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We thank you for your support of the RHAC. We hope that all of our members utilize the many resources of the club and enjoy them to the fullest. Any comments, suggestions and donations are greatly appreciated.

JOHN DUNNING'S OLD TIME RADIO SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER,1984

Old Time Radio Show for December, 1984. Sundays, 2 PM. KNUS Radio. Shows #636-640

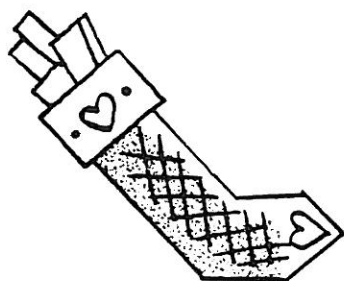
- Dec. 2 : JACK BENNY PROGRAM. "A Double Life" with the Colmans 2-1-48  
 MERCURY THEATER. "The Man Who Was Thursday" 9-5-38
- Dec. 9 : HORACE HEIDT SHOW. "Christmas Show" with Dick Joy. 12-25-46  
 DANNY KAYE SHOW. With Jack Benny cast and Dick Joy. '45  
 ESCAPE. "The Man With The Steel Teeth". 3-1-53  
 INTERVIEW SCHEDULED WITH DICK JOY
- Dec.16 : GOOD NEWS OF 1940. With Fanny Brice, Lanny Ross 12-21-39  
 JACK BENNY PROGRAM. With the Colmans
- Dec.23 : CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA. 60 minutes with your favorite soaps. 12-25-46  
 CAVALCADE OF AMERICA. "The Green Pastures" 12-22-45  
 HAPPY CHRISTMAS 1929. 12-25-29  
 JACK BENNY PROGRAM. "Dinner With Jack" with the Colmans. 12-23-45
- Dec.30 : MERCURY THEATER. "Julius Caesar" 9-11-38  
 JACK BENNY PROGRAM. "Ronald Colman Finds Oscar" with the Colmans. 5-9-48



Thank you, John Dunning, for another year of old time radio enjoyment. With new radio shows turning up all the time we all look forward to many more years of enjoying your show. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family from all of us in the RHAC.

NEW MEETING PLACE

We are pleased to announce that it has been confirmed that we will have the community room at the Southwest State Bank for our meetings in 1985. Please circle your calendar for the third Thursday each month. We have always had good turnouts at the SSB in the past and we hope that will continue. We also want to especially thank RHAC member Guy Albright for his continued efforts to provide our meeting room at the Church Of The Master. It was a fine location and their generosity is greatly appreciated. A suitable gift to the church will be made in the near future. THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING OF THE RHAC.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas season is upon us once again and we will welcome the season with a pot luck dinner for all of our members at the Brandy Chase Condominiums Clubhouse. 've seen the clubhouse and it is beautiful and will be decorated for the season. we will have the fire going in the fireplace and Christmas music in the air.

The RHAC will provide most of the goodies. We will have turkey and ham, beer, wine, pop, punch and coffee, plates, eating utensils, etc. All we ask for our members to bring is two covered dishes (veggies, salad, snacks, etc).

If you will be attending, we ask that you contact Elmer Westbrook and let him know you will be attending. This will enable us to determine what you will be bringing and how much meat and drinks etc. we will have to buy.

We will need your assistance in several areas. I will bring cassettes of Christmas music but we will need a good cassette player for listening enjoyment. John Licht will bring a microwave oven and we need another. If you can bring one let us know. We may need some folding chairs. If you can bring some please let us know.

I'm going to make a special plea to ALL of our members to make every attempt to attend this year's Christmas party. We have gone to a lot of time and effort to find a place that you wouldn't have to pay for a large dinner bill and we will be working hard to make sure that the evening is enjoyable for you all. It would be a shame for only a few members to participate. So come on out and meet fellow collectors and get into the Christmas spirit. Bring your husbands or wives and join us for the evening. We are trying to arrange for some special guests to be there, too.

Last month I promised you a map of directions but the directions make it easier than a map would so here again are the directions: Starting at I25 and Hampden, go east about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to Monaco. Turn south on Monaco and follow it as it winds its way south and east. About a mile or a mile and a quarter there will be a stop light. That will be Quincy. Proceed straight after the light about 250 yards and turn left (east) to the Brandy Chase project. At the first intersection turn right and the clubhouse will be on the left.

