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two hours were in buildings used by the Cook mob at the present time. The fire bug was racing against time. Nick clicked in connection to Commis-sioner Updyke. He needed every piece of known property used or belonging to Kyle, Cook and Oles watched. He gave orders to comb every hospital and doctor's office for Dawson, but he doubted if it would do much good

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Nick glanced at the time. Twenty after three. A little more than an hour and a half of daylight left. That might help police watchfulness. But Dawson help police watchfulness. But Dawson was smart. He knew how to elude vigilance and he had the daring to take long shot chances.

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Suddenly there was a buzz on the switchboard, Patsy came onto the phone. He had tailed Kyle, been seen and lost the man in the subway shuttle.

"Stay in the shuttle," Nick ordered. "And watch for any of the four suspects."

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Roxy called moments later.



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PAGE runn The fire alarm telegraph ticked out a signal. A map came to view on the wall of the communication room. "That's likely to be the perfume plant," Nick said. The box was in the same block. "Orders?" Chick asked hopefully. "Have to put you to work fellow.

"Have to put you to work fellow. But you ought to be in bed. I've framed a meeting to take place at the Westside Garage tonight. You know the place. Garage tonight. You know the place. It's a hideout and fence owned by Oles and Cook. There's probably an underground room or two used to hide hot cars. We'll room or two used to nide not cars. We'll have to get in there early and wait to see what happens. Wear your guns and use 'em if you have to. But don't shoot to kill. We need a detailed confession." "I take it we're working separately?" Chick asked. Nick nodded. "What's the setup and how do I act?" Chick said

excitedly. "One of these babes is going to have a showdown with the others about something. Unless I miss my guess, he'll start a fire after he gets what he wants. Act accordingly. But find out who's the fire bug and what's behind the fires first. I'll be in there somewhere. Let fly a couple of shots as soon as any fire starts. We're taking a chance with the load of gas and oil on hand there."

Nick left the house first. He was going to make his way in early, wait to see who arrived and what happened. Chick was to follow a half hour behind, dressed as Nick and being quite open about his behavior. Nick himself was He was about his behavior. Nick himself was dressed like any in-the-dough hoodlum. He loaded some pieces of fire equipment equipment into his car, a pair of safety tongs--the long insulated adjustable tongs used by smoke eaters to handle live electric wires--and a pair of rubber gloves in his pocket.

He jerked to a halt across from the garage. In front of him was the low number license of Oles' car. He raced across to the garage office.

Subconsciously he had grabbed the safety tongs, had them in hand. "Where's Oles--make it snappy!" Oles--make it

spit. His free hand was ready to spring to his gun if necessary. A checker-shirted man pushed a hat

further back on his head, blew a ring of smoke over feet cocked on a desk. "What's your hurry, guy? I don't know you," he said out of the corner of his

"You dammed quick will!" Nick said, rou commed quick will?" Nick said, voice low but hard edged. He was playing the part of a hoodlum in a rush. "Where's the boss? I got to see him fast. Get that? FAST!"

The man looked steadily back at Nick while he swiveled a cigar to the other corner of his mouth. "Oles ain't been here," he announced.

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He ran down, eyes alert. One hand still clenched the safety tongs. The other held his gun. No sound came to him. The basement was flooded with light. He reached the bottom of the steps, looked sharply around. A giant air duct met his gaze. The whitewashed room was empty.

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There was another snap behind the packing cases. It extended into an irregu-

packing cases. It extended into an irregu-lar buzz. Nick's eyes suddenly took in two sights at once. The high wall had suddenly turned blue, reflected a blue light. And the wall seemed to have shut just over the packing cases. Than chaos tore loose. The air duct suddenly burst air into the room. Somewhere above, Nick heard the roar of the cyclone fans. The crackling noise swelled and burst, leaving him momentarily deaf. The wall turned from blue to orange. Nick leaped clear of the car, tore around the packing cases. A burst of flame swept out, almost choked him. A spreading pool was lapping toward his feet. A hundred-gallon barrel of gasoline was gashed, cascading the inflammable liquid into a spreading lake of flame. Behind the pool a gigantic arc of blue fire shot. Nick glanced along the wall, saw a high tension wire far up. It had been hauled down, a short circuit caused. Its flame leaped out, blackening and igniting packing boxes. The spread of the fire would be fast without that and igniting packing boxes. The spread of the fire would be fast without that flame. Lightning with it.

