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A PERSONAL NOTE: I hope all of you have a very happy holiday season...My Collector's supplement (#234 - 243) page 24 is ready. Just send a SASE...**Supplement # 1 to my Necrology** (October 1996 edition) is available for \$2. The supplement is up to date as of October 15th, 1997 and contains about 225 new people. The complete Necrology is \$12.

CONVENTION 1998: Our yearly committee meeting to plan the convention will be held in January or February on a Sunday. If you wish to serve on the committee and are not on it now, please let me know. If you have ideas for the next convention, please let me know as soon as possible. We had a problem with the rooms on Thursday at our past convention. The rest of the event went fine. A very few people have concentrated on this initial problem and have publicly stated we must go elsewhere. I agree that it was an unsettling experience, but there are many details that have been taken for granted these last 16 years of the Convention. The dates for 1998 are October 22 - 24. These dates were previously booked at the Holiday Inn North prior to this year's convention. I personally must adhere to these dates. To look for another place that has those dates available and that can accommodate all the other things required is something that I do not have the time for. Someone in the Newark Airport area would have to do this. Perhaps it is time for someone else to do all the detail work. I have considered stepping down as chairman and have someone else handle all the administrative tasks involved.

Maggie Thompson and several others wrote very positive articles about the convention which I appreciated. Maggie's article was an editorial for the Comic Buyers Guide. Please let me have some positive input.

CONVENTION 1997: The video tapes and audio tapes of the convention can be obtained after January first. The total cost is \$55 for 3 videos and 6 audio cassettes. The cost of each video if purchased separately is \$20 and the 6 audio cassettes are \$20 if purchased separately. Send to Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (909-244-5242 <avpro@cosmoaccess.net>.. **If anyone was sent to the Howard Johnson on Thursday night and has not received a refund, call The Holiday Inn Worldwide; 1-800-621-0555 (Guest Relations) and explain the situation to them. You must have your confirmation number and your receipt...** We have several items for sale: **FOTR Canvas Bags** are on sale for \$7.00 plus \$2.00 P & H. **20th Anniversary Mugs** are available for \$4.00 plus \$4.00 P & H. **1997 Convention booklets** are on sale for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 P & H. **1997 FOTR pens** are on sale for \$1.00 plus .50 P & H. We still have **FOTR flashlight-key chains and FOTR Magnets** for \$1.00 each plus \$1.00 P & H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **RLL On the Air**, Aug; articles about One Man's Family; Lum and Abner...**The Cantor Connection**, Sep - Oct...**Nostalgia Digest**, Oct - Nov; articles about Woolworth's; Kemo Sabay debate...**Halloween Broadcasts**...Leonard Maltin about his new book...Joe Penner, Jack Pearl, Bert Gordon...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Sep; articles about This is My Best; Guiding Light...Oct.; articles about Today's children; War of the Worlds and Leonard Maltin talks about his book, "The Great American Broadcast."...Nov - Dec; articles about Hy Averback; Pepper Young's Family...**Illustrated Press**, Sep; articles about Joe Penner ; Hilltop House; Obscure shows; WMAK...Oct; article about Life Can Be Beautiful...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Sep - Oct; articles about War of the Worlds in Ecuador; KDKA; Deems Taylor; Zero Hour; Big Bands in 1938; Betty Winkler; Robert Ripley...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Sep - Oct; Coke Bottles and Major Bowes..Nov - Dec; arti-

cle about Supporting actors and actresses in radio... **Reminiscence Extra**, Box 5291, Harlan, IA 51593 (\$16.98 a year); October; article about the Great Gildersleeve by Clair Schulz...**Radio Recall**; Oct; article about sound effects...**Tape Squeal**; Sep – Oct; article about Young Dr. Malone...**Jot 'Em Down Journal**, Oct; article about Ethel Huddleston Ball...**Tradition**, Sep – Oct; articles about Bradley Kincaid; Gene Autry ...**RCA Newsletter**; Oct; article about Orientals on Radio by Jack French...**Old Time Radio Digest**; Sep – Oct; Articles about Dave Warren; Great Gildersleeve; Fibber McGee and Molly; American Radio Theater. .**Air Check**; fall; article about Janet Waldo...**The Times of Kate Smith**; fall; information about how to get Kate Smith – Live at the Nugget, a recent CD, from concerts recorded in 1972 and 1973 at John Ascaga's Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nevada. Cost is \$19.95. Send check payable to Richard Hayes, Box 3575, Cranston, RI 02910. CD will be available January 1st...**Jack Benny Times**; Sep – Oct ...**Daily Sentinel**; Nov – Dec; articles about Bud Collyer; Christmas on the Air Part 4...**NARA News**; Fall; articles about Sound Effects by Barney Beck; Irna Phillips; National Farm and Home Hour; The Press-Radio Feud...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**; Nov – Dec; articles about how sponsors got their names; how to be a radio writer.

