

Burly Alan Hale Has Role Of Cupid In Comedy Show

Alan Hale, burly cinema mug, is gonna play Cupid. This unique bit of casting will take place right before listeners ears, Thursday (WEAF, 9:30 p. m., EWT), when Hale visits "Joan Davis' Village Store," which Edward Everett Horton is managing for the summer.

The story line will find Hale coming to town to establish a health center. No mean salesman, he sells Horton a course guaranteed to

make him attractive to Penny Cartwright, the village belle. At the same time he sells Blossom Blimp a reducing course to make her more attractive to Horton. And in the role as Cupid, Hale finds that playing both ends against the middle might be all right for some people, but mighty dangerous when you're caught in the middle yourself.

Peter Lorre stars as a gambler who acquires title to an up-and-coming prize fighter, only to lose him in a dice game, on the eve of the boxer's decision to retire from the ring, in "Of Maestro and Men," an unusual story of "Suspense," Thursday, at 8 p. m., over WABC. Richard Conte plays an important role in this unusual story of the deadly plan the gambler-manager evolves to save himself from the consequences of his inability to pay his debt.

Mr. Crosby and Mr. Mercer will get together again when the Groaner visits the songwriter's "Music Shop" program Thursday heard over WEAF at 7 p. m., EWT. One of their most successful past meetings resulted in "Mr. Crosby and Mr. Mercer"—recording fashioned after an old Gallagher and Shean tune.

QUEEN BEE UPSETS RULES

BRAZIL, Ind., July 20--(UP) —Bee experts in the Brazil area were excited over a queen bee who led her swarm to an empty stand in Harry Elkins' Bowling Green orchard and took residence. They said it was a hiving procedure that happens once in 500,000 times.

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