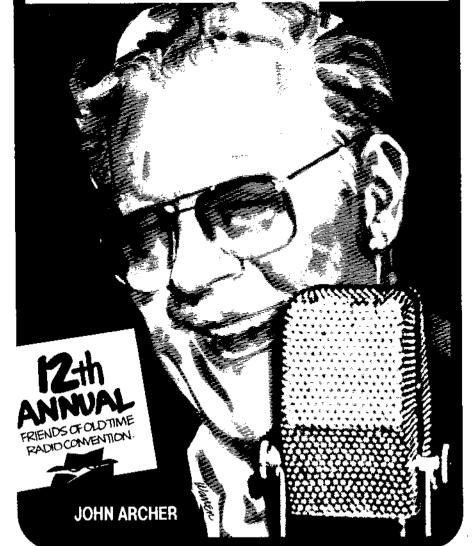
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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS by Bob Burchett

We always wait to do our convention issue just before the next convention, in hopes it might sell more people on the idea of coming. If they see all the quests and fans having a good time it might just encourage them to join in this year. It helps the people who were there relive the experience and gets them excited about getting back again. Dave Warren and I missed one about 5 years ago, and can't remember why, but we don't plan to miss any more. Make your plans now and don't miss the chance to meet Carlton E. Morse and many of the actual cast of I Love a Mystery.

This year's convention starts Thursday night with dinner 5:30-8:30. This will be "Fan" night, like Friday night used to be. If yo hadn't planned to come Thursday, give it some thought and get a head start on the convention.

Enjoy meeting the radio stars, but renewing friendships we've made with fans around the country is also a big part of the annual convention fun.

There was high praise for last year's convention, and rightly so, but there was also some criticism that we thought was unjust. Let's be thankful we have Jay Hickerson and Anthony Tollin to take on job with no reward other than the love of old radio. You out there who might want to complain, lighten up!

It wasn't an "official" opening of the

convention, but there were 60 people there Thursday night to start it off. This took Jay by surprise and he couldn't make arrangement for a private room so they blocked off part of the restaurant

Friday morning the dealers room was busy long before the 12:00 starting time. Another good reason for getting there. Thursday.

The Dave Warren Players, made up of fans, re-created two episodes of I Love a Mystery. I'm sure the group would have loved to have done the shows this year with Carlton E. Morse in the audience.

Other workships included: Computers (Alan Chapman); Gateway to Hollywood panel with John Archer; Halls of Ivy (Larry and John Gassman); Kids Cowboy Shows (Jack French).

Ray Erlenborn, Florence Williams and Bill Nadel conducted auditions for the Gateway to Hollywood re-creation, which was a highlight for alot of fans. On Saturday, the Gateway show re-created was the show that John Archer won his name. John Archer was on the panel of actors who picked Carolyn Senter and Dave Zwengler as winners. They became Merna Travers and Richard Kingsley who won parts opposite radio veterans in Big Town, Saturday night's re-creation.

After dinner an episode of the Thin Man was re-created with Les Tremayne in the title role followed by an informal



Mason Adams, Jackson Beck



Bill Nadel and Ray Erlenborn held auditions for Gateway to Hollywood.

panel with Friday's guests.

In all, there were six re-creations last year. Arnold Moss and Bill Zuckert starred in a Dimension X version of the science fiction story "Knock". Moss played the last man on earth after the "last war" and Zuckert played an alien.

Sidney Slone wrote a special Shadow episode used as part of the "Quick as a Flash" panel show re-creation. Ken Roberts moderated and originally helped create this popular quiz show. John Archer re-created his role as the Shadow.

Saturday's workshops were: Sound Effects Panel (Terry Ross, Ray Erlenborn); Fibber McGee & Molly (Charles Stumpf); Women in Radio (Ron Lackman, Adele Ronson, Sybil Trent); Detective Panel (Anthony Tollin, Bill Nadel hosting a panel of over 10 guests who participated in detective shows).

The "Young Widder Brown" re-creation

included Les Tremayne, Florence Williams and its long-time announcer George Ansbro. When the episode we originally done the star of the show we sick and Florence Williams replaced her at that time. She was happy to repeat her performance since the star was not around again.

The evening was concluded with the Big Town re-creation featuring Bill Zuckert, Jackson Beck, Mason Adams Adele Ronson, Mildred Clinton and Francarlon who produced the show. Ezra Stone (Henry Aldrich) played ther part of the newsboy. As he left the stage he yelled "Coming Mother" in his "Herm" voice, which sounded the same as it the back then.

