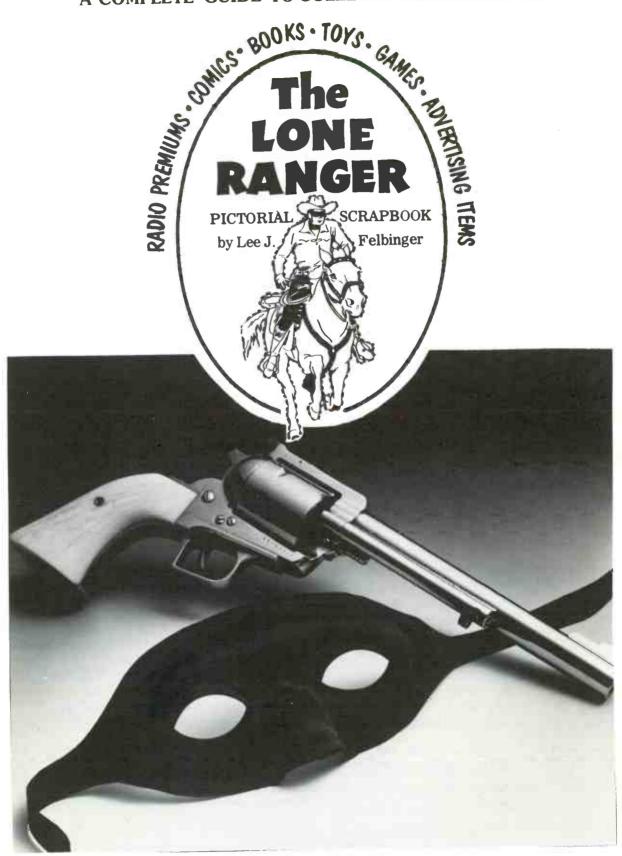
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On the following pages you will wander through a pictorial scrapbook of a radio and television legend America took to its heart. Included are never before published photos, clippings, toys, games, comic books, cards, advertisements, comic strips, buttons, movie ads, books and all those wonderful radio premiums you had ... and could never forget!

Although this book is primarily a hobby project, utilizing my own collection of Lone Ranger memorabilia, I have also included prices in the collectibles portion of the book. However, it is my hope that it will be much more than that to my fellow collectors, that it will provide enjoyment and information to all those interested in the Lone Ranger, whether it be Brace Beemer or Clayton Moore. I have tried to include a comprehensive scrapbook; however, I'm sure that there are items I have missed. I would appreciate hearing from collectors with additional information or corrections.

The prices shown were averaged out by checking with collectors, catalogs, flea markets, conventions, etc. These figures can only serve as a guide, as prices range widely on many items and the condition of the collectible influences the price.

Have fun ... read ... look ... enjoy! Return to those thrilling days of yesteryear and to those happy times when ten cents and a box top could buy a world of dreams.

Lee J. Felbinger Green Lane, PA

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The white German Shephard shown with him is his trusted companion and is named "Silver" and was born in, of all places, Silverdale, Pennsylvania.

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO:

My Aunt Sis, Aunt Annie and Uncle Herman who raised me after my mother died and never threw away my childhood mementos of my hero the Lone Ranger. My boyhood room in Pittsburgh remained the same until I was an adult and returned to reclaim many of the items in this book.

My dad, who taught me his love of horses and how to say "Hi-Yo Silver Away". My biggest thrill as a child was the day my dad let me drive the red produce wagon and Nellie (a draft horse) from the Pittsburgh produce yards to the stable after a long days work. (Of course Nellie knew the way home by herself and needed little direction from a small boy yelling "Hi-Yo Silver" to her).

Last but not least my wife, Suzanne, who has put up with my hobby and interests over the years.

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FOREWORD by BOB BEEMER Son of Radio's Lone Ranger

To say I was pleased when Lee asked me to pen a few words for his new book, just doesn't say it all. He asked me, "How was it growing up as the son of a celebrity like the Lone Ranger?" Well, I took out a column I wrote in 1971 entitled "Confessions of a TV Personality". It was just after I had been interviewed on television, a sort of mini-remembrance of Dad's passing five years previous. Here is the opening paragraph.

"I guess a lot of people think it would be great fun to be the offspring of a celebrity. Let me tell you the real and absolute truth. Of course it was!"

There have been several books and articles of late by the offspring of celebs. I have read them all and fail to understand how they can write and say what they have. Don't fool yourself. Every family has a closet or two which should remain closed. But to air it all for money only proves that if you can't be a selling writer without the sensationalism, you just ain't no writer at all.

Nationally known author and photographer William W. Diehl called me to offer his condolences when Brace passed away. We had been co-publishers and editors of a weekly mag called "TV Today". He asked me, "Bobby Boy (Bill's term of endearment for close friends) are you going to write your Dad's biography now?" We had discussed this possibility on numerous occasions. I told him "NO". To tell Brace's innermost thoughts, family problems and private life would really serve no worthwhile purpose. So much has been written about dad that people, when I'm giving a speech someplace as I did recently at a meeting of the Michigan Antique Radio Club in Lansing, Michigan, ask me to corroborate the accuracy of what they have read elsewhere. You know, "Let's get it straight from the horses mouth so to speak". I tell them the unvarnished truth consistent with my concept of good taste.

When we were kids (J.D., Barbara and Dick), we moved to another house whenever Dad made another buck. This was consistent with his father's philosophy. A man who has money is a fool to go working if he has money enough not to do so but live it to the hilt. It was a standing joke in Connersville, Indiana, that when the sign went up at Beemer and Son Music Store, "Gone Fishing", they mumbled to each other, "Well, Joe Beemer sold another piano." But, I disagree. Moving entailed a new school for us all. Invariably, there was at least one student who came up to my brother J.D. or me and challenged us with, "The Lone Ranger is pretty tough. How tough" are you?"

We soon devised a system to handle that problem. Simply stated, you have to whip me, then my brother and then, if successful, BOTH of us at the same time. We also told them that nobody ever beat the combo. We didn't lose because we decided

early on not to fight fairly. Dad told us never to start a fight but never take a whipping either. And we didn't.

As Brace Beemer's children, we lived in the company of politicians like Gov. Frank Fitzgerald, Sen. Homer Ferguson and Mayor of Detroit, Edw. J. Jeffreys. It was a thrill to meet V.P. Alvin Barkley, Secy. of Treasury, Ivey Baker Priest and J. Edgar Hoover. Just imagine the thrill of shooting a Thompson sub-machine gun next to Hoover himself on the FBI range in Washington. I did and that was heady, heady stuff!

Basically, I grew up literally at the studios of WXYZ. Some of the people I saw and met were Danny Thomas, Dorothy Lamour, John Hodiak and on and on and on. I spoke my first words on the air at age 6.

Dad had taken me into a small two seat studio used for newscasting and explained when the red light went on, he would read the news. Well, the red light went on and out over the ether went a juvenile voice. "Let 'er rip, Dad." He was too horrified to do anything except to clasp an enormous, at least to me, hand over my mouth.

Life for the Beemer boys was fishing, duck hunting, pheasant hunting, rabbit, quail and pigeon shooting. Planting and harvesting crops of hay and oats on the first Beemer farm was spring and fall. It was training and showing horses and huge fried chicken dinners on Sundays with family friends cooked by our family retainer, Nano Hilbert.

So anyone can easily see growing up in our family was hardly any fun at all. Allow me to close with a quote from the newspaper column I mentioned at the beginning.

"To those who were fortunate to know my father, he was more than a voice on radio, a man you could have a hamburger or martini with. He actually believed in the Lone Ranger."

"The LR on his boots stood for honesty, fair play and the basic goodness of man Not too many years ago, Reader's Digest ran a series of stories entitled "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met"

"If I were on the editorial board, I would have bought any story about Brace Beemer that came across the desk."

> Bob Beemer October, 1988



WHERE HAVE ALL THE HEROES GONE?

The youth of America need heroes ... good guys in white hats, or whatever words you may choose to describe them!

Call it corny, call it old fashioned, but in the days of my youth, we had heroes that we could look up to, pattern ourselves after, aspire to, and we were better for them. Heroes were everywhere in those days. On the football field there was Doc Blanchard and Glen Davis -- Mr. Inside and Outside were on the Saturday sport pages every week. Baseball had Jackie Robinson, Gil Hodges, Ralph Kiner, Johnny Mize, Micky Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, and Bob Feller. Out in the West we had Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy and a posse of other western heroes.

This book is a pictorial and written tribute to a fictional character from those days and to Brace Beemer, and Clayton Moore, the men who made, molded and developed him into a hero who has been a legend for generations of fans that were thrilled by their performances in the title of the Lone Ranger.

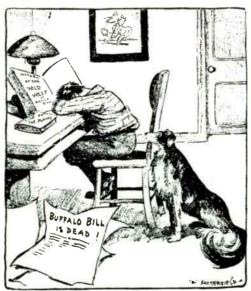
It seems like only yesterday that I was back in the smoky twilight of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the early forties, watching for the street lights to come on at dusk. This was the signal for me and my buddies that it was time to run home and get a seat in front of the family radio. I always sat in front and could see with my vivid imagination, the Lone Ranger and Silver, galloping out of the mesh speaker of our trusty Philco.

Fred Foy's exciting, unbeatable voice announcing once again that classic, polished opening ... Hi-Yo Silver, a fiery horse with a speed of light, a cloud of dust and hearty Hi-Yo Silver - The Lone Ranger.

No matter where I was or what I was doing, I always made sure that I was home in time to thrill to that classic opening of gunshots, hoofbeats and the William Tell Overture! For the next 30 minutes, the voice of Brace Beemer cast a spell over me that no one could interrupt.

With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early days of the West. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. The Lone Ranger rides again! I can still recall the time my father took me to the Pittsburgh Police Circus to see the Lone Ranger and Silver. The thrill of seeing and hearing Brace Beemer's cry of Hi-Yo Silver echo throughout the packed stands of Forbes Field remains with me now if I close my eyes. My disappointment at not getting to shake his hand as he circled the stands and was mobbed by both young and old fans who could afford those more expensive seats down in front was noticed by my father. As a consolation prize, he bought me a Lone Ranger felt pennant souvenir of our trip to see my hero. To this day, I have this pennant in my Lone Ranger collection of memorabilia. It means a great deal to me and reminds me of that long ago trip with my father to see my boyhood idol.

The whole country suffers from a lack of heroes today, especially with the Watergate story, drugs in all aspects of the country, and leaders in government, business, media, show business, etc. being exposed in shady deals, criminal acts, and immorality. We have a desperate need in America for heroes -- for our youth and for ourselves of the older generation. There is a need to create the fine virtues and values that we need and should strive for in ourselves, family and friends. I, personally, would like to see more apple pie, flag waving and a return to a faith in America, its leaders and in ourselves. Let's stop emphasizing the negative and start shouting out the positive side of American life and values. Let's bring back the heroes in the white hats to center stage and push the "bad guys" of today and their standards into the wings for good.



Mourning the death of a hero and the Wild West, a boy weeps in a *Boston Record* cartoon, January 15, 1917.



The success of any fictional character or hero depends on countless intangibles that can neither be foreseen nor considered. A great many characters are created, developed and presented to the public but through the years, only few remain as established heroes of fiction.

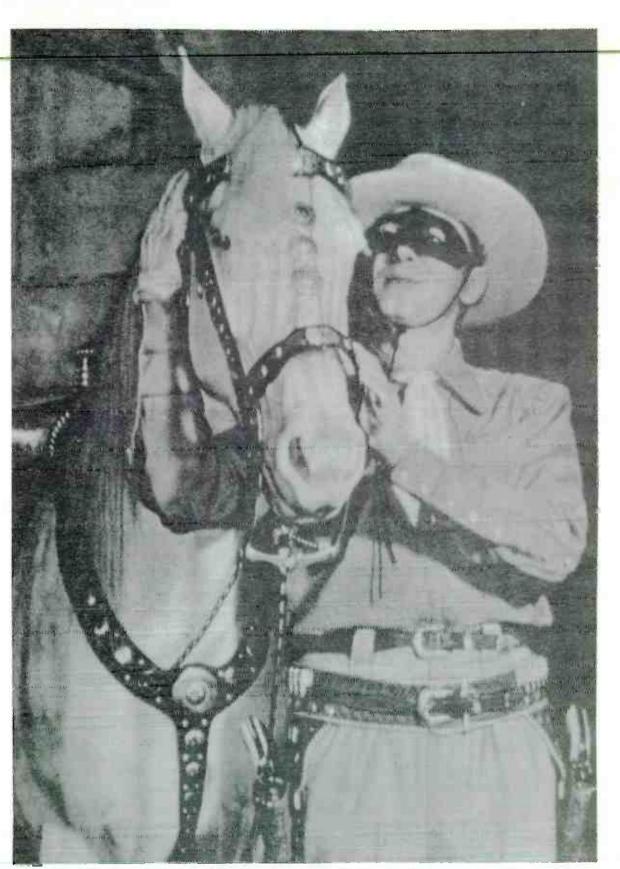
The Lone Ranger, with his ringing cry of "Hi-Yo Silver!", has become an American institution ranking with top heroes of folklore and legend. The Lone Ranger is a hero born of radio and aired by a Detroit showman, George W. Trendle, who was truly a twentieth century pioneer.

Mr. Trendle, a pioneer in motion picture distribution and exhibition, and his associates turned a single nickelodeon into a chain of Detroit movie theatres. In 1928 they decided to sell the chain of theatres to Paramount; however, Trendle stayed on as active head of the United Detroit Theatres.

In 1930, he became interested in radio and sold his associates on the idea of establishing station WXYZ in Detroit and WOOD in Grand Rapids. Again, Trendle established a statewide network, with station WXYZ as the keystone for the Michigan Radio network.

When the station terminated all affiliations with Columbia Broadcasting System, Trendle faced the challenge of assembling a schedule of high caliber to meet the stiff competition of famous radio stars and bands. He organized a dramatic stock company and began searching for suitable radio scripts. A Buffalo, New York writer, Fran Striker, was asked to supply scripts. Striker responded with one program a week for Trendle's dramatic group.

Trendle found an outlet for his many years of experience in the theatre in radio drama. He watched over his own productions, as well as those of his competition, and decided that most shows were being designed for adult listening. His decision was to create a program for the vast youth audience, one which would be interesting and exciting, inspiritional and educational ... his aim was to entertain, and at the same time to instruct and inspire. A program that would appeal to children and adults alike.



Brace Beemer, the radio ranger, was heard on hundreds of radio broadcasts and seen at countless personal appearances astride the great horse "Silver".

Trendle recalled that during his motion picture days the pictures that received the least criticisms were the western, and they were always very popular with fans of all ages. A western story would be the best type program, he decided. A radio series that would tell about the hardships endured by our pioneers and the resulting character traits and principles that became our American Heritage.

During the winter of the Great Depression, Trendle considered and rejected dozens of program possibilities. He finally decided that his main character would be a rider visualized as a lone operator. He would be a man of mystery — one who, for some reason, concealed his identity. This "Lone" operator who would ride on the side of right and justice was implied to have been a Texas Ranger.

When Trendle mentally put together the bare bones of this "Lone Ranger" character, he called on Fran Striker to sculpt the flesh and blood. Striker wrote, rewrote and rewrote, again, the first trial script.

The first broadcast of this trial script was late at night, without any advance publicity. The staff of WXYZ was enthusiastic, but Trendle objected to Striker's conception of the Lone Ranger as a somewhat lighthearted hero, who laughed when he trounced over evil villainy. The Lone Ranger, Trendle declared, should be the "embodiment of granted prayer." Every day, there were suggestions from Trendle such as, "The Lone Ranger must not shoot to kill." "Action, more action!" "Watch the logic; don't become farfetched." "Be fair to all racial and religious groups." "Good grammar, when the Lone Ranger speaks." Story after story went to Trendle for study and personal revision.

Finally, Striker assembled 12 scripts and evolving from these scripts was Tonto, The Lone Ranger's Indian companion, and the now famous phrase, "Hi-Yo Silver, A-Wa-a-ay!"

On January 30, 1933, the Lone Ranger first launched his silver bullets over station WXYZ and became a regular fixture in the program lineup. Trendle was torn with the doubts and uncertainties of an expectant father. Was anyone out in radio land listening to the Lone Ranger? Had youngsters taken him to heart as a hero?

A startling reply came in mid-May, when the Lone Ranger offered a free program to the first 300 children who applied to the station. Twenty-five thousand letters poured into WXYZ. Mr. Trendle had his ideal program.

In July of that same year, the Detroit Department of Recreation innocently announced The Lone Ranger would make a personal appearance at the annual school field day on Belle Isle. Seventy thousand screaming kids packed the Isle. Emergency squadrons of police had to quiet the crowds to avert a near panic. Trendle was now confident that he had struck the bonanza of radio broadcasting — he had a hit show!

The Lone Ranger

Announcer-Narrator

Western Adventure

CAST:

The Lone Ranger (John Reid) George Seaton Jack Deeds Earle Graser Brace Beemer Tonto John Todd Dan Reid, The Lone Ranger's nephew Ernie Stanley Jarnes Lipton Dick Beals Butch Cavendish Jay Michael Thunder Martin Paul Hughes

nephew Ernie Stanley Jarnes Lipton Dick Beals Jay Michael Paul Hughes Harold True Brace Beemer Harry Golder Charles Woods Bob Hite Fred Foy

Also: Rollon Parker, John Hodiak, Jack Petruzzi, Herschel Mayal, Ted Johnstone, Amos Jacobs (later known as Danny Thomas), Bob Maxwell, Frank Russell, Elaine Alpert

Creators: George W. Trendle, Fran Striker Producer-Director-Writer: James Jewell Directors: Al Hodge, Charles Livingstone Chief Writer and Story Editor: Fran Striker Writers: Felix Holt, Bob Green, Shelley Stark,

Bob Shaw, Dan Beatty, Tom Dougall, Gibson Scott Fox

Theme: "William Tell Overture" by Rossini Bridge Music: "Les Préludes" by Liszt Opening:

MUSIC. Theme up full and under . . .

SOUND. Hoofbeats fade in . . .

RANGER. Hi-yo Silver!!!

SOUND. Gunshots and hoofbeats . . .

ANNOUNCER. A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty hi-yo Silver! The Lone Ranger!

MUSIC. Theme up full and under . . .

ANNOUNCER. With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early western United States. Nowhere in the pages of history can one find a greater champion of justice. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear . . .

SOUND. Hoofbeats fade in . . .

ANNOUNCER. From out of the past come the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse Silver. The Lone Ranger rides again!!!

RANGER. Come on, Silver! Let's go, big fellow! Hi-yo Silver! Away!

MUSIC. Theme up full



The triweekly production of the "Lone Ranger" was an expensive undertaking, even in those days of low prices and salaries. For a solution to his budgeting problems, Trendle turned to H. Allen Campbell, a brilliant advertising salesman for the Hearst organization.

Mr. Campbell accepted the challenge and assured the continuation of the Lone Ranger program by selling it to a baking company for broadcast, not only in Detroit, but also in Chicago and New York City.

Unabashed by the countless difficulties involved in the three station outlets, Mr. Campbell helped establish a three-station hookup, with WXYZ feeding the Lone Ranger program to the nationally famous stations, WGN and WOR. This hookup was called the Mutual Broadcasting System. Campbell also arranged for sponsorship on a number of New England Stations, and later the stations of the West-Coast-based Don Lee Broadcasting System. With the two ends of the nation linked for the broadcast of the Lone Ranger, the Mutual Broadcast System became a coast-to-coast network and an important voice in radio. Then eventually the General Mills sponsorship in 40 northern states also.

With his financial problems behind him, and his favorite hero successful, Trendle learned that imitation, although flattering, may well be costly. Many imitators began to appear, hoping to cash in on the success of the Lone Ranger. Again, Trendle knew just where to find the man he needed. Raymond J. Meurer, a young attorney who was on the path to becoming one of the "big names in the law profession" was made the legal representative of the Lone Ranger. Meurer was convinced that the Lone Ranger could be a big factor in the teaching of Americanism . . . something that must be preserved, protected against cheap imitators and carefully guarded at all times. There must never be any unfavorable publicity about the program or any individuals connected with the program that could disillusion the millions of boys and girls who idolized the masked hero. Throughout the years, Meurer traveled to every part of the country to put down imposters, block copyright infringements and guard against misrepresentation in publicity or advertising.

During the run of the radio series, the Lone Ranger and Tonto traveled the country from Texas to the Dakotas, from the Mississippi to the Pacific, dispensing justice and silver bullets. Stops were made along the Rio Grande, the Panhandle on the Barbary Coast at the Redwood Timber Grab, the Chisholm Trail, the Canadian Northwest Border. Badmen, who had it coming to them, got it on riverboats, in gold rushes, in copper and silver mines, and in the Indian Wars. Stagecoaches, covered wagons, the pony express . . . all played their parts. Famous names, like Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok, Billy the Kid, Geronimo, General Custer, Samuel Colt have also been skillfully worked into the radio episodes.

The Lone Ranger, Silver and Tonto did their part during World War II, from a war dispatch: "Whenever we approached an output in our speedy jeep, the driver sang

out the American password of the day, "Hi-Yo Silver", and in reply came the guard's leather lunged reply, "A-Wa-a-y!"

From another dispatch, "They have named Mosquito pilots the "Lone Rangers" of this war." From Radio Daily, December 24, 1943, "The <u>seventh</u> annual nationwide poll of writers-critics, shows the Lone Ranger tied for first place in "Children's Shows". The Ranger has been either first or tied for the last three years." The Ranger programs didn't stop there, but continued to win awards and other recognition over the years.

There was always a "set" opening for every live broadcast. It was always heralded by the William Tell Overture, then, over the music, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, a hearty Hi-Yo Silver — The Lone Ranger." Next the commercial and, "Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear . . . From out of the past come the thundering hoofs of the great horse Silver — The Lone Ranger rides again."

The close of the show was just "Hi-Yo, Silver — A-Wa-a-y!"

The Lone Ranger property continued to grow and prosper under the guidance of George W. Trendle. America found a special place in her heart for the Lone Ranger, the original good guy in the white hat!

He was a mystery — everyone was curious as to who he was. He even had to wear his mask in the studios of WXYZ and at all public appearances. But he was America's hero, he never shot to kill, he was always on the side of the law, he always told the complete truth. Best of all, because he had an Indian as his faithful companion, he was shown to be free of prejudice.

Several times a year, the program would make a special premium offer for a Lone Ranger item. Costing no more than ten or fifteen cents, along with a box top (of course) from Cheerios, Kix or Wheaties. Upon sending the proper ante to Michigan or Minnesota, the weeks would be full of anticipation as kids across the country waited for their brown package that contained a Lone Ranger premium — a bargain at any price!

The ultimate radio premium, Frontier Town, which was basically a four-and-onehalf-foot square sheet of paper in four separate sections depicted a map of a complete western town, complete with 72 models of buildings, bridges, trains, wagons, etc. Once you had the four sections and purchased the extra boxes of Cheerios (17 of these models were on the backs of special packages), you could follow the adventures of the Lone Ranger and Tonto in Frontier Town for an entire year.

Although George W. Trendle is given the bulk of the credit for both creating and enhancing the Lone Ranger idea, it was the voice of Brace Beemer who carried this successful radio program for its twenty-one, most-listened-to years on radio.



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Trained Ponies and Dogs

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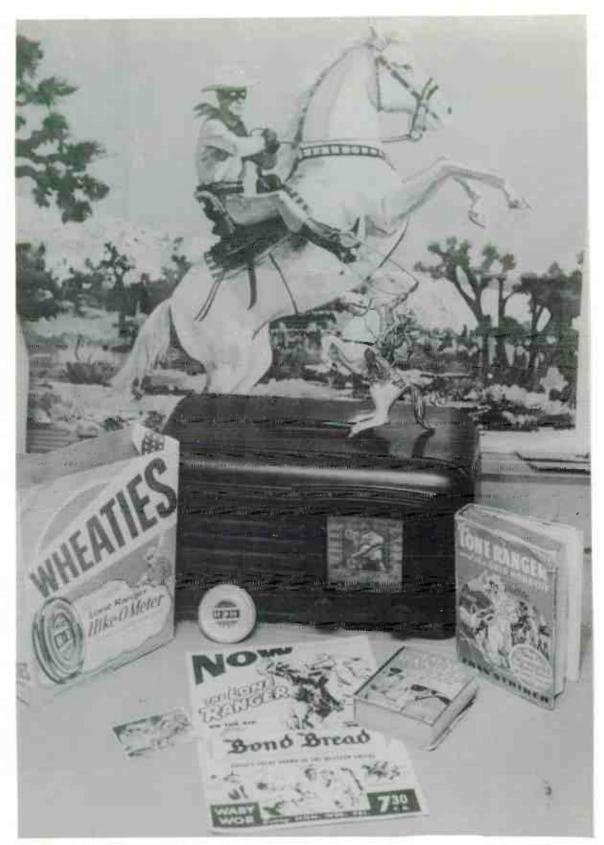
Circus poster promoting "Hi-Yo Silver" of radio fame as a feature attraction. This was the first Silver that was used before Trendle bought his own white horse for personal appearances. Carl A. Romig is shown on the horse that he owned, trained and rented to WXYZ for Lone Ranger personal appearances. In 1954, the Lone Ranger, Inc. was sold by the Campbell Trendle Agency in Detroit to wealthy Texas oilman, Jack Wrather, for 3,000,000 — a record sale up to that date.

What is the reason for the Lone Ranger's longlasting appeal and loyalty? It is best expressed by the words of Wrather, as quoted in Screen Thrills Illustrated Magazine: "The Lone Ranger is a composite of every man who stands for law and order, always stresses the fact that young people of America owe much to their ancestors, and to pay this debt, they must maintain their heritage and pass it on to their descendents."

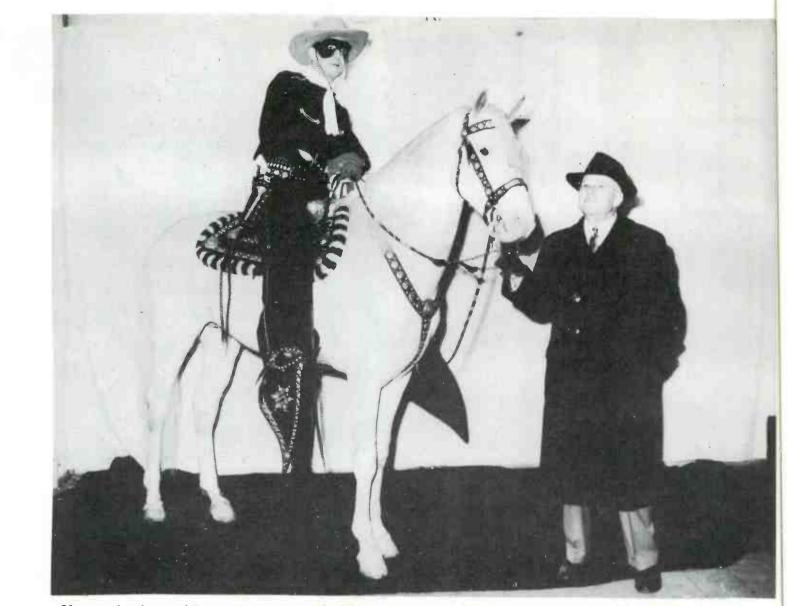
"All those things teach something. They teach patriotism, fairness, tolerance, sympathy, religion. And, yet, they don't preach, these lessons, once learned, will never be forgotten."

And neither will the Lone Ranger — "Hi-Yo Silver, A-Wa-a-y!"





As the popularity of the radio show increased in the 40's, so did the merchandising of the Lone Ranger character from an adult radio (pilot), books, toys, gum cards and cereal premiums.



Very early photo of Brace Beemer astride Silver, that's Lone Ranger creator George W. Trendle at right. (Note holster and mask — both were changed or improved for personal appearances.)

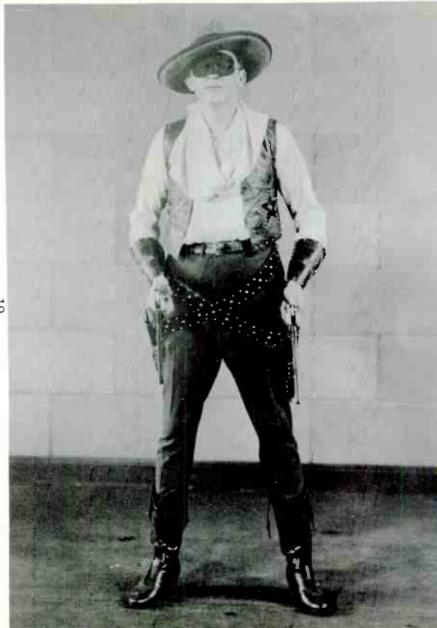
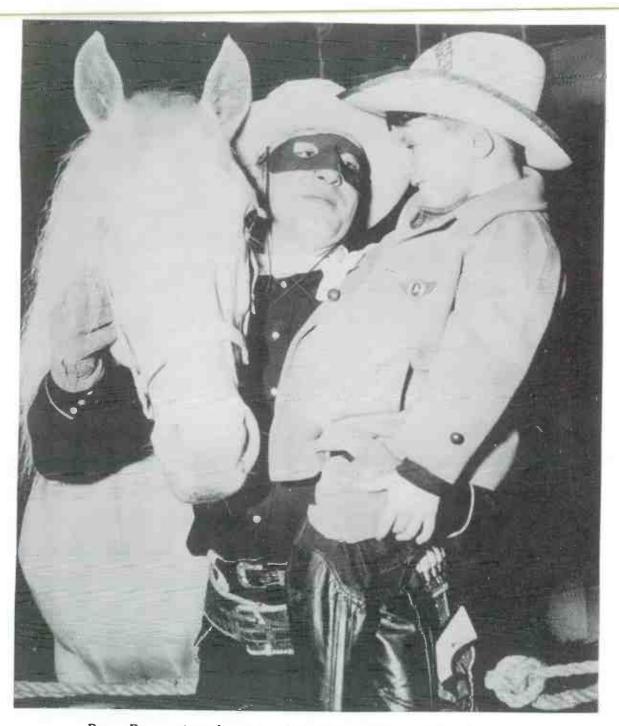




Photo on left shows Brace Beemer in early Lone Ranger publicity photo (taken by a Detroit photographer 1933-35).

Radio's Lone Ranger, Brace Beemer, admiring Silver's beautiful saddle in early 1941.

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Brace Beemer introduces an admiring young fan to Silver during a 1940 personal appearance. Note the boy's Lone Ranger cowboy hat with Lone Ranger logo — a highly desirable collectible today.



Shown above during a rehearsal of "Duffy's Tavern", Brace Beemer demonstrates his Colt Revolver to Ed Gardner (Archie, the bartender). Brace was a guest on the show February 2, 1943.

Brace Beemer (sans mask) clowns it up with popular Leo Carrillo, television's Pancho on the Cisco Kid Show.

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Jack Pickering

Here and Now

HI-YO, SILVER! Just yell "Hi-Yo, Silver," or whistle the theme song "Buddyup-buddy-up-buddy-up - up - up," and 50.000,000 adventure fans know who you mean. It's the

Lone Ranger. Maybe it's more than 50, 000,000. It might be 10 times that many, be-cause, in 10 years, his fame has spread all over the world, and his

adventures

THE RANGER

are printed in French, Spanish and a few other languages.

but who created him? Who is the real Lone Ranger? He's a fellow Deterious a fellow Detroiter, and it's high time you met him.

His name appears in this and scores of other newspapers, every day of the week. But, without skipping back to the comic page, can you remember his name?

Oh, you can, eh? That's right. Fran Striker.

Going home from a late movie some night, you might meet him in Grand Circus Park, going to work at midnight.

An energetic young man. somewhere along in his 30's, he isn't given to the temperamental quirks usually attributed to authors, but he has a few peculiarities, and one of them is going to work in the middle of the night.

How he started doing it, he doesn't exactly know. He got used to working nights, and now, when he can work pretty much when he pleases, he finds he can do his best work from midnight to 5 or 5:30 a. m. Besides, it's quiet then, and there's nobody to bother him.

So, every night around midnight, he leaves his Grosse Pointe home and goes down to his office in the Stroh Building and figures out what the next adventure of the Lone Ranger will be.

Along about daybreak, he goes homes, catches a nap, gets up to have breakfast when his family (his wife, Janet, and three little Rangers, Bob, 12, Don, 10, and Francis Jr., 5) are having lunch.

In the afternoon he goes downtown again to answer fan mail, and have conferences with added from time to time to help him with the daily flood of fiction that he produces.

He gets home again in the latter part of the afternoon, tinkers around the house, reads, plays with the children and has supper. Sometimes he goes to sleep again in the evening but not always. And at midnight it's time for a cup of coffee before he goes to work.

"They're unusual hours," Striker admits, "but I see as much of my family as most men do, and probably more."

The Lone Ranger began as a radio serial. George W. Trendle, of WXYZ, was sparring with one of the big networks, and got Striker, then in Buffalo, to create a character "like Zane Grey's Lone Star Ranger."

From there on in Striker took it and created the world's best known gun-totin' rider of the west.

