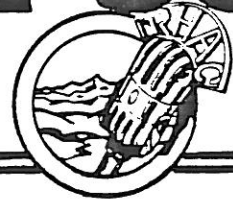


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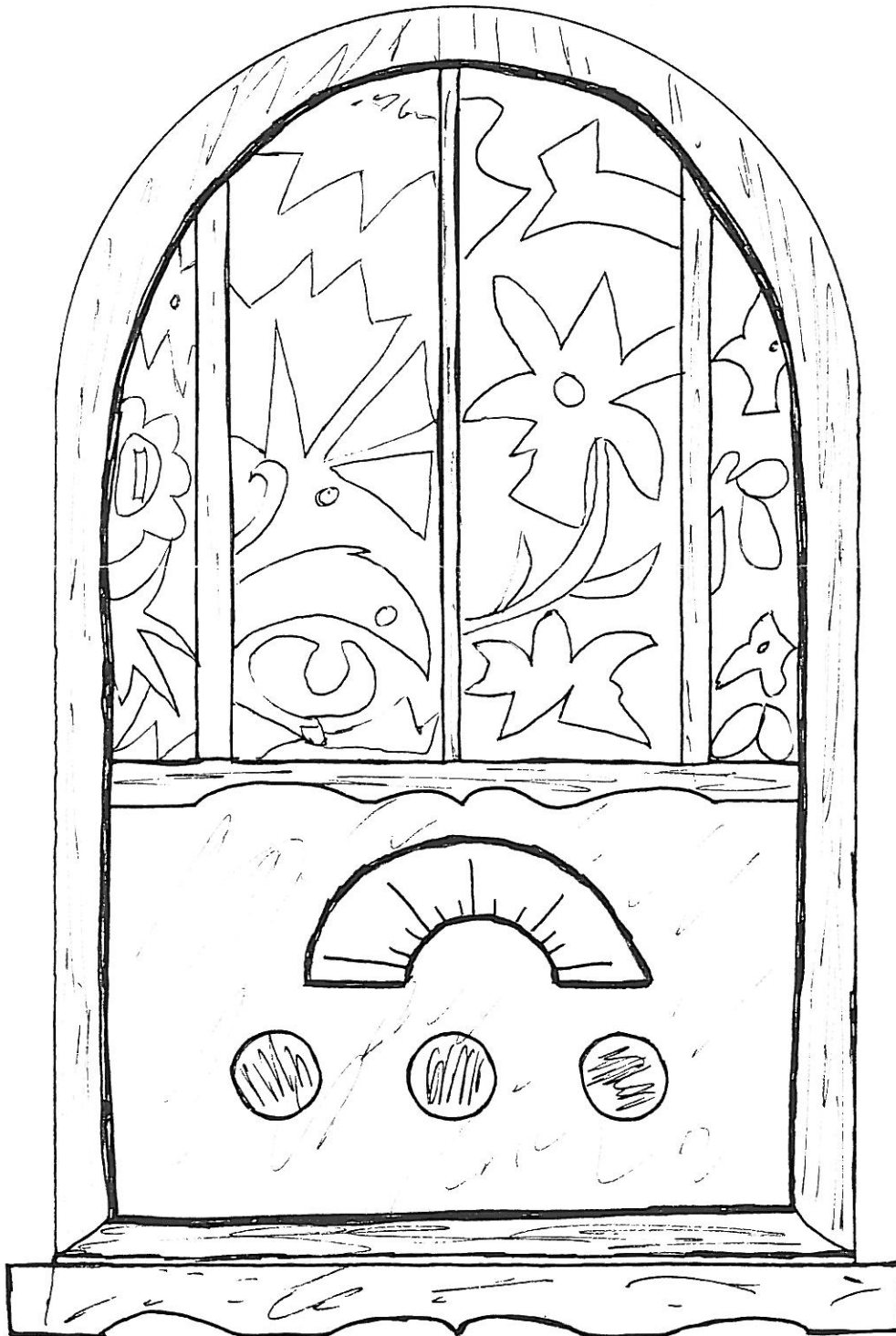
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AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held at the Southwest State Bank, 1380 S. Federal, on August 19 at 7:30 p.m. As a reminder, the RHAC holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month, unless notified by the bank of a change. Hope to see you there!

JOHN DUNNINGS OTR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST - KNUS 1090 AM - 2 to 5 p.m.

