CONVENTION: 1981: Details on Oct. 16-17th convention in Nov. issue. Our first registrant is Ron Lackman. Ron has written various books including Remember Radio, Remember Television, TV Soap Opera Almanac. Ron directed, produced and appeared on many army radio programs while in the service. He now teaches English in Valley Stream, Pa when not writing ... Two days later Gary Dudash registered. Gary has been to all our conventions... We are locking for addresses of personalities. Send me any you know of. What is the address of Mercedes McCambridge? We will have a panel discussion on radio detectives. One of the panelists will be Ron Goulart, sci-fi writer and author of forthcoming book on radio private detectives. We will also be asking Ron Lackman, Chris Steinbrunner, Randy Cox and others. We hope to get Lon Clark. He has not responded to our invitations in past years. Neither have Bob and Ray. If you would like to encourage them, write a letter to either or both and send them to me. I will forward the letters...Joe Webb still has tapes of the 1976-80 conventions. Send 2 1800' reels for each year you want. Also a 1978 convention interview with Joe, myself, Ed Blainey and others by phone aircheck. Jend 2 1290' feels. Also a Bob Prescott sound effects record-send 2 1300' reels. It will be recorded at 71... If any of you have suggested questions for celebrity or detective panels, please send them in.

A PERSCNAL NOTE: I am making a study of advertising slogans-especially those used on TV through the years-and jingles. If you have any material related to this, I would appreciate any halp... The Mutual (Sears) Radio Theater is going off the air on Dec. 19th. Only reruns are being aired now anyway. Reason-lack of advertisers... My search for early traders is continuing. Some very active in the 60's were Ray Stanich, John Cooper, Skip Craig, George Fowler, Richard Hayes, Bob Vito, Terry Black, Parry Brooks, Tony Rutherford, Larry Kiner, Jim Harmon, Ken Piletic, Joe Hehn (Joe started present collection in 1963), Bob Joseph, Cort Parent, Mel Simons, Bill Blalock (Bill made first trade, not by mail, in 1954. Had Sears and friends recorder. Bought tape from Sears and Lafayette ((Irish))). Whe made first mail trade? Who had first catalog? In 1968 Hugh Carlson had catalog with 700 reels. Don Brush, Ernie Hack, Ed Corcoran were some early Conn. traders.

IN FOND MEMORY: John Lennon, Dec 8, 46. Former Beetles star and musical giant of the 60's and 70's...Fred Flynn, 75, Dec 2; musician with Louis Armstrong and Bessie Smith. Rachel Roberts, Nov 27, 53; British stage and screen actress... Mae West, Nov 22, 88; vaude, legit and screen actress... George Raft, Nov 24, 85; one of Hollywood's most renowned tough guys... Hod Dvaid Schudson, Nov 17, 38; composer and record producer...Paul Ritts, Oct 18, 60; writer and director of children's tv programs...Carmel Myers, Nov 9, 80; silent screen actress...Chauncey Morehouse, Oct 31, 78; Jazz drummer...Nick Savian, Nov 8, 56; actor...Penny Roboins, Nov 4, 52; singer and actress... Gabriel Bartold, Oct 31, 61; veteran trumpet player...Patrick Shevland, Oct 18, 72; pianist for Jan Savitt... Steve McQueen, Nov 7, 50: highest paid screen actor in the 72's... Victor Ben Yung, Nov 9, 65; film and tv actor; on BCNANZA and BACHELOR FATHER...Louis Alter, Nov 5, 78; veteran composer (DOLORES: MANHATTEN BERENADE) ... Ralph Watrous, Oct 26, 73; tromonist... Anthony Hester, Oct, 34; composerarranger... O V Wright, Nov 16, 41; gospel and rab singer...Milton

Yakus, Nov 6, 62; composer (OLD CAPE COD: I'LL DANCE AT YOUR WEDDING) ...Louis Costello, Oct 20, 54; trumpeter with Al Hirt...Nick Dennis, Nov 17, 76; character actor (Ben Casey)...Joe Heathcock, Dec 1, 66; country-western singer and actor.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: MILQAUKEE NEWSLETTER, Oct. article on buying Yukon land...BIG BANDWAGON, Nov. articles on Harry Wells, Carmen Leggio, Shep Fields, Cab Calloway, John Liquori-collector of Russ Columbo memorabilia.

