

WE HAVE TRIED to get regular advance listings from the stations mentioned here, but we have a clash of deadlines. We're working on it!

SCHADEN IN PERSON at North Shore Kiwanis, Dec. 3; Rogers Park Kiwanis Dec. 19; and at NWF Senior Savers Club, Dec. 15.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY to Deanna Durbin, celebrating on the 4th.

Judy Garland gets a scare as cops unearth a kidnap plot!

HARDLY was Judy Garland over the thrill of being named the year's best juvenile and winning an Academy Award, than three carloads of police skidded to a stop in front of the Garland Canyon home, announced a threat had been made to kidnap Judy—and that they were there to see the plot wasn't carried out. Police radios crackled with instructions, cars were stopped, strangers questioned. The neighborhood was in an uproar in a jiffy.

Soon Robert Wilson, a 19-year-old Buffalo, N. Y. transient, was in custody. His plot to abduct the young singing star, drive her into the mountains and hold her for \$50,000 ransom resulted in his being booked on a charge of suspicion of kidnaping and

being held for a mental examination. He had become panicky, "tipped off" the police to his plan via telephone. It was this "tip off" on his own contemplated crime that proved his undoing.

TO THE public, the news of the kidnap plot was very exciting. Judy herself can be excused for feeling a bit nervous about it. But to Hollywood, the threat was simply another in the never-ending real and imaginary plots against the stars.

Judy's studio (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer) wasn't any too pleased over all the hue and cry. Officials branded all the excitement as a "super-colossal production by the police department."

Behind that attitude is to be found

the real story of the manner in which kidnaping threats are handled in Hollywood. Threats of one kind and another constantly are being intercepted by the studios, at the rate of about 1,500 per year. Few of these threats ever reach the public prints, and only

in rare instances is the Federal Bureau of Investigation called in.

Usually these plots are handled almost entirely by studio police, who quietly and efficiently investigate each threat and take whatever measures are necessary to protect their stars. A lot is done, but little said. The public usually never hears about it—and the stars, themselves, except in rare instances, never know their safety has been threatened!



FIBBER MC GEE'S RADIO STAFF PHOTO was offered as a premium to those who visited a Johnson's Wax dealer in 1941. Thanks to Mrs. Norma Stack of Brookfield for sending this picture to our Newsletter. Last year Johnson's Wax offered a record of several McGee shows!

PRESENTING THE HALL CLOSET'S

CASSETTE TAPE OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

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TO...THE HALL CLOSET • BOX 421 • MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

RADIO MILESTONES

AMOS 'N ANDY

10,000th Broadcast

A nostalgic program narrated by longtime announcer Bill Hay from the November 16, 1952, Rexall sponsored show. Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll reminisce about their radio career, how they met Kingfish, started the Fresh Air Taxi Company, and about Andy's famous romance with Madame Queen. Funny!!!

CHARLEY MCCARTHY

Last Program for Chase & Sanborn

Highlights of Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy's 11 years with their sponsor. They talk about their first appearance on the Rudy Vallee Show, about Charlie's running battle with W. C. Fields, and the time Charlie left Bergen to team up with Fred Allen, forcing Edgar to work with Mortimer Snerd. Featuring Ken Carpenter, Ray Noble and The Bickersons. From December 26, 1948.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Here Are Some Good Radio Programs We Think You'll Enjoy!

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

10 a.m.—Noon

MONTAGE with BRUCE DU MONT

Telephone talk, guests, music, listener participation

12:30—1:30 p.m.

TWO WAY STREET with Bill Nigut

Narratives, stories, comedy, music

1:30—4:15 p.m.

IN YOUR TOWN with Ted Weber

Music, news, features, celebrity interviews

SATURDAY

8—10 a.m.

OPEN A NEW WINDOW with Steve Hart

Steve and his puppet friends with a program for youngsters of all ages. Lots of audience participation.

WLTD
RADIOACTIVE 1590 AM

SUNDAY

8—9:15 a.m.

NATURE'S WAY with Bob Hoffman

Educational and entertaining stories for youngsters.

1—4 p.m.

THE YESTERDAY SHOP with Don Lucki

Music from the Big Band Era, Ragtime, Dixieland, Jazz