

# MacMurray And Goddard In Newspaper Story On Radio

Stars Play Rival Reporters In Hilarious Tale; Pomona Glee Club To Sing With Al Pearce

Fred MacMurray and Paulette Goddard are the stars of "Front Page Woman" in the Radio Theatre Monday, with Roscoe Karns in the supporting cast of the play to be broadcast over WABC at 9 p. m. Cecil B. DeMille directs the production.

MacMurray as Curt Devlin and Paulette Goddard as Ellen Garfield are reporters for rival newspapers. Since both cover the police beat their rivalry is an everyday affair. It all began when the two were assigned to an execution and Ellen fainted. Curt wired identical stories to his own paper and hers which turned out to be pretty embarrassing to the publishers.

Fires, missing persons, murders — and eventually a big "beat" on a jury decision, form the background for the romantic comedy drama "Front Page Woman" with MacMurray and Miss Goddard in the leading roles. The climax involves an amusing trick by which Devlin outwits his feminine rival by persuading her that the jury decision is just the opposite of what it really is.

The Pomona College Glee club, national intercollegiate champion and also Pacific Southwest champion group for twelve years, will be featured in a guest appearance on the Al Pearce program Monday on WEAJ from 8 to 8:30 p. m. The club will sing a special arrangement of "Night and Day."

Pearce and his Gang will be occupied for the evening in satirizing American interest in yellow journalism, as they turn editors and present "Newspaper Night."

There's a bit of a scramble about who will have which position, but the present indications are that Pearce will be managing editor; Tizzie Lish will write the Advice to the Lovelorn; Elmer Blurt is business and financial editor; Arlene Harris writes the "How to Train Children" column; John Conte has fun holding down the photo desk, and gives the readers plenty of "cheesecake" art; Carl Hoff is music editor, and with his orchestra — the Copyreader Wildcats — will cut Caslon capers to round out the musical portion of the program.

Boris Karloff, cinema's No. 1 horror man, will match faces with the Mad Russian when he guests on Eddie Cantor's broadcast from Hollywood, Monday over WABC at 7:30 p. m. "Frankenstein" Karloff will be quizzed by the Russian. Cantor will do the refereeing and Mr. Guffey will heckle everyone.

Margaret Speaks will be presented in her second January concert on the Voice of Firestone program over WEAJ Monday at 8:30 p. m., singing with the seventy-piece Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Wallenstein. After two more concerts with Richard Crooks as soloist, Miss Speaks will return for the program Feb. 6.

The gifted soprano will be heard in four numbers, Ardit's "Il Bacio," "Estrellita," Oscar Strauss' "While Hearts Are Singing" and "Un bel di vedremo," from Puccini's opera, "Madame Butterfly." The orchestral numbers will include the Overture to Offenbach's

## BEST BETS MONDAY

### P. M.

- 7:30—Eddie Cantor, WABC.
- 8:00—Al Pearce and His Gang, WEAJ.
- 8:00—The Cavalcade of America, WABC.
- 8:30—Pick and Pat Minstrels, WABC.
- 9:00—Phil Spitalny Girls, WEAJ.
- 9:00—Radio Theatre, WABC.
- 9:30—Eddy Duchin Orchestra, WEAJ.
- 10:00—Guy Lombardo, WABC.

"Orpheus; "Czardas," from Delibes "Coppelia," and Sibelius' "Valse Triste."

Lum and Abner, discovering that sitting on cracker barrels is not conducive to building bigger and better biceps, will look into the possibilities of organizing a YMCA in Pine Ridge during their broadcasts over WABC Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:15 p. m.

Their interest in physical well-being extends beyond themselves. Each of the kindly storekeepers feels that the young people of the community are drinking too many chocolate sodas and thinks a course in gymnastics might have a regenerating influence even to bringing them back to good wholesome drinking water.

Lum and Abner have not had a decent place to work off steam since Aunt Charity made Grandpa plant radishes in the horse-shoe pits. They realize that raising funds for a clubhouse will require a mite more time than clearing the stubble off the Squire's south forty for a baseball diamond, but think the effort will be worth it.

America's town meeting, which ran over ten minutes in its last broadcast to give more time to the question "do we have a free press?" turns next to "is America menaced by foreign propaganda?"

That will come up Thursday night on WJZ when the speakers are Morris L. Ernst, attorney; Channing Pollock, playwright; Earl Browder of the Communist party, and Prof. J. B. Mathews, Dies committee witness.

The free press session, in which Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and Frank E. Gannett spoke, developed into one of the liveliest broadcasts of the series so far this season.