

# The Listener Talks Back

## Thanks, For The Community

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The traditional thing, and the right thing, to do today would be to say "Merry Christmas, everybody."

So here it is, in all sincerity: "Merry Christmas, everybody."

To the people of the theater, radio, the movies, the music and art worlds, and the related fields goes a special greet-

ing—not far from remembering this department (as many have done), but for their contributions to the spirit of the season for the whole community.

All of them have done something special.

They have helped fill empty stockings.

They have brought us the feeling of Christmas in music and drama and painting.

They have given freely of talent and time.

They have earned a merry Christmas by giving a merry Christmas.

### Uncle Ray's Corner

## Poetic Burns Had Poor Voice

Scotland has a country called Ayrshire, and a small river flows through it. This river is the Ayr, and it has a length of only 20 miles.

The hills and valleys of Ayrshire are dotted with farms, most of them of small size. In the low meadows, and on the hillside, cattle of a special kind may be seen grazing. These are the famous Ayrshire cattle, and the cows among them rival Jerseys and Guernseys in the creamy milk which they provide. Ayrshire cattle have been sent abroad, and fine herds of them exist in many places besides their native home.

Going back almost two centuries, we find in Ayrshire a farmer named William Burns. He owned a small farm, and on it grazed only a few cows.

#### Birth of Robert Burns

In the month of January, 1759, a child was born in the humble home of that farmer. He was



given the name of Robert Burns, and was to become a poet.

When the infant was only 10 days old, a fierce storm struck Ayrshire, and the roof of the Burns' cottage was damaged. Mrs. Burns took her child to a neighbor's home, and stayed there a week while her husband was fixing the roof.

Life was a struggle for the Burns family, which grew until there were seven children. Poor as he was, Mr. Burns wanted his children to obtain as much education as possible.

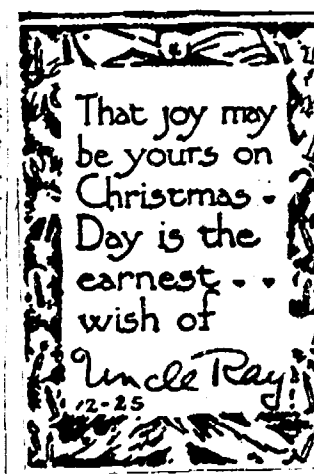
#### Teacher Was Employed

Five families in the area joined to hire a teacher, and among the pupils was 7-year-old Robert. In later years the teacher declared that this boy was serious and thoughtful, but had seemed to be without any gift for music. Among all the pupils, Robert was the least able to carry a tune.

How amazed the teacher must have been 25 years later! The lad who had shown so little talent in carrying tunes grew into a writer of songs. They were to become the most popular songs of Scotland, and some of them were to be sung in foreign lands.

#### Sailor Liked Poems

Robert was given "snatches" of education during certain periods of his boyhood, but much of his time had to be used for farm work. He took a keen interest in books, however, and read them whenever he could find a little free time. The day was to come when people



would speak of him as "a well-educated man."

At the age of 16, young Burns was allowed to go to the village of Kirkcaldy, 15 miles from his father's farm. Located near the coast of the sea, that village was the place where he met a sailor named Richard Brown. The sailor took an interest in the poems which the youth recited to him, and asked:

"Did you make up these poems yourself?"

"Yes," replied Robert.

"Then you ought to send them to a magazine," said Brown. "They are good enough to be published."

The idea was planted in Burns' mind, and it helped to lead him to look for a publisher several years later.

Uncle Ray

### Special Events

8:30 a. m.—"While Shepherds Watched" (WBBM): Nativity play adapted from Gospels, with music by 16th and 18th century composers. King George VI (WISC): Christmas message to British empire (on WIBA at 10:15 a. m.; on WKOW at 9:30 p. m.). 12 m.—"Howdy Deedy Party" (WMAQ): for United Nations children.

1 p. m.—Christmas in Rome (WIBA): description of ceremonies as Pope Pius proclaims start of Holy Year, "Anno Domini MCMXLIX," musical dramatization with orchestra and chorus of St. Cecilia academy.

4 p. m.—Favorite Families (WIBA): Christmas in the homes of Phil Harris, Gordon MacRae, Frank Sinatra, Art Linkletter, Bob Hope.

10:30 p. m.—"Joy to the World" (WKOW): Dennis Morgan, H. B. Warner, 100-voice choir of Hollywood Presbyterian church.

### Religion

8 a. m.—Revival Hour (WISC): "Christ, the Gift Unspoken."

