

# Downfall Of Infamous Thug To Be Told By Gang Busters

## "Blackie" Thompson Came To Usual End, Story Will Relate; Sky Blazers Schedule Thrilling Tale

"Blackie" Thompson, known thruout the south and mid-west as "The Handsome Bandit," regarded his personal appearance as an important entree in his murderous stock-in-trade. The story of how this fashion-plate blasted his way out of several jails and cruelly treated innocent victims for his own mercenary ends will be vividly recreated on Gang Busters, Saturday at 8:00 p. m., over WABC.

There were few jails in the country that could hold "The Handsome Bandit" after his numerous arrests for bank robberies, holdups and assaults from 1922 to 1934. Trapped finally by the police, thru the aid of a woman whom he had cruelly mistreated, Thompson was condemned to death on an old murder charge. Even then, with help from several cronies, he again managed to effect a safe getaway. But he remained true to his instincts of "me, first!" by permitting his friends to be caught in a trap.

Gang Busters will tell how the country's police, roused to determined action, spent sleepless nights in planting their dragnet. A few weeks later, "Blackie" Thompson ended his fashionable existence in the dirt—his body riddled with over 25 bullets.

"Son, if you're going to be an aviator—be the best!" With his father's admonition ringing in his ears, young Buck Madden decided, while still in his teens, in 1911, to help make aviation "an important part of American life." Many of his later feats, including his execution of the mystery dive that solved the problem of the deadly stall and tailspin, will be dramatized on Sky Blazers, Saturday, at 7:30 p. m. over WABC. Col. Roscoe Turner will be the master-of-ceremonies on the program, as usual.

Trinity Highway, in northern California, curves around the grave of an eight-months-old baby born and buried in 1864. The true story of the case and of the infant's pioneer parents will be told

### BEST BETS SATURDAY

P. M.

- 7:30 - Sky Blazers, WJR.
- 8:00 - Arch Oboler's Play, WLW.
- 8:00 - "Gang Busters," WJR.
- 8:30 - Milton Berle, WLW.
- 8:30 - Wayne King, WJLH.
- 9:00 - Radio National Barn Dance, WOWO.
- 9:30 - "Death Valley Days," WLW.
- 10:00 - Bob Crosby, WLW.

by the old ranger on "Death Valley Days," Saturday, at 9:30 p. m. over WEAF network.

Elsa Lanchester (Mrs. Charles Laughton), famous British screen actress, will star in "The Women Stay at Home," Arch Oboler play to be presented over WEAF network Saturday at 8 p. m. She will portray an English woman of the present day in this searching drama of life on the unexciting but all-important home front.

Pick and Pat, blackface buffoons, will take the Bard of Avon for a sleigh ride when they present their version of "Romeo and Juliet" at the National Barn Dance Leap Year Party, Saturday, at 9 p. m. over WJZ.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

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

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