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## TODAY'S BEST BETS

**2:30 p. m.—Bob Crosby:** "Harbor Lights"—WKOW-TV (27).

**5 p. m.—Puppet Pals:** winners of pet contest—WKOW-TV (27).

**6 p. m.—Bulletin Board:** Junior Red Cross—WMTV (33).

**7 p. m.—U. W. Sports:** Art Lentz, Coach John Walsh—WMTV (33).

**8 p. m.—TV Theater:** Helen Gallagher in "Pardon My Prisoner"—WTMJ-TV (4).

**8:30 p. m.—Wrestling:** Edmund Francis vs. Andre Drapp—WMTV (33).

**9 p. m.—Boxing:** Charley Norkus vs. Danny Nardico—WKOW-TV (27).

**9:45 p. m.—Sports Spot:** with Frank Selvy of Thurman basketball team—WKOW-TV (27).

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

7:00
2—Morning Show
4—Today
7—Today
7—Chicago Parade
7:00
7—Breakfast Club
9:00
2—Arthur Godfrey
4—Ding Dong School
7—Ding Dong School
7—News; Beulah Karney
9—Your Figure Ladies
9:30
4—One Man's Family
5—One Man's Family
9—Time for Stories
9:40
7—Let's Exercise
9:45
4—3 Steps to Heaven
5—3 Steps to Heaven
10:00
4—Home
5—Home
7—Play House
9—A to Z of Cookery
10:30
2—Strike It Rich
7—Pied Piper
11:00
2—Valiant Lady
4—What's New?
5—Bride and Groom
7—Danny O'Neil
9—Four to Go
11:15
2—Love of Life
5—Hawkins Falls
11:30
2—Search for Tomorrow
5—Betty White
11:45
2—Guiding Light
4—News
13—Feature Film

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

12:00
2—Brighter Day
4—Man Next Door
5—Noontime Comics
7—Lunch Hour
9—Hi Ladies
12:30
2—Garry Moore
4—Weather; Time Out
5—Bob and Kay
12:45
9—Dr. Preston Bradley
1:00
2—Double or Nothing
4—Creative Cookery
7—All About Baby
9—Watch to Win
13—Love of Life
1:15
7—The Doctor Answers
1:30
13—Brighter Day
1:30
2—Art Linkletter
4—Woman's World
7—Swingalong
33—It's Up to You
2:00
2—The Big Payoff
4—Kate Smith
5—Kate Smith
7—Claude Kirchner
9—Paul Dixon
13—The Big Pay Off
33—Matinee Theater
39—Kate Smith
2:30
2—Bob Crosby
13—Bob Crosby
27—Bob Crosby
2:45
27—Losing to Win
3:00
2—Woman With Past
4—Welcome Travelers
5—Welcome Travelers
7—Jerry Lester
13—Search for Tomorrow
27—Woman with Past
33—Fashion Show
39—What's Cookin'
3:05
9—Movie Quick Quiz
3:15
2—Secret Storm
13—Secret Storm
27—Search for Tomor'w
3:30
2—Petticoat Party
4—On Your Account
5—On Your Account
7—Index; Information
13—Robert Q. Lewis
27—Robert Q. Lewis
33—Your Health
39—On Your Account
3:45
33—M. Griffin, News
4:00
4—Library Story
5—Pinky Lee
7—Family Movie
9—Trail Blazers
13—Frontier Theater
27—Mid-Way Feature
33—Roddy Mac
39—Pinky Lee
4:15
2—Movie Time
4—Let's Experiment
4:30
4—Howdy Doody
5—Howdy Doody
33—Way Out West
39—Howdy Doody
4:35
13—Let's Talk It Over
4:45
13—Story Book Lady
5:00
2—Garfield Goose
4—Foreman Tom
5—Elmer the Elephant
7—Joe Kelly
9—Bob Atcher
13—Trail Tales
27—Puppet Pals
39—Captain Bob
5:15
33—Red Barry
39—Fun Time
5:25
27—Crusader Rabbit
5:30
5—Close-Up
7—Laugh Time
13—Stand By
27—Western Playhouse
5:40
33—L. Landman, Spts.
5:45
4—News; Weather
7—Bob and Ray
33—M. Griffin, News
39—Early Edition
5:55
33—P. Ekern, Weather


