Ghost Photoplays Are Much In Vogue At Present

Spook Dance Lessons Are Given Baxter

"Grapes Of Wrath" Sets Record For Economy; Gable In New Roles

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HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 27—Behind the screen: Lots of ghost pictures coming up, among them "Earthbound," "And So Goodby," "Rebecca" (with nobody playing the title role), and "The Invisible Man Returns." Incidentally, two dance directors have been assigned to teach Warner Baxter, principal ghost in "Earthbound," how to hoof like a spook.

Technique of ghost photography has improved enormously lately with the making of huge glass prisms which are placed between camera and set. Off at one side, but shown in the prism as a transparent image, the ghost goes thru his pantomime of moving among living people and walking thru walls.

An elderly, retired producer is trying to get back into the picture business. He explained to Arthur Murray: "I've got to find something to take my mind off pinocle."

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HOWARD HUGHES IS SEEING DIETRICH

Marlene Dietrich and Howard Hughes are going together again, and the colony hears that he's trying to borrow her from Universal for a starring chore. . . . Metro is whipping up three radically different pictures for Clark Gable to offset his typing in the Rhett Butler role.

Al Jolson, unhappy since his divorce, and fed up with Hollywood, has sold his home to Don Ameche. . . . Tyrone Power and Annabella are all settled now in the house they bought from Grace Moore. On a still night, tho, they say they still can hear some of those shrill soprano notes bouncing around up in the attic.

Director John Ford adhered so closely to newsreel technique in making "Grapes of Wrath" that he set an all-time record for film economy. Used only 38,000 feet, as compared to the average of 100,000 to 150,000 feet for major productions. To obtain naturalness, Ford okayed the first take on nearly every scene, in spite of occasional mumbling and stammering and fumbling of lines.

Cecil De Mille wired to have a color test made of Simone Simon for the top feminine role in "Northwest Mounted Police." He contemplates a re-discovery of the French cutie, just as Joe Pasternack gave Miss Dietrich a new career in the Destry western. . . . Twentieth-Fox publicists continue to make capital of the yarn that Zorina refused to smoke a cigaret in "I Was an Adventuress." Several months ago Warner press agents did much better with the true yarn that Zorina took nude sunbaths en route to Manhattan.

"There's an international boner in "The Fighting 69th," when the first battle between the Irishers and the Alabama regiment is ascribed to an argument about the Civil war. Real cause of the camp conflict, as thousands of ex-doughboys will remember, was something a good deal more timely and personal.

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The stalemate on the current war's western front has led to a resumption of movie production in England, with quite a few players and executives returning from Hollywood. . . . Jimmy Roosevelt promised in a statement that he wouldn't make any highbrow pictures, and proved it by buying Ursula Parrott's "Love Song."

Dick Powell and Joan Blondell will be together again, at Paramount, in "I Want a Divorce." No music. . . . Mae West will be seen next, after the W. C. Fields flicker, with Wallace Beery. . . . Norma Shearer won't do "Pride and Prejudice," a picture which had been planned for her for years. Greer Garson gets the role.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP BOOST

(Lima News Bureau)

WAPAKONETA, Jan. 27 — Steps to enlarge the Auglaize-co Young Democratic club were taken today with the start of a membership drive, Myron Andrews of Waynesfield, president, announced.

The club will sponsor a series of meetings thruout the county to formulate plans for the coming campaign to follow the primary.

Vennard Killian, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, also disclosed the appointment of Earl Bechdolt as central committeemen from Wapakoneta second ward B to succeed his wife who resigned.

VETERANS HONOR MAYOR

DELPHOS, Jan. 27—Altho Delphos has had Legionnaires as members of city council, this year is the first time that the municipality has had a mayor, who is a member of Commemorative post, American Legion, and to mark the event, Mayor W. D. Swihart was presentetd with a bill fold and key ring by the veterans at their regular business session. Ferman Clinger, former councilman, as post commander, made the presentation with an appropriate address.

Benny Troupe To Be Heard In Benefit Program Sunday

First Admission Ever Charged For Broadcast By Jack Will Go To March Of Dimes Fund

Jack Benny, who still thinks a dentist was chief engineer on the Golden Gate bridge, will relate the highlights of his trip to Oakland, Calif. when he broadcasts from that city with Mary Livingstone, Phil Harris, Dennis Day, Don Wilson and Rochester over WEAF Sunday at 7 p. m.

