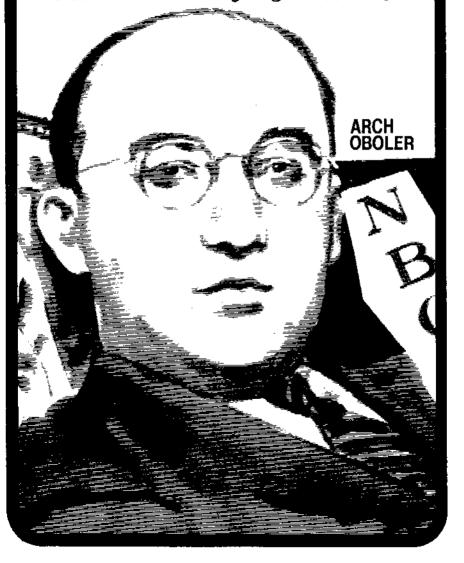
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## **Arch Oboler: Radio's Master** of the Macabre by Gary A. Yoggy

In 1936 N.Y. Times writer Aaron Stein proclaimed:

If radio listeners, or at least those of them who stay up until I o'clock in the morning with the purpose of having their spines chilled, are able to sleep soundly and peacefully on a Wednesday night, it's not because Arch Oboler and the National Broadcasting Company are not trying. . .

The sole purpose of the show is to do a job of blood curdling, and if you like that feeling of ice water in your arteries. veins, and capillaries, this is a reliable way of achieving it. .

... when Mr. Oboler is really in his stride he builds a cumulative scare through the half-hour of broadcasting time and the resultant goose flesh lasts for hours. Do not listen if you scare easily; but if you enjoy being scared. there it is.

Oboler, best known for his spooky Lights Out series which terrified listeners for ever so many midnights. was born in Chicago on December 7. 1909. At the age of ten he wrote a short story about a dinosaur which was published in the Chicago Daily News. It was the first of over 850 stories he was to write and publish during an illustrious career that spanned nearly seven decades. Natural phenomena excited Oboler's interest during his carly adolescence, and his boyhood ambition was to become a naturalist. He spent every free moment climbing about limestone quarries, collecting fossil brachiopods and gastropods and other relics of the historic seas that had washed over Chicago.

By the time Oboler entered the University of Chicago, however, he had shifted his interest from fossils to human drama. His imagination soon carried him into the realm of supposition and fantasy. One story, entitled "Futuristic," was turned into a



Producer and star get together-Arch Oboler and Ronald Colman make Everything for the Boys on interesting feature Tuesday on NBC.

radio script which he sent to NBC in 1934. It attracted the notice of the script editor who called the young writer in and gave him a part in his own drama. The thrilled author quickly decided to devote all of his writing to the magic medium that reached into countless homes.

Oboler turned out some forty radio dramas for the Grand Hotel series which starred Don Ameche. For Rudy Vallee, he wrote Rich Kid which starred Freddy Bartholomew and the Dead End Kids. Then Willis Cooper, excontinuity editor at NBC, called Oboler in and told him "We need some more horror dramas - here's the chance for some of that experimental writing for radio that you've been itching to do." Oboler responded that horror wasn't quite "up his alley," but he'd try it.

Among his most memorable dramas for Lights Out were "Cat Wife." the chilling tale of a man whose wife turns into a snarling, raging human-sized cat (which starred Boris Karloff), "Chicken Heart." about a scientific experiment gone awry as the tiny organ grew and

grew until it completely covered the world, and "The Dark" about a demonic fog that turned people inside out. In "Revolt of the Worms," giant worms terrorize an isolated science lab; "Oxychloride X" presents the dilemma of a scientist who has created a miracle solvent that eats through everything; a ruthless man on a safari meets his inhuman match in "Spider," and in "Sub Basement" (one of this writer's personal favorites), prehistoric creatures intent upon destruction dwell beneath a city.

Oboler often employed a writing technique called "stream of consciousness" and coined the phrase "theater of the mind." "Stream of consciousness" was particularly suited to radio, where the actors, props, scenery and lights had to be imagined by the listener. When a character reached a highly emotional state or was confronted with a critical problem. Oboler often had him speak aloud his inner thoughts and feelings, thus producing the dramatic tension of the conflict within the character. He built entire scripts around this one device. and not simply to save on production costs, for it was a great test for the actor. In "The Dream" (featuring Boris Karloff). Oboler had a character talk thirty solid, albeit gripping, minutes.

Oboler was also famous for his use of strikingly realistic sound effects. For example, the sound of a man being turned inside out was accomplished by soaking a rubber glove in water and turning it inside out while a berry basket was crushed in the background. When people were electrocuted, sound men held frying bacon up to the mike and made sparks fly with a telegraph key attached to a dry cell battery. Bones were broken by smashing spareribs with a pipe wrench and maple syrup dripping on a plate sounded just like drops of blood. When the script called for a head to be lopped off, a sound man would wield a meat cleaver through a head of cabbage. A soaked rag thrown against a coment slab conjured up in the listener's mind

the sound of a body splattering against the payement, a sharp knife cutting through a piece of pork served to create the impression of ripping human flesh, and in what Radio Guide once described as "the most monstrous of all sounds," cooked spaghetti was squished and squashed to connote human flesh being eaten.

Even while gaining fame for his macabre stories on Lights Out, Oboler was writing and directing a dramatic anthology series for NBC called Arch Oboler's Plays which premiered in 1939. Included were many of the finest plays ever presented on radio. "The Ugliest Man in the World" related the story of a horribly deformed man's love affair with a blind woman whose sight is ultimately restored. Brought to vivid life by the superb radio actor Raymond Edward Johnson, "Ugliest Man" dramatically demonstrates the real meaning of love. In "Special to Hollywood," "And Adam Begot," "The Word" and "The Immortal Gentleman," his central characters - selfish escapists, blind idealists, or naive innocents — are made to realize the hard facts of reality. In the first, Oboler suspends a plane suddenly in midair, in the second, he resurrects a Neanderthal man, in the third, he has God wipe every human but two off the face of the earth, and in the last, he conjures up a world of eternally living people.

