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A PERSONAL NOTE: A correction. **Jackson Beck** did not resign from AFTRA as indicated in the last issue. He resigned from the Executive Board. Jack was and still is one of the most active members of AFTRA...Hello Again is going out early so that the convention update can reach you in plenty of time.

CONVENTION 1992: The dates are Oct 22 - 24 at the Holiday Inn North in Newark, NJ. All information was in the flyer. A second update and program is enclosed.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Gladys Holland (Mrs. Bill Zuckert) was Madame Dubois for the summer of Beverly Hill 90210 from July 29 - August 12...The **Blue Ridge Radio Players** are a group of unpaid volunteers who produce half-hour radio dramas on audio cassettes. The stories they dramatize are from the world's greatest literature. There cassettes are geared for the handicapped reader; those visually impaired, the functionally illiterate and also those who have forgotten how fun it is to read. To belong, just send a minimum of \$15 to Blue Ridge Players, Box 933, Hendersonville, NC 28793. On the board are Betty Mandeville and Hendrik Booraem. If you live in the area, The Blue Ridge Radio Players will put on a performance on Oct 3rd and 4th at the Lipinsky Theater on the University of North Carolina Campus at Ashville...NBC recently donated to the **Library of Congress** scripts, program notes, hour-by-hour logs of all shows from 1926 through 1970. This is added to 2 previous donations; 175,000 acetate discs and kinescopes and videotapes of 18,000 television shows...The **California Artists' Radio Theater** recently received a gold medal in the competition for Best Radio Drama by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The group is headed by Peggy Webber who will attend our convention... "**Thirty Minutes to Curtain,**" celebrated their ninth anniversary in August. They first went on the air on Aug. 31, 1983 and have been presenting their radio dramas twice a month continuously for nine years. They broadcast on KCSN in Northridge, California.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **SPERDVAC**, August; articles on Milford-Haven, a new American radio soap opera that will debut on the BBC; Duffy's Tavern...**Illustrated Press**, July; article on Arthur Godfrey...September; articles on Their convention, Marsha Hunt, Lou Krugman, AFRS orchestras...**Nostalgia Digest**, Aug. - Sep; article on the Jack Benny Vault Exhibit at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in the Chicago Cultural Center; Laurel and Hardy...**Airwaves**, 2nd quarter; A review of the broadcasts over Yesterday USA Superstation; articles on Parley Baer; One Man's Family...**Illustrated Press**, August; articles on Amos 'n' Andy, AFRTS...**Tune In** is a new OTR magazine put out by Rob Imes, 1844 East Longmeadow, Trenton, MI 48183. It is \$9 for 6 issues. The main purpose is to create a forum where fans could come together in discussion, debate and ideas. Article on the role of OTR today; a script of The Hall of Fantasy...**Daily Sentinel**, Sep - Oct, articles on Radio's Crime Fighters, Lionel Barrymore, Conde Nast...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Jul - Aug., articles on collecting OTR in a Hi-Fi age by Bob Procter, Lum and Abner...**Abbott and Costello Quarterly**, #17; articles including this information: MCA will release 6 A & C movies on home video in October. An Abbott & Costello Look Alike Contest will be held in New York in conjunction with this on October 24th. MovieLand Wax Museum inducts Bud and Lou. Article on Dan Seymour, the actor.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: **Whatever Happened to Peter Downstairs** is a new book by Peter G. Cranford. Peter will be at our convention. He produced the \$64 Question on radio and The \$64,000 Question on Television. He was a full-time pioneer psychologist in private practice in Georgia until he retired in 1986. While the book is an autobiography, it does cover at some length the two quiz shows mentioned above. Write for copies to Great Pyramid Press, Box 2745, Augusta, GA 30904 (\$12.95)...**The Rudy Vallee Discography** by Larry Kiner; originally printed in 1985, this book covers Rudy's life in extreme detail including radio. Cost is \$35 from Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881...A recent book (1992) by

Larry is **Nelson Eddy, a bio-discography**. As in all of Larry Kiner's books, attention is made to detail. This 650-page oversized book covers everything. It is expensive but worth it. Cost is \$79.50 from Scarecrow Press, Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840...**Canned Laughter, Television and Radio Anecdotes** by Peter Hay will be published in September by Oxford Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. Cost will be \$22.50. It is full of anecdotes, mostly amusing.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: The **Museum of Broadcast Communications** is celebrating 5 years and is now on Michigan Avenue in the Chicago Cultural Center. It has a public archives collection with more than 6000 television shows, 49,000 radio broadcasts and 8,000 broadcast commercials...**Don Maris's** next convention is the **BIG-D Collectible show** which will be November 20 - 22 at the Sheraton Park Central Hotel in Dallas. For information write Don at Box 200725, Arlington, TX 76006...**The Actor's Fund of America** is in need of your support. If you wish to support it, send \$25 or more to A F of A, 1501 Broadway, Suite 518, New York, NY 10036...**The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound (REPS)** will hold their first OTR convention on June 26, 1993 in Bellevue, Washington, near Seattle. In just a year and a half, the new club has 130 members. For information about the club, contact Michael Sprague, 11732 Northeast 148th Pl., Kirkland, WA 98034. More details about the convention as I get them...Just a reminder about **International Al Jolson Society** which was founded in 1950. Members get 2 journals annually. For information write Int. Al Jolson Society, c/o of James F. Brockson, 933 5th Ave., Prospect Park, PA 19076 or send \$15 for a years membership.

