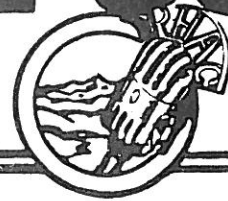


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NEXT MEETING

Hang on to your deerslayer hats, Sherlock Holmes Fans, the next meeting of the RHAC will be held January 15, 1987 at the Church of the Master, 5152 E. 17th Ave. located between Filbert and Forest Streets, at 7:30 p.m. (Enter from the Filbert St. side). The special guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Dorn, math professor at Denver University and noted Sherlock Holmes historian and collector of memorabilia. You will not want to miss this program. Bill will bring some of his Holmes collection and speak on this world-famous fictional sleuth. There will be a reminder in the January issue.

HAWTHORNE --A HIT!!!

In case you missed it, Jim hawthorne, noted radio personality, spoke at our last meeting and brought to us a very entertaining program, which featured a tape from Jim's collection that contained an anniversary program from a radio station where he once worked. The tape had recordings of several radio personalities and well-wishers.

Our special thanks to Jim for taking time away from his busy schedule to be with us.
(Look for pictures and article next issue)

ABOUT THE COVER

In the spirit of Christmas giving, the cover features a pair of RKO's most promising starlets as they prepare their bundles, Miss Phyllis Brooks and Miss Joy Hodges. Perhaps you may recall the RKO picture "Two Faces", a comedy farce in which Phyllis starred and "Follow The Fleet" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in which Joy had a prominent singing role.

The idea behind the picture is one of giving. This special time of the year, our thoughts turn to the wonderful Christmases we all remember and are still fortunate to have. Not the presents and tinsel but, the memories of family and friends sharing in fellowship the spirit of Christmas and what it is really all about. The best gift is not how much or how big. It is the giving of a part of yourself in service and love to your fellow man and sharing that which has been given you.

The always hoped for world peace is but a pipedream. But, the inner peace and satisfaction of having lent a helping hand to others is the true spirit and, the rewards are much greater than a stocking filled with packages.

The RHAC wishes to extend to its members and their families a Christmas filled with inner peace, love and the blessings that represent the real spirit of the Season.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!!!!!!

(Many thanks to John Callor for providing this month's cover).

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As newsletter Editor, I have the obligation to produce a newsletter objectively and without bias as much as possible. But, as President and a member, I also have the duty to say that which is on my mind. So, here goes....

As stated in our club's By-laws, one of the purposes is "to promote Old Time Radio programs, programming and, personalities." But, what about "New Time Radio"? I feel that we are a bit remiss in not including as one of our purposes, "a revival of radio programs and programming".

As you well know, there have been several attempts to bring to the airwaves new productions in addition to the replay of old time radio programs. CBS Mystery Theatre enjoyed a lengthy success but, fell by the wayside. The Hollywood Radio Theatre - Zero Hour, hosted by the late Rod Serling, also enjoyed a brief stint on the air in the mid '70's. Those are but a couple of examples of revival attempts that have succumbed to, perhaps, a lack of interest?.

About the only run of new radio productions can be heard on public radio but, only on occasion. Programs such as, The Adventures of Doc Savage, Bradbury 13, What Ho, Jeeves?, Tales From The Shadows, Star Wars and BBC productions of The Hobbit and The Lord Of The Rings, to name a few. One of my favorites, Alien Worlds, was sponsored by Peter Paul Candy Co. and featured not only well-written scripts, but also fine acting. Each week you would hear the voice of an old time radio personality in the role of a supporting character perhaps, as a tribute to the contributions these personalities provided during the Golden Years of radio. (See our tape library catalog for tapes of Zero Hour and Alien Worlds).

New production organizations are putting out for your enjoyment new and exciting radio dramas. The Cape Cod Mystery Theatre has several very good mysteries. ZBS Media produced a series of half hour drams titled The Cabinet of Dr. Fritz which was aired on public radio. What was unique about this series was that it was recorded binaurally which produced a wonderfully chilling effect when heard with earphones. The Australian Broadcasting Company's Renaissance Players brings to life some of the classic novels we are all familiar with. And, let's not forget a local attempt by RHAC member, Pete Wehner, who in 1980, received an award for producing, directing and scripting Dead Man's Switch of his Beaker Street Series on KOA radio as the best radio production of the year here in Denver, as well as his two recent offerings at our OTR Conventions in '85 and '86.