9 a. m.—Radio Pulpit (WMAQ): "God Within Reach." Church of the Air (WBBM): Elder S. L. Richards, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on "The Great Day of Giving." Message of Israel (WISC): "A Religious Definition of Religion."

10 a. m.—First Unitarian Society (WIBA): "Goodwill to Men!"

10 a. m.—Ave Maria Hour (WISC): "Christmas 1949."

10:15 a. m.—Sacred Heart (WFOV): "The Catholic Heart."

10:30 a. m.—Hour of Faith (WISC): "The Challenge of Bethlehem."

11 a. m.—First University Methodist Church (WISC): "What Does the Divinity of Jesus Mean?"

Christ, Presbyterian Church (WKOW): "A Little Child."

5:30 p. m.—Catholic Hour (WMAQ): "Jesus at Bethlehem."



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Discussion

12:30 p. m.—Chicago Round Table (WMAQ): "The Christmas Carols Are True," Pres. E. C. Colwell, University of Chicago; Dean B. M. Loomer, Chicago divinity school; Pres. Wallace Robbins, Meadville Theological school.

3:30 p. m.—American Forum (WIBA): "Feeding a Hungry World," Sir Herbert Broadley, Food and Agriculture Organization; N. G. Abhyankar, India; Dr. D. A. Fitzgerald, Economic Cooperation administration; Stanley Andrews, department of agriculture.

### Drama

10 a. m.—"Silent Night" (WMAQ): "How Urie! Got to Heaven."

12:30 p. m.—"A Christmas Carol" (WISC): with Lionel Barrymore.

1:30 p. m.—You Are There (WBBM): "The Crowning of Charlemagne."

2 p. m.—Christmas Package (WHA): three plays — "December

### WHA and WHA-FM

SUNDAY

9:00 Devotional Music

9:30 Symphony Hall

10:00 Shepherds of Bethlehem

10:30 Cathedral Echoes

10:55 News

11:00 Masterworks of Music

11:35 News

12:00 Christmas Musicale

2:00 Christmas Package

4:00 Choral Music

FM Only

4:30 Sunday Music Hour

5:45 UN Story

6:00 Dinner Musicale

7:00 Sunday Night Concert

9:30 Jack Pina

10:55 Night News (to 11)

