

Story Of Printer Who Made His Own News Will Be Told

Old Ranger Has Yarn Of 1849 Gold Rush Set For Friday Night; Favorite Melodies To Be Featured By Lyman

The story of a newspaper printer whose own actions usually made front page news, will be told by the Old Ranger during the Death Valley Days program Friday, at 9:30 p. m. over WEAJ. Alex Hunt, nephew of former Governor Hunt of New York, worked as a printer on The Nevada Democrat in the days immediately following the gold rush in 1849. He slept in a coffin, used a town minstrel show as a private serenade, and, repulsed by the circus girl he loved, tried to commit suicide by shooting his own daguerreotype. When Editor Tallman Rolf found his front page a trifle tame, Alex usually could be expected to make news which no one else could equal.

Favorite melodies in three-quarter time will be sung by Frank Munn, tenor, and played by Abe Lyman and his orchestra, during the broadcast of Waltz Time Friday at 9 p. m. over WEAJ. Choral arrangements will be sung by the Waltz Time Chorus.

Seldom does the record of Sing Sing prison show facts of a case as hopeless as the one Warden Lewis E. Lawes will dramatize on his Criminal Case Histories program Friday, at 8 p. m. over WJZ. Without rule, every prisoner that has been unfortunate enough to spend time within the walls of the renowned prison has, in his make-up some glimmer of a "chance" . . . some opportunity to redeem himself. However, this case history, number 954-729, says . . . "I am one of the youngest prisoners ever to be in the death house at Sing Sing. That's what saved me . . . being so young I was commuted to life imprisonment ten years ago. I wonder how many people outside realize how long a year is . . . when you're in prison. And here I am twenty-six years old — doomed to be locked up for the rest of my natural life. Maybe it would have been better if they'd sent me to the chair."

This case history is pitiful and, as Warden Lewis E. Lawes stated when asked about the situation, . . . "Pitiful and hopeless. But this case was hopeless long before he came to Sing Sing. He was born into a hopeless home, grew up in hopeless surroundings and became a hopeless problem early in his adolescence."

FRIDAY BEST BETS

P. M.

- 7:30—Jack Haley and Ted Fio Rito, WABC.
8:00—First Nighter Drama, WABC.
8:00—Warden Lawes Dramatic, WJZ.
8:30—Burns and Allen, WABC
9:00—Abe Lyman and Orchestra WEAJ.
9:00 — Orson Welles Play, WABC.
9:30 — Death Valley Days, WEAJ
10:00—Guy Lombardo WEAJ.

With a clanking of chains and a creaking of doors, Jack Haley will go on the air over WABC Friday, at 7:30 p. m. In honor of the day of hexes and bad luck, Jack Haley and his cast will creep eerily thru a skit entitled "The Haunted House." The beleaguered ghost will probably be Arty Auerbach, the dialectician. If he's not, "Vel, — could be!" Lucille Ball will assist Haley in the spook sketch and Virginia Verrill will sing two songs assisted by Ted Fio Rito and his orchestra, and the chorus.

Now that the open season is on for critics awards, Gracie Allen has turned critic — she can turn anything she likes, just like that — and compiled her own list of "Bests." She will reveal it with pomp and fanfare on her WABC radio show Friday, at 8:30 p. m. The fact that the day is Friday