AUGUST 1	SUSPENSE - "The Well Dressed Corpse" starring Eve Arden.	01-18-51
	ONE OUT OF SEVEN - "The Anti-Negro South" stars Jack Webb.	03-22-46
	FORECAST - "To Tim At Twenty" by Norman Corwin	08-19-40
	NOTE: Norman Corwin will be back with us next month for another interview.	
	FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY - "Income Tax Returns"	01-11-44
	INTERVIEW: Mary Jane Croft.	
AUGUST 8	SCREEN GUILD THEATRE - "China Seas" stars Clark Gable.	12-04-44
	THIS IS OUR AMERICA - Patriotic war show. "Letter At Midnight" stars Elliott Lewis, written by Arch Oboler.	08-17-42
	FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY - "Dining Out" 1st show with "Beulah"	01-25-44
	INTERVIEW: Alice Frost.	
AUGUST 15	SCREEN GUILD THEATRE - "Command Decision" stars Clark Gable, Walter Pidgeon, Van Johnson, John Hodiak and Edward Arnold.	3-03-49
	THIS IS OUR AMERICA - Labor wartime show, with Janet Waldo.	09-07-42
	FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY - "Lost Diamond Ring"	02-01-44
	INTERVIEW: Unknown.	
AUGUST 22	COLUMBIA PRESENTS CORWIN - "The Odyssey of Runyon Jones"	04-04-44
	First of a run on Corwin shows.	
	THE QUIZ KIDS - "Desserts and Baseball Players"	06-06-48
	FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY - "Homemade Ice Cream"	02-08-44
	INTERVIEW: Unknown.	
AUGUST 29	BEST PLAYS - "A Bell for Adano" 60 min. stars Arthur Kennedy	12-28-52
	COLUMBIA PRESENTS CORWIN - "Norman Corwin's Movie Primer"	03-07-44
	INTERVIEW: Unknown.	

KUNC - FM 91.5

MIDNIGHT - AUGUST 4 "Of Magic and Mephistopheles" a young magician sells his (6:30 p.m. Wednesday) soul to the devil.

AUGUST 11 "Sentimental Journey"

AUGUST 18 "Traffic Incident"

AUGUST 25 "Mitosis"

NIGHTFALL - AUGUST 5, 12, 19, and 26. (7:00 p.m. Thursday)

NATIONAL RADIO THEATER AUG. 3 - The Adding Machine. AUG. 10 - George Washington Crossing the Delaware (comedy spoof), The Ugly Duckling (adult fairytale).

AUG. 17 & AUG. 24 - A Tale of Two Cities. AUG. 31 - The Cacchae. (Shows are at 6:30 Tuesday)

SHERLOCK HOLMES - (7:00 p.m. Monday)

AUGUST 2 "A Scandal in Bohemia"

AUGUST 9 "The Five Orange Pips"

AUGUST 16 "The Red-Headed League"

AUGUST 23 "The Noble Bachelor"

AUGUST 30 "The Reigate Squires"

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RENTAL LIBRARY NEWS

The first reel of John Dunning's KNUS interviews with OTR personalities is available; the interviews include Dick Joy (announcer on Sam Spade), Roberta Goodwin (daughter of Bob Bailey), Candy Candido (Jimmy Durante show) and Yessss... Frank Nelson. If the response to this reel is significant, as was indicated at the club meetings, more interviews will be included.

For the benefit of the out-of-town members and those of us who can not receive Johns show because of bad reception, these reels should prove to be very interesting. The following page of the newsletter will contain an article which appeared in the Rocky Mountain News May 18, 1982. For all out-of-towners and Extra-Terrestrial's who are not familiar with John's new format, this article should be interesting.

The membership would like to thank John Dunning for his continued and appreciated support of RHAC by donating his material and time by recruiting new members through the use of his show. We hope to see John again at our meetings soon.

Our thanks to Steve Scalzo, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for donating the first 16 chapters of the 1935 Flash Gordon serial to the tape library. There are 26 chapters in all and Steve has indicated that he will furnish the remaining chapters. At the end of the 26 chapters, the series changed to Jungle Jim which ran through 1941.

RHAC CHRISTMAS GET-TO-GETHER

As is an annual tradition, the RHAC has it's December meeting at some other place other than the Southwest State Bank. It is actually not a meeting, but instead a way for members to meet each others family and just enjoy the holiday season. Last year the RHAC held it's gathering at the Heritage Square Opera House. The cost of the ticket included a buffet dinner and a fast paced and funny Melodrama, this was followed by a Vaudvillian style review. A good time was had by all.

