

Programs

Try to Stump Mills Brothers Program

"Stump the experts" will be the battle cry of a group of pupils turned teachers when they fire a barrage of questions at the presiding board of judges of the new "Information Please" program at 6:30 tonight over NBC-WLS.

Among the experts who will pit their knowledge against a list of wily questions are Paul de Kruif, scientist and author of "Microbe Hunters" and "Men Against Death"; Lewis Hacker, historian and economist of Columbia university; Marcus Duffield, day news editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, and Franklin P. Adams, best known as "F. P. A." of the "Conning Tower."

Presiding will be Clifton Fadiman, literary critic for the New Yorker, who, as master of ceremonies, will attempt to get the right answer to every question from his four-man board. The radio audience submits the questions and a board of editors passes on acceptable queries.

Other headliners tonight, classified:

Dramatic

6 p. m. — Edward G. Robinson (WBBM): in "Scar Tissue," story of blackmailed plastic surgeon.

7:30 p. m. — "The Comeback" (WENR): Clem McCarthy in prize ring story.

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Variety

6:30 p. m. — Al Jolson (WBBM): presents Eric Blore and Arthur Treacher in "battle of butlers."

7 p. m. — Al Pearce Gang (WBBM): and the Mills brothers.

7:30 p. m. — Fibber McGee (WIBA, WMAQ): with Clark Dennis singing what he says should be the theme song: "Bewildered."

8 p. m. — Robert L. Ripley (WIBA, WMAQ): presents 27-year-old twins who never met, America's prince of Wales, "Ti-Pi-Tin's" composer.

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Miscellaneous

5:45 p. m. — Missus Goes to Market (WBBM): interviews with Madison women.

9:15 p. m. — Screenscoops (WBBM): George McCall and Milton Berle.

10 p. m. — Hollywood Beach (WIBA): season opening, with Ken Ketchin orchestra featuring Howland brothers' new song.

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Fan Fare

Claude Thornhill, pianist-arranger with Andre Kostelanetz, has been retained by Maxine Sullivan as her musical director until 1942. Thornhill makes the arrangements for the swing singer whose versions of the classics, "Annie Laurie" and "Loch Lomond," shot her to fame.

Isabel Manning Hewson, commentator, has signed as news reporter for the "Hour of Charm" broadcasts with Phil Spitalny's girl orchestra over the NBC-Red network on Sundays.

Kaye Brinker, star of "Manhattan Mother", and Alvan Sommerfield, promotional manager for a national magazine, who will marry on June 16, are wrestling with the problem of where they are going to maintain their home. Sommerfield spends most of his time in New York and Hollywood, while Kaye's programs originate in Chicago.

Singin' Sam sets a radio record when he makes his eighth guest star appearance on "The Song Shop" Friday, May 27. Of all the guest stars who have been on the CBS series, he has proved the most popular. He will sing his own arrangement of "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen."

Jim Ameche will sub for Tyrone Power on Sunday nights during the summer layoff in a dramatic serial entitled "Win Your Lady".

Paul Whiteman, Rudy Vallee, Abc Lyman, and Ted Lewis are reported getting together to organize to handle their own affairs.

Understood that W. C. Fields returns to the Don Ameche broadcast in two weeks now that his Paramount contract has been abrogated.

Reported in Hollywood that Bing Crosby will leave Music Hall when his contract expires in August. Two new sponsors are dickering with him—one offering \$20,000 weekly for the talent budget while another offers \$25,000. Crosby's budget for guests on the show was \$7,500 weekly.