

TURNING THE DIALS

BY FRED H. RUSSELL

Gene Autry, "America's favorite cowboy," will celebrate a double milestone in his fabulous career today as he marks his 15th year on CBS radio's "Gene Autry Show," and his 25th year as Columbia Records' top recording artist.

On his CBS radio program tonight, 6 to 6:30 o'clock, Autry will sing his famous "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," a three million seller; "Here Comes Santa Claus," also over the three million mark; and his biggest selling record of all, "That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine," now near six million.

In addition, he will sing "You're the Only Star in My Blue Heaven," "South of the Border," "Be Honest with Me," "You are My Sunshine," "Back in the Saddle Again," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Peter Cottontail." He will offer three other tunes which have become identified with him through his CBS radio series and his 25 years of recording.

Records Are Featured
WNAB has revised its night time schedule and is currently giving a good portion of its air time to local records shows.

Talent Salute
A million-dollar talent salute to the 20th anniversary of Martin Block's "Make Believe Ballroom" on Thursday, Feb. 3, will be dedicated to the 1935 March of Dimes campaign and will be broadcast over WABC radio.

The star-spangled in-person show will originate from the Manhattan Center in New York City and will climax the March of Dimes 1955 drive for funds.

The special double-decade anniversary tribute to disc jockey Block, who originated his "Make Believe Ballroom" show on Feb. 3, 1935, will give Block's millions of fans and hundreds of show business friends a chance to further help the fight against infantile paralysis and to wish him well on the 20th anniversary of his musical show case.

Among the talent already scheduled to appear on the show are Julietta LaRosa, the Chordettes, Teresa Brewer, Kitty Kallen, Joel Grey, the McGuire Sisters, Denise Lor, Don Cornell, the DeMarco Sisters and Jackie Gleason.

WABC will carry the show from 2:35 to 6:45 p.m., and from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Franciscatti Plays
Zino Franciscatti, the French violinist, will be the guest soloist on "The Telephone Hour," Monday night at 9 o'clock over WRCA radio. His major offering will be Saint-Saens' "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso," accompanied by the symphonic orchestra.

His other selections will be "Prophetic Birds" by Schumann, as arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and the fourth part of the "Carmen Fantasy" in Sarasate's setting of the Bizet music.

Aid to Asia
"How Can the Western Alliance Aid Asia?" will be the subject under discussion on "America's Town Meeting of the Air" tonight over WNAB and WNBC from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Harold E. Staesen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration, and Sir Robert Scott, minister of the British embassy, will be the guest for the program. James F. Murray, Jr., will be the moderator. The program will originate from the Metropolitan Hotel.

Comic Artist Dies
BOSTON, Jan. 2—(AP) Edward F. Payne, 84, whose comic strip "Billy the Boy Artist," created in 1899, was one of the nation's oldest, died last night at Copley hospital.

Payne, a self-taught artist, created "Billy" at the request of James Morgan, Sunday editor of The Boston Globe, when the newspaper started a Sunday comic supplement. The association continued for 56 years.

Later "Billy" appeared in other newspapers, was used as a central figure in a paint book for youngsters and, with other figures in the strip, became central figures in a play performed for two years around New England.

Payne leaves a brother, George F. of Worcester, and two sons, Karl of California and Edward Jr. of Galesburg, Ill.

The Rev. Dana McLean Greeley will conduct a funeral service Monday at Arlington Street (Unitarian) church.

FIRE CALL
NEW BRITAIN, Jan. 2—(UP) Three fire companies rushed to the burglar house of Morgan N. Holmes. He is the fire commissioner.

SUNDAY'S RADIO PROGRAM

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Heads Radio Hour



Maestro Nino Bellasai, who directs and announces "The International Hour" over WNAB on Monday nights at 8 o'clock, will present several guest artists on tomorrow night's program.

HARRY LUKE PLANS NEW SHOW ON WNAB

"Swing Angel" is the newest record show to hit the WNAB program schedule. This hour-long session presided over by Harry Luke starts tomorrow and will be heard Mondays through Fridays at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

REPUBLICAN LEADER WILL 'MEET THE PRESS'

Senator William Knowland (R-Calif.), Republican leader, will "Meet the Press" today (NBC-TV, 6 p.m.; NBC radio, 10:30 p.m.).

Radio Highlights

- 10:00—CHURCH OF AIR: The Rev. Dr. E. Fay Campbell, secretary of the Council on Theological Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States WCBS

ARRAU IS SOLOIST WITH ORCHESTRA

Claudio Arrau will return as piano soloist with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony in a broadcast conducted by George Szell today at 2:30 p.m.

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JOHNSON IMPEACHMENT RADIO DRAMA THEME

Edward Arnold, host of CBS radio's "Hall of Fame," will star as the 17th President of the United States, when the program presents "The Impeachment of Andrew Jackson, who assumed the office following President Lincoln's assassination, was the only Chief Executive in United States history against whom impeachment proceedings were brought, charged with usurpation of the law, corrupt use of the veto power, interference at elections, and high crimes and misdemeanors, he was acquitted after a month-long trial in 1868.

Quiz Hostess



Janis Carter, one of the first motion picture stars to turn to television, is now hostess on the quiz show, "Feather Your Nest," over Channel 4, Monday through Friday afternoons.

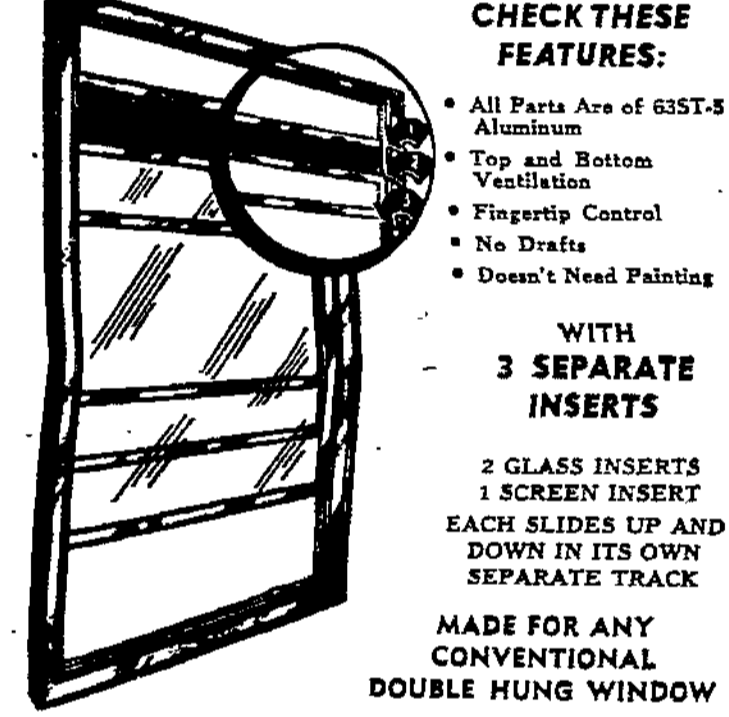
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