Oboler once explained to columnist K.W. Strong:

Personally, I scorn the idea that the radio audience has a mental age of eleven. I have to wrack my brain to think of one vital human problem that cannot be made clear and understandable to the average listener. My mail comes from people in all walks of life, and these indicate that subtlety is certainly not lost on the radio audience.

In 1941, Oboler, whose antifascist views were already well known, dropped his commercial series for which he was being paid \$4,000 a month to direct and produce a patriotic series called Plays for Americans for NBC. He hoped through his weekly sketches to show the role of the average American family in the war effort -- to stimulate the fighting spirit of the people. In addition, he wanted "the President, the Congress and all those who comprise the government to understand better the fine loval people they've got behind them." He explained, "the series will be a tough one, both in approach and in attitude. because it is my firm belief that the common people of America, even as the common people of Stalingrad, are willing to sacrifice to an extent the politicians haven't even begun to understand."

These programs featured some of Hollywood's best known and finest actors who were so excited with the content of Oboler's plays that they volunteered their time and talents rejecting huge fees for commercial appearances which might interfere with these broadcasts. In "This Precious Freedom," Raymond Massey portrays a man who awakens to the true meaning of freedom when he suffers the loss of his civil liberties at the hands of fifth

columnists. In "Suffer Little Children." Katherine Hepburn appears as a woman who assists persecuted refugee children in coming to this country (written by Oboler in white-hot indignation when Congress opposed the entrance of refugee children from Europe). Olivia de Haviland stars in "Johnny Quinn," a story about one of our Navy's finest fighting men (which won an award for best dramatic broadcast of 1942). In a story in which Oboler superbly blends reality and the supernatural, "Adolph and Mrs. Runvan." Academy Award winner Bette Davis plays a soldier's wife who has a strange meeting with Adolph Hitler (an excellent portrayal by Hans Conried) in New England and proves willing to sacrifice her own life if it will bring an end to Der Fuehrer's tyranny.

Jimmy Stewart, who was a
Lieutenant in the Air Force at the time,
is featured as a soldier writing a special
letter to his father in the moving
"Letter at Midnight." In "I Have No
Prayer," Lloyd Nolan appears as an
Army Sergeant who is about to lead his
armored unit into its final battle.
Another Academy Award winner, Paul

Muni, stars in "The Living Book," a story in which Oboler uses quotations from the Old Testament to justify (in retrospect) American involvement in the war. ""The Family Nagashi" presents Elliot Lewis as a Japanese-American soldier returning home to his family in a story about the dislocation of loyal Japanese-American families during the days following the end of the war and their experiences in wartime "internment" camps. It is a powerful plea for toleration and understanding. "Strange Morning" stars yet another Academy Award winner, Ingrid Bergman, as a nurse whose patients are not as ecstatic as most Americans over the end of the war with Germany.

Not all of Oboler's scripts for this series were universally acclaimed, however. Critic Sylvia Taylor took the writer to task for "Ghengis Khan" in which he "makes the dangerous mistake of drawing a parallel in this country to the rise of Nazism by presenting a group of Negroes in the roles of Hitler, Goering, Goebbles, Hess and others. They talk a ridiculous vaudeville dialect." She goes on to point out that:

Instead of clarifying and awakening Americans to the danger of Hitlerism, it could turn their anger against the Negro people who have already been so grossly maligned as a national group and who are in reality among the country's best fighters against fascism.

Taylor is also critical of two other dramas in the scries. "The Women Staved at Home" (which starred former movie queen Norma Shearer) and "These Are Your Brothers." She accuses Oboler of "weeping over our enemies and our necessity to fight them." In the first, Oboler shows a woman falling in love with one of the enemy and, in the other, one of our naval officers drowning with his arm around another of the enemy after both their ships have gone down in a battle at sea. She concludes, "It is no time for tears when it is the writer's job to steel the country against the fascist enemy who shows no mercy for his victims."

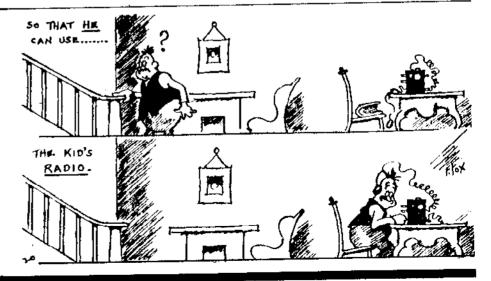
Taylor did especially like, however, "This Precious Freedom," and "Point of a Gun," the latter being "a very simple lesson for the 'business-as-usual' crowd. When a girl points a gun at his head and demands money for nothing,

#### FAMILY STUFF

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#### By FONTAINE FOX



a businessman finds out in a flash how the Nazis will do business with him."

Ironically, Oboler's most controversial radio script, "Johnny Got His Gun," a brilliant adaptation of Dalton Trumbo's chilling anti-war story, was broadcast in 1940 while Americans were still debating the wisdom of entering the war against Germany. It starred James Cagney who was filming The Fighting 69th at the time he appeared in the radio play. It is as pacifistic as most of Oboler's later works are patriotic — even militaristic (although Oboler never advocated war for the sake of war).

Columnist Howard Long, in an article he wrote after previewing a recording of the program, said "Johnny Got His Gun" should be "required listening for every man, woman and child old enough to understand its implications."

