

Radio Highlights

By Richard L. Coe

From Vatican City comes the singing of a new Mass by Msgr. Refice. The work, composed in honor of the Virgin of Sorrows, and dedicated to Pope Pius XII, has been designed as an appropriate conclusion to a year of sadness and will be sung by a choir of 50—WMAL, 8 a. m.

The Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Washington, reflects on the old and new years—WJSV, 10 a. m.

Heard infrequently on the Radio City Music Hall of the Air, the Music Hall's celebrated Glee Club sings three seldom performed choral works of Jan Sibelius: "Hail O' Moon," "Sailing Seaward" and "Song Now Stilled." The String Symphony, under Erno Rapee, plays the First Movement of Schubert's Quintet in C major; Sinigaglia's Etude-Caprice and, with Henrietta Schumann, at the piano; Mendelssohn's Concerto in D minor—WMAL, 12 noon.

Editors of the Associated Press select the "Ten Biggest News Stories of 1939" for dramatization on a special N. B. C. program. Making no attempt to rank the stories in order of importance but listing the events chronologically, the newsmen deemed only three happenings prior to the signing of the Russo-German pact worthy of inclusion—WRC, 1 p. m.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt contributes a New Year's message to "Curtain Calls of 1939," a two-hour program that will include a galaxy of nationally-known figures: David Sarnoff, president of RCA; Walter Damrosch, Frank Black, Bill Stern, sports announcer; Joe DiMaggio the American League's most valuable player; the Information Please battalion; the ten actors who, through the years, have played Jeeter Lester in "Tobacco Road"; Carmen Miranda, John Charles Thomas, Alec Templeton, Glen Miller's Orchestra and a repeat performance of Arch Oboler's "Mr. Pip"—WMAL, 1:30 p. m.

That amazing youngster of six, Alan Bendiner, whose expert knowledge of music won first honors a fortnight ago on "So You Think You Know Music," returns to the amusing quiz to show Leon Leonigoff, producer, and Erica Morini, violinist, that his triumph was no fluke—WJSV, 2:30 p. m.

University of Chicago professors gather at the Round Table to view the trends of 1939—WRC, 2:30 p. m.

John Barbirolli leads the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Society Orchestra: Overture, "L'Italiana in Algeri," Rossini; Symphony in A major, Mendelssohn; "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," Delius; "Enigma" Variations, Elgar—WJSV, 3 p. m.

Paul Robson returns to the Pursuit of Happiness to sing "Ballad for Americans," of which his first rendition two months ago brought an audience to its feet. Ethel Barrymore and Clifton Fadiman dramatize a scene from George R. Leighton's book "America's Growing Pains"—WJSV, 4:30 p. m.

New Year's Day, 1790, as the New York Daily Advertiser reported it, is brought to life on the World Is Yours—WRC, 4:30 p. m.

Alfred Wallenstein continues his Bach Cantata series with Genevieve Rowe, soprano; William Hain, tenor; Mary Hopple, contralto; and Raoul Nadeau, barytone—WOL, 7 p. m.

Biting the hand that feeds him, Gene Autry burlesques "South of the Border" and Eddie Cantor, bearing in mind Marlene Dietrich's success at out-westerning the westerns, joins him on the Screen Guild—WJSV, 7:30 p. m.

Charlie McCarthy says au revoir to some of his playmates, for the new year will find that blockhead's program sawed in half. Dorothy Lamour and Don Ameche will be on the limb—WRC, 8 p. m.

The American Forum of the Air, through an authoritative group, views "America's Outlook": Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins; Eugene Meyer, publisher of The Washington Post; James L. Fly, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; Milburn L. Wilson, Under-Secretary of Agriculture; Paul McNutt, Federal Security Administrator; Frank Graves, president of Phi Beta Kappa; W. Gibson Carey, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Sam A. Lewisohn, Art and Music patron, and Walter B. Cannon, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—WOL, 8 p. m.

Orson Welles dramatizes the Edna Ferber novel, "Come and Get It"—WJSV, 8 p. m.

Grace Moore sings on the Sunday Evening Hour: "Pomp and Circumstance," No. 1 Elgar; "Midnight Bells," Kreisler; "Un Bel Di," from Mme. Butterfly, Puccini; Farandole, Bizet; "Hail Ye Time of Holidays," Branscombe; "Toi Soule," Chaikovski; "Naila" waltz, Delibes; "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," Marche Slav, Chaikovski—WJSV, 9 p. m.

The Mutual, Columbia and N. B. C.-Red networks present a maze of dance orchestras until 4 a. m. when, after some weary hours, 1940 comes to the Hawaiian Islands—WOL, WJSV and WRC, 11:15 p. m.

From the steps of the Capitol Building comes an interfaith Watch Night Service, arranged by the Committee on Religious Life in the Nation's Capital. The Rev. John K. Cartwright, Dr. Albert J. McCartney and Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld are to speak and a choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Smith Stahl will sing—WMAL, 11:30 p. m.

