

CHUCK SCHADEN'S

# NOSTALGIA NEWSLETTER

## AND RADIO GUIDE

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Hello, out there in Radioland!

HAPPY OLD YEAR! -- Fifty years ago Chicagoans had a great choice of entertainment to welcome in the new year 1925. W. C. FIELDS was starring in the Ziegfeld Follies at the Illinois Theatre...AL JOLSON was at the Apollo Theatre in his big hit "Big Boy"...JUDITH ANDERSEN was at the Blackstone in "The Dove"...EDDIE CANTOR was at the Woods Theatre in "Kid Boots" and WILLIAM BOYD was in "What Price Glory?" at the Studebaker. And that was the LIVE entertainment in town! On the screen Loop moviegoers rushed over to see JOHN GILBERT in "The Big Parade" and the outlying houses were featuring "The Gold Rush" starring CHARLIE CHAPLIN. Ahhh...those were the days!

ATTENTION FANS OF THE S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. -- The 14th annual Chicagoland Barbershop Quartet show is set for Jan. 25th at the Arie Crown Theatre. It's THE big event of the new year and it's open to the public. A great many award-winning Barbershop Quartets and Choruses from the Midwest will appear, including the Chorus from Arlington Heights, current Illinois champs. Reserved seats are \$5 and \$4, send SASE and your check to C.A.B.C., Box 11757, Chicago 60611 and get set for a great evening of old fashioned entertainment.

IF YOU LOVE A MYSTERY you'll be glad to know that the exciting adventures of Jack, Doc and Reggie of the A-1 Detective Agency will be heard every Friday morning at about 8:45 on our HALL CLOSET program on WLTD, beginning

Jan. 10th. It'll replace the weekly CHANDU THE MAGICIAN series which comes to a close on Jan. 3rd. We'll have lots of those Carlton E. Morse thrillers for you each week: "The Richard's Curse," "The Thing That Cries in the Night," "Bury Your Dead, Arizona," "Temple of the Vampires," "Battle of the Century." The series features Russell Thorson as Jack, Jim Boles as Doc and Tony Randall as Reggie. Mercedes McCambridge appears in many of the stories written by the man who brought ONE MAN'S FAMILY to radio listeners.

**Warning!! Do Not Fail**

**TO LISTEN TO THE EXCITING PROGRAM**

**"I LOVE A MYSTERY"**

**CARLTON MORSE'S HAIR-RAISING, TEETH-CHATTERING**

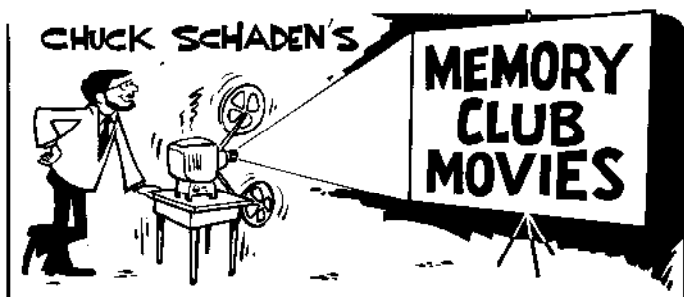
**THRILLERS THAT HAVE ALL AMERICA**

**ON THE EDGE OF ITS CHAIR !!!**

MONDAYS, 8 P. M. EST, **W B Z** and other stations of the Blue Network  
Presented by **FLEISCHMANN'S FRESH YEAST**

Thanks for turning us on!

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Our MEMORY CLUB is on a brief Winter recess, but we'll resume showing those good old movies on Saturday evening, January 18th. Everyone with a fondness for the good old days is automatically a member of the MEMORY CLUB which meets in the Community Room at North West Federal Savings and Loan Association, 4901 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. There's plenty of free parking at the rear of the office and CTA transportation to the door. MEMORY CLUB movies begin at 8 p.m. and this year, the doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Here's our current offering:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**

**GO INTO YOUR DANCE (1935)** starring Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler with Glenda Farrell, Helen Morgan, Patsy Kelly, Benny Rubin, Phil Regan, and Barton MacLane. Directed by Archie Mayo with production numbers staged by Busby Berkeley, this feature presents the husband and wife team of Jolson and Keeler in a typical 1930's Warner Brothers plot surrounded by great music from Warren and Dubin, including "About A Quarter To Nine" and "She's A Latin From Manhattan."

