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Frank Nelson Gains Coast To Coast Fame With Benny

By FRAN ERWIN

He's been on the Jack Benny show both in radio and television for 27 years. He's a man who is famous for ONE word and ONE sentence.

Of course he says more, lots more, but his comical "Yeeaaas" and "Ohhh do I?" are familiar to audiences from coast to coast. And the old slogan rings true with this actor: "Taint watcha say it's the way how you say it".

For Frank Nelson can say a mere "yes" to Jack Benny and get a guffaw of laughter. It's the way he starts it at the top of the scale and melodiously brings it down. "Ohhhh do I?" is given another kind of inflection.

Generally speaking, it's sometimes hard for Mr. Benny to keep

The name of Frank Nelson is known and respected by every actor in the field of radio and television. He has contributed more to the welfare of his fellow professionals than probably any one other performer.

They couldn't have made it more obvious than on the night he was invited by a friend to the Masquers Club for supper and found himself intruding upon a testimonial dinner. His face was really red when he discovered the affair was for . . . Frank Nelson.

A plaque was presented to Frank that night. Bearing a gold microphone and gavel, it was inscribed to a man who had "devoted years of outstanding leadership to AFTRA."

The testimonial dinner was by way of saying thanks to Frank Nelson, who was one of the original four actors to set up the basic concepts of the American Federation of Radio Artists. It was founded in 1937 and Frank is the only member of his profession who has served consecutively on the board ever since.

For four and a half years he was president of the L.A. Local and for three years he was presi-

ship card and has the distinction of being the first performer to be so honored.

He has also distinguished himself by serving as a trustee on the AFTRA Pension and Welfare Fund and on the board of directors of RTRA.

The Nelson den also boasts two other trophies given to him. Since he is a fisherman par excellence and an avid hunter, he was awarded by the Studio City Rod and Gun Club (of which he is a member) a golden trouted trophy for landing a 4-lb., 3-oz., stream trout, and the "Man of the Year" award by the Rod and Reel Club.

Frank hails from Colorado Springs, Colo., and was schooled in Denver. He started out in radio at station KOA-Denver and appeared in little theatres and stock companies there before coming to Hollywood in 1929.

He played every type role on radio and while a member of the then well known show, "The Georgia Field Players," he met Mary. They were married in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather Church, Jan. 7th, 1933. They have two children, a son Douglas and a daughter, Bonnie.



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Businessmen Ignored

Studio City businessmen will receive Americanism awards from the Studio City American Legion Post No. 467, according to George Rawlins, manager of the Studio City Chamber of Commerce office. Rawlins said the Post membership voted unanimously to present awards to The Peters Company, the Pan-American Navigation Company and Republic Studios for displaying the American flag daily on their premises.

Early Deadline Due July 4 Holiday

Because of the Fourth of July holiday next Tuesday, all editorial copy for this newspaper must be in the editor's hands by 11 a.m. on Saturday. The early deadline is necessary in order to allow Val-Publications employees to observe the July 4th holiday. Absolutely no editorial copy will be accepted for publication after the Saturday deadline.

GIRL FOR WELSHS

and Mrs. Gerald Welsh, Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks are the parents of a baby born recently in West Community Hospital.



FRANK NELSON

Frank Nelson, a handsome man with a slight smile, is shown in a suit and tie. He is the subject of the adjacent article.

Frank Nelson and his lovely wife, Mary, are shown in a photograph. They are the subjects of the article about their home and landscaping.

Their circle of friends referred to the idea as "Nelson's folly." They just couldn't understand how any couple could build such a beautiful home way out in "the sticks." We trust these friends have long since eaten humble pie.

In 1939, Mary's architectural ideas were revolutionary. Each room in the house is luxuriously spacious. Mary brought a touch of her New Orleans background to Studio City by ordering a fireplace built in the master bedroom. She also designed the den which has driftwood panelling, the rage of present day interior decorating, and a flagstone fireplace built by a master craftsman, truly a work of art.

We chatted with the Nelsons in this warm and cheerful den where we were welcomed with an almost pear-shaped-toned voice saying, "Rots of ruck! . . . I'm a dear boy." We looked around at Frank to see if one of his hidden talents was ventriloquism only to find Frank talking back to the "voice." We discovered, in a cage in the corner, a Myna-bird! "I'm Ali-Babble," the bird said, "thank you very much."

basic concepts of the American Federation of Radio Artists. It was founded in 1937 and Frank is the only member of his profession who has served consecutively on the board ever since. For four and a half years he was president of the L.A. Local and for three years he was president of the National Union. By then, AFRAs' standards were high. In July, 1958, Frank was present

played every type role on radio and while a member of the then well known show, "The Georgia Field Players," he met Mary. They were married in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather Church, Jan. 7th, 1933. They have two children, a son Douglas and a daughter, Bonnie. Frank has appeared on radio about every year since he worked regularly besides the

Landscaping Due On Freeway Link

Landscaping along the Ventura Freeway link between Radford Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. is now underway and is expected to be completed within 185 working days.