From old Trinity Church at the foot of Wall Street in New York, come chimes to herald 1940—WMAL, and WRC, 11:59 p. m.

THE POST RADIO TIME TABLE

Sunday, December 31 Washington, Eastern Standard Time

	WMAL 476M-630 KC	WRC 316M-950 KC	WOL 229M-1,230 KC	WJSV 206M-1,460 KC
7:00			Sunrise Revue	
7:15			" "	
7:30			" "	Elder
7:45			" "	Michaux
8:00	Mass	News; Organ	Uncle	" "
8:15	From	Xylophone	Mac	" "
8:30	Vatican City	Weather; Music	Voices of Industry	Church
8:45	Tone Pictures	Animal News	News	News
9:00	Children's Hour	Ear Teasers	Church of	Europ. News
9:15	Coast to Coast	Tom Terriss	the Air	Fan Fare
9:30	On a Bus	Sunday	Dixie Harmonies	Wings Over
9:45	" "	Drivers	Modern Melodies	Jordan
10:00	Morning	Radio Pulpit	Cantor	Church of
10:15	Musicale	" "	Shapiro	the Air
10:30	The Four Belles	Gordon	Art	News
10:45	Ed McConnell	Hittenmark	Brown's	Chr. Science
11:00	News; A. Remsen	News	Sunday	News and
11:15	Vicente Gomez	Rainbow Rhythms	Revue	Rhythm
11:30	The	Words and	Fourth	Major
11:45	Southernaires	Music	Presbyterian	Bowes'
AFTERNOON PROGRAMS.				
12:00	Radio	Vernon Crane	Church	Capitol
12:15	City	Piano's Three	Walter Compton	Family
12:30	Music	Sing Time	Wildlife	Salt Lake
12:45	Hall	" "	Swing High	City Choir
1:00	Poetry Pilgrimage	Ten Best	Don Arnes	Church of
1:15	Vass Family	News Stories	" "	The Air
1:30	Curtain	of	Modern Melodies	Cabinet 1939
1:45	Calls of	1939	" "	Europe Tonight
2:00	1939	Music for	Mystery History	Democracy in
2:15	Special	Moderns	" "	Action
2:30	Program	U. of Chicago	Back To	Think U Know
2:45	Guest Speaker:	Round Table	The Bible	Music? News
3:00	Mrs. Roosevelt	I Want a	Meditation and	Philharmonic-
3:15	" "	Divorce	Melody	Symphony
3:30	" "	European News	News	Society of
3:45	" "	Tropical Moods	Haven of Rest	New York
4:00	National	Briggsville	Nobody's	" "
4:15	Vespers	" "	Children	" "
4:30	Music	The World	Sunday Concert	Pursuit of
4:45	Graphs	Is Yours	" "	Happiness
5:00	Moylan Sisters	Musical Encores	Musical	Hobby Lobby
5:15	News Front	Bob Becker	Steelmakers	" "
5:30	Met. Opera	Spelling	The	Ben Bernie's
5:45	Auditions	Bee	Shadow	Orchestra
EVENING PROGRAMS				
6:00	Sports Review	Catholic	Listen	Silver Theater
6:15	Melody Time	Hour	America	Conrad Nagle
6:30	Open	Grouch	Show of	Gateway to
6:45	House	Club	the Week	Hollywood
7:00	Dinah Shore	Jack Benny	Back Cantata	" "
7:15	News	" "	Series	" "
7:30	Mr. District	The	Roman Catholic	Screen Guild
7:45	Attorney	Bandwagon	Radio Hour	Theater
8:00	Festival of	Charlie	American	Orson Welles
8:15	Music	McCarthy	Forum	Playhouse
8:30	Voice of	Variety	of the	" "
8:45	Hawaii	Hour	Air	Welles; News
9:00	Walter Winchell	Manhattan	Old	Sunday
9:15	Farker Family	Americo-Go-Round	Fashioned	Evening
9:30	Irene Rich	American Album	Revival	Hour
9:45	Sports Newsreel	of Familiar Music	" "	" "
10:00	From London	Hour of	Good Will Court	Adventures of
10:15	Sugar Bowl	Charm	" "	Ellery
10:30	Cheerio	Waltz	" "	Queen
10:45	" "	Contrasts	" "	" "
11:00	News	News	News	Paul Sullivan
11:15	Kinney's Orch.	Morgan's Orch.	Duchin's Orch.	World Dances
11:30	Watch Night	N. Y. Watch	Whitman's Orch.	News
11:45	From Capitol	Night Services	Goodman's Orch.	News
12:00	New	New	Mutual's	Year's
12:15	Year's	Year's	New Year's	Eve
12:30	Eve	Eve	Eve	Dancing
12:45	Bands	Parade	Band Wagon	Party
1:00	Sign Off	of	Until	On Air
1:15		Bands	4 A. M.	Until
1:30		Until		4 A. M.
1:45		4 A. M.		