

# Moving Troubles Beset Phil Baker And His Entire Cast

## Farewell Party Set For Von Zell And Band Leader; NBC Maps Summer Concert Plans

All the trials and tribulations of moving a radio program and cast from a Saturday night to a Wednesday night will be encountered by Phil Baker during his broadcast over WABC Saturday at 8 p. m.

The program will be the accordionist-comedian's final Saturday night show, as the sponsor is moving the broadcast to Wednesdays the following week, July 5. Baker will try to resist the move as he has grown accustomed to staying out late Saturdays.

A farewell party will be staged for announcer Harry von Zell and band leader Harry "Snooky" Salter who have other Wednesday night commitments. Salter's parting with pretty Patty Andrews of the swinging Andrews Sisters is expected to be particularly tearful to all except Bottle, who has been unhappy ever since the musician's presence interfered with his courtship of Patty.

Selected portions of the summer concerts in the Band Shell, Grant Park, Chicago, featuring a succession of noted symphony orchestras, concert bands and leading conductors, including Roy Shields, NBC Central Division musical director, will be broadcast over National Broadcasting Company networks for the fifth successive year.

The broadcast portion of the first concert, to be given by the All-Girl Orchestra conducted by Phil Spitalny, will inaugurate the series Saturday. It will be heard over the WJZ from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Subsequent concerts will be played by the Women's Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago City Opera Orchestra, the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra, Armin Hand and his band, Jerzy Bojanowski's orchestra, Glen Bainum's Band, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the NBC Chicago Orchestra, which Shield will conduct, and other well-known musical organizations.

The Hoosier Hot Shots will join the National Barn Dance via the party line Saturday at 8:00 p. m., over WJZ when their portion of the broadcast is piped in from Hollywood where they are making a movie.

With Pat Buttram as featured comedian, the "back home" party also will include offerings by the Maple City Four, Skip Farrell, Bob Ballantine, Lucille Long, Henry Burr and the Barn Dance Ensemble.

The age-old controversy as to whether actors should have "lived" the roles they play in order to turn in perfect performances may be definitely settled as the result of the broadcast of Arch Oboler's drama, "The Visitor from Hades," over WEA-F Saturday at 8:30 p. m.

On Friday, June 30, the leading role in the drama — that of a young newlywed who is always quarrelling with his wife — will be rehearsed by Frank Lovejoy, a bachelor. But on Saturday the part will be played over the air by Frank Lovejoy, "an old married man" of twelve hours standing. Frank, a well-known stage and radio actor, is getting married on Saturday morning to Frances Williams, popular singer who is now starring in Billy Rose's Aquacade at the World's Fair.

"Here's what is probably the first real opportunity in all history to prove or disprove the point that actors must have gone thru the experiences that they portray in order to give inspired performances," says Oboler. "I'm having recordings made of the Friday rehearsals, and I'm going to do my infernal best to stir up at least one small quarrel between Frank and Frances before broadcast time. Then—providing we have a pro-

### BEST BETS SATURDAY

#### P. M.

- 6:30—County Seat Dramatic, WABC.
- 7:00—Tropical Serenade, WLW.
- 7:30—Saturday Variety Time, WEA-F.
- 7:30—Brent House, WJZ.
- 8:00—Phil Baker, Bottle and Beetle, WABC.
- 8:30—Arch Oboler's Plays, WEA-F.
- 9:00—The Saturday Hit Parade, WABC.
- 9:30—In Hollywood Today, WEA-F.

gram at all — we shall see what we shall see."

Bill Thompson, the triple threat radio comedian who plays the Old Timer, Nick De Populus and Horatio K. Boomer, will make an appearance as guest on Red Skelton's program, Saturday at 7:30 p. m. over WEA-F.

Thompson, who will be in Chicago at the conclusion of his Hollywood radio engagement, is to present one of his Old Timer sketches during his appearance with Skelton.

Other regulars of the cast including, Edna Stillwell, Janette (Dorothy Davis), the Tom, Dick and Harry trio and Bob Strong and his orchestra, will be heard on the program.

Vox Pop, pioneer interview program conducted by Parks Johnson and Wally Butterworth, has been renewed by its sponsors, and will be broadcast thruout the summer from the lobby of the RCA exhibit building at the World's Fair.

This program, now heard over WEA-F Saturdays from 8:00 to 8:30 p. m., will begin its fifth consecutive year on this network with the broadcast of July 1. The sponsor's renewal assures the program of seven years on the air without a break. Johnson has been identified with the program since it began as a local broadcast in Houston, Tex., in 1932.

#### 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 key stations and basic chains or groups thereof unless specified.)

**NBC-WEA (RED): BASIC—East:** weaf cblm kyw wben weaa wesh wdel weeu wfbr wgy wjar wnac wrc wraw wtag wtam wtie wwj; **Midwest:** ksd kstp wdaf who wire wky wmaq wov wtmj; **South:** kpre kths kark kyoo wmap wfaa wbrc wjdx wmbg wmc woad wsh wsmb; **Mountain:** kdyl kon.

**NBC-WJZ (BLUE): BASIC—East:** wjz cfez kuka waby wbal wbz-wbzz wean webr wfl wham whk wicc wjtn wleu wmal wnff wabc wspd wsrw wxyz; **Midwest:** kma kso kwk wbcn well wenr wfdt wbin wjim wls wmt wovo wren wten; **South:** kgko kxyz waga wmo wjbo wmpa wrtd wsgn; **Mount:** klo kuta kyod.

**NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS (operate interchangeably RED or BLUE chains): East:** cbl cnx wbre work wfea wgal wsko wlbz wlv work wrdo wsaí wspan; **Midwest:** kans kelo kfam kfyw kgbx koam krqy kroo kysm ksoo wbow wefl wcky wday webe wgbf wgl wiba wood; **South:** kfdm kgmc kris ktsm wapo wala wave wcoa wczc wthe wfla wiod wis wjax wlak wptr wrol