Stripping war of every vestige of romance and glory, this gripping drama bares it for the horrible and gruesome business war really is. . here is Joe Bonham, a simple American boy, who tells his story. Slowly, in dots and dashes made by the thumping of his head against his bed in a veterans' hospital, he talks. It's the only way he can talk and it took him years to find it. It's the only way you could talk, too, if your mouth and your nose and ears and legs and arms had been shot away in a war you didn't know anything about and cared less. . .

He's a prisoner. He's a prisoner within the confines of his own body. There, locked in from all others because he cannot talk, cannot smell, cannot see or hear anyone, he lies in his silence for days, months, years. Then suddenly he hits upon a way to release himself from this prison. He'd use Morse Code, which he had learned as a child. He'd thump his head against the bed — dotdash—dot — until they answered.

Only, the nurse doesn't understand what he's trying to do. She believes he is in pain, gives him morphine. Each time, when the sedative wears off, he tries again — dot-dash-dot — S-O-S. Days pass, months pass, and he knows

now that getting someone to understand him, someone to whom he can talk, is the most important thing in his life. And at last a relief nurse does understand what he's trying to do, listens. This time he is understood.

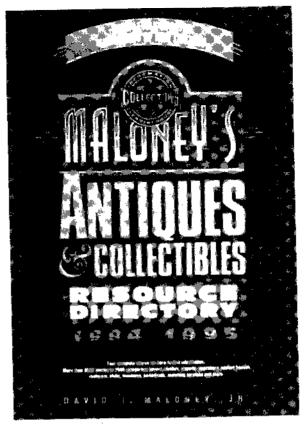
Then, after years of silence, what can he say? He'd found a means of coming back, a little way, into the world of the living, but what was there to say? . . . He'd go out into the world and he'd talk to everyone he met, so that they could see it. He was. . . The Future. He was a picture of what all men would look like if war came again. So, they wouldn't let him out. They'd keep him here in the hospital forever, because if men could look upon him, listen to him and understand that he was their picture when war came again, there'd be no more war. And because those in high places had plans for another war, he must stay, always, hidden from the living, whom he might warn.

Trumbo had written the story after visiting a veterans' hospital. As he explained to Long:

"I found horrors there that the average man in the street had long forgotten," he said. "I thought that if all those youngsters with fire in their veins and all the politicians and warmongers who shout about saving Democracy would visit these places and see the real fruits of war, then there wouldn't be any more war. Here war ceases to be a matter of battles won and people conquered and becomes a matter of what can — and does — happen to the 'you' and the 'me' who fight those battles. Since people don't visit veterans' hospitals any more. I tried to bring the hospitals home to them."

Oboler up to this point in his career was known to be "something of a crusader against war" who had "in several broadcasts written dramas which bitterly condemned war and the dictatorial policies of a government which, he felt, made for war." The idea of dramatizing this vivid anti-war piece strongly appealed to Oboler and he was readily given permission by Trumbo.

NBC assisted Oboler in finding just the



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right actor for such a difficult role. Cagney was thought to possess the necessary amount of toughness and sensitivity for the part of Joe Bonham.

Long felt the broadcast would. . .do much to prevent our entry into other wars if we'll listen instead of burying our heads in the sand, for what Joe Bonham has to say to you and to me and the thousands of other Joe Bonhams of America and to their sweethearts and wives and mothers makes war the sordid, horrible thing war is and will be, and strips it, without mercy of the white banners, bands and catch-phrases with which the politicians and generals invariably disguise it.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, of course, soon made the war debate superfluous, but Oboler's production of "Johnny Got His Gun" remains to this day one of the most powerful and moving anti-war dramas ever presented in any medium.

After the war, which Oboler championed so forcefully once it had begun, his goal shifted to the creation of "a world where men think free and talk free, where everybody has his own land, but not too much, and men act like brothers." In one of his last radio plays "The Day the Sun Exploded" Oboler takes a satirical look at Earth over a 40-year time span. As the last war is finally over and the nations of the world join together in peace, the ultimate catastrophe occurs. Oboler's views seem to have come full circle from "Johnny Got His Gun."

Although his greatest achievements came in radio, Oboler worked occasionally in motion pictures as writer—producer—director including several projects which were considered breakthroughs in the medium. In 1945 his MGM feature <a href="Membedding-Pewitched">Bewitched</a>, starring Phyllis Thaxter, was the forerunner of the split—personality melodramas of the fifties. <a href="Strange Holiday">Strange Holiday</a> was an unusual tale about the U.S. being taken over by a fascist invasion that is ultimately revealed to be just a nightmare experienced by star Claude

Rains. The feature was made by Oboler in 1940 as an obvious warning against the dangers of fascism. He sold it to MGM who, for some reason, shelved it. It was finally released in 1945 by Elite Productions, after Oboler and Rains bought it back.

In 1951, Oboler made <u>Five</u> for Columbia, a beautifully shot, bleak picture of the last people left alive on Earth after World War III. The film, which starred William Phipps, Susan Douglas, Cherles Lampkin, James Anderson and Earl Lee, five unknown but highly competent actors, proved to be the forerunner of numerous postnuclear-holocaust features.

The following year Oboler made motion picture history with the release of the first commercially successful 3-D feature film Bwana Devil which set off a wave of productions using the depth process. In 1966, Oboler used an improved process called Space Vision to make another 3-D feature The Bubble. but the picture received only spotty release. It was reissued in 1972 in truncated form as Fantastic Invasion of Planet Earth but proved to be a boxoffice bust. (Oboler put up some three million dollars of his own money over a period of sixteen years in a futile attempt to gain the acceptance of 3-D films.)

In between his 3-D efforts, Oboler filmed The Twonky in 1953, starring Hans Conreid in a timely satire about an alien who takes over an American TV set. In 1961, he made One Plus One: Exploring the Kinsey Reports, an episodic feature with Leo G. Carroll, Kate Reid and Jane Duprey.

