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A PERSONAL NOTE: Larry and John Gassman mentions that Helen Forest who recently died had some very large medical bills and the family asks instead of flowers to send donations if you can to Box 56344, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413...On July 14th **Sal Trapani** died at the age of 72. Sal started me with 4 reels of mostly uncirculated programs in January of 1970. Sal and I co-chaired 5 old-time radio conventions from 1971 through 1975 in the New Haven area. Some of you went to them. Sal parted with a group of us and we formed the Friends of Old-time Radio in 1976. Sal came to our last 2 conventions. Thank you Sal for starting me in this hobby.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation. The second supplement to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$5.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. It is the longest yet. Supplement #1 and #2 are \$10.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including both supplements is \$54 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1999: The dates are October 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark. Flyers are included.

SCRIPT WRITING CONTEST:

The **Sixth** 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 2000 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 1, 1999**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, Jr, Donald Dortmund and Joel Senter. This year's winner was Arlene Osborne.

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

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Nostalgia Digest**, Jun - Jul; articles about Amos 'n' Andy; Frank Sinatra; Jerry Colonna; Irving Berlin's America...Aug - Sep; articles about Gunsmoke; Chicago Radio Giants; WLS; Baseball on Radio...**Jot 'em Down Journal**; Jun...**Radio Recall**, Jun; articles about Rudy Vallee and Kate Smith; Karl Malden; Carl Carmer...**Air Check**, spring; article about Jeanne Bates... **SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Jun; articles about Dragnet...Jul; articles about Lee Hale; Evolution of the Microphone; Chuck Collins,

blind pianist with own program over KFI in Los Angeles...**Return with Us Now**, Jun; article about EKKO Stamps; Harry Bartell...Jul; articles about Destination Freedom; Donnie Betts...**RCA Newsletter**, Feb - May; local club information plus reprints of book reviews and other OTR articles...Jun; articles about Van Christo Radio Theater; Fibber McGee & Molly and Great Gildersleeve...; Jul; article about Superman on radio...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, May - Jun; The end of WOR by Elizabeth McLeod...**Illustrated Press**, June; articles about Strike it Rich; Norman Corwin...**Tape Squeal**, Spring; The magazine of the Indiana Recording club is revived by Paul Urbahns, 2887 Republic Ave., Radcliff, KY 40160. To get it please send \$10 to the treasurer, Bill Rightmire, 55 Boca Chica Rd. #132, Key West, FL 33040; article about Mercury Theater joins the Digital Age by Art Pierce...**RLL On the Air**, Jun; article about Good News; Charley Weaver...**On the Air**, Jul - Aug; article on Sports Programs.

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. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571..**The Great Radio Soap Operas** by Jim Cox, McFarland & Co, 1999; 341 pages (1-800-253-2187) (336-246-4460). Cost is \$55. Contains detailed information on 31 soap operas. Jim has written articles about soap operas in different OTR publications...Also from McFarland is **On the Short Waves** (1923 - 1945) by Jerome Berg, 1999, 280 pages, \$42.50. If you are interested in short wave this is the book to read.

CONVENTIONS:

6th Annual Long Island Jolson Festival, Aug 21, 1999 at Holiday Inn, Rockville Center, NY. For information call Jan Hernstat at 516-678-3524
24th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 - Sep 5, 1999 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.
10th Annual Lone Pine Film Festival, Oct 8 - 10, Lone Pine CA. For information call 760-876-4314
24th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>
16th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 12 - 14 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles Int. Airport; For information contact Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, CA 90603 (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>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@lofcom.com>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: **Richard Latson** <rclatso@hq.afis.osd.mil>.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html>

LOGS: A complete log of **Franklin Roosevelt's Fireside Chats** can be found on the Web at <<http://www.academic.marist.edu/fdr/arch.htm>>. I will send you a printed copy for \$1.00.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 608 Osborne St. SE, Attalla, AL 35954... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **Jerry Haendiges**; many of the missing Gunsmoke; (1952) 5/17; 7/5 - 8/2; also Jack Benny: 1/17/37 and 1/24/37...**Travis Conner**; Broadway is my Beat (12/29/51; 1/24/53); Philip Marlowe (1951) 8/25; 9/1; 9/8..**Vintage Broadcasts**; has 24 NEW NBC Story Shop from 5/15/48 - 10/9/48; also Fred Allen, Fighting AAF..**Great American Radio**; Black Mass; Burns and Allen; Cruise of the Poll Parrot...**Robert Newman**, 11509 Islandale Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45240 <rto5@juno.com> has new Philo Vance with Jose Ferrer (8/9/45)

NEW ADDRESSES: **Matt Dietz**, 2627 Lantern Light Way, Manasquan, NJ 08736...**C G Paton**, 38 McMaster Crescent, London, Ontario, Canada N6K 1N4

