

A PERSONAL NOTE: Thank you all for your Christmas cards. Hope all of you have a very prosperous and happy New Year...and...give a radio tape to a friend.

IN FOND MEMORY: Rupert Davies, Nov 23, 59; British actor famed for portrayal of Mairret, French detective...Jack Cassidy, Dec 12, 49; singer, comedian, dramatic actor...Laurie York Erskine, Dec 3, 82; author of RENFREW OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED. Series was on radio from 1936-40...Louis Cowan, 66 and wife Pauline 63 from flash fire in apartment in Manhattan; Cowan created QUIZ KIDS television's \$64,000 QUESTION...Ned Washington, Dec 20, 75; composer and lyricist; wrote words for High Noon and Stella by Starlight...Frank Forest, Dec 23, 80; singer and actor in the 30's...Erroll Garner, Jan 2, 53; famed pianist...George McCoy, Dec 22, 73; pioneer radio talk show host and interviewer. As the Real McCoy has heard nightly over WEAF in New York.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Latest issue of TV Collector. It is issued 6 times a year and is \$5.00 a year. This is for collectors of TV films and video tapes. Write Steve Albert, 132 Withington Rd, Newtonville, Ma 02160. Sample copies are \$1.00. Second issue of AIR-WAVES, issued monthly; \$6.00 a year by Jerry Chapman and Joe Webb. Highlights this issue are articles on blank tape and The Shadow. Write Jerry at 438 W Neptune NIUM DeKalb, Ill 60115...Annual magazine of SPERDVAC; 32 excellent pages; \$2.25; One highlight is article on the HEARTBEAT THEATER. Write Joe Crawford, 201 E Chapman A #31J, Placentia, Cal 92670...

BOOKS, CLUBS, MUSEUMS: I omitted the Golden Radio Buffs of Maryland from my article on clubs last month. I'm sorry, it was an oversight. For information and newsletters write Dave Easter, 106 King Charles Cir, Baltimore, Md 21237. Club in existence since 1972 and newsletter is quarterly. Dues are \$6.00...A new book is being offered by Stein and Day, Scarborough House, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. It is FROM MARY NOBLE TO MARY HARTMEN by Madeleine Edmondson and David Rounds. This is a complete soap opera book. Cost is \$9.95. If you want the book please send the order to me, Jay Hickerson. Make check out to me and I will see to it that the book is mailed to you. I recommend it...For a list of all music/entertainment/cinema books send me a SASE and 10¢...Another book is THE GOLDEN YEAR OF BROADCASTING by Robert Campbell; \$16.95; Charles Scribner's Sons. Should be in your local bookstore. It covers 50 years of NBC.. John Dunning's book TUNE IN YESTERDAY is this month's offering of the Nostalgia Book Club. For information about the club write 165 Huguenot St, New Rochelle, NY 10801 and please mention Hello Again.On West Main St in Freehold, NJ will soon be the National Broadcasting Hall of Fame, a radio and TV museum. For information write Art Schreiber, 5 Longview, Freehold, NJ 07728. Art apparently has much memorabilia already.

LOGS: Jerry Perzhosky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 looking for AMCS AND ANDY log. I have heard of none...Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11231 has new log--THE WESTINGHOUSE PROGRAM starring John C Thomas 1/43-6/46. Send Ray 2 stamps and envelope.

PERSONALITIES: Peter Donald now doing a radio show in West Palm Beach...Jim Jordan appeared on ONICO AND THE MAN Dec 17th. It was

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his television debut...Benay Venuta, who had a CBS show called the BENAY VENUTA HOUR, producing revival of Gershwin's musical TIP TOES. Miss Venuta was very active in radio, films and stage... (If any of you know of activities of the stars of the golden days of radio let me know)

NEW ADDRESSES: Geary Johnston, Townhouse-726 Cotton St, Shreveport, La 71101 (effect. Feb 1)...Paul Nichols, 947 W Yale, Ontario, Cal 91762...Ralph Miller, 30 Jarr Brook Rd, Holliston, Ma 01746.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Carl Barnum, 1909 Fair Oaks Rd, Kingsport, Tn 37664...Gerald Vaughn, 2 Pagoda Ln, Newark, Del 19711. Jerry is looking for any radio material featuring cowboy singer Ray Whitley. He was on YOU BET YOUR LIFE 5/13/53 and did guests spots on E CANTOR, F ALLEN, K SMITH and was on various country-cowboy type radio shows such as CRAZY CAPERS, 1933, WMCA; WHN BARN DANCE; SADDLE MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP, GRAND OLE OPRY and others.

Returns: Don Andersen, Box 372, Bothell, Wa 98011...Larry Evans, 6215 Canton Rd NW, Malvern, OH 44644.

Old Friends: Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103. Ken has over 26,000 shows and is in the process of compiling a new catalog. The current shows he collects are CBS MYSTERY THEATER, CHICAGO RADIO THEATER, JEAN SHEPHERD over WOR. Ken donates shows to a local radio station, WLNR, Lansing, Ill and also the Poplar Creek Library. Ken, with 15 other collectors around the country, belong to the ORCATS (Oldtime Radio Collectors and Traders). They are an amateur radio group that meets every Sunday at 9:00 am EST on the 40 meter (shortwave) band on 7.248 MHz. Anyone who can tune them in is welcome to join. They discuss oldtime radio and have been since 1972 when Ken and Larry Evans started it. (No one sent in a person for SPOT AT THE MIKE this month. Ken fits this spot very well)Rick Ostler, 496 Driscoll Ter, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 1T7 has about 200 shows and likes LONE RANGER, sports, games, interviews. Only trades on cassette now but is getting a reel recorder...Ed Carr, 629 East Race St, Stowe, Pa 19464 wants 16" transcriptions or 78's of old radio shows. Also 16" turntables, correct needles, how to tell pressed from acetate, etc. (If anyone has an article on how to record tapes from transcriptions please send it in and I will make it available...John Miley, Box 5103, Lawndale Branch, Evansville, Ind 47715 wants to record all of Michigan's football games in 1977 with Bob Ufer announcing. If anyone can tape them and trade with John let him know...John Wells, RD#1 Chittenango, New York, 13037 wants J Benny's second Farewell Special 1/24/74 60 min. John now collects reels as well as cassettes...Hal Cox, 552 Plumus Ave, Oroville, Cal 95965 wants YOUR HIT PARADE.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Joe Franklyn over WOR (710) in New York has a nostalgic show from 12:30 to 5:00 Sunday morning...Ovaltine is making a comeback due to stimulated advertising. It is the beneficiary of years of broadcast sponsorship of LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE and CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT...Tom Bosley is going to be host for GENERAL MILL RADIO ADVENTURE THEATER, a children's anthology show to be broadcast beginning in early February. Bosley did some radio in the late 40's in JACK ARMSTRONG, TERRY AND THE PIRATES, etc. He is now in TV's HAPPY DAYS.

That's it for now. Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs
Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$6.00