

Singer Ronnie Deauville of Lomita considers himself a lucky guy. Years ago when he was stricken with polio, doctors told him he'd never sing again.

his first recording since his illness, "It Wasn't Much of a Town," on the Era label. As a special salute to Ronnie, 3,000 of the nation's disc jockies will feature Deauville recordings, all day on December 28, Ronnie's birthday.

NBC-TV's "This Is Your Life." Jerry, who at one time appeared on a theater bill with Ronnie, was so moved by his story as told by Ralph Edwards, that he called Ronnie and signed him for the upcoming colorcast.

It's a little early for residents of Pasadena to start cocking an eye at the sky for signs of weather, since the day they're worried about is still a week away. In the absence of celestial omens and portents, they turn to science.

The city of Pasadena has a large stake in the weather on New Year's Day. That's the day of the annual Tournament of Roses, a floral pageant of surpassing beauty, and it is generally agreed that rain on this day is a Terrible Thing. There's nothing Pasadenaans can do to prevent the rain (there's at least one Pasadena firm, North American Weather Consultants, that makes rain for a living, but not in Pasadena on New Year's Day). But the citizens do like a little forewarning, if possible, and to that end they cock an ear at the long-range weather predictors.



RALPHS EMPLOYEES GET AWARDS: Some 3,600 Ralphs employees and escorts were guests of honor when Ralphs Grocery Company staged an award party last Monday at The Palladium, in Hollywood, followed by dancing to the music of Red Nichols orchestra, alternating with that of Sammy Weiss. In the year and three months since the first Ralphs Service Award party, when 10,068 years of service were honored with service pins, more seniority has been piled up by the employees of this 84-year-old pioneer grocery company, and 1,920 additional years of service were rewarded. In a special ceremony preceding

the dance, 792 men and women received awards as follows: silver-and-blue pins to 341 with two years of service; gold-and-red pins to 183 with five years; one-diamond pins to 183 with 10 years; two-diamond pins to 59 with 15 years; three-diamond pins to 15 with 20 years; four-diamond pins to 6 with 25 years; and five-diamond pins to five with 30 years of service. Eleven active employees who have already received the five-diamond pins for 30 years of service were given watches in honor of 35 years of service with Ralphs. Thirty honored employees who retired received valuable presents and thirty door prizes were given away.

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They are happy to report that the long-range prediction for January 1, 1958, the day of the 69th annual Tournament of Roses, is for fair weather. This prediction was made on CBS Television's Los Angeles station, KNXT, by Harry Geise, who got the word from Irving Krick Associates of Denver.

Dr. Krick, formerly head of the meteorological department at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, is a specialist in the use of statistical analysis of weather cycles and trends, and with the use of UNIVAC he and his associates have built a pretty good record of long-range weather guessing, a fact that comforts Pasadenaans.

ON PARADE ROUTE Another group which finds comfort in this prediction is the CBS Television crew that will man four cameras near the start of the five-mile parade route for CBS's broadcast of the pageant, along with Edgar Bergen, his wife Frances, and their friend Charlie McCarthy, who with announcer Bill Symes will describe the color and excitement of the Tournament (CBS Television, 8:30-10:30 a.m. PST, Wednesday, January 1).

"Bergen can take the rain," Charlie explains, "but I tend to warg." Even without this prediction, those who like to make book on the Pasadena weather for New Year's Day find the odds overwhelmingly against rain, on the basis of past performance. Only five Rose Parades have ever been rained upon, according to old-timers, since 1890 when the Tournament started. Statistically this would indicate odds of about 14 to 1 against rain, prohibitive to any but the most ardent long-shot betters.

The most recent rain was in 1955 (a steady drizzle that only really opened up after the parade was over); the one before that was in 1934, when it came down in torrents and the cold turned thinly-clad maidens riding the parade floats a vivid blue. The other three rainy New Year's Days in Pasadena are lost in antiquity.

But whatever the prospects for January 1, 1958, at-home parade buffs can be sure of watching (on CBS Television) in dry comfort.

Jazz Greats To Play on All-Star Show Louis Armstrong and his All Stars, will demonstrate some of the jazz which set Latin America to tapping its feet when he swings into "Sleepytime Down South" on the "Times All-Star Jazz Show" on NBC-TV, Monday, December 30 at 10-11 p.m.

Serving forth its annual holiday fare, NBC will offer coverage of Midnight Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, a devotional service in Washington Cathedral in the nation's capital, and a new production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" as features of its Christmas schedule.

A concert by Fred Waring and The Pennsylvanians, with the famous glee club and soloists will be among the other seasonal observances.

Henry Van Dyke's Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," has been adapted for presentation on "Kraft Television Theater," in color, and a repeat showing of last year's holiday play, "Three and Two, Please," based on actual incidents in the life of a hospital nun, will be "The Loretta Young Show" bill.

At 12 midnight the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City will be shown. The Most Rev. Joseph F. Flannelly, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, will celebrate the Midnight Mass.

Jack Benny Goes to the Rose Bowl will be the title of the CBS television "Jack Benny Show," presented "live" from Hollywood, Sunday, December 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Jack and Rochester (Eddie Anderson) are taking the decorations from their Christmas tree when Jack recalls the time he took a girl to the football classic on January 1.

The program goes into a flashback and the viewer is allowed to watch the experiences of Jack, who in normal Benny fashion has trouble with the ticket taker, the ushers, the hot dog salesman, and even the football players themselves.

Don Wilson and other members of the Benny gang will be on hand to lend to the fun and confusion.

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To Interview John L. Lewis John L. Lewis, pioneer labor organizer and United Mine Workers' leader, will be interviewed by NBC News commentator Martin Agronsky on NBC-TV's "Look Here," originating live in Washington Sunday, January 5 at 12:30 p.m.

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