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ORSON WELLES MEETS WITH REPORTERS THE DAY AFTER MERCURY THEATER'S "THE WAR OF THE WORLDS" (OCTOBER 31, 1938)

## APRIL MEETINGS

The April meeting of the Denver Chapter of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held On Thursday, April 18, 1985 at the Southwest State Bank. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 PM. The bank is located at 1380 S. Federal Blvd.

The April meeting of the Colorado Springs Chapter of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 1985 at Room 203, Rastall Center, Colorado College. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

## OLD TIME RADIO SCHEDULES

We were unable to get OTR schedules for John Dunning and Kevin Shields for the month of April. We will try to get back on schedule in the next issue of Return With Us Now. Tune in to John Dunning each Sunday on KNUS Radio from 1-4 PM for great old time radio shows each week. For our Colorado Springs collectors listen in each weekday at noon for Kevin Shields half hour of old time radio on KRCC Radio.

RETURN WITH US NOW is the official publication of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado, Inc., a non-profit organization. The cost of membership is \$15.00 per year and allows the member full use of the club's resources. For further information contact one of the following:

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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. We welcome hearing from each of you.

:Charles Smith..2760 N. Academy Blvd..Colorado Springs, CO 80907

#### APRIL COVER

TAPE DONATIONS

The April cover was submitted by John Callor. Our thanks for his generosity.

# CONVENTION HELP WANTED

This issue of Return With Us Now contains some exciting news about an OTR convention to be held here in Denver this summer. The five members of the convention committee will be doing a lot of work between now and July and they will need a lot of help from us all. The committee members are: John Adams (Denver 755-9185), Don Reeves (Denver 690-7176), Jerry Piacentine (Denver 466-2234), Dick Williamson (Greeley 356-3630) and Tom Daoust (Colorado Springs). We certainly would like to add your name to this list. A little bit of your time and energy would help us greatly. If you can possibly attend the April meeting and assist in the planning of the convention, please come.

If you can contribute to the large anniversary newsletter that is planned for July I would welcome your efforts. Let me know of your ideas.

#### ATTENTION COLLECTORS

The RHAC is always trying to find new and exciting shows to be added to the club's tape library for all of our members to enjoy. If you have reels in your collection that would be of interest to RHAC members please let us know.

# DENVER OTR CONVENTION

The anniversary committee made it's first report at the March meeting of the RHAC. The committee was formed to organize activities for the RHAC's 10th Anniversary. Those in attendance were delighted in the progress made by the committee in such a short time. Here are the highlights of the committee's report:

\* A convention for OTR buffs will be held on Saturday, July 27, 1985 at the Super 8 motel in Denver. The ballromm will hold 250 people and has been reserved for the RHAC free of charge. The tentative times of the convention are 2 Pm until 8 PM.

\* Sam Edwards of Gunsmoke has agreed to participate and we are arranging for many Denver radio personalities to attend. The committee will arrange for individual speakers and panel discussions of national and local radio. The committee will also try to arrange for a live radio drama to be performed at the convention.

\* A charge of \$5 or \$6 per person will be made and this will include a buffet style dinner and all convention activities. This amount is tentative and will enable the RHAC to cover guests dinners, participant dinners, advertising and the anniversary

newsletter printing costs.

\* Displays of OTR memorabilia, membership information booths are tentatively scheduled. It was decided not to set up any workshops for this convention since those running the workshops would miss out on a great deal of the convention.

\* The committee will discuss room rentals for those attending from out of town. If the rooms are not satisfactory (they are remodeling in some areas) they will check with nearby motels for those interested in staying over in Denver.

 $\star$  The major point made was that the convention would be an overwhelming success with members support and participation. There is a lot of work to be done in the next 4



months and you will all be kept updated in the newsletter and at the meetings. It was decided that most business will be tabled or handled outside of the meetings so that the next 3 meetings could be exclusively convention planning.

The RHAC absolutely and positively needs your support for this convention. You are all members of this club because you like OTR and because you like OTR you will certainly enjoy a convention dedicated to it. We are sure you will enjoy meeting many of these radio personalities.

Right now the committee has 5 members and they need many more. Things will run very smoothly if a lot of people do a little bit to help. We would especially like to 'see some of our new members get involved.

A quick glance over the membership list and I see about 40 local members who rarely attend meetings and don't know one other member. What a great way to make new friends and help get the convention off the ground.

How about paying back the RHAC a little bit for what you have received? You certainly can afford a little time and energy to help us.

Come to the April meeting and offer your help to the committee.

At our Tuesday, March 19 meeting at Colorado College, all of us who could attend were greatly privileged to have as guest speaker Harry Elders, an old-time radio actor and media announcer from Chicago. If you listened to shows like The First Nighter, Sky King, A Life in Your Hands, Jack Armstrong, The Breakfast Club, and The Silver Eagle, among many, you may remember Harry from these shows. He was also the star of Curtain Time (Mike Wallace was the announcer). It's a safe bet that any member of the Old Time Radio Club who has seen his/her fair share of documentary and training films has sooner or later heard Harry's voice as narrator. At 76, after a half-century of work in the broadcast and advertising media, Harry Elders is still extremely active in radio and TV commercials, film narrations, and various acting jobs all over the U.S.

