

All-Star Cast Scheduled On Cantor Show Wednesday

Burns And Allen, "Parkyakarkus," Margaret Hamilton And Dinah Shore To Be Heard On Program At 9 P. M.

An all-star line up including George Burns and Gracie Allen, Harry "Parkyakarkus" Einstein, Margaret Hamilton and Dinah Shore will join Eddie Cantor on his "Time to Smile" New Year's Day broadcast over WEAJ Wednesday at 9 p. m.

Cal Tinney, well-known newspaper columnist, humorist, author and actor, has written and will be starred in a biographical drama about his friend, Will Rogers, the "Cavalcade of America" New Year's presentation over WEAJ at 7:30 p. m.

Headlined by thespian Jack Benny, a special "Bundles for Britain" benefit program will be presented by Hollywood's brightest stars on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 p. m. over WJZ.

The benefit broadcast, arranged by the Hollywood branch of the relief organization, also will be heard over the network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and will be relayed to England.

Volunteers in the New Year's Day show already include Bette Davis, Mickey Rooney, Claudette Colbert, Charles Boyer, Merle Oberon and Myrna Loy. Others are Loretta Young, Mary Martin, Spencer Tracy and Ronald Colman. Nazimova will star in a dramatic excerpt with Philip Dorn, a scene from "Escape." Tony Martin and Judy Garland have been booked for songs in solo.

Anthony Polimeni, baritone, is the Major Bowes Amateur of the month to be presented on the Star Theatre by Fred Allen Wednesday, Jan. 1, 9:00 p. m. over WABC. Polimeni, only 22 years old now, was born in Italy and brought to this country in his infancy. Allen heard the boy sing and will give him his first professional engagement. He will sing "Figaro" with Kenny Baker. Portland Hoffa and the Workshop Players will be featured on the program.

"The Trial in Tom Belcher's Store" will be produced on "Big Town" over WABC on Wednesday evening, with Edward G. Robinson and Ona Munson heading the cast.

The story tells of the affection which develops between a farm boy and a mongrel dog owned by a cruel neighbor. When the lad "steals" the canine away from its owner, he is arrested and brought into court. Steve Wilson, managing editor of the Illustrated Press, is the author.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hour for CST.—2 Hours for MT.
Changes in programs as listed due to last minute network corrections.

- New Year's Bowl Games
- WJZ-NBC-chain:
- 2:00 p.m.—Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Tennessee vs. Boston Col.
- 8:00 p.m.—Bowl at Miami, Stanford vs. Nebraska.
- WABC-CBS-chain:
- 7:30 p.m.—Bowl at Miami, Georgetown vs. Mississippi.
- MS-chain:
- 2:00 p.m.—Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Fordham vs. Texas A. & M.
- 4:45 p.m.—East-West All-Stars at San Francisco.

Ray Whetstone, above, Shawnee youth, became the first in Allen-co. to receive the American farmer degree. He was awarded the degree at a Future Farmer convention in Kansas City.

FEWER SUICIDES
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Six times as many white persons commit suicide in Alabama as Negroes. A survey of the state health department discloses that only 19 Negroes killed themselves in this state last year, as against 218 white persons.

SCHOOL COURT SITS
CHELSEA, Mass.—(UP)—A schoolboy court sits regularly at the Shurtleff junior high school to try violators of school traffic laws. If the pupil's guilt is established, a written essay on good behavior is meted out as penalty.

LIMA LIBRARY GETS JUMP IN CLASSIFICATION

National Association Gives Local Institution "Large" Rating in 1940

CIRCULATION MOUNTING Various Services To Community Reviewed; 9,000 Volumes Are Added

The Lima Public library has now been rated as a "large" library, according to word received recently from the American Library-ssn in Chicago. Libraries are classified by this national association as "small," "medium-sized" and "large." An annual circulation of over 500,000 books places a library in the latter classification. Final figures are not yet available, but an estimate based on the first 11 months of the year indicates that the circulation of books in Lima and Allen-co for 1940 was over 550,000.

In organization and extension of service the library also meets the standards set up by this official organization. Allen-co with a total population of 70,000 receives library service thru a main library, five city branches, four county branches, four hospital stations, three parochial school libraries, several deposit situations, a county bookmobile, and classroom collections in all city and county schools. In this network of libraries every citizen is within a comfortable distance of a library distributing point.

