Stirring Early Gold Rush Story Set By Old Ranger

Final Chapter Of Power-Dickens Case Will Be Revealed On Gang Busters Saturday Night

The voices of four men singing "Adeste Fidelis" amid the wastes of a western desert, heralded succor to a trio of bewildered boys floundering in the shifting sands and marks the climax of "Christmas, 1849," the Old Ranger's tale during Death Valley Days, Saturday at 9:30 p. m. over WEAF.

Based on the experiences of three youngsters who joined the gold rush, only to have their holdings washed out by floods, the story describes their attempts to celebrate Christmas by exchanging their remaining possessions, and their subsequent rescue after they had given up all hope.

The final chapter of the Power-Dickens case, in which Sid (Little Caesar) Power celebrated New Year's by robbing a huge Boston oil plant, will be dramatized on Gang Busters, Saturday at 8 p. m. over WABC. A police official closely associated with the case will relate details of the story to Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

During the ten months of Power's criminal rampage, he succeeded in involving several otherwise harmless individuals. There was young Bill Dickens, who met death at the hands of the police; a girl friend who agreed to work with him in exchange for a trip to the Riviera, and finally, there was Melvin Jacquith. It was with Jacquith that Power performed his boldest crime, the robbing of several large Massachusetts oil plants.

The clever work of a police officer, in suspecting Power's plan for a hold-up at the height of the New Year's celebration, finally brought the culprit to his doom.

Jackie Cooper, erstwhile screen juvenile, will replace Harry (Beetle) McNaughton as guest gag-buster on Milton Berle's Stop Me If You've Heard This One program over WEAF Saturday at 8:30 p. m. He will team up with Harry Herbfield and Jay C. Flippen in the punch-line department.

Suppression of a fanatical uprising of Philippine natives by J. C. "Bud" Mars, a lone American rebel, will be dramatized on the weekly Sky Blazers broadcast, Saturday at 7:30 p. m. over WABC. Authentic details of the pilot's thrilling exploits will be related to Col. Roscoe Turner, master of ceremonies.

The Moro natives of the Philippine Islands, threatening a revolt, endangered hundreds of American lives, and government officials urged Mars, the first airman to arrive in the Philippines, to try to awe and frighten the native chieftains with his spectacular stunt flying. It was a dangerous undertaking. Mars realized that he risked instant death at the hands of the Moros, to whom human killing was a religious act. In a thrilling conclusion, Sky Blazers will dramatize Mars' flight and the events that followed.

The Westerners, instrumental and vocal groups, and Bobby Hastings, 12 year-old boy soprano, will help the National Barn Dancers hold their annual Christmas party, Saturday, at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ. The usual gang including Henry Burr, Johnny Burke, Joe Parsons, the Hoosier Hot Shots and Joe Kelley, m. c., also will be heard, as the Westerners, Barn Dance originals, celebrate their homecoming.

New York City's most famous Santa Claus, the gentleman who does the honor at Macy's will take time off from his duties to appear as guest on Cal Tinney's Youth vs. Age quiz program, Saturday at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ. St. Nick will head a group of elders in the battle of brains with the youngsters while Tinney quips and questions.

BEST BETS SATURDAY

P. M.

8:00 Gang Busters, WABC.
8:30 Milton Berle, WEAF.
8:30 Youth vs Age WJZ.
9:00 Saturday Hit Parade, WABC.
9:30 "Death Valley" Days, WEAF

STATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE NETWORKS

(Note: Refer to the key for stations of networks selected after each program station. All programs are carried by key stations and basic chain of group that does sponsored.)

NBC WEAF (BLUE): Basic—East: [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible]

NBC WJZ (BLUE): Basic — **East:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible]

NBC OPTIONAL STATIONS operate either BLUE or BLUE. **East:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible]

CBS WABC BASIC — East: [illegible] **OTHER STATIONS. East:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible]

MBS-WOR WGN - BASIC: [illegible] **New England:** [illegible] **Midwest:** [illegible] **South:** [illegible] **Mountain:** [illegible] (Note some MBS stations also on other chain.)

WONDER BAR WINS

Wonder Bar defeated House of David Friday night at Lafayette 37 to 31 after the score was tied five times. In the prelim, Gro-Cord beat Westinghouse, 34 to 25.

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Eastern Standard Daylight Saving Time