flame. Lightning with it. Behind the arc, a row of white painted iron rungs were set in the wall. They ran up about twelve feet, ended abruptly. The high voltage arc snapped from the steps. An iron ring was set in the wall above. To its left the whitewashed bricks were broken by a dirty line making an upright oblong, the lines of a brick door. door.

door. Nick saw the plot now. He was trapped! Behind him, he would bet that door that had tinkled the signal was solid, not to be pushed open. The elevator was not at the lower level. He could not go up the air ducts against those blasting winds even if there were steps. The only other visible outlet was the door--behind that electric arc and spread-ing pool of flame! * * * * CONTINUED NEXT MONTH* * *



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cassettes are Jack Armstrong. Thanks Jim (I think). As of this writing we have 700 cassettes in the club library and still going strong. It seems like more people are using our cassette library as the winter goes along. Even the dealers are using more cassettes these days. And that's quite evident since Frank Roncore was only able to secure a very Boncore was only able to secure a very few reels at the convention last October

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Bob Burnham's new book, LISTENING GUIDE TO CLASSIC RADIO PROGRAMS. I stated that the price of the book was \$10. Well, I was in error on the price. Well, I was in error on the price. The cost is really \$14.95 postpaid. It can still be ordered from BRC Productions, P O Box 39522, Redford, MI 48239. BRC is also selling the newly reprinted book by Charles Stumpf, MA PERKINS, LITTLE OPERAM INVER IN PERCE VO STUDER THE ORPEAN ANNIE AND HEIGH YO, SILVER. This book was first printed in hardcover in 1971. This new 1986 version is in paper-back while the termine in the paperback. While the text is the same as the original book, a gigantic collection of pictures has been added. In fact, there is a picture on every other page. Price is \$12.98 postpaid.

I have also mentioned BRC Productions as a source of video tapes of some of the TV shows that were based on earlier radio shows. Another source is N & M Enterprises, 708 Springbrook, Allen, Enterprises, 708 Springbrook, Allen, TX 75002. Write them for a price list of what they have available. Still another source of this material is Metro Golden Memories, 5425 West Addison, Chicago, IL 60641. Send them a long self addressed

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Finally, Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514, has a new revision of his SUSPENSE LOG. This has both chronological and alphabetical listings of the shows in this popular series. Copies may be ordered for \$8.00

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Some time ago there was a series called "25 Words or More" running in the IP. In several of these articles people spoke of their favorite shows. I found these interesting, so I thought I would tell you about some of my favo-rites. While I seldom listen to shows that I am taping for someone else, I always listen to these when someone re-quests them on a trade. I am not attempting a critical analysis here. I simply find these shows particularly enjoyable, and perhaps you might also. Strangely enough, one of my real

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more, which sends him back to the plastic, and so on until Mel finally attempts, and bungles, a try at suicide. This is vintage Benny, and while I a not overly fond of most shows from the series, these are classics.

are classics. There is one item I find of particular interest from FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY. Once again I am not really all that fond of the series, and this isn't a particular-ly good show itself, but I have available an extremely interesting comparison. You see, I have two different versions of the same show. The first is from June

5, 1945 from NBC, and is titled "Cleaning the Hall Closet". The other, given to my by Chuck Seeley, is from South African radio, and is titled "Cleaning the Hall Cupboard". Each of these shows used the same script, and even has the same sponsor (Johnson's Wax), but there the similarity ends. The South African show is obviously aimed at a juvenile audience while ours was supposed to be adult comedy (I think the South Africans were right). (I think the South Africans were right). The audience reaction from South Africa is obviously the laughter of children. The comparison between these two, with The

different actors, is an interesting one. The next favorite appeared twice on SUSPENSE and three times on ESCAPE. I love both series, although I think twice on SUSPENSE and three times on ESCAPE. I love both series, although I think I actually prefer ESCAPE. This is probably because it seems to me that ESCAPE used my favorite radio actors (William Conrad and John Dehner) a little more often. Anyway, the show which I particularly enjoy is "A Shipment of Mute Fate". This is about a deadly bushmaster snake that gets loose on a ship at sea. I only recently learned that there really is a bushmaster snake, and that he is indeed deadly. Several times I have tried to use OTR programs in inner city classrooms, really without a great deal of success. "A Shipment of Mute Fate" as the great exception. The kids really seemed to like this one, almost as much as I do. as I do.

