Noted Zanies To Become Stars Of "Model Minstrel" Program

Drama Of Airlines Will Be Featured On Radio Theatre; International Nights To Give Salute To France

Tom Howard and George Shelton, noted zanies, will become the stars of the "Model Minstrel" program heard over WABC Mondays at 8:30 p. m. They guest-starred while Pick and Pat, who leave the program after being heard on it for five years were vacationing. Rumor has Howard and Shelton signing for this series one day before they were offered the closing comedy spot on the Sunday night Don Ameche-Charley McCarthy hour from Hollywood.

A drama of the airlines and the men and women who fly them with James Cagney, Stuart Erwin, Jeanne Cagney and Boots Mallory in leading roles will be the attraction in the Radio Theatre Monday. The play is "Ceiling Zero" and it will be broadcast over WABC at 9 p. m. with Cecil B. DeMille as producer.

Cagney and Erwin play the role of pilots on an airline and the play follows them thru the air and on the ground. Behind the drama of night flying, fog and crackups is a story of clashing personalities.

Unusual angle of the Radio Theatre production is that three members of the Cagney family are involved. Jimmy stars and in featured roles are his sister, Jeanne, and his sister-in-law, Boots Mallory.

A musical salute to France will be presented by Opal Craven, the Lullaby Lady, the Continental Quartet and Marek Weber and his orchestra during the Contented program's International Nights feature Monday at 10:00 p. m. over WEAF. The orchestra will open the broadcast with Turlet's "Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse," followed by Fragson's "Reviens," sung by William Miller, tenor. Other orchestral selections will include Scotto's "Petite Tonkinoise," "Sous les ponts de Paris," "Amoureuse" "Quand L'amour meurt," and a medley from Thomas' "Mignon." The Continental Quartet will be featured in Moretti's "Mon petite Tom," and Opal Craven, by way of contrast, will sing a Spanish song, "Por un Beso de tu Boca."

"Make it good, Georgie, it might be important," was Papa Gershwin's comment when he heard his son had been asked to write a symphony for the first jazz concert ever given in America. And he is right. Composed in twenty-four days, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" so impressed the fashionable audience gathered in New York's Aeolian Hall to hear Paul Whiteman and his band, that its composer was immediately acclaimed a modern musical figure of international stature.

This and other behind-the-scenes episodes in the life of George Gershwin will be the subject of a Cavalcade of America dramatization, to be broadcast Monday at 8 p. m. over WABC network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Al Pearce and his Gang will become "editors" and present "Newspaper Night," satirizing yellow journalism, during their broadcast Monday at 8 p. m. over WEAF. On the front page will be the Merry Macs, popular swing group, making their first guest visit to the program. The personnel for the "Pearce Gazette" will include Al himself as managing editor; Tizzie Lish, conductor of the Advice to the Lovelorn; Elmer Blurt, business and financial editor; Arlene Harris, "How to Train Children" column; Carl Hoff, music editor, and Vince Barnett, printer's devil. Pearce originally intended to present "Newspaper Night" early last month. Hoff and the orchestra will salute Jerome Kern with a special arrangement of his popular "Why Do I Love You."

Margaret Speaks will sing the popular aria, "Connais tu le pays" from Thomas' "Mignon" during the Voice of Firestone program Monday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAF. Miss Speaks also will be heard in "Love's Own Sweet Song" by Kalman, "Bird Songs at Eventide" by Coares, and "Sylvia" by Oley Speaks. Alfred Wallenstein will conduct the 70-piece symphony orchestra in Reznicek's "Donna Diana" overture, Tschaikowsky's Waltz "Serenade," and Strauss' "Emperor" Waltz.

Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, will be heard addressing the opening session of the American Association of School Administrators annual convention during a broadcast from the Cleveland auditorium over WJZ from 9 to 9:30 p. m. Monday. Secretary Ickes will speak on "Conservation of Human Liberty."

"Baby Snooks" was almost quarantined last week, when Fanny Brice's son Bill came down with a light case of scarlet fever. But Fanny's the "breadwinner" of the family, so health authorities allowed her out of the house for her weekly "bedtime story" stint on Good News of 1939.

Ask-It Basket went literary the other night. There were five contestants connected in one way or another with the writing profession—a reporter from Honolulu, a newspaper woman, a poet, a secretary to a publisher, and a writer of western stories, all on the same bill. First prize went to the only other competitor, a biology professor.

Jack Haley believes that all show people should be their own business managers, he said at the show the other day. But, in order to do that they must keep up with current investments, market trends, etc. Haley has been handling his own investments for several years—his only guides being two business journals to which he

TOP TUNING MONDAY

P. M.

7:30—Eddie Cantor Show, WABC.