This party will be a great success if we have your participation. Every social event we have had thus far has been fun even if the turnout was small.

DATE: Saturday, December 8

TIME: 6 pm 'til midnight

PLACE: Brandy Chase Condominiums Clubhouse, 4400 S. Quebec

BRING: 2 covered dishes

ENJOY: A wonderful, fun filled evening with friends

CONTACT: Elmer Westbrook at 778-7426 by Wednesday, December 5



## OTR PIX FOR SALE

Over 150 of your favorite OTR personalities brought to life in black and white 8 X 10's. Many photos with microphones. Send \$1.00 for a listing. The \$1.00 will apply to your first order. Photos are \$3.00 each in quantities of 1-10, \$2.50 each in quantities of 11 or more. Add \$1.50 for postage and handling. Contact John Callor, PO Box 1109, Westminster, CO 80030.

## NPR PLAYHOUSE SHOWS WANTED

Still looking for NPR Playhouse shows other than Star Wars, Empire Strikes Back, and Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy. Does anyone have Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, Jung Jack Flanders, Canticle of Lebowitz, etc. Contact Tim Irvin, 1541 S. Owens St. #47 Lakewood, CO 80226.

## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

The RHAC would like to welcome the following new members:

Robert Lyzenga...1741 Loralee S.E....Grans Rapids, MI 49508.....11/85  
Ron Bowser...15377Inverness St...San Leandro, CA 94579.....11/85

We would also like to thank the following members for their renewals:

John Adams....10/85, Al Gillen....12/85, Don Reeves....10/85, Richard Cramer....10/85,  
John Chunko....10/85, Tom Daniels....12/85, Ed Michel....11/85, Jim Reeb....11/85,  
Sam Kriegel....11/85, John Licht....10/85, Clell Cunningham....10/85, Harral  
Peacock....10/85, Rod Button....12/85, Dave Easter....11/85.

We are very pleased to announce that this brings the membership to 133. Thank you all for your continuing support.

## LUM 'N' ABNER FAN

I had a very nice letter from RHAC member John Cook and he is looking for some Lum 'n' Abner shows but finds none in our tape library. There are Lum 'n' Abner shows available but they are in marginal sound for the most part. There have been some recent finds and we are working to see if we can trade for them so they can be made available to our members.

## NEW TAPE ARRIVALS

Tom Daoust of our Colorado Springs chapter has received some recordings from Michigan State University. He arranged it some time ago. Some of the material is in marginal sound but it is of good historical interest. We have always said that we would not add material other than VG sound to our library but when material of historical significance is acquired we will have to decide if it will be added to the library with the notation of the sound quality or make special arrangements for those interested in borrowing it. We owe Tom our thanks for his time and hard work on this project.

## WANT LIST

I had a note from prospective member Jeff Wolfe the other day and he is looking for the following shows: Joanie's Tea Room with Joan Davis, Carnation Contented Hour with Joan Davis, 1940 Oscars (1939 winners), Jack Benny Program where Jack and the cast do a takeoff on the Bob Hope Show and the Packard Hour with Fred Astaire. If anyone can help please contact Jeff Wolfe, PO Box 21428, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

On behalf of all the officers and their families, we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope that your love of this hobby continues to grow and your enjoyment of our organization also continues in 1985 and beyond. Thanks for all of your support in 1984.

## TAPE PRICE HIKE

We have been informed by the Ampex Tape Company that they have increased the price of their reel to reel tape to \$1.75 per 1200' reel. A case of 40 reels will be \$70.00 (\$80.00 for out of town members). We previously have been able to give you all some advance notice of these tape price increases but they did not give us any notice this time so the prices are now in effect. While these prices sound a little high at first sight it is still the best buy around. You can't touch those prices in a retail store.

The first book of it's kind, *A Technical Guide To Collecting Old Time Radio Programs*, is now in print. The book is the size of a paperback, contains 18 chapters, and is 50 pages. Some of the chapters are: History of Collecting and Trading, Recording Techniques and Equipment, Organizing Collections and How To Use Logs. There are many other helpful hints for collectors in the book. Personally, I have not seen the book but I'm told it is helpful. The cost for this book is \$7.50, postage paid. If you are interested contact: BRC Productions, PO Box 39522, Redford, MI 48239. Always remember to tell people where you saw their ad.

MOON MULLINS CARTOON

The Moon Mullins cartoon found elsewhere in this newsletter was submitted by RHAC member Charles Barton. Thank you, Chuck.

