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A PERSONAL NOTE:

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. Flyers enclosed. If you wish to write a short article for the Convention Booklet, I will need it by October 1.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Fifth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1999 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 10, 1998**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. The second was won by James Nixon. The third winner was Edgar Russell, Jr. The fourth winner is Donald Dortmund whose script will be performed at our 1998 convention. Joel Senter, a runner up will also have his script performed.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Nostalgia Digest**, June - July; articles about Deanna Durbin; Woodpecker Song; Kukla, Fran and Ollie; Cavalcade of America; Old-time Radio in Chicago. Chuck Schaden also reminisces about 1948, the year he graduated from 8th grade, the same year I graduated. Chuck and I both started our respective endeavors relating to OTR around April of 1970. Chuck plans to attend our convention this year. Why does he look younger than I do?...**RLL on the Air**, Apr; article about Seckatary Hawkins...Jul; article about Eddie Cantor; **Chattanooga Airwaves**, May - Jun...**The Cantor Connection**, May - Jun...**Tape Squeal**, May - Jun; articles about Les Paul; Our Gal Sunday...**Return With Us Now**, Jun; article about "On the Air" by John Dunning...Jul; interview with Jim French...**Illustrated Press**, Jun; articles about Detectives, Part 6; Frank Sinatra...**Radio Recall**, Jun; articles about Lanny Ross; Charlie Chan ...**Tradition**; May - Jun; article about The Carter Family...**Air Check**, Spring; features information about June convention; also short articles about Joanna March and Dick Beals...**RCA Newsletter**, Jun; article about Radio Spirits and Carl Amari...**Daily Sentinel**, Jul - Aug; many pictures of radio performers; article about radio's

copycats...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Jul – Aug; articles about Dr. John Brinkley; David Ross; radio microphones...**SPERDVAC Bulletin**, Mar – Apr; article about David Harum...May – Jun; article about Hilltop House...**The Lone Ranger, Silver Bullet**; Jun; more Lone Ranger stuff.

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...**The Airwaves of New York** by Bill Jaker, Frank Sulek and Peter Kanze; McFarland & Co., 1-800-253-2187 or (336-246-4460); 296 pages; \$55. It is an illustrated history of 156 Am stations in the New York Metropolitan area from 1921 – 1996...Also from McFarland is **Lugosi: His Life in Films, on Stage, and in the Hearts of Horror Lovers** by Gary Don Rhodes; 456 pages; \$55. The section on radio is only 6 pages. The book covers Lugosi's works in all mediums...St. Martins Press has just released a book called **Elvis, Hank and Me..Making Musical History on the Louisiana Hayride** by Horace Logan with Bill Sloan. If you are at all interested in the country-western programs, this is the book for you. Horace Logan was the producer of Louisiana Hayride, on radio from 1948. It tells the inside stories of many guests including Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, many others. Cost of this 256-page book is \$21.95. Call (212) 674-5151...**Historical Dictionary of American Radio** edited by Donald Godfrey and Frederic Leigh; published by Greenwood (see above); \$89.50; 520 pages; 1998. This book is a comprehensive resource of American Radio History including 100 authors and covering 600 topics. Entries are arranged alphabetically. Each entry contains references for further study as well as internet sources...**The Red Nichols Story** by Phil Evans et al; Scarecrow Press, 1997, 740 pages; \$79.50 (1-301-459-3366). This is a definitive chronological Bio-Discography from 1942 to 1965. This is extremely thorough and includes all the radio programs he was on.

CONVENTIONS:

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.

