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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

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 Second Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Both supplements are \$11.50 including P&H

The 2001 "2nd Revised Ultimate History" with the first and second supplement is \$55 plus \$4. Please send information for the third supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2004.

I did not write a Supplement 6 for my Necrology. Most of the information is in HA anyway and there is much info on the internet, especially by Ron Sayles.

CONVENTION 2004: Dates are Oct 21 - 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site name at end of HA.

CONVENTION 2003: 2003 Convention booklets are available for \$3.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. Our handouts were letter openers this year. Send me a SASE for one. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The 11th annual script writing contest is now open. This year your half-hour script must be based on any recognizable classic radio program - comedy or drama, with original characters and new ones added if you wish.

But please, no spoofs with Jack Benny, Abbott and Costello, others. That hasn't worked in the past. The script must be ready to produce - typed double spaced, large enough for actors to read, all sound cues included. Usual format includes short opening, middle and closing commercials, whether for a product that existed then, or one of your own. Try to set the story in its original time period, unless science fiction. Try to keep cast to ten or less, although some actors can double in smaller parts.

First prize in the contest is \$200, and the script will be performed live at our 2005 convention. Second prize winner, which will not be performed, is \$100.

Scripts must be submitted by August 31, 2004 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Road, North Brunswick NJ 08902 (732 - 0940 - 7639). Three experienced judges will pick the winning scripts and detailed suggestions for improvements will be sent to non-winners. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send SASE to Mr. Zwengler.

This year's winner, "You Are There" by Edgar Russell, III will be performed at our October

convention.

CLUB NEWS: The Golden Radio Buffs Of Maryland, Inc. are proud to announce the addition of former screen child star, SYBIL JASON, who appeared in the role of Becky in the Little Princess, opposite Shirley Temple, who has graciously consented to join the staff of our publication, ON THE AIR. M/s. Jason, in addition to her movie career, appeared on many OTR shows. She had featured roles on Lux Radio Theater, in addition to Guest roles on Jimmy Durante and Mayor Of The Town. She will write a column, "Sybil Jason Remembers" about those years on OTR. Now in her 70's she is quite active attending Nostalgia and Movie Conventions...**Arthur Anderson** is also a new contributor to ON THE AIR. Arthur has been at our convention for over 20 years.

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...**Jack Benny Times** (I said Journal by mistake last issue), Jan - Apr; dedicated to Gisele MacKenzie...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jan - Feb; articles about Gale Gordon...**RLL on the Air**, Dec; articles about Cavalcade of American, The Lost episodes...**On the Air**, Nov - Jan; article about and by Eric Arthur...**Return With Us Now**, Feb; article about the Goldbergs...Mar; article about Broadway is My Beat...**The Illustrated Press**, Feb; article about Jack Benny...Mar; article about Gene Autry...**Radiogram**, Feb; article about Bob and Ray...Mar; more about Bob and Ray; Dunninger...**Tradition**, Jan - Feb; articles about West Virginia Country Music during The Golden Age of Radio; Johnny Cash...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Feb; articles about Lum and Abner and Les Tremayne...**The Times of Kate Smith**, Winter; much new info about Kate Smith; see info about annual convention under conventions; ...**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about The Shadow; Tony Wons...**Nostalgia Digest**, Spring; articles about Louella Parsons; Buddy Ebsen; Lorenzo Jones; Frank Munn; Katharine Hepburn; Vaudeville to Radio; Frank Lovejoy...**Air Check**, February; articles about Pabst-ett Commercial; Bill Murtough by Bill

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. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Jack French's new book, "PRIVATE EYELASHES: Radio's Lady Detective"** is now available from the publisher, Bear Manor Media. It covers the backgrounds of 43 feminine sleuths on network radio and is well illustrated. Details at www.bearmanormedia.com or call 814-466-7555...**The Andrews Sisters** by H Arlo Nimmo; McFarland Press; 2003; 1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460; \$55; A complete study of their lives, works and complete discography and radio appearances...**The CBS Radio Mystery Theater** by Gordon Payton and Martin Grams, Jr.; the paperback version of their 1999 book; McFarland Press; 2004; \$45; complete episode guide;

CONVENTIONS:

18th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 16 - 17, 2004; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

15TH RADIO CLASSICS LIVE! April 30 - May 1, 2004; Massasoit Community College - Buckley Center, Brockton, MA; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: www.radioclassicslive.org

Kate Smith Festival XV11, June 4 - 6, 2004, Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY. For information contact Sarah De Natale, 157 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216.

REPS Radio Showcase XII, June 24 - 27, 2004 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <HRRMIKES@aol.com>; also check web site: (www.repsonline.org)

29th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 - Sep 5, 2004 at Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

29th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark,

NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887
<JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>)

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)...**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgiaadigest.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/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/douglkosmonek>>...new email is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>>...**Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>>

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 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com> (WEB) www.radiomemories.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...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112. (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.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 Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <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 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **AVPRO;** Latest supplement has Romance of the Ranchos; You Are There; Our Miss Brooks...**BRC Productions;** Expanded OTR "digital re-masters;" 40 more videos; More "Classic Cassettes" and much more...**Max Schmid;** 200 more Jean Shepherds from 1970-72...**Vintage Broadcasts;** Lum and Abner; Sherlock Holmes...**Radio Memories;** new catalog with many new shows including many new Bob Hope

OLD FRIENDS: From **Bob Burnham (BRC Productions):** P.O. Box 158, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-0158. platecap@brcradio.com Feb/March 2004 Catalog. Many OTR releases on CD. Newest titles are Point Sublime, Murder By Experts/I Deal in Crime, Mr. District Attorney, 1 Suspense CD. Cassettes are still available and some of the "old" titles are being made available again. Also, several new Radio on TV Video releases, including 7 volumes of Jack Benny on both VHS and DVD. Most volumes have 4 shows. The new BRC web site is brcradio.com or brcproductions.net. Click on CATALOGS for the old-time radio/video area. Several OTR Publications are available including Bob's Tech Guide to OTR, many early issues of Bob Burchett's Old Time Radio Digest are available and others. "Bob's Clubhouse" is a new informal club offering a package including OTR CDs and Video, a copy of Bob's Tech Guide and/or access to a complete electronic copy of the book, special discounts, BRC (public) Discussion area online, Bob's future columns in NARA News or Tech Guide supplements, and others. Further details are here: www.brcreproductions.net/catalogs/clubhouse/index.html

The (OTR) BRC Discussion Forum posting board is free and accessed from the above area. Forum topics so far include: Shows wanted, New Technology & Recording Techniques for OTR, OTR Hobbyist-Dealer Forum, ASK BOB: OTR Recording Equipment & Techniques, Old-time Radio Clubs, OTR Publications: Periodicals & Newsletters, Broadcast Student Historical Reference.

For more info use the above addresses or radio@brcreproductions.net.

IF ANYONE ENCOUNTERS SOMEONE WHO HAS ANY EPISODES OF THESE EARLY 1980'S TV SHOWS (CANADIAN I THINK), PLEASE PUT ME IN TOUCH.

1. *FRIDAY THE 13TH— THE SERIES (NOT RELATED TO THE DUMB MOVIE ONES)*
2. *WAR OF THE WORLDS (TV EPISODES)*

THANKS Roger Hill

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Dennis Burk**, 226 East Hemlock Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085...**Pat Hosley Kibbe**, 582 Viewland Dr. Yorktown Hts. NY 10598...**Dan Gaffney**, 5312 River Ridge Dr., Lansing, MI 48917

NEW ADDRESSES: **Anthony Tollin**, 12104 Bois D'arc, San Antonio, TX 78245...**Bill McKenna**, 2 Father Jacobbee Rd., East Boston, MA 02128

IN FOND MEMORY: **Richard Donley**, Jan 20, 92; actor (Stella Dallas; Front Page Farrell)...**Jack Parr**, Jan 27, 85; talk show host; had own show on radio...**Lesley Woods**, Aug 2, 92; Actress (The Shadow; Boston Blackie)...**Jan Miner**, Feb 15, 86; did much radio (Boston Blackie; Hilltop House)...**Frank Parker**, Jan 10, 1999; 95; singer for Arthur Godfrey and Jack Benny...**Nina Simone**, Apr 21, 2003; 80; Singer (Voices of Vista)...**Alvino Rey**, Feb 24; 95; Bandleader...**Harry Bartell**, Feb 26; 88; one of our favorites...**Don Cornell**, Feb 23; 84; Singer; on ABC from 1953-54 ...**John Randolph**, Feb 27, 88; New World A'Coming...**Jerome Lawrence**, Feb 29; 88; writer (Hallmark Hall of Fame; Halls of Ivy)...**Frances Dee**, Mar 6; 96; actress (Anthology Shows)...**Mercedes McCambridge**, Mar 2; 87; Academy Award winning Actress (Abie's Irish Rose; I Love a Mystery)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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