

Four-Star Cast In Lux Theatre Play "Two Years Before The Mast"

Alan Ladd, MacDonald Carey, Howard Da Silva and Wanda Hendrix will make up the star cast in the Lux Radio Theatre's dramatization of "Two Years Before the Mast" Monday at 8 p. m. over WBIG-CBS. William Keighley is in charge of program production.

Adapted from Richard Henry Dana's thrilling saga of the sea, "Two Years Before the Mast" describes conditions aboard American commercial sailing vessels in 1835. Alan Ladd plays the part of Charles Stewart, a wealthy ship-owner's son who is shanghaied aboard one of his father's ships. The captain portrayed by Howard Da Silva refuses to listen to Charles' demands to be put on shore and makes him work as a crew member. The former gentleman of circumstance is shocked by the terrible living conditions aboard ship and even more by the poor food given to the seamen. At first, because of his different background, he is unpopular with the rest of the men but is accepted after he proves his ability to withstand hardships. Richard Henry Dana (MacDonald Carey), a sailor who hopes to bring about improved conditions in the future by writing a book based on his records of the voyage, becomes Charles' close friend.

Although the ship stops to

pick up two special passengers, the beautiful Maria (Wanda Hendrix) and her chaperon, Captain Thompson refuses to go ashore for fresh food supplies and the ship sails on. The situation becomes steadily worse but he is intent on setting a new record and ignores the crew's welfare. The inevitable mutiny which follows brings into sharp focus the basic conflict between the characters of the brutal captain and the now purposeful Stewart.

Lou Silvers, musical director of the Lux Radio Theatre, is in charge of arranging and conducting incidental music for "Two Years Before the Mast."

GEORGIA GIBBS, PIED PIPERS GUEST ON "SOUND OFF"

Her Nibbs, Miss Georgia Gibbs, and the Pied Pipers quartet will be the special singing guests on "Sound Off" With Mark Warnow, broadcast Saturday at 6:30 p. m., over WBIG-CBS.

Mark Warnow's orchestra, the "Sound Off" male chorus and Baritone Glenn Darwin will offer the stirring "Our Director March" as the opening selection. The ensemble will present the hit song from the Broadway success, "Call Me Mister," the exciting "Red Ball Express."

Warnow's "picture in rhythm" will be the Spanish novelty, "Española Cani."

Miss Gibbs will sing the new ballad, "You Do," and the novelty hit, "Ballin' the Jack," as her solo selections. The Pied Pipers will present their own arrangements on two songs.

"Sound Off" With Mark Warnow is announced by Tip Corning, written by Charles Graves and directed and produced by Chas. Herbert.

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"HOUR OF CHARM" TO SALUTE NEW YORK SHOW SEASON SUNDAY

Back in New York after a two-week concert tour of 14 cities in the east and middle-west, Phil Spitalny will present his "Hour of Charm" broadcast—the Electric Hour—from CBS Playhouse No. 4 Sunday at 3:30 p. m., over WBIG-CBS. Maestro Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra and choir will mark their return to the Great White Way with tunes representing the musical comedies, operas, ballets and concerts scheduled for the fall season.

Suggestive of the new concert season, Evelyn, concertmistress and star of the "Hour of Charm," will play as her solo a favorite with audiences everywhere, the Final Movement of Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto."

Turning to the operatic repertoire, Joanne, young soprano, will sing the beautiful aria, "One Fine Day," from Puccini's opera, "Madame Butterfly." The Spitalny brass choir will be featured in "Home On the Range," chosen to represent the Rodeo at Madison Square Garden.

No program suggestive of the New York season would be complete without a tune from the hit musical, "Brigadoon." Hence the orchestra and choir will open the program with the title number from this show. Other orchestral numbers will be "Siboney" and "You Are Always In My Heart," both by Lecuona.

Farmers are raising 34,667,000 turkeys this year, 16 per cent less than last year, according to the preliminary estimate of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This is the smallest crop since 1943, but is five per cent above the 1939-43 average.

Blood Plasma Free To Public

A total of 223,548 packages of blood plasma has been sent by Red Cross Southeastern Area to state health departments in the area for redistribution to hospitals and physicians, according to report received locally by Floyd H. Craft, chairman of the Greensboro chapter.

Local hospitals secured supplies of this blood plasma soon after it was released and have made it available to all physicians in Greensboro and Guilford county.

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