

Burgess Meredith To Play Lead On Cavalcade Program

Distinguished Star In Title Role Of Amerigo Vespucci Over WJZ At 9 P. M.; Actress On Quiz Hour

Burgess Meredith, one of the most distinguished actors on the Broadway stage, will play the title role, Amerigo Vespucci, at the premiere of Cavalcade of America on Tuesday over WJZ at 9 p. m.

Meredith, who won wide acclaim with his work in the Maxwell Anderson plays, "Winterset" and "High Tor," is already well-known.

He has been newspaper reporter, seaman, haberdasher, and started in the theatre as an apprentice in Eva Le Gallienne's repertory school.

The drama is based on authentic material prepared by Cavalcade's research board; Maquis James, Carl Carmer and Dr. Frank Monaghan.

Screen Actress Gloria Stuart, and author-editor professor Carl Van Doren, will join John Kieran and Franklin P. Adams for the information please session.

The aftermath of young Henry's New Year's Day activities finds Eastern Standard, P. M.—Subtract One Hr. for CST, 2 Hrs. for MT.

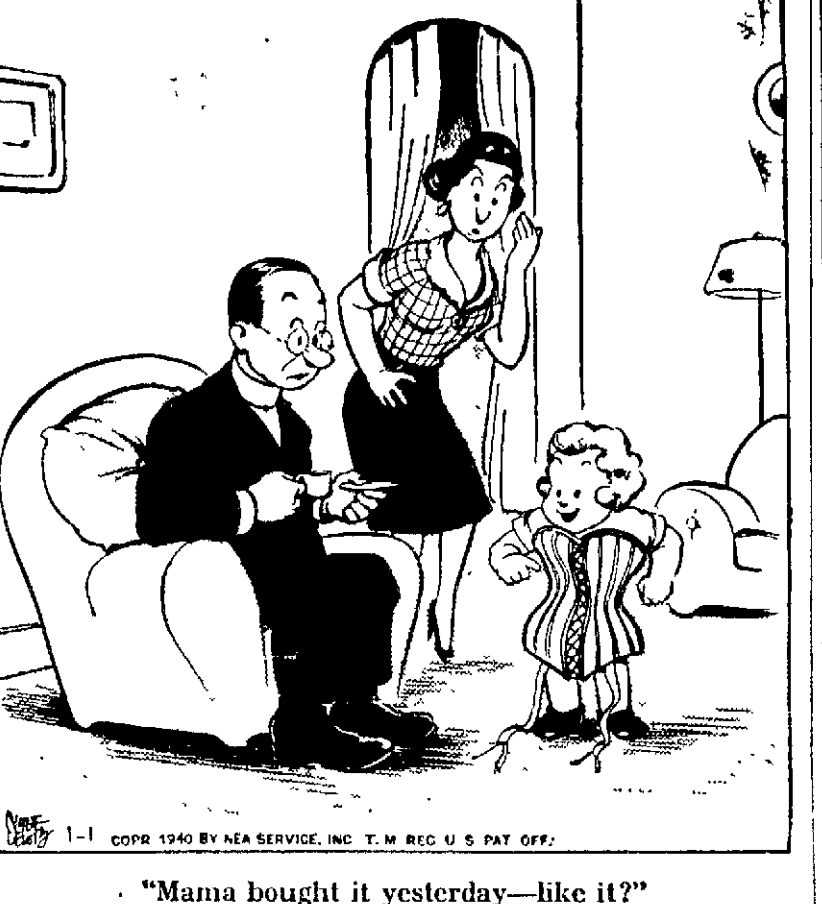
- 5:30—J. Armstrong Skit—nbc-west. Kitten Keen, Serial Skit—nbc-red-w. Affairs of Anthony—nbc-w. It Happened in Hollywood—nbc. Uncle Don for Kiddies—mbs-chain. The Circus—mbs-chain. Betty Barratt's Songs—nbc-west. Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-east. Scattered Banes, Serial—nbc-w. Eddie Harris on Hollywood—mbs-w. The Program from Mexico—nbc-w. News, Washington Calling—nbc-w. Billy and Betty—nbc-west. John Apple and Organ—mbs-chain. 6:15—The Circus—mbs-chain. 6:15—News; Malcolm Clarke—nbc-west. Deep River Boys' Quartet—nbc-w. Dance Music Orchestra—nbc-w. 6:20—Dance Music Orchestra—nbc-west. Dancing Music Orchestra—nbc-w. 6:25—V. K. Kannon Talks—nbc-w. 6:45—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. Tom Mix repeat—nbc-west. European War Drama—nbc-w. 7:00—The Circus—mbs-chain. 7:05—Waring's Times—nbc-west. Easy Aces, Dramatic Serial—nbc-w. 7:10—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. Dave Bacon Play—nbc-w. Fulton News in repeat—nbc-w. 7:15—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. Mr. Keen, Dramatic Serial—nbc-w. Jimmie Fidler, Sketch—nbc-w. To Be Announced (1 hr.)—mbs-w. To Be Announced (1 hr.)—mbs-w. Cameos With Melody—nbc-w. Frank Novak Musicians—nbc-w. 7:25—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. "Second Husband"—nbc-w. Unusual Americans, Talk—nbc-w. 7:30—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. Sam Butler in Sports Talk—nbc-w. 7:35—Johnny Presents Or—nbc-w. Red Jordan, Spy Story—nbc-w. Radio Concert—nbc-w. 7:40—Horace Held's Orch.—nbc-w. Information Please—nbc-w. Court of Missing Heirs—nbc-w. Morton Gould's Orchestra—nbc-w. 7:45—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. 8:00—Battle of the Sexes—nbc-w. The Cavalcade of America—nbc-w. To Be Announced (1 hr.)—mbs-w. Raymond G. Swing Talk—nbc-w. 8:05—Dancing Music—nbc-w. 8:10—Lil Abner, Sketch—nbc-w. Meet Mr. Weeks, Literature—nbc-w. 8:15—The Circus—mbs-chain. Mozart Concerto, Orchestral—nbc-w. 8:20—Bob Hope's Variety—nbc-w. 8:25—The Radio Review—nbc-w. The Concert in Rhythm—nbc-w. To Be Announced (1 hr.)—mbs-chain. Raymond Gram Swing—nbc-w. 8:30—Uncle Walt Dophouse—nbc-w. 8:35—The Circus—mbs-chain. 8:40—The Circus—mbs-chain. 8:45—Public Affairs Talks—nbc-w. 8:50—The Circus—mbs-chain. Fred Waring's repeat—nbc-w. News, Dancing Music Or.—nbc-w. Paul Sullivan News—nbc-w. Amos and Andy repeat—nbc-w. Dancing Music Orchestra—nbc-w. 11:15—Dance Music—nbc-w. Dance Music & News to 2—nbc-w. Fisher's Beat (1 hr.)—mbs-chain. 11:30—Dance Orchestral—nbc-w. 12:00—P. Sullivan's rpt.—nbc-w. 12:30—P. Sullivan's rpt.—nbc-w. 12:30—P. Sullivan's rpt.—nbc-w.