For television, Oboler adapted his radio series Lights Out for NBC as an anthology which ran from 1949 thru 1952, hosted first by Jack LaRue and later by Frank Gallop. The TV version never, however, approached the popularity of the radio show, proving the old adage that nothing is as scary as the theater of your mind.

In his later years, Oboler worked on the re-release of his old radio shows, wrote several novels, and adapted



several radio plays, The Night of the Ark and The Dark for the Broadway stage. He was working on a new stage play, Mr. Vegas, at the time of his death on March 19, 1987.

Oboler will always occupy a special place in the hearts of radio buffs who still chill to <u>Lights Out!</u>'s opening chimes and "It...Is...Later...Than... You...Think!" That chicken heart still beats — not only in the memory of Bill Cosby, but in the imaginations of us all: "Thump-THUMP, Thump-THUMP, Thump-THUMP!" Deservedly has Oboler taken his place with Norman Corwin and Carleton E. Morse as "radio's first men of letters."

#### A NOTE ABOUT SOURCES

I am indebted to the Library of the Performing Arts in Lincoln Center, New York, for use of its Arch Oboler clippings file which includes articles by Aaron Stein, K.W. Strong, Sylvia Taylor, Harriet Van Horne, and Howard Long. Tune in Yesterday by John Dunning was also extremely useful. Arch Oboler's Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (12 episodes) is available on audio cassettes from METACOM. These include recordings of some of Oboler's best Plays for Americans.

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Isn't it about time a bridge was built to that island so that we 26,-000,000 listeners may tell broadcasters what we think of their gifts?

If programs are to grow better

they must rise on the tide of public opinion. But what are we doing about it?

We should like to hear from interested crusaders, from men and women who may band together for the betterment of broadcasting, and who may use their pens as a crusader's lance as they join with the stars and the producers in a united effort to make 1938-39 the biggest and best radio year yet.

#### It Can Be Done

Our hearts shed tears as we blunder into this crisis and that disaster. Our careful plans are upset, our dreams are shattered, so we pine or pray according to our natures.

To all whose troubles seem endless and whose lives seem hopeless we submit these friends. One is Clover Kerr, the California girl whose two legs and one arm were cut off in an accident some time ago. Today, she has accomplished a miraculous comeback. Not only does she give a regular radio broadcast, but she dances, rides horseback, writes books, and lives an extraordinarily useful life.

The other friend is Ray McNamara, organist of WWL, New Orleans. Recently, he broke his wrist. Immediately, his program was canceled. But within a few days he turned up for a private audition. With one hand and two feet, he played music that amazed people. So he went back to his quarter hours of organ music thrice daily.

Isn't it true that the only perma-



nent injury is the one which breaks one's spirit?

#### "Very, Very . . ."

To wagons with five wheels, mustache cups, bustles, and other of life's little non-essentials let us add the announcer who says "very."

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talented and you are going to be very, very gratified at her very, very remarkable ability, etc. . . ."

We have a word for such inept announcers. In fact we have two words. We call them Mike Lice.

#### Nazi Tactics

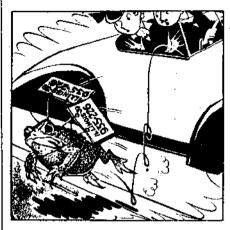
Linton Wells, whose broadcasts on the RCA Magic Key program have made him a welcome guest in every home, gives us an interesting insight into German radio tactics. Those of RADIO GUIDE'S readers who have read James Street's stories about international broadcasting will find his report of significance.

During Mr. Wells' recent visit to South America, he attempted to tune in the speech President Roosevelt delivered on June 25. It had been announced well in advance and many others also wished to hear it. As it began, however, it was blotted out by a German piano recital from a super-power German station which went off the air immediately upon the conclusion of the President's talk. This was explicitly a violation of radio agreements and treaties which have been made by our country and Germany.

Such tactics on the part of the Hitler regime are typical, and reveal the unfair obstacles put in the way of our own nation when we seek friends beyond the Rio Grande.

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## ILLUSTRATED BULLS and BONERS



On "Strange As It Seems": "The toad hopped out of the car carrying Illinois license plates." — Mrs. G. A. Sherwood, 70 Main St., Camillus, N. Y. (Heard over a network of the Columbia Broadcasting System.)



Hollywood actor in interview: "My shorts were exhibited in theaters all over the country."—Katherine Hood, 1619 Elwood Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina. (National Broadcasting Company.)

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# Information and Help to the OTR Collector • Part 2

by Terry G. G. Salomonson

In the first part of this series, I wrote about how I got started in collecting old time radio (OTR) programs, some of the publications that were and still are available, some of the problems you will face with different collectors, and with some of the commercially available cassettes, and a few of the sources to gather from. That was a lot of ground to cover, and I could have written an article on each one of these points.

As I stated at the end of the first installment in this series, we have many other areas to explore together in this great hobby of collecting old time radio. Equipment, books, computers, good programs to collect, clubs, how to catalog, etc., and each will be expanded upon in future installments.

Let's start with good programs to collect. Everyone will naturally have various opinions on this subject, as varied as the number of different programs and the different types of collectors. Some collectors like only westerns, or comedy, or science-fiction. and on and on. And you will find some collectors whose catalogs will reflect a strong trend in only one direction, such as drama. Other catalogs you will not be able to make head nor tails out of, because of the mixed up way programs and reels, or cassettes are listed. Catalogs that list a program title, but without a script title, or date. A program listed with only a date, etc. All of this can be very confusing, and you can fall into the same trap if you're not careful from the beginning with your collecting and cataloging habits. A little thinking about this area will save you a lot of time redoing listings later, or offering the same type of confusing information to other collectors that we are covering here.

