

Flood of Musicals Planned For Television This Season

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New York — The TV machine is stuffed with musical shows this season—11 new ones and seven holdovers. One of the big puzzles in the trade is how many will wind up victims of fallout.

"A lot of them aren't going to make it," said Polly Bergen with melancholy detachment. "A lot of people are going to be off. Personally, I wasn't too sure myself whether I wanted to do this show. And I haven't decided yet whether I was right in doing a series."

Miss Bergen, a 27-year-old export of Knoxville where she was issued as Nellie-Paulina Burgin is jockeying one of the new musical klatches 'an every-other week Saturday night affair on NBC-TV.

Busy At Home
"I didn't know whether I wanted to work this hard and then there were all my family responsibilities," explained Miss Bergen as to her skittishness in taking on a show. "I have a 10-year-old daughter (her husband's by a previous marriage) and a husband to take care of and an 11-room apartment to run."

"We do an awful lot of entertaining and in fact, when Dean Martin fell out as regular alternate to my series, they offered

me the full 26 weeks on NB and I turned it down. I didn't want to do it. It was just too much."

Miss Bergen, a fugitive from the movies and nightclubs, hit TV paydirt last season when she capered as Helen Morgan on a CBS-TV "Playhouse 90."

"My biggest problem this year was deciding whether I should take on my own show this season or be a sought-after guest. One of the biggest problems in the business is getting guests for shows."

Got The 'Berries'
"But, well, I felt I had reached a point in my career where if I was to ever have a show, now was the time. After that Morgan thing, I felt I was at a climactic point in my career. We felt we had to cash in now."

Her first show this fall was razzerbied by some of the critics, but Miss Bergen shrugged it off. She also shrugged off two of the three writers she hired for that first show.

"Believe me, when I say I didn't resent the reviews," said Miss Bergen. "On the day before the show everybody knew it was not falling together the way we had hoped it would. But it was the first show and nobody had the courage at the last moment to do anything about it."

"The critics were right. But I also felt that first shows should

not be reviewed. Nobody is ever at his best for a first show. Everybody is just too nervous. I know that when I did night clubs I always had a sore throat on opening night."

COMMUNIST RECOVERS

Berlin — East German Communist party secretary Walter Ulbricht reported today that East German President Wilhelm Pieck, 81, is recovering from a circulatory ailment that has been afflicting him since April. Pieck rarely has appeared in public since he suffered a stroke in 1953. Ulbricht said he visited the white-haired veteran Communist yesterday and found him improved.

Beauty Queen Sought Who Can Use Noodle

Chicago — The macaroni industry is looking for a beauty queen who can use her noodle. The National Macaroni Institute is searching colleges and universities for a reasonably attractive coed who has an "A" average or its equivalent in her studies.

The winner will be named the "Noodle Queen" Oct. 20 during National Macaroni week.

RETIRED NAVY MAN DIES

Yonkers, N. Y. — Capt. James E. Kiernan, 58, U.S.N. (ret.), a former naval architect and constructor who did supervisory work on the construction of several battleships, died yesterday.

Employment Up Over July Level

San Francisco — Wage and salary employment, excluding domestic and agricultural workers, in the Pacific Coast region increased by 52,900 over the July level to a total of 5,875,400 in mid-August, the Bureau of Labor statistics said today.

The bureau said the new total was an all-time high for the region.

California, with three-fourths of the area's employment, advanced by 48,400 to 4,543,100. Oregon added 5,200 for a total of 511,500 and Washington suffered a drop of 700 for a total of 821,300.

Cats and Dogs Will Be Included in Evacuations

Detroit — Ludwig Schomig, East Detroit civil defense director, ordered a revision of evacuation procedure after learning 800 families packed into cars and drove away from the suburb during a recent atomic raid drill — leaving their cats and dogs behind. "You could scarcely hear the all-clear sound with all those animals howling for their masters," Schomig explained. In the future cats and dogs will be included in all evacuations, he ruled.

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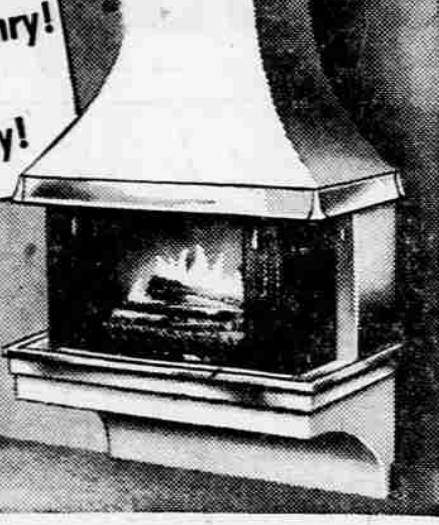


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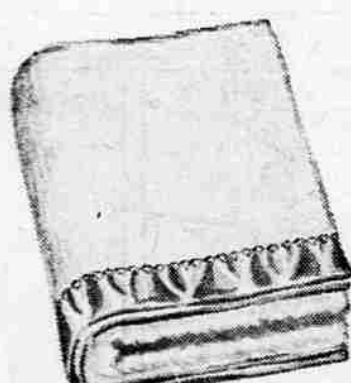
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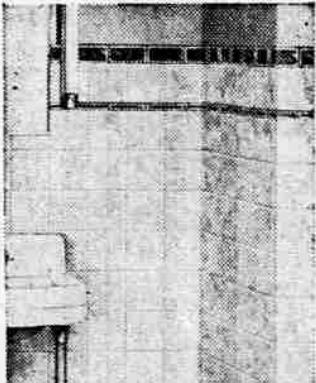
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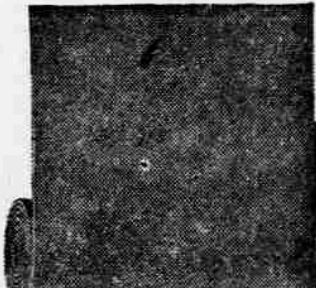
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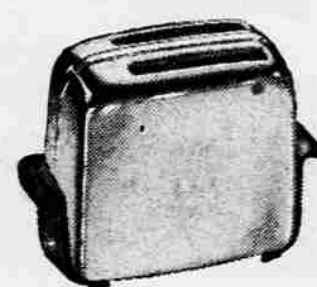
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