Now the Lone Ranger gal-lops through comic strips, comic books, novels and movies.

"Some of his colloquial language, translated into other languages, sounds pretty funny sometimes," Striker says. "Boy, "Boy, it must be a job, translating."

Writing that much would be enough to wring most men dry in a few weeks. Not Striker. He not only has kept the Lone Ranger going for 10 years, in all its various fictional forms, but has added some others along with it-the Green Hornet, Ned Jordan, Federal Ace, the Crim-son Fang, and Thrills of the Secret Service. He also supervises the Challenge of the Yukon.

He writes seven days a week, year in and year out, and for a big part of the time he was turning out 50,000 to 60,000 words a week. A good many novels are less than 50,000 words; the Bible is 733,000, so Striker was doing the equiva-lent of four books a year the size of the Bible.

All this was in addition to supervising movies, hunting up new ideas, helping his three sons with their hobbies and tending to his own (making fireworks; taking photographs, both still and motion pictures, some in color) and tinkering around the house, which he enjoys.

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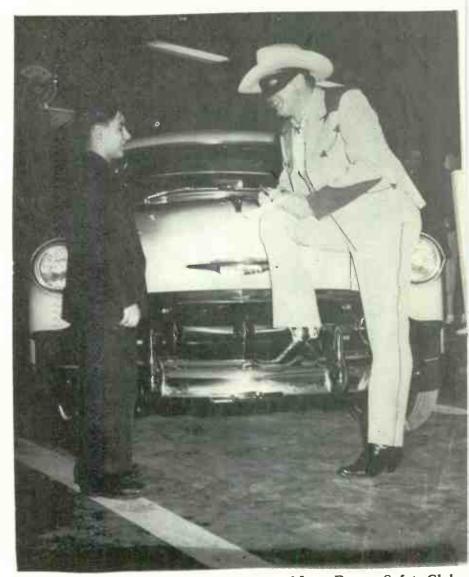
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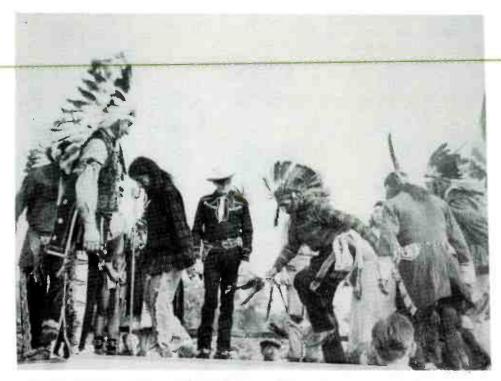
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A little girl accepting a personal silver bullet from Brace Beemer at a local personal appearance.



Brace Beemer signing autograph for a proud Lone Ranger Safety Club member.



While on promotional tours Brace Beemer did not forget to make appearances with some of the neighborly tribes of his companion and faithful friend, Tonto.



Here honorary blood brother Brace Beemer holds a pow-wow with the tribal chief on one of his many personal appearances.



Here a boy's dream comes true as he meets his radio hero the Lone Ranger at a thrill circus during the late 40's.



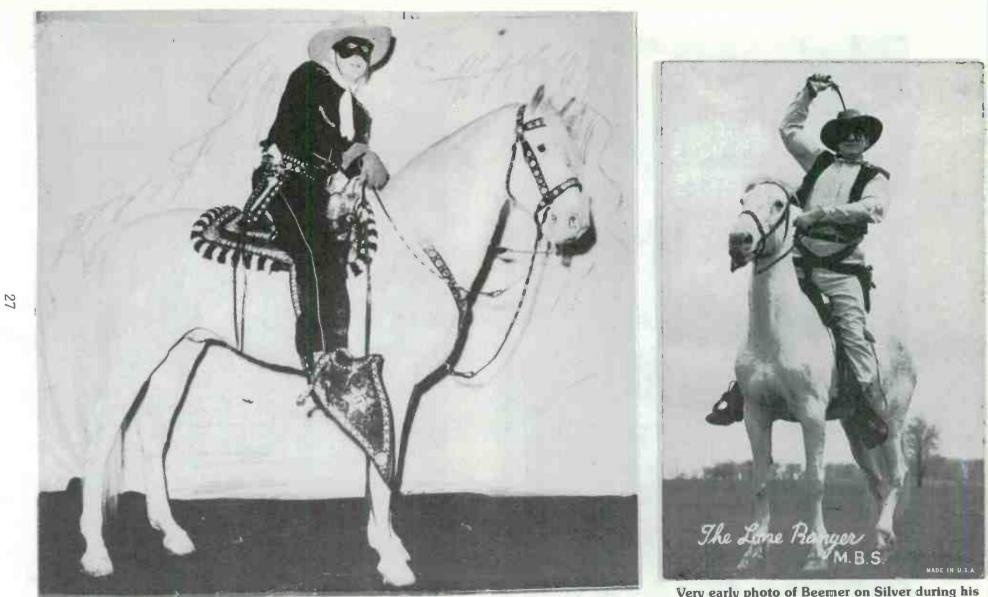
You had to dress the part to act the part...even on radio. Proof is this photo of Brace Beemer and the entire cast which participated in the old radio

programs. Beemer had to wear the mask everytime he entered the public. Photo supplied to Lee Felbinger courtesy of Mrs. Brace (Leta) Beemer.



Here a Boy Scout Jamboree admire their special guest heroes Lone Ranger (Brace Beemer) and Tonto (Jay Silverheels T.V.'s Tonto).





First Promotion Photo of Brace Beemer on Silver taken shortly after assuming the role of the Lone Ranger after Earl Graser's death. (Photo Circa 1941).

Very early photo of Beemer on Silver during his first role as the Lone Ranger in 1933 (Shortly after Graser took over the role until his death in 1941). Notice outfit Beemer and Silver have is based on early drawings of Radio Ranger. (Photo Circa 1933) This photo also was later used as exhibit card.



Brace Beemer birthday party at radio station WXYZ. At the extreme right is Tonto as played by John Todd.



1938 serial, "The Lone Ranger", was first shown in Detroit at the popular Palms Movie satre.

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Traffic Crash **Ends** Epic of 'Lone Ranger'

The voice of the "One Ranger," a hero to countly a busands of radio listeners, was tilled Tues-

day by the very diard he sought to curb -highway traffc. Fa W. Graser, 32 years old, way the n front of the Farm-ic chodist Church in subil. hurtled out of control into the rear of a parked trailer. The accident occurred at 5 a. m. For dent occurred at 5 a. m. For months, Graser, in personal mes-sages to the "Friends the Lone Ranger" and issed ins program and he vote to promote traffic safety.

Program to Continue

The "Lone Ranger" will still be heard on WXYZ, key of the 140station network which broadcasts the program. Brace Beemer, the original voice or the Barry Barry er" original voice or the for a few months at the program's start nearly 10 years ago, will resume his old role. Beemer is now the narrator for the program.

In contrast to his adventures on the air, Graser in private life was quiet and studious-even standoffish, his neighbors said. But if he was standoffish it was only to carry through the aura of mystery which surrounded him on his pro-gram. He lived in Farmington in a quaint farmhouse built in 1842, with his wife and one-yearold daughter.

On the air his real identity was shrouded in secrecy, and in private life only an intimate few knew him as the "Lone Ranger."

Graser had played the role of enforcer of justice for almost nine years, and the network over which the program was carried, WXYZ officials said, was the largest of any radio program.

Until 10:30 a. m. Thursday Graser's body will be at the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home, 23720 N. Farmington Road, Farmington. Services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the German Evangelical Church in Farmington.

Brace Beemer Dies;

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Deaths Elsewhere

voice of the legendary "Lone off the air in 1955. Ranger" that thrilled millions of listeners from coast to coast for of the most popular on the air, many years, in Oxford, Mich. program originated in Detroit in Ranger, his horse, Silver, and 1933 over station WXYZ and was his faithful Indian companion, aired from coast to coast. Mr. Tonto, were household words. aired from coast to coast. Mr. Beemer originated the role in the first few months on the air. the William Tell Overture, the



BRACE BEEMER LONE RANGER

Then the late Earl Graser took over as the voice of the legendary hero of the west and continued in the role until his death in 1941. Mr. Beemer again took over the role and was the Lone

Brace Beemer, 62, the radio Ranger until the program went

enjoyed by adults as well as The half-hour weekly radio children. The names of the Lone

hoofbeats of horses and the cry, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, a hearty 'Hi-Yo Silver, Away'-the Lone Ranger."

Following the death of the radio program in 1955, Mr. Beemer slipped into relative oblivion. He had nothing to do with the movie or television versions of the Lone Ranger. Clayton Moore was the television voice. Mr. Beemer retired to a 'ranch'' near Detroit. He raised thoroughbred horses and dabbled in land as a sub-divider.

Tuesday, July 16, 1957-THE DETROIT NEWS-31

Voice of 'Tonto' Stilled as Actor Todd Dies at 80

The radio voice of Tomo on with only brief vacation interthe Jone Ranger for 21 years, ruptions until 1954. John 10dd, 80, will be buried in Crossingville, Pa., Thursday.

County, Pa., died Sunday night the South and New York. at Henry Ford Hospital after a

While playing the radio role The rosary will be said for of Tonto, Mr. Todd also acted Mr. Todd at 8 o'clock tonight in the Green Hornet, another at the William R. Hamilton Co., radio thriller popular in the 3975 Cass. 1930's and 1940's.

1933 to begin his career here child, and a brother. Mr. Todd

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Before World War I, Mr. Todd played in musicals and stock companies in Chicago, Mr. Todd, who was born Omaha, Neb., where Harold Frederick McCarthy in Erie Lloyd was one of his friends,

Discharged from the Marines at Henry Ford nesphal after a three-week illness. He had taught dramatics for 16 years LeGallienne and was on the at the Detroit Conservatory of old Orpheum circuit for seven dusic and recently appeared years. He also did radio work on several percon relevition in St. Paul and Cleveland be-programs.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Mary Dorcas Cadenhead, Mr. Todd came to Detroit in of Salem, Mass., one grandas Tonto. He continued in this lived at the Strathmore Hotel.

Radio's 'Lone Ranger' Oxford, Mich, March 1---(AP)-Brace Beemer, 62, who played "The Lone Ranger" on radio in the 1930s and 1940s, dide today at his home here. He had been playing bridge with friends when he was strick-en with a heart attack. "The Lone Ranger" show's trademarks of the William Tell Overture and Boemer's "HI yo, Silver, away," were familiar to a generation of radio adventure



HI-HO, SILVER'S SAFE — The "Lone Ranger's" horse Silver, standing high and proud, seems to realize that he is not headed for a glue factory but will spend his days on the Oxford, Mich. farm of Mrs. Brace Beemer — who also looks happy about it all. Mrs. Beemer is the widow of the masked "Lone Ranger." Obituaries 6/29/79 George Seaton, 68, '34th Street' director

> maker George Seaton, who wrote and directed "Miracle on 34th Street," "Airport" and several other memorable Hollywood films, died in his sleep at his Beverly Hills home yesterday. He was 68. Mr. Seaton had been suffering from

BEVERLY HILLS. Calif. - Movie-

cancer for about two years, said Alan Rivkin of the Writers Guild of America, West.

During a 40-year film career, Mr. Seaton won two Academy Awards for his screenwriting and was beloved by actors and actresses for his softspoken "human quality" as a director.

Lean and hawk-nosed with a low radio-trained voice, Mr. Seaton had put a personal stamp on performing history even before coming to Hollywood. As the title character's voice of the original "Lone Ranger" show at a radio station in his hometown of Detroit in the early 1930s, the 20-yearold Seaton shouted, "Hi Ho Silverrrr" and beat his chest with coconut shells to give the sound effect of Silver galloping off.

His biggest commercial success was as writer and director of "Airport" for producer Ross Hunter in 1969. "Airport' grossed \$45 million in film rentals in the United States and Canada and was the biggest moneymaker in Universal Pictures history until "Jaws."

Died. George W. Trendle, 87, creator of The Lone Ranger radio serial: of a heart attack: in Grosse Pointe. Mich. A vaudeville-house owner who switched to radio at the start of the Depression, Trendle sought to turn his struggling Detroit station into a monevmaker with a program that would be "good, clean and long-lived." Hence his Masked Rider of the Plains didn't smoke, swear, drink, fool with women or even kill the bad guys; he did endure and make a fortune for Trendle. The Lone Ranger lasted 20 first-run years on radio and twelve on television. and the show's popularity inspired Trendle to create two more true-blue heroes: The Green Hornet and Sergeant Preston of the Yukon.

TIME, MAY 22, 1972

Gone Is the Mask Lone Ranger' Leads the Lutheran Hour

The Lone Ranger is back on radio in Detroit where he held forth for more than 20 years.

The voice of Brace Beener. radio's "Hi-yo Silver" man, is the narrator for a religious program at 6. to 6:15 p.m/" Sundays over CKLW.

Beemer, now a real estate developer, near Oxford, emcees' the new Missouri Synod program, "Detroit Lutherans Present"

It's much like a job he had. 30 years ago when he was an nouncer and narrator of the original "Lutheran Hour" that originated here with the Rev.

Walter Maler, 1963 BEEMER SAID there was never any conflict between introducing preachers and pretending to fide about, with a. masks

"The content of the Lone Ranger program was good for Sunday schoolers and was ronsistent with Sunday school teachings, he said.

"It is preaching, but not preaching," he said. "The Lone Ranger never preached as wuch.".

NOW BEEMER Jeaves the preaching to men like W. Harry Krieger, president, of the Michigan District of the Missouri. Synod Lutherans, in, the new programi

Beemer still gets about speaking to his many admirers. Recently after speaking in a little, church in Kentucky a gray -, haired little woman came up to him and wanted to know if he really were the Lone Ranger.

"Can you hit 's penny in the air with a Colt 45," the little old lady asked.

"I can come close," the great Lone Ranger told her. "Oh, I'm so disappointed," the little lady said, "Buffalo Bill used to be able to hit it."

WHEN HE comes on the, air now, the Lutheran Lone. Ranger puts out more stately fare, than the moral achieved, with i violence. some, years back.

He signs off with a poem.

"There is an hour of peaceful rest, Mourning wanderers, give, There is a joy for souls. distress, A balm for every wounded breast, "Tis i found above in heaven."

Death Strikes Lone Ranger Cast Again

For the second time in a year, death, which the characters of the "Lone Ranger" program "shrugged off" in radio dramas from week to week, has come to the cast.

On April 9, a year ago, the familiar voice of the "Lone Ranger" himself, Earl W. Grazer, was stilled by his death in an automobile addet to a constant

mobile a MARL 9 91942 well-Saturday, the 9 equal wellknown "gravelly" voice of "the sheriff," John Ered Reto, was stilled.

Reto, a member of the cast of the broadcasts heard from coast to coast, died in Harper Hospital following a five-week illness. For nine years, almost the length of time the series of western dramas has been unfolded. Reto was in "The Lone Ranger."

Before he came to Station WXYZ, the fifty-seven-year-old Reto was a veteran of the stock companies.

His body will be at the Wood Funeral, Home, 8450 Plymouth, until Sunday night when it will be taken to Butler, Pa., for burial.

3/14/80

Farewell to Tonto

The Lone Ranger said good-by to Tonto at a memorial service Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. **Clayton Moore**, who played the famous masked man with the silver bullets, was among the 300 persons who attended the service for Jay Silverheels, the actor who portrayed Tonto, the Lone Ranger's faithful Indian sidekick. Silverheels, a Mohawk Indian, died at 62 last week in the Motion Picture Hospital. "I thought of him as a brother," said Moore. "I loved him very much. I'll miss him. He was my kemo sabe, which we all know means faithful friend." Moore and Silverheels were friends on and off the screen. "Jay was a fighter for the Indian people," said Moore. "The Indian cause was utmost in his mind at all times."

Charles Livingstone, producer and director of radio's 'Lone Ranger'

DETROIT (AP) - Charles D. Livingstone, 83, who produced and directed "The Green Hornet," "The Lone Ranger" and "Sgt. Preston of the Yukon" for live radio from 1938 to 1954, died Monday in a nursing home in Sarasota, Fla.

A University of Michigan graduate, he joined Detroit radio station WXYZ in 1933, playing minor roles in "Warner Lester" and "The Lone Ranger" and a major part in "Thrills of the Secret Service."

His first directing assignment came that year in "Dr. Fang," where he was credited with improving the timing of live radio broadcasts.

Livingstone was named the station's dramatic director in 1938 and remained there overseeing the nationally broadcast shows until 1954, when he went to Hollywood to help supervise filming of "The Lone Ranger" for television.

RANGER'S HINT OF FATE DETEN Hi-Ho-Silver-Away! o Takers for 2 Steeds Is_the Ulder ARade merse He- died in March, leaving Silver out to pasture for good? the famed, stallions among his Or will the big white stallion possessions. He wanted children thill today's youngstars the them, his wife said way it did their parents in their Frank. McInnis, director of youth? Silver, portrayed in TV ser-think today's kids know about ies by horses now 27 and 14 the Lone Ranger or Silver. If years old, is not vanted by the Detroit zoo, the Department of Parks and Depresence of the Detroit Police Department's Mounted Division "But. we handle wild animals. Mounted Division GRAZING ON FARM We don't have a stable or exercizing grounds for horses. The horses have been grazing "Mayer Cavanagh asked us incognito at the farm of Mrs. Brace Beemer in Oxford, Mich. to take a look at the horses Her husband was the original and see if we could house them. Lore Ranger - the old West's They're beautiful animals, but epitome of goodness who in-stallions sometimes are not too

evitably traimphed over stereo-gentle. We con't know how they typed badness to the delight of woold be crownd children." Backs and Eccreation offi-Parks and Recreation offi-

> cials have expressed smalledoubts. And Detroit police can not use the Lone Ranger's horses in its mounted division "Ranger fans might wonder if the animals' future lies in the famous cry of the departing masked-rider-"Hi-Ho, Silveraway."

Death: Livingston



LIVINGSTON: Lone Ranger unmasked

Cowboy film star Robert Livingston, 83, who once removed his mask while playing the Lone Ranger, died Monday at his home in Tarzana, Calif., after a career that spanned more than 45 years.

millions.

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The brief mask removal came in the 1939 movie The Lone Ranger Rides Again. Republic Pictures thought that would endear him to viewers as the Ranger,

preventing other movie studios from duplicating the character. 3-9-88 - USA Today

Harold L. Neal Jr., 55, a former president of the ABC radio network, died Thursday at his home in Darien, Conn., after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Neal, who became president of ABC radio in 1972, resigned last

March He joined ABC in Detroit in 1943 as

a staff announcer for WXYZ on such popular network programs as "The Lone Ranger," The Green Hornet" and "Sergeant Preston of the Yukon," all produced at WXYZ.



The Lone Ranger made the transition from radio to television in late 1948. Although it was a well known fact that Brace Beemer wanted to do the television show, as well as the radio program, he was not given the part by Trendle. Instead, the Lone Ranger was portrayed by veteran actor-stuntman, Clayton Moore. Moore had performed in many of the top serials produced by Republic Pictures and also in many western features.

A great many fans of the radio program were disappointed when Beemer was not cast in the part. Most of them had followed the career of Clayton Moore at Republic and other studios and had to admit that he earned his spurs and was a good second choice as the Ranger on television.

However, because television was still a relatively new medium, the Lone Ranger show's initial production values were far less satisfying than they should have been.

After several years of low production values (although the show was extremely popular), Jack Wrather acquired the Lone Ranger copyright. The action then moved away from the crowded, poorly matched sets to beautiful, spacious outdoor locations. Wrather continued to improve the show, and in the final years, the television productions were outstanding in every respect. Many of these shows were filmed in color, with original scripting and fairly large casts.

After the first season, Moore decided he needed more money to portray the masked rider. Trendle, always careful with a buck, decided to find another Lone Ranger. He also felt that he wanted a taller, heavier Lone Ranger. Moore, of average height, had suffered initially in comparison with Beemer's great radio voice and the audience's imagination of a taller Lone Ranger.

It was about this time that the movie's Jack Armstrong became television's Lone Ranger. George Trendle decided to cast John Hart, who appeared in the movie serials of *Captain Africa* and *Jack Armstrong, the All American Boy*.

"Remember, Tonto, the law is on our side."



We should let everyone know that Wrather Corporation owns The Lone Ranger*, and that his name, likeness and certain characters and expressions associated with him (Tonto^{*}, "Hi Yo, Silve^{*}," and "Kemo Sabay₈") cannot be used without our permission, and we won't tolerate any rustlers. Wrather Corporation. The company behind the man behind the mask.

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Lone Ranger's Sold for 3 Million

the Lone Ranger was sold Monday for ward without dollars in cash.

Tonto and Silver were included in the transaction.

George W. Trendle, who created the Lone Ranger as a radio program 22 years ago on WXYZ and parlayed it into a multimillion-dollar radio, television, comic book and record property, announced the sale.

He said all stock in The Lone Ranger, /Inc., has been sold to Jack Wrather and Mrs. Mazie Wrather, Los Angeles and Dallas oil operators and television station owners, and John L. Loeb and Associates, of New York City.

The new owners issued hasty assurances that the Lone Ranger's war on the lawless villains of the Old West will continue.

This will come as good news to millions of small fry who watch their idel every week on 50 television stations.

And also to Mom and Pop who get a secret boot out of the make-believe world where justice always triumphs. The Lone Ranger's exploits also are carried three times a week on 249 radio stations. The radio shows have been originating "live" at WXYZ. But starting in Setpember, transcriptions of previous programs will be used for an indefinite period.

Trendle said the three million dollars was the highest cash sum ever paid for a radiotelevision property. The Lone Ranger stock was owned by Trendle, H. Allen Campbell and Raymond J. Meuerer. Hart was tall and well built . . . a good looking hero. However, for some reason he was very stiff and wooden in the Lone Ranger part. And, after 52 episodes (one season) of the show, Hart was removed from the part and replaced by the man who he had replaced, Clayton Moore. Today, both the Hart and Moore versions appear on television in syndication packages.

After Clayton Moore's recall by Trendle, new programs were produced. Moore climbed into the silver saddle and made the Lone Ranger role his greatest part, one he will always be associated with. He could ride, handle the action and was a top notch actor to boot! He rode across the television screen with Jay Silverheels as Tonto from the beginning of the series in 1948 until it ended in 1961.

Clayton Moore, the man behind the mask and a myriad of disguises, is known to millions of fans as the intrepid hero of the old West in "The Lone Ranger".

Born and educated in Chicago, Illinois, Moore served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and worked at a variety of occupations, including circus trapeze artist and Robert Powers model in New York, before heading west to California and a successful acting career.

Moore worked originally under contract to Republic Studios, where he soon became known as the "King of the Serials" because of the quality of such films he made. Subsequently he also worked for Warner Bros., MGM and Edward Small Productions until 1949, when he was cast in the title role of "The Lone Ranger."

Moore starred as the Texas Ranger left for dead after being ambushed by the notorious Cavendish gang. Nursed back to health by Tonto, an Indian he had befriended many years before, the Ranger donned a mask to conceal his identity in order to apprehend the killers of his fellow Rangers. When he was successful in this mission, he decided to retain the mask and dedicate his life to aiding the settlers of the lawless West.

Though Moore became known as the "mysterious masked man," his skills in American dialects and foreign accents constantly came in handy when the Ranger was permitted to doff his mask in favor of disguises. He appeared disguised as a Shakespearean actor portraying Othello in the episode entitled, "Outlaws in Grease Paint," and as a Swedish laundryman in "The Letter Bride." In "The Wooden Rifle" he was seen as a goateed patent medicine salesman, and even Tonto joined in the act in "Wanted: The Lone Ranger," when the twosome appeared as circus clowns. Perhaps the biggest challenge to Moore's versatility came in "The Return of Don Pedro O'Sullivan," in which he appeared as the Ranger, a Mexican killer and a red-headed Irish-Mexican patriot.

In the twelve years Moore played the masked man, he starred in almost two hundred half-hour episodes of the series and 15 full-length color features, thrilling and delighting children all over the world. Today Moore lives in California and spends his time fishing, training horses and collecting antiques. Known to millions as Tonto, the faithful Indian friend to the mysterious masked man of the old West, Jay Silverheels can be seen co-starring in "The Lone Ranger."

Born on the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada, Silverheels, a full-blooded Mohawk, grew up in a family of seven brothers and sisters. As a youngster he exhibited a sizeable talent for athletics, and it was this ability which eventually gave him an opportunity to pursue a career in Hollywood.

His father worked with him in several sports, and he first achieved success in wrestling, taking the middleweight wrestling championship of the Niagara district for two consecutive years. As a boxer he then won the Eastern Square finals of the Golden Gloves championship in Madison Square Garden and went on to become a runner-up in the nationals. But it was in the Indian sport of lacrosse that he truly excelled. By the age of seventeen he left school to pursue the sport professionally, and within a short time he became Canada's highest-paid and highest-scoring professional in the nation's history.

Silverheels came to Hollywood in 1933 as a member of a touring lacrosse team. Veteran actor-sportsman Joe E. Brown saw him star in a game and convinced the young man to try for an acting career. Brown arranged introductions and helped him get work until his career was established. Silverheels then appeared in a succession of Westerns and Indian pictures, among them "Broken Arrow," "Geronimo" and "Battle of Apache Pass."

Though he found steady work in films for some years, it was not until 1949, when he was cast as the Lone Ranger's "faithful Indian companion," that Silverheels was propelled into national prominence. Starring opposite Clayton Moore's mysterious masked man for twelve years, Silverheels appeared in almost two hundred episodes of the series and 15 full-color features portraying the boyhood friend who saved the Ranger when he lay dying from an ambush by the notorious Cavendish gang. When the Ranger recovered and dedicated his life to the preservation of law and order, Tonto vowed to remain at his side and assist in the fight for justice.



The original good guy in the white hat, Clayton Moore astride Silver.



THE LONE RANGER, INC.

September 14, 1955

Mr. Donald Wilson 1942 Lincoln St., N. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you very much for your card and your interest in The Lone Ranger. It is always a pleasure to hear from our listeners.

There aren't many secrets left in business, but I suppose every firm has a few things that it just doesn't talk about. In our case, we are particularly proud of the special production techniques employed, including the use of musical underscorings which we own, and we are sorry that it is not possible to share them with others. It has been the policy of this company and the sponsors since the inception of the program. Under the circumstances, I am sorry that it is not possible to render the information you requested in your letter.

I do hope, however, that you will continue to listen to and enjoy our Lone Ranger programs, both radio and television.

Sincerely. THE LONE RANGEF, INC. JACK WEATHER

CLAYTON MOORE P. O. Box 3797 Incline Village, Nevada 89450

August 30, 1974

Mr. Lee J. Felbinger Badman Road Green Lane, Pennsylvania 18054

Dear Lee:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and I would be most happy to assist you in any way that I possibly can.

First of all, may I thank you for being such an ardent follower of those early days of yesteryear when Clayton Moore rode for Republic serials and "The Lone Ranger". Speaking of serials, they certainly helped prepare me for my portrayal of "The Lone Ranger" character.

As a young man, I never thought that I would have the opportunity of portraying "The Lone Ranger" on television. It seems as though some dreams do come true.

I am very proud to say that over the past 25 years I have been able to bring a part of Americana to the youngsters of our nation, together with a fine upstanding American as my partner, Mr. Jay Silverheels, who played the role of "Tonto".

Let me wish you great success in the writing of your book!

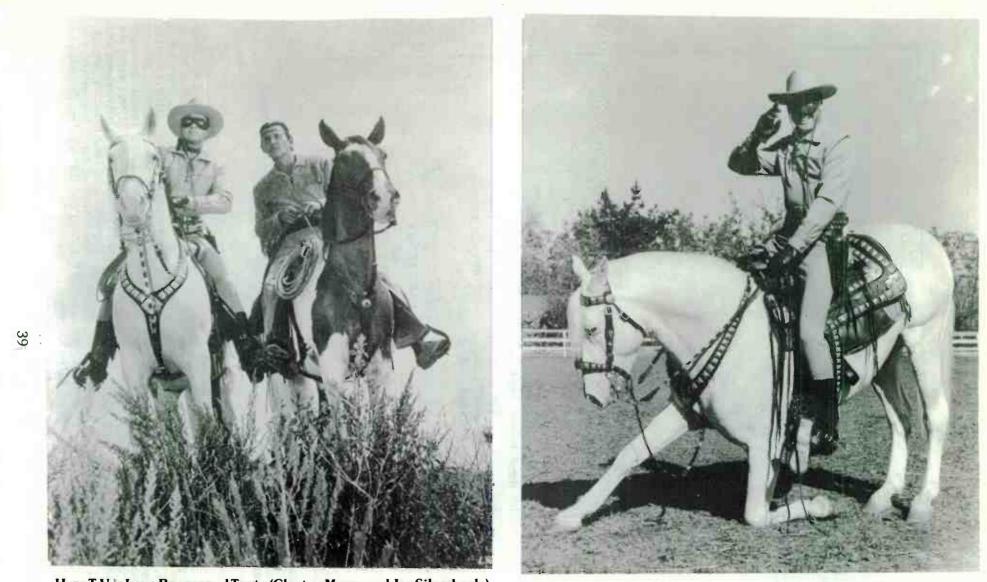
Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Clason Moore THE LONE RANGER

CM:rs

JW:sk



Here T.V.'s Lone Ranger and Tonto (Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels) pause before taking action in a popular T.V. episode of the radio hero.

Clayton Moore and Silver take a bow during a personal appearance.

SILVER TRENDLE - CAMPBELL - MEURER, INC. TRENDLE-CAMPBELL BROADCASTING CORPORATION Executive Offices DETROIT 26. MICHIGAN WTAC FLINT, MICH. 1800-1810 HUTUAL BUILDING 28 WEST ADAMS AVENUE W000WARD 2-9184 THE LONE RANGER, INC GEO W. TRENDLE. PRESIDENT & TREASURER H. ALLEN CAMPBELL, VICE PRES & GEN MGR. RAYMOND J. MEURER, SEC & GEN COUNSEL THE GREEN HORNET, INC. SERGEANT PRESTON OF THE YUKON, INC. February 18, 1953. GEO. W. TRENDLE. JR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY THE AMERICAN AGENT. INC. Miss Evelyn Wilson General Mills, Inc. 623 Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, Minnesota. My dear Miss Wilson: Attached are the letters and replies you requested returned to you. For your information, I own the stallion, Hi-Yo Silver ; there are not two horses. We shipped the horse to California to make all of the television pictures, and it is the same horse that was in Minneapolis two years ago at the Aquatennial . When TV pictures are being made, there are no personal appearances scheduled. Sincer/ely eo.W.Trendle. President.

Letter from George Trendle stating that the same horse is used for filming and personal appearances, and he owns the horse Hi-Yo Silver.

Star for Lone Ranger

The nation's most famous masked man, the Lone Ranger, finally got his own star along Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Clayton Moore, the actor who played the popular Western television hero until 1958, claimed



Clayton Moore

the 1,848th gold-colored star to be embedded in the famous sidewalk. Moore, 72, wore his trademark black mask, white hat, a Western-style suit and snakeskin boots at ceremonies Friday. A number of the fans who gathered along Hollywood Boulevard also wore black masks. Moore's star comes eight years after actor **Jay Silverheels**, who played the Lone Ranger's faithful sidekick, Tonto, received his star. Silverheels was honored less than eight months before he died.



Above favorite photo pose of Clayton Moore and Silver.

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Next to Brace Beemer, Clayton Moore is the actor most identified with the Lone Ranger... as the star of the television series and two major motion pictures. Like Brace Beemer he was ideally suited for the part and was a good selection for the TV image of the radio hero.

Clayton Moore, long time serial action star and actor was top notch, not only during filming of T.V. series, but was excellent in both Wrather produced motion pictures. Currently still under contract. He does make personal appearances (with black mask of course) and is in excellent shape and still enjoys the Lone Ranger role.

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> Miss Evelyn Wilson General Mills, Inc. 623 Marquette Avenue Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Miss Wilson:

I was delighted to hear from you, although I, of course, feel badly about the letters you have been getting regarding John Hart. However, I note that most of these just ask "why" and they still listen to the program.

The last couple of television shows, with the new man, were darn good, I thought.

It will take time for the old man to wear off. I had them send me a half dozen of the early films made by Clayton Moore which we are running off this week, and I know they will be just as bad as the first half dozen John Hart films. However, that doesn't help the situation any.

I am more than pleased to know that the rating continues to stay up where it should be, which is the main thing.

I am answering the letters which you forwarded and am sending you copies of my replies.

Incidentally, did you have a nice Thanksgiving?

Sincerely. THE LONE RANGER TNC -Reo. W. Trendle, President

Letter from George W. Trendle to General Mills explaining his opinion of the new Lone Ranger John Hart. Interestingly, he calls Clayton Moore the old man and makes it clear that he feels John Hart will win over fans of the program. Unfortunately, this did not happen and he brought Clayton Moore back as the Lone Ranger for the remainder of the TV series and two feature movies.



One of the most popular movie stills of the Lone Ranger and Silver. This was taken during the filming of the "Lone Ranger" feature film in 1956.

