

# 5000 Awaiting Bud's Winner

## ING CHARLES

opened the door to comedy for Messenie. He was playing with a combo at an Ottawa tavern when a customer offered \$5 for a rendition of the number and "Bud" immediately obliged with a variation that brought down the house.

Pfc. Smith will celebrate his 22nd birthday just before he takes to the mike for the grand finals. In civilian life, the young tenor attended Long Beach City College, appeared with St. Luke's Boys Choir for eight years. Now a chaplain's assistant at Camp Roberts, Smith is aiming for the Met when he can devote his full time to study.

Prochut has his heart set on a professional career. Should Prochut turn to rodeos for a living, he's a triple-threat man. He sings, plays the accordion, and rides well.

ON TV . . . Esther Powell, 65, of Los Angeles and Herb Smith, 66, of Long Beach, will be among the "oldsters" entertaining on "You're Never Too Old" over KLAC (13) at 7. . . "Meet Your Children" over KHJ (9) at 7:30. . . A show heavy on the swap shop angle is Tviewed over KTTV (11) at 8. . . A fashion expert will introduce a show of better suits and coats on the Monty Margett "Person to Person" show tonight when the vivacious Margetts gal appears over KNBH (4) at 8:30. . . By popular demand, "Amos 'n Andy" are repeating "The Rare Nickel" over KNXT (2) at 9. . . Vanessa Brown joins Dwight Marfield and Maurice Wells on Hollywood Screen Test over KECA (7) at 9:30. . . Still going strong is "Beat the Champ" over KTLA (5) at 10:45.

ON RADIO . . . Bette Davis and her husband Gary Merrill will star in the first "Hollywood

Sound Stage" program which makes its debut tonight over KNX at 7. . . The Anderson family, headed by Robert Young as Jim gets into the Christmas theme during the airing from KFI at 8:30. . . Now the husbands can listen to "Perfect Husband" with emcee-star Gorge Fenneman over KECA at 10:30. . . Frank J. McKinney will address a Chicago dinner meeting of Democrats which will be aired over KHJ at 11:15.

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