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A PERSONAL NOTE: Rosa Rio is busy as ever in Sun City Center in Florida. She has been there 2 1/2 years and in March played her 25th concert there...I just learned of the death of Ellen Robinson. Ellen was a collector in Syracuse. She worked with Ray Stanich on many of his logs and updated many of them after he died...Don Ramlow was the subject of a nice article in the Portage Gazette. He had just received an award at the Cincinnati Convention.

MY NECROLOGY LOG has been updated and expanded. It contains Radio related personalities in alphabetical order, date of death and age at death. It also contains many musicians and movie actors who appeared on radio. It contains all information found up to Feb 1, 1996. It is about 10 pages longer (about 25 pages all together) with about 2500 names, about 1000 more than the last one. For those that bought the previous log, the cost is \$5 plus \$1 P & H. For all others, the regular cost is \$10 plus \$1 P & H. As far as I know, you will not find this information under one cover anywhere.

ULTIMATE HISTORY: Supplement #3 is now available. Cost is \$5 plus \$1.50 for P&H. The cost for the entire book plus three supplements is \$56 plus \$4 for postage and handling.

I am planning a complete revision of the **Ultimate Log** by October of this year. If you have any corrections or additions of any kind or new shows in circulation, please begin to get me the information so the revision will be as accurate and complete as possible.

CONVENTION 1995: 20th Anniversary Mugs are available. They were on sale at the convention for \$5. Because of the P & H cost, we are lowering the cost to \$4 plus \$4 for postage and handling, a total of \$8.00 for each mug...Our 36-page Convention Booklet is available for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for P & H...Our Friends of OTR flashlight-key chains are \$1.00 plus \$1.00 P&H (Total of \$2).

CONVENTION 1996: Dates are October 17 - 19, 1996 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ. If you want to do a workshop or panel, let me know as soon as possible. We have a few spots left.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The Third annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which, this time, must be based on an historical event similar to Cavalcade of America. The script should also contain parts for children since we hope to have the help of the Museum of Television and Radio to have children available.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1997 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **August 15th, 1996**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (980) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. The second was won by James Nixon. Jim's script was based on The Lone Ranger and it will be performed at our 21st annual convention on Thursday, October 17, 1996.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Jack Benny Times, Sep - Dec; article about George Burns and Jack Benny...Chattanooga Airwaves, Mar - Apr; article about George Burns...Radio Recall, Apr; articles about Radio's first Bobby Benson, Richard Wanamaker; Radio's private lady

detectives...**Tape Squeal**, Mar - Apr; article about Parley Baer...**OTR Gazette**, Jan - Feb; article on Lady Crime Fighters by Jack French...**RLL On the Air**, April; articles about Meredith Willson; Sound Effects by Barney Beck; Bob and Don Hastings; Radio Premiums...**Return With Us Now**, April; articles on radio's beginnings...**May**; article about Can You Top This?...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, April; article about Glenn Ramsom...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, April; Pine Ridge Arkansas, 60th Anniversary issue...June(National Lum and Abner Society)...**Illustrated Press**, April; articles on Richard Wanamaker, radio child star (Jerry Collins); Lady Crime Fighters (Jack French); Welcome Travelers; Gossip Reporters...**May**; articles about "Jack" shows; Perry Mason...**Tradition**, Mar - Apr (National Traditional Country Music Assn.)...**Jolson Journal**, Spring (International Al Jolson Society)...**Daily Sentinel**, May - Jun; articles on Al Hodge; Stage Shadows presentation of OTR broadcasts at Partners & Crime Book Store in New York City...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, May - Jun; articles about George Burns; Grand Ole Opry; Carmel Quinn; The Quiz Kids.. **NARA News**; Spring; articles about Fibber McGee and Molly; Bobby Benson, RCMP and other radio shows by Jack French; early country music shows; BBC shows...**The Cantor Connection**; Mar - Apr (Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society)...**Radio Active**, May (Interests in Popular Music and News radio format).

