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THE GREEN HORNET COLLECTOR'S EDITION

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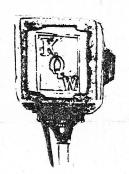
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### EDITORIAL

Due to popular demand the Old Time Radio Quiz is back again in this issue. Each issue will contain one quiz consisting of ten questions.

The comic reprints will be appearing regularely in each issue starting now. This feature will be

kept as long as possible.

A new feature has been added in this issue. It's for all subscribers who have an item to sell or a message to get across to their fellow radio buffs. There is now a whole page dedicated to FREE classified ad space. Each space is 1 1/2 X 3 3/4 inches in size. Just let me know what you would like to appear and it will be printed free of charge for any subscriber. Everyone who wishes to use this feature will be given the same amount of space.

Even though postage rates have increased there will be no change in subscription rates. Our rates are expected to remain the same for some time yet and will be raised only when absolutely necessary. We have not reduced the size of each magazine in order to keep rates down. In fact this issue is larger than all previous issues. From now on each issue will contain 20+ pages.

For the next issue I have a feature on THE GREAT KIDDIE SHOWS scheduled. Among the shows mentioned will be CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT, SUPERMAN, DICK TRACY, TOM MIX, LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE, and many others. Don't miss it!

Remember, with your help we can all relive those Golden Days of Radio.



Robert Costello, Editor.

WATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING FEATURES IN UPCOMING ISSUES OF THE GOLDEN DAYS OF RADIO:

THE GREAT KIDDIE SHOWS...AMOS N'ANDY...FRED ALLEN...SUSPENSE...
THE SHADOW...ONE MAN'S FAMILY...
AND MANY MORE!

SPECIAL NOTE TO SHADOW FANS!!!
The Shadow appeared in issues 1,
2, & 3. The first two issues were
devoted entirely to The Shadow and
were entitled THE SHADOW FANZINE.

A LIMITED AMOUNT OF THESE BACK ISSUES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION OF \$1.00 EACH!



Kate Smith, The Song Bird of the South.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MAY 1976 ISSUE MUST BE SENT BY APRIL 1. THIS INCLUDES ALL ADVERTISING.

### THE GREEN HORNET

#### OPEN:

He hunts the biggest of all game! Public enemies that try to destroy our America! The Green Hornet!

With his faithful valet, Kato, Britt Reid, daring young publisher, matches wits with the underworld, risking his life that criminals and racketers, within the law, may feel its weight by the sting of The Green Hornet!

### CAST:

Britt Reid, The Green Hornet.....

.....Al Hodge
Donovan Faust
Bob Hall
Jack McCarthy

Rollon Parker Mickey Tolen

Lenore Case, "Casey"...Lee Allman Micheal Axford......Jim Irwin

Gil Shea
Ed Lowery.........Jack Petruzzi
Newsboy.......Rollon Parker
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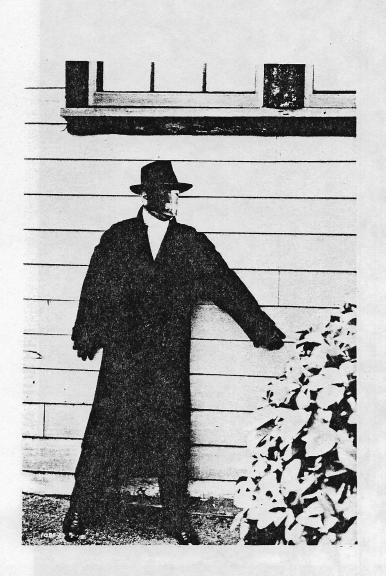


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### THE GREEN HORNET

The Green Hornet originated from the studios of WXYZ in Detroit forty years ago. The creators were George W. Trendle and Fran Striker.

The Green Hornet and Kato were modern-day examples of The Lone Ranger and Tonto. John Reid, (The Lone Ranger), was Britt's great uncle. Just as The Lone Ranger had his faithful companion Tonto, The Green Hornet had his philipino valet Kato. Since The Lone Ranger had his "Great white horse," Silver, it was only fitting that The Green Hornet have a superior means of transportation also, The Black Beauty was it.

The original Green Hornet on radio was Al Hodge. Hodge played the part from 1936 until 1943 when he left for the navy. Hodge was succedded by Donavan Faust, who played The Green Hornet for a brief time in 1943. Bob Hall took the role at the age of seventeen and starred from 1943 until 1946. The last to play The Green Hornet on radio was Jack McCarthy, who starred from 1946 until 1952 when the show left the air. For some reason Al Hodge is remembered most as The Green Hornet. Maybe it's because fans also remember him as TV's Captain Video.

### CHARACTER SUMMARY OF THE GREEN HORNET RADIO SHOW

THE GREEN HORNET was actually Britt Ried, publisher of The Daily Sentinal. Britt devotes his life to putting criminals and racketeers behind bars as The Green Hornet. The Green Hornet is constantly pursued by police who think that he is a criminal.

