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The Strange Dr. Weird

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As the last re-run of a previously published article, we wanted to include a story about a program that focuses on nothing more than grabbing your imagination and providing a lot of good old fashion "theater of the air" spine tingling fun. Isn't that a good part of what OTR radio is all about?

"Good evening. Come in, won't you? Why, what's the matter? You seem a bit nervous. Perhaps the cemetery outside this house has upset you. But there are things far worse than cemeteries. For instance..."

This strange little series aired on the Mutual Broadcasting System from 1944 to 1945. The show ran only around 15 minutes long, and there are only 28 available episodes. (There are 29, but one is a repeat.) There may be as many as 39 produced during its run, according to newspaper listings. It appears to have first aired on November 14, 1944. It only lasted until May 22, 1945. It was of the mystery and horror genre, and starred that familiar Faraday, that mysterious traveler, Maurice Tarplin. In case you didn't catch those puns, Maurice Tarplin starred as the Policeman Faraday on "Boston Blackie", as the "Mysterious Traveler" on that show,

as well as numerous other roles, such as Sherlock Holmes. He seems to be a staple of old-time radio. The series was co-written by David Kogan and Robert A. Arthur, who wrote for the *The Mysterious Traveler*. The episodes were produced and directed by a fellow named Jock McGregor, who was involved with several classic radio programs, including the science-fiction program "X-1". The Internet Archive website mentions that many of the episodes of *Dr. Weird* are actually condensed

versions of *The Mysterious Traveler* scripts. (The radio program "The Sealed Book" also got its material from *The Mysterious Traveler*, many or all episodes condensed versions of *Traveler* scripts) The series came from New York and was on the Mutual Network, WOR in

New York City. The Tuesday night show aired from 7:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Adam's Hat's was the sponsor. The announcer was Dick Willard.

This show does not actually star Maurice Tarplin or our weird Doctor; he is more of an announcer, host, or narrator. He is a presenter, rather than main character. This seems somewhat disappointing,

because the show is really a random horror story for you to listen to each time. You hear him in the beginning and end, and there may be a just comment somewhere in the story at times. However, sometimes he narrates parts of the story, and he

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often speaks as an interlude before the sponsor appears, selling hats. When he narrates the story, the episodes are better because of it. In one episode of Dr. Weird, Maurice Tarplin, plays both Dr. Weird and a Faraday-like police chief in the story.



Maurice Tarplin

The first episode is titled "The House Where Death Lived" and episode 29 is titled "Revenge From the Grave". Now you know what you're up against here. The last 10 episodes, if they exist, have air dates, but the titles are currently unknown. The rather annoying radio commercials and advertisements come from the 1940s Adam Hat Stores. Just how fine are their Fedoras? They will never spare you the details, and give you the impression that Adams hats are the next best thing to breathable air. The unusual thing about this show is that Dr. Weird interacts with the sponsor, before transitioning fully into the advertising. Sometimes their interactions are strange and funny, making you wonder if they were supposed to be. There seems to be some recurring OTR horror themes such as evil cats, birds, punishment of crooks, etc. In this show there seems to be a plethora of cruel young people coldly murdering the elderly for their money.

This is the link to use to download the show:
https://archive.org/details/OTRR_Certified_Strange_Dr_Weird

"Perhaps you'll drop in on me again soon. I'm always home. Just look for the house on the other side of the cemetery... the house of Dr Weird!"

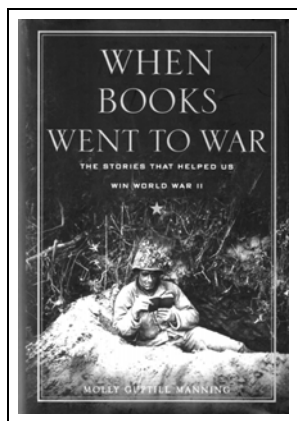
You may have wondered, just what cemetery is he talking about, and what house does he mean? If you find out...let me know.

