

Allen Plans Burlesque As Final Show Feature

Vocal Of "Playmates" To Top Kay Kyser Program; Burns To Seek Some Happy News For Gracie

Fred Allen, in his final broadcast of the year before Abbott and Costello take over beginning Wednesday, lampoons Gabriel Heatter's "We, The People" as the burlesque dramatic piece de resistance of the "Fred Allen Show" Wednesday at 8 p. m. over WEAf.

Kay Kyser's original version of "Playmates," his recording of which is now the best-seller on Columbia records, will be featured with a vocal by Sully Mason as a highlight of the prexy's "College of Musical Knowledge" over WEAf Wednesday at 9 p. m. Vocals by Ginny Simms will be "Fools Rush In" and "How Can I Ever Be Alone?" Other numbers interspersed between quiz questions, will be "Why?", "Make Believe Island," "When Buddha Smiles," "Who's Yehudi?", "The Breeze and I" and "In the Mood."

The entire Burns and Allen cast will join forces in trying to explain to Gracie Allen that she is about to launch a new program for a new sponsor on a new network on the Burns and Allen program Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. over WABC. Gracie, feeling blue and alone sings "I'm Nobody's Baby" and Frank Parker will sing "I'll See You Again." Ray Noble's farewell number will be "Hold My Hand."

At the request of thousands of listeners Tim Ryan, husband of Star theatre's comedian, Irene, will make a repeat guest appearance on the Hollywood portion of the Star theatre Wednesday, 8 p. m., WABC. Comedian Ken Murray will emcee with songs by Frances Langford and Kenny Baker.

"Broken Dishes," a domestic comedy by Martin Flavin, will be the final dramatic offering of the season. Starring Helen Mack and Charles Coburn, the story concerns a nagging wife whose chief topic of conversation is the man she might have married.

The heroic fight to establish an organization of mercy that culminated in founding the Red Cross will be the subject of a dramatization starring Charles Foy, to be broadcast by Hollywood Playhouse, Wednesday at 7 p. m. over WEAf.

MRS. HARRISON IS DIPLOMATIC

82-Year-Old Widow Of Ex-President Also Spry, And Approves Circus

By JANE COCHRAN
PHILADELPHIA, June 26 — (INS)— An "elder statesman" — feminine in gender but none the less of an old hand at the business — put her stamp of approval on the three-ring circus that is Philadelphia today.

She is Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, widow of the president of the United States from 1888 to 1892. Eighty-two, she is still spry enough to complete a tour on foot of all the hectic habitats of the elephant hopefuls.

Her favorite? She is diplomatic: "I hope the best man wins."

Mrs. Harrison, slim, dressed neatly in black with her white hair piled on top of her head, is genuinely interested in the convention and the crowds.

"You know, these crowds here remind me of those during Mr. Harrison's first campaign," she said. "They almost tore down the fence around his Indiana home in their enthusiasm."

Mrs. Harrison was never first lady, having married the ex-president three years after expiration of his term. She did, however, serve as White House hostess for two years during the fatal illness of her aunt, the first Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison was asked if she didn't believe the campaign head-