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A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks for the holiday cards and wishes...We lost one of our own on Jan 15th with the death of Ken Mills. Ken was a dealer at many of our conventions and was a man of great integrity. If you wish to write to his widow, Julie, the address is 907 Maple Ave., Ridgefield, NJ 07657

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: The first supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$5 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book plus the supplement is \$50 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1998: We had our largest committee meeting yet to plan our convention. After looking at prices of neighboring hotels with enough space, it was unanimously decided to remain at the Holiday Inn-North. The hotel room rates were very comparable but to go somewhere else, we would have to **raise** the cost of the dinner tickets about \$35 a night because of the very high food and banquet room rates. We were also told that there would be more seating in the lobby. The dates are October 22 - 24, 1998.

CONVENTION 1997: The video tapes and audio tapes of the convention can now be obtained. The total cost is \$55 for 3 videos and 6 audio cassettes. The cost of each video if purchased separately is \$20 and the 6 audio cassettes are \$20 if purchased separately. Send to Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (909-244-5242 <avpro@cosmoaccess.net>...We have several items for sale: **FOTR Canvas Bags** are on sale for \$7.00 plus \$2.00 P & H. **20th Anniversary Mugs** are available for \$4.00 plus \$4.00 P & H. **1997 Convention booklets** are on sale for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 P & H. **1997 FOTR pens** are on sale for \$1.00 plus .50 P & H. We still have **FOTR flashlight-key chains and FOTR Magnets** for \$1.00 each plus \$1.00 P & H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **The Cantor Connection**, Nov - Dec...**OTR Newsletter**, Fall (Old-time music on Radio and CD's)...**Illustrated Press**, Nov; articles about Light of the World; Eddie Cantor. Thank you Dick Olday for a positive review of the convention.. Dec; articles about Stella Dallas; Quiet Please...Jan; article about Lorenzo Jones; detectives; AFRTS; Ozzie Nelson...**Nostalgia Digest**, Dec - Jan; Articles about Little Orphan Annie; Hour of Charm; Edgar Bergen ...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Dec...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about early radio; 15-minute Favorites...**Jack Benny Times**, Nov - Dec.. **Tradition**, Nov - Dec; article about Mac Wiseman...**The Horn Speaker**, Dec; Radio Development from 1914 to 1949...**Daily Sentinel**...Jan - Feb; Dedicated to Radio and Comics.. **Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Jan - Feb; articles about Can You Top This; Pat Weaver; John Barrett; Different views on radio; House of Glass...**Old-time Radio Digest**, Nov - Dec; articles about Martha Raye; Ezra Stone; more on new Science fiction...**Family Ties**; Jan; devoted to the One Man's Family Reunion II at the FOTR Convention in Newark.

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 74 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800...John Dunning's Book "**On the Air; The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Old Time Radio**" should be ready by April of 1998. It will be published by Oxford Press and priced around \$50...**James Parish** has 2 new books out or coming out: "The Unofficial Murder, She Wrote Casebook" Kensington Books, \$15.00: and in April "Rosie O'Donnell

Story" Carroll and Graf, Publishers. Check your local book store...**Martin Grams, Jr.** has just written the Ultimate book on Suspense called "Suspense: Twenty Years of Thrills and Chills." Besides a detailed description of all the radio shows and television shows, listed chronologically and alphabetically, the book's first 150 pages gives a narrative of the history and important events connected with Suspense. Related movies, magazines, comics and novels are also included. Cost is \$29.95 plus \$3 P&H. Send to Martin at Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 (717-456-6208). Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS: NARA (North American Radio Archives) is offering a full color poster about old-time radio for sale. It features extremely fine detail and is 10 inches by 14 inches. Cost including shipping is \$15. Many radio programs are represented. Send to Jim Snyder, 2828 East Main St. #149, Mesa, AZ 85213.

CONVENTIONS:

12th Annual Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 29 – 30, Marriott Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

Kate Smith Festival X1, May 29 – May 31 at Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, New York. Contact Rev. Raymond Wood, 6437 East Seneca Tpke, Box 368, Jamesville, NY 13078

3rd Old-time Music and Radio Conference, June 2 – 4, Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Contact OTR at Box 292414, Dayton, OH 45429

REPS Radio Showcase VI of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, Jun 19, 20, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

14th Annual Lum and Abner Society Convention, Jun 26 and 27, Mena, Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL (205) 648-6110

23rd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 31 – Sep 6 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

23rd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 22 – 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

15th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 13 – 15; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles; Contact Larry Gassman (562) 947-9800.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest on the Internet e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@broadcast.airwaves.com>...New Members include: (change) **James Belpedio** s/b <Jbelpedi@aol.com>...**Tom Wesley** s/b **Wesley Tom**... **Andy Blatt** s/b <vintage@infohouse.com>...**Al Hubin** <ajhubin@juno.com>... **Michael Langer** <KG9Kr@aol.com>...**Pat McCoy** <dmccoy@televar.com>...**Al Smith** (change) <patandal@erols.com>...**Sam Levene** (Change) <srl@mail.interlog.com>...**Sy Palo** <alex470@bellatlantic.net>...**Jerry Williams** <mrj@cncnet.com>...**Donald Dortmund** <donauld.dortmund@infores.com>

LOGS: My first supplement to the **Necrology** is available for \$2. The complete necrology written in 1996, including the supplement is \$12.

Gunsmoke Log: I have updated and revised my Gunsmoke log. It contains all shows in chronological order with titles and brief descriptions in almost all cases. Cost is \$8.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151 Holiday supplement includes more upgraded Suspense, Christmas programs, Christmas on video...**Lodes Tone**, 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401 (1-800-411-6463) has much new radio include Firesign Theater; new Norman Corwin; ZBS material and others...**Pat McCoy**, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 has 400 new episodes of the Goldbergs and 110 new This is the FBI, all from Masters for sale of trade...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437; Dec. supplement has Bill Stern; one of a kind; Red Skelton, more...Jan. supplement has Backstage Wife, Lux, Mr. Keen...**Garry Papers**, Box 126, Ashland, OR 97520 has produced 'A Night at the Radio' Volume 2 with 4 more hours of programs with much commentary. Cost if \$28. Call 1-888-723-4676. This is an excellent present for someone getting started...**Mark Higgins**, W4498 Hwy 33, Horicon, WI 53032 has a Crime Files of Flamond with a 5/3/48 date from WGN with Myron (Mike) Wallace sponsored by Brachs Candy...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305; Dec supplement has many Christmas shows; Now Hear This; Cisco Kid...Jan supplement has Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; Challenge of the Yukon; Dave Garroway; Red Ryder...**Radio Historical Association of Colorado**, Dick King, Box 1908, Englewood, CO 80150 has new Hilltop House from 1953...**Ted Kneebone**, 1528 S Grant St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 has five new Harry James (Chesterfield) (1944) 3/14 - 16; 3/12; 3/23 and 4 new Luncheon with Lopez (1944) 2/18; 2/25; 3/15; 6/15...**Adventures in Cassettes**, #95; their new offerings are 2 boxed sets of Richard Diamond and 1 boxed set of Boston Blackie...**Vintage Audio** (**Tom Martin**), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518-584-1112) <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com> has an extensive cassette catalog (6000 cassettes) for \$10, refundable as 4 extra cassettes with first order.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Dick Kinney**, 2627 Vicente St. San Francisco, CA 94116...**Bob Vukas**, 3806 SW Mission Ave., Topeka, KS 66610...**James Adams**, 1340 Woodsage Dr., Soddy Daisy, TN 37379...**Gordon Kelley**, 231 Faith Way, Evansville, IN 47712.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Wayne Downs**, 1050 E 71st St., Long Beach, CA 90805...**Spencer Aggus**, 5705 S Main, Joplin, MO 64804...**Ron Tamm**, 140 Linden Ln #127, Mill Valley, CA 94941 is looking for air checks of KYA 1968 to 1980; KSF 1975 to 1978; KDIA, 1966 to 1984 and others; also wants CBS Radio Mystery Theater with original commercials...**Mark Dereng**, 801 Pine Forest Ln., Prospect Heights, IL 60070 wants to get in touch with Jinx Falkenberg; also still looking for "In Chicago Tonight" 8/1/40 with Al Jolson. It's a half-hour promo for Jolson's "Hold On To Your Hats" play. Mark wants any rare Jolson material...**Paula Eisenstein**, 20523 Dryden, Houston, TX 77030 <eisenbak@basil.stthom.edu> is looking for Major Bowes Capitol Family. I am not aware of any available...**Dick Richards**, 129 South Shore Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512 is looking for copies of The Witch's Tale.. **Charles Librizzi**, 314 Hanover St. #2, Portsmouth, NH 03801...**Michael Moon**, 1506 Kent St., Durham, NC 27707...**Steven Mandrich** <113207.1107@compuserve.com> is looking for any information about Gene Vincent...**Judi Bohnenkamp**, 10496-6th St. NE, Blaine, MN 55434 (612) 755-7781 has articles pertaining to Captain Midnight and Little Orphan Annie and would like to find what they are worth and sell them.

OLD FRIENDS: **Linda and David Breninger**, 1325 Avenida Alvarado, Roseville, CA 95747 are celebrating their 12th anniversary of Old Radio Theater, now on KVMR-FM, which covers greater Sacramento, Placer and Nevada County region...**Al Smith**, 7212 Deborah Dr., Falls Church, VA 22046 needs a good used reel recorder that can play half-track at 7 1/2 and 3 3/4 ips....**Gene Dench**, 53 Faraday St., Hyde Park, MA 02136 is looking for copies of the BBC show, "Spycatcher"...**Don Maris**, Box 200725, Arlington, TX 76006 is looking for copies of Horatio Hornblower...**John Furman**, Box 132, Ballston Lake, NY 12019 wants TV soundtracks on audio tape...**Raymond Langewen**, Schedeldoekshaven 60, NL-2511 EN, The

Hague, The Netherlands is looking for compact discs with American old-time radio and television commercials...**Richard Hayes**, HC 81Box 8568, West Newfield, ME 04095 is always on the lookout for more Kate Smith Hours including 11/13/42; 12/25/42; 12/17/44; 5/6/45; 6/3/45; also Kate Smith Sings including 12/14/45; 1/4/46; 2/22/46; 3/15/46; 10/6/46; 10/13/46; 11/3/46; 11/24/46; 1/5/47; 1/12/47; 2/9/47; 2/23/47; 3/2/47; 5/4/47; 6/1/47; also any Kate Smith Calls from 1949; Dick has a 84-page Kate Smith Radio Log that is available for \$10...**Bernard Drew**, 24 Gilmore Ave., Great Barrington, MA 01230 is looking for a copy of an article about Hopalong Cassidy which appeared in TV-Radio Life on May, 1951...**Mel Simons** begins his 5th year as a regular on the Bob Raleigh Radio Show in Boston. Mel appears every Tuesday night at midnight on WBZ (1030 AM). The show hits 38 states and Canada and Mel play a lot of old-time radio. Mel recently appeared on television on the FX Cable talking about OTR premiums. The show was a remote from Mel's house and was shown nationwide.

IN FOND MEMORY: We lost on November 27 a very dear lady and friend, **Abby Lewis**, at the age of 87. She was very active as all of you know in radio, television and the theater for 65 years. She attended many of our conventions and many of you remember her at our most recent one. She will be missed...**William Alland**, Nov 11; 81; actor, movie producer; with Mercury Theater Company; won Peabody Award for "Doorway to Life."...**Paula Hemminghaus**, Nov 22; 99; singer (American Album of Familiar Music; Philco Hour)...**Virginia Coigney**, Dec 18; 80; author, civil rights leader. Wrote scripts for Radio and Television. mother of singer Mary Travers...**Ed Thorgerson**, Dec 22; 95; NBC announcer and newscaster (A & P Gypsies); voice of Fox Movietone News...**Miriam Phillips**, 10/24; 98; Broadway, theater, radio and television actress...**Mae Questel**, Jan 4, 89; well known Betty Boop and Olive Oyl...**Philip Guest Adams (Stu Wayne)**, Jan 3, 85; radio and television personality (Gangbusters)...**John Gary**, Jan 4, 65; Singer (Don McNeill's Breakfast Club)...**Millard Lampell**, October, 1997; (Writer) Green Valley...**Owen Bradley**, Jan 7, 82; musical director, pianist, composer (Tennessee Jamboree, Home Folks)...**Glenhall Taylor**, Dec 28, 94; Director, author of "Before Television" (Sherlock Holmes)...**Alice Frost**, Jan 6, 92; radio actress (Big Sister, Mr. and Mrs. North...**Ken Peters** Jan 12, 85; announcer, actor (Dangerous Assignment, Mayor of the Town)...**Sam Perrin**, Jan 8, 96; one of Jack Benny's writers...**Frank Muir**, Jan 2, 77; BBC writer, producer, performer

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