LIMA INVESTIGATOR IS NAMED IN OUSTER MOVE

COLUMBUS, Jan. 2.—(INS)—Rebval charges were filed today with the State Civil Service Commission by Tom McCaw, state pension chief, against Fred Pease, an investigator in the Allen-co pension office.

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LEAP YEAR COULD BE WORSE, AND WAS

Consider Scotland In 1228, When Women Not Only Were Hardier, But Had The Law On Their Side

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(INS)—Bachelors, who today face the dismal prospect of 366 days of constant pursuit by scheming females because Julius Caesar decided to add an extra day to every fourth year, can be glad that it is leap year 1916 in the United States, and not leap year 1228 in Scotland.

The specific law under which the women used to tag down the bachelors read: "It is statul and ordaint that during the rein of hir majest blisst mogeste, for ilk year knowne as Lepe Year, ilk maiden lorde of bothe high and lowe estate shall lawe liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuse to tak her to his lawe, full wif, he shall be maitted in his sum ane pundis or less, as his estate may be; except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is bethrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free."

BRITAIN CALLS 2,000,000 MORE

Royal Proclamation Gives Nation Potential Home Army Of 3,500,000

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A Proclamation by King George VI calling about 2,000,000 more Britons to the colors gives the British a potential army of at least 3,500,000.

It is expected all will be in service by the end of the year. The proclamation, which the King signed last night after a hurried return from a holiday at Sandringham, requires that all male Britons between 19 and 27 years old register for service.

Previous conscription orders affected only men 20, 21 and 22 years old—a total of 1,500,000 men under arms or technically mobilized.

The vast expansion of mobilization does not include troops from the British colonies and dominions, which sent 3,500,000 to France themselves in 1914-18.

(It was disclosed in Ottawa yesterday that 16,000 Canadian soldiers, making up the entire first division, are in England.)

The rate at which new conscripts are to be called will depend on events. It is expected generally that action on the western front will intensify with the coming of spring.

Neutral military observers here believe that possibly as many as 750,000 men will be called before the end of this month to strengthen the British expeditionary force—an army of about 210,000 men now—and the vital middle east command which guards the empire's lifeline to the east.

NEW FLORIDA Schedule to FLORIDA on THE SOUTHLAND Also THE FLAMINGO

Three Stars Play Leads In Deanna Durbin Film At Ohio

"First Love" Is Title Of Young Star's Sixth Picture; "Swanee River" Showing At The Quilna

The Ohio theatre current attraction is "First Love," starring Deanna Durbin in her first screen romance. The silver-voiced soprano is featured in this, the sixth of her pictures, with Helen Parrish, Robert Stack, Eugene Pallette and Lewis Howard.

The stirring story of Stephen Foster, the great American troubadour, "Swanee River," brings exciting life to the Quilna theatre screen.

Those maniacal murderers of Old Man Gloom, the Mad Max Brothers, are featured in the Sigma attraction "Max Brothers at the Circus" in their craziest, wildest and most side-splitting fun-fest.

The State presents "The Roaring Twenties," a dramatic and compelling story of an era that is still strong in the minds of most—the turbulent twenties—starring James Cagney and Patricia Lane.