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th**

**SUNNY SIDE UP (1929)** starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. From the sound stages at 20th Century Fox comes Janet & Charlie's first all-talking film. It's an anti-Depression musical with Janet as a happy-go-lucky tenement girl who falls in love with rich (and handsome) Farrell. The story, and the songs, were written by DeSylva, Brown and Henderson. We hear "If I Had A Talking Picture Of You," "I'm A Dreamer, Aren't We All," and of course, "Sunny Side Up."

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**

**SHALL WE DANCE (1937)** starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire and the music of George and Ira Gershwin. Directed by Mark Sandrich, this bright musical is the story of a dance team pretending to be wed! That's the story in seven words. But here's the music: "Slap That Bass," "They All Laughed," "Let's Call The Whole Thing Off," "They Can't Take That Away From Me," and "Shall We Dance." Cast includes Edward Everett Horton, Eric Blore, Jerome Cowan.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th**

**A NIGHT AT THE OPERA (1935)** Groucho, Harpo, and Chico... the Marx Brothers absolutely destroy the opera run by Sig Ruman. Directed by Sam Wood this Marx classic features a good musical score sung by Allan Jones and Kitty Carlisle and plenty of great comedy by the terrible trio plus Margaret Dumont.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th**

**NO MAN OF HER OWN (1932)** starring Clark Gable and Carole Lombard in their only screen role together. Directed by Wesley Ruggles, the cast includes Dorothy Mackaill, Grant Mitchell, Elizabeth Patterson. It's the usual story of Gable, the heel, reformed by Lombard, the good girl. It's a goodie from Paramount.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd**

**NOW AND FOREVER (1934)** starring Carole Lombard, Gary Cooper, and Shirley Temple. This Paramount film directed by Henry Hathaway is about a life-loving vagabond adventurer, unhampered by scruples about honesty. That's Cooper, and Shirley is his motherless tot. Carole is the woman who can't help loving him in spite of his faults.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1st**

**SING YOU SINNERS (1938)** Bing Crosby, Fred MacMurray

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8th**

**WHITE WOMAN (1933)** Carole Lombard, Charles Laughton

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS

**SATURDAY - 1 TO 5:00 PM • WLTD • 1590AM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th**

**MYSTERY ON THE AIR—**

**INNER SANCTUM (7-4-49)** "Pattern For Fear"

**SUSPENSE (1-5-50)** "I Never Met the Dead Man" starring Danny Kaye

**MYSTERY IN THE AIR (9-11-47)** "The Queen of Spades" with Peter Lorre, Henry Morgan

**LIGHTS OUT (12-22-42)** "The Meteor Man" written by Arch Oboler

**THE WHISTLER (2-7-43)** "In The Dark"

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th**

**THE GREAT ZIEGFELD—**

**ZIEGFELD FOLLIES OF THE AIR (1-27-36)** starring Fanny Brice, James Melton in an interesting program attempting to bring the Follies to radio in 1936.

**SHOWTIME (c. 1950)** "Whoopie" starring Eddie Cantor in a recreation of the 1928 Ziegfeld show.

**BILLIE BURKE SHOW (4-27-46)** Ziegfeld's wife in a radio situation comedy.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**

**MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER—**

**LUX RADIO THEATRE (6-11-44)** "Naughty Marietta" starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy

**WARNER ACADEMY THEATRE (6-5-38)** "The Crowd Roars" starring Susan Hayward and Frank McHugh

**SCREEN GUILD THEATRE (1-8-42)** "Sergeant York" starring Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, and Joan Leslie

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th**

**RADIO ON RADIO—**

**BURNS AND ALLEN (1-17-46)** Gracie's club plots to take over George's radio show.

**CBS RADIO WORKSHOP** "The Enormous Radio" with William Conrad, Hans Conried

**MY LITTLE MARGIE** with Gale Storm and Charles Farrell—running a radio station

**DENNIS DAY SHOW** Dennis has an idea for a radio program

**HOGAN'S DAUGHTER (1-2-49)** Shirley Booth stars in a story on radio about television.

# RADIO FOR KIDS

**SATURDAY - 10 TO 11 AM • WLTD • 1590AM**

Tune in every Saturday morning for an episode from the continuing adventures of **BLACKSTONE**, **THE MAGIC DETECTIVE** and **SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE**.