MAIN LIBRARY IS BUSY PLACE

Of the total of 550,000 books borrowed last year approximately 200,000 were from the main library. South branch which serves as a public library and also as the library for South high school, circulates nearly 100,000 books each year. North branch, situated in the Irving school building, circulated in 1940 between 45,000 and 50,000 books. The two community libraries, Horace Mann and McKinley, circulate nearly that number in their respective neighborhoods.

County residents now have books as readily available as do Lima residents. Four villages in Allen-co, Cairo, Spencerville, Elda and Coner have branch libraries. Lafayette and Harrod have filed petitions for libraries and these will be organized as soon as funds permit. Other villages and the schools in the county are served by the bookmobile which has a capacity of 2,000 books. The county library work is aided by grants from the Ohio State Aid Fund. The county department also borrows large collections of books on long-time loans from the state library.

LIBRARY SERVES LIMA CHURCHES

The children of Lima are served by a department organized exclusively for their needs. They read from the library and from their classroom collections furnished by the library, nearly 40 per cent of all the books read during the past year. The Library Representatives club, with members from every fifth and sixth grade in the city serves as the link between the school and the public library.

The hundreds of questions answered each month by the reference department indicate another important function of the library. In addition to a reference collection of 5,400 volumes the department has pamphlet, clipping and picture files from which to meet calls for current or special information.

Behind the scenes in the library thousands of catalogue cards and other essential records are made. Many detailed processes are required before a book is ready for the reader.

Hospital service and service to shut-ins plays a large part in the

desire of the library to bring books to everyone in Lima and Allen-co. Memorial and St. Rita's hospitals have regular semi-weekly and weekly schedules. The Lima District hospital has book service with a patient acting as librarian under the supervision of the hospital librarian. The Lima State hospital has one of the few libraries in the U. S. for the criminally insane. In all, 50,000 books were read last year by hospital patients and by shut-ins who received their books weekly by bookmobile.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS HAVE LIBRARIES

The parochial schools in Lima have school libraries under the supervision of the head of the children's department with sisters acting as librarians. St. Rose grade school, St. Rose high school, and St. Gerard students read 23,000 books in the past year.

The Lima Federation of Women's clubs has always taken an active interest in library matters. The organization for many years has furnished funds for books for the Lima District hospital, Children's Home and County Infirmary. The five Memorial collections have received substantial gifts during the past year. The five collections are: The General Memorial collection, sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs and including gifts from individuals; the Kate Coffin Lufkin collection

ended by Mrs. Chauncey F. Lufkin, a former Lima resident; The Rowena Frances Mitchell Baxter collection given by Rex Mitchell Baxter in memory of his mother; the Morris collection for boys and girls sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and the Jewish Memorial collection established and being built up by B'nai B'rith.

9,000 VOLUMES ADDED IN 1940

The library tries to anticipate the information and reading needs of Lima. During the past year nearly 9,000 volumes were added to the library's book stock bringing the total to 85,000. The library meets national standards in staff qualifications and training, in internal organization and in its system of extension agencies, but it is far below the standards in the size of the book collection and in equipment. A modern building and an additional 50,000 books are needed in order to meet efficiently the reading and information requirements of Lima and Allen-co.

The board of trustees urge Lima and Allen-co citizens to visit the main library and its branches. Members of the board are: Benjamin S. Motter, president; James J. Weadock, Jr., vice president; O. B. Selfridge, secretary; Mrs. Frank L. Maire, Miss Myrtle Bussick, Mrs. H. W. L. Kidder and Gibson Gildine.

One New Church Is Founded Need For Faith Today Cited By Ministerial-ssn Leader

By REV. C. L. QUINN, President, Lima Ministerial-ssn

We have come to the close of another year and as we pause at the gateway of the new one to take a retrospective view, we are indeed grateful to Almighty God for all the good which has come to us and for his guiding hand in these times of trouble. We are not blind to the evils that have existed, not from any fault of God, but because of our own failure to receive His spirit and way of life as shown to us thru Jesus Christ His Son.

To see a world at war where multitudes are losing their lives; where much of the finest and best in culture, the arts, and ideals for which men have dreamed, prayed and toiled for centuries being destroyed or lost sight of; to see drunkenness and crime stalking across the country; to have the knowledge that there are multiplied social injustices, hatreds, jealousies and all the other ugly things that make the world and life less than they were intended to be disturbs us. Altho saddened by and ashamed of such conditions, we are not cast down. We are not discouraged. We do not give up, for we have a faith which keeps us steady and enables us to look to the future with hope and confidence.

Faith that the God who has directed and helped the people of the past will guide us in the paths of peace and helpfulness if we acknowledge Him in all our ways.

