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A PERSONAL NOTE: An insert in Toni Reinhold's syndicated tv column to contact me for information about old-time radio shows resulted in over 200 letters. Hopefully some of them will stay in the hobby.

CONVENTION 1990: The video tape of the convention is ready. Send \$35 for 2 tapes to Don Ramlow, 509 Velvet Ave., Portage, MI 49002.

CONVENTION 1991: Dates are Oct 24 - 26, 1991. Place is still Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Details, including major changes, will be forthcoming.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Don Hildebrand hosts a Super Seniors show on CKTB, St. Catherines, Ontario on Sundays from 8 am - 3 pm. It is 610 on the AM dial in the Toronto - Buffalo area. Some of the nostalgic show consists of OTR...Some 1000 antique broadcasting pieces, originally belonging to collector, P. R. McIntire, has recently been donated to Brigham Young University. Radio, phonographs and broadcast equipment make up the exhibit. An original radio drama, "Top Secret: the Battle For The Pentagon Papers," was broadcast live on public radio on March 7. Written by Leroy Aarons and Geoffrey Cowan, the play re-enacts the 1971 clashes over the publication of the top secret Vietnam War documents. It starred Ed Asner, Marsha Mason, James Whitmore, Howard Hessman, Ed Begley Jr. and Robert Foxworth.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **SPERDVAC Bulletin**, Jan; Review of their convention...Feb; articles on Rudy Vallee; Cliffie Stone...Mar; articles on Harry Ackerman; MacDonald Carey; Religion on the Airwaves...**NARA News**, Vol. 18 # 4; article on Alexander Woollcott...**Tape Squeal**, Jan - Feb; article on reel vs. cassettes and LPs vs. CDs...**Nostalgia Digest**, Feb - Mar, articles on Jack Benny's sponsors; grocery store products of the past; newscasts; Benny Goodman...Apr - Mar; articles on Abbott and Costello; early radios...**Milwaukee Club Newsletter**, Feb; articles on Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago; Danny Thomas...Metro Washington Club (Radio Recall), Mar - Apr; article on Red Ryder...**On The Air**, Mar - Apr; articles on Shortwave radio; Dragnet...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Jan - Feb; articles on Duffy's Tavern by Gary Yoggy; Mr. and Mrs. North.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: (Just a reminder that these are brief reviews. For more exhaustive reviews, check other newsletters, especially Chris Lembesis's column in the **SPERDVAC Bulletin**)...**Alice Faye - a Bio-Bibliography** by Berry Rivadue, Greenwood Press, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881; (203) 226-3571 (\$35); Individual chapters on all facets of her life including all the radio shows she was in and the songs she sang in them; extensive bibliography...**Second Feature: The Best of the "B" Films** by John Cocchi, Carol Publishing Group, 600 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022; (1 800 447 - BOOK) (\$15.95), a thorough study of the "B" Films...Greenwood Press, listed above, has also just issued **Donna Reed - A Bio-Bibliography** by Brenda Scott Royce (\$35). This also contains information on her radio career...**Lawmen in Scarlet** compiled Bernard A. Drew: this is an annotated guide to Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Print and Performance put out by Scarecrow Press, Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840...**Funny Woman, The Life and Times of Fanny Brice**; by Barbara Grossman, Indiana University Press, 10th and Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47405 (\$35). This 304 page, fully indexed book, thoroughly covers the life of Fanny Brice. It is easy to read, entertaining and fully documented.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS: A recently formed club is **The Manhattan Radio Club**. For information contact Paul Mellos, 331 East 81st St., New York, NY 10028. They recently had a mini-convention at the Roosevelt House in New York. The February 3rd convention was attended by over 100 people who saw panels including one with