11:35 News

12:00 Christmas Musicale

2:00 Christmas Package

4:00 Choral Music

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6:00 Dinner Musicale

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5:45 UN Story

6:00 Dinner Musicale

7:00 Sunday Night Concert

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11:35 News

12:00 Christmas Musicale

## Classified Highlights of Today's Radio Schedules

SUNDAY									
	WIBA 1210 ea.	WISC 1600 ea.	WKOW 1870 ea.	WIBU 1540 ea.	WBBM 710 ea.	WENR-WLS 690 ea.	WGN 720 ea.	WMAQ 570 ea.	
12:30	News: Organ	The Rev. Cederholm	Coffee Concert	News: Marches	News: Chariot Wheels	Silent	News: Record	News: Organ	
1:15	Strips: Rev. Guardian	The Rev. Cederholm	New Coffee Concert	Parm Service Frolic	Salt Lake Tabernacle	Silent	Reveille Records	NBC String Quartet	
2:30	New Roundup	Old Fashioned Revival Hour	Chorus for Wisconsin	Musical Clock	News of U. S. E. Power	Old Fashioned Revival Hour	Your Bible Breaks: News to God	World News Roundup	
3:15	Southland Calls	Cap. Catheral	March of Faith	Musical Clock	Sings Trinity Choir			Wm. News Reading the Comics	
4:30	Devotions	Message of Peace	with Bible	Melody Time	Church of the Air	News Lullaby	Radio Bible Class	National Radio Pulpit	
5:30	Bethel Lutheran Church	King George Christmas M'n	Voices of Prophecy	Melody Time	Church of the Air	Brown Church	Voice of Prophecy	To Be Ann'd Religion in N	
6:30	Unitarian Soc. Sunday Melody	Ar. Maria Hour	Back to God	Methodist Church	News: The Newsmakers	The Voice of Prophecy	News Int'l Facts	Favorite Families	
7:15	Holiday Success	Hour of Success	Orthodox Church	at Lutheran Church	Quis	Hour of Faith	Stand	News Bob Houston	
8:30	News	First University Methodist Church	Christ. Presbyterian Church	Bible Fellowship Music Center	Invitation to Learning Serenade	Reading the Funnies	News Preston Sellers	Glee Club In Our Town	
9:15	Constitutional Church					Children's Hour	Lutheran Hour	External Light	
10:30	Joe Pantliffe	News Frank & Ernest	Lutheran Hour	Sunday Farm Hour	Chas. Collingwood Show	Victor Lindlahr Amateur Hour	News Warblers	Howdy Doodie Party	
11:15	Retir. Wisconsin Christmas Seal	A Christmas Carol	Newspaper Speak Up	Chore Boys	For Women Only			Chicago Round Table	
12:30	Christmas in Rome	Around the World	Old Fashioned Revival	Toby and Choe's Boys	King George Carol Serenade	Amateur Hour	Youth Looks Up	Christmas in Rome	
1:15	Christmas in Rome	Master President		Musical Jingles	You Are There	Rolland Enrie	Strins. Voices	Christmas in Rome	
2:30	One Man's Family Quiz Kids	Musical for America	"A Christmas Carol"	L. Duchow Waiter Time	"Elektra"	Changing World	Juvenile Jury Dress Up Quiz	One Man's Family Quiz Kids	
3:15	Living 1949	Lutheran Hour	House of Mystery	Watertown Waterworks	"Elektra"	Lutheran Hour	House of Mystery	Living 1949	
4:00	American Forum	Christmas Day	Martin Kane Private Eye	Polka Parade Whoozit Show	"Elektra"	Don't Go to God	Martin Kane Private Eye	American Forum	
4:15	Favorite Families	Gregory Hood	The Shadow Detective	Accordian Music	"The Man Who Came to Dinner"	Gregory Hood	The Shadow Detective	Radio City Playhouse	
4:45	Harvest of Stars	Greatest Story	Mystery	Melodius Music	Radio Parade	Greatest Story	Harvest of Stars	Harvest of Stars	
5:30	O W Sand	Drew Pearson News	Roy Rogers Nick Carter	Mystery Melodius	Family Hour	Drew Pearson	Roy Rogers	Orthello Hour	
6:15	Hollywood Calling	Girls Circle	Nick Carter	Boys Rhythm	Our Miss Brooks	Don Gardner Music with the Girls	Nick Carter	Hollywood Calling	
6:30	Hollywood Calling	Noel Night	The Falcon	News Piano Playhouse	The Jack Benny Show	Think Fast	The Falcon	Hollywood Calling	
7:15	Phil Harris Alice Faye	Amazing Mr. Malone	Saint	Religion	Amos 'n' Andy	Amos 'n' Andy	Mr. Malone	Phil Harris Alice Faye	
7:30	Adventure of Sam Spade	Stop the Music	Chamber Music	Old Times Jamboree	Charlie McCarthy Red Skelton	Stop the Music	Adventure of Sam Spade	Threat of Guild	
8:15	Theater Guild	Stop the Music	Joyful Hour	Old Times Jamboree	Charlie McCarthy Red Skelton	Stop the Music	Theater Guild	Threat of Guild	
8:30	Theater Guild	Water Winchell	Joyful Hour	Old Times Jamboree	Meet Corliss	Water Winchell	Deems Taylor	Threat of Guild	
9:15	American Album	Chance of a Lifetime	Classical Hour	Old Times Jamboree	The Horace Heidt Show	Louella Parsons	Sheila Graham	American Album	
9:30	Take It or Leave It	Jimmy Fidler	Classical Hour	Musical for America	Contented Hour	Jimmy Fidler	Stars of Tomorrow	Take It or Leave It	
10:15	Bob Crosby Show	Ted Malone	King George	Band of Jack	Dance Orchestra	Ted Malone	Crime Does Not Pay	Bob Crosby Show	
10:30	News	Melody Book	News	News	News	News	News	News	
11:15	Music	Thoughts	Dance Music	Silent	UN in Action	Mr. First Songs in The Night	Lawrence Welk Chicago at Night	Clifton Clay	
11:30	Concert	Sketch Henderson	"Joy to the World": News	Silent	Peoples Platform	Songs in The Night	News: Songs Jimmy Palmer	Clifton Clay	
12:45	Master			Silent				Kid's Column	
1:00	News: Mr. Smith	News: Jack	Dance Music	Silent	News: Oe Davidson	Fine Arts Quartet	Freddy Nagel	News: Mr. Smith	
1:15	Surprise	Oye Orch.	Dance Music	Silent	News: Oe Davidson	Quartet	Orchestra	News: Mr. Smith	
1:30	Surprise	Hal Munro	Dance Music	Silent	News: Oe Davidson	Quartet	Orchestra	News: Mr. Smith	
1:45	Surprise	Orch.: News	Dance Music	Silent	News: Oe Davidson	Quartet	Orchestra	News: Mr. Smith	