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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

6:00
4—Blue Room
5—Capt. Video
13—News; Weather
27—R. Rucker, News
33—Bulletin Board
39—Capt Video
6:15
4—Gracie Van
7—John Daly
9—Number, Please
27—T.Thompson, W'ther
33—John Daly
39—Sports; Weather
6:20
27—Schermerhorn, Spts.
6:30
4—Eddie Fisher
5—Eddie Fisher
7—Mark Saber
13—Pet Show
27—Foy Willing
33—On Stage
39—Eddie Fisher
6:45
2—Perry Como
4—News Caravan
5—News Caravan
13—What's Y'r Trouble?
27—Perry Como
33—M. Griffin, News
39—News Caravan
6:55
33—P. Ekern, Weather
7:00
2—Arthur Godfrey
4—I Married Joan
5—I Married Joan
7—Theater
9—Colonel Flack
13—Arthur Godfrey
27—Arthur Godfrey
33—U.W. Sports
39—I Married Joan
7:30
4—My Little Margie
5—My Little Margie
9—Chicago Symphony
33—Pantomime Quiz
39—My Little Margie
8:00
2—Strike It Rich
4—Television Theater
5—Television Theater
7—Theater
13—Strike It Rich
27—Triangle Theater
33—Talent Time
39—Greatest Dramas
8:30
2—I've Got a Secret
7—City Detective
9—Captured
13—I've Got a Secret
27—I've Got a Secret
33—Portage to Alaska
39—Abbott and Costello
9:00
2—Boxing
4—This Is Your Life
5—This Is Your Life
7—Wrestling
9—The Music Show
13—Boxing
27—Boxing
33—Wrestling
39—This Is Your Life
9:30
4—Hello Neighbor
5—Favorite Story
9—Liberace
39—Hollywood ½-Hr.
9:45
2—Sports Spot
13—Sports Spot
27—Sports Spot
10:00
4—Newsreel
7—Double Date
9—Request Playhouse
13—Weather; News
27—T.Thompson, W'ther
33—M.Griffin, News
39—News; Weather
10:10
27—Schermerhorn, Spts
33—P. Ekern, Weather
10:15
4—News; Weather
27—R. Rucker, News
33—Cocktails for Two
39—Shadow Stumpers
10:30
4—Mr. and Mrs. North
13—TV Theater
27—Feature Film
33—Star Theater
39—Texas Rasslin'
11:00
2—Theater at 11
4—Racket Squad
5—11th Hour Theater
11:15
7—Tom Duggan
11:30
4—Tom Mercein
12:00
2—The Late Show
4—News; Movie
7—Night Owl Movie
13—News


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7:00 Yawn Patrol
7:10 Layman's Call to Prayer
7:15 Weatherman; Yawn Patrol
7:30 News; Yawn Patrol
7:37 Weatherman
8:02 News; Clockwatchers
8:26 Weatherman; News Headlines
8:30 Clockwatchers; News
9:00 Dick Jurgens
9:15 Russ Morgan
9:30 Music of the Stars
10:00 A Date with Music
11:00 Old Timers Hall
11:30 Navy Band
11:45 Ben Light
P. M.
12:00 News; Noontime Frolics
12:31 Weatherman
12:34 Noontime Frolics; News
1:00 Meet the Artist
1:15 Sacred Heart Program
1:30 Music to Listen to; News
2:00 Music Matinee; News
3:00 Music Matinee; News
4:00 Juke Box Jamboree
4:15 Wayne King
4:30 Easy Listening; News
5:00 Jerry of the Circus
5:15 Meet the Artist
5:30 Off the Record; Weatherman
5:50 Off the Record; News
6:00 Musical Menu; News
7:00 Showcase
7:30 Marine Show
7:45 Top Three Tunes; News
8:00 Here's to Veterans
8:15 Serenade in Blue
8:30 Package of New Records
8:45 Twilight Time; News
9:00 Sharpen Your Wits
9:30 Esperanto Now; News
10:00 Guy Lombardo
10:15 Lombardo Land
10:30 One Oh Four & One Club
10:55 News (to 11)