Mike Flanagan

# OUT WEST

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, travelers have been the prime source of information on distant lands and other cultures. But until the twentieth century, the world had never seen a traveler like Lowell Thomas.

The son of teachers Harry and Harriet Thomas was born April 6, 1892, in Woodington, Ohio. Harry soon earned a medical degree and set up practice Out West near the Cripple Creek diggings in Victor, Colorado. When he wasn't mending mining injuries and the like, Harry was building a 3,000-book library, which he encouraged his son to use.

Young Lowell sold newspapers in the rough saloons and had a boyhood crush on his Sunday school teacher, future speakeasy queen Texas Guinan. His father insisted that he learn the art of elocution, reasoning that a man who could speak clearly would always have a place in the world.

The boom days ending, Lowell's family moved back to Ohio in 1907. After attending Northern Indiana University, he returned to Cripple Creek to report for and then edit a local newspaper. At nineteen he moved to Denver for some free-lance writing and more degrees from the University of Denver. Chicago was next, where he entered law school and wrote for the *Chicago Journal*.

After uncovering a blackmail scheme against the city's top meatpackers, Thomas was off on an expense-paid railroad trip to the San Francisco World's Fair. (The railroad furnished the passage in return for glowing reports.) He stopped in Denver long enough to have a marriage proposal turned down by DU friend Fran Ryan.

In San Francisco, he bought a movie camera to take on a trip into the Yukon. Here he filmed his first travelogue, which he showed to social groups after moving to Princeton to study constitutional law. Former university president Woodrow Wilson named him to head a "See America First" campaign, but World War I intervened. Thomas



Adopted Coloradoan Lowell Thomas, America's favorite travel author

finally married Ryan, and they honeymooned in war-torn Europe.

In Venice, Thomas met Gen. Sir Edmund Allenby and arranged to follow him to the Near East as a journalist. While haggling over the price of dates in Jerusalem, Thomas stumbled on the biggest story of his life. Standing in a group of sheiks was a dashing blond, blue-eyed Englishman in robes of the desert. Thomas joined Col. T.E. Lawrence, who was helping fight the Turks, on his famous campaign and told the world of its latest hero in his best-selling *With Lawrence in Arabia*.

Back home, his lectures with movies were in great demand. Thomas soon tired of touring and bought an estate in Pawling, New York, where he could write. Before settling down, he toured Afghanistan, Malava, and Burma, so he had a wealth of material to draw from. His second book, *Beyond Khyber Pass*, cemented him as

the country's favorite travel author. A millionaire at thirty-five, he would write over fifty books filled with adventure and intrigue.

Thomas had seen his first crystal radio set in 1923, the year son Lowell Jr. was born. Seven years later, Thomas entered broadcasting history. Someone had suggested to CBS head William S. Paley that Thomas might be a perfect successor to newsmen Floyd Gibbons. The show's sponsor liked Thomas but wanted to hear him in action.

September 29, 1930, was a confusing day for the assembled writers and experts. Frustrated, Thomas walked out at 4 P.M., bought a newspaper, returned at 6, strolled up to the microphone and said, "Good evening, everybody." When he had finished "telling" the news, he signed off with "So long until tomorrow," establishing a forty-five-year pattern.

Thomas modestly credited much of his popularity to his time slot before "Amos and Andy." "I had the whole world to myself," he once mused. "Cronkite was nine, Brinkley was five, and Harry Reasoner was a two-year-old. The rest of them weren't even born." In 1933 he became the voice of *Mozartone News* newsreels, and in 1940 he delivered the first televised newscast for NBC.

War reporting filled the early forties, during the final thrust in the Pacific, he was heard from underground tombs on the Philippine island of Luzon. Toward the end of the war, audiences heard their impartial announcer nearly come apart while describing Nazi death camps.

In 1949, Thomas and his son traveled to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, obtaining the first pictures and interviews with the teen-age Dalai Lama. Returning, a horse threw him on a mountain pass, shattering his leg and hip in eight places. Carried on a platform over 200 miles of impossible road at 14,000 feet, Lowell recorded sixteen daily newscasts, sending them ahead by runner.

His first television series, "High Adventure," began in the fifties. On one show he met with a group of New Guinea cannibals just after they'd had a rival tribe for dinner.

