

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: The Friends of Old-time Radio had its annual convention on Oct. 3rd and 4th. Many celebrities were present, often with husbands and wives, including Lee Allman, Arthur Anderson, Jackson Beck, Fran Carlon, Jean Colbert, Gwen Davies, Walter Gibson, Don Hughes, Raymond Edward Johnson, Evie Juster, Betty Tyler Karp, Bill Lipton, Rita Lloyd, Ted Mallie, Audrey Marsh, Ian Martin, Bob Prescott Sr and his two sons, Bob Jr. and Pete, Alice Reinheart, Rosa Rio, and Sybil Trent. They were all present throughout the afternoon and evening. They Socialized with the people, presented 3 radio shows and 13 received awards.

The convention started on Friday, Oct. 3 when 80 people attended cocktails and a buffet supper. Video tapes of "Look who's Laughing" and the first Amos and Andy TV show were shown. Musical trivia and a singalong were presented by Jay Hickerson.

On Saturday the convention started at 9:00 with 40 dealer tables. Some were manned by Joe Webb (Collectors Corner), Chuck Seeley and Bob Davis (Buffalo Club), Don Richardson, and John Theodore (SPERDVAC). Some other dealers there were Ron Barnet, Gary Dudash, John Furman, Richard Gesner, Gary Kramer and Stu Weiss. Collectors from 22 states and 2 provinces were present including Pa, Me, Oh, Va, Cal, Ill, Mich, Fla, Col, Md, Vt, Ind, DC, Minn, RI, Wisc, Mo, W Va, Ont and Brit. Cob.

Movies shown were Amos and Andy, It's a Joke Son, How do you Do, Here We go Again. Workshops presented were: teaching (G Yoggy), sound effects (B Prescott), acting (Brad Gromelski), music in radio (Tom DeLong), trivia (Richard King). Raymond E Johnson gave a chilling radding of Ray Bradbury's first short story-that he wrote. Then 6 original members of LET'S PRETEND presented "Cinderella." A panel discussion, led by Bob Witte, followed with Walter Gibson, Fran Carlon, Audrey Marsh and Bill Lipton. Cocktails were from 5-7 followed by dinner.

There were 233 people for dinner and another 66 in the afternoon. Bob Witte led the evening activities. The 2 radio shows were an episode of STRANGE hosted by Walter Gibson and "Death Across the Board" from INNER SANCTUM hosted by Raymond E Johnson. Bob Jr. and Pete Prescott received special awards for their contributions with sound effects for the last 3 years at our conventions. The Allen Rockford award was given to Charles Ingersoll and John Dunning. 13 celebrities then received their awards.

The guests were very gracious in granting interviews and mingling with the people. I want to thank them again for giving of their time to be with us.

Also the committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to my co-chairman, Joe Webb. Also thanks to Annie Webb, Carol and Bob Witte, Stu Weiss, Richard King, Jack Schugg, Julie and Larry DeSalvatore.

CONVENTION 1981: Plans are already underway for next year's convention. Trying to avoid several Jewish Holidays, our tentative dates are Oct 16 and 17. Unless we find a different place that can handle what we do, is not too expensive, is convenient to bus, train, and limousine lines, has convenient parking facilities, and is convenient to Joe or myself, it will again be at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport. PLEASE will you send me your critical comments (Nice things would be appreciated also) about the convention and about the Holiday Inn. Any criticism about the Holiday Inn should be directed to Mel Bronstein and the HI, 815 Lafayette Blvd, Bridgeport, Ct 06604. Let me know so Joe Webb and I can plan next years convention with you in mind... Audio tapes of this years convention can be obtained from Joe Webb in about 1 month. Send 2 1800' tapes to Joe, Box 267 Centuck Station, Yonkers, NY 10710.

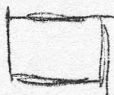
A PERSONAL NOTE: Has anyone recently bought from Nostalgia Co. (Larry Kiner) in Redmond Wash. ... Could you tell me the status?

AN ERROR: By mistake I mentioned the High Adventure programs obtained by Larry Rao. These shows are not for distribution at this time.