Theft of Lone Ranger's guns nets \$5,000 fine

United Press International

HOUSTON — A former airline baggage handler who swiped the Lone Ranger's two Colt. 45 pistols and a holster has been placed on 10 years' probation and fined \$5,000.

Edward Louis Young III, who could have been sentenced to 10 years in prison, also was ordered to repay actor Clayton Moore for two Lone Ranger costumes and some "silver" bullets still missing from a suitcase stolen Christmas Eve at Hobby Airport.

Young, 43, of Missouri City, is a former baggage handler for Continental Airlines. He was found guilty of theft Tuesday after testifying that he bought the holster and guns for \$200 from a man who was trying to pawn them. He later sold the items to a gun collector, he said.

The collector, Jack Hendlmyer, testified earlier that he bought the pistols from Young. Hendlmyer returned the pistols to Moore after learning they were his.

Moore, 72, testified that he began using the gear when the Lone Ranger television series first aired in 1955. Moore, dressed in a powder blue suit and white cowboy hat, testified that the guns and holster were priceless.

Defense attorney Ealy Bennett said he will appeal Young's conviction because it was based only on circumstantial evidence.

"If this had been a regular theft case, they [prosecutors] would have offered probation" for Young during plea bargaining, Bennett said. "They asked me, 'Don't you want an opportunity to cross-examine the Lone Ranger?""

Who was that masked man? None other than Clayton Moore, back behind the mask again. Moore, 70, who played the legend-ridden Ranger in the long-running television series, had been forced to bite the silver bullet and trade in his black mask for sunglasses in 1979. The Wrather Corp., which owns the Lone Ranger (yes, even the Lone Ranger can be owned), had decided to replace Moore for the 1981 Ranger movie and did not want him out making personal appearances wearing the trademark mask. A restraining order was issued, and of course the Ranger always obeys the



Moore: back in the saddle

law. But Moore says that a million signatures were collected on his behalf, and now the company has voluntarily agreed to lift the restraint. "I'm extremely happy and pleased for my fans," Moore says. "I will continue wearing the white hat and black mask until I ride up into the big ranch in the sky." Hi-ho, Silver, away! —By Guy D. Garcia

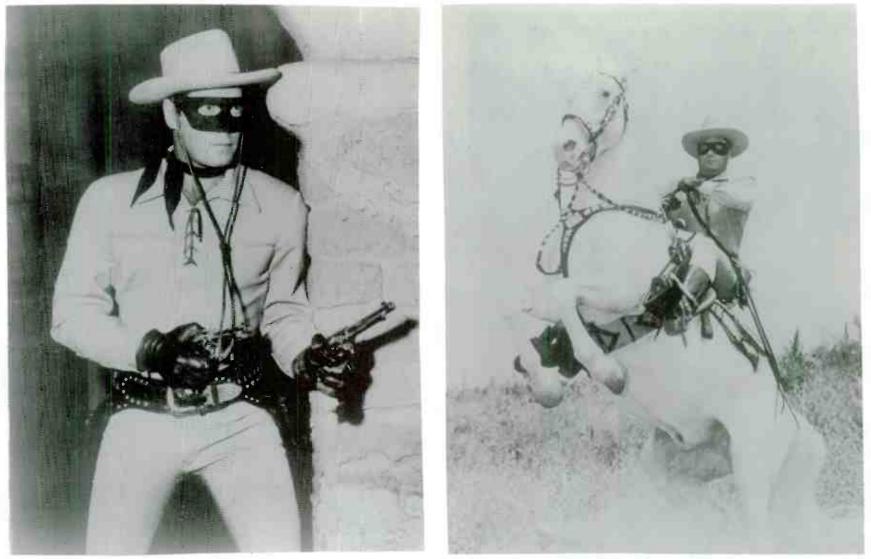


Clayton Moore

Who was that ...?

To the rescue: Clayton Moore, 73, who starred in the long-running Lone Ranger television series, had starred in a fire-safety program for children on Saturday night and was returning to his motel in Spartanburg, S.C., when he came upon the scene of a hit-and-run accident. "He got a hit-and-run accident. "He got out [of his car] and asked me how I was doing and tried to make me comfortable," said motorcyclist Robert Pat Humphries, 22, a vol-

unteer firefighter injured in the accident. "I was still kind of out of it at the time." Moore, dressed in mask and Western garb, began directing traffic and helping emergency personnel. "People were just stopping on the side of the road and couldn't believe it." said Dixie Hopper, a publicist for the show in which Moore had starred. "People will think we staged the whole thing, but we didn't." Humphries was taken to a Spartanburg hospital, treated for cuts and a badly bruised leg. and released. "I think we all were Lone Ranger fans at one time or another," the cyclist said. "I know I am." Moore promised to give him, as a memento, a silver bullet.



Clayton Moore in the 1960 T.V. series.

Classic Lone Ranger and Silver pose.



Lone Ranger (Clayton Moore) and Jay Silverheels (Tonto) honored with stars on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.





Looking back over the years, the Lone Ranger dispensed his first silver bullet on January 30, 1933 in a program that would be in the regular lineup of WXYZ for more than 20 years. Although numerous actors have played the role, the essential character of the Masked Rider of the Plains has remained unchanged, capturing the hearts and imaginations of fans of all ages for over 50 years.

For the first six broadcasts, an actor named Jack Deeds played the role. He was replaced by George Stenius, later famous as movie producer George Seaton, who continued in this role for three months. When Stenius quit, Brace Beemer, then WXYZ station manager, was selected to play the Lone Ranger, but Beemer left after a few months to open his own advertising agency. Another actor, Earl W. Graser, took over the role and developed an easy-going naturalness that provided a strong identification for listeners, glued to their Philco's for the program that aired three times a week at 7:30 p.m. But Graser was killed suddenly in an automobile accident on April 8, 1941, and producers, baffled as to replacement, had to improvise the next few episodes by having the Lone Ranger critically wounded and unconscious, with no dialogue except for some heavy breathing, thus shifting the plot to the faithful Indian companion, Tonto. You may not remember when Earl Graser died, but if you're over thirty-five years old, you probably remember when the Lone Ranger's voice changed.

The casting dilemma was resolved when Brace Beemer returned to the role, to which he would become closely attached in future years. Beemer's sonorous voice would make him the most famous of the radio Rangers, and he played the part until the final live broadcast on September 4, 1954.

On radio, the character of Tonto was a model of stability, compared to the Lone Ranger. Former Shakespearian actor, John Todd, who took the part when he was over 60 years of age, played the Indian sidekick for all of the 3,000 half-hour episodes broadcast.

The popularity of the radio program led to the production of two movie serials in 1938 and 1939. The Lone Ranger was played by actors Lee Powell and Bob

Livingston. Tonto was played by Chief Thundercloud (Victor Daniels) in both of the successful serials titled "The Lone Ranger" and "The Lone Ranger Rides Again".

The hero proved that he was capable of adapting to technological innovations on September 15, 1949, when the television show, *The Lone Ranger*, premiered. Clayton Moore played the title role until its last season in September 1961. Jay Silverheels, a Mohawk Indian by birth, gained considerable notoriety as Tonto.

Because of the popularity of the TV series, the Lone Ranger rode across the silver screen in 1956 in a Warner Brothers technicolor movie called fittingly, *The Lone Ranger*, starring Moore and Silverheels. In 1958, a second feature-length film, featuring the same pair, was released by United Artists under the title, *The Lone Ranger and the Lost City of Gold*.

In 1966, animators brought the Masked Rider back to television in the form of a cartoon series that ran in the prime-time Saturday morning slot. Michael Rye was the voice of the Lone Ranger and Shepherd Menken played trusty Tonto.

The Wrather Corporation found out the hard way that even a legend can bomb at the box office, with its remake of *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* in 1981. The movie starred Klinton Spillsbury, an unknown actor, as the Lone Ranger, and Michael Horse as Tonto. Even before the film was released, Hollywood was rife with rumors that Spillsbury refused to wear the requisite mask and that all his dialogue had to be dubbed in after the shooting. These problems were compounded by a court suit seeking to prevent Clayton Moore from wearing the mask in personal appearances in the role of the character with which he had become inextricably linked. The litigation was successful, and Moore had to wear sunglasses.

Fans may not have been daunted by all the publicity surrounding the film, but they were outraged that this modern version of the hero not only was unmasked, violating the cardinal rule of previous Lone Rangers, but also had a romantic interest, which although thwarted, showed that the character was capable of loving more than justice and his horse. However, the real Lone Ranger is safe in the past of radio where his "silver" can never be tarnished.

Despite various scriptwriters' creative attempts to alter the hero and spice up the tried-but-true plot of a good guy triumphing over evil and injustice, there were several consistencies in the shows as they progressed from radio to television and then to movies. The horse always was called Silver, a name that did not originate from one of the radio show's early sponsors, Silver cup Bread, as popularly assumed. The programs always began with theme music from Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, with an introduction that most fans knew by heart, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi-Yo Silver — The Lone Ranger. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear ... next the commercial and ... From out of the past come the thundering hoofs of the great horse, Silver — The Lone Ranger rides again!" Near the end of every show, a bewildered character saved by the hero

would ask, "Who was that masked man?" as the Lone Ranger and Tonto vanished into the horizon.

It remains to be seen if the Masked Rider of the Plains can survive another 50 years. But even if he follows the well-worn path to oblivion, one thing is certain — he will live on, not only in the form of now valuable radio-related premiums, memorabilia and collectibles, but also in the dream of generations of fans who grew up believing that there is a little bit of the Lone Ranger in all of us.

Who was that masked man anyway? He was our ideals and our dreams, and we have never been content to put him away forever. We cannot forget who he was, and who we were then, when we heard that immortal cry from our trusty Philco radio: "Hi-Yo, Silver, A-w-a-a-y!"



THE LONE RANGER FACT SHEET

RADIO: First broadcast on January 30, 1933 over station WXYZ in Detroit, Michigan. By 1952, the radio audience was estimated at over 12 million families. Last broadcast on September 4, 1954. Total of 3,000 half-hour episodes broadcast. Starred George Seaton, Earl Graser, Brace Beemer and John Todd.

MOVIES/SERIALS: "The Lone Ranger" a Republic serial released in 1938 -15 chapters - starred Lee Powell and Chief Thundercloud. "The Lone Ranger Rides Again - 15 chapters. Released in 1939 and produced by Republic - starred Bob Livingston and Chief Thundercloud.

TELEVISION: First telecast on September 15, 1949. 221 half-hour episodes produced with 39 in full color. By 1952, television audience estimated at five million. Final season was September, 1961.

FEATURE MOVIES: "The Lone Ranger" a full color picture distributed by Warner Brothers in 1956. "The Lone Ranger and The Lost City of Gold", a full color picture by United Artists in 1958. Both starred Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels. "The Legend of the Lone Ranger", Wrather Corporation in 1981, starring Klinton Spillsbury and Michael Horse.

CARTOON: First telecast in 1966. CBS network on Saturday morning with estimated audience of 3.5 million each week in summer and 7 million in the winter. 26 half-hour programs, starring the voices of Michael Rye and Sheperd Menken.



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CHAPTER 1 - "HEIGH-YO, SILVER!"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 15

Jeffries, a ruthless killer of the post Civil War period, massacres a band of Texas Rangers. One man survives the slaughter, and with Tonto, an Indian friend, sets out to avenge the death of his comrades. The Lone Ranger, the massacre survivor, is joined by four ranchers. This group of men sets up headquarters in an old stockade. When Jeffries learns Blanchard, a Federal officer, is coming to Texas for an investiga-

tion, he has a spy plant dynamite at the stockade entrance so that the outlaw troops can get inside. The blast is set off just as the Lone Ranger rides through the gates.

CHAPTER 2 – "THUNDERING EARTH"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 16

The Lone Ranger miraculously escapes injury and helps drive off the outlaws. He captures Kester, a henchman of Jeffries, and outlaw troopers and ties them on their horses, sending them back to town with a note to Blanchard. Blanchard gets the note and faces Jeffries with it, telling him that he is going to assert his authority and free the Ranchers. Jeffries, meantime, learns of Lincoln's assassination, and realiz-

ing that this ends to some extent, Blanchard's power, drives the ranchers into a gorge where he has planted dynamite. The Lone Ranger get there just as the fuse is lighted. The explosion knocks him unconscious.

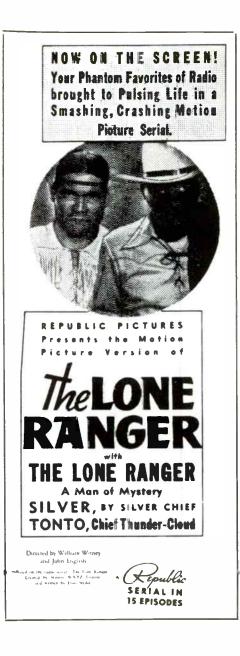
CHAPTER 3 - "THE PITFALL"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 17

Due to the efforts of Tonto the wagon-train escapes the landslide. Blanchard and Joan, his daughter, are captured by Kester and the troopers. Jeffries informs them of the assasination of Lincoln, and forces Blanchard to hand over what power he has. Jeffries sends out men to trap the Ranger. Joan escapes to warn him, but he has meanwhile avoided the pit-fall arranged for him. He sees Joan ridnig toward the

pit. He rides to intercept her, but they both fall in.





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CHAPTER 4 - "AGENT OF TREACHERY"



The Lone Ranger and Joan, unhurt, get out of the pit. Jeffries sends for Taggart, a criminal noted for his viciousness. The outlaw troopers stage a fake kidnaping of Taggart. The Rangers, falling into the trap, save him, and Taggart tells them he has a grudge against Jeffries. The Lone Ranger meets Taggart at a cabin rendezvous which Jeffries' men surhey capture Taggart dressed in the Ranger's clothes.

1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 18

round. They capture Taggart dressed in the Ranger's clothes. The Ranger covers them from behind. One trooper hurls a rock sending the Ranger staggering as the men crowd toward him.

CHAPTER 5 - "THE STEAMING CAULDRON"



1 Col. Ad Slug

or Mat No. 19

Tonto and Silver come up just in time to let the Ranger, dressed in outlaw clothes, mount and escape. Joan writes a note to Father McKim asking for help and drops it into Taggart's room, where dressed in Ranger's clothes, he is waiting to see Jeffries. Taggart substitutes a note telling the Rangers to rescue the father at an old mill, the place where Jeffries keeps his supply of powder. Taggart and the Lone Ranger battle in a cave. The Ranger falls into a geyser hole. The steaming geyser is about to boil up over the Ranger with scalding mud.

CHAPTER 6 - "RED MAN'S COURAGE"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 20 The Ranger escapes from the steam fissure. The Ranger discovers that his friend, Clark, has died. Jeffries sends out men to shoot some Indians, who are friends of the Ranger, and leave silver bullets near the bodies. The revenge-seeking Indians sneak up and capture Tonto. Tonto is being tied to a stake with burning brush around him as the Lone Ranger rides

into the scene on Silver, who trips over a fallen tree and the Ranger falls, unconscious, in the midst of the savages.



CHAPTER 7 - "WHEELS OF DISASTER"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 21

The Ranger recovers in time to save himself and Tonto, and convinces the chief he was not responsible for shooting the Indiana. The Four Rangers ride to capture the powder which Jeffries is removing. They capture the first wagon-load of powder on its way back to Jeffries' headquarters. Jeffries sends for the rest, but puts Joan Blanchard on the wagon seat beside the driver, thinking no attempt would be made on the

wagon, for fear of hurting her. The Ranger manages to get into the back of the wagon. The wagon overturns, exploding the powder and blowing up the wagon.

CHAPTER 8 -- "FATAL TREASURE"



or Mat No. 22

The Ranger is safe at the side of the road. Jeffries plans to substitute confederate money for silver, which he has collected as government taxes, but a federal man discovers the horde of silver. defeating Jeffries plan. Jeffries hits on a plan to steal the silver but the Ranger and Tonto take the silver from him. A close chase causes them to abandon the silver. They drop it in a well. The next day four rangers disguised as peon watercarriers go to the well and load burros with kegs of water, which kegs contain the silver. Two rangers stay in the well while the others depart. The guards discover the men in the well. A cannon is fired into the well collapsing it.

CHAPTER 9 - "THE MISSING SPUR"

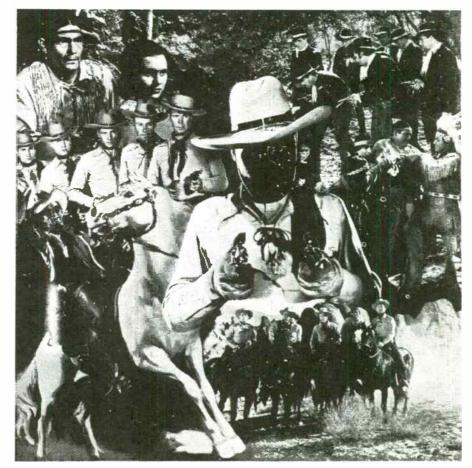


1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 23

The two rangers escape through a lateral passage. The outlaw troopers find the Rangers and a free for all battle develops. A federal cavalry troop halts the slaughter. Kester, the troopers and four rangers are taken as prisoners to Fort Bently and questioned by Major Brennan. The Ranger rides to the silver train and delivers it intact to Fort Bently. During a struggle

the Ranger loses one of his spurs. Kester attempts to prove the Lone Ranger's identity through it. With the Major, he goes to the guard-house where they find one of the Rangers minus a spur.

PHOTO-MONTAGE OF STARS AND PLAYERS



3-Col. Photo-Montage Cut or Mat No. 45

CHAPTER 10 - "FLAMING FURY"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 24 Each ranger has removed a spur from his boot. Kester leaves in a rage. The following morning the prisoners have escaped. Jeffries takes Joan and forces her to consent to marrying him. Joan sends messages to the Ranger by means of carrier pigeons. Father McKim and the Ranger rush to Joan and stop the ceremony. The Ranger proceeds to give Jeffries a sound thrash-

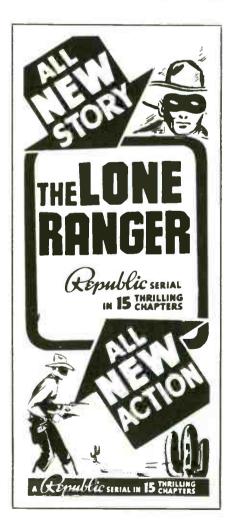
ing. Troopers rush to Jeffries aid and force the Ranger to flee. The Ranger joins Tonto and the two take refuge in a small storehouse. The house catches fire. The two men are trapped by burning walls.

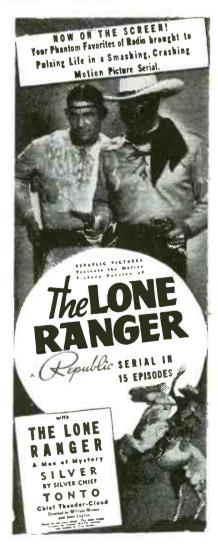
CHAPTER 11 - "THE SILVER BULLET"



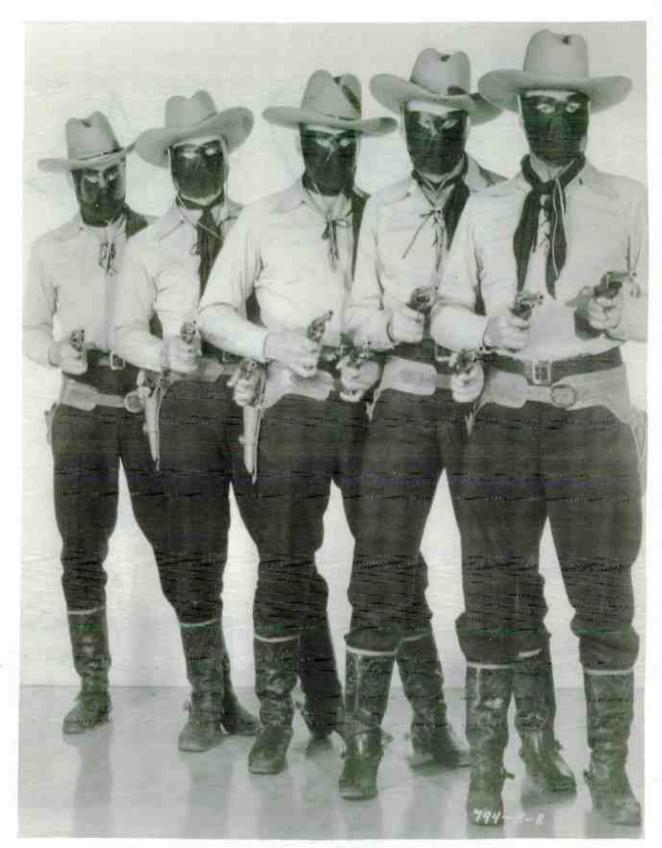
1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 25 The Ranger and Tonto discover a trap-door in the basement and make their escape. The two men ride to a nearby ranch owned by Joe Cannon. Cannon's grandson, Sam, who is gathering evidence against Jeffries, aids the Ranger and Tonto. Jeffries and his gang succeed in recovering the silver and take it to a saloon. The Ranger, through the aid of Tonto, tracks the gang

to the saloon. Jeffries' outlaws discover the Ranger and a terrific fight ensues. While the Ranger is defending his life, a gun muzzle is seen poking through a window behind his back.





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The five Lone Ranger suspects that kept audiences guessing as to which one was the masked rider. Shown left to right . . . Lee Powell, George Letz, Herman Brix, Lane Chandler and Hal Taliaferro.



LONE RANGER MOVIE THEATRE GIVEAWAYS FROM 1938-1940 ARE VERY RARE AND COMMAND TOP DOLLAR - PRICES VARY FROM \$35 to \$225.

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CHAPTER 12 - "ESCAPE"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 26 The gun which is pointing at the Ranger's back is that of Tonto's. Together they go to a cave where they succeed in driving off the enemy. Back in Pecos, Joan finds an old picture of Jeffries which identifies the man as a former outlaw with a price on his head. Jeffries learns of this and lays plans to do away with the girl. The Ranger rides to her rescue. He

gets to the girl before Jeffries arrive and the two depart from the scene just as Jeffries arrives. Jeffries is in hot pursuit when the coach in which the two are escaping plunges over a cliff.

CHAPTER 13 - "THE FATAL PLUNGE"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 27 The Ranger and Joan escape unhurt as the coach plunges down the cliff and make their way to the same cave where Tonto and the Ranger had previously hidden. They bring with them Felton, whom they have captured. Felton escapes by dipping his rawhide-bound hands in a bucket of water which Sammy has left near him. Felton climbs to a ledge high in the cave and

holds the rangers at bay, threatening to shoot if they move. Unnoticed, Dick Forrest climbs to the ledge and grapples with Felton. They both fall from the high ledge.

CHAPTER 14 - "MESSENGER OF DOOM"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 28 The Ranger who fell over the cliff has a badly wrenched back and is made as comfortable as possible in the cave by Joan. Carrier pigeons are released for help. Jeffries and his men intercept some of the pigeons, however, and learn where the Ranger and Joan are hiding. At the same time the other Rangers get the same message and everyone starts for the cave. The

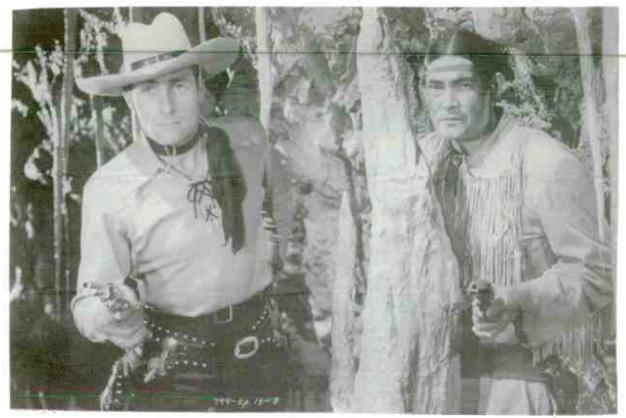
Rangers get there first. A terrific battle ensues and the barrage of shooting brings down the entire cavern roof.

CHAPTER 15 -- "THE LAST OF THE RANGERS"



1 Col. Ad Slug or Mat No. 29 The crash results in injuries fatal to Dick Forrest, while the others escape without hurt. Jeffries and his entire gang surround the cave. Rogers and King, two of the Rangers, break through and ride for help. Just as Jeffries' men have smoked the Blanchards, Sammy and Tonto out of the cave, the Lone Ranger arrives with help. The villains are routed and the

Lone Ranger and Jeffries fall over a precipice seemingly locked in a death grip. As the state of Texas pays homage to the valiant Rangers who gave their lives freeing it from lawlessness, the Ranger's cry rings out and he comes into view—alive. The Ranger reveals his identity and rides off to new fields.



Lee Powell and Chief Thundercloud ready for action.



Hal Taliaferro, Herman Brix, George Letz, Chief Thundercloud, Lynn Roberts, Lane Chandler and Lee Powell in 1938's Lone Ranger serial.







CAST

CREDITS

Associate Producer—**Robert Beche** Directed by **William Witney, John English** Original screen play by **Franklyn Adreon, Ron Davidson, Sol Shor, Barry Shipman** Based on the Radio Serial, "The Lone Ranger" by **Frank Striker** Production Manager—**Al Wilson**

Unit Manager—Mack D'Agostino Photographed by William Nobles and Edgr Film Editors—Helene Turner, Edward Musical Director—William Lava Recorded by RCA Victor "High Fideli Sound System

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Chapter One—The Lone Ranger Returns

Craig Dolan, a powerful cattleman, makes desperate attempts to rid the San Ramon valley of innocent settlers. Jed Scott, leader of a wagon-train, engages Bill Andrews, a newcomer, to aid in defeating Dolan's henchmen. An imposter acting as the Lone Ranger is seriously wounded in the fight, and Andrews reveals himself as the REAL Lone Ranger, whose disguise was taken by the wounded man, a member of Dolan's gang The imposter is responsible for the murder of Juan Vasquez' brother, but Dolan frames an innocent man, Jed Scott, by saying he's the murderer. Scott is taken to jail, and an infuriated mob attempts to burn the building. The Lone Ranger intervenes and is trapped as the jail collapses.

Chapter Two—Masked Victory

Juan Vasquez and the Lone Ranger pull Scott from the burning building. The Dolan interests convince the settlers that one of their number, Doc Grover, was murdered by Scott. They press Scott's conviction but the Lone Ranger insists that Grover is still alive, and safe in the custody of Tonto, the Indian. The settlers demand proof, and the Lone Ranger takes them to the spot where Grover is hidden, to learn later that he has been kidnapped by Murdock and Hardin, Dolan's henchmen. Bart and Slade, two hostile cowmen, prepare to lynch Scott when the Lone Ranger produces the supposedly dead Grover and accuses Slade of crookedness. Slade shoots the Lone Ranger, and he slumps to the ground.



Chapter Three—The Black Raiders Strike

Slade's bullet strikes a bag of silver the Ranger wears under his shirt. He is stunned but uninjured. Scott is cleared of the murder charge and the settlers start homesteading, plagued constantly by the Black Raiders, whom the masked man suspects of being Dolan henchmen. The Lone Ranger hears that the Raiders are going to attack the Daniels' homestead, Vasquez, working closely with him, learns that one of the Raiders rides a horse with a broken shoe. This man, Bart Dolan, trades horses with his sister Sue and thus, she is suspected of complicity. The Lone Ranger defends the Daniels' homestead from attack, and in his subsequent escape is trapped in quicksand.







Chapter Four—The Cavern of Doom

The Lone Ranger escapes death when he is rescued from the quicksand by Tonto. Sue Dolan, who is suspicious of her brother Bart's behavior, accuses him of being in league with the Black Raider gang, and follows him. Bart, aware of his sister's plan, arranges to have his Raider friends capture him in a fake attack, and thus get her off the track. She believing her brother is really in danger, asks Tonto and the Lone Ranger to aid him. A pitched battle in the cave follows. The Lone Ranger and Tonto are driven back, as a fuse is lighted on a keg of powder. Unable to help themselves they are in danger of death as the chapter ends.

Chapter Five—Agents of Deceit

The Ranger's horse, Silver, pushes the powder keg out of the cave, and saves his master and Tonto. Sue is made prisoner with her brother Bart. Their captors are the Raiders (actually in league with Bart). The Ranter rescues them, and their uncle, Craig Dolan, feigning gratitude, agrees to call off the war on the homesteaders. However, the Ranger learns that Bart is plotting to destroy the wagon loads of much needed seed, recently purchased by the settlers. They plan to send a burning wagon down among the seed wagons, but the Lone Ranger alters its path. He saves the seed but endangers his own life when the blazing vehicle overturns before reaching its destination.

Chapter Six—The Trap

The Ranger leaps clear of the burning wagon. A stagecoach is robbed bringing Government forms on which the settlers are to file land claims. The Lone Ranger suspects the Raiders of the theft, and Tonto recovers the forms, which are returned to the land office. The settlers file their claims. The Dolans plot to destroy the claim records, and the Lone Ranger hastens to remove them to a safe place. Tonto and Vasquez learn that the villains have rigged a device, which will instantly kill anyone tampering with the land-office safe. The Lone Ranger unwittingly enters the land-office before Tonto and Vasquez can stop him. He is about to turn the combination.



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Chapter Seven—Lone Ranger at Bay

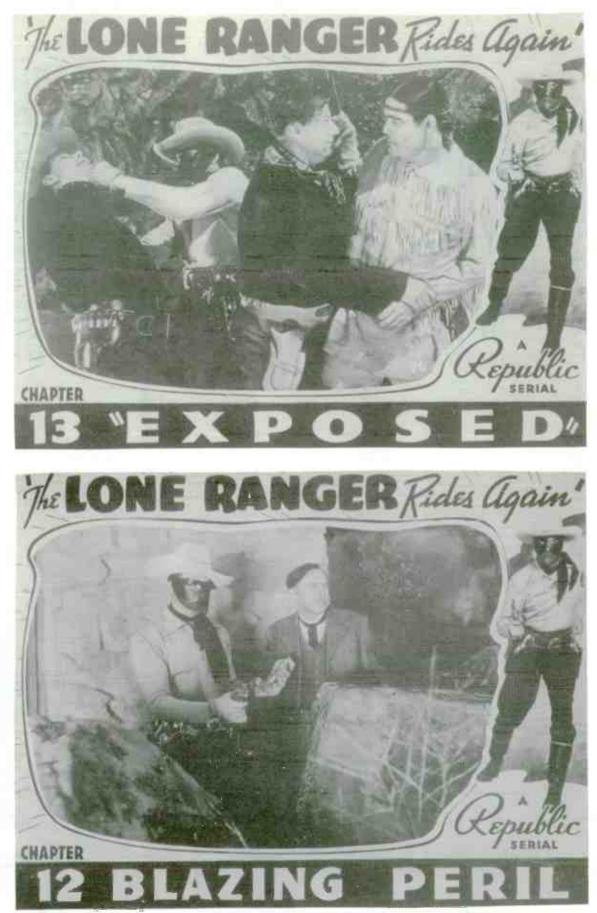
Raiders appear on the scene and stop the bullets intended for the Lone Ranger. A gun fight ensues, and the Ranger escapes with the claim-records. In his haste, he leaves a number of silver bullets behind, which implicate him in the murder of one of the Raiders who interfered. The Dolans insist that the Sheriff ride after the Ranger, and recover the claims. Bart sees to it that a few Raiders are included in the deputies that accompany the sheriff. These men are ordered to shoot the Ranger on sight. The Lone Ranger leaves the claims in the safekeeping of Tonto and Vasquez, saving himself from the pursuing cut-throats by precipitating a landslide.

Chapter Eight—Ambush

The Lone Ranger, after great difficulty, succeeds in escaping the landslide. The sheriff, however, is killed. The sheriff's post is now open, and the settlers decide to run Pa Daniels as his successor. The Dolan clan, not satisfied with the candidate, are determined to fight the election. They kidnap Daniels' son, Danny. Pa Daniels pursues, and is also kidnapped. Sue Dolan invokes the aid of the Lone Ranger, who overcomes the Raiders and frees the captives. The other Raiders lie in ambush outside the kidnap cave, and when the Ranger and his friends appear, they are met by a deadly blast of gunfire.

Chapter Nine—Wheels of Doom

The Lone Ranger and Daniels leave the cave together. The Ranger escapes, but Daniels is seriously wounded by the outlaws' gunfire. The settlers now decide to run Scott for Sheriff in Daniels' place. The Dolan clan try desperately to waylay Scott, but are unsuccessful in their efforts. Realizing that it is virtually impossible to stop Scott, they decide to steal the ballot boxes and eventually do away with them. The Lone Ranger overtakes the wagon on which the ballot boxes are being transported and a furious battle with the driver ensues. Suddenly, the horses break loose and run away. The wagon topples over the cliff.



Colorful lobby cards, such as these, helped to bring all fans back for the second serial.

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Chapter Ten—The Dangerous Captive

The Lone Ranger jumps from the runaway wagon just before it plunges over the cliff. He recovers the ball of box and returns it safely. Scott is elected sheriff and appoints Andrews (the Lone Ranger), Vasquez, Evans and Powers as his deputies. The Dolan clan, resenting the "nestors" in the sheriff's office, determine to k II them off. The Raiders steal a herd of Dolan's cattle and then set an ambush for the deputies, who go after the rustlers. The Lone Ranger scents trouble and evades this ambush, capturing the Raider leader. Bart Dolan, fearing that the latter will confess, dynamites the jail.