Donations of \$500 each were presented to the Actors Fund of America and to Bedside Network. \$1000 was given to AFTRA's Frank Nelson Scholarship Fund



Sidney Slon (Shadow Manager)



Terry Ross (Sound Effects Artist)



Veola Vonn, Nelson (Eddie Canter)

which was accepted by Veola Vonn Nelson. Three special awards were given. One to Sidney Slon for his contributions to radio. Sidney wrote more Shadow programs than any other writer; Sterdvac for their dedication and work to preserve radio; Anthony Tollin for 5 years of planning all the re-creations for the conventions plus much more. Most of the people who attend conventions, have no idea the job that Jay and Tony do. Most of the criticism, I'm sure, is meant to be constructive. We all hope they decide to keep doing what they've done for 13 years, put on great conventions.

Make your plans to attend this years convention.



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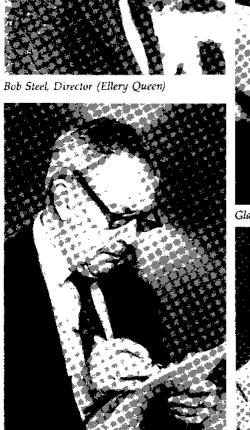


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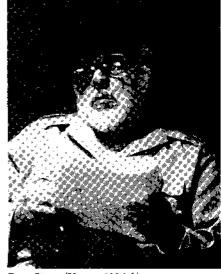




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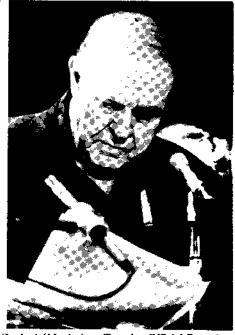
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Dwight Weist, announcer and actor (The Shadow, Aldrich Family, Big Town)



Florence Williams (Front Page Farrell)



The omni-present Shadow lurks behind radio actors John Archer, who starred as The Shadow during the radio heydays in 1944-45, and Grace Matthews, who played Margo Lane in the series from 1946 to 1949. The twosome demonstrated their skills yesterday at the 12th annual convenions of the Friends of Old Time Radio.

Shadow appears at radio session

By STEPHEN KIPP
Courier-News Staff Writer

NEWARK — The words would send chills down the spines of evildoers and cause small children to spend sleepless nights shivering in fright beneath warm bed covers.

"Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows."

John Archer, who played the Shadow for two seasons during the 1940s, laughed and repeated the line yesterday, his voice still rich and deep after all those years.

The 72-year-old radio personality and actor was in town for the Friends of Old Time Radio convention, which has been held at the Holiday Inn here for the last six years. The convention began yesterday and runs through tomorrow. Hundreds of enthusiasts are expected to attend.

Although Archer is the guest of honor at the gathering of old-time radio buffs, he seemed surprised that thousands of people still collect and listen to tapes of radio programs like the Shadow, the Green Hornet, Top Secret and The Thin Man.

"Radio for me was a springboard into Hollywood," he said. "It was a fiscinating media in which to work, but I wanted to get into films."

Archer achieved just what he set out to do. He left the role of Lamont Cranston, who used the power of invisibility to thwart criminals and solve mysteries, and traveled from New York City to Hollywood.

He appeared in a number of films, including "Blue Hawaii" with Elvis Presley, "White Heat' with James Cagney and "Big Trees" with Kirk Douglas. Then during the '50s and '60s, he also performed in a number of television shows, including "Wagon Train" and "Bonanza."

One of his last television roles was in the mini-series "Rich Man Poor Man," in which he played a governor from Texas. "A real heavy role," he said, smiling.

Now, he devotes most of his time to running a trucking business and being with his wife of 31 years, Ann. "I didn't give it up. They gave me up," he said without bitterness. "I leave the acting to the kids."

Archer means those words literally. His daughter by his first marriage, Anne, stars opposite Kirk Douglas's son Michael in "Fatal Attraction," the hit thriller now riding the top of the box office charts. "She's worked hard. I'm proud of her."

While Archer left radio behind, many of the growing legions who collect and trade old radio tapes and memorabilia from across the country wish those days would return.

"Most of the people get into this because it is a reminder of something they remember vaguely from their childhood," said Ron Lockmann, 52, of Valley Stream, N.Y., who has written extensively on radio and television. "As you become more and more distant from it you

just want to recapture some of the feelings you had as a kid.

"I remember things that were happening while we listened to the radio. I remember Sunday afternoons when the family would get together. Families don't get together as much anymore. Our pleasures had to be simpler. We weren't as spoiled."

Lockmann said he has collected about 5,000 tapes of old radio programs. "And that's minor. Some of these people have 10,000 to 20,000."

While Lockmann spoke, browsers in the large conference room leafed through piles of old photographs, radio scripts and freshly made cassette tapes of radio programs. Some people came to buy and sell. Others came simply to capture a portion of their childhood.