Hey, Folks! the talent, the dramatists, the directors, the electronics are available. Let's put our collective efforts and influence to work and say, "Hey, Network executives, Sponsors, Program Directors!! This is what we want!!!". Let us not be guilty of non-feasance.

Wouldn't it be nice to once again argue with family members over which radio program we want to listen to? Think about it.

Happy Holidays!!!

John Cook

THE LAST HURRAH

This past Sunday, a Denver tradition came to an end. John Dunning, author and host of Old Time Radio heard on KNUS, said his farewell to thousands of listeners after fourteen years of brightening our Sunday afternoons. This is a very sad occurrence in that it provided to OTR fans and younger generations the opportunity to once again hear those great programs we enjoyed decades ago, for the first time.

We are greatly indebted to John for his sharing with us his expertise and love for this wonderful art form. It was a labor of love and many years of research which provided for us an excellent encyclopedia of radio nostalgia. An effort that prompted KFML to air OTR with John at the mike on August 6, 1972. The show moved to KADX (now KBRQ-FM) in 1978 and four years later shifted to KNUS.

John's show featured not only OTR programs but interviews with radio personalities. His comments regarding the background of each show as well as bits of information on each of the stars gave us a more personal insight and special regard for this exciting era of entertainment history.

The RHAC wishes to thank you, John, for all those years of bringing to us the finest radio entertainment in Denver. We also want to extend to you our deepest sympathies for the recent loss of your father,

We wish you the best of luck with your new novel and much success. And, John, don't stay away too long....

WHO'S WHO IN R.H.A.C.

by Vicki Blake

A couple of months ago John Cook and I were discussing several subjects concerning RHAC and at one point we realized we had both been thinking of the same idea -- to run an article on each of the Officers and Board Members so that those of you could get to know us a little better. To really get to know us one would have to be a regular attendee of our monthly meetings. But, hopefully, this little series of articles I will be doing will at least give you some perspective of what we are like both, in our personal lives and that part of our lives we devote to RHAC. Herein is one of our most unique members....

Elmer Westbrook - Tape Librarian (Reel-to Reel)
Elmer joined RHAC in May of 1982 but his interest in OTR has spanned nearly a lifetime. As a teen, Elmer began recording on equipment that was then coming of age. His interest is mainly in classical music due to his early years of training in music. (Elmer could blow a pretty mean horn). To say his record collection is "BIG" is like saying Old-Time Radio is just a passing fad..

Elmer, a retired legal forensic photographer, has been our tape librarian since January of '84. His personal interest include photographing scenery and the many Colorado ghost towns he has explored over the years. (At our summer picnic last August, Elmer provided a slide presentation of Colorado Ghost towns he has explored and photographed).

Elmer is married and has a daughter. Helen (Lady Westbrook) rules the roost at Westbrook Manor And, at each monthly meeting Elmer will bring us a new episode in the continuing saga of Westbrook Manor. For those of you who missed the last episode, Elmer completed a two-year project that involved cementing a one foot square of wash-out concrete in his front walk, but, not without suffering considerable duress and the life-threatening authority of Lady Westbrook.

Elmer is as good-natured as he is hard-working as evidenced by the 10 to 12 hours a day dubbing cassettes for the new Cassette Library. That's just an example of the many duties he performs.

Lord Westbrook is a valuable asset to RHAC for which we are deeply grateful.

Elmer Westbrook - Who's Who In RHAC.

MEMBERSHIP

Vicki reports that the mailed reminders for membership renewals and the "return" envelopes enclosed are proving successful, thanks to the idea proposed by Dick King. As a result, the following members have renewed: Larry Gassman, Kenneth Karlberg, David Easter, Bert Randell (2 years Craig Anderson, Jack Arthur, and Reid Hansen.

Joe Webb and Tom Farley have rejoined the fold. From California, we welcome Jeanne Salido as a new member.

Lest we forget, Terry Shroyer has decided to spend another year with us.

Be sure to watch for a change of address for Vicki. As soon as she gets her new P.O. Box number it will be printed for your convenience.

Thanks to all of you who have bosen to support RHAC..

CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP GIFTS

One of our members contacted Vicki about giving a gift membership in RHAC to a friend. Well, this idea is beginning to take hold because a couple of other members are planning to do the same.

