

# Benny Gang Plans Party To Serenade Jack On Birthday

"Surprise" Will Be Aired Sunday Night; Edward G. Robinson To Be Heard In Lead Role In "Blind Alley"

A surprise birthday party, complete with a chorus of "Happy Birthday To You," will brighten the gloom that has surrounded Jack Benny's infirmity cot ever since he wound up there following his cataclysmic ski run at Yosemite last week, during the broadcast over WEAJ Sunday, at 7 p. m.

Mary Livingstone, Phil Harris, Dennis Day, Don Wilson and Rochester, who're engineering Jack's birthday celebration, have engaged the Yosemite A Cappella yodelers to serenade the painwacked comedian at his bedside as a highlight of the festivities.

The group consists of an Indian squaw, three forest rangers, and an educated coyote that howls bass.

Edward G. Robinson, rushing back to Hollywood from New York, will join Joseph Calleia, Leatrice Joy, Isabel Jewell, Roger Pryor and Oscar Bradley in "Blind Alley" on the "Screen Guild Theatre," Sunday, over WABC at 7:30 p. m.

In "Blind Alley," a Broadway play by James Warwick, Robinson is held prisoner in his own home by the killer, Joseph Calleia, and his gang. Robinson continually reminds the murderer of his distorted life and background and by delving into the killer's subconscious mind, he makes Calleia realize that his only salvation is to destroy himself.

Grace Moore returns to the Sunday Evening Hour Feb. 25 as guest artist on a program of wide appeal. The Metropolitan Opera soprano, supported by the 75-piece Ford Symphony Orchestra and mixed chorus under the direction of Reginald Stewart, will be heard over WJR from 9 to 10 p. m.

As her first song Miss Moore presents one of her favorite selections, Charpentier's *Depuis Le Jour* from "Louise". Her other songs are the brilliant aria "La Filles de Cadix" by Delibes; Stephen Foster's well-loved melody "I Dream of Jeanie," and "Joy" by Cadman.

Lurene Tuttle, John Deering and Rosemary De Camp head the "I Want a Divorce" cast Sunday, when a special adaptation of a story by Peter B. Kyne is dramatized during the weekly broadcast, at 3:00 p. m. over WEAJ. Miss Tuttle, heard as Susan Allison, discovers that Kathie Drew, played by Miss De Camp, is attempting to regain the affections of her husband, Stephen Allison, played by Deering.

Emil Coleman and his orchestra will mount the Fitch Bandwagon

## BEST BETS SUNDAY

P. M.

- 5:30—Ben Bernie and Lew Lehr, WABC.
- 6:00—Conrad Nagel's Theatre, WABC.
- 7:00 — Jack Benny Program, WEAJ.
- 7:30 — Mr. District Attorney, WJZ.
- 8:00—Charlie McCarthy, WEAJ.
- 9:00 — Sunday Evening Hour, WJR.

when it rolls into Hollywood on its first Pacific Coast visit of the season Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. over WEAJ. Coleman, who made his American debut in 1917, shortly after he arrived from London, has become a "must" for major social events and estimates his orchestra has presided at almost 600 "coming out" parties for Eastern debs. Henry M. Neely is emcee.

Margaret Daum, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and Alma Kitchell, commentator and alto who last year gave a command performance for Crown Prince Olaf and Princess Martha of Norway, will sing the feminine leads in Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance", Great Play to be presented over WJZ network, Sunday, at 2:00 p. m.

### 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.)

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**NBC-WJZ (BLUE):** Basic — East: wjz wbal wiz wice wabr whk wxyz wll ldkk wean wham wboz wscr wmal waby wlu wtjn wmbg wmf; Midwest: wnt wnr wls ksu wowa wren wcn kwk well wben wdf wibm wjm kowh kuu kscj; South: wrd kidm kko kyz ktok waga wlo wgn kths wnps wdu; Mountain: kvod klo kuta

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