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A young Roy Rogers when he was just getting started in Republic B Westerns, long before his TV series. [Courtesy of Frank Markwell's Circle M Resale.]

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the RHAC will be held Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 pm. at the Church of The Master, 5152 E. 17th Av. The church sits on the lot between Filbert and Forest streets. Our guest speaker will be Bill Dorn, Dean of Mathematics and Computer Sciences at Denver University. Bill will bring a program on one of our favorite sleuths, Sherlock Holmes. Bill has amassed quite a bit of memorabilia on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous literary detective and will share his knowlege and articles of interest with us.

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Let's have an excellent turnout for Bill's visit with us. It is not often that we are honored with the presence of an individual with Bill's credentials. Mr. Dorn was featured on NPR's

Morning Edition broadcast on KCFR late last summer.

Remember....the meeting is Thursday, April 9th, not our normally scheduled third Thursday of the month, due to Easter services on the 16th. The meeting is open to the public so, please invite your friends and co-workers.

ABOUT THE COVER

There was not a Saturday morning that did not go by that I wouldn't be found standing in line outside the old Malco Theater in my hometown. Along with hundreds of other kids my age, clutching our sacks full of Beckman's Dairy milk bottle tops (20 was the price of admission), I anxiously awaited the head usher's ceremonial opening of thertheatre doors who, then quickly sought refuge from the flood of yelling, cheering young cowboy fans pouring through the theater doors and clammoring for the best seats in the house. For, Saturday mornings was the weekly spectacle that featured a cowboy double-feature and a serial at this particlular movie house. A blessed respite from the daily grind of elementary school.

On several occassions, Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes would be the main attraction, in one of their well-known shoot-em-ups. One Saturday, I recall, I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. For, on that particular Saturday, I was treated to not only Roy Rogers and Trigger, but to a Gene Autry movie and chapter 7 of a Superman serial. I knew I was spiritually blessed and full of kindness for, I even went as far as sharing my Payday candy bar with a kid I thoroughly detested.

I generally prepared myself for this event by listening to The Roy Rogers Show on Thursday evenings and later on, on Friday evenings during the early fifties. If an event similar to what I just described hits a happy note from your past, then, share with the adventures of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Trigger and Bullit on RHAC Library tapes #484 thru #488. These programs should bring back a lot of wonderful memories.

Happy Trails.....

TUNING IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Chapter Director, Mike Fields, writes to remind the visually impaired that you may now receive the "Talking Newsletter". Just send a C-90 cassette of good quality to Mike with a two sided mailer. Be sure to mark the tape - Free Matter For The Blind - and the current month's newsletter will be recorded for your convenience. Send your cassette to:

The Talking Newsletter C/O Mike Fields 4652 Ridgeglen Rd. Colorado Springs, Co. 80907

Here is Kevin Shields OTR schedule for the Springs area heard on KCMN 1530 A.M. on Sundays from 4 to 7 p.m.

- 4/5 Stan Freberg Show Freberg sponsors Freberg 10/13/57
 Jack Benny From 1933
 Milton Berle Show " 1947
 Day Of The Triffids (BBC) Part 6 Nov. of 1957
 Academy Award Theatre Lost Horizon AFRS
 Authors Playhouse Dan Peters and Casey Jones 4/21/43
 Amos 'N Andy Marriage of Andrew Brown 4/3/39
- 4/12 Stan Freberg Show Last Show with most popular episodes 10/20/57
 Burns and Allen From 1940
 Blondie 2/16/50
 Gangbusters Case Of The Missing Corpse 4/4/41
 Gulf Screen Guild Theatre Red Dust 10/6/40
- Amos 'N Andy Mystics Knights of the Sea Minstrel Show 9/4/36
 4/19 Linits Bath Club Review 9/25/32
 Jack Benny from 1933
 Lux Radio Theater Murder, My Sweet AFRS
 Lights Out Coffin In Studio B
- Amos 'N Andy 2395th Day of Broadcasting 9/19/56
 4/26 Sealtest Village Store Big Clock Skit 5/13/48
 Dr. I.Q. From 1942
 Hollywood Playhouse War Of The Worlds 2/8/55
 Richard Diamond 5/29/49
 Buck Rogers In The 25th Century 4/4/39
- 5/3 Phil Harris Show Remly Swallows Willys' Engagement Ring Sealtest village Store Jack Wherits Country Radio Station 5/17/48 Lux Radio Theater Bugle Ann Chandu, The Magician 4/21/49 Captain Midnight 9/30/40

In the Denver area, Don Tucker's Show can be heard on KNUS on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. 710 on the A.M. dial. Thanks to Don, for doing a fine job keeping OTR alive in Denver and, also for plugging our club and its meetings.