And set your Do-It-Yourself Secret Decoder to A EQUALS 26 to learn the true identity of our feature weekly presentation:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th**

26-25-25-12-7-7 26-13-23 24-12-8-7-22-15-15-12

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th**

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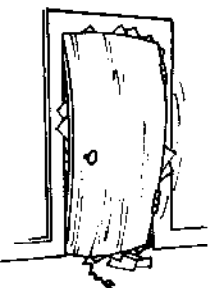
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th**

7-26-9-1-26-13 12-21 7-19-22 26-11-22-8

(To get your FREE Do-It-Yourself Secret Decoder, send an Invisible Facsimile plus coin and stamps to Radio For Kids, WLTD, Evanston, 60202.)



# THE HALL CLOSET

## MONDAY THRU FRIDAY • 7:00 To 10:00 AM

### WLTD • 1590 AM • "DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!!"

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st

AROUND THE WORLD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY! A special, 10-hour program with host Ted Weber pre-empts all programming on WLTD today, including the Hall Closet. Ted will take listeners on a musical tour of the world starting in Chicago at 6 a.m. and ending in Chicago at 4 p.m. And have a Happy New Year!

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd

PHILCO RADIO TIME (1-1-47) Bing Crosby, Joe Frisco  
EDDIE CANTOR SHOW (1-2-46)  
JACK BENNY PROGRAM (Dec., 1942) guest Fred Allen

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd

THE RAILROAD HOUR (12-28-53) Review of the Year 1953 with Gordon MacRae, Dorothy Kirsten  
CHANDU THE MAGICIAN—Chapter 68. Final chapter in series (12-26-46)  
MUTUAL REVIEWS 1946—The year in Review

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6th

COMMAND PERFORMANCE (1940's) Marilyn Maxwell, Benny Goodman, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mercer  
FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (1-6-48)  
PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 66  
BIG SISTER—Chapter 66

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7th

HENRY MORGAN SHOW (5-28-47)  
JACK ARMSTRONG, The All-American Boy (1-7-41) the start of a brand new adventure  
SUSPENSE (9-22-49) "Experiment 6-R" starring John Lund

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th

JACK BENNY PROGRAM—guest is Fred Allen  
ADVENTURES OF MAISIE—Ann Southern stars  
PHIL HARRIS & ALICE FAYE SHOW (10-23-49)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th

LIFE OF RILEY (9-24-44) William Bendix stars  
PHILCO RADIO TIME (4-9-47) Bing Crosby, Alec Templeton  
FAVORITE STORY—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" starring William Conrad

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th

BIG TIME SHOW (1930's) Georgie Price stars  
I LOVE A MYSTERY—Chapter 1 of "The Richard's Curse"  
DUFFY'S TAVERN (4-6-45) Ed "Archie" Gardner stars

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13th

BILL STERN'S SPORTS NEWSREEL (5-24-46) guest Lucille Ball  
GENE KRUPA BAND REMOTE (1-31-40) from the Meadowbrook  
PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 67  
BIG SISTER—Chapter 67

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th

FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (1-13-48)  
JACK ARMSTRONG, the All-American Boy (1-8-41)  
LIFE WITH LUIGI (3-27-49) J. Carroll Naish stars

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th

COMMAND PERFORMANCE (1940's) Cary Grant, Spike Jones and his City Slickers, Joan Davis, Ethel Waters, Larry Adler, Abbott and Costello, Ginny Simms  
EDDIE CANTOR SHOW (9-1-48) guest is William Powell  
DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT (8-25-52) Brian Donlevy, Raymond Burr

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th

THE GREAT GLIDERSLEEVE—Hal Peary stars  
HAWAII CALLS (9-29-62) from Waikiki Beach  
DAVID HARDING, COUNTERSPY (5-2-50)

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

MILTON BERLE SHOW (12-9-47) Salute to Boxing  
I LOVE A MYSTERY—Chapter 2 of "The Richard's Curse"  
ALAN YOUNG SHOW (10-16-45)

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20th

BELIEVE IT OR NOT (1940's)  
PALMOLIVE BEAUTY BOX THEATRE (7-14-37) "Bittersweet" stars Jessica Dragonette  
PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 68  
BIG SISTER—Chapter 68

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st

WHAT'S MY LINE (1950's) Arlene Francis, Dorothy Kilgallen, Jack Lemmon, Bennet Cerf, John Daly  
JACK ARMSTRONG, the All-American Boy (1-9-41)  
THIS IS YOUR F.B.I. (5-25-45) "Draft Dodging"

