

New Artificial Voice Will Be Demonstrated Thursday

Invention Restores Speech To Persons Who Lose Powers; Woolcott To Tell Story Of Popular Song

John J. Smith, 64, retired newspaperman of Hollis, L. I., who lost his voice six years ago, will speak and sing again, for the first time since that date, by means of Gilbert Wright's remarkable invention, the Sonovox, on the Strange As It Seems program, Thursday at 8 p. m. over WABC.

The broadcast will be the first public demonstration of Wright's Sonovox, which seeks to restore speech to thousands of persons who could speak at birth but have since lost the power. The invention consists of a small attachment to the throat, run by a storage battery, which transmits sounds up thru the throat and mouth as the wearer silently forms the words.

The United States Navy signal corps has already accepted the Sonovox and is at present using it to expedite teaching of the Morse code.

Alexander Woolcott, America's favorite story teller, tells a great American story on the "Cavalade of America" program Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" of how it came to life; how Julia Ward Howe fired with the stirring tune of a marching song, popular with the men in the "Grand Army of the Potomac," felt that with new words it could be a great hymn, an inspiration to the nation.

A murder which leads to the expose of a plot to steal new military airplanes is the basis of "Night Freight," the "Big Town" show which will star Edward G. Robinson over WABC on Wednesday. Robert Leitfried, well-known magazine writer, did the story, which is characterized by fast action and plenty of twists.

A romance that blossoms within a boarded-up "brown-stone front" on a faded New York street is Stuart Hawkins' contribution to "Manhattan At Midnight" for its airing over WJZ Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

Graham MacNamee, Clem McCarthy and Ben Grauer, who have been practicing up in the privacy of their own bathtubs, will dip into song together when they make their vocal debut on Eddie Cantor's "Time to Smile" program over WEAF Wednesday at 9 p. m.

A train robbery, 1940 style, makes one of the thrilling moments in "Mr. District Attorney" on Wednesday at 9:30 p. m. over WEAF. The drama, "Robbery of the Western Limited," is based on the recent hold train hold-up in New York City.

Kay Kyser will detail the daily routine of a draftee in song during his "College of Musical Knowledge" program over WEAF Wednesday at 10 p. m.

Lima Memorial Hospital Suit Appeal Likely

(Lima News Bureau) WAPAKONETA, Dec. 4.—Definite indications the partition case of Lima Memorial hospital against Miss Ola V. Harrod, of Lima, would be taken to the Third district appellate court by the defendant were given today with the filing of a bill of exceptions to the Auglaize-co common pleas court decision, ordering partition of a 140 acre farm in Union-twp.

The suit involves the farm which was deeded to the hospital by the late J. C. Harrod, father of the defendant, with a provision the hospital pay Miss Harrod one-half of the net income of the farm for the remainder of her life. The plaintiff's, in their petition, state they are unable to operate the farm in a satisfactory manner because of interference by the defendant. The latter denied the charge.

The defense bill of exceptions was based on four rulings of Judge W. T. Copeland, who heard the case. First, was the order of partition of the two net incomes; second, the overruling of a motion for new trial; third, failure of the court to admit testimony of the defendant and fourth, overruling of a defense motion to admit the Harrod will as an exhibit.

Judge Copeland at present has under advisement a defense motion to vacate a report of commissioners, who made an appraisal of the farm. This led the plaintiff's attorneys to contend that the defense attorney filed his notice of appeal before the report of commissioners was affirmed and the notice of appeal was not filed from a final judgment. They have indicated they will file a dismissal motion to the appeal.

BANDIT TAKES \$2 IN FOREST STORE ROBBERY

(Special To The Lima News) FOREST, Dec. 4.—A prospective customer who asked to see guns, later furnished one of his own and believed a Forest hardware store of \$2 and a revolver at 8 a. m. today.

Vigil Parker, clerk in the Maple-toft hardware store here told Sheriff Lloyd Norman a man entered about 8 a. m. and asked to see a rifle. Parker displayed one then the "customer" asked to see a revolver, which the clerk showed him as the bandit brandished one from the pocket of his coat and demanded contents of the cash register. It aggregated \$2 in change.

Packer said the bandit threatened him when the clerk explained that he did not know the safe combination. Finally the gunman picked up the revolver which Packer had shown him and fled thru a side door, ordering Packer to stand with his back to the street.

William Mapletoft, proprietor, was not in the store when the robbery occurred. It was the fourth armed robbery in Hardin-co within the past two weeks.