As a matter of fact everyone liked it so much that it was voted on at the July meeting that we go there again! So far we have the following information for you to think about. The dates available are December 4 or 11, this will be for the 7:30 p.m. show with dinner before the show at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost will be \$16.50 per person. Reservations must be turned in by the September meeting and money collected by the November meeting.

If you have any questions contact Larry McDermott, 1152 Cedar St., 466-8988.



Walter Saunders

5-18-82

Radio historian still listens

To many listeners, old-time radio is nostalgia. To John Dunning, it's "living history."

And you have to respect the opinion of Dunning, author of "Tune In Yesterday" and one of the nation's foremost authorities on old-time radio.

As radio buffs know, Dunning's Sunday "Old-time Radio" (KNUS, 2 p.m.) is full of nostalgia and living history. Dunning's show was aired on KADX-FM for more than a half dozen years, providing everything from Jack Benny's visits to his vault to Jack, Doc and Reggie battling monsters in mansions on "I Love a Mystery."

When KADX owners went to a country-western format, Dunning moved to KNUS and added an hour of fascinating living history to the show — a weekly live telephone segment with famous radio personalities, writers and directors.

The interview segment, which airs from 3:45 to 5 p.m., provides a fascinating look — or is it listen — about a medium that shaped this country's philosophy and mores.

In recent weeks, Dunning has interviewed Dennis Day, one of Jack Benny's pals; Raymond Edward Johnson, the spooky-voiced host who opened the squeaky door on "Inner Sanctum"; Dick Joy, a noted announcer and CBS news correspondent; and Frank (Y-e-e-e-s-s) Nelson, a man of many comedic voices.

In the near future, Dunning will feature Alice Frost, an actress known for numerous radio dramatic roles, including Pam North on "Mr. and Mrs. North," and as a prominent member of Orson Welles' "Mercury Theater." She was to have appeared Sunday.

Elliott Lewis, one of the giants of old-time radio who acted in, wrote, produced and directed almost every type of show, will be a guest next Sunday. Lewis' most noted radio contributions: the character of Frankie Remley on the Jack Benny and Phil Harris shows and as actor-producer on some of the most imaginative "Suspense" programs.

Future call-in guests will include:

● E. Jack Neuman, the Denver-reared producer and writer who recently brought "Inside the Third Reich" to television. In radio days, Neuman wrote many controversial scripts for the CBS series "On Stage," which explored the dark side of human nature. He also was a writer for "Sam Spade" in the Howard Duff era and "Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar."

● John MacVane, an NBC World War II correspondent who lived in the broadcasting shadow of the famed voice of CBS' Edward R. Murrow during the London blitz. MacVane also was the NBC voice in the European and North American campaigns.

● Gale Gordon, who gained radio fame in such roles as Mayor Latrivia on "Fibber McGee and Molly," and as Osgood Conklin on "Our Miss Brooks." Gordon then moved to the TV screen and became a favorite comedy foil for Lucille Ball.

● Parley Baer, another man of a thousand radio voices, best known for his role of Chester on "Cunsmoke," opposite William Conrad's Matt Dillon.

Radio, particularly the programs of the '40s and the '50s, recorded so much about the way we lived," Dunning said. "Even the comedy and dramatic shows reflected our times, probably even to a larger degree than TV does today.

"For example, I get numerous requests from young blacks who want to listen to the old 'Amos and Andy' programs. They've heard so much pro and con about this series and the controversy of how it depicted blacks.

"Radio comedy always was a marvelous barometer. For example, I was amazed to hear a Jack Benny show, aired right after Pearl Harbor, in which Benny, always such a gentleman, said: 'I'm going home to wash some Jap lice out of my hair.' That certainly reflected the country's racial mood at the time."

Dunning has one of the largest collections of radio tapes in the country. But unlike many collectors who make a decent living off the business of trading and selling, Dunning simply uses his collection as a hobby and for airing on his radio show.

Dunning is trying to acquire more material about the radio reporting of World War II. "Nearly everyone is aware of Edward R. Murrow. But there were a lot of other fascinating journalists who were on the scene.

"If I tried to make a heavy profit on my radio collection, it would take all the fun out of it. The radio show pays for the expense of collecting the programs. But I don't want this love of radio to ever become a tedious chore."

