

A PERSONAL NOTE: The big news is WBZ8's 3-day "Big Broadcast of '75." It is being held at Hyannis, Cape Cod July 4-6. Information is on enclosed flyer. I plan to be there.

DATES AND TITLES: Probable date for Jack Benny Thanksgiving Show-"Pilgrims landing at Cape Cod" is 11/30/52

IN FOND MEMORY: Leroy Anderson, 66, May 18; Most successful song was "Blue Tango"...Jackie "Moms" Mabley, 75, May 23; comedienne; was a regular on radio show "Swingtime at the Savoy"...Walter Kinsella, 74, May; Appeared in ABIES IRISH ROSE, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DICK TRACY, MR. AND MRS. NORTH, STELLA DALLAS...Dr. Ernst Alexanderson, 97, May 14; engineer whose high-frequency alternator made possible the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 and contributed much to the development of television technology...Ozzie Nelson, 69, June 3...very popular bandleader and then actor. THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE AND HARRIET was on radio from 1944-54 and on television from 1952-66. Ozzie never drank nor smoked yet died of cancer of the liver...Larry Blyden, June, 49; was in TV shows JOE AND MABEL and HARRY'S GIRLS...Rufus Rose, 70, May 29; Created Howdy Doody...Will Jenkins (Murry Leinster), 73, June 8; well-known writer of science fiction.

PUBLICATIONS: Radio In Depth (monthly-\$12.50 yearly), Box 3634, Bryan, Tex 77801; highlights include Jack Benny log of 1935 and 1941...Radio Dial (published quarterly-\$7.50 a year*, Box 190, Cloquet, Minn 55720. Much information as always...Radio Historian (published quarterly-\$5.00 a year); highlights include article about Frank Bresee, editing tape, radio bands; also a short article about Hello Again... Dave Howe, Box 823, NSGA HANZA, TORII Station, APO San Fran, Cal 96331 is still in need of books, comics, logs, information relation to the Lone Ranger for his forthcoming book. He still needs a couple of Lone Ranger novels. Dave has a picture of J Scott Smart and John Hart. Send Dave \$1.00 for each one if you want. They are excellent golssies.

CATALOGS: Jed Dolnick, 160 West Indian Creel Ct, Milwaukee, Wisd 53217; features are news broadcasts, Seth Parker, big bands; reels 145-178...John Olsen Jr, Box 321, Baker, Ore 97814; reels 6452-6525. Much information throughout catalog; highlights: 3 years of PHILCO RADIO TIME, JACK BENNY'S last season, 36 X-1, 24 TARZAN, 24 HAUNTING HOUR, 52 BBC SHERLOCK HOLMES, 28 WHISTLER, 33 MAISIE, 4 rare RUDY VAL* LEE, 258 EASY ACES, 8 MGM THEATER OF THE AIR...Al Kozeliski, 4789 Onyx Dr, Klamath Falls, Ore 97601; Highlights are many uncirculated BIG STORY, EDDIE CANTOR, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Mollie MYSTERY THEATER. Also the 4 JACK BENNY 11/16/47-11/30/47 and 5/2/48 which I will be getting. Al has had many problems in getting these discs onto tape but they are available now. I will let you know when I get mine. Al also has several episodes of CALL THE POLICE.

LOGS: Bob Blume, 315 H St SE, Auburn, Wash 98002 is looking for Jack Benny log of 42-43 season...New log from Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201. MUSIC AMERICA LOVES BEST 3/4/44-8/26/44 when it was on ABC. Send a SASE.

THE TAPE DECK: Does anyone know of an inexpensive recorder by Sony which has variable speed. Ellen Robinson knows of a \$2000.00 machine and wonders if many people write Sony they might make a cheap one...



\$5.50 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

The June issue of Audio has an excellent article on constructing a dynamic noise filter along with schematics and parts list...Neil Lane, 787 Dodge Trail, Westville, Ind 46391 is selling DAK tape; 1800' in quantities of 12 for \$30.00. Neil is also looking for SUPER-MAN from Mar 5 to Mar 19th 1945.

