

Charles Laughton To Play Dual Role On Vallee Show

Guest Star To Be Heard In Comic And Serious Capacity; "Slang" Expert Will Swap Fast Talk With Bing Crosby

When Charles Laughton appears as guest star on the Rudy Vallee program Thursday via WEAf at 10 p. m. he will be heard in both a comic and serious capacity. Besides delivering his famous recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Laughton will appear in a comedy sketch as a bungling butler in the employ of Rudy Vallee.

John Barrymore, Rudy's crusty "boss," is invited to dinner in the hope that he may give Rudy a raise. Jeeves, however, turns the drawing room into a madhouse by indulging in every "don't" in The Butler's Handbook. Joan Davis, portraying Rudy's "wife," adds to the general confusion.

Lester V. Berry, the well-known connoisseur of "off the elbow Americanese," defined by the dictionary as "slang," will cross philological broadswords with Bing Crosby, whose verbal glibness runs faster than his horses, on the old "Musical Hall" soiree at 9 p. m. over WEAf.

The usual regulars will be joined by Nigel Bruce, the "Dr. Watson" of NBC's "Sherlock Holmes" series, and Allen Jenkins, an old alumnus. Informal and illiterate discussion of slang, movies and current events has been assigned to Victor Borge and Jerry Lester, comedians, with an assist by singer Mary Martin.

Henry Aldrich gets in training for a holiday journey on his last day at school in "The Aldrich Family," starring Ezra Stone, at 8:30 p. m. Thursday over WEAf.

The vitally important question of "The Open or Closed Shop for War Industries" will be discussed by three distinguished experts on

labor problems on "America's Town Meeting of the Air," at 9 p. m. Thursday over WJZ.

The three speakers are C.I.O. Secretary James B. Carey; William Hard, author and student of labor relations; and Walter Gordon Merritt, prominent attorney and specialist in labor cases. Carey will defend the closed shop, Merritt the open shop, and Hard will take a "middle-of-the-road" stand.

WJZ brings Dorothy Thompson, of the newspaper world, to its listeners starting Thursday at 8:45 p. m. in a new series of weekly broadcasts entitled "Dorothy Thompson Comments."

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Eastern War Time P. M.—Subtract One Hour for CWT., 2 Hrs. for MWT.

(Alterations in programs as listed due entirely to changes by networks)

- 5:45—The Three Suns Trio — nbc-red
- Tom Mix Serial Drama — blue-east
- Johnnie Johnston's Songs—blue-west
- Scattergood Baines Serial Sht—cbs
- Captain Midnight's Serial—mbs-east
- 6:00—Indiana Indigo of WGL—nbc-red
- Escorts and Betty Songs—blue-east
- Stories About Adventure—blue-west
- Prazier Hunt's News Period — cbs
- Prayer; To Be Announced — mbs
- 6:15—Indiana Indigo; News — nbc-red
- Dancing Music Orchestra—blue-east
- "Secret City" Dramatic — blue-west
- To Be Announced (15 mins.) — cbs
- The Word & Music Program — mbs
- 6:30—Patti Chapin Is Singing—nbc-red
- Lum and Abner of Pine Ridge—blue
- Bob Hannon In Songs Program—cbs
- Jack Armstrong's repeat—mbs-west
- 6:45—Bill Stern Sport Spot — nbc-red
- Lowell Thomas on News—blue-basic
- Tom Mix Serial repeat — blue-west
- War and World News of Today—cbs
- Captain Midnight's repeat—mbs-west
- 7:00—F. Waring's Time—nbc-red-east