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

SENSATIONS AND SWING (6-10-40) Sammy Kaye and Orchestra  
THE AMAZING DUNNINGER (2-25-44) The Mentalist on Radio  
WHISPERING STREETS—"The Old Flame" Bette Davis is hostess

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd

MY FAVORITE HUSBAND (1950's) Lucille Ball and Richard Denning star  
SONGS BY SINATRA (12-11-46) Frank with guest Fred Allen  
IN THE NAME OF THE LAW—"I Dreamed Mother Was Poisoned"

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

MAIL CALL (1940's) The King Sisters, Betty Grable, Dick Haymes, Marilyn Maxwell, Ken Murray, Bob Hope, Humphry Bogart  
I LOVE A MYSTERY—Chapter 3 of "The Richard's Curse"  
FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (1-20-48)

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27th

BOB HOPE SHOW (12-18-45) guest is Wayne Morris  
STAN KENTON BAND REMOTE (1940's) from Seville Theatre, Montreal, Canada  
PEPPER YOUNG'S FAMILY—Chapter 69  
BIG SISTER—Chapter 69

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th

FRANK MORGAN SHOW (9-14-44) Robert Young is M.C., Cass Daley is guest  
JACK ARMSTRONG, the All-American Boy (1-10-41)  
OUR MISS BROOKS (11-22-52) Eve Arden stars

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th

BENNY GOODMAN BAND REMOTE (10-16-37) from Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City  
FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (1-27-48)  
LIGHTS OUT (2-2-43) "Until Dead" with Frank Lovejoy

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th

A SALUTE TO F.D.R.—On the 93rd anniversary of the birth of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, we present a broadcast from 1-30-43 on the occasion of F.D.R.'s 61st birthday. It's an all-star salute on behalf of the March of Dimes: Clifton Fadiman, Sammy Kaye and his orchestra, Frank Sinatra, Gene Autry, Fibber McGee and Molly, Artie Shaw, Bing Crosby, Dick Powell and others.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st

BING CROSBY SHOW (6-24-53) guest is Jimmy Boyd  
I LOVE A MYSTERY—Chapter 4 of "The Richard's Curse"  
GLENN MILLER BAND REMOTE (3-4-40) from Cafe Rouge

# WE GET LETTERS



Please schedule more situation comedies in the 7-8 a.m. time slot. I would especially like to hear *Our Miss Brooks*, *Father Knows Best*, and *Ozzie and Harriet*. —DOLORES V. REYES, Chicago.

*We have sometimes avoided presenting stories, even situation comedies, in the first hour of the show because we feel that most folks are on the move at that time and perhaps can't stay with the program long enough to hear a full show. But we've had many similar requests, so check the HALL CLOSET schedule for January. We're on the way!*

Ever since you had *It Pays To Be Ignorant* on your 7-8 a.m. segment, I can't put the theme song out of my mind! I'm not one inclined to humming or singing, but it's got me voicing or singing silently to myself, doing it in their style . . . with the accent on the word "pays." A good tonic! —ELEANOR ECKSTEIN, Chicago.

*We'll serve another round, soon.*

Is there any chance of getting some of the old HIT PARADE radio shows on 8 track tape? Or other shows? —KENNETH T. RAAB, Park Ridge.

*Well, the HALL CLOSET provides vintage shows on Cassette tapes only, but Mike Schwimmer out at the YESTER-DAY SHOP in Long Grove does carry a limited supply of old time radio shows on 8-track cartridges. Give him a call at 634-9191 or drop him a note at Box 282-A, Long Grove, Ill. 60047.*

NOSTALGIA NEWSLETTER, ATTENTION: CHUCK SCHADEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, EDITOR AND PERSON IN CHARGE: I AM ENCLOSING AN INVISIBLE FACSIMILE OF THE DECEMBER, 1974, ISSUE, MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY A MANUFACTURING FLAW IN YOUR SECRET DECODER OR MINE. UNDER DEC. 21ST AND DEC. 28TH "RADIO FOR KIDS" THE MESSAGES TRANSLATE TO "THE SMALK ONE" AND "NEET THE MEEKS." I WONDER IF AN OVALTINE DECODER WOULD WORK ANY BETTER? —GARY SCHROEDER, Fox River Grove.

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Thought you would like to know that we have your radio program on in the office while working on patients and they enjoy it a great deal. —DR. RONALD B. GILBERT, Wilmette.