29 Strange Dr. Weird shows
 Total playtime 5 hours 54 minutes

1. 441107 01 - House Where Death Lives
2. 441114 02 - Summoning Of Chandor
3. 441121 03 - Journey Into the Unknown (an abbreviated version of the mysterious traveler episode "The Strange Journal of Professor Drake")
4. 441128 04 - Murder Comes Home
5. 441205 05 - Death In the Everglades
6. 441212 06 - The Man Who Talked With Death
7. 441219 07 - The White Pearls Of Freedom
8. 441226 08 - Stand-in For Death
9. 450102 09 - The Tiger Cat
10. 450109 10 - Murder Ship
11. 450116 11 - Beauty And the Beast
12. 450123 12 - Survival Of the Fittest
13. 450130 13 - The Man Who Lived Twice
14. 450206 14 - The Dark Wings Of Death
15. 450213 15 - The Secret Room
16. 450220 16 - The Knife Of Death
17. 450227 17 - Murder Will Out
18. 450306 18 - The Voice Of Death
19. 450313 19 - The Two Faces Of Death
20. 450320 20 - The Man Who Knew Everything
21. 450327 21 - He Woke Up Dead
22. 450403 22 - The Devil's Caverns
23. 450410 23 - When Killers Meet
24. 450417 24 - Dead Man's Paradise
25. 450424 25 - The Ghost Ship
26. 450501 26 - The Man Who Played Dead
27. 450522 27 - Murder, One Million BC
28. 450508 28 - Picture Of A Killer
29. 450515 29 - Revenge From Grave (Last Show and copy of Murder, One Million BC)

When Books Went To War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II

by Molly Guptill Manning
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2014



The 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II is a great time to discuss the efforts of the Council on Books in Wartime to supply paperback books for U. S. troops across Europe, North Africa and the Pacific. Formed in 1942 the Council included reps from publishing houses G.P. Putnam, Doubleday, W.W. Norton and Random House, among others.

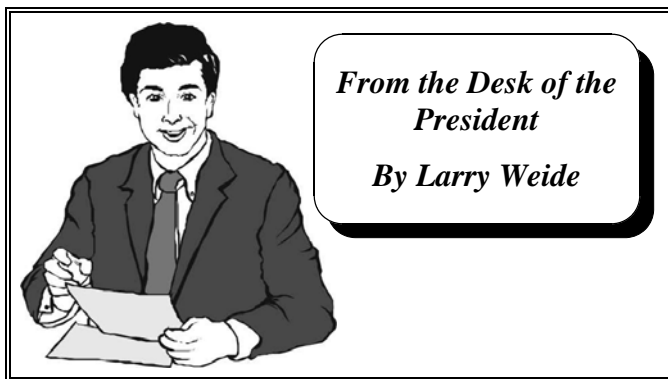
This is a story of appreciation - from soldiers praises in letters home and to the writers, to the Council in its groundbreaking procedures in moving forward, to governmental and political cooperation.

Choices made were a cross-section of fiction and non-fiction, classics to westerns, biographies to sports, something for everyone. Each month from September, 1943 through February, 1946, a minimum of 30 titles, at least 50,000 copies each, were supplied to the troops. (The program continued through June, 1947.)

Known as Armed Services Editions (ASEs) the paperbacks were oblong, usually 6.5" x 4.5", printed on magazine presses using thin paper, in two columns per page and stapled, meant to be carried in a soldiers pocket, passed around up to six times.

The richness of the author's work is particularly evident when she discusses soldier reactions to books on the battlefield and in hospitals. The Appendix lists all 1,322 titles, by month of publication.

The *Words at War* series (NBC June, 1943 - June, 1945) is briefly covered as one other of the Council's tasks. These were radio dramatizations from hardback books of mostly current wartime experiences, generally outside the paperback ASEs covered in this book.



Hello everyone,

After all these forty years of RHAC newsletter publishing, even for just my time in the publisher's seat, it feels really uncomfortable to say that this issue is the next to the last one before our club disbands at the end of the year. Over the years a lot of people have put a lot of effort into researching and bringing together the stories of OTR. for our members to enjoy. Along with story and special article contributions the folks who formatted and published this newsletter deserve a lot of credit for all the work and effort it took to provide an uninterrupted 40 years of delivery right to your mail box.

As you may well guess, our stories for the last issue of "RWUN" will be articles on RHAC history, past remembrances and anecdotes. I want to reach out one more time to ask if anyone might have something to add to the "RHAC story". That is, something memorable about members and past activities that we've had. We're planning on a very special last issue with extra pages and in color.

If you have something to contribute you can send it to either one of our email addresses or PO address listed on page 2. We're particularly in need of photographs and most any digital format, scan or paper copy will be fine.

Also in this, the next to last issue, we're wrapping up the printing of the last of the catalog entries for our media libraries. Of course this also means that if you're interested in any of these new additions you'll need to check them out ASAP before our librarians close shop.