## WHA—WHA-FM

970 Kc.—88.7 Mcs.
WEDNESDAY
A. M.
7:15 Weath. Roundup; Farm Feature
7:30 Band Wagon
7:45 News; Weather
8:00 Morning Melodies
8:30 Highway Report; Melodies
8:55 News for Children
9:00 Broadcasts on Broadcasts
9:30 Let's Write
9:50 Markets; News
10:00 Homemakers Program
10:30 League of Women Voters
11:00 American History
11:30 Noon Musicale
P. M.
12:30 News; Farm Program
1:00 Chapter a Day
1:30 Journeys in Music Land
2:00 Contemporary Trends
2:30 Talk About Music
3:00 Afternoon Concert
3:30 Northwestern Reviewing Stand
4:00 Music of the Masters
5:00 Music for Fun
5:15 French Program
5:30 News; Weather; Sports
6:00 Dinner Musicale
7:00 Views of the News
7:15 Concert Airs
7:30 French Academy Talks
8:00 Kranek Music Festival
9:00 FM Concert
10:30 News (to 11)


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# Today's Radio Highlights

## Special Programs

**2:45 p.m.—Girl Scouts (WISC):** "What We Do in Our Troop," girls and leader from Troop 120, Sun Prairie.

**7:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts (WIBA):** "Girl Scout Camping Activities," Mrs. Alderic Revell and Mrs. O. M. Farrey.

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## Music

**7:45 a.m. — George Morgan (WIBA):** "I'll Keep On Loving You," "Lost Weekend," "One Road to Pericho."

**11:25 a.m.—Jack Berch (WISC):** "Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder."

**6 p.m. — Tennessee Ernie (WKOW):** "Alabammy Bound," "That's Amore."

**8 p.m. — Kresek Festival (WHA-FM):** recorded in Music hall.

**8:15 p.m. — Serenade in Blue (WMFM):** "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," "In the Blue of the Evening."

**9 p.m.—Perry Como (WISC):** "My Wild Irish Rose."

**9:05 p.m. — Concert Caravan (WKOW):** "The Touch of Your Hand," "Orchids in the Moonlight."

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## Religion

**10:15 p.m.—Your Pastor Speaks (WIBA):** the Rev. Carl W. Stromberg, First-University Methodist church.

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## Drama

**7 p.m.—FBI in Peace and War (WKOW):** informers answer 48-state alarm for reluctant witness.

**8:30 p.m. — Big Story (WIBA):** reporter helps salve multiple murders . . . Crime Classics (WKOW): "Francisco Pizarro — His Heart on a Golden Knife."

**9 p.m. — Fibber McGee (WIBA):** automobile sales racket.

**9:15 p.m. — Mystery Theater (WISC):** murder witness shocked into silence.

**10:35 p.m. — Squad Room (WISC):** victims' taunts enrage killer.

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## Discussion

**9 a. m.—Broadcast on Broadcasts (WHA):** "Choosing Programs," Mrs. C. Howard King.

**10:30 a. m.—Women Voters (WHA):** "The UN's Technical Assistance Program," Hugh Keenleyside and Mrs. Roy Vogelman.

**2 p. m.—Contemporary Trends (WHA):** "The Atom—We Discover and Explore It," Prof. John E. Willard.

**5:15 p. m.—French Program (WHA):** preview of "La Femme Savantes."

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## Sports

**5:45 p. m. — Sports Parade (WIBA):** Bobby Fadner, Wisconsin's first NCAA boxing champion, previews Michigan State bouts.

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## Farm Programs

**7:22 a. m. — Farm Feature (WHA):** "Wisconsin Poultry Prospects," Lawrence Brereton.

**12:15 p. m. — Farm Service (WIBA):** "Controlling Erosion with Contour Strips;" Clarence Wilson, Platteville; James Mechnick, Lancaster; Frank Mayfield.

