Republic Suffers "Tragedy Of Week" In Production

Chiefs Find Big Expense Is A Failure

Even "Big Shots" Liable To An Error, Making Of Big Epic Reveals

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 11—(UP)—Republic ordered the best of everything for its current production, "Man of Conquest," the biggest picture the studio ever attempted, and what happened? Read on — for the tragedy of the week:

The budget was set at $750,000. Richard Dix was named as the star. He had an appropriate and expensive supporting cast. George Nicholls, Jr., one of the best in the business, was retained to direct. Joe August, the $750-per-week cameraman, signed up to handle the lenses.

The picture was a record of Sam Houston and his exploits in Texas. Everything had to be exactly right. So the studio hired one of the best-known technical experts in town to handle the historic angles.

He was noted especially for his knowledge of flags. He charged several hundred dollars per week for this knowledge. That was okay with Republic. Accuracy was what it wanted, and barg the expense.

The whole troupe went on location near Sonora. Being re-enacted was the battle of the Alamo, with Sam (Richard Dix) Houston in the thick of the fight.

There were lots of battle pennants, regimental streamers and the flags of Mexico, the United States, and Texas. The studio rested easily on the flag situation. It shot the action and left the flags to the technical expert.

After the scene was completed and the actors headed back to Hollywood, a motorcycle courier raced into the studio with the undeveloped film. The darkroom developed it in a hurry and discovered to its surprise, its dismay, and its horror that the Lone Star flag of Texas fluttered from the staff on the roof of the Alamo—upside down!

The flag expert lost his job so quickly he still doesn't know what happened. That didn't help matters much.

Director Nicholls, Cameraman August, Actor Dix and around 50 others eventually backtracked 400 miles to Sonora and shot the battle of the Alamo all over again and with Texas' flag right side up.

This cost nearly $20,000—and you'd better not mention it in hearing distance of Republic studios, where its no laughing matter.

CASH DONATED TO BUY BOOKS

Miss Alice Ruf, head of work with children at the Lima Public library reports an unusual gift to the Children's department.

The children of Roosevelt school and the Omego Sigma sorority presented the sum of $21 for the purchase of special "clear-type" books to be used by the sight saving class at Faurot school.

Miss May Belston, principal of the Roosevelt school told Miss Ruf that the Roosevelt children had had a candy sale to make money for the books. Omega sorority, thru its president, Mrs. Alvin Zurfluh, gave $5 to the fund. Miss Nevadne Erust submitted a list of suitable titles.

Books which will be purchased in "clear type", will include fairy tales such as The Little Lame Prince; stories about other children such as The Eskimo Twins, Indians and animals.

MUNICIPAL HEATING EXPANSION REQUESTED

(Special To The Lima News)

BLUFFTON, Feb 11—A petition bearing the signatures of 50 taxpayers here has been presented to council asking it to investigate possibilities of obtaining heat for more residents from the municipal light plant.

Two years ago heat was obtained on a limited scale, using waste steam for heating purposes, and was used in 31 homes and plants. To expand the service it has been stated live steam would be required which would increase the cost.

PASS BAR EXAMS

ADA, Feb. 11—Nine Ohio Northern graduates and former students were among the 108 who passed the state bar examination this week. From the class of 1938 were Paul Funk of Lawrenceville, W. T. Younkee of Youngstown, Edward J. Conley of Lorain, Joe Morehead of Findlay, and from the class of 1937, Fully R. Spain of Warren. Former students were Gene Garling of Lima, T. A. Joseph of Zanesville, C. S. Courson of Dayton and Guy W. Showalter of Cuyahoga Falls.

MAGICIAN COMING TO OHIO

Here is Blackstone, the famous magician, and two of his lovely assistants, who will appear Thursday and Friday for both matinee and evening performances at the Ohio theatre.

TWO PALS PLAY IN NEW HIT

At the State are Mickey Rooney and Wallace Beery in the new hit film, "Stablemates."

Blackstone, Famous Magician, To Be Seen On Ohio Stage

When Blackstone, world famous magician and illusionist, comes to the Ohio theatre for a two-day engagement Thursday and Friday of next week, audiences will see him open up his latest bag of tricks.

The sleight-of-hand artist, when he is not presenting one of his famous shows, engages in farming, especially the growing of mint. Then, the mint season being over, he assembles his company of 30 assistants, including numerous lovely ladies, gathers his tons of magical properties and a varied array of livestock, loads his special baggage cars, and sets forth to baffle and amuse entertainment seekers.