8:00—Al Pearce an Gang, WEAF.

8:30—Tom Howard and George Shelton, WABC

9:00—Phil Spitalny's Girls, WEAF.

9:00—Radio Theatre, Drama, WABC.

9:30—Eddy Duchin Orchestra, WEAF.

10:00 Dr. Hagen True and False, WJZ.

10:00 Guy Lombardo Orchestra, WABC.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

(Changes in programs as listed due to last-minute network corrections)

6:00—Science in the News—nbc-weaf
Don Winslow rpt—nbc-blue-midw.
Broadcast News Period—cbs-wabc
Drifting and Dreaming—mbs-chain
6:05—Daily Shorts Resume—wabc only
The Roundup of Rhythm—cbs-chain
6:15—Malcolm Claire story—nbc-weaf
Patricia Gilmore and Song—nbc-wjz
Howie Wing on Aviation—cbs-wabc
Dancing Music Orches.—mbs-chain
6:25—Press News Period—nbc-weaf
6:30—Rose Marie in song—nbc-weaf
Ray Perkins & His Piano—nbc-wjz
Bob Trout and comment—cbs-wabc
Music of the Maritimes—mbs-chain
6:45—Dancing Orchestra—nbc-weaf
Lowell Thomas news—nbc-wjz-basic
Tom Mix, Sketch—wmaq-kwk-wtcn
Enoch Light Orchestra—wabc only
Sophie Tucker program—cbs-chain
7:00—Amos and Andy—nbc-weaf-east
Orphans of Divorce—nbc-wjz-basic
"County Seat," Dramatic—cbs-wabc
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Talk—mbs-chain
7:15—Edwin C. Hill Talk—nbc-weaf
Lum and Abner's serial—cbs-wabc
7:30—Dancing Orchestra—nbc-weaf
The Kdka Song Pictures—nbc-wjz
Eddie Cantor Show—cbs-wabc-east
Chicagoans Orches.—cbs-chain-west
Lone Ranger Drama—mbs-wor-east
7:45—Science on the March—nbc-wjz
Sam Ratter, spts—wtil-wlw-wgn-kwk
8:00—Al Pearce & Gang—nbc-weaf
C. Robinson's Buckaroos—nbc-wjz
Cavalcade of America—cbs-wabc
Studies in Contrast Orch.—mbs-wor
8:30—Wallenstein Orches.—nbc-weaf
Those We Love," serial—nbc-wjz
Tom Howard, G. Shelton—cbs-wabc
Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-wor
9:00—Phil Spitalny's Girls—nbc-weaf
Sec. Harold L. Ickes Talk—nbc-wjz
Radio Theater, Drama—cbs-wabc
The Listeners Theater—mbs-chain
9:30—Eddy Duchin Orch.—nbc-weaf
Two Westminster Choirs—nbc-wjz
Wor Symphony Orchest.—mbs-wor
10:00—Marek Weber's Con.—nbc-weaf
True or False Questions—nbc-wjz
Guy Lombardo Orchest.—cbs-wabc
Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-wor
10:30—Dance Music Orches.—nbc-weaf
The National Radio Forum—nbc-wjz
Columbia Workshop—cbs-wabc-east
Eddie Cantor repeat—cbs-chain-west
Pageant of Melody—mbs-wor-east
The Lone Ranger repeat—mbs-west
11:00—Dance Orchestra—nbc-weaf-east
Amos & Andy repeat—nbc-red-west
News, Dance Music to 1—nbc-wjz
News; Dancing to 1 a. m.—cbs-wabc
11:15—Dancing to 1 a. m.—nbc-weaf
Dance Orch. to 1:30 a. m.—mbs-wor

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 wnac wtic wjar wtag wesh kvw wfbr wrc wgy wben wean wtam wwj cbm wdel; **Midwest:** ksd wmaq who wow wdaf wmc kstp. **South:** wmbg wsb wmc wsmb wjdx kprc wbrc

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East: wjz wbz-wbza wbal wham kdka wxyz wjtn wsyr wmal wfil waby wehr efef whk wmtf wspd wean wice wlou. **Midwest:** wcur wls kwk koil wren wmt kso wowo kmj wctn well wfdf wibm wjtm wbcm; **South:** wrtd wmps wjbo wdsu waga wsgn kxyz.

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS (operate interchangeable RED or BLUE networks): **East:** wbrc wcol wfea wiw wcok wcky wsar wsan cbf cbl cmq wcen wiaw wgal wrdo wlbz wnbc. **Central:** wcfl wtmj wiba wday kgbx kmos kelo ksoo wbow wood wcbc wghf wgl kfyr koam. **South:**