

Phil Baker's Show Pits Husbands Against Wives

Mates Contend Good Spouses Should Be At Firesides By 9 P. M.; Betty Lou To Meet The Mad Russian

A real battle of husbands against wives will be staged on Phil Baker's Honolulu bound program when the better halves of the cast principals invade the CBS studio during the broadcast over the WABC-Columbia network, Saturday at 9 p. m. The wives in person will broadcast to the nation their protests to Baker for keeping the husbands out so late Saturday nights. They contend that good home-loving spouses should be safely ensconced at their respective fire-side by 9 o'clock at night.

Peggy, Baker's wife, will lead the invading parade, stoutly supported by Marion, wife of Harry "Bottle" McNaughton and a holder of many golf championships; Mickey, who is Mrs. von Zell and a former athletic director, and Betty, who gave up acting to marry Ward Wilson who plays the part of Baker's weekly studio heckler. This "Saturday Night Wives Who Are Tired of Staying Home Alone Club" promises to make things lively as they air their connubial grievances before a nationwide radio audience. They'll contribute comedy to the program, but promise that it won't seem so funny to the erring husbands. The ladies all will be present in person.

Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou will need the logic of two instead of one person Saturday, when Tommy plays host to Bert Gordon, the Mad Russian of the Eddie Cantor program. Freddie Rich's orchestra will provide the music.

The keyboard wizardry of Alec Templeton will be demonstrated to the radio audience when the famous blind pianist makes his fifth guest appearance on the National Barn Dance, Saturday at 9 p. m. over the NBC-Blue network. Templeton will give his distinctive interpretations of several piano classics, and will join in the accompaniment to songs by Henry Burr, Uncle Ezra, Lucille Long and other members of the regular cast.

Ruth Peters, popular NBC operatic soprano, will be guest soloist with Alexander Knilloff and his Russian-Gypsy orchestra during the Music Internationale program over the NBC-Blue network on Saturday at 11 a. m. The program will feature native melodies of Russia, Poland and the Balkan States in addition to music by prominent European composers.

General Robert E. Lee will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Edward H. Griggs on the Lives of

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(Changes in programs as listed due to network corrections)

6:00—Radio's Kindergarten—nbc-weaf
News: The Spanish Revue—nbc-wjz
Broadcasting News Round-up

TOP TUNING SATURDAY

P. M.

- 7:00—Saturday Variety Tune, WEAJ.
- 7:30—Joe E. Brown and Comedy, WABC.
- 8:00—Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou, WEAJ.
- 8:00—Johnny Presents, WABC.
- 8:30—The Pennsylvanians, WEAJ.
- 9:00—Phil Baker and Bottle, WABC.
- 9:30—Hollywood's Fun Hall, WEAJ.
- 10:00—Saturday's Hit Parade, WABC.

Great Men program Saturday at 7:30 p. m. over the NBC-Red network. Dr. Griggs will bring to light several little known facts about the military genius of the commander of the Confederate forces. The title of his talk will be "Lee: The American Warrior."

Lawrence Tibbett, baritone, will sing the title role in Verdi's "Rigoletto," the Metropolitan Opera-assn's final Saturday matinee broadcast of the New York season at 1:55 p. m. over the NBC-Red network. Jan Kiepura, brilliant Polish tenor, will sing the role of The Duke, and Lily Pons, diminutive French coloratura, will be starred as Gilda. In the supporting cast will be Virgilio Lazzari, basso, as Sparafucile; Helen Olheim, contralto, as Maddalena; Thelma Votipka, soprano, as Giovanna, and Norman Cordon, basso, as Monterone. Gennaro Papi will conduct.

RADIO TICKER: Joan Edwards calls Paul Whiteman "Pops" . . . Benay Venuta is negotiating with an automobile firm regarding a commercial . . . Darrell Martin, of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, is celebrating his 15th year as a radio editor . . . Andre Baruch has added a bowling championship to his numerous other awards . . . Nan Wynn has just completed a Warner Brothers short . . . Al Goodman is forming an orchestra for a country-wide tour.