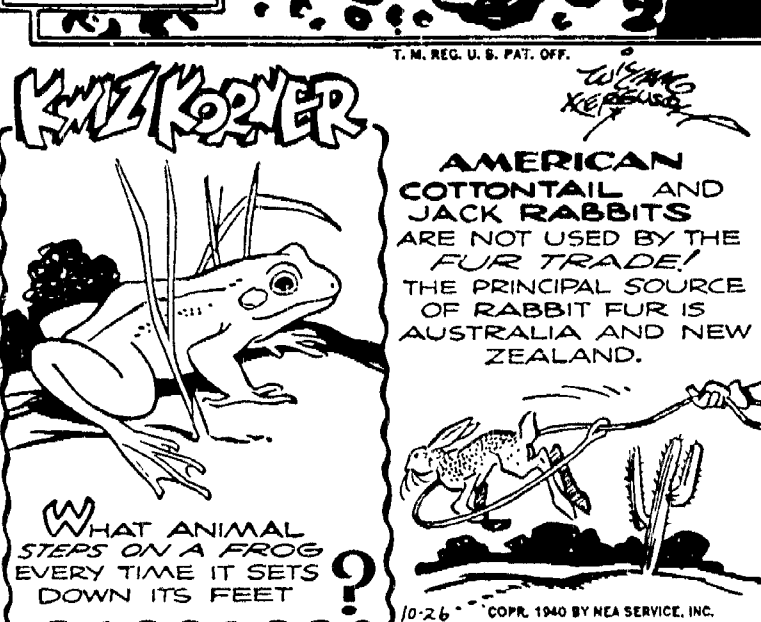
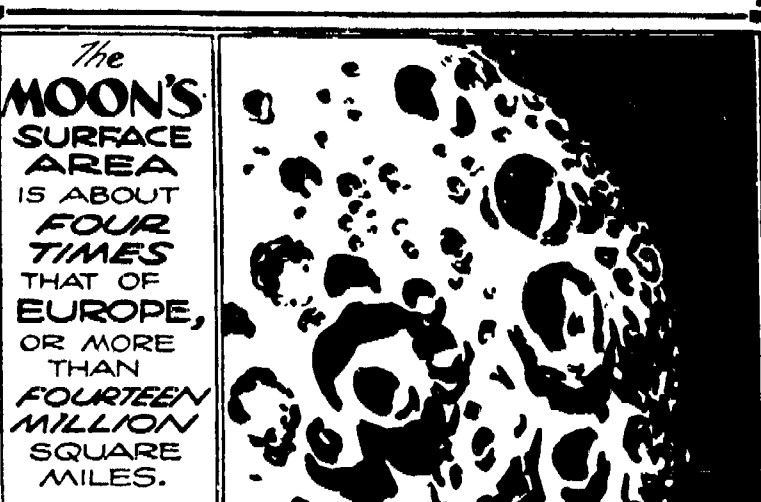
SPENCERVILLE BLAZE CAUSES \$1,000 DAMAGE

(Special To The Lima News) SPENCERVILLE, Dec. 4.—Damage was estimated at \$1,000 today after fire, believed to have been started by a defective flue, destroyed the upper portion of a home here Tuesday night.

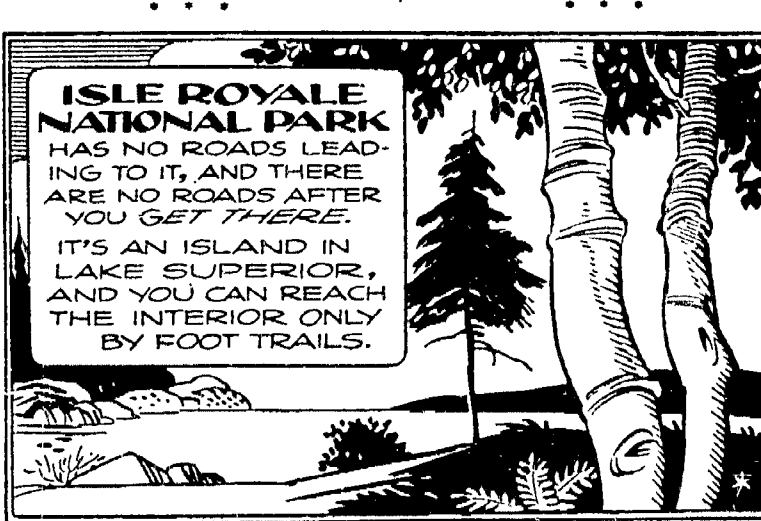
The N. College-st residence is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Redick. The couple was preparing to retire when a neighbor informed them the upper portion of their house was ablaze. Redick had fired the furnace only a short time before the flames were discovered, about 9 p. m.

