

Bergen and McCarthy Quips with Guest

Hilarious happenings will be the order of the evening as the guest of Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy is over NBC. Vocalist Anita Gordon, Mortimer Snerd and his orchestra will add to the gayety of the program.

Jack precedes his old enemy, Fred Allen, on the air when he makes his first guest appearance.

Between trading quips with the irrespressible McCarthy and firing away at Allen. "Boss" Benny should be kept busy. He is a dangerous man, however, as Charlie will find out if he gets too fresh. Benny's rating as a violinist is about as high as Charlie's stock as a greater lover.

Fred Allen will have a surprise package for listeners in his opening program of the 1946-47 season at 8:30 p. m. over NBC. His guests are world-famous news commentators, Lowell Thomas and H. V. Kaltenborn. Portland Hoffa will be back with Allen's Alley regulars, Mineva Pious as "Mrs. Nussbaum," Kenny Delmar as "Senator Clagborn" and Parker Fennelly as "Itus Moody."

Kate Smith returns to the air for her 16th consecutive season at 6:30 p. m. on CBS with a gala all-star program. Among those present will be Harvey Stone, ex-GI comedian who was discovered by Ted Collins while still in uniform, Pert Kelton, screen and radio comedienne and the Four Chicks and Chuck, returning after a sojourn in Hollywood. Jack Miller, who has conducted for Kate ever since she made her radio debut, will be back on the bandstand with a 40-piece orchestra. Also, for the opening broadcast, there will be an audience-participation gimmick.

Percy Grainger, world famous pianist-composer, will be a guest of Patrice Munsel and musical conductor Al Goodman on the "Family Hour" broadcast at 5 p. m. over CBS.

Besides playing "Shepherd's Hey," one of his own well-known compositions, Mr. Grainger has selected Grieg's piano concerto which Edvard Grieg, one of Grainger's great admirers, especially asked him to play at a music festival in England many years ago.

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