

Around Hollywood



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Hollywood—UP—For Christmas two TV networks unabashedly handing viewers the identical present—musical versions of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." At the demand of fans, CBS-TV is running for the third season its 90-minute filmed musical version of the famous story. Fredric March and Basil Rathbone are stars of the presentation Thursday evening.

And, as if one good show calls for another, NBC-TV is staging the same Dickens' story on Dec. 23—also as a musical. If this show looks familiar, it may be because Basil Rathbone, the Marley's ghost in the CBS version, will be seen as Scrooge on NBC.

Singers in NBC Version
The NBC musical, re-named "The Stingiest Man in Town," also will star real singers—Patrice Munsel, Vic Damone and Johnny Desmond.
The CBS show was made two years ago by producer-director Ralph Levy, who took the idea to the network because he wanted to try something more serious than his Jack Benny program. He graciously says he doesn't mind that NBC is musicalizing "Christmas Carol," too.
"More power to 'em," he said. "We've been doing our version longer. Besides, I'm sure they'll have a different treatment. I must say I don't approve of pop-

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ular singers for the classics. Damone and Desmond are good but I wouldn't fool with the classics that way. Our version is more like an operetta."

Purists Pacified
The idea of setting Dickens' story to music at first appalled the purists. After the first CBS showing of "A Christmas Carol" on "Showers of Stars" the sponsor raked in "several thousand letters." Some were laudatory, others complaining.
"But the rating was good so the show was run again last year, and we received even more letters of praise," Levy said. "This year the sponsor got many letters from viewers wanting to know if the show would be repeated again this season."

James Lamb To Speak At Special Program

James Lamb, superintendent of MacLaren school for boys at Woodburn, will speak on "Your Tax Dollar and Juvenile Delinquency" Monday, Dec. 17, at a special program sponsored by the advisory council to the Jackson county juvenile court.
The program will be held at 8 p.m. in the circuit courtroom in the county courthouse.
Lamb will discuss costs of correction for juveniles at state and county levels. He will also explain proposed legislation concerning state schools and juvenile courts and will answer questions concerning MacLaren school.
The meeting will be open to the public, according to Dewey Wilson, chairman of the advisory council.

NOT SURPRISE
Borrego Springs, Calif.—(UP)—Officials of the De Anza Country club, building a new golf course in this California desert region, discovered an unexpected problem. They couldn't find any sand suitable for the sand-traps.

Un-American Committee Sets Seattle Hearings

San Francisco—UP—The House Un-American Activities Subcommittee left today for Seattle and further hearing in its investigation of Communism in the United States.
The Seattle hearings are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. The committee concluded its San Francisco hearings Tuesday.

Highlight of the San Francisco phase of the committee's investigation was the ejection of Louis Goldblatt, secretary-treasurer of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, from the hearing room.

Escorted To Door
Goldblatt was escorted to the door by U. S. marshals, in company with Salle Soladay, a University of California student who loudly applauded when he called the committee's director a "two bit publicity hound."

Goldblatt was referring to Richard Arens, who had asked if Goldblatt were the "Lew Miller" who was the author of a pro-Communist pamphlet published 22 years ago.

Artist Created Stir
Among them was Victor Arnautoff, an artist who created a stir in 1955 with a color lithograph of vice president Richard M. Nixon that was titled "Dick McSmear," and Aubrey Grossman, a former attorney for ILWU President Harry Bridges.

Other witnesses were Grace Partridge, Clair Jensen, William Heikkila, Cleophus Brown, Samuel Hoffberg, Lawrence Low and Wilhelmina Loughrey.
Members of the subcommittee are Rep. Clyde Doyle (D-Calif.), the chairman; Rep. Gordon Scherer (R-Ohio) and Rep. Harold Velde (R-Ill.).
Hawaii included came under jurisdiction of the United States in 1898.



SCORING A CLEAN SWEEP in the finals of the 100-meter butterfly event are Mary Sears, left, winner of third place; Nancy Ramey, middle, second place, and the winner Shelley Mann, at Melbourne. (International)

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