

# Pearce Gang Plans Special "Welcome Spring" Broadcast

Nancy Carroll And Stanley Ridges Will Be Featured In "Ceiling Zero" For Star Theatre Show

"In the spring, a young man's fancy"—and why should Al Pearce and his Gang be any exception? Having thus decided, they will salute the season and use it as the theme of their program on the CBS from 8 to 8:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Pearce as Elmer Blurt, Artie "C. B. Kitzel" Auerbach, Carl Hoff, Blanche Stewart, Mel Blanc and Phil Kramer will concentrate their comedy on the spring theme, while Arlene Harris' "Human Chatterbox" monologue will center around a visit to a sick friend.

In the musical department, Hoff will revive one of the late George Gershwin's early successes, "Lady Be Good," and the orchestra will also present the currently popular "Say, Si, Si."

Marie and Her Merry Men will sing their own novel arrangement of the well known concert song "Clavelitos."

"Ceiling Zero," a radio adaptation of the aviation thriller that was a Broadway hit five years, will be the Star Theatre's dramatic production over the CBS network at 9:00 p. m. Wednesday. Nancy Carroll and Stanley Ridges will be featured in this play, which will be introduced by Burns Mantle, famous dramatic critic. The story deals with the early days of commercial air traffic, and is set in the office of an Eastern airport. The main characters are the manager; a retired pioneer pilot; a younger flier with a scientific training; and a girl. The climax comes with a spectacular suicide by the older pilot who reports on de-icing equipment while flying to his death.

Fred Allen will a-hunting go when he interviews Captain C. R. W. Knight, said to be the world's outstanding authority on Falconry, as his "Person You Didn't Expect To Meet" Wednesday, at 9:00 p. m. over the NBC-Red network.

An Englishman who in the last year trained falcons for use by the British Army, Captain Knight has been actively engaged in the ancient sport for more than forty years. For the last ten years he has visited the United States each year for lecture tours.

Captain Knight will have a golden eagle with him at the broadcast. Worthy of note is the fact that this will be the first time that Fred Allen has had a bird on the show since the famous Mynah, who wouldn't talk, that he had on for eight consecutive broadcasts several years ago.

Rounding out the hour-long entertainment of mirth and melody will be Portland Hoffa, Harry von Zell, the Mighty Allen Art Players, songstress Wynn Murray, the Merry Maes Swing quartet, and Peter Van Steeden and his Troubadors.

A blow-by-blow description of the 12-round non-title heavyweight bout between Buddy Baer, Maxie's younger brother, and Valentin Campolo, Argentine newcomer, will be broadcast from the ringside at Madison Square Garden Wednesday at 10:00 p. m. over the NBC-Blue Network. Sam Taub will describe the action, and Bill Stern will comment between rounds. Campolo, who has fought twice in this country, holds a decision over Arturo Godoy, South American

## BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

**P. M.**

- 7:00 — Fred Waring Time, WLW.
- 8:00 — Hollywood Playhouse, WLW.
- 8:00 — Al Pearce, WJR.
- 9:00 — Fred Allen, WLW.
- 9:00 — Radio Guild Drama, WJZ.
- 10:00 — Kay Kyser, WLW.

champion who went the distance recently with Joe Louis.

"With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair," one of the season's newest songs, will be featured by Dick Todd on "Avalon Time," Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. over the NBC-Red Network. The chorus will sing "Leanin' on the Ole Top Rail" and Bob Strong's orchestra will play a number of popular numbers. Cliff Arquette, the "Slaphappy Grandpappy," will continue to "worry" with the assistance of Bud Vandover and Don McNeill.

Gracie Allen will answer the fan mail from her political supporters during the weekly Burns and Allen program, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. over CBS. Frank Parker sings "Kathleen Mine." Ray Noble plays an untitled original orchestral number and Gracie sings "Pizzacato Polka."

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

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

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

- 5:45 — The O'Neills, Sketch — nbc-wef
- Tom Mix Adventures — nbc-wjz-west
- Chas. Sears, Tenor — nbc-blue-west
- Scattergood Barnes, Serial — cbs-wabc
- Little Orphan Annie — mbs-wor-east
- 6:00 — Luther-Layman Song — nbc-wef
- News, Dance Music Orch. — nbc-wjz
- News Broadcasting Period — cbs-wabc
- Billie and Betty repeat — cbs-midwest
- Harold Turner and Piano — mbs-chain
- 6:05 — Edwin C. Hill — cbs-wabc-basic
- 6:15 — News & Clem McCarthy — wef
- Malcolm Claire and News — nbc-red
- Bill Stern and Sports — wjz-only
- Hedda Hopper on Movies — cbs-wabc
- Nan Wynn and Her Song — cbs-Dixie
- Il Weber Concert Orch. — mbs-chain
- 6:30 — Capt. Healy Stamps — wef-only
- The Song Busters — nbc-red-chain
- The Serenaders Prog. — nbc-wjz-east
- Bud Barton repeat — nbc-blue-west
- Elmer Davis Comment — wabc-only
- H. V. Kallenborn Talks — cbs-chain
- 6:45 — L'il Abner, Sketch — nbc-wef
- Lowell Thomas News — nbc-wjz-basic
- Tom Mix repeat — nbc-blue-midwest
- European War Broadcast — cbs-wabc
- Orphan Annie in Repeat — mbs-west
- 7:00 — F. Waring Time — nbc-wef-east
- Easy Aces, Dramatic Serial — nbc-wjz
- Amos & Andy, Skit — cbs-wabc-east
- Chicago Melody Weavers — cbs-west
- Fulton Lewis, Jr., Talk — mbs-chain
- 7:15 — I Love a Mystery — nbc-wef
- Mr. Keen, Dramatic Serial — nbc-wjz
- Lum & Abner Skit — cbs-wabc-basic
- Wythe Williams Talk — wor-chain
- The Trail Blazers of 1940 — mbs-chain
- 7:30 — Revelers — wef-kyw-wbz-wmal
- Dancing Music Orch. — nbc-red-chain