

RADIO PROGRAMS AND PERSONALITIES

DANA ANDREWS STARS AS THE LATE FATHER Flanagan when CBS' "Hallmark Playhouse" presents an adaptation of Fulton and Will Oursler's inspirational biography, "Father Flanagan of Boys' Town," Thursday. The work was chosen for presentation by novelist James Hilton, the program's host-narrator. Bill Gay produces and directs. **KTSA—9 P.M.**



Andrews

CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS UNDERWORLD feud of two opposing gangs fighting to control the "hot" car racket, Lensman Casey breaks up the illicit businesses in "The Chiseler" episode of CBS' "Crime Photographer" Thursday. Staats Cotsworth stars as the sleuthing cameraman, and Jan Miner is heard as reporter Ann Williams. John Dietz directs. **KTSA—8:30 P.M.**

AMY FREEMAN LEE ON "CALL BOARD" THURSDAY will discuss the concert by the Yale Glee Club sponsored by the Yale Club of South Texas; San Antonio Community Film Forum's presentation of two short subjects, "Away to the West" and "Edinburgh Festival of Music and Drama," and a feature, "Crime and Punishment," in French with English subtitles directed by Pierre Chenal and starring Pierre Blancher and Harry Baur; and Witte Museum's one-man show of Henry Rasmusen's Monotypes (single prints made from a painting on glass or similar material). Rasmusen is a member of the faculty of the College of Fine Arts, University of Texas. **KONO—6:30 P.M.**

The unusual story of "The Outcast of Poker Flat," air-adapted story by Karl Schlichter and based on an episode in the early history of California will be dramatized on the Thursday broadcast of the "California Caravan. Bob Purcell is the narrator, and Virginia Gregg and Micheal Hayes are co-starred. **KMAC—7 P.M.**

AN EMBEZZLER FINDS "THE PERFECT OUT" BY having a doctor pronounce him dead while he flees the country, on CBS' "F.B.I. in Peace and War" Thursday. When his wife and the doctor doublecross him, however, the legally dead man comes back to commit murder. Martin Blaine and Robert Sloane play agents Sheppard and Bailey. Betty Mandeville directs and produces. The music is conducted by Vladimir Selinsky. **KTSA—7 P.M.**

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF DR. JENSEN'S WARNING? What strange advice does an ex-policeman give George? Don't miss Thursday's revealing plot on "This Is Nora Drake." **KTSA 1:30 P.M.**

JEAN SIMMONS, ENGLISH ACTRESS WHO HAS APPEARED in such outstanding films as "Great Expectations" and "Hamlet," stars as a young English girl who comes to New York for a visit in 1880 and proceeds to learn about the wild and woolly West, in Joseph Cochrane's original comedy "Billy and the Bride" on CBS' "Skippy Hollywood Theater" Thursday. Saved by a western rancher when her horse runs away in Central Park, she falls in love with him and marries him. They move west, where she meets Billy the Kid. This is the third of six dramas produced in London recently by Les Mitchell, producer-director-host of the series. The supporting cast includes Bernard Braden, Charles Richardson and Robert Beatty. Music is by Del Castillo. **KTSA 9:30 P.M.**



Simmons

A PREVIEW BROADCAST OF THE 25th ANNUAL EAST-West all-star football game, will be broadcast exclusively over the coast-to-coast Mutual network Thursday. Listeners will hear the head coaches announce the starting line-ups for the all-star game. Andy Kerr, of Lebanon Valley College, is the East head coach, and Jeff Cravath, of U.S.C., has similar responsibilities for the West squad. Ernie Smith and Mel Venter, who will be at the microphones for the "Cavalcade Of Sports" East-West broadcast, will also be heard on this special preview. **KMAC 9:30 P.M.**

PERRY COMO PLAYS HOST TO ELLA LOGAN, THE girl who made such a hit in the Broadway show "Finian's Rainbow," on the Chesterfield Supper Club Thursday. Miss Logan will sing "A Little Bit of Heaven." **WOAI—9 P.M.**

IDA LUPINO IS FORCED TO PLAY A NEW AND BLOOD-chilling form of Russian roulette in tonight's auto-lite "suspense" play, titled "The Bullet." For a thrilling half-hour, dial "Suspense" Thursday night. **KTSA—8 P.M.**

