

"Maltese Falcon" Monday Is Radio Theatre Feature

"Blondie Captures A Volunteer" On Air When
Alexander, Her 8-Year-Old Son Tries
To Enlist

Laird Cregar, well known character actor of the films, will replace Gene Lockhart in Cecil B. DeMille's Radio theatre airing of the "Maltese Falcon" Monday, at 9 p. m. over WABC. Unforeseen studio commitments make it impossible for Lockhart to appear as previously announced. Co-starring with Cregar in the hour-long drama will be Edward G. Robinson and Gail Patrick.

Alexander, eight-year-old son of Blondie and Dagwood, decides that the time has come to make his contribution to the winning of the war, and troubles result. In "Blondie Captures a Volunteer," the episode in the life of "Blondie" which will be heard on Monday, at 7:30 p. m. WABC.

A special radio adaptation of "The Perfect Tribute," Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews' classic story, will be presented by the Cavalcade of America, Monday (WEAF, 7 p. m.) as Cavalcade's annual commemoration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Six Marines at the Parris Island, S. C., Marine base, will challenge the wives of six other Marines to an intelligence test on the "True or False" broadcast Monday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ.

The billing tenor voice of Morton Downey, singing star of radio, stage and screen, and a long-time favorite of millions of Americans, returns to the air on Monday at 3 p. m. WJZ.

Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Naval personnel, will discuss the enlistment of women in the WAVES and SPARS—Navy and Coast Guard—in an interview over WJZ with George Hicks on Monday at 3:45 p. m.

Idol of millions throught the world on the screen, Ronald Colman becomes grand marshal of a group of Hollywood stars to appear regularly as guests on the Lockheed-Vega program, "Ceiling Unlimited," Monday, WABC via WABC at 7:15 p. m. Each week a Hollywood star will preside as guest narrator and dramatic star. Vehicle chosen for Colman's appearance is the thrilling story of the Doug-

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Eastern War Time P.M.—Subtract One

las Dauntless divebomber, one of America's attack planes, performing commendable duty particularly in the Pacific.

Gracie Fields will sing her nightly United Nations salute in honor of Brazil during her broadcast on Monday at 10:15 p. m. over WJZ.

Dr. H. Sebrell, distinguished scientist with the National Health Institute of the U. S. Public Health service, will be the guest speaker on the second broadcast of the new "Victory Garden series, Monday at 4:15 p. m. over WJZ.

J. Harold Hawkins, active in the home building field for 25 years, will be guest of Alma Kitchell on her "Meet Your Neighbor" program, Monday, at 12 noon, over WJZ.

RAILROADS END TESTIMONY ON RATE REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) —The railroads completed testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission today in opposition to a proposal to reduce freight rates and passenger rates.

Countering pleas of the Offices of Price Administration and Economic Stabilization that the ICC revoke an order of last March which provides hikes of 6 per cent on freight rates and 10 per cent on passenger fares, rail officials asserted their war-boomed earnings were necessary to maintain lines on an efficient standard and to retire debts.

Ralph Budd, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, declared that heavy movement of war equipment and personnel was imposing a severe strain on rail equipment which not only was necessitating large cur-