

# Three Great Stars Booked For Crosby Show Thursday

Chester Morris, Alice Marble, Rudolf Ganz Will Display Talents, Swap Quips With Bing

Bing Crosby has invited Chester Morris, of the movies; Alice Marble, tennis star; and Rudolf Ganz, concert pianist, to be his special guests Thursday. Regulars besides the ever-present Bing, are Bob Burns, the Music Maids, and John Scott Trotter's orchestra.

"Mysterious Morris," as Chester is called around the hall, lays claim to the dubious title of "radio's only magician." In his last appearance on the hour he made Big disappear from the airwaves for a period of several minutes which gave Robin Burns, bazooka virtuoso, complete freedom of speech.

Recently turning from the tennis courts to a singing career in a New York night spot, Alice Marble has promised Bing to warble a ditty or two during the hour that's broadcast over WEAF at 10 p. m. Rudolf Ganz, veteran master of the piano keyboard, returns to K. M. H. to play a couple of numbers and chat with his old friend Bing.

Merle Oberon in scenes from the picturization of Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights"; Kate Smith and her songs, with supporting music and melody by Jack Miller's band and Ted Straeter's choir, and mirth by the "Aldrich Family" and Abbott and Costello are reasons for tuning the "Kate Smith Hour" over WABC Thursday, at 8:00 p. m.

Miss Oberon, who completed "Wuthering Heights" last week, is flying east to preview the picture, a classic tale of the wild Yorkshire moors, on the Kate Smith Hour. The dialogue by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, which promises to bring Miss Oberon new laurels for her work as "Cathy", will be preserved intact in the radio adaptation.

Kate will follow her custom of introducing a new song to the airwaves, and will also sing her popular "memory" song. The Ted Straeter group is scheduled to swing "Joobalai" and "Hold Tight." The "Aldrich Family" will have its laugh locale in Chicago, while Mopeyville remains the center of Abbott and Costello's gag making interests.

Virginia Bruce, Leo Carrillo, and Walter Pidgeon will be featured guests of Good News of 1939 Thursday, in preview scenes from the forthcoming motion-picture, "Society Lawyer" 9:00 p. m. over WEAF. Robert Young, Good News host, will also present Fanny Brice, Maliza Korjus, Frank Morgan, Hanley Stafford, Warren Hull, and Meredith Willson and his orchestra.

Meliza Korjus, the screen's latest singing sensation, will sing Mozart's "Turkish March" and "Just A Little Love, a Little Kiss". For his "Concert Hall" selection, maestro Meredith Willson will present the original version of "Deep Purple" as written six years ago by Peter De Rose, originally scheduled for last week's program. Other orchestral selections will include "Strike Up the Band", "The Moon Is A Silver Dollar", and a new batch of lyrics for "Silly Dilly", the popular new song-game featured by the entire Good News company.

A newly-formed "jitterbug trio"—composed of Messrs. Young, Morgan, and Willson—are working on their impression of the Andrews Sisters singing "Hold Tight", and from all reports this number will probably reach a new

## TOP TUNING THURSDAY

### P. M.

- 7:30—Joe Penner and Comedy, WABC.
- 7:50—The All Star Revue, WEAF.
- 8:00—Rudy Vallee's Hour, WABC.
- 9:00—Good News of 1939, WEAF.
- 9:00—Major Bowes and Amateurs, WABC.
- 10:00—Bing Crosby and Bob Burns, WEAF.
- 10:00—Kostelanetz and O'Keefe, WABC.

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Prediction: "Caravan" maestro Benny Goodman will release a recording titled "Kingdom of Swing" simultaneously with the appearance of his autobiography, "Kingdom of Swing."

Parkyakarkus will shortly be host to 26 Boston business men, formerly pals of his, who are planning in to Los Angeles. Members of the group have chartered a special transport plane for the trip to the Frisco Fair. En route, they will stop over in Hollywood long enough for Parky to show them the town.

It's baby month for the CBS thriller, "Her Honor, Nancy James." Lew White, organist on the show, became a father over the week-end . . . an 8 pound girl born in the New York Women's Hospital. Davidson Vorhes, engineer, got a bundle last week.

Bret Morrison, leading man of the "Arnold Grimm's Daughter" scripts, bought a huge German shepherd dog this week. Dog fills back seat of Bert's Duesenberg phaeton and serves as watch over car while his master broadcasts.

Phil Baker gets about 50 applications from prospective "employees" per week, his latest bearing a Chinese postmark and coming to him on a postal marked personal: "You looking for car chauffeur?" It read. "I car chauffeur best in China. Fifty miles per hour small speed to me. Use little

### 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 channels or groups thereof unless specified.)

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