Ann Sothern To Dramatize Famous Damon Runyan Story

Gifted Comedienne To Do "Ethel Turp" With William Gargan Cast As The Wise-Cracking Joe

Ann Sothern, termed by many the most gifted comedienne in Hollywood, will immortalize Damon Runyon's celebrated character, Ethel Turp, in a specially prepared dramatization on Good News of 1940, Thursday over WEAF at 9 p. m. William Gargan, buoyant stage and screen lead, will enact the role of the wise-cracking Broadway and race-track character, Joe Turp.

Edward Arnold, master-of-ceremonies, will introduce the regular Good News stars, including Fanny Brice and Hanley Stafford as Baby Snooks and Daddy, "swingstress" Connie Boswell, Warren Hull and Meredith Willson's orchestra.

Lucy Munroe, young American soprano who made a sensational debut with the Chicago City Opera company on Dec 11 in "Carmen," will be Bing Crosby's first guest of the year Thursday, at 10.00 p. m., over WEAF.

Miss Munroe, heard frequently over NBC, has sunk with the Philadelphia, New York Philharmonic, and many other famous symphony orchestras. She recently completed a successful coast-to-coast concert tour, climaxed by her opera debut. During her broadcast, Miss Munroe will offer classical and operatic selections and will trade quips with Crosby and Bob Burns.

Joe Penner, exponent of the infectious laugh, will lead his troupe thru another hilarious episode in his career as an inn-keeper during the Tip Top Show Thursday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ. Kenny Stevens, tenor, and the music of Jacques Renard and his orchestra also will be featured.

Speakers rated as strongly partisan on the subject will discuss the question of continuing the work of the Dies Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities during America's Town Meeting Of the Air, Thursday broadcast at 9:30 p. m. over WJZ.

Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union and chairman of the International Committee for Political Prisoners, and Samuel B. Pettengill, vice-chairman of the National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government, will be the speakers.

The first performance of "Scherzo," by Homer Keller, who on December 22 was announced as winner of the 1939 Henry Hadley Foundation Prize in Composition, will feature an American Composers' Concert to be broadcast by the Rochester Civic Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Howard Hanson, on Thursday at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ.

Also programmed is a Suite of Choreographic Impressions, by Robert Braine, for many years an NBC staff pianist. The suite is in four parts, "Ladies in White" (Valse Brillante), "El Greco" (Pavane), "Scintillation" (Fox Trot), and "Lazy Cigarette" (Habanera).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hr. for CST, 2 Hrs. for MT.

BEST BETS THURSDAY

P. M.

8:00 — "One Man's Family, WEAF.

8:30—Joe Penner WJZ

9:00 — Good News Variety, WEAF

9:00—Major Bowes Amateurs, WABC.

10:00 - Bing Crosby, WEAF.

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS

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NBC-WJZ (BLUE): Basic — East: [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mt:** [illegible]

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS operate either RED or BLUE. — **East:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible]

CBS-WABC BASIC — East: [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **OTHER STATIONS: East:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible]

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