The Benny gang is traveling north to present a benefit performance in behalf of Oakland's March of Dimes campaign to aid in combatting infantile paralysis. In order to raise funds, admission will be charged to a Jack Benny broadcast for the first time in the comedian's eight-year radio career.

Richard Crooks, noted American tenor who has just returned from an extended concert tour abroad, makes his first appearance this season on the Sunday Evening Hour. The program, with Victor Kolar conducting the Ford Symphony orchestra and the mixed chorus of 26 voices, will be broadcast over WJR from 9 to 10 p. m. EST.

"Beat the Band," a new audience participation show featuring Ted Weems and his boys as a musical board of experts, makes its bow Sunday afternoon at 6:30 p. m., EST, on WEAF.

Many programs are being presented to aid the Infantile Paralysis fund and the Phil Spitalny "Hour of Charm" is following the current trend with the presentation of its "Woman of the Week" during the broadcast over WEAF Sunday at 10 p. m. She is Dr. Josephine Neal, and has won national fame as a leading figure in the battle against the dread disease. She will be interviewed by John McIntire. The program will originate in Charlotte, N. C., where Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra are making a personal appearance.

Exercise is admirable but it has its limitations, according to Richard (the Great) Parker, amusing adolescent of "The Parker Family" series heard Sundays at 9:15 p. m. over WJZ. He makes this discovery during the presentation, subtitled "The Body Beautiful," when he accepts too many jobs of removing snow from neighbors' walks and tries to default.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of baseball's immortals, will talk it over with Bill Stern during the "Sports Newsreel of the Air," Sunday at 9:45 p. m., over WJZ.

The home of James Russell Lowell in Cambridge will be visited by Ted Malone during his "Pilgrimage of Poetry" program over WJZ Sunday at 1:00 p. m. Malone will describe the historic surroundings and read from the poet's works.

"Rip Van Winkle," American folk drama which was synonymous with the name of Joseph Jefferson for more than 40 years, will be the Great Play presented over WJZ network, Sunday at 2 p. m., Jefferson rewrote it again with the assistance of Dion Boucicault, and played the title role almost continuously from 1859 until shortly before his death in 1905. Harry A. MacFayden, who has seen Jefferson in the title role almost continuously from 1859 until shortly before his death in 1905. Harry A. MacFayden, who has seen Jefferson in the play, will direct.

Lydia Summers, contralto, of Benton Harbor, Mich., and William Roveen, tenor, of New York City, will compete for opera contracts during the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air program, Sunday at 5:30 p. m. over WJZ. Norman Cordon, Metropolitan bass baritone, will be the guest speaker. Wilfred Pelletier will direct the orchestra with Milton Cross as master-of-ceremonies.

Jean Dickenson's solo on the American Album of Familiar Music broadcast, Sunday at 9:30 p. m. over WEAF, will be Je Suis Titania from Thomas' "Mignon," aria which she will sing during her Metropolitan Opera debut two days earlier. Frank Munn will sing "Mother O' Mine" by Tours, and Gershwin's "Love Walked In," and with contralto Elizabeth Lennox, Debussy's "Reverie." "Siboney," sung by Munn and Miss Dickenson, also will feature a violin solo by Bertrand Hirsch, and Arden and Arden offer a two-piano version of Chopin's Minute Waltz. "All the Things You Are," from "Very Warm For May," will be sung by the ensemble to conclude the broadcast.

BEST BETS SUNDAY

P. M.

5:30—Ben Bernie and Lew Lehr, WJR.

6:00—Conrad Nagel's Theatre, WJR.

7:00—Jack Benny Program, WLW.

7:30—Mr. District Attorney, WOWO.

8:00—Charlie McCarthy, WLW.

8:00—Sunday Evening Hour, WJR.

NIGHT LIFE FOOTNOTES

LOST CREEK—Of such stuff are heroes made. We refer to the special club dinners that Master R. Burke dispenses at this haven. In other words it's a good spot to take aboard man-sized victuals.

CASTLE FARM—Featured floor show side will be the torid Torre Twins and terriffic Torrence. Likewise a covey of five Dancettes will disport about in the latest of flang-dang rhythm routines.

ALPINE VILLAGE—The hilarity experts have found the Sunday matinee dance schedules to be super swell at this place. Besides the special sessions, much merriment goes on other afternoon and evening occasions.

