

WEDNESDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



■ "Mr. District Attorney" and "Miss Miller"—Jay Jostyn and Vicki Vola.

Tune-In Bulletin for November 27, December 4, 11, 18 and 25!

November 27: Fifteen minutes of the newest Hollywood gossip is provided by Hedda Hopper on CBS at 6:15. The gossip's good, even though Hedda's delivery is affected.
December 4: A program for all good Americans is the Cavalcade of America, on NBC-Red at 7:30, dramatizing stirring incidents in our history.
December 11: If you grown-ups think you're smart, listen to the Quiz Kids at 8:00 on NBC-Blue, and you'll be taken down a peg. You'll have fun too, though.
December 18: Just one week left until Christmas, so speed up on your shopping. And tonight, relax by tuning in Fred Allen's comedy on CBS at 9:00.
December 25: Christmas Day, and there will be special broadcasts on all networks. Of particular interest is the one Mutual has scheduled from the Santa Barbara Mission in California. . . . Val Ernie and his orchestra open tonight at El Patio, Miami Beach, broadcasting over NBC.

ON THE AIR TONIGHT: Mr. District Attorney, on NBC-Red at 9:30, E.S.T., re-broadcast to the West at 9:30, P.S.T., sponsored by Vitalis.

This is not a program about New York's famous District Attorney, Thomas E. Dewey, although it was probably inspired by his racket-busting adventures. Because the District Attorney of the program isn't mentioned by name, many listeners have jumped to the conclusion that Dewey is present in the studio, re-enacting some of his exploits. That isn't so. The D. A. is played by Jay Jostyn, a tall, slim, handsome radio actor.

For the last six years Jay, in spite of his youth and good looks, has been a specialist in character roles. Not until this Fall was he ever cast as a romantic leading man, when he got the part of Frank Hodges in *This Small Town*, the NBC serial. Some of his other roles are Frank Klabb in *Hill-top House*, Pa Parker in *The Parker Family*, Ben Porter in *Second Husband*, and Jackie in *Our Gal Sunday*. With his services in such demand, it's no surprise to learn that he's one of the highest-paid actors in radio, frequently earning up to \$1000 a week.

Jay is married, and he and his wife live quietly in an apartment suburb of New York, where his greatest interest in what little leisure time he has is organizing dramatic groups among children and directing them in stage productions. On rare evenings off, he and Mrs. Jostyn go to the theater.

Since Jay plays Mr. D. A., although his name isn't mentioned on the program, he gets all the fan mail addressed to the character. After the Republican convention this Spring, when Willkie was nominated instead of Dewey, he received bags of mail expressing sincere regret. Other letters call on him, as District Attorney, to solve all sorts of alleged crimes. Jay used to answer these letters personally, but he finally gave up. Now he forwards the complaints to the proper officials with notes explaining how he got them in the first place.

Vicki Vola, who plays the role of Mr. D. A.'s secretary, Miss Miller, is an actress who is always at her best in an adventurous type of program. You hear her on the *Crime Doctor*, *Perfect Crime*, *Who Knows*, and other action-shows. Vicki has deep coppery hair and an eager, animated face. She's one of the most superstitious members of a superstitious profession, loves Hungarian music and ravioli, and hasn't yet met the man she could fall in love with.

Denver is Vicki's home town; Milwaukee is Jay's. Jay had a lengthy stage career before coming to radio, but Vicki went on the air in Denver soon after leaving school, and jumped into the big time when a sponsor bought a sustaining program she was on and moved it and the entire cast to Hollywood. Four years in Hollywood led to offers that brought her to New York.