Chapter Eleven—Death Below

Andrews ropes the powder box, and the occupants of the jail are saved. Martin Gibson, newly appointed land claim registrar, is now on his way to the town. The Lone Ranger, fearing the registrar might meet foul play, rides out to insure the man's satety. He learns that the Dolan clan have already approached the registrar and offered him a bribe to falsify reports in favor of the cattlemen. Gibson refuses, and a battle ensues in which Gibson is spirited away. The Lone Ranger and Tonto come to his rescue and help him to escape via a steep bluff. The Ranger, hanging over a cliff, drops as the rope snaps.

Chapter Twelve—Blazing Peril

The Lone Ranger drops safely on a protruding ledge and makes his way back to Tonto and the registrar. Meanwhile, at Dolan's hacienda, information is received that Gibson has called a meeting of the settlers at Evan's barn. That evening, at the appointed place, the set lers tell Gibson of the trials they have undergone since their arrival. The Raiders, meanwhile, surround the barn with brush soaked in coal-oil. They light the inflammable material, keeping Gibson and the settlers in the barn till it is totally demolished by the intensity of the rearing fire.



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Chapter Thirteen—Exposed

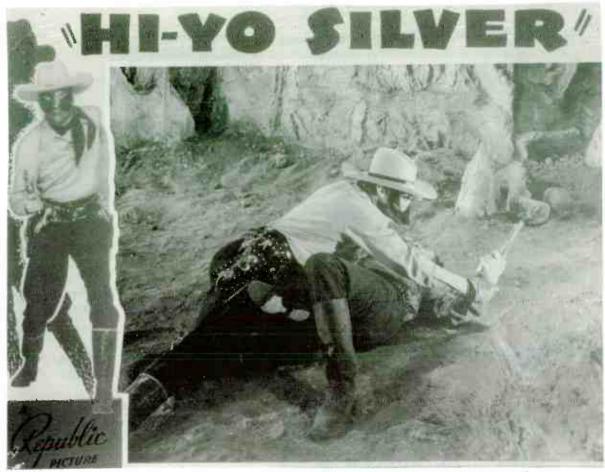
Gibson and the settlers take refuge in the cellar while the building burns over them. They escape and make their way safely to town. Craig Dolan, though an energy of the "nestors," has done nothing to harm them. The villainy has been done entirely by his nephew, Bart. When Craig confronts him, Bart shoots the elder Dolan, and blames the crime on the Lone Ranger. The masked man proves his innocence and Bart, fearing the Ranger's revenge, attempts to escape. To further his plans, he takes his sister, Sue, as a shield. The Ranger pursues, and a gun battle is the result. A loaded ore car is released, and it rushes toward the Ranger, who is trapped at the foot of a tunnel.

Chapter Fourteen—Besieged

The Lone Ranger derails the car as it is about to strike him. He and Tonto escape and return to Dolan's. Batt Dolan is desperate and he declares open war on the "nestors." He collects all the outlaws and renegades in the district and sets out to destroy the scattered homesteads. The deputies notify all the homesteaders to find refuge in the fort. Preparations are made to put up a desperate defense, but the ammunition is limited. Andrews volunteers to ride through the enemy lines and get help from the cavalry. He gets clear of the for, when he is intercepted by a group of Raiders and shot from his horse.

Chapter Fifteen—Frontier Justice

The Lone Ranger falls and he crawls through the brush where Silver is tied. He knows that ambush awaits him, but he evades it and reaches the cavalry. The Raiders, aware of the failure of their plot and fearing the oncoming cavalry, order a wagon-load of explosives rolled down onto the fortress walls. The Ranger, arriving in time, mounts the wagon and brings it to a stop before it crashes. He orders the settlers to the far side of the enclosure. Bert Dolar, investigating the cause of failure, is killed when the explosive finally does its destructive work.



Shown above the lobby card from the 1940 feature version of the Lone Ranger serial.



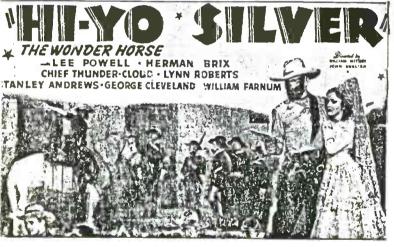
Chief Thundercloud and Lee Powell in the feature version of the 1938 serial.

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He carries America favorite hero to new thrills and glorious adventure in the old West.



HY-YO SILVER

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Directors: WILLIAM WITNEY, JOHN ENGLISH Associate Producer: SOL C. SIEGEL Story: Based on "The Lone Ranger" radio serial. Camera: WILLIAM NOBLES Editors: HELENE TURNER, EDWARD TODD Musical Score: ALBERTO COLUMBO Supervisor: ROBERT BECHE Original Screenplay: BARRY SHIPMAN, GEORGE WORTHINGTON YATES, FRANKLYN ADREON, RONALD DAVIDSON AND LOIS EBY.

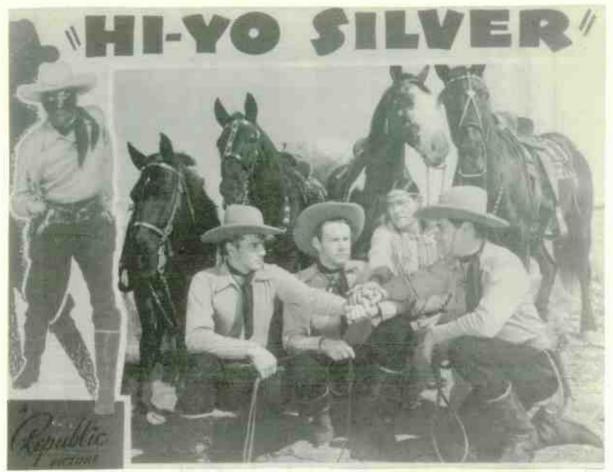
HY-YO SILVER was a 69 minute feature version taken fr the 1938, 15-chapter serial, THE LONE RANGER. Republic add some new footage featuring Raymond Hatton telling the story young Dickie Jones. Neither received pressbook nor advertisi credit other than publicity mentions and, pure speculation YESTERDAY'S SATURDAYS part having never seen the featuversion, probably didn't appear in the film credits.

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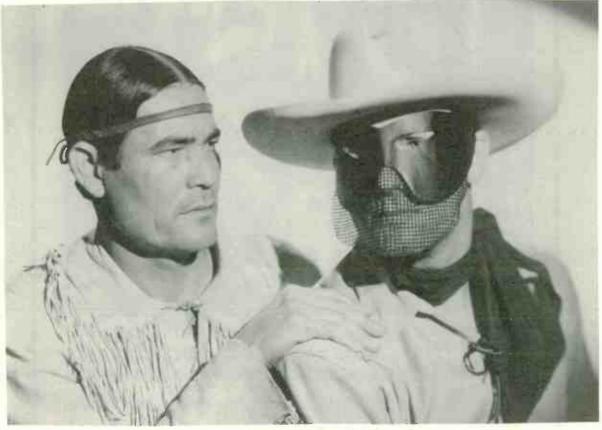








Lobby card showing Herman Brix, Hal Taliaferro, Chief Thundercloud and Lee Powell.



Chief Thundercloud and Lee Powell behind the mask. World Rafi@History

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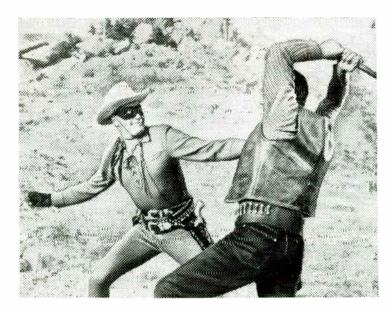
THE CAST

The Lone Ranger	Clayton Moore
Tonto	Jay Silverheels
Reece Kilgore	Lyle Bettger
<i>Welcome</i>	. Bonita Granville
<i>Ramirez</i>	Perry Lopez
Cassidy	Robert Wilke
Sheriff Kimberly	John Pickard
Lila	Beverly Washburn
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Angry Horse	Michael Ansara
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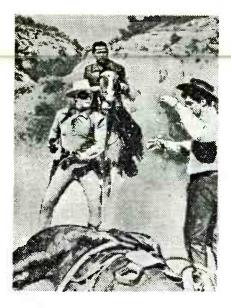
THE CREDITS

Produced by Willis Goldbeck; Directed by Stuart Heisler; Screen Play by Herb Meadow; Based on "The Lone Ranger" Legend; Director of Photography, Edwin DuPar, ASC; Art Director Stanley Fleischer; Film Editor Clarence Kolster, A. C. E.; Sound by M. A. Merrick; Set Decorator G. W. Berntsen; Music by David Buttolph; Makeup Supervisor, Gordon Bau, S.M.A. Assistant Director, Robert Farfan.

A Jack Wrather Production







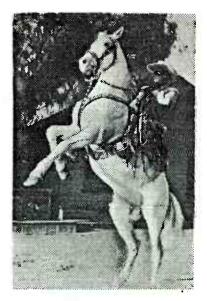
Assigned by the Governor of the Western territory to investigate the unrest between the settlers and the Indians, The Lone Ranger and Tonto, arrive in time to rescue Peter Ramirez, a cowpuncher, from a band of Indians. On the way back to town Ramirez tells The Lone Ranger that Reece Kilgore, a wealthy rancher, is trying to stir up trouble to prevent the territory from being accepted for statehood.



Hearing of this, The Lone Ranger offers to fight Angry Horse for the safety of the little girl and after a violent struggle, he wins and returns the child to her mother, who accepts the masked man as a friend and tells him that Kilgore and his men are massing with the townspeople to attack the Indians. She also tells that Kilgore has found silver deposits on the Indian's land, providing the motive



Kilgore has hired a gang of cutthroats to keep the territory in a state of uproar by raiding and killing and blaming it on the Indians. Tonto finds out that the raids are made by Kilgore's men disguised as Indians. Ramirez learns that Kilgore has purchased a large supply of dynamite, hut he is killed. The masked rider finds out about the dynamite but, in the meantime, Kilgore has acted. He forces the Sheriff to resign, wires the Governor that war with the Indians is now imminent, and sends his daughter away to safety, but she is captured by Chief Angry Horse's braves.



The Lone Ranger and Tonto mine the trail leading towards the Indian reservation, creating much confusion on both sides but hurting no one. By this time, the Sheriff has returned with the Cavalry and Kilgore is arrested. Kilgore's wife tells The Lone Ranger her plans for the ranch only to find that he has gone.

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The first technicolor feature movie of the Lone Ranger was as popular in 1956 as the early serials. Movie fans were pleased that Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels continued these successful television roles as the Lone Ranger and Tonto. When watching this movie, it is hard to believe that Jack Wrather produced this successful screen adaption and also the 1981 "Legend of the Lone Ranger" that was totally unacceptable to audiences and fans of the characters.



Advertising poster still, showing artwork of Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels.



Official Billing

THE LONE RANGER AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD

Color By Eastman Color starring Clayton Moore as THE LONE RANGER

Jay Silverheels as TONTO featuring Douglas Kennedy Charles Watts with Noreen Nash Lisa Montell Ralph Moody Norman Fredric Directed by Lesley Selander Produced by Sherman A. Harris Written by Robert Schaefer and Eric Freiwald Based upon the Lone Ranger Legend A JACK WRATHER Production Released thrue United Artists

The Cast

The Lone Ranger	Clayton Moore
Tento	÷
Ross Brady	Douglas Kennedy
Oscar Matthison	Charles Watts
Frances Henderson	Noreen Nash
Paviva	Lisa Montell
Padre Vicente Esteban	
Dr. James Rolfe	Norman Frederic
Tomache	John Miljan
Redbird	Maurice Jara
Travers	Bill Henry

The Story

(Not for Publication)

The Lone Ranger (Clayton Moore) and Tonto (Jay Silverheels) learn that some hooded riders have been murdering Indians near the town of San Doria.

The leader of the raiders, Ross Brady (Douglas Kennedy) and his girl friend, Frances Henderson (Noreen Nash), see a threat to their plot to steal five medallions which when put together reveals the location of an Indian lost city of gold.

Chief Tomache (John Miljan) has given five pieces of the medallion to five of his friends and relatives, three of whom have now been killed. The Lone Ranger takes it upon himself to save the two survivors, a grandson and a nephew. He is too late to save the nephew who is killed by one of Brady's henchmen.

As a result of The Lone Ranger's getting hot on their heels, Brady and Frances have a falling out, and she kills her boyfriend as The Lone Ranger and Tonto come upon them. They take Frances into custody, and the lost city of gold remains with its rightful owners—the Indians.

RUNNING TIME: 80 MINUTES

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Caulama	 Belle	Mitchell

The Staff

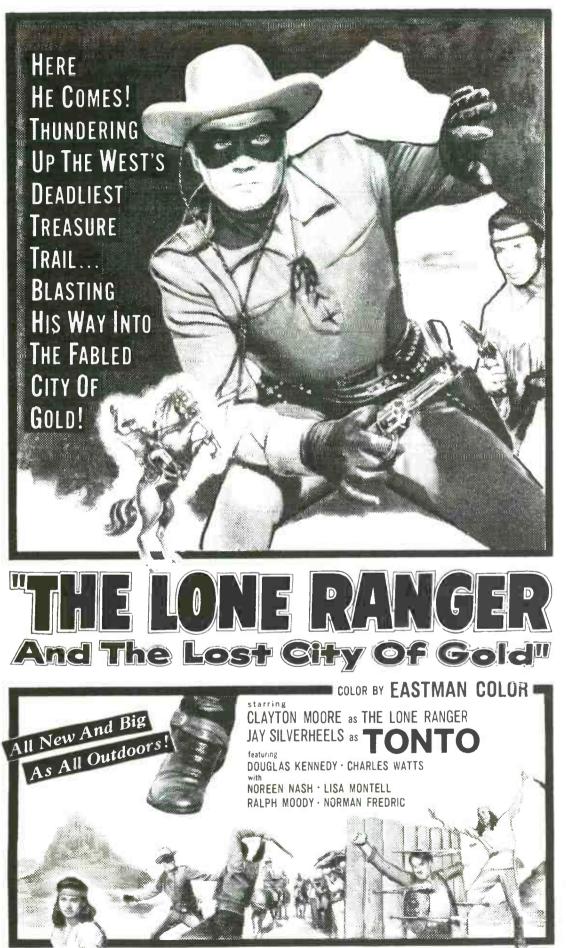
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Produced by	
Written by Rober	
Music by	Les Baxter
Song "Hi Yo Silver" by	
Director of Photography Film Editor	











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A MARTIN STARGER PRODUCTION

"THE LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER"

THE CAST

The Lone RangerKLINTON SPILSBURY
The Lone Ranger
TontoMICHAEL HORSE
CavendishCHRISTOPHER LLOYD
Sheriff WiattMATT CLARK
Amy StrikerJUANIN CLAY
President GrantJASON ROBARDS
Dan ReidJOHN BENNETT PERRY
CollinsDAVID HAYWARD
Lucas StrikerJOHN HART
Wild Bill HickokRICHARD FARNSWORTH
General CusterLINCOLN TATE
Buffalo Bill CodyTED FLICKER
Young John Reid
Young John Refu: Young Tonto
Young Tonto David BENNETT
General RodriguezDAVID BENNETT
German Passenger
The Cambler, JAMES BOWMAN
Chinese Passender
Waystation AgentDANIEL NUNE2
Stagecoach Driver
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First ChiefJOSE REY TOLEDO
Second ChiefMAX CISNEROS
Mr. Reid
Mr. ReidCHERE BRYSON Mrs. Reid.
Mrs. Rela
WaiterJAMES LEE CRITE

The Legend of the Lone Ranger is based on stories and characters created by George W. Trendle and Fran Striker

Produced byWALTER COBLENZ Directed byWILLIAM A. FRAKER Screenplay byMICHAEL KANE and WILLIAM ROBERTS Adaptation byMICHAEL KANE and WILLIAM ROBERTS Director of PhotographyMARTIN STARGER Director of PhotographyASZLO KOVACS, A.S.C. Production DesignerALBERT BRENNER Edited byTHOMAS STANFORD, A.C.E.
The Story of "The Man In The Mask" Sung by
JANE FEINBERG Casting Associate LINDA FRANCIS Associate Producer DICK GALLEGLY Assistant to the Producer .CLAUDETTE DUFFY Assistant to the Director .DAVID M. HABER Set Decorator .PHILLIP ABRAMSON Prop Master .DENNIS PARRISH Costume Designer .NOEL TAYLOR Costume Supervisor .DARRYL LEVINE Camera Operators
Assistant Cameramen
Dialogue EditorSTAN GILBERT - wallaWorks Supervising Scund EditorGORDON ECKER, JR. Music EditorCLIFFFORD C. KOHLWECK

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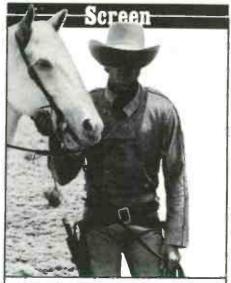
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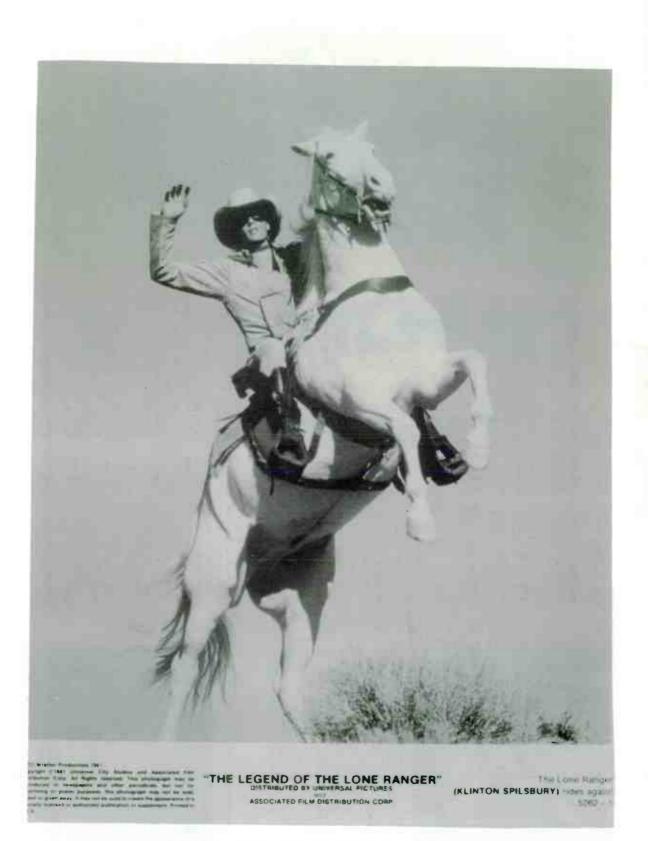
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In *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*, the answer to that eternal question "Who was that masked man?" is Klinton Spilsbury.

THE LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER First slated for release last Christmas, besieged with post-production problems and rumored to be an overstuffed turkey like Heaven's Gate, The Legend of the Lone Ranger emerges as a pleasant surprise, exuding a comfortable familiarity and fresh-found innocence. The story of John Reid, the masked man who avenges the murders of his parents and his Texas Ranger brother with the help of his Indian buddy, Tonto, has fascinated generations since 1933 when it debuted as a radio serial originally written by Fran Striker. In 1938 it began a 33-year run as a cartoon strip and in 1949 became a TV series with Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels (they also played in two spin-off feature films). The new Kimo Sabe is Klinton Spilsbury, an actor whose inexperience necessitated dubbing his voice by James Keach. But Spilsbury, who grew up in Chihuahua, Mexico, has a physical presence striking enough to make him the male pinup of the '80s. Only his faithful steed Silver is prettier-and he even does his own whinnies. Tonto, played by another hunk of beefcake, Michael Horse, has been saddled with speeches that sound like warmedover Brando rallies ("One day all nations will be brothers"). Both are aided immeasurably by director William Fraker, who has a fetish for detail



Classic Lone Ranger pose for "Legend of the Lone Ranger".

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK AND THE LEGEND BEHIND THE MAN.



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A REVIEW/Legend of the Lone Ranger

A pop hero puts on his mask again

"THE LEGEND OF THE LONE RANGER." Directed by William A. Fraker, Screenplay by Ivan Goff, Ben Roberts, Michael Kane and William Roberts, Rated PG.

BY BOB SOKOLSKY Bulletin Entertainment Editor

Say, who is that masked man? One thing is certain. He's not the Lone Ranger we remember from earlier films and radio programs.

"The Legend of the Lone Ranger" isn't a movie at all. It's a fallow, shallow imitation that touches slightly upon the theme and never comes remotely close to its spirit.

Part of that is due to casting. It would be difficult for any modern actor to undertake the role of the Lone Ranger. It is darn nigh impossible when that actor is Klinton Spilsbury.

The advance word was that Spilsbury had problems with the part. Even so, he is no worse than anyone else involved in the production, with the possible exceptions of Jason Robards, cast as President Ulysses S. Grant, and the great horse Silver, from "William Tell" blares. playing the great horse Silver. The latter, however, probably should not high point. It lasts approximately 15 count. He appears to have received a little direction, something not supplied anyone else in the company.

The latest reteiling of the vintage story follows traditional lines, telling how the masked man came to be.



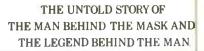
Klinton Spilsbury

But until it reaches those lines the entire production appears in danger of being trampled like grass in a stampede.

In what might be the longest preface in screen history, audiences are taken through tangent after tangent and the film is almost an hour long before Spilsbury finally dons his mask and the time-honored overture

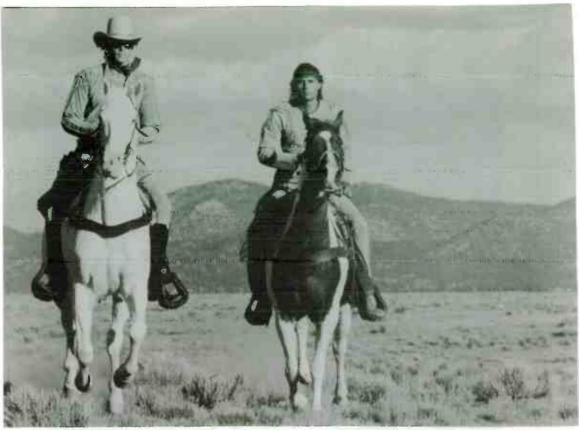
This, unfortunately, is the movie's seconds and what follows appears to be more afterthought than plot.

The best that might be said is that this remake is no worse than the retellings of "Buck Rogers" and "Flash Gordon."





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Klinton Spilsbury as the Lone Ranger and Michael Horse as faithful Tonto.



Jason Robards as President Grant is rescued by Spilsbury. Another still from the press kit.

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK AND THE LEGEND BEHIND THE MAN.





Legend of the Lone Ranger, The ★★ '80. (PG) Klinton Spilsbury, Christopher Lloyd. Painfully silly attempt to resurrect the masked gunman. Let's all just pretend it never happened. *100m.* HBO: Mon. 2 p.m.,

The 'Lone Ranger': In this version, only Silver isn't tarnished

By Desmond Ryan 5/23/81

If the purpose of disturbing the peace of the Lone Ranger was to create a film in which a horse is far and way the best actor on the screen, then *The Legend of the Lone Ranger* can be called a success. This stunningly inept film is a dark cloud with a Silver lining.

We have to go a fåir way into this film before someone called Klinton Spilsbury dons the mask and guns sacred to the childhood of those of us over 30. By then, the urge to make him wear a hood is all but overwhelming. Spilsbury is the unknown actor — and 1 use the noun in the most generous sense — who supplanted the aging Clayton Moore. He is accompanied in this outing by someone called Michael Horse, whose Tonto gives

a whole new meaning to the understanding of wooden Indians.

Horse has a way of saying "kemo sahe" that suggests it is a Japanese restaurant with second-rate tempura, and the entrance of the real horse, Silver, is thus doubly welcome. Unlike the Lone Ranger or Tonto, Silver, a magnificent white steed, commands a range of expression. His lips move and some times even his eyes. At points of high emotion, when he is — quite justifiably — sneuring at Spilsbury, his ears twitch. Rarely has a horse been so moving.

A film like The Legend of the Lone Ranger, which is directed by crstwhile cinematographer Wiltiam Fraker with all the flair of a 7-year-old brandishing a Kiddie City camera, should, I suppose, revive discussions of the state of the western. It could well kill it, of its hero.

too. The screenplay is credited to no fewer than tour people, one assumes in the same spirit that felons of an earlier time were hung, drawn and quartered.

What The Legend of the Lone Ranger lacks and what kills it more surely than the recruits from the Mount Rushmore school of acting is a consistent attitude toward its material. Some forays into similar terrain manage to find a reasonably tenable ground. Christopher Reeve's redeeming humor has much to do with the success of Superman, just as disco trashing of Flash Gordon ruined that movie's prospects. By these standards. The Legend of the Lone Ranger is a dismally creatic movie, veering between the moderately camp and the totally sober view

Reports of the death of the western tend to be exaggerated. It is a pliant form that can accommodate more ambivalence than most people think and, one way or another, it survives. Peter Hyams is currently showing what can be done when you move High Noon to a moon of Jupiter in Outland.

Beyond what would seem to be the rudimentary demands of approaching a subject of such folkloric stature as the Lone Ranger, Fraker's film is a monument to sheer sloppiness. Its editing is haphazard to the point where vital expository scenes are missing. The story dawdles upon the origins of the Lone Ranger as the survivor of a band of Texas rangers massacred by a lunatic who wants to take over Texas.

In the midst of the film, the esti-

mable Jason Robards can be seen drinking mightily in an attempt either to faithfully portray our most bibulous president, Ulysses Grant, or perhaps to forget where he bass note of what was once a promising and fertile career in film composition. If Rossini heard what Barry has done to the ebullient pace of the William Tell Overture he would surely-place an apple on his head, fire and miss low.

The final indignity is a Merle Haggard song that serves as a gratuitous and grating commentary on the action of the film. It seems to have been penned by a drunk with a rhyming dictionary, and if Rossmi has a spare arrow he might well consider the lyricist as a second target.



...riding into limbo

It may be a while before the Lone Ranger rides again.

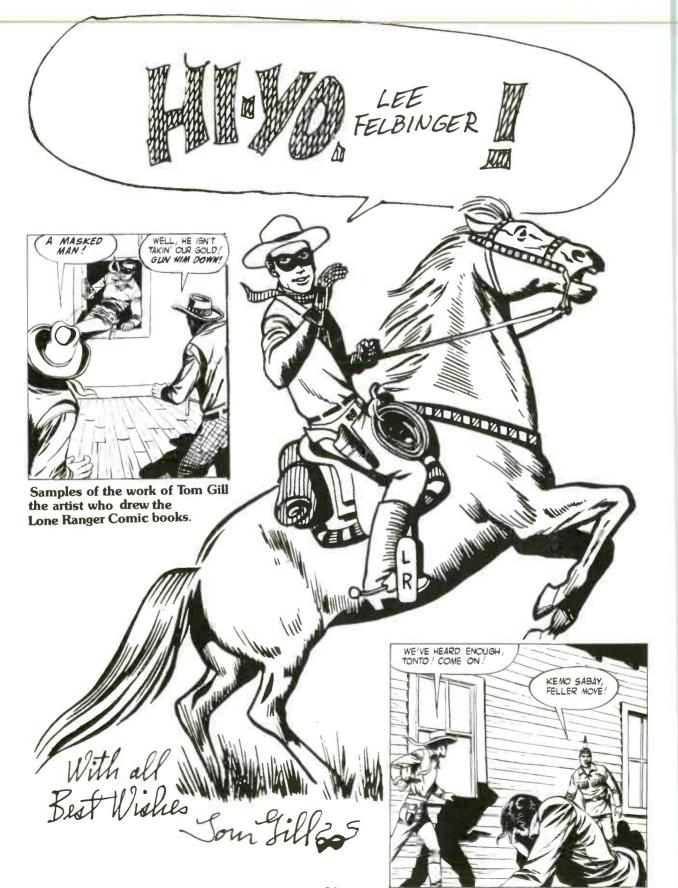
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Klincon Spilsbury, the novice actor who ortrays the masked rider of the plains in e film, has trouble sitting on his horse and citing his dialogue at the same time. His

performance was so bad that a professional actor, James Keach, was called in to ''voice over'' Spilsbury's lines.

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Wrather is so worried about his laughable "Lone Ranger" movie that he sneak-previewed the picture in Salt Lake City, in order to sniff out audience reaction without "alsing to much fuss.





The Lone Ranger characters, theme are used frequently as a base for all types of commercials both television and radio. Some of the more popular concepts were produced by Stan Freeberg for the Jeno's Pizza commercials. Another interesting concept was the "Phone Ranger" approach used by Southern New England Telephone Company. The characters were used for Chrysler's Dodge Commercials titled the "Good Guys in the White Hat" concept. The advertising campaign featured the last appearance of Brace Beemer. The theme was tied in with talking to the Lone Ranger by dialing a special number (in one day 3,000 calls were made to Brace Beemer in Detroit.)

Some of the other successful campaigns include "The Loan Arranger" concept from First Pennsylvania Bank. Both radio commercials and newspaper ads were utilized. Union Carbide capitalized on a team approach using the Lone Ranger and Tonto as well as Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes and Laurel and Hardy. The theme was finding the right partner is just as important in business as in show business.

The Lone Ranger has been used as the center of attention for many, many editorials, editorial cartoons and newspaper articles across the country. He was also featured on screen in the popular Gasoline Alley comic strip. And one individual used the Lone Ranger concept to advertise for the right lady in his life in a personal want ad.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto are "name-dropped" by national personalities on television and radio, in newspapers and magazine features — Johnny Carson, Bill Cosby, Art Buchwald — all relying on the instant identification of viewer and reader to trigger the warmth of recognition.

Today, many people collect and invest in original cartoon art from many famous comic strips that were popular in American from 1910 to the present time.

The comic strip is one of the true art forms that is associated only with America. It has been said that comic art is now being associated with the same investment value as fine art. Prices paid vary for comic art depending on the artist and the style of his art work and popularity of the strip.

Over a period of time a lot of the original art work was destroyed by the various syndicates that provided the comic strips to the newspapers. Some of the strips that survived were either saved by the artist or given away by him. Many fans of the strips

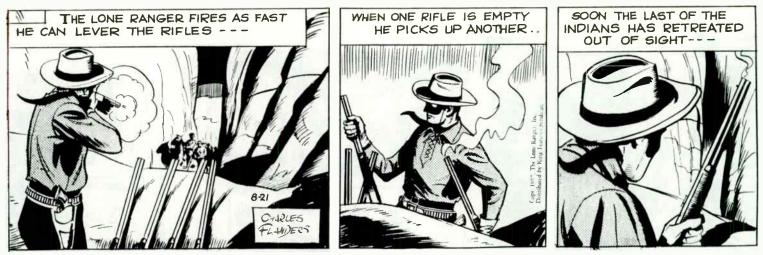
would write to the artist asking for the original art work or a panel from the comic strip.

There has been in the past several years a great demand of original Lone Ranger comic strip artwork. The prices continue to escalate for early Charles Flanders and Ed Kressy art work. Tom Gill, who drew the Lone Ranger Comic books for Dell publishing Company for over twenty years, is also in demand. Samples of the 1981-82 recent strip by Russ Health are also collectible.

Other advertising artwork involving the Lone Ranger character is very collectible but very hard to uncover. Prices vary a great deal on original artwork and are a nice addition to any collection of Lone Ranger memorabilia.



For old time's sake . . . Former cast members (above) of the "Lone Ranger" show recreated a script from its heyday under the careful surveillance of the movie and tv version of the sagebrush hero, Clayton Moore, as part of a record ad campaign for Michigan Dodge dealers.



Sample strip by Charles Flanders who drew the strip for King Features Syndicate for 27 years. Flanders early work was very outstanding completely capturing the visual image of the radio character. Unfortunately, his later work lacked the flavor and detail of his earlier strips.