CONVENTIONS: The NBHF inductions on Oct 12 were well attended and very well run. Receiving their own awards were Anne Elstner Mathews, Ed Herlihy, Gale Gordon and Rose Marie. Others inducted but not present were Ralph Edwards, Eric Sevareid, Orson Welles, Benny Goodman, Red Skelton, Dinah Shore, Gene Autrey. Fred Foy was again the m.c. Others present were Alice Reinhart, Bill Butell, Lanny Ross, Frank Parker.

MUSIC: The British record industry is losing about \$5 million in sales annually because people are taping music rather than buying records. So far attempts have been unsuccessful to stop this sound stealing with electronic "spoilers."..."42nd Street," the new Broadway musical will be recorded by RCA. It should be ready by Dec 8th... There is a large decline in the sale of jukeboxes. There are now 310, 000 and the number is decreasing. 150 singles are purchased annually for each box.

Special TOPIC: I am making an effort to locate series that appear to be unavaulable. I am listing some "A" programs that don't appear to be in catalogues. Let me know if you have any copies of the following that are complete and in good sound: Adv. of Christopher Wells; Affairs of Peter Salem; African Trek; America's Hour; Army Hour; Auction Gallery; Author meets the Critic; A & P Gypsies; Adv. of Capt. Diamond; Affairs of Tom, Dick and Harry; Alias Jimmy Valentine; Amazing Mr. Smith; Arabesque; Atwater-Kent Orchestra.

CATALOG: New Catalog from Nostalgia Warehouse (Joe Webb). Note flyer.

LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has two-page listing of all his logs. He has about 50 radio logs and 17 tv logs. Send 30% and a SASE to Ray or me for the listing.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Max Clere, 9 Bayberry Dr, Sharon, Ma 02067...Jean Mathison, 74 Uncas Rd, Clinton, Ct 06413. Wants RADIO PLAYHOUSE...Ron Lackman, RD 1, Pleasant Mount, Pa 18453...Stuart Kaufman, 94 Pioneer Dr, West Hartford, Ct 06117 wants Brooklyn Dodger broadcasts with Red Barber and Connie Desmond from the 40's and early 50's...Jerry Orlen, 9 State St, Marblehead, Ma 01945...Milton Pressley, 412 Redbud Ln, Oxford, Ms 38655. Milton sells reels and cassettes under the name Heritage Tapes. W nts to trade or sell. If you want to buy sned 28¢ in stamps and a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  envelope to Milton...

OLD FRIENDS: Andy Blatt, 206A Timblin, Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, 45750 wants NIGHTBEAT... Charles Ingersoll, 315 First Ave SE, Aitkin, MN 56431 planning to publish the best of RADIO DIAL; It will be about 200 pages and cost about \$5.00. Write Charlie if interested so he will know how many to print... Tom Prete, 246 Court St, West Haven, 6t 06516 wants ABBOTT AND COSTELLO, especially segments on Kate Smith shows... Alex McFee, Star Rt 1 Box 678, Banming, Cal 92220 wants

MELODY AND MADNESS with Robert Benchley 1938-40; also any Benchley on record or radio...Jerry Perchesky, Box 732, Aptos, "al 95003 has some radio and tv scripts for sale including 4 SHADOWS written by Bret Morrison. One is "The Crawling Daeth." aired 2/28/54; \$5.50; also LIFE WITH LUIGI 11/21/50 \$3.00; MARX BROS SHOW 6/1/34 \$5.00. Jerry also looking for reels of BURNS AND ALLEN from masters. He received 2 reels 2 years ago 9/7/43-11/1/52...Dale Hilk, 424 East 1st St, Waconia, Mn 55387 wants FAT MAN-American version only...Thomas Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, Ma 02167 wants low generation material-has similar material for trade. Also wants Joe Louis fights with Max Baer and Tony Galento...Cort Parent, Crompond Rd RFD 4, Peekskill, NY 10566 wants BABY SNOCKS Jello Show "Snooks not invited to the party."

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: On Nov. 25, Sammy Davis Jr. was honored by the Friars in Hollywood for his 50 years in show business...The BUGS BUNNY/ROAD RUNNER SHOW was found to be the most violent show on television...Harry Allen Towers, 61, surrendered in New York after 20 years as a fugitive. Towers produced BBC Sherlock Holmes series.

LATE MAIL: If anyone lives near Marshall, MN look up my 4th cousin, Jack Hickerson...Just received new SHADOWS, 1949, with Bret Morrison and Grace Matthews and Cabin B-13, a short 1948-series of John Dickson Carr dramatizations.

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