NEW ADDRESSES: Don Andersen, Box 372, Bothell, WA 98011...Rex Bills, Box 25215, Portland, Ore 97225...Duane Hutchinson, 624-1 W Regent, Inglewood, Cal 90301...Richard Pierce, 1193 Laurelwood Rd, Pottstown, Pa 19464...Jack Miller, 51 Skyview Cir, Hamden, Ct 06514...James O'Neal, 6413 Rose Hill Rd, Alexandria, Va 22310.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Ralph Plumb, 1150 89 Ave N, St. Petersburg, Fla 33702. Has 5 shows and small reference library including first edition of Pierre Key Radio Annual 1933. This 480-page book has a wealth of information on shows, sponsors, actors, stations, etc in 1933...Harold Leids, 50-04 196 St, Flushing, NY 11365...Wayne Gratton, 2620 E Linnwood Ave, Milwaukee, Wis 53211...Gene McClain, 700 West Gandy, Denison, Tex 75020. Beginner and interested in IN*NER SANCTUM, SUSPENSE, ESCAPE and comedy...Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076. Has about 8000 shows and knows several personalities.

Old Friends: John Olsen is still looking for someone who is taping the new series SOUNDS OF THE CITY...Al Grossman, Box 451, Woodland Hills, Cal 91364 is looking for LUM AND ABNER, AL JOLSON, MAURICE CHEVALIER...Dick Hayes, 50 Myrtle Ave, Cranston, RI 02910 will resume trading on a limited basis in the fall. Special interests include new episodes of ONE MAN'S FAMILY, VIC AND SADE, KATE SMITH, GLENN MILLER, YOUR HIT PARADE, MANHATTEN MERRYGROUND, KRAFT MUSIC HALL. Dick is especially looking for original 15-minute SNOW VILLAGE serial, a complete (60-minute) KATE SMITH HOUR, of WHETENAVILLE...Ned Bachman, 2009 N Daniel S \$301, Arlington, Va 22201 has 3 LUZ RADIO THEATER rehearsals. He would like to know the circumstances for their being available...Fred McFadden, RD4, Westernville, Rd, Rome, NY 13440 is still looking for any material about Judy Garland...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario, Canada P1B 8K5 wants to find the person who has the original transcriptions of FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY from 1939-1950. Otherwise someone with a complete set of first generation tapes. Also looking for complete series of other shows... Tom Ralston, Box DH, Covina, Cal 91722 is looking for complete reels of Bill Stern, Tom Mix, Don Winslow and other after school adventures. Tom has 5 reels of complete ADVENTURE ON MAGIC ISLAND...Bill Sabis, 5715 NW 4th Pl, Gainesville, Fla 32601 has the complete series of X MINUS ONE shows as aired in sequence on 1- 1800' 1/2-track reels for trade or sale. There are 20 shows in all including a few rebroadcasts. The vast majority are complete and in excellent to very good condition. Bill is also looking for X MINUS ONE rebroadcast of 7/22/73

NEW PROGRAMS: (See Catalog section)...Dave Howe has new BOB HOPE, 21st PRECINCT, BROADWAY IS MY BEAT, YOU ARE THERE, HAWAII CALLS, JOHNNY DOLLAR...I have received new bands from Pat McCoy and Bob Flatter; SUSPENSE AND ESCAPE from George Fowler; also Galen Drake and Ted Malone;..Some New 26 by Corwin 1941 from P McCoy.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: A one-hour daytime drama which consists of 4 15-minute shows has been developed by Dick Cox for DCA Productions. Bristol-Myers plans to sponsor the series on 75 stations...Allen Rockford has expanded his SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY show to two hours starting July 5th at 600PM on WONY-FM 91.3 in Syracuse, NY. On July 12th The

SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY will celebrate its second anniversary. All listeners are invited to attend the studio that day at 600PM.

JULIA SANDERSON...by Thomas A DeLong Many of her fans believed that she had died years ago. Thus, the announcement of her demise in January of this generated a measure of thankfulness that Julia Sanderson had indeed survived to 87 years, the last 30 or so in total retirement in her hometown of Springfield, Mass...The female half of the ideal radio couple, with her husband Frank Crumit, Julia Sanderson sang on a number of high-rated radio programs over the CBS and NBC networks for 14 years. Crumit and Sanderson first took the air at WABC for Blackstone Cigars in October 1929 and won a large and devoted audience. Although the format changed over the years from musical variety (Blackstone Plantation and Tea Time) to quiz with music (The Battle of the Sexes) it remained the team's cheery, idyllic rapport and vocal harmony which drew millions of listeners to these two former musical comedy start...The singing duo were married in 1927 and retired from the footlights deliberately to enjoy the pleasures of country life at "Dunrovin", a lavish estate in Longmeadow, Mass. Rural bliss was a little strange to them and soon they began to get restless. A search for some real work began. Frank became a stockbroker and Julia identified herself with neighborhood activities. But they had to get back to entertainment...To meet their broadcasting commitments, the Crumits commuted to New York from Mass. They usually spent their days a week in NY to prepare and play their show....Radio fans enjoyed the team's nostalgic-flavored songs, many of which Crumit wrote. They were credit for reviving interest in such songs of the 1880's and '90's as PRETTY LITTLE DEAR and GO AWAY OLD MAN GO AWAY. Their theme song was SWEET LADY which Crumit had written for "Tangerine" ...The years in radio were both satisfying and profitable for the "Girl with the Lovely Laugh" and her balladeer husband. They ended abruptly when Crumit died in September, 1943 at age 54. Julia continued on the air with her own show. But the public showed less interest in one-half of the radio duo, and she soon retired.

During the last years of her life, she lived alone in a Springfield motor inn and confined her visits to her doctor, her attorney and motel employees. Rather than allow the public to see her as an elderly lady, those who know her said she preferred that people remember her as a beautiful and younger woman. According to an obituary in the Springfield Union, Julia Sanderson had enjoyed reasonably good health until the last three or four months. On January 27, a nurse who stayed with her at night arrived to find her dead. She had suffered a heart attack only minutes before. She had no children from her marriages to jockey Ted Sloan, USN Lt. Bradford Barnette, and Crumit. She left no immediate relatives, and according to her lawyer, only a small estate.

Mr. DeLong is the author of the forthcoming book The Mighty Music Box, a history of music on radio.

Have a safe 4th of July and hope to see some of you at Hyannis.

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

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The Boston Globe

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1975

DIAL-LOG/ROBERT A. McLEAN

BZ's 'Big Broadcast of '75' for dystrophy airs nostalgia

Don Wilson will open "The Jack Benny Show" and Dennis Day will sing, while Mel Blanc clowns in his numerous voices. Parker Fennelly, Minerva Pious, Kenny Delmar and Peter Donald will recreate their "Allen's Alley" characters.

Don Dunphy will give a blow-by-blow description of a prize fight, and Mel Allen and Curt Gowdy of a Red Sox-Yankee game. The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will play, and Bob Eberly will sing, and the Lux Radio Theatre will present "Peter Pan."

Golden Oldie Radio on recordings? No. Live radio, from the Golden Oldie era, on WBZ - at this reading - and maybe a national hook-up, if a wild-and-wonderful midsummer madness continues to snowball as it has in the first two weeks of planning.

"BZ's Big Broadcast of 1975," live recreation of American radio in its heyday of the '40s, will be an Independence Day holiday weekend production reeking with nostalgia, jam-packed with the voices still familiar to millions of Americans, and staged to aid in the cause of sweet charity - the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Not a telethon - although there will be opportunities for listeners to pledge to MD - it's planned as a 54-hour trip back in time for the men and women who were the stars of radio, and a chance for them to perform again in the roles which made them household names.

Staats Cotworth? Leon Janney? Vicki Viola? These were some of the names heard nightly or weekly by millions of radio listeners as announcers gave the credits for performers on national network shows. Cotsworth, Janney and Ms. Vola, along with 15 other veteran radio performers, met two weeks ago in New York with WBZ radio executives to finalize preliminary plans for the July 4 weekend show. They were rounded up by Warren Somerville, an

old radio actor and now an ABC radio announcer, and WBZ is out looking for still more old-timers, particularly those now living in Massachusetts and New England, who might wish to join the production.

"BZ's Big Broadcast of 1975" will be staged and aired from Dunfey's Hyannis Resort hotel-convention center on Cape Cod on Friday - Sunday, July 4 - 6.

It will, according to executive producer Bob Oakes, "recreate, as accurately as possible, radio as it was in the 1940s." Oakes said the idea for the production belongs to Ken Meyer, WBZ radio producer (Larry Glick Show), an old-time radio producer who will serve as associate producer of the weekend show.

The Jack Benny show veterans will appear in person, as will the old "Fred Allen Show" players. Impressionists will play the late stars, Allen and Benny.

The Jimmy Dorsey band will be led by Lee Castle, and there will undoubtedly be others from the Big Band era assembled just for the weekend. Many sidemen, arrangers and composers are Greater Boston and New England residents.

Many more live productions are planned, and, in addition, WBZ will air numerous hours of recordings, of actual shows which aired in the '30s, '40s, and '50s. They will include The Lone Ranger, Gangbusters, The Shadow, Green Hornet, Fibber McGee and Molly, The Great Gildersleeve, Duffy's Tavern, Life of Riley, You Bet Your Life, Lum and Abner, Dragnet, Your Hit Parade, One Man's Family and Pepper Young.

One key figure the WBZ planners are seeking is an old-time sound effects man, complete with his creaking door, squealing tires, shuffling footsteps, falling bodies and fizzing antacid solutions.