Dunning's enthusiasm shows on the air. And he provides a historical perspective that keeps him from longing nostalgically for the "good old days." Dunning lives in the present and not in the past because he has a lively career as a writer.

In addition to "Tune In Yesterday," Dunning has authored three mystery novels and "Denver," a novel about the takeover of Colorado government by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s.

He's working on an untitled Civil War novel for Harper and Row and also will update "Tune In Yesterday," which has become the best-selling national bible for radio buffs.

A modest, likable, big-bear-of-a-man, Dunning hesitates to call himself the major source of radio history, even though he will get arguments from many around the country.

"I was very careful when putting together 'Tune In Yesterday,' but it still contains a lot of embarrassing holes, regarding shows, producers and actors.

"Nearly every day I discover some material which I overlooked the first time. That's why I'm eager to update the book."

That's a historian talking, not a nostalgia buff.

NUMBER ONE ON YOUR HIT PARADE



Husband and wife team, Bea Wain and Andre Baruch, original stars of "Your Hit Parade," recreate the show for your listening enjoyment every Wednesday evening at 7:05 and Sunday morning at 9:05, on KEZW.

"Your Hit Parade was the Saturday night favorite of millions of listeners and viewers for almost 25 years, beginning in 1935. Bea Wain was the lead singer, and Andre Baruch the announcer for so many of those years that it seemed almost like "Their Hit Parade."

The Hit Parade Orchestra had at least nineteen different conductors over the years. Among them were many who were musical giants in show business. Some of the stars who emanated from the radio version of the show were Bea Wain, Kay Thompson, Lanny Ross, Barry Wood, Frank Sinatra, Laurence Tibbett, Johnny Mercer, Dinah Shore, Doris Day and Dick Haymes.

"Your Hit Parade" made its TV debut in 1950. The stars were Dorothy Collins, Snooky Lanson, Gizelle MacKenzie and Russell Arms, with conductor Raymond Scott. Some of the backstage names

that still endure are Allen Jay Lerner of "My Fair Lady" fame, and Bob Fosse, who was then just a dancer in the chorus, and who graduated to become one of America's leading choreographers and directors. His latest... "All That Jazz."

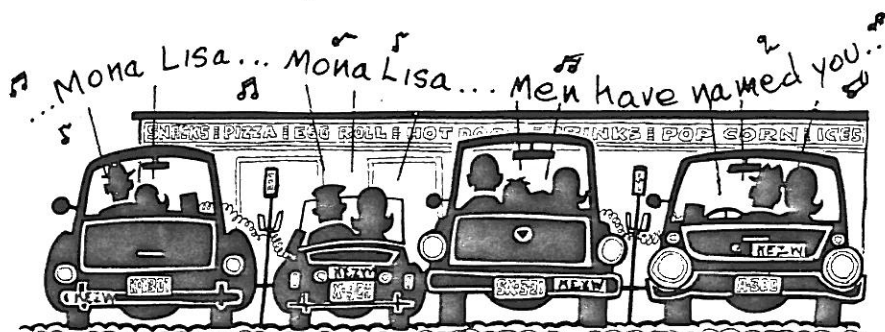
Through all those years the announcer was still the same... Andre Baruch... proclaiming loudly, "NUMBER ONE ON YOUR HIT PARADE..."

So it's in keeping that Andre and Bea (Mrs. Baruch) have returned to radio with their revival of "Your Hit Parade," recreating the hits in the studio with original recordings. They've become special favorites of listeners throughout the nation, including "youngsters" now hearing them for the first time.

If by chance you've missed them, tune in any Wednesday evening at 7:05, or Sunday morning at 9:05, on KEZW AM 1430.

THE MUSIC MAKERS

A weekly radio hour featuring the big band era and big name music of the past four decades... hosted by SKITCH HENDERSON. Skitch takes you behind the voices of the greats that made music history. Listen to the music of such favorite artists as Peggy Lee, Harry Belafonte, Rosemary Clooney, Lena Horne, Frankie Laine, Les Brown, Harry James and many others... each week a different one... as they tell their own stories. Every Sunday morning at 8:05 on KEZW AM 1430.



AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the RHAC will not be a formal meeting as usual. Although there will be nominations for the up coming election the August meeting will be much like the May meeting in which there was coffee and refreshments. Again, for those of you that attend you are welcome to bring cakes, cookies, or snacks. Coffee and punch will be provided. Remember this is an informal meeting with some small business.

NOMINATIONS

The following people were nominated at the July meeting. Nominations will be accepted at the August meeting.

