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A PERSONAL NOTE: Gary Yoggy has been busy. First he directed the several productions of Elmira's Little Theater's 10th Annual Visit to The Golden Age of Radio. Special guest was Will Hutchins. Then Gary directed and participated in 3 Visits to OTR in March at 3 different locations in the Corning, NY area...**Ed Clute** was the subject of an article in his local paper, the Star-Gazette in the Watkins Glen, NY area. If you want a copy, please send me a SASE. Ed has been at our convention and others for several years accompanying the re-creations...**HA will be mailed** a week early so I can get ready for Cincinnati. I will be bringing limited material so if there are any special logs you would like, let me know by e-mail, phone or Fax. Karen and I will see you there.

My selected bibliography of over 360 books related to radio programming and personalities was printed in 1994. I have prepared a supplement of over 65 books. It also contains phone numbers of specialized publishers and web sites. The supplement is \$2.50 total. The entire bibliography with supplement (**over 420 books**) is \$7.00

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: The first supplement to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$5 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book plus the supplement is \$50 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1998: The dates are October 22 - 24, 1998 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark.

CONVENTION 1997: The video tapes and audio tapes of the convention can now be obtained. 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>... 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: **Tape Squeal**, Mar - Apr; article about The Guiding Light...**Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about WLS; Documenting early radio, part 2, by Elizabeth McLeod...**Jolson Journal**, Spring, 1998; Contains Al Jolson Log; interview with Betty Garrett...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Jan; article about Big Sister...Feb; article about Our Gal Sunday...**The Cantor Connection**, Mar - Apr...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Apr; article about Betty Boyle...Jun; article about Grandpa Jones...**OTR Newsletter**, Spring; Old-time Music on the Radio...**Illustrated Press**, Apr; articles about Front Page Farrell; Detectives...May; articles about One Man's Family; Detectives, part 5; Jimmie Fidler...**Tradition**, Mar - Apr; articles about Carl Story; Patsy Cline; Spade Cooley; Red Spurlock; Grandpa Jones...**Daily Sentinel**, May - Jun; a look at past covers from 1986...**NARA News**, Spring; articles about Country Music Barn Dance Shows; What is the Best Media for OTR? by Bob Burnham; Elaine Carrington...**The March of Time...Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, May - Jun; articles about Floyd Gibbons; Norman Brokenshire; Camel Caravan; 1942 big bands...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Mar - Apr; articles about Private Eyes; More on current science fiction...**On The Air**, May - Jun; various articles, mostly about Maryland events and people...**RLL On the Air**, Apr; articles about Bogart and Bacall; Lum and Abner

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 76 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Manipulating the Ether** by Robert Brown, McFarland, 1998 (1-800-253-2187) or 336-246-4460. Cost of this 312-page book

is \$45. Brown discusses the power of radio and those that used it. Franklin Roosevelt was the first politician to recognize this power. Orson Welles, Father Coughlin and many others demonstrated this power... **Women of the Western Frontier in Fact, Fiction and Film** by Ron Lackmann, McFarland (Number above), 214 pp, 1997, \$45. This work provides factual accounts of women of the Old West in contrast to their depictions on film and fiction. The first 2 are Calamity Jane and Belle Starr... **Groucho Marx, Master Detective** by Ron Goulart, St. Martins Press (1-800-221-7945) or 212-674-5151; \$23; 260 pp; 1998; this is a mystery novel in which Groucho Marx plays a detective, teaming up with an ex-police reporter turned radio scriptwriter, who works to solve the murder of a young actress... **The Creature Features Movie Guide** by John Stanley, Creatures At Large, Box 687, Pacifica, CA 94044 (650) 355-7323 <Creature@netwiz.net>. Several editions have been written. I am looking at the 4th edition published in 1994. There is a fifth published in 1997. Soft cover price is \$20. It contains capsuled reviews of over 5600 movies about science fiction, horror and fantasy. All obscure and rare titles are in this. This is a must for anyone interested in this area... **Ol' Blue Eyes, A Frank Sinatra Encyclopedia** by Leonard Mustazza; Greenwood Publishing Group (Above); 480 pages; 1998; \$59.95. The book covers all aspects of Frank's career in detail including all songs recorded in alphabetical order; It covers his radio career with exact dates in most cases but does not have a log for the shows, just a description with the dates. It even covers the internet... If you are interested in Hollywood Music, the most complete book ever written is **Hollywood Song** by Ken Bloom (Facts on File; 1552 pages; 3 volumes; \$225; 1995) The book is the most comprehensive reference source guide available to songs from nearly 7000 American and foreign films.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS: The Broadcast Pioneers Library at College Park, Maryland has recently acquired 248 boxes and 6 filing cabinets of **Arthur Godfrey** material from WNET, Channel 13 in the New York area. The material consists of audio tapes, videotapes, wire recordings, music scores, 16mm films, scripts, photographs, correspondence. Most of Godfrey's radio programs are included... The **Annual Get Together** of the Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society is July 11 and 12 in Southern California. For information call Michelle Malik (818) 907-8895.

