



TURNING the DIALS

By FRED H. RUSSELL

Four of the people who participated in the world's first broadcast of a complete opera will recall the historic event next Saturday on the third intermission of the Metropolitan Opera broadcast.

The program will climax the week's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the start of the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. The first complete opera from the Diamond Horseshoe was aired on Christmas Day, 1931.

Among those responsible for the broadcast were Milton Cross, who announced it; Deems Taylor, who portrayed the Witch in "Hansel and Gretel," the opera produced.

With Clifton Fadiman acting as interviewer, the four will recall details of the first broadcast. Of the group, only Mr. Cross remains a regular member of the program, although Mr. Taylor appears as a frequent guest.

While no longer a member of the production staff of the Met broadcasts, Mr. Gray still is actively engaged as an engineer. Miss Manski, who is in retirement, will travel to New York City from Indiana to participate in the program.

"Opera News of the Air," the first intermission feature, Boris Goldovsky will analyze "Ernani." It will mark the broadcast debut of the Verdi tragedy, which returned to the Metropolitan stage this season after an absence of 27 years.

Starring in the opera will be Zinka Milanov as Elvira, Marie Delmas as Ernani, Leonard Warren as Carlo and Cesare Siepi as Silva.



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Bunay Walters, probably the tallest actress in Hollywood at six feet, six inches, discovers that Jackie Cooper has "Mystos" (Greek for inner light) in the Thursday night episode of "The People's Choice" at 9 o'clock on Channel 4.

Jack, of course, doesn't expect the moppets to be on hand when he goes on the air at 5:30 in the morning, and this will give him a chance to start his alarm clock portion of the program by waking the youngsters and their parents.

Handel's "Messiah" has been a traditional offering to WQXR listeners since 1938. This year, the oratorio is extremely proud to be able to present it not only in English but through the latest electronic medium which will assure the most realistic reproduction of this beautiful work.

Recorded in Symphony Hall, Boston, the oratorio is performed by the Handel and Haydn Society Chorus of Boston and the Zimbalon Sinfonietta under the direction of Dr. Thompson Stone.

On hand to act as hostesses, of course, will be Jackie's three youngsters, Patsy Ann, Mary Beth, and newly arrival Cathy-Jean. Mrs. Sterling will have some vitals for the visitors, too.

Marks Milestone Ruth Steinkraus on her "Music for a Sunday Evening" program tonight at 8 o'clock on WICC will celebrate the 125th broadcast of the series.

Richard W. Davis, WELI president and general manager, said that the decision to sever the network ties of more than 14 years duration was made with the view of best serving the greater New Haven and Naugatuck Valley public with locally integrated on-the-spot news broadcasts, sports, literary-interest civic endeavors.

Effective Jan. 7, 1957, Station WELI in New Haven, will terminate, but mutual consent, its network affiliation with the American Broadcasting company.

The special Christmas Day donation program for the benefit of Hungarian relief will be presented on CBS radio Christmas night from 8 to 9 o'clock. This special broadcast will pre-empt the "Robert Q. Lewis Show," regularly heard at that time.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, currently in Europe studying the Hungarian refugee problem, is expected to be back in the United States and to speak during the hour broadcast. Mr. Nixon's report will be augmented by the offerings of an array of show business personalities.

Stereophonic Broadcast The first New York performance of "The Nativity" will be broadcast on WQXR-FM with reception being obtainable by placing an AM and FM receiver at opposite sides of the same wall, pointing slightly toward the listener, who sits at the focal point between the two sets.

SUNDAY RADIO TIMETABLE

Table with 4 columns: Dial Settings, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 10:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 12:00 AM. Columns contain station call letters and program titles.

ON TELEVISION TODAY

Table with columns for TV channels and program titles. Includes stations like WCBS-2, WRCA-TV, WABC-TV, WHP-TV, WTRB-TV, etc.

NOT ON SEVEN

Jack Paar's wife Mariam and seven-year-old daughter Randy, and his long-time friend and associate, Jose Melis, pianist, become permanent participants in his ABC radio program, "The Jack Paar Show" Monday, Dec. 31.



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Teen Radio Shop advertisement for crystal sets, transistors, etc.

PAINTS WALLPAPER TILEBOARD FLOOR SANDERS advertisement with phone number 4-4307

MEADE-SEMOR advertisement for paint and wallpaper

The Angus Steak House advertisement for black rock turnpike, Fairfield, Conn.

Season's Greetings advertisement for Train Exchange Center Inc., 631 Fairfield Ave.

Today's Features

Table listing various radio programs and their hosts, such as 'Monitor', 'The Nativity', 'A Christmas Carol'.

SHOW TO EXPAND "Monitor," the weekend program on the National Broadcasting Company's radio network...

SCIENCE NEWS A pictorial survey of the forward strides and major "breakthroughs" made in science during the past year...

CARDINAL'S MESSAGE Francis Cardinal Spellman's annual Christmas message will be broadcast on WRCA-TV on Tuesday night at 9:45 o'clock.