

## TV AND RADIO CHATTER TV Action 'Tame' for Bob Fuller

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The action doesn't stop when Bob Fuller steps out of range of the television cameras. This rugged young actor craves excitement and lives dangerously to prove it.

Fuller spends many of his off-camera hours stalking mountain lions or hunting sharks with harpoon and bow and arrow in the waters off the California coast. He also appears in rodeos busting broncs and bulldogging, fences in competition and practices judo.

A former stunt man, Fuller and his buddies leap off cliffs in the Hollywood hills "to keep in shape" and stage phony fights in barrooms "just for kicks."

Saturday, Fuller will leave for Puerto Rico to lead a group of skin divers on a treasure hunt for \$10,000 in prizes.

In "Laramie," a Tuesday evening NBC western series, Fuller plays the role of Jess Harper, "a wild, independent 'loner' type."

"Producers have tried to balance out the cast," he explained by phone from Hollywood. "John Smith is the solid, dependable type, Hoagy Carmichael the settling influence and Robert Crawford a boy who sides first with one, then the other."

The multiple-star makeup of "Laramie" is unique in that there is a remarkable lack of temperament among the co-stars.

"We take turns at getting the play, and nobody gets slighted," Fuller said. "I couldn't be happier with the arrangement."

He reports that "Laramie" has been renewed for another season on NBC. Filming of 39 new adventures will start next month.

A native of Troy, N. Y., Fuller grew up in a military school and spent weekends with his mother at clubs where she appeared as a dance headliner. When his father retired from the navy, the family moved to Chicago, where "Pap" worked as a dance instructor, and finally to Los Angeles.

After service with the army in Korea, Fuller studied with Richard Boone in his acting



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group. His role in the movie, "Friendly Persuasion," led to the heavy lead in "Teenage Thunder" and to parts in several TV dramatic shows.

If his "Laramie" shooting schedule and the sharks permit this summer, Fuller plans to co-star with Kathy Nolan in a play in the Los Angeles area. Kathy, a member of the "Real McCoys" cast, is the girl to whom he is "engaged to be engaged."

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IN VIEW: Kaye Ballard and Frank Fontaine will participate in a musical salute to George M. Cohan Wednesday on "Be Our Guest"