We shall start with sending away for

catalogs. You can receive them from either other collectors, dealers, or clubs. I would recommend that you take some time to study this literature carefully. See how complete a certain series is. If you don't know how to tell if your source has a large amount of programs in a certain category, or a small amount, compare this catalog against other source listings. After all, if vou're new to the hobby, you certainly won't know if there are only 27 programs of HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL, or if there are only 27 programs available to begin with! In this case I can tell you that totally. there were 106 broadcasts of HAVE GUN. WILL TRAVEL between 11/23/58 and 11/27/60. For years, 102 broadcasts were available. Only four shows were missing. Now all 106 broadcasts are in my collection since those last four broadcasts have been released.

In any event, by looking through various source material, it won't take even a new collector very long to see that some collectors have a few titles of a certain series, while others have a lot of titles of the same series. When building a certain series that you're interested in, deal with the source that has a large collection of where your interest is. You save time in receiving the greatest amount of programs in the least amount of trading, and you are not spending a lot more money in postage and tape dealing with collectors all over the country. This will also cut down on any sound quality problems you could run into when dealing with many different collectors, providing that the collector you are trading with takes care of his equipment, and is as careful as you are about whom he is trading with.



Terry, his wife Nancy, and friends

Another advantage in this type of trading is that the larger collector probably already has a series in chronological order and you will not be looking from collector to collector for that one or two programs that you know is available, and then once you receive it, to have to rerecord your reels so that they are in order. I might point out also, that when you do this and rerecord your reels, you are also dropping the recording generation of each program one more time, which adds to further quality deterioration in sound. Remember you always add additional tape hiss, distortion, etc., every time a program is recorded over and over again, and you can never remove it. It may not be very noticeable, but it adds up with each recording and rerecording. Many of the larger collectors are never the source of the recordings that you are collecting and therefore, their sound quality is generally better. More on this area in future installments.

Once you've got a good inventory of

one series, you'll find others coming to you for that series, and you can use this material to get something that they have a large collection of. In no time at all, you'll be on your way to establishing a good collection that you can be proud of.

Now, let's look at what is available in the complete, short run department. This would be an area that you can collect on, say, about six or seven reels, or about 30 to 40 cassettes. There are several small run series. I'll list a few titles here, and remember that this is not a complete list of what is available:

Title	of Episodes	Length
The Six Shoote	er 40	30 min.
Fort Laramie	40	30 min.
Academy Awar	rd 39	30 min.
The Sealed Boo	ok 26	30 min.
Adventures by		
Morse	52	30 min.
I Love Adventi	ıre 13	30 min,
The Lives of		
Harry Lime	52	30 min.

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Title # of Episodes		Length				
The CBS Radio						
Workshop	85	30 min.				
Frontier Gentleman	41	30 min.				
Frontier Town	47	30 min.				
Adventures of						
Frank Race	43	30 min.				
Box 13	<b>52</b>	30 min.				
CBS Radio						
Workshop	85	30 min.				
The Damon Runyan						
Theater	52	30 min.				
Flash Gordon	26	15 min.				
Moon Over Africa	26	15 min.				
The Adventurers						
Club	32	15 min.				
The American Trail	13	15 min.				
That Was The Year	39	15 min.				
Police Headquarters	39	15 min.				
Story Behind the						
Song	39	15 min.				
Jerry at Fair Oaks	65	15 min.				
Family Doctor	39	15 min.				
Frontier Fighters	39	15 min.				
Captains of Industry	52	15 min.				
Memories of Hawaii	13	15 min.				
Komedie Kapers	75	15 min.				
Pinto Pete						
in Arizona	78	15 min.				
The Deerslayer	13	15 min.				
The Last of the						
Mohicans	13	15 min.				
Frankenstein	13	15 min.				
Now this would give you a pretty						

Now this would give you a pretty good start with some trading material that is complete with each and every broadcast. In all fairness, I must confess, that some of the above shows will probably not be well sought after programs by a lot of collectors, but you never know. I have all of the above and they have all been requested at one time or another. I also have other complete series, but I just want to give you some kind of an idea that there are complete series that are small and a few others that are large, but that complete series do exist.

Here are a couple of good examples of fairly long running series that are complete and available:

# of Episodes Length Title 130 15 min. Magic Island

# of Episodes Length Title Speed Gibson of the International

Secret Police 178 15 min. 130 15 min. Magic Island Chandu. 154 15 min. the Magician

Now, if you're not interested in only complete series, there are several long running programs that are fairly complete. The series may be missing a program here or there, but for the most part, they are just about as completely put together by collectors over the vears as you can get. The ESCAPE series, for example, is missing just 12 shows out of the hundreds that aired. One missing broadcast in the X MINUS ONE series, and two missing in the DIMENSION X series, etc.

I will not try to assign the number of episodes available, as some of these programs go into the hundreds of programs and are being added to all the time. Here goes:

The Whistler 30 min. 30 min. Calling All Cars 15 min. The Adventures of Jungle Jim Luke Slaughter of Tombstone 30 min. 30 min. Escape X Minus One 30 min. Front Page Drama

American Weekly

15 min.

30 min. Dimension X The Great Gildersleeve 30 min. 30 min. Suspense Lux Radio Theatre 60 min. Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar 30 min. Fibber McGee and Molly 30 min. The Philco Radio Hall of Fame 60 min. Philco Radio Time 30 min. The Cavalcade of America 30 min.

