

TURNING THE DIALS

BY FRED H. RUSSELL

Featuring leading authorities in the musical field in informative topical discussion, a new tri-partite series, "Music in Today's World," will be presented by WNYC on three successive Sunday mornings today, in the 4 to 4:55 p. m., time period.

Moderated by Dr. Hans Rosenwald, president of the International Music Institute, the special Sunday forums were recently recorded at the Hunter College Playhouse.

Panelists include well-known American composers Peggy Glanville Hicks and Roy Harris; critics Jay S. Harrison and Erno Balogh.

Joseph Rosenstock, New York City winter opera director, and Arved Kutz, president of the New York College of Music, head the panel for the second program, June 19, on "European Music: A Challenge to American Leadership."

Other speakers include Mr. Harrison, Dr. Leon Stein, of DePaul University; Henry Marx, of the International Music Institute; William H. Scheide, director of the Saej Aria Group; and Herman Neuman, music director of WNYC.

"What About Opera?" is the subject of the final program in the series, with foremost experts on the panel. Participants include John Browlee, Metropolitan Opera bass; Mrs. DeWitt Peltz, editor of the Opera News; John Gutman, assistant manager of the "Met"; Maria Kurenko, well-known opera singer and teacher; and Rose Lanever, director of the Hunter College Opera Workshop and Madame Gautier.

Engagement Near The engagement of Miss Katharine Munde, secretary in the Research and Development Department of Remington Arms, to Wes Hobby, announced shortly, she is to be announced shortly.

She has been attending the University of Bridgeport and they met there where Mr. Hobby is also a student. Miss Munde resides at 333 Dover street, Mr. Hobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Hobby of 515 West Taft avenue.

Van Beinum Conducts "Eduard van Beinum will conduct the third of four broadcasts by the Concertgebouw orchestra of Amsterdam, Holland, on CBS radio, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

He will feature on the broadcast program the "Symphony No. 2" by William Pijper, prominent among today's composers in the Netherlands.

Pijper, who studied harmony and composition with Johannes Wagenaar for five years in this country, composed his Second Symphony between May and September 1921, during a sojourn in Italy and Switzerland. The work is divided into two parts.

Van Beinum will open the program with Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7 in A Major," Debussy's "Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune" and the "Rhapsodie Espagnole" by Ravel will be heard after the Pijper symphony.

Twice Weekly Series Sandra Hardy, 17-year-old soprano from Wilton, will inaugurate a twice-weekly series of appearances on the "Al Brown Show" over WICC radio on Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

It was announced yesterday by Philip Meryman, general manager of the station.

Miss Hardy was graduated from Staples High school in Westport last Friday night. A member of the Staples Choir, she was soprano soloist at the school's Christmas and Spring concerts and has made many appearances on radio and in private concerts.

John Ohanlan, director of music for the Westport schools, has acted as Miss Hardy's coach. He reports to Mr. Meryman that the soprano has an excellent voice. She specializes in folk songs and accompanies herself on a guitar. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hardy of Deerfield road, Wilton, she will be heard on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Reception Better The reception of WICC now is reported better than ever to listeners.

Installation of a new type of transmission line from the Booth Hill studios to the Pleasure Beach transmitter, has resulted in a reduction of noise level and technical improvement of frequency re-

apose, according to Pat Uliano, the station's chief engineer.

The Southern New England Telephone company equipment installed for WICC is among the first to be used by any U. S. radio station.

Mental Illness "Our New Challenge: Mental Illness" will be the subject discussed on "America's Town Meeting of the Air" tonight over WNBC and WABC at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Winfred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Mabel T. Ross, regional psychiatric consultant of the Public Health Service, and Dr. Ray Power, director of Vocational Rehabilitation Service for the state of West Virginia, will be the guest speakers.

The program will originate from St. Elizabeth's hospital in Washington.

Variety Hour in TV Bow Tonight

Nightclub and recording artist Sarah Vaughn and film and stage star Vera-Ellen will head the specialty act lineup of NBC-TV's new "Variety Hour" tonight, when the new series makes its debut. The series is scheduled three out of four Sundays (8-9 p. m.).

Other acts featured on the program include the Dargenham Pipe and bagpipe group, "The Chudulis," an acrobatic act, Billy Ward's Dominoes, musical group and Frank Devol's orchestra. Devol is musical director of the new series.

