

# Mighty Allen Art Players To Do Drama Of Briny Deep

Captain Half-Fried Fred At Helm Of S. S. Moronic; Dorsey Brothers Will Unite In Unique Program

Fred Allen, who doesn't know a keel from halyard, will take his Mighty Allen Art Players rolling over the briny deep in a sea-going drama, "Salt on Ham" or "Who Killed Hollywood's Darling?" during the Town Hall Tonight broadcast over WEAF, Wednesday at 9 p. m.

The Yankee funster, who used to watch the garbage scows afloat off Boston's Back Bay, will cast himself as Captain Half-Fried Allen, skipper of the palatial transatlantic liner, S. S. Moronic. The ship is so swank that passengers must get passports to get from one deck to the other and be accompanied by two brokers and three bankers to go aboard.

Captain Allen is rolling along in the teeth of a gale, trying to revolutionize naval life by spitting into the wind and minding his own business when that great matinee idol of the screen, Tyrone Prettyboy is found murdered in his press notices. The skipper, who never has failed to solve a mystery yet, except his income tax blanks, brings the culprit to justice just in time to save the ship's concert.

Before going to sea, Fred will take a microphonic cab ride by interviewing Marie V. Payne, one of New York's seven licensed lady taxi-drivers, as the weekly "Person-You-Didn't-Expect-to-Meet."

Tommy Dorsey will go in for guest stars in a big way during his WEAF program Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m. He will have his brother, Jimmy Dorsey, and Jimmy's entire band, in the studio.

Jimmy will lead his orchestra in some of its best known arrangements and Tommy's orchestra will follow up with "Marie." Then the two orchestras will join in a revival of one of the most outstanding tunes recorded by the original Dorsey Brothers' orchestra, "Honeysuckle Rose." The brothers also will be heard as soloists, Jimmy with his clarinet and Tommy with his trombone.

A homecoming celebration for the "Mayor" is planned for Wednesday when Eddie Cantor returns to his old sponsors' haunts for one evening as guest emcee of Star theatre, via WABC at 9 p. m. The portable microphone which Cantor introduced on his own program this week will serve him to good advantage with his Star theatre assignment, for according to producer Bill Bacher's plans, the pop-eyed little comedian will be all over the stage—chatting with members of the cast, Charlie Ruggles, Frances Langford and Kenny Baker, David Broekman, Jimmy Wallington, and mount-voiced Ned Sparks, singing a song he has written especially for the occasion, and whipping thru a comedy spot with own stooge, Mr. Guffy.

An hour full of stars will come to the microphones of the three coast to coast networks next Sunday night for a special broadcast starting at 11 o'clock. The occasion is the annual "march of dimes" campaign for the national foundation for infantile paralysis.

Nearly everybody who has something to do with radio entertainment will be in the program as it is put on from Hollywood and New York. Among them will be Jack Benny, Lanny Ross, Fred Allen, Burns and Allen, Eddie Cantor, Orson Welles,

## TOP TUNING WEDNESDAY

**P. M.**

- 7:30—Ask It Basket, WARC.
- 7:30—Horace Heidt's Brigadiers, WJZ.
- 8:00 — One Man's Family, WEAF.
- 8:00—Gang Busters, WARC.
- 8:30—Tommy Dorsey, WEAF.
- 8:30—Paul Whiteman, WABC.
- 9:00—Theatre of Stars, WABC.
- 9:00—Fred Allen in Town Hall, WEAF.
- 10:00 — Kay Kyser's Class, WEAF.

Major Bowes, Amos and Andy. Television's latest demonstration, the pickup of a visual program from a Rockefeller Center restaurant as well as an outdoor skating rink, indicated that remote control picture broadcasting would need a lot more apparatus than is the case with sound.

While the reproduced signals were excellent, microphone and electric camera weren't the only requirements for the broadcast. Bank after bank of flood lights were needed both indoors and out.

That baby son of Clifford's who has been taking the spotlight from everybody else in "One Man's Family," goes into the background in the chapter to be broadcast Wednesday. This time it's Claudia around whom the action centers and the title of this chapter of the serial which will be broadcast over WEAF at 8 p. m. is "Claudia Spends the Day in Bed."

Claudia is sick, but not very sick, so the tone of the episode is light comedy and during the course of the day all the other Barbour's drift in and out of her room. Joan, Claudia's little daughter, is featured in the one big scene and this brings Eleanor Taylor, six-year-old actress, back into the cast.

Hobbyists who fry eggs with liquid air, collect toothpicks dating back thousands of years, gather information on bustles, and collect autographs of movie stars on the sides of jello-pops will be featured on Dave Elman's "Hobby Lobby" in its broadcast over WJZ Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m.

Clarence L. Rivers of Elizabeth, N. J., will bring his liquid air equipment to the studio and per-