

Independence Honored; With Ripley

Abner H. Grender, of the University of Wisconsin department of Scandinavian languages; Osvald Berntsen, of the Madison Grieg chorus, and the WIBA Concert ensemble will combine tonight in the presentation of a special program in observance of the 17th of May—Norway's Independence day.

The ensemble will open the program at 7 with the "Peer Gynt" suite by Norway's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. Berntsen will sing Paulson's "Norge Mit Norge," in Norwegian, and Mr. Grender will give a short address on the significance of the holiday.

Berntsen will offer a second selection in Norwegian, with Margaret Otterson at the piano, entitled "Solvat," by Lammers. The ensemble will complete the program with additional compositions by Grieg.

Other aces tonight, classified:

Musical

6 p. m.—Morion Gould Orchestra (WGN): "Lost Meditation," "Go Down Moses," "Churchmouse on a Spruce."

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Discussion

8:45 p. m.—James W. Gerard (KNOX, WCCO): "Democracy and the World Today."

9:15 p. m.—National Student Federation (WENR): roundtable on "Students and Religions."

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Variety

6:30 p. m.—Al Jolson (WBBM): and Mary Boland.

7 p. m.—Al Pearce's Gang (WBBM): and Connie Boswell.

7:30 p. m.—Fibber McGee (WIBA, WMAQ): in the newspaper business.

8 p. m.—Robert L. Ripley (WIBA, WMAQ): presents "battle of echoes," St. Louis Cardinals' Mudcat band . . . Time to Shine (WBBM): "In the Shade of the New Apple Tree," "Where in the World Are You?" "Whistle While You Work."

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Miscellaneous

6:30 p. m.—Information, Please (WLS): the audience asks the questions.

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Wednesdaytime

10:30 a. m.—Farm and Home Hour (WIBA, WMAQ): University of Delaware.

11:15 a. m.—Airmail week (WGN): plane parade over Chicago's loop.

12 m.—Your Health (WMAQ): the pre-school child.

12:45 p. m.—Safety Conference (WMAQ): use of "the white cane."

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Fan Fare

Studio whispers reveal that CBS has reached a verbal agreement with Bruno Walter to conduct a series of symphony concerts in competition with the NBC Toscanini series in the fall. Contracts are expected to be signed by June 1.

Stewart Metz, announcer on "Pepper Young's Family," becomes a pappy for the first time soon. He's building a house in Manhasset, L. I., so that the heir or heiress will have the benefit of country air. He'll move in July.

Charles Cantor, actor on the "Dick Tracy" series: over the NBC-Red network, plans a long summer vacation starting the end of June. The first part of his holiday will be spent at Pike, N. H., and the latter half of the season will find him at Long Beach, L. I.

Francia White, young California soprano familiar to dial fans, was the first artist to be signed for the 1938 Light Opera festival which opened Monday at the Philharmonic Auditorium in Hollywood.

Bob Burns played a Los Angeles charity benefit the other night which cost him several hundred dollars. After promising to appear, Burns learned that a guild ruling forbade benefits unless the charity organizations paid 15 per cent of the proceeds into the guild's own charity fund. Rather than deprive the former of its much-needed money, Bob made his appearance and then sent a check matching the sum paid out. This was the second benefit within recent weeks that cost Burns money. Not long ago he appeared for a Los Angeles radio editor and discovered that it went down on the books of his employing agency as one of his four yearly outside bookings allowed. Burns has been getting \$5,000 a guest shot so his 15-minute word bandying with the scribe represented a loss of five grand to him.