**12:30 p. m. — Farm Hour (WHA):** "The Dollars and Cents Angle in Buying Machinery," O. I. Berge "100 Years of Fighting Insects," E. H. Fisher.

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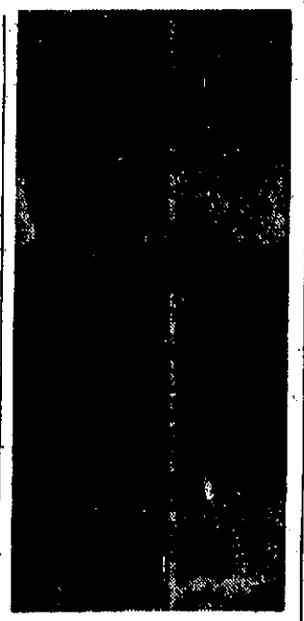
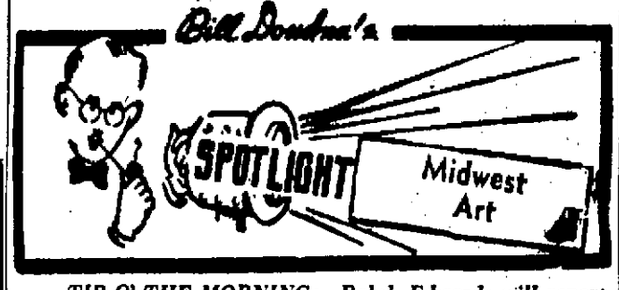
## Miscellaneous

**10 a. m.—Homemakers (WHA):** "Wise Consumers Find the Facts," Joan McKerley; "Honey, a Good Wisconsin Product," Mrs. Harriett Grace.

**2:15 p. m. — House Party (WKOW):** with Jack Smith.



Claire Niesen and James Meighan star as Mary and Larry Noble on the NBC Radio daytime serial drama, "Backstage Wife," which recently started its 20th year on the air.




*TIP O' THE MORNING: Ralph Edwards will report on contributions to Dr. Kate Newcomb's Woodruff hospital on "This Is Your Life" over WTMJ-TV at 9 tonight.*

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FORTY-FOUR paintings representing recent work by artists in seven Midwestern states will make up the third spring show of the University of Wisconsin department of art education, opening today.

States from which work came are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska.

"The exhibition committee eliminated the work of Wisconsin painters on the grounds that it is already known locally and also because of the limitation of space in the exhibition gallery," said D. Alexander Severino, assistant professor of art education.

The show will be in the department's gallery until April 30.

Severino has written these comments for this department:

"Illinois is best represented in the exhibition inasmuch as 22 of the 44 paintings are from that state.

"The following works appear to make the Illinois contingent strong in quality as well as quantity: 'Yellow Shore' by Edward Betts, a painting where planes of color make this semi-abstraction an extremely handsome design; Eleanor Coen's 'Lagoon' in which primitivistic use of color and line combine to make a sensitive painting; 'Zapoteca' by Claude Bentley is painted in the contemporary idiom of non-objectivity and is a particularly lucid design, and Joyce Treiman's 'Angel for Abraham' is a dynamic combination of vigorous color and draughtsmanship.

"Donald Mattison is one of the painters from Indiana and his oil entitled 'Solstice' is a configuration of sea-side symbols and connotations calculated to arouse nostalgia. Iowa's James Lechay makes no such romantic appeal in his casein painting entitled 'Japanese Fish Toy, City Without People'. Although Lechay uses a child-like approach in his double imagery, he is sophisticated in all other details.

"Sarkis Sarkisian and Richard Wilt are two of the painters from Michigan. Sarkisian's entry is a bold water color painting of abstracted rock and other natural formations. 'The Family' by Wilt is a high-key painting made up of encrusted veri-colored oil textures which do not altogether succeed in hiding the draughtsmanship and form revealed by the underpainting.

