Ken Murray
Stood the Test

LISTEN TO THIS

By TOM FIZDALE

The sparkling humor of Ken Murray made such a hit with listeners when he made two guest appearances that he has been signed as regular proctor of that Wednesday night Star Theatre on CBS. Funnyman Murray rates as one of the select few vaudeville headliners who successfully weathered the advent of commercial radio and talking pictures by being conscripted for the upper bracket of each medium when the "two-a-day" became a lost art. His weekly exchange of barbed quips with Ned Sparks, Frances Langford, Kenny Baker, et al, reach more people than he did in years of vaudeville, so "weep not for Caesar, etc."

Jack Haley's advice on becoming a radio comedian reads: "Study the screwey dialect of Arty Auerbach, take a course in double-talk, filling your mouth with marbles, and make believe you're addressing a six-months'-old child." Sounds simple.

Joan Banks
Youth No Handicap

Lovely Joan Banks, featured in Her Honor, Nancy James, is only two years out of High School but she has already starred with top radio names like Walter O'Keefe and Stoop and Bud. She is a talented comedienne as well as dramatic actress.

It's Rancher McGee, he's known as in these days. Anyway, Fibber McGee is looking over ranch houses in California's San Fernando Valley. Wouldn't you love to listen in on his conversations with the real-estate agents?

We caught Eileen Palmer of Those Happy Gilmans the other day broadcasting in her stocking feet. Seems she turned up in a pair of those new wooden shoes and the director made her take them off because they made too much noise in the studio.

H. L. Mencken has put his stamp of approval on the inclusion of the word "gracie" in the American slanguage dictionaries to signify "dumb-belle." That makes Gracie Allen one of the few living persons to become "a word for it."

Loretta Poynton
Has Hollywood Habit

George Gaul of the Theatre Guild and Jane Seymour of "The Women" have joined the already star-studded cast of Big Sister.

Wanta' be a radio actor? Then don't be yourself, is the advice of veteran Bill Adams, heard on Your Family and Mine. "The trick of real acting," Bill says, "lies in losing your own identity and acquiring that of someone else."

Petite Loretta Poynton, Chicago radio star, journeyed to Manhattan recently for a film test and this candid shot between scenes indicates that already she has taken up the Hollywood fad of crocheting.

Stamp Collection Is "Gold Mine"

When the Park Department's first annual contest for jeuvenine stamp colectors ended yesterday afternoon at Heckscher Playground in Central Park a 13-year-old girl clasped under one arm a box containing a gold medal and under the other, held even more tightly, a brown album of about annual contest for juvenile stamp She had just won the medal, a special prize, and in so doing had virtually stumbled over a pot of gold.

For, unknown to her and her father, Alice Strever of 77-04 Seventy eighth Street, Glendale, Queens, had entered the contest a stamp collction valued by the judges—all expert philatelists—at "several thousand dollars" and purchased for less than $100

Sylvester Streve, a publisher and an amateur stamp collector, said he bought the stamps, with some others he has at home, at an auction on March 14, 1931, c onducted by Frank Marquis at 30 Ann Street.

"I just collect them as a hobby," he said, "and I began a collection for Alice when she was a year old."

"Do you know that her set is worth several thousand dollars?"

"No," the publisher answered in an offhand manner. "They couldn't be. I bought the whole thing for about $100—what I have and what Alice has."

It developed that Mr. Strever had more of the valuable stamps at home, just how many he did not know, he and his daughter hurried off to see.

The part of the Strever collection that excited the interests of the judges was a group of stamps and seals that belonged to the late Paul Coveleski, first postmaster of the Canal Zone. They estimated that one page of her album alone was worth $400 or $500.

The judges, Edwin Elkins, chairman of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs, and William Montgomery and Harry Weston, also of the federation, agreed that Alice's exhibition was so superior to those of seventeen other youngsters who had won in previous borough championship contests that it deserved a special medal. They did not consider it for a regular prize.

