

Gazzi Becomes The Person You Didn't Expect To Meet

Allen Art Players To Present Drama Of Western Cowboys; Collector Of Handcuffs Appears On Hobby Program

Lost, strayed or stolen: one Tony Gazzi, an itinerant boot-black who was to have been interviewed as Fred Allen's "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet" on Town Hall Tonight last Wednesday evening. Gazzi just didn't show up for the broadcast and therein lies a story.

Tony was unearthed originally by "Uncle Jim" Harkins, ex-vaudeville trouper who acts as Fred's right hand man in digging up interviews, and was supposed to appear first at rehearsal on Monday. He didn't show up then—the first time such a thing has happened—and Uncle Jim promptly solicited the aid of the Missing Persons bureau of the New York Police department.

A police alarm was sent out, and thruout the day Monday, Italian bootblacks—some 25 of them—were rounded up in Bowery lodging houses, street corners, bars and pool rooms, but none of them turned out to be the right one. Finally, Gazzi turned up on Tuesday of his own accord, and all was forgiven. A special rehearsal was held and he promised faithfully to be on hand Wednesday afternoon for the dress rehearsal.

Fred Allen and his Mighty Allen Art Players will present a dramatic opus of the up-to-date west titled "The Cowboy and the Lady" and based slightly on the motion picture of the same name, Wednesday, at 9:00 p. m., over WEAf.

Allen will take the part of the cowboy, portrayed in the picture by Gary Cooper, while the lady might be anybody. Harry von Zell will be cast as Big Chief Ruba Dub Dub, who also likes the ladies.

Also on hand for the hour-long program of fun and frolic will be Portland Hoffa, the Merry Macs swing quartet featuring Helen Carroll, the Town Hall Singers directed by Lyn Murray, Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadours, and a "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet"—one Richard Hall, bird seed salesman.

E. A. Lockman, of Chicago, Ill., who collects handcuffs and leg-irons from all parts of the world will be a guest on Dave Elman's Hobby Lobby Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ.

Among others with an unusual spare time activities who will be interviewed by Elman are John Buss, of East Liberty, Pa., who makes home-made musical instruments, and Mrs. Bessie Edgecomb, champion hog-and-husband caller of Utica, Ill. There will be other guests in addition who will come from all walks of life and all parts of the country to be interviewed on their hobbies.

Lockman owns ancient and medieval as well as modern handcuffs and leg-irons that have been used in England, Germany, France, China, and Africa. Included are

BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

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- 7:30—Ask It Basket. WABC.
- 8:00 — One Man's Family. WEAf.
- 8:00—Gang Busters. WABC.
- 8:30—Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. WEAf.
- 8:30—Paul Whiteman and Band. WABC.
- 8:30—Dave Elman. Hobby Lobby. WJZ.
- 9:00—Fred Allen in Town Hall. WEAf.
- 9:00—Theatre of Stars. WABC.
- 10:00 — Kay Kyser's Class. WEAf.

some from the famous Old Bailey prison in London. From China he has a pair of famous thumb cuffs.

The Pied Pipers, swing singing octet introduced on Tommy Dorsey's WJZ program December 28, again will be the orchestra leader's guests on the program Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

Dorsey, while on tour last summer, met the group of seven boys and a girl at a party in Hollywood. He was so impressed by the orchestral pattern of their singing arrangements that he invited them to appear as his guests in New York as soon as their motion picture work permitted.

Dr. Frank Black will dedicate his "Magic Key" program over WJZ Sunday, Jan. 8 to an observance of the 75th anniversary of the death of Stephen Foster, famous American composer.

Phil Baker and his new band-leader, Eddie De Lange, are now working on a theme song for Baker's new program which starts on CBS Jan. 14. Both are well known as composers, Baker having written such tunes as "Strange Interlude," and "My Heaven On Earth," while De Lange authored "Solitude," "Moonglow" and "Haunt-