3rd Annual Williamsburg Film Festival, Feb 25 - 27, Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg, VA; Contact Cindy Peery (1-757-566-1855)

13th Annual Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 23 – 24, 1999, Marriott Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

***4th Old-time Music and Radio Conference**, 1999, 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 VII** of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, 1999, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

***15th Annual Lum and Abner Society Convention**, 1999, Mena, Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL (205) 648-6110

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: **Gene Bradford** <tmrss@ameritech.net>...**Bob Burnham** (change) <platecap@worldnet.att.net>...**Joe Webb** (change) <Jwwmtf@aol.com>...**Joe Russell** <Labasjoe@aol.com>...**John Cooper** <Mysto99@aol.com>

LOGS: 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...More logs from Martin Grams that you can order from me **Sunday with Garroway** (4/18/54 - 9/26/54); **Front and Center, The Road Ahead, The Private Files of Rex Saunders, As Easy as ABC, Dr. West's Celebrity Night** (all 6 are 50 cents each)

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: Ted Kneebone, 1528 S Grant St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 has 6 new Crisco Daytime Radio Newspaper with Durward Kirby and Bernadine Flynn from 1943 and 1944; He also has to new Life Can Be Beautiful (2/7/44; 3/21/44)...**Tom Martin** (Vintage Audio), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com> has Supplement 5 and 6 of his catalog. It contains cassettes 6001 - 7724 with a wide variety of shows, many not seen on cassette before...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; May - Jun supplement has Bold Venture; Couple Next Door; Hermit's Cave; Mel Blanc...July flyer; Jack Parr; Philo Vance; Quiet Please...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151 (Spring/summer, supplement 2); The Whistler, others ...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305; June supplement has Cruise of the Poll Parrot; various quiz shows and soaps; Clyde Beatty...July flyer has Railroad Hour; Corsican Brothers; Destination Venus; Whistler. .**AVPRO**, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-33 AVPRO) Flyer #2; special on The Whisperer; many others including 14 TV episodes on video of Terry and the Pirates...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 has the audition show of Aunt Mary (March, 1952) and Jimmy Durante (10/6/44). He also has 21 Admiration Coffee Shop (Sep 29 - Dec 16, 1947)...**Wayne Boenig**, 233 Allerton Commons Ln., Braintree, MA 02184 has 3 new Blue Ribbon Town (1944) 1/29; 2/5; 2/12...**Bob Barbagelott**, 2568 Western Ave. B2-A21, Altamont, NY 12009 has 4 reels (about 52 new) Yankee Yarns...**RHAC** has more new Canadian shows from 1964 - 1965 including The Ordeal of New France; Writers of Canada; Foothill Fables...**Ted Serrill**, 555 Old Post Rd. #C-15, Edison, NJ 08817 has two different A Voice in the Night; The Stolen Necklace (6/14/46) and Case of the Detective (8/9/47). The second date must be a repeat since the program ended in 1946...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116; latest flyer has Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts; Cruise of the Poll Parrot; Bill Stern

NEW ADDRESSES: Michael Moon, 2301 Bright Leaf Way, Baltimore, MD 21209

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Donald Ehlenfeldt, 4899 Countryside Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124 is looking for an old FM radio receiver, probably foreign-made, about 1958..**Leo Gawroniak**, Box 248, Glen Gardiner, NJ 08826. Leo is a dealer with much material...**Jim Burnette**, 2400 Sunrise Dr., Sebring, FL 33872...**Barbara Schwarz**, 7232 N. Keystone Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60646. Barbara is president of the Vic and Sade Fan Club...**Gerald Randolph**, 2934 Cameron St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Jerry is also a dealer, also with a wide variety...**Georgia and Ken Kitchen**, 2809 Lapeer Rd. Flint, MI 48503...**Beverly Reid**, 2853 Langdon Farm Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45212...**Kevin Scullin**, 57 West 8th St. #1B, New York, NY 10011...**Eric Beheim**, 25114 Oak Ln., Descanso, CA 91916 is looking for 1948 and 1949 Railroad Hour. .**Ivan Shreve, Jr.**, 370 Scott Ave. #2205, Morgantown, WV 26505...**Roger Hall**, 235 Prospect St., Stoughton, MA 02072. Roger has made appearances on WGBH-FM in Boston and WBET-AM in Brockton. He has presented special programs about singers, composers, movies and Broadway. He has prepared a booklet with tape called **Remember Radio: Great Songwriters and Singers**. It is \$15. You will hear recordings from 5 great composers, big band hits, songs from Broadway and Hollywood...**Charles Beckett**, 640 Madison Ln., Florissant, MO 63031. Charles is looking for an Edgar Bergen log is one exists...**Art Zimmerman**, Box 158, Jericho, NY 11753 is looking for copies of Casey Crime Photographer in which pianist, Herman Chittison, provided the music...**Philip Leibfried**, 150 East 7th St. #A7, New York, NY 10009 is looking for information on Mutual's Rainbow House with Bob Emery, especially their adaptation of Jungle Book with Sabu in 1942...**Larry Evans**, 9800 Possom Creek Rd., Box 33, Valles Mines, MO 63087

