



Who says chickens can't talk! They can and do through a Christmas miracle that happens in a colorful animated special, "The Night

WBTU Will Air Holiday Special

A lost letter to Santa, the valiant efforts of a hound named Goover and a mouse named Gumdrops, and a small boy's special delight on Christmas morning make up the magic of "A Christmas Story," an animated holiday special for children on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. on WBTU, Channel 3.

The family dog, Goover, and the household mouse, Gumdrops, discover on Christmas Eve that their master, Timmy, did not get his letter to Santa delivered. The search for Santa is on!

The story unfolds with a supporting cast of villainous alley cats, confusing Santa look-alikes, and scores of

friendly animals who try to aid in the search for St. Nick.

Heading the talented cast of character voices are ventriloquist Paul Winchell, who plays the role of Goover, and Daws Butler as Gumdrops. Original musical scoring includes songs like "Where Do You Look for Santa?," "Hope Is," and "Which One is the Real Santa Claus."

The children's special was produced by Hanna-Barbara, creators of such successful children's series as "The Flintstones," "Yogi Bear," "Banana Splits," and "Huckleberry Hound."

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"The Night The Animals Talked" Will Be Broadcasted Monday Night

Animated Christmas Special "The Night The Animals Talked"

An animated parable of the Nativity, as seen through the eyes of animals will delight the entire family, when WRET-TV 36 presents "The Night The Animals Talked" on Monday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. The charming half-hour special features music and lyrics composed by the Academy-award winning team of Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne. This delightful animation recreates the wonder-filled night two thousand years ago, when legend has it, that animals first talked.

The story begins on a cold,

crisp winter night in Bethlehem and all the animals are snug in their mangers. Suddenly a man and a woman who is expecting a child arrive on their donkey at the barn door, seeking shelter. The animals are filled with confusion and the sudden ability to express their feelings in words. The animals will not move to make room for the donkey. The dog pleads for the animals to accept their visitors. Confused by their wondrous gift, the animals first abuse it - behaving with envy, spite and selfishness - just as humans do. The the miracle begins with the birth of the child and all behave with compassion and good will toward each other.

In addition to being a thoroughly entertaining half-hour with winsome characters and fine music, it is an educational show for children and has a timely message. In short, "The Night The Animals Talked" is a splendid programming for the entire family.

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