

# Piano Tuner Is Engaged To Do Job On Allen's Larynx

## Nasal-Voiced Comedian Will Take Fling At Grand Opera; Great Talent Scheduled For "Hobby Lobby"

Fred Allen, whose nasal drawl has been off key since Hector was a pup, will enlist the aid of NBC's official piano tuner, Herman F. Krausser, to get his larynx in shape for a fling at grand opera during the Town Hall Tonight broadcast over WEAF Wednesday, at 9 p. m.

The Yankee juggler had intended warbling an aria or two in an operatic travesty last week, but had overstrained his tonsils spitting expletives at that great concert violinist, Jack Benny, and found it necessary to call in the piano tuner to get in proper shape.

For the last nine years Krausser has played nurse to more than three dozen grand pianos in the NBC's Radio City studios, keeping them in tune for concert stars, swing addicts and comedians. Appearing on Allen's program as the "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet" will greatly upset the instrument adjuster's living routine as customarily he works only between 1 and 6 a. m., when the studios are not in use.

What might happen if he plied his trade during the broadcast hours was demonstrated during Fred's dress rehearsal last week. Krausser was called in to pose for photographs with his host. He demonstrated his skill and then Fred tried tuning up the studio piano. Quicker than Jack Benny could say "The Bee," the instrument was out of tune, and rehearsal was held up 15 minutes while Krausser remedied the Allen faux pas.

Dr. T. K. Peters, of Oglethorpe university, Georgia, director of the famed "Crypt of Civilization," will head the list of guests to be interviewed on Dave Elman's "Hobby Lobby" Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ.

Also on hand to tell of what they do with their spare time will be Oliver Steele, of Birmingham, Ala., who collects antique cameos, and Louis Elder Steiner, of Salome, Ariz., whose hobby is writing odes to the beauty of cactus and sand. When she went to live in the west, the poet hated the dust of the desert, but now

### BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

- P. M.**
- 7:30—Ask It Basket, WABC.
  - 8:00 — One Man's Family, WEAF.
  - 8:30 Gang Busters, WABC.
  - 8:30 — Dave Elman's Hobby Lobby, WJZ.
  - 8:30 — Paul Whiteman Band, WABC.
  - 9:00—Fred Allen Town Hall, WEAF.
  - 9:00—Theatre of Stars, WABC.
  - 10:00 — Kay Kyser's Class, WEAF.

spends her spare time extolling it in sonnets and verse.

Hoagy Carmichael, blues composer who has written some of Tin Pan Alley's most poignant and appealing ballads, will be Tommy Dorsey's guest on Wednesday night on WEAF at 8 p. m. Tommy will dedicate the whole broadcast to the playing of Carmichael's music, with the exception of one tune.

The song that will not be from the Carmichael pen is "Davenport Blues," written by the celebrated "young man with a horn," Bix Beiderbecke. It was during a recording session in the old days of swing, 15 years ago, that Hoagy dropped in on a small pick-up band that included both Tommy and the famous Bix. The band was recording "Davenport Blues," and between choruses Hoagy played over for the boys two new melodies that had been running thru his head. One he had already named "Washboard Blues"—one of Tommy's most successful recent recordings. The other strain had no name at the time, but later became the famous "Stardust," one of the popular tunes of American music, and the composition for which Hoagy is best known.

What's the difference between a grouper and a guppy? Stumped? Well, better check your knowledge of Fish and Sea Life if you don't want to be hooked on the specialty round of Jim McWilliams' Ask-It Basket, Wednesday. A basket of questions on things piscatorial will be included in the lively pursuit of the right answer over WABC at 7:30 p. m.

An airplane circling up in the skies over Oklahoma mountains and directing police radio cars to two fleeing murderers below is one of the stirring parts of the Sands-Siler cast, to be broadcast on Gang Busters Wednesday at 8 p. m. over WABC. Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf will interview a law enforcement official who was connected with this unusual case.