Chariton Heston who will be guest host for the first two shows of the series—tonight and June 26—will have as his guest actor Richard Arlen, and will discuss Arlen's 1927 film "Wings," one of the first aviation epics, and Paramount's "Strategic Air Command," one of the latest.

June Allyson and Jimmy Stewart, stars of "Strategic Air Command," opening Wednesday at the Warner and Merritt theaters, will be seen in special interviews.

Paul Mantz, aerial photographer of the film, will talk about the latest techniques in producing motion pictures for the air age.

Radio Highlights

AM 9:00—BAPTIST CHURCH: Religious program WROA

10:00—CHURCH OF AIR: The Rev. Dr. Luther C. Howell, Jr. president of the Chubb College, Ringwood, N. J. WCRS

10:30—CHURCH OF AIR: Elder David S. King, assistant general superintendent of Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints WCRS

PM 1:00—NEWS IN MUSIC: Elda Sayao, Frank Sinatra, Robert Gray, Pat Hennessy, Don Cornell, Bernardino Read and Errol Garner WCRS

1:00—ANTHOLOGY: All-request program WROA

1:30—BASEBALL: New York Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians (doubleheader) WNYC

1:30—FESTIVAL OF OPERA: Manon Lescaut by Fucini WOR

2:00—BASEBALL: Brooklyn Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs (doubleheader) WGMG; New York Giants vs. St. Louis Cardinals WNYC

2:00—CATHOLIC HOUR: The Rev. John A. O'Brien will talk on "Lore's Magic and Mystery" WROA

2:05—KATHY GODFREY SHOW: Chappucco (N.Y.C.) High school 30-voice choir program designed to bring listeners everything important, interesting and entertaining in the world; runs until midnight WROA

2:00—MUSIC TODAY: The Place of the Contemporary Composer, panel discussion WNYC

2:30—NICK CARTER: The Missing Bride, detective drama starring Lon Clark WOR

2:30—SUMMER IN ST. LOUIS: Musical comedy and operetta music WCRS

2:30—JUNE BOY JURY: Anna Marie Alperthoff, Mal Powers, Ben Murray and Dennis O'Keefe WCRS

2:30—MASTERWORK HOUR: Walter Sisking, piano soloist WNYC

2:30—GOLF TOURNAMENT: International Golf Association Tourney from Cherry Chase, Md. WOR

2:30—AMERICA'S TOWN MEETING: Our New Challenge—Mental Illness, is top issue WNBC, WABC

2:30—SUNDAY MUSIC: With Xpht Steinhilber WCRS

2:30—OUR MISS BROOKS: Eve Arden in situation comedy WCRS

2:30—SYMPHONY HALL: Symphony No. 2 in A Minor by Rachmaninoff WQXR

2:30—MY LITTLE MARGIE: Gelo Stern and Charles Farrell in situation comedy WCRS

2:30—RUDY VALLEE SHOW: Walter Sisking, Betty and Jane Keen are guests WCRS

2:30—OPERA HOUSE: La Cenerentola by Rossini WQXR

2:30—PAGE THE NATION: Prince Wang of Thailand, minister of foreign affairs of Thailand, is guest WCRS

2:30—LOCAL NEWS: From The Post and Telegram WNBC

2:30—HOSPITAL DAY: Shriele dignitaries will be heard WOR

DEPIANO TO OFFER NOVELTY ON SHOW

Nick DePiano is planning a real novelty for the listeners of his "Italian Melodies" program over WNBC at 1 p. m. today. He will present the first radio performance in this country of "Eli Eli" and "Kol-Nidre" sung in Yiddish by Nicola Paone, the Italian singer.

Mr. Paone learned Yiddish during a South American visit and recorded the songs there. Incidentally, Mr. Paone will make a personal appearance at Hill's Castle in Bridgeport on Friday night, June 24.

SUNDAY'S RADIO PROGRAM

DIAL SETTINGS WABC-770 WAWZ-1250 WCRS-880 WSTC-1410 WICC-500 WINS-1000

WNYC-1050 WNBC-1450 WNYC-830 WOR-710 WRCA-680

WQXR-1550 WMCA-570 WNLK-1350 WNEW-1130 WTIC-1080

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Telecast TOPICS

The first glimmer of television was discovered in 1884 by Niskow when he dissected a picture with a scanning disk and put it together again.

