

NETWORK ADDS SEVEN SHOWS

Burnett, Foxx Lead New CBS Lineup

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CBS YESTERDAY SAID it would add five hours of new shows, including a variety program starring Carol Burnett, to its 1991 fall schedule.

As expected, the network left Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights intact. However, Friday, a troubled night for CBS, will feature four new shows.

The Wednesday schedule will include an Eddie Murphy-produced show, "The Royal Family," starring Redd Foxx and Della Reese. This marks Foxx' first series since his short-lived 1986 ABC sitcom. It's about an Atlanta mailman and his wife who are planning to retire when family from Philadelphia moves in.

Despite big changes on Friday, CBS' tinkering was relatively modest. Executives yesterday said the primary building blocks of the schedule were already in place, and that the new additions would propel the network past ABC and NBC in the prime-time ratings race next year.

"I think we have the schedule and the pieces to be number one next year, and I'll be disappointed if we're not," said Jeff Sagansky, president of CBS Entertainment. "Next year, we're in position to take it all."

CBS slightly increased its prime-time ratings last season, while ABC and NBC lost viewers from the previous season. In a tight race, CBS finished second last season.

The CBS fall 1991-92 schedule:

Monday: No changes. "Evening Shade" returns at 8 p.m., followed by "Major Dad" (8:30), "Murphy Brown" (9), "Designing Women" (9:30) and "Northern Exposure" (10).

Tuesday: No changes. "Rescue 911" (8) and "The CBS Tuesday Movie" (9-11).

Wednesday: "The Royal Family" (8); "Teech" (8:30), about a black music teacher who gets a job at an all-white boys school; "Jake and the Fat Man"



Redd Foxx stars in 'The Royal Family,' and Carol Burnett returns to television with her variety show.



returns at 9, followed by "48 Hours" at 10.

Thursday: "Top Cops" returns as an hour-long show at 8, followed by "The Trials of Rosie O'Neill" at 9 and "Knots Landing" at 10.

Friday: The new "Princesses" (8), about three women sharing a penthouse apartment in New York, stars Julie Hagerty, Fran Drescher and Twiggy; the new "Brooklyn Bridge" (8:30) is a Gary David Goldberg-produced "comedy-drama" set in Brooklyn in 1956, about a family "and an era when neighborhood streets were safe," according to a CBS news release; "The Carol Burnett Show" (9), a comedy variety show, is in the tradition of her 1967-78 CBS show; "Palace

Guard" (10), starring D.W. Moffett, is about an ex-con who becomes a security guard for a resort chain.

Saturday: In an unusual move, CBS moved the CBS "Saturday Movie" up one hour to begin at 8. The night concludes with a new show, "P.S. I Luv U" (10), a comedy-drama about a con artist (Connie Sellecca) who's forced to join the witness protection program, move to Palm Springs and fight the temptation to lapse back into a life of scamming.

Sunday: The night remains the same. "60 Minutes" (7) returns for a 24th season, followed by "Murder, She Wrote" (8), and the CBS "Sunday Movie" (9-11). / ■

SHE PLANNED FREE PERFORMANCE

Martha Graham's Final 'Gift'

THE MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY will give a free public performance at City Center Monday, June 3, at 5 p.m. of works by Graham, who died April 1 at the age of 96.

Although Graham was adamantly opposed to a funeral, Ron Protas, the company's general manager and associate artistic director, said she planned the program with him several years ago, after making out her will.

Protas said Graham termed the performance of four of her works "a gift to my friends and audience." Current Graham company dancers will perform her last work, "Maple Leaf Rag" (October, 1990); "Acts of Light" (1951), "Errand Into the Maze" (1947) and "Primitive Mysteries" (1931).

Protas said he substituted "Maple Leaf Rag" for "Night Journey," not in the company's current repertoire, because he felt it was important to have her final work included in the program.

Reserved-seat tickets will be distributed at the City Center Box Office, 135 W. 55th St., from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A limited number of seats will be available after noon on June 3. For information, call 581-7907. Chase Manhattan and a number of private individuals are sponsors.

— Janice Berman



Martha Graham, in a photograph taken in 1984

SUNDAY TV NEWS SHOWS

Sunday Morning (WCBS / 2, 9 a.m.): Resources and funds dedicated to cancer research; jazz saxophonist Bobby Watson; Arlington National Cemetery.

Sunday Today (WNBC / 4, 9 a.m.): Diane Carlson Evans' one-woman efforts to create a Vietnam women's veterans memorial in Washington; and conservation efforts off the Honduran coast.

This Week with David Brinkley (WABC / 7, 10 a.m. this Sunday only): "Free Trade with Mexico?" Guests: U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills and Sen. Don Riegle (R-Mich.).

Meet the Press (WNBC / 4, 10:30 a.m.): "Transportation Today and Tomorrow," with Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner.

60 Minutes (WCBS / 2, 7 p.m.): The federal government's position on health hazards for its nuclear weapons plants' employees; repeat segments on a college course about the Vietnam war; on former White House press secretary James Brady and his wife, Sarah, who are determined gun-control advocates.

Expose (WNBC / 4, 8 p.m.): Repeats of pieces on Michael Franzese, better known as the "Mafia Prince," and on killers who stalk street kids in Brazil.

Real Life with Jane Pauley (WNBC / 4, 8:30 p.m.): Repeats about the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP), in which crime victims, with the aid of a mediator, come face-to-face with the offenders; and on people who have chosen to take vacations with purpose and adventure. / ■