BLUE CIRCLE — Again the swish and swirl devotees find facilities especially suitable to dancing. Even if you don't care to tread a few measures personally, this place is a fine spot for spectators who like to see how it's really done.

ROXY GRILL—You can't miss. Like a good heating plant, the Roxy is centrally located and manned by experts in the pour and shakeup department. 'Tis a bright spot on Saturday and every other night.

WALDO—Dancing — and what we mean DANCING—every night.

COURT CAFE—Being delicately attuned to the ever-changing public taste in beverages, Bossman Dick Davis is now stressing the portability merits of wine.

STONE'S GRILL — Regardless of what part of this Buckeye state you happen to be in (at the time of The Great Thirst) there's always a Stone's spot to quench that dryness and quell hunger. Sobett here in Lima.

BLINKING OWL—Always on the prowl for new entertainment features is the head man at this establishment. Thus be on the lookout for special event night—of a Thursday.

DICK'S PLACE—Clyde Dixon plus Red Franklin still are the bright haired boys who lead the hilarity here. Music is unleashed on Friday night in particular and every night in general.

STARLITE CAFE — Delicious sandwiches and a neat dance floor make for a swell double threat in the night fun game. Leading the customers in merriment is that ace gate Carl Shafer.

BARR RAINBOW ROOM—Many fine features are to be found in this restful retreat. Of prime note, it appears, are those special back-to-the-wall type of benches designed for two-somes.

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 stations and basic chains or groups thereof unless specified.)

NBC-WEAF (RED): Basic — East: weaf wfbr wnac wben wtam wwj wtic kyw wcao wesh wjar wgy wre wdel wtag wfbg wjac wccn wraw wrpd; Midwest: wmaq who wire wdaf wtmj kstp wow ksd; South: wmbg wsb wbrc wjdx wmc wsmb wfaa wbap kprc kark wky woai kths kvoo; Mountain: koa kdyl

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): Basic — East: wjz wbal wbz wice webr wbk wxyz wfil kdka wcau wham wbza wsyr wmal waby wlou wtjn wrbc wnff; Midwest: wmt wcar wls ksd wowo wren wten kwk well wbem wfdf wibm wjim kowh kma ksej; South: wrld kdlm kgko kxyz ktok waga wjbo wsgn kths wmps wdsu; Mt: kvod klo kuta

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS operate either RED or BLUE—East: wsan wrdo wibx wky wsai wcol wmg wklo wgal wfea wkow wbre work whlz cmx cbf cbm cfcf wgl; Midwest: wcle wgbf wgl wood wiba kysn krnc wclo ksoo kfam kans wefl kfvr wday kcam kgby; South: wgkv wols wbtk wtar wise wtma wsoc wis wflc wptf wjax wtak wiod wfla wsun kgne wapo kris wrol wala wcoa krgv wavu wsm; Mt: koh kcbl kdb kgir kpfa ksel ktfi kob ktsm kghf

CBS-WABC: BASIC — East: wabc woko wcoa wccc wgr wklw wcky wgar wdrc wcau wjr. wgvo wfbl wjsv; Midwest: wbbm krnt wtbm kmbc kfab whas kmox. OTHER STATIONS: East: wade wabi wnbf wbns whlo wjr wesg whp ckoc wgan wbec wkaq wghl wmas wnbx cfrb wibx wkry wore wkbn; Midwest: wcc wkbb kdal wcoa wind wtaq wmfg wkbh kglo wisn wcco koil wmbd wshk wdlw wbib kfh waax; South: waim wwnc wgst wrdw wapi wcsc wchs wbt wdod wrbl krld wdnc wmnm wbig ktrh wmbr wnox kfxa wmaz wrec wco; wqam wsfa wiac wwl koma wdbo wpar wrva wdbj ktsa wtoc kwkh wdae ktul wjno wwva kwft wsjs; Mountain: kgcm kvor klz kfbb kgvo koy ksl kvsf ktuc

MBS-WOR-WGN—BASIC: wor wgn wrok cklw whk wcle waby weny wkax wfil wbal wol wrva wcao wiw wkrc wbkc wral wair wstp wsoc wlap wsix wgrc wcmt; New England: wicc wint watr wspr wfea waab wlnh wlbz wtic wrdo wlbh wcau wcsr wnbh what wcou wbrk wsyb; Midwest: wbhf kwk wdgy webc wdsm kso wmt koil kfor whb ktsw kgef; South: klok kada kcrc kome kbix kgff kjfz krbc kfda know krlc kbst kris kand wrr klnf kxyz kfro kfyo klpt kgkl kabc krrv ktem kcmc kgbk waco krgv; Mountain: kfel kfka. (Note: Some MBS stations also on other chains.)