Good listening,
Larry

TAPE 2109 DRAGNET

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 06-14-55
06-28-55 | The Big Fall Guy [AFRS]
The Big Convertible [AFRS] |
| 2L | 07-05-55
07-11-55 | The Big Rush [AFRS]
The Big Genius [AFRS] |
| 1R | 07-18-55
05-11-54 | The Big Bobo [AFRS]
The Big Look |
| 2R | 07-14-49
07-21-49 | The Red Light Bandit
City Hall Bombing |

TAPE 2110 THE BURNS AND ALLEN SHOW

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 12-22-42
12-29-42 | Santa And The Pirates
Gracie's Dating Service |
| 2L | 02-16-43
05-04-43 | Beauty Mask
Gracie Bitten By Acting Bug - \$20 Debt |
| 1R | 05-11-43
06-15-43 | Dotso, Breakfast Table Brightener
Gracie's Kitchen Karavan Fat Salvage Drive |
| 2R | 06-28-43
10-19-43 | Gracie De Oomphs the Oomph
Gracie Reminisces With School Chum |

TAPE 2111 THE BURNS AND ALLEN SHOW

1200'

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|----|----------------------|--|
| 1L | 10-26-43
11-16-43 | Queen Of The Fleet
Walter Pidgeon Moves Next Door |
| 2L | 11-30-43
12-07-43 | Gracie Casts Charles Boyer As Oklahoma Tex
Ida Lupino Uses Gracie As Model For A Role |
| 1R | 12-28-43
01-18-44 | John Garfield "Toughens Up" For Gracie
Gracie Enlists William Bendix For Her Charm School |
| 2R | 02-29-44
03-07-44 | Numerology
The Card Game |

TAPE 2112 THE BURNS AND ALLEN SHOW

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 05-09-46
01-09-47 | Gracie Hires A Snooper Reporter
Paying Last Year's Christmas Bills |
| 2L | 01-16-47
01-23-47 | Poker Game
Country Cousin |
| 1R | 01-30-47
03-06-47 | Guest: Beatrice Lillie
Gracie Takes Up Crime Solving |
| 2R | 03-27-47
05-29-47 | St. Bernard
Guest: Frances Langford |

TAPE 2113 THE BURNS AND ALLEN SHOW

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 09-04-47
09-11-47 | Back From A Vacation In The Woods
The Long Dress |
| 2L | 10-09-47
10-16-47 | Gracie Gets A Job
Gracie's Plan To Get Cousin Nellie Married To Cary Grant |
| 1R | 10-30-47
11-20-47 | Husband For A Day
Gracie Has Romantic Notions |
| 2R | 11-27-47
12-11-47 | French Singer
Lady Killer |

TAPE 2114 THE BURNS AND ALLEN SHOW

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 03-18-48
05-13-48 | George Is Losing His Hair
Gracie's Problem With Salesmen |
| 2L | 05-27-48
01-20-49 | Spiritualism
Cesar Romero Steals Bill's Girl |
| 1R | 05-05-49
06-03-49 | George, The Cowboy
Gracie Takes Over For Louella Parsons |
| 2R | 01-25-50
02-01-50 | Testimonial Dinner
Vigorous Life Style |

TAPE 2115 THE SAINT

1200'

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1L | 08-14-49
07-31-49 | Greed Causes Murder
The Saint Goes Underground |
| 2L | 11-13-49
09-18-49 | Fake Amnesia Killer
Reflections On Murder |
| 1R | 08-27-50
09-03-50 | Cupid And The Corpse
Baseball Murder |
| 2R | 09-10-50
09-17-50 | The Horrible Hamburger
The Ghost That Giggled |

TAPE 2116 THE SAINT [BBC - STEREO]

1200'

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|---|----------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 08-28-95 | The Saint Overboard |
| 2 | 09-04-95 | The Saint Closes The Case |

TAPE 2117 GUNSMOKE

1200'

1L	10-10-53 10-17-53	How To Die For Nothing Yorky
2L	10-24-53 11-07-53	The Buffalo Hunter Stolen Horses
1R	11-21-53 01-23-54	Custer Nina
2R	04-10-54 05-22-54	Greater Love Monopoly

TAPE 2118 GUNSMOKE

1200'

1L	05-29-54 06-05-54	Feud Blacksmith
2L	06-12-54 06-19-54	The Cover-Up Going Bad
1R	06-26-54 07-03-54	Claustrophobic Word Of Honor
2R	07-19-54 07-26-54	Queue Matt For Murder

TAPE 2119 GUNSMOKE

1200'

1L	08-02-54 08-09-54	No Indians Joe Phy
2L	08-16-54 08-23-54	Mavis McCloud Young Man With A Gun
1R	08-30-54 09-13-54	Obie Tater Dooley Surrenders
2R	09-20-54 09-27-54	The F.U. Helping Hand

TAPE 2120 GUNSMOKE

1200'