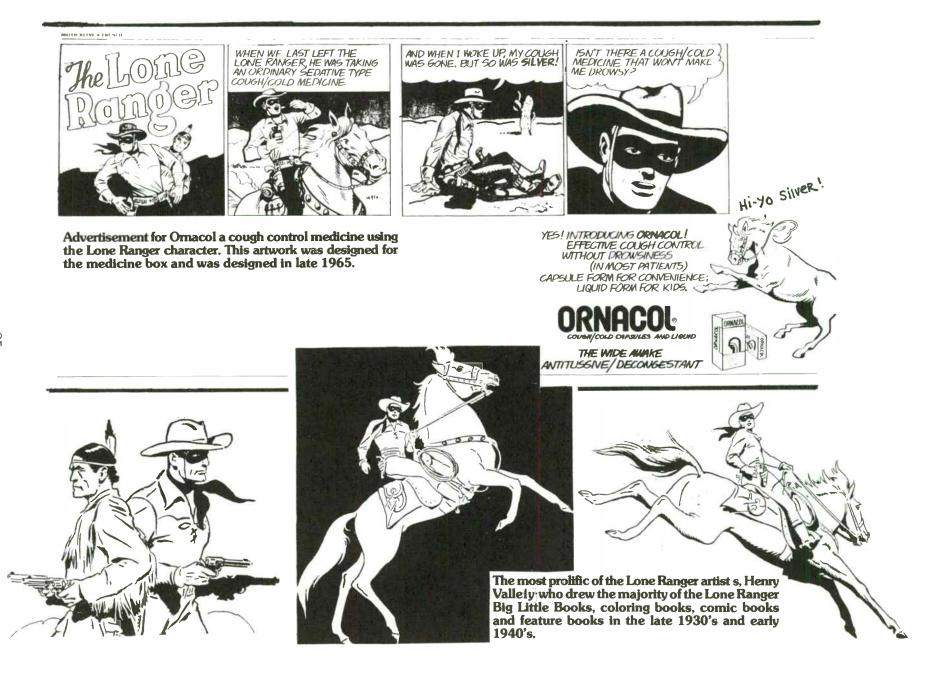
Excellent strip by Gil Kane who was asked to submit several pilot strips for the 1981 version of the Lone Ranger Comic strip. Unfortunately, Russ Heath was given the job of illustrating the new comic written by Cary Bates.



Sample strip used in a recent issue of *Cracked* magazine utilize the Lone Ranger and Tonto theme.

Sample of the Gasoline Alley strip showing the Lone Ranger on the movie screen.











Two unknown samples above right of Lone Ranger artwork used to illustrated advertising toys in the late fifties.





A NEW GENERATION CLASSIC

This is sample of the recent and newest version of the Lone Ranger artwork to be used for merchandising the character,

Top left — Ed Kressy was given the assignment to illustrate the Lone Ranger Comic strip in 1938. Although he was not as good as Flanders his cartooning style captured the flavor of the Lone Ranger and Tonto in the early strips of 1938 and part of 1939.

World Regio History

16-A Wednesday, May 8, 1985 The Philadelphia Inquirer

'Lone Rangers' Veterans rescue 18 from a burning building

NEW YORK - Eight Vietnam vet-NEW YORK — Eight Vietnam vei-erans returning from a memorial service rescued 18 people, including eight children, from a burning Queens building early vesterday, then left without waiting for an offi-cial "thank you." Fire Department officials said they were benering for the former soldiers

were looking for the former soldiers to express their gratitude for help in evacuating the three-story building. The veterans were identified as Bill Warner, Patrick Regan, Billy Pa-

vano. Jack DeFrancis, Doug Pater-son, Bill Giovanniello, Bill Hubell and Doug Carlson.

The department identified the eight through fire marshals' reports and the media, and it was recom-mending them for consideration for civilian commendations.

"There were no civilian injuries due to the actions of these Vietnam veterans. They got all the people out," said Lt. Jim Powell, a Fire De-

partment spokesman. Six firefighters were injured bat-

tling the two-alarm blaze, which was being investigated as suspicious Three were treated and released, the others were treated and put on medical leave

The veterans, who said they were members of the Queens Vietnam Vet-erans Outreach Center, were returning from the unveiling of a Manhat-tan memorial to veterans of the war when they noticed the fire about 2

a.m The blaze began in first floor stair-

building in minutes.

"They alerted the tenants and evacuated them down a front fire escape, which was necessary because the main escape route in the interior of the building was blocked by fire." Powell said. "The only way to get people out was the fire escape."

"These guys came out of the night, did what they had to do and they left the scene — like Lone Rangers," said a.m. The blaze began in first-floor stair-well and spread throughout the didn't hang around for glory."



Starting September 13,

newspaper readers around the world will thrill once again to the strains of a hearty "Hi-yo, Silver, awaaaay!" as the masked man gallops to the defense of law and and half- and full-tabloid.

order on the frontier. Brand-new adventures, written by Cary Bates and magnificently illustrated by Russ Heath. Daily and Sunday in half-, third- and guarter-standard

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Advertisement for the new Lone Ranger comic strip with sample of Russ Heath's version of the masked rider





Additional editorial cartoon and article by columnist Bob Greene about the Lone Ranger Silver Rules.

silver rules

Lone Ranger: a square-shooter

·By Bob Greene

In this amoral age there remains one true hero, one force for good. He is, of course, the Lone Ranger, and if you disagree, keep away from this space from now on.

I unashamededly admit that I love the Lone Ranger.

You may think that the Lone Ranger became a good guy merely by luck. Not true at all. The reason the Lone Ranger was so good is that his creators, very specifically, set out to make sure everything he did advanced his goodness.

When the original Lone Ranger radio show went on the air, the creators wrote a list of guidelines for Lone Ranger scriptwriters — a list (called "The Lone Ranger's Success Formula") that carried over to the Lone Ranger television show, which even today is viewed in reruns by millions of decent Americans.

l have obtained a copy of the Lone Ranger guidelines. They are more than the key to a successful radio and television show. They can make your life better. They're better than any self-help program pushed by some tootie-frootie doctor promoting his book on a talk show. Here they are. Memorize them.

• Patriotism — Motivated by love of country, and originally a strong desire to help the pioneers who settled in the West, the Lone Ranger teaches a brand of patriotism that consists of more than flag-waving and answering the call of war.

When interpreted from the scripts, it is learned that patriotism means service to the community; voting; aiding in community development of schools and churches; and an obligation to maintain a home in which good citizens may be reared. It further means a respect for law and order and calls for a preservation of our heritage, specifically the rights



of freedom of speech and religion.

• Fairness — The Lone Ranger advocates the American Tradition, which gives each man the right to choose his work and to profit in proportion to his effort. He registers disapproval of men who take unfair advantage, those who step beyond the bounds of fair play, and those who attack from behind. He constantly disapproves of bullets.

• Tolerance — If the Lone Ranger accepts the Indian, Tonto, as his closest companion, it becomes obvious to children that great men have no racial or religious prejudice. Nowhere in the stories are any minority groups referred to in a derogatory manner.

• Sympathy — The Lone Ranger chooses the side of the oppressed the underdog — the little man in need of help, and is a specific example of a man who can be strong, yet tender — a man who can fight hard, yet show his mercy and compassion.

• Sex, Gore, and Brutality — The sanctity of the home is protected, and all love interests are kept wholesome. The circumstances behind the creation of the masked lawman make it necessary never to write a love interest for him into the program, but romance is introduced Lone Ranger Don'ts:

1. The Lone Ranger is never seen without his mask or a disguise.

2. With emphasis on logic, the Lone Ranger is never captured or held for any length of time by lawmen, avoiding his being unmasked. 3. At all times, the Lone Ranger

3. At all times, the Lone Ranger uses perfect grammar and precise speech completely devoid of slang and colloquial phrases.

4. When he has to use guns, the Lone Ranger never shoots to kill, but rather only to disarm his opponent as painlessly as possible.

5. Logically, too, the Lone Ranger never wins against hopeless odds; i.e. he is never seen escaping from a barrage of bullets merely by riding into the horizon.

6. Even though the Lone Ranger offers his aid to individuals or small groups, the ultimate objective of his story is to imply that their benefit is only a by-product of a greater achievement — the development of the West or our country. His adversaries are usually groups whose power is such that large areas are at stake.

7. All adversaries are Americans to avoid criticism from minority groups.

8. Names of unsympathetic characters are carefully chosen, avoiding the use of two names as much as possible to avoid even further vicarious association. More often than not a single nickname is selected.

9. The Lone Ranger does not drink or smoke, and saloon scenes are usually interpreted as cafes, with waiters and food instead of bartenders and liquor.

Quote from J. Edgar Hoover — "The Lone Ranger is one of the greatest forces for good in the country."





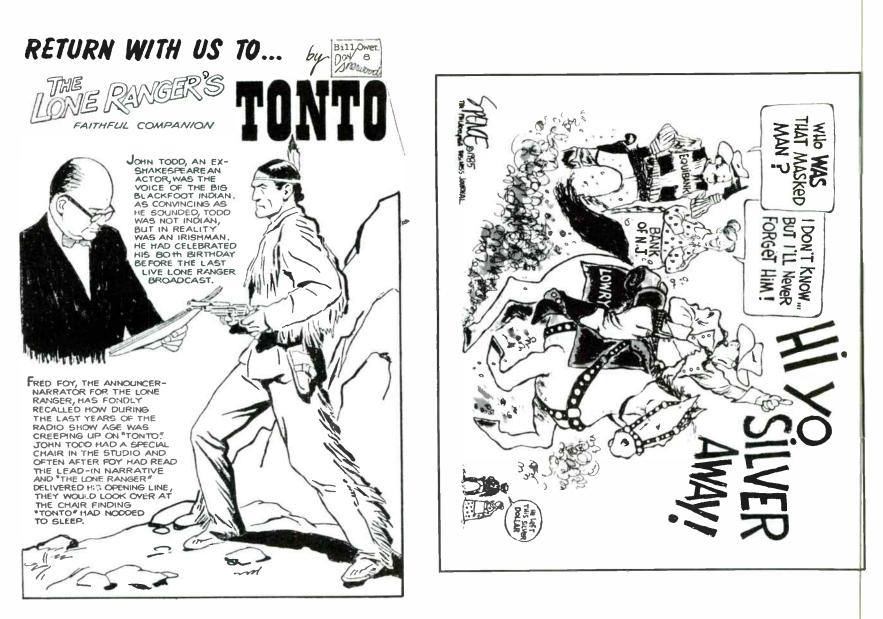








Above samples of local advertising, using the Lone Ranger theme. All are very collectible and sought after by fans of the Lone Ranger.





Advertising Age, July 26, 1976



Hoping the public may still believe in heroes, Philadelphia's First Pennsylvania Bank has been using the Lone Ranger and Tonto, dubbed the "Loan Arranger and Pronto," in its newspaper and radio advertising. Polaroid Pronto SX-70 cameras were given to those qualifying for personal loans of more than \$2,500.

The Lone Ranger rides again in ads for Pa. bank loans

PHILADELPHIA—The masked man who has been showing up lately at branches of the First Pennsylvania Bank here is not a robber. He is actually a member of the bank's senior management impersonating the "loan arranger."

It's all part of an advertising campaign, including newspapers and radio, which the bank has been running to push its direct installment loans. Anyone who received a direct personal loan of more than \$2,500 through last week, was presented with a Polaroid Pronto SX-70 camera, carrying case and tripod adapter by the bank.

Hence, the "Loan Arranger and Pronto" theme. Spiro & Associates created the campaign. #

Programming

The LONE RANGER The Original Radio Network Series is BACK ON THE AIR! Now available for local purchase: HARLES MICHELSON, inc. 444 Madison Ave., New York 10022

(212) 759-3232

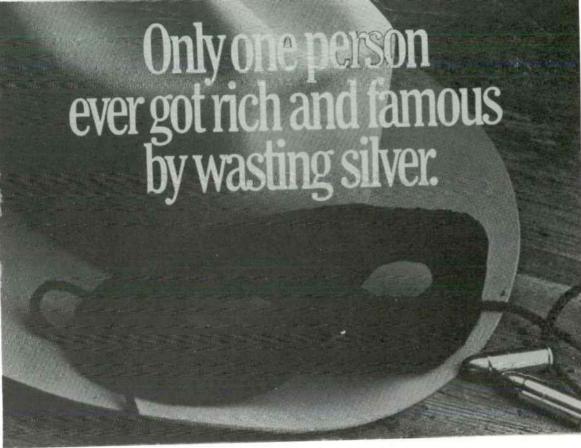


Lone Ranger and Tonto

Barnum and Bailey have joined the Carbide team. So have Laurel and Hardy, Holmes and Watson, and the Lone Ranger and Tonto.

These famous entrepreneurial, comedy, detective and wild west teams are all part of an enterprising print advertising program by the Solvents and Intermediates Division (S&I) to bring home the point: "Finding the right partner is just as important in your business as in show business."

Sample Lone Ranger ad campaigns



If you're finding that the cost of silver is tarnishing your profit picture, you're not alone. The answer is simply to use less of it. And now, with 3M's new longer-running ESPX paper plate, you can do just that. You see, ESPX paper plates contain absolutely no silver. Yet they deliver the kind of clean, sharp image that until now, only silver plates could give you. For easy, automatic processing of ESPX, use our 1165 or 1175 economy platemakers. Or our MR-417 camera system for up to four visible image plates per minute. Either way, you'll be cutting down on silver. Which adds up to profits.

Send me more infor on the silver-free pla Name Title Company		NEW ESP-X PAPER PLATE
Address City	State	Zip
Mail to: Industrial Graphic Small ch	ange for t	M Center, St. Paul, MN 55101. he short runs.



Advertisement for 3M — using the Lone Ranger idea in a clever approach that sold a lot of products.

Franchise Marvel: A Brand-New Idea That's 40 Years Old "Heyo Suver" ... Away!" The Lone Ranger rides again. This time in a sage unperalleled in the rea-taurant franchise industry. The dataling new red, white and hlue Lone Ranger issuity, fast-food restau-rants, soon to rise across Amorica, are the latest in a phenomenal parlay of successes for world-famed industrialits, hotel man and restaurateor, Jack

hotel man and restauratour, Jack Wrather. And he's had several. Musak, the "Grand-Daddy" in franchising which

was founded in 1934, numbers 230 world-wide. His Disneyland Hotel has grown from 90 to nearly 1,000 rooms since 1955. The Wrather-owned "Lassie" so-ries is the longest-running filmed half-hour in TV history. And then there's Note in 1 v nstory. And then there is the huge hetel with restaurant and con-vention facilities aboard the liner "Queen Mary." to be jointly operated with Sky Chefe (a subsidiary of Ameri-can Airlines), alsted to open this year in its new Long Beach (Calif.) berth. Wrather knows how to capture

We interrupt these franchise ads to bring you an unfair advantage.

All restaurant franchises are not created equal. Not by a long shot. This isn't just one more of the many. We have developed a fast-food, "eatin or take-out" system with advantages you won't find elsewhere. We made sure by spending over a year and committing over \$1,000,000 to perfect our package. Nothing has been

left to chance! A built-in reputation. The Lone Ranger. It's one of the best known names in America. Based on 40 years of hero worship in TV, radio, comics, records. It means instant popularity for our license Ride with Wrather. Behind this legend is the successful Wrather Corporation. The Disneyland Hotel and its family restaurants, serving 95,000 meals a month. Muzak, the pioneer of franchising. The Queen Mary

ocean liner hotel and restaurants (joint venture with Sky Chefs Inc., a subsidiary of American Airlines) projecting 3,000,000 visitors the first year. The internationally known

assie television series. The winning team. We have the experts in every facet from real estate to operations to finance. Each has an impressive track record. Like President Ralph Lanphar, former head of Shakey's Pizza, key executive with McDonald's.

Our full program contains imagina

ESQUIRE: MARCH 1969

Typical ad for the Lone Ranger Restaurants, appearing in many publication in 1969. A total of 16 Lone Ranger Restaurants were scheduled to open in Los Angeles that same year. There are many items from the early restaurants that are highly collectible today.

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tive new promotions to attract traffic. And the most effective merchandising. Pity the poor competitor!

You supply the ambition. We'll provide the training and methods. Exclusive area and foreign licenses available for individual and group purchases...one or multiple units. Minimum investment is \$35,000 and \$5,000 working

reserve. The Lone Ranger Franchise System, Inc., Disneyland Hotel, Plaza Bldg., Suite 1, Ana-heim, California 92802. Phone: (714) 778-3400. And here's the word from our sponsor:

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crowds. And keep them coming. The crowa, and scop mean coming, ise new Lone Ranger operation preves it. Headed by Ralph Lanphar, formor president of Shakey's and previously a key figure in the McDonald's success story. The Lone Ranger Franchise Sys-tem, Inc. is armed with an argenal of sure-fire promotions

include 221 Lone Ranger TV They shows, two full-length color films, 26 color cartoons, 52 radio shows, recerds, comic books, and 48 exclusive Lone

Ranger product. And there's the masked rider himself to attend prese-rovered grand openings. The Lose Ranger licensee can be provided with television and radio commercials, among other

radio commerciala, smong others advertions material. The Lone Ranger "image" is a winner, reports Ralph Lan-phar. "We devoted one year and committed over \$1,000,000 to perfort the franchise package. Research solidly confirmed the Lone Rancer's astopuide an. Research solidly confirmed the Lone Ranger's nationwide ap-peal to kids, adults-overyene." Noting that over 70% of Lone Ranger restaurant trade comains of young families with chil-dren, Lampher adds: "The Lone Ranger concept of food and merrhandising draws them.

metrinandising draws them. For nearly 40 years the sym-bol of adventure, excitement and fair play to millions, the powerful Lone Ranger legend is rieverly relived in every phase of the new loss Barry of the new Long Ranger restau-rants. The sparkling Old West interiors seat 80 to 100 diners, and catter to brisk take-out trade, as well. The Long Rang-

trade, as well. The Lone Rang-er legend in photos decreates the walls. Lamps wear nostalgic white hats and hlark masks. And the loitern menu is all-American. Hamburgers and the lineup. Also the Sherfff's Steak Sandwich, plus Saddlebag meals to go. The latter are packed in handsense reasable containers, winulating rich hand. containers, simulating rich handtooled leather.

The hig crowd-pleaser (kids love it!) is the Lone Ranger "Quick Draw Drink Bar." Here, the customer buys a cup of ice for the price of a soft-drink, then treats himself to as many "fill-ups" as desired. "Each cup." aya Laphar, "can be filled up to eight times and still he profitable to the li-

till ne provincial renaee." Today, The Lone Ranger Franchise System, Inc. is mar-keting national and overseas listers for individual owneroperators or multiple unit buy-ers. Required is a minimum \$35,000 investment and \$5,000 capital reserve. Perhaps, the most convincing reason to own Lone Ranger restaurant can be found in the first year's in-come projections which acrompany the descriptive color hrochure mailed to interested peo-ple. The potential return, aione, is enough to set this oppor-tanity spart from others. With 16 new Lone Ranger restaurants scheduled to open

in the Los Angeles market alone this year and another dozen in the planning, a 40-year-ald idea is scoring a brand-new impact. Wrather successfully,

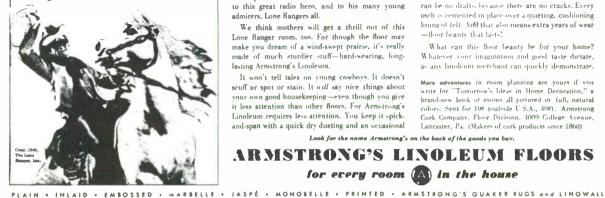
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Now your Lone Ranger can live in the West...

right in his own room



IT'S OFFICIAL . . . We had a powwow with the Lone Ranger himself before we planned this room. His portrait is ITS UPPRIAL..., we had a powwow with the Lone Ranger himself helore we planned this room. His portrait is painted on the wall in fluorescent paint and faintly glows at hight. On the floor, his horse, "Silver," is designed in Armstrong's Lindeum, which your dealer can cut and install. The held of this flour is Apple Green Jasek. No. 11, set off by Willow Green Linostrips. No. 44. Complete list of furnishings sent free. Copr. 1940, The Lone Ranger, Inc.

WITH a thunder of hoofs and a "Hi-Yo-Silver!" the Lone Ranger has ridden into the hearts of millions of American boys. And we're proud to dedicate this room

to this great radio hero, and to his many young admirers, Lone Rangers all.

We think mothers will get a thrill out of this Lone Ranger room, too. For though the floor may make you dream of a wind-swept prairie, it's really made of much sturdier stuff-hard-wearing, longlasting Armstrong's Linoleum.

It won't tell tales on young cowboys. It doesn't scuff or spot or stain. It will say nice things about your own good housekeeping-even though you give it less attention than other floors. For Armstrong's Linoleum requires less attention. You keep it spickand-span with a quick dry dusting and an occasional Look for the name Armstrong's on the back of the goods you buy.



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Warmth and quietness are two other features that mothers of hard-riding Rangers should like. You see, there

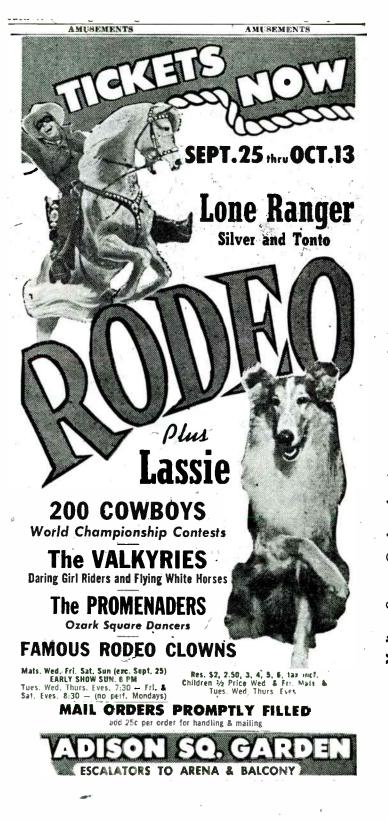
can be no drafts, because there are no cracks. Every inch is cemented in place over a quieting, cushioning liming of felt. Aiff that also means extra years of wear -floor beauty that fasts!

What can this floor beauty be for your home? Whatever your imagination and good faste dictate, as any finoleum merchant can quickly demonstrate.

More adventures in room planning are yours if you write for "Tomorrow's Ideas in Home Decoration," a brand-new book of rooms all pictured in full, natural colors, Sent for 10t (outside U.S.A., 40t). Armstrong Cork Company, Floor Division, 4009 College Avenue, Lancaster, Pa. (Makers of cork products since 1860)

ARMSTRONG'S LINOLEUM FLOORS for every room 🔼 in the house

This was a good indication of how popular the Lone Ranger character was back in the early 1940's. This full page ad appeared in Good Housekeeping Magazine, a very collectible item. Note - Lone Ranger pilot radio in small drawing.



Madison Square Garden advertisement promoting the Lone Ranger and Lassie. Most people were not aware that both the Lone Ranger and Lassie were owned by Jack Wrather Corporation.

THE FAR SIDE



Auditions for the Lone Ranger's horse





Hespond Box I-14, Andalusia, PA 19020.

ATTRACTIVE SJF, 36, sensitive, unpretentious, professional enjoys sports, music, travel, books, seeks SJM to enjoy fall, football & more. Box B787, PHILADELPHIA Magazine, 1500 Walnut, Phila., 19102.

A FIREY HORSE, A CLOUD OF DUST & A HEARTY "HI-YO SILVER ... AWAY" (The Lone Stranger Rides Again) the masked man is back in town and looking for his female Kemo-Sabay. If you are (25-35) 5'10" + sincere, honest, personable, down to earth, energetic, intelligent, mature, humorous, with a touch of craziness, Reply with Bio/Photo to PO Box 2072, Ventnor, NJ 08406.

ORIENTAL SF attractive & educated, seeks well-settled SWM 35-42 for meaningful relationship. PO Box 456, Southeastern, PA 19399.

RARE BIRO BUT NO BIROBRAIN! SWF, 28, fine plumage, cultivated chirp, seeks mate with eagle eye, strong ince sense of direction. PO Box 94, Audubon, PA 1940?

Additional samples of Lone Ranger advertising and cartoons. This idea was very clever ... I wonder if he ever got his female Tonto?

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Ride with Silver.



Last, and most recent, campaign using Clayton Moore as the Lone Ranger was the AMOCO campaign in 1988. In addition to newspaper ads, large posters were displayed by local gas stations. This material is also very collectible to fans of the masked rider.

THE LONE RANGER CREED

I BELIEVE * That to have a friend, a man must be one * That all men are created equal and that everyone has within himself the power to help make this a better world * That God put the firewood there, but every man must gather and light it himself * In being prepared physically, mentally and morally to fight when necessary, for that which is right * That a man should make the most of what equipment he has * That "This Government, of the people, by the people, and for the people" shall live always * That men should live by the rule of what is best for the greatest number * That sooner or later...somewhere...somehow...we must settle with the world and make payment for what we have taken * That all things change but truth, and that truth alone, lives on forever * In my Creator, my country, my fellow man.

The Love Rayer



Amoco giveaway items featuring the Lone Ranger include photo of Clayton Moore and copy of the Lone Ranger Creed.



Beemer on Silver as the Lone Ranger

World Racig History

The Original Good Guy in the White Hat

The Lone Ranger galloped through performance after performance of radio heroism on Detroit's WXYZ. He was a favorite of both children and adults. His dramatic "Hi-Yo Silver" echoed through living rooms all over the world.

Who could ever forget those tense moments of excitement when "the thundering hooves of the great horse, Silver" were heard on the plains, via the air waves, bearing the Masked Rider, intent upon rescue, wearing his virtue, like a banner, with his Indian friend, Tonto, at his side.

When the Lone Ranger was first broadcast, the identify of the sonorous voiced hero was a closely guarded secret. Then, at a children's circus given by the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation, Brace Beemer made the first personal appearance as the Lone Ranger.

A huge crowd of youngsters, and their parents, cheered wildly as the masked man rode his snow-white horse across the Belle Isle field. The children deserted their seats to run to him and follow him from the arena, like children following the Pied Piper!

A new hero was born that day, and from that moment until the day of his death, Brace Beemer was also beseiged by a devoted public. Today, long after his death on March 1, 1965 at the age of 62, Beemer's memory remains firmly intrenched in the hearts and imaginations of those who followed his exploits as the Masked Rider of the Plains.

Placing Brace Beemer in the role of the Lone Ranger was perfect casting. He was a tall man, measuring 6'3" and loved the outdoors. An expert rider and crack shot, Beemer was a "man's man": his appeal stemmed from his rugged charm and virile appearance. During his earlier years in the role, he made personal Lone Ranger appearances in black regalia. As the months passed by and popularity increased, Beemer allowed the Lone Range to don a set of elaborate pastels. One favorite was a light grey hue. Soon Beemer found that the Lone Ranger was continually in demand. He made personal appearance tours and appeared at rodeos, circuses and benefits. He posed for countless photographic sessions for newspaper and magazine layouts. He travelled extensively for promotional purposes. He became an honorary "blood brother" in several Indian tribes, was made an honorary member of the Legion of Frontiersmen of Canada, and was deputized in Texas. Among his close friends were former Vice President Barkley and J. Edgar Hoover, who admired Beemer's skill on the pistol range (he once racked up a perfect score on the FBI range).

Brace Beemer was born in Illinois. His family moved to Indiana when Brace was very young. At the age of 14, Brace enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in action. Following his youthful stint in the service, he began singing on a radio station in Indianapolis. When he was offered a position at WXYZ in Detroit, he eagerly made the move.

Before becoming the Lone Ranger, Beemer appeared as one of the Wandering Vagabonds and also read poetry on a program, entitled "The Night Shall Be Filled With Music".

Beemer married songstress Leta Wales in Toledo, soon after coming to Oxford Township in 1942 and purchased a 300-acre estate, called Paint Creek Acres. Here he, his wife and their four children, J.D., Richard, Robert and Barbara, lived among a bevy of dogs and horses. All became expert riders, as Paint Creek Acres maintained a stable of 30 horses. One of those horses was called Silver's Pride.

Although Trendle, Campbell and Meurer, owners of WXYZ and the Lone Ranger series, owned a horse named Silver, Beemer preferred to appear with Silver's Pride, an Albino-Arabian stallion, since Brace had personally spent many hours with his horse and could ride him with ease, despite the vast crowds he encountered in the audiences. Following Beemer's death, Silver's Pride was cared for by Leta Beemer, and the horse died at the age of 27 years.

The Lone Ranger, as portrayed by Brace Beemer, was indeed a legend of our times, a legend that will live on in memories of those who recall radio's golden years when "the thundering hooves of the great horse, Silver" swept out the western air waves from the small studios of WXYZ, to capture a nation's heart.

"Say, who was that masked man"? It was Brace Beemer, of course!



Photos above of Brace shows him at left dressed in World War I uniform and right at the age of ten years. Lower photo shows Brace (on the right) loading a field cannon. Brace was the youngest soldier to be wounded in World War I, and was a member of the 150th Field Artillery, Battery E, Rainbow Division under MacArthur.



In 1934, a series of eight photographs were taken of Brace Beemer and John Todd as the Lone Ranger and Tonto for possible use as publicity photos or early premium giveaways. The horse was rented and, if you check carefully, the bridle used on Silver is English, not Western. The outfit Brace is wearing is similar to the early painting that was used as a premium and for publicity. These photos were probably given to the artist as a guide for that painting, which he stylized to tie in with the vivid image the radio show created of the Lone Ranger and Silver.



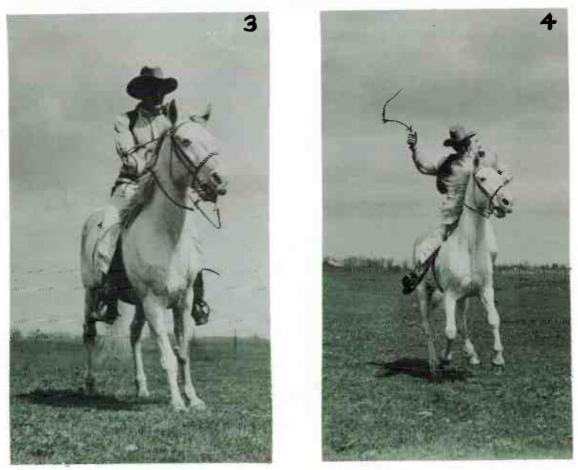


Photo 7, 3 and 4 ... The 4th photo was used as a color tinted photo for the back of the Big Little Book, The Lone Ranger and His Horse Silver (1935).



Photo 5 ... Showing John Todd, Silver and Brace Beemer.



Photo 6 . . . Showing Silver and Brace Beemer.





Photo 2... Used as a photo premium and as an exhibit card for vending machines. Photo 1 was chosen as the key photo for all publicity purposes showing both Tonto and the Lone Ranger on the great horse, Silver. Several years later, Tonto was given his own horse.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



Jederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice Washington 25, D. C.

February 26, 1946

Mr. Brace Beemer 1344 West Drahner Road Oxford, Michigan

Dear Mr. Beemer:

I did want to write and personally express my own appreciation and the gratitude of my co-workers in the Federal Bureau of Investigation for your enthusiastic support and cooperation during World War II. The Lone Ranger is a symbol of Americanism and I know that in his various lectures and tours he has made definite contributions in the field of crime prevention and the repression of juvenile criminality.

It is a privilege to have your confidence and I hope that whenever you are in Washington you will stop in at FBI Headquarters and visit your many friends.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

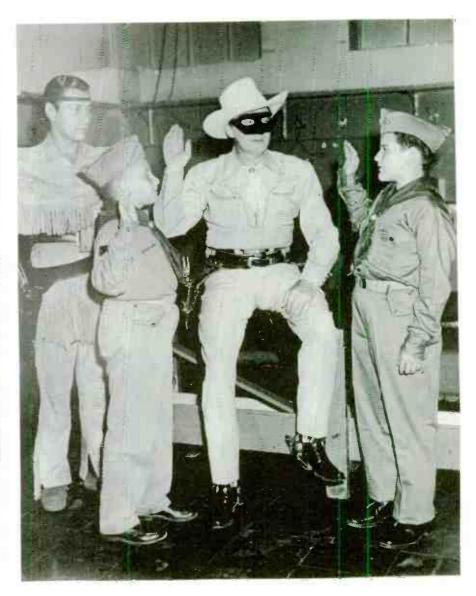
Letter from J. Edgar Hoover thanking Brace for his support and cooperation during the war years.

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Brace Beemer autographs for bedridden young cowboy (wearing Lone Ranger bandanna) during one of his many hospital visits.

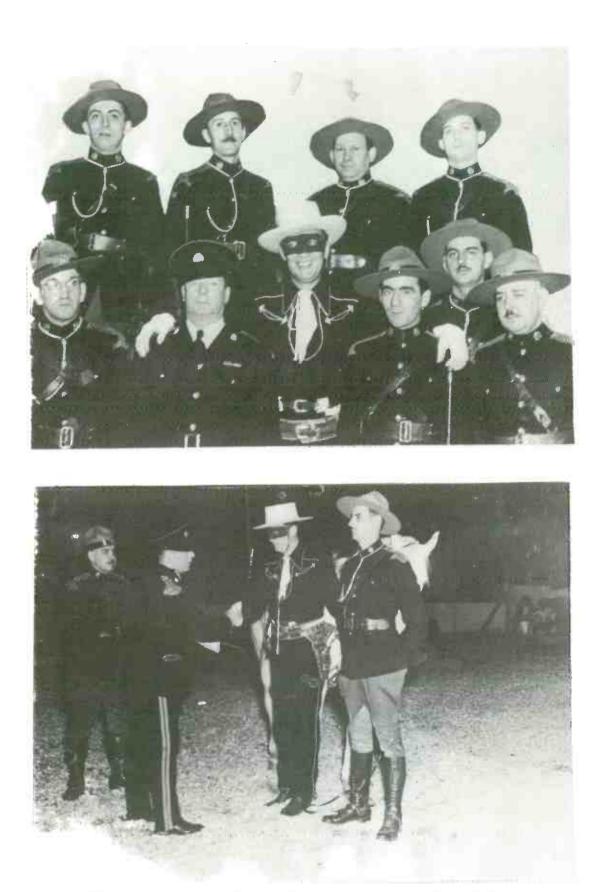
Brace Beemer swears in new Boy Scout "Deputies" (note Lone Ranger Deputy Badge on boy at right), as television's Tonto (Jay Silverheels) looks on during a visit to New York.