Fran died in 1975 after a fifty-eight-year marriage, and CBS took him off the air on May 14, 1976. A thirty-nine week PBS series, "Lowell Thomas Remembers," came next. In 1977 he published the first of his two-volume memoirs and married Marianna Munn in Hawaii. In 1980 he delivered the seconding speech for Ronald Reagan at the Republican National Convention. On August 29, 1981, he died in his sleep at his Pawling home of a heart attack at age eighty-nine.

Lowell Thomas crammed centuries of living into one lifetime. He knew the world firsthand yet retained his down-home attitude, becoming the most famous globetrotter since Marco Polo.

# Moon Mullins

THE FRONT PAGE CERTAINLY BRINGS ONE UP TO DATE ON WORLD EVENTS...  
TSK-TSK...

THE FINANCIAL PAGE LETS ONE CHECK UP ON ONE'S INVESTMENTS...  
TSK-TSK...

WHAT... NEED NOW IS--  
AH!

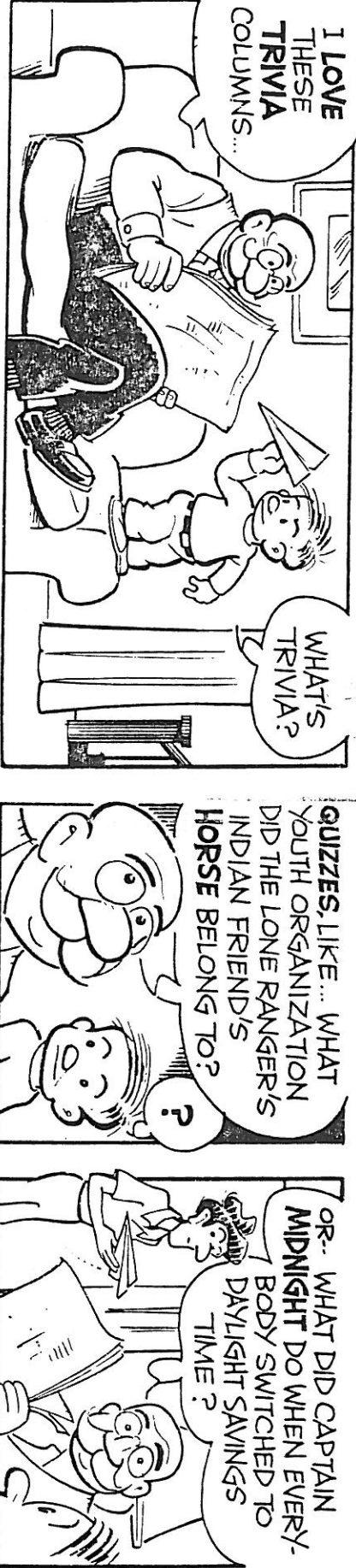


I LOVE THESE TRIVIA COLUMNS...

WHAT'S TRIVIA?

QUIZZES, LIKE... WHAT YOUTH ORGANIZATION DID THE LONE RANGERS' INDIAN FRIENDS' HORSE BELONG TO? ?

OR... WHAT DID CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT DO WHEN EVERYBODY SWITCHED TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME? ?



THAT'S NOT TRIVIA! THOSE PROGRAMS WERE IMPORTANT MILESTONES OF OUR CULTURE!

WHY, I RECALL SITTING BY THE RADIO AS A CHILD, LISTENING TO THE LONE RANGER...

Good Gosh! HOW OLD ARE YOU, EMMY?

THAT'S TRIVIA...



