

SAN FRANCISCO

DAY LEWIS, KPO actor and "broadcastigator" of a. m. show "Repeat Performance," is moving to Hollywood early in July. According to present plans "Repeat Performance" (KPO) and his "Yellow Cab Story-Teller" (KQW-CBS) programs will both be aired from there.

Mark Dunnigan, retiring chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of NABET was guest of honor at a dinner given by fellow engineers at the Press Club, and presented with an alligator skin wallet. John McConnell, ABC engineer, succeeds him.

Jim Moser of KGO newsroom, and Barbara Conner of KGO traffic dept. were married Saturday, June 15, following the example set by Frank La-Tourette, ABC western newschief two weeks before.

Sammy Kaye originated three ABC network broadcasts from KGO the week of June 18 to 25, two from Radio City studios and one from the stage of the Golden Gate Theater.

The San Francisco Orchestra will go on an NBC national hookup early this fall as one of the first symphonies to be heard on "Orchestras of the Nation" when that program returns to the air.

Allen Kees, KSFO engineer just returned from a series of pre-Bikini broadcasts, says the heat and humidity were so terrific out there that he had to bake the transcribing equipment every night to keep the moisture out of the parts.

"Musical Invitations," a KGO quarter-hour Sunday morning program of transcribed music, has been purchased by Clyde O. Sweet, realtor, to promote a new Eastbay real estate subdivision. Program was sold by George LaRue, ABC Spot Sales.

Neb. Governor To Open State's First FM Station

Omaha—Governor Dwight Griswold will be the inaugural speaker on the opening program of radio station KOAD Monday at 7:45 p.m.

The World-Herald station, first FM in the state, also will feature on the program: Mayor Charles Leeman, Brig. Gen. Walter R. Peck of the Second Air Force; Robert Storz, Chamber of Commerce president, and Mrs. Fred Ottman, president of the Omaha Radio Council.

Latest addition to the staff is Paul F. McDonald, Omaha electronic research specialist, who designed the first midwest wired television system in 1939 for the Universal Radio and Television School, Council Bluffs.



California Commentary . . . !

Members of Chicago's radio colony are invading Hollywood and among former Windy City ether artists appearing on "Masquerade" are Ned LeFevre, husband of Barbara Luddy, who was co-starred for several years on the "First Nighter"; Sandra Gair and Jack Petruzzi. Les Mitchell, who is producing "Masquerade" for Carl Wester Prods., is a former Chicagoan, as is his assistant, Ted Mayer, who was an actor before joining the Marine Corps.

Vincent Pelletier, long active in Chicago, will soon take over the announcing chores on "Masquerade." By the way, Lurette Fillibrandt, a Chicago freelance radio actress, is vacationing in Hollywood. Tol Ware Avery, formerly heard as announcer and actor on such San Francisco network shows as "Dr. Kate," "Standard School Broadcast," "Hawthorne House" and "Unlimited Horizons," has returned to Hollywood radio after four years with the Armed Forces Radio Service. His most recent duty was with Radio Tokyo. Bill Burch will relinquish his directing chores for Ralph Edwards' "Truth Or Consequences" at the end of the current season July 6. He took over the production reins on the Gene Autry show for Ruthrauff & Ryan on June 23, but will continue to furnish ideas for "T or C" in the fall.



It'll be like old times when John Hodiak and Director Arch Oboler begin filming Chicago scenes for "The Arnello Affair" at M-G-M. The two were acquainted in Chicago several years ago when Hodiak was a struggling young radio actor and Oboler was writing and producing mystery plays for stations in that city. Hodiak even had a role in one of Oboler's plays. First member to be signed by Bob Burns for his fall starring program is Singer Shirley Ross, a regular on his current show. The "Maisie" show will observe its first anniversary on the air July 5. Star Ann Sothern has now been heard in the title role for 52 consecutive weeks. The show will not take a summer vacation.



Gordon J. Lewis, music director of WKNE, Keene, New Hampshire, and his wife, who have been touring Southern California on their first trip to the Southland, have started their return jaunt via Mexico. Each member of the "Blondie" cast and orchestra will celebrate the seventh anniversary of the program July 7 by contributing seven cans of food to the European food drive. Members of the audience on July 7 will also be asked to make similar contributions. Former members of the KNX-CBS press department seem to have joined the Stork Club. Mrs. Jack Mullen, who was also with the N. W. Ayer & Son office, and whose husband is a member of the Republic publicity department, and Mrs. Emily Howard are expecting visits from the Stork in the fall. Edwin W. Buckalew, Columbia Pacific station relations manager, has returned from Palm Springs, where he conferred with Co-Owner Dick Joy and Manager Clint Jones on fall plans for the outlet. Jack Benny has returned from his Eastern trip. After closing his radio season in New York, he spent two weeks with his father in Chicago and then drove West with a stop at Colorado Springs for several days of golf.



Meredith Willson is keeping up a pace of two original compositions weekly on his Tuesday program. He aired four on his first two shows and has at least one scheduled for following several half-hours. Ten years ago, when he was unknown, Hollywood-bound Jack Carson promised the owner of the Tower Theater, Kansas City, where he had been emceeing for two years, that if he struck gold in the film hills he would return to do a week's free engagement for his former boss. On June 27, the day after the final broadcast of his air show, he planed to Kansas City to keep his promise.

SOUTHWEST

DUDE RANCH BUCKAROOS, Monday through Friday over WFAA Dallas, won the Grand Sweepstakes Prize at the 11th Annual Texas Fiddlers Association reunion. They are considered the best string band in the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Eston Pace, after serving one and half years in the Marine Corps, has received his discharge and has returned to his old post as news editor at KTSA, San Antonio.

KTBC at Austin has increased daytime power and is now operating with 5,000 watts daytime compared to 1,000 watts which it formerly operated on.

Bob Holleron, special events director for KTSA, San Antonio, broadcast a series of six broadcasts from Yoakum, scene of the Tomato Tom Tom Festival as an exclusive broadcast.

Marcia Birenberg has replaced Rosemary Walker as publicity director at WOAI, San Antonio. Miss Birenberg is new to radio.

Unions lost two elections held by KTHT, Houston, according to an announcement made by the National Labor Relations Board in dismissing petitions of American Federation of Radio Artists and of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for certification as representative of KTHT employees.

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