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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

THE APRIL 5TH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT DAVID MICHAEL'S HOME AT 1410 CLAYTON. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE AT THE BOARD MEETINGS. WE INVITE YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

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#### **CLUB MEETINGS:**

THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MARCH 15TH. THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE BACK TO THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER, EAST 17TH. AVE. AND FILBERT COURT. WE WILL HAVE CLIFF DODGE AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER. CLIFF IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION. CLIFF WAS ALSO A "ON AIR" PERSONALITY BEFORE HE BECAME A STATE LEGISLATOR.

THE APRIL MEETING WILL HAVE MARVIN GATCH AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER. MARVIN IS A LONG TIME RADIO PERSONALITY. POSSIBLE MOST FAMOUS AS THE FATHER OF DAVID AND MICHELE.



Radio Historical Association of Colorado

#### FROM THE KING'S ROOST

by Dick and Maletha King

March is really the start of our new year. The crocus are starting to come up, even a few daffodils. By next month at this time we will be enjoying blossoming gardens and parks. Maletha started to grow a few orchids last year and has found that the Our Miss Brooks show that was centered around Mr. Conklin's growing an orchid plant for seven years is

based on facts, not just a writer's imagination. Maletha has second thoughts about starting a hobby that will require such a long time but gives back pleasures. The immediate pleasures of OTR makes other hobbies pretty dull. The constant movement of tapes in our rental libraries proves that many of our members enjoy the same pleasures. How else could we share in adventures, comedy, and drama in our own homes? Too bad the "lost art" of good radio is only in our memories and on our tapes.

We see in the <u>Colorado Mac News</u> that Fred Hobbs has started a new project. Fred is an experienced hand at publicity and promotion and has started his own firm, Public Relations Associates. We feel sure that he will do well in the top management job in a field he knows so well. On the down side, we regret to learn that the Pueblo restaurant, Gildersleeve, is just now another statistic of ventures that did not succeed. Just like gardening, not all seeds planted, flourish.

John Adams has been taping from the transcription discs that many of our members have contributed to our club. It is very pleasing to hear the quality of sound from many of the discs. Just as good and crisp as we remember from many years ago. A few of the discs have been used and abused and may be among the ones sorted out, but we will certainly have a good selection entered for circulation.

Bob Louden, 2574 Brittania Place, Eugene, OR 97405, has sent a cassette of Night Editor shows and is looking for more of this series. If any of our members have any, we suggest you contact Bob and maybe forward some to the club so we could make up a whole reel of them, so others can enjoy them.

A good representation of RHAC enjoyed the February meeting at the Fred Arthur Productions studio on a snowy evening. Fred is such a talented gentleman that we will all miss his work, but hope that he will find a new base from which to work in Oregon and be sending his tapes back to the Denver area in the future. His work changed the advertising industry's approach to getting the listeners' attention for the sponsors. We all wish him and his wife well in their new adventures and new home.

P.S.: Any of our members seriously interested in quality studio equipment may be interested in putting in a silent bid on some of Fred Arthur's equipment. Bids must be in writing no later than the close of business, March 15th. You may call (303) 832-2664 for more details.

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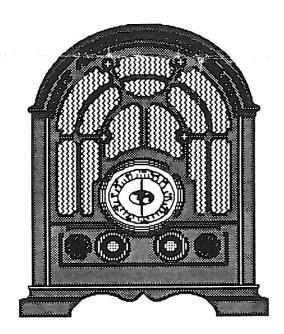
RHAC will be offering a few copies of Norman Corwin's book On A Note Of Triumph at the March meeting, following the presentation from Cliff Dodge, Executive Director of the Colorado Broadcaster's Association.

We are happy that some new faces are showing up to help with the June convention. We have lots of talent in our club, and lots of jobs open for the members to help with.

A big thank you to Ronnie Cramer for the art work on the cover and one inside page. Thank you also to Mika and Adrienne Rhoden for producing much of this issue on the word processor. All are RHAC members.

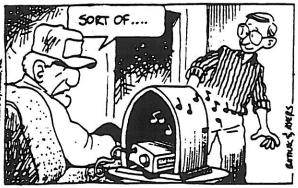
All of the same programs are on cassette tapes as are on open reels. Regular library numbers are 1-883. Contributor's library numbers are 5001-5148.

Don't forget to tune in to John Dunning's OTR show on Sunday afternoons on KNUS, 710 on the AM dial from 1-4 p.m.



#### CRANKSHAFT





by ronnie cramer

ORSON WELLES

I, WHAT WAS THE SHOWS PROPOSED TITLE?

2, WHEN WAS IT FIRST AIRED ?

3, WHAT NETWORK CARRIED THE PROGRAM?

4, WHAT MUSIC SERVED AS THE SHOWS THEME SONG?

5, WHO WROTE THE SCORE EACH WEEK?

6. WHAT POPULAR SERIES AIRED OPPOSITE MTA?

7, WHAT WAS ORSON WELLES ROLE ON THE FAMOUS 'WAR OF THE WORLDS' BROADCAGT 2





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#### Today and OTR

(Opinions expressed are the writer's only, no endorsement by anybody is implied.) by David K. Clow

Chapter 13, "We're looking for a few rich men."

