

# CBS to Air New Bill Featuring British Stars

"Skippy Hollywood Theater," starring leading screen personalities in original half hour dramas, makes its premiere broadcast over CBS and KTSA Thursday, from 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Les Mitchell, producer-director-host of the series, is in London to record six programs starring top British actors, including John Mills, Jean Simmons, Margaret Lockwood and Clive Brook, of the Abbey Players. Arrangements for the venture, believed unique in the history of radio drama, were made through the J. Arthur Rank organization. The six-program series will mark the Abbey Players' first group air appearances in the United States.

Two Hollywood-originating shows are scheduled for Thursday and Dec. 8, with the London programs slated to begin Dec. 15, when a British cast headed by Margaret Lockwood, Jean Simmons and Trevor Howard will perform "Christmas Carol." Also on Mitchell's London agenda is a story written especially for the British cast by Joseph Cochran, who has authored several other "Skippy" scripts.

Van Desautel announces "Skippy Hollywood Theater," and Del Castillo is musical arranger and conductor.

## Comedy Pair to Make Movie for Paramount

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, NBC comedy team, will start a new Paramount movie, "The Stooge," on Jan. 5.

Before starting work on the film they will appear at the Chez Paree in Chicago and, on Dec. 3, the Beachcomber at Miami.

### TAKES TIME

When Groucho Marx asked a Chinese girl, a contestant on his CBS "You Bet Your Life," to name her boy friend's favorite dish, she told him it was shark-fish soup, a dish that takes three days to make.

## RADIO PROGRAMS AND PERSONALITIES

JAMES STEWART, GUESTING ON AUTO-LITE'S "Suspense" show Thursday night, portrays a paralyzed war veteran who works out an ingenious plan to kill—from his hospital bed—the man who had tortured him in a Japanese prison camp. The play is titled, "Mission Completed." Unable even to communicate with others, except for blinking his eyes once for "yes" and twice for "no," Stewart has little to do but stare at the ceiling and imagine that he sees Suki—the man who tortured him—smiling down at him from a square of plaster. One day, while a nurse is wheeling him around outdoors, he catches sight of a familiar face behind the glass of a florist's window. It is Suki! Suddenly, the fingers that he hasn't used for four years seem to be tightening around the arms of his wheel chair, his legs are straining and pushing against the floor, and he feels as though he could cry out, if he tried. His nurse, alarmed at his appearance, rushes him back to bed. There, his heart still pounding, he lies still and works out his plan. **KTSA—8 P.M.**



Stewart

ADDRESSES BY FORMER PRESIDENT HERBERT Hoover, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and Frank Jace, Jr., director of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget, will be broadcast by NBC Thursday at 10:30 p.m. The subject of the program will be the recently published Hoover report on governmental reorganization. **WOAI—10:30 P.M.**

STENOGRAPHER CLARETTA HARTLINE, 22, OF Renner, Texas, was engaged to Lloyd M. Nelson, 23, of McKinney, Texas; but nothing much was done about tying the knot until a tornado wiped out McKinney, Lloyd pitched in to help with the injured at the hospital, pleased the hospital director, was extended an opportunity to study, and has become a laboratory technician as a result. Lloyd has just finished his schooling and is ready to take on two new jobs—laboratory technician and husband. He'll be married to Claretta on today's "Bride and Groom" program. **KABC—1:30 P.M.**

WHEN A GUEST AT A COSTUME PARTY IS STABBED to death with a sword that was part of his costume, CBS' "Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons" delves into "The Masquerade Ball Murder Case," Thursday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. Bennett Kilpack plays the title role, and James Kelly is heard as his partner, Mike Clancy. **KTSA—7:30 P.M.**

ON "CALL BOARD," OVER KONO AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, Amy Freeman Lee will discuss art works other than prize-winners in the water color and sculpture divisions of the 11th Annual Texas General Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture, and the Film Forum's presentation of Myra Hess, eminent British pianist, and "Professor Mamlock," the counter-propaganda film. **KONO—6:30 P.M.**



Cotsworth

A KILLER'S SERVICES ARE OFFERED to the highest bidder in "Murder at Auction," mystery investigated by CBS' "Crime Photographer" Thursday, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Staats Cotsworth stars as Casey. Jan Miner is reporter Ann Williams. The mystery series is written by Alonzo Deen Cole and directed by John Dietz. Cy Feuer and his orchestra provide the mood-setting music. **KTSA—8:30 P.M.**



**SUSPENSE**—Here's Gloria Holliday, star of "Suspense," one of CBS' most popular thriller mysteries. Program will be heard at 8 p.m., Thursday over KTSA.

### STURDY CLASS

The now famous "Truth or Consequences" crystal goblet has not yet been broken. Ralph Edwards is currently offering \$1,500 to any contestant who can sing the one high musical note that will break the glass. Every "Truth or Consequences" contestant will be "given a crack at it" this Saturday night.

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