Harry was one of those busy actors in the heydey of radio soap opera who rushed daily from studio to studio to play various roles in daytime serials for the nation's audience. He told us a few stories and anecdotes about actors he'd worked with, including Marvin Miller and a young actress named Nancy Davis (she's Nancy Reagan today) who played his daughter in a 1940s Chicago daytime series. Today he travels to Chicago to play roles in a syndicated radio drama called "UNSHACKLED", which began over 30 years ago and is heard round the world. Harry said he'd like to come to the Club's convention in Denver this July.

We hope his schedule won't prevent his attending. It'll be a real treat to have Harry Elders among us at that time.

Two months ago in RETURN WITH US NOW, in reference to Kevin Shields' Old Time Radio program on KRCC (Colorado College public radio), I wrote, "Kevin will soon be completing his fifth year as host of the OTR show and this popular program promises to continue on for much longer. Kevin's schedule will be included each month in 'RETURN WITH US NOW'".

Less than a week afterward Kevin told me the OTR program would be yanked from its Sunday 8-10 P.M. slot and relocated to Monday through Friday, 12:00 Noon to 12:30 (Kevin's final Sunday night opus was February 17). That's only a half-hour a day, but better than no time at all. Let's hope the OTR show will be able to keep the same listeners who stayed with Kevin for five years on Sunday nights, as well as the fans his show picked up along the way. Too bad, though, that the KRCC management didn't ask Kevin what  $\underline{he}$  thought of the time change before going ahead with it.

As for Kevin's schedule of shows, it'll be published . . . soon.

The April meeting of the Colorado Springs chapter of RHAC will be Tuesday, the 16th (following Income Tax Day; won't you be glad?), same time/place, 7:30, Room 203, Rastall Center, Colorado College; program to be announced. Harry Elders won't be an easy act to follow, but we'll work on it till then.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As many of you who just recently received your renewal notices may already know, I was a little bit behind. But, better late than never! I would like to thank everyone that responded so fast and would just like to tell you that everything is back on schedule.

The club has been sending renewal reminders for the last several years, and it has paid off. With everything else to worry about it is hard to remember when your renewal is up. We generally try to get the renewal notices out 3 - 4 weeks before your membership expires, so it does not get lost as well.

Just as a reminder, please send all renewal money and change of addresses to the Member-ship Chairman. This will keep things central as well as make sure that you get your newsletter on time. We have had several cases where information was not sent to the correct person and some memberships were cancelled although money was sent 6 months prior. So do read the block of who's who at the front of the newsletter so that member-ships and orders can be handled fast and efficiently.

Thanks for your continued support of the RHAC!

John Callor - Membership Chairman

(Editor's Note: We will attempt to include your renewal date on address labels of your newsletter for our records and your convenience)

#### BIG MONTH FOR TAPE LIBRARY

It was announced at the March meeting that for the previous month, 156 tapes from the library were ordered. We owe our thanks in many ways: to Barrett Benson for his time in dubbing tapes for your enjoyment; to Elmer Westbrook who has the unenviable task of record keeping, mailing and checking in the returns; and to all of our members who have supported the tape library so well.

The Tape Librarian might well be the most difficult position in the RHAC. There is an awful lot of work involved to keep the library running smoothly and Elmer Westbrook puts in a great deal of time to keep you all satisfied. I'm sure that those members who utilize the tape library can appreciate his efforts. Thanks for all of your hard work, Elmer.

#### ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

During the past month I sent out letters to about 25 large Denver corporations to solicit their help in printing our anniversary newsletter. Unfortunately, the response has been pretty bad from that sector and most of our local members couldn't help either. The article we were going to use on collector profiles has been scrapped since we have only heard from 2 out of 150 members in 2 months. We will still try to put out a 40 page newsletter for our anniversary but we are going to need at least some cooperation on your part. I'm back to square #1 and if you have any ideas please let me know.

#### NEW POSTAGE RATES

Here are the new postage rates for library material as supplied by Elmer Westbrook:

1-tape......82¢ per box 4-tapes......82¢ per carton

2-tapes.....96¢ \* 5-tapes.....96¢ " "

3-tapes.....\$1.10 " "

\* in mailing boxes taped together

Please note these rates for future reference in mailing library materials.

CIRCLE SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1985 ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE DENVER OTR CONVENTION

#### SECOND SOUND

Second Sound is a local Denver stereo equipment dealer specializing in reconditioned stereo equipment. They are located at 2013 S. Broadway. We previously listed all of the reel to reel equipment and several of our members took advantage of the bargains offered. Here is another list of equipment that was available around the middle of

March:	AKAI	GX 255	\$375.00	PIONEER	RT707	\$350.00
	TEAC	3300S	349.00	SONY	TC645	229.00
	TEAC	Х3	299.00	PIONEER	1020L	329.00
	AKAI	4400	99.00	REVOX	B77	719.00
	SONY	PORTABLE	129.00			

All RHAC members will get an additional savings of 10% off the discount price. If you have made a purchase through Second Sound we would like to hear from you so we can pass it along to our members.

#### NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

The RHAC would like to thank the following members for their renewals:

The RHAC would also like to welcome the following new members:

Jim Bergquist27 Overbrook DrMonsey, NY 10952	1/86
Dan Leavitt2729 S. Marshall StDenver, CO 80227	2/86
Fred Bantin743 43rd AveGreeley, CO 80634	2/86
Paul Fahrer4628 S. LincolnEnglewood, CO 80110	3/86
Larry Holland2206 Westridge DrOgollala, NE 69153	3/86
John Archobold700 Lafayette StDenver, CO 80218	3/86
Joseph Ruttar3116 Teesdale StPhiladelphia, PA 19152	4/86

The following members have address changes:

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Jim Huska...5340 Holmes Run Pkwy #806...Alexandria, VA 22304
Douglas Joffe...2111½ J. 35 Road...Austin, CO 81410
Carol Bacall...c/o Blackwood...3069 Rhodenhaven Dr NW...Atlanta, GA 30327
Bill Bales...20th NCR R-30...Gulfport, MS 39501
David Tysver...PO Box 16125...Clarkston, MI 48016
Kevin Shields...Sunflower Village...2614 East Fountain #104...Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Roger Gnagy...10000 E. Lowry Pl...Aurora, CO 80010
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#### FOR SALE

Pioneer RT1020L  $\frac{1}{4}$  track stereo or 4 track mono for \$250.00. Also selling 150 reels of tape, mostly used once @ \$1 per reel as is or will bulk erase. Call RHAC member John Chunko at 421-7200.

#### NEWSLETTER COVERS

Thanks to John Callor for sending me a supply of photos to be used for upcoming covers of RETURN WITH US NOW. If any other members have interesting photos or artwork for covers they would be greatly appreciated (we will return anything of value to you).

# RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

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## THINGS I LIKE AND THINGS I DON'T LIKE

A few weeks ago I read an Andy Rooney column about things he liked and things he didn't like and then one of the Denver sportswriters wrote the same type of article. While I don't profess to be in their writing class I thought it would be interesting to sit down and list all the things I like and dislike about OTR and the RHAC. This is something anyone can do, so here goes:

Things I like

John Dunning's "Tune In Yesterday"
Mr. Peavy when he says "Now I wouldn't
say that"

Fibber and Molly getting LaTrivia flusterred

The moral lesson for kids on the Lone

Orson Welles use of the English language Good shows in good sound

Ronald Colman's voice Busy people who still find time to help

Rumors about new found shows Molly's background laughter when Fibber

flubs his lines
People using the tape library
All Christmas shows on OTR

Ray Stanich's passion for logs

John Dehner

Cavalcade of America

Ed Murrow's news reports

Band remotes

Walter Tetley as Leroy or Julius

Theme songs from Johnny Dollar and

Halls of Ivy

Pioneer RT707 tape recorder

Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers

Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas"

Frankie Remley character

Bob and Ray and Wally Ballou

Mel Blanc

The dedication of those who run OTR clubs

# Things I don't like

Good shows in poor sound Higher postage rates for mailing Leila Ransom's character Shows without dates Dealers with high prices Soap operas Tape squeel at the END of the reel Collectors who never share anything in their library Dragnet You Bet Your Life Quiz Kids Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts Heavy British accents on BBC shows Red Skelton People who don't get involved in anything

# Things I'd like to see...someday

Some new Sgt. Preston shows
Some new Lum and Abner shows
Some new Duffy's Tavern shows
Another book on OTR by John Dunning
More access to Library of Congress
material

Another "Jack Armstrong Murder" type story by Chuck Seeley

ALL of the Lone Ranger shows released Sports games at lower prices from dealers More RHAC members making shows available to the club tape library

Another major disc find by RHAC

Royal Promotions
41/4 Montgomery Rd

Cincinnati, Ohio 45212

It's kind of fun to sit down and list your likes and dislikes. If anyone else wants to try it or add to this one, I'd like to hear from you.

This ad totaling words would cost only \$

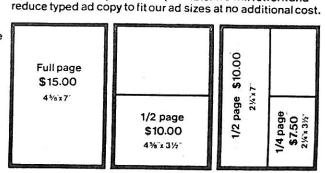
WANTED: Old radio magazines to use in our club news letter and to add to our club library. John H. LLoyd, 2667 East 99th Ayenue, Thornton, Colorado 80229. 1-77

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Enclose this card with your payment.

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April I for May June issue
June I for July - Aug. issue
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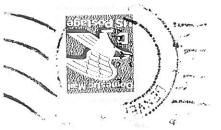












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