

CONVENTION BULLETIN #2... SPONSORED by The Friends of Old Radio and Hello Again... PLACE: Holiday Inn Meriden, Ct 06477 off I-91 and the Merritt Pkwy-East Main St exit... DATE: Sat; Oct 1st; 9am to 11pm... COST: \$13 per person includes buffet dinner. Cost for children under 16 will be \$10... SPECIAL GUESTS so far; Mandel Kramer, Noel Gerson, George Ansbro, Vicki Vola, Ed Blainey, Raymond Ed. Johnson... DISPLAY AND DEALER TABLES; 6 feet long; over 25 available; no extra charge for the tables. Eight taken so far... PROGRAM: Live radio shows, panel discussion, awards, name that show and name that theme (with prizes), movies... MAILING: Make check out and send to Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477. Mention if you need display tables and whether you want to participate in a radio-related talent show... PUBLICIZE this locally on radio and in newsletters... NUMBER coming so far is 33... Lets hear from you soon.

COLLECTORS LIST: My 10-page collectors list is now ready. It has 176 names. The cost is \$3.00. Supplements will be issued periodically.

ON APRIL 24TH I TOOK a trip to Freehold, NJ and had a very memorable day. I along with about 300 others, attended the induction ceremonies of the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame (NBHF). For 3 years Art Schreiber and many others have labored hard and untiringly to establish this Hall of Fame. There were 20 inductees into the NBHF including Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Milton Cross, Burns and Allen, Red Barber, Ted Husing, H V Kaltenborn, Kay Kyser, Guglielmo Marconi, Edward R Murrow, William Paley, David Sarnoff, Kate Smith, Bill Stern, Lowell Thomas, Paul Whiteman, Walter Winchell, Harry von Zell, and Arthur Godfrey. Godfrey was the only one of the inductees present to accept his award personally. Other guests present were G Ansbro, J Beck, A Elstner, F Foy, B Grauer, J McCarthy, B Owen, B Thompson, Blair Walliser, Mrs. Paul Whiteman, Don Wilson. Following a buffet lunch the induction ceremonies, which were held at the American Hotel, we went to the NBHF which is housed in a converted bank. The set-up is quite elaborate. Visitors can see a specially made historical movie on radio plus over 20 listening booths, each with its own program, many containing an old radio.Also there are many exhibits which include pictures, radios, radio parts, broadcast equipment, microphones, sheet music, books and magazines, scripts, schedules, discs... Plans are underway to have a soap opera and premium section plus much more. Much related material can be bought there also. It opened to the public on May 1st. Drive down. It is very well worth it... For information write NBHF, 19 West Main St, Freehold, NJ 07728... Phone # is (201) 431-4656.

SUSPENSE AND ESCAPE (reprinted from last month). Suspense, as many of you know, is one of my favorites. There were about 940 broadcasts, 155 of them being repeats. This leaves about 785 different titles. Of these I am missing about 55. If you have sources of hard to get shows let me know and I will send you a list of the shows I need. I am missing 23 in 1951 alone. Don Aston tells me that many of them were destroyed when Elliot Lewis's was burned. I am also missing 21 Escape titles and will send a want list if you have access to rare shows.

DATES: J Benny 1/25/53 and 2/22/53 are the same as 1/23/55 and 2/20/55

IF THE BOX IS CHECKED \$6.00 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

IN FOND MEMORY: Gummo (Milton) Marx; 84; April 21st; second youngest of the 5 Marx Bros...Alexander Semmler; 86; April 24th; composer of musical scores for hundreds of radio and television shows. Radio credits include MCLLE MY3TERY THEATER, PHILIP MORRIS PLAYHOUSE, STUDIO ONE.

PUBLICATIONS AND PLACES: Received Spring issue of National Radio Trader (Phil Cole), Box 1147, Mount Vernon, WA 98273; quarterly; \$8.00 a year! Highlights include art. on Lum and Abner, G Burns, W Conrad. many ads...In Pine Ridge, Ark Dorothy McClure is the proprietor of Dick Huddleson's store and its next-door neighbor, the Lum and Abner Museum. Huddleson's store was the original model for the "Jot 'em Down Store."

