

Janet Gaynor, William Powell Star In Drama Of 'Mayerling'

Six Poker Players To Face Bridge Sextet In True
And False Test; Pearce Dedicates Program
To Practical Joking

Janet Gaynor and William Powell will be the stars of "Mayerling" when this famous drama is performed in its entirety for the first time on the air in the Radio Theatre Monday. In this her second appearance on the air, Janet Gaynor creates for radio the role of the Baroness Marie Vetsera, tragic heroine of "Mayerling." William Powell is the Archduke Rudolph, son of Franz Joseph, emperor of Austria.

Cecil B. DeMille is the producer of the play to be broadcast over WABC at 9 p. m.

"Mayerling" on the screen caused more comment in this country than any foreign film in years. It is the story of those two tragic lovers whose lives ended at the Austrian hunting lodge from which the play takes its name.

Actually the story of the Archduke Rudolph and his Marie is one of the mysteries of history. The lives of these two people in real life make a drama as perfect in form as tho it had been sketched out in advance by a playwright.

This is only Janet Gaynor's second radio performance. Her first was also in the Radio Theatre when she opened its fall season in 1937 with "A Star Is Born."

Their poker faces will do them no good when six young men who have been playing the great American game every Monday night for several years meet six lady bridge players on Dr. Harry Hagen's True or False program Monday. The test of their knowledge on a lot of different subjects will be broadcast over WJZ at 10:00 p. m.

The poker playing team is composed of Seth H. Moseley, captain; William H. Moseley, Jack Berrigan, Dr. Hyman Lieber, John Steer and Harold Manzer. The bridge players are Mrs. B. H. Wilson, captain; Mrs. O. Schmidt, Mrs. Raymond Fiedeldy, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Elsie Schack and Irma Andren.

Al Pearce and his Gang will dedicate their program Monday to the great American pastime of practical joking. The broadcast, over WEAJ at 8:00 p. m., will be titled "Ribbers and Ribbing" and will feature practical jokers Elmer Blurt, Arlene Harris, Tizzie Lish, Carl Hoff and John Conte. Susan Miller, young song stylist, will be featured with Hoff's orchestra in the musical portions.

A musical salute to Puerto Rico will be given by Marek Weber, Opal Craven, the Continental Quartet, and the orchestra during the program Monday, at 10:00 p. m., over WEAJ. Miss Craven will sing the traditional "Nina Querida," and the quartet will be heard in Junkas' "Borinquen." For his violin solo Weber will play "La Paloma," and the orchestra will be featured in "La Cancion del Soldado" by Pujals, and "Lamento Borincano" by Hernandez. Reinhold Schmidt will be heard in Pericas' "Asi Canto Mis Amores," and the ensemble will conclude with "El Himno de Puerto Rico."

Eddie Cantor's last program in

BEST BETS MONDAY

P. M.

- 7:30 — Eddie Cantor Show, WABC.
- 8:00 Al Pearce and His Gang, WEAJ.
- 8:00 The Cavalcade of America, WABC.
- 8:30—Pick and Pat Minstrels, WABC.
- 9:00—Phil Spitalny and Girls, WEAJ.
- 9:00—Radio Theatre, WABC.
- 9:30—Eddy Duchin Orchestra, WEAJ.
- 10:00—Guy Lombardo Orchestra, WABC.

the cast will have Connie Boswell and Helen Menken as visitors on the program, Monday via WABC at 7:30 p. m. One of radio's finest actresses, Helen Menken will probably be annoyed by the "Mad Russian" while Mr. Guffy in turn will bother Eddie Cantor. Connie Boswell will lift her voice in song accompanied by Edgar Fairchild and his orchestra.

Lum and Abner will launch a natural drive to delete the number Thirteen from the calendar during their broadcasts over the WABC Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Jan. 9, 11 and 13 (there it is, again) at 7:15 p. m.

Faced with a broadcast on Friday, the Thirteenth, the two old country funsters, inspired by the hotels and apartment houses which have no thirteenth floors, will attempt to count the days exclusive of the unlucky number.

According to their plans, which are still somewhat nebulous, the calendar can run eleven, twelve, fourteen, etc. A day added to the end of the month will take up the slack of the extra day.

Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, will be heard in the United States over WEAJ Tuesday, from 9:00 to 9:25 a. m., in a talk before the American Chamber of Commerce in London. Eden resigned from the British Cabinet because he disagreed with the Cabinet's policy of conciliation toward European dictators.

His talk is expected to deal with relationships among democracies and the measures they should take to insure the maintenance of their forms of government.