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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I recently purchased a laserWriter printer which accounts for the different quality of the print...I have several 1993 calendars, each month having a picture of a vintage radio.. We sold them at our convention. If you would like one, they are \$5 each including postage and handling...A longtime collecting friend of mine died on June 22nd. He was Bruce Ruggles. Bruce helped me quite a bit when I was first starting to collect. He was very well known and respected in the North Bay, Ontario region of Canada.

**OBITUARY LOG** (Now called **Necrology Log**) has been updated. There are over 1400 dates of death of radio personalities including many from before 1970. Cost is now \$7. It was sold at the convention.

**SUSPENSE LOG:** My Suspense Log is finally updated and reprinted on my MAC. There are more names of cast members and is Chronological and Alphabetical. Cost of this 50-page log is still \$8 but please add \$1.50 postage.

**ULTIMATE LOG:** Flyer again is enclosed. The special price of \$35 plus \$3, as you can see, has been extended to January 1st. In 50 days 200 copies were sold. I appreciate the kind response and remarks. Please send me additions and corrections.

**CONVENTION 1992:** Convention booklets are on sale for \$3 including postage and handling. Besides convention information, they have 4 pages of biographies of some of the guests...Douglas Lutz, President of the Veterans Bedside Network, thanks the Friends of OTR for their donation. They rely on private donations. If you wish to contribute, send what you can to VBN, 250 West 54th St., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10019...Three video tapes of the convention are now available. One is \$20, 2 are \$35 and all 3 are \$45. First tape has Thursday and first part of Friday; second tape has Friday plus first part of Saturday; third tape has the balance of Saturday... Four audio tapes are \$20. Send money to Don Ramlow, 509 Velvet Ave., Portage, MI 49002.

**CONVENTION 1993:** Dates are October 21 - 23, 1993, again at the Holiday Inn - North...Our committee will meet in January to plan next years convention. If you have ideas about workshops, panels or re-creations, addresses of OTR stars, comments about this years convention, please let me know.

**RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL:** On the PBS program, "Seniors Speak Out," they recently aired a segment on the Golden Days of Radio. The television show was first aired on October 13th. Participating were Dick Beals, Jack Krushen, Peggy Webber and others...Bill Zuckert is now seen as Smitty on "Bob," Bob Newhart's new show...A long-running radio show was remembered a few months ago. It is **Daily Bible Lessons**, broadcast over WNAH-AM in Nashville. It first went on the air in December of 1925. It has been aired by Central Church of Christ in Nashville. It is supposedly the longest running continuous radio show in the country.

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** Many thanks to the clubs and newsletters who publicized our convention. **SPERDVAC**, October; article on AFRS...Nov-Dec; articles on studio audiences, Jack Webb...**Wavelengths**, Vol. 8 No. 1; articles on Peg Lynch, Jack Benny's Maxwell, The Manhattan Radio Club...Vol. 8 No. 2; My picture appeared on the cover of this issue. Many thanks. Brief articles on Fred Foy, Bob Dryden, Lon Clark...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Sep. - Oct.; Bob Proctor continues his article on problems faced by the OTR collector. Review of the Cincinnati Convention...**Nostalgia Digest**, Oct. - Nov.; articles on The Jazz singer, the development of tape recorders, Peg of My Heart, Bela Lugosi, Spotlight Bands...Dec-Jan; articles on Bing Crosby, Germany's version of "Command Performance"...**The**

**Illustrated Press**, Sep.; articles on Amos 'n' Andy, I Love Adventure, Jack Armstrong...Oct.; articles on Sherlock Holmes, Air Adventures of Jimmie Allen...Nov.; article on The Blue Beetle...**The Jack Benny Times**, Jul. - Aug.; More "stuff" about Jack Benny...**A-1 Gazette**, Sep.; Curt Ladnier is the new editor. If you have information for his magazine about Carlton E. Morse or wish to get it, write to Curt at 3900 5th Ave S., Birmingham, AL 35222...**Past Times**, Fall; articles on When Radio Went to War...**Return With Us Now**, Oct.; article on Henry Morgan...Nov; information on various adventure and detective programs of the early 1950's...**Daily Sentinel**, Nov-Dec; article on WQXR's format change from classical music to American popular standards...**Jolson Journal**, Fall; much Jolson information within its 90 pages...**NARA News**, Vol. XX; articles on information in past NARA News by Roger Hill; Vic and Sade, A W W II radio story...**Memories** (OTRC Annual booklet), Vol. 18; dedicated to Captain Midnight.

**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES:** Rieman Publications has a new book called "**We Had Everything But Money.**" This is a book about 700 people whose personal memories about the Great Depression are written recalled. The years covered are 1929 - 1939. This 162-page book also has many pictures and is fascinating reading. It is distributed by Country Books, Box 990, Greendale, WI 53129; 1-800-558-1013. The book is \$14.98 plus \$3 for P & H...Jerry Roberts has just written a Bio-Bibliography about **Robert Mitchum**. It is 448 pages and costs \$47.95 from Greenwood Publishing Group, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881 1-800-225-5800.. Also from Greenwood is a Bio-Bibliography of Maureen Stapleton by Jeannie Woods. Cost of 176-page book is \$42.95...A biography of **Robert Benchley** has been written by Wes Gehring and also published by Greenwood Publishing Group. The 288-page book is \$45.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:** Among the several Glenn Miller Fan Clubs, here are 2 of them: Glenn Miller Birthplace Society, Box 61, Clarinda, IA 51632; Glenn Miller Society, 3 Pinewood Close, Verwood, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 6NN, England...The Oasis Theater Company is a new organization that performs OTR shows at the Playground Theater in the East Village in New York on Fridays and Saturdays at 11 pm. The director is Brian Jennings and he needs scripts and an audience. No one gets a salary. If you are interested in helping or finding out more information write Brian at 230 East 9th Street, New York, NY 10003; (212) 673-3706.

**LOGS:** **Ray Stanich**, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has 2 new logs, each or both for a SASE: Starlight Theater, a TV log and Celebrity Club, a radio log...AVPRO has two major logs out. Both were put together by Don Aston and Terry Salomonson. One is a 50-page Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar log for \$12.50; the other is an Escape log with complete information on each show including cast, opening and closing lines. This 142-page book is \$17.50. Order them from AVPRO, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531.

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS:** **Wrigley** has all the discs to First Line (of Defense). If you are interested in getting some shows and possibly others, contact Linda Hanrath at the Wrigley archives in Chicago...**Frank Bell**, 1706 Brazos Ave., Hobbs, NM 88240 has 64 shows called Keep 'm Rolling. This show apparently is different than the one in my log and is about 2 GI truck drivers with the US Army in the North African Campaign of W W II. Frank is interested in Moon River and Keep 'm Rolling...AVPRO has a new supplement out with many cassettes and reels including Dragnet, Fort Laramie, Gunsmoke and movie serials. Write to them at Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531...**Nostalgia** (Larry Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 has issues supplement 34. It contains many news shows including 6 pages of Arthur Godfrey; Rudy Vallee remotes, Robert Q Lewis...**Carl Amari** (Radio Spirits), Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176 has just started selling 600 OTR LP's which he just acquired. There were pressed in the 1980's for radio station airplay.



**NEW ADDRESSES:** Charles Clark, 60 Langdon St., Plymouth, NH 03264...John Barker, 300 Walnut St., Ridley Park, PA 19078.

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** Raymond Daly, 159 Bartholdi Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07305...George Lillie, 4021 Flicker Ln., Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 is very interested in Lum and Abner and wants to bring the show to television. If you are interested in helping, write George...Bill Eckart, Box 803, Mustang, OK 73064 has a collectors and traders network. If you want more information, send him a SASE...Jon Lee, Walsh Ln, Greenwich, CT 06830.. Douglas Pauley, 5 Maryanna Dr. #6, Fitchburg, MA 01420...Tom Wohlfeld, Box 22322, Louisville, KY 40252...Marc Michaud, 101 Lockwood St., West Warwick, RI 02893...Margie Schultz, 3308 Royal Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45208 wants any radio information about Eleanor Powell and Ann Sheridan for 2 books she is writing...Frank Boncore, 250 Heather Hill, Buffalo, NY 14224...Cliff Caplinger, Box 1690, Inyokern, CA 93527...Gary Kramer, Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...Murray Schantzen, 207 B Linn Ct., North Aurora, IL 60542...George Skarzynski, Box 1355, New York, NY 10268...Bob Forrest, 33 Wood St., Cambridge, MA 02140...Bill Eberle, 44 Laurel Park Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590...Dan Timmons, 5924 Avenue T, Brooklyn, NY 11234...John Stevenson, 265 Cutler St., Watertown, CT 06795...Thomas McClary, 33-30 84th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 wants any radio pertaining to Paddy Chayefsky...Martin Wyand, 1066 Crabapple Dr., State College, PA 16801.

Jim Dougherty, 457 Meadowbrook Dr., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006..A J Afendoulis, 1099 Drexel Rd., Muskegon, MI 49441...Johnny Dawkins, 10072 South Cloverdale Ave., LA, CA 90019 wants any information about blacks on radio-- not whites playing blacks but programs about blacks with black people playing the parts...Nancy Wall, 29 Valley View Ter., Montvale, NJ 07645...Gary Leveille, Box 562, Great Barrington, MA 01230 has a 1939 WTIC booklet for sale. It as 45 pages and Gary is asking \$55...David Stenn, 456 W. Belden Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 wants any information on Jean Harlow on radio for a book he is writing...Fred Avila, 3908 Wilshire Dr., Plano, TX 75023...Kelly Berger, 23034 S. Delford Ave., Carson, CA 90745...Steve Mitchell, 5314 Windy Hill Rd., Greenville, TX 75402.

**OLD FRIENDS:** Ray Nemec, 1424 Heatheron Dr., Naperville, IL 60563 wants any tapes of Heart Throbs of the Hills or any related programs...Ron Barnett (Audio Tapes Inc.), Box 9584, Alexandria, VA 22304; (703) 370-5555 wants to sell his mail order business. This business is the sale of blank reel and cassette tape. You will get an extensive inventory, complete address list, computer and much else. If interested, contact Ron...Lee Munsick, 20 Harriet Dr., Whippany, NJ 07981 still looking for all Arthur Godfrey people including anyone who appeared on the talent scout show, The Vagabonds, Frank Parker. Our 1993 convention will probably include some Arthur Godfrey presentations...Raleigh Barker, one of my OTR friends, was the subject of an article in his local paper in Montgomery, Texas. Raleigh also gives OTR presentations to various groups...Let me know if you are written up in your local paper and what OTR activities you do...Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 mentions that the Fred Allen collection at the Boston Public Library is not available to the general public to borrow. They may be listened to in a room set aside for this, but despite the fact that they were given to the library by Portland Hoffa and a large sum was also donated form the estate of Portland, the money was used to make cassette copies form the reels, but not for borrowing. Their ultimate goal is to sell the tapes???...Tom also has one of the OTR programs on the Yesterday USA Superstation. Tune it in on your cable on F4 TR15 Audio 6.2. Yesterday USA is all Nostalgia..Lynn Lichty, 7878 US 24 R 2, Antwerp, OH 45813 looking for any tapes of The Hoosier Hop which was broadcast in the 1940's.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Stephen Temmer**, Oct 8, 64; audio inventor, studio engineer in the late 40's (Metropolitan Opera, Groucho Marx, Bing Crosby)...**Jackson Weaver**, Oct 20, 72; Washington, DC radio personality; also the voice of Smokey, the Bear...**Herbert Spencer**, Sep 18, 87; Composer, arranger; worked in radio until 1935...**Walter Lanier (Red) Barber**, Oct 22, 84; Legendary sports announce...**Shirley Booth**, Oct 17, 94; veteran stage, screen, radio and TV actress (Eddie Bracken Show, Duffy's Tavern)...**Robert Mitchell**, Oct 13, 73; radio and TV writer (Adventures of Philip Marlowe)...**William Keene Crockett**, Jul 10, 78; one of the foremost sound effects artists...**Charles Lee**, Oct 18, 78; comedy writer with Bob Hope...**Robert Mitchell**, Oct 13, 74; veteran tv and radio writer (Adventures of Phillip Marlowe)...**Ray Singer**, Nov 16, 76; radio and television writer (Fitch Bandwagon, Fred Allen, Phil Baker)...**Dorothy Kirsten**, Nov 18, 82; singer; on various radio shows...**Charles Baltin**, Nov 90, 81; singer...**Nuncio (Toots) Mondello**, Nov 17, 81; saxophonist with Benny Goodman on Let's Dance series...**Roy Acuff**, Nov 23, 89; country legend on Grand Ole Opry since 1938.

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## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

1992

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 17th Annual Convention from October 22nd – 24th, 1992 at the Holiday Inn – North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: **Dick Beals, Vanessa Brown, Fred Collins, Peter Cranford, Win Elliot, Herb Ellis, Don Hastings, Corinne Orr, Eleanor Phelps, Clive Rice, Anne Sargent, Hal (Harlen) Stone, Peggy Webber** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Harry Bartell, Warren Bryan, Fran Carlon, Lon Clark, Nancy Coleman, Bob Dryden, Ray Erlenborn, Earl George, Bob Hastings, Ed Herlihy, Raymond Edward Johnson, Ruth Last, Abby Lewis, Peg Lynch, Bill Murtough, Dick Osgood, Bill Owen, Ken Roberts, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Sidney Slon, Margot Stevenson, Ezra Stone, Arthur Tracy, Whit Vernon, Florence Williams, and Betty Wragge**. The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 6 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday evening with compliment wine and cheese for the overnight guests. About 35 people attended. Thursday, many dealers opened at 9 am. There were 2 afternoon workshops: **BBC Radio** with Brad Ashton, Penny Fabb and Tom Monroe; **Antique Radio Restoration** with Durell Roth; then cocktails and dinner. Sixty-seven fans attended during the day. One hundred ninety fans and guests attended in the evening. **Chris Costello, Bud Abbott, Jr. and Paddy Costello Humphreys** with the help of friends including **Ann Corio** reminisced about Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. Then a group of special guests reminisced informally.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Sixty-one dealer tables were active during the convention. Two hundred fifty people attended dinner with another 98 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following. **Clive Rice** with Jack French talked about **Bobby Benson** and westerns. **Dave Zwengler** ran a quiz show. **Danny Goodwin, John Rayburn and Dick Beals** looked at the world of commercials. **X – 1** "Chain of Command" was re-created with **Don Ramlow** directing. **Dick Hayes and Raymond Wood** talked about **Kate Smith**. **Jeff Muller and Jay Wild** talked with several of our female guests about the role of the supporting actress. After dinner **Bob Hastings and Hal Stone** re-created their roles of **Archie Andrews and Jughead**. Then **Ray Erlenborn** took us into the re-creation of **Dragnet** with **Herb Ellis, Harry Bartell and Peggy Webber**. **Gary Yoggy** directed this episode. Then **Dick Beals, Tom DeLong, Peter Cranford and Herbert G. Goldman** talked about their books.

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **Gary Yoggy** with the **Dragnet** cast talked about **Jack Webb and Dragnet**. **Raymond Edward Johnson** presented "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." **Street and Smith Detective Story Hour** was re-created with **Adele Ronson, Elmer Cornell (Dick Osgood), Ken Roberts and The Shadow**, who later turned out to be **Lon Clark**. There was a contest, run by the director, **Anthony Tollin**, to guess the identity of **The Shadow**. About half the entries guessed him correctly and many winners won prizes. The **Dave Warren Players** presented "It Pays to Be Ignorant." **Bill Murtough**, engineer, reminisced. Then **Tom DeLong** hosted a game and quiz show panel with **Vanessa Brown, Peter Cranford and Win Elliot**.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 317 people with another 161 coming for the day. After dinner **Peg Lynch and Bob Dryden** presented an episode of **Ethel and Albert**. **Inner Sanctum** was then re-created with **Raymond Edward Johnson** performing his original role as host. **Ron Lackmann** directed. **Arthur Tracy** sang, **John Rayburn** did a spoonerism, and Awards were presented.

Besides the ones mentioned earlier, they included 2 **Allen Rockford Awards** presented to **Max Schmid and Gary Yoggy** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. Special awards were given to **Ken Roberts and Peg Lynch**. Both have attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. Also one was given to **WRVO in Oswego, New York** for giving us radio drama and comedy for over 20 years. Donations were given to the **Veteran's Bedside Network** and **The Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation**.

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.