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 71 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800. The latest book is about James Dean by David Hofstede. Cost of this 186-page book is \$49.95...Although this book doesn't fall in the realm of OTR, many of you might be interested. Bob Lissauer, one of the speakers at our next Friends of OTR Convention, has just updated his book "Encyclopedia of Popular Music." If you want all the details on over 20,000 popular songs such as the composers, their popularity, movies and Broadway musicals they were in and more, you must buy this book. It also lists every year and the popular songs of that year and all the writers and all their songs. Publisher is Facts on File (1-800-322-8755) and you can get the 3-volume book from them or your local book store. Cost is \$185 but worth it...If you enjoy the 20's, then you must buy "From Flappers to Flivvers...We Helped Make the '20s Roar." It was just published by Reiman Publications who put out Reminisce Magazine. This unique book is packed with fascinating memories and family-album photos of the '20s sent in by readers of Reminisce, the country's most popular nostalgia magazine. This 162-page book is \$19.99 plus \$2.50 P&H. Call 1-800-558-1013...Another book from Reiman Publications is At Ease, lighthearted stories from all branches of the service. Cost is \$19.99. Call number mentioned previously...For all those fans interested in Science fiction and all those that are not, you must purchase "Science Fiction...on Radio: A Revised Look at 1950 - 1975. by James Widner and Meade Frierson III. Cost is \$15. This 190-page book may be purchased by writing Meade at Box 130969, Birmingham, AL 35213 or call toll-free 1-888-967-3437. The book covers in detail all science fiction shows on radio, both American and BBC. It has detailed logs, some not readily available before, plus all the information you wanted to know about the subject. At our next convention we plan to have a science fiction panel and also re-create Dimension X "Destination Moon" starring John Archer. We hope the authors and contributors will attend. Meade acknowledges several people in the book. Many thanks for my mention...**Radio's Morning Show Personalities: 27 Early Hour Broadcasters and Deejays from the 1920's to the 1990's** by Philip Lieberman: McFarland & Company; 213 pp. \$29.95. To order call 1-800-253-2187. In addition to articles about 27 major morning people, Lieberman lists with a sentence or two many other morning personalities. Some of the significant morning people are The Gamblings, Gene Rayburn, Arthur Godfrey, Bob Steele, Buffalo Bob Smith and many others...**Ezra Stone; A Theatrical Biography**; McFarland & Company, 253 pp., \$32.50. This work concentrates on his career from 1936 to 1953 as Stone made the leap from stage to radio and them to television. Although paying attention to his portrayal of Henry Aldrich, it covers all the aspects of Stone's career.

CONVENTIONS: The 1996 Old-time Music and Radio Conference is being held June 4 - 6 at Mt. Airy, North Carolina (Old-time Music Group). For information call (304) 637-1350 or E-mail (jfl@dnw.wvnet.edu)...The 12th annual Lum and Abner Convention is June 22 in Mena, Arkansas. Contact Tim Hollis for details at #81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 674-0101...**Washington REPS Radio Showcase Convention** is June 27 - 29 at the Overlake Hospital Conference Center in Bellevue, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague at (206) 488-9518...**21st Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival**; August 26 - September 2 at Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds, Iowa. Contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577...Annual SPERDVAC convention being held Nov 8 - 10 at

the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Los Angeles. For information contact Larry or John Gassman at (310) 947-9800.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. Additional names and corrected names follow. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. Bob Burnham (change) (platecap@aol.com) ...Sam Levene (lev@inforamp.net)...Harlen Hinkley (change) (HKHinkley@aol.com)...Henry Hinkel (HINKEL@worldnet.att.net)...Andy Blatt (change) (vintage@infohouse.com)...Bill Slankard (change) (72722.3473@compuserve.com)...Ted Davenport (103523.25@Compuserve.com)...Ed Carr (edcarr@enter.net)

LOGS: I have recently prepared a **Command Performance** listing of all 213 circulating shows. It is in 5 formats. It is in numerical order with up to 4 performers and each performer's field is in alphabetical order. Cost is \$5 plus \$1 for P&H.

I now have completed my longest program log to date. It is the complete log of **CBS Radio Mystery Theater**. Each of the 2970 chronological entries either has the title of the show and up to 3 performers if a new title, or if a repeat, has the date of the original broadcast. It also includes a list of many of the writers of original shows. Many thanks to Dave Siegel for his help. He has every show that was broadcast.

