

On the Air Today

THE "Showboat," which was named by readers of The Post's Sunday radio page as a leader in the public's radio affection, begins its fourth year on the air tonight with Lanny Ross in charge of the entertainment. Capt. Henry, weary of the exacting task of presenting a new show for the "visitors" who come to his "side-wheeler" each week, has turned the job over to the river singer who made good.

It is understood the general character of the program will not be altered. A new singing group known as "The Westerners" becomes a regular attraction to replace Conrad Thibault, who left the ship to run a show of his own. (My first impression was that Thibault would remain with "Showboat" even though he is starred in "Log Cabin Revue.")

Beginning October 13, Wallace Beery takes over the work of Al Jolson in the "Chateau" Saturday night hour. According to box-office figures, Beery is the biggest flicker star ever signed for a regular spot on the air. He'll give a dramatic scene each week and otherwise carry on the variety style of program.

It is not often this space is used to acknowledge correspondence, but I do want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wilson, 1319 Columbia road, and Helen W. Reid for their friendly letters. Mrs. Reid reminds me that another program poll is due soon. So—suppose we conduct it about the middle of this month. In the meantime, be thinking over the program for which you wish to express preference.

And Billy is now 9. About 75 were present.

Things you may not want to miss today: Morton Downey, Ernest Hutchinson and Sheila Barrett—and a newcomer, Ruth Brent—are guests for Paul Whiteman, WRC, at 10... Matthew Wolf, labor chief, speaks at WJSV, at 3:15... Grete Stueckgold, of the Metropolitan, sings for Atwater Kent, WJSV, at 8:30... Lanny Ross sings his own composition, "Day Dreams," in tonight's "Show Boat"... Senator Gerald P. Nye and Paul Robeson, colored bass-barytone, are spotlighted in tonight's "To Arms for Peace."

Franchot Tone makes one of his infrequent radio appearances in Rudy Vallee's Variety Hour tonight, at 9. Reginald Gardner, comedian from Bea Lillie's new show, is also on the bill. Tone's presentation will be "Mutiny on the Bounty." Block and Sully are booked for next Thursday.

Yesterday's entrants for The Post-WMAL spelling bee tonight: Miss Mora Freed, 1319 Park road; Miss Clara E. Richter, 1722 Nineteenth street northwest; John B. Nichols, 1607 Sixteenth street northwest; Mary E. Van Houten, 1916 Seventeenth street northwest; Henry Leback, The Conrad; Robert J. McInerney, 1205 Fifteenth street northwest.