There are some who may be surprised that so far my list does not include any shows from the LUX RADIO THEATER. In spite of one person who always refers to this series as "Snyder's beloved Lux," the series is not my favorite. Even though I am actively in pursuit of new shows, the series itself isn't even high up in my likes. In fact, it would be quite a ways down on my list. I much prefer, for example, ROMANCE, which I thik started as a summer replacement for LUX. However, I do have a favorite here. This is "Miracle of the Bells" from May 31, 1948. I really don't know why I like this particular show. The basic theme centers on Hollywood an religion, both subjects that leave me There are some who may be surprised

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absolutely cold. One of the stars is Frank Sinatra, who I absolutely hate. The acting is really not particularly good in the episode. I haven't the faintest idea why this show appeals to me. There is nothing I can put my finger on, but there is something about it that really "grabs" me. In talking about "favorites". I have method

really "grabs" me. In talking about "favorites", I have noticed that some of my favorite stories are not among my favorite radio shows. For example, a short story that I absolutely love is "The Most Dangerous Game". I have a number of radio versions of this story and hate them all. They have not done justice to a very good story line. Perhaps my liking the story so much makes me super critical of the interpretation given it by radio.

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There is some risk in talking about favorites When others have done so, I have tried out their choices, often with less than an enthusiastic response on my part. Shortly after I started my collection, Roger Hill, a gentleman who I greatly respect, wrote about how he loved the GOON SHOW. I immediately got a reel because of that recommendation, and like most British humor I found it

and like most British humor I found it overly slapstick and completely lacking in any sublety. I didn't like it at all. Someone else wrote about a show called "The Coffin in Studio B". I forget what series it was from, but since they were so enthusiastic I tried it out. I could find nothing at all that I liked about it. I guess it just proves what a personal thing our likes and dislikes are. But anyway, these are some of my favorites. You might want to try some of them out and see what you think.

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Boncore's house and spotted this month's column partially done already. He really works at it and it shows most of the time. Another guy that takes pains with his columns is Jim "Rocky Winner" Snyder. He actually does three or four drafts before turning them in for printing. in his case also..it shows. As for me. I usually scribble mine

As for me, I usually scribble mine on the back of an envelope while I'm driving to the meeting. Hey, if it was good enough for Lincoln...Unfortunately, in my case, it also shows!

in my case, it also shows! What ever happened to Chuck Seeley, and Kean Crowe? Their columns are sorely missed and it sure would be nice if they could be persuaded to start producing columns again, (HINT, HINT, HINT) An awful lot of material is showing up from the BBC, the CBC and South African Radio and it is, for the most part, Afl stuff. It is not vintage material but does fit in with our hobby unless you're a real stickler and a purest in collecting OTR. OTR.

Admittedly, not all of it will be your cup of tea but you should give it a try. You never can tell, you just might like it. I do.

Well, that's about it for this time around except to say Have a good year and Keep collection. See ya next time.



Good News, bad news time. First good news. In December, Arlene was the promoted to secretary to the president. Unfortunately, the bad news is that she is no longer able to do any of the I.P. Is no longer able to do any of the 1.P. during working hours and has had to spend several hours working late these past 2 months typing the I.P. I do not think this is fair to ask her to spend this much time on our hobby (not hers), so it is with considerable reluctance that I must announce that the May issue will be our last be our last.

I have received considerable support from our members over the past few years and I hope you will support our new editor as much in the future. I will work with the new editor to make the transition as painless as possible.

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JUST THE FACTS MA'AM By: Frank C. Boncore

The the recent issue of Chuck Shaden's The the recent issue of Chuck Shaden's Nostalgia Digest, Metro Golden memories of 5425 W Addison, Chicago, IL 60641 was an ad for HOLY MACKERELI by Bart Andrews and Ahrgus Juillard. This was advertised as the Amos 'n' Andy Story, telling the phenomenal success of the radio show and the successful, controversial transition to television. This is available in hard cover for \$15.95 plus \$2 shinpion and handling.

This is available in hard cover for \$15.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. Being a fan of Amos 'n' Andy I immedi-ately sent a check. If you have ever dealt with Metro Golden Memories, you would be pleased with the amazing speed in which they answered their mail order. My copy arrived within a week, as did everything else that I had ever ordered from them.

