March, Miss Eldridge Will Do "The American Way" Bit

Program Chalked Up As Scoop For Kate Smith Hour; Gene Autry Scheduled For "Tune-Up-Time"

Kate Smith will present Frederic March and Florence Eldridge in scenes from their Broadway play, "The American Way," sensational patriotic success, on her full hour broadcast over WABC Thursday at 9 p. m.

Signing "The American Way" marks another scoop for Kate Smith and her Hour on CBS. With every variety and dramatic program bidding for the patriotic epic, the star's astute manager, Ted Collins, succeeded where others had failed. This agreement is a tribute to Miss Smith from two of her strongest admirers, Mr. and Mrs. March (Florence Eldridge) who not only star in the drama but produced it themselves.

Miss Smith, long associated with Americanism and who made her public debut as a child singing for doughboys encamped in Washington during the war, will participate in the great drama by singing at its conclusion, "God Bless America," the patriotic anthem written for her recently by Irving Berlin.

Gene Autry, Hollywood's No. 1 singing cowboy, will come out of the west, to fill the guest spot on the broadcast of "Tune-Up Time," the new variety series which features Walter O'Keefe, Andre Kostelanetz with a 45-piece orchestra, and Kay Thompson and her Rhythm Singers, Thursday at 10 p. m.

The horse opera idol, who gets 5,000 fan letters every week and has never played a sophisticated screen role, will be heard on "Tune-Up Time" in two songs of his own composition — "Old November Moon," from his picture, "Western Jamboree," and "Goodby Pinto," from "Man From Music Mountain."

Altho his movie career is only five years old, Autry's pictures now lead all others in box office appeal. His rise to fame has been rapid and lucrative. Ten years ago, he was an obscure telepragh operator in Oklahoma, working for a railroad. He liked to sing and play the guitar, when not too busy pounding the brass keys. Tradition has it that Will Rogers suggested that he get into the show business. His professional experience began with Doc Field's medicine show. Then came a chance to make records, which today outsell any other crooner's. He did a four-year turn with a barn dance radio show, broadcast from Chicago.

Rosalind Russell and Robert Montgomery, one of the most popular romantic teams on the screen, will return to the Good News of 1939 program, as guest stars, Thursday, at 9:00 p. m. over WEAF. Tom Collins, promising young newcomer, will join the two stars in a preview of their new picture, "Fast and Loose."

Lovely Meliza Korjus, who scored a sensational success on her previous Good News appearances, will return to sing "The Blue Danube" as a Concert Hall presentation, and the aria from "Norma."

"Presiding Officer" Bob Young will be on hand to present the guests and the regular members of the cast — Fanny Brice, Frank Morgan, Tony Martin, Hanley Stafford, Warren Hull, and Meredith Willson and his orchestra.

Maurice Evans, one of the most important personalities of the modern theatre as a result of his successful Shakespearean revivals of "Richard II," the full length "Hamlet" and the current production of "Henry IV," will headline Rudy Vallee's Variety Hour in the role of Falstaff Thursday. Richard Haydn, the comedian who makes a specialty of imitating fish, and Bill Robinson, are other guest stars in this broadcast of the program over WEAF at 8 p. m. Rudy's interview personality of the evening will be Jim Moran, a very unusual gentleman who has just returned from a trip to Alaska where he sold a refrigerator to an Eskimo.

Nigel Bruce, the English actor, and Gregor Piatigorsky, distinguished concert cellist, are on the bill for the Music Hall when Bing Crosby and Bob Burns gather around for the weekly convivality on Thursday. John Scott Trotter and his orchestra, the Paul Taylor chorus and Ken Carpenter and others involved in the broadcast over WEAF at 10 p. m. Florence Rice, young leading lady of the films, has also been invited to be on the show.

Nigel Bruce, prominent character player of the celluloid drama, came up the long way starting on the London stage, shifting to the films over there and moving to Hollywood in 1934. Oddly enough he was born in California while his father and mother were touring the United States.

TOP TUNING THURSDAY

P. M.

7:30—Joe Penner's Comedy, WABC.

8:00—Rudy Vallee Hour, WEAF.

8:00—Kate Smith's Varieties, WABC.

9:00—Good News of 1939, WEAF.

9:00—Major Bowes WABC.

10:00—Bing Crosby and Bob Burns, WEAF.

10:00—Kostelanetz and O'Keefe, WABC.

10:30—Chicago Minstrels, WJZ.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Time is Eastern Standard — Subtract One Hour for Central Time—P. M.

(Changes in listing due to network corrections made too late to incorporate.)

6:00—Preview of Opera—nbc-weaf
News; To Be Announced—nbc-wjz-basic
Don Winslow, Navy—nbc-blue-midw.
News & Sports Comment—wabc only
Echoes from the Console—cbs-chain

6:05—Talk, Nat'l Defense—nbc-wjz

6:15—Malcolm Claire, Story—nbc-weaf
Songs, Patricia Gilmore—nbc-wjz
Howie Wing on Aviation—cbs-wabc
Jane Anderson's Piano—mbs-chain

6:25—Broadcast News—nbc-weaf

6:30—Bill Stern on Sports—nbc-weaf
Tito and Swing Ensemble—nbc-wjz
Bob Trout in Comment—cbs-wabc
Sax and Piano Team—mbs-chain

6:45—Rose Marie's Songs—nbc-weaf
Lowell Thomas—nbc-wjz-basic
Tom Mix, Sketch—wmaq-wtcn-kwk
Nan Wynn and Her Song—cbs-wabc

