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A PERSONAL NOTE: Karen and I plan to attend the Cincinnati Convention and will see you all there...**Arthur Anderson** will be relating his experiences as a radio actor in three lectures on May 7, 14 and 21 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm at New York's 92nd Street YMHA. Fee is \$45 (\$30 for over 55). Make phone reservations at 212-996-1100.

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: The dates are October 22 - 24, 1998 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark.

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: **NARA News**; Winter; articles about sound effects by Ray Erlenborn; Those Fabulous Thirties by Frank Bresee; Bradley Kincaid; The Hummers.. **Jot 'Em Down Journal**; Feb; article about short subjects (movies) with Lum and Abner.. **Tape Squeal**, Jan - Feb; article about Second Mrs. Burton...**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about George W. Trendle; more on early radio by Elizabeth McLeod...**Jack Benny Times**, Jan - Feb ...**Times of Kate Smith**; winter...**Nostalgia Digest**, Feb - Mar; articles about Red Skelton; Quiz Kids; Hollywood - Radio Style; Jack Benny's tenors; Orson Welles...Apr - May; articles about Bob Hope; Radio's small sponsors; Wayne King; Admiral Byrd on radio...**Illustrated Press**, Feb; articles about When a Girl Marries; The Detectives, Part 2...Mar; articles about Portia Faces Life; The Lone Ranger; Crime Fighters, part 3; Edgar Bergen... **Air Check**, Jan; article about The Chicago Radio Hall of Fame Inductions...**Jolson Journal**, Feb...**Galaxy Patrol Fan Club Spacegram**, #31, Feb. Dale Ames mentions that Virginia Thomas, wife of Frankie Thomas has died. We remember her from our tribute to Tom Corbett at our convention a few years ago...**Daily Sentinel**, Mar - Apr; Contains various radio schedules and program ads.. **Tune Into Yesterday**, #23; articles about The Ghost Corps; partial log of Navy Lark; Radio Luxembourg in the winter of 1944...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Jan - Feb; articles about the past Cincinnati Convention; The Best media for old-time radio by Bob Burnham...**Return With Us Now**, Mar; article about Fort Laramie...**Radio Active**, #21; loose network of hobbyists with interests in Popular Music and News radio format from the 20's to today...**RLL On the Air**, Dec; article about Red Skelton...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Mar - Apr; articles about John Dunning's new version of his book; Hugh Downs; Bill Cullen; John Kieran and Information Please; AFRS...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Mar - Apr; article about Don Quinn.

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 76 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...The latest is **Fred Astaire, a Bio-Bibliography** by Larry Billman; 424 pages; \$65. As the others do, the

book covers all aspects of Astaire's life...**Radio and TV Premiums** by Jim Harmon; published by Krause Publications, 1997; 256 pages (1-800-258-0929). Jim offers an in-depth history of the radio and TV shows, heroes, and the premiums associated with the shows. More than 40 shows are covered. Over 2000 premiums are covered with full price listings. 200 photographs are also included. Cost is \$24.95 plus \$3.25 P&H...**On The Air, The Encyclopedia of Old-time Radio** by John Dunning. I am looking at the 800-page book now and it definitely lives up to the hype. I just talked to John Dunning with words of praise and congratulations (March 20). I personally know what a labor of love is when you write a book for a limited audience. John Rayburn gave a glowing review in his newsletter, *The Thrilling Days of Yesteryear*. The list price is \$55. *Adventures in Cassettes* is selling it for \$49.98. It will be available at Barnes and Noble and other book stores also. Ted Davenport will be selling it for *Adventures in Cassettes* at the Cincinnati convention. There is a possibility that John Dunning will be able to attend our Friends of Old-time Radio Convention in October. Again, congratulations to John Dunning...An older book not mentioned before is **Dick Tracy and American Culture** by Garyn Roberts; McFarland; 1993; \$49 (1-910-246-4460). The 300-page book covers all aspects of Dick Tracy including radio. Although there is not a complete radio log, it describes many of the shows available in detail.

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. I have one and I well recommend it. Send to Jim Snyder 2929 East Main St. #149, Mesa, AZ 85213.