CONVENTIONS:

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

Kate Smith Festival XI, 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

3rd Old-time Music and Radio Conference, June 2 - 4, Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Contact Surry Arts Council, Box 411, Mount Airy, NC 27030 (1-800-286-6193 or 336-786-7998)

REPS Radio Showcase VI of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, Jun 19, 20, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

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

Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society Annual Get Together in Southern California, July 11 and 12. Contact Michelle Malik (818) 907-8895

23rd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 31 - Sep 6 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 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; 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: **Dale Ames**

<gp@telegram.infi.net>..George Miller, Jr. <gfm31952@aol.com>..Stewart Wright
<stewwright@worldnet.att.net...Stu Weiss (change) <Djstu43@aol.com>...Chuck Schaden <otr-
guru@aol.com>...Jim Cavanaugh <jmcavan@shentel.net>...Adventures in Cassettes
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LOGS: My first supplement to the **Necrology** is available for \$2. The complete necrology written in 1996, including the supplement is \$12.

Gunsmoke Log: I have updated and revised my Gunsmoke log. It contains all shows in chronological order with titles and brief descriptions in almost all cases. **Cost is \$8.**

Martin Grams has provided me with several logs which I am providing to my readers. Martin is working on 2 books: "The CBS Radio Mystery Theater" due out in the fall of this year; "The Cavalcade of America" due out in the summer of 1999.

Many of Martin's logs can also be found in various catalogs since they are complete runs of shows that are available. **Police Headquarters** (50 cents); **Treasury Salute** (\$2; most from #23 - #402); **Adventures of Frank Race** (50 cents); **Family Doctor** (50 cents); **Frontier Fighters** (50 cents); **Frontier Town** (50 cents); **Guest Star** (most from #1 - 510; \$5.00); **Here's To Veterans** (Most from #1 - 140; \$1.00); **In the Name of the Law** (50 cents); **Turning Points** (50 cents); **War Town** (50 cents); **Whitehall 1212** (50 cents); **You and Your Security** (50 cents)

Two other logs sent by Martin are **The Circle** (50 cents) and **What's New** (50 cents)

Fred Shay, 30 Willow St., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has a **Complete log of "The Adventures of Superman"** from 1938 - 1951. Cost is \$10 including priority mail postage.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: RHAC library has new shows from Canada (1963 - 1964) including Folksingers of Canada; Jazz From Canada; Tales of the Red Men; Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town; Canadian Short Stories; Radio-Canada Playhouse...also has 2 new Author's Playhouse; Carnation Contented Hour (8/15/49; 9/19/48); Take it Or Leave it (7/13/47); Inner Sanctum (7/13/50) ...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445); Colgate Sports Newsreel; Roy Rogers; Stars Over Hollywood; Magnificent Montague; The Avengers (So Afr); Nero Wolfe; Misadventures of Si and Elmer; Fred Allen; Information Please; The Chase...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151 (FAX: 1-313-277-3095); Spring/summer; Escape; Whistler; 1958-59 Suspense; Railroad Hour... "A Night at the Radio" Vol 3 (**Garry Papers**), Box 126, Ashland, OR 97520 (1-888-723-4676); \$28. This is more than just a variety of programs. It also contains much information about a particular year. ...**Martin Grams, Jr.**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 has several new shows including 15 Second Chance; 2 Saga of Davy Crockett (Audition); Xavier Cugat (4/2/44)...**Dave Siegel**, 419 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Hts, NY 10598 has some new shows: Fibber McGee (6/6/44); Melody Parade (3/1/36); Merrill Mueller (3 from 1944); Metropolitan Opera (one from 1942; one from 1934)...**MGM Musical Comedy Theater** (11/26/52)...2 Mr. President from 1951; This is Our America (several from 1942)...Mr. and Mrs. North (8/9/44)...Mr. District Attorney (2/7/45)...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 has several new scripts available. John has over 400 scripts...**Great American Radio** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; (810) 686-5973; This April/May supplement contains Gunsmoke; Adventure Ahead; Family Theater; Hawk Durango/Larabee; others...**Randy Eidemiller**, 7700 Lampson Ave. #37, Garden Grove, CA 92841 has several new shows: The first new **Suspense** in a while: 5/9/46 (The Clock and the Rope); YTDollar (11/17/51; 9/14/58; 9/21/58); Jeff Regan (12/18/48) The Clock (5/9/48); Everyman's Theater (1/31/41; 3/7/41); Inner Sanctum (6/4/46; 8 Steps To Murder)...**Redmond Nostalgia Company** (David Kiner), Spring/Summer; a wide variety of shows on cassettes including many New Bing Crosby-Rosemary Clooney from 1960 and 1961...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442 (1-800-328-0108); 97th edition contains Tarzan; Captain Midnight; Life with Luigi; Phil Harris/Alice Faye and many others...**Roger Hill's Nothing's New**, 23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Buono, CA 94066 has just reached 1000 members. It is a great source of OTR programs, vintage TV shows, rare movies. Membership is \$10