OLD FRIENDS: Barry Hill is the subject of a recent article in the Marietta, Ohio Times. It tells of his preservation of over 200,000 hours of radio shows. If you want a copy, please send me a

SASE...**Bob Molleur**, 29 Kennedy Dr., N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 is looking for cassettes of the Janette Davis Show and/or her records...**Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 is still looking for the 1937 Jungle Jim serial starring Grant Withers; also Lux Radio Theater "The Man Who Came To Dinner" (3/27/50) (I have not seen it anywhere yet either)...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172; just a reminder that John has many scripts for sale; John has a Shadow novel "Cry Shadow" by Maxwell Grant (1965) for sale for \$15; also he has a hardbound copy of "The American Story" by Archibald MacLeish (1944); 10 scripts for sale for \$25. John also mentions that Mary Godfrey, Arthur Godfrey's widow died May 22, 1997 at the age of 84.

Charles Michelson, 9350 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212 is selling a group of Window Posters, all in color size 15" by 11" covering the following; The Shadow; Gunsmoke; Have Gun, Will Travel; The Lone Ranger; Dragnet; Gangbusters; The Green Hornet; Sherlock Holmes. Cost is \$5.00 each. suitable for framing. Postage is \$3.00 for one or more.

IN FOND MEMORY: **John Derek**, May 22; 71; actor and director; on Lux Radio Theater "Movietown, USA."...**Jeanette Nolan**, Jun 5; 86; a good friend; was at the FOTR convention twice including last year. .**Robert Gist**, Apr 27, 83; a member of the Mercury Theater Group...**George Wright**, May 10; 77; theater and radio organist (Robert Q Lewis)...**Helen Carter**, Jun 2; 70. One of the great singers of the Carter Family...**Josephine Hutchinson**, Jun 4; 94; actress (was in several Lux)...**Martin Stone**, Jun 7, 83; radio pioneer and producer of Howdy Doody...**Maureen O'Sullivan**; Jun 22; 87; Actress (Tarzan); on many Lux and other radio anthologies...**Charles Korvin**, Jun 18, 90; Actor (1 Lux)...**Joe Dixon**, May 28, 81; jazz musician; part of CBS staff band...**Ed Simmons**, May 18, 78; writer, director (Quiz Kids)...**Tom D'Andrea**, Jun 5, 89; actor, writer (Jack Benny; Man Behind the Gun, Army Hour)...**Harriet Van Horne**, Jan 15, 77; Radio and television critic...**Edith Oliver**, Feb 23, 84; drama critic; earlier on radio (Gangbusters, Crime Doctor)...**Jonathan Hole**, Feb 12, 93; character actor, radio actor (Dragnet, Ma Perkins)...**Paula Stone**, Dec 23, 85; actress (Leave it to the Girls)...**William Mitchell**, Feb 25, 83; Canadian author; wrote Jake and the Kid for Canadian radio...**Verna Hillie**, Oct 3, 1997; 83; actress and writer (Young Widder Brown; collaborated with husband Frank Gill on many radio projects...**Roy Rogers**, Jul 6; 86; close to 90 of his radio shows are available...**Paul Hersey** (Paul West), Jun 15; 86; scriptwriter (Fibber McGee and Molly)

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