from them. On the front and rear covers were photographs of Tim Moore, Spencer Williams Jr, and Alvin Childress, respectfully Kingfish, Andy, and Amos of the TV version of Amos 'n' Andy. In the mid-section there was an additional sixteen pages of photos of both the radio and the TV versions of Amos 'n' Andy from the Correll family collection and other sources. An interesting one included Freeman Gosden, Charles Correll and their television counterparts on the set of the exterior for the lodge hall. There was also a photo of Jonnie Lee (Algonquin J. Calhoun) and Nick Stewart (TV's Lighting). The first excitons told how forder

and Nick Stewart (TV's Lighting). The first sections told how Gosden and Correll worked so hard to develop the Amos 'n' Andy characters from Sam 'n' Henry. It also told of how the Fresh Air Taxi Comp'ny Incorpulated was born, the development of the Kingfish and the growth of the program to a full scale mational craze which had more than 40 million listeners tuned in nightly by 1931. This was quite a feat when you consider the entire population of the U.S. was 123 million at that time. Another section included the transi-

U.S. was 123 million at that time. Another section included the transi-tion to television and the introduction of Tim Moore as the Kingfish. An interesting fact is that Moore had retired in 1946 at the age of 58 when he received a letter from CBS asking him to audition. Although he appeared not to be too bright on TV, Spencer Williams (Andy), born in 1891, was an Army intelligence cergeant in World War I. After his army stint, he moved to Hollywood and began a long theatrical career in which he was.a writer, producer, sound director and star. and star.

Childress, Alvin Amos, enrolled in college as a pre med student in 1927. During the next four years his extracurricactivities centered around campus tics. In 1931, he graduated with ular activ dramatics. a B.A.

Moving on, this book also contains a television log of the CBS TV Network broadcasts including a brief synopsis of all 78 episodes.

of all 78 episodes. There were three chapters in the book which completely turned me off. Somehow, the authors managed to take us "down on de ole plantation, in de cotton fields of New York and Hollywood". They tried to relate every black actor (fro Bill Cosby in the 60's, Michelle Michols (LT Uhura of Star Trek to non Trekies), Sherman Hemsley of the Jeffersons, and every other black actor of the times) to Amos 'n' Andy. A neat thing about going to the Newark convention is that one meets a lot of interesting people; people like

lot of interesting people; people like Joe Webb. At the last convention, we had discussed him at our table and wondered what happened to him. I made reference to that fact in my December 'B6 column. Recently I received a response to my question.

Dear Frank: Thank you for your kind words in the latest IP. I didn't know I had a fan club.

The convention has always been close to my heart, with all the responsibilities at work, finishing up my dissertation, and trying to lead a normal home life, and trying to lead a normal home life, something had to give. So when Nostalgia Warehouse went out the window, so did my convention activities. The idea of trying to please all the attendees and guests at the same time is rewarding but the process is aggravating and stress-ful. I don't know how Jay puts up with everything. He's either a saint or he like novacaine. (I think he's a saint). So I'm off the committee by my own choice. Oh well, at least I can be a normal collector again!

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It was refreshing to see something written in defense of the dealers in the November-December issue of the Old Time Radio Digest. I have just completed an article for the Illustrated Press in which I explained my policies and practises as a dealer. I hope that since I defended the reel-to-reel format the reader won't get the idea that I am strict-ly against the cassette format. I AM MOT. For a long time now I have offered any shows that I have on any of my reels (now about 1,000 reels of old time radio including many complete runs in excellent including many complete runs in excellent Including many complete runs in excellent sound) on cassettes. My approach is to let the customer "custom design" his own old time radio cassette from the thousands of possibilities in my catalog. I have done this for years and it has prevented my having the huge expense of making up hundreds of pre-made cassettes of which many will never sell anyway. I do own an excellent high speed duplicator (which, by the way, costs over \$1.000---(which, by the way, costs over \$1,000---another reason why dealers never really make any money as they put whatever small profits there are right back into another reason why dealers hever really make any money as they put whatever small profits there are right back into equipment), but I do not use it for custom cassettes since they are copied from shows on reels. For the customer that really likes "real-time" cassettes with excellent audio, you can get them from me anyway you like them! And here's the best part. The price is now just <u>\$6.00</u> for any two shows up to one hour each put on cassette! I now have an excellent BBC collection and am getting more all the time. In recent months I have strived to get the more rare old time radio shows. The day has passed since I collect anything and everything. I think it is very important for the buyer of these shows to get the best quality copies that he can, especially if he is fussy about audio as I am. Making such buying decisions is not always easy because one can make only general easy because one can make only general statements about a certain dealers quality. Some of his offerings may be the cleanness and best copies in existence, while others and best copies in existence, while others may not be. Anyone collecting and trading over the years will collect a certain number of duplicate shows. That is the time to determine which copy is the best

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Dear Frank: Thank you for your kind words in the latest IP. I didn't know I had a fan club.

know I had a fan club. The convention has always been close to my heart. With all the responsibilities at work, finishing up my dissertation, and trying to lead a normal home life, something had to give. So when Nostalgia Warehouse went out the window, so did my convention activities. The idea of trying to please all the attendees and guests at the same time is rewarding but the process is aggravating and stress-ful. I don't know how Jay puts up with ful. I don't know how Jay puts up with everything. He's either a saint or he like novacaine. (I think he's a saint). So I'm off the committee by my own choice. Oh well, at least I can be a

normal collector again!