SCENE IN SUNDAY'S OHIO HIT

Here is a scene from the dramatic, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," at the Ohio.

PLAYERS SHOWING AT STATE

These three stars in the State's "The Secret of Dr. Kildare."

TRIO IN SIGMA'S PICTURE

"Invisible Stripes," Sigma drama, has George Raft, Humphrey Bogart and Jane Bryan in lead roles.

Lew Ayres Is Star Of New State Movie

"The Secret of Dr. Kildare," with Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore, flashes on the screen at rapid pace at the State theatre Sunday. The scientific detective romance in which Ayres, as Dr. Kildare, employs detective work to solve the weird terror of a beautiful heiress, guided by Lionel Barrymore as the veteran Dr. Gillespie, is the third in the popular series.

Ayres is convincing and often gripping, Barrymore is, as usual, compelling, and in several sequences, such as the "craps" game, reveals a new flair for comedy. Helen Gilbert's fragile beauty fits the role of the "mystery patient" and Laraine Day is again the young doctor's nurse-sweetheart. Harold S. Bucquet directed with deft skill.

Principals include Lionel Atwill, Nat Pendleton, Sara Haden, Samuel S. Hinds, Emma Dunn, Walter Kingsford, Grant Mitchell, Alma Kruger and Robert Kent.

Medical marvels of today including the latest in scientific apparatus and Sulfapyradine, medicine's new "miracle drug," are used as incidentals to the main mystery plot. Effective photography by Al Gilks and a clever musical score by Edward Ward embellish the fast-moving detective tale.

With Jascha Heifetz, the world's most renowned violinist starred, Samuel Goldwyn's new major production, "They Shall Have Music," will also be showing at the State theatre on Sunday unfolds a gripping story of human interest, highlighted by tense and thrilling action. The principal romantic roles are played by Andrea Leeds and Joel McCrea, while the important supporting roles are portrayed by Walter Brennan, Gene Reynolds and Tommy Kelly. Archie Mayo, who staged such hits as "The Adventures of Marco Polo" and "The Petrified Forest," directed "They Shall Have Music."

UCT WILL HOLD DISTRICT MEET IN LIMA FEB. 5

More than 150 members from 12 northwestern Ohio cities are expected to attend a banquet of the United Commercial Travelers of America to be held at 6:30 p. m. Monday, Feb. 5, according to H. A. Slonecker, local secretary and program chairman.

The affair will be staged in the Argonne hotel, with Harold Smith, of Racine, Wisc., supreme councillor, and E. A Robbins, of Chillicothe, grand councillor, as the principal speakers. Other dignitaries also will be present.

The meeting will be the first of a series of five in Ohio, and Lima was chosen as the site for the only session in the northwestern part of the state.

Representatives are expected from locals in Toledo, Sandusky, Fremont, Fostoria, Findlay, Van Wert, Kenton, Bellefontaine, Urbana, Piqua and Sidney.

The banquet will afford members from thruout the district an opportunity to become acquainted with their supreme councillor, Slonecker announced.

C. H. Saylor is senior councillor of the Lima local, No. 17.

SIDNEY PLANT UNION ELECTION IS SCHEDULED

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27—(INS)—Oscar Smith, Cleveland regional director for the National Labor Relations Board, announced today that a hearing would be held Jan. 30 at 10 a. m. in the Civil Service room of the Sidney, O., postoffice on the request of the A. F. of L. International Association of Machinists for sole bargaining representation of the employes of the American Steel Scraper Co., Sidney.

In 1938, Englishmen spent $545,000,000 on taxes for alcoholic beverages.

LOCAL STATION JOINS NETWORK

Radio Station WLOK will become a member of the Red network of the N. B. C. in a special salute and dedicatory program Sunday afternoon.

At 12:30 the local station will broadcast its own dedicatory program for one half an hour, presenting local artists. Mayor Frank McClain will assist in the ceremony.

The actual hour of joining the network has been set for 1 p. m. when station KYW, of Philadelphia, will broadcast a salute to the local station.

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