The Jack Benny Show 30 min. The Cisco Kid 30 min. Gunsmoke 30 min. Dragnet 30 min. 30 min. Romance

You must also realize that an occasional program or two, here and there throughout a long running series will be in something less than great or very good sound. But in the quest of completing a series, all examples of each broadcast that are available.

should be included, even down to a bad copy if that is the only known example in existence. We always hope that a great sound upgrade will be found if the only known copy of a broadcast has static, scratches, or dropouts as part of the audio. There are a couple of very poor audio programs in the ESCAPE run, for the most part, completely unlistenable. Recently, an audio upgrade made these programs listenable, but are still a long ways away from the type of sound quality we would like for such a fine broadcast series. This type of audio problem most collectors probably wouldn't list in their catalogs, or maybe even keep in their collection. I keep everything, always hoping for a sound improvement. In the last several years, a lot of work has been done with the ESCAPE series. Many of the broadcasts are now available in much better sound than I ever thought would exist. Very dedicated collectors are going back to the discs, and while using newer equipment and techniques, are realizing much better recordings than were possible before. Some of these programs can hold their own every bit as good as any broadcast heard today. I can only state again, many collectors benefit from a few who have the time. money, equipment, and access to the discs, and then make these tapes available to all collectors. I have recently completed a new set of masters for this entire series in much better sound quality than has ever been available before.

Several years ago, as an example. that most collectors wouldn't want to trade for or consider getting a copy of the SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE series. First off, episodes #31, 32, 83 and 84 were missing. Secondly, the sound throughout most of the run of 178 episodes, was at best, bassy, or weak in volume levels. By pure luck, I was introduced to a man who called me long distance to ask some questions. He was also looking for a couple of programs that I had, and I forwarded

them to him. Some weeks later during another telephone call, he happened to mention having access to several different series of discs. I asked him which ones and how he had access to them. He mentioned several titles, including the SPEED GIBSON series. It seems that he had met a man, who vears earlier, had been a sound engineer at a radio station, and collected the discs as they were used and then discarded. He died and his widow didn't care one way or the other about whether copies were made of the discs.

As to the SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE. it seems that all the discs were there except for about seven or eight episodes. Those seven or eight missing episodes were available from other sources, but the missing episodes #31, 32, 83 & 84 were among these existing discs. Disc by disc was then copied and the master reels forwarded to me. I then made up a master set of reels with the other episodes that weren't in this collection of discs, and the complete 178 episodes were assembled in great sound for the first time to collectors since probably the series originally aired in the late 1930's. You never know where or when you'll find something new.

As a new collector, it is easier if you trade for, or buy complete series together on the same reels, or on a scries of cassettes. This will keep the amount of reels and/or cassettes involved small. This will help you especially if you have any problems with storing a large amount of reels or cassettes. If you intend to collect thousands, or tens of thousands of programs, early considerations of keeping the amount of tape to a minimum will be a wise move on your part. I've seen many catalogs that ramble in several different directions reel by reel. Probably four or five times the amount of tape needed is used, and the owner never really knows what he or she has at any one moment. Collecting a series in chronological order also allows you to see what you

have at a quick glance, but more importantly, what you're missing and need when something new becomes available.

Another big help, and one that is very rare, is a complete alphabetical index to the programs in your catalog and the pages that they can be found on. This is probably the single biggest help to those collectors that you send your catalog to. It sure beats searching back and forth, over and over, trying to find something. This is especially true for yourself. As you get more and more organized, an index really helps. In my current reel-to-reel/cassette catalog, I list 18,433 programs contained on 1,657 reels and 8,561 stock cassettes. Now this is nowhere near the total amount in my collection, but for the programs listed in the catalog. I can find which programs I have, and which ones I'm missing, and on which reel and page in the catalog that they are located, all within a few seconds, using the index in the front of the catalog. I have received many compliments about this one feature more than anything else. It might also make other collectors consult your own catalog rather than catalogs from other collectors that do not have an easy to use index.

You also end up with a reference guide of logs for the programs broadcast when you collect as completely as possible each series. Some catalogs can be used as logs to which programs are available. Indeed, I've seen ads that state this as a benefit to purchasing this or that catalog from this or that dealer.

So the first question as a new collector that you should ask yourself is one of what do I want to collect, and where is the best source. The type of programs can be broken down into a main category, such as drama/mystery, western, comedy, juvenile, soap opera, or science-fiction. Professionally, the broadcast industry breaks these categories down even further into many more titles. That may make it hard for our purposes in the case where a program starts out in one category, and ends up in a different one, such as ROMANCE. But I'm sure you know what I mean.

Here is the listing of what the broadcasting industry used for categorizing programs that were on the air during the 1947 to 1948 season. I think you'll see what I mean by breaking your programs down into just five or six categories.

Comedy Variety
General Variety
Amateur or Talent Contest Variety
Hillbilly Programs

Semi-Variety Concert Music Musical Variety Light Music Quiz Programs **Human Interest Programs** Comedy Audience Participation **Programs** Panel Quiz or Comedy Programs Comedy Talk Programs Prestige Drama Informative Drama Light, Homey or 'Love Interest' Drama Comedy Drama Thriller Drama Sports Broadcasts News, Commentary Public Affairs Talk, Forums Religious Talk Programs Sports News, Interviews Broadway and Hollywood Gossip Programs

Miscellaneous Talk Programs
Daytime General Variety
Daytime Hillbilly Shows
Daytime Concert Music
Daytime Musical Variety
Daytime Light Music
Daytime Disc Jockey Program
Daytime Quiz Programs
Daytime Human Interest Programs

Daytime Comedy Audience Participation

Daytime Light Drama **Davtime Comedy Drama** Daytime Thriller Drama Daytime Women's Serial Drama Daytime Children's Programs Daytime News Programs Daytime Public Affairs Talks Daytime Broadway or Hollywood Gossip Daytime Homemakers' Programs Daytime Miscellaneous Talks Programs You will have a lot of 3 x 5 card boxes around, or tie up a large amount of your computer's memory trying to keen up with which programs you have under which heading if you use these categories. It is easier just to divide

Daytime Informative Drama

main categories and let it go at that.

