

From a Texan's Scrapbook



SPRING LAKE at San Marcos is said to be one of the richest fields in the world for the fresh water biologist. More than four hundred forms of animal life are found, some of them microscopic. A certain surface minnow, a black salamander and a variety of wild rice are unique to this lake. In addition, there are over 123 forms of underwater plants and the sixth largest spring in the United States.

TEXAS is still one of the richest fields in the nation for development. Not only are natural resources and new uses for agricultural products strong factors for future industrial growth, but an ever increasing Texas market means constantly growing business. When planning your own business expansion, consult with the First National Bank.

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Directors' Playhouse Expanding

The RCA Victor division of the Radio Corporation of America will sponsor "Screen Directors' Playhouse" on NBC's full network starting Friday, Jan. 6, from 9 to 9:30 p.m., EST, Thomas McCray, NBC national program manager, has announced.

This is the third network-built package to be sold by NBC within a month. The others are "Dragnet" and "The Baby Snooks Show."

"Screen Directors' Playhouse," which features Hollywood stars in adaptations of their film successes, has been presented on

Mondays heretofore. Since Nov. 11, the program was broadcast on Fridays at 9 p.m., continuing on a sustaining basis until Jan. 6.

Outstanding film directors will continue to select their best films for presentation on this series, which has proved to be one of the network's most popular dramatic programs since its start early this year. A distinctive "Playhouse" feature is the appearance on each broadcast of the director of the original film.

RADIO PROGRAMS AND PERSONALITIES

PORTRAYING A CYNICAL DOWN-AND-OUTER TEMPORARILY saved from the arms of the law by a whimsical, benevolent phantom, Frank Sinatra stars in a special holiday drama, "The Enchanted Ghost," on the Christmas broadcast of C.B.S.' "Inner Sanctum." In one of his rare straight dramatic roles, Sinatra will be cast as Chris D'Angelo, who, as the story opens, is hiding out in a "free eats" mission, a probation officer on his trail. A dying young man entrusts him with Christmas presents for his mother and sister—a mission D'Angelo has no intention of fulfilling until "Sir Benjamin" intervenes with an offer he finds hard to turn down. **KTSA-7 P.M.**

THE HENDERSON FAMILY MAKES THE UNFORTUNATE decision of foregoing their usual New Year's Eve parties in favor of greeting 1950 in a rented mountain cabin, during the week of laughs on C.B.S.' "Beulah" show Monday through Friday from Hollywood. Hattie McDaniel stars in the title role. Tom McKnight produces. **KTSA-6 P.M.**

ONE OF WALT DISNEY'S CLASSIC STORIES FOR children and the young in heart of all ages, "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs," stars Gordon MacRae and lovely Jane Powell on "The Railroad Hour," on WOAI, Monday. **WOAI-7 P.M.**



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JUNE HAVER AND JACK CARSON WILL be heard in the Lux Radio Theater's presentation of the musical comedy "My Dream Is Yours" Monday evening. Production will be in the hands of William Keighley and Louis Silvers will arrange and conduct the musical score. **KTSA-8 P.M.**

ZINO FRANCESCATTI, FRENCH VIOLINIST, will be guest soloist on the "Telephone Hour" Monday.

For his major selection on the program, Francescatti has chosen "Gypsy Airs" by the composer-violinist Sarasate. **WOAI-8 P.M.**

"DOES THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY Justify the Second Half?" will be aired by Trinity University's Radio Forum Monday. Speakers will be Dr. Clarence Ayres and Prof. C. C. Colvert, University of Texas, Dr. David Jacobson, Temple Beth-El, and Dr. Harold Vagtberg, Southwest Research Institute. Marvin Alisky, Trinity, will be guest moderator. **KMAC 8 P.M.**

BOB HAWK, STAR OF C.B.S.' "BOB HAWK SHOW," one of radio's hardest-working performers, sailed with his mother, Mrs. Marietta Hawk, for a year-end holiday in Honolulu Thursday, returning to Hollywood Jan. 3. Two extra shows were produced and tape-recorded to permit his absence on the two successive Monday nights. **KTSA-9:30 P.M.**

ON HER "CALL BOARD" PROGRAM MONDAY, AMY Freeman Lee will discuss the following topics: (1) The Bright Shawl's Exhibition of Arts and Crafts from the Occupational Therapy Department of the Warm Springs Foundation in Gonzales County sponsored by the Junior League and hanging until Jan. 6. (2) Joske's of Texas San Antonio Water Colorists' Invitation Show hanging in the Interior Decorating Department until Jan. 1. (3) The Classic Art Fraternity's Exhibition sponsored by the River Art Group and hanging at the Villita Galleries until Jan. 1. **KONO-6:30 P.M.**

DEPRESSED BECAUSE ALL HER friends refuse to attend her Christmas party (for reasons which turn out to be beneficial to her), Marie Wilson as C.B.S.' "My Friend Irma" finds Yuletide guidance in a kindly policeman's friendship, Monday. **KTSA-9 P.M.**



Wilson

A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM will be broadcast over KMAC at 9 p.m. Monday. KMAC will celebrate its 23rd birthday. Each step of progress will be related and music pertaining to that period will be revived. The program will depict a parade of KMAC progress from the days of carbon microphones and a staff of three people to the present day of the latest and most modern equipment and an efficient staff of 40 people. **KMAC 9 P.M.**

LATE REVISIONS

Dialogue revisions in those Auto-Lite "Suspense" thrillers frequently continue right up to air time. "Sometimes it doesn't become apparent until late in the rehearsal that a line is not exactly right or that it is uncomfortable for the performer to deliver," explains William Spier, producer and script editor.

SECOND CHOICE

During his C.B.S. "Joe DiMaggio Show," the Yankee Clipper was asked by a youngster on what team he'd like to play, other than the Yankees. DiMaggio's choice was the Boston Red Sox, because he feels that Fenway Park would boost his home run total.

GOT FUNNY START

Zeno Klinker, head writer on the Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy Show, got his start scribbling comic verses for greeting cards.

LOUD LAUGHER

That character who laughs so thunderously at his own jokes on the Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy Show is Jim Backus, who first gained radio prominence with his characterization of Hubert Updyke, the richest man in the world.

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