

Dramatic Presentation Is Set On Kate Smith Program

Vignettes Of American Scene Will Be Frequent Features On Hour; Nation's Grid Battles To Be Broadcast Saturday

Dramatic vignettes of the American Scene, written by leading radio playwrights and acted by the Group theatre, will become a frequent feature of the "Kate Smith Hour" commencing Friday over WABC at 8 p. m. (EST). First of this series of dramatic originals will be Mendel Lieberman's "Morning's End."

Kate will sing "Can't Help It," "Lilacs In the Rain," "A Man and His Dreams" and "Off To See The Wizard" from the "Wizard of Oz." The Straeter group's vocal offerings will include "All Those in Favor Say 'Aye'" and "Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead."

Lieberman's "Morning's End," according to program producer, Ted Collins, is unique both in story and dramatic handling. The identical scene both opens and closes the play, a tragedy which deals with a young man who finds in love a reason to live but in losing the one he loves also loses his life. A virtual unknown in radio writing circles, it is believed that Lieberman's "Morning's End" will establish him among topnotch dramatic writers.

A famed singer, a movie comedian, a flagpole sitter and a well-known writer comprise the star quartet to appear on the George Jessel "Celebrity Program" over WEAJ Friday at 9:30 p. m. They are Paul Robeson, noted concert baritone, who is making his first public appearance since his recent return from Europe; Henry Armetta, one of Hollywood's funniest men who has appeared in numerous hit pictures; "Shipwreck" Kelly, whose flagpole sitting has made newspaper headlines; and Princess Kropotkin, whose articles are featured in major magazines and newspapers. Music is under the baton of Peter Van Steeden with vocals by the Merry Maes.

A hillbilly is a man who sings by ear thru his nose, according to Whitey (Duke of Paducah) Ford, who will proceed to demonstrate his thesis on the Plantation Party broadcast Friday, at 9 p. m., over WJZ. The Duke's demonstration, however, will steal no thunder from Louise Massey and her westerners, the Doring Sisters, Michael Stewart, Larry Wellington, and the orchestra, who will lend a professional touch to the musical portions.

Lum and Abner are getting prepared to take the big step for Abner marries his wife, Elizabeth, for the second time, during their Pine Ridge broadcast over WABC Friday, at 7:15 p. m.

Abner and Elizabeth were never divorced, but she wouldn't return to their home after an argument until Abner promised her a formal

BEST BETS FRIDAY

P. M.

8:00 - Kate Smith Variety, WABC.

8:00—Colonel Stoppagle, MBS.

9:00—Johnny Presents WABC.

10:00 - Guy Lombardo, WEAJ.

wedding. Abner is even going to have a dress suit, tails and all, made for the occasion. He's introducing a new style, making the coat long in front, so that after the wedding he can cut off the tails and have a regular business suit.

Princeton, University of California and Illinois will be saluted in a special football medley by Johnny Green's orchestra as a feature of the "Johnny Presents" program over WABC Friday at 9 p. m. Tunes are "The Cannon Song," "Hail to California," and "We're Loyal to You Illinois." A "Perfect Crime" story, written by Max Marcin and directed by Jack Johnstone, will occupy the dramatic portion.

"Winning of the Westerners" will be a special program coming from the cowboy Rodeo at Madison Square Garden in New York City over WJZ Friday at 7 p. m. with Frank Luther and Zora Layman featuring western songs as sung by cowboys and presenting the rodeo stars themselves.

From football to hockey and Columbus to Cleveland in four hours — that is the schedule for WTAM sports announcer Tom Manning Saturday. Manning will be in Columbus to describe the important inter-sectional football game between Cornell and Ohio State universities beginning at 1:45 p. m.

The game will be concluded at approximately 4:45 p. m. when Manning and his assistant, Bob Dailey, will board a train for Cleveland. The train will arrive at 8:30 p. m. and the two WTAM announcers will rush by taxicab to the Cleveland Arena. There, beginning at 9 p. m. they will describe the first hockey game of the season in Cleveland between the Cleveland Barons and the Chicago Blackhawks.

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