Faith in Jesus Christ who will forgive the sins of the past and transform life into radiant service.

Faith in God's eternal word to light up our way and to give us understanding concerning the per-

plexing problems with which we are confronted. We can say with the psalmist "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Faith in the Holy Spirit to comfort in times of sorrow and trouble, and to make us strong for the glorious task of building the kingdom of God.

Faith in the Christian church to march triumphantly forward holding high the torch of truth, light and love so that all men may come to God thru Christ and find life in its fullest and richest sense.

Faith in the world and men, not that we are satisfied with their present state, but faith in what they may become thru the grace of Him whose birth we have just celebrated.

In this faith let us this New Year's day consecrate and dedicate ourselves to God and to the making of a better world; praying that our hearts may be filled with His peace, and that we shall live together in his world in peace as brothers.

PLANETARIUM IN CANDY BOX
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Aaron Liss, a factory employe by day and an amateur astronomer by night, has completed a scale model of the universe which will fit in a two-pound candy box. His solar system—measuring one inch to 45,000,000 miles—is dubbed the candy-box planetarium.

FEE \$549 FOR 20-YEAR CASE
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—(UP)—A Philadelphia attorney received \$549 as compensation for 20 years of labor. Judge Robert Belger awarded the money to C. W. Van Artsdalen for his expenses and services in a 20-year search for heirs of a man who died in 1890.

NEW YEAR

GREETINGS

From PAUL and FRANK, America's Loveliest Girls

And All The Rest Of The Gang At

CASTLE FARM

"The Showplace of Lima"

SWEATER, SLACKS 'BEST DRESSER'



Slacks and a loose sweater was the casual ensemble worn by Mrs. Harrison Williams, perennial "best dressed" U. S. woman, as she strolled with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. along Worth-av, exclusive shopping district, in Palm Beach, Fla.

THE

ALPHA

FORMERLY KILLEN'S PLACE

715 N. Jackson St.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1941

Our Best Wishes for Your Happiness

Bill Reese
Karl Hemmert

The ALPHA is the place to go—and the place to meet your friends.

DEATH ROLL CORRECTED
CALGARY, Alta., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Believed killed in action in the great war and his name struck off the books of the lodge he had attended before going overseas, Lieut.-Col. F. E. Stewart Dunn, Edmonton, Alta., appeared at a session of his lodge here and paid his dues of \$5.

Wishing Everyone A

VERY HAPPY 1941

BONANNO'S

768 N. Main St.

BLATTNERS

Extend To You Best Wishes for a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

And

Thanks

For The Largest Patronage In The History Of Our Store

To all our friends who made it possible for us to make 1940 the most successful milestone in this store's history, we extend our hearty thanks. Casting backward through the year, our mind is filled with many fond memories . . . memories hundreds of our friends who visited our store and selected home furnishings, electrical appliances, radios and clothing . . . memories of the small part we have played in making Lima homes among the most luxurious and comfortable in America . . . and of course, that means in the world.

We believe people like to shop here because they find the brightest, widest variety in the merchandise we stock. We believe they appreciate our consistently low prices and convenient credit terms. We believe that intelligent people are not satisfied and should not be satisfied with less.

So, in 1941, we will always strive to make our displays and assortments the biggest and most interesting you can discover anywhere. It was so in 1940. It will be so in 1941.

BLATTNER'S

Lima's Largest Credit Store Featuring

Clothing — Furniture — Radios — Electrical Appliances

Northwest Corner—Main & Spring St. Main 4737

WISHING YOU

HAPPY NEW YEAR

For eight years we have been serving the tastiest and most delicious sandwiches and real home made soups and chili in or around Lima.

Liquor - Beer - Wines

A nice place for ladies and gentlemen.

City View Tavern

"BUD" YOUNG, Prop.

Dixie Highway East

1 Blk. Past D. T. & I. R. R.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO EACH AND EVERYONE IN 1941 . . .

PROGRESSIVENESS

15 years ago Pangles was a small, clean little grocery, alertly in step with the times. Pangles opened Lima's first home owned Super Food Market in 1936—by 1940 the Super Food Market was too small to handle the business. To meet the vastly expanded volume of business the present Master Market was opened in November — a nationally famous model of sanitation, efficiency, beauty and shopping convenience—the finest building of its kind in the United States—ALWAYS IN STEP with the development of this community!

TELEPHONE MAIN 4944

PANGLES

Master Market

CORNER CENTRAL & CIRCULAR