

## Wisconsin Public Radio

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### Wisconsin Public Radio Presents Two Vintage *Chapter A Day* Recordings Over The Holiday Season

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Public Radio’s (WPR) *Chapter A Day* will be tuning 87-years-old in 2018 and so we thought it was time to look back through the reel-to-reels and audio cassettes to bring you some stories and readers from the past. Beginning Christmas Day, WPR unwraps two of these vintage recordings as a special treat during this holiday season, [Two Kinds of Christmas](#) and [A Christmas Carol](#). Listeners can tune in at 12:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on [The Ideas Network](#) of WPR and at [wpr.org/chapter](http://wpr.org/chapter). “This material hasn’t been heard in almost 40 years,” said *Chapter A Day* Executive Producer and Host Michele Good. “Both of these recordings are treasures and I know listeners will love them.”

“This is the season for messages of good will. And, so this is ours to all of you,” says Jim Fleming as he introduces [Two Kinds of Christmas](#) on Christmas Day. From 1978, Fleming is joined by the legendary voices of Ken Ohst, Cliff Roberts and Karl Schmidt reading from a collection of letters and speeches reflecting the spirit of Christmas and New Years by such individuals as John Steinbeck, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, George Washington, Thomas Mann and many more. The recording also features music from Singers Unlimited and a surprise finish featuring Fleming and then Music Director Don Voegli. “This is an extremely rare recording, and actually comes from Jim’s personal collection,” said Good. “It’s extra special because you can hear how much fun Karl, Ken, Cliff, Jim and Don are having and their mutual affection and admiration for each other.”

The beloved classic [A Christmas Carol](#) is re-told by Ohst December 26 through 28. From the 1950s until his retirement in 1984, Ohst’s voice defined the sound of Wisconsin Public Radio. He’s fondly remembered by early listeners for many things, including his decades of work on *Chapter A Day*. This 1979 recording features his tremendous range of character voicing and narration. “I had not heard Ken before, but as we were preparing this for the broadcast I found myself breathless. His reading is flat out amazing,” Good said.

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Editor’s Note: Please find a royalty-free photo of Ken Ohst, ca 1960. Credit: University of Wisconsin Archives

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