- 4/5 The Green Hornet; My Favorite Husband; Chandu, The Magician; I Love A Mystery
- 4/12 The Big Story; The Life Of Riley; Chandu, The Magician; I Love A Mystery
- 4/19 Gunsmoke: Lum 'N Abner: Chandu, The Magician; I Love A Mystery
- 4/26 The Adventures of Phillip Marlowe; Lif With Luigi; Chandu, The Magician; I Love A Mystery
- 5/3 Suspense; Henry Morgan Show; Chandu, The Magician; I Love A Mystery

All of you RHAC members out there, please tune in on Sundays to OTR in your area. Help support these shows and the people who bring them to you for your listening pleasure.

THAT"S THIRTY FROM THE SPRINGS.....

MEMBERSHIP

You may have noticed that last month's newsletter did not feature any new members or renewals. Vicki was in the process of moving to her new place of employment and did not have a moment to write up the membership report for March. Now that she has settled in, here goes....

Joining the group for the first time is Philip Inglee. Renewing for another year is David Tomlin, Bruce Hertzel, James Harvey, James Snyder, Fred Nicholas, Robert Hawkins, Thomas Monroe, Bill McCracken, Dan Danbom, Gege Thurber, Paul Fahrer and, rejoining is Clell Cunningham. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and, to the new members, welcome. Please use our club's resources to the fullest.

WE GET LETTERS

I recently received a nice letter from Carl Newstrand of Springfield, Va. who wrote to remind us of the OTR article written by William Maltin for the March issue of The Smithsonian. I hope you all had a chance to read it. If not, contact our reference librarian. We have a copy available. Carl also sent an article on books on cassette which I hope to include in a future issue. Thanks, Carl, for you letters. I always enjoy hearing from you.

Clark Secrest of the Denver Post was kind enough to send us the OTK article from The Smithsonian which, as I memtioned, will be in the Reference Library. Thanks, Clark, for thinking

of us.

David Easter of Fallston, Md. sent us a letter with a suggestion as to where one can get a reel-to-reel repaired reasonably, exceptionally and quick. He has had very good luck especially with Sony decks. This service will accept out-of-town business but, you will have to pay the shipping costs and carefully pack your deck. The address is:

AUDIO PROJECTRONICS SERVICES 106 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Md. 21208

Tell them that David recommended them, and, contact them prior to shipping to avoid problems later. Thanks, David, for the tip.

Received a complimentary letter from Daniel Decker of Iowa who had good words to say about Bill Stipp and the Cassette Library. He will be moving to Denver this summer and would like to help out with the newsletter. (I suppose he read enough of our newsletters and concluded that I needed some help. Dan, I understand, has a Doctorate in English and wrote his doctoral thesis on old time radio). Believe me, Dan, I could use the help. Good luck on your move and we look forward to having you play an active part in our organization.

Bob Lane of Aurora, Co. joined our club after a nine year absence and requested the January and February issue of Return With Us Now... I think we can ablige you, Bob, and welcome back.

What took you so long?

William Coombs of Waltham, Mass. sent us a request for some particular shows. (See his request in the WANT-ADS feature. Thanks for your nice words and we will try to get you some results, Bill.

Kevin Shields of Colorado Springs, sent us a nice thank you. If you will recall, Kevin had his apartment burglarized about a year ago and some of his personal equipment was either damaged or stolen. Several members donated to a fund to help Kevin replace and repair some of the audio equipment. Kevin is one of our visually impaired members who has his own OTR show in the Springs area. (See OTR schedule). Kevin writes:.....

...I'm a little slow in responding to your thoughtfulness but, I want you to know how much it meant. Thank you for the money to help replace my equipment.

Sincerely, Kevin Shields

Thom Salome of Brooklyn sent us a nice letter. If you recall, Thom has donated several reels of OTR shows and is planning to send more. Since joining, Thom has been very generous to our club. Not only does he help out organizations like ours but also donates to educational institutions and handicapped groups. Thom is a dealer in OTR memories and his prices are the lowest I have seen. Thanks, Thom, for your generousity and support. If you would like to know what Thom has to sell, please write:

Shadow Sounds Of The Past

Thom Salome 196 Lawrence Av. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230 Next in line on my exposes on each of our board members and officers is our very distinguished Vice-President, Dick King. Dick and his wife, Maletha - who is also cery active in our club - have been RHAC members for almost two years. He learned of RHAC's existence by listening to John Dunning's OTR show and heard John talking about our 1985 OTR Convention. Dick and Maletha came to the convention and they became members at that time.

Dick, originally from California, has been a long time listener of radio and enjoyed listening to radioas radio - before it became known as "old time radio". Dick's personal interests have included caring for and keeping horses - he was active for many years in showing and riding with the Arapahoe Hunt in Colorado. Later, as back problems limited his activities on horses, he began photographing jumpers at horse shows so that others would have pictures and memories of these events.

Dick and Maletha rate a small business among other activities occupied with his busi-It seems that hardly an lem that happens in the not involved. The past tively involved in our This year, finds him mittee of four for the Convention.

