

"The House Of Connelly" To Be Revived By Kate Smith

Sensational Broadway Play Will Be Highlight On Songbird's Hour; Drama Gave Franchot Tone His Chance

"The House of Connelly," Paul Green's sensational Broadway play which elevated Franchot Tone to prominence in 1931, will be revived by its original producers, the Group Theatre, on the Kate Smith Hour over WABC Thursday at 7 p. m. Miss Smith, who broadcast from Washington on Thursday, June 8, where she sang for the King and Queen of England, will be back in New York with her regular cast which includes the Jack Miller orchestra, Ted Stracter and his choir, and Ezra Stone in the "Aldrich Family." Also returning to the program after two weeks' absence will be Budd Abbott and Lou Costello, whose starring musical comedy, "Streets of Paris," comes to Broadway after a successful opening in Boston.

"The House of Connelly," a story of tenant farmer and plantation owner in the modern south, aroused much comment for its social significance when it was originally played. It was one of the first efforts of the Group Theatre, whose members working in the radio adaptation of the play will include Maurice Carnovsky, Roman Bohnen and others prominent on Broadway and well known to Miss Smith's listeners.

"If," the famous play by Lord Dunsany, will be presented Thursday at 8 p. m., over WJZ as the third in a group of hour-long dramas which have been scheduled for the spring and summer months.

This fantasy by the great Irish playwright deals with a middle class Englishman who gets caught in a "time warp," lives 10 years in one afternoon as the ruler of an Oriental province and then is dumped willy nilly back into his humdrum surroundings.

"If" originally was adapted for radio use by the British Broadcasting Corp. and was presented with brilliant success in England. Due to the fact that the piece is so typical of the whimsical philosophy of the Emerald Isle, NBC has had a new adaptation written by Ernest Boyd, eminent Irish historian. A large cast will be directed by Charles Warburton of the NBC production staff.

Ray Noble is readying an important announcement about his summer plans.

Eddie Cantor is going to give Cobina Wright, Jr., a chance to sing on his Caravan June 19. On her first appearance with Cantor, Cobina only talked.

Fletcher Henderson, one of Benny Goodman's ace arrangers, is working on a musical interpretation of Goodman's autobiography, "The Kingdom of Swing." Henderson started to write a popular song, but the theme grew and now bids fair to become a small-sized modern musical opus. According to musicians, this is the

BEST BETS THURSDAY

P. M.

- 6:30—Joe E. Brown's Comedy, WABC.
- 6:30—The All Star Revue, WEAf.
- 7:00 — Rudy Valle's Hour, WEAf.
- 7:00—Kate Smith Variety Hour, WABC.
- 8:00 — Good News Variety, WEAf.
- 8:00—Major Bowes, WABC.
- 9:00—Bing Crosby and Bob Burns, WEAf.
- 10:00—Dance Music, WABC.

first time a musical biography has been attempted outside of the operatic field.

Barbara Weeks, star of Her Honor, Nancy James, has been asked to author a paper-bound book on her experiences as a settlement worker.

You won't be hearing Joe Emerson on the Hymns of All Churches program the last two weeks in June . . . Joe will be vacationing on his farm near Waynesville, N. C.

Bob Trout is back in sport clothes today . . . with the departure of the king and queen, the CBS newscaster laid his formal cutaway back in mothballs until the next royal visit.

Dick Powell is taking daily tennis lessons in Hollywood . . . wants to make good use of that new tennis court at his new home.

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 stations and basic chains or groups thereof unless specified.)

NBC-WEAF (RED): BASIC—East: waf ebm kw wbn wca wch wcl wcu wfr wgy wjar wnc wv waw wtat wiam wtic wvj; **Midwest:** ksd kstp wdaq who wire wky wmaq wov wtdj. **South:** kpre ktbs kark kvoo wlap wfaa whc vix wmbg wmg woa wsb wsmb. **Mountain:** kdyl kon.

NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East: wjz cfc kdka waby whi whz-wza wjw webr wfl whm whk wicc wjtn wlx wmal wmf wnc wspd wstl wvz; **Midwest:** kma kso kwk