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By ROBERT QUINLAN  
Star of the NBC-TV Program, "Mohawk Showroom"

Finally, we've decided on a name for the musical trio on the "Showroom", after sitting through literally bushels of suggestions sent in by the nice folks who watch the program. The judges decided on "The Musical Craftsmen", a name submitted by a viewer in Fall River, Mass., and that's how they'll be known in the future, instead of the prosaic Harry Clark Trio. Now, with our vocal group identified as the Chieftans, we're all set, so far as names go.

Incidentally, speaking of the Chieftans, you see Dick Byron, one of the group, in a different role every Tuesday evening. He's one of the quartette of service station men which opens Milton Berle's show each week.

These days, Arthur Godfrey is getting credit for the upsurge of ukelele sales. Arthur's fondness for the instrument, and for Hawaii in general, is credited with bringing the dormant ukelele industry back to life again. A recent guest of ours on the "Showroom" was a fast man with a ukelele some twenty years ago, when that instrument was enjoy-

ing its first round of popularity. He's Cliff Edwards, whose own version of "Singin' In the Rain" from one of the earliest motion picture sound musicals is a classic. Cliff, in fact, has long been known as "Ukelele Ike," having had radio programs of his own under that name, as well as many spots on top network shows. He's just as clever as ever, too, I'm happy to report.

When the Mohawk Mixed Chorus from Amsterdam, N. Y., comes to town for its second annual appearance on the "Showroom," television viewers are in for a real treat. This big 120 voice group has been practicing for weeks for this occasion, and they're truly wonderful. These men and women give up a lot of their spare time, just because they love to sing... and the final result is something to hear and see. The really moving performance they gave last year was amazing. I saw tears in the eyes of hardboiled engineers and stagehands when the Chorus sang their Christmas songs during rehearsal, and I don't know when a single program has drawn so much mail on any TV network. The Chorus is a community enterprise... and it's one of which the community of Amsterdam can be very, very proud.

Now that the hilarious play, "Mr. Roberts," has decided to close down after a record run, I finally got around to see it. I'm ashamed to admit that I've missed it so far... but even after all these months, it's one of the funniest productions I've ever seen. The story of a Navy crew on a Navy cargo ship in the last war, it deserves the often overworked adjective of "side-splitting" all the way, and there are some very moving moments, too, when you find a lump in your throat along with the laughter.

If your youngsters are all wrapped up in Hopalong Cassidy or some rider of the rangelands, it's not surprising... but I'd just like to warn you what to expect in the future. Observers have noticed a slight trend... but one which can snowball in size very quickly, the nature of children being what it is... toward the even wider open spaces among the planets and stars. Yes, here and there, ray guns are replacing trusty six-

Stork Section

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Turville, of 23404 South Anchor Street, Wilmington, twin girls Jeanne Marie and Terry Lee at the Torrance Memorial Hospital, December 28th. They have two older sisters, Randi Jo, age 7, and Barbara Ann, age 2. The father is an employee of the American Standard Radiator and Sanitary Supply Company. The grandmothers are Mrs. Harriett Hanson and Mrs. Tina Hanson of Underwood, Minn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Humble of 1318 West Young Street, Wilmington, a daughter, Joy Marie, at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on December 30th. Joy Marie has one brother, age 19 months, and her papa is an employee of the San Pedro Lumber Company of San Pedro. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burnaugh of Palm Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humble of 1509 Pacific Coast Highway, Harbor City.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woolver a son, David Burian, of 14716 Wadkins Avenue, Gardena, at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on December 30th. David Burian's papa is a Corporal in the United States Army and now stationed in Japan. The mother will be remembered by her many friends as Susan Mae Larsen and the grandparents are Mrs. Wilma Larsen of Gardena and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woolver of 20420 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Vomsteeg a son, of 2625 Border Avenue, at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on December 30th.

shooters, and rocket ships are taking over from Trigger, Silver and the rest of the steeds. The space helmet is substituting for the ten-gallon hat, and we're out after the space pirates from Aldebaran or Pluto instead of the rustlers from Badman's Gulch or Coyote Creek. Again, TV is the cause... for such shows as "Captain Video" and "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet," are showing steady gains in popularity among the younger set. Just as science fiction is growing in popularity as adult reading, these TV versions of life in the future are capturing the kids. So... don't be too surprised if your small fry desert the prairie and join the Space Patrol one of these days. Just remember that I warned you in advance. I'll try to find out the proper technique of collapsing when hit by a ray gun, for I think it must be different from the old-fashioned Colt .45 demise... and I'll report again when I learn.

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Torrance Wave Recruit Leaves For Training

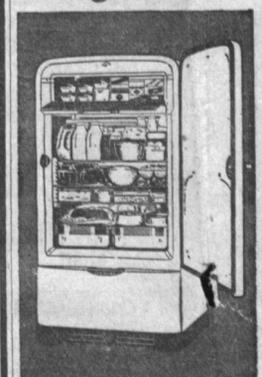
Dorothy L. Stevens, 1860 Plaza Del Amo, who recently enlisted in the Waves, left last Thursday with 11 other women for the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., for recruit training. She was sworn in yesterday by Lt. Comdr. Abigail F. Leik, USN, Wave procurement officer, at the navy recruiting station, 1206 S. Santee, Los Angeles. The navy has arranged commercial air transportation to take recruits to the training center.

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