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Send just \$2.00 for my extensive catalog of old time radio. The \$2.00 is refundable on your first order. H. Edgar Cole

P 0 Box 3509

Lakeland, FL 33802

My best to all the troops, not just the New York guys mentioned on the front, Hummh. I'm getting sexist. That's "guys and dolls". Here's a

Here's a note of interest. Last week, on THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO, I played Last the Amos and Andy Christmas show of 1944 and had quite a reaction. And to top it off, my production man was Black, although a college professor of broadcastalthough a college professor of broadcast-ing at Dillard University. He was informed of the show 2 weeks before, with no reac-tion. He even wanted to record the show at the beginning and we started the disc. My board man opened his eyes widely, saying "Hey, those are the white guys, playing black guys." I said, "Yes, you knew it before." He said, "I thought it was the TV audio. We can't play that." I show that if he took it off, I'd just leave the station never to return. We went to see the program director. He leave the station never to receive went to see the program director. protested, but we agreed to open telephones afterward, after the s He the protested, but we agreed to open the telephones afterward, after the show, for generally this is a talk radio station. 75% of the phone calls were against me and the Amos and Andy show. I was very much taken aback. It seems that some people think that they're being insulted by the A&A shows. I may just never have another on WSMB. I had a funny thought. I lent the same show to another station WHW to be broadcast at Christma 2 years WWIW to be broadcast at Christmas 2 years

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When I am shipped my promised materials, I will inform the club. John A. Barber

a local entity. Sure, the movers and shakers in the club are those of you

but because you are a superior product you have to think bigger. To spend club money on a VERY local radio station is not in the best interest of all club

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I live in the boonies, out here in Seattle, and geographically about as far from you as possible while still being in the U.S. The few people you can contact by the proposed ad campaign will not, in my opinion, offset the expense. Spend the money on upgrading service (already excellent) or on other mutually beneficial olub extinuites

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Seattle, WA 98115

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in the Buffalo paper would probably draw a better response. I guess my opinion boils down to a question of whether or not this project is simply to provide money for a Buffalo station. If so, the money should not be spent. If the true reason for it is to get new members, then you people will have to decide how much money you can really afford, and then through what medium that amount of money will get the greatest response. Jim Snyder

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Jim Snyder 517 North Hamilton Street Saginaw, MI 48602

A rebuttal to Bob's Column: Mr. Davis, me being a member of this club find that you abuse your column like every body else sooner or later. I'm referring to your article of issue #122. You moan and groan in public and sit back and think you are doing this hobby a service. Like Jim Snyder you are draining the hobby of the people who help it most, without caring about the other hobbyists who keep it alive. You state in your column that you bought several reels from my table at the convention and they were defective on the left tracks and that "I didn't give a damm". A rebuttal to Bob's Column: a damn".

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enough to understand what its about. We all know what is behind an operation of my size and scale, money and labor, time and machines. Other dealers may have better sound, but none have more customers or friends in the hobby like I have, in the same period of time. Money means nothing to me. I lose money on most orders.

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Your club is the best around, it has no rival. Why bring it down in class

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(like J. Snyder does anyway) anymore. Think of the hours of enjoyment I gave up to prepare all these reels and cassettes so all of these collectors can enjoy by themselves, with family and friends. So if I don't give a damn I guess all these people out there aren't a guess and these people out there aren't enjoying my tapes. By the way, Bob, when was the last time you bought anything at \$10 and \$14 instead of copying donated material to the club. Thank for the ear.

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The Buffalo News/Saturday, January 10, 1987 Arthur Lake Dies; Played 'Dagwood' in Films, on Air

La Aquie Time Arthur Lake, who portrayed Dagwood Bunasiad in more than two doma "Blondle" films between 1950 and 1950, died Priday after a heart attack at his home in Indian Wells, Chiff, where he had been it-ing in quiet retirement. He was El. Lake reportedly suffered the fa-tal seisure early Friday afternoon while at home with his wife, Patri-cia.





