

Barrymore Takes Santa's Mantle For Yule Program

Ida Lupino Will Appear In Eddie Cantor's Hour Wednesday; One Program Will Not Observe Christmas

The spirit of Yuletide is the all-pervading element in "The Mayor of the Town" with Lionel Barrymore assuming the mantle of a Santa during the Christmas program over WABC Dec. 23 at 9:30 p. m. Barrymore, problem solver and good friend, brightens the holiday for children and adults alike as he goes thru the town spreading philosophy and happiness.

Santa Claus is bringing Ida Lupino to Eddie Cantor—as a Christmas week guest star—and will deposit her in Eddie's stocking on the "Time to Smile" five-plate, over Dec. 23, at 9 p. m.

The Mad Russian, thinking of gasoline rationing and envious of St. Nick, who is able to travel by reindeer and sleigh, tries to outdo the white-whiskered gentleman, and Harry von Zell, Dinah Shore and Cookie Fitzchild's orchestra come in for surprises.

Maintaining their rugged individuality to the last, even flouting tradition, those vertiginous virtuosos of the WJZ's "Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street" will NOT observe Christmas during their broadcast Dec. 23, nor will "White Christmas" be played or sung. Instead, the weekly 9 p. m. concert will fol-

low the usual pattern of dignified madness.

A unique Christmas broadcast, with the stars of the "Great Moments in Music" program singing and playing their favorite Christmas music, will be heard on Dec. 23, at 10 p. m., over WABC. All of the members of the program participated in selecting the numbers to be sung and played.

George Hicks will interview some of the great fliers of the present war over WJZ on the program "Men of the Land, Sea and Air" on Dec. 23, at 3:45 p. m. The programs have been arranged thru the Flight Training Command of the Air Corps at Fort Worth, Texas, and the head of Army Public Relations at Washington.

"Mr. District Attorney" finds out that some people are all in favor of juvenile delinquency, when he solves "The Case of the Zoot Suit Killer" on Dec. 23, at 9:30 p. m., over WEAJ. This story was first presented several weeks ago, when "Mr. District Attorney" presented a special guest performance on WOR's "Saturday Night Bandwagon." In it, the "D. A.," played by Jay Jostyn, tries to push thru an appropriation for recreational facilities, to provide healthful, constructive outlets for the energies of his city's youth, but the project is blocked by undesirables who have been profiting by encouraging a junior crime wave. The case takes a number of unexpected, thrilling turns before the "D. A.," with the help of his two assistants, played by Len Doyle and Vicki Vola, brings the criminals to justice and persuades the city fathers that the future of the children is worth the expense of a playground or two.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

(Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.)

- 5:30—Just Plain Bill, Dramatic—nbc
- Jack Armstrong's Serial—blu-east
- Panice Band from Chicago—blu-west
- Landt Trio with Curley—cbs-basic
- Serial Series for the Kiddies—mbs
- 6:45—Front Page Farrell Serial—nbc
- Captain Midnight's Serial—blu-east
- The Ben Bernie Musical Show—cbs
- Marion Brent's Song Program—mbs
- 6:00—U. S. Navy Band & News—nbc
- Don Winslow of the Navy—blu-east
- Ten Minutes of News, At Piano—cbs
- Prayer, Comment on the War—mbs
- 6:15—Today at the Duncans—cbs-bas.
- Experts on the Keyboard—cbs-Dixie
- Milt Herth & His Organ Trio—blu
- Rhythm Ensemble of St. Louis—mbs
- 6:30—Chicago Dancing Orchestra—nbc
- The Korn Kobbler Band—blu-east
- Jack Armstrong's repeat—blu-west
- Frank Parker and Songs—cbs-basic
- The War Overseas: Dance Org.—mbs
- 6:45—Bill Stein and Sports Spot—nbc
- Lowell Thomas on News—blu-basic
- Captain Midnight's repeat—blu-west
- War and World News of Today—cbs
- 7:00—Fred Waring's Time—nbc-east
- Col. Stoopnagle, Your War Job—blu
- Amos and Andy's Sketch—cbs-basic
- Fulton Lewis, Jr. & Comment—mbs
- 7:15—World War via Broadcast—nbc
- Harry James & His Orchestra—cbs
- The Johnson Family, a Serial—mos
- 7:30—Caribbean Nights Orchest.—nbc
- Long Ranger Drama of the West—blu
- "Easy Aces," Serial Series—cbs-basic
- Charlie Spivak Orchestra—cbs-west
- Melodies Come From California—mbs