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Harold Zeigler**, 2000 Manley Ave., Granite City, IL 62040 ...**Steve Taylor**, TaiPing Towers, 582/194 Ekamai Rd., Sukhumvit 63, Bangkok 10110, Thailand <taiping@thai.com> is doing a book about Fats Waller's radio broadcasts and needs Fats Waller's broadcasts, scripts, reviews or any other information...**Ron Jones**, Box 788, Station B, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2R1 Canada has 1000 hours on tape **and would like to trade**. Has Inner Sanctum, Falcon, Whistler. Ron notes that CHUM-104.5 in Toronto broadcasts OTR on Sunday evenings from 11 pm to 12 midnight...**Mel Froli**, Box 60159, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Mel is offering a 4-week course starting on June 28 on the Golden Age of Radio and Film for 6 - 8 graders. If anyone can help with ideas, please contact him...**Edgar Russell III**, 3705 Reservoir Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20007...**Edith Brown**, 78 Claire Dr., Stoughton, MA 02072 (781-341-1023) belongs to the Helen Trent Alumni Associates, started more than 35 years ago when the first of the group turned 35. They are looking for tapes and scripts of the show...**Roy Melody**, Box 11878 APO, Grand Cayman, BWI...**Russ Byrne**, 10 Thornhill Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003...**Mark Dereng**, 801 Pine Forest Ln., Prospect Hts., IL 60070 <marfredder@hotmail.com> is trying to find Jerry Perchesky or someone he did extensive trading with. ...**Adele Fluck**, 452 S 20th St., Easton, PA 18042 (610-252-5866) has an Atwater Kent Type M Radio, about 1920. If you are interested in it please contact her.

OLD FRIENDS: **Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for Lux "The Man Who Came to Dinner" (3/27/50); also on VHS, the serial Jungle Jim, 1937 Universal. He will buy or trade...**John Cooper**, Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 is look-

ing for Curley Bradley, The Singing Marshall; Tom Mix; Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou; Two-Ton Baker. .**Susan and David Siegel** were the subjects of 2 articles in the July issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine and the July issue of Home Office Computing. It tells of their years in retirement, the use of their home as an office (2 offices) and their publishing business, publishing regional guides listing about 6700 bookstores in the United States.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Vanessa Brown**; May 21, 71; actress (Quiz Kids)...**Henry Jones**; May 17, 86; Actor (Ethel and Albert)...**Peter Brough**, Jun 3, 83; British actor and ventriloquist (Educating Archie)...**Mel Torme**, Jun 4, 73; in my opinion the most versatile singer of all time...**Leah Ray (Hubbard)**, May 27, 81; singer (Coke Club)...**Andrew White**, Mar 29, 83; Writer, producer (Fred Waring, Great Gildersleeve)...**Candy Candido**, about May 24, 85; Man of a thousand voices (Jimmy Durante)...**Frank Gunther**, May 24, 91; FM Pioneer. .**Paul Newman**, May 30, 75; most prolific comic-book writer of all time...**Clifton Fadiman**, June 20, 95; host of Information Please...**Sylvia Sidney**, Jul 1, 88; actress (Undecided Molecule; Several Lux; Leave it to the Girls)...**John Mullin**, Jun 24, 85; electrical engineer; introduced audio magnetic tape recording; responsible for the first use of the radio laugh track...**Lorraine Downing**, Jul 2, 84; Lorraine Cox of the Lorraine Sisters Trio (Chicago Radio)...**Guy Mitchell**, Jul 1, 72; singer (Dude Martin Show)...**Helen Forest**, Jul 11, 82; Big band singer (Dick Haymes Show)...**Richard Pack**, recently, 83; broadcasting executive and pioneer.

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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Hello again, I'm Jack Benny. **The CBS Mystery Theater Panel** will try to figure out how I'm able to attend the **24th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention** October 21-24, 99 Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ

Where there's a will (Jordan) there's a way.

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Sandra Gould – Duffy's Tavern (TV – Bewitched)
John Hart – Sam Spade (TV) The Lone Ranger
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy
Richard Herd – Theater 5 (Television - V; Seinfeld; T J Hooker)
Hal Kanter – (Comedy Writer) Jack Oakie; Beulah; Bob Hope
Jay Meredith (Fitts) – The Brighter Day
Larry Stevens – (Singer) Jack Benny
Beverly Washburn – Jack Benny (Television - Star Trek; New Loretta Young Show)
Alan Young – Alan Young Show (TV) Mr. Ed

New East Coast Guests

Kay Armen – (Singer) Kay Armen Sings
Phil Brito – Singer with Al Donahue and with Paula Stone on radio
Catherine Byers – CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Jess Cain – WHDH in Boston (TV - Marge and Jeff)
Ann DeMarco – (Singer with DeMarco Sisters) Fred Allen
Paul Evans – (Singer, Composer) "Seven Little Girls Sitting in the Back Seat"
Gordon Gould – CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Russell Horton – CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Kim Hunter – CBS Radio Mystery Theater (Academy Award as Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire")
Norman Rose – CBS Radio Mystery Theater; Dimension X
Marian Seldes – CBS Radio Mystery Theater

