

Memorial Day Tribute To Dead To Feature Airplanes

Deanna Durbin To Guest On Jack Benny's Last Program Of Season Sunday; Ginger Rogers In Play Monday

Jack Benny and his gang wind up a happily itinerant season Sunday, (WEAF, 7 p. m., EWT), when Deanna Durbin comes to the show as the last guest. Then the gang will be off on a 16-week vacation. The return to the airplanes is scheduled for the first Sunday in October.

Lela Rogers, mother of screen star Ginger Rogers, has been signed to play her original screen role as Ginger's mother in "The Major and the Minor" which will be presented on Radio theatre, Monday at 9 p. m. (EWT) over WABC.

The Great Gildersleeve is anxiously looking forward to going on the air Sunday (WEAF, 6:30 p. m. (EWT)). Since May 30 is Memorial Day it will afford the none-too-reticent citizen of Summerfield a perfect opportunity for relating his war experiences.

From the "Drama in Everyday Life" department of Reader's Digest, Conrad Nagel has selected a story by Dr. A. J. Cronin as the featured dramatization of the "Radio Reader's Digest," on Sunday, May 30, at 9 p. m. EWT, over Station WABC.

A lovely waltz song written especially for her will be sung by Grace Moore in her next appearance on the Telephone Hour Great Artist Series, Monday, 9 p. m., EWT, over WEAF.

That "Man with a Beard" who symbolizes the fighting spirit of the American people, will be the theme and title of the "Free World Theatre" broadcast Sunday at 6:30 p. m., EWT, over WJZ. Jackie Cooper, young screen star, who is slated to join the Navy, will play the star role in the play.

The Bumsteads, who usually can't see trouble coming until they regain consciousness after it's all over, turn prophet and foresee difficulties a few months ahead, when "Blondie Plans Her Vacation," on Monday, at 7:30 p. m., EWT, over Station WABC. With Dagwood holding out for the seashore, Blondie for the mountains and Alexander for a dude ranch, the Bumsteads examine the disastrous possibilities of each before reaching their final decision.

Charlie McCarthy has invited Walter Pidgeon to guest with him Sunday, at 8 p. m. (EWT) over WEAF. The Pidgeon is one of Hollywood's top-flight stars, Charlie insists that he is the "forgotten man" because he was Mr. Miniver.

The fighting " Battleship X " hangs up one of the war's top records in Jap-blasting for the drama to be heard on "The Man Behind the Gun," Sunday at 10:30 p. m. (EWT) over WABC.

Representative Martin J. Kennedy, (D-NY), will deliver a Memorial Day address over WEAF network Sunday, 12 p. m. noon (EWT). His topic will be, "The Day of Heroes."

War Manpower Commissioner

Paul V. McNutt will give the nation's listeners an important message on the use of manpower during the next year when he appears on "We, the People," Sunday at 7:30 p. m., EWT, over WABC.

Helen Hayes, currently starring in "Harriet," on Broadway, will play the principal role in "Mary Todd," the story of the ill-fated wife of Abraham Lincoln on "Cavalcade of America" Monday, (WEAF, 8 p. m. EWT).

A special Memorial Day tribute to the American war dead, saluting the heroes of past and present wars in a poignant dramatization of the meeting between a lad who fell in Africa in the current war, and heroes of the Civil, Spanish - American and World War I, will highlight the "Family Hour" program starring Gladys Swarthout, Deems Taylor and Al Goodman's orchestra and chorus, Sunday (WABC, p. m., EWT).

A registered nurse's compelling incentive for enlistment in the armed forces is revealed in the tense climax of Peter Lyon's script for "That They Might Live" Sunday. (WEAF, 12:30 p. m., EWT). Leading players from Broadway's "The Eve of St. Mark" will be heard in the drama.

In one of their rare professional appearances as a team, Joan Fontaine and Brian Aherne—in real life, Mr. and Mrs.—co-star in the "Screen Guild Players" re-creation of "Rebecca," when the Alfred Hitchcock hit film is broadcast Monday at 10 p. m., EWT, over Station WABC.

"Death in the Zoo," roaring tale of a series of mysterious murders in a menagerie, starring movie rogue Akim Tamiroff, will be the "Inner Sanctum Mystery" offering, Sunday at 8:30 p. m., EWT, over WJZ.

Noted symphonic orchestra conductor, joins Oscar Levant, Franklin P. Adams and John Kieran as guests of "Information Please" Monday (WEAF, 10:30 p. m., EWT).

When listeners wrote stacks of letters to the sponsor of "Ceiling Unlimited" praising the performance of Cary Grant, the film star was signed for another appearance the following week, Monday, in "Where from Here?" over Station WABC at 7:15 p. m., EWT. Story concerns action in an aviation modification center where planes are fitted for specific jobs in specific areas of the South Pacific.