The other contestants, less fortunate than Alice, had the results of many letters written to Uncle Gus in Auckland and Aunt Kate in Rangoon, asking for answers just so they would have the canceled stamps. Hours of painstaking work in arranging the pasters were put in by the youngsters, whose ages ranged from 11 to 17, and there were stamps from many little-known spots.

Among the most unusual on display was a group of letters from Niuafooa Island in the South Seas bearing British stamps worth 9 cents on each missive. These letters, stamped part of the collection of Anne Jane Trudel, 12, of 16 Lincoln Place, Fort Wadsworth, S. I.

The judges explained that no boats stop for mail at the tiny dot in the Pacific, but that some British vessels anchor a short distance off the beach and throw over a tin can attached to a line. Then a native swims out—through shark-infested waters—and puts the mail into the can.

The gold medal for the best exhibit in the show went to Paul Gari-eighth Street. Robert Mandelkern, 13, of 1,579 East Fourth Street, Brooklyn was runner-up and won a silver medal. Bronze medals were awarded to the following borough champions:

Manhattan—John Van Bylevelt, 12, of 102 West Eightieth Street.

Brooklyn—Joseph Vivona, 9, of 82 Aberdeen Street.

Queens—Paul De Matteo, 17, of dale.
78-56 Seventy-eighth Street, Glen

Bronze—Joan Sullivan, 9, of 59 Eagle Avenue.

Richmond—Anne Jane Trudel, 12, of 16 Lincoln Place, Fort Wadsworth.

Three other bronze medals were given for collections of special merit. They were won by John Phillips, 12, of 230 West Eighty-sixth Street; Ardent Gravesen, 11, of 157 West Eigthy-fourth Street and Katherine Dodson, 10, of 70-07 Sixty-sixth Street, Glenadle, Queens.

Port Deposit

Willard C. Aldrich, aged 71 years husband of Mrs. Grace Aldrich, passed away Sunday morning, February 20, after a short illness of a heart condition and grip. Mr. Aldrich, a native of Maine, came to Jacob Tome Institute forty-one years ago, as an instructor in manual training. He was active in civic conditions and was greatly interested in providing recreation for the girls and boys of the town; it was due largely to his efforts that the swimmming beach was put into condition. Beside his wife he is survived by one son, Willard California. Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon, the body taken to Baltimore and cremated.

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BRAZIL WOULD EXPORT IRON ORE TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb., 21—Dr. Raul Ribeiro, prominent Brazilian economist, canvassed official and private business quarters here today in behalf of joint Brazilian-American development for a vast project for export of iron ore from Brazil.

Suggesting a $100,000,000 capitalization for industrial and transport phases of this program, Dr. Ribeiro said that it could be correlated later with a possible official project to trade iron ore for Brazilian defense equipment.

The program a lready is receiving attention of prominent business men in New York, Dr. Ribeiro said, and officials here have indicated their sympathy in principle.

Linked with the iron ore development would be the electrification of a part of the central of Brazil railway, the construction of new port works in a part of Rio de Janeiro harbor, a steel mill to produce steel for local consumption in Brazil, and a fleet of American ore-carriers to bring the iron ore to Baltimore, Philadelphia or other United States Port.

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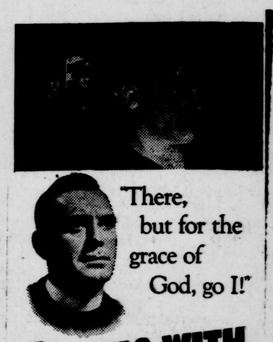

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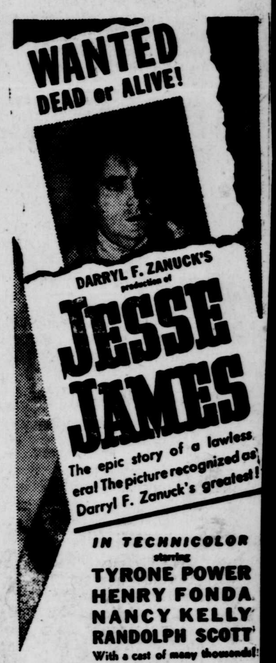

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