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 74 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800...**The Great American Broadcast** by Leonard Maltin; Dutton (Penguin Putnam), 375 Hudson St., New York, NY 10014; \$36.95 (1997); Leonard takes us on an oral history of radio. It is based on hundreds of personal interviews with many behind-the-scenes stories. It also contains many pictures never seen before. Ninety-one of his books were sold at our convention.. **Anthony Tollin** is doing much writing for Radio Spirits including their Smithsonian collections. His latest booklets are OTR Greatest Shows; Superman on Radio; OTR Showbiz Teams

CONVENTIONS:

12th Annual Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 29 – 30, 1998, Marriott Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

Kate Smith Festival X1, May 29 – May 31 at Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, New York. Contact Rev. Raymond Wood, 6437 East Seneca Tpke, Box 368, Jamesville, NY 13078

14th Annual Lum and Abner Society Convention, Jun 26 and 27, 1998, Mena, Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL (205) 648-6110

6th Annual Radio Rally of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, Jun 26, 27, 1998 in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

23rd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 31 – Sep 6, 1998 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

23rd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 22 – 24, 1998 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

15th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 13 – 15, 1998; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles; Contact Larry Gassman (562) 947-9800.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest on the Internet e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@broadcast.airwaves.com>...New Members include: (change) **Joe Webb** <sfminc@juno.com>...**Frank Bequaert**

<Rainyday@interloc.com>...(change) **Lee Maschmeyer** <ab2325@wayne.edu>...(change)
Don Ramlow <dona1dra@mail.iserv.net>...**James Belpedio**
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LOGS: With the help of Bill Nadel, My **Philip Marlowe** log is complete and corrected. If you have not bought it, the cost is \$1.50. If you have bought it, send me a SASE for a copy.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Jim French**, producer of Crisis, Dameron, Adventures of Harry Nile, Tower Playhouse, KIRO Mystery Playhouse and Imagination theater does not want anyone to buy or sell his shows. They can be obtained from Transmedia at 1 800 229-7234...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 (810) 686-5973 has many shows in his September Supplement including Chandu; Nightbeat; Perry Mason; Great Gildersleeve; Lux...His October supplement contains Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Gene Autry; Space Patrol and many others...November supplement contains I Was a Communist for the FBI; Frontier Gentleman; Suspense; Life of Riley...**Pat McCoy**, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 has 27 new Jack Benny from 1944 through 1951. These are air checks and some have commercials and songs edited but they are the only known copies to exist...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 has more scripts (number 240 - 337). He needs a Red Skelton script. Can anyone help?...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-21445) has October supplement with many shows including Couple Next Door; Philip Marlowe; Henry Morgan; Ozzie and Harriet...November supplement contains Destination Venus; Gene Autry; Bobby Benson; Rocky Jordan...**Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 has many new Jean Shepherd and Long John Nebel...**Radio Spirits Catalog**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176 Spring/Summer...New shows include Amos 'n' Andy (3/12/46; 10/15/46); Burns and Allen (12/18/47; 12/25/47; 5/22/47); Charlie McCarthy (10/9/55); Duffy's Tavern (5/25/49); Life of Riley (2/11/45)...Fall/winter; news shows include Boston Blackie with Chester Morris (7/14/44; 7/21/44; 7/28/44); Sherlock Holmes with Stanley and Shirley (9/28/47; 10/12/47); Big Story (10/1/47; 1/7/48); Fred Allen (12/2/45)...**A Night at the Radio** is the name of a new project by Gary Papers, Box 126, Ashland, OR 97520 (1-888-723-4676. Each set of cassettes is 4 hours of the popular radio shows...**Adventures in Cassettes**, #94; (5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442) Many shows including Tarzan, "The Fires of Tohr,"; Lum and Abner; Couple Next door; Halls of Ivy...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116; Flyer #9 includes Boston Blackie; Duffy's Tavern; Police Headquarters...Ted's complete catalog is available. Its 350 pages contain more than a listing of shows for sale. Much other information is included. Cost of catalog is \$20...**David Price**, 35-51 88th St. #B, Jackson Hts., NY 11372 has uncovered some new Fred Allen including (1941) 3/5; 3/26; 4/2 (1942) 10/25; 11/22; 12/6...**Jack French**, 5137 Richardson Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032 has a CBS audition show 10/14/49 called Flip Cochran, Air Commando; also has Natural Bridge Review with Nat and Brigit; also Brunswick Brevities with Harry Brewer and Murray & Scanlan...**Chuck Schaden's** Metro Golden Memories catalog #5 is out with many shows in its 66 pages. For information call 1-800-538-6675...**AVPRO**, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776). flyer #3 has Christmas shows; Let's Pretend; Six Shooter; Voyage of the Scarlet Queen

