

# Burly Alan Hale Has Role Of Cupid In Comedy Show

Alan Hale, burly cinema mug, is gonna play Cupid. This unique bit of casting will take place right before listeners ears, Thursday (WEAF, 9:30 p. m., EWT), when Hale visits "Joan Davis' Village Store," which Edward Everett Horton is managing for the summer.

The story line will find Hale coming to town to establish a health center. No mean salesman, he sells Horton a course guaranteed to make him attractive to Penny Cartwright, the village belle. At the same time he sells Blossom Blimp a reducing course to make her more attractive to Horton. And in the role as Cupid, Hale finds that playing both ends against the middle might be all right for some people, but mighty dangerous when you're caught in the middle yourself.

Peter Lorre stars as a gambler who acquires title to an up-and-coming prize fighter, only to lose him in a dice game, on the eve of the boxer's decision to retire from the ring, in "Of Maestro and Men," an unusual story of "Suspense," Thursday, at 8 p. m., over WABC. Richard Conte plays an important role in this unusual story of the deadly plan the gambler-manager evolves to save himself from the consequences of his inability to pay his debt.

Mr. Crosby and Mr. Mercer will get together again when the Groaner visits the songwriter's "Music Shop" program Thursday heard over WEAF at 7 p. m., EWT. One of their most successful past meetings resulted in "Mr. Crosby and Mr. Mercer"—recording fashioned after an old Gallagher and Shean tune.

# MORTAR CREW SCORES HIT ON LOG FROM 1500 YARDS

WITH THE AMERICAN DIVISION AT BOUGAINVILLE, July 20 (UP)—Stories of remarkably accurate U. S. mortar fire frequent, but here's one for the books!

The Japanese were beating a hasty retreat, following the collapse of their suicidal attack on the American perimeter. Arriving at a river crossing too swift to be forded, they felled a large tree across the gap and frenziedly began to cross.

Fifteen hundred yards back, Lt. Clayton Kingston of Pillsbury, N. D., computed his data from OP's, and gave the fire order to one mortar section at a time, in order to "zero in" better on his target.

Kingston's OP called back: "They're scattering, but some are still crossing on that damned log."

Then it happened. With a resounding "WHOOOOOM!" a mortar shell scored a direct hit on the narrow bridge, from that incredible 1500-yard range. And it was round No. 13!

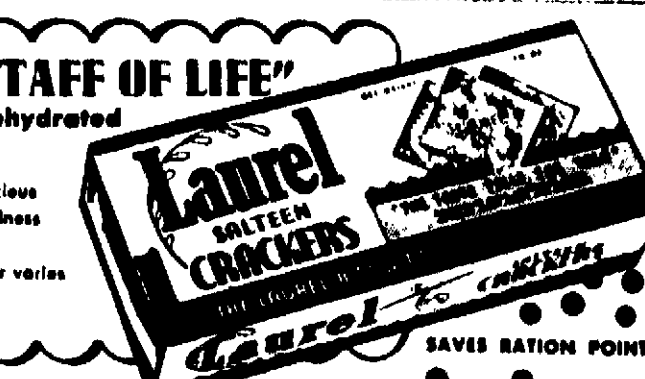
Result: Less Japanese to worry about.

**CITY PARK FOR 'IKE'**  
**ABILENE, Kan., July 20**—(UP)—The city park here has officially been designated "General Eisenhower Park," the city commissioners announced recently. Abilene is the General's home town.

**THIEVES ARE MUSICAL BENT**  
**TACOMA, Wash., July 20**—(UP)—Sneak thieves had a busy if unprofitable week-end in Tacoma recently. Listed among the most music-loving burglars tenderly removed from a house. Another prowl — tempering his musical prowl with a strong thirst — made off with three cases of beer and a banjo.

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**QUEEN BEE UPSETS RULES**  
**BRAZIL, Ind., July 20**—(UP)—Bee experts in the Brazil area were excited over a queen bee who led her swarm to an empty stand in Harry Elkins' Bowling Green orchard and took residence. They said it was a biving procedure that happens once in 500,000 times.

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**Democratic Convention**  
 (Times Approximate)  
 1:00—Live session—All networks  
 10:00—Night session—All networks  
 (Note: Above schedule tentative and subject to change or addition. Length of broadcast reversed by preceding program. Program is not subject to last-minute cancellation for convention.)

5:30—Just Plain Bill, Dramatic—the Navy School of Music Concert—cha The Jack Armstrong Serial—blu-west To Be Announced (15 m.)—other blu Tom Mix, Cowboy Serial—mbs-base 6:15—Front Page Farrell Serial—blu W Address Book, Serial Serial—mbs-base The Sea, Serial—blu-west 6:30—Duck Tracy, Serial—blu-west 6:45—News Report for 15 mins.—a Edition 31 mins. of News—mbs-base Dancing Music Orchestra—blu-west Hop Harrigan, Serial—blu-west 7:00—Repeat of the Top Gun—blu-west 7:15—Prayer, Comment on—Waltz—mbs 7:30—Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Serial—blu 7:45—Repeat of the Top Gun—blu-west 8:00—To Be Announced (15 m.)—mbs-east 8:15—Jack Armstrong's Serial—blu-west 8:30—Vixen, Serial—blu-west 8:45—Tom Mix Serial Report—mbs-base 9:00—Lowell Thomas & News—mbs-east 9:15—World News and Commentaries—mbs Henry J. Commentaries—mbs-east The Sea, Serial—blu-west 9:30—Repeat of Kidder's Serial—mbs-west 9:45—News, Music, Serial—mbs-east 10:00—World War via Broadcast—blu John Nesbitt's Passing Parade—blu Volney Howl, in repeat—mbs-east 10:15—Gracie Chan, Drama—mbs-base 10:30—The Great Gatsby—mbs-east 10:45—Dancing Music Orchestra—blu-west 11:00—Murder, Safety Drama—blu Action, Serial—blu-west 11:15—Kaltenborn Comment—mbs-east Chester Bowles Talk on OPA—blu Dance Orchestra (15 mins.)—mbs-east 11:30—Those We Love, Dramatic—the Suspense, Mystery Drama Show—blu Broadcast of the 4th—mbs-east 11:45—Frank Sinatra, News—mbs-east Arthur Hale with repeat—other mbs 12:00—Lum and Abner Serial—blu Nick Carter Detective Serial—mbs 12:30—To Be Announced (30 m.)—mbs 12:45—Wash. Valley Days Drama—mbs-base The Jamboree from Dixie—mbs-Dixie America Town Meeting Forum—blu Human Adventure, Drama—mbs 1:15—Five Minutes News Period—mbs 1:30—Bing Crosby's Music Hall—blu Major Forces, Adventure Show—mbs Gabriel Heatter and Comment—mbs 9:15—Screen Test, Professionals—mbs 9:20—P. Horton Variety—mbs-base Charlie Chan in repeat—other mbs Corlies Archer, Dramatic Series—mbs Spotlight Review, Guest Orchest—blu Starlight Serenade by Antonio—mbs 1:45—Five Minutes Story Teller—blu 10:00—Democratic Convention, II Network (Time approximate)

11:00—News for 15 minutes—mbs-base The Music Show, Drama—mbs-east News, Variety, Dance 2 h.—mbs & blu Newswell, Dance Orchest. (3 h.)—mbs 11:15—Variety Shows With News—mbs

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