

Ida Lupino, Frank McHugh To Be Guests On Crosby Show

Famous Pianist, Dalies Frantz, Will Also Be Heard; Stirring Stories Set For Strange As It Seems Hour

For the edification and amusement of his Thursday night listeners, Bing Crosby presents Ida Lupino, cinema star; Frank McHugh, movie comedian; and the prominent concert pianist, Dalies Frantz as his guests this week.

Bob Burns will occupy his usual place in the jester's corner for the broadcast over the WEAF at 10 p. m. which will also feature the Music Maids and John Scott Trotter's orchestra.

Ida Lupino comes up for a Crosby interlude fresh from her triumph in a trying role opposite Ronald Colman in "The Light That Failed." Daughter of a famous English clown, Miss Lupino will prove she possesses a rare sense of humor in her own right.

Edward Arnold will have a lot to answer for when he addresses the microphone for the Good News of 1940 show Thursday, at 9 p. m., over WEAF. The genial master-of-ceremonies recently completed an autobiography of his 43 years in show business entitled "Lorenzo Goes to Hollywood" — and by the time of the broadcast a lot of readers should have some interesting queries with which to plague "Lorenzo." The program also will include Fanny (Baby Snooks) Brice and Hanley (Daddy) Stafford, Connie Boswell and the music of Meredith Willson's orchestra.

A crack express train-roaring thru the Minnesota fog, its hundreds of sleeping passengers ignorant of a washed out bridge and the sudden death that lay ahead, was miraculously saved by the warnings of a mysterious "Black Angel in the Fog." The strange fate of the train will be dramatized on the Strange As It Seems program, Thursday, at 8:30 p. m., over WABC.

Alois Havrilla, master-of-ceremonies, will also relate the grim legend of one of America's strangest tombstones, which rests on the grave of Jonathan Buck, in Bucksport, Me. Buck drew a curse on himself by sentencing an innocent man to be hanged for the murder of a woman whose corpse had been found minus one leg. Before the falsely accused man died, he warned that the leg would eventually appear on Buck's own tombstone. That was early in the 17th century, but even today visitors to Bucksport can see the ineffaceable outline of a female leg over his grave!

Walter Giesecking, prominent concert pianist, will appear with the Rochester Philharmonic orchestra during the Thursday concert to be broadcast from 9 to 9:30 p. m., over WJZ. Jose Iturbi, also noted as a concert pianist, will direct.

Joe Penner, expecting to start the year off with a clean slate, finds himself crowding the eight ball when he takes stock of the gala New Year's celebration held at his inn, during the Thursday broadcast of the Tip Top Show of 1940 at 8:30 p. m. over WJZ. Penner gets some consolation from the tunes of Kenny Stevens, tenor, and Jacques Renard's orchestra.

A fetish for females — and a riddle to men — the subject of women's hats will constitute the chief quiz source for Jim Mc-

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P. M.

8:30—These We Love, Skit, WLW.

8:30—'As Strange As It Seems,' WJR.

9:00—'Good News' Variety, WLW.

9:00—Rochester Philharmonic, WOWO.

9:00—Major Bower Amateurs, WJR.

10:00—Bing Crosby Show, WLW.

10:00—Glenn Miller Orchestra, WJR.

Williams on the Ask-It Basket, presented Thursday at 8.00 p. m. over WABC. The studio audience also will join genial Jim and the contestants in another hilarious, unpredictable "anything can happen basket."

A singing comedienne, a stuttering comedian, and eminent musicologist and — "an uncle from Brooklyn," comprise the assortment of guest stars to appear with George Jessel during the "Celebrity" program Thursday at 8:00 p. m. over WEAF.

The roster includes Ethel Merman, currently featured in the Broadway hit, "Du Barry Was a Lady"; Deems Taylor, noted composer, critic and commentator; Roy Atwell, of the lolling larynx, and, of course, Jessel's "uncle." The melodic Merry Maes and Peter Van Steeden's orchestra will provide the musical backdrop.

A vicious marriage racket will be exposed by Britt Reid, daring young publisher, during the "Green Hornet" episode, Thursday at 8:00 p. m. over WJZ. Reid assumes the guise of the wrathful Hornet when he learns of an elderly woman who collapsed on the street while searching for a man she has never seen. Following the Jan. 18 program the "Green Hornet" will be heard on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 p. m. over WJZ.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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

5:30—Jack Armstrong—nbc-weaf-east

Kitty Keene Sketch—nbc-red-west

The Bud Barton Sketch—nbc-wjz

It Happened in Hollywood—cbs-wabe

Uncle Ben's Broadcast—mbs-chain

5:45—'Orphan Annie'—nbc-weaf-east

J. Johnston, Baritone—nbc-red-west

Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-wjz-east

The Dinning Sisters—nbc-blue-west

Scattergood Baines, Serial—cbs-wabe

Dancing Music Orchestra—mbs-chain

6:00—J. Byrd Guest Book—nbc-weaf

News & Musical Features—nbc-wjz

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