Firemen worked two hours. The upper portion of the house was destroyed, including furnishings. Redick, a finish-carpenter, is employed by a Lima contractor.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



ANSWER: A horse, for on the bottom of each foot he has a triangular, elastic, horny pad, which is called a frog.



ANSWER: Right. William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor are the only two to die in the White House, but six have died in office.

POSTAL WORKERS GIVE HOLIDAY MAILING TIPS

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another of a series of articles prepared for The Lima News, thru the collaboration of Lima postal workers, which are intended to convey helpful ideas in the matter of mailings during the approaching Christmas season.

Almost every patron of every one of the more than 45,000 post offices in the United States mails greetings in the form of cards during the Christmas season. Some of these cards cost a penny apiece, while others may cost as much as 50 cents or more, each.

If the people of America knew the actual number of these greetings which can not be delivered to their destination by the post office each year because of improper addresses, or principally because postage was not paid at a rate which would entitle the greetings to be forwarded or given directory service, they would be appalled.

Today Messrs. H. D. Zurmehly and C. R. May, two foremen of the Lima post office workroom, have prepared a number of suggestions for patrons of this post office which, if followed, will result in practically every greeting card mailed locally reaching its destination.

First and foremost, they recommend that you dignify your greetings by using first-class postage. That means placing two-cent stamps on all greetings enclosed in envelopes mailed for local delivery or addressed to Lima rural routes, and three cents postage for such greetings otherwise addressed.

When one and one-half cent postage stamps are used on greetings, that makes them third-class mail. Such matter can not be forwarded.

For sending greetings to friends at a distance, the use of air mail adds to their importance and their speedy delivery, and the cost is only three cents more.

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"George White's Scandals" Current On Stage At Ohio

Cast Of 75, Including Many Beautiful Girls, To End Run Thursday; Lupe Velez Starred In Film Fare

Hailed as the best stage show to be presented in many months in Lima is "George White's Scandals," which currently shows at the Ohio theatre. Three shows are presented daily featuring a cast of 75 persons including 40 gorgeous girls. Ben Blue, famous comedy star, Billy Rayes, Ross Wyse and Mildred Fenton are a few of the featured actors. On the screen is "Mexican Spitfire Out West," starring Lupe Velez and Leon Errol.

The story of one of the world's greatest newsmen - Julius Reuter - is told in "A Dispatch From Reuter's," which is carried out at the Sigma. Edward G. Robinson, Edna Best and Eddie Albert have leading roles. Completing the program is "Cherokee Strip," story of western lawlessness, which stars Richard Dix and Florence Rice.

"Down Argentine Way," half of the Lyric program, is packed with action, comedy and music. This spectacular musical extravaganza features Don Ameche, Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda. "The Man I Married," with Joan Bennett and Francis Lederer, also shows.

Described as one of the most thrilling and chuckling mysteries of the year, "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" continues to please Quilna patrons. Edgar Kennedy, Elizabeth Patterson, Onslow Stevens and Joyce Compton are four of the stars. "Melody Ranch," with Gene Autry and Jimmy Durante, is also on the bill.

Six big name stars are in the two new pictures, "Wyoming" and "Private Affairs," which open Thursday at the State theatre for a three-days run. Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main have the leads in the western action production while stars in the comedy hit are Nancy Kelley, Robert Cummings, Hugh Herbert and Roland Young.

"No Time for Comedy" and "Dance Girl Dance," will show thru Wednesday.

Mark Wildhack, played by Barton MacLane, is cold, vicious and calculating. He is the "brains heavy," the one who plots all the dirty work, leaving the actual physical danger to his muscle men and henchmen.

Janey Wildhack, played by Joseph Sawyer, is brutal, cold and unemotional. But his brutality is unsoftened by cunning; he is the boy who acts first and then thinks afterwards - if he is still alive. He is the "brave heavy."

Bud Wildhack, portrayed by Horace MacLellan, is the easy-going, almost likeable heavy who is the victim of his own vanity and ego. He means no harm; he just drifted into a life of crime because it seemed a good idea at the time! He is the Stogie heavy.

"Melody Ranch," which serves up these three bad men along with such heroes as Gene Autry, Jimmy Durante and George "Gabby" Hayes, and such feminine morsels as Ann Miller and Mary Lee, is at the Quilna theatre. "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?" also is on the program.

The Sigma theatre brings to the screen a new kind of film thrill in the Edward Robinson starring picture, "A Dispatch From Reuter's." Reuter's name has been seen on a thousand front pages yet nobody knows his story. Now, the most talked about man in history tells his own incredible tale.

