

RADIO PROGRAMS AND PERSONALITIES

A CAST OF CELEBRATED BRITISH PLAYERS WILL BE FEATURED WHEN CBS' "Skippy Hollywood Theater" dramatizes Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, "A Christmas Carol," Thursday over KTSA. Playing leading roles in Dickens' story of the transformation of Scrooge from a miserly old crank to a man of generosity and good will are John Mills, Jean Simmons, Gogie Withers, Alec Guinness, John McCullum, Derek Bond and Derk Bogarde. Mills will be narrator and Guinness will be heard as Scrooge. With Director Mitchel serving as host, the program will feature music by Sidney Touch and the British Broadcasting Corporation Chorus. KTSA—9:30 P.M.



Simmons

THE STORY OF HOW THE EVER-POPULAR CHRISTMAS CAROL "Silent Night" was written and how it was carried to nearly every country of the world will be told on CBS' "Hallmark Playhouse" in a special Christmas presentation, "Silent Night," Thursday over KTSA. Adapted by Jean Holloway from a short story by Hertha Pauli, "Silent Night" was first broadcast last season and met with such wide approval that it is being repeated. As in the first broadcast, novelist James Hilton, who chooses stories for "Hallmark" production, will narrate against a background of special music composed and conducted by Lyn Murray. Father Joseph Mohr, a priest in a small town in the Austrian Alps, wrote the poem "Silent Night," and his neighbor, Franz Gruber, a music teacher, set it to music. The "Hallmark Playhouse" broadcast of their story will be aired the day before Austria's national celebration of the 131st anniversary of the carol's creation. KTSA—9 P.M.

LEWIS CARROLL'S POPULAR CHILDREN'S STORY OF "ALICE IN WONDERLAND," as adapted by Eva Le Gallienne and Florida Friebus, will be presented by Mutual's "Comedy Playhouse" for its broadcast Thursday. The story, a perennial holiday feature with children describes the adventures of Alice, who, in a dream follows a rabbit into his burrow and emerges in an undergrounds lane where the animals talk and act like human beings. The Gold Coast Players are featured and Jack LaFrandre is the director-host. KMAC—8 P.M.

"MR. KEEN, TRACER OF LOST PERSONS" INVESTIGATES THE DEATH OF AN elderly man and finds himself involved in "The Case of the Three-Fingered Murderer" Thursday, over KTSA. Bennett Kilpack plays the title role and Jim Kelly is heard as his partner Clancy. KTSA—7:30 P.M.

AMY FREEMAN LEE ON "CALL BOARD" THURSDAY WILL DISCUSS the textile division of the Second Texas State Ceramic and Textile Exhibition sponsored by the San Antonio Craft Guild at the Witte Museum until Jan. 8; Cuban Water Colors under the auspices of the American Federation of Arts on exhibition at the Witte Museum under the sponsorship of the San Antonio Art League until Jan. 8; and the Friends of Music's presentation of the "Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo's production of "The Nutcracker," Concerto Barocco," Divertissements from "Raymonda." KONO—6:30 P.M.



Kilpack

TWO SWINDLERS PREY UPON GULLIBLE LADIES OF CHARITABLE and public welfare organizations until Federal agents put an end to the nefarious scheme in "The Gimmick" on CBS' "F.B.I. in Peace and War" Thursday over KTSA. Martin Blaine and Robert Sloane play agents Sheppard and Bailey. The series is written by Jacques Finke and Louis Pelletier. Betty Mandeville directs and produces. KTSA—7 P.M.

THE TOUCHING STORY OF "RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER," WRITTEN BY Robert L. May, will highlight Perry Como's special Christmas program on the Chesterfield Supper Club Thursday night. Lovely 10-year-old starlet, Denise Alexander, who has done so well in the past playing the part of Perry's daughter on Supper Club radio will be featured in this moving story about Santa's problems on a foggy Christmas Eve. WOAI—9 P.M.

AT CHRISTMAS, THERE SHOULD BE NO THOUGHT OF MURDER... LEAST OF ALL in the script for the Christmas production of CBS "Crime Photographer." Producer-Director John Dietz has ruled—in accordance with the custom the past six years—that the Christmas script will avoid all mention of murder. "Alonzo Deen Cole and I have arranged that the script will be the kind that anyone—at Christmas—will find of special interest," said Dietz. "There'll be plenty of good will for men—and women. And Casey and Ann will be a very happy couple of newspaper people." KTSA—8:30 P.M.

"SUSPENSE" WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS FLAVOR AND A COMEDIAN AS ITS STAR on the Thursday night broadcast of a thriller titled, "Double Entry." The star is Eddie Cantor, who—like such other comics as Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Danny Kaye—will get his first chance to "go straight" on the Auto-Lite "theater of thrills." Cantor, like the others, had to sign a special contract banning all "ad libs, asides or other extraneous comments," on pain of forfeiture of his fee for the program. "Who wants to ad lib?" said Cantor. "I'll be so scared, I'll follow that script like a bloodhound. If it blows out the window, I'll jump right out after it." KTSA—8 P.M.