

Film and Musical Stars

Heard on Air Tonight

Five film stars will appear in the Radio Theater's weekly show on WEBM tonight, while Richard Crooks, Gina Vanna, and the Philadelphia orchestra will headline the musical offerings. Here are the aces, classified:

Dramatic

7:30 p. m. — Grand Hotel (WMAQ): "Duet for Lovebirds."

8 p. m.—Radio Theater (WBBM) Mary Astor, Barbara Stanwyck, Errol Flynn, Constance Collier, and Alma Kruger in "These Three."

9 p. m. — Famous Jury Trials (WGN): murder case.

9:30 p. m.—Brave New World (WBBM): historic meeting of Bolivar and San Martin.

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Variety

7 p. m.—Burns and Allen (WIBA, WMAQ): John Conte impersonates Edward Everett Horton.

8 p. m.—Fibber McGee (WIBA, WMAQ): tries to cook.

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Informative

9:30 p. m. — National Forum (WENR): Agriculture Secy. Wallace on new farm bill.

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Musical

7:30 p. m. — Richard Crooks (WIBA, WMAQ): "Che gelida manina," Puccini; "Life and Death," Coleridge-Taylor, Youmans - Friml medley.

8 p. m.—Philadelphia Orchestra (WLS): Tschalkowsky's fifth symphony.

9 p. m.—Contented Hour (WIBA, WMAQ): Gina Vanna, orchestra, Continentals, others; Kern medley, "The Touch of Your Hand," "Until," "When My Dream Boat Comes Home," "Serenade in the Night."

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Tuesdaytime

3:20 p. m. — From London (WENR): Ian Hay, English writer.

3:30 p. m. — Story of Industry (WBBM): Dr. Leo H. Backeland, scientist; E. R. Stettinius, Jr., steel executive.

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Rambles

A letter informed Jack Benny that a three-year-old girl named Genevieve in Atlanta, Ga., staged a sit-down strike in front of the family radio set, refusing to go to bed till she heard Benny's show.

Johnny Loesch, CBS production man, is Henry Youngman's "guinea pig." Johnny has a hard-to-reach funnybone and if a gag gets a laugh from him, Henry includes it in the Kate Smith hour.

Reed Kennedy is making phonograph records of the Christmas carols he's to sing as bass soloist for a prominent New York church.

Gabriel Heatter brings a Mother Goose book to "We, the People" rehearsals to read to child guestars to soothe their nerves.

Enroute back to New York from Hollywood, Frank Black wrote six new arrangements for his "Magic Key" orchestra.

Joe Granby, who plays dignified business men on the "Aunt Jenny" CBS shows, also portrays tough gangsters on "Gang Busters" airings.

Minerva Pious has rejoined Fred Allen's Mighty Art players, after a summer spent playing Shakespeare and recent appearances of Silver Theater radio dramas.

Spencer Bentley, starred in "Betty and Bob," has postponed his proposed Christmas auto tour until next summer. He's too busy now.

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NEWS NOTES:

Martha Tilton, the "Sweetheart of Swing" with Benny Goodman's orchestra has just completed her first movie short, "Brokers' Follies".

Evelyn Kay, who, with her Magic Violin, is featured with Phil Spitalny and his "Hour of Charm" orchestra, was forced to turn down one of the leading roles in the "Big Broadcast" because she couldn't get to the coast.

Orson Welles, who is heard on MBS as "The Shadow" every Sunday, is putting his second Broadway production into rehearsal. It is John Dekker's "The Shoemaker's Holiday".

Ted Collins, producer of the Kate Smith Thursday night shows, is experimenting with a new lighting effect for television broadcasts.

Ken Carpenter, just appointed announcer on "Hollywood Mardi Gras," has been assigned one of the four announcer jobs during the Rose Bowl football classic which NBC broadcasts exclusively on New Year's day.