He will be doing his magic wonders on the stage of the Ohio with an entirely new assortment of illusions, featuring one in which he causes a full-sized Arabian horse to disappear in a split second. In addition to this, 18 spectacular production scenes are combined in Blackstone's presentation

At the first show Friday, the noted magician will offer a special treat for the children in addition to his regular show Dozens of real live bunnies will be given the children at this show only. During the last regular performance Friday night, his celebrated spook and ghost show will be featured.

COMMITTEE TO FIGURE PRODUCTIVITY RATINGS

(Lima News Bureau)

KENTON, Feb. 11—A meeting of the Hardin-co agricultural conservation committee will be held soon for the purpose of showing allotments and productivity ratings figured in farm operations for 1939, which is a share of acreage alloted to Hardin-co farmers, it was announced today by those in charge.

Hardin-co farmers may add a large sum to their annual income by full participation in the 1939 agricultural conservation program, J. O. Sherrick, chairman of the committee, stated.

KIDNAPED MAN LEFT IN TOLEDO

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 11—(INS)—Albert Lamoria, 45, Detroit automobile salesman, reported to Toledo detectives late today that he had been kidnaped and robbed by two armed youths who leaped into his car as he waited for a traffic light in Detroit.

Lamoria said the youths forced him to drive to Toledo, robbing him of $28 when they stopped briefly in Monroe, Mich. The robbers fled when Lamoria's car ran out of gasoline in downtown Toledo.

ROAD SURVEY STARTED

DELPHOS, Feb. 11—Employes of the state highway department were to start the survey of the Lincoln-hy for more than four miles west of here preliminary to preparing plans for rebuilding the pavement for that distance. It is planned to have the improvement start early this summer.

KENTON MAYOR SETS AMERICANISM WEEK

(Lima News Bureau)

KENTON, Feb. 11—Mayor Elis H. McFarland today issued a proclamation setting aside the period from Feb. 12 to Feb. 22 as a special Americanization week. The proclamation was based on a desire to cooperate with the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ohio and the American Legion in teaching "Americanism" during the period between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. He urges participation in stated activities.

BREAKS RIBS, FINED IN KENTON TRAFFIC MISHAP

(Lima News Bureau)

KENTON, Feb. 11—Eli Rohrbaugh of near Kenton was fined $25 and costs today by Mayor Elis H. McFarland under a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He was arrested Friday night by local police following a crash between his car and the automobile said to belong to Clair Decker of Kenton which was reported to have been parked on a street in the Kenton residential section. Rohrbaugh suffered two broken ribs in the mishap, police said.

EXECUTRIX NAMED

KENTON, Feb. 11—Cecil Stickle Morgenroth was today named executrix of the estate of Ben Morgenroth, deceased, whose will was admitted to probate in the Hardin-co probate court here.

Andrea Leeds, John Garfield To Be Teamed In Radio Play

Production To Be Given In Two Parts; Screen Guild Offering To Present Tracy And Olivia de Havilland

Andrea Leeds and John Garfield, sensational screen discoveries of 1937 and '38, have been signed to co-star in the two-part Silver Theatre production directed by Conrad Nagel, the first episode of which will be broadcast over WABC Sunday at 6 p. m. The final chapter of the drama will be presented the following Sunday, Feb. 19.

Miss Leeds, whose Silver Theatre debut with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in 1937 marked her initial appearance in any radio drama, is at present making a hurried return from the east to rehearse for her second Silver Theatre engagement.

A motion picture veteran and a rising star, Spencer Tracy and Olivia De Havilland, will join forces to present the second dramatic program of the Screen Guild Series over WABC Sunday, at 7:30 p. m.

Supported by a feature cast of screen actors, the two will be heard in an original play written just for the Screen Guild Show. In addition, they will have the assistance of George Murphy, master-of-ceremonies, and maestro Oscar Bradley with his orchestra.

Tracy's long series of screen successes was climaxed with his winning the Motion Picture Academy Award in 1937 for his performance in "Captains Courageous." Starting on the stage, he was outstanding in "The Last Mile," famous "death house" drama, which won him a Hollywood contract. Among his most successful vehicles are listed "Test Pilot," "Boys Town" and "San Francisco."

