

Mystery Programs Feature Thursday's Ether Waves

A middleweight boxer meets with murder in the National Safety Council's mystery drama, "It's Murder," Thursday at 10:15 p. m., EWT, over WJZ.

In the story, "Killer Roberts" gets killed in the ring, but not by a blow from his opponent. The mystery is solved by Rex Starr, retired actor and amateur criminologist, and his Broadway-columnist niece, Joan Adams.

"The Case of the Chinese Puzzle Box" gives Charlie Chan's Number One son a chance to help his father in no small way. Chan, played by Ed Begley, is engaged to find a real El Greco and the man who caused it to disappear. A murdered man leaves a puzzle box clue and Number One Son Chan (Leon Janney) is right on the spot—Thursday, (WEAF, 7:30 p. m., EWT).

It was a wonder that the man himself was not knocked for a ghoulish when he observed a weird figure carrying a coffin vanish right before his eyes. Then the figure reappeared and tried to murder the observer in the amazing incident described by Marvin Mueller on the WJZ's "Coronet Storyteller" program, Thursday at 9:55 p. m., EWT. It is called "The Phantom Pallbearer" and is a tale to remember, relating the life of Count Anatole Beetleheim, diplomat at the court of the Emperor Franz Joseph.

Trim and lovely - Gloria De Haven will drop by Johnny Mercer's "Music Shop" to try some of the tunesmith's songs for size Thursday (WEAF, 7 p. m. EWT).

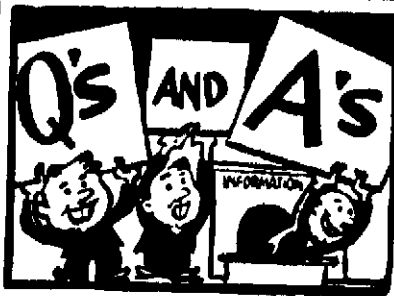
Also in the music department will be Jo Stafford's rendition of "Someone to Love" and Mercer's version of "San Fernando Valley."

The Pied Pipers, Paul Weston's orchestra and Wendell Niles complete the cast.

The social life of Edward Everett Horton will be greatly complicated when the summer manager of Joan Davis' village store calls in suave Basil Rathbone to act as his adviser Thursday (WEAF, 9:30 p. m., EWT).

Henry (John Brown) Woodbank, the perennial politician, is the cause of Horton's social problems when he decides to throw a dinner dance.

And when Blossom (Verna Felton) Blimp hears that Horton is to bring a date, the comedian finds that there aren't enough combs in the world to keep her out of his hair.



Q—Who was the first president to live in the White House?

A — John Adams, November, 1800.

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Q—What do the abbreviations Xn. and Xtian. mean?

A—Christian.

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Q—How does the Navy treat athlete's foot?

A—One new method is to copper plate the patient's foot thinly every day for a week. No discoloration or ill effects have been suffered.

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Q—Why were the Labor and Liberal parties of England angered over Sir Samuel Hoare's elevation to the peerage?

A—He was a pre-war appeaser of Italy and Germany.

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Q—What is a pater noster?

A—A rosary, or every tenth bead in a rosary, or the Lord's Prayer.

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Q—If the sun exploded, how much would its released heat raise earth's temperature?

A—Probably about 300° C.

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Q—What nation has the most fighter planes capable of faster than 400 m.p.h.?

A—The U. S., with five: the Lightning, Thunderbolt, Hellcat, Corsair and Mustang. England has three, Germany two, Japan none.

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Q—What is the nature of rubber's physical action in snapping from stretched to natural position?

A—It moves like an earthworm.