LOGS: **Ray Stanich**, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has a new log "Tell it Again," available for a SASE.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Larry Kiner's** 33rd supplement arrived. As usual it contains many new shows and much musical material. Larry has several hundred thousand OTR shows, discographies and tapes of big band music. Some new shows are several by Orson Welles, Fred Allen, Tex and Jinx, Manhunt, Rudy Vallee.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Richard Colavechio**, 335 Broad St. #35, Red Bank, NJ 07701...**John Wisse**, 17 Ferris Ave. \$23, Norwalk, CT 06854

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Fred Palmer**, 4559 S. R. 60, N, Wakeman, OH 44889. Fred would like a log of Sam Spade when one is written...**Colin Doane**, 9200 Rex Ct., El Paso, TX 79925 has 100 AFRS ET's with a variety of material which he would like to sell...**Frank Cuva, Jr.**, 1637 Hancock St., Ridgewood, NY 11385...**John Payne**, 115 South Sixth Ave., La Grange, IL 60525...**Vane Scott**, USS Radford, 132 W Canal St., Newcomerstown, OH 43832 looking for copy of show First Line, June 29, 1944. Vane is co-founder of Colonial Flag Co., Coshocton, OH, a division of the largest flag company in the world. He is an expert on decorating and designing parade floats, as well as on the American flag. He gives many lectures on the flag and on Oct 9 - 11 is staging the first national reunion of personnel who served on the U S S Radford DD 446 in W W II. It is one of the most decorated destroyers in Navy history...**Martin Kelleher**, 25-73 46 St., Astoria, NY 11103 wants the Walter Winchell newscast of Dec. 2, 1934...**Joy Jackson**, 3663 Carr Pl. N, Seattle, WA 98103...**Lyle Stuart**, 1530 Palisade Ave #6L, Fort Lee, NJ 07024...**Ron Weitz**, Box 6368, New York, NY 10128

OLD FRIENDS: **Bob Burnham** is now co-hosting an OTR show on WCAR (1090 AM) in Detroit. It is on Mon - Fri, 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm. They are not broadcasting any shows by Charles Michelson or any of the other syndicators who hold broadcast or distribution rights...The

tapes advertised in Wireless Magazine are from **Carl Amari** (Radio Spirits)...**Fred McFadden**, Box 4721, Rome, NY 13442 still looking for any radio shows with Judy Garland, especially Jack Oakie College and Bob Hope, 1939 - 1940...**John Barber** recently was the subject of an article in the New Orleans Times. John recently started hosting The Golden Age of Radio, an hour-long OTR program on WTIJ on Sunday at 10 pm...**Lawrence Rao**, 1009 Autumn Wood Ln #106, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 is interested in trading OTR reels or cassettes for VHS cassettes of all kinds...**Terrence Goggin**, 1777 N. Vine #409, Los Angeles, CA 90028 wants any transcription discs...**George Miller**, 9733 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 wants network radio newscasts on original 16" discs, station master tapes or home recordings.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Richard Derr**, May 8, 74; stage and screen actor. On radio on Grand Central Station...**Lou Krugman**, Broadway, Film, TV and radio actor (Romance of Helen Trent, Dear Mom)...**Virginia Sale**, Aug. 23, 92; actress (Those We Love)

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION '92: UPDATE # 2

October 22 - 24, 1992

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Air Lines, Registration** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister.** Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to fill out a registration card when you come if you preregister. Also, early bird prices are available until October 1. The money must be in by that time to save. We still have time for more collector oriented workshops on Thursday.

Corrections and Changes

A Dragnet panel will take place on Saturday Morning. Inner Sanctum is directed by Ron Lackmann. Chris and Paddy Costello will be joined by Bud Abbott Jr., and Vicki Abbott Wheeler on Thursday night.

Additional Guests

New: Don Hastings (Theater Guild, Studio One) TV credits include As the World Turns for 32 years; Captain Video; The Edge Of Night

Returnees: Margaret Draper, Fred Foy, Stella Reynolds Moss, Sybil Trent, Betty Wragge

Dealers

Dealers tables went very fast last year. Previous dealers will get first preference, but I need to know whether you want tables or not as soon as possible. There will also be a few tables for displays and handouts. 56 tables are available.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 12th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. All monies from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table help pay for the many guests we have at our convention.

Books

Books and other items on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, marked by asterisk (*): **Nostalgia Entertainment Sourcebook** by Randy Skretvedt and Jordan Young*; **Quiz Craze** by Tom DeLong*; **One Night Stand** by Harry MacKenzie and Lothar Polomski; **Rudy Vallee** by Larry Kiner; **Reruns on Files** by Donald Godfrey; **Fanny Brice** by Herb Goldman*; **Canned Laughter** by Peter Hay; **Radio and Television Pioneers** by David Kraeuter; **Nelson Eddy** by Larry Kiner; **Brass Button Broadcasters** by Trent Christman; **Think Big** by Dick Beals*; **Old-time Radio Calendar** from Zephyr Press; **In Times Past** (OTR Video); **Whatever Happened to Peter Downstairs** by Dr. Peter Cranford*.

Hotel

Some registrants are forgetting to let me know if they need a hotel room. I must know in advance. Pay for the hotel upon arrival.

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