Cost is \$15 plus \$2 P&H or a total of \$17.

I have also revised my **Lux Radio Theater Log**. All the programs are listed in chronological and alphabetical order. Just about all programs have 3 performers listed. Cost is \$8.00 plus \$1.50 for P & H.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: RHAC lending library has new Stars on Parade, Your Navy Show; Town and Country Time; Myrt and Marge; Kay Fairchild, Stepmother; Adventures of Judy and Jane; Keeping up with the Wigglesworths; Tales of the Diamond K; Davey Adams...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 has several new 30-minute Lum and Abner...Michael Utz, 112 Syril Dr., Geneva, IL 60134 has copies of Lady Be Beautiful, a west coast show, and 2 different "Uncle Jonathan." These are the first tapes of these shows I have seen. He also has 35 news Adventure Parade from 1947 with 10 complete stories. Michael also has 8 more War Bond Matinee with George Olsen from 1945...Pat McCoy, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 has issued a catalog of Fibber McGee & Molly and The Great Gildersleeve. These are just about all the shows in circulation...Great American Radio (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 sent his April supplement. It has a wide variety including many Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar...Vic Gerard has a few new shows (1230 Almar St., Concord, CA 94518). He has excerpts from the inaugural broadcast of WJZ on January 1, 1926. Among them are 4 complete numbers from the Victor Talking Machine Hour, 2 numbers from the Marine Band. Also Vic has, almost complete, the Jack Dempsey - Gene Tunney fight of September 23, 1926. He also has 9 programs from The Empire Builders (1930 - 31)...Adventures in Cassettes (#86), 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442; Among others has Frontier Gentleman; Six Shooter; Voyage of the Scarlet queen; Murder at Midnight...Martin Grams, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 (717) 456-6208 is sending me a list of all his shows in installments. New shows listed so far are Hopalong Cassidy (#88); Cavalcade of America 3/23/42 (Angels on Horseback); 11/6/44 (Jane Adams); 5/30/49 (The Reluctant Rebel); The Creaking Door (18 shows American version); Campbell Playhouse 1/7/40 (Vanity Fair); Mercury Theater 10/2/38 (Oliver Twist); Jack Pearl 6/4/37; 19 Green Hornet, most dated 1939; Superman 12/24/49; Words at War 3/14/44; Bob Hope 4/8/47; Believe it or Not (12 more shows from 1938 to 1948)...Martin also has all 7 Inner Sanctum films on VHS. They are \$10 each with \$2 for P&H for first one and \$1 for P&H for additional ones. Buy all 7 and pay no postage...Gordon Payton (The Sci-Fi Guy), 119 E. Cuthbert Blvd. Bldg O #3, Westmont, NJ 08108 (609) 858-4401 has just revised his science fiction and horror catalog. In it he lists every BBC science fiction or horror program or series from 1938 - 1957 (only some are available) and all available ones from 1976 on (90 % of all BBC broadcasts). Also new shows include Destination: Venus (89 episodes from Australia); over 180 Mind Webs; 6 new Quiet Please (1949) 1/16; 1/23; 4/10; 4/24 - 5/8...2 more 2000 Plus (When the Machines Went Mad; The Flying Saucers)...many more Centuri Express...George Fowler, 304 Eunice St., Sequim, WA 98382 has cata-

log of 600 pages. George describes each show he has in detail. Catalog is \$4 with a \$1.50 refund with an order...**SPERDVAC**, Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409 has 2 new Charlie McCarthy shows for its members both are **AFRS** (4/29/45 with Ida Lupino and 3/3/46 with Walter Slezak)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka, North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 latest supplement has Our Miss Brooks, Lum and Abner, Inner Sanctum, Six shooter and others.