Brace Beemer and Silver's Pride. Brace's daughter, Barbara, is on the right side.

Brace Beemer shows his expertise at duck decoy making to his daughter, Barbara (center) and friend in the family kitchen.



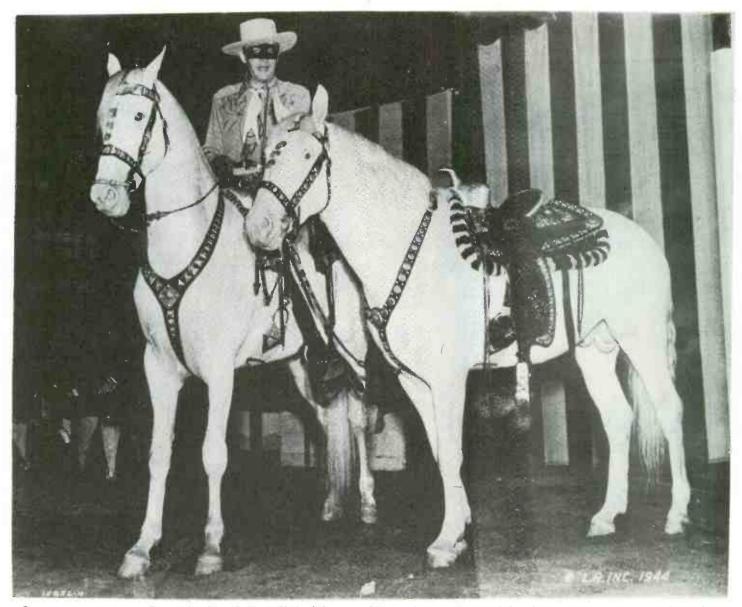
Brace Beemer was made a frontiersman of Canada, quite an honor. The photo above was taken at the same time.



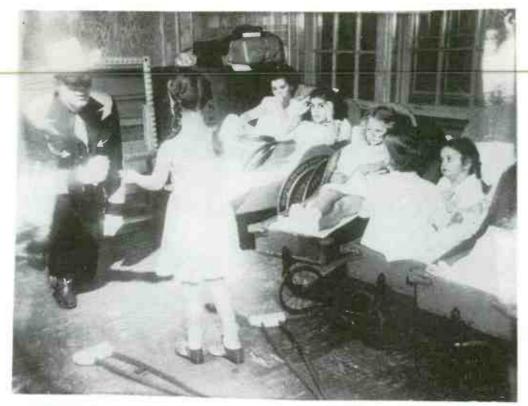
Very rare photo of two cowboy greats at Madison Square Garden, New York. Needless to say the fans loved seeing both Roy Rogers and the Lone Ranger together.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wrather, owners of the Lone Ranger program receive an award along with Brace Beemer in Washington, D.C.



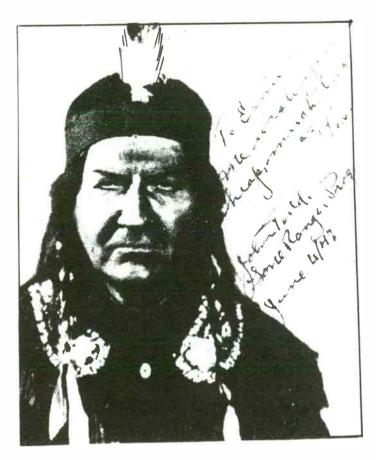
On many occasions Brace had both Trendle's Silver and Brace's own horse Silver's Pride, which he preferred to use on a great many personal appearances.



A total believing little girls steps forward for a silver bullet from her hero. (Note old wooden wheelchairs photo, early 1930's).



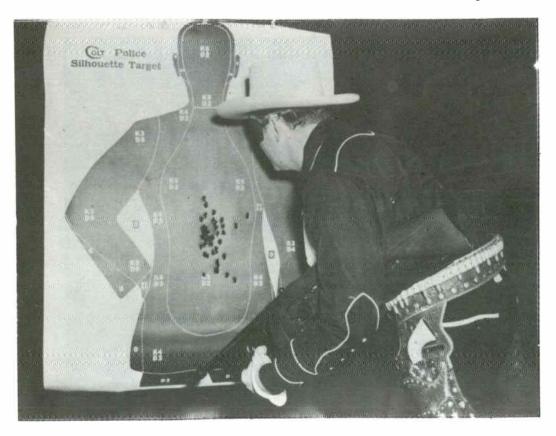
This photo was taken in South Dakota on a hunting trip and Remington Fire Arms photographers were following taking pictures. Brace, due to his Lone Ranger contract, had to wear mask.

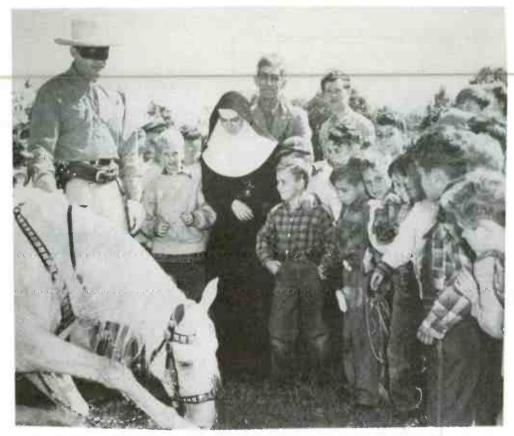


John Todd, a former Shakespearian actor was in his sixties when he started the role of Tonto and was well into his eighties when he performed in the last live Lone Ranger broadcast.



Photo of Brace Beemer as a guest of J. Edgar Hoover on the rifle range of the F.B.I. (Brace was one of a few to score a perfect round).





Brace Beemer was always fond of kids and would go out of his way to accommodate them while making personal appearances.



When it came to signing autographs, Brace was always willing, as the photo above shows, Brace surrounded by his fans, with pen in hand.



Photo taken in the Beemer's family room. The girl near fireplace is Brace's daughter Barbara with two friends. The dog with Barbara was "Blondie" Brace's best pal when after pheasants. The other dog was "Lady" Mrs. Beemer's pride and joy.



Brace would always visit the local children's hospital and visit with his fans to cheer them on to recovery.



Brace Beemer distributing silver bullets to three Lone Ranger fans. (These are highly prized by collectors today!)



Here Brace is welcomed into the tribe as an honorary Chief by the Tribal Council.



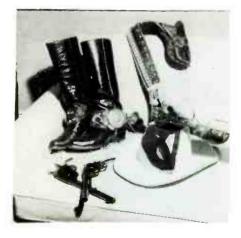
Three adoring Indian girls meet their favorite radio hero of the early 40's, Brace Beemer.



Brace and Silver even in retirement they projected a strong, dynamic, image together.



After Brace retired from the Lone Ranger program he was always remembered by his fans. Here Brace reads several fan letters on his Oxford, Michigan farm.



LoneRanger memorabilia boots, guns, and holsters, hat, mask, and a supply of silver bullets were loaned to the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit, Michigan, by Mrs. Beemer (also included, all the original photographs used in this book).



Lone Ranger (Brace Beemer) and Silver a radio legend America took to its heart. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice Washington, B. C.

November 17, 1944

Mr. Brace Beemer "The Lone Ranger" King-Trendle Broadcasting Corporation 17th Floor, Stroh Building Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Beemer:

I want to thank you so much for your very fine letter of November 13th. It was really a privilege, as well as a pleasure, for me to have the opportunity of meeting you when you were in Washington. I do hope sometime that you will be back so that we will be able to visit together again and for a longer period.

It is indeed grand to have your approbation and confidence. You, yourself, are doing a fine piece of work. Maybe you are too close to your daily task to realize what a constructive piece of building you are doing with the youth of this country. It shows what can be done with a radio program when it is built upon constructive and clean and wholesome lines. We need so many more with the same trend to cope with the younger generation, which basically is clean and sound, but gets out of hand because of adult delinquency rather than juvenile delinquency.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Letter to Brace Beemer from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, thanking him for his visit to Washington DC in 1944.

Brace Beemer — Most famous of Radio Rangers



First Lone Kanger

Clayton Moore — He's current masked man.



When the first regularly scheduled broadcast of the Lone Ranger was heard on January 30, 1933, an actor named Jack Deeds played the title role for the first six broadcasts. He was replaced by a young actor, George Stenius (later famous as George Seaton, movie producer). He continued the role for the next three months.

Brace Beemer was then station manager, and when Stenius quit the role, Beemer was selected. After playing the role for a few months, Beemer quit to open his own advertising agency. The next actor to play the part was Earl W. Graser. He continued in the role of the Lone Ranger until his untimely death in an automobile accident on April 8, 1941.

Graser had developed an easy-going naturalness that was a strong identification with the popular listening audience. The producers were baffled as to how they were going to replace him. The next few episodes had a plot to explain his absence. This plot centered around Tonto and had the Lone Ranger critically wounded and unconscious, silent, except for some heavy breathing.

Finally, the masked man grew stronger and able to speak a few words. The new voice was quite similar to the one heard before, but was deeper, richer and sterner. Brace Beemer had returned to the role that he was destined to become so closely attached to in the future years. He continued to be the Lone Ranger until the last live broadcast, on September 3, 1954.

As for radio's Tonto, the same actor was heard in every episode. A former Shakesperian actor, John Todd, was over 60 years old when he took the part.

In the 1938 serial, the part of the Lone Ranger was played by Lee Powell. Tonto was played by a real-life Indian, Chief Thundercloud.

"The Lone Ranger Rides Again", the 1939 second serial, had a change in actors. This time, Bob Livingston was credited as the Ranger. Chief Thundercloud was once again Tonto.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto reached the television screen in 1948, with Clayton Moore as the masked man and Jay Silverheels as Tonto. After one year, Moore was replaced by actor, John Hart. After one full season, Hart was replaced by Clayton Moore, who continued in the part for the remainder of the TV series. When Clayton Moore returned to the role, he would remain in it up until it ended in 1961. Needless to say, he was a top-notch actor and could handle all the action sequences, as well.

In 1956, a big screen technicolor "Lone Ranger" movie was produced by Warner Brothers. Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels, a real-life Mohawk Indian, were chosen to portray the two legendary characters.

A second feature-length film, starring the same pair, was released in 1958. It was titled "The Lone Ranger and the Lost City of Gold."

Last, but not least, a TV cartoon series was developed in 1970 and shown on Saturday. The voices of the actors were Michael Rye (Lone Ranger) and Shepard Menken (trusty Tonto).

A long awaited new movie version was introduced in 1981 titled "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" and was produced by the Wrather Corporation. Klinton Spilsbury was the new Lone Ranger and Michael Horse was cast as Tonto.

However, Beemer on radio and Moore on TV are the actors most identified with the Lone Ranger character. Both were excellent and were responsible for creating and developing the role that audiences have loved and enjoyed for many years on radio and television.





Above — Earl Graser, popular radio Lone Ranger.



John Todd and Brace Beemer radio's Tonto and the Lone Ranger.



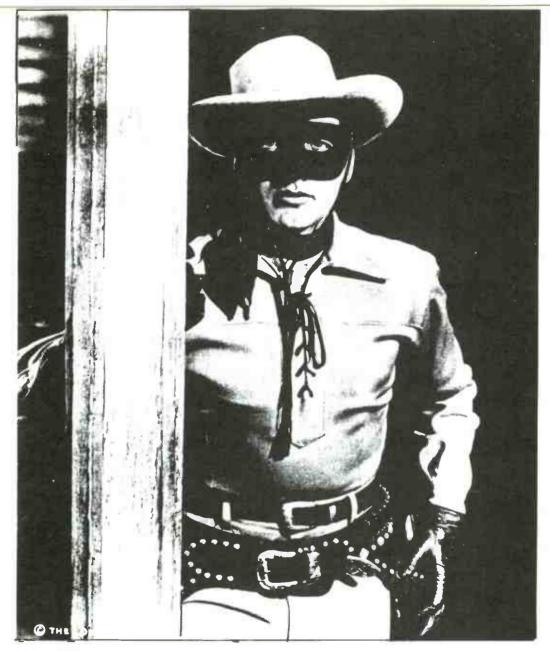
Here's Lee Powell, as the Lone Ranger, wth sidekick Tonto, as played by Chief Thundercloud (Victor Daniels).



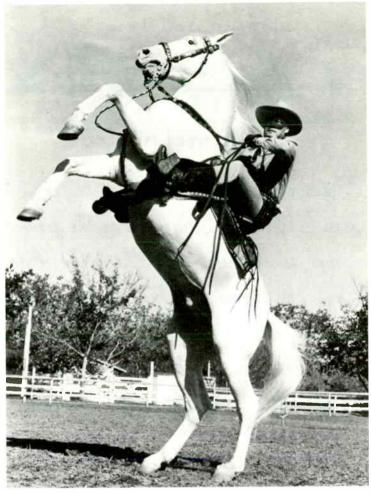
That's Bob Livingston, as the Lone Ranger, in the second popular serial about the masked rider in 1939.



All of the above actors wore the Lone Ranger mask at one time in the popular 1938 serial "The Lone Ranger". Shown left to right are Lane Chandler, Lee Powell, Herman Brix, George Letz and Hal Talarferro.



Although he only played the Lone Ranger for one season, John Hart was suited for the part visually and impressed George W. Trendle. But for some reason, Hart just could not handle the action and acting that the role demanded. He was replaced after 52 episodes by Clayton Moore, the man that he had replaced a year earlier. However, it is interesting that George W. Trendle always preferred the Hart shows and his interpretations of the Lone Ranger character as being closer to the original radio image of the Lone Ranger character.

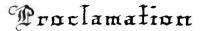


Above — Clayton Moore as the television and movie hero.



Michael Horse and Klinton Spilsbury as the new Tonto and Lone Ranger.





In hereas, The Sone Ranger has come to town, Now ThereFore, By virtue of the power invested in me as Mayor of Cheyenne, I do herebychange the name of this city to Some Ranger Frontier Town. Simultaneously I relinquish my rights and title of office and appoint "The Lone Ranger" Mayor of the city. In Mitnezz Michereot, I have hereto affixed my hand and seal, this thirtieth day of June, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Eight. Benjamin & Melson Mayor

Copy of the special proclamation naming the City of Cheyenne the official Lone Ranger Frontier Town signed by Mayor Benjamin G. Nelson.



Today in the advertising community, partnerships between client and agency traditionally are not long-term relationships. It is only on rare occasions that you hear of a company that has used the same spokesperson for their advertising messages over many years.

This has not been the case with the Lone Ranger character. The radio and television shows primarily had two strong sponsorships that lasted for the entire run of the show. These two sponsors were pleased and proud of their association with the Lone Ranger for many, many years. Both sponsors started early in the radio days and continued to the last days of the successful television years.

Although there were, over the years, other sponsors at various times, the two key sponsors closely associated with the fine American virtues of the Lone Ranger pro gram were General Mills and American Bakeries.

Every kid waited to hear deep-voiced announcer, Fred Foy, state just before the middle commercial break . . . "And now a word from our sponsor.". If you were a Lone Ranger Deputy or a Safety Scout, you knew that this message just might mean another Lone Ranger premium would soon be available for one thin dime and a box top from Cheerios or a wrapper from Merita Bread. There was always a frantic hunt for a sharp pencil and piece of paper. Once you had the information and that all important address, you only had to convince your parents of making that key purchase at the grocery store so that you could tape your dime in with the box top or wrapper and mail it immediately. And then the long wait (three to six weeks) for that special brown box containing the newest and best Lone Ranger premium. Every day after school, you would hopefully ask, "Did I get any mail today?" Then one day, you would come home and there, sitting on the dining room table, was that special premium package, with your name on it, that never disappointed young Lone Ranger deputies.

General Mills new breakfast cereal, Cheerlos, the famous ready-to-eat cereal developed in the early 40's, was originally called "Cheerloats". Three years after its

introduction, Cheerioats became Cheerios, a name that has proven to be worthy of the product's popularity over the long years. To advertise the new Cheerios, General Mills was smart enough to employ one of the most successful radio serial heroes, "The Lone Ranger".

General Mills sponsorship of the Lone Ranger radio program began on the ABC Network on May 4, 1941. When the program was picked up by the NBC Network, on May 30, 1955, General Mills was still the sponsor, and they continued in that role right up to the show's cancellation on May 25, 1956.

The television show was also sponsored by General Mills, with the first show viewed by the American public on September 15, 1949 and the last show at the end of the 1961 season.

The major products sponsored by the masked rider's program over the years were Kix (Approximate dates 1941 thru 1948); Cheerios(1944 thru 1958); and the final years included Wheaties and Trix (1958 thru 1961).

The most successful radio premium promotion was the Lone Ranger Frontier Town. In addition to the premium offer of four special map sections of Frontier Town along with a total of 72 models, special models were also printed on the back of Cheerios packages. Each of the special sections was offered for 10c and a Cheerios box top. However, not every kid was fortunate enough to get four dimes and four box tops from his parents to get the entire town. I remember very clearly that a box of Cheerios cost 18c, quite expensive for a dry cereal in 1948! Most kids decided on the section of map that included the Lone Ranger's secret hideout, since that section was heavily promoted, and if they could only get the money for one section, that was the most important section to have. This is a big factor in why this complete premium is so expensive and hard to locate today. Also, there were additional models on the back of Cheerios packages that were needed to complete your Frontier Town.

However, the Frontier Town promotions continued for one year, with each local program taking place in the town so that the listeners could follow the action with their sections of Frontier Town. Then a special announcement was made that a special anniversary show of the Lone Ranger would be broadcast from Cheyenne, Wyoming, which interestingly enough, was renamed Frontier Town. The show was broadcast from the center of town on June 30, 1948, with the original cast dressed for the special show. A one hour ABC special news report was also broadcast that day, officially naming Cheyenne - the Lone Ranger Frontier Town. Guests included the president of ABC, president of General Mills, the Governor and Mayor of Cheyenne and, of course, Brace Beemer. To my knowledge, this was the only news special ever created to honor a radio show.

General Mills held an auction of over 1,000 radio premiums, including many popular Lone Ranger premiums. The auction was held on July 29, 1984, with a special catalog, selling for \$5.00, listing the items available. All proceeds from the auction were given to the Como Zoological Society in Minnesota. The bid items were

considered by many to be overpriced, but this was expected since all purchases would be tax deductible. I was pleased to personally obtain several choice items for my collection, and also had the pleasure of working with representatives of General Mills on the catalog and providing assistance on some of the materials. The auction was quite successful and attendance was exceptional, creating a lot of additional interest in the Lone Ranger, Green Hornet and Jack Armstrong premiums and the old radio shows themselves.

"Hi-Yo, Silver - the Lone Ranger" first rang throughout the Southland in September, 1938. That now famous introduction opened an important chapter for American Bakeries' Merita Bread and has proven over the years to be one of the most successful ventures in the annals of modern advertising.

When Merita brought the LoneRanger, with his stirring radio adventures, to the South for the first time in 1938, the broadcasts were presented three times a week over 28 stations. As a result of the popularity of the radio programs, the number of stations continued to grow until in 1951 a total of 77 stations were broadcasting the show through the American Broadcasting Company network.

Another dramatic chapter in Merita's Lone Ranger story opened in October of 1949, when American Bakeries began a weekly half-hour television broadcast of the Lone Ranger over the TV stations of the ABC Network. By doing this, they became a true pioneer in this spectacular new medium, (the first company to sponsor a network television program). Merita's telecasts began over stations in Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Miami and New Orleans. Later, stations in Charlotte and Greensboro, and others, were added to the network. Over the years, Merita's Lone Ranger broadcasts have consistently ranked among the top in popularity in TV, just as they have for many years in radio. Along with the masked rider's programs, Merita also has sponsored the Lone Ranger Safety Club for many years.

An article that appeared in a company publication from 1951 stated, "When the Lone Ranger's first cry of Hi-Yo Silver rang through Meritaland, its impetus was felt by everyone. For 13 sales-packed years, Merita has ridden with the Lone Ranger for greater sales and good will, but in April 1951, the Miami Plant realized to the fullest extent the power of the man with the black mask. When the famed Lone Ranger made a personal appearance in Miami's great Orange Bowl, the town rocked with the echo of the masked rider's cry. It was one of the greatest experiences any company could enjoy!"

Another quote from the same article, "An eventful day was the 1938 Sales Meeting, when the Lone Ranger program was introduced as a part of Merita's advertising. The wearing of the ten gallon hat, the bandana, and the spirit the salesmen had in introducing this advertising had all the kids and many grownups yelling Hi-Yo Silver over the whole territory. It would be impossible to measure the value of the Lone Ranger in our sales success over the past 13 years."

American Bakeries, like General Mills, knew how to promote and merchandise

the Lone Ranger. The Lone Ranger Safety Club offered a multitude of premiums for members of the club. The Merita premiums - paper cutouts, tin sign, badges, masks, silver bullets, letters offering the premiums - are sought after by collectors across the country.

The entire Merita family is proud of its long, happy and prosperous association with the Lone Ranger, in his capacity as public ambassador of good will. They enthusiastically echo the sentiments of the announcer at the Madison Square Garden Rodeo (where the Lone Ranger and Silver were the featured attractions on September 26, 1951), who hailed the masked rider as he rode triumphantly from the great arena at the end of each performance, with the words, "Goodbye, Lone Ranger and Tonto. May you ride the airways forever!"

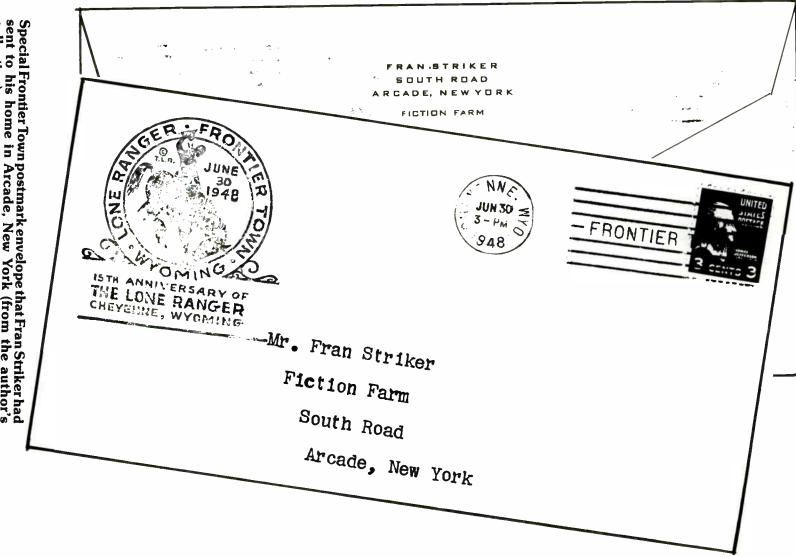


The author's daughter, Jennifer, talking Clayton Moore into autographing a copy of her Father's first book.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
LESTER C. HUNT	
governor Cheyenne, Wyoming	
CHEVENNE, WIOMING	
June 30, 1948	
Lone Ranger:	
Because you personify friendliness - justice and fair play.	
Because you have instilled in millions of young Americans the philosophy of the Golden Rule, and for your great contribution to American boys and girls for making America a better place to live, I take great pleasure in behalf of my State to honor you and I do so by designating you officially a co-captain of the Wyoming Highway Courtesy Patrol, and your co-captain, Bradley will present you with, and place on your breast the official badge of your office.	
Governor	

Letter from Governor Lester C. Hunt officially designating the Lone Ranger (Brace Beemer) a Co-captain of the Wyoming Highway Courtesy Patrol on June 30, 1948 during the Frontier Town Celebration.





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Entire town turns out to

celebrate The Lone Ranger's

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LONE RANGER

Guarder FRONTIER TOWN, WYOMIN

Celebrating his 15th Anniversary !

Oldsters, parents, children

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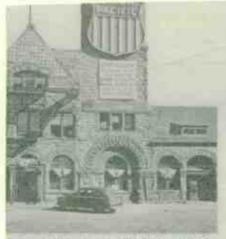
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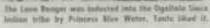


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LONE RANGER SAFETY CLUB

Dear Comrades:

I'm delighted to know you've joined together to form your own neighborhood Chapter of The Lone Ranger Safety Club.

Here is your Club Charter, with your Chapter Number duly entered and sealed with the official gold seal of the Club. Each of the ten Charter Members of your Chapter should sign his or her name in one of the ten blank spaces. The Charter is not official until all ten have signed.

Now here are some suggestions for conducting your Chapter of The Lone Ranger Safety Club.

First, elect the following officers: Chief Ranger, First and Second Assistant Chief Rangers; Recording Ranger, who keeps the minutes of all meetings; Corresponding Ranger, who writes the club's official letters; Treasurer Ranger, Librarian Ranger; Ranger-at-Arms, Master-of-Ceremonies and Official Scout.

Have a Clubroom -- maybe in a member's home -- where you can hold <u>regular</u> meetings, in secret. Preserve your Charter carefully in the clubroom. Always wear your Lone Ranger Safety Badges, at meetings. If any boys or girls in your Chapter do not have badges, my radio programs will tell how to get them, easily and quickly. Discuss safety matters at meetings, when all members should report what they are doing to aid the cause of Safety.

Enter into every Safety movement in your city or neighborhood. Make your Club's influence for Safety felt in every rossible way. Ask your teachers to help you organize your school for Safety. I would like to know all about your Chapter. Write and tell me what your Chapter is doing for Safety. Any officer of your Chapter who writes me should sign his or her name and title as a Club officer.

Have your friends join the Safety Club, and enroll them in your Chapter. Every boy and girl in your Chapter must first be a member of The Lone Ranger Safety Club. They can join by asking any grocer for a free card.

I wish the test of everything to your Chapter and all its members. Until my next broadcast,

HI-YO, SILVER!

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER

P. S. Remember, every member should be loyal to MERITA. Each member should ask Mother to be sure to always serve MERITA Bread and MERITA Cakes.

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Letter from the Lone Ranger promoting the Safety Club of 1939 and was included with the Official Charter for the Club.

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Dear Victory Ranger:

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I'm proud that you want to work with me to help Uncle Sam for Victory. I shall count on you to do all you can to help back up our country's fighting men.

With this letter is your Victory Pledge Certificate. Sign it and put it up in your room where it will remind you every day to help Uncle Sam by following its ten rules. Five of them give you ways you can take part in the war effort. The other five are safety rules, which are now more important than ever, because every accident we have in America helps our country's enemies.

I also enclose your official membership card. On the back of it is my Secret Victory Code, which members use to exchange messages.

While they last, I have a number of fine presents that the Merita people and I want you to have, as rewards for your loyalty to our Safety Club and its Victory Pledge. I'll tell you about the first one now, and after you send for it, I'll tell you about the other surprises you can get free.

Many of my young friends have written to ask for a picture of me riding my horse, Silver. So the Merita folks have had a picture made that shows Silver leaping forward, with all his powerful muscles bulging, to carry me away on the trail to adventure. It has been reproduced in beautiful colors, and is suitable for framing. Here is how you can obtain it, free.

Just send me the names of three housewives who say they will try delicious Merita Bread. Write their names on a postcard and say, "Please send the picture of you and Silver." <u>Be sure to print your own name and complete address plainly.</u> Send the postcard to: The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga.

When I send you the picture, I will tell you about other gifts you can obtain free, and how you may get them. And meanwhile, listen to all my radio programs, for announcements about the ways you can work with me for Victory and for Safety.

Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER



Enjoy Merita's Big Three--- The Bread Winners of America Cupyright, 1941. The Lone Ranger. Inc (1)

TUNE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION HEAR YOU

Merita promotional letter promoting the Lone Ranger Victory Pledge Certificate from 1941. During the war years many premiums tied-in with the Victory Club and how members could help the Lone Ranger and Uncle Sam.





Dear Safety Ranger

Welcome to my new club! I'm happy to enroll you officially as a fully qualified Safety Ranger, and I'll depend on you to help me promote safety. By doing so, you render yourself, your parents and your community a valuable service.

Our club is really <u>new</u> in every way. There are new rules, a brand new Secret Code, and many surprises in store for you as an active member. The new rules are shown on the enclosed Pledge Certificate. Sign it and put it on your wall or mirror, so you can learn the rules by heart and observe them every day. Your Official Membership Card is enclosed, too. Sign it and take good care of it. Don't show it to anyone not a member of the new club (except Mother or Dad) because on the back is my new Secret Code, which members use to exchange messages.

Nearly 400,000 boys and girls joined my original Safety Club, sponsored by the Merita folks, and they've done splendid safety work. Our new rules are even finer than the old ones, because they help prevent accidents not only on the street, but at home and at school, too. Since everything is new, it's important for all members of the original club to join the New Lone Ranger Safety Club. I'll count on you to see that your friends join it.

You'll Surely want all the big surprises which are in store for members of the new club. Here's the first one—the Lone Ranger Mask, like I wear. You can get one <u>free</u>. Just send me the names of three housewives who promise



to try Merita Bread. Simply write their names on a postcard and say, "Please send my Lone Ranger Mask." <u>Print your name and complete</u> <u>address plainly, so I'll know where to send</u> <u>the mask.</u> Address the card to The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga. Don't delay. Send for your mask right away.

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Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER

P.S. LOOK! After you send for your mask, I'll tell you how to get other grand gifts, like the Tonto Headdress, the Lone Ranger Lucky Coin, official Safety Club Badge, and a Charter for your own Safety Club.

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Morita Morita

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This letter stated over 400,000 boys and girls have joined the Lone Ranger Safety Club and offered the Lone Ranger mask with the Merita Logo from 1942.



The New

Dear Safety Ranger:

Here's your Lone Ranger Lucky Coin. Isn't it a beauty? Surely you'll want to take good care of it and be sure that you never lose it.

Now don't forget that your loyalty to Merita makes it possible for me not only to bring you my radio programs, but also to carry on the work of the new Lone Ranger Safety Club, and to offer you all these fine free gifts too. Each of these surprises is a reward for your loyalty. So, be sure to enjoy Merita Bread and Cakes at your house always, and tell all your friends that when they eat Merita Froducts, they help to support the new Lone Ranger Safety Club.

And say, there are still more good things in store for you. Here is a picture of the next one. It's the official Lone Ranger Safety Club Badge... an emblem of honor you'll be proud to wear. Don't fail to send for one. It's a fine star-shaped, gold-colored badge with rel and blue lettering which shows you are an official Safety Ranger. And it's easy for you to get one.



Just write on a postcard, the words "Please send my Safety Club Badge" and then print your name and <u>complete address plainly</u>, so I'll know where to send the badge. Then, at the bottom of the postcard, write the word "MERITA" in the secret code <u>cf our club.</u> Send for yours right away. Mail the postcard to The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga.

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Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER

P.S. Do yeu want to have your own neighborhood charter of The Long Ranger Safety Club? After you send for the badge. I'll toll you how to form a club and get the handsome club charter.



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THE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION BEAR YOU

Letter from Merita offering the free Lone Ranger Safety Club Badge. All you had to do was send for it on a postcard with your name and address so the Lone Ranger would know where to send the badge.





Dear Safety Ranger:

It's a real pleasure to send you your Tonto Headdress and I look forward to sending you the other rewards for your loyalty that the Merita Bakers want you to enjoy.

Now, I know you want to help me get more members, because the more boys and girls we have in our new club, the more accidents we can prevent. Also, I'm sure you want your friends to belong, so you can exchange messages in my new Secret Code and work together for Safety. So Merita has a gift you'll want to get right away.

This gift is a beautiful, bright, shining silvered Lone Ranger Lucky Coin. One side shows our club emblem, and the other shows Silver's Lucky Horseshoe. It's a good luck token you'll want to treasure always. Here's how to



get it <u>free</u>. With this letter are three safety club cards. Get three of your friends to fill out the cards so they can join the club. Then, put the filled-out cards in an envelope with a slip of paper <u>showing your</u> <u>name and complete address printed plainly</u>, and the words, "Please send my Lucky Coin." Address the envelope to The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread. Atlanta, Ga.

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Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGE

More surprises ahead! After you send for the coin, I'll tell you how to get a free official Safety Club badge and a handsome charter for your own safety club.



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TURE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION BEAR YOU

The year 1942 was jam packed with special offers for Lone Ranger Safety Rangers. This letter was sent with the Tonto Headdress and offered the free Lone Ranger Lucky Coin for getting three friends to join the Club.





Dear Safety Ranger:

Here's your Lone Ranger Mask. The Merita people and I are pleased to send it to you as a reward for being a loyal member of my new club. I hope you'll have a lot of fun with it.

Now, there are still more swell rewards ahead, and I'll tell you about the next one in a minute. First, a few words about our new club rules. I hope you know all ten by heart and that you keep your Pledge Certificate where you can see it every day, so you'll obey the rules always.