The role of Julius Reuter, the man who made the greatest news beats of all time, is played by Robinson, in what is claimed to be the best performance in his admirable career. Edna Best is cast in the role of his wife, who proves to be not only the perfect

PUBLIC INVITED TO CHECK WPA PLAY CENTERS

A district-wide "open house" week is being held at various city recreation centers and is being observed by the WPA recreation division from Dec. 2 to 7, according to James R. Inman, district supervisor.

Different phases of the program will be stressed at the activity centers on each day of the week. Separate days are being allotted for emphasis on music, dramatics, dancing, physical activities such as gymnastics and social recreation. Hand craft exhibits are also planned.

Several hundred youngsters are participating actively in programs which are designed to give the general public a better understanding of the type of work being done under WPA supervision.

The public is invited to inspect any of the following centers during their open hours from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m. this week: Bradford Center, 321 S. West-st.; Emerson school, Findlay-rd.; Central High school, W. High-st.; Garfield school, 220 N. Pine-st.; Irving school, Grand and Elizabeth; Jefferson school, Sugar-st.; Lincoln school, Vine and Elizabeth-sts.; Lowell school, Jameson and Springs-sts.; Whittier school, Holmes and Reese-av. and The Recreation Center, Eagle-bldg, Delphos.

Of all the new cars purchased during 1939, 92 per cent involved trade-in of used cars. Of the used cars bought, 60 per cent involved trade-ins. Six per cent of all automobiles traded in were junked.

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CHURCH PLANS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

(Special To The Lima News) ROCKFORD, Dec. 4.—The Rockford Methodist church will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday, Dec. 8, with the presentation of a pageant, "One Hundred Years of Rockford Methodism."

A cast of 40 members will take part in the pageant, which portrays the history of the church since the first class meeting was held at the home of Joseph and Ann Sidenbender in 1840.

The pageant, written by Rev. L. J. Rhoadbeck, local pastor, and directed by Mrs. James Gibson, will be presented in eight scenes.

An all day program has been planned for the centennial celebration and will include the morning Sunday school and worship; a basket dinner at the noon hour and the pageant at 2:30.

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Theatre Guide

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SIGMA "Cherokee Strip" and "Dispatch From Reuters" STATE "No Time for Comedy" and "Dance, Girl, Dance."

LYRIC "Down Argentine Way" and "The Man I Married." COMING UP OHIO "You'll Find Out" commences Friday.

QUILNA "Angels Over Broadway" and "Five Little Peppers in Trouble" preview Friday. SIGMA "Moon Over Burma" commences Saturday.

STATE "Wyoming" and "Private Affairs" commences Thursday. LYRIC "Pioneer Days" and "Yesterday's Heroes" commences Friday.

MAJESTIC "Women Without Names" and "Hi-Yo Silver" commences Thursday.

wife but also his wisest advisor while she shows him the true value of news in its relationship to right and wrong. Eddie Albert plays the part of his lifelong friend who never loses faith in Reuter's ideas.

The brilliant array of fine performers that make up the supporting cast are: Albert Basserman, Gene Lockhart, Otto Kruger, Nigel Bruce, Montague Love and James Stephenson.

"Cherokee Strip," the picture at the Sigma theatre starring Richard Dix is an historic romance of the settling of the west. The story concerns the feud between two clans of Texas ranchers, the Lovells, headed by Dix and the Barretts, headed by Victor Jory.

After signing a truce the Barretts move to a border town on the Cherokee Strip where they continue their outlaws, one opening a bank, another a saloon and a third runs a gambling house in the Strip. Dix is appointed United States Marshal for the town to restore law and order. He eludes it up after many exciting experiences ending in a fierce battle between the two clans. Featured with Dix are Florence Rice, William Henry, Annie Clyde, George E. Stone and Morris Ankrum, as well as Victor Jory.

If Broadway success has heretofore eluded the magnetic Ella Logan, current Queen of Song in "George White's Scandals," at the Ohio theatre, the blame lies solely on the shoulders of the Times Square impresarios who doggedly refused to entrust her with major singing assignments.

The persistent thrush, therefore, had to content herself with night club and movie chores whilst an energetic and believing agent kept plugging her qualities in the inner sanctum of producers' offices.

"Sorry," was the essence of managerial replies, "but we can't take any chances."

The irony, of course, is that Ella Logan had already won a reputation for herself not only in her native Scotland, but throughout Great Britain and the Continent as well. As a matter of fact, she had come to America in 1932 for an important part in "Calling All Stars," a musical, unfortunately, that did not create critical approval. The show closed soon thereafter and from the way managers fought

YEHUDI KNOWS WHO KILLED AUNT MAGGIE Do you? You'll find a left in every shiver as Willie (Ghost Breaker) Best turns white with fright

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