KATO, Britt Reid's faithful valet, was originally Japanese before WW II. Durring that time, Kato became philipino. Kato also chauffeured The Green Hornet in his famous car, The Black Beauty.

LENORE CASE, "CASEY" was Reid's secretary and close friend. She originally did not know that Reid was The Green Hornet, but was later taken into his confidence. Casey was played by Lee Allman.

MICHEAL AXFORD was a police reporter for The Daily Sentinal. Axford was hired by Britt's father and always hoped to catch The Green Hornet. Axford was played by Jim Irwin and Gil Shea.

ED LOWERY was the The Daily Sentinal's ace reporter. Lowery was played by Jack Petruzzi.

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### 20 YEARS IN SUSPENSE by Robert Costello

"Suspense" was one of CBS's longest running radio shows. "Suspense" made it's radio debut on June 17, 1942, the title of the show was "The Burning Court," and starred Charles Ruggles. On September 30, 1962, after 20 years on radio "Suspense" was heard for the last time. The final show was entitled "Devilstone," starring Christopher Kerry and Neal Fitzgerald. When "Suspense" went off the air it marked the end of the radio drama. At this time television had a strong foot hold on American entertainment and radio was a thing of the past.

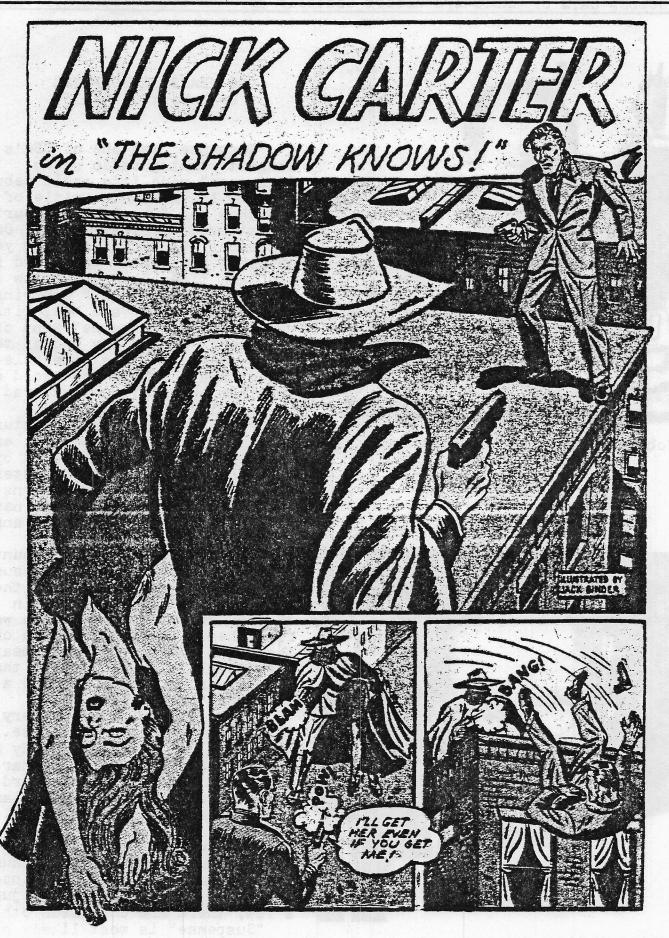
The "Suspense" series featured no main characters, although each week the show was introduced by The Man in Black. This sinister figure was played by Joe Kerns and later, Ted Osborne. The narrator was Paul Frees and the announcer, Truman Bradley.

Agnes Moorehead may be counted as a "Suspense" regulare because of hear many appearances on the show and her starring role in "Sorry, Wrong Number." which was first heard in 1943. Because of the shows success it was repeated occasionally. You could say that "Sorry, Wrong Number" became a "Suspense" tradition.

Actors from virtually every field were heard on "Suspense." Orson Welles, who was already a well established dramatic star on radio and in movies, was heard on a number of occasions. Comedians such as Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Danny Kaye also starred.

There were even appearances from famous tough guys like Hum-phrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, and James Cagney. These are just a few, there are countless others.

"Suspense" is most likely one of the best remembered shows of the 40's and 50's, and in my opinion, one of the best ever made.