Well, I'm sorry to report that my one day trip to Elko, Nevada didn't bring in the kind of monetary returns which would materialize my vision of "Today and OTR"

I told you last month that I was the worst RHAC secretary in history. I also want to tell you that I don't go to the RHAC monthly meetings and I hardly ever talk to anybody in the RHAC.

Why this column?

I want a few rich folks to help me bring OTR back to the folks who will appreciate it! (Or love it as much as I do.)

You know I really think that it is great to have an OTR convention this spring. I'll be there and I'll do my best to remember the good old days of OTR.

But what I REALLY want is to have a convention of the CURRENT stars of radio drama and we don't have even one! That upsets me.

Here's my plan. In four years I retire. I start a Tapes For The Blind (TFTB) charity at a small office. TFTB provides tapes of OTR for no cost to the blind, but sells tapes of OTR from the small office.

Funds from TFTB contributors and retail tape sales lead to expansion to a larger building. The new TFTB building houses a radio station devoted to revival of radio drama with sponsorship supporting TFTB. New radio shows are produced at the TFTB studio with live audience.

Then comes syndication or National Public Radio (NPR) performance.

Why is this going to work?

Because of the motivation - I don't want to get rich, I want OTR to revive. To live again, not necessarily in every living room every night, but somewhere where the right nitch is found.

Donations of a million dollars or higher will be accepted by RHAC. (I hope.) Be sure to mark on the envelope "For Radio Station Fund".

This would be the easy way, so I'll try this first.

Other donations, please keep for a while.

Incidently, the few rich men that I mentioned earlier don't necessarily have to be men - in fact, the definition of rich means that they have to possess the kind of riches I need to help me build my dreams - in fact, the dream that I have is not cast in concrete either and I certainly am willing to change my dream if there is a better way to get OTR back on the airwayes.

Next issue, Chapter 14, Living with OTR.



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# LET'S PRETEND

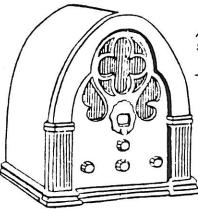
MIRIAM WOLFE PLAYED THE WITCH IN THE STORIES ... MARILYN ERSKINE WAS THE FAIRY GODMOTHER.

I'LL GET YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS FOR THAT! NOT WHILE I'M HERE TO PROTECT THEM FROM YOUR EVIL SCHEMES!



CBS, AS A MATTER OF PRESTIGE,
REFUSED FOR YEARS TO PERMIT
COMMERCIALS ON LET'S PRETEND.
HOWEVER, IN THE 1940'S THEY
WERE FINALLY FORCED TO
YIELD TO ECONOMIC
PRESSURE...





AND SOLD IT TO WHAT BECAME ITS LONG-TIME SPONSOR...CREAM OF WHEAT.

CREAM OF WHEAT IS SO GOOD TO EAT THAT WE HAVE IT EVERY DAY. WE SING THIS SONG, IT WILL MAKE US STRONG AND IT MAKES US SHOUT HOORAY.

C SHERWOOD AND OWEN-1976

#### A WORD ABOUT THE RADIO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

The <u>RHAC</u> is a non profit organization dedicated to the regeneration of interest and enjoyment of Old Time <u>Radio</u>. <u>Radio</u> drama appeals to young and old alike. Through clubs like the <u>RHAC</u> people can discover or relive the Golden Age of <u>Radio</u>.

<u>Radio</u> has the power to hold the attention of the listener. A listener can spend an evening lost in his own minds eye, cringing in terror at the sound of the creaking door of the Inner Sanctum, laughing at the exploits of Amos 'N' Andy, trying to picture in your imagination what the hall looked like <u>after</u> Fibber McGee opened the closet door, and trying to figure out how Jack Armstrong would get out of <u>this</u> situation.

The <u>RHAC</u> does not sell shows, but through a reel to reel and cassette tape library, rents shows to it's members. The rental fee is small and is used to upgrade club's materials. The <u>RHAC</u> currently has over 1,000 reels in the open reel library and also on cassettes which means there are over 9,000 separate <u>radio</u> shows.

The <u>RHAC</u> publishes a fine monthly newsletter and helps notify members of the next meeting and newsworthy items of interest to the <u>radio</u> show enthusiast. The <u>RHAC</u> has monthly meetings of great interest to our members, guest speakers, old time <u>radio</u> plays, and will have a convention in 1990.

We have a fine reference library which contains over 6,000 pages of Old Time <u>Radio</u> material. We also have available <u>radio</u> logs which give show titles, stars and broadcast date. The reference library also has many books about Old Time <u>Radio</u> for members to enjoy.

Membership in the <u>Radio Historical Association</u> is \$20.00 for the first year and then \$15.00 from then on. Members receive a monthly newsletter and catalogs listing all materials available from the libraries.

This should answer some of your questions about the club. We cordially invite you to join us at our next meeting and talk about Old Time Radio. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the Church of the Master, 17th. Ave. and Filbert. Entrance is on the Filbert street side.

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### CLIFF DODGE

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