"The Minnesota paintings include Walter Quirt's large and sensitive oil in which the medium expressively reveals the warm and cool values that make up a reclining figure. William Saltzman, also from that state, entered an arrangement of pale and neutral planes augmented by expressive lines which is titled 'Misty Morn.'

"Two of the Missouri artists submitted outstanding work. Fred Conway's 'Dancer' is as rich in color as it is interesting in composition and it has the overall effect of contemporary stained glass. Sigfried Reinhardt's oil painting is rich in symbolism and well-painted; the Reinhardt painting is certainly one of the best in the whole exhibition.

"Last, but most certainly not least, is the work of the Nebraska painter, Rudy Pozzatti. His 'Still Life with Lemon and Chestnuts' is one of the most impressive paintings in this Midwest show; this painting exemplifies a healthy concern for the re-vision of symbols without fakery."

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**BOHROD AND BALL:** Sixty pieces of pottery by Aaron Bohrod and F. Carleton Ball and six Bohrod landscapes will be exhibited in DeKalb, Ill., starting today. Bohrod is artist in residence at the University of Wisconsin. Ball, a former Wisconsin faculty member, heads the ceramics department at Southern Illinois university, Carbondale, Ill.

The exhibition will be in the galleries of Northern Illinois State Teachers college through April 22.

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**TICKETS:** Open sale of tickets for "Bittersweet" will begin at noon today at the Wisconsin Union theater boxoffice. The Noel Coward musical will be presented by the Wisconsin Players Monday through Saturday, March 29-April 3.

All tickets for Friday and Saturday nights have been sold, and half of the Monday seats have been taken.

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**TRYOUTS:** Wisconsin Players are holding tryouts this week for roles in "The Adding Machine." They will continue at 3 and 7 p.m. today and Thursday in the Memorial Union.

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**QUARTET:** The Smoke Rings, Madison barbershop quartet, sang Tuesday night at the Edgerton Rotary club dinner.