Joan Benny and three re-creations including Big Town with Fran Carlon, Bob Dryden, George Ansbro and Dwight Weist; Sherlock Holmes with Lon Clark, Earl George and Margot Stevenson. Barney Beck was on hand to supervise the sound effects. Also present was Judith Bublick. The Gotham Repertory Players presented Duffy's Tavern; David Zwengler presented a slightly off the wall quiz program with lots of prizes. Several dealers were also present. I was honored with their first annual award. Many thanks and many thanks to the club for a very well-run first convention.. **Cincinnati's 5th Annual Convention** is coming up on April 19 - 20 and the Marriott Inn on Chester Rd. in Cincinnati. For information contact Bob Burchett at (513) 961-3100. Special guests include Ezra Stone, Bob Hastings and Barney Beck...**The Radio Collectors of America** in the Boston area is sending cassette tapes of OTR shows to the men and women in the Persian Gulf. They are suggesting other clubs do the same. One address is Any Service Person, Operation Desert Storm, APO New York, NY 09848. For a sailor or marine the zip code is 09866.. If you are interested in Space Patrol, Tom Corbett and Captain Midnight you might want to join **Galaxy Patrol**. For information contact Dale Ames, 22 Colton St., Worcester, MA 01610...The next **SPERDVAC** Convention is November 8 - 9, 1991 at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza in Los Angeles...The **Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation** is celebrating its 15th anniversary with a special luncheon and retrospective on Wednesday, May 22 from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Cost is \$25 per person. Special guests include Adele Ronson, Arthur Tracy, Fran Carlon, Dwight Weist, and others. Karen and I hope to be there. The Foundation with its Mobile Audio Library Program, distributes at no cost, audio cassette recordings of books, magazines, OTR shows and inspirational material to hospital patients, nursing home residents and homebound individuals. For information call 516-563-9486...**Bob Bowers** is producing an evening of live radio shows on April 5 at Massasoit Community College, Fine Arts Centers, Route 17, Brockton, MA. Guests include Peg Lynch, Bob Dryden and Ezra Stone. For information call Bob at 508-588-9100 Ext. 191 (Day) or 508-295-5877 (Home).

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt) 42

Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314 has new supplements out. Some of the cassettes offered are The Line Up, Life of Riley, Escape, Archie Andrews, Silent Men, Quiz Kids, Life With Luigi, The Chase, Nero Wolfe (CBC)..There are many new Jack Benny out from 1933 - 1937. Some are incomplete. One source is AVPRO, Box 2385, Livonia, MI 48151.

LOGS: From Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201: **Intrigue** (Complete for a SASE); **Woolworth Hour** (complete) for \$1.00.

YOU AND THE LAW: I got a call from Stacy Keach Sr. (father of the actor), 3969 Longridge Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 (818) 905-9601. Stacy owns the rights to Tales of the Texas Rangers. He is concerned that they are being sold and traded without his permission and would like to be contacted first

NEW ADDRESSES: Leonard Maltin, 10424 Whipple St., Toluca Lake, CA 91602..
Robert Axley, 4940 Bal Harbor Dr., Chattanooga, TN, 37416

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Daniel Lamp, 610 Indian Rocks Rd, #98, Belleair Bluffs, FL 34640 looking for copies The Bickersons with Don Ameche and Francis Langford...**Olga Link**, Box 26, Gap, PA 17527 looking for tape of the Pickens Sisters...**Mrs. R. Davis**, RD 5 Box 5150, Lake Ariel, PA 18436 looking for tapes of Lum and Abner...**Don Funderburg**, 12202 NE 37th St., Vancouver, WA 98682...**Kline Jones**, Rt 9 Box 131, Greeneville, TN 37743 wants a song by Archie Campbell called "Hockey Here Tonight."...**Andrew Steinberg**, 159 Gazette Ave. #3, Lexington, KY 40508...**Jim Widner**, 555 Richards Rd., Columbus, OH 43214...**Walden Hughes**, 2527 Duke Pl., Costa Mesa, CA

92626 looking for tapes with Kitty Kallen...**Kristin Sherrod**, 42217 Forsythia Dr., Fremont, CA 94539 looking for shows with her grandmother, Grace Sherrod who may have gone under the name, Grace Sherinian. She was in Suspense, Lights Out and others according to Kristin...**Edward Maffei**, 1646 11th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122 looking for 1951 show "Your Tropical Trip" with Desi Arnaz...**Elizabeth Crow**, 312 Lawson Ave., Elizabethton, TN 37643 wants tapes of Homer and Jethro...**Charles Clark**, Rt 1 Box 15, Plymouth, NH 03264.. **Meg Arteaga**, 116, Isle View Dr. RR2, Granges, B.C., Canada V0S 1E0 looking for scripts of shows for her "Reader's Theater" group...**Norma Gardner**, 1203 5th St., Brandon, Manitoba, Canada R7A 3M5 wants Amos "n" Andy show in which the true meaning of the Lord's Prayer is given...**Florence Cousins**, 100 Wilson St., #2, Manchester, NH 03103 wants to know if the Shirley Temple Storybook Theater is available on videotape...**Maxine Greenfield**, 15740 Via Esmond, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 wants to sell collection of pictures of old-time radio stars, autographed...**Wellington Osterloh**, Coastal Tower, Nine Greenway Plaza, Houston, TX 77046 wants tape of New York show "Make Believe Ballroom."...**Barbara Salvatore**, Box 453, Woodstock, NY 12498 recently formed a Radio - Play group and is looking for scripts (1-800-999-6402)...**Jeff Cable**, Box 1431, Centralia, WA 98531...**Helen Vieths**, 225 State Ave., Faribault, MN 55021 wants tapes of Bobby Vinton...**Paul Kraft**, 3001 64th St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