If you are looking for gift ideas, why not give a membership in RHAC? Surely you know of someone who would get a kick out of being a part of a group of OTR NUTS and sharing in the many resources the club has to offer.

If this idea is appealing, contact Vicki and she will provide a membership gift Christmas card and mail it to the recipient of your choosing. She will include a little something about the organization they are about to become a part of and who the gift is from.. It would be a wonderful way to introduce OTR to one who has never heard what it was like.

Give it some thought.

TUNING IN COLORADO SPRINGS

My apologies to Tom Daoust. By the time this newsletter gets out, the Springs Chapter meeting will have been held. It is scheduled for Dec. 2, 1986. Tom, Mike Fields and Kevin Shields are doing their best to revive chapter meetings on a monthly basis. However, for those of you who get this issue in time you can call Tom at 635-2150 or reach Tom at KCME-FM at 685-1815 for directions to the meeting place.

These fellows are working on a new project called "The Talking Newsletter" and hope, in the near future, to have recorded current issues of RETURN WITH US NOW...as well as feature articles from past issues. A report on their progress will, hopefully, be available at the next Board meeting of RHAC, Dec. 11th. These tapes, by the way, will be made available to our visually impaired members.

Here is Kevin Shields' OTR schedule for December on KCMN, 1530 AM in the Springs....

Dec. 7th	The Jack Benny Show	12/7/41
	Red Skelton Show	4/16/46
	Chandu, The Magician "Search For... Episodes 55 & 56	9/11 & 14/48
	Mercury Radio Theatre "A Tale of Two Cities"	7/25/38
Dec. 14th	Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin St.	7/29/50
	Philco Radio Time	11/5/47
	Chandu, The Magician "Search For... episodes 57 & 58	9/15 & 16/48
	Mercury Radio Theatre "Treasure Island"	7/18/38
Dec. 21st	Fibber McGee & Molly "Fibber Tries to Repair Toys"	12/24/46
	Amos 'N Andy "Christmas Show"	12/22/44
	The Lone Ranger "Christmas Show"	12/23/54
	Campbell's Playhouse "A Christmas Carol"	12/24/39
Dec. 28th	Fred Waring and His Pennsylvanians	12/31/46
	The Jimmy Durante Show	12/29/49
	Chandu, The Magician "Search For... episodes 59 & 60	9/17 & 20/48
	Mercury Radio Theatre (Premier Show) "Dracula"	7/11/38

(Kevin's show can be heard on each Sunday from 4 - 6:30 pm)

TAPE LIBRARY NEWS

The following are the rules & procedures for ordering from the new cassette library:

1. Choose your selections as you would from the Reel-7 reel catalog. You will receive the corresponding set of cassettes for each reel ordered.
2. Rental rates are \$2.00/reel for Cassettes Only. The same late charge penalty of .50¢ per reel per week will apply as it does for the reel library.
3. Minimum/maximun order is 5 reels ONLY. We will not handle back orders. To insure that you get your five reels of cassettes, you must include at least 20 alternates to insure that your order will be filled promptly.
4. An order form will be made available, soon. In the meantime, please send in your order in letter form.
5. Remember, ordering from both the tape libraries is for your personal use, ONLY and, not for commercial or monetary gain.
6. Please, do not use a knife or sharp instrument to cut open the mailing box. You may penetrate the container and ruin a cassette as well as the container.
7. Send your check or money order for \$10.00 to Bill Stipp - Cassette Librarian. 6289 Yarrow St., Arvada, Colo. 80004. DO NOT send order to Reel Librarian, Elmer Westbrook.
8. Upon returning your order, please see that the cassettes are seated properly in each container and seal the container tightly for mailing.
9. As is the rule for the Reel Library, cassettes can be rented for 30 days. Please note the date of receipt and return within 30 days from that date.
10. Mark the first 150 reels in the catalog as being available in cassette. You will be notified in the newsletter when new reels are added.

We thank you for your patience and hope that you will enjoy the Cassette Library. Good Listening

KBRQ TRASH DRIVE

This is your chance to help us raise our 1987 Convention money. The following merchants are participating in the drive so, start saving your receipts and other items listed by each sponsor.

