

Radio and Television

Perry Como Will Have His Own Half-Hour Program Thursdays in Fall on NBC

Perry Como, baritone, will have his own half-hour radio program next fall, occupying the niche at 10 P. M., Thursdays, over NBC. The present occupant of the spot, the Screen Guild Players, will move to another time. The booking means that Mr. Como will discontinue his present fifteen-minute program on NBC, where it has been heard at 7 P. M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Pending the shift in the fall, Bill Lawrence, who has been a feature on Arthur Godfrey's CBS ventures, will substitute on the Monday-Wednesday-Friday offering while Mr. Como is on vacation.

"Dragnet," a dramatic series based on the records of the Los Angeles Police Department, makes its bow at 10 P. M. tomorrow over NBC radio as the summer replacement for William Bendix in "The Life of Riley." Jack Webb, Barton Yarborough and Charles McGraw will be among those in the cast. Bob Ryf will prepare the scripts and William Rousseau will direct.

Fred Waring's morning musical program on weekdays over NBC will come to the end of its run during the first week in July. Its time at 10 A. M., Mondays through Fridays, will be occupied instead by "Welcome Travelers," a current ABC network attraction, which will be sponsored by Procter & Gamble. NBC hopes to interest other sponsors in presenting Mr. Waring's musical aggregation on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

In a further realignment of its radio plans, Procter & Gamble is

dropping "What Makes You Tick?" after its performance on July 8 over CBS. In place of the John K. M. McCaffrey show at 2:45 P. M., Mondays through Fridays, there will be offered "A Brighter Day," a daytime serial now on NBC.

The vacation period of "Club 15" will run through the eight weeks bracketed by July 4 and Aug. 26. During that time the program's CBS spot—7:30 to 7:45 P. M., Mondays through Fridays—will be filled by the Ames Brothers and an as yet unnamed vocalist on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and by Evelyn Knight and the Modernaires on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Ames Brothers will begin their summer run two weeks sooner—June 14—with the early withdrawal from the "club" of the Andrews Sisters.

John Gambling, who conducts "Rambling With Gambling" and "Gambling's Musical Clock" over WOR, will start a three-week vacation on June 9. He will visit his parents in Cambridge, England. In his absence, Ray Heatherton will substitute on "Rambling With Gambling" and Joe Bier on "Gambling's Musical Clock."

The ABC television network is planning to move the Paul Whiteman Teen Club out of its Saturday night spot and shift it to Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 P. M., beginning in early August. Coincident with the change, the network will bring back the Pick and Pat Minstrel Show, putting it on Saturday night from 9 to 10 o'clock, the time vacated by Mr. Whiteman.