NEW ADDRESSES: **Jay Rozgonyi**, 11 Reed St., Milford, CT 06460...**James Adams**, 6501A Teletha Ln., Chattanooga, TN 37415...**Douglas Roycraft**, 1528 Seagull Dr. #103, Palm Harbor, FL 34685

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Peter Woodruff, Box 311, Grass Lake, MI 49240...Tom Hoffer, 2309 Old Bainbridge Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303...David Hoffman, 9900 Spain Rd. NE, Ste H-1041, Albuquerque, NM 87111 wants shows Bela Lugosi was on. He collects Bela Lugosi memorabilia...Steve Troyanovich, 1 Pelle Court, Florence, NJ 08518 is looking for information about The Lone Wolf including shows and episode guide for radio and television...J Hawkins, 4022 Sunset Dr. W, Tacoma, WA 98466 is looking for all the episodes of The Adventures of the Scarlet Pimpernel starring Marius Goring...L Harding, 890 Hampton Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 (313) 882-5126 is selling his old radio tubes. He has over 300...Randy Neil, 3314 West 95th St., Leawood, KS 66206...Paul Mellos, 331 E 81 St., New York, NY 10028...Ed Mattson, 151 Roosevelt Rd., Weymouth, MA 02188...Keith Gamble, 13A Belknap, Arlington, MA 02174...Gordon Payton (Sci-fi Guy), #114 E Cuthbert Blvd. Bldg F1, Westmont, NJ 08108 ...Pete Schindler, 5 Humphrey Rd., Derry, NH 03038...Roy Hill, 139 Westwood Park, Forest Hill, London, England SE23 3QL...Martin Grams, Jr. Box 189, Delta, PA 17314...Bob Mercer, 318 Virginia Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108...Martin Kravarik, 3 Woodgate Dr., Monmouth, NJ 08852...Peter Unks, 145 S Seventh Ave., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865...Ed Hutchison, 6035 Ferncreek Dr., Jackson, MI 39211...Ann Megargee, 524 Truett Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32303...Judi Reynolds, 14 Pequot Trail, Shelton, CT 06484...Bob Batcheller, 53 Windham Rd., Pelham, NH 03076 is looking for copies of The Court of Missing Heirs. I know of no copies...Ernest Decicco, 1500 NW 43rd Ter., Bldg 5, #202, Lauderhill, FL 33313 is looking for all shows with John Nesbitt...Brian Matthews, 2220 W Lodi Ave., Lodi, CA 95242 is looking for, on video, the old sign on and sign off logo on TV station KOVR in Stockton, California. The logo was the animated bee, Teevy. Brian is also looking for early episodes of The French Chef with Julia Child complete with the original NET logo...Donald Dinsmore, 7063 N Newman Ave., Portland, OR 97203...Douglas Grodin, 8819 Victory Ln., Potomac, MD 20854...Roger Kofstad, Rt 1, Box 186, Hartland, MN 56042.

OLD FRIENDS: Barbara Watkins and Bobb Lynes were the subject of an article in the Los Angeles Times, August 30th. It was about their radio program "Don't Touch That Dial" which has been airing since 1974 on KCSN FM (88.5), the campus radio station at Cal State, Northridge...David Easter, 1900 Angleside Rd., Fallston, MD 21047 is in need of a takeup belt for his Sony TC-377 tape deck. The Sony part number is 347233200...Lars Schinnerling, Westendstr. 20, D-63225 Langen, Germany (49-6103-92 90 44) is still looking for Ginny Simms material such as radio broadcasts, photo stills, magazines; also would like to obtain a label discog of the American Recording Artists label.

IN FOND MEMORY: Lyle van Valkenburgh, Jul 22; 92; radio announcer...Burgess Meredith, Sep 9; 89; Frequently on radio (The Adventurer; The Free Company; The Pursuit of Happiness; Red Davis; Roll Call and many episodes of Norman Corwin's productions)...Red Skelton, Sep 17; 84; Radio and television's beloved clown. Red was on radio from 1939 - 1953...Helen Jepson, Sep 16; 92; singer of opera and popular songs; On Paul Whiteman's Programs...Murray Burnett, Sep 23; 86; Writer (True Detective Mysteries; Cafe Istanbul)...Dorothy Kingsley, Sep 26; 86; screenwriter, writer (Bob Hope; Edgar Bergen)...Arthur Tracy, Oct 5, 98; Arthur first sang at our convention in 1981 and was busy into his 90's. His first radio program was in 1931...Ivan Ditmars, Sep 10; 90; CBS radio musician (Escape, Suspense)...Hy Averbach, Oct 14; 76; actor, producer, announcer (Bob Hope, Sweeney and March, Whistler)...Nancy Dickerson, Oct 18; 70; first female news correspondent for CBS...Judy Bublick, Oct 5, about 88; writer (Charlie Chan). Judy appeared at our convention a couple of times...Helen Jepson, Sep 16; 92; singer; on one Lux and other musical shows...George Petrie, Nov 18; 85 (The Falcon, Casebook of Gregory Hood). George was a guest at our convention.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

