

Life Of Stephen Foster To Be Commemorated Saturday

Works Of Famous Composer Will Be Presented By Pittsburgh Groups; Benny Baker Set With Berle

The 76th anniversary of the death of Stephen Collins Foster, America's immortal composer, will be commemorated on Saturday at 5:30 p. m. over WJZ. A special program devoted entirely to Foster's music will be presented by music groups from Pittsburgh, his home town.

Prof. T. M. Finney will conduct the University of Pittsburgh Choir during the musical portion of the program, which also features a 25-piece string orchestra representing the Tuesday Musical club of Pittsburgh.

Addresses by Dr. Carleton Sprague Smith, director of music of the New York Public Library; Mayor Scully of Pittsburgh, and Josiah K. Lilly of Indianapolis, founder of the Foster collection, also will be heard.

A radio tour of the house which served as Stephen Foster's inspiration for the immortal song, "My Old Kentucky Home," will be broadcast over WEAF Saturday at 6:45 p. m.

The Bardstown broadcast, arranged by the Special Events staff of Station WSM, Nashville, will feature WSM's announcer, Jack Harris, and Mrs. J. W. Arnold, curator of "The Old Kentucky Home." They will describe spots which recall Foster's songs. The piano on which Foster composed will be played, and the Southland quartet will sing his works.

Benny Baker, currently featured in the Broadway musical, "DuBarry Was a Lady," will be the star guesser during Step Me If You've Heard This One, Saturday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAF. With master of ceremonies Milton "Legree" Berle cracking the quip, Baker will join the gag-busting board of Col. Jay C. Flippin and Sen. Edward Ford, who will be heard as a regular throughout the month of January. Vincent Travers and his orchestra will design the musical backdrop.

Grace Moore, versatile American soprano, will be heard in the title role of Jules Massenet's "Manon," matinee presentation of the Metropolitan Opera Co. to be broadcast Saturday, beginning at 1:55 p. m., over WJZ. Supporting Miss Moore will be Annamarie Dickey and Maxine Stellman, soprano winners of Metropolitan audition contracts, in the roles of Pousette and Javotte respectively; Richard Crooks, tenor, as Des Grieux; John Brownlee, baritone, as Lescout, and Nicola Moscana, bass, in the role of Count Des Grieux. Wilfred Pelletier will conduct.

A handful of staunch Central American government forces once faced thousands of rebels, but Bill Brooks, famous American stunt pilot, conceived a daring scheme and as a one-man air corps crushed the revolution -- a story that is to be dramatized on Sky Blazers, Saturday at 7:30 p. m. over WABC.

When the country's crack two-milers participate in the feature event of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Track Meet in Boston, Saturday, Bill Stern, NBC sports announcer, will be on hand to describe the affair over WEAF from 10:30 to 10:40 p. m.

Among those expected to run at the Boston Garden are Don Lash of Indiana, considered by sports experts to be the country's outstanding two-miler during the last five years; Tommy Deckard of Indiana university, former National Steeplechase champion and member of the American Olympic team, and Joe McCluskey, holder of 27 national titles since 1930.

An apparently worthless mining claim, presented to a bride by her

BEST BETS SATURDAY

P. M.

- 7:30 Sky Blazers, WABC
- 8:00 Gang Busters, WABC
- 8:30 Milton Berle, WEAF
- 9:30 "Death Valley" Day
- 10:00 Bob Crosby, WEAF

husband on their first wedding anniversary, yields pay dirt exactly one year later in the Old Ranger's story on the Death Valley Days program, "For Molly With Love," broadcast on Saturday, at 9:30 p. m., over WEAF. The tale is set during the exciting days of the '49 gold rush.

