

Gracie's Gag Writers Leave Radio Comedian On Her Own

Oliver Hardy To Be Heard On Haley's Wonder Show; Story Of Bear Flag Will Be Recounted

Huffy because Gracie Allen usurped their editorial prerogatives in writing her own original musicals for the Burns and Allen broadcasts, Gracie's gag writers walked on strike this week leaving Gracie on her own for the broadcast Friday, at 8:30 p. m. over WABC. "I won't be defeated by a sit-down strike," Gracie says, consequently, she and Frank Parker and Ray Noble will write the show. Frank will sing "Get Along Without You Very Well," (just to rub it in) and Ray will play "Snug As A Bug In A Rug" from the "Gracie Allen Murder Case."

The biggest star in Hollywood will be the guest on the Haley Show Friday, at 7:30 p. m. over ABC according to Boss Jack Haley. This luminary is none other than Oliver Hardy, whose jestic girth gives him undeniable claim to the title of the screen's biggest.

The vast Mr. Hardy will be making the first radio appearance of his career, and it is only after superhuman efforts that under Boy Haley can announce that Hardy will be able to broadcast. But once esconced in the studio, little Oliver will be on his own against the gibes of Lucille Ball and Artie "Could Be" Auerbach.

The Bear Flag, standard of the short-lived California Republic, adopted in 1911 as the official flag of the state, is the subject of the true story to be presented by the Old Ranger during the Death Valley Days program over WEFW Friday at 9:30 p. m. The dramatization will recall how William Ide and his band of pioneers captured General Guadalupe Vallejo, commander of Mexican military forces in California, and on July 4, 1945, raised the Bear Flag at Sonoma, proclaiming the California Republic. The original flag, designed by William Todd, nephew of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, was preserved by the San Francisco Society of California Pioneers until the great fire of 1906, when it was destroyed along with other historic relics.

Margaret Sullivan, stage and screen actress, will make her second appearance on Orson Welles' Playhouse, Friday at 9:00 p. m. over WABC when Edna Ferber's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Knowing It" is dramatized with Margaret playing an important role. Miss Sullivan played opposite Orson Welles recently when he pre-

BEST BETS FRIDAY

P. M.

- 7:30 — Jack Haley Variety, WABC.
- 8:00—First Nighter, Dramatic, WABC.
- 8:00—Warden Lawes Dramatic, WJZ.
- 8:30—Burns and Allen Program, WABC.
- 9:00—Orson Welles Playhouse, WABC.
- 9:00 — Abe Lyman Waltzes, WEFW.
- 9:30 — Death Valley Days, WEFW.
- 10:00—Guy Lombardo, WEFW.

sented "Rebecca" over the air. She returns by popular request. Helen Morgan, whose role of Julie in the stage production of "Show Boat" several years ago won her plaudits on Broadway, will be heard in her original role.

Is it true that the police are helpless to deal with crime with-

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 cfm kyw wben wcae wvsh wdel wfbr wgy wjar wnae wre wtag wtam wtuc wwj; **Midwest:** ksd kstp wdaa who wire wmaq wow; **South:** kpre wbrc wjdx wmbg wmc wsb wsmc; **Mountain:** koa kdyl.

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East: wjz cfef kdka waby wbal wbz-wbza wean webr wfil wham whk wicc wjtn wlcu wmal wmfk wmyr wxyz; **Midwest:** koil kma kso kwk wbcw well wear wfdf wibm wjtm wls wnt wowo wren wtcs; **South:** kyxz waga wdsu wibo wms wtd wsrn; **Moun-**