

Barter Theatre Manager To Be Heard On Allen Program

Garden Products Taken At Box Office In Lieu Of Cash By Town Hall Guest
Star

Robert Porterfield, managing-director of The Barter Theatre of Abingdon, Va., where produce is accepted in lieu of cash at the box office, will be interviewed by Fred Allen, leading thespian of "Town Hall Tonight," over WEAF Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Allen, who long ago learned something about receiving unsolicited and aged vegetables over the footlights, will discover how to make theatre goers deposit garden products at the box office for profit. Porterfield, an F. F. V. who turned actor, will become mathematical to report on the rate of exchange between Shakespeare and spinach.

Porterfield launched his Barter Theatre on a shoestring potato in the midst of the depression in 1932 because most of his fellow actors were facing the dullest season in theatrical history on Broadway, and many were broke and hungry. He had just finished a nationwide tour with Walter Hampden and found people throughout the country doing business with barter.

The drama of "One Man's Family" centers once more on Beth Holly's baby son, David, in the episode of the serial that's broadcast Wednesday.

The title of the chapter is "The Barbours Take Beth Holly Under Their Wing." Altho the discussion is mostly about baby David, he doesn't appear on the program that's heard over WEAF at 7:00 p. m.

One comedy scene features the antics of Wayne and Teddy, while Jack and Betty kid each other in another. Claudia and Nicky return to "One Man's Family" after a week's absence.

How much do you know about American heroes? Probably you could name Lindbergh and "Wrong Way" Corrigan — but could you name the man who bottled up the English fleet on Lake Erie in the War of 1812? If you have to think twice before you name Commander Oliver Hazard Perry, you'd better check your history book for a perfect score in Jim McWilliams' Ask-It-Basket, Wednesday, 6:30 p. m. over WABC.

With a round of questions on "American Heroes," McWilliams is reviving his weekly "specialty basket" which gives Ask-It-Basket listeners a chance to "bone up" each week on some particular subject of general interest. This is the genial quizman's answer to a landslide of letters from his radio audience—all demanding the "specialty basket."

Lowell Thomas, famous NBC news commentator, will head the list of guests on Dave Elman's Lobby program Wednesday, from 7:30 to 8 p. m., over WJZ. Thomas' hobby is managing the "Nine Old Men," a softball baseball team composed of celebrities, whose annual skirmishes with

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P. M.

- 6:30—George Jessel Jamboree, WJZ.
- 6:30—Jim McWilliams Quiz, WABC.
- 7:00—Gang Busters, WABC.
- 7:00—One Man's Family, WEAF.
- 7:30—Tommy Dorsey, WEAF.
- 7:30—Paul Whiteman and Band, WABC.
- 8:00—Fred Allen Town Hall, WEAF.
- 8:00—The Theatre of Stars, WABC.
- 9:00—Kay Kyser's Class, WEAF.

George Bye's "Prehistoric Men" provide amusement to spectators and players alike. Six other persons will appear with Thomas to describe their unusual hobbies.

A special ceremony planned to mark Ned Sparks' election by Kappa Kappa Gamma girls at Northwestern university as Hollywood's most "lovable" personality, will be held on the Star Theatre Wednesday, when Tom Brown and Anne Shirley guest-star on the show. Frances Langford will do a repeat on "Rhapsody in Blue" with Gus Kahn lyric authorized by Ira Gershwin, and Kenny Baker will sing "Don't Worry About Me." David Brockman's orchestra will play "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

An enthusiastic group of candidates for degrees at the College of Musical Knowledge will undertake the oral examinations proctored by Professor Kay Kayser during the WEAF broadcast Wednesday, from 9 to 10 p. m., over WEAF. Prof. Kayser will call on candidates for correct answers to questions based on contemporary music and musicians, and will award diplomas to students surviving the examination. Dance by Kayser's orchestra, with vocals by Virginia Simms, Harry Babbitt and Sully Mason will be heard during the recesses.

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS

(Note: Refer to this box for stations of networks indicated after each program item. All programs are carried by the stations of the network.)