"I remember my mother taking down the secret decoder messages for Capt. Midnight when I couldn't be home," said Lance Hunt, 54, a high school English teacher from Buffalo, N.Y. He said he's been coming to the convention for years.

"The sad part of this is that every year you come here, there's a few more faces missing. It's almost like we're losing a piece of our culture."

The good old days of radio may be gone, but many of the parents who grew up with the Shadow are passing their love for radio along to their children.

"The stories are so orignal. In TV sitcoms, it just seems like the same thing over and over again," said 23-year-old David Ferdock, who was attending the convention with two friends from Bloomsburg (Pa.) University.

"The guys at the dorm are always asking when are we going to get new shows," said James Roberts, 19, also of Bloomsburg. "They're like leeches. They love this stuff."

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■ Jesse Lasky (right) rehearses two aspiring actors.

ON THE AIR TONIGHT: Gateway to Hollywood, on CBS from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, sponsored by Doublemint Gum, in conjunction with RKO Pictures.

Everybody was dubious when Jesse L. Lasky first presented the idea for this program. It sounded too much like one of those talent contests which end up in disappointment and heartbreak for the contestants and a black eye for the sponsors. But now, near the end of its second thirteen-week period, everybody agrees that Gateway to Hollywood has been very much worth while.

In its first thirteen-week series, two young people gained long-term contracts with RKO and featured roles in a new picture, "Career," six others were given contracts for film work, and the remaining ten contestants were sent back home at the program's expense, none the worse for their adventure. A similar good record is expected by the time the second series ends.

Much of the credit for this success belongs to Lasky and the way he went about getting talented youngsters for the program. Three veterans of the films, Bryant Washburn, Jack Mulhall and Herbert Rawlinson, were sent around the country to scout little-theater groups, interview promising acting talent, and record voices.

Each week, in Hallywood, Lasky and Charles Yanda, who directs the programs, select a boy and a girl by looking at the pictures and listening to the vaice recordings sent to them by their scouts.

A week of tehearsal follows, without the screen quest-star, always a top-notch celebrity, who doesn't rehearse until Friday. On Friday night Vanda moves the entire east from the KNX studios, where they've been working, to the stage of the CBS Vine Street Theater, where the actual broadcast will be given Sunday; and here the show is pulled together Friday night and Sunday. Saturday is always a day off for rest and brushing up on individual roles. Frequently, the girls visit the RKO studios on Saturday, and there they are loaned attractive dresses from the studio wardrobe to wear in their broadcast appearances.

Rowena Cook of New York City and Raiph Bowman of Lincoin, Nebraska, were the lucky winners of the first Gateway to Hollywood talent quest, taking the names of Alice Eden and John Archer. In the second quest, now drawing to a close, the winners will be given the names of Virginia Vale and Robert Stanton, and will be featured in RKO's "Three Sons."

Nostalgic fans recall kiddie Westerns

By MARK FINSTON

The heroes were always pure. None of them, from Tom Mix to the Lone Ranger, from Maverick Jim to Doctor Six-Gun, smoked, drank, gambled, cussed, frequented taverns or, with one exception, were much interested in women, except as objects to rescue or protect from evil-doers.

The exception was the Cisco Kid, who was also the only kiddie cowboy radio hero to speak with a Spanish accent, which meant he had gained a certain amount of freedom in matters of the heart. The Kid also smoked.

The radio kid Western was an extraordinarily popular and amazingly durable form of entertainment. The first such program, a local show on WOR called "Maverick Jim," went on the air in 1930, and the last one, "Doctor Six-Gun," lasted one season in 1954.

"Doctor Six-Gun," which wasn't one of the bigger hits, broke another of Jack French's rules for this sort of production. French, a retired FBI agent who lives in Fairfax, VA., has been an expert on the kiddle radio Western since he grew up in a small Wisconsin town; the only radio station he could pick up was affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting System. NBC had Jack Benny and Fred Allen; Mutual made its money selling the old West.

French, who until last year edited a magazine called North American Archives, conducted a seminar over



Jackson Beck portrayed the Cisco Kid. the only cowby hero on radio to speak with a Spanish accent.

the weekend at the annual convention of the Friends of Old time Radio meeting at the Holiday Inn North in Newark.

Doctor Six-Gun owned a raven, who talked pidgin English and who often saved the day, by such heroic actions as pulling a gun out of the bad guy's holster. With virtually all the other heroes, the horse was the costar; those equines all had names and were highly intelligent.

There was the Lone Ranger's Silver. Tom Mix's Tony, Red Ryder's Thunder, Sergeant Preston's Rex, the Cisco Kid's Diablo, Bobby Benson's Amigo.