1L	10-02-54 10-09-54	Matt Gets It Love Of A Good Woman
2L	10-23-54 10-30-54	Ma Tennis The Patsy
1R	11-06-54 11-13-54	Smoking Out The Beedles Wrong Man
2R	11-20-54 11-27-54	How To Kill A Woman Cooter

TAPE 2121 GUNSMOKE

1200'

1L	12-04-54 12-11-54	Cholera Bone Hunter
2L	12-25-54 01-01-55	Kitty Lost Puckett's New year
1R	02-19-55 02-26-54	Poor Pearl Crack-Up
2R	03-05-55 03-12-55	Kitty's Reward The Trial

TAPE 2122 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	06-20-39 06-22-39	Money Talks Too Loud Pink Lemonade And Tan Bark
2L	06-27-39 06-29-39	Bait For A Two Timer Pavement Condemned
1R	07-04-39 07-06-39	Put It On Ice Disaster Rides The Rails
2R	07-11-39 07-18-39	Devil's Playground War On The Waterfront

TAPE 2123 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	07-20-39 07-27-39	House And Home Murder By Accident
2L	08-01-39 08-03-39	Bait For A Burglar A Racket In The Ring
1R	08-08-39 08-10-39	The Lawyer Beats The Law Lightning Strikes A Shakedown
2R	08-15-39 08-17-39	Money In The Meter A Racket Robs The Cradle

TAPE 2124 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	08-22-39 08-24-39	A Rake-Off On The Job The House That Jack Built
2L	08-29-39 09-05-39	Numbers Make A Racket Ripe For The Taking
1R	09-27-40 10-03-39	Votes For Sale The Highway That Graft Built
2R	06-21-41 07-12-41	Walkout For Profit Murder Across The Boards

TAPE 2125 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	08-16-41 01-31-42	Paroles For Sale Reservoir For Murder
2L	05-16-42 05-23-42	Invasion Plans For Victory Slip Of The Lip
1R	09-12-42 09-19-42	Murder Trips A Rat Last Words Mean Sabotage
2R	11-14-42 11-21-42	Torpedo On Wheels Sabotage Finds A Name

TAPE 2126 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	11-21-43 11-28-43	Fire Blitz Diamond In the Rough
2L	12-11-43 12-18-43	The Man Who Came Back Story Of A Parrot
1R	01-01-44 01-08-44	Obvious Clue The Way Of A Woman
2R	01-15-44 01-29-44	Lowrey's Big Moment Pressure From Within

TAPE 2127 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	02-05-44 02-12-44	Bent Paper Matches A Light In The Dark
2L	02-19-44 02-26-44	Short Circuit Murder Will Out
1R	03-04-44 03-11-44	A Case Of Honor Fog In The Night
2R	03-18-44 03-25-44	The State VS Chester Canby The Man Who Fooled The World

TAPE 2128 THE GREEN HORNET

1200'

1L	04-08-44 04-11-44	Intrigue On The Waterfront When Fools Rush In
2L	04-18-44 04-25-44	Lady Of Intrigue The Orphan Of St. Amand
1R	05-16-44 05-23-44	Parole For Revenge One For The Books
2R	05-30-44 06-06-44	Racketeers In Gas Coupons Code For Sabotage

TAPE 2129 THE WHISTLER

1200'

1L	08-22-42 05-01-43	Death Has A Thirst The Killers
2L	02-17-47 03-03-48	A Woman's Privilege Boiling Point
1R	08-25-48 01-02-49	Trio Of Rogues Man On The Roof
2R	01-09-49 01-23-49	Tell Tale Brand Impulse

TAPE 2130 THE WHISTLER

1200'

1L	02-06-49 02-13-49	The Cheat Last Curtain
2L	03-13-49 03-20-49	Search For Maxine Death Of Mr. Penny
1R	03-27-49 04-03-49	Beyond The Wall Rawhide Coffin
2R	04-10-49 04-17-49	Murder At Twin Pines Sleep My Pretty One

TAPE 2131 THE WHISTLER

1200'

1L	04-24-49 05-01-49	Mask For Kinsella Solid Citizen
2L	05-08-49 05-22-49	Danger Is A Beautiful Blonde Fatal Fraud
1R	06-12-49 06-26-49	Perfect Alibi Fatal Decree
2R	07-03-49 07-10-49	Panic On Mulberry Street Front Man

TAPE 2132 THE WHISTLER

1200'

1L	07-17-49 07-24-49	Death In Sixteen Millimeter The Hermit
2L	07-31-49 08-21-49	Brotherly Hate The Confession
1R	08-28-49 09-04-49	Eager Pigeon Smart Girl
2R	09-11-49 09-18-49	Brief Pause For Murder Poor Henry

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