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**WEDNESDAY**

| | WIBA 1310 kc. | WISC 1480 kc. | WKOW 1070 kc. | WIBU 1240 kc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6:00 | Sunrise | • Farm Hour | Farm Journal | Music; News |
| 6:15 | Frolic | • Top o' Morn | Farm Hour | Farm Feature |
| 6:30 | Musical | • News; Top o' | Markets; News | Rural |
| 6:45 | Clock; News | Morn; Heatter | Weather; Mkts. | Roundup |
| 7:00 | Alex Dreier | • Top o' Morn | Coffee Club | • News; Farm |
| 7:15 | Musical Clock | • News | News | Service |
| 7:30 | Journal News | • Top o' Morn | Weath'r; Coffee | • News; Weather |
| 7:45 | George Morgan | • John McVane | Club; News | • Farm Frolic |
| 8:00 | Musical | • Breakfast | Coffee | • Prayer League |
| 8:15 | Clock | Club | Club; News | • Musical Clock |
| 8:30 | Musical Clock | • Breakfast | Kitchen Club | • Musical |
| 8:45 | News | Club | Music; News | Clock |
| 9:00 | Welcome | • My True | Arthur Godfrey | Rio on |
| 9:15 | Travelers | Story; Whisp'g | Time | the Air |
| 9:30 | Bob Hope | Streets | Arthur Godfrey | • Sweet |
| 9:45 | Break the Bank | • A Girl Marries | Time | Music |
| 10:00 | Strike It | • Grand Central | Arthur Godfrey | News |
| 10:15 | Rich | Station; News | Time | • Job Service |
| 10:30 | Phrase Pays | • Queen for | Music Speaks | Mid-Morning |
| 10:45 | Second Chance | a Day | Morning Music | Matinee |
| 11:00 | F. Frederick | • News; Calendar | News; Sand | • News; Morning |
| 11:15 | Morning | • Eberle; Berch | Aunt Jenny | Matinee |
| 11:30 | Melodies | • Bill Ring | Helen Trent | News |
| 11:45 | Farm Roundup | • Mag. Marques | Our Gal Sunday | • Farm News |
| 12:00 | • News; Roundup | • Secret Song | Polkas; Digest | Music; Markets |
| 12:15 | • Farm Service | • News | News | News |
| 12:30 | • News | • Mister | Mkts.; Weather | Farm and |
| 12:45 | • Polka Party | Music | Report; Parade | Home Hour |
| 1:00 | • Trading Post | • Mister | Chow Time | Farm Service |
| 1:15 | • Mel. Parade | Music | Jockey's Choice | Si Hayes and |
| 1:30 | • Betty Cass | • Betty; Mr. | Nora Drake | Daughter |
| 1:45 | Column | Music | Static | Music Box |
| 2:00 | • Life Beautiful | • Mister | Static | Music |
| 2:15 | • Road of Life | Music | House | Box |
| 2:30 | • Pepper Young | • Betty | Party | Dear |
| 2:45 | • R'ht to Happ'n | Girl Scouts | Wizard of Odds | Jo Ann |
| 3:00 | • Backstage Wife | • Mister | News; Lucila | • Chapel in |
| 3:15 | • Stella Dallas | Music; Betty | Mortenson | the Sky |
| 3:30 | • Widder Brown | • Mister | Show; Music | • Forw'd March |
| 3:45 | • Wom'n in H'se | Music | Sunshine Sue | Story Time |
| 4:00 | • Just Plain Bill | • Cousin | The | Variety |
| 4:15 | • F. F. Farrell | Henry | Showcase | Hit Tunes |
| 4:30 | • Lorenzo Jones | Time | Harmony House | • News |
| 4:45 | • Marriage Pays | • Birthday Club | Top Tunes | • Band Parade |
| 5:00 | • Madison | • 5 O'Clock | Allan Jackson | Fiesta Time |
| 5:15 | Hour | Shadow | Music; Mystery | The |
| 5:30 | • News | • Wild Bill | Sports; Music | University |
| 5:45 | • Sports; News | Hickok; Sports | Lowell Thomas | Special |
| 6:00 | • Alex Dreier | • News; Music | Tennessee Ernie | News |
| 6:15 | • Music; News | • Fulton Lewis | Weather; News | Tips, Tunes |
| 6:30 | • News of World | • Lone | Symphonette | Sports Time |
| 6:45 | • I Man's Family | Ranger; News | Edw. R. Murrow | Sing Sings |
| 7:00 | • Walk a | • Mus.to Please | FBI in Peace | Sing Sings |
| 7:15 | Mile | • Sammy Kaye | and War | Farm Front |
| 7:30 | • Girl Scouts | • J. Vandercook | Twenty-First | Old Timers |
| 7:30 | • Serenade | • Bill Stern | Precinct | Jamboree |
| 8:00 | • Groucho | • Hits of the | Crime | Old Timers |
| 8:15 | Marx | Week; News | Photographer | Jamboree |
| 8:30 | • The Big | • Red Cross | Crime | Old Timers |
| 8:45 | Story | • G. Heatter | Classics | Jamboree |
| 9:00 | • Fibber McGee | • Perry Como | Sports; Concert | Wisconsin |
| 9:15 | • Serenade | • Mystery | Caravan | Farm Hour |
| 9:30 | • Music; Sports | Theater | Good News | News; Music |
| 9:45 | • Singing Stars | • Off the Record | Beulah | for Listening |
| 10:00 | • News | • News | News | Music |
| 10:15 | • Your Pastor | • Frank Edwards | Sports | for Listening |
| 10:30 | • The 1310 | • Hill; Squad | Some of | • Silent |
| 10:45 | Club | Room | the Best | • Silent |
| 11:00 | • News; The | • Squad | News; Promised | • Silent |
| 11:15 | 1310 Club | Room; News | Land | • Silent |
| 11:30 | The 1310 | • Easy Street | The Promised | • Silent |
| 11:45 | Club; News | • Easy Street | Land | • Silent |

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Works of Robert Crane, member of the staff of the University of Wisconsin music school, will be performed by a group of students and a faculty wife at Milton tonight.

The concert will be at 8 in the Milton college auditorium. It will consist of works of Richard Morse, Ripon college; Marshall Bialosky, Milton college, and Crane.

