

# "Count Of Monte Cristo" To Star Robert Montgomery

Al Pearce And His Gang Arranges An "Old Times Party;" Margaret Speaks, Soprano, To Be Heard

Robert Montgomery and Josephine Hutchinson star in the epic production "The Count of Monte Cristo" in the Radio Theatre Monday. As Edmond Dantes, Robert Montgomery has a swashbuckling adventurous role which gives him perhaps his greatest dramatic opportunity to date. Leading lady of the play is Josephine Hutchinson who has the part of Mercedes de Rosas.

Produced by Cecil B. DeMille, "The Count of Monte Cristo" will be broadcast over WABC at 9 p. m.

Adapted from the novel by Alexander Dumas, "The Count of Monte Cristo" is ideal radio dramatic material. Its action is fast moving with a strong plot and characterization. The drama takes place against a background of historical events in the Napoleonic period with the adventures of the sailor prisoner, Edmond Dantes, carrying it to a smashing climax.

Al Pearce and his Gang will have an "Old Times Party" during their broadcast Monday at 8:00 p. m. over WEAJ. While Eb and Zeb, those amusing store-keepers of Corn Center, will be completely at home, Elnor Blurt, Tizzie Lish, Arlene Harris and Carl Hoff will delve into the past for old time games, antiquated slang and music of a generation ago to keep up with the Corn Centerites.

Margaret Speaks, soprano, will sing selections by Ernest Charles, Stevens and Puccini as her solo offerings during the concert Monday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAJ. The number are "Let My Song Fill Your Heart" by Ernest Charles; Stevens' "Dream Pedlary," and "Vissi d'arte" from Puccini's "Tosca." Alfred Wallenstein will conduct the orchestra in the Prelude to Bizet's "Carmen;" "Chickens in Their Shells" from Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition;" Halvorsen's "Entrance March of the Boyards," and Lehár's "Merry Widow Waltz."

George Raft replaces Victor McLaglen as guest star on the Eddie Cantor program Monday at 7:30 p. m. over WABC. "Mr. Guffy," the "Mad Russian" and the auto-graph-seeking Bert Parks will be on hand to see just how tough George actually is. Edgar Fairchild and his orchestra will complete the program.

Carson Robinson and his Buckaroos will dedicate their broadcast to the Boy Scouts of America before a studio crowd of more than 100 boy scouts Monday during their broadcast 8:00-8:30 over

## TOP TUNING MONDAY

**P. M.**

- 7:30—Eddie Cantor Show, WABC.
- 8:00—Al Pearce and His Gang, WEAJ.
- 8:30 — Pick and Pat Fun WABC.
- 9:00 — Phil Spitalny Girls, WEAJ.
- 9:00—Radio Theatre, WABC.
- 9:30—Eddy Duchin Orchestra WEAJ.
- 10:00—Guy Lombardo, WABC.
- 10:00—Dr. Hagen, True or False, WJZ.

WEAJ. Thus Carson's gang will be the first of a series of national radio programs which will aid in the celebration of Boy Scout Week which is being observed from February 8th to the 14th. The boys will participate in the program.

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes will review the accomplishments of the 1938 Public Works Program when he speaks on the National Radio Forum, arranged by the Washington Star and broadcast over WJZ Monday at 10:30 p. m. Speaking in his capacity as PWA Administrator, Ickes will have as his subject "PWA Has Delivered."

The appearance of Ickes on the program is in keeping with a promise he made to NBC listeners last summer when he explained the new billion dollar program about to be launched by the PWA. At that time he said he would return to the Radio Forum in a few months and report on what actually had been done. He is expected to make certain recommendations with respect to a permanent PWA structure.