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A PERSONAL NOTE: We lost one of our dear friends. **Dave Warren** died on March 19th after a long illness. Dave will be remembered as the leader of the Dave Warren Players, the first repertory group to perform at the Friends of Old-time Radio Convention. He did the art work for most of our covers for the convention booklet. He was a great artist. He also was very active in the Cincinnati Convention. He will be missed.

FROM BOB BURNHAM (From Inside Radio): Radio Spirits to distribute the CBS Classic Radio Show collection. Radio Spirits, a subsidiary of MediaBay has entered into an agreement with CBS to broadcast, reproduce and distribute the CBS classic radio show collection. Radio Spirits will distribute via audio cassette, CD and radio broadcast formats to its extensive customer base which includes more than 600,000 mail order customers and 7,000 retail outlets along with syndicated radio broadcasts to more than 3 million listeners nationwide. Under the terms, CBS has agreed to not authorize others to distribute the programs.

The **Blue Ridge Radio Players/National Audio Theater** is 10 years old and still producing original radio plays in Hendersonville, NC. It was founded by Hank Booraem (soon to be 91) and his late wife, Betty Mandeville, both radio veterans. Both were guests at early FOTR Conventions. Bob Reynolds, a fan, recently attended a production and send me the information.

SECOND 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 2001 "**2nd, Revised Ultimate History**" is now available. The cost is \$47 plus \$4 for new buyers and \$37 plus \$4 for those that bought the 1996 version and all 4 supplements (Orange Cover).

CONVENTION 2002: Dates are Oct 24 - 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. If you have any ideas for our planning meeting which will be held February 24th at the Holiday Inn-North, please let me know by email or letter.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Tenth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script, as before, but with one **DIFFERENCE:** this time it must **not** be based on a radio program of the past. It can be comedy or drama, period, present-day or future, but try to find a format **NOT** rooted in Golden Age Radio - perhaps a new, strong character we have never met before - or a group of them. Leave space for short commercials - one after the opening teaser, a middle spot and a closing one - unless you are inspired to write your own commercials for an existing or a mythical product. 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. It must be double spaced and have large enough type.

The prize for the best script will be \$200 and will have its live performance at our 2003 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. There will be some rehearsal time. There will also be a second prize winner, who will be awarded \$100, but not performed.

Scripts must be submitted by **August 30, 2002**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. Return receipt is not necessary. A distinguished panel of three judges including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. One of the judges will forward detailed suggestions to non-winners for future improvements. They must be very readable. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send a SASE to Mr., Zwengler. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter, Arlene Osborne and Michael Leannah. This year's winners were **Becky Beach and John Bell**.

CONVENTION 2001: 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each plus \$.34 postage. FOTR micro - phone key chains which we gave out in 2000 to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it.

Chattanooga Airwaves: Jan - Feb; Articles about H V Kaltenborn; Price of Airtime for networks...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Jan; article about Sam Spade...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Feb; articles about Lewis Arquette, Warren Barker...**Return With Us Now**, Feb ; article about Sherlock Holmes...**Mar**; article about Fred Allen...**National Audio Theater News**, Fall; article about sound effects for kids...**Tradition**, Jan - Feb; articles about vaudeville and folk traditions with Adelyne Hood; the song "Git along, Little Dogies," Joe Manuel; Carolina Cotton...**Aircheck**, winter; article about Hal Stone...**Nostalgia Digest**, Apr - May; articles about Lucille Ball; Radio Gossips; Louise Massey; Comedians; Partyakarkus...**SPERDVAC**, Feb; article about Herman Saunders; Lou Huston; Last years of network radio ; Part 1: by Jim Cox...**Mar**; article about "Last Years of Network Radio" Part 2 by Jim Cox...

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-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.. There is a new book out for Patsy Montana fans called "**Patsy Montana, The Cowboy's Sweetheart**" by Patsy with **Jane Frost**; (304 pages; soft cover) \$35 from McFarland (1-800-253-2187). Patsy died in 1996 and Jane is the director of the Patsy Montana Museum in Pineville, MO. There is much radio information...**The Great Gildersleeve** by Charles Stumpf and Ben Ohmart, 2002, 157 pages. Send \$21.95 including P&H to Ben Ohmart, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Everything you wanted to know about the program and cast is in it. Ben's email is <bloodbleeds@yahoo.com>.

SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR OTR FICTION BOOK: Ben Ohmart is planning a book of new short stories, using OTR characters. He's inviting authors who normally write for various OTR and nostalgia publications, to submit a story, based on their favorite radio show for this book. This is to be "new" fiction, with nothing the original characters wouldn't normally do....and no time machine stuff.

Several shows have already been spoken for, including **The Great Gildersleeve**, **The Bickersons**, **Quiet Please**, **The Lone Ranger**, **Bobby Benson**, **Ma Perkins**, **Life of Riley**, **Suspense** as well as **Fibber McGee and Molly**. If you'd care to contribute, let Ben know which series you'd like to fictionalize.

All stories should be between 5 and 15 pages (3000 to 7000 words). Deadline is the end of July 2002, but you can send your story as soon as you like. Do not begin until you check with Ben to make sure your series has not already been "taken" as only one story per series goes in the book.

Contributing authors will receive either: \$50 in lieu of royalties, or four copies of the book, when published. You should notify Ben of your choice when you request a series to fictionalize. He can be contacted at P. O. Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 or through his e-mail: bloodbleeds@yahoo.com

CONVENTIONS:

16th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 19 - 20, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<charadio@hotmail.com>

14TH RADIO CLASSICS LIVE! May 3-4, 2002 Massasoit Community College - Buckley Center, Brockton, MA; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234

30th. Anniversary celebration of the Golden Radio Buffs is coming up on May 4, 2002 FROM 5-9 pm. There will be an Awards Ceremony, plus dedication of a Memorial Plaque to the GRB Media Members who have passed away. Our Entertainment headliner will be Michael T. Wright, who appeared at FOTR Convention last year. He played Winchell in "The Rat Pack" and The younger brother of Lansky in the HBO presentation of "Lansky" with Richard Dreyfus. A real headliner! He will be doing impressions and appearing in one of our Radio Recreations as Eddie Cantor. We are raffling off a Vintage "Superman" radio. Tickets are by reservation, only and are: \$18.50 member, \$20.00 non-member and \$25.00 at the door. For ticket reservations and fur-

ther information, call Gene Leitner, (410) 477-3051

National Audio Theater Festival, May 26 – June 1, 2002, Southwest Missouri State University, West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedial@aol.com>. **They also have a script contest.**

Memphis Western Film Festival, June 13 – 15, 2002 at Holiday Inn, Select, Memphis, TN; Contact Ray Nielsen, Box 87, Conway, Arkansas <rnielsen@alltel.net> or on the web at <www.memphisfilmfestival.com>

18th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 14 – 15, 2002 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110 <CampHoll@aol.com>

REPS Radio Showcase X, June 28 and 29, 2002 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <hrrmikes@aol.com>

27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 24 – 27 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

SPERDVAC Convention: Nov 8 – 10 at Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo; details when available;

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs) (not www)** <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <reponline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <http://members.shaw.ca/dougekosmonek >...new email is <dougekosmonek@shaw.ca>

LOGS: **Shawn Wells**, 606 Bigelow Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906 has a **Lum and Abner Log** of circulating or soon to be circulating shows available on the web. The web site is <www.otr-shop.com>. He lists 1633 shows in chronological order by date.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., 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 <Tedotr@aol.com>...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**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 Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomas-martin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, 118 East Palmer Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463

<lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <ed-carr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. New Meredith Willson; Big Time; Sunday Music Hall; News Broadcasts from **First Generation Archives** (see web site under "Web Sites.")...**Great American Radio:** Calling All Detectives, Dragnet, Meet the Press...**Vintage Broadcasts:** Songs by Sinatra; Fighting AAF; NBC Story Shop

NEW ADDRESSES: **John Truber**, 269 Huntington Close, NE, Calgary, Alberta T2K 5B4, Canada...**Peter Massaro**, 1235 West 6th St. #5B, Cleveland, OH 44113

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Henry Morrison**, Box 235, Bedford, NY 10507...**Charles Denmon**, Box 839, Rex, GA 30273...**Henry Tchop**, 430 N Second Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181...**Edward Coates**, 19550 Avondale Dr., Brookfield, WI 53045...**Walt Staves**, 420 Keller St., Sigourney, IA 52591...**Arlene Osborne**, 61 Hampstead Rd., Sandown, NH 03873...**Ben Ohmart**, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827

OLD FRIENDS: **Dean Case**, 731 Bruce St., Fond Du Lac, WI 54935 has about 2000 reels of OTR for sale including Lux, Cavalcade of America, Jack Benny, Fred Allen and many others for \$3.75 for an 1800-foot reel and \$3.00 for a 1200-foot reel; discounts on 10 or more reels. Send a SASE for information...**Bill Anthony** has a new email address <billypat24@hotmail.com>...**Bill** is looking for any video of a Syracuse football game for the years 1976-1979. They are for Bill Hurley who was the Syracuse QB during that period. email Bill or write Bill Anthony, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227

IN FOND MEMORY: **Peter Gzowski**, Jan 24, 67; Canadian broadcaster; host of The Morning Show...**Howard K Smith**, Feb 15, 87; News analyst and war correspondent...**Spike Milligan**, Dec 27, 83; last surviving member of the Goon Show...**Lawrence Tierney**, Feb 26, 82; Actor; on one Lux (The Petrified Forest)...**Sylvester "Pat" Weaver**, Mar 15, 93; Executive at NBC. Was agency supervisor for "Town Hall Tonight" when he was with Young and Rubicam...**Eileen Farrell**, Mar 23, 82; One of our fine singers. She attended our FOTR Convention 2 years ago.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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