Ringing words uttered in behalf of freedom, climaxed with a reading of Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address by the celebrated English actor, Charles Laughton, will be heard of WJZ Sunday in a special program entitled, "Freedom, the Living Tradition," which commemorates the 130th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

"Impassioned pleas for the spirit of freedom, from the words of Edmund Burke, speaking in defense of the American colonies before the House of Commons in 1775, to the memorable address of The Great Emancipator will pass in dramatic review over WJZ from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Jack Benny, an old comic Valentine comes to life, will preview the double-feature celebration he intends to stage in honor of his own birthday, which falls on St. Valentine's Day, during the broadcast with Mary Livingstone, Kenny Baker, Don Wilson and Phil Harris over WEAF Sunday at 7 p. m.

Everything about the Waukegan jester is double-feature these days. He has just been named double winner in two nationwide radio editor's polls, one conducted by the New York World-Telegram and the other by Radio Daily. Jack was named favorite of all radio programs and also favorite comedian in both polls.

The muscular Benny will pause to threaten Fred Allen with a case of fistic hydrophobia before interviewing bidders for the hat-check concession at his house party.

Seth Parker brings little Danny and his father together again by telling the story of a father who didn't realize how much he loved his son until it was too late—in his regular broadcast Sunday at 7:30 p. m. over WJZ.

Charles Boyer, internationally distinguished dramatic actor, will return to the air as leading man of the Hollywood Playhouse over WJZ Sunday at 9 p. m., with the popular dramatic actress of the screen, Virginia Bruce, in the leading feminine role.

The play will be "Peter Ibbetson," popular thruout the English speaking world for many years as novel, opera and play. Written by John N. Raphael and Constance Collier, it is regarded as one of the outstanding romantic dramas of modern times and is an ideal vehicle for the dramatic talents of Charles Boyer.

First heard on the Hollywood Playhouse program last fall, Boyer has now been signed as its permanent leading man, with a different star appearing each week with him as leading lady.

Paul Wing's Spelling Bee turns athletic Sunday, when a group of Skaters from the Gay Blades rink, New York, compete against a team of college cyclists representing the Students' International Travel Association. The match will be heard over WEAF from 5:30 to 6 p. m.

Included on the skaters' team will be Morice Sherwood, Eastern States figure skating champion, while one of the college cyclists will compete is Peter Dykema, son of Professor Dykema of Columbia.

Grace Moore, soprano star of the Metropolitan Opera Co. and motion pictures, and Alexander Woollcott, author, commentator and literary light, will be featured guest artists during the Magic Key of RCA program Sunday at 2 p. m over WJZ.

As an unusual highlight of the full-hour broadcast two 10-year-old pianists, Joyce Paull and Byron James, will make their microphone debut as a two-piano team. The Magic Key Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Frank Black, also will be heard.

Victor Young, popular orchestra leader who used a fiddle to pry himself out of two wartime prison camps, will be heard on the Bandwagon Sunday at 7:30 p. m. over WEAF.

Young, an American by birth, got himself jammed into two concentration camps in Russia and Germany because he happened to be studying violin in Europe during the closing days of the World war. It was Young's fiddle-playing that in both cases appealed to a music-loving officers and enabled Young to negotiate his escape.

As a composer of popular songs, Young has a few equals in Tin Pan Alley. Included in the large collection of numbers he has authored are "Sweet Sue," "Can't We Talk It Over," "The Old Man of the Mountain," and "Love Me Tonight."

BEST BETS SUNDAY

A. M.

10:00—Kiriloff Russian Music, WJZ

11:30 — Major Bowes Hour, WABC.

P. M.

5:30—Ben Bernie and Lew Lehr, WABC.

6:00 — Conrad Nagel Play, WABC.

7:00—Jack Benny, Mary and Cast, WEAF.

7:30—Bandwagon Show, WEAF.

8:00—Charlie McCarthy, WEAF.

9:00 — The Hollywood Playhouse, WJZ.

9:30—Walter Winchell's Column, WJZ.

10:00 — Bob Benchley Show, WABC.

10:00 — The Circle, Variety, WEAF.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Time is Eastern Standard — Subtract One Hour for Central Time—P. M.

(Changes in listing due to network corrections made too late to incorporate.)