Returns

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Jackson Beck – (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail

Joan Benny – (Daughter of Jack Benny and Mary Livingston)
Mildred Clinton – CBS Radio Mystery Theater; Cavalcade of America
Mary Diveny – TV, Broadway, Movies, Radio (WENY, Elmira, NY)
Margaret Draper – A Brighter Day
Bob Dryden – ILAM, Big Town
Fred Foy – (Announcer) Sgt. Preston of the Yukon; The Lone Ranger

Toni Gillman – Life Begins; Young Widder Brown
Martha Greenhouse – CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day
Will Jordan – Impersonator (Jack Benny, Ed Sullivan)
Teri Keane – Big Sister, CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Gil Mack – CBS Radio Mystery Theater; Chick Carter
Charles Mullen – Archie Andrews
Corinne Orr – CBS Radio Mystery Theater
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Les Paul – (Guitarist) Arthur Godfrey; Fred Waring; many hit songs with wife, Mary Ford
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews (TV - Mama)
Joan Shea – CBS Radio Mystery Theater; Archie Andrews

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 10 am – 5:30 pm
 Batman on Radio (Tom Powers)
 Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
 The winning original drama of 1998 by Arlene Osborne will be presented (The Shadow) - Dir. by A. Anderson
 A visit with relatives of radio stars (To be announced)

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 DJ's on Radio (Bill Eberle and guests)
 Arthur Anderson and George Ansbro present 2 musical programs with Ed Clute
 New-Time Radio: The Future of Audio Drama (Steve Lewis with special guests)
 A Visit with Will Rogers (Portrayed by Will Hutchins)
 Fred Allen Panel (Dave Zwengler, Joel Senter)

Jordan Young's comedy writers with Hal Kanter
(Re-creation) Challenge of the Yukon with John Hart and Fred Foy
(Dir. by A Tollin)

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Box 13 (Dir. by D Ramlow and J French)
(Re-creation) My Client Curley with Dick Beals (Dir. by A Anderson)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Doctors on Radio (Gary Yoggy)
OTR's four-footed Friends (Jack French)
The Gotham Players present **The Witch's Tale** - "The Tenant," a
lost episode from 1937; Produced and Directed by S Lewis and
M Schmid
Beverly Washburn talks about Jack Benny and Others; hosted by Mitch
Weisberg
Panel; CBS Radio Mystery Theater; hosted by Derek Tague, Martin
Grams, Jr.; Guests include Jackson Beck; Bob Dryden and all
those mentioned above with CBS RMT after their name
Salute to Singers and Musicians with Paul Evans; Larry Stevens; Ann
DeMarco; Les Paul (hosted by Stu Weiss and Mike Henry)
(Re-creation) A Brighter Day with Pat Hosley, Jay Meredith, Margaret
Draper. dir. by B Nadel

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Jess Cain
(Re-creation) Jack Benny Show with all-star cast; dir by Gary Yoggy
A visit with Les Paul
Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

Sunday Morning

Breakfast in Dresden room from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.
There will be a panel of guests to be decided. The
time of the breakfast depends on plane flights. As you regis-
ter let me know a good ending time for you.

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport
Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark
Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked
FRONTAGE ROAD after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE
FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right di-
rectly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take
one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to
Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign
marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Partway North of airport: take Exit 142 to
I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9
North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held
at the door. Take advantage of our package specials
described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 21st; Daytime only (10 am - 5 pm); \$10

**Thursday, October 21st; Daytime and evening includ-
ing dinner (10 am - closing) \$32.00.** Choice of London
broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please
indicate choice when you make your reservation.**

**Friday, October 22nd: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm)
\$12.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.**

**Friday, October 22nd: Daytime and evening including
buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$44.00.** Discount of \$3.00
for those over 62 and under 16.

**Saturday, October 23rd: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00
p.m.) \$12.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.**

**Saturday, October 23rd: Daytime and evening including
buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$50.00.** Discount of
\$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

**Sunday, October 24th: Morning including buffet
breakfast and panel, 8:00 to 10:30 am: \$16**

Complimentary coffee Thursday morning; coffee, muffins and
bagels early Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary
hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. **Hors d'oeu-
vres for dinner guests only.**

**Dealer's Tables are \$55 and \$80 each plus appropriate
registration fees. Details on special sheet.**

Hotel: Rooms are \$130, no matter how many in a room, no matter
how many nights. **ALL ROOMS CAN BE RE-
SERVED THROUGH THE HOTEL.** Call 1-888-
800-8869 and tell the person that answers that
you are making a reservation for **OTR.**
Reservation must be placed by September 22nd.
Rooms are limited. **There are other options de-
scribed on special sheet.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached
notice.**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited
(Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay
Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT
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1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com