

Poet Laureate Of Subways Guest On Fred Allen Show

"Assorted Nuts In Silly-Phane" Scheduled By Al Pearce & Gang; Templeton Series To Be Concluded

Abe Steinberg, a subway guard who is known as New York's underground poet laureate because he announces the stations in rhyme and between stops entertains his customers with philosophical bits of verse, will be Fred Allen's "Person You Didn't Expect to Meet" Wednesday at 9 p. m. over WEAF.

Also, Allen will take the part of Gulliver Scribble, radio gag writer, with his Mighty Allen Art Players in a sketch titled "That Was No Lady, That Was Joe Miller." Scribble spends the best years of his life thinking up a new twist on "That was no lady," finally succeeds, but before his comedian has a chance to use it, is plagiarized by 13 other gagsters.

Putting forth their own copyrighted brand of mirth and melody, will be Fred himself, Portland Hoffa, Harry von Zell, Wynn Murray, the Merry Macs, Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadours.

It will be the thirteenth of the month; income tax payments are due again; most of the population of these United States are mental tailspins with Christmas shopping; Al Pearce and his Gang are only human, so they fall in with the general spirit of things with a program appropriately titled "Assorted Nuts in Silly-Phane" for their broadcast on WABC Wednesday from 8 to 8:30 p. m.

"The Will to Win" program for Wednesday, over WTAM will feature a large dramatic cast in the life of Alec Templeton, well-known radio artist. The program will be heard as usual at 7:30 to 8 p. m. and will be the concluding presentation in a series of thirteen. The program, to be repeated next year, feature Jane Weaver as narrator, Lee Gordon's orchestra and a short inspirational talk by Mark K. Browne.

Joan Bennett and John Beal will be co-starred in "The Patsy" when the famous stage play is dramatized for radio and presented on the Star Theatre Wednesday, at 9:00 p. m., over WABC.

Written by Barry Connors, the story concerns Patricia Harrington, a girl who "runs second" to her older sister. She is the Patsy, blamed whenever things go wrong and forced to remain in the background, in order that her big sister may be presented to advantage. The Patsy's father is sympathetic, however, and finally puts her mother in her place by declaring his own independence. This brings about the Patsy's ultimate triumph and a bridegroom to boot.

From Hollywood, comedy will be provided by Emcee Ken Murray, Irene Noblette, and songs by Frances Langford and Kenny Baker.

On Wednesday evening, the Hollywood Playhouse curtain parts on "Kona Nightingale", an action comedy-romance, over WEAF at 8 p. m., Jim Ameche and Gale Page, Playhouse stars, participate in this radio adaptation of a Collier's short story by Jacland Marmur that takes as

BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

P. M.

- 7:00 — Fred Waring Time, WEAF.
- 7:30—Burns and Allen Program, WABC.
- 8:30 — Hollywood Playhouse, WEAF.
- 8:00—Al Pearce and His Gang, WABC.
- 9:00 — Fred Allen Program, WEAF.
- 9:00—Theatre of Stars, WABC.
- 10:00 — Kay Kyser's College, WEAF.

its setting the Kona Coast of Hawaii.

A donkey's bray on a mountain trail draws Sailor Matthew Grady into the web of romantic adventure. With lovely Lorna Dorchester signing up as first mate, the impetuous young man pummels his way into the position of skipper on the good ship Matrimony.

A fired business man on a Christmas shopping tour with his wife will be pictured by Red Skelton and Edna Stillwell on Avalon Time, over WEAF, Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m. Skelton is rehearsing by actually doing his own shopping early. The musical program will be by Dick Todd, baritone, the chorus, and Bob Strong's orchestra.

"His Brother's Keeper," an original play by Ben Lee, will be the Radio Guild presentation Wednesday at 9 p. m., over WJZ. Based on the life of a taxi driver, the drama describes the cabby's attempt to take the rap for his 18-year-old brother, who, with a know-it-all attitude, insists on getting mixed up with the wrong kind of people. The author has written several successful radio plays, including "Crip" and "Father Reilly."

Johnny Green has programmed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Eastern Standard—Subtract One Hr. for CST, 2 Hrs. for MT.—P.M.

(Changes in programs as listed due to last-minute network corrections)

5:45—"Orphan Annie"—nbc-weaf-east
Lillian Cornell Song — nbc-red-west
Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-wjz-east