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary-Treasurer</u>
Dave Tysver	Jack Richards	John Migrala
Glenn Ritter	John Adams	Jim Reeb
	Rod Button	Dick Henry

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

For all of you "Star Wars" fans a radio version of "The Empire Strikes Back" will be broadcast early in 1983 on National Public Radio. The broadcast will feature the stars of the original motion picture. The response to the "Star Wars" series was so over whelming that there was more than 50,000 letters and phone calls about it. "The Empire Strikes Back" should generate an even more enthusiastic audience.

HIT PARADE

There was a time, probably in the 1940's, when on a Saturday night family and friends would sit around a glowing radio eagerly waiting to hear which song was at the top of the Hit Parade for that week.

How did the ad agency in charge find out which songs were on top? We quote in part, from one of the opening spiels: "Your Hit Parade Survey checks the best-sellers in sheet music and phonograph records, the songs most heard on the air and the most played in the automatic coin machines-an accurate, authentic tabulation of America's taste in popular music."

To many, one of the best-remembered features of Your Hit Parade was the indecipherable machine gun delivery of the Lucky Strike tobacco auctioneer, always ending with ". . . sold American!"

TRIVIA QUIZ

- (1) Name as many Hit Parade male vocalists as possible. (Three is the minimum.)
- (2) Do the same for female canaries.
- (3) And baton wavers?
- (4) An unexpected male Hit Parade vocalist in the 1940's was a Metropolitan Opera star. Name him.
- (5) The late 1930s' show featured a top flight comedian as a regular. Who was it?
- (6) Name at least two announcers.
- (7) What was the backup vocal group called?
- (8) Who were the auctioneers?
- (9) Can you do the closing theme?

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH!

ELECTION PROCEDURES AND REVISED BY-LAWS:

Last year there were several candidates nominated in August for each elected office. Voting was held in September with only 16 members present (Sunday evening meeting after the Bronco game). The number of candidates accepting nomination surprised us all since historically RHAC has only had one person run for each office and they were then elected unanimously by members in September. Last year we did not provide for absentee ballots or provide a mechanism for out of town members to vote. This year we are changing this.

At the July meeting, at least two candidates were nominated for each office (President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer). Nominations will close at the August meeting. During the week following the meeting, ballots will be mailed to all members. These ballots must be returned to the election committee (either Barrett Benson or John Callor) by the September meeting to be valid for the election. The ballot does not have to be returned to the election committee if the members will be present at the September meeting. In case of ties, a run-off election will be held at the September meeting.

Unfortunately, there will not be qualification statements this year for each individual running for office. This will make it difficult for out of town members to decide on the candidates. Hopefully we can change this next year and begin nominations earlier.

After the discussion of absentee voting and nominations were closed, at the July meeting, the President then opened the floor for discussion on voting rights of spouses. The Board of Directors had discussed this issue and decided to raise the issue during a regular meeting. RHAC has not required that both spouses pay dues to become members of the club. The voting rights of both spouses were spiritedly discussed at the July 15 meeting with arguments supporting both views; a) only one vote for both spouses when only one membership dues is paid (1 vote for 2 people) and b) a vote for each spouse when only one membership dues is paid (2 votes for 2 people). It was clearly indicated that the membership did not want "family" membership because this would allow the kids voting privileges, so the discussion was on "spouse" voting rights. It is not clear from the language for regular membership if the 'founding fathers' who drafted the BYLAWS intended that there only be one vote per family or if both spouses would be allowed to vote. Regular membership is defined as "a person who has paid their dues for one full year". The definition contradicts itself: "a person" is singular and "their" is plural.

A motion was then made and seconded that "if both spouses are present at a regular meeting, they each have a vote. In the cases where issues are such requiring mail-in ballots (i.e., election of officers), then there is to be only one vote for both spouses if the mail-in ballot is used, and a vote for each spouse if they both are present at the regular meeting.

The motion was passed by a majority of the members present and was to be incorporated into the BY-LAWS if there was no requirement for advance notification to the membership that the BY-LAWS were to be amended.

According to the current RHAC BY-LAWS the Section on AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS, states: "the BY-LAWS may be adopted or amended by the association by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting". There is no advance notification required under this section. However, under the Section on MEETINGS, the members must be sent "written notices of meetings" (announced in the July newsletter) "including new business to be discussed" (not included in the July newsletter). Because the revision of the BY-LAWS was clearly new business, and was not announced, the motion to amend the BY-LAWS cannot be considered valid and the motion will be voted on at the August 19, 1982 meeting.