Here's another way to help further the cause of safety. Tell all your friends about the <u>new</u> Lone Ranger Safety Club and the many fine surprises for each member. I'm anxious to have everyone who was a member of my original club to join the new one.

Now for news of my next gift for you. It's a swell Indian headdress, like Tonto wears. This picture of it can't begin to show how colorful it is, with its big bright feather. Here's how you can get a genuine Tonto headdress <u>free</u>. Just send me, on a postcard, the names of three housewives who promise to try Merita Cakes. It's easy to get friends or neighbors to try delicious



Merita Cakes, specially when you tell them about the New Lone Ranger Safety Club and its fine rules. Write their names on the postcard and say: "Please send my Tonto Headdress." <u>Be</u> <u>sure to print your name and complete address</u> <u>plainly.</u> Do it right away. Send the postcard to: The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga.

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Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGE

P.S. Say, after you send for your headdress, I'll tell you how to get other gifts free, like the Lone Ranger Lucky Coin, official Safety Club Badge, and a Safety Club Charter.



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TURE IN "THE LONE RANGER" TUREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION BEAR YOU

Letter that was sent with Lone Ranger Mask from 1942 The letter offered a Tonto Headdress for getting three housewives to try Merita bread. The value of the mask is \$15 to \$25 and the Tonto headdress is of equal value to collectors.





Dear Victory Ranger:

Here is your official badge of membership in the Lone Ranger Safety Club. Take good care of it, because it will remind you and other folks of the Victory rules of the club, which you promised to follow. It shows you are doing your part to help Uncle Sam.

Now, wouldn't you like to have your own neighborhood chapter of the Lone Ranger Safety Club, right in your block, your school or your neighborhood? Wouldn't you like to have your friends band together with you as members? Just think of all the things you can do, for Victory, working together as a chapter of our club!

Working together, you can round up lots of scrap metal to turn in. You can have club activities that will be a real help to your community's safety drive. And what's more, you can have loads of fun, with picnics, hikes, sporting events, parades and other club activities.

The Merita folks and I believe you would enjoy having a Lone Ranger Club among your friends, and we know it's a fine way for you to get together and help protect your country's safety. So we have reserved for you a handsome charter for your club. You can obtain it absolutely free. Here's all you need to do. It's easy as ABC. Just write one word for me in your secret Victory code of the Lone



send your charter quickly.

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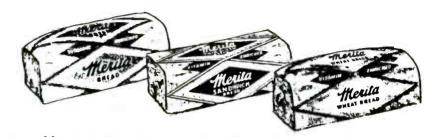
Ranger Safety Club. Here's the word: <u>Merita</u>. The code is on the back of the official membership card I sent you, and it won't take but a minute to write that one word in the code, on a penny postcard. Then say: "Please send me a club charter," and <u>be sure to print your name and complete</u> <u>address plainly</u>. Mail the card to: The Lone Ranger, care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga.

I'll be looking for a card from you, so that I can Meanwhile, listen to all my Merita radio programs.

Your friend,

Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER



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TUNE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION NEAR YOU

A 1943 Merita letter that was sent with Lone Ranger Safety Club badge. The letter offered the Club Charter Certificate free to members, value today \$25 to \$35.



Dear Victory Ranger:

Here is the picture of yours truly riding Silver, that you asked for.

Now, there are other surprises ahead, which the Merita folks and I want you to have as rewards for your loyalty to the Safety Club and its Victory Rules.

The next present we have for you is a handsome picture of my faithful friend Tonto, riding his horse, Scout. It is the same size as the one of Silver and me, and is a companion picture to it. Every boy and girl will surely want to have one of these pictures of Tonto and Scout, printed in attractive colors. You can obtain one, at no cost, by getting three new members to join the Lone Ranger Safety Club.

It is inspiring to know that you, and many thousands of boys and girls, have pledged to help Uncle Sam by following the Victory rules of our club. Certainly it is important to have every boy and girl we know pledged to follow those rules, just like you are doing. That will be a real help to our country.

That's why I will send you a picture of Tonto and Scout if you will get three of your friends to join. Here's all you have to do. It's easy. With this letter I am enclosing three Lone Ranger Safety Club pledge tickets. Show them to three of your friends or schoolmates and ask each of them to fill in his name and complete address. <u>(Ask your friends to print their names and aldresses plainly.)</u> Then just write me a short letter, saying "Here are the tickets for three new members. Please send my picture of Tonto." <u>Print your own name and complete address</u> <u>plainly, and don't forget to put the three tickets in with your letter.</u> Send your letter and the tickets to: The Lone Ranger. care of Merita Bread, Atlanta, Ga.

When I send you the picture, I will tell you how to get the next free reward. Meanwhile, I hope you're listening to all my radio programs.

Your friend, ne Ranger VNF HJOCZM OJ BZO HZMDOV WMZVY AJM TJF VGRVTN HE LONE RANGE Merila Merita Enjoy Merita's Big Three--- The Bread Winners of America (2) Copylight, 943, The Lone Ran TUNE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER A STATION NEAR YOU

Merita bread promotion offering full color picture of Tonto and Scout. Also valued at \$50 to \$75. A complete set of both pictures would command even a higher price.

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L.R. MERITA BREAD PICTURES (1943) Value \$50 to \$75 each

As a Victory Ranger I Solemnly Promise to Obey My Victory Pledge to		
The Lone Ranger		
1. I promise to help my country in every way I can.		
2. I promise not to play in the street or cross against traffic lights.		
3. I promise not to hitch-hike or to hang on behind autos.		
4. I promise to cooperate with school traffic patrols and to help other chil- dren avoid danger.		
5. I promise not to ride my bike on the sidewalk or the wrong side of the street and not to make turns without signalling.		
6. I promise not to leave toys or other objects where someone might fall over them.		
7. I promise to be careful climbing ladders and to guard my family against the dangers of falls.		
8. I promise to guard against burns or cuts around my home.		
9. I promise to promote safety always—at home, at school and on the street —and to encourage others to join this safety movement.		
10. I promise to obey parents or guardians always.		
It is the duty of every Victory Ranger to memorize and observe these rules at all times.		
SIGNED Richard Lloyd Mase MEMBER, THE LONE RANGER SAFETY CLUB		
This Safety Club, designed to guard boys and girls from accidents and to help them work with Uncle Sam, for Victory, is sponsored by Merita Bread and Cakes.		
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Lone Ranger Safety Club Victory Pledge Certificate from 1945 shortly before the end of World War II. This would be valued between \$35 to \$50 in good condition.



Dear Safety Ranger:

Welcome into the Lone Ranger Safety Club! I'm proud to have you working with me for safety and good citizenship.

Your Pledge Certificate is enclosed. Put it on your wall or mirror. It will remind you to observe its ten rules every day. Besides rules for safety, it has rules that will help you and your fellow members to be good citizens. They encourage respect for other people's property, fair play and good habits, service to our country and obedience to our parents.

Also enclosed is your Official Membership Card. On the back of it is the Secret Code of our club, which members use to exchange messages.

Now, let me tell you about a big surprise the Merita folks have for you as a reward for your loyalty to the Safety Club. My faithful friend, Tonto, has drawn an interesting map of the great Western Land where our adventures take place. There's a copy of it ready and waiting for you, <u>free</u>.

I can't begin to say how much you will enjoy Tonto's map. It shows the trails we ride . . . and dozens of the places where you've heard us track down outlaws. It shows where various Indian tribes live. It's more than 17 by 22 inches in size, printed in many colors. You'll want it on the wall of your room, and you can have lots of fun following our future radio adventures on this big, colorful, exciting map.

Here's how to get your map, <u>free</u>. Just ask three housewives to try delicious Merita, next time they buy bread. Write their names on a postcard and say: "Please send your map". Then, <u>be sure to print your own name and complete address plainly</u>. Send the postcard to: TONTO, CARE OF MERITA BREAD, BOX 2180, ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA.

Tonto will send you your map. When he does, you'll learn about <u>more</u> grand rewards you can obtain <u>free</u>. Meanwhile, be sure to listen to all our radio programs. for more news about the Safety Chub.

Your friend YUJH BJON NENAH MJH Lone Ranger Enjoy Merita's Big Three ... Favorites of Active Boys and Girls Convergne 1946, The Lone Ranger, Inc.

Another Merita Bread promotional letter offering Tonto's map. These promotional letters are also hard to find and have a value to collectors of \$35 to \$75 each.



Dear Safety Ranger:

Welcome to the Lone Ranger Safety Club. I'm proud to have you as a member.

Enclosed are your Official Membership Card, with our Secret Code on the back, and your Pledge Certificate. Put the Certificate on your wall or mirror where you'll see it daily as a reminder to follow the club rules for safety, good citizenship and fair play.

Nothing's more important than preventing accidents, so you'll get lots of satisfaction working for safety. You'll have fun and excitement too as a member. And <u>there are</u> <u>some grand FREE GIFTS for you</u> as rewards for your loyalty to the Safety Club and to its sponsors, the Merita folks.

JUST LOOK! Here's the news about the first gift! It's a thrilling 10-piece Lone Ranger Cutout Set, printed in vivid, glowing colors on sturdy cardboard. There are cutouts of Tonto and me with guns ready. You'll see our horses, Silver and Scout, in stirring action. The beauty of Silver's hand-tooled saddle and silver-studded harness will amaze you! There are cutouts too of a picturesque covered wagon, the old corral fence, genuine Western scenery.

Now, these cutouts are <u>not</u> sold anywhere. If they were, they'd cost a lot. <u>BUT, the</u> <u>Merita folks have one waiting for you, free!</u> Here's all you do. Merita wants you to ask three housewives to try Merita Bread. Send their names to Tonto, care of Merita Bakers. Use the coupon below to send the names and ask for your cutout set.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! <u>More free rewards await you</u>—a fine fabric Lone Hanger Mask and other grand gifts. But first, send for your cutout set. Then we'll tell how to get the other gifts. Don't delay. Send for your cutout set <u>now!</u>

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ENJOY TENDER-BLENDED MERITA BREAD,

Your friend. Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER

THE FAVORITE OF ACTIVE BOYS AND GIRLS	FILL IN COUPON, CUT ON DOTTED LINES AND MAIL TO TONTO (or send same information by letter or card). BE SURE TO <u>PRINT</u> YOUR NAME AND <u>FULL</u> <u>ADDRESS</u> PLAINLY.
Thousand	TONTO, c/o MERITA BAKERS, BOX 2180, ATLANTA I, GA. These three housewives will try Merita Bread:
(1) Copyright, 1948 The Lone Ranger, Inc.	Please send me my Lone Ranger Cutout Set free. My name:
TUNE IN "THE LONE RANGER" THREE TIMES EACH WEEK	My address:(Street) (City)(State)

Promotion letter from Merita Bread offering the free Lone Ranger cutouts for getting three mothers to try Merita bread. The cutouts are one of the rare premium items and have a value of \$85 to \$175.





"Tai. Kemo Sabe"

That Indian for "Greetings faithful friend". Tonto greet you with every good wish.

Here your Lone Ranger Safety Club pencil-sharpener bullet. Merita people send it with their good wishes. See how it shine with gleaming silver color. See how well it sharpen pencils too.

Best of all, it is token showing you help Lone Ranger in his Safety Club, just like his own silver bullets show him Lone Ranger.

Tonto not write too good, but me got more good news. Merita folks got more fine things for you. They want you have these things free, because you good member of Safety Club.

LOOK, FRIEND! Next thing Merita folks want give you is beautiful picture. Me sure you want um to put on wall your room. Picture show Lone Ranger, Dan Reid and Tonto around campfire. It show our horses too -- Silver, Scout and Victor. Picture printed in many bright colors.

Here how you get your picture free. In this letter you find two Safety Club blanks. These blanks to use for boys or girls to sign, to join up in Club. You get um two friends to fill out blanks, so they can join Club and be member like you. Ask um print plainly, and show full address.

After two friends fill out blanks, you send um filled-out blanks to Lone Ranger, care of Merita. With blanks, send your name and address and ask for your picture of Lone Ranger, Dan Reid and Tonto.

When Lone Ranger send you picture, he tell you how get Official Lone Rager Safety Club Badge free. And that not all. There more fine free things after that.

Be sure get um two new members, and send for your picture right off. Your friend,

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Tonto promotional letter offering the Silver Bullet Pencil Sharpener. This letter dated 1949 was sent with the Tonto and Dan Reid photo promotion.

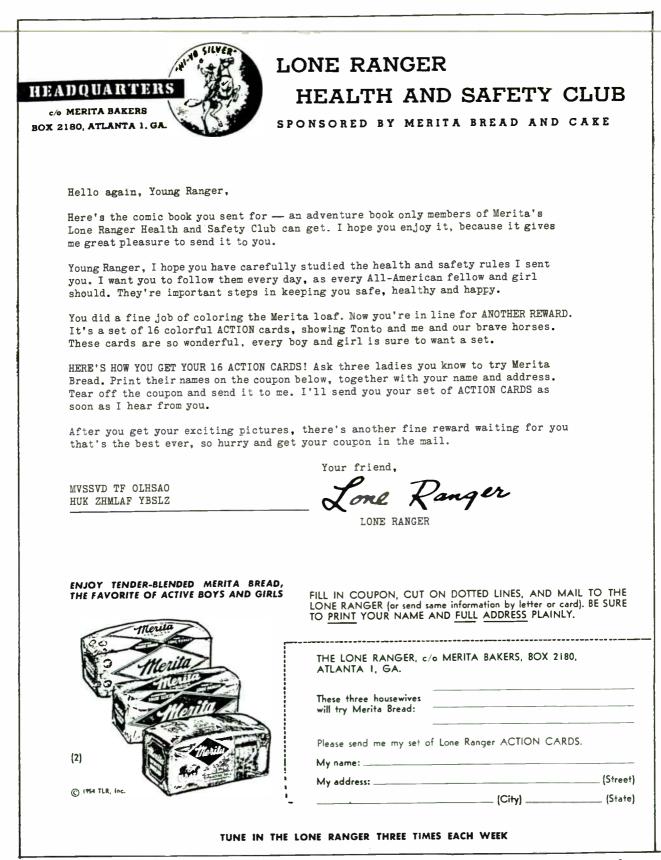
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The Lone Ranger Health and Safety Club letter from 1954 offering the 16 action cards of the Lone Ranger. Cards are valued at \$50 to \$75 for the complete set.





The Lone Ranger rode again in Oxford, Michigan as local residents gathered to pay tribute to their most famous resident, the late Brace Beemer and radio's famous Lone Ranger.

In 1982 the excitement, parties, winter weather and special events for Super Bowl XVI at the Pontiac Silverdome was contrasted by the quiet memorial to a home town hero in the tiny, rural village of Oxford, Michigan.

It featured the same kind of attractions as other festivities - concerts and raffles, and other tributes to the local radio hero. And the hometown hero memorialized was Brace Beemer the legendary radio voice of the Lone Ranger heard for many years over WXYZ radio in Detroit!

Brace Beemer, moved to a farm in Oxford in 1942, and has been hailed as one of the areas greatest and most famous residents. Mr. Beemer passed away in 1965.

However, anyone who visited the Oxford area during Super Bowl week might think the Lone Ranger and Silver were riding again.

White hats, black masks, silver bullets and colorful signs about the Lone Ranger were everywhere in the village and townships.

Oxford was once known as the gravel capitol of the world, but now residents and the Chamber of Commerce have changed their image. Newly painted signs alert persons entering Oxford that this is where Beemer lived. The colorful signs proudly state "Welcome to Oxford - Home of the Radio Lone Ranger."

A nearby water tower for the village has a black mask neatly painted on it to further promote the new image of the township. Every town wants to be famous for something, and Oxford picked someone who was nationally known and admired during radio's golden years.

Officials and citizens dedicated a future site for the Brace Beemer memorial statue in the Centennial Park in downtown Oxford.

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Local officials plan to have a life size statue of Beemer, the man who was radio's Lone Ranger for over 13 years, placed in the middle of the park in the near future. Small copies of the statue of the Lone Ranger astride Silver were also sold as part of the fund raising activities.

A special Brace Beemer Benefit Ball, featuring Lionel Hampton and his orchestra, was also held during the weeks activity. Proceeds from all fund raising activities were used for the Brace Beemer statue.

Residents also had the opportunity to see the recent movie "Legend of the Lone Ranger" at a local theatre offering tickets at 1930's prices.

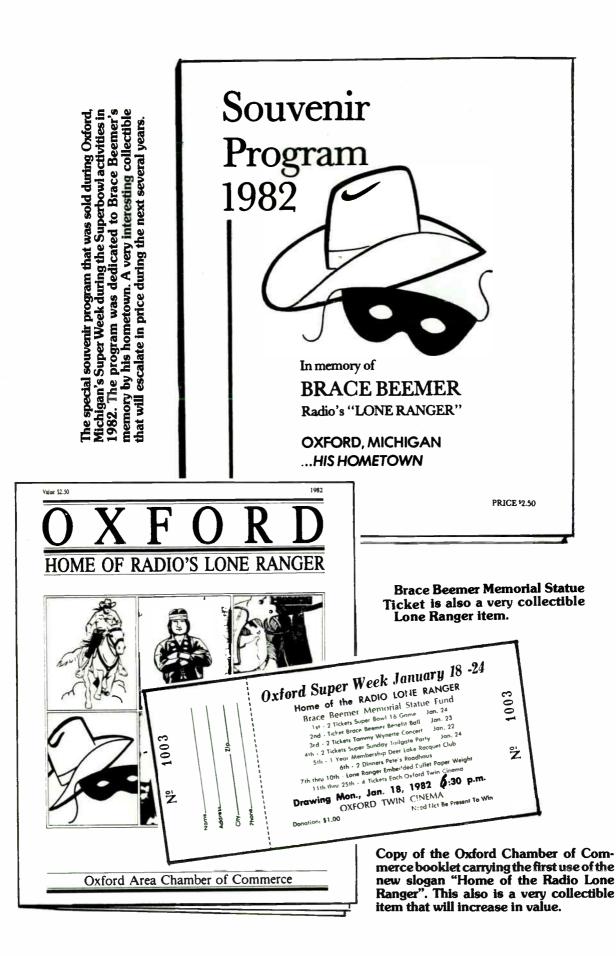
Lone Ranger memorabilia on sale included original radio broadcasts, lucite embedded silver bullet paperweights, 50th anniversary solid silver coins, silver bullet pencils, masks, special newspaper supplement, dedication program, balloons, plastic clips of silver bullets, white hats and books about the Lone Ranger (including the authors).

From a collective viewpoint the Oxford Lone Ranger memorabilia items are already in demand and prices vary according to availability and supply. The Remington like statues of the Ranger on a rearing Silver are in great demand and command the highest price of all the items made available during the 1982 local tribute to the masked rider.



Photo was one of the last taken of Brace astride Silver's Pride.

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L.R. 50TH ANNIVERSARY COIN (Solid Silver Coin) (1983) Value \$125 to \$175



L.R. SILVER BULLET CLIP (1982) Value \$10 to \$15

L.R. PLASTIC CUP (Oxford Celebration) (1982) Value \$15 to \$25

LUCITE SILVER BULLET (Oxford Celebration) (1982) Value \$35 to \$50

BRACE BEEMER PENCIL (Oxford Celebration) (1982) Value \$12 to \$15

L.R. BALLON (Oxford Celebration) (1982) Value \$10 to \$12



[Editor's note: In our research on Brace Beemer. The Lone Ranger of radio, we jotted down several interesting facts. This is the first in a series of this collection.]

Each broadcast began with ...

"Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear, from out of the past come the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse, Silver. The Lone Ranger rides again."

• Throughout the hundreds of clippings in Brace Beemer's scrapbook reporters noted that he "looked the image of The Lone Ranger".

• He stood over 6 ft. 3, weighed 192, and had that tremendous, resonant baritone voice.

• Reporters said, "Brace Beemer is a man's man, an outdoorsman, a horseman, and strong. He lives the image of The Lone Ranger".

• He had auburn hair and grey-blue eyes. The Montreal Herald said, "Hiyo, Silver is more familiar than little Red Riding Hood."

• He was a dispatch rider in the Army under Col. Douglas MacArthur in the Rainbow division in France at age 14 in WWI. He was wounded and has a purple heart, Victory medal, and accolage from President Wilson.

• He was a very close friend to vice president Alben Barkley and J. Edgar Hoover.

• Brace Beemer was deputized as a Texas Ranger, was an honorary chief of many tribes' including the Sioux and Pawnee, and was an honorary Legion Frontiersman in Canada.

• In a South Dakota town of 2200, 67,000 including the governor came to see him at a breakfast-Round Up.

• 7,000 filled the Atlanta's Georgian Terrace Hotel for a War Fund rally.

• The Lone Ranger, Brace Beemer, did over 2,000 radio shows on 129 stations.



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• Brace Beemer scrap book press clippings cover the United States and Canada.

• And, just about wherever he appeared he visited children in hospitals. Leukemia victims, polio patients and crippled children hospitals were always included in his plans.

• The others came to him...by the thousands. At one show in St. Louis 2,000 orphans were brought to Kiel auditorium.

• Brace Beemer's first public appearance as The Lone Ranger was at Children's Circus for the Detroit Parks and Recreation.

• Wearing full regalia, including guns, and riding Silver, Brace Beemer entertained President Roosevelt's grandson, John Boettiger, on the White House lawn at the invitation of Eleanor Roosevelt. That was October 23, 1944.

• Under contract with George Trendle, owner of The Lone Ranger show, Beemer had to wear his mask in public or whenever there was 3 or more people.

• Beemer felt he and the radio cast should dress the part they played when doing their radio show, "to give the right atmosphere."

• The Lone Ranger, Inc. was bought by a Texas Company, Wrather Corp., for \$3 million.

• In a letter to Brace Beemer, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, said, "Maybe you are too close to your daily task to realize what a constructive piece of building you are doing with the youth of this country."

OXFORD

Home of the Radio Lone Ranger





Brace Beemer became the radio voice of The Lone Ranger and station WXYZ April 9, 1941. Prior to that he made whatever personal appearances were required.

It is Brace Beemer's voice most people remember as the "daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains" who galloped through living rooms three nights a week.

He did over 2,000 broadcasts on 129 radio stations during his 13 years as The Lone Ranger. The show left the air Sept. 4, 1954.

Brace Beemer moved his family to his 300-acre West Drahner Road farm in Oxford in 1942. Besides the family of Leta Wales Beemer, sons Bob, JD and Dick, and daughter Barbara, the great horse Silver came to the farm.

Brace Beemer's contract forbid him to sign his name when he made any of his numerous personal appearances in the United States and Canada. Always he had to wear his mask when in costume, and live the image of The Lone Ranger in public appearances.

His travels took him to Madison Square Gardens, the Rose Bowl, the Bing Crosby show in California, on stage with Tex Ritter and Roy Rogers in Texas, and many children's hospitals across the land.

He performed on the White House lawn for President Roosevelt's grandson, was a personal friend of the late top G-man, J. Edgar Hoover, and was an honorary Indian chief, Texas Ranger, and veteran of WWI, which he entered at age 14. He was wounded in action in the war.

Brace Beemer also went on radio for the National Lutheran Hour, emceed CKLW's 'Detroit Lutherans Present' radio show in 1959, and appeared in the Pontiac historical pageant in 1960.

It was often written, "Brace Beemer is the image of The Lone Ranger". Besides the marvelous speaking voice, he had he-man looks. He was 6'3", 190 pounds, straight and erect, strong and always in command.

He was a hero to millions of people.

J. Edgar Hoover wrote to Brace Beemer ... "Maybe you are too close to your daily task to realize what a constructive piece of building you are doing with the youth of this country."

Brace Beemer



Special Lone Ranger page from the Brace Beemer souvenir program, distributed to help with the Lone Ranger statue in Oxford.

Home Of Radio's LONE RANGER

verybody loves Radio's Lone Ranger, but only one place can claim him.

That place is Oxford, home and residence of one of America's most famous characters, Radio's Lone Ranger. That remarkable individual, Brace Beemer, passed away in 1965 but his memory lives on.

And Oxford citizens — his friends and neighbors — are determined that the memory will be forever. Work is well along on establishing a Radio Lone Ranger Memorial right in the center of the village.

A committee, headed by Edward Bossardet, is actively engaged in putting together the Memorial. A feature will be a statue of the Lone Ranger and his horse, Silver. This will occupy center stage in the present village park. An existing museum will be developed to house the memorabilia of Oxford's most famous citizen.

Brian Arrowsmith, village manager and treasurer for the committee, estimates that the project could be completed within five years.

Right now it is in the fund raising stage with some \$3,000 already in hand. A special commemorative Radio Lone Ranger coin is being sold for \$25 to help raise money for the project.

n Oxford, Brace, his wife Leta and Brace's four children, Bob, JD, Dick and Barbara, lived on 300-acre farm on West Drahner road.

Silver was stabled at the farm along with other horses, sheep and dogs. People brought their children to the farm, called Paint Creek Acres, to let them enjoy watching the animals.

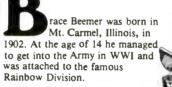
The Beemers started sub-

dividing their farm in 1957, opening the first plat in Lake Shore Estates, joining an established subdivision on Tanview Drive.

It was Brace Beemer's voice most people remember as the "daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains" who came into American living rooms three nights a week.

Brace was signed by Radio Station WXYZ in April, 1941, to become the Lone Ranger. His contract forbid him to sign his name when he made any of his numerous personal appearances in the United States and Canada. He always had to wear his mask when in costume.

He performed on the White House lawn for President Roosevelt's grandson and was a personal friend of the late J. Edgar Hoover. He was a hero to millions of people.



He was a real life hero as well as a radio hero. He saw much action in the war and managed to survive being gassed, machine gunned and hit by shrapnel. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Victory Medal.

Even at such an early age, he was an outstanding individual. He was 6-3 inches tall, weighed 190 pounds, stood straight and erect, strong and always in command. was ended in 1954 after more than 2,000 broadcasts over 129 stations.

long with the radio program, radio's Lone Ranger made countless personal appearances throughout the country. He traveled with 15 custom-made costumes, six pairs of hand-tooled boots, six special white Stetsons and a \$3,000 hand-carved saddle.

After his death in 1965, the House of Representatives memorialized Brace Beemer in official Congressional records.

Now the people of the town he adopted are hard at work to further strengthen this recognition — to memorialize this famous individual for the ages with a hometown memorial.



50 years ago the "Masked Rider of the Plains" first rode into Radioland, as- suring himself a place as a genuine American folk hero. A half cen- tury later, the legend still lives. "Hi-yo Silver!" The Lone Ranger and his horse, Silver (Brace Beemer)	This edition is limited to 500. The home of the ra- dio Lone Ranger is pleased to offer this de- lightful sculpture to you for the introductory price of \$295.00. Each sculpture will be ac- companied by a numbered certificate of authenticity signed by the sculptor, Mr. Frank Vargo. In the tradi- tion of classic works, the molds will be broken when 500 orders have been filled. Orders will be on a first come, first serve basis and numbers issued accordingly.
Brace Beemer Radio Lone Ranger Memorial Comm. P.O. Box 516 Oxford, MI 48051 Att: Mr. Arnold Simmons, V.C. *Please add \$2.50 for shipping and handling.	I have enclosed a check for S OR CHARGE VISA MASTERCARD Account #Expiration date Signature Name Street
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Town wants to honor Lone Ranger' from radio days

By Booth News Service

OXFORD - Astride his fiery horse, Silver, the Lone Ranger one day will ride into the village park here, where the duo of radio fame will stand watch over the masked man's adopted home town.

That, at least, is the dream of a group of townsfolk who are seek ing to raise \$60,000 to build a statue to pay homage to this quiet Oakland County village's most famous resident.

It was during Superbowt XVI festivities that local officials decided they were tired of being known as the Gravel Capital of the World, as It was identified on roadside signs at the edges of town.

Today, those signs have been re-placed with ones reading "Oxford. Home of Brace Beemer, Radio Lone Ranger."

During the football weekend celebration, plans also were an-aounced to enlarge the village park and begin downtown redevelopment. It was time, all agreed, to

get the town moving. A Lone Ranger Memorial Com-mittee was formed to plan a fundraising campaign for the statue during 1983, the 50th anniversary of the popular Detroit-originated radio program.

Although the initial Lone Ranger broadcast was aired on WXYZ on Jan. 30, 1933, the fifth and most renowned "voice" was the late Brace Beemer, who made his first full-time radio appearance as the masked man April 9, 1941, a role be played for 17 years. Prior to that, as the station's

general manager and chief an-nouncer, he had filled in as the Lone Ranger on the air.

And, according to his son, Bob, an Oxford resident, businessman and civic leader, "He was the first and only Lone Ranger who even made personal appearances. None of the others could ride!"

On July 30, 1943, on Belle Isle, his father made the first public appearance as the radio hero, according to Bob Beemer. "The station rented a horse, Hero, from a well-known animal trainer in the Detroit area, Cari Romig, for the event," he recalled.

From 1943 on, Brace Beemer, an From 1943 on, Brace Beemer, an expert horseman, rode his own stallon, Silver's Pride – called Pride by the family, Silver by the millions of Lone Ranger fans who grew up to the call "Come on, Silver. Let's go, big fella. HI-yo, Silver, away!"

Brace Beemer moved his family, and Pride/Silver, from the Detroit area to a 240-acre farm on West Drahner Road in 1943. He died here at age 62 in 1965 after having done more than 2,000 broadcasts before the show left the air Sept. 14, 1954.

His wife, Leta, 82, continues to live in the family home. "She still walks a minimum of

two miles a day, rain or shine, snow or sleet;" said Bob Beemer. Throughout his career his father referred to Oxford as his "hometown," he recalled. Bob Beemer is an admitted Lone

Ranger fan. He recalls enjoying the program as an 8-year-old, but not knowing the daring and re-sourceful masked rider was his father

"He used a projected voice for the part that I didn't recognize. I knew he was on radio, he was a trained professional actor. (I knew) be did other things, too — was a singer, read poetry and did newscasts. Eventually, that pro-jected voice became his normal voice."

Brace Beemer became a legend with that booming voice. Not many adults will have forgotten the familiar strains of the William Teil Overture and then the announcer saying:

"A flery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty 'Hi-yo, Silver,' The Lone Ranger!. 'With his faithful Indian com-

panion, Tonto (played by John Todd throughout the life of the series) the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early western United States.

"Nowhere in the pages of histo-ry can one find a greater champiry can one find a greater champi-on of justice. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yester-year. From out of the past come the thundering hoofbeats of the great horse, Silver. The Lone Rangerrides again? And then Beemer's booming

voice

Pride/Silver died in the Spring of 1966 at age 29, according to Bob Beemer.

Brace Beemer's three sons learned their lessons well. They also are excellent astride horses.

Bob's two brothers are J. D., a professional horseman in German-town, Md., and Richard, an attorney in Farmington. J.D. also followed in his father's foosteps, appearing in rodeos and various television shows.

Asked why his father didn't fol-Asked why his lather didn't fol-low the Lone Ranger into the world of television, Bob Beemer says, "He didn't like TV. He thought it (the show) was the cheapest series ever made for TV. They used stock shots . . . he was a trained professional actor."

He says he also thinks his father figured he was too old and "not too realistic" for the part. A Grosse Pointe and Delray

Beach, Fla., sculptor, Frank Varga, has been commissioned hy the Lone Ranger Memorial Com-

mittee to create a %-scale statue of Brace Beemer on a rearing horse

In the meantime, Varga has made a 16-inch-tall replica of the statue, which is a key to the fundraising campaign. A 47-pound solid bronze original

of the miniature was auctioned by the committee at a public showing May 1 at the Oxford High School. Successful bidder for \$1,300 was Oxford Co-op Elevator. In addition, the committee com-

missioned a limited edition of 500 cold cast replicas which are being sold to fans. The price tag for each is \$150, which includes a numbered certificate.

According to Bob Beemer, Lone Ranger fans are legion. "Among ardent collectors of Lone Ranger memorabilia are two Pennsylvania residents, Jim Rosch, who has the major collection, and Lee Feibeinger, who has authored a book about Lone Ranger memorabilia.

In fact, he said, there was a large gathering of collectors in June.

They were attending dedication ceremonies of a memorial library

to the late Fran Striker near Buf-falo, N.Y. Striker, creator of the Lone Ranger who authored the scripts, had donated property to a church there, and the church es-lablished a camp for children on the grounds. The ceremonies were broadcast locally in Buffalo.





The limited edition 50th Anniversary poster showing the Rangers from 1933 to 1983. Printed in black and gold on a gloss paper stock was designed by Lee Felbinger. Value \$10 to \$15 (Available from the author)



Recently, Superman turned 50, and the birthday bash was a huge success. The festivities included a television special, cover story in *Time Magazine* and news stories in top papers across the country. A special tribute will be held in the Cleveland, Ohio home of the 1938 creators of this character.

By comparison, the Lone Ranger turned 50 in 1983; unfortunately, there was very little fanfare or national coverage of the event. The Wrather Corporation had no Ranger to help promote the golden anniversary because of the 1981 film, *Legend of the Lone Ranger*, which bombed at the box office and was boycotted by fans of the original masked rider. A legal battle with Clayton Moore over his wearing of the Lone Ranger's mask also was a contributing factor in the decision to quietly let the Lone Ranger ride into the setting sun, rather than to promote his 50th anniversary.

