

# Bob Benchley Set To Swap Unwelcome Gifts With Allen

Two Comics Will Exchange Banter, At Least, During Broadcast; Pearce Plans New Year's Preview

Robert Benchley, wit of magazine, screen and radio fame, will attempt to exchange unwelcome Christmas presents with Fred Allen during his guest appearance on the Allen show Wednesday at 9 p. m. over WEAF.

Keeping up the festive side of holiday week will be Portland Hoffa, Harry vonZell, the Mighty Allent Art Players, the Merry Macs swing quartet featuring Helen Carroll, songstress Wynn Murray and Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadours.

Benchley, who says he always gets a million things he doesn't need and doesn't want, is coming to the program in the hopes of making some sort of deal. Little does he know that Fred expects to pay him off with some of his own Christmas presents.

Not to be too different during the holiday season, Al Pearce and his Gang will have a "preview" New Year's Eve party during their broadcast on WABC Wednesday, from 8 to 8:30 p. m.

Believe it or not, the feature of the program will be singing by Headman Pearce and Arlene "Human Chatterbox" Harris. Something you would expect, Elmer Blurt will be making resolutions.

The unusual experiences of a young couple who, while walking in the park, stumble over a fatally wounded man, and then get mixed up with his pursuers and a small fortune which enables them to get married, will climax "Marry the Girl," the Radio Guild presentation of Wednesday at 9 p. m., over WJZ. Written by Ben Lee, the drama tells the story of an unhappy pair who are prevented by poverty from marrying but who finally realize their dreams in a most unexpected way.

Kay Kyser follows the current trend with revivals of past popular tunes on his "College of Musical Knowledge" broadcast over WEAF Wednesday at 10 p. m. Included are "Three Little Words" and "Some of These Days." Vocals will be by Ginny Simms who features "Indian Summer" and "I Didn't Know What Time It Was;"

## BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

### P. M.

- 8:00 — Hollywood Playhouse, WEAF.
- 8:00—Al Pearce and His Gang, WABC.
- 9:00—Fred Allen Hour, WEAF.
- 9:00—Star Theatre, WABC.
- 10:00 — Kay Kayser College, WEAF.

Things You Are" and Sully Mason in "Scatterbrain." The orchestral production number will be a "Turkey Medley."

"For the Debts of My Wife," a romantic comedy with a peculiar twist to the climax, will be presented on Hollywood Playhouse Wednesday from 8 to 8:30 p. m., over WEAF. The play is built around complications arising after the hero runs an advertisement stating he will no longer be responsible for the debts of his wife. Gale Page and Jim Ameche will take the lead roles.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

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

5:45—"Orphan Annie"—nbc-weaf-east  
Charles Scott Songs—nbc-red-west  
Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-wjz-east  
The Dining Sisters—nbc-blue-west  
Scottsgood Baines, Serial—cbs-wabc  
Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-cham  
6:00—Luther Liston, Star—nbc-weaf