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A PERSONAL NOTE: I talked with Teresa, head caretaker of Raymond Edward Johnson. Raymond can't travel any more. It is just too difficult. He would like to hear from his friends. His address is 167 Grieb Rd., Wallingford, CT 06492 (203) 265-5457.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation. The second supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$5.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. It is the longest yet. Supplement #1 and #2 are \$10.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including both supplements is \$54 plus \$4 P&H.

CONVENTION 1999: The dates are October 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark. Thursday is now a half day with dealers starting around 12 noon. There is also a dinner with after dinner activities as before. We are also having a Sunday morning breakfast with a panel from about 8 am to 10 am.

SCRIPT WRITING CONTEST:

The Sixth annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

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 2000 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 **September 1, 1999**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, Jr, Donald Dortmund and Joel Senter. This year's winner was Arlene Osborne.

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

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Radio Recall, Feb; articles about Nadine Conner; OTR on Compact Disc; Tony Wons...The Times of Kate Smith, Winter; for all Kate Smith fans...NARA News, Winter; articles about Radio Actors by Bob Mott; Amos 'n' Andy; Mickey Mouse on radio; Daytime stars; OTR on a Budget by Bob Burnham; Carson Robison by Jack French; George Burns and Jack Benny, smugglers...Return With us Now, Feb; article about Ted Malone...Mar; article about The Lone Ranger. .Illustrated Press, Jan; article about Live Like a Millionaire...Feb; article about My True Story...Mar; articles about House Party; Mr. District Attorney...Aircheck, Winter. .Tradition Jan - Feb; articles about Andy Griffith; Gloria Hays; Carter Sisters; Yodeling; Billy Contreras...SPERDVAC Radiogram, Jul - Aug; article about Life Can Be Beautiful.. The Horn Speaker, Feb (Antique radios and phonographs)...Nostalgia Digest, Apr - May; articles about Vic and Sade; Family performers; OTR Talk Shows; Alan Ladd; Street and Smith and the Shadow; Hopalong Cassidy...On the Air, Mar - Apr; various local articles and reprints.

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...The latest is James Mason by Kevin Sweeney. It covers all aspects of his life. The cost is \$65 and is 320 pages...Bix, The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story by Phil and Linda Evans. This Bio-Discography is a very in depth study of Bix including many of his letters transcribed and many pictures. Cost of this 600-page book is \$40 plus \$4.00 P&H in US. Write to me, Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. These are books left over from the convention. A copy of a letter written by Bix will be included.

CONVENTIONS:

13th Annual Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 23 - 24, 1999, Marriott Inn, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

10th Annual Radio Classics Live, May 7 - 8, 1999 at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. For information contact Bob Bowers at Massasoit. Com. Col, 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, MA 02302 1 (508) 588-9100 ext 1906

Kate Smith Festival XII, May 21 - 23, 1999; Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY; contact Rev. Raymond Wood for information (Box 368, Jamesville, NY 13078)

Al Jolson Festival, May 21 - 23, 1999; Marine's Memorial Club, San Francisco; contact Cathy Rivera, 6391 Center St., Highland, CA 92346

PEMCO/REPS Radio Showcase VII of The Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, Jun 25 - 26, 1999, in Seattle, Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9518

24th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 - Sep 5, 1999 at Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

24th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

ORGANIZATIONS: The Elmira Little Theater presented its 12th Visit to the Golden of Radio. Directed by Gary Yoggy, the Theater presented several OTR shows. Special guests included Bob Hastings, Rosemary Rice. As always Ed Clute supplied the music.

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: **Arthur Barlas** <abarlas@necc.mass.edu>... **Old Radio Digest** (Charlie Summers) <Oldradiodigest@lofcom.com>...**Lee Munsick** <Leemunsick@aol.com>... **Kathy O'Connell** <oconnell@pobox.upenn.edu>...**Allan Ropchan** <allan_ropchan@hc-sc.gc.ca>.. **Bill Siudmak** (change) <mpeg2@home.com>...**Martin Grams, Jr.** <Margrajr@hotmail.com>..**Doug Kosmonek** (Change) <Doug_kosmonek@bc.sympatico.ca>...**Allan Turner** <abtturner@globalserve.net>

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html>

LOGS: Two new logs are available: The Eternal Light (from 10/8/44 through 10/7/62) and The Greatest Story Ever Told (Complete). They were prepared by **Martin Grams, Jr.** and I am making them available. Both logs consist of 27 pages, total. Cost is \$5 plus \$1 P&H for both of them. Send check or money order to me.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges** <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's** "Nothing's New" #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Connor**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 608 Osborne St. SE, Attalla, AL 35954... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**All listings below list sampling of shows**

Vintage Broadcasts, Jan/Feb. Shows include Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; Mr. President; You Bet Your Life ...**Nothing's New**; Roger still has 6 copies of The Lone Ranger Scrapbook by Lee J. Felbinger at \$17.95 including shipping; Roger among many other things has 28 old movies recently transferred from Beta to VHS...**Last month** I mentioned Audio Books had taken over 4 companies. A fifth company it acquired was The Charles Michelson Radio Program Library...**Charlie** still has 8 different radio program window posters all in color (11 by 16 inches each): Dagnet, Gangbusters, Green Hornet, Sherlock Holmes, Shadow, Have Gun Will Travel, Gunsmoke, Lone Ranger.

They are now \$2.50 each. Send to Charles Michelson, 9350 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90212...**John Barber** is selling various OTR shows and scripts to help raise money for the new Alabama Radio Theater. **Vintage Audio** now has a Vintage Video Catalog of over 250 titles specializing in television, serials and B-Movies. **John Rayburn** is beginning to release nine-hour World Series packages. Each package completely reenacts 3 World Series games. The first package contains the 1956 series, 1946 and 1945. Each package is \$39.90 including P&H. Orders can be placed at 1-888-889-9142 or on John's Web site at <<http://www.worldseriesclassics.com>>. Or mail check to World Series Classics, Box 36106, Denver, CO 80236...**Radio Memories**. shows include Bill Stern, One Man's Family, Ford Theater...**John Cooper**; a variety including several sports broadcasts...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.**, shows include new Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney; new Command Performance; many music programs.. **Travis Connor** has new discs: Amos 'n' Andy (1/20/52); Freedom USA (#24).

NEW ADDRESSES: **Hank Kropinski**, 2601 Arbor Dr., Broomall, PA 19008...**Don Brush**, c/o A. O'Connor, 1116 Bancroft St., Deltona, FL 32725. Don is still looking for a SAVE convention Program Book for the first convention in 1971. I can't find one. He will pay \$25 for a copy of it...**Doug Kosmonek**, #62, 3088 Airey Dr., Richmond, BC Canada V6X 4A3...**Stewart Wright**, 8120 W 26th Ave. #17, Lakewood, CO 80215

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Stephen Jansen**, 37124 N Hillside Dr., Lake Villa, IL 60046. Stephen is very interested in Carleton E Morse...**Bob Arnold**, 6301 Dana St., Oakland, CA 94609 is looking for any information about or programs with **Midge Williams**, a singer. She was on Rudy Vallee's Fleischmann's Hour 6/18 and 6/25/36; She was also on the Studebaker Champions...**Edward Hyren**, Box 58035, Tierra Verde, FL 33715 is looking episodes of Lonesome Gal...**Allan Ropchan**, 8923-84 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6C 1E3. Allan has collected on reels since 1962. He has over 3500 reels of OTR for trading and will dub to cassette. BBC comedy is his specialty...**Bill Dwyer**, 7 Colchester St., Brookline, MA 02446.. **Marvin Piniles**, 1714 East 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223 is looking for address and/or phone number of singer Jack Smith and actor, Kevin O'Morrison...**Larry Valley**, Box 217, Newport, MN 55055.

OLD FRIENDS: **Lee Munsick**, 20 Harriet Dr., Whippany, NJ 07981 (973) 386-1920 is looking for tapes or films with Frank Parker; Casey Crime Photographer with music by Archie Bleyer and Tony Marvin as announcer; also anything with or about Arthur Godfrey, Frank Parker, Janette Davis or Bill Lawrence. Also he wants to know the FOTR fan who bought 7" reels with Arthur Godfrey from him to contact him. He has more....**Art Pierce** (Fair Pickings), 339 Nassau St., Rome, NY 13440 (315) 337-2576; FAX (315) 336-5449 now offers 650 Lux Radio Theater on latest list (\$2 for 14 pages). Send for list or let Art know what you want by mail (SASE) of FAX...Art also mentions that John Krauss (WRVO) Oswego has its Playhouse available through the internet at <www.wrvo.fm> 7 days a week, 8 pm through midnight...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, 114 E Cuthbert Blvd #F-1, Westmont, NJ 08108 (609) 858-4401 <TheScifiGuy@juno.com> is looking for someone who would be interested in recording CBS Radio Mystery Theater from reels to cassette. Equipment can be provided. Gordon now has all known existing recordings of Arch Oboler; also has a collection of Sherlock Holmes dramas which comprise all 56 short stories and all 4 novels originally written by A C Doyle. also hundreds of new BBC SF and Horror; and over 120 tapes of never-available-before Doctor Who audio stories..

IN FOND MEMORY: **Robert Douglas**, Jan 11, 89; actor (Lux)...**Huntz Hall**, Jan 30, 78; on radio as a child (Coast to Coast on a Bus, Home Sweet Home)...**Ed Herlihy** (mentioned last issue) died Jan 30 at the age of 89...**Bette Wright**, Feb 17, 82; actress. The obituary states she acted in The Lone Ranger and other Detroit radio shows as well as Road of Life and Ma Perkins. I can't find any mention of her?...**Joe DiMaggio**, Mar 8, 84; Joe had a radio show from 1949 - 1950...**Stefan Hatos**, Mar 2, 77; announcer, writer, director (Lone Ranger, Green Hornet, Mercury Theater, Inner Sanctum; created Let's Make a Deal...**Garson Kanin**, Mar 13, 86; director, actor (The Goldbergs)...**Lee Falk**, Mar 13, 87; creator of Mandrake and The Phantom; Lee attended our Convention...**Stefan Schnabel**, Mar 11, 87; actor (Bright Horizon, Chick Carter).

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