

Theatrical Authorities To Be On "Information Please"

Russel Crouse And John Mason Brown Will Match Wits With John Kieran And Franklin P. Adams Friday Night

Two outstanding authorities on the American theatre will make up the guest complement of the "Information Please" board of experts Friday, at 8:30 p. m. over WEAf. They are Russell Crouse, playwright, and John Mason Brown, drama editor of the New York World-Telegram. It is Crouse's 11th trip and Brown's second. The regulars, John Kieran and Franklin P. Adams, complete the panel that will take care of Clifton Fadiman's questions.

There is no priority on comedy, drama or music, according to Kate Smith who will add a plentiful supply of entertainment to her "Variety Hour" by featuring Ed Gardner, comic counterman from "Duffy's Tavern." Raymond Massey, noted Hollywood dramatic actor; Freddie Martin—famous bandleader and saxophonist; Tommy Riggs, object of "Betty Lou's" heckling, and Olyn Landick, the ludicrous "Hackensack Gossip," Friday over WABC at 8 p. m.

Tycoons of industry, captains of finance, front-rank writers, leading lawyers, and maybe an occasional governor or senator will turn actor to play leading roles in a brand new dramatic series never before attempted in radio.

Titled "Celebrity Theatre," the

program will be launched over WJZ Friday, from 9:30 to 10 p. m.

Rex Stout, the novelist, whose fictional character Nero Wolfe has been solving murder mysteries all along, will do a little sleuthing himself when he turns actor for the first "Celebrity Theatre" performance on Friday at 9:30 p. m. over WJZ.

Two young Broadway juveniles comparatively new to radio will head the cast of "Grand Central Station" Friday at 7:30 p. m. over WEAf. Katharine Bard, whom theatre-goers have seen in "Life With Father," Ben Hecht's "Lily of the Valley" and "Ring Around Elizabeth," plays the feminine lead in the choo-choo drama opposite Arthur Franz, last seen on the Great White Way in the Theatre Guild production, "The Sign of the Cross" for Harvest." Adelaid Klein, lately of "Brooklyn, U. S. A." and Gilbert Mack, versatile radio actor, complete the square of players.