If you were to choose, for example, to collect westerns, you could look towards some of these titles to collect:

your collection into four, five, or six

THE CISCO KID
THE LONE RANGER
THE ADVENTURES OF RED RYDER
HOPALONG CASSIDY
THE ROY ROGERS SHOW
FRONTIER TOWN
FRONTIER GENTLEMAN
DOCTOR SIXGUN
THE SIX SHOOTER
MELODY RANCH

#### SNOODLES





March, 1923

#### By HUNGERFORD





HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL LUKE SLAUGHTER OF TOMBSTONE STRAIGHT ARROW RIN TIN TIN THE ADVENTURES OF THE SCARLET CLOAK RENFREW OF THE MOUNTIES KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED HAWK DURANGO THE SILVER EAGLE DEATH VALLEY DAYS THE SHERIFF SAGA 1954 DARROW OF THE DIAMOND X SAUNDERS OF THE CIRCLE X FORT LARAMIE GUNSMOKE

These are westerns that are available to collectors. Some of these titles may only have a couple of examples, and others have hundreds of broadcasts that have been put together and saved on tape. Most of the rare examples of some of these programs can be credited to Don Ason for having found them. He is also to be thanked for his time and years worth of effort in tracking down and finding all, except for 11, of the 481 GUNSMOKE programs. That's real dedication to completing a single series. Not only do the rest of us benefit greatly from Don's efforts, but most of the collectors in the country do not have the contacts, nor the equipment to gather and transfer to tape these programs of the past.

I have spent similar amounts of time in tracking down and correctly identifying hundreds of THE LONE RANGER programs. THE LONE RANGER log that I released several years ago, took over seven years worth of research, and it is still being updated as little pieces of new information continue to come in. I completed a major update of information for this log in the fall of 1992, when I was given access to all the original scripts and was able to finally see about 400 scripts that had eluded me for years. It will take several years for a complete rewrite of this log. More about this effort in Part 5 of this series. Many

LONE RANGER programs have now been released to collectors that have not been available before.

The challenge to collecting can really be felt with THE LONE RANGER. program, and other long running broadcasts. More and more broadcasts keep popping up all of the time. There are already around 1.100 shows of THE LONE RANGER available. About half of these are the ABC and NBC rebroadcasts of 1954 through 19556. Consider the fact that 3,376 original broadcasts were done of THE LONE RANGER, that 2,603 were recorded. and that about 550 are currently available of the original MUTUAL Network rup to collectors. More than double that number are found in restricted collections around the country. That leads one to the fun of discovering a new show whenever one becomes available with a lot of room for growth. SPERDVAC (The Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama. Variety and Comedy) has been given the permanent loan of all the discs of THE LONE RANGER and CHALLENGE OF THE YUKON from the current owners. That is close to 4.000 discs of broadcast material from just these two programs. How long it will take before any of these broadcasts will start appearing in the collections of OTR buffs is anyone's guess.

Now that we have some kind of an idea on how to start gathering old time radio programs. I will give you some additional timely tips on getting organized with your growing collection before it becomes unmanageable. These and other ideas in "Information." and Help To The OTR Collector - Part 111."

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions regarding this series of articles, please feel free to send them in care of this magazine, or directly to me at the following address:

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WANTED: Arnos & Andy radio program items, puzzles & stand-ups. Bob Morgan, 4005 Pitman Rd., College Park, GA 30349.

Steve Dolter, 577 West Locust, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. (319) 556-1188 200 reels, comedy, mystery, drama, Fred Allen, Jack Benny, Suspense, I Love a Mystery. Interested in books about OTR or OTR porformers.

Radio books, parts wanted prior 1950 from radio repair shops. Send price list. Richards, Box 1542-D, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT ITEMS wanted. DeWayne Nail, P.O. Box 555, Cleburne, TX 76031

Want these Lux shows: Red River, Alice in Wonderland, Paradine Case, Kent Coscarelly, 2173 Willester Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95124

RADIO ITEMS BEFORE 1935, sets, speakers, tubes, parts, literature & advertising. Schneider, 9511-23. Sunrise. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44133.

WANTED: To hear from anyone with Baby Snooks programs. Buy, sell or trade. Will buy or exchange catalogs. Lynn Wagar, Box 202 B.C.A., St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Celebrity Address File with nearly 9,000 addresses of movie, television, sports, music, and other personalities. Obtain personally autographed pictures and letters from them. Guide with instructions only \$20.00. Jim Beshires, 1111 Clairmont, J–1, Decatur, GA 30030.

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Wanted: 1st Nightbeat program (2-6-50) as well as one where William Conrad appears. Victor Padilla, Jr. 104 Marcy Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211.

Wanted: Trade or buy Tom Corbett and other SF cassettes. Mark Skullerud, 2010 21st Ave. NW, Seattle, Wash. 98177

WANTED: 16" RADIO transcription recordings. All types.—Paul Scriven, 238 West State Street, Niles, OH 44446. my40441

RADIO TRANSCRIPTION DISCS wanted. Any size, speed. — Box 724H, Redmond, WA 98052.

EDWARD HAMILTON, 933 Naismith, Pl., Topeka, KS 66606 wants CBS Radio Mystery Theater; prefers cassettes...

ALLAN SHERRY, 5410 Netherland Ave., Riverdale, NY 10471 is trying to locate the last date for Prescott Robinson on the air plus any other information about him.

THOMAS HEATHWOOD, 22 Broadlawn Pk., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 looking for Portia Faces Life, especially July 1948 and April 1949.

ROBERT SHEPHERD, 129 Highfields Rd.. Abington, MA 02351 wants to know: who was the announcer for Suspense after Larry Thor and also during Bill Robson's era as producer.

Ted Davenport, 1600 Wewoka, No. Little Rock, AR 72116 is looking for reel traders for VG-EX material. 15,000–25,500 shows.

Walt Kunz, Box 1, Islip, NY 11751. Wants Sam 'N Henry, It Pays To Be Ignorant and Mel Blanc; also pre-1965 books and magazines on OTR.