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Our hats ore off to Dick King, Vice-President and, wife Maletha for their invaluable service. Dick's favorite show is CAVALCADE OF AMERICA. He has only 550 shows to go to complete the series and, knowing Dick, he will have them before you can whistle Dixie backwards.

DICK KING, VICE-PRESIDENT, RHAC

Next...Bill McCracken...Reference Librarian.

TAPE LIBRARY NEWS

The Reel-%-Reel Library will be moved to its new home effective May 1st. The new librarians will be Dick and Maletha King, who promise to operate the library as efficiently and profes-osionnally as Elmer Westbrook has done. Elmer will still be responsible for the new tapes, both reel and cassette, and seeing that they are in good condition and appropriatly timed with new indexes. Elmer will also be responsible for the care and maintenance of tapes that are worn or need replacing. In the meantime, your orders will be processed by Elmer, Bill McCracken and Herb Duniven with new return labels inserted in each box. Our thanks to those of you who have experienced a considerable delay in receiving your orders. You will be receiving them very soon.

To those of you who have expressed a concern, thanks for your comments. Nearly 700 reels is a great deal for any one person to handle. If any orders has been missed, please contact Elmer. It would help if you have a copy of your order listing the reels in question.

Bill Stipp reports 18 orders have been mailed from the Cassette Library. This is an excellent beginning since the first of the year.

Please mark these reel numbers in your tape catalog with a "C"....192 thru 199 and, 678 thru 682. To summarize, you should have marked reels 1 thru 199 and 647 thru 682 available in cassettes.

Thank you for your support and patience.

WANT-ADS.

William Coombs, 43-B Rich St., Waltham, Mass., 02154, is looking for programs that featured Martha Raye. He believes that she was with Al Jolson for four years and perhaps some of our members have some of these programs in their collections. William has 5500 shows and is willing to trade.

If you can help out Mr. Coombs, please drop him a line with your list. Colohn Adams; 2811 So. Valentia St., Denver, Co. 80231, is looking for the following Betty Hutton records:

Capital Label:

#211 - Doin' It The Hard Way/Why Do You Wanna Make Those Eyes At Me For?

#220 - Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief/A Square In A Social Circle

#380 - Poppa, Don't Preach To Me/Rumble, Rumble, Rumble #409 - I Wish I Didn't Love You So/Sewing Machine Song

#57-696 - That's Loyalty/Hamlet

#2608 (1953) - I'm Nobody's Baby/Hot Dog, That Made Him Mad!!

#2688 (1953) - I Took The Long Way Home/Broke, Bare-foot, and Starry-Eyed

#2776 - Banana Boat/My Cutie's Due at Two Today

#F-3383 (45 rpm) - Sleepy Head/Hit The Road To Dreamland #45-13396 (1955) - Heart Throb/KO KO MO w/Marian Huttom

#??? - This Must Be The Place/The Honeymoon Is Over w/Tennessee Ernie Ford

VICTOR LABEL:

#20-1915 - My Fickle Eye/Wherever There's Me, There's You

#20-1950 - Walkin' Away With My Heart/What Did You Put In That Kiss? #20-2046 - More I Go Out With Somebody Else/It's Lovin' Time

#20-4000.- Who Kicked Out The Light Plug?/He's A Demon, He's A Devil, He's A

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#20-4123 - That's The Kind Of Guy I Dream Of/It's A Man

If you happen to have any of the above records, please contact John or call him at (303) 755-9185. I know he would appreciate it.

FOR SALE: Coustics HEQ7005 stereo equalizer-10 Bands per channel and, a Sanyo #RD-7 stereo cassette deck. \$200.00 for the pair. Equalizer \$125.00; Deck - \$75.00. Both are brand new; still in box with full factory warranty. Manuals and patch cords included. Write to: John Cook (see address inside front cover), or call (303) 690-5827

Have anything for sale, trade or need? Drop me a line. Your request can get results.

Barbara Watkins is looking for photos, interviews or anything related to Sarah Fussell whose specialty was portraying little boys during the golden age of radio. All information will be greatly appreciated. You may write to her: Barbara J. Watkins, P.O. Box 561, So. Pasadena, California 91030.

FUTURE RADIO STARS??????

Your President and Vice-President were guests on Larry Cox's National Recovery Act aired on KOA this past Sunday morning from 12 midnight to 2 am. We had a lot of fun and talked to a lot of folks. Even heard from a listener in Canada.

It was excellent exposure for our organization and already we have received two inquiries about RHAC with hopefully, more to come. The show goes into 38 states and the talk format was continued until 5 am. with calls coming in from all over. Larry continued the OTR discussion with each caller asking them to recall their earliest experience with radio.

Larry plans on having our club represented later in the summer. Perhaps, before Convention time?

Thanks, Larry, for inviting us to be a part of your early morning. We enjoyed it thoroughly. Give our best to Wilbur.

CORRECTION: Page 169 of the Tape catalog was accidently left out of last month's newsletter. You will find it on the last page. Sorry for the error.

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