

ROCKY CLARK'S LISTENING POST

Although nothing in the radio entertainment field could be further unrelated, the Kefauver crime hearings and the Brooklyn Dodger baseball games have created a wave of anxiety among listeners in the Bridgeport area. They have been calling this column persistently to ask: What's the matter with WMGM?

WMGM was the only New York station to set up its microphone in the Kefauver hearing room to pick up the testimony of Frank Costello, Bill O'Dwyer and the other witnesses who created such a sensation in the New York investigation. For people without

television sets, it was a most valuable service.

But many listeners, who hadn't been paying too much attention to WMGM since the Dodgers' games ended last fall, found that WMGM no longer seems booming through the loudspeaker. In fact, its signal was so weak that it could scarcely be heard in some areas. And with the baseball season just around the corner, the fans became real worried.

So we called Jo Ranson, this publicity man for the station, and learned that ever since the hurricane-like storm of last November, which washed out WMGM's transmitter, it has been operating with an improvised 5,000-watt transmitter at Eastutherford, N.J. "Give us another month and we should be boozing into Connecticut again," he explained. The steel has just arrived for the big new antenna tower WMGM must erect before it can turn on its big 80,000-watt transmitter. The station's engineers figure it will take about three months to put the tower up.

Meanwhile, Stamford's WSTC is broadcasting the daily testimony from the Kefauver hearings in Washington. The proceedings are also being "fed" over a Connecticut network including Waterbury's WATR.

DISCUSS HEARINGS

"The Kefauver Hearings: Ends and Means" will be the subject of tomorrow night's "Fairfield University Interprets the News" program over WICG at 8 p.m. The Rev. Gabriel Ryan, S. J., head of the sociology department, will discuss the subject with two students of criminology, John Evans and Robert Conroy. John A. Meany serves as moderator.

NEW SOAP OPERA

Carlton E. Morse, one of radio's most prolific writers, is doing the script for "The Woman In My House", a new soap opera replacing "We Love and Learn" on NBC tomorrow at 1:45 p.m. Starred as James and Jessie Carter will be Forrest Lewis and Janet Scott, with Lee Tremayne, Alice Hagan, Billy Idolson and Peggy Webster as their children.

Another soap opera, "Rosemary", starring Virginia Kay and Bob Haag, begins its seventh year on the air tomorrow at 11:45 a.m. over CBS. "Our Gal Sunday" will begin its 15th year on CBS Thursday at 11:45 a.m., with Vivian Smolin still in the title role and Karl Swenson as Lord Henry.

ACADEMY AWARDS ON AIR

Awarding the Oscars in the hottest Academy Award race in Hollywood history will be broadcast by WJZ and the ABC network Thursday night at 11 o'clock from the movie capitol. Meanwhile, from Broadway, WOR will broadcast the American Theater Wing awards to-night at 11:35.

PROGRAM NOTES

Miss Lois W. Beach, director of religious education at the First Methodist church, will conduct "Morning Devotions" over WNAB Monday through Wednesday at 6:45 a.m. and the Rev. William W. Sullivan of the Second Baptist church will be heard Thursday through Saturday... Edwina C. Hill, night host on Bob Crosby's "Club 13" over CBS at 7:30, starting tomorrow, until a replacement is found for the Andrews Sisters... "What Is Happening In Your Dollar?" will be the Town Meeting subject of Leon H. Keyserling, a presidential advisor, and Robert R. Byfield, financial writer, on WNAB-ABC, Tuesday at 9 p.m.... Metropolitan Opera Audition winners will be introduced on the WNAB-ABC broadcast Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Music

8:00 A.M.-Masterworks: Handel's "The Messiah"-WNBC

8:15 A.M.-Sister Mags, organ-WLW

8:30 A.M.-"Marches for Men" Gino Club-WJZ

9:00 Midday Symphonies: Bartok Piano Concerto No. 2-WNBC

10:30 Piano Playhouse: Art Tatum and Andre Previn-WJZ

1:00 N.Y. Philharmonic-Symphony: Victor Herbert conducting-WNBC

2:00 Brooklyn Museum Concert: William Hatcher, piano-WNBC

2:30 Michel Piastra Symphonie-Los Angeles

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