Clyde Hysler outsmarted his own gang and even the police for awhile as the operator of a distillery in the backwash of Florida's jungles but when he launched upon a career of robbery and murder, the police trapped him -- all of which will be dramatized on Gang Busters, Saturday at 8:00 p. m., over WABC. Details will be related to Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf by an officer closely affiliated with the case.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- Eastern Standard P. M. -- Subtract One Hour to CST, 2 Hours for MT.
- 6:00 *Quirks in programs as listed due to last-minute network corrections*
- 1:30 -Metropolitan Opera -- nbc-wiz
 - 2:00 Dance Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - The British Clock Polka -- nbc-waf
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - 2:30 Music Stylized for You -- nbc-waf
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - 2:45 Vera Brodsky, Piano -- nbc-waf
 - 3:00 The Golden Melodies -- nbc-waf
 - CBS Chamber Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - Len Fairburn's Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - 3:15 Latin Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - News Broadcast Period -- nbc-waf
 - 3:30 Vera Brodsky, Piano -- nbc-waf
 - 4:00 Champs Town Caper -- nbc-waf
 - Hill Street, Dinsington -- nbc-waf
 - Songs Sweethearts Sing -- nbc-chain
 - 4:30 KRT Presents, Op. 1 -- nbc-waf
 - Buffalo Presents Program -- nbc-waf
 - Mischa Bach's Big Band -- nbc-chain
 - 5:00 Dance Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - The Human Adventure -- nbc-waf
 - 5:30 Dance Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - Uncle Tom's Program -- nbc-network
 - 5:45 Alice Blue's Piano -- nbc-chain
 - 6:00 Radio's Rhythm Partners -- nbc-waf
 - News, Dance Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - News Broadcast Period -- nbc-waf
 - Buckeye Pony Hillbillies -- nbc-chain
 - 6:05 Albert Warner Talks -- nbc-waf
 - 6:15 Sports; Nan Wynn -- nbc-waf
 - 6:25 News Broadcast -- nbc-waf
 - 6:30 Religion in the News -- nbc-waf
 - "Bentley of the Mounted" -- nbc-waf
 - What's Art to Me? Program -- nbc-waf
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-chain
 - 6:45 Southwest Serependy -- nbc-waf
 - European News Broadcast -- nbc-waf
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-chain
 - 7:00 -- What's My Name? -- nbc-waf
 - Radio's Message of Israel -- nbc-wiz
 - Trojan Horse, Dramatic -- nbc-chain
 - 7:15 Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - 7:30 Art For Your Ears -- nbc-waf
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - The Sky Blazer Program -- nbc-waf
 - The Charlottes' Quartet -- nbc-chain
 - 7:45 S. Balter, Sport -- nbc-waf
 - 8:00 -- Arch Oboler's Play -- nbc-waf
 - The Green Hornet, Drama -- nbc-wiz
 - "Gang Busters," Dramatic -- nbc-waf
 - Name Three -- to war -- wgn-wif
 - Dancing Music Orchestra -- nbc-chain
 - 8:30 Millie Berle Gag Quiz -- nbc-waf
 - Youth vs. Age, Quiz Show -- nbc-wiz
 - Wayne King and Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - 11:30 Elmer Davis, News -- nbc-waf
 - 9:00 Dance Music Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - Radio National Barn Dance -- nbc-wiz
 - The Saturday Hit Parade -- nbc-waf
 - G. Fisher, "Pioneers" Songs -- nbc-waf
 - 9:30 "Death Valley Days" -- nbc-waf
 - Symphonic String Orchestra -- nbc-chain
 - 9:45 Dance Music Orch -- nbc-wif
 - Saturday Night Serenade -- nbc-chain
 - 10:00 -- Benny Goodman Orchestra -- nbc-waf
 - NBC Sync. One (1½ hrs.) -- nbc-wiz
 - Tropical Serenade (orch) -- nbc-waf
 - 10:15 Gay Nighties, Revue -- nbc-waf
 - 10:30 Dance Music -- nbc-waf
 - The Grand Old Opry -- nbc-south
 - Music by Moonlight (orch) -- nbc-waf
 - 10:45 D. F. Fox (1½ hrs.) -- nbc-waf