J. H. H.

The Post Radio Time-Table

| Thursday, October 3 Washington Eastern Standard Time. | | | | | |
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| | WRC 316M-950KC | WMAL 476M-630KC | WOL 229M-1,310KC | WJSV 206M-1,460KC | |
| 6:30 | Gordon | | | R. F. D. | 6:30 |
| 6:45 | Hittenmark | | | " " | 6:45 |
| 7:00 | " | N. B. C. Revue | Musical Clock | Sun Dial | 7:00 |
| 7:15 | " | Hi-Hilarities | News | " " | 7:15 |
| 7:30 | " | Philosopher | Christian Witness | " " | 7:30 |
| 7:45 | " | Sons of Pioneers | Musical Clock | " " | 7:45 |
| 8:00 | " | Morning Devotions | " " | " " | 8:00 |
| 8:15 | " | Morning Glories | News | " " | 8:15 |
| 8:30 | " | Cherio | Musical Clock | " " | 8:30 |
| 8:45 | " | " | " " | " " | 8:45 |
| 9:00 | " | News | Organ Music | " " | 9:00 |
| 9:15 | Richard Leibert | Breakfast Club | Police Flashes | Review of | 9:15 |
| 9:30 | Fields and Hall | " | Piano Selections | Revue | 9:30 |
| 9:45 | Hill Billies | " | Variety and Value | Manhattan Men | 9:45 |
| 10:00 | News | News | Dick Newton | Foundation Facts | 10:00 |
| 10:15 | Home Sweet Home | Edward MacHugh | Dance Time | Betty Hudson | 10:15 |
| 10:30 | Sweethearts | Today's Children | Kellogg Musicals | Gothamaires | 10:30 |
| 10:45 | House Detective | Herman and Banta | Bud Gilbert | Ladies on Corner | 10:45 |
| 11:00 | Ira B. Allen | Honeycombers | Variety and Value | Milky Way | 11:00 |
| 11:15 | W. R. Beattie | Coleman Cox | Sage's Album | Madison Ensemble | 11:15 |
| 11:30 | The Fountain of | Navy Band | Natalie Page | Christian Science | 11:30 |
| 11:45 | Song | " | Views of the News | Just Plain Bill | 11:45 |
| AFTERNOON PROGRAMS. | | | | | |
| 12:00 | Marie de Ville | Simpson Boys | Olive Jenkins | Voice of Exper. | 12:00 |
| 12:15 | Honeyboy | S'fras CURESTONE | Variety Show | Jack Shannon | 12:15 |
| 12:30 | Merry-Go-Round | Farm, Home Hour | " " | Mary Marlin | 12:30 |
| 12:45 | Good Will Hour | " " | " " | Rhythms | 12:45 |
| 1:00 | Vogues, Vagaries | " " | " " | Luncheon Music | 1:00 |
| 1:15 | World Series | World Series | News | World Series | 1:15 |
| 1:30 | " | " | The Luncheoners | " " | 1:30 |
| 1:45 | " | " | Radio Novelties | " " | 1:45 |
| 2:00 | " | " | Girls! Girls! | " " | 2:00 |
| 2:15 | " | " | " " | " " | 2:15 |
| 2:30 | " | " | Musical Novelties | " " | 2:30 |
| 2:45 | " | " | " " | " " | 2:45 |
| 3:00 | " | " | News | " " | 3:00 |
| 3:15 | " | " | F. and J. McGravy | Union Label | 3:15 |
| 3:30 | " | " | Phil Boby | Do You | 3:30 |
| 3:45 | " | " | Duke Ellington | Remember? | 3:45 |
| 4:00 | Woman's Radio | Betty and Bob | Today's Winners | Salvation Army | 4:00 |
| 4:15 | " | Review Charles Sears | " " | Hawaiians | 4:15 |
| 4:30 | " | Green Bros. Orch. | " " | From Old | 4:30 |
| 4:45 | Tintype Tenor | Westminster Choir | " " | Kentucky | 4:45 |
| 5:00 | Sunday Revue | News | One-Time | Howells, Wright | 5:00 |
| 5:15 | Three Scamps | Tea Time | Opportunities | Rhythms | 5:15 |
| 5:30 | Chasin' the Blues | Singing Lady | Salon Music | Jack Armstrong | 5:30 |
| 5:45 | Sweethearts | Orphan Annie | Dance Tunes | Tito Guizar | 5:45 |
| EVENING PROGRAMS. | | | | | |
| 6:00 | Bulletin Board | Bill Coyle | Today in Sports | Buck Rogers | 6:00 |
| 6:15 | Baseball Scores | Thomas E. Burlie | Dinner Concert | Sports Review | 6:15 |
| 6:30 | News | Evening Album | News | Serenade | 6:30 |
| 6:45 | The World Man | Lowell Thomas | Government Family | Mae Helms | 6:45 |
| 7:00 | Amos 'n' Andy | Easy Aces | Dixie Harmonies | Myrt and Marge | 7:00 |
| 7:15 | Popeye the Sailor | Dr. W. E. Darby | Betty Gould | Martha and Hall | 7:15 |
| 7:30 | Chiefstain | Yoichi Hiraoka | News Spotlight | Kate Smith | 7:30 |
| 7:45 | Paemakers | Safety Talk | E. Duchin's Orch. | Boake Carter | 7:45 |
| 8:00 | Rudy Vallee | Nickelodeon | Joe Holman | Harve and | 8:00 |
| 8:15 | " | " | Five-Star Final | Eather | 8:15 |
| 8:30 | " | Good Will Hour | Hawaiians | Atwater Kent | 8:30 |
| 8:45 | " | H. W. Van Loon | Detective Stories | Hour | 8:45 |
| 9:00 | Showboat | Death Valley Days | London Symphony | Camel Caravan | 9:00 |
| 9:15 | " | " | Orchestra | " " | 9:15 |
| 9:30 | " | G. W. U. Forum | Women in Govt. | Arms for Peace | 9:30 |
| 9:45 | " | POSTILION | Ray Noble's Orch. | " " | 9:45 |
| 10:00 | Paul Whiteman | Citizens Federation | Wrestling Bouts | H. Heidt's | 10:00 |
| 10:15 | " | All-Washington | " " | Brigadiers | 10:15 |
| 10:30 | " | Championship | " " | March of Time | 10:30 |
| 10:45 | " | Spell Down | " " | House Party | 10:45 |
| 11:00 | Lotus Orchestra | Slumber Hour | News | Lyman's Orch. | 11:00 |
| 11:15 | News | " | Starlight | Hopkins' Orch. | 11:15 |
| 11:30 | Willson's Orch. | " | F. Jule's Orch. | Moe Boer's | 11:30 |
| 11:45 | Jesse Crawford | " | Midnight Watch | Orchestra | 11:45 |
| 12:00 | Shandor | Sign off | Sign off | News | 12:00 |
| 12:15 | R. Weeks' Orch. | " | " | J. Hamp's Orch. | 12:15 |
| 12:30 | C. Doranberger's | " | " | H. Busse's | 12:30 |
| 12:45 | " | Orchestra | " | Orchestra | 12:45 |
| 1:00 | Sign off | " | " | Sign off | 1:00 |

And as for the Wilsons—I urge you to listen tonight, WMAL, 10:15, to the All-Washington Championship Spell-down, a dyed-in-the-wool, old-red-schoolhouse type of jaw-breaker affair. Dean George B. Woods, of American University, will be the pronounced and top-rank speller from both Washington and Baltimore will compete for the "championship." The whole affair began when E. C. Helm, president of the Capital City Spelling Society, indicated he believed Willard B. Smith, a member, was the best speller in this part of the country, perhaps the United States. We'll see!

And here is a note from Dorothy Stewart ("Aunt Sue," to the youngsters) telling me about the birthday cake and many friends who visited the N. B. C. studios last week on the occasion of Aunt Sue and Polly's birthday on the air. A very special guest was Billy Benson, son of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. C. C. Benson, of Fort Myer, Va. Billy was the first boy ever to be greeted in the program on his birthday.