

Henry And Homer To Start On Motor Cruise To Coast

100th Broadcast Of "The Aldrich Family" Set
Thursday Night; "Strange As It Seems"
Show Marks Anniversary

The 100th broadcast of "The Aldrich Family," starring Ezra Stone, over WEAJ Thursday at 8:30 p. m. will find Henry and Homer off on the first leg of their motor trip, steering by a compass that sometimes points north if well shaken.

The progress of Clifford Goldsmith's fictional family into the affections of America's radio listeners has been much smoother and more far reaching than any promised by Henry's projected trip to the coast.

The Aldriches, first created in Goldsmith's successful Broadway comedy, "What a Life," won national attention when they appeared first in guest spots on the old Rudy Vallee hour in July, 1938. As a feature of another variety hour thru the ensuing season, their acceptance was immediate and lasting. A pinch-hitting job for Jack Benny last summer led to a half-hour spot of their own on WJZ in which they moved rapidly up to top popularity rating.

Strange As It Seems, the pageant of miracles and mysticism, prodigies and portents, will pass the one-year mark on the CBS network Thursday. The half hour dramatic show, based on the syndicated newspaper cartoons of John Hix, is heard each Thursday at 8:30 p. m. over WABC.

Alois Havrilla, diction-perfect master of ceremonies, has piloted the program since it was launched on Aug. 17, 1939. His weekly function is to astound the listening audience with dramatizations of various strange experiences

and nigh-incredible historical events.

A 41-round prize fight that began in a water-flooded ring and was later continued in a blinding snowstorm for four hours will be recounted on the program Thursday. Johnny Reagan, who fought Jack "the Nonpareil" Dempsey against these odds, will be a guest on the program to describe this battle.

Fresh from cinema successes, Gail Patrick and Brian Aherne will be featured on the Music Hall Thursday, at 9 p. m., over WEAJ. Emanuel Feuermann, brilliant cellist, and Marie Green and her group of male singers, will complete the musical end of the program with John Scott Trotter and his orchestra.

Bob Burns, bazooka expert and Summer director of the Music Hall, brings Miss Patrick to the microphone just after creating her hit role in the movie, "My Favorite Wife," and Mr. Aherne following his widely popular performance in "My Son, My Son."