1997

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 22nd Annual Convention from October 23 - 25, 1997 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: **Jeanne Bates, Eddie Bracken, Frank Buxton, Frank Coghlan, Dix Davis, Dolly Dawn, Barbara Fuller, Betty Johnson, Kitty Kallen, Leonard Maltin, George Pirrone, Jean Rouverol,** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Barney Beck, Jackson Beck, Vivian Block, Warren Bryan, Gene Clark, Sam Edwards, Ray Erlenborn, Harry Fleetwood, Earl George, Bob Hastings, Pat Hosley, Raymond E Johnson, Rex Koury, Ruth Last, Abby Lewis, Tyler McVey, Bob Mott, Bill Murtough, Jeanette Nolan, Bill Owen, Peter Rankin, Elliott Reid, Rosemary Rice, Adele Ronson, Sybil Trent, Frances von Bernhardt, and Miriam Wolfe.** The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 7 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday evening with complimentary wine and cheese for the overnight guests. About 100 people attended. On Thursday, many dealers opened at 9 am. There were four afternoon workshops: We had a visit with **Bill Murtough; Frank Bequaert and Dave Siegel** talked about radio books and magazines; **Terry Salomonson** talked about Three decades of Collecting and Beyond and **Gary Yoggy** told us about some of his favorite holiday shows. Then we had cocktails and dinner. 86 fans attended during the day. 204 fans and guests attended in the evening. **Edgar Russell III** had his award winning script presented. It was "Kiss From a Little Old Lady." It was directed by Arthur Anderson **Mike Sprague with Ed Titus** then hosted a One Man's Family Reunion with much of the OMF cast. It included a phone call with Page Gilman.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Sixty-two dealer tables were active during the convention. 258 people attended dinner with another 118 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: We had a visit with **Frank Coghlan; Jack French** talked about Asians on Radio; **Gordon Payton** with others presented a panel on science fiction, yesterday and today; **Anthony Tollin** talked about Superman; There was more CBC Radio with **Sam Levene** and others; **Anthony Tollin** then saluted **Walter Gibson**; The author's panel consisted of **Frank Buxton, Leonard Maltin, Tom DeLong, Frank Coghlan, Chris Lembesis, Anthony Tollin.** The **Dave Warren Players** then presented **Vic and Sade and Duffy's Tavern.** After dinner **Bob Mott, Ray Erlenborn, Barney Beck and John Rayburn** showed as a lighter look at sound effects. "Zero Hour" by Ray Bradbury was re-created with **Pat Hosley** in the starring role. Then "Fort Laramie" was re-created with **Tyler McVey and Sam Edwards.**

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **The Atlanta Radio Theater Company** presented **Dr. Geoffrey Stanhope "In the Hour of the Wolf;"** A musical program about the **Andrew Sisters** was presented with **The Boogie Woogie Girls** doing some of their songs; **Mitchell Weisberg** talked about Radio to Television; **The Gotham Radio Players** then presented **The Green Lama :The Adventure of the White Lady;"** A standing room only audience then listened to **Betty Johnson, Dolly Dawn and Kitty Kallen** talk about their experiences in the music business; **Lee Munsick** and others presented a multimedia look at the 60th anniversary of the Hindenburg; **Raymond Edward Johnson** then read "The End of the age;" Meet **Corliss Archer**, directed by **Frank Buxton**, was then re-created with **Rosemary Rice and Sam Edwards** in the leading roles.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 382 people with another 186 coming for the day. After dinner **Rosemary Rice** starred in **I Remember Mama.** Then **Jackson Beck** was the **Cisco Kid.** **Ed Clute** supplied the music for this and other re-creations.

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, **Allen Rockford Awards** were presented to **Ed Clute and Michael Sprague** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. A new **Ray Stanich Award** was given to **Frank Buxton, Bill Owen and Tom DeLong** for all the excellent writing they have done. **Special Florence Williams** awards were given to **Rosemary Rice and Bob Mott.** They have attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. **Jeffrey and Walter Muller** received special awards for all their help at the Conventions. Donations were given to the **Veteran's Bedside Network, The Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation, The Broadcast Pioneers Library, WBAI, The Old-time Radio Digest on the Internet, Yesterday USA, Americana on the Air and Heller Memorial Foundation of AFTRA.**

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.