FRED FROM JOHNSON 8-12

## RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

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|-----------------|--|-------|
| <u>REEL 467</u> | <u>BROADWAY IS MY BEAT/MICHAEL SHAYNE</u>  | 1200' |
| 1L              | 10-7-53 BROADWAY: Mrs. Temple Murder<br>10-14-53 BROADWAY: Cora Lee Almost...Then Murdered                             |       |
| 2L              | 11-27-53 BROADWAY: Lou Bennett Murder<br>7-11-54 BROADWAY: Peg Miller Case   |       |
| 1R              | 7-25-54 BROADWAY: Katie Lane Murder<br>8-1-54 BROADWAY: The Decker Murder  |       |
| 2R              | SHAYNE: The Case Of The Corresponding Corpse<br>SHAYNE: A Problem In Murder  |       |
| <u>REEL 468</u> | <u>MISCELLANEOUS SHOWS</u>   | 1200' |
| 1L              | MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER: Fire In The Sky<br>MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER: Strange New World                                       |       |
| 2L              | 6-11-49 FAMILY THEATRE: The Man With A Plow<br>12-22-45 FIRST NIGHTER: Little Town Of Bethlehem                        |       |
| 1R              | 9-5-40 HENRY ALDRICH: The Generous Gentleman<br>9-12-40 HENRY ALDRICH: Henry Loses His Watch                           |       |
| 2R              | 5-24-48 MURDER AND MR. MALONE: Charles Morgan Murder Case<br>1-30-53 LONE RANGER: Bryant's Gap - 20th Anniversary Show |       |
| <u>REEL 469</u> | <u>CAVALCADE OF AMERICA</u>  | 1200' |
| 1L              | 1-8-45 Name, Rank, Serial Number<br>2-26-45 Flight Nurse   |       |
| 2L              | 5-14-45 Weather Is A Weapon<br>5-21-45 How To Build Paradise   |       |
| 1R              | 8-27-45 Assignment For The Prof<br>9-10-45 The Sawdust Underground   |       |
| 2R              | 10-8-45 Spy On The Kilocycles<br>3-18-46 Alaskan Bush Pilot  |       |
| <u>REEL 470</u> | <u>CAVALCADE OF AMERICA</u>  | 1200' |
| 1L              | 4-22-46 Meet Arty Greengroin<br>6-24-46 The Cruise Of The Cashelot   |       |
| 2L              | 9-30-46 One Wagon Westward<br>10-28-46 Flying Tigers Fly Again   |       |
| 1R              | 12-9-46 Wings To Glory<br>8-18-47 The Iron Horse   |       |
| 2R              | 6-7-48 The Last Frontier<br>10-4-48 Action At Santiago   |       |

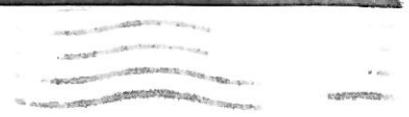
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| <u>REEL 471</u> | <u>FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY</u>   | 1200' |
| 1L              | 9-12-39 Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary - Elopement<br>9-19-39 Newspaper Column           |       |
| 2L              | 9-26-39 Fibber Too Sick For House Work<br>10-3-39 Killer Canova's Autograph             |       |
| 1R              | 10-10-39 Rummage Sale - Bazaar<br>10-17-39 Raking Leavies                               |       |
| 2R              | 10-24-39 Halloween Party At Gildersleeve's<br>10-31-39 Auto Show                        |       |
| <br>            |   |       |
| <u>REEL 472</u> | <u>FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY</u>   | 1200' |
| 1L              | 2-28-50 The Mayor's Party<br>3-7-50 Ole Is Kidnapped                                    |       |
| 2L              | 3-14-50 The Countess Of Chumley - Guest House<br>3-21-50 Tree Pruning                   |       |
| 1R              | 3-28-50 Flying Saucers<br>4-4-50 Fibber The Cencus Taker                                |       |
| 2R              | 4-11-50 Running The General Store<br>4-18-50 Something Fell Off The Car - Manhole Cover |       |
| <br>            |   |       |
| <u>REEL 473</u> | <u>RICHARD DIAMOND</u>  | 1200' |
| 1L              | 5-15-49 Ralph Chase's Stepdaughter<br>5-22-49 The Old News Vendor & Stolen Purse        |       |
| 2L              | 10-22-49 Rene Benet Story<br>12-17-49 Mr. Johns And "Big Man"                           |       |
| 1R              | 12-24-49 A Contemporary "Christmas Carol"<br>1-15-50 Mr. Victor Hires Diamond           |       |
| 2R              | 2-5-50 Bodyguard For A Seal<br>2-12-50 Elaine Tanner Missing                            |       |
| <br>            |   |       |
| <u>REEL 474</u> | <u>FIBBER McGEE AND MOLLY</u>   | 1200' |
| 1L              | 4-21-53 Bullets Brown - Cake<br>4-28-53 Fibber Swaps His Old Moosehead                  |       |
| 2L              | 5-5-53 Fibber Helps A Lady At 14th And Oak<br>5-12-53 Ole's Brother From Sweden         |       |
| 1R              | 5-19-53 Old Law To Escape Taxes<br>5-26-53 Body Building                                |       |
| 2R              | 6-2-53 Lost Cat Ad<br>6-9-53 Traffic Ticket Campaign                                    |       |





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