<u>Safeway</u>receipts and Safeway product labels	<u>Journey -Outfitting and Surplus</u> ...receipts
<u>Peter Piper Pizza</u> ...receipts	<u>Kinney Shoes</u> ...receipts
<u>VeIdkamp's Flowers</u> ... receipts	<u>Thrifty Nickel</u> ...receipts for ads placed
<u>Tomken Fine Jewelry</u> ...receipts	<u>Jim Dandy Chicken</u> ...receipts
<u>Hatch's Gifts</u> ...receipts	<u>Pax Lawn Products</u> ...receipts
<u>Coke</u> ..caps & cans all Coke products; including Sprite, Welch's, Barq's & minute-Maid.(Caps & Cans will be labeled as participating).	<u>Real Dairy Products</u> ..cut out the "REAL" sea
	<u>Cowboy Transfer & Storage</u> ...receipts
	<u>Better Hearing</u>hearing test, fittings & purchases

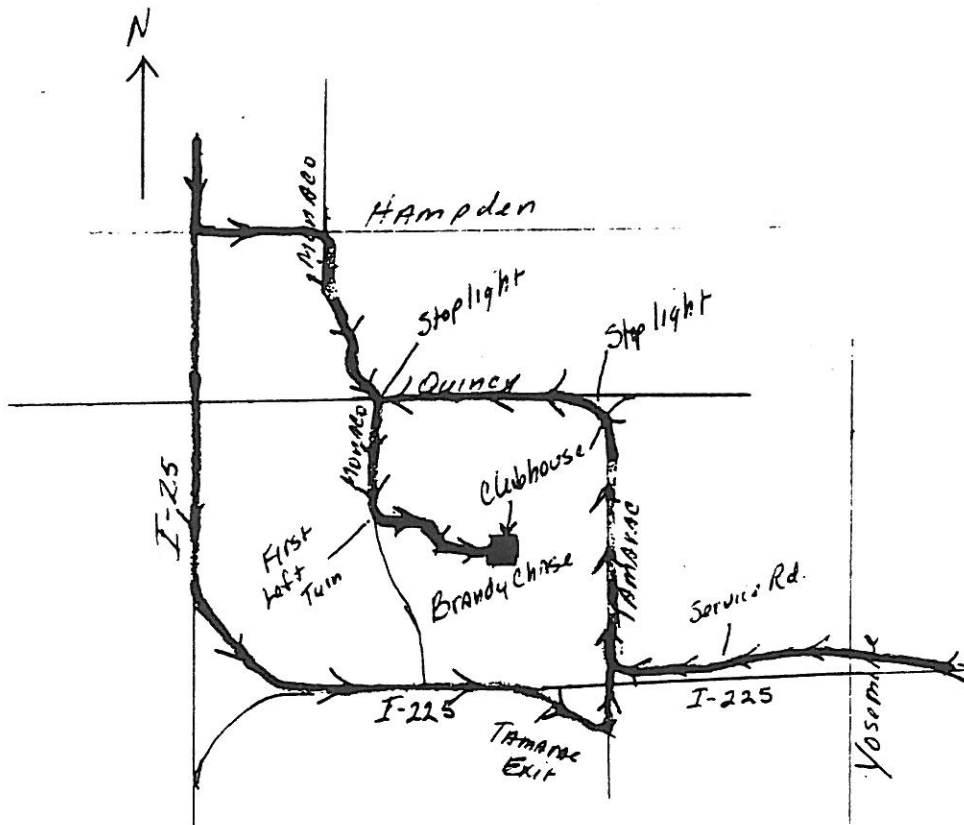
We realize that some of these merchants are not your everyday stop & shop but, some are and, you can be of help by saving the above items. Just turn in your 'trash' at any RHAC meeting or drop them off at Colorado Diesel & Purifiers, 2060 West Hamilton Pl. englewood, with Dick King. Your trash will then be taken to KBRQ to be counted in the weekly drawings. The drive begins in Jan.& lasts through the final turn-in on April 7th. WE are not guaranteed any money. But, we can at least try. If you have any questions, call John Cook or Dick King.

