

# Benny's "Rochester" To Be Interviewed By Fred Allen

Gravel-Voiced Comedian Will Celebrate 30 Years In Show Business; Lanny Ross Looks For Missing Heir

Rochester, Jack Benny's dusky lackey whom Fred Allen will interview as his "Person You Didn't Expect to Meet" Wednesday to help celebrate his 30th anniversary in show business, is the 100th such interviewee to appear on the program since Fred started the feature in the fall of 1937.

Joining in the anniversary celebration will be Portland Hoffa, Harry von Zell, the Mighty Allen Art Players, Wynn Murray, the Merry Macs, and Peter Van Steeden and his orchestra at 9 p. m. Wednesday over WEAf.

An unusual duet by that expert twosome, Ginny Simms and Harry Babbitt, will be presented in Kay Kyser's "College of Musical Knowledge" Wednesday at 10 p. m., when they sing Andre Kostelanetz' "On the Isle of May."

Other orchestral highlights of the show will be "Sweetie Pie," "Indian Summer," "Ooh, What You Said," "How High the Moon," "Gauche Serenade," "Don't Worry 'bout Me," "By the Waters of Minnetonka," "I've Got My Eyes on You," "Say Si Si" and "Good Morning."

On Wednesday evening at 8 Charles Boyer, idol of the films and footlights, faces the WEAf microphone in Manhattan. A brilliant barrage of talent on the Hollywood Playhouse ushers in a radio adaptation of "Shadow Light"—from the facile pen of Octavus Roy Cohen. Lovely Sylvia Sidney, dramatic dynamo of stage and screen will appear with Mr. Boyer in his latest challenge to heartbeats.

Lanny Ross' program has a chance to locate a missing heir provided Lanny can locate a song, tag of which is "Take Me Home Again."

The song was requested by Mary Farrell Mohr, of 15 W. 84th-st. New York City, who hopes it will be heard by her missing sister, Elizabeth Farrell, heiress to several things of value left by her late mother, Mrs. George Farrell. Lanny will sing "Louisiana Hayride," "How High the Moon," "All the Things You Are," and the song the missing woman loved on the program, Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. over WABC. Meanwhile, music researchers are looking for the song, words of which are: "Tho I roam mid scenes of pleasure, Yet my heart is filled with pain. For a longing sad and tender whispers, Take Me Home Again."

Gracie Allen will give the lowdown on her campaign appearance in Dallas, Texas, before Variety Clubs of America convention on the Burns and Allen program, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. WABC. Ray Noble's orchestra will play "You Darling You" and Frank Parker sings "The Moon as Yellow." Gracie will follow her lowdown with the song "All In Favor Say Aye."

D. W. Griffith, famous Hollywood producer of silent films will teach Ken Murray to make love and Ken will do research on a picture of 1940 if it were produced a million years from now on the Hollywood portion of Star theatre Wednesday, 9 p. m. over WABC. Frances Langford will sing "Say Si Si" and "Last Night's Gardenias" and Kenny Baker will sing "Woodpecker's Song" and "I Love Thee." From New York, Dennis King will recreate for radio, a role which won him international fame when he appears in "Petticoat Fever." Star theatre's dramatic presentation

## BEST BETS WEDNESDAY

### P. M.

- 7:00 — Fred Waring Time, WLW.
- 8:00 — Hollywood Playhouse, WLW.
- 8:00—Ben Bernie, WJR.
- 9:00—Fred Allen, WLW.
- 9:00—Star Theatre, WJR.
- 10:00—Kay Kyser, WLW.

federal security administrator and former high commissioner to the Philippines, will be broadcast over WLW from the dinner highlighting Foreign Trades Week in Cincinnati, Wednesday. The broadcast will be aired at 11:30 p. m.

Dick Todd will sing one of his recently recorded best sellers, "The Singing Hills" as a highlight of Avalon Time, Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAf. Other musical specials on the show include "Sunday" and "Bugle Call Rag" by Bob Strong's orchestra, and "Angel in Disguise" a new Todd vocal. Don McNeill and Mercedes McCambridge will handle the comedy routine.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Eastern Standard P. M.—Subtract One Hr. for CST., 2 Hrs. for MT.

(Changes in programs as listed due to last minute network corrections)

- 5:45—The O'Neills, Sketch—nbc-weaf
- Tom Mix Adventures—nbc-wjz-west
- Chas. Sears, Tenor — nbc-blue-west
- Scattergood Baines, Serial—cbs-wabc
- Little Orphan Annie — mbs-wor-east
- 6:00—Luther-Layman Sing—nbc-weaf
- News, Dance Music Orch.—nbc-wjz
- News Broadcasting Period—cbs-wabc
- Billy and Betty repeat—cbs-midwest
- Dance Music Orchestra—mbs-chain
- 6:05—Edwin C. Hill — cbs-wabc-base
- 6:15—News and Ed East — weaf-only
- Malcolm Claire and News — nbc-red
- Bill Stern Sports; Ed East—wjz-only
- Hedda Hopper on Movies—cbs-wabc
- Nan Wynn and Her Song—cbs-Dixie
- H. Weber Concert Orch.—mbs-chain
- 6:30—Capt. Healy Stamps—weaf-only
- The Song Busters — nbc-red-chain
- The Sefenaders Prog.—nbc-wjz-east
- Rud Barton's repeat—nbc-blue-west
- Elmer Davis Comments—wabc-only
- H. V. Kattenborn Talks — cbs-chain
- Harold Turner and Piano—mbs-chain
- 6:45—Rocky Gordon, Serial—nbc-weaf
- Lowell Thomas News—nbc-wjz-base
- Tom Mix repeat—nbc-blue-midwest
- European War Broadcast—cbs-wabc
- Orphan Annie in repeat—mbs-west
- 7:00—F. Waring Time—nbc-weaf-east
- Baby Aces, Dramatic Serial—nbc-wjz
- Amos & Andy, Skit — cbs-wabc-east
- Chicago Melody Weavers — cbs-west
- Fulton Lewis, Jr., Talk—mbs-chain
- 7:15—Edl Abner's Sketch — nbc-weaf
- Mr. Keen, Dramatic Serial—nbc-wjz
- Lanny Ross in Song—cbs-wabc-base
- Wythe Williams, Talk — wor-waab
- The Trail Blazers of 1910—mbs-chain
- 7:30 — Revelers—weaf-kyw-wbz-wmal
- Dancing Music Orch.—nbc-red-chain
- Dancing Music Orchestra—nbc-wjz
- Burns and Allen Program—cbs-wabc
- Lone Ranger Drama—mbs-wor-east
- 7:45—Dance Music Orches.—nbc-weaf
- Sam Walter on Sports—wlv-wgn-lewk
- 8:00—Hollywood Playhouse—nbc-weaf
- Johnny Presents Program — nbc-wjz
- Ben Bernie and Lew Lehr—cbs-wabc
- Sheep and Goats Club—mbs-network
- 8:30—Time for Grandpappy—nbc-weaf
- What Would You've Done—nbc-wjz
- J. Herriott, Dr. Christian—cbs-wabc
- Where Are You From? — mbs-chain
- 8:55—Elmer Davis, News — cbs-wabc
- 9:00—Fred Allen's Program—nbc-weaf