WANTED: To hear from anyone with Baby Snooks programs. Buy, sell or trade. Will buy or exchange catalogs. Lyn Wagar, Box 202 BCA, St. Cloud, MN 56301.

WANTED: Masterpiece Radio Theater, other multipart NPR or BBC dramas. Buy or trade cassettes. Howard Lewis, 132 Hutchin Hill Rd., Shady, NY 12409

Don Berhent, 807 Glenhurst Rd., Willwick, OH 44094. The Shadow and movie serials. Books on both also.

Frank Tomaselli, 29-10 Donna Ct., Staten Island, NY 10314 is looking for 11 AM from 1939-1944; also Fred Allen's Town Hall Tonight.

Tom Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pl., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. Shadow programs between 1941-44. Has supplement to his catalog for a S.A.S.E.

Chuck Juzek, 57 Hutton Ave.. Nanuet, NY 10954. Green Hornet episode where Reid reveals himself to his father as the Hornet around 1943. Need log from 1936-40.

New club based in Seattle invites you to membership. Growing 700 cassette library, printed materials and newsletter. For information write Mike Sprague, Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound, 11732 NE 148th Place, Kirkland, WA 98034.

Amos n' Andy Sale: 8mm film in box— Sheet Music Perfect Song—Fresh Air Taxi Cab tin sign. Bob Morgan, 4005 Pitman Road, College Park, GA 30349

Harry Goldman, RR6, Box 181, Glens Falls, NY 12801 wants Kraft Music Hall of 12-11-47 (Al Jolson) Jack Benny "The Bee", Fiorello LaGuardia tribute to Nikola Tesla over WNYC on Jan. 10, 1943.

WANTED: Kid Shows, Serials, Big Band Remotes, Transcription Recordings on Reel to Reel only please. Write to Wally Stall, 8408 N.W. 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Phil Evans, Box 136 Downtown Station, Bakersfield, CA 93302-0136. Looking for any info in the Candlelight Hour Broadcast from NYC in 1931.

Richard Pepe, Box 303, Ellzabeth, NJ 07207. Looking for listing of Top-40 "Hits of the Week" broadcast on WMGM, NYC by Peter Tripp, the Curly-Headed Kid, from 1955-58 (especially 1956).

07/22/1945: Looking for ANY shows broadcast that Sunday. Network/Local. Trade/Buy. Jim Avoli, 239 Foxcroft Hoad, Pittsburgh, PA 15220–1705 (412) 279–4456

Oldtime Radio-Show Collector's Association (ORCA) is actively seeking members. You can remain loyal to your own local club and still belong. Write Reg Hubert, 45 Barry St., Sudburg, Ontario, Canada P3B 3H6. Debbie Piroch, Rd 4, Box 234, Meadville, Pa 16335. Looking for any show with Nelson Eddy and/or Jeanette MacDonald.

Jim Blythe, 941 Redding Rd., Asheboro, NC 27203. Wants Lum and Abner, Magic Island, Jerry at Fair Oaks.

Marty Lewin, 8836 N. Lincolnwood Dr., Evanston, IL 60203. Looking for Sid McCoy Show (a Chicago DJ from 50's and 60's.) Also any new Phil Harris-Alice Faye Shows.

Ronald Waite, 578 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06511. Interested in Jack Benny.

Chuck Juzek, 57 Hutton Ave., Nanuet, NY 10954. Would like any info about Maurice Joachim who wrote the scripts for The Avenger.

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Wanted: Jack Benny show dated 12/8/46. Jack Goes Christmas Shopping and Buys Don Shoelaces. Steve Ovalline, 10214 Black Mtn. Rd. 49, San Diego, CA 92126.

Wanted: Cassette of any of the radio program "Hotel for Pets" name your price. Bruce Manschak, 6549 N. Drake, Lincolnwood, IL 60645.

Wanted: I am looking for the Green Hornet Show "Underwater Adventure" that aired 9-24-46. Chuck Juzek, 57 Hutton Avenue, Nanuet, NY 10987.

Wanted: "We The People" Broadcast 1-13-50 and any Lum and Abner shows prior to 1941. Willing to trade for anything in my catalog. Steve Ferrante, Box 153, Oakland Mills, PA 17076.

CAN YOU HELP/I am looking for programs with magic or related material. My catalogue has 48 pages. November 1976, and grows. Will trade recordings of anything and catalogue with you. Drop a line: Snader, Box 12-655, Mexico 12, D.F. Mexico.

WANTED: Any information concerning the series "The Shadow of Fu-Manchu." Scripts, magazine Xerox's, East of West coast schedule copies. . . ANYTHING! Will pay reasonable price. Thanks. Jeff Hagerty, 423 S.E. 6th St., Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Van Christo, 91 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116. Looking for Goldberg's Episode which was called "The Hannukah Bush." Wanted. Copies of owner's manual for AKAI reef recorders, Models 1722W and GX-215D. Reproduced coles acceptable. Willing to pay reasonable price. Jack Palmer, 145 North 21st Street, Battle Creek, MI 49015

Trade Fibber McGee and Molly Cassettes VG/EX only. Offer 110 shows. Exchange list. Bill Oliver. 516 Third St. North East, Massillon, Ohio 44646.

Mary Sayer, 801 8th St. F5, Sioux City, IA 51105. Looking for any infor on "Uncle" Jim Harkin, Fred Allen's manager.

Wanted: 1950 Summer Replacement Show "Somebody Knows" by Jack Johnstone. (8 show run) Dick Olday, 100 Harvey Dr., Lancaster, NY 14080.

GILBERT HUEY, 90 W. Triple Tree Dr., Carrollton, GA 30017 is writing an article on Flash Gordon and needs much information on the radio and ty show.

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