CONVENTIONS:

Radio Classics Live, May 1 - 2, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. Contact Bob Bowers, Massasoit Com. College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02402 (508) 427-1234

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 Surry Arts Council, Box 411, Mount Airy, NC 27030 (1-800-286-6193 or 336-786-7998)

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: **Raymond Langewen** <langewen@knoware.nl>...**James Belpedio** (change) <jbelpedi@go.becker.edu>...**Charlie Summers** (change) <charlie@lofcom.com>...**Nat Sorensen** (change) <natsoren@aol.com>...**Rod Phillips** <oldradio@stormfax.com>...**Fritz Ritterspach** (Change) <kfpr@earthlink.net>...**Danny Mollise** <DLMollise@aol.com>...**Ted**

Kneebone <kneeted@midco.net>...**Bob Barbagelott** <rbarbag1@nycap.rr.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.**

Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 has written many logs, many based on his own collection of over 65,000 programs. His web site is <<http://members.aol.com/radiolog/logs.html>>. This will connect you directly to his web site with over 400 logs which you can download. Each log shows all the shows in his collection. Phone/Fax is 562-696-4387. E-mail is <jhaendiges@aol.com>. His general web site is <<http://members.aol.com/radiolog/history.html>>

Martin Grams has provided me with several logs which I am providing to my readers. Martin is working on 2 books: "The CBS Radio Mystery Theater" due out in the fall of this year; "The Cavalcade of America" due out in the summer of 1999.

Many of Martin's logs can also be found in various catalogs since they are complete runs of shows that are available. **Police Headquarters** (50 cents); **Treasury Salute** (\$2; most from #23 - #402); **Adventures of Frank Race** (50 cents); **Family Doctor** (50 cents); **Frontier Fighters** (50 cents); **Frontier Town** (50 cents); **Guest Star** (most from #1 - 510; \$5.00); **Here's To Veterans** (Most from #1 - 140; \$1.00); **In the Name of the Law** (50 cents); **Turning Points** (50 cents); **War Town** (50 cents); **Whitehall 1212** (50 cents); **You and Your Security** (50 cents)

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151; Update #1; Suspense; Life of Riley; Jack Benny; Railroad Hour; Escape; The Whistler. Bob also has a complete listing of all his available Suspense on cassette in chronological order. **AVPRO**, Box 11392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531; Flyer #1; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar includes 3 new shows with Edmund O'Brien (2/17/50 - 3/3/50); Richard Diamond; Damon Runyon...**Jerry Haendiges** (above) has many new shows, indicated on his logs. All his logs indicate what shows are in his extensive collection. A few new shows to start are new Alan Young; Alvino Rey-Maxine Gray Show; American Composers; Joe Penner; Jumbo; Black Book; California Melodies; Celebrity Club; Charlotte Greenwood; Classical Music for People Who Hate Classical Music; Crime Club; Lone Ranger (many with Earle Graser); Sgt. Preston of the Yukon; Orson Welles (Lear show; 9 from 6/23/46); March of Time (many from 1934 - 1945) and many more which you can find on his web site listed above...**The RHAC** tape library contains new Beulah from 1953 and 54; People Under Communism; Burl Ives; Medical Milestones; various Canadian shows...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer) Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 (1-810-686-5973) Feb. supplement contains Dragnet; Amos 'n' Andy; Bobby Benson; Columbia Workshop; many others...Mar. supplement contains Arthur Godfrey; Bill Stern; Hop Harrigan; Medical File...**Martin Grams**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 (1-717-456-6208) has many new Guest Star and Here's To Veterans. Also he has new Turning Point; Voice of the Army; War Town; Whistler; You and Your Security...**Roger Hill** (Nothings New), 23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 has over 400 movies for rent and sale, many related to OTR and early television...**Pat McCoy**, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 has 40 new Father Knows Best for sale or trade...Just a reminder that if you are interested in Jean Shepherd, contact **Max Schmid** who was the largest collection of these shows (4405 Newtown Rd., Long Island City, NY 11103 <mschmid@escape.com>...**Ed Carr** has come up with 90 minutes of new segment and fragments of I Love a Mystery (216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512) <edcarr@enter.net>...The definitive source of Old Fashioned Revival Hour and The Pilgrim's Hour is **Read Burgan**, RR1 Box 172, Lake Linden, MI 49945 (906-296-0652 <rgb@up.net>. He has over 200 shows from 1939 through 1968 when it went off the air...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 sent his latest script supplement, # 179 - 388. He has a wide variety...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 96th edition, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442 has 14 new Life with Luigi from 1948 and 1949. They also have many other cassette collections including Mayor of the Town; Tarzan; Sherlock Holmes; Sam Spade.

NEW ADDRESSES: Douglas Roycraft, 502 South Fremont Ave. #603, Tampa, FL 33606.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Mike Kutz, 2031 W Old Shakopee Rd. #24, Bloomington, MN 55431...Barry Cobb, 1 Stonington West, Fairfield, OH 45014...Kenneth Ondracek, 1305 Campanile Rd., Waterloo, NE 68069 is very interested in locating experts in the Shadow. He used to belong to the Shadow Club which is now defunct.. Ted Kneebone, 1528 S Grant St., Aberdeen, SD 57401...Danny Mollise, 2866 Ramada Dr. W., Mobile, AL 36693...Bob Reynolds, Box 311, Lynn, NC 28750...Allen Gerlach, 612 N Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004 has 200 Jack Benny and is looking for more.

OLD FRIENDS: Charles Michelson has sold his extensive library of radio programs to Radio Spirits. Michelson, now in his 80's, was distributing his shows since the forties. They include The Shadow, Gang Busters, War of the Worlds, Famous Jury Trials, and many others...Lars Schinnerling, Westend Str. 20, D-63225 Langen, Germany is looking for Tune In and Radio Guides from the 1940's...Stu Weiss is back on the air on WPDQ-Fm (89.7), Freehold, NJ (also heard in Howell, Jackson, Toms Rivers and surrounding areas). He is on Friday from 6 pm to midnight on **The Pop Shoppe** playing your favorite oldies and other tunes you won't here anywhere else...Don Brush, 11232 Rampart Ln, Port Richey, FL 34668. He recently underwent surgery caused by his smoking and he urges those who still do, to **STOP**. He has an excellent copy of the Cinnamon Bear for sale or trade...Bill Darden, 3628 Rainbow Dr. Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 is looking for the following Escape that are available; 9/12/48; 10/29/49; 6/9/50; 8/26/50. He also as is everyone else looking for the 9 shows that are still unavailable.. Marla Canter, daughter of Charlie Cantor, is writing about her father and would like to hear from anyone with anecdotes about Charlie during his days in radio. Write to Marla at 73-23 173rd St., Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

IN FOND MEMORY: Sidney Breese, Mar 8, 1997, 89; Chicago radio actor...Hal Goodman, Sep 3, 1997, 82; comedy writer for Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Jack Paar, others...Art Hern, Aug 4, 90; radio and TV actor (Captain Midnight, Ma Perkins, Jack Armstrong)...Tiny Murphy, Nov 13, 1966, 67; Steel guitar player (National Barn Dance)...Ray Pearl, Feb 25, 1997, 83; Bandleader...Louis Marshall (Grandpa) Jones, Feb 19, 84; member of Grand Ole Opry for many years...Donald Flamm, Feb 15, 98; New York broadcaster and Theatrical producer; helped shape Voice of America...Henny Youngman, Feb 24, 91; King of the one-liners (Kate Smith Show)...Harey Carey, Feb 18; 78; Voice of the Chicago Cubs...Alex Kramer, Feb 10, 94; Composer (Candy; Far Away Places); orchestra leader on radio...Lloyd Bridges, Mar 10, 85; Among other shows, was in at least 4 Suspense...Charles Woods, Nov; 86; veteran announcer and attendee at our FOTR Convention...Fred Friendly, Mar 3, 82; President of CBS News 1964 - 66; Produced on radio E R Murrow's Hear It Now...Ruth Easton, Mar 16; Broadway actress (on Rudy Vallee's programs)

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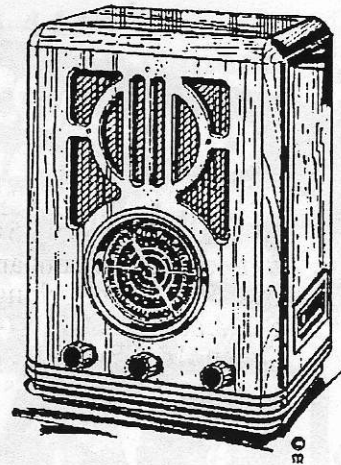
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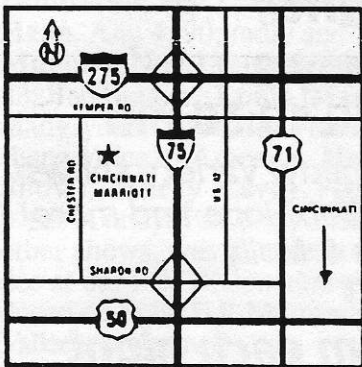
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