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TIP O' THE MORNING: Top novelty song in England is "I Taut I Taw a Puddy Tat." Mel Blanc has recorded it in this country, and it looks like a hit here, too.

Tom Ewell's (ex-UW) new contract with Universal is only for two pictures a year and doesn't confine his activities to that studio, Edith Gwynn reports from Hollywood.

"Tom must be happy about that," she continues. "Not only did he get the deal because of his wonderful performance in 'Up Front,' but plenty of other offers besides. Under the circumstances, Ewell will be able to accept a lot of them."

Incidentally, Miss Gwynn adds that:

"Most pictures are seen around Hollywood by producers and others in their private projection rooms—long before the public sees them. And it's this sort of 'grapevine' that makes many actors hot before the public gets a squint at them."

Chiff Roberts, who did a fine job handling concert broadcasts on WHA, is now in New Orleans on both radio and TV.

The role of Benny Fields in the film biography of Blossom Seeley hasn't been set, but Betty Hutton will play the singer. Fields is a Milwaukee native who met and married Blossom; as a team, they were one of the most popular attractions at the old Orpheum theater (now the Madison).

Ethel Owen, of radio's "Second Mrs. Burton," made her radio debut in Milwaukee, advising listeners on the care and feeding of cats and dogs. (Miss Owen is actress Pamela Britton's mother.)

"Mr. District Attorney," written by Bob Shaw (ex-UW) and starring Jay Jostyn (Milwaukee), will receive a citation from the National Exchange club "for its contribution in alerting the public to the dangers of crime and the need for year round efforts to eliminate lawlessness."

HOLLYWOOD NEWS: Edith Gwynn's notes from the film capital include these items:

Our brows met our scalp hearing that Danny Kaye might be signed to co-star with Gene Kelly in "Huckleberry Finn" at Metro. We always had the quaint notion (having read the tome a few times) that "Finn" was about kids. A check with the studio revealed that absolutely no casting has been done as yet, though the studio is dreaming up a musical version of the Mark Twain classic. Hope they won't forget the kiddies!



will sub for the Sahara.

Looks like a neck and neck Academy Award race between Louis Calhern's "Magnificent Yankee" emoting and Jose Ferrer's brilliant "Cyrano." However, Bill Holden's great work with a less-spectacular role in "Sunset Blvd." is not to be sloughed off. (No matter how much scenery there is around, Bill never chews it!



WILLIAMS

We've just been sent a list of the Filmtown belles who rated the most magazine covers during 1950. Here are the top six: Elizabeth Taylor, Esther Williams, Janet Leigh, Ava Gardner, Jane Powell, and June Allyson.

David Niven is up to THERE in the galley-proofs (just received) of his first novel, "Round the Rugged Rocks." We mentioned months ago that our friend Niven working on a book didn't surprise us—for we'd had much proof of his writing talents in the past.

Myrna Dell has been added to the cast of "The Strip," already shooting along Hollywood's famed Sunset Strip and also in and around the night clubs, restaurants, and hamburger stands thereon! John Sutton (actor-spouse of the former Mrs. Jimmie Fidler) gets a featured role too. Stars, as you may know by now, are Mickey Rooney and Sally Forrest.

The Doris Day-Marty Melcher wedding date is now set for first week in April. But fotsa people think these two skipped to Mexico for a secret ceremony quite some time ago.

Leif Erickson, finished with "Show Boat," is finding his luck on the Metro lot very good—and he's waited a long time for a lucky streak on ANY lot! Leif leaps into another role at that studio, being the latest addition to the cast of "The Man on the Train." Dick Powell, Ruby Dee, Paula Raymond, and Adolph Menjou are already under way with this feature that has Abraham Lincoln for its central character, though he never

Today's Radio Highlights

Music

8:30 a. m. — Guest Star (WIBA): Page Cavanaugh trio, Ray Noble orchestra.

9:30 a. m. — Morton Downey (WKOW): with Mildred Bailey, Three Suns.

