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These Are Our Neighbors:

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 trout 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 Fife and Drums," 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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Studio City business-
men 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 mem-
bership voted unanimously to
present awards to The Peters
Company, the Pan-American
Exposition Company and Re-
cording 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 news-
paper must be in the editor's
hands by 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The early deadline is nec-
essary in order to allow Val-
ley Publications employees to
celebrate the July 4th holiday.
Absolutely no editorial copy
will be accepted for publica-
tion after the Saturday dead-

GIRL FOR WELSHS

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



FRANK NELSON

A bright face when playing
bridge with Frank Nelson
and his lovely address
Mary Lansing, San Francisco
pioneers of Studio City.

Looking for a "Fryman ranch" (now Fry-
man Road and considerably more
developed) and Mary designed
just the home she wanted built
on their eucalyptus and walnut-
shaded property.

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 fire-
place built in the master bed-
room. She also designed the den
which has driftwood panelling,
the rage of present day interior
decorating, and a flagstone fire-
place built by a master crafts-
man, 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 Ven-
triloquism only to find Frank
talking back to the "voice." We
discovered, in a cage in the cor-
ner, a Myna-bird! "I'm Ali-Bab-
ble," the bird said, "thank you
very much."

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tively on the board ever since.
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was president of the L.A. Local
and for three years he was presi-
dent of the National Union. By
then, AFTRA members "Frank
Lansing and Mary Nelson" had
been in the Studio City area
for some time.

In July, 1953, Frank was present

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children, a son Douglas and a
daughter, Bonnie.

Frank has appeared on radio
shows about every star who
worked regularly besides the
National on Page 8.

Landscaping Due On Freeway Link

Landscaping along the Ventura Freeway link be-
tween Radford Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. is now under-
way and is expected to be completed within 185 work-
ing days.

The contract, awarded to the T. J. Roberts Com-
pany, will consist of planting
over 25,000 trees and shrubs, not
including grass and ground cover.
This area will be cultivated, fer-
tilized and equipped with sprink-
ling 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 Hot-
el in Berkeley, California.

Campbell has been a practic-
ticing public accountant at the
same location in Studio City for
the past 19 years. He is a
member of the Studio City Ro-
tary Club, is a Shriner, being a
member of the Al Malaika Tem-
ple and the San Fernando Valley
Shrine Club.

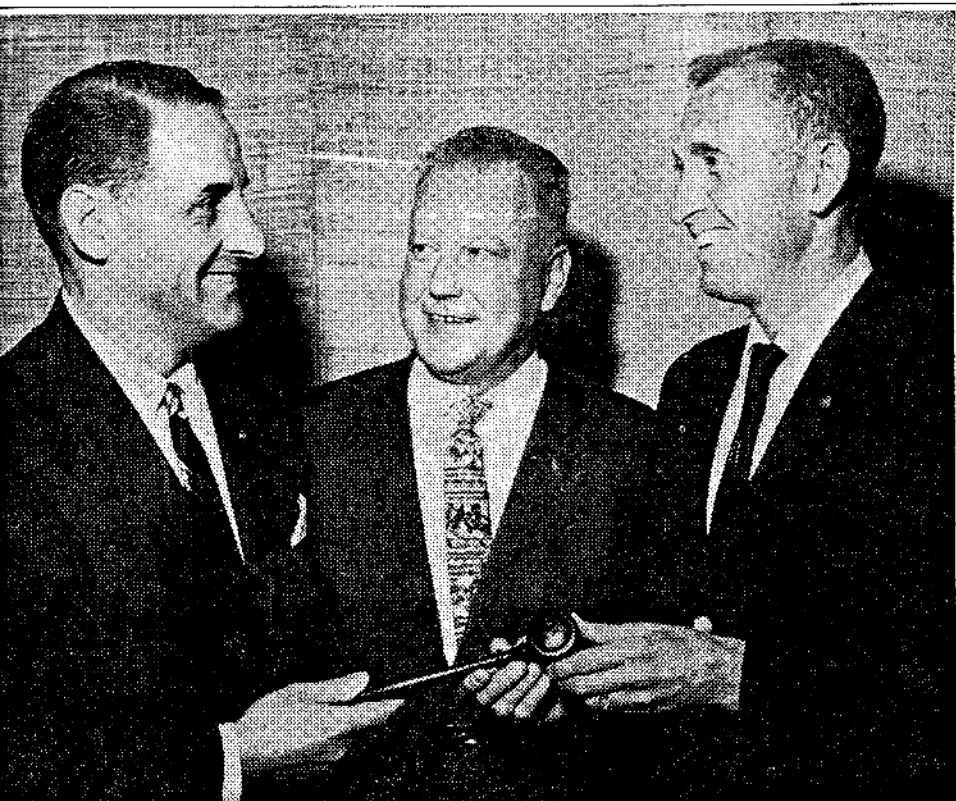
He resides with his wife, Lu-
cille, at 15461 Sutton Street,
Sherman Oaks.

