

AFRA VOTE

N. Y. Local Elects

AFRA's New York local last week announced the 23 members elected to its 1949 board in elections which closed Nov. 30.

Total number of ballots cast was 953, a drop of 192 from the 1145 figure of 1947. Elected were:

Actors: *Clayton Collyer, 491 votes; *Karl Swenson, 441; *Anne Seymour, 377; Alan Bunce, 369; *Virginia Payne, 364; Ted De Corsia, 347; Vinton Hayworth, 336; *Ted Osborn, 336; Jay Jostyn, 328. (Failing of election were: Leon Janney, 320; Ezra Stone, 312; Elizabeth Morgan, 299; Arnold Moss, 288; Lucile Wall, 288; Ann Thomas, 276; James Van Dyk, 268; Frank Butler, 256; Horace Braham, 218; Ralph Camargo, 212; Bill Quinn, 212; Sydney Smith, 169; Linda Carlon Reid, 112; Philip N. Clarke, 66.)

Announcers: *Nelson Case, 477 votes; *Ben Grauer, 461; Edward Herlihy, 422; *Dan Seymour, 398; Kenneth Banghart, 371. (Failing of election were: George Hicks, 363; Dwight Weist, 340; Richard Stark, 314; Don Hancock, 272, and John Patrick Costello, 267.)

Singers: Lanny Ross, 447; Irene Beasley, 399; Conrad Thibault, 380; *Julie Conway, 353; Travis Johnson, 328; Gordon Cross, 323; Chuck Goldstein, 321. (Failing of election were: Genevieve Rowe, 312; Eugene Loewenthal, 302; Donald Dame, 288; John Neher, 277; Norman Horn, 274; Ray Charles, 243; Janice Baumgarten, 178; Mike Stewart, 109.)

Staff Announcers from Independent Stations: Gene Rayburn, 350. (Failing of election: Joe O'Brien, 324.)

Sound Effects: *Robert J. Prescott, 620.

* Reelected.

AFRA HITS T-H

Repeal Advocated

DEMAND for repeal of Taft-Hartley Act and immediate re-enactment of Wagner Labor Relations Act was voted by the annual meeting of the New York local of AFRA, according to its publication, *Stand By!*

Other business reported at the meeting: Report by George Heller, local executive secretary, on the progress of plans to merge all performers' unions; report that negotiations with television managements were so unproductive that it was decided to drop talks and concentrate on merger as "the most practical method of securing an ultimately satisfactory TV agreement; report that the local closed its fiscal year as of Sept. 30 with a surplus of \$72,136.61.

Programs



DISCUSSION in the trial procedure is format of *What's Your Verdict?* which debuted Dec. 6 over WLWT (TV) Cincinnati. Judge Nelson Schwab, Hamilton county Common Pleas Court, presides, and studio audience acts as jurors. Home viewers also vote on such questions as: "Should businesses be forced to provide parking facilities for customers?"; or "Should Ohio adopt a unicameral legislature?" Show is heard each Monday from 8:30-9 p.m.

'The Booking Agent'

WMAR-TV Baltimore has inaugurated new weekly variety program, *The Booking Agent*, televised Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. The 15 minute comedy format is used as showcase for guest musical talent. Each week a situation is worked into the script to spotlight visiting "big name" act from



MILLIONAIRE Texan Glen McCarthy, owner of KXYZ-ABC Houston (r), makes plans with Don McNeill, to originate his *Breakfast Club* (8-9 a.m. CST, five-a-week on ABC), from the inaugural of Mr. McCarthy's hotel, the Shamrock, in Houston March 17, St. Patrick's Day. In the background is Fred Nahas, executive vice president of KXYZ.

local theatres and night clubs. Program centers around "Joseph Nerney," a fast talking booking agent who constantly lets choice acts slip through his fingers, and his stooge "McGiggins." "Joseph" is played by Jim McManus, WMAR-TV announcer, and "McGiggins" by Frank Harms, writer and director of show.

Getting to the Point

SUBJECTS of deep import to teen-

sters such as "How Can High School Girls Be Popular With the Boys?" will be taken up on new weekly half-hour *Teen Forum* series on KMPC Los Angeles. Each week panel of six students from a different local high school will discuss a subject.

Santa's Here Again

FOR over 18 years Santa Claus has appeared on WCSC Charleston, S. C., and this year he's back again. He listens to letters written by children and transcribed for his listening on the air and he reads aloud letters sent by children and comments on them. Before he arrives from the North Pole he speaks by shortwave to the youngsters who can't write. The first 1,000 letters sent in by children are personally answered by Peter Pixie, Santa's helper, and mailed from Canada, and most original and sincere letters have a chance to win \$25, \$10 or three \$5 prizes. In addition to Santa's reading of letters Mickey Pixie and his "speedy orchestra" and songstress Trixie Pixie entertain the children with music and song. Mickey's speedy orchestra is accomplished by playing a 33 1/3 record at speed of 78 r.p.m.

KFBC's 'Mystery Man'

KFBC Cheyenne, Wyo., has its own "Mystery Man" show. Program heard from 9:15-9:45 a.m. features giveaway jackpot of prizes to lucky winner who identifies the "Mystery Man." Show is sponsored by Wyoming Trading Post Piggly-Wiggly Store and originates from there each day (Mon.-Sat.). On Saturdays a local student is honored by store as the boy or girl of the week.

Christmas Memorial Program

KNBC San Francisco carried a special Christmas Memorial program dedicated to Luther Burbank, and broadcast from his home on Dec. 11. Program featured a narrative on life and spirit of Mr. Burbank and was climaxed by a description of the lighting of the giant Cedar of Lebanon tree under which Mr. Burbank is buried. Christmas music was supplied by Madrigal Singers of Santa Rosa Junior College.

Names, Names, Names

BILL GOLD, who writes a column in *The Washington Post*, began Mon.-Fri. series of half-hour programs on WTOP Washington, Nov. 29. Program, *This Is Washington*, will carry into radio formula that made "The District Line" one of most popular features in the *Post*: Local news, names, short quips, names, local features, names and names. In addition, *This Is Washington* will bring neighbors to the WTOP microphone to tell their own stories.

'Midnight Dancing Party' Back

WBT Charlotte, N. C., *Midnight Dancing Party* is back on the air. Popular disc show with Kurt Webster as m.c. had been off the air for six months, but popular demand has called it back. Show is heard each Saturday from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

CBS (TV) *Toast of the Town* made its Midwest debut on WJBK-TV Detroit on Dec. 19.

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