7:00—Amos 'n' Andy—nbc-weaf-east
Easy Aces, Dramatic—nbc-wjz
County Seat, Serial—cbs-wabc
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Talk—mbs-chain

7:15—Varieties in Vocals—nbc-weaf
Mr. Keen, Serial Skit—nbc-wjz
Adventures from Science—cbs-wabc

7:30—All-Star Revue—weaf only
Mario Cozzi, Song—nbc-red chain
Adrian Rollini Ensemble—wjz only
Dance Music Orch.—nbc-blue chain
Joe Penner's Comedy—cbs-wabc
Don't You Believe It—mbs-wor-east

7:45—Sports Talk—mbs-wor-east
Elvira Rios in Song—nbc-blue chain

8:00—Rudy Vallee Hour—nbc-weaf
The Parade of Progress—nbc-wjz
Kate Smith's Varieties—cbs-wabc
The Green Hornet, Play—mbs-wor

8:30—Eastman Symphony—nbc-wjz
A. Wallenstein Sinfonietta—mbs-wor

9:00—Good News Variety—nbc-weaf
Major Bowes Amateurs—cbs-wabc
YAR Concert Orchestra—mbs-chain

9:15—The Whispering Choir-nbc-wjz

9:30—America's Town Meeting—nbc-wjz
Famous First Facts—mbs-wor

10:00—B. Crosby, B. Burns—nbc-weaf
Kostelanetz and O'Keefe—cbs-wabc
H. Weber Concert Revue—mbs-wor

10:30—Chicago Minstrels—nbc-wjz
Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-wor

10:45—American Viewpoints—cbs-wabc

11:00—Bob Howard Piano—weaf only
Dance Music Orch.—nbc-red-east
Arms-Alton, repeat—nbc-red-west
News; Dancing to 1 A. M.—nbc-wjz
News, Dancing to 1 A. M.—cbs-wabc
Dance Music to 1:30—mbs-chain

11:15—Dance Music to 1—nbc-weaf

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS

(Note: Refer to this box for stations of networks indicated after each program item. All programs are carried by key station and basic chains or groups thereof unless specified.)

NBC-WEAF (RED): BASIC—East: weaf wtic wjar wtig wesh kyw wflr wre wrv wben wcae wtam wwj cbm wdel. Midwest: ksd wmaq who wow wtaf wire ksfp; South: wmbg wsb wmc wsmb wjdx kprc wbrc.

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East: wjz wbz-wbzt wbal wham kdka wxyz wjtn wsyr wmal wfil waby webr cfcf whk wmff wspd wean wtic wlew; Midwest: wenr wls kwk kol wren wmt kso wowo kma wcfn weil wfdf wbm wjim wbem; South: wtjd wmps wjbo wdsu wsga wsgn kxyz.

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS (operate interchangeably RED or BLUE networks): East: wbrc wcol wfea wiw work wcky wsar wsah cbf cbl cmq wcsh wraw wead wrdo wbiz wnbc; Central: wcfl wimj wtba wday kgbx kans k fo ksoo wbow wood wcbc wgbf wgl kfyr koam; South: wjak wapo wtar wptf wis wjax wfla-wsun wiod wsoc wtbc wwnc wcse wave wsm kxoo wky wfan wbap wcco kths kfdm kgko krgv kris ktok

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NURSING BODY REPORTS 1366 JANUARY VISITS

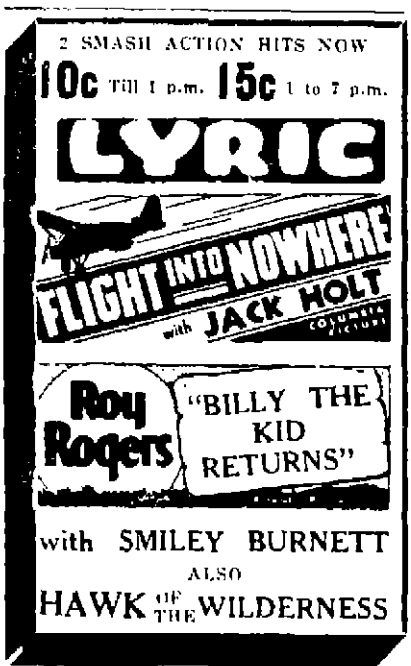
Mrs. Carl K. Plummer, president of the Lima Visiting Nurse-assn, presided at a meeting of the directors Wednesday afternoon at the headquarters, 226 S. West-st.

The report of activities for January was given by the supervisor of nurses, Daryl Baxter. Visits made during the month totaled 1366 compared with 1374 for January 1938. Visits made in caring for cases of communicable diseases numbered 612, nearly 18 times as many as in the corresponding month last year when 37 calls were made.

The following committee chairmen were named by Mrs. Plummer: nursing advisory committee, Lena B. Davis; house committee, Mrs. Frank Baxter; membership committee, Mrs. G. E. Woodruff; special projects committee, Mrs. Fred G. Schoonover and publicity committee, Dorothy Morris.

WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE ON CRUELTY CHARGE

(Lima News Bureau)

WAPAKONETA, Feb 16 — Claiming that her husband struck and knocked her down on two occasions, Flossie Swartz of Clay-tp Wednesday filed suit for divorce from Ernest Swartz in Auglaize-co common pleas court on grounds of extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty.

The suit was the first of its kind filed in the local court since November. The plaintiff, in her petition, said that they were married Nov. 7, 1937, and asks that she be restored to her maiden name of Copeland. The attack she alleged, occurred Feb. 10. She also asks for temporary and permanent alimony.