TOMMY HENRICH, "OL' RELIABLE" OF THE NEW York Yankee baseball club, will be guest panelist for the Thursday hot-stove gathering of Mutual's "Fishing And Hunting Club Of The Air." He will join Jim Hurley, Jeff Bryant and Gail Borden as they discuss listener-submitted queries. Bill Slater emcees. **KMAC—7:30 P.M.**

THE AMUSING COMPLICATIONS THAT ENSUE WHEN a landlady rents the same room to both a day and night worker spotlights Mutual's "Comedy Playhouse" broadcast Thursday. "Box And Cox" is the title of the story and was authored by J. M. Morton. The Gold Coast Players will be featured with Jack LaFrandre, writer-director, as host. **KMAC—8 P.M.**



FATHER KNOWS BEST—Film favorite Robert Young goes over the eight rules of good driving with Ted Donaldson and starlet Rhoda Williams, who play the parts of son "Bud" and daughter "Betty" respectively in Young's popular NBC radio comedy, "Father Knows Best." In response to a request from the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, Mr. Young will spearhead the campaign for safety among younger drivers and will help popularize the "Man-to-Man" and "Dad-to-Daughter" agreements through the "Robert Young Good Drivers' Club."

Lupino Stars In Radio Play

Ida Lupino is an unwilling participant in a new and blood-chilling form of "Russian Roulette" in the Thursday night Auto - Lite "Suspense" play, to be heard over CBS Station KTSA at 8 p.m.



Lupino

Title of the thriller: "The Bullet," by Larry Marcus. Miss Lupino's husband, in the tense drama, is almost a stranger to her when he emerges from prison after three years. Haggard and embittered from the ordeal, he is jealous of the success she has made of their business during his absence.

When, finally, she asks for a divorce, he imposes a condition: She must sign a release giving him her share of the business. She refuses. He picks up a gun and slowly counts, "one, two, three," and—as she screams—pulls the trigger. There is only a click. The gun is empty. But this is a little game, he warns her, that he will play frequently until she signs the release—and one day, the gun will be loaded!

PRIZE COMEDIAN

Groucho Marx Goes With New Sponsor

Groucho Marx, the eyebrow and impudence man whose comic, staccato queries keeps radio fans in gales of laughter on his quip-quizzing comedy show "You Bet Your Life," has a new sponsor. Beginning Wednesday, January 4, 1950, over CBS the great Groucho will be sponsored by the DeSoto-Plymouth Dealers of America.

The great Groucho is without a doubt the keenest wit in radio today, a past-master of the ad-lib and steel-trap comeback. Last year he captured radio's highest and most coveted prize, when he won the Peabody Award for best comedian, and was picked by the nation's radio editors as the best quiz-master on the air.

"You Bet Your Life," has climbed to the 7th spot in the "Top 15" of all programs on the air, and now boasts a Hooper of 12.6 (as of Nov. 13).

On "You Bet Your Life," the emphasis is on comedy, with Groucho interviewing contestants, with interesting professions or unusual experiences, who are chosen from the studio audience and teamed as mixed couples.

A bird doctor may be teamed with an explorer, or an optom-

etrust with a lighthouse keeper, or perhaps it will be a deep sea diver and a floorwalker.

Contestants are given a \$20 credit allowance, and they bet all, or portions of this money that they can answer Groucho's questions. The couple whose mental agility most nearly matches that of the comedian with the mustache and big cigar, receive the largest winnings, and are eligible to try for the grand prize of \$1,000.

Another exciting feature of "You Bet Your Life," is the secret word, which, at the start of the broadcast, is revealed to listeners over the air and in the studio but not to the contestants. The contestant who mentions the word first, receives a cash prize.

TEMPORARY LOVE

Mercedes McCambridge, who recently received critical acclaim for her role in the movie "All The King's Men," has returned to her first love, radio, if only for a few weeks. She's subbing for Elspeth Eric, who ordinarily plays wealthy, wily Lucia Standish on CBS' popular daytime "Young Dr. Malone," while Elspeth is vacationing in Bermuda.

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