The contract, awarded to the T. J. Roberts Company, will consist of planting over 25,000 trees and shrubs, not including grass and ground cover. This area will be cultivated, fertilized and equipped with sprinkling systems.

A. S. Campbell Heads State's Accountants

Adam S. Campbell, Studio City accountant, was installed as state president of the Society of California Accountants at its annual convention, Saturday, June 24th at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, California.

Campbell has been a practicing public accountant at the same location in Studio City for the past 19 years. He is a member of the Studio City Rotary Club, is a Shriner, being a member of the Al Malaika Temple and the San Fernando Valley Shrine Club.

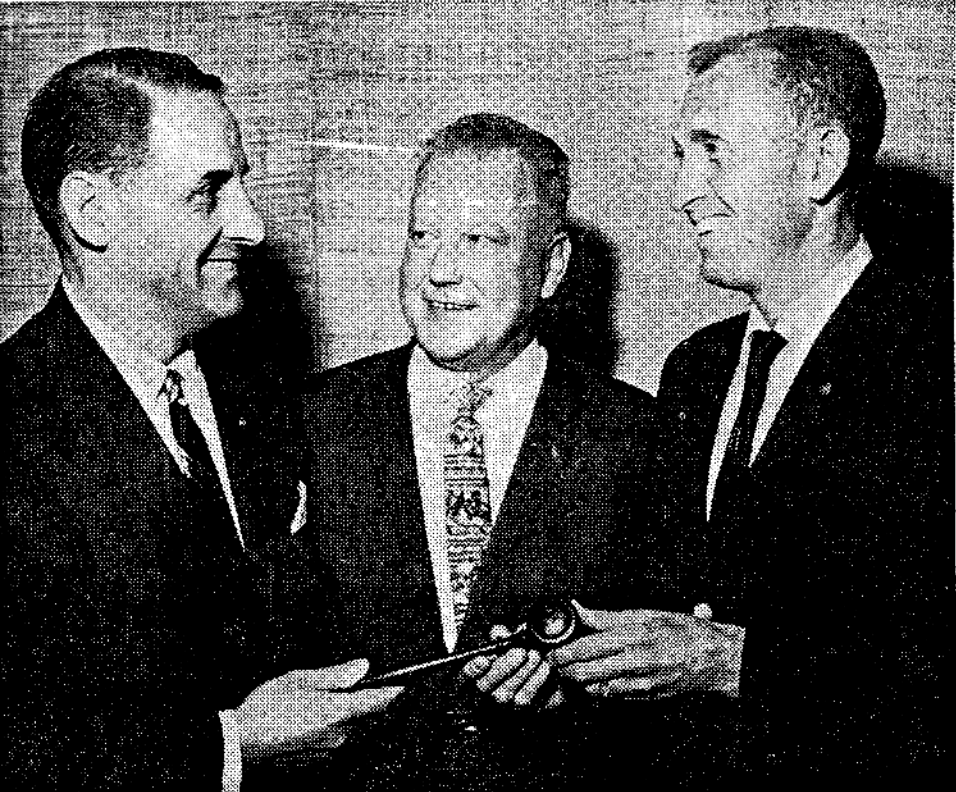
He resides with his wife, Lucille, at 15461 Sutton Street, Sherman Oaks.

Ed Waters, general contractor and Sherman Oaks resident who has been drilling holes for planting of the shrubbery on most of the freeways, stated today that he felt this newest landscaping project will have a major role in eliminating much of the freeway noise and also in beautifying the general area.

Waters pointed out that areas along the freeway stretch between Radford and downtown Los Angeles, which have been landscaped for from three to five years, suffer very little from noise, except from large trucks.

Expressing his opinion that he felt landscaping will contribute much to noise reduction, Waters suggested that a law be enforced to compel all trucks and cars, especially those with dual exhausts, to be equipped with sound reduction mufflers.

Diesel trucks could be allowed to use cutoffs outside of residential areas, with posted signs similar to those enforcing the litter law, Waters suggested.



Gay Parris Says:

IF IT BOTHERS you to step to the window and take a look at that old car in the driveway, then surely it is time to trade the poor ole thing in on one of the low priced beauties offered in today's paper by DICK STEELE RAMBLER.

Before you deal, take the wheel of a DICK STEELE RAMBLER, and you'll see that they are the finest in town and well worth the dollar saving price.

DICK STEELE has been called an aggressor for his assault on high prices. Low prices at all times is his policy and at no sacrifice in