*Always glad to be of service. What's your favorite show? Dr. Kildare? Young Dr. Malone? Dr. I.Q.? The Crime Doctor?*

Please enter my subscription for the *Nostalgia Newsletter*. Have been enjoying your programs the past couple of years and appreciate them immensely. Thanks for making these programs available, as I never thought I would be listening to the radio again. —REV. JOHN M. STRZALKA, Buffalo Grove.  
*Amen.*

# 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, JANUARY 2nd and SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th**  
FIBBER MC GEE AND MOLLY (1949) "The Typewriter"  
SUSPENSE "The House in Cypress Canyon" starring Robert Taylor

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th and SATURDAY, JANUARY 11th**  
GREAT GILDERSLEEVE "Gildy's Dinner Party"  
THE WHISTLER "Ticket to Nowhere"

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th and SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th**  
THE WAR OF THE WORLDS—The first two chapters of the BBC version of this H. G. Wells classic.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd and SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th**  
THE WAR OF THE WORLDS—Chapters three and four of this radio version of the H.G. Wells story.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**  
THE WAR OF THE WORLDS—The final two chapters in this BBC radio edition of the classic story of the Invasion from Mars.

# HALL CLOSET SPECIAL

MONDAY-8 TO 10:30 PM • WTAQ • 1300 AM

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 radio station WTAQ (1300-AM). Here's the schedule for January:

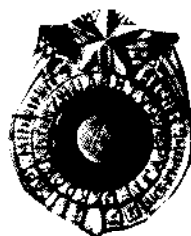
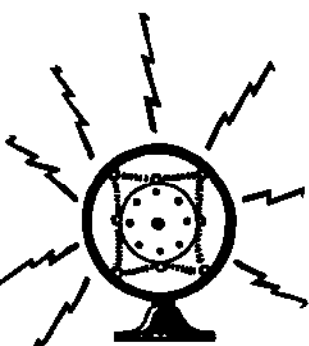
**MONDAY, JANUARY 6th**  
SALUTE TO DETECTIVES—  
ELLERY QUEEN—"World Series Crime"  
YOURS TRULY, JOHNNY DOLLAR—"The Model Picture Matter"  
NERO WOLF—"Case of the Careless Cleaner"  
—BOSTON-BLACKIE—"Inspector Faraday is Shot"  
PHILLIP MARLOW—"The Fox Tail"

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13th**  
SALUTE TO AL JOLSON—  
LUX RADIO THEATRE (6-14-36) "Burlesque" starring Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler  
LIFEBUOY PROGRAM (1938) Al Jolson, Martha Raye, Marie Wilson  
KRAFT MUSIC HALL (1949) Al Jolson, Larry Parks

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29th**  
SALUTE TO COMEDY—  
JACK BENNY PROGRAM (1950's)  
BOB HOPE SHOW with guest Jane Wyman, Margaret Whiting, Les Brown band  
AMOS 'N' ANDY (4-3-49) Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll  
FRED ALLEN SHOW (11-18-45) guest Boris Karloff

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27th**  
SALUTE TO THE GOLDEN WEST—  
GUNSMOKE—William Conrad stars as Matt Dillon  
HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL—John Dehner is Paladin  
HOPALONG CASSIDY—William Boyd is Hoppy  
FRONTIER TOWN—Reed Haldley is Chad Remington, frontier lawyer  
THE LONE RANGER—Bryce Beemer is the Masked Man

# HEY KIDS, HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS!?!



by Joe Sarno

Now is the time to invest in Radio Premiums!

Radio Premiums are those articles offered over the air during the 1930's and '40's most commonly associated with the kid shows. *Captain Midnight*, *Tom Mix*, *The Lone Ranger*, *Superman*, and others offered a variety of rings, badges, decoders, buttons, and games containing and often combining such cryptic items as mysterious writing, hidden compartments, maps, signaling devises, and magic lights; plus secret codes, passwords, and signs.

Most radio rings are now selling for \$20. *Captain Midnight* decoders, which once brought a premium price of \$50 are now selling for \$25. *Radio Orphan Annie* decoders and drinking mugs are now selling for \$8. to \$15. Many *Tom Mix* and *Dick Tracy* premiums are now quite common, and are easily available to most collectors for \$15 to \$25.

The Pedometers offered by *The Lone Ranger*, *Jack Armstrong*, and *Sgt. Preston*, are now selling for \$10 and many *Jack Armstrong* and *Sky King* rings and badges are now being sold for \$15 to \$20.