Ed Waters, general contractor
and Sherman Oaks resident who
has been drilling holes for plant-
ing 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 free-
way noise and also in beautify-
ing the general area.

Waters pointed out that areas
along the freeway stretch be-
tween 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 ex-
hausts, to be equipped with
sound reduction mufflers.

Diesel trucks could be allowed
to use cutoffs outside of residen-
tial areas, with posted signs sim-
ilar 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 to-
day'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 dol-
lar saving price.

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

was graduated from North Hollywood High where she joined Chanteclair Club. Her husband, a lieutenant in the Coast Guard Reserve, was graduated from the University of Washington where he was affiliated with Sigma Chi fraternity.

The two became engaged in Amsterdam, Holland last fall while on a European tour.

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CHATTER: Bill and Fran Townsend, their children, Bryce and Mary Lynn, are settling in their new home at 4148 Shadyglade Street . . . Mike Barnett jetted via American Airlines to Chicago, Ill., where he will visit for three weeks as the guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moses and Mrs. Mary Barnett . . . Dr. Kenji Kimura of Tokyo, Japan was the recent houseguests of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Salisbury . . . Dr. Kimura practices six months of the year in Tokyo and the rest of the time aboard a cargo ship which tours around the world . . . Mrs. Lillian Mendelsohn enjoying a trip to Disneyland and other points of interest while visiting in Studio City . . . Joanne and Arthur Miller, their children Brit and Wynn of Billings, Mont., enjoyed

More About: Frank Nelson

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Benny show were "Fibber McGee and Molly," "Lux Radio Theatre," "Abbott and Costello," "Baby Snooks," "Blondie" and so on. He played leading man to such beauties as Bette Davis, Claudette Colbert and Jeanette MacDonald.

When television swept the nation and the radio show became a thing of the past, the transition didn't hurt the talented Frank. He kept right on going. In fact he has been with Benny longer than any other actor in his company.

Awards in the home also bear the name of Mrs. Frank Nelson. She is one of the few women in the entire country to have taken a Camp Fire Group from the age of seven through high school.

Mary was personally honored by receiving the Camp Fire Organization's silver medallion for 10 years of devoted service, and The Spastic Children's Guild Awarded a special plaque to the Blue Bird group.

We, his neighbors in Studio City, salute Frank Nelson . . . and to paraphrase "Ali-Babble" wish him "Rots of Ruck!"

(Next week: Dick Elliot, character actor, will be the subject of Fran Erwin's entertaining series.)



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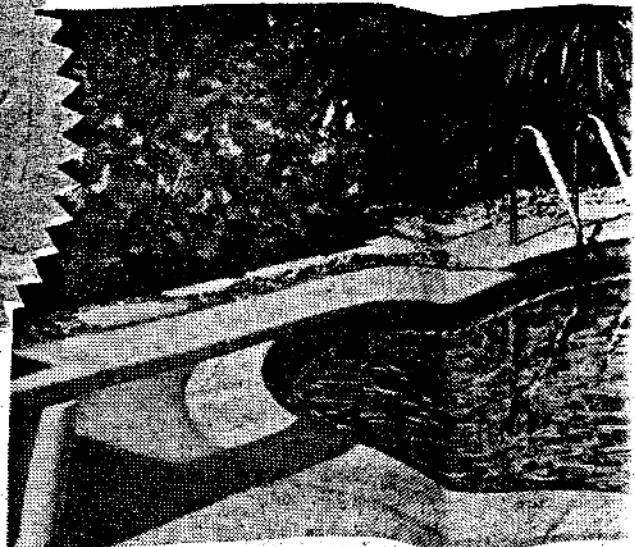


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