There are other changes needed in the BY-LAWS which will also be discussed at the August meeting. These include:

1. Changing the requirement that all members be informed in writing of the new business to be discussed at the next meeting. This does not allow the membership to bring up new business for immediate resolution.
2. Specifically require that all amendments to the BY-LAWS be published in the newsletter before they can be voted on by the membership.
3. Either eliminate the Secretary office, combine it with the Treasurer office, or elect a Secretary each year.
4. Provide for ballots to all members for election of officers unless there is only one nomination for office.
5. Nominations for officers begin in June to allow for qualification statements.

Copies of the BY-LAWS were published in the September, 1981 RETURN WITH US NOW. Copies of the BY-LAWS will be available at the August meeting.

NEW POSTAGE RATES

As of printing time of this months newsletter, there is an increase in the cost of mailing back your tapes. The new rates are as follows:

FIRST (1) POUND - 35cents

Next pound up to seven pounds (2 - 7) - 12 cents per pound

Over seven (7) pounds - 7 cents per pound

<u>REEL 265 JOHN DUNNING INTERVIEWS</u>				1200'
1L	1-17-82	Dick Joy		
	1-31-82	Dick Joy		
2L	1-31-82	Dick Joy, Continued		
	2-7-82	Roberta Goodwin (Bob Bailey's Daughter)		
1R	2-7-82	Roberta Goodwin, Continued		
	2-14-82	Dick Joy		
	2-28-82	Candy Candido		
2R	3-7-82	Frank Nelson		
<u>REEL 266 FLASH GORDON</u>				1200'
1L	4-27-35	#1	1R	6-29-35 # 9
	5-4-35	#2		7-6-35 #10
	5-11-35	#3		7-13-35 #11
	5-18-35	#4		7-20-35 #12
2R	6-1-35	#5	2R	7-27-35 #13
	6-8-35	#6		8-3-35 #14
	6-15-35	#7		8-10-35 #15
	6-22-35	#8		8-17-35 #16
<u>REEL 267 THE THIRD MAN</u>				1200'
1L	SYND.	PGM #27	The Dark Enchantress	
	SYND.	PGM #28	The Earl On Troubled Waters	
2L	SYND.	PGM #29	The Dead Candidate	
	SYND.	PGM #30	It's In The Bag	
1R	SYND.	PGM #31	Hyacinth Patrol	
	SYND.	PGM #32	Turnabout Is Foul Play	
2R	SYND.	PGM #33	Violets, Sweet Violets	
	SYND.	PGM #34	Faith, Lime And Charity	
<u>REEL 268 FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY</u>				1200'
1L	1-2-40	McGee Builds A Dog House		
	1-9-40	McGees Attend "Gone With The Wind"		
2L	1-16-40	New License Plates-Stolen Car		
	1-23-40	The Gildersleeve Girdle Show		
1R	1-30-40	Fibber Tries To Get Rid Of Old Suit		
	2-6-40	Everybody Nice To Fibber On His Birthday		
2R	2-13-40	Egyptian Good Luck Ring		
	2-20-40	Fibber Tells The Truth For An Hour		
<u>REEL 269 SUSPENSE/NICK CARTER/WHISTLER/ROCKY JORDAN</u>				1200'
1L	1-11-54	SUSPENSE: The One-Man Crime Wave		
	5-3-54	SUSPENSE: The Giant Of Thermopolae		
2L	5-31-54	SUSPENSE: Listen Young Lovers		
	8-3-54	SUSPENSE: Goodnight, Mrs. Russell		
1R	4-1-44	NICK CARTER: The Professor's Secret		
	4-8-44	NICK CARTER: Murder By Magic		
2R	12-23-46	THE WHISTLER: Next Year Is Mine		
	4-30-50	ROCKY JORDAN: The Mystery Of Carl Kleist		
<u>REEL 270 CAVALCADE OF AMERICA</u>				1200'
1L	9-22-37	#101 Donald Voorhees' Own Show		
	2-27-39	#154 George Gershwin		
2L	11-17-41	#253 They Died With Their Boots On		
	1-19-42	#262 An American Is Born		
1R	10-29-45	#451 My Son John		
	11-12-45	#453 A Guy Who Had To Have A Horse		
2R	12-10-45	#457 Big Boy Blue		
	5-13-46	#479 Storm		

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