

Hobby Lobby Will Present Man Who Eats Broken Glass

68-Year-Old Musical Saw Player And Woman
Who Collects Rare Bonnets Also Will
Be Guests

Last week, into the offices of Dave Elman, emcee of the celebrated "Hobby Lobby" program, walked slim, dapper Stephen Valent, to claim distinction as the world's greatest gourmet—of razor blades and bits of broken glass! After a test demonstration, he was immediately booked for a special appearance as guest star on "Hobby Lobby," Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. via WABC. Among other unusual hobbyists scheduled for this broadcast are a 68-year old exponent of musical-saw playing; a school-teacher who befriends underprivileged pupils; and a woman who collects rare bonnets.

Valent, whose home is in Allentown, Pa., does not remember when he first took up the diet of razor blades, lighted book matches, cigaret butts, glass and thumb tacks. But to date he has swalled over two thousand of these items. X-ray pictures, taken by physicians, support this claim . . . and defy explanation.

Bart Gardner, of Dorchester, Mass., is the man who has tinkered with every musical instrument known, but prefers to be identified as a musical-saw wizard. Sleigh bells and glasses are runners-up in his favor.

Miss Lucille Helm, of Beach Bluff, Tenn., grew saddened thru the years in watching her young school charges go barefoot and undernourished. And so she set about remedying matters as best she could. To date she has befriended hundreds of underprivileged school children, taking them into her home and treating them as tho they were her own children.

Maria Torok, of New York City, is the bonnet collector who was scheduled for an earlier broadcast but whose appearance was unavoidably postponed. She will bring to the microphone specimens of unusual bonnets, some of them dating centuries back.

The man responsible for every Marine poster and cartoon—Capt. Vic Guimmes, chief artist of the U. S. Marine Corps—heads the guest list on the "Treasure Chest" at 8:30 via WEAJ with Horace Heidt, Frankie Carle and the Musical Knights.

Others on the program are Har-

delphia's oldest restaurant, "Old-Original Bookbinder," where Caruso and Diamond Jim Brady used to eat; U. S. Naval Commander Jack Rutherford, in charge of the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, only yard in America building naval planes; Mrs. Bertha MacAnally, superintendent of the flag factory at Philadelphia's Quartermaster Depot; and an outstanding worker from the Bendix Aviation plant here.

The musical portion of the broadcast is in the hands of the Musical Knights, with Frankie Carle at the piano, Whistler Fred Lowery, and Vocalists Mimi Cabanne and Donna and Her Don Juans.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, in their first starring vehicle except for the one time they replaced Fred Allen for the summer will be presented in a half hour show starting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. over WABC.

Altho the exact format of the show is not yet set, the program will feature weekly guest stars and stooges and the music of Leith Stevens and an 18 piece band.

Martin Goseh and Howard Harris are the producing-writing team for the comics, with Goseh in charge of production. Other writers will be Don Prindle and long-time writer for Abbott and Costello, John Grant.

NEW BREMEN

NEW BREMEN, Sept. 8.—Miss Mary Fleming of Columbus was employed by the board of education as science teacher in the high school, succeeding Paul Cook. Miss Fleming taught 11 years in Columbus.