(Champion and Trigger, courtesy of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers respectively, are not included here. Their radio programs were mostly music. not drama, said French, and though they were supposed to appeal to youngsters, kids were not turned on enough to turn them on.)

Other rules: The shows were invariably sponsored by something to eat, chew or drink. Products were cleverly woven into the show. The theme song for Tom (always pronounced "Tawm," in honor of its Western motif,) concluded:

Take a tip from Tawm, Go and tell your mawm Shredded Ralston cain't be beat.

The villains often had colorful nicknames: The Gray Ghost (Tom Mix,) Chief Scarface (Detectives Black and Blue two guys who practiced in the West,) Butch Cavendish (the Lone Ranger.)

By far, the most popular of the shows were "Tom Mix" and "The Lone Ranger." Other successful cowboys were Red Ryder, who hung around with a little Navajo boy named Li'l Beaver, and "Challenge of the Yukon," which later was named after its hero, Sergeant Preston (whose first name was William.)

Everybody had a gimmick. The Lone Ranger wore a mask and fired silver bullets; Tom Mix had an aim so precise he could crease a bad man's scalp with a bullet, thereby knocking him temporarily unconscious but leaving no scar.

Red Ryder had the fastest fists in the West; he hardly ever even drew his gun against those pointing weapons at him. Sergeant Preston's lead dog, Yukon King, could spot a vilain faster than his master.

But there were a lot of bones bleaching on the Western plains. Some cowboys just never struck flint on the Hooper Ratings, radio's version of the Nielsens. Charles Buck Jones could never equal his screen popularity on radio though, on "Hoofbeats," he too called his horse Silver. The screen gimmick of Wild Bill Elliott ("On the Frontier") never translated well to radio; his gun holsters faced backwards.

The Friends of Old Time Radio whose co-founder is Anthony Tollin of Fairfield, always invite a galaxy of old-time radio stars to attend their conventions. Some who attend this year were Jackson Beck, (the original Cisco Kid,) Les Tremayne, Ed Herlihy, Ken Roberts, Mason Adams, Ezra Stone.

Not all were on kiddie Westerns, though the programs employed a few men who went onto other types of entertainment: Bert Parks was the announcer on "Renfrew of the Royal Mounted" in 1963; the man who hawked peanut butter in 1946 on "Sky King" was Mike Wallace.

Ernie Winstanley, a Chicago actor, played the Lone Ranger's nephew on the original series of shows, which, like Tom Mix, was initiated in 1933.

Winstanley was on a great deal of radio drama, some of it Western. (Always versatile, Winstanley was the Green Hornet's faithful valet Cato, when Cato's origin switched from Japanese to Philippine as World War II began.)

He played a variety of roles on "The Lone Ranger" till the show was discontinued in the mid-1950s.

"It was harder to do Westerns than other shows," said Winstanley, who also fought nasties with Sergeant Preston. "For one thing, you had to maintain a Texas or Western accent throughout the show.

"For another, we had bigger casts. On 'The Lone Ranger' we had 14 people. So you had to fight harder for the one microphone we had. It was a bi-directional microphone. You could stand on either side of it. Brace Beemer, who played the Lone Ranger, was given one side. All the rest of us had to fight for

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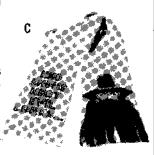
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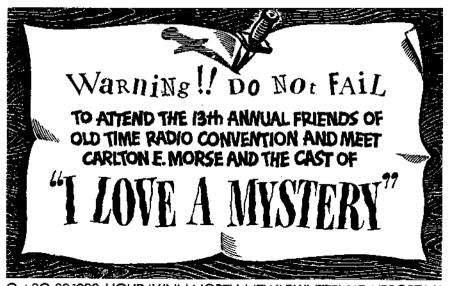
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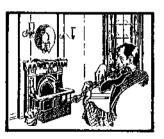
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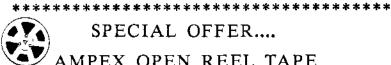
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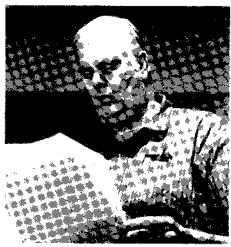
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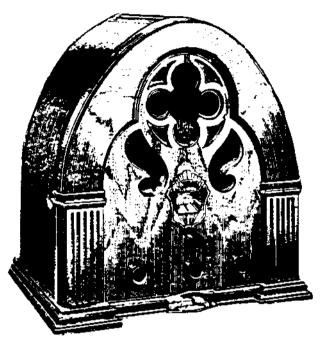
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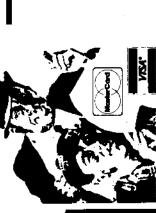
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