CATALOGS: Neil Lane, 1230 Redbud Dr, Chesterton, Ind 46304; suppl. ..60 Benny, 36 F Mcgee, 24 X-1. Still looking for more F Mcgee from 1930's, 43, 44, 50-52. Also sci fi. Neil still has a good supply of DAK 1800' tape for \$30.00 a dozen including postage....Don Aston, 1301 No Park A, Inglewood, Cal 90302; revised catalog; 250 reels. excellent selection. Wants discs....Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076; suppl; 100 new reels. Will trade with those with large collections and those with whom he has traded before. Has some uncirculated shows.

LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201; latest log is TV BOSTON BLACKIE; 1951-53; alphabetical; Send SASE; Through much research Ray has dated two SHADOW shows as 1935 with Orson Welles. O Welles started that series in 1934-35, not 1937 as is generally thought. The shows have Goodrich ads and are "Death under the Chapel" and "Death in the Caverns."....Ray is also looking for some people to help him research certain shows of various series so he can complete several logs he is working on. They should be people who have access to large libraries. If you can help, Send SASE to Ray for list of show titles needed.

PERSONALITIES: Rosa Rio recently gave a concert in Washington DC and had an extensive write-up in the Washington Star. Rosa Rio was the organist for at least 39 old time radio shows.

MAILING: Bruce Ruggles send more information about Canada to US and US to Canada mailing rates. According to Bruce who has received tapes from American friends for years, we can send them Special 4th class rate; one tape is 25¢ and 2 tapes are 70¢. This differs from the post office that says special 4th class rates to not apply outside of the United States...and so it goes.

NEW ADDRESSES: Ronald Barnett, Eur Egn-Club Mgmt Dir, APO NY 09090 ..James Link, US Army Eng District, Saudi Arabia, APO NY 09697.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; James Horgan, 192 Woodward St, Newton, Ma 02168...Gary Dixon, 353 Pawtucket Blvd #3, Lowell, Ma 01854; Wants Benny, F Mcgee, A & Andy, drama, Suspense...Ronald Kula, 1112 E March Ave, Grand Forks AFB, No Dak 58205...Patricia McGee, 8528 Casaba Ave, Canoga Pk, Cal 91304...

Old Friends; Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K5; Wants F Mcgee May & June 1943; Nov, Dec 1943; Mar, Apr 1944, Feb, Mar 1945; May, June 1946; also H Hazard 1941; Meredith Willson/John Nesbitt 1942; Passing Parade 1943; Words at War 1944; Victor Borge Show 1945...Don Koehemann, 811 Bristol Ave, Westchester, Ill

60153 wants vg copy of Benny 11/16/47, Jack is pregnant; also TV Dinah Shore Show Apr 1977 with D van Dyke, C Burnett, C Reiner, B White...O Hill, Box 94, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 wants all Suspense that Raymond Burr did...Walt Hart, 9015 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020; still wants Juv series, sci fi, C E Morse, Jerry of the Circus... James O'Neal, 4104 Javins Dr, Alexandria, Va 22310 is building a microcomputer and would be interested in hearing other's experiences in programming such a computer for purposes of keeping track of ones radio collection.

FROM FRANK BRESEE, 8282 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, Cal 90069; I recently had, as my guest, Curley Bradly (Tom Mix). We did 2 Golden Days of Radio Shows (#496 & 497) which will be heard on Sep 18th and 25th. On #497 we did a brand new Tom Mix radio show with Curley, Hal Peary, Jack Lester, Art Hern and Art Hannes as announcer.My wife and I had a party for Bill Hay on his 90th birthday recently. Present were H von Zell, Bill Baldwin, Art Gilmore, Ken Roberts, Lowell Thomas, William Paley, Freeman Gosden...My Golden Days of Radio Television Special will be seen here on the west coast on Monday evening, June 13th at 7:30 on C.D. Channel 2 (check your listing for the time and date in your area.).

COLLECTORS LIST: I forgot to mention that the list also includes a list of all clubs and publications related to old time radio and related subjects. It is now ready for \$3.00..

Send reservations in for the convention...Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs.

Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$6.00