NEW ADDRESSES: John Koenig, 922 Churchill St. #1, Waupaca, WI 54981.. Michael Giorgio, 2933 S 134 Ave. \$3, Omaha, NE 68144...Dennis Hager, 5438 Westwind Lane #2B, Indianapolis, IN 46250...Tony Kekalos, 4103 Foxcraft Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Stanley Schwartz, 2000 Town Center, Southfield, MI 48075 is looking for all Bill Stern programs where he discussed unusual sporting events and personalities...David Whitehouse, 23 Rangers Ave., Mosman, NSW 2088, Australia.. Peter Zaccagnino III, 2850 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL 34741...Bill Sabis, 5715 NW 4th Pl., Gainesville, FL 32607 is celebrating 20 years of broadcasting OTR in Northern Florida. His show, "Theater of the Mind," is heard over Public Radio WUFT-FM, Gainesville, 89.1 and WJUF-FM, Inverness, 90.1 Sunday nights 8 - 10 pm...Richard G. Allen, 5731 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60637...Richard Rieve, 10029 Mosby Woods Dr., #226, Fairfax, VA 22030.. Ted Serrill, 555 Old Post Rd. #C-15, Edison, NJ 08817...Jim Wenke, 1811 E. Sunset Dr., Bellingham, WA 98226 is looking for Afrikan Trek with Josef Marais. (I do not know of any shows in circulation)...Pat Weber, 321 Clay St. #66, Ashland, OR 97520 has for sale Vol. 1 - 3 of Pardon My Bloopers by Kermit Schafer (6 records). He would like to get a fair price plus postage...Edgar Church, Jr., 1723 Kingswood Dr., Lansing, MI 48912...Gary Smith, RR2 Box 930, Bangor, ME 04401...Allan Turner, 27 Lorne Scots Dr., Milton, Ontario, Canada L9T 2Z2...Vic Forney, 6201 Pontiac St., Berwyn Hts, MD 20740.

OLD FRIENDS: George Miller, 9733 s. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 wants NBC, CBS and ABC network newscasts from the 1950's through 1970's. He will generously compensate...Francis Rylance, PSC 2 Box 5163, APO, AE 09012 looking for Philip Marlowe shows...Roger Hill is up to 226 members in his new **Nothing's New Vintage Media**, #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (415) 871-6063. Roger has 14 Wheeler/Woolsey movies from 1934 - 1934 for \$12.95 each. Besides OTR shows, Roger has a wide variety of movies on video...Ted Theodore, 1175 Brockton St., El Cajon, CA 92020 is looking for copy of theme of Tito Guizar, Mexican singer. Title is "Zacatecas." He used trio and sang "Hello, hello, my friends hello; Tito Guizar will sing for you."...Fred Foy, 46 Evergreen Rd., Reading, MA 01867 is looking for Vick's Open House (11/28/37)...Bob Ellsworth, 3 Violet Pl, Woodstock, NY 12498 is interested in getting Armstrong of the SBI; Babe Ruth Playball; Carnation Contented Hour; Curley Bradley, the Singing Marshall; Silver Eagle...Durell Roth, 902 Yaupon Valley Rd., Austin, TX 78746 is looking for a tape of a show that aired probably in the mid-50's. The opening is much like the First Nighter except that the host of the show takes us to the theater in a horse drawn carriage and buys two tickets, one for him and one for us-his guest. He then says, as we go into the theater, "Ah, there is a warm fire in the fireplace. Now let's go in and see tonight's show."...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 has 2 books for sale: Fred Allen, His Life and Wit and Inka Dinka Doo, The Life of Jimmy Durante, each hardbound, \$12 each plus \$3 postage for one or both.

IN FOND MEMORY: Greer Garson, Apr 6; 92; starred in 11 Lux...Sandy Becker, Apr 9; 74; Radio announcer and TV personality (Young Dr. Malone, Kate Smith Speaks, Take it or Leave It). Known on TV in Wonderama...Don McNeill, May 7; 88; Host of The Breakfast Club from 6/23/33 - 12/27/68...Harry Sosnik, Mar 22; 89; musical director, arranger (Al Pearce, Beat the Band, Danny Kaye)...Patsy Montana; May 3; 81; Country singer, often on radio...Robert L. Shaw, Mar 30; 79; radio and TV writer (Mr. District Attorney, Stella Dallas).

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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