

Al Pearce's Gang To Be Heard From Times-sq Roof

Morton Downey Returns As Singing Star With Eddy Duchin's Orchestra; Scottish Highland Band Scheduled

Al Pearce and his Gang will leave Hollywood after the broadcast Monday over WEAF and will start broadcasting from New York, the programs originating at the New Amsterdam Roof, overlooking Times Square.

The first program from the East will be "New York Night," with the entire Gang devoting their zany efforts to noting the changes in Manhattan since their departure last Summer for California. They have been broadcasting from Hollywood since the current series started in October.

Harry VonZell, who needs no introduction to network listeners, will be the announcer for the programs out of New York, replacing John Conte who is remaining in Hollywood because of other network programs. The rest of the Gang — Arlene Harris, Carl Hoff, Tizzic Lish, Bill Wright (Zeb of "Eb and Zeb") — will all go east.

The programs will continue at the same time: 8 p. m. Pearce plans to return to Hollywood in the late spring.

Morton Downey, popular tenor, returns to the air Monday, as singing star of the program featuring Eddy Duchin and his orchestra over WEAF at 9:30 p. m. Once again the strains of "Wabash Moon," the song he introduced almost ten years ago on one of his earliest programs, and which has become his air signature, will serve to introduce the tenor.

Personal appearances, which saw Downey shuttling between Europe and America, kept him from the airwaves, except for guest appearances during the past two years. Selected to sing at King George's coronation festivities, his popularity led to a tour of English and French theatres and night clubs. Returning to this country, he set off on a coast-to-coast tour that resulted in a string of broken attendance records.

A return engagement of Robert Sim, one of the original "Ladies from Hell," and his Scottish Highland Pipe Band, will feature the program Monday at 10:00 p. m. over WEAF, when a "Night in Scotland" is presented. The band, composed of five pipes, two side drums, one tenor and one bass drum, made a guest appearance on the show several months ago.

During the broadcast Sim's pipers will play "Athod Highlanders," "My Home," "The Road to the Isles," "Marquis of Huntly," and "The High Road to Linton." The Lullaby Lady will sing "Scotch Lullaby," and Marek Weber will play "Annie Laurie" as a violin solo.

Richard Crooks, distinguished tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company and soloist of "The Voice of Firestone" program, will begin an extensive concert tour following the WEAF broadcast Monday at 8:30 p. m. His tour will carry him to Australia for the second time and to Africa for the first, while his voice will be "piped" in for the Firestone broadcasts from as far away as Honolulu.

The famous singer will be heard on the Firestone program from Chicago in the broadcasts of Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20; from San

TOP TUNING MONDAY

P. M.

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

Francisco on March 27, from Los Angeles on April 3 and 10, and from Honolulu on April 24. Margaret Speaks, the program's soprano soloist, will be heard on all other broadcast dates until April 24, singing from the NBC Radio City studios.

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt has been asked to appear on the Circle, Feb. 5 . . . Jack Hoines former newspaperman has been named ass't. publicity director at CBS . . . One of the last things Co. Rupert discussed in a business way before his death, was the practicability of broadcasting his team's games. As a result, the Yank's games, in all probability, will be broadcast this summer . . . Rumors persist that Orson Welles' Playhouse will be discontinued after the first 13 weeks . . . When the NBC Kidoodlers return from their successful vodvil jaunt next month, they will march right into a candy commercial via the nets . . . Al Donahue has signed Paula Kelly, his vocalist, and Charlie Carroll, his drummer, to five year contracts to ward off other bandleaders who are seeking the service of the popular pair . . . Tommy Riggs and Bob Benchley will take their shows to the coast shortly . . . Shirley Temple rates The "Lone Ranger" as tops on the air . . . Vallee returns to N. Y. with his show on Feb. 2 . . . Kate Smith & Co. will head for Frisco, a month later . . . Jerry Cooper just finished a series of transcriptions for a tooth paste sponsor. He discarded the tag, Jack Randolph, formerly used on his discs, making this set under his right name.