At the age of 20, Choc Sands and Leon Siler were veteran petty criminals. But Sands, a crafty full-blooded Indian, mapped out an amazing series of crimes that put them into the class of murderers and terrorizing felons. During their reign of terror, Sands and Siler shot three policemen and one bank president.

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
 Time is Eastern Standard — Subtract One Hour for Central Time—P. M.  
 (Changes in listing due to new ork corrections made too late to incorporate.)
- 6:00—Our American Schools—nbc-weaf
  - News Song Program—nbc-wjz-cast
  - Don Winslow Navy—nbc-wjz-midw.
  - News & Sports Comment—wabe only
  - Leo Weber at Organ—chs-chain
  - 6:15—Malcolm Claire Story—nbc-weaf
  - Adrian Rollini Orchest.—nbc-wjz
  - Howie Wing on Aviation—chs-wabe
  - Schemes That Skin—mbs-chain
  - 6:25—Broadcast News—nbc-weaf
  - 6:30—Talk, S. K. Ratchife—nbc-weaf
  - The Three Jesters—wjz only
  - Marlowe & Lyon—nbc-blue chain
  - Bob Trout in Comment—nbc-wabe
  - Georgetown U. Forum—mbs-chain
  - 6:45—Lyrics of Romance—nbc-weaf
  - Lowell Thomas—nbc-wjz-basic
  - Tom Mix Skit—wmaq-wten-kwk
  - Enoch Light Orchestra—wabe only
  - Sophie Tucker's Show—chs-chain
  - 7:00—Amos 'n' Andy—nbc-weaf-cast
  - To Be Announced—nbc-red-west
  - Easy Aces, Dramatic—nbc-wjz
  - County Seat, Serial—chs-wabe
  - Vulton Lewis, Jr., Talk—mbs-chain
  - 7:15—Edwin C. Hill, Talk—nbc-weaf
  - McKeen Serial Sketch—nbc-wjz
  - Lum and Abner, Dramatic—chs-wabe
  - 7:30—Revels—wef-ky-wmbz-wmal
  - Dancing Music Or.—nbc-red chain
  - Dancing Music Orches.—nbc-wjz
  - Jim McWilliams Quiz—chs-wabe
  - The Lone Ranger—mbs-wor-east
  - 7:45—J. Berch—wef-ky-wmbz-wmal
  - Dancing Music Or.—nbc-red chain
  - Sam Balter—wfit-wlv-wgn-kwk
  - 8:00—One Man's Family—nbc-weaf
  - Ray Shields's Review—nbc-wjz
  - Gang Busters, Dramatic—chs-wabe
  - College of Music—mbs-chain
  - 8:30—Tommy Dorsey Music—nbc-weaf
  - D. Elman Hobby Lobby—nbc-wjz
  - Paul Whiteman and Band—chs-wabe
  - Dancing Music Orches.—mbs-chain
  - 9:00—Fred Allen Town Hall—nbc-weaf
  - The Fiske Jubilee Choir—nbc-wjz
  - The Theatre of Stars—chs-wabe
  - Dancing Music Orches.—mbs-chain
  - 9:15—John Steele, Talk—mbs-wor
  - 9:30—Wings for Martins—nbc-wjz
  - Percy Faith's Concert—mbs-wor
  - 10:00—Kay Kyser's Class—nbc-weaf
  - Ransom Sherman's Prog.—nbc-wjz
  - Eddie Guest's Prog.—chs-wabe-basic
  - Rhapsody in Rhythm—chs-west
  - Famous Jury Trials—mbs-wor
  - 10:30—Interest in Democracy—nbc-wjz
  - Buddy Clark's Musicale—chs-wabe
  - At the Music Counter—mbs-basic
  - 11:00—Dancing Music—nbc-weaf-cast
  - Amos-Andy repeat—nbc-blue-west
  - News; Dancing to L. A. M.—nbc-wjz
  - News; Dancing to L. A. M.—chs-wabe
  - 11:15—Dance Orchestra—nbc-weaf
  - Dancing Music to 1.30—mbs-wor
  - 12:30—Lights Out, Drama—nbc-weaf