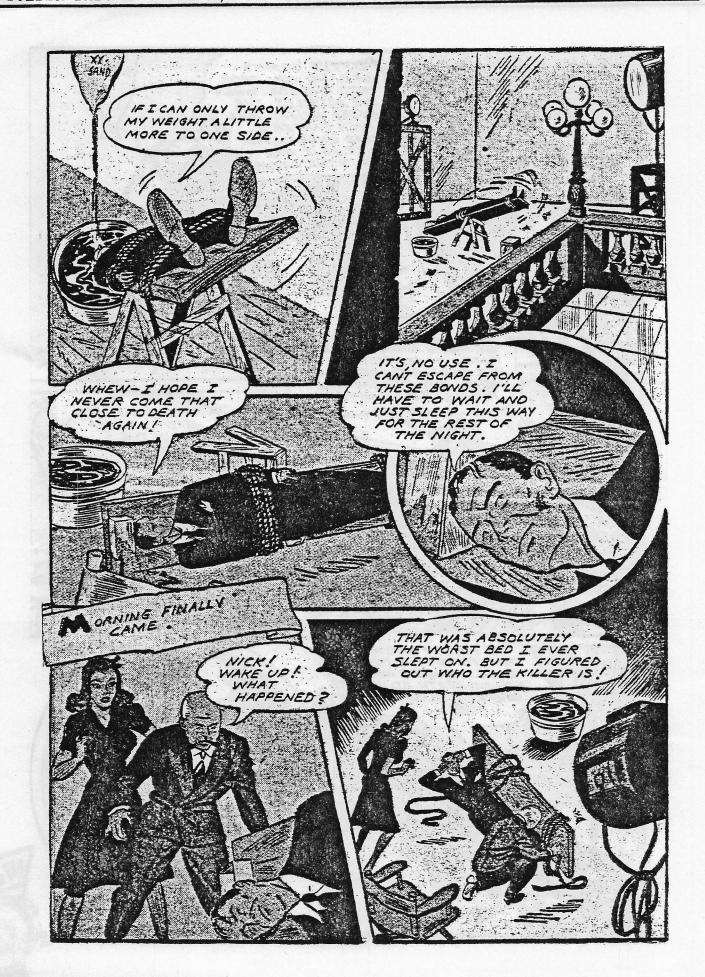


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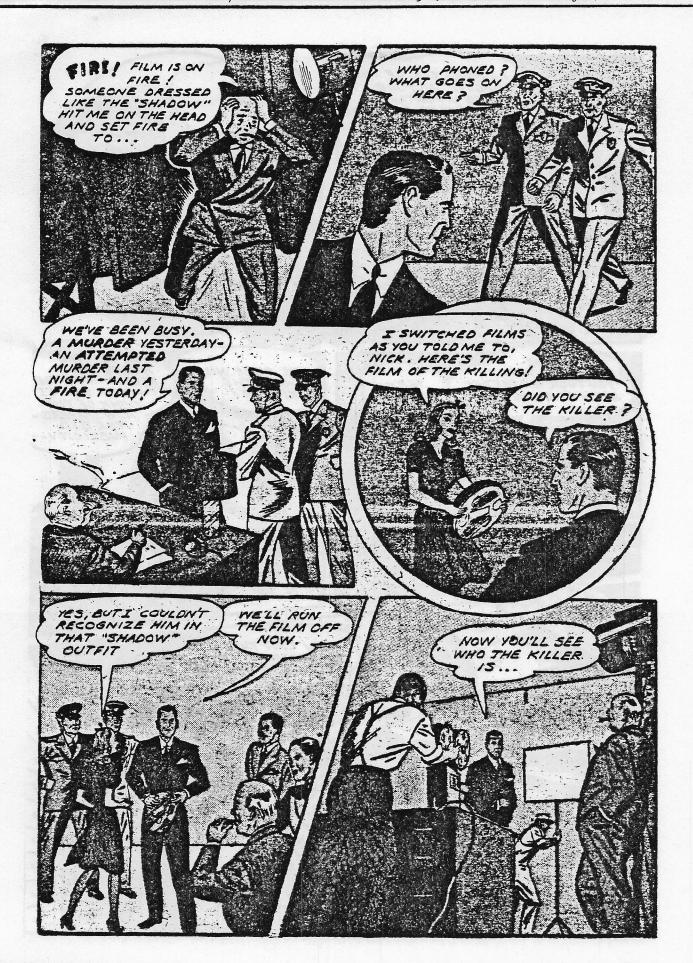














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SHERLOCK HOLMES



Basil Rathbone played "Sherlock Holmes" on NBC Radio in the 40's.



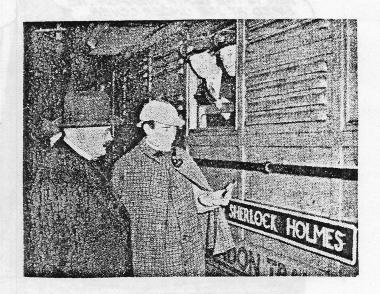
Charlton Hobbs and Norman Shelly played Holmes and Watson on B.B.C. Radio in 1959

### THE GOLDEN DAYS OF RADIO OLD TIME RADIO QUIZ

- 1. What was Mabel and Gertrude's job on "The Jack Benny Program"?
- 2. What was the name of Baby Snooks' brother?
- 3. The T-M Bar Ranch, the home of Tom Mix, was located in what township?
- 4. Name Captain Midnight's plane.
- 5. "Wanna buy a duck" was a question asked by what famous radio comedian?
- 6. Name the polar bear that supposedly lived in Jack Benny's basement.
- 7. What was the address of Fibber McGee and Molly's house?
- 8. "No job to tough, no mystery to baffling" was the motto of what detective agency?
- 9. Who was the "defender of truth... guardian of our fundamental rights to life, liberty, and the

pursuit of happiness"?
10.Tom Howard was the quizmaster
 of what famous radio-TV show?

(all answers appear on the back, inside cover).



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