12:00—Madrigal Singers—nbc-weaf
Radio City Concert—nbc-wjz
Dr. Chas. Courboin Organ—mbs-wor
12:30—Chicago Roundtable—nbc-weaf
Salt Lake Choir & Organ—cbs-wabc
The Lamplighter Talks—mbs-wor
12:45—American Wildlife—mbs-chain
1:00—Ireene Wicker Play—nbc-weaf
Church of the Air Sermon—cbs-wabc
Great Play "Octoroon"—nbc-wjz
The Lutheran Hour—mbs-chain east
1:30—World's Fair Salute—nbc-weaf-mbs-cbs
1:45—Bob Becker on Dogs—nbc-weaf
2:00—Aunt Fanny's Dinner—nbc-weaf
Magic Key of Radio Pro —nbc-wjz
Americans All, Drama—cbs-wabc
Bible Program—mbs-chain east
2:30—Barry McKinley—nbc-weaf
Lincoln's Tomb Program—cbs-wabc
Mario de Stefano, harpist—mbs-wor
2:45—Fables in Verse—nbc-weaf
A. M. Sullivan, Poetry—mbs-wor
3.00—The Sunday Drivers—nbc-weaf
Frank Simon band—nbc-wjz
N. Y. Philharmonic (2 h.)—cbs-wabc
Smoke Dreams Orc —nbc-blue-west
Sunday Afternoon Variety—mbs-wor
3:30—Vivian d'Chiesa—nbc-weaf
The Festival of Music—nbc-wjz
The People's Rally, Talks—mbs-wor
3:45—Chats About Dogs—nbc-weaf
4:00—Rangers Serenade—nbc-weaf
Radio National Vespers—nbc-wjz
Benay Venuta Program—wor-mbs
4 30—The World Is Yours—nbc-weaf
Jesse Crawford Caravan—nbc-wjz
The Shadow—mbs-New England
The Lutheran Hour—mbs-midwest
5:00—Uncle Ezra, Sketch—nbc-weaf
Radio Opera Auditions—nbc-wjz
Words Without Music—cbs-wabc
The Musical Steelmakers—mbs-wor
5:30—Paul Wing Spelling—nbc-weaf
Malcolm La-Prade, Travel—nbc-wjz-basic
Viennese Ensemble—nbc-blue-chain
Ben Bernie & Lew Lehr—cbs-wabc
Shadow repeat—mbs-wor-east
5:45—Dog Heroes—nbc-wjz-east
Charles Sears, Tenor—nbc-blue-west
6:00—Catholic Service—nbc-weaf
New Friends of Music—nbc-wjz
Conrad Nagle's Theater—cbs-wabc
My Lucky Break—mbs-wor
6.30—A Tale of Today—nbc-weaf-east
Gateway to Hollywood—cbs-wabc
Show of the Week Orches —mbs-wor
7:00—Jack Benny & Mary—nbc-weaf
World's Fair Program—nbc-wjz
Bach Cantata Series—mbs-wor
People's Platform, Talks—cbs-wabc
7:15—Popular Classics Prog—nbc-wjz
7:30—Band Wagon Orches —nbc-weaf
Seth Parker's Sketch—nbc-wjz
Screen Guild Program—cbs-wabc
Weekend Potpourri—cbs-midwest
Dancing Music Orches.—mbs-chain
8:00—Charlie McCarthy—nbc-weaf
The Cleveland Orchest.—nbc-wjz
This Is New York, War —cbs-wabc
American Forum of Air—mbs-wor
9:00—The Merry Go Round—nbc-weaf
The Hollywood Playhouse—nbc-wjz
Sunday Evening Hour—cbs-wabc
Old-Fashioned Revival—mbs-chain
9:30—Album Familiar Mus.—nbc-weaf
Walter Winchell Column—nbc-wjz
9:45—Irene Rich Drama—nbc-wjz
10:00—The Circle, Variety—nbc-weaf
Dance Music Orchestra—nbc-wjz
Bob Benchley's Program—cbs-wabc
Radio's Good Will Hour—mbs-wor
10:30—Cheerio's Cheer Prog.—nbc-wjz
Kaltenborn in Comment—cbs-basic
The Deep River Boys—cbs-Dixie
10.45—Opinions of Capitol—cbs-wabc
11:00—Press Radio—nbc-wjz-weaf
W. Winchell repeat—nbc-blue-west
Dance Music (2 hrs.)—cbs-wabc
Old Fashioned Revival—mbs-midw.
11.05—Dancing (2 hrs.)—nbc-wjz-weaf
11:15—Irene Rich rpt—nbc-blue-west
11:15—Dance Music to 1:30—mbs-wor

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS

(Note: Refer to this box for stations of networks indicated after each program item. All programs are carried by key station and basic chains or groups thereof unless specified.)