Phila Rafoth, Madison cellist, will appear in Bialosky's portion of the concert.

Performing Crane's compositions will be Leona Patras, oboe and English horn; William Druckenmiller, flute and piccolo; Mrs. James F. Crow, clarinet; David Beadle, bassoon; Thomas Brown, piano; James Kowalsky and Conrad Bauschka, trumpets; George Stevens and Jan Hein, French horns; Gerald Abraham and Robert Reuter, trombones; James Christensen, baritone, and Darrell Aderman, tuba.

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## 'Last Voyage' Brings to TV a Prize Winner This Thursday

By JOHN CROSBY

It is seldom that I have an opportunity to talk about something that is about to happen rather than something that already has.

However, Thursday night, "Four Star Playhouse," one of the most thoroughly competent and professional dramatic series to come out of Hollywood, will repeat its prize-winning drama, "The Last Voyage," starring Charles Boyer (WBBM-TV 7:30 p.m. CST) and I advise you all watch it.

BOYER

**The two awards "The Last Voyage" won were from the Screen Writers Guild, the first award ever given to television by that body, and from the Screen Directors Guild, also the first ever given to television, and they were, of course, for writing and direction.**

Now, it's interesting to note that the source of both awards was the screen. "Four Star Playhouse" is a fine example of what the screen does best and what Hollywood does best.

Our better eastern live dramatic shows like Philco-Goodyear emphasize character; their better scripts are closer to stage techniques than movies with long scenes which pile emotion upon emotion.

**"Four Star," on the other hand, uses the movie-type of very short scenes which pile incident upon incident—and they do it very well. I realize I have been harsh on Hollywood in the past, so it's nice to give that community a pat on the back for a change.**

"The Last Voyage" is about a sea captain who on his last trip before retirement is piloting a load of explosives to Japan. Just out of Yokohama, he gets a wireless message that a time bomb is set to blow up the ship a few hours after it docks, blowing up the dock with it.

He turns his ship off course. Knowing that the man who planted the bomb is aboard ship, he feels fairly confident that the man will crack and tell where the bomb is hidden rather than perish with the ship when he realizes the ship is not going to port.

**But the man doesn't crack. Or at least he doesn't for a very long time and meanwhile, practically the whole rest of the crew cracks wide open as the doomed ship plows steadily to no where.**

This gives Mr. Boyer, as the captain, a great chance to act noble and inflexibly determined — perhaps a little too noble and inflexible — and he has a field day with it. Charles Boyer is what I like to call a thinking actor; that is, he delivers every line as if it had passed through his brain rather than just fallen out of his mouth.

"The Last Voyage" is not great drama; it is just darned good melodrama. I shall not tell you how things work out. Watch it yourself tomorrow night.

"Four Star Playhouse" is owned jointly by its producer, Don Sharpe and its three male stars, Mr. Boyer, David Niven and Dick Powell. It is rapidly getting to be one of the most valuable properties around. It is also a bellwether in leading top movie names to embrace television.

**Just a year and a half ago, the big movie names were turning up their noses at television. "Who needs it?" was the cry. But "Four Star" has shown there can be almost as much gold in the television hills as in movies.**

In picking Niven, Boyer and Powell — each of whom produce his own scripts — Sharpe not only picked three of the best actors around but also three actors who are noted for their savvy. They pick their own scripts and, as Boyer has remarked, they have no one but themselves to blame if they produce a clinker — which is why they seldom do.

**There is no permanent female star on the series but some very good actresses have appeared on it including Ida Lupino, Merle Oberon and Joan Fontaine. The camaraderie between the male stars is touching — for Hollywood.**

When Dick Powell was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation, Niven cancelled a vacation and took over the role himself. More recently, Niven bought a script in London and then gave it to Boyer who, he though, was better for the part than himself. Incidents like that are rare in screenland.

Incidentally, the prize-winning director of "The Last Voyage" is Robert Florey, the prize-winning authors Gwen and the late John Bagni. Mr. Bagni died of a heart attack a few weeks before he was to have received the award.

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