

Amos 'n' Andy Celebrate Decade on Air March 19

Amos 'n' Andy will celebrate their 10th birthday on March 19. For 10 years the business affairs of the Fresh Air Taxi co., and of such other enterprises as the gullible Andy has become involved in, have been amusing American radio listeners. During that decade, Amos 'n' Andy have become such favorites that statisticians estimate more than 40,000,000 listeners follow the fortunes of the black face comedians each week over the NBC-Red network.

March 19 will be an exciting day for Freeman F. Gosden (Amos) and Charles J. Correll (Andy). Gosden and Correll, who have been broadcasting from their special winter studio in Palm Springs, will return to the NBC Hollywood studios for their anniversary broadcast, and friends of the radio pioneers will join them in celebrating.

Gosden and Correll are real pioneers of radio. They spoke into a microphone for the first time in 1920, on an experimental station in New Orleans. Five years later, after varied experiences, including a season as singers on a Chicago station, they evolved Sam 'n' Henry, the fore-runners of Amos 'n' Andy.

In 1928 the phenomenal run of the team of Amos 'n' Andy started. The characters were born in the minds of Correll and Gosden, named on the spur of the moment and introduced over WMAQ, Chicago, on March 19, 1928.

They came to NBC networks on August 19, 1929, and have been heard over NBC networks regularly since then, for many years from the NBC Chicago studios and more recently from Hollywood and Palm Springs.

Tonight's aces, classified:

Musical

8:15 p. m.—Chicago Symphony Orchestra (WGN): Hans Lange, conductor; "Canzona and Fugue in B Minor," Bach-Stock; "St. Paul's Suite," Holst; "Symphony in E Flat Major," Mozart; "Concerto Grosso for Three Flutes, Harp, and Orchestra," Van Vactor; "Scherzo" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Mendelssohn; "Peer Gynt" suite, Grieg; "Capriccio Italien," Tchaikowsky.

9 p. m.—NBC Symphony Orchestra (WMAQ): Carlos Chavez, conductor; "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3," Bach; "Symphony in B Flat," Haydn; "Sinfonia India," Chavez; "Sinfonia Antigon," Chavez; "Bolero," Ravel.

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Variety

6 p. m.—Swing Club (WBBM): with Ramona, Tommy Dorsey, Leith Stevens' orchestra; "College Humor," "Toy Trumpet," "Old Man River," "You're a Sweetheart."

7 p. m.—Robert L. Ripley (WIBA, WMAQ): stories of Irishmen.

7:30 p. m.—Jack Haley (WIBA, WMAQ): as Jock McHaley.

Johnny Presents (WBBM): reporter who tracked bank robber through boarding house gossip.

8 p. m.—National Barn Dance (WLS): with Alec Templeton (on WIBA at 10.)

9 p. m.—Your Hit Parade (WBBM): with Lois Bennett.

9:30 p. m.—Family Party (WIBA, WLS): new series with Robert Lee Bristow, "star American farmer;" Annette King, Joe DuMond, orchestra.

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Discussion

10 p. m.—The McCormick Bill (WBBM): discussed by Reps. J. W. McCormick, Emanuel Celler.

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Sports

8 p. m.—Basketball (WIND): Indiana state high school tournament.

9:45 p. m.—Knights of Columbus Games (WBBM): described by Ted Husing.

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Dramatic

6:30 p. m.—Columbia Workshop (WBBM): Flecker's "Hassan," with Delius' music.

7:30 p. m.—"This Proud Heart" (WCFL): Pearl Buck's novel.

8:30 p. m.—American Portraits (WMAQ): Alexander Hamilton.