

Animal Sound Imitator To Be Guest On Allen Program

Bradley Barker Is "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet;" Mathematical Genius To Compete With Machine

Bradley Barker, one of radio's great unsung, who for more than a decade has been imitating animals on as many as 15 radio programs a week, will demonstrate his unusual vocal wares as Fred Allen's "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet" Wednesday at 9 p. m. over WEAf.

Barker's name is never heard on the air, but in squeak and roar he has imitated everything from a fly to an elephant. A hungry dinosaur roaming prehistoric plains, an affectionate hippopotamus, a bearded vulture—they're all in the day's work.

Off days Barker spends at the zoo, brushing up on animal sounds. He waits until he gets home to practice, however. One day the actor unthinkingly put on his imitation of a raging lion in the park. Before he was thru he had created a near panic and was locked up for 24 hours before finding anyone to identify him.

Professor S. I. Krieger, mathematical wizard, who holds a letter from Albert Einstein terming him one of the great mathematical minds of today, will race an adding machine on Dave Elman's "Hobby Lobby" Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ.

Professor Krieger will stand at the microphone. Beside him will sit a competent adding machine and comptometer operator. Dave Elman will give them complicated problems in addition, subtraction, long division and multiplication, and it will be man against machine.

Also on the program will be Robert MacGimsey, composer of "Shadrak, Meshak and Abednego," whose hobby is whistling in three part harmony; Miss Mamie Volpe, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who devotes her spare time to the history of cookies; and Mrs. B. Henderson of New York with "Singing Susie," a parrot she has taught not only to talk, but to sing and to blow a bugle for relaxation.

Ever stop to think how much you actually know about our government? Well, now is as good a time as any to brush up your knowledge, especially if you want to be 100% correct on the specialty round of Jim McWilliams' Ask-It Basket Wednesday. A basket of questions about congress and the capitol will be included in the five or six rounds of the lively quest for interesting information over WABC at 7:30 p. m.

General Hugh Johnson will be on hand as a special guest when Gang Busters trains its famous machine guns on one of the most vicious public enemies now at large — infantile paralysis — Wednesday at 8 p. m. over WABC. General Johnson is chairman of the Greater New York Committee for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who interviews police officers connected with crime cases, each Wednesday, will interview a prominent medical man who specializes in infantile paralysis cases on this special broadcast.

Tommy Dorsey, his trombone and his band of strolling swingers will begin their first overland tour of 1939 with a theatre

BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

P. M.

- 7:30—Ask-It-Basket, WABC.
- 7:30—Horace Heidt's Brigadiers, WJZ.
- 8:00 — One Man's Family, WEAf.
- 8:00—Gang Busters, WABC.
- 8:30—Tommy Dorsey, WEAf.
- 8:30—Paul Whiteman, WABC.
- 9:00—Fred Allen in Town Hall, WEAf.
- 10:00—Joe Louis vs. John Lewis.

appearance in Newark, N. J., for the WEAf broadcast Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m. Nearly 3,000 swing fans will pack the Shubert theatre for the occasion.

The Dorsey tours last year took the popular band from coast to coast, capacity audiences everywhere greeting the radio professionals and their amateur swingers in local contests. On one of the tours, Dorsey was made a "Doctor of Swing" at the University of Buffalo's May Queen ceremonies, in recognition of the trombone master's efforts to "sweeten swing."

Paul Whiteman and his orchestra will feature the new song sensation, "Umbrella Man" Wednesday over WABC at 8:30 p. m. Joan Edwards sings "After Looking At You." and "Far Away." The Four Modernaires will contribute "Cuckoo Clock." Clark Dennis, Whiteman's new tenor, will be heard in "Deep Purple" and the Sax Sockette fill in with old favorite, "My Melancholy Baby."

Ken Murray, Parkyakarkus and Reginald Gardner, who will be remembered for his spectacular performance in "Broadway Melody," will be added to the star-studded cast of the Star theatre, Wednesday over WABC at 9 p. m. Gardner will head a stellar cast in an original Ashmead Scott radio play entitled "One and One Are Three." Parkyakarkus tangles with Horatio, the Parrot, while Ken Murray—guest emcee—attempts to preserve the peace. Frances Langford features a special arrangement of "F. D. R. Jones." Kenny Baker lifts his voice in a Negro spiritual and the chorus and David Brockman's orchestra will fill out the musical portion of the bill.