These prices may seem a little high to the non-collector who remembers that these premiums originally sold for only 10 and 25 cents each. But they represent a 50 per cent drop in price when the market peaked about three years ago. At that time radio premiums were the most sought after and hardest to find of all the nostalgia collectables.

Today many items thought to be rare, such as *Captain Midnight* Shake-up Mugs and Decoder Manuals, are now very common and many collectors have two or three of each item, which they keep available for trade. *The Shadow* Blue Coal ring, however, is still considered to be the rarest and most desirable premium, and still commands a minimum price of \$50.

When will the prices go up? When an influx of new collectors have come into the hobby, and the supply is no longer greater than the demand. Illustrated books such as Jim Harmon's *Nostalgia Catalogue* (J. P. Tarcher, Inc.; \$4.95) are greatly responsible for bringing new collectors into the radio premium field. And with the publication of another book or two on radio premiums, new collectors will be glad to see that these old radio items are miraculously still available.

So, kids, now's the time to get that *Orphan Annie* Drinking Mug and *Lone Ranger* Pedometer.

Next year you may have to pay double the price.

(Joe Sarno is a recognized authority on radio premiums and other collectables. He is the curator of The Nostalgia Shop 3905 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, 478-9377.)



M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E! Hey gang, the old MICKEY MOUSE CLUB returns to TV on Jan. 20th on Channel 9. We can see the Mousketeers every day at 3:30. Hurry home from school!

THE CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE begins its second year later this month with a week of Edgar Allen Poe stories.

MONITOR, the NBC weekend series comes to an end sometime in February.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT with 3 FRED ASTAIRE-GINGER ROGERS films at Midnight, Jan. 1 on Channel 7: GAY DIVORCEE, SWING TIME and TOP HAT.

KAY KYSER, the ol' professor of the Kollege of Musical Knowledge now resides in Boston where he is Manager of the Film & Broadcasting Department of the Christian Science Church. Kay is 68 and retired from show biz some 20 years ago.

HELP! We're preparing a TV special about Chicago and Chicagoans during the '1940s. Anyone out there in Radioland have some 16mm films that we can borrow for use. Natch, we'll return 'em in good shape.

NEW TRIER WEST has set an IDEA DAY for Jan. 16 and students hope to get some new ideas about old time radio from Chuck Schaden who'll have a recap of the world of radio in the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

NUMBER ONE SONG on YOUR HIT PARADE on January 1, 1949 was "Buttons and Bows" and Number 2 was "My Darling, My Darling."

CHUCK SCHADEN'S  
NOSTALGIA NEWSLETTER  
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JANUARY

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Square stars Les Tremayne and  
Barbara Luddy in an original comedy  
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Campana's Italian Balm commercials.

## MR. KEEN

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The kindly old investigator solves  
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Case." On her honeymoon, a bride is  
pushed off the roof of a New York  
City skyscraper. Mr. Keen, and his  
assistant Mike Clancy, investigate and  
discover a large life insurance policy  
had been taken out on her life.

## —Listening in—

with DON FOSTER

### Short subjects

Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy are planing back to Hollywood for Sunday's coffee airer. Bergen and Charlie flew to New York a week ago and did their portion of the program from that point last Sunday. The round trip by air marks the first time in months the pair have been in a plane. Bergen's Sunday



Charlie  
McCarthy

night sponsor asked him to stop taking flying lessons but agreed to let the ventriloquist make the New York jaunt in a regular commercial transport plane. . . . Clarence Budington Kelland, the author, and William Beebe, scientist, will be the guest experts on next Tuesday's "Information, Please." . . . Mischa Mischakoff, concertmaster of the NBC Symphony orchestra, will be one of five prominent musicians to be heard as soloists with the Chautauqua Symphony orchestra in a series of broadcasts beginning July

23 over NBC. . . . Brian Aherne and Donald Crisp of the screen, and Suzanne Fisher of the Metopera share the spotlight on the Bob Burns airoleo tonight.

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On the bandstand: Bob Zurke, all-American swing pianist, formerly with Bob Crosby's crew, makes his radio debut with his new Bluebird recording band on the Magic Key July 24. . . . Charlie Barnet set to open at New York's Hotel Edison July 20 with NBC wires thrice weekly. . . . Shep Fields' Hotel New Yorker opening moved up a day to July 18. . . . Bea Wain, who attained fame via her "Martha," "My Reverie," and "Deep Purple" vocals for Larry Clinton, had her first Victor recording date this week with an instrumental combination of her own selection.

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