

Big Town Show To Be Keyed To Tempo Of New Year's Eve

“Ring Out ‘The Old” Will Be Really Different Theme; Fred Allen, Kay Kyser Plan Appropriate Programs

A story keyed to New Year's eve is “Ring Out the Old,” which will star Edward G. Robinson on “Big Town” Wednesday evening over WABC. Opposite the star will be heard Ona Munson as his reportorial aid who combines glamour with action.

Paul Franklin, who has been responsible for many successful “Big Town” stories, is the author of “Ring Out the Old.” It concerns Steve Wilson, the managing editor of the illustrated Press, who is anxious to do “something different” on New Year's eve—something remote from the customary parties.

He hits upon an idea to stage a reunion of the chaps with whom he went to grade school. All but one readily agree to attend the affair and the inquisitive Wilson mind impels him to find out why the man declined the invitation. Steve's discovery provides a story with a surprise angle.

Fred Allen and his variety show, with Portland Hoffa and Kenny Baker, tenor, usher in the new year with comedy and hilarity on their show at 9 p. m. Wednesday over WABC. Allen, with his usual supply of appropriate dramatic farce, will offer a play in honor of 1912.

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RICH RECLUSE FACES POTTER'S FIELD BURIAL

BERLIN, N. J., Dec. 31 — (INS) — Burial in Potter's field loomed today as the ironic fate of a 74-year-old recluse found dead in a squalid junkyard shack in which was hidden \$5,000 in currency and a bankbook showing \$10,000 in deposits.

State police discovered the bills in an ancient trunk while investigating the death of John Moritz Heyn, who retired a decade ago after acquiring large farm holdings. He lived in the rear of the junkyard near Berlin.

Coroner Paul E. Rilatt said the aged man apparently died of a heart attack caused by overexertion in tearing down an old building on the premises to use as fire-wood.