1 p. m. — Metropolitan Opera (WISC): "Die Fledermaus," with Marguerite Piazza, Richard Tucker, Patrice Munsel, Rise Stevens, Nana Gollner, Charles Kullman, others... Music With the Girls (W K O W): "Where's the World?" "I'm in the Middle of a Riddle."

3 p. m. — Princeton Seminary Choir (WIBA): sacred music... Music of the Masters (WHA): "El Amor Brujo," DeFalla."

4:30 p. m. — March of Dimes (WHA): New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra.

5:15 p. m. — Music You Want (WHA-FM): "Nutteracker Suite," Tchaikowsky.

6:30 p. m. — Vaughn Monroe (WBBM): and Rosemary Clooney salute Indiana university.

9 p. m. — Classical Hour (WKOW): Dvorak program; "Humoresque," "Legende," "Concerto in B. Minor," "Slavonic Dances Nos. 1 and 3"... Theater of the Air (WISC): "The Desert Song"... FM Concert (WHA-FM): "Piano Quintet, Opus 81."

10:30 p. m. — Dress Rehearsal (WIBA): Boston Symphony orchestra.



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(WIBA): story of Salvation Army's work.

Sports

5 p. m. — Turf (WISC): Royal Palm Handicap.

10:15 p. m. — Herman Hickman (WIBA): Yale football coach in sports stories, interviews.

Discussion

8:45 a. m.—March of Medicine (WIBA): "Maybe It's Peptic Ulcer," Dr. Robert C. Parkin.

10:45 a. m. — News and Views (WHA): Roy Vogelman inter-

views Prof. J. Theodore Morgan on "Financing Our National Defense Effort" (also on WHA - FM at 7:15 p. m.)

2 p. m.—More Scrap (WIBA): for defense; Maj. A. P. DeSeversky, Vice-Pres. E. C. Barringer of Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel... Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker (WMAQ): "The Drift from Thrift."

2:15 p. m. — Adventures in Science (WKOW): "Latest Treatments for Infantile Paralysis," Dr. C. C. Dauer.

4 p. m. — Ambassador Warren Austin (WIBA): "America's Future in World Affairs."



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Quiz

7 p. m. — 20 Questions (WISC): Barbara Britton, guest.

Variety

5 p. m. — National Guard (WIBA): Bill Stern talks about horse racing, Mindy Carson sings.

9 p. m. — Judy Canova (WIBA): tries to win prefab house.

9:30 p. m. — Grand Ole Opry (WIBA): Tex Williams, guest.

Farm Programs

12 m. National Farm and Home Hour (WIBA): Western Stock show at Denver, Colo. ... American Farmer (WLS): "Better Phone Service for Rural America."

12:30 p. m. — Farm Program (WHA): "Well Fed Heaps Mean Strong Chicks." W. W. Cravens; "4-H Club of the Air," V. V. Varney.

For Children

8:45 a. m.—Carnival of Books (WMAQ): "Sun in the Morning."

10:05 a. m. — Let's Pretend (WBBM): "One Eye, Two Eyes, Three Eyes."

10:30 a. m.—Smilin' Ed (WIBA): Changa and three man-eating tigers.

For Teen-Agers

10 a. m. — Junior Junction (WISC): Starlet Susan Cabot and Shirley Rostal, Merrill, Wis., essay-prize winner, guests.

Drama

9:15 a. m. — Stars on Parade (WIBA): "Damsel in Distress," with Glenn Langan, Eva Gabor.

10:30 a. m. — Somerset Maugham — Theater (WKOW): new series; Martha Scott in "The Colonel's Lady."

12 m. — Stars Over Hollywood (WBBM): Debra Paget in "A Girl Like Jennie Jones."

Documentary

6 p. m. — Living 1951 (WIBA): Oklahoma women work for civic betterment.

6:30 p. m. — Faith in Action

Utility Told to Serve Town of Berry Homes

The state Public Service Commission (PSC) Friday afternoon ordered the Black Earth municipal electric utility to extend service to Carl Brockman and several other residents in the town of Berry, Dane county.

The petitioners had asked that Madison Gas and Electric Co. be required to furnish them with electric service, but the PSC found it more reasonable for the Black Earth utility to handle the extension.