

## **INTRO TO "BUCK ROGERS"**

Our first offering this evening is one that includes a science-fiction super-hero known the world over: "Buck Rogers". Buck himself got his start in the pulp magazine *Amazing Stories* in August of 1928. By January of 1929 he was in the comic strips and in 1932, he was given his own CBS juvenile adventure radio show, followed by a multitude of film serials. Buster Crabbe, the Olympic medal winner, was arguably the most famous Buck in films, but on radio, he was played by several performers, most notably by TV character actor John Larkin, later the star of the radio version of "Perry Mason". Buck and his reliable companions in the Air Patrol were on the air up until 1947 and over those years, the program awarded many premiums to listeners, including paper ray guns, helmets, solar maps, and cutout adventure books, some of which are extremely valuable today. So start searching through Granny's old trunk up there in the attic, kiddos, because-- here we go-- 500 years-- into the future!