

# Robert Benchley Will Give Free Trips To Vacationists

Insane Comic Has Own Formula To Make Life Merry; Program Scheduled For 8 P. M. Tuesday

Robert Benchley's first aid hint to vacationists will be explained in detail during his farewell program of the season Tuesday, from 8:00 to 8:30 p. m., over WJZ. Benchley will take a vacation from the Melody and Madness program leaving Artie Shaw in command during the summer months.

Benchley's audience will follow him to his home where he will be busy locking up the cat and putting out the doors for the summer. Benchley will review all his "bounding broomstick" travels of the past eight months, selecting highlights to give people an idea of what they may not expect in vacation tours to foreign countries.

During the broadcast, Benchley will present Artie Shaw with the Radio Guide award naming Shaw's orchestra as the swing band of the year. Shaw's musical program will include selections which won for him the national award.

A commentator, a cartoonist, a chanteuse and a prominent motion picture director are the four representatives of varied fields of endeavor to confess to their secret ambitions during the If I Had the Chance program Tuesday at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ.

Garson Kanin, formerly a stage director in New York who has won the plaudits of the movie colony for his directorial work in such pictures as "A Man To Remember" and "The Great Man Votes," will headline the guest artist list. Others to be heard are Hildegard, radio and night club star; Ernie Chappell, commentator and announcer, and Zack Mosely, creator of the comic strip, "Smilin' Jack."

Mort Lewis will conduct the interviews and Conrad Thibault, baritone, will sing hit tunes of the day.

Men who do the color work for strips in the funnies will oppose a team of women from the Delco-Remy Division of General Motors at Anderson, Ind., in the Battle of the Sexes program over WEAf Tuesday at 8:00 p. m.

The color artists and strips they represent are Herman Stucke, "Dick Tracy;" John Tighe, "Fat Stuff;" Joseph Grill, "Little Herbie," and Mortimer F. Lynch, "Andy Gump."

The women's team is composed of Mrs. Marcia Thompson, Mrs. Hazel Layman, Mrs. Ruth Dohse and Miss Dorothy Elrod.

Personal introductions for every man in the band will be the feature of the Bob Crosby Caravan Tuesday when the young maestro makes his network debut in the 8:30 p. m. spot heretofore occupied by Benny Goodman. Johnny Mercer will write a song titled "Meet the Boys" for the occasion. One of Crosby's Dixieland Swing Band original tunes will also be played on the program—"The Big Noise From Winnetka."

Alec Templeton, star of the Fibber McGee summer replacement series, will be introduced by Fibber and Molly on their final pre-vacation broadcast Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAf. Don Novis will sing "My Wild Irish Rose."

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## BEST BETS TUESDAY

**P. M.**

- 6:00—Fred Waring Time, WEAf.
- 7:00—Johnny Preser's, WEAf.
- 7:00—Edward G. Robinson, WABC.
- 7:30—Dick Powell and His Party, WABC.
- 7:30—For Men Only, WEAf.
- 8:00—Battle of Sexes, WEAf.
- 8:00—Robert Benchley Program, WJZ.
- 8:30—Fibber McGee and Molly, WEAf.
- 9:00—Bob Hope and Variety, WEAf.

and the Four Notes will do "Goodbye, My Lover, Goodbye." Fibber and Molly will be absent from the air for nine weeks during which time the Johnson Wax program will be called Alec Templeton. With the British pianist will be Conrad Nagel, as emcee; Edna O'Dell, singer; and Billy Mill's orchestra.

Dwight Weist will play the title role when the first program in the new Mr. District Attorney series is broadcast in place of the Bob Hope program Tuesday at 9 p. m. over WEAf.

Dealing with the activities of a national arson ring and how the ring is smashed by the law, the inaugural broadcast in the sponsored series will also star Frank Lovejoy in the role of a professional "torch"; Arlene Frances as his conscience-stricken wife; Adelaide Klein as an Italian mother, and the Dillon brothers, John, Andy and Paul, as a trio of tenement kids. Ed Byron will produce the series.

Roy Shield, director of music for the NBC central division and outstanding orchestral arranger, will make his debut as musical conductor of the Inside Story program Tuesday over WJZ at 7:30 p. m.

Shield's engagement as musical conductor of the Inside Story once more will bring into radio a team that has worked together on several NBC programs, for C. L. Menser, director of the Inside Story since its inception on the NBC-Blue network, worked with Shield while manager of the production department of the NBC central division.

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