NEW ADDRESSES: Douglas Roycraft, 502 South Fremont Ave. #603, Tampa, FL 33606...**Michael Kutz**, 2031 West Old Shokopee Rd. #28, Bloomington, MN 55431...**Clair Schulz**, 10482 269th Ave., Trevor, WI 53179

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Walter Brasen**, 1002 Mitchell Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126...**Thomas Shaffer**, 1626 West Encanto Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85007...**Marshall Akers**, 270-B Midway Rd., Athens, GA 30605...**Jim Cavanaugh**, 105 Winns Cir., Winchester, VA 22602...**Tom Fetters**, 545 So Elizabeth, Lombard, IL 60148. Tom is very interested in the Green Hornet...**Mike Pitts**, author of Radio Soundtracks, has 2 questions. Did Arthur Reeve's character, Detective Craig Kennedy, ever become a radio series in 1932 or 1933. Was there a radio series, on which the 1943 movie Cosmo Jones in the Crime Smasher was based. It allegedly starred and was created by Fred Graham. His address is 512 North St., Chesterfield, IN 46017...**Miles Freiberger**, 4017 Kamer Miller Rd., New Albany, IN 47150...**Jay Shulman**, 117 Garth Rd.-C, Scarsdale, NY 10583 is looking for any radio shows that played songs written by his father, Alan Shulman...The International Al Jolson Society is looking for the Bing Crosby Chesterfield show script for the program scheduled to be recorded Oct 24, 1950 which would have featured Al Jolson who died Oct 23, 1950. If you can help, please contact Edgar Bullington, 905 Paseo Grande Cir., Duarte, CA 91010. E-mail is <eb2@rocketmail.com>...**Steve Holden**, 701 Manzanita Way, Vancouver, WA 98661. Steve is looking for copies of CBS Radio Mystery Theater. ..**Brian Szyszko**, 1444 S 11th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081 is looking for Jack Benny scripts and more Jack Benny shows. He has 300 now...**Barbara Cook** (Adventures in Cassettes), 5353 Nathan Ln, Plymouth, MN 55442

OLD FRIENDS: **George Miller, Jr.**, 9733 S 51st Ave., Oaklawn, IL 60453 is looking for original radio show admission tickets...**Durell Roth**, 902 Youpon Valley Rd., Austin, TX 78746 is looking for 4 Lone Ranger; Western Union Story (7/9/52); Race Against Time (8/22/47); Help By Wire (12/18/46); Singing Wires and the Sioux (10/29/43)...**Darwin Maurer**, 315 W Market St., Perkasio, PA 18944 is looking for a copy of the article about Electrical Transcriptions from the June 1997 issue of Return With Us Now from the Colorado Club...**Lars Schinnerling** (see Internet for e-mail address) is looking for any radio shows, photo stills, sheet music or magazine covers with Ginny Simms.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Bernard Meltzer**, Mar 25, 81; father of expert talkradio...**Thomas O'Neil**, Mar 14, 82; radio and TV executive and owner of 45 Don Lee Stations in 1950 and WOR in 1952...**Rose Maddox**, Apr 15, 72; West Coast country singer; on many WC radio shows...**Francis Durbridge**, Apr 11, 85; Created Paul Temple...**Peter Lind Hayes**, Apr 21, 82; Radio, TV, Movies (Interviewer; Dinah Shore Show)...**Betty Boyle**, Jan 18, between 73 - 83; writer on Lum and Abner...**Earl Bolick**, Apr 19, 81; Country singer; on southern stations...**Bill Griffis**, Apr 13, 81; Bill was at our convention; in many radio shows...**Gus Wayne**, April, 77; one of the actors who toured as Little Johnnie for Philip Morris...**George Draper Lewis**, Jan, 89; Writer (Camel Caravan)...**Joan Banks Lovejoy**, Jan 18, 79; character actress (Lux Radio Theater, many others)...**Gene Raymond**, May 3, 89; actor (Amazing Mr. Malone)...**Alice Faye**, May 9, 83; One of our favorites...**Roy Rowan**, May 10, 78; Announcer (Escape; Adv. of Philip Marlowe; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar)...**Frank Sinatra**, May 15, 82 (Much will be said; much will be written)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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REPS RADIO SHOWCASE VI SEATTLE, JUNE 19-20, 1998

"RADIO FAMILIES"

We Want to Honor Those Who Really Were OTR

Look at that list to the right! There couldn't have been Old Time Radio, the way we know and love it, without them. That's why we're so thrilled to honor them. If they have a good time, you can bet that the rest of us will too.