Since then hundreds of men have made thousands of progressive experiments over the years, seeking a practical method of transmitting that disk. No one man can claim full credit, many, including Dr. E. F. W. Alexander of General Electric, Dr. V. K. Zworykin of RCA, and Dr. Allen B. DuMont of the DuMont Laboratories, contributed.

Although television did not emerge as a commercially feasible venture until 1939, Marconi foresaw its possibilities in 1933 when he stated that "I am known as a man who deals in cold scientific facts and practicalities, not in Utopian fantasies. As to talk of a saturation point, a limit to radio progress, there is no limit to distance, thence there can be no limit to wireless and television development."

Speaking of development early in 1948 the enjoyment of television programs was largely limited to those persons living in the Washington, Philadelphia and New York areas. The people in southern New England were not very successful in picking television programs from New York. On June 15, 1948, nine years after television was made commercially feasible, Aldo Dominici and Patrick J. Goode, head of their business, interests with the DuMont television network and Connecticut pioneer television station put its first program on the air, telecasting on Channel 6.

At that time Lawrence Phillips, head of the network, stated "The DuMont network proudly salutes its newest affiliate, WNHCTV, New Haven, Connecticut, first in New England with the finest television." Until studio installations were completed for television programs, at 1110 Chapel street in the Elm City, the bulk of television shows originated in New York, with shows starting to originate in New Haven in late July of that year. Now more than 60 local programs a day are produced in New Haven. At that time there were 2,500 television sets in the area, now more than 924,448.

In June, 1948, the schedule of programs on WNHCTV included the "Small Fry Club" with Bob Emery and "Russ Hodges" "Scoreboard" even though telecasting was limited from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. each day. People were writing in and asking questions like "Will I ever be able to receive the sound as well as the picture without a separate set?" and "Can I have a television screen attached to my radio?"

At WNHCTV the years between 1948 and 1955 have seen giant steps in expansion of what was initially considered a "limited" industry. Since that time the number of employees has jumped from 35 to 130. Thousands of dollars have been spent on equipment and improvements, justifying the faith of the founders of the station in the new medium and in the people they serve.

On June 1, 1953, the television station acquired a facsimile machine, just in time for the coronation on June 2, Facsimile transmission of a series of dots in varying shades of blacks and greys now employed by television broadcasters. The accumulation of dots are then mechanically grouped together to form a complete picture at the receivers in the WNHCTV newsroom. Almost immediately pictures can then be placed before the cameras and directed into the homes, minutes after an event has taken place.

In July, 1953, at a cost of \$750,000, the station moved from channel 6 to channel 8, a move that afforded more power and accommodation to more people who wanted to see the top programs of the four affiliated networks with WNHCTV at that time. At 10 p. m., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1953, WNHCTV presented a "dedication" program officially putting Channel 8 on the air with simultaneous programs on channel 6 for a 10-day period. On Friday, Jan. 1, 1954, at 12:15 p. m., WNHCTV telecast the Tournament of Roses parade from Pasadena, Calif. in the first West to East transcontinental transmission of color. In 1955 WNHCTV has already made engineering arrangements for the telecasting of slide and film color programs locally.

Historically, WNHCTV, one of the first 14 television stations in the country, has carved a deep niche in southern New England communications. Behind the natural scientific development of the new medium has been the faith and courage of the men who gave it financial backing in this area. Their limitless vision has been the spirit making a reality out of limitless possibilities.

Pinza Repeats In what is believed to be the first time on television, a big dramatic show will repeat a live presentation of the operating failure forced it off the air. This occurs during the Ezio Pinza re-enact his much heralded, non-singing dramatic role in "Half-Promised Land" on the General Electric Theater tonight at 9 o'clock over Channel 2.

The play, which features Joan Copeland and Mike Wallace, was previously scheduled for May 29, when operating difficulties interrupted a major portion of the program.

WPIX Unaffected WPIX (Channel 11) will continue to telecast sports events at Madison Squares Garden despite last week's executive reorganization of the Garden. The station has already signed a new contract covering the 1955-56 season, and will carry a total of 60 events during that period. Included will be the Rangers hockey games, college and professional basketball contests and the horse and dog shows. The hockey games will be televised on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. The Wednesday night games have been dropped from the schedule.

Helen Keller's Life "Helen Keller in Her Story" a one-hour actuality film based on Miss Keller's life, will have its premiere television network showing (Continued on Page Eleven)

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