

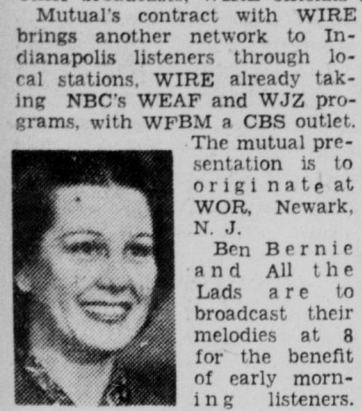
# WIRE JOINS MUTUAL RADIO NETWORK

Indianapolis Station Signs for Early Morning Series Bringing Top-Notch Orchestras to Air

Ben Bernie and All the Lads to Introduce Broadcast Feature Thursday at 8; Gladys Swarthout Is to Be First Guest Artist.

BY RALPH NORMAN

WIRE is to broadcast its first Mutual Network program Thursday when it joins the chain for a series of morning programs featuring well-known orchestras and outstanding guest stars. The local station is to bring only this single Mutual offering, but later may include other broadcasts, WIRE officials announce.



Gladys Swarthout After Bernie.

Mutual's contract with WIRE brings another network to Indianapolis listeners through local stations. WIRE already taking NBC's WEAF and WJZ programs, with WFPM a CBS outlet.

The mutual presentation is to originate at WOR, Newark, N. J.

Ben Bernie and All the Lads are to broadcast their melodies at 8 for the benefit of early morning listeners.

Another popular band is to be Gladys Swarthout, Metropolitan Opera star. Miss Swarthout will be interviewed by Nellie Revell, permanent program commentator.

The Morning Matinee's airing by WIRE is to be sponsored by L. S. Ayres & Co. The program is to be backed by several large department stores in Eastern and Middle Western cities.

For a lark, Ray Noble went to a fortune teller, told her he was a clerk.

"Your palm shows musical talent," said the seer. "You might have been a fine musician."

"Perhaps," replied the conductor. Composer Noble sadly, "I might have been."

THE spring turnover of radio's headlines is beginning. As contracts expire, familiar voices will be leaving the air until fall, others will join new programs, and a few newcomers and old-timers in retirement will get new spots.

Lionel Barrymore is to be added by Sigmund Romberg when he moves Monday night at 8:30 to NBC-WEAF (WLW). Al Johnson, tired of radio and the movies, is to re-join from his Saturday Chateau. NBC-WEAF (WLW) at 8:30, after March 28, Victor Young's orchestra is to depart at the same time, both to be succeeded by Smith Bailey, band-leader master of ceremonies.

Ken Murray is to join a CBS series March 24, and Marion Talley will emerge from retirement for an NBC-WEAF program starting April 3. Alexander Gray made his inaugural Airshow broadcast, CBS Thursday night.

Among stars departing in the next few weeks are Helen Hays, John Charles Thomas, Lawrence Tibbett and Nino Martini. The latter is to be succeeded by Richard Bonelli. CBS is to lose three orchestras: Richard Himber and Abe Lyman moving to NBC programs, and Guy Lombardo's dance programs going, exclusively to Mutual. The Lombardo Monday evening commercial will remain on CBS, however.

"Kickin' the Gong Around" has been suggested as the title for a new program on CBS (WFPM) at 7 tomorrow night. While at the same time Maj. Bowes presents his amateurs on NBC-WEAF (WLW) the Songbird is to introduce her array of talent, which is to include practically all CBS stars.

LINING UP Tonight's Schedule

—Jack Hyllon will present his Continental Revue, CBS (WFPM) at 6; Gallagher and Shean, Fannie Belle, James Melton and Patti Chapin will be heard with Al Goodman's orchestra in radio's Ziegfeld Follies, CBS (WFPM) at 7; Chicago White Sox Manager Jimmy Dykes and Lionel Barrymore are to be guest stars of Al Johnson, WEAF (WLW) at 8:30; Tom Howard and George Shelton, comedy team, are to perform on George Olsen Celebrity night, NBC-WEAF (WIRE) at 9:30.

Sunday Program News of Interest

—Raffles, an old favorite drama, is to be played by Leslie Howard, CBS (WFPM) at 1; Floyd Gibbons will bring his observations on the Italo-Ethiopian war to Magic Key listeners, NBC WJZ (WIRE) at 1; the first semi-final program of Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air is to be broadcast by NBC-WEAF (WIRE) at 2:30; Julia Sanderson and Frank Crumit are to be featured with Shilkret's orchestra CBS (WFPM) at 4:30; Robert Ripley will explain reasons for Soviet Russia's refusing him a visa for travel this summer, NBC-WJZ (WIRE) at 6:30; the Tell Sisters are to be Paul Whiteman's guest artists, NBC-WJZ at 8:45.

When the millionth person tours Radio City within a few days, he will find himself suddenly the fete and specially privileged guest of the great showplace. NBC's biggest names are on the committee which will see that his entertainment is complete. When he has seen everything in Radio City, he will be dined at the Rainbow Grill, then be put on the air (NBC) to describe it to listeners.

Announcer Morris Hicks of WIRE is proud of a letter received yesterday from a listener thanking him for making gloomy Thursday more pleasant by his cheerful announcing of the Tuntick Tick Tock program.

To listeners confused about Vic and Sade's stations: Vic and Sade are heard on NBC-WEAF through WLW and other NBC stations each week day afternoon at 2:30. If the team was identified with a CBS announcement, it was because of mechanical error.

Mrs. Velma Patman of WIRE's program department is an admirer of Ted Lewis, and has an autographed picture by the entertainer. She announced with much pleasure last night that the Lewis band is to be heard on NBC-WEAF (WIRE) at 10:35 tomorrow night.

When Robert Ripley offered to send listeners pictures of the "Holy Stoopie of Nepal," he didn't expect 140,000 requests. Cost of printing, inscribing and mailing has been so great that the "Be-Lieve It Or Not" conductor ended up on the wrong side of the ledger for he personally paid the cost, which was more than he received for the broadcast.

It was Ozzie Nelson, whose orchestra provided the music for the Ripley Sunday night program, that induced Mr. Ripley to make the offer. During the broadcast, the orchestra leader told Mr. Ripley that he didn't believe his story until he saw the picture. Bob then announced that if others didn't believe he would send them photographic proof.

Townsend Club to Organize

A Townsend Club movement is to be formed in St. Joseph's Hall, 617 E. North-st., Monday at 7:30.

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