A new and unusual type of plot is brought to the Lyric screen in "Days of Jesse James" starring Roy Rogers and George "Gabby" Hayes in a picture of an era of fast-shooting, quick-fingered men.

A mirthquake such as only those Marx Bros. can bring about is at the Sigma theatre in "Max Bros. at the Circus." From start to finish it proved one of the most successful comedies out of Hollywood since the last Marxian epic.

They share the camera with scores of circus animals, a gorilla, a seal, an orang-utan, an Upside-Down-Girl, a midget villain, the World's Strongest Man and a symphony orchestra cast adrift on a raft.

The picture is the story of Kenny Baker, circus owner, who escapes losing his circus thru the cooperation of Groucho, Harpo and Chico, which is accomplished thru a chain of hilarious episodes.

In order to portray the writer of America's best-loved songs, Don Ameche had to acquire an odd variety of accomplishments.

He had to learn to whistle, dance a buck and wing, play a violin, and to box for the leading role in "Swanee River" the story of Stephen C. Foster, the great American troubadour.

The boxing lesson, necessary for a sequence in which Foster gets into a brawl in a waterfront, were provided by no less an expert than Fidel La Barba, former world's flyweight champion, who is now employed by the studio.

Don derived a great deal of satisfaction from playing this role, because he is deeply interested in music and had made a study of the life of the man who, in the romantic days of minstrels and river boats, set the heart of America to music in such immortal songs as "The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "My Old Kentucky Home," "Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair."

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Members of the Ottawa Kiwanis club will hold their first meeting of 1940 next Monday evening in the Putnam House here, the annual custom of dropping the meeting the first week of the year being observed.

CHICAGO, O. Jan. 2.—(AP)—Raymond Grambo, 24-year-old former inmate of Mansfield and Chillicothe penal institutions, was shot in the neck as he attempted to flee from sheriff's deputies who arrested him yesterday on a grand jury indictment charging auto theft.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—(INS)—The whole village of Mazarene in the state of Oaxaca cheered today for the 28-year-old Senora Jovita Prez, who became the mother of quadruplets—two daughters and two sons—on New Year's Day.

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OHIO MEMBER OF CONGRESS DIES

William A. Ashbrook, 72, Of Johnstown, Is Victim Of Stroke

JOHNSTOWN, O., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Death cut short the 10th congressional term of William A. Ashbrook, 72-year-old Democrat, at his farm near here last night.

The veteran politician, known as the "soldiers' friend" because of sponsoring a record number of pension bills, had been unconscious 27 hours from a paralytic stroke.

He was stricken in Washington last October but was recovering and hoped to attend the congressional proceedings opening tomorrow, when the second stroke occurred.

He represented the 17th Ohio district from 1906 until defeated for reelection in the 1920 Harding landslide. He was elected again in 1934, 1936 and 1938. Friends generally had expected him to seek reelection.

State Rep. J. Harry McGregor, West Lafayette Republican and house majority leader, recently announced for Ashbrook's seat.

Ashbrook was editor and publisher of the Johnstown Independent, position held since he was 17, and president of the Johnstown bank. He entered the banking business in the 90's. Earlier, he had been postmaster.

He was born July 1, 1867, on a farm purchased by his grandfather in 1821 and it remained his home. He attended Lansing, Mich., business college prior to entering the newspaper field.

Elected to the Ohio legislature in 1905, Ashbrook resigned the following year to enter congress and attracted widespread attention by refunding to the state his "unearned" salary.

While serving the 17th district, composed of Licking, Ashland, Coshocton, Delaware, Knox and Richland-cos, Ashbrook was credited with obtaining passage of more soldiers' pension legislation than any other congressman and acquired the nickname "Pension Bill."

He was a member of the U. S. assembly committee and of the congressional committee which visited French and Belgian battlefields.

Survivors include his widow, the former Marie Swank, of Belleville; a brother, Byron, and five children, William, Lucy, Leah, John and James.

OHIO Deanna Durbin gets kissed! For the first time in her screen career, the radiant young singing star is the recipient of a screen kiss. The event occurs in "First Love," now heading the program at the Ohio theatre.

The lucky man to draw the coveted assignment was Robert Stack, who makes his screen bow in this picture. Stack was chosen for the important role because Producer Joe Pasternak, long ago determined that Deanna's first screen play, delivered by an unknown player, he knew that would forestall any criticism of the youth selected for the role, criticism that would be certain to follow the selection of any prominent actor.

All thru the production, Deanna and Helen Parrish, who plays a wealthy society girl, are rivals for Stack's attention. Deanna finally wins his heart—but relinquishes romance for a musical career.

In the cast with Deanna, Helen and Stack are Eugene Pallette, Lewis Howard, June Storey, Leatrice Joy, Marcia Mae Jones and Charles Coleman. The picture was directed by Henry Koster.

Americans consume about four billion bottles of soft drinks annually.

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URUGUAY READY TO REJECT ANY NAZI PROTEST MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 2.—(UP)—The British cruiser Ajax is scheduled to arrive in Montevideo harbor Wednesday morning, it was understood today.

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