Marvin Leslein, 1948 Grace St., Dubuque, IA 52001...**Gus Storm**, 97 E 4th St., Brooklyn, NY 11218...**Lorita Heine**, 1111 Candida Rd., Elgin, IL 60123 wants Franklyn MacCormack's rendition of "How Do I Love Thee; let me count the ways."...**Richard Wiggins**, 951 Sheffield Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383...**Ray Keller**, 3 Amanda Ct., St. Peters, MO 63376 is also looking for the same rendition by MacCormack...**John Jury**, 2970 Hillsdale Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 is looking for an episode of Quiet Please in which a man invented a small time machine and went back in time 60 years...**Chris Thomas**, Zephyr Press, 227 10th Ave, New York, NY 10011...**Katie Antonaccio**, 3195 Grande Oak Pl, Lancaster, PA 17601 wants shows with Jean Sheppard...**Keith Houdeshell**, 89 Park Ave., Tiffin, OH 44883...**M. Celia Rash**, Rose Manor #2F, Pittsfield, MA 01201 wants Johnny Mathis album "Coming Home" on tape. Also wants album of songs on string instruments. One of the songs was "Songs That My Mother Sang to Me."...**Mary Jane Burns**, 71 Durford Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601 looking for video of movie musical "Plain and Fancy."...**Paul Larson**, 1150 Ocean Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701 wants Shell Chateau broadcast 2/1/36...**Chandler Smith**, 5047 Bakman Ave., #105, North Hollywood, CA 91601 wants Chickenman series; also Stan Freberg's radio shows...**Bernard Drew**, 24 Gilmore Ave., Great Barrington, MA 01230...**Gilbert Smith**, 248 South 36th St., San Diego, CA 92113 wants any information on The Big show. He already has 28 shows...**Doug Tishler**, Box 381 Prudential Center Station, Boston, MA 02199 is interested in Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre...**Berry Greenspan**, 12439 Magnolia Blvd. #287, North Hollywood, CA 91607 is writing an article about Buck Jones to celebrate his 100th birthday on December 4th and wants any information of shows available...**Gary Kirkey**, Box 5000 SUSLO, U S Embassy Ottawa, Ogdensburg, NY 13669...**John Redman**, 2186 Barding Ave., Decatur, IL 62526...**Frank Bell**, 1706 Brazos, Ave., Hobbs, NM 88240.

OLD FRIENDS: **George Cole**, 92-30 56 Ave. #3D, Elmhurst, NY 11373 looking for used open reel decks...**H. Edgar Cole**, Box 3509, Lakeland, FL 33802 is selling the rest of his collection, about 260 reels, including the all available episodes of Suspense, Escape, X - 1, Mystery is My Hobby and others. He is suggesting \$5 a reel including shipping. Edgar also has an AKAI GX - 625 10 1/2" reel deck with pitch control with 3 heads and 3 motors for \$300 shipped...**Dude Frisch**, 2141 E. 14th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 is looking for any "Point Sublime" so he can pass them on to Noel Blanc...**John Hickman**, host of "The Big Broadcast" on WAMU-FM for 25 years, is in the hospital recovering from a stroke. If you want to send cards the address is John Hickman, c/o 88.5 FM, American University, Washington, DC 20016...**Joe**

Armento, Box 561, Oak Ridge, TN 37031 wants the tv and radio shows of Space Patrol and Tom Corbett, Space Cadet; also tv shows of Suspense and Lights Out...**Terence Goggin**, 1777 N. Vine St. #409, Los Angeles, CA 90028 wants information about It Pays to Be Ignorant and the performers on the show...**John Lloyd**, 2667 E 99th Ave., Thornton, CO 80229 is transferring his reels to cassettes but has squeal on about 14 reels while trying to record the,. He would like someone to transfer them for him. John would supply the cassettes and you would keep the reels. They include band remotes, Fibber McGee, Lone Ranger...**Charles Michelson** needs a copy of the episode of Black Museum called "Mandolin String." Call him at 1-800-648-4546...**Lawence Rao**, 700 Cherokee Rd. #E, Portsmouth, VA 23701 is transferring his OTR collection to cassettes and is auctioning off his available reels which includes master stereo reels of Hollywood Radio Theater, Zero Hour and first generation of Jack Benny and others. Send him 52 cents in stamps. Lawrence is also selling in lots of 10, SKC brand blank C-90 cassette tapes for \$25 postpaid, each in original clear plastic hinged case...**Rusty Wolfe** (RJR Enterprises) apologizes for the delay in getting his orders out. He had a family problem which is getting better and will have the orders out soon if not already...**Mel Shlank**, Box 850, Orange, CT 06477 (203) 934-7989 (days) has several hundred polyester/mylar based 7 inch reels in excellent condition he would like to sell. Most reels are 1800 feet, some 1200 and 2400. Will sell for \$15 a dozen plus postage "as is." Some reels are marked as to contents which range from OTR shows to music...Mel also has virgin Scotch 150 tape, 1800 feet, reel, in original boxes, never opened. Will sell for \$24 dollars a carton of 12 plus postage...**Frank Bequaert (Rainy Day Books)**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 has a list of OTR books for sale. Send a 29-cent stamp for the list.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Joan Bennett**, Dec 7, 80; actress in many anthology series including 2 suspense and 9 Lux...**Mathilde Ferro**, Nov 26, 84; write of radio and tv shows (Lorenzo Jones)...**Jack Sterling**, Oct 31, 75; has a wake-up program on WCBS, New York for 18 years...**Oliver Daniel**, Dec 30, 79; producer at CBS Radio (American School of the Air)...**Berry Kroeger**, Jan 4, 78; veteran character actor (The Falcon, First Nighter)...**John Driscoll**, Dec. 23, 77; Radio and tv writer (Cavalcade of America)...**Victor Sack**, Dec 18, 74; Musician, director, producer (produced Grand Slam)...**Everett Freeman**, Jan 24, 79; radio writer (Eddie Cantor, Baby Snooks)...**John McIntire**, Jan 30, 83; actor in radio, tv and movies whose voice was familiar with the March of Time Broadcasts. Also in Crime Doctor and Lincoln Highway...**Glenn Langan**, Jan 19, 73; actor of stage, screen and radio (Mystery is My Hobby)...**Jack Schaefer**, Jan 24, 83; Jack's greatest contribution was the novel Shane which was on Lux Radio Theater; I grew up with his three children...**Danny Thomas**, Feb 6, 79; on radio in The Bickersons; much Chicago radio...**Carroll Carroll**, Feb 5, 88; writer and columnist; wrote for Eddie Cantor, Rudy Vallee; created Kraft Music Hall for Bing Crosby; producer/writer for Double or Nothing, Bob Crosby...**Harry Ackerman**, Feb 3, 78; producer/creator of many tv series; helped develop Gunsmoke as radio series...**Pony Sherrell Metcalf**, Dec 8; performed with sister and called Sherrell Sisters (Uncle Don, Horn and Hardart Hour)...**George Gobel**, Feb 24, 71; Down-to-earth entertainer (National Barn Dance, Tom Mix)...**Arthur Murray**, Mar 3, 95; household name in dance instruction; had radio show called Lilac Time from 1934 - 36...**Vance Colvig** Mar 4, 72; veteran film, tv, radio actor and writer (Breakfast in Hollywood, Great Gildersleeve)...**Morton Fine**, Mar 7, 74. Teamed with David Friedkin to write fro Bold Venture, Suspense, Broadway is My Beat, Gunsmoke...**Jack Roche**, Mar 13, 86; radio and tv writer (Duffy's Tavern, Bob and Ray).

Write if You Get Work....and Hang by Your thumbs

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JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887. \$12 a year