However, there were two projects that I was involved in during this anniversary year of the Lone Ranger. On behalf of the Wrather Corp., I developed a Lone Ranger mini-museum, incorporating my vast collection of memorabilia on the masked man. This display was exhibited at a special Collectibles Show at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in March of 1983. Also on hand, and assisting me, was Fran Striker, Jr.

The response and media coverage were overwhelming. It was obvious that a great many individuals still remember and enjoy the Lone Ranger, regardless of the version . . . radio, television or movie.

In June of the same year, I joined with Fran in developing a special anniversary celebration in Arcade, New York. We consulted with the Wrather Corp. on their plans for celebrating this event and were told there were not any plans in progress. We then decided to promote the birthday ourselves.

Working on a shoestring budget, we were able to successfully pull off a 50th anniversary celebration at the former home of Fran Striker, where many of the Lone Ranger adventures were penned by Striker.

In addition to celebrating the Lone Ranger birthday, a special dedication of a Fran Striker Memorial Study was also held. This three day event took place at Fran Striker's farm, located approximately 50 miles south of Buffalo, purchased as a summer home. The home was sold to The Children's Evangelica Fellowship (CEF) in 1962 after Striker's death. CEF agreed to let us use the facilities for our Lone Ranger anniversary celebration on June 24, 25 and 26 of 1983.

Although attendance was not as good as we had expected, those individuals participating in our celebration were rewarded with an enjoyable weekend of old movies, memorabilia displays, special guests, radio listening room, collectors/dealers flea market and a special oldtime radio broadcast on station WEBR. The radio broadcast used a revised script of the very first Lone Ranger radio show. It was an unusual and most enjoyable event for collectors and fans of oldtime radio and especially memorable for Lone Ranger fans.

During the past 55 years, "The Lone Ranger" has brought about a new and accepted concept of cowboys and western life during the frontier days. He emphasizes honesty, cleanliness, and tolerance as the signs of strength, rather than brutality and coarseness. The important influence exercised by "The Lone Ranger" on American youth has been recognized by many leading national institutions and individuals.

Since 1937, "The Lone Ranger" has received 18 national citations for "Best Program" from organizations including the National Federation of Womens Clubs, American Legion, National Safety Council, and Parent-Teachers Association.

Such noted figures of history such as Bernard Baruch, J. Edgar Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Babe Ruth and Senator Homer Ferguson have proclaimed it their favorite program through the years.

As a force for good, "The Lone Ranger" has been mentioned in the Congressional Record, and praised for its beneficial influence on American youth.

While in command of the Pacific World War II forces, General Douglas MacArthur found time to have his son enlisted in "The Lone Ranger Safety Club" and later took him to meet the masked figure during a personal appearance at Madison Square Garden.

"The Lone Ranger" has been the subject of the Commencement Day address by Warren Austin at Syracuse University graduations.

Three times the Congressional Record has carried citations for "The Lone Ranger" for the program's work on behalf of youth betterment and in combating juvenile delinquency.

"The Lone Ranger" has been made an honorary Deputy Sheriff by more than 60 sheriffs throughout the United States. FINALLY, THE DATES ARE SET...THE PLANS ARE CAST...JOIN US AND..



Celebrate an American Heritage

DEDICATING A FRAN STRIKER MEMORIAL STUDY

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF THE LONE RANGER

THE TIMEJUNE 24, 25 AND 26, 1983 THE PLACEARCADE, NEW YORK

DETAILS ---

In 1932, Fran Striker, radio dramatist in Buffalo, N.Y., received a letter from one of his regular customers. The letter requested that he "...come up with a western..." That was the beginning of the Lone Ranger. The customer was of course, station WXYZ in Detroit, Michigan. That's how it all began over fifty years ago.

As the character Striker created and wrote about gained popularity the writer subsequently moved to the Detroit area, but not before purchasing a tract of land in western New York state that, would become the family summer home.

After his death in 1962, the property was sold to the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) who made it into a camp for underpriviledged children. Efforts have been on-going, by fans in the Buffalo area, to refurbish Fran Striker's office at the camp and make it into a memorial study. The CEF has made the entire 100 plus acre camp available to Fran Striker, Jr. for the purpose of hosting an appropriate dedication ceremony and festival. Proceeds of the event will go, in part, to the CEF for the continuation of the children's camp.

This will be an unusual and most enjoyable event for all who are fans of old time radio, and The Lone Ranger in particular.

NOTE -

This is a special advanced information mailing that has been sent to people such as yourself who have been kind enough to express an interest in this celebration, or who are known to be Ranger fans and/or collectors. In a few weeks regular advertising of the event will commence so if you are interested in attending and staying on-site, please send in your reservation as soon as possible as space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Your remittance in full must accompany your reservation.

There will be extensive radio advertising in the Metropolitan Buffalo, N.Y. area as well as in selected publications.

FEATURING -

- Old time radio nostalgia.
- --- The world's most complete Lone Ranger memorabilia display.

- Dealer/trader/collector tables.
- Appropriate movies.
- Radio listening room.
- Camping on the old Striker property.
- Special events.

SPECIAL FEATURE -

Radio station WEBR (Buffalo) will be broadcasting LIVE from the celeration on Saturday. The broadcast will include the dedication ceremony and a dramatic script written by the senior Fran Striker in the early 1930's and originally broadcast by WEBR at that time the broadcast will be **produced at the festival in front of a live audience.** This is your chance to see how it was done in the good ol' days.

SPECIAL GUESTS -

Although the guest list continues to grow, here are a few of the people who have already indicated that they will attend and participate.

- Lee Aliman (Radio actress. First played Lenore Case on The Green Hornet series.)

- R. Brace Beemer (Son of Beemer The Radio Ranger from 1941 until 1954.)

- Lee Felbinger (Ranger historian and owner of what is considered to be the world's most complete collection of Lone Ranger memorabilia.)

R.E. (Dick) Osgood (Writer, actor, and radio personality at WXYZ during the golden age of radio.) **Fran Striker, Jr.** (Your host and son of the man who created and wrote The Lone Ranger series.)

> For Further Information Write: FRAN STRIKER JR. P.O. Box 832 Lansdale, PA. 19446

Perhaps no greater tribute has ever been paid to an entertainment figure by a government agency, than the selection of "The Lone Ranger" by the U.S. Treasury Department to head the 1958 Savings Stamp and Bond Program.

With U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson and Postmaster General Arthur E. Sommerfield, "The Lone Ranger" inagurated the Savings Stamp drive at a giant rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

"The Lone Ranger", it is estimated by treasury officials, through his "Lone Ranger Peace Patrol" has reached an estimated 4 million school children through 50,000 U.S. Public Schools and 20,000 Post Offices.

More than 3 million children, through the purchase of Savings Stamps, enrolled as members of this famous "Lone Ranger Peace Patrol".

During the years the "Lone Ranger" has appeared before more than 21 million people in personal appearances. His appearances have spanned the United States several times as well as appearances in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, as well as Canada.

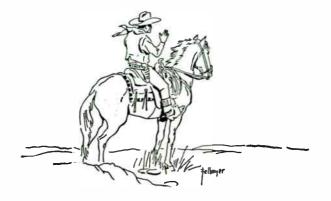
The Lone Ranger has received more than 5 million fan letters, or "friend letters" as he prefers to regard them. The letters, not restricted to the United States alone, are received from all parts of the world.

A spokesman for "The Lone Ranger, Inc.", the organization that produces the adventure series, recently acknowledged these many citations and promised;

"The Lone Ranger will continue to avoid sensationalism; it will avoid emphasis on violence and stress action and clean adventure. It will uphold the principles of truth, righteousness and the supremacy of right over might which has been handed down as the keystone of our American Heritage".

Unfortunately, in 1981, the producers of the "Legend of the Lone Ranger" thought they could update the character to the values of the 1980's and ended up tarnishing both the characters, silver bullets and reputation.

However, the real Lone Ranger is safe in the past of radio where his "silver" can never be tarnished. So with a cloud of dust and a hearty "Hi-Yo Silver" the Lone Ranger gallops into his 55th Anniversary Year - May he ride long and far!



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Photo shows the long line to enter the Sheraton Valley Forge Convention Center where the Collectibles Show and Lone Ranger Mini-museum were the big attraction.



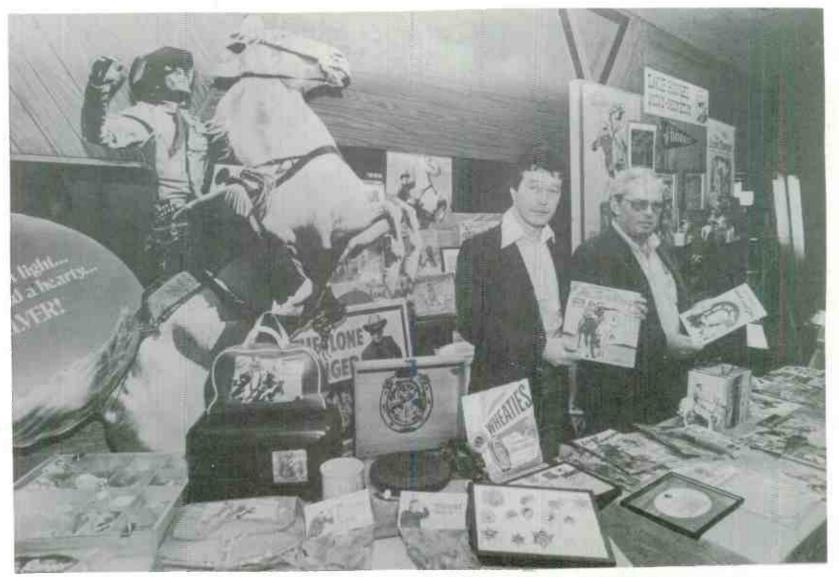
The author, Lee Felbinger and his wife, Suzanne, hold the large Lone Ranger standee that was used by theatres to promote the Lone Ranger movie in 1956.



Silverheel's daughter was a guest of Honor at the 50th Anniversary Celebration held outside of Buffalo, NY. She was quite impressed with large Wheaties poster of her brother, Jay, as Tonto.



Last minute details are important with a radio broadcast. Shown above, Lee Felbinger and the station manager of WEBR discussed the oldtime broadcast of the first Lone Ranger script.



The Lone Ranger display and mini-museum was exhibited at Valley Forge, PA in March of 1983. Photo shows the author, Lee Felbinger on left, with Fran Striker, Jr. holding a copy of the author's first Lone Ranger pictorial scrapbook.

Who was that masked man?

Lone Ranger memorabilia recaptures spirit of Western hero

By BARBARA D. DELP

By BARBARA D. DELP Intelligences Staff Writer "A fiery horse with the speed of light – a cloud of dust and a hearts Hi Yo Silver – The Lone Ranger. With his laithful Indian companion Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider or the plans led the right for law and order in the each West." in the early West.

Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear at the Sellers-ville Cinema, where the Lone Ranger rides again.

The western hero who first The western hero who first thrilled thousands during the gold-en age of radio, then on the big screen and later on television, has returned to thrill new generations. The sequel, "The Legend of the Lone Ranger," has some script and role changes, but the theme of jus-tice triumphing over evil is the same same

same. But added to the version playing at the Sellersville Cinema, 24 W. Temple Ave., through Thursday, is part of one of the most extensive collections of memorabilia from original use Benevembership

original Lone Ranger productions. The owner of the collection. Lee J. Felbinger of Salford Township, doesn't usually display his collec-tion of Lone Ranger soaps, dolls, posters and the famous six-shooter rings. He showed it at the preview of the new movie when it first opened, but the display at the Seli-ersville Cinema is a special favor to the owners of the second-run theater. David and Patricia Maclay of Hatfield Township.

"Usually a small theater doesn't get the chance to promote a movie it's running," Mrs. Maclay said. "We've tried in the past to promote shows and our distributors don't help. But on this movie, we can do it because he's local." Felbinger said he agreed to

display a large part of his collection at the theater because he wants to help the "mom and pop" operation. In addition to some of his posters, pictures, dolls and guns, the theater will feature one of the early radio shows played over the lobby public address system before each show-

ing of the movie. Felbinger, 44, started collecting Lone Ranger items when he was young enough to believe in the masked man who shot only silver bullets. "I use to sit and listen to it on the radio," he said. "I guess he was my hero."



Hi-Yo Sellersville

The thrilling days of yesteryear have returned to the Sellersville Cinema where Lee Falbinger, a Salford resident, is displaying part of his collection of Lone Ranger souvenirs this week. He and Patricia Maclay, the owner of the theater, look over some of the items during an intermission (Staff photo by Gian Luiso)

When he was old enough, he joined the Navy. Upon his return, he found his room at home hadn't been touched. "I needed a hobby and I didn't want to collect stamps," he said. He looked around and realized what he had the most of was Lone Ranger memorabilia.

He started corresponding with the widow of Brace Beemer, the original masked man, who sent him pictures, silver builets and other items that belonged to her husband. Since then, he has met Clayton Moore, the second Lone Ranger, collected hundreds of other items and published a book on his collec-tion titled "A Pictorial Scrapbook of the Lone Ranger.'

Felbinger, employed in the

marketing department of an insurance company in Philadelphia, usually sells the book to specialty item collectors and Lone Ranger buffs for \$9.95. He will be selling copies of it at the theater all week for \$8

When his one-of-a-kind collection when his one-ot-a-kind collection is not on display he keeps it in a room off his den. It's filled to the brim with primarily Lone Ranger Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry and Boy Boyres sources to particule Roy Rogers souvenirs. An antique cathedral radio, set in the corner, completes the mood of the room. "When I have a bad day, I go in and soak up the atmosphere," he said.

Asked what he thinks of "The legend of the Lone Ranger," Felbinger has mixed reactions

"It was well done - the photog-raphy was good." but the profanity was out of character, he said. "It wasn't in keeping with the Lone Ranger. The story could have been told without it.

"My daughter thought they (the Lone Ranger and Tonto) were pretty cool. I thought they looked like two singles in a singles' bar. But that's this generation," he said. "It's part of Americana.

"It's part of Americana. "It was a welcome relief to see people cheering during the movie when he put on the mask and they played the William Tell Overture," he said. "It was strange. It was like going back to my childhood. But it' was certainly a welcome change from the people who usually leave a movie theater in complete silence." movie theater in complete silence.





When the "Legend of the Lone Ranger" opened a local movie theatre (Sellersville Cinema), the author displayed his vast collection of Lone Ranger memorabilia in the lobby of the theatre.

Collectibles 1933-1984



THE LONE RANGER-



Sample Strip of Charles Flanders, most famous of the Lone Ranger Comic Strip Artists



ORIGINAL BRACE BEEMER TIE CLASP Given to the author by Beemer's widow for his collection. Drawing on right shows the tie clasp of Brace Beemer.

> L. R. CARDBOARD SIGN) (1950) Value \$35 to \$50

L. R. SAVINGS BONDS MEMBERSHIP CARD (1957) Value \$20 to \$25



L. R. SPOON (1938) Value \$18 to \$30

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L. R. RADIO GUIDE L.R. STORY (1939) Value \$35 to \$55



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L. R. LARGE TIN SIGN Full Color Embossed (1950's) Value \$175 to \$600



HI-YO. SILVER!

L. R. WRISTWATCH (1938) Value \$95 to \$150



L. R. POCKET WATCH (1938) Value \$150 to \$225



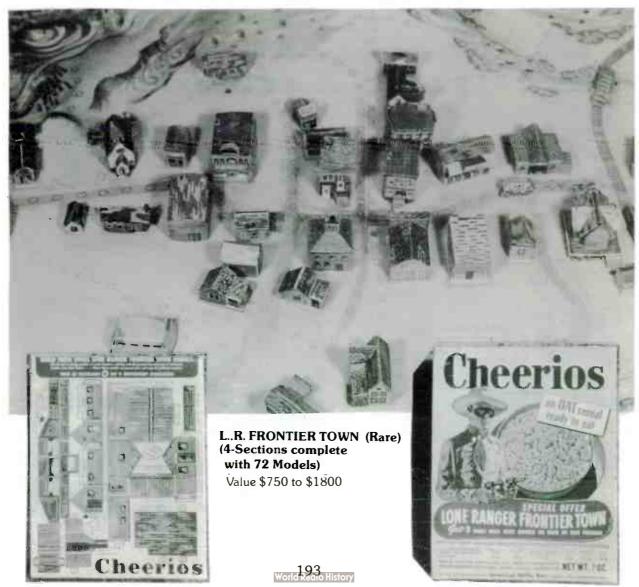
Advertisement for Lone Kanger ice cream cone premiums. The above ad appeared on the back cover of the rare Lone Ranger ice cream comic book of 1938. Premiums offered for ice cream cone wrappers included the Lone Ranger doll, Tonto doll, flashlight, comic book, sweatshirt, clicker pistol, dungarees, fountain pen, belt, picture rings and bracelets. All these premiums are very rare and when found command a very high price as collectibles.



L..R. SUNDAY COLOR PREMIUM ADS (1943-52) Interesting item to have with the actual radio premiums. Value \$4 to \$8









L.R. GLOW IN DARK BELT (1943) Value \$65 to \$85



L.R. NEWSPAPER PHOTO CARD (1938) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. STORE AD FOR PONY (1940) Value \$50 to \$75



L.R. PULP MAGAZINE CLUB (1939) Value \$75 to \$85



L.R. COMBAT STAMPS (1942) Value \$45 to \$75



L.R. FACE MASKS (1957) Value \$15 to \$25 each



L.R. MANUAL (1940) Value \$75 to \$95





L.R. PEDOMETER (1947) Value \$25 to \$35

L.R. FRONTIER NEWSPAPER TOWN AD (1948) Value \$15 to \$20

I.R. SILVER BULLET COMPASS (1944) Value \$25 to \$45



L.R. DEPUTY BADGE WITH SECRET COMPARTMENT (1951) Value \$25 to \$45 L.R. MARX CLICKER PISTOL Serial Giveaway (1939) Value \$25 to \$65



L.R. PASTIC BELT WITH SCENES FROM SERIAL MOVIE (1939) Value \$35 to \$55

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L.R. NATIONAL DEFENDERS WARNING SIGNAL (1940) Value \$35 to \$55 (1951) Value \$35 to \$55

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4 Observe all traffic rules faithfully. Be careful in everything you do . . . eafety pays I n emergencies, obey your Air Raid Warden and other officials. Remember your first responsibility is YOUR OWN home.

5 The salvage of waste materials is most important and you will receive further instructions from the LONE RANGER on what to save, how to save, and how to handle.

6 Interest at least 2 other boys or girls in this Club and get them to join as members.

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Put 'er there, Pardner!

You are now a full-fledged member of THE LONE RANGER VICTORY CORPS. Let me congratulate you on your willingness to do your share for our great country!

Enclosed is your official "Victory Corps" material, including the Membership-Identification card, your Instructions and the official Insignia which will identify you as a fullfledged member of the "Victory Corps".

Ours is a serious responsibility that can and will make a real contribution to our country's all-out Victory effort. There are many jobs that the Lone Ranger Victory Corps can and will do to help, such as:

SALVAGE OF WASTEPAPER, SALVAGE OF RUBBER, SALVAGE OF METALS, DIS-TRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT LITERA-TURE, GARDENING, CONSERVATION OF FOOD AND POWER, AIR RAID PRECAU-TIONS IN YOUR OWN HOME, ETC., ETC.

Special messages will be given on these and other jobs. So be sure to keep tuned to the Lone Ranger for your official instructions.



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Workers that day and might. And all thus costs money ... and save money for There is no surer way for YOU to help your country, and save money for yourself, than to buy U.S. Defense Savings Stamps. Every member of THE LONE RANGER VICTORY CORPS should be responsible for the purchase of at least one Savings Stamp each week, and if possible, many more. Save your spending money to buy these stamps. Obtain odd jobs to earn money to buy U.S. Defense Savings Stamps.

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The Lone Ranger

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L.R. LIFE-SIZE FIGURES Paper (1957) Value \$125 to \$250 each



(1942) Value \$55 to \$85



L.R. HIKE-O-METER (1953) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. BREAD BADGES (1940) Value \$20 to \$30





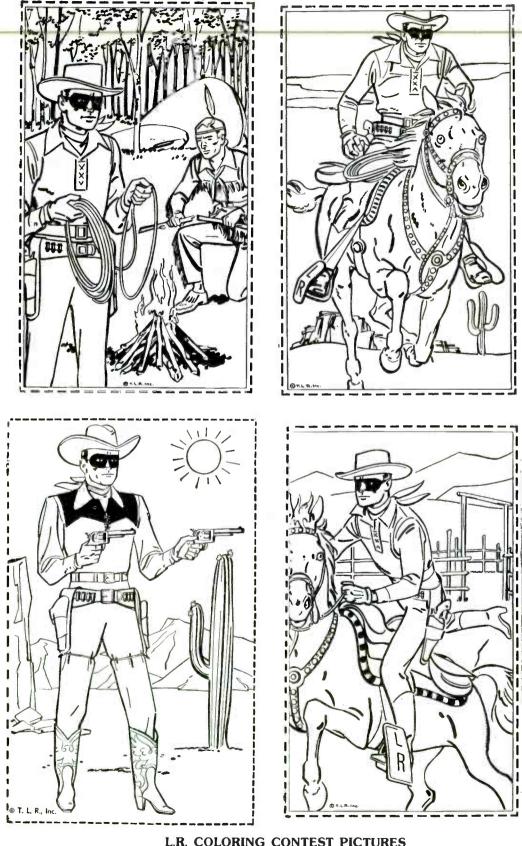
L.R. SILVER'S LUCKY HORSESHOE BADGE (1940) Value \$25 to \$45



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L.R. COLORING CONTEST PICTURES from Cereal Boxes (Rare) (1951) Value \$25 to \$65 each

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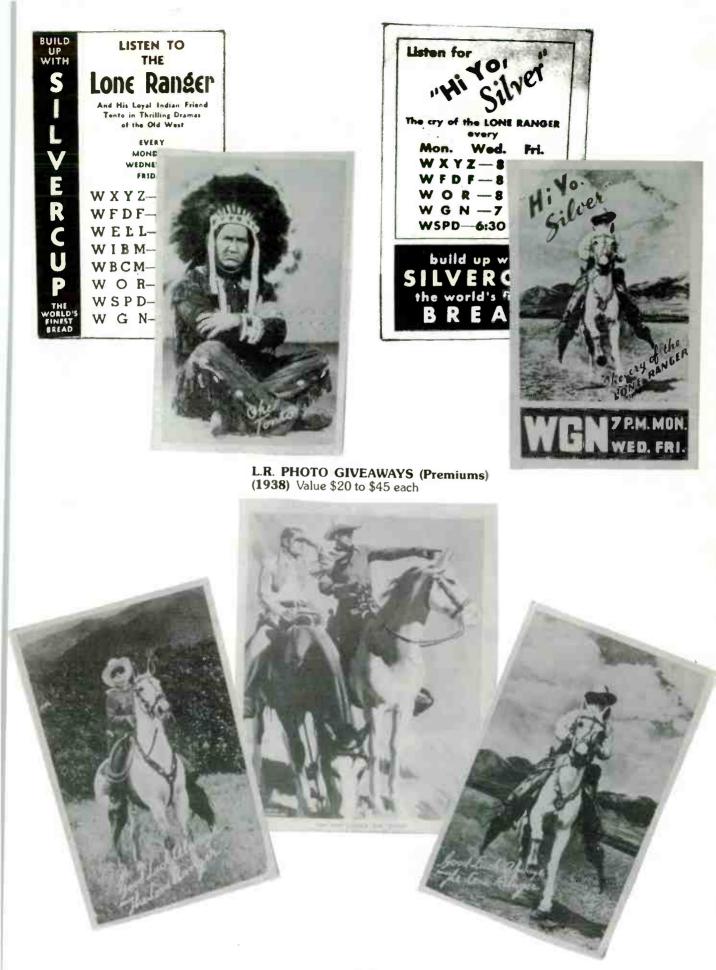




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L.R. PREMIUM AD (1952) Value \$6 to \$9



L.R. MERITA BREAD SIGN (1945) Value \$250 to \$350 Very rare item.) (Early Merita Bread Pole toppers storé sign. Art work based on serial actors Lee Powell and Chief Thundercloud.

L.R. WATCH FOB (1938) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. PEN BULLET (1947) Value \$15 to \$20



L.R. PINBACK BUTTON (Sold at circus appearances. , because picture shows dark horse instead of white horse and rider does not have mask.) Value \$25 to \$85 Very rare



L.R. TIN BADGE (1956) Value \$12 to \$18





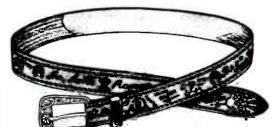
L.R. BANDANA (1940's) Value \$35 to \$45



(Secret Compartment - Silver Ore Inside) (1941) Value \$35 to \$55 L..R. 45-CALIBER SILVER BULLET L...R. KNIFE (1947) Value \$20 to \$35



L..R. SIX-GUN COLOR POSTER FOR STORES (1948) Value \$35 to \$45





L.R. TEXAS CATTLEMAN'S BELT (1943) Value \$35 to \$55

L..R. CHIEF SCOUT BADGE (1936) Value \$55 to \$75



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L.R. GIMBLE'S CARD (1938) Value \$15 to \$20



L..R. VICTORY CORP TAB (1942) Value \$35 to \$55



L..R. SAILOR HAT (1938) Value \$18 to \$28



L..R. PUNCHOUT BOOK (Very Rare) (1940) Value \$125 to \$175



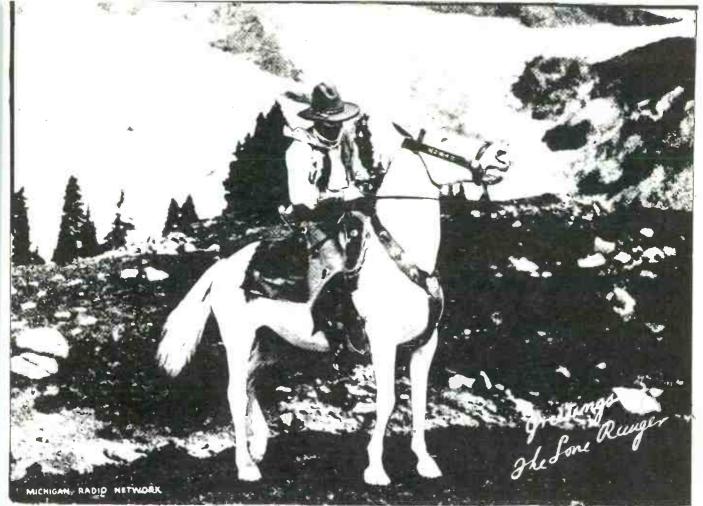
L...R. PHOTO (In Color) (1938) Value \$25 to \$35



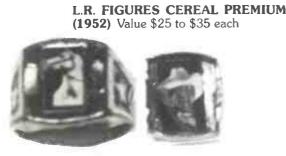
L..R. BOND BREAD SAFETY **CLUB CERTIFICATE** (1938-40) Value \$15 to \$25

HEADQUARTERS BOND BREAD LONE BANGER SAFETY CLUB Dear Safety Club Member: L am enclosing your membership card in the Bond Bread Lone Ranger Safety Club bearing your name and your membership number. Remember, it is mighty important that you keep this membership ward i safe place. If you show it to irlends by yours who are not men the club, don't let them see the secret code printe on the back. If and is to be used for sending and receiving ressages between card is club members only. You now have all the rights and privileges of a fully qualified Bond Bread Lone Ranger Safety Club member. Your name and membership number! has been placed on the official rolls here at Headquarters. So remember the promises you made to me when you applied for membership. I know you will observe these promises all the time. Remember to help others whenever you can. Until we meet on the radio, them, --- Hi-yo Silver! the Lone Ran The Lone Ranger LEPORTANT NOTICE On dourse you will want a Lone Ranger Badge. To darn this beautiful Badge, all you have to do is to have three of your neighbors who do not now eat Bond Bread regularly promise to buy Bond Bread exclusively for one week. I am enclosing a card which I want you to return to me when it is filled out. RR ONE RANGER Eat Bond Bread 3 times a day Bond = C 1939, T.L.R. INC

L.R. SAFETY CLUB LETTER (1939) Value \$25 to \$45



One of the first photo giveaways during the early years on the Michigan Radio Network L.R. PHOTO GIVEWAY (rare item) (1933) Value \$75 to \$125



L.R. SECRET COMPARTMENT RING Prototype (1942) Value \$175 to \$250



BULLET (1938-40) Value \$25 to \$35

L.R. BULLET KEY CHAIN (1970) Value \$15 to \$25



(Early Prototype that was not used — Limited number were made up for review. Regular second version with sliding top. Was then presented and produced. Rare)



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L.R. WEATHER RING (1947) Value \$35 to \$65

L.R. PREMIUM AD (1951) Value \$6 to \$9





L..R. FULL COLOR WOOD PLAQUE (1939) Value \$35 to \$55





L..R. BLACKOUT KIT (5-ITEMS COMPLETE KIT) 2-strips glow in the dark material, 1 Lone Ranger volunteer badge, Lone Ranger armband, pledge to the flag, plus manual of instructions illustrated envelope. (1943) Value \$75 to \$125

L..R. CHEERIOS WAR ALBUM (1943) Value \$60 to \$85

L..R. AUTHOGRAPHED PHOTO (Black & White) (1938-40) Value \$20 to \$35

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L..R. SAFETY CLUB NEWSPAPERS (Six Issues) (1938-40) Value \$20 to \$35





L..R. COLOR POSTCARD COLORING CONTEST (1952) Value \$25 to \$35

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L..R. NATIONAL DEFENDERS SECRET PORTFOLIO (1941) Value \$50 to \$75



L.R. MOVIE VIEWER (1946) Value \$35 to \$65



L.R. ANNIVERSARY GUEST (Pinback and Ribbon) (1983) Value \$25 to \$50











(1983) Value \$25 to \$50



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L. R. SODA GLASS (1957) Value \$25 to \$45





L. R. CANNED PUZZLES (1970) Value \$10 to \$15

L.R. GAME (1978) Value \$25 to \$45

L. R. SHAKER MAKER SET (1970) Value \$25 to \$35





(1958) Value \$10 to \$15





L.R. RANCH SET L.R. MIAMI MAID SAFETY CLUB (1940) Value \$65 to \$75 (1938-40) Value \$18 to \$25



L.R. SILVER BULLET KEY CHAIN (1958) Value \$15 to \$20





L.R. TRANSFER DECAL (1945) Value \$15 to \$25

L.R. FIGURE PIN (Six in Series) (1970) Value \$10 to \$12



L.R. ROOM ADVERTISEMENT (1940) Value \$12 to \$20





L.R. RECORD (1979) Value \$10 to \$15

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L.R. RODEO SET (1940) Value \$65 to \$75



L.R. WANNA BEE SET (1980) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. BEANIE CAP (1940) Value \$25 to \$35



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L. R. TONTO OUTFIT (1946) Value \$40 to \$65



L. R. TEE SHIRT (1979) Value \$10 to \$15

L.R. TIN POP RIFLE (1975) Value \$25 to \$45



L. R. PUZZLE SET (1945) Value \$45 to \$65



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L. R. GAME (1956) Value \$35 to \$65



L. R. PARKER BROTHERS GAME (1938) Value \$35 to \$65



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L. R. GAME (1966) Value \$25 to \$35



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L.R. DISHES (plate, saucer, cup) (1939) Value \$15 to \$25 each





L.R. SERIAL MOVIE POSTER (Denmark) (1938) Value \$35 to \$50

L.R. CLOTH MATERIAL (1945) Value \$20 to \$25

L.R. TONTO DOLL (Rare) (1938) Value \$125 to \$325



L.R. MARX SMOKING CLICKER PISTOL (1940) Value \$65 to \$85







L.R. WOOD RECORD PLAYER (1950) Value \$45 to \$65

L. R. METAL TARGET & GUN (1938) Value \$35 to \$65



L. R. GUN & HOLSTER (1975) Value \$15 to \$55







L.R. PENCIL BOX (1947) Value \$45 to \$65

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L.R. PISTOL (1944) Value \$55 to \$75

L.R. PUZZLE SET (1945) Value \$75 to \$125



L.R. RECORD & BOOK (1970) Value \$15 to \$25



L.R. TIE (1951) Value \$25 to \$45



L.R. 45-GUN (1958) Value \$25 to \$45







L.R. LUNCH BOX (1946) Value \$65 to \$75



L.R. PUZZLE (1958) Value \$12 to \$15



L.R. CLICKER PISTOL (1940) Value \$125 to \$150



L. R. PUNCH-OUT SET (1947) Value \$55 to \$125



L.R. FABRIC MATERIAL (1948) Value \$15 to \$25



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L.R. METAL CAP GUN (1938) Value \$65 to \$85

L.R. HARMONICA (1947) Value \$25 to \$45

L.R. TIE (1950) Value \$25 to \$35



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L.R. PUNCH BOARD (Rare) (1940's) Value \$