

# Barbeau Extortion Case Set For Gang Busters Show

Story Of Thrills In Buffalo To Be Aired; Sleep  
Expert Will Be Guest Of Fred  
Allen

A story of intimidation and threatened violence, in which bandits force a wealthy resident of Buffalo, N. Y., to toss \$20,000 to them from a fast moving express train ... a thrilling police chase by land and air ... an exciting capture ....

All this is part of the Barbeau extortion case which is to be dramatized on Gang Busters, Wednesday at 7 p. m. over WABC. A law enforcement officer associated with the case will describe details to Col. H. Norman Schwrazkopf.

In September, 1936, Anthony De Pasquale and Anthony Catalno intimidated wealthy Alexis C. Barbeau, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y., asking \$20,000. They ordered their victim to take the Erie Buffalo Express and, upon their signal somewhere along a 200 mile railroad right-of-way, to throw out \$20,000 from the rear observation platform. A police plane and cars cooperated in scouring the territory and captured the bandits in an exciting sequence that climaxes the case.

Becoming the first comedian in history ever to make a deliberate attempt to put his audience to sleep, Fred Allen will interview Norman Dine, creator and director of New York's famed "Sleep Shop" as his "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet" on "Town Hall Tonight" Wednesday, at 9 p. m., over WEAf.

Dine has devoted his life to putting people to sleep and to inventing sleeping-inducing devices. In telling Fred how it is done he guarantees to have the radio listeners of the nation nodding at their receivers.

Tying hard not to be unduly influenced by the Manhattan Sand Man, will be Portland Hoffa, the Mighty Allen Art Players, the Merry Macs swing quartet, the Town Hall Quartet directed by Lyn Murray, and Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadours.

Dine starts right at the bottom of things, so to speak, with the mattress. He tests his clients' contours in his clinic, and fits them for a mattress just as a clothier might for a pin-striped custom-made suit. Gene Tunney has a resiliency figure of 40, while Lillian Gish has 80 as her resiliency figure, whatever that means.

Tommy Dorsey and his band, wandering minstrels again after their engagement at New York's Paramount Theatre, pause a moment to broadcast their regular Wednesday night show from Station WSM in Nashville, Tenn. The orchestra is on a tour of one-night stands and played from Baltimore last week.

Tommy's featured tune on Wednesday will be "Hurry For Spinach" from the forthcoming film "Naughty But Nice." This will be one of Tommy's regular swing charades, with Edythe Wright, Jack Leonard, Johnny (Clarinet) Mince, Skeets (Tenor Sax) Herfurt and others taking leading roles.

Persons from all walks of life will appear on the Hobby Lobby program to discuss their unusual avocations with Dave Elman during the broadcast Wednesday, from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m., over WJZ. Heading the list of guests will be a well-known star of the entertainment world, Alan Kent will assist Elman in the interviews and

## BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

### P. M.

- 6:30—George Jessel in a Jam-boree, WJZ
- 6:30—Jim McWilliam and Quiz, WABC.
- 7:00—Gang Busters Dramatic, WABC.
- 7:00—One Man's Family, WEAf.
- 7:30—Tommy Dorsey Music, WEAf.
- 7:30—Paul Whiteman and Band, WABC.
- 8:00—Fred Allen Town Hall, WEAf.
- 8:00—The Theatre of Stars, WABC.
- 8:00—Kay Kyser's College, WEAf.

Harry Salter's orchestra will provide the music between the acts.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia and leaders in the fields of industry and education will take part in ceremonies marking the opening of the new Museum of Modern Art in New York City, which will be broadcast over WJZ Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 p. m. The President's address, delivered from the White House, will be the climax to the opening of the new glass-walled, two-million-dollar museum building. Others participating in the dedication ceremonies will be Edsel Ford, industrialist and trustee of the museum; Walt Disney, motion picture producer, speaking from Hollywood; Dr. Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago; Edward Bruce, of the treasury department; Lowell Thomas, NBC news commentator, and Nelson A. Rockefeller. The museum will house an exhibition of more than 300 of the finest examples of domestic and foreign art works produced in the last fifty years.

How's your I. Q. on American Presidents? Do you know how many were assassinated while in office? Can you remember the first President to speak on the radio? Which one was an African explorer? If you can't answer such puzzlers as these, you'd better "bone up" for the special round of questions about our chief executives which will be featured on Jim McWilliams' Ask-It Basket, Wednesday, 6:30 p. m. over WABC.

McWilliams' request to listeners for questions about American heroes succeeded in bringing in

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Eastern Standard—Subtract One Hr. for CST, 2 Hrs. for MT—P. M.  
(Daylight Time One Hour Later)  
(Changes in programs as listed due to last-minute network corrections)

6:00—Our American School—nbc weaf  
News, Dance Music Orch—nbc-wjz  
Broadcasting News Period—cbs-wabc