

Town Hall Maestro To Give Tips On Night Club Doings

Tom Howard Of Comedy Team To Head Guests On Hobby Lobby; Van Wert Author Also Will Be Heard

Fred Allen, who goes night clubbing only about once in a blue moon, will pick up a few tips on what goes on in the New York bistros when he interviews Barbara Sullivan, hat check girl at Manhattan's svelt Stork Club, Wednesday at 9 p. m. over WEAJ.

Giving a few tips on song and comedy will be the rest of the Town Hall cast, including Portland Hoffa, Harry von Zell, the Mighty Allen Art Players, the Merry Maes swing quartet, the Town Hall Singers directed by Lyn Murray, and Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadours.

Fred and Mrs. Portland Hoffa Allen are virtually unique in radio in that they live a life of quiet, modest domesticity. Fred writes script all but one or at most two nights a week, and on these periods off, goes to the theatre or spends an evening at home. About the only time he has ever gone to a night club has been to help out an unusually close professional friend who wanted the Allen presence to add lustre to his night club opening.

Tom Howard, half of the famous comedy team Howard & Shelton, will head the list of guests on Dave Elman's Hobby Lobby Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ. Howard collects pipes.

Other hobbyists from all walks of life and all parts of the country who will be interviewed by Dave Elman are Don Smith, of Van Wert, Ohio, whose hobby is collecting the idiosyncrasies of the Presidents; Frank Dell, of New York City, who spends his spare time gathering bells use on old horse cars, and Dwight Wheeler, of Detroit, Mich., a ten-year-old boy who has become an authority on disabled musicians.

Don Smith, an insurance man of Van Wert, O., will tell the radio audience such facts as which President of the United States was at one time a football coach, which President made his own suits, and which President had to borrow money to get to Washington for his inauguration.

The only clues were six straight pins and prescription pill box—but they led to the downfall of a New England arson gang! These commonplace items take the limelight in the next thrilling case to be dramatized on Gang Busters, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. over WABC. The details will be told to Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf by a law officer instrumental in bringing the gang to justice.

Early in 1934, more than a dozen fires of "undetermined origin" occurred in the wealthy Berkshire Hills section of New England. Baffled for a time, state police Lieutenant William Puzzo finally discovered six straight pins and a prescription box among some smouldering ruins. The owner identified these items as having been in the drawer of an expensive antique desk—and the police then knew that, in every case, robbery had preceded the mysterious fires. A far-reaching investigation of New England antique shops uncovered several suspects who, thru fear and jealousy, "squealed" on the entire arson gang.

Kay Kayser, the music professor, will award diplomas to another group of graduates surviv-

BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

P. M.

7:30—George Jessel and Jam-boroe, WJZ.

7:30—Jim McWilliams Quiz, WAFB.

8:00 — One Man's Family, WEAJ.

8:00—Gang Busters Dramatic, WABC.

8:20—Dave Elman Hobby Lobby, WJZ.

8:30—Paul Whiteman and Band, WABC.

9:00—Fred Allen Town Hall, WEAJ.

9:00—The Theatre of Stars, WABC.

10:00 — Kay Kayser's College, WEAJ.

ing the examinations on his College of Musical Knowledge program over WEAJ Wednesday, at 10:00 p. m. Candidates for the honors will be selected from the student body assembled in the studio, and the professor will try to get them to answer musical quotations submitted by radio listeners. Kayser and his "makes you wanna dance" music will interrupt the examinations at intervals for musical recesses Virginia Simms, Harry Babbit and Sully Mason will be featured with the band in vocal solos.

Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra will bring their weekly swing session to WEAJ Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Tommy will feature several brand new arrangements of popular dance hits and familiar songs of a few seasons ago. Trombone solos by the orchestra leader, and vocal solos by Jack Leonard, and Edythe Wright will be heard as usual.

Constance Bennett will be guest dramatist and Billy Gilbert will be guest comic on the Star Theatre Wednesday at 9 p. m. over WABC. Popular demand following the success of "Dr. Jones," a recent Star theatre sketch dealing with the medical profession, led to the decision to present a second medical playlet starring Miss Bennett who will appear in "District Nurse," by Ashmead Scott, author of the first sketch.

Ken Murray will emcee the show, Gilbert and Ned Sparks will provide the fun, and Frances Langford will share vocal honors with Kenny Baker.

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS