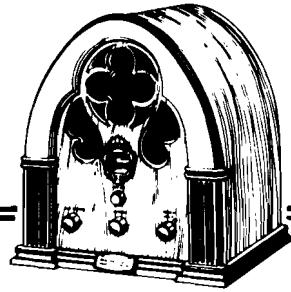


THE OLD TIME RADIO CLUB OF BUFFALO Illustrated Press



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Welcome to new members Michael Coates, Joan Dike, Michael Feist, and Newell Heacock. Special thanks once again to friend Bob Bindig for the donation of more old radio pages from newspapers.

CBS 50TH: From CBS press releases of August 8 and 15: To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the CBS Radio Network, CBS News will produce a special three hour broadcast, CBS RADIO AT 50 -- AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN SOUND, anchored by Walter Cronkite. It will be broadcast on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 10PM (ET), over the CBS Radio Network, exactly 50 years from the day that CBS Radio first went on the air. This special examines the history and evolution of news, sports, entertainment, music, and drama on CBS Radio and among the voices heard will be Edward R. Murrow, Lowell Thomas, Jack Benny, Bing Crosby, Mel Allen, "Red" Barber, Major Bowes,

AMOS 'N' ANDY, H.V. Kaltenborn, and more. Also heard will be a portion of the network's first broadcast, a six hour musical program.

It is ironic that Buffalo, one of the 16 cities that heard that initial broadcast, will probably not hear the anniversary show. WBEN Radio, CBS' former affiliate here, had no plans to carry the show as we went to press.

MINUTES: At the August 8th meeting of the OTRCOB, problems with Shamrock tape were discussed. It was announced that Al Rockford is taping some of his and Don Richardson's SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY program for donation to the club library. Briefly discussed were methods to raise money for the club. Any members with specific suggestions or ideas in this area are urged to write.

MAILING NEWS: Until further notice, all issues of the IP will be 9 pages in length and mailed out first class. This should ensure some topicality and eliminate some problems we've had recently with the Post Office. Extras will be mailed third class.

DIAL WHEC TONIGHT!



"SUSPENSE"

9 P. M.

Danny Kaye

Stars In

"I Never Met
a Dead Man"

DON'T MISS IT - And DON'T MISS...

Hallmark
Playhouse

10 P. M.

CLAUDETTE
COLBERT

Stars In

"The Egg and I"

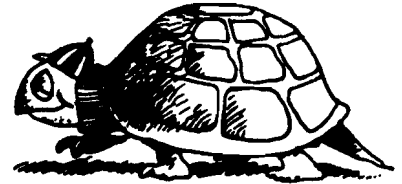


WHEC ALWAYS
OUT IN FRONT
IN
Rochester!

DEADLINES: Oct. IP = Sept. 19
Nov. IP = Oct. 24

MOVING?

NEW MEMBERS: Michael Coates, 241 Grindall St., Baltimore, Maryland 21230
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All other business: OTRCOB, PO Box 119, Kenmore, New York 14217

IRON-ONS: Member Stu Mann, heartened by the overwhelming response the last time this was brought up (1 response), is offering for sale iron-on T-shirt decals. The decals measure about 11" by 11". In the center is an old Philco radio. Surrounding the radio are the words: OLD TIME CLUB OF BUFFALO (the radio picture taking the place of the word "radio"). For each decal desired, send \$2.00 plus \$.25 (postage and handling) to: Stuart Mann, 365 Niagara St., North Tonawanda, New York 14120.

OLD SEPTEMBER: Sept. 3, 1976: Viking II Lander descends to the Utopia Plains on Mars.
Sept. 3, 1939: Britain and France declare war on Germany.
Sept. 4, 1951: First transcontinental TV broadcast. President Truman address the nation from the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco.
Sept. 10, 1976: Croatian nationalists hijack TWA jetliner over Buffalo.
Sept. 12, 1974: Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, 82 years old, is peacefully deposed.
Sept. 14, 1936: BIG SISTER debuts on CBS.
Sept. 17, 1911: C.P. Rodgers takes off from New York on what will be the first transcontinental airplane flight. He lands in Pasadena on Nov. 5.
Sept. 26, 1948: ADVENTURES OF PHILIP MARLOWE debuts on CBS.
Sept. 26, 1972: Charles Correll dies.
Sept. 30, 1940: CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT debuts on Mutual.

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The CRYSTAL EGG



Radio Sketches and Info*Bits #4.....by Hy Daley

I was very impressed by Chuck Seeley's answer to Jay Hickerson last month. Mostly I was just glad to see an editor stick to his cannons when somebody didn't appreciate a few barbs.

Get a letter recently from Bruce Ruggles of North Bay, Ontario, who is looking for AFRS numbers for MY FA-

VORITE HUSBAND. He'd like dates for WHISTLER programs and wonders if THE AVENGER went beyond #24. His address is Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario, Canada P1B 8K5, if you can help him.

Got a program from John Stoneburner, Del City, Oklahoma, called DANGER, which repeats what it claims to be the first drama program ever broadcast. It sounds BBCish but, who knows, maybe the British did reach that base first. ((In the June, 1976 newsletter, we ran an obit for Richard Hughes, author of DANGER. The show is listed in England as the first radio play to be broadcast in that country. --Ed.))

A while ago I mentioned Elliott Lewis' show ON STAGE. Recently I picked up eight shows from Charles Holmes of Charleston, S.C. They're from 1953 and they are great! Kathy Lewis stars also and for the most part they play virtually all the roles in each show, but if you've heard these two versatile actor(ess)s, you know what a great job they do. I think my favorite show is "Canary Yellow", about a kid who becomes a great actor in spite of his old man who thinks such work is for less male types.

The complete day of Sept. 21, 1939 from WJSV (CBS) in Washington, D.C. has been floating around for some time...maybe you've heard it. It runs from 5:58AM to Midnight or so. Arthur Godfrey was a disc spinner in those days and his bass voice soothed the early risers in 1939 with newsy tidbits, softsells, and music. Personally, he would have put me back to sleep.

I guess early morning radio in 1939 was strictly for the female set because from 8:45 to Noon CBS was "nuthin' but soap." Such greats (grates) as MYRT AND MARGE, HILLTOP HOUSE (a TV smash in the early 50's for some reason), BIG SISTER, AUNT JENNY, WHEN A GIRL MARRIES, HELEN TRENT, and OUR GAL SUNDAY were just a few. And I do mean just a few. In the afternoon President Roosevelt talks for 75 minutes and, like modern day broadcasters, John Daly comes on afterwards and tells you what he said.



MORTIMER AND CHARLIE

KINDA SENTIMENTAL

July 15, 1939

—By Edgar Bergen

Probably the most exciting part of the afternoon was the broadcast of the game between Washington and the Cleveland Indians. I'm not telling you who won it but it was MY favorite team. I didn't recognize many of the names of the players, though. I was disappointed in the play-by-play of the announcer, or the lack of play-by-play. It went something like this: "...and here's So And So....strike one....the pitch....ball one....there's a hit....it's caught by Whatzitsname...." I didn't hear one exclamation point in the whole game! Where were Graham McNamee, Red Barber, and (gulp) Howard Cosell?

10 Wed., May 11, 1977 Paterson News

In the most recent National Radio Trader Phil Cole mentions that "Discovery" has been deleted from NRT. The main reason was that it had been printed somewhere else previously,

Museum Recalls Radio Days

By PAUL F. PARSONS
PINE RIDGE, Ark. (UPI)—
Inside the weather-beaten old store, Dorothy McClure happily spends her days with

the voices and memorabilia of Lum Edwards, Abner Peabody, Grandpappy Spears and Sister Simpson.

There's the checkerboard balanced precariously on a wooden crate between two cane-bottomed chairs. There's the pot-bellied stove. Horse collars. Homemade sorghum. It was Dick Huddleston's Store in tiny Pine Ridge, population 22, that gave inspiration to two young men growing up nearby — Chester

Lauck (Lum) and Norris Goff (Abner). As Lum and Abner, they entertained millions with colorful tales of country life during the radio days of the 1930s and 1940s.

Dorothy McClure is the proprietor of Dick Huddleston's Store and its next-door neighbor, the Lum and Abner Museum.

On a trip in 1968, she and her late husband Ralph passed through Pine Ridge, tucked into the foothills of the

Ouachita Mountains, and stopped at the store, the original model for Lum and Abner's famous "Jot 'Em Down Store."

"We fell in love with the store and bought it. Immediately went back home to California to pack, and we moved to Pine Ridge," said Mrs. McClure, who admits to being a nostalgia freak. "Our friends in California thought we had lost our minds."

Her husband, a retired Fresno, Calif., door manufacturer, died in 1972 but Mrs. McClure keeps the Lum and Abner Museum open and growing.

"Why, we filled two large notebooks with guests to the museum last year," she said. "We had someone from every state and from five foreign countries."

She said she doesn't keep a head count because she lets busloads of senior citizens skip the 50 cent admission charge.

"I like listening to the senior citizens reminisce about how they used to share an earphone with someone who had a radio and listen to Lum and Abner," she said.

She likes listening to the children, too.

"Children 8 to 16 years of age are very, very interested," she said. "A lot of times their parents don't go through the museum and the children will spend an hour in there. Just all of them have heard Lum and Abner."

Reruns of the old radio series still are heard on 107 stations nationwide.

Today, Chester Lauck is a popular public speaker when he isn't enjoying retirement in Hot Springs, Ark. Norris Goff plays a lot of golf at his retirement community of Indian Wells, Calif.

"Chester comes all the time. He was here last year,"

said Mrs. McClure. "But it's been a long time since Morris was here. Maybe we can get him to come this summer."

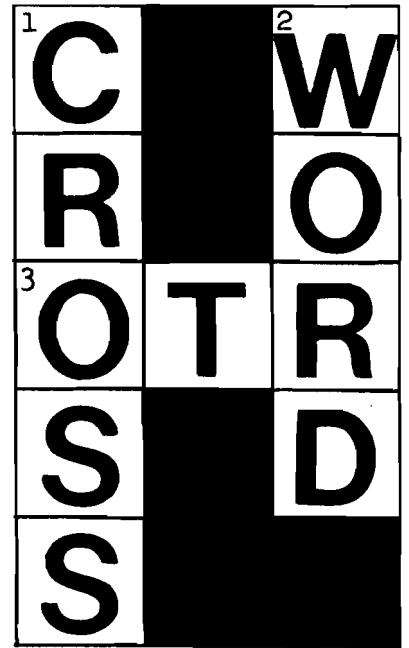
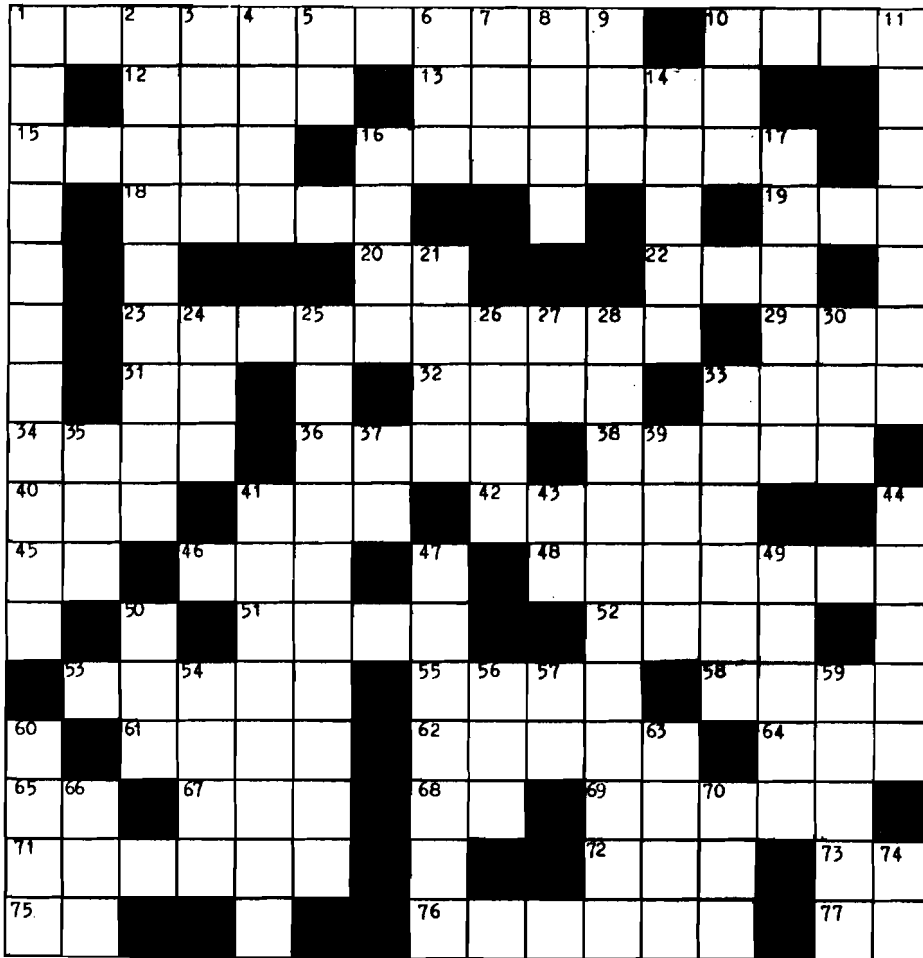
Thanks to Frank Amico for sending this clip.

ly, either in this newsletter or BRC's News and Reviews. Mr. Cole feels if it's printed in NRT that should be it. I guess he's right although probably everybody that reads NRT doesn't necessarily read OTRCOB material.

Some time ago, I hinted to Chuck Seeley: "Why doesn't the OTRCOB hold a convention?" And he replied that he didn't think one would go over well unless some BIG NAMES were brought in. "Hmmpmph!" thinks I. I think the OTRCOB could put on one Hell of a convention in 1978 if they wanted to. Many members saw the good and the bad at the Syracuse mini-convention in 1976. The only weakness of that one was the lack of interest of OTR freaks.

Why couldn't the OTRCOB get somebody (BIG NAME) to come to Buffalo? Get some radio related films. Invite everybody and his brother (sister) who collects tapes, discs, premiums, radios, TVs, wanted posters, ANYTHING RELATED! Maybe the membership could put up out of town (or state) members to save them \$ --- I'd put up some folks coming in from the West (2½ hours from Buffalo).

Oh, Wise and Wonderful OTRCOB, consider a convention in 1978....and save table #1 for me. ((Let's hear from you out of town members. Would you shuffle off to Buffalo for an OTR convention? Films are no problem. And there's enough comic book dealers in the area that a well filled dealers' room can almost be guaranteed. What do you think? It would involve a large expenditure, but we should be able to recoup that with table rentals. ---Ed.))



by Corb Besco

Solution in
next issue.

ACROSS

- 1 Held danger for Holiday
- 10 With GOD: Shadow sponsor
- 12 Complain
- 13 Its theme; A Night on Bald Mountain
- 15 Mr. Basko
- 16 Radio's Holmes; 1939-46
- 18 Mandrake's paramour
- 19 Little Nipper's company
- 20 Jr.'s dad
- 22 Period of time
- 23 Ponset's handle
- 29 Typical: abbr.
- 31 Conjunction
- 32 Alleged force
- 33 Inner Sanctum product
- 34 Hop's big buddy
- 36 Babylonian god
- 38 Sportscaster Bill _____
- 40 Shoshonean
- 41 The Halls of _____
- 42 Belonging to the _____
Buckeye State
- 45 Do follower
- 46 Fr. miss
- 48 Lessees
- 51 You Bet Your Life host

DOWN

- 52 Duffy's Tavern item
- 53 Banker, Harum
- 55 Synonym for 13A
- 58 Decorate again
- 61 Lady in Venice
- 62 Houston gridman
- 64 Dupe
- 65 Preposition
- 67 Moon lander
- 68 St.'s country cousin
- 69 Eccentric
- 71 Belonging to cowboy-
star Lane
- 72 Seabird
- 73 _____ and behold
- 75 "This is the city"
- 76 Perry's Della
- 77 Printer's measure
- 1 Slate's crate
- 2 Equation: Impossible?
- 3 Threads for Caesar
- 4 A Mervyn Bogue
trademark
- 5 Popular
- 6 _____ and sympathy
- 7 New York time: abbr.
- 8 _____ chamber effect
- 9 Pinch
- 10 Bernie
- 11 Journalist Murrow
- 14 Game or face
- 16 Reckless
- 17 Eradicating tool
- 21 Chess piece
- 24 Irritate
- 25 Straight Arrow's
alter ego
- 26 Hatred
- 27 Baseball great Cobb
- 28 Life Can Be Beautiful
personified
- 30 Whip severely: Colloq.
- 33 Rankle
- 35 Consumed
- 37 OTRCOB's state: abbr.
- 39 Vocal or musical sound
- 41 Impending
- 43 Congress component: abbr.
- 44 _____-Martin
- 47 Belonging to the
Sentinel's Mike
- 49 Build
- 50 The _____ Russian
- 54 Mr. District
Attorney's Vicki
- 56 Came to rest: Colloq.
- 57 Spanish article
- 59 54D's co-star Len
- 60 See 10A
- 63 Uncommon
- 66 Ga.'s neighbor
- 70 Nobel's boon
- 74 _____-the-air

REVIEWS: Living It Up or They Still Love Me In Altoona by George Burns. Putnam, 1976, 251 pages, &8.95. For any of you that know me personally, or read my article about Mr. Burns in the November, 1976 RHAC/OTRCOB newsletter, you know that it is very difficult for me to give an unbiased review of this book. So, I'll be honest with you from the start. I loved the book. I would have loved it if George Burns was not one of my favorite comedians. Why? Because it is a book that is easy to read, a book that has humor throughout, a book that has sad moments, and a book that has over fifty great pictures. The book is not chronological, yet it does seem to flow. Here is a list of some of the chapters, beginning with: A Day in the Life of a Late-Blooming Author!, Writing Humor is Nothing to Laugh At!, Open-Heart Surgery Can Be Fun!, Gracie and Me, and It's Fun to Look Back If

There Isn't Something Cuter in Front of You!. There are plenty more like that. There are humorous recollections of his longtime friendship with Jack Benny. There is a great section on Carol Channing, another on his philosophy on life (Live and enjoy it), and many, many more. If you think the price tag is steep, go to the library and thumb through a copy. I'll guarantee you'll want your own. ---John Wells

The Goon Show Companion---A History and Geonography by Roger Wilmot and Jimmy Grafton, Robson Books Ltd. 1976 (British publisher), St. Martin's Press (American publisher), about \$10. GOON SHOW writer-performer Spike Milligan calls this the textbook ++++++ From the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, 1950.

Guide to Radio Programs for Tuesday, Jan. 3

	WHEC CBS 1460	WHAM NBC 1130	WSAY 1370	WRNY 680	WARC ABC 950	WVET MBS 1280
8	30 Musical Clock 45 Musical Clock	Clockwise Clockwise	News; Timekeeper Timekeeper	Musical Parada Clockwatcher	H'wood Breakfast H'wood Breakfast	News; Trebor Bob Trebor
9	00 Musical Clock 15 Musical Clock 30 To the Ladies 45 To the Ladies	Kessler; News For Women Only For Women Only Tower Clock	Tuneful Trends Tuneful Trends News; Trends Tuneful Trends	News; Music Mountain Music Mountain Music Mountain Music	Breakfast Club Breakfast Club Breakfast Club Breakfast Club	Women's News Bob Trebor Bob Trebor Bob Trebor
10	00 To Ladies; News 15 Arthur Godfrey 30 Arthur Godfrey 45 Arthur Godfrey	Welcome Travelers Welcome Travelers Marriage for Two Dorothy Dix	Melody Patterns Piano Portraits News; Jamboree Hillbilly Jamboree	News; Waltzes Pat O'Brien Crosby Recordings Crosby Recordings	My Story My Story Betty Crocker Vic. Limolahr	Cecil Brown Heatter's Mailbag Say It with Music Say It with Music
11	00 Arthur Godfrey 15 Arthur Godfrey 30 Grand Slam 45 Rosemary	Love, Learn Dave Garroway Jack Berch Lora Lawton	Make Believe Ball Make Believe Ball News; Make Believe Make Believe Ball	News; D. Bell Dorese Bell Dorese Bell Dorese Bell	Modern Romances Modern Romances Quick as Flash Quick as Flash	Salute to Vets Salute to Vets Bob Poole Bob Poole
12	00 News 15 Al Sigi. T-U News 30 Helen Trent 45 Our Gal Sunday	News; Day Hit Farm-News Answer Man Off the Record	Hello Rochester Noon Melodies Weather News Rhythm Varieties	News; Music News; Music News; Music News; Music	House Party House Party; Opinions News; Verne Young Roberta Rumburg	Kate Smith Talks Kate Smith Sings Noonday News Mystery Tune Test
1	00 Big Sister 15 Ma Perkins 30 Dr. Malone 45 Guiding Light	Hootley; News Ann Rogers Cinderella W'kend Cinderella W'kend	Bing Time Bing Time News; Border South of Border	News; Navy Band Melody Matinee Melody Matinee Melody Matinee	Backstage Talks Musical Showcase Musical Showcase Musical Showcase	Lucky 7 Songs Lucky 7 Songs Lucky 7 Songs Lucky 7 Songs
2	00 Mrs. Burton 15 Perry Mason 30 Nora Drake 45 Brighter Day	Double or Nothing Double or Nothing Today's Children Light of World	Bandstand Time Penthouse Serenade News; Maestro Music Maestro	News; Melody Melody Matinee Melody Matinee Melody Matinee	Musical Showcase Hollywood USA Bride Groom Bride Groom	Ladies' Fair Ladies' Fair Queen for Day Queen for Day
3	00 David Harum 15 Hilltop House 30 House Party 45 House Party	Life Beautiful Road of Life Pepper Young Right, Happiness	1370 Club 1370 Club News; 1370 Club 1370 Club	News; Melody Mat Melody Matinee Melody Matinee Melody Matinee	Naval Air Reserve Pick Date Hanibal Cobb, Ladies Be Seated	Best By Request Best By Request Best By Request Best By Request
4	00 Margot, Ralph 15 Margot, Ralph 30 Stars Sing 45 Open House; Sigi	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenzo Jones Widder Brown	Musicale Musicale News; Musicale Musicale	Paul Robinson Melody Matinee Melody Matinee Melody Matinee	Carter Family Piano Magic Melody Promenade Bob Elson	Best By Request Best By Request Best By Request Best By Request
5	00 Open House 15 Open House 30 Open House 45 Curt Massey	When Girl Marries Portia Faces Life Just Plain Bill Front Page Farrell	Musicale Musicale News; Musicale Musicale	WRNY-FM Sunset Serenade Sunset Serenade Sunset Serenade	Comic Playhouse Comic Playhouse News Sports; Shadows	Straight Arrow Straight Arrow B-Bar-B-Ranch B-Bar-B-Ranch
6	00 News Roundup 15 MacMillan, Sports 30 Air Journal 45 Lowell Thomas	News; Sport Sports; Ans. Man Pin Up Tunes 3-Star Extra	Supper Club Supper Club News; Chamberlin Charlie Barnet	WRNY-FM Sunset Serenade Sunset Serenade News, Serenade	Green Hornet Green Hornet Sky King Sky King	Mystery Tune Test Mystery Tune Test Twilight News Favorite Five
7	00 Beulah 15 Jack Smith Show 30 Club 15 45 Edward R. Murrow	Light Up Time World News Little Symphony Little Symphony	Melody Corner Melody Corner News; Corner Melody Corner	News; Cavalcade Music Cavalcade Melody Treas. Melody Treas.	Hill; Shears Mello-Aires News Counterspy Counterspy	Fulton Lewis Jr. Bing Crosby Gabriel Heatter I Love Mystery
8	00 Mystery Theater 15 Mystery Theater 30 Mr and Mrs North 45 Mr and Mrs North	America-Cavalcade America-Cavalcade Baby Snooks Baby Snooks	Melody Corner Melody Corner News; Waring Res. Waring Records	News; Classics Classic Requests Classic Requests Classic Requests	Carnegie Hall Carnegie Hall Music Preferred Music Preferred	Count Monte Cristo Count Monte Cristo Official Detective Official Detective
9	00 Life with Luigi 15 Life with Luigi 30 Escape 45 Escape	Bob Hope Bob Hope Fibber McGee Fibber McGee	Time To Waltz Time To Waltz News; Evening Star Evening Star	News; Records Record Review Record Review Record Review	Town Meeting Town Meeting Symphonic Prelude Symphonic Prelude	John Steele John Steele Mysterious Traveler Mysterious Traveler
10	00 Pursuit 15 Pursuit 30 Go to Party 45 Go to Party	Big Town Big Town People Are Funny People Are Funny	Concert Hall Concert Hall News; Sandman Sandman	Wash.-Royals Wash.-Royals Wash.-Royals Wash.-Royals	Time for Defense Time for Defense Music Lucky Star	Edwards; News Moon Dreams Music You Want Music You Want
11	00 D & C News 15 Robbins' Orch. 30 Neighbor's Orch. 45 Neighbor's Orch.	News; Sports Morton Downey Listening Design Listening Design	Sandman Sandman News; Sandman Sandman	News; Sign Off	News Music to Dream By Music to Dream By Music to Dream By	All News Dance Music Dance Music Music; News

TV-WHAM

4:00-Homemakers Exchange	7:45-News Caravan
5:15-Judy Splinters	8:00-Milton Berle
5:30-Howdy Doody	9:00-Dunninger-Winchell
6:25-Billboard	9:30-Life of Riley
6:30-Open House	10:00-Original Amateur Hour
7:00-Kukla, Fran & Ollie	11:00-Mr. O. K. Weather-
7:30-Meet the Headliners	mail

FM WHFM, Frequency Modulation station affiliated with WHAM at 98.9 megacycles duplicates WHAM programs from 3:00 p. m. to 11:11 p. m. daily except for occasional special programs. WRNY-FM at 97.9 megacycles duplicates WRNY programs from 6:00 a. m. to 4:15 p. m., carries FM programs from 4:15 to 9:00 p. m. daily.

on the GOON SHOW. Roger Wilmut researched BBC files and trade publications, listened to countless recordings, and interviewed GOON SHOW personnel to compile a meticulous GOON SHOW log (Goonography*), which includes all relevant information on the shows, such as BBC transmission dates, titles (both official and announced), and details of writers, cast, and producers. The Goonography also includes information about the BBC Transmission Service (the source of the NPR airings) as well as complete details on other Goon broadcasts, commercial recordings, books, and film appearances.

The first half of the book is a personal memoir about the birth of the Goons by clubowner Jimmy Grafton in whose pub the Goons first came together. There are biographical sketches of the four Goons (Milligan, Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, and Michael Bentine) plus a running history of the shows themselves. Much of this information is unknown to US fans.

The Goon Show Companion is the definitive Goon book and no Goonatic should be without it.

GOON SHOW fans might be interested to know of the existence of the GOON SHOW PRESERVATION SOCIETY, 7 Frances Gardens, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 8AF in England, and its US affiliate, The GOON SHOW SOCIETY, 24 8th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Both put out newsletters. Dues are nominal. Both have tapes and other material available...even T-shirts and bumper stickers!

*An earlier "Goonology" in the second book of GOON SHOW scripts is highly inaccurate and misleading. It should not be used for reference.
---Shirley Bentley

National Radio Trader, Summer 1977, 4 issues are \$8 from NRT, PO Box 1147, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273. The NRT is rapidly becoming a vital part of OTR fandom. Phil Cole is doing a terrific job with this collectors' adzine. Besides the many ads, which are NRT's reason for being, this issue contains short articles on coping with tape counters, Orson Welles, Jack Armstrong, the Mutual Broadcasting System, Glen Miller, and more. An interesting feature is the report on a tape survey, in which DAK led the field in number of users but also has the slowest service. The NRT is presently published quarterly, but I suspect that 1978 will see the beginning of bi-monthly publication, which will make the ads even more timely. Highly recommended.
---CAS

NARA News, Spring 1977, published quarterly, editor Al Inkster, NARA annual dues \$10.00, P.O. Box 11962, Reno, Nevada 89510. The newsletter of the premier OTR club just keeps getting better and better under editor Inkster's guidance. Actually, with 50-odd pages of good reading, this more magazine than newsletter. This issue contains the welcome news that NARA and SPERDVAC may begin cooperating with each other, a large first step towards the centralization of OTR fandom. Also in this issue are an excellent article on the OTR merchants, a piece on shows that didn't survive over the years, a good review of The Jack Benny Show book, several reprints from old radio magazines, and much more. The NARA sells single copies of the NARA News for \$1.00 each (from Al Inkster, 3051 South Jessica, Tucson, Arizona 85730) and that's underpriced. It's worth much more.
---CAS

On The Air, July-Sept. 1977, published quarterly by the Golden Radio Buffs of Maryland, editor David Easter, GRBM annual dues \$6.00, contact Gene Leitner, 3127 Wallford Drive, Apt. D, Dundalk, Maryland 21222. Features of this large club's attractive newsletter include several quizzes, notes on other clubs and publications, obituaries, information on their annual "Golden Mike" awards, part of the continuing SHADOW log, a reprint of the "SF on the BBC" article from Memories Vol. 1, #5, and more. The \$6 membership fee is more than reasonable. A good club to belong to.
---CAS

"Jack Benny's Life Story" two hours on cassettes, with Script from the Benny show of Dec. 16, 1945, \$9.95 from Radio Memories Inc., Box 86, Liverpool, New York 13088. I have only one complaint about this: it's not long enough! The two hours flew by. From the teaser opening of Jack's legendary vault, narrator Tom Reed traces Benny's life from childhood through vaudeville and into radio, TV, and the movies. The emphasis is on radio and among the interviewees are Benny, Dennis Day, Don Wilson, Mel Blanc, and others. 26 excerpts are included, the most moving being Bob Hope's eulogy, and your favorite is probably here as well. A nice bit is a brief glimpse of the private Jack Benny by Kaye Hart. The script is attractively printed and is a great addition to the cassettes. The whole affair is very nicely packaged and well worth the price tag. This is no fly-by-night, hastily assembled item but a truly professional production. Recommended. ---CAS

The most recent edition of Jay Hickerson's Hello Again shows great improvement. Perhaps that review back in June bore fruit after all. ---CAS
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ANNE BAXTER and DAN DAILEY

star in "You're My Everything"

SCREEN GUILD THEATRE • Tonight • 9:00

It's ANOTHER ALL-STAR NIGHT ON WHAM!

7:00 LIGHT-UP TIME

Starring Frank Sinatra and Dorothy Kirsten with a fine program of popular music. Tonight and every weekday at 7. Tune in!

8:30 ROBERT YOUNG

Star of the comedy "Father Knows Best."

9:30 ED GARDNER

As "Archie" in the popular "Duffy's Tavern."

10:00 MAE WEST

Guest on Perry Como's Chesterfield Supper Club. Her first radio appearance in 12 years!

10:30 DRAGNET

Exciting police drama!



ANNE BAXTER

RHAC: Our good friends of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado are looking for old radio magazines. If you can help, contact John Lloyd, 2667 East 99th Ave., Thornton, Colorado 80229.

REFERENCE LIBRARY: Thanks to the following members for their donations: Bruce Tidball (Paul Frees clipping), Corb Besco (WRNG article and Ludlow Porch article), the

RHAC (for generously letting us xerox their xeroxes of old radio mags), and Jim Snyder (the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame material that was printed last issue as well as a brochure).

TAPESPONDENTS: Send in your wants, etc. and we'll run them here for two consecutive months.

Pete Bellanca, 1620 Ferry Road, Grand Island, NY 14072--Will trade for any American Football League games.

Dan Haefele, 3376 Descanso Ave. #6, Los Angeles, CA 90026--Wants: THAT'S LIFE 7/18/46; and the Canadian satire DR. BUNDOLO'S PANDEMONIUM MEDICINE SHOW.

Chuck Seeley, 294 Victoria Blvd., Kenmore, NY 14217--Will buy or trade for record or tape of Broadway musical "Donneybrook" from the early 50's.

Ken Neal, Box 911, Washington, D.C. 20044--Always looking for new material with very good sound, enjoys meeting new collectors with which to trade. Ken has originated many reels, including the complete broadcast day of 9/21/39.

John Wells, RD#1 Chittenango, NY 13037--Wants: JACK BENNY shows (AFRS dates) 1/20/52 w/George Burns; 3/2/52 w/Frank Sinatra, Danny Kaye, Groucho Marx, & George Burns; 6/29/53 "Golf"; 8/3/53 w/Fred Allen; 5/17/54 "Don Wilson Story"; 6/20/54 "Jack's Birthday"(originally b'cast 2/14/54); 7/25/54 "Jack & the Beanstalk"; 9/5/54 "Chicken Fat Massage & Date With Gertrude". The following are TV shows: TONIGHT SHOW 11/13/74 w/George Burns, and 1/23/74 with Jack Benny; DEAN MARTIN CELEBRITY ROASTS of Bob Hope & Jack Benny; DICK CAVETT SHOW, 1973, w/Jack Benny.

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DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL.....by Jerry Collins

Once again it is time to delve into the days of radio past.

One of the real oddities of radio was that Joe Kelly, a veteran of NATIONAL BARN DANCE and a 3rd grade dropout, was the long-time quizmaster on QUIZ KIDS. And Claude Bremmer from QUIZ KIDS was such an accomplished radio personality at 13 that on four different occasions he filled in as master of ceremonies when Joe Kelly was unable to be there.

The "War of the Worlds" made Orson Welles a celebrity overnight in 1938. The producers of THE SHADOW wanted their man to be a man of mystery. Consequently, they began a search for a replacement for Mr. Welles.

Singing Sam was the popular name of Harry Frankel, who became nationally famous as a radio balladeer.

Ralph Edwards has been one of the great names in radio and TV. In 1936 he hitchhiked to New York City, found churches to live in, and ate his meals in rundown and greasy restaurants. His network career began on CBS as a staff announcer on MAJOR BOWES' ORIGINAL AMATEUR HOUR.

During the heydays of the late 1930's, VIC AND SADE was heard on NBC's Red and Blue nets, and later on NBC and CBS simultaneously.

It is interesting to note that when network radio decided to bring back radio drama they turned to a pair of greats from the old days of radio. Himan Brown, of INNER SANCTUM, JOYCE JORDAN, and many other shows, created the CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER. Elliott Lewis, of PHIL HARRIS & ALICE FAYE and so many other radio shows, was hired to be the director and producer of ZERO HOUR for Mutual.

Ed Wynn was the first radio comedian to use a live studio audience for his broadcast.

Dan Reid's horse, Victor, was a colt of the great horse Silver.

There was a greater sponsor identification on radio than on TV. Some examples of this would be JACK BENNY (Jello and Lucky Strike), FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY (Johnsons Wax), JACK ARMSTRONG (Wheaties), TOM MIX (Ralston cereals), and THE LONE RANGER (Cheerios).

Until next time, "Goodnight all."

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SIGN OFF: It was mentioned a few months ago here that member Hy Daley will have a story appearing in Art & Story #3. What we didn't mention (because Hy didn't tell us) was that his story placed 29th out of 5,000 entries in the 1976 Writer's Digest Creative Writing Contest. Not bad. A 3 issue subscription to Art & Story is \$6 (tell them you want it to begin with #3) from ART & STORY, Box 9124, Fresno, CA 93790. #3 is due out shortly..... Our membership to date (8/21/77) is 77. We seem to be averaging one new member each week, and renewals are doing great. We may get to the 100 mark by the end of the year after all....Thanks to member Phil Cole for designing a really super looking ad for the club in the new NRT. It's certainly better than the one your editor came up with....Apologies to Ed Frost for not managing to fit his OTR Cryptograms in this issue. Next month for sure.....
WRITE!! Chuck Seeley, editor, OTRCOB, Box 119, Kenmore, New York 14217.