The Radio Family Theme

REPS always has a theme. For example, Showcase V was "180 Days 'Til Christmas". Showcase IV looked at shows and news 50 years back with "Twisting the Dial in 1946."

And now for Showcase VI, it is "Radio Families." Details are still taking shape, but everything will be connected to families on radio.



Program Pieces

One Man's Family Reunion with Page Gilman, (Jack), Barbara Fuller (Claudia) and several others who worked on OMF.

Vic & Sade, again featuring Merrill Mael as Uncle Fletcher.

Ellery Queen, starring Larry Dobkin. Other possibilities are The Second Mrs. Burton, Family Theater, The Life of Riley and even others like Ft. Laramie or Frontier Gentleman...if the episode featured a family.

Each re-creation selected will have at least one actor who worked on the show.

There will be a wide variety of panels and features (see below) along with a great exhibitors room.

Tribute to Parley Baer

The name Parley Baer is high on every fan's list of favorite OTR performers.

Parley is still recovering from his stroke, but he's part of the REPS family, having missed only one Showcase.

So, whether he is able to come or not, we're going to do a tribute to this super guy. It will be hosted by John and Larry Gassman, with participation by many of Parley's acting buddies.

Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound

THE STARS!!!

Radio Showcase VI

Dick Beals

Lone Ranger, Six Shooter, Speedy Alka

Stewart Conway

Sound effects, The Whistler, Obler +

Larry Dobkin

Ellery Queen, Escape, Gunsmoke

Sharon Douglas

2nd Mr. Burton, OMF, Life of Riley

Sam Edwards

Corliss Archer, Gunsmoke, Suspense

Ray Erlenborn

Sound effects, Jack Benny, Dr. Christian

Barbara Fuller

OMF, His Honor-Barber, Stepmother

Page Gilman

One Man's Fam. -the only Jack Barbour

Art Gilmore

Red Skelton, Dr. Christian, Dragnet

Sandra Gould

Duffy's Tavern, Jack Benny, Bewitched

Merrill Mael

Vic and Sade, Dr. Kate, Mystery Play

Tyler McVey

OMF, Glamour Minor, Fibber McGee

Bill Murtough

Engineer Lowell Thomas, Big Bands

Norma Jean Nilsson

Fath. Knows Best, Jack Carson, Blondie

Gil Stratton, Jr.

My Little Margie, sports, Stalag 17

Ginny Tyler

Voices, Dr. Doolittle, Mousketeer

Janet Waldo

Corliss Archer, OMF, Ozzie & Harriet

Rhoda Williams

Father Knows Best, Lux, Life of Riley

Douglas Young

Mystery Playh., Augie Doggie, Lux

STILL POSSIBLE

Harry Bartell

Gunsmoke, Ft. Laramie, Sherlock Hol

Herb Ellis

Dragnet, Gunsmoke, Jason & Golden FJ

Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound

New Location/New Hotel

This year, the Showcase will be held at The Seattle Center, location of the famous Space Needle.

The rooms are more spacious and there are lots of eating options in the area.

The new hotel is really an old hotel-The Inn At Queen Anne. This quaint and spotless older hotel is less than one block from the entrance to our meeting rooms.

Rates are \$71.10 + tax for a single and \$80.10 + tax for a double. Parking can be a challenge- but it is quite doable.

The hotel number is 206-282-7357.

REGISTER EARLY...WIN PRIZES

The first 30 registrations that include Saturday, will be entered in a drawing for three sets of Showcase VI recreation tapes.

Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound RADIO SHOWCASE VI REGISTRATION

Name(s) Please list all registrants

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Address

City, State, Zip

Phone ()

	Member (each)	Non-member each
Fri. only	\$15	\$20
Sat. Day	\$30	\$35
Sat. PM	\$34	\$40
All Sat.	\$64	\$75
Fri & Sat	\$70	\$83

TOTAL \$ _____ \$ _____

Mail to: Showcase VI, 16511 Lake Hills Blvd., Bellevue, WA 98008
Information...425-488-9518

Confirmation letters will be sent, including driving and parking instructions