

Tele-Visions

BY THORTON KANE

WELL, WHATDAYA KNOW—Maureen O'Hara, seldom seen on TV, will vocalize on the "Telephone Hour," Dec. 23. Alistair Cook is the replacement for the late Joseph Welch, as host of "Dow Hour of Mysteries" on NBC. Bill Dana (Jose Jimenez) of the defunct Steve Allen show, and Pat Harrington Jr. (same story) will do a comedy record album soon. Save me a copy! . . . Dennis Weaver not only acts in "Gunsmoke" but, according to his new contract, will direct nine of the segs. . . Ruth Roman will be seen in "The Human Trap" seg of the "Naked City" series—rolling this week in Manhattan. . . Gardner McKay, whose "Adventures in Paradise" features some of the loveliest damsels in town, will have Betsy Von Furstenburg in his "Hawaiian Surf Story" seg. . . For the younger set—Dick Clark will guest on Jack Benny's CBS, Oct. 23 telecast, along with "The Sabers." A singing group, I'm told? . . . NBC-TV's "Bachelor Father" will have a European flavor. They're shooting 7 segs over there, starting with Paris and Rome. . . Ginny Tiu, the six year old charmer, will be seen on Perry Como's Nov. 2 telecast. . . KTLA's "Bon Voyage" for Oct. 23 will introduce Helen Higgins, the Japanese actress and fashion model. . . Paul Henreid, a great actor, has stepped into the director's shoes, and is now doing a June Allyson show and an Alfred Hitchcock thriller. . . G.E. Theatre is trying to get James Cagney for the lead in "Legend That Walks Like a Man," and things look good. . . "Perry Mason" personnel are holding their breath waiting for word about Ray Barr, who was whisked off to Cedars of Lebanon hospital unexpectedly. . . Paul Anka, youthful r and r singer, is slated for the CBS "Person to Person" treatment next month. . . After a six year absence from TV, Anthony Franciosa will play the comedy lead on CBS-TV's Nov. 16th telecast "Heaven Can Wait."

Bud King Attends Sales Workshop

One of twenty Southern California Ford salesmen who graduated from the Basic Truck Sales Workshop held in Los Angeles recently, was Bud King of Vel's Ford Sales Co., Torrance.

Developed at the request of dealers and salesmen, the "Basic Truck Sales Workshop" is a cooperative dealer-company program established as a means of offering dealer personnel a specialized training in all facets of heavy truck selection.

'Words and Music,' Lavish Musical, Scheduled for Channel 11 Viewing

By JOHN BARRY
Press TV Editor

Lavish musicals, except for an occasional half-hearted attempt by some "spectacular" producers, are almost labeled "don't do's" by the television industry today. Costs are high TV big-wigs assert and what's worse sponsors show a general apathy in spending advertising dollars for a mere hour or two of viewing.

The movies are also staying away from what they think the public does not want. They are sticking close to proven production such as "Ben-Hur," "Spartacus" and others such as those identified with racial discrimination as picture themes. Why risk all that capital for a light story regardless of the quality of the music, producers reason.

The writer, among others, is getting tired early each evening and passing out on the couch from watching too many westerns, mysteries, and situation comedies. Not enough of a variety Alas, who

cares as long as television has a monopoly on "entertainment."

Once in a while a local station decides to perk up your picture tube with an old musical movie. This Tuesday, KTTV has decided to thrill the living room audience with such a spectacle.

Because I believe this film will give you a couple of good entertaining hours I'll relinquish this space to Ted Krec, amiable drum-beater for Channel 11.

"Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart were two American boys touched by genius. So great was their talent as a songwriting team that their melodies live on in toot-tapping Americans.

The story of their lives and work will be told in a song-strudded television special Tuesday, October 25, at 8 p.m. when KTTV, Channel Eleven presents the television premiere of the great MGM musical, "Words And Music."

Tom Drake plays Richard Rodgers with Mickey Rooney cast as the brilliant lyricist, Lorenz Hart. With them are a host of big names — June Allyson, Perry Como, Judy Garland, Lena Horne, Gene Kelly, Ann Southern, Cyd Charisse, Betty Garrett, Janet Leigh, Marshall Thompson, Mel Torme and Vera Ellen.

But dominating the entire production are those wondrous Rodgers and Hart songs — "Manhattan," "My Funny Valentine," "Blue Room," "With a Cong In My Heart," "Blue Moon" — these and dozens more.

"Words And Music" is a happy film with lavish production numbers, songs and dances by the nation's top stars.

The all-time-great film, a musical tribute to the genius of Rodgers and Hart was directed by Norman Taurog and produced by Arthur Freed; Robert Alton supervised the musical numbers."

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Lovely Ann Sothern in production number from "Words and Music."



EERIE — The young lady on the right doesn't seem the least moved by the fact that the gentleman talking to her has no head. He has, really, it's just invisible. This scene is from "The Invisible Man," exciting new series

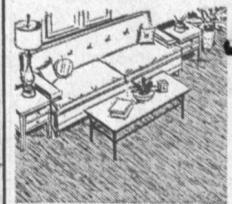
inspired by H. G. Wells' classic novel. It debuts on KTLA Sunday, October 23, 6 to 6:30 p.m. The series is first run in Los Angeles.

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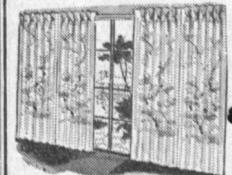
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KTLA Brings British Series to Audience

"The Invisible Man," exciting science-fiction series based on H. G. Wells' classic novel, will make its Los Angeles debut on KTLA, today, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Channel 5.

Produced in London and shown on the CBS Television Network (except in Los Angeles), the intriguing and suspenseful stories revolve around a young British scientist who, while experimenting with the principles of light, becomes invisible, but is unable to reverse the process.

In the new version, and unlike Wells' original "The Invisible Man" uses his power of transparency to thwart evil.

The identity of the actor playing "The Invisible Man" will not be disclosed. Regular roles in the series are played by Lisa Daniely, as the young scientist's sister, and Deborah Watling, as his niece.

In the initial episode, Dr. Peter Brody, the young scientist, makes his startling discovery and is taken into custody by police and government intelligence agents.

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