NBC-WEAF (RED): BASIC—East: weaf wnac wtic wjar wtag wcsh kyw wfbr wrc wky wben wcae wtam wwj cbm wdel; **Midwest:** ksd wmaq who wow wdaf wire ksfp; **South:** wmbg wsb wmc wsmb wjdx kprc wbrc.

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East: wjz wbz-wbza wbal wham kdka wayz wjtn wsyr wmal wfil waby webr cicf whk wmff wspd wean wicc wlew; **Midwest:** wenr wls kwk koil wreo wmt kso wowo kma wcfa well wfdf wibm wjim wbcm; **South:** wrtd wmps wjbo wdsu waga wsgn kxyz.

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS (operate interchangeably RED or BLUE networks): **East:** wbrc wcol wfea wlw work wcky wsai wsan cbf cbl cmq wccu wraw wgal wrdo wlbz wnbc; **Central:** wcfl wtmj wtba wday kgbx kans kelo ksoo wbow wood webc wgbf wgl kfyr koam; **South:** whak wapo wtar wptf wis wjax wfla-wsun wiod wsoc wfbc wwnc wcsc wavc wsm kvoo wky wfaa wbap woai kths kfdm kgko krgv kris ktok ktsm wala wrol ktbs kark kgnc.

CBS-WABC: BASIC — East: wabc woko wcao wccl wgr wkbw wkrc wjr wdrc wcau wjas wpro wfbl wjsv wgar; **Midwest:** wbbm wfbm kmbc kmox whas kfab krnt. **OTHER STATIONS—East:** wadc wbns wpg whp whec wore cfrb ckac wibx wmas wesg wnbf wabi wbry wkbn whlo wgbi wbrk wnbx wgan; **Dixie:** wgst wsfa wqam wdod klra wrec wlac wwl wtoc krld ktrh ktsa koma wbt wdae wbig wdbj wwva wsjs wmbr ktul wcoa wdnc wnox kwkh wdbo wmmm wjno wchs wpar wmaz wcoc wrva waim wrdw wapi; **Midwest:** wphd wisn wibw kfh wkbb wtaq whbk wcco wsbt ksej wnax woc whib kglo kdal weao wmfg.

MBS-WOR-WGN—Basic and East: wfil wbal wol wrva wcae wlw wsai whkc wbax cklw whk-wcle; **New England:** wicc wtht watr wspr wfea waab wlnh wlbz wnlc wrdo wlth wean wsar wnbh whai wcou; **Midwest:** kso wmt koil kfor wdgy whb kggf whbf; **South:** wsm ktok kada kvso kerc kblx kgff ktat kfiz krbc kgne know kric kbst kris kand wrr kluf kxyz kfro kfyo kplt kgkl kabc krrv ktem kcmc kgkb waco krgv kome

RONALD COLMAN CANCELS HIS RADIO CONTRACT

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 11—(UP)—Ronald Colman was the latest screen star to withdraw today from the air waves because motion picture exhibitors complained that Hollywood radio shows emptied their theatres. He obtained a release from the advertising agent for his sponsor. His contract had called for 12 appearances. Colman said he withdrew because he wanted a vacation before starting a new picture.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio earlier cancelled its weekly air show, "Good News of 1939," featuring the studio's stars, effective March 30.

LICENSED TO WED

KENTON, Feb. 11—Marriage licenses were issued today in the Hardin-co probate court to Charles Shields of Dola and Mabel DeLong of Dunkirk with Rev. J. J. Anglemeyer of Williamstown to officiate and Willard Rager of Forest and Isabelle Jordan of Goshen-tp. Hardin-co, with Rev. George Herd of Wapakoneta, to have charge.

SPENCERVILLE GIRL'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

(Special To The Lima News)

SPENCERVILLE, Feb. 11—The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Norma Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Miller of Spencerville, to Harry Maurer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora C. Maurer of St. Marys, was announced Saturday evening when the parents of the bride elect entertained in their home with a Valentine party.

Miss Miller was graduated from Spencerville high school, and attended Northwestern School of Commerce at Lima. Maurer was graduated from Mendon high school, and is employed at the Neon Products plant in Lima.

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