IN FOND MEMORY: Lewis Milestone, Sep 25, 84; Academy Award-winning film director... John Bonham, Sep 25, 33; drummer of Led Zeppelin... Lou Holtz, Sep 22, 87; vaudevillian and ethnic comedian... Marshall Reed, Apr 15, 62; actor, director, writer; tv-THE LINE-UP... Bill Heyer, Aug 26, 54; lyricist and performer... Fred Hamilton, Sep 9, 65; producer, child actor... Whitney Ellsworth, Sep 7, 71; producer of SUPERMAN tv series... Lillian Randolph, Sep 12, 65; actress; Radio-BEULAH, BILLIE BURKE, GREAT GILDERSLEEVE; TV-AMOS AND ANDY: BILL COSBY SHOW... Paul LaPorte, Sep 6, radio and tv producer... Stan Worth, Aug 31, 48; musical composer and conductor... Sol Lesser, Sep 19, 90; one of the last of film industry giants... Katherine Anne Porter, Sep 18, 90; novelist... Dorothy Sands, Sep 11, 87; veteran legit actress... Michael Strong, Sep 17, mid-50's; actor... Bill Evans, Sep 15, 51; jazz pianist... Jack Stern, Sep 10, 66; composer, arranger... Barbara Loden, Sep 5, 48; actress-director; TV-ERNIE KOVACS, TONIGHT SHOW... Duncan Renaldo, Sep 3, 76; lead role in TV series CISCO KID... Barbara O'Neil, Sep 3, 70; stage and screen actress... George Foster, Aug 19, 59; writer-producer... Doris Davenport, Jun 18, 63; former actress... Marx Loeb, Aug 26, 80; radio producer-director; COUNTERSPY: RADIO READERS DIGEST: CBS WORKSHOP... Sheila Barrett, Aug 10, 71; actress... Fred Avery, Aug 26, 71; master of film animation... C K Alexander, Sep 2, 57; actor-director... Norman Sweetser, Aug 28, 86; actor and radio director; JUST PLAIN BILL: STELLA DALLAS... Everett Clarke, Sep 10, 68; radio actor; CHICAGO THEATER OF THE AIR: WHISTLER... Jimmy Forrest, Aug 26, 63; jazz tenor sax player; composer of "Night Train."

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: THE THING WOULDN'T DIE: July; log of CRIME CLASSICS and more on ILAM "Tropics Don't call it Murder"... BIG BANDWAGON, Sep-Oct; Articles on B Goodman, Lynn Oliver, Johnny Long, Teddy Philips... BIG BROADCAST MAGAZINE, October, article on Spike Jones.

MUSIC: The Palladium in Hollywood will be celebrating its 40th anniversary from Oct 27-Nov 2. Playing there will be such big bands as Freddy Martin, Tex Beneke, Les Brown, Lionel Hampton, Bob Crosby, Alvin Rey, Buddy Rich, Harry James.



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6.00 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

PUBLICATIONS NOW DECEASED: Recently I made a list of all the OTR publications that I could think of that were no longer in print. If you can think of more, let me know: RADIO DIAL (Charlie Ingersoll); RADIO HISTORIAN (Thomas Wegner); RADIO IN DEPTH (Marion David Wedin); GREAT RADIO SHOWS (Thomas Riggs); NEWS AND REVIEWS (Bob Burnham); GOLDEN DAYS OF RADIO (Bob Costello); NATIONAL RADIO TRADER (Phil Cole); AIRWAVES (Jerry Chapman); NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS (Allen Rockford; and Don Richardson); EPILOGUE (George Jennings); RADIO NOSTALGIA (Virgil James); STAND BY-ON THE AIR (Bob Vito); ECHOES OF THE PAST (Don Fellow); GOLDEN RADIO JOURNAL (Roy Bright); STAY TUNED (Bob Joseph); REMEMBER WHEN (Larry Herndan and Don Maris).

NEWS OF THE PAST: by Ed Carr: In 1935, because of trouble with the amateurs who didn't win prizes, the Town Hall Tonight program dropped the repeat Coast Broadcasts...Bill Sweets produced not only the Shadow but Court of Human Relations and Mary and Bob.

HERE AND THERE: New Addresses; John Edwards, 118 Buttercup Ct, Plainfield, Ill 60544...Gary Dixon, 16 Tunis Ave, Old Orchard Beach, Me 04064...Herb Sadowsky, 20 Eagle Ln, Levittown, NY 11756.

New Friends: Fred Fox, 13150 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Cal 95315... Sam Kriegel, 432 Meadowbrook Av, Ridgewood, NJ 07459...Earl Fleeer, 301 Parkview, Coffeyville, Kan 67337. Earl is looking for any material on Kate Smith; original organ music from soap operas; copy of HIGHWAY PATROL TV theme music...Ron Bouiner, 376 Cilley Rd, Manchester, NH 03103. Ron services vintage radios.

Old Friends; Gary Dudash, 110 Montgomery Ave, No. Babylon, NY 11704 is looking for George Jennings (Epilogue) current address... Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 wants PALS, story of 2 orphans recently released from an institution; THE OLD SKIPPER AND HIS GANG; also Lucky Smith programs with Maxie Baer...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Av, Westchester, Ill 60153 wants a copy of a conversation on Ragtime-talking or playing-including Eubie Blake, about 1957...Ging Jackson, 1097 Queen Anne Pl, Los Ang, Cal 90019 reports that The PPB honored Rudy Vallee at its most recent luncheon...

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: BEST OF RADIO, weekly series highlighting old-time radio, now offered by Pop's Creative Sound Services, division of Media International Inc. of Chicago. It will be hosted by Jack Cripe...Jan Miner will be Madge in 1981 for the 17th year. Is she the longest running commercial character in TV history?... Red Skelton says that is was a misunderstanding about burning his scripts of his TV shows when he dies. In any case a group of his former writers have been granted a preliminary injunction in Los Ang. to prevent this from happening...Oct. 3 marked the 25th anniversary of CAPTAIN KANGAROO.

LATE MAIL: Dead at 44 is Johnny "Peanut" Wilson ; composer "Love the World Away."

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs.

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