THIS N THAT

Thanks to all of you who wrote letters expressing your disappointment at KNUS cutting out an hour of John Dunning's OTR show. I know John appreciates the support. I hope that KNUS takes note of each and every letter written. Perhaps they realized they made a big mistake.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

Party Time at the Brandy Chase Condos Clubhouse. Saturday Dec. 6th from 6:00pm. till?
Bring a side dish and your own table setting. Plus any folding tables and chairs. We need the seating. Please call Elmer Westbrook at 778-7426 and let him know how many are coming and what you plan to bring. This is a fun event. Please, call. Use the map below for directions to Brandy Chase. See you there!!!!



(If the map is not clear enough, please call me)

RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

<u>REEL 655 FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY</u>		1200'
1L	10-16-45 Train Reservations For Mrs. Carstairs 10-23-45 Cousin Ernest Comes To Town	
2L	10-30-45 Broadcast From Canada - Fibber's Sculpture 11-6-45 Fibber Makes A Batch Of Fudge	
1R	11-13-45 Molly's First Driving Lesson 11-20-45 "Architect" McGee Changes Blueprints	
2R	11-27-45 Fibber Chops Down Dead Oak Tree 12-4-45 Fibber Takes Winter Hike To Dugan's Lake	
<u>REEL 656 PAUL TEMPLE (THE CONRAD CASE)</u>		1200'
1L	Episode 1: The Man From Munich Episode 2: Concerning Elliott France	
2L	Episode 3: Hotel Roemer Episode 4: A Visit To Innsbruck	
1R	Episode 5: A Dry Martini Episode 6: Concerning Captain Smith	
2R	Episode 7: Coffee For Miss Conrad Episode 8: Person Unknown	
<u>REEL 657 PAUL TEMPLE (THE LAWRENCE AFFAIR)</u>		1200'
1L	Episode 1: The Little Things Episode 2: Salty West	
2L	Episode 3: The Handbag Episode 4: Return To Dunbra	
1R	Episode 5: A Present For Steve Episode 6: News From Sir Graham	
2R	Episode 7: Another Suspect Episode 8: Return To London	
<u>REEL 658 JUBILEE (AFRS)</u>		1200'
1L	# 48: Let's Ball Awhile # 53: Lady Be Good	
2L	# 78: Roll Em # 85: Little John	
1R	#107: Hot Platter #110: Eelibuj Boogy	
2R	#134: Nine-Twenty Special #145: You're Driving Me Crazy	

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<u>REEL 659 ONE NIGHT STAND (AFRS)</u>			1200'
1L	12-20-44	# 58: Ted Fiorito Orch	
	2-24-45	#610: Sid Hoff Orch	
2L	9-14-44	#737: Henry Busse Orch	
	7-31-45	#788: Harry James Orch	
1R	8-28-45	#803: Les Brown	
	5-22-45	#812: Tony Pastor	
2R	2-10-45	#813: Joe Reichman	
	8-24-44	#836: Sonny Dunham	
<u>REEL 660 SPIKE JONES SHOW</u>			1200'
1L	1-30-49	Guests: Basil Rathbone, Lina Romay	
	2-6-49	Guests: Eddy Arnold, Janis Paige	
2L	2-13-49	Guests: Tony Martin, Cyd Charisse	
	2-20-49	Guests: Alec Templeton, Monica Lewis	
1R	2-27-49	Guest: Hildegarde	
	3-6-49	Guests: Burgess Meredith, Peggy Mann	
2R	3-12-49:	Guest: Gene Tierney	
	3-19-49	Guest: Jack Carson	
<u>REEL 661 MISCELLANEOUS SHOWS</u>			1200'
1L	5-2-48	THE QUIZ KIDS: Hammus Alabamus	
	3-6-48	DR. IQ JR: Robinson Crusoe	
2L		BING CROSBY'S ALBUM OF FLUFFS	
	-33	TAYSTEE BREADWINNERS: Jones & Hare	
		BOB HOPE SKETCH	
1R	9-9-39	VOX POP: How Many Towns In Pennsylvania?	
	9-23-39	VOX POP: State Capitals That Begin With M	
2R	10-27-39	WORLD'S FAIR: Closing Night	
	-30s	GOODRICH SILVERTOWN TIME: Mills Brothers	
<u>REEL 662 BROADWAY IS MY BEAT</u>			1200'
1L	1-14-50	Jimmy Hunt	
	1-10-53	Lona Hanson	
2L	3-7-53	Harry Carson	
	3-14-53	Tyler Gosden	
1R	3-21-53	Joan Allen	
	3-28-53	John Stewart	
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