



Vicki Vola, NBC-Red Network heroine in Mary Robert Rinehart's "The Window at the White Cat," as dramatized in "The Mystery Man" daily series, and right hand woman to "Mr. District Attorney," detective thriller heard Wednesdays, once worked as a grocery store cashier to pay for her first lessons in acting.

'Pledge to America,' Free Verse, Tone Drama, Honors Red Cross Tonight

Radio will salute the work of the American Red Cross tonight with a special program at 8:30 through WIBA and WENR from Constitutional hall, in Washington, D. C., where 4,000 members are in convention. Among those to be heard on the broadcast will be Burgess Meredith, stage star; Conrad Thibault, baritone; Lucille Manners, soprano; the NBC Symphony orchestra, and the Washington Choral society 125-voice chorus.

Meredith will act as narrator of "Pledge to America," a free verse, tone drama written by Charles Dillon. Miss Manners will sing Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Thibault will be heard in "Deep River."

Other highlight features for tonight follow, classified:

Musical

7 p. m. — James Mellon (WMAQ): highlighting the aria, "O Paradiso" from Meyerbeer's opera "L' Africaine."

7:30 p. m. — Margaret Speaks (WMAQ): "Would God I Were the Tender Apple Blossom."

9 p. m. — Contented Hour (WMAQ): songs associated with Memphis and the south.

9:15 p. m. — First Piano Quartet (WIBA, WENR): Korngold's "The Hornpipe," Schuman's "Dream Visions," Rubinstein's "Kammenoi-Ostrow" and Strauss' "Perpetual Motion."

12 p. m. — Music You Want (WENR): an all-Sibelius concert by Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia orchestra.

Drama

7 p. m. — I Love A Mystery (WLS): the killer is still free . . .

Mr. Smith (WGN): "The Case of the Nervous Doctor."

8 p. m. — Radio Theater (WBBM): Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall in Somerset Maughn's "The Letter."

8 p. m.—Story Drama (WIBA): "Bill's Eyes," blindness . . . Famous Jury Trials (WENR): a famed lawyer charged with bribery.

9:30 p. m.—Cavalcade of America (WMAQ): Albert Payson Terhune revives his "Henry Bergh," in the interest of defenseless animals and humans. . . . Blondie (WBBM): two nurses for one baby.

Discussion

7 p. m. — Humane Week (WIBA): E. F. Busse, Dane county humane officer, speaks.

7:30 p. m. — Defense and You (WIBA): "Industrial Chemicals and Plastics."

9:30 p. m. — National Radio Forum (WIBA, WENR): Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney on "The Present Significance of the Temporary National Economic Committee Report."

Variety

7:30 p. m. — Gay Nineties (WBBM): back to the Chicago fair of 1893.

8:30 p. m. — Show Boat (WMAQ): "Everything Happens to Me" and the results of the Dog Trot poll.

Special Event

8 p. m. — Notre Dame Dinner (WENR): Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, Archbishop Samuel Stritch, and Pres. Hugh O'Donnell speak.



A longtime ambition was realized by Gerard Darrow when the 8-year-old, "Quiz Kids" expert on birds met Donald Duck (and Clarence Nash, his mouthpiece) at a party Walt Disney threw for the NBC-Blue network youngsters in his studios during their visit to Hollywood.