

# British Empire Day To Be Theme Of Radio Broadcast

## Official Greeting Song To King And Queen To Have Premiere Monday; Pearce To Study Picnics

"Our Canada from Sea to Sea," Canada's official greeting to British Royalty, will have its radio premiere on Monday at 9:00 p. m. The song was written expressly for the visit by Gena Branscombe, young Canadian composer.

The entire program conducted by Marek Webster, will be dedicated to British Empire Day, which is May 24, the birthday of Queen Victoria. Opening number will be a medley of British Empire marches, including "British Grenadiers," "Blue Bells of Scotland," "Wearin' of the Green," "Men of Harlech" and "Maple Leaf Forever."

A second medley, of Scottish marches, will include "The Campbells Are Comin'," "Roamin' in the Gloamin'," "I Love a Lassie" and "My Bonnie Dundee." Weber's violin solo will be "Londonderry Air" and Lullaby Lady Opal Craven's selection will be the favorite Welsh lullaby, "All Through the Night."

Al Pearce and his Gang, having settled such weighty and timely problems as spring fever, fishing and the institution of the drive-in, will turn their attention to the equally important subject of "Picnics" during their program on WEA F Monday from 7 to 7:30 p. m.

On hand to give expert comedy advice will be Elmer Blurt, selling handy little gadgets to complicate one's picnic pleasure; Kitty "Laughing Lady" O'Neil, who can chuckle even the wearing a red dress at a picnic in a pasture, after ants, flies and a swarm of bees have ruined the lunch, and Eb and Zeb, those two old-timers of Corn Center who can complicate anything, including picnicking, with their drolleries.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, addressing the first Retailers National Forum in the Mayflower hotel, Washington, D. C., will be heard over the combined NBC-Red networks Monday, from 9:30 to 10:00 p. m. The forum, sponsored by the American Retail Federation, marks the first time in American business history that men representing the entire field of distribution will meet to discuss basic common problems pertaining to their industry. The President will be introduced by Louis E. Kirstein, board chairman of the Federation, and Boston department store owner.

The story of Dolly Madison, America's most famous beauty, the wife of the fourth president of the United States, will be the subject of a dramatization by Cavalcade of America, Monday evening from 7 to 7:30 p. m. over WABC.

The production will emphasize the tireless vitality of the lovely Quaker girl, who, by her diplomacy, unselfishness and feminine wisdom, raised the prestige of the White House to a position of social importance among the snobbish European diplomatic set stationed at the crude little capitol. As wife of Secretary of State James Madison in the Jefferson administration, Dolly learned the ins and outs of the political turmoil which was keeping the new republic in constant trouble both at home and abroad. As mistress of the White House during President Madison's

### BEST BETS MONDAY

P. M.

- 6:30 — Eddie Cantor's Show, WABC.
- 7:00 — Al Pearce and Gang, WEA F.
- 7:00 — The American Cavalcade, WABC.
- 7:30 — Tom Howard and George Shelton, WABC.
- 8:00 — Phil Spitalny's Girls, WEA F.
- 8:00 — Radio Theatre Dramatic, WABC.
- 8:30 — Eddy Duchin Orchestra, WEA F.
- 9:00 — Guv Lombardo's Orchestra, WABC.
- 9:30 — President Roosevelt, WEA F.

two terms, she won for herself the title of "perfect wife of officialdom," both in the United States and in European capitals, where tales of her loveliness and accomplishments were numerous.

Radio's first fire drill will be executed by Eddie Cantor and company on the Caravan program Monday at 6:30 p. m. over WABC. Idea for conducting a fire drill came to the banjo-eyed comedian when he discovered that insurance statistics show accidents are appreciably decreased for at least 24 hours after any kind of a safety broadcast. Bob (Believe It Or Not) Ripley will be Cantor's guest on the program. Kay St. Germaine and Bert Parks will sing.

Micaela's aria from Bizet's "Carmen" will be sung by Margaret Speaks, soprano soloist of the Voice of Firestone program, during the broadcast Monday from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. over WEA F. Other solos by Miss Speaks will be "Ah, Love, But a Day" by Beach and Bixio's "Tell Me that You Love Me Tonight." The 70-piece symphony orchestra, conducted by Alfred Wallenstein, will be heard in von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant" Overture, Albeniz' "Triana," Lehar's "Merry Widow" waltz, and Gade's tango, "Jealousy."

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(Daylight Time One Hour Later)

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

- 5:00—Science in the News—nbc-weaf
- News, Launching Music Ore.—nbc-wjz
- In Broadcasting News Period—cbs-wabc
- "Dancing and Dreaming"—mbs-cha
- 5:05—Edwin C. Hill, Talk—cbs-wabc
- 5:15—News, Malcolm Chase—nbc-weaf
- Partita Gilmore and Song—nbc-wjz
- Howie Wang and Aviation—cbs-wabc
- Dick Harding and Organ—mbs-cha
- 5:30—Names Make News—weaf only
- 5:30—G. C. ... mbs-cha

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