

A PERSONAL NOTE: February 14th is Valentines Day...and also Jack Benny's birthday. He would have been 82...On Feb 22nd an organizational meeting will be (or was) held at the home of Jon Smith in White Plains, NY for planning a fall convention in the northeast. At the meeting will be Jon, C Stumpf, S Weiss, C Witte, J Webb, S Trapani, L Palmer, P Greco, and myself. If any of you get this before the 22nd, call me if you are interested in going.

FOUND: Mercedes McCambridge starred in DÉFENSE ATTORNEY during the 1952 season (Ellen Robinson sent the answer to a readers question.

IN FOND MEMORY: Lee J Cobb, 64, 2/11/76; Cobb was in THE VIRGINIAN (1962-66) and THE YOUNG LAWYERS (1970-71) as well as Death of a salesman...Jan August, 71, Jan 17; Pianist, best none for "Miserlou"...Paul Robeson, 77, Jan 23; One of most famous baritones of all time...Bernard Herrman, Dec 24; Conducted CBS Symphony Orch and did the music of COLUMBIA WORKSHOP. Wrote for over 21 movies...David Tamkin, 69; Hollywood composer...William Lundigan, 61, Dec 20; hosted (TV) CLIMAX 1954-55 and was on MEN INTO SPACE (1959-60),,, Irving Kaufman, 85, Jan 3; pioneer recording artist and singer...Percy Faith, 67, Feb 9; Composer and arranger, conductor; RADIO: Carnation Contented Hour TV: composed theme for VIRGINIAN.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: RADIO IN DEPTH (Marion Wedin), Box 5184, College Station, Tex 77844; monthly; \$12.50 a year; issues 14-18. Marion is really catching up on back issues. These 5 issues feature ILAM "The Blue Phantom Murders" script; parts 2-6; also J Benny log for 1946, and issue 18 has HALLS OF IVY log plus articles about show and Ronald Colman...THE GREAT RADIO SHOWS (Thomas Riggs), Box 23, Vauxhall, NJ 07088; quarterly; \$8.00 a year; This issue, his first, features articles and information about ANOS AND ANDY...Allen Rockford is back home and feeling much better. I talked with him and he plans to have a small convention in June celebrating the 3rd year of SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY, his radio show on WCNV-FM in Syracuse...NARA NEWS (Roger Hill), 1231 Grove #11, San Fran, Cal 94117; \$10 a year; many benefits including newsletter. Latest issue has article by Roger on teaching classes on old time radio.

ACTIVITIES AND BOOKS: A New book is "A pictorial History of Radio in Canada" by Sandy Stewart; Write Canadian Magazine Readers' Service, 401 Bay St, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2Y8 Canada \$14.45...Upcoming books are: Live it Up by George Burns, Putnam April...Vic and Sade; Paul Rhymer (more scripts) Seabury Press; May...Jack Benny Show by Milt Josefsberg, Arlington Press; June...On Feb 26-28 will be the Western Film Roundup at Orlando Hyatt House Kissimmee, Fla 32741. If you have time write Fla Mid-winter Film Roundup, Box 677, Dade City, Fla 33525.

SPECIAL TOPIC: This month I asked for people who sold shows on a regular basis and were reputable. I know there are many more, but these are the ones that were sent to me by over 20 readers..

AIR WAVES (Jerry Chapman), 925FB Egle Hts, Madison, Wis 53705...AM TREASURES (Gary Dudash), Box 192, Babylon, NY 11702...AUDIO ANTIQUES (Larry Rao), 416 E 8th St, Brooklyn, NY 11218...BRC QUALITY DUBS (Bob Burnham), 17173 Westbrook, Livonia, MI 48152...BLALOCKS SOUND LIBRARY (Bill Blalock), 609 Blue St, Richland, Wa 99352...

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DICK AYERS, Box 96, Newton Junction, NH 03859...ED CARR, 629 E Race St, Stowe, Pa 19464...JOHN FURMAN, Box 132, Balston Lake, NY 12019 ...GREAT RADIO SHOWS (George Fowler), 12008 NE 140th S, Kirkland, Wa 98033...GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO (Rex Bills), Box 25215, Portland, Ore 97225...HERITAGE RECORDING SERVICE (Tom Heathwood), 340 Parker St, Newton Ctr, Mass 02159...Mar-Bren (Howard Brenner), Box 4099, Rochester, NY 14610...McCoy Recordings (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, Wa 99352...REMEMBER RADIO (Don Maris) NOTE NEW ADDRESS: 1013 Del Paso #244, Euless, Tex 76039...SOUND TAPES OF THE PAST (Bob Joseph) Box 3402, Seminole, Fla 33542...SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY (Jim Lane), Rt 1 Box 152, Valdosta, Ga 31600...John Olsen Jr, Box 321, Baker, Ore 97814...Stuart Weiss, 136-49 Jewel Ave, Flushing, NY 11267....I also have heard of RADIO RERUNS, Box 724, Redmond, Wash 96052 but I don't know who the person is.

NEXT MONTHS TOPIC: Although this topic has been covered before it might be wise to update it: How does one find the legal owner of the shows (the copywrite)...Also your feelings and legal aspects of 1. trading for private listening 2. selling to collectors for private listening 3. selling to radio stations or broadcasting shows yourself... I would like to hear from lawyers, those who have researched the field, performers, AFTRA officers, etc..

LOGS: Neil Lane, 787 Dodge Tr, Westville, Ind 46391 has a one page supplement to his FIBBER MCGEE log for a SASE. The complete log is \$2.00...Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has 2 more logs for SASE; TV-Flash Gordan (alphabetical)...TV-Hopalong Cassidy.

PERSONALITIES: Frank Nelson sent me a tape of some recollections: Although he doesn't have the Gloccamorra routine in one of the Benny shows, he recalls it as one of his funniest routines in which he and Elliot Lewis would exchange th each other the lines of the song. ..Frank also recalls FLYWHEEL, SHYSTER, FLYWHEEL in which he played. It starred the 2 Marx Brothers in 1933 and was broadcast from the RKO soundstage in Hollywood. Recordings appear to be nonexistent because the show was never recorded at that time. It was the first west coast sponsored show on NBC.

BLANK TAPE: I have had a couple of good reports on Saxitone tape (1776 Columbia Rd NW, Washington DC 20009. Write for a price list...Ed Carr would like to know the best way to record cassettes- mono and stereo...

MAILING: Remember; first class is 13¢ for the first ounce and 11¢ for each ounce after that.

NEW ADDRESSES: Tsgt Geary Johnston, Det #11, 1369th Photo Sq/ cc (mac), McChord AFB Washington 98438. Geary is looking for DOWNB-EAT'S JAZZ RECORD REVIEWS Vol's 1 & 3.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Norman Peckham, 7094 Theresa Rd, Watertown, NY 12601...Richard Schubert, Box 970 Lewis Univ, Lockport, Ill 60441...Paul Carrier, 4542 E Colorado Ave, Denver, Col 80222. Wants Sci Fiction and ELLERY QUEEN; cassette and reel...Fred Phillips Jr, 13451 Gouvernors Dr, Tampa, Fla 33618. Very interested in Mario Lanza shows; also shows in which he was a guest; also recordings related to Walt Disney...Bob Stewart, 18 Lee St, Cambfidge, Ma 02139..

Old Friends: Bert Stangler, 37 W 16th St, NYC, NY 10011 has probably done more research than anyone on Charlie Chan. He has details on his 5 different series from 1932 off and on to 1948. He is looking for particlars on the second series; 10/25/37-4/23/38 15 min daily, Mutual; especially who played Chan...Pete Greco, 24 Camp Pulaski Rd, Budd Lake, NJ 07828. Pete is looking for ELLERY QUEEN shows. Also he wants to know if anyone knows about the magazine "Good Old Days"...John Sondreal, 4109 Pleasant Ave, Norfolk, Va 23518 seeking info on Esmerelda (Verna Sherrill), hillbilly singer of the 30's and 40's. Need tapes, 78's, photos, etc..Also looking for Lamparski interview with Curley "Joe" Bradley and tapes of his show...Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 looking for any Happiness Boys shows or a copy of #Twisting the Dials" to give to Marilyn Hare, daughter of Ernie Hare...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K5 looking for many old records or tapes of records such as Spike Jones, Red Ingle, Al Trace, Hoosier Hot Shots, Corn Huskers Stan Freberg; comedians and impressionists/impersonators...Al Walker, 5904 So Land Park Dr, Sacramento, Cal 95822 looking for Tues and Sun broadcast of 7 day series called Golden Old Days of Radio hosted by Jim Jordan about 1 1/2 years ago...Steve Wolf, 1955 E 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11223 wants J Benny TV show Apr 3/55; G Marx was guest...Fred Dickey, Box 1466, Sequim, Wa 98382 wants F Allen 3/10/46 and Tales of Willie Piper 12/15/46...Lora Palmer, 8C Robert Treat Dr, Milford, Ct 06460 looking for someone who can dub 8-track to cassette...Does anyone know if Benny broadcast a show on Feb 6/55. That's the only show missing from that season...Jerry Chapman, 348 W Neptune NIU, Dekalb, Ill 60115 has 3 new reels of Superman and is looking for JUNGLE JIM, BOB & RAY and ONE MAN'S FAMILY...Robert Pettit, 400 Central Park West #19R, New York, NY 10025 wants several NATIONAL LAMPOON RADIO HOUR: 12/22/73 and several from Oct and Nov 1974, preferably with WRVR airchecks. Also wants to contact someone else who is taping RADIO PLAYHOUSE, preferably on WOR...Mary Wallace, 155 Aberdeen Ter, Syracuse, NY 13206 is looking for any Steve Allen Tonight shows on TV, other than the one in memory of F Allen.

NEW SHOWS: In my collection is CORRECTION PLEASE Aug 1945...Also many more SUSPENSE and Columbia Workshops...Ken Neal, Box 911, Wash DC 20044 has 2 1800' reels of HALLS OF IVY and one of CAVALCADE OF AMERICA with many NICK CARTER very soon. He would like to get a 2 for 1 trade for these shows.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL??? According to J Beck, RADIO PLAYHOUSE is not being renewed. Send letters to Bristol Myers and try to encourage them not to drop it.

Charles Michelson, 444 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10022 still has supply of 16" transcriptions of THE SEALED BOOK. For \$12 he will send you 2 half hour broadcasts. It was originally broadcast over WOR. The offer is only being made in Hello Again.

LATE NEWS: Harold Layer, AVC, San Fran State, 1600 Holloway A, San Fran, Cal 94132 is looking for anything about wire recording to trace its history: literature, catalogs, hardware, stories, spools, etc...Dead at 37, Feb 12, is Sal Mineo...Also dead, at 71 on Feb 13 is Lily Pons, considered the finest coloratura soprano that ever lived. She often was on the BELL TELEPHONE HOUR....That's it for now. Begin making plans to come to our next convention. I will keep you informed each month.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs