

KATE SMITH MARKS 5 YEARS IN RADIO

Famed Songbird Is 27 and Observes Dual Anniversary by Brief Visit to Home Folk

Expected Back in New York for Her Regular CBS Program; Erno Rapee's Sunday Evening Concerts Are Extended to June 28.

BY RALPH NORMAN

ATE afternoon listeners today may hear Kate Smith at 5:30 on CBS (WFBB) mark another milestone in her career when she celebrates her fifth radio anniversary.

Combining a birthday, her twenty-seventh, with her professional anniversary, the songbird journeyed to Washington for the week-end and a round of festivities with the home folks, but will be back in New York for her CBS program. . . . Erno Rapee's Sunday evening concerts will extend through June 28, possibly all summer, running this season, at least 35 instead of the customary 26 weeks. . . . CBS, joining NBC in a policy of bringing all political conventions to listeners, broadcast this morning from the Prohibition Party's session at Niagara Falls, and will air another session Thursday afternoon; NBC will broadcast from the Socialist convention in Cleveland beginning May 23, and of course both networks will air major party conventions. . . . One youngster entered the Declaration of Independence in Eddie Cantor's essay contest. . . . When Phil Regan's contract with the Laugh with Ken Murray series on CBS (WFBB at 6:30 tonight) came up for signing on Friday the thirteenth, he was asked if he wanted to postpone it a day. "What for?" Phil asked. "Any time a fellow can get a contract to sign, it's his lucky day." And sign he did. . . . Morton Downey will bid America farewell tonight when he sings at 7 on Ben Bernie's program, NBC-WJZ (WLW); he is to leave immediately after the show for a European tour to last until fall. . . . Parties at Pickfair can't help but be amusing tonight, CBS (WFBB) at 8, because Charlie Ruggles, among others, is to be on the air with the hostess, Mary Pickford.

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BENNY GOODMAN tonight at 8 over NBC-WEAF (WIRE) will broadcast his last program from Chicago with Eddie Dowling and Ray Dooley before departing on a tour which will include a local engagement Saturday night, and which will end in New York for a summer hotel engagement. Leader of America's No. 1 swing band, the clarinet-tooting director will dedicate his featured number tonight to the original swing band, the Dixie Land Band which made jazz famous in the levee country before it swept the nation.

JERRY BELCHER and Parks Johnson, who last week awarded a local man \$50 for answering one of silly Vox Pop questions broadcast over NBC-WEAF (WIRE) at 7, have mixed verdicts of their experiences, after a year of questioning of passers-by. Mr. Johnson thinks New Yorkers have caught on to the program, and come to the microphone to make a game of matching wits with the announcers. On the other hand, Mr. Belcher thinks that Houston, Tex., where Vox Pop started, was much tougher than New York, and that people there responded more readily to their trick interrogations.

The Vox Poppers know that New York's best place to find tourists is Radio City, with railroad stations far down the list.

FRED HALL and Arthur Fields, NBC-WEAF's early morning comedians who write and read the script for the Streamliners, 7:15 each week day morning, have no sympathy for Jack Benny and other jesters who have to write their own script occasionally when hired writers are ill.

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DR. BLACK is to appear again tomorrow at noon, directing a string orchestral accompaniment for a performance of Bach's great Concerto in D Minor for two violins, played by two New York business men in the "Music Is My Hobby" series. The broadcast is to be carried on the WEA network.

The two nonprofessional musicians to be heard are Abram Menden, attorney, and Louis J. Fink, life insurance expert. Mr. Menden may be remembered as the attorney who defended the famous "Eli" copyright infringement case some years ago. He caused quite a sensation by bringing his violin into court and playing it as part of his argument.

each Sunday afternoon as Ed Younger's Mountaineers, a name which goes back to their phonograph record days.

A POLITICAL note of no little significance is the forthcoming national convention to "Keep Stoopangi Down and Out of the White House." Because of monumental importance of the campaign, we now let the Colonel's press agent tell all about it:

"It's true folks. Radio's tremendous ear-splitting quadrilateral spectacle is only a few weeks away. Broadcasting plans for the Stooperatic and Buddican National Convention in Gopher Hall, N.Y., are certainly in a state.

"In fact, as a forerunner to the Convention, Col. Stoopnagle and Budd announced their weekly campaign meetings with Gogo delys and Leith Stevens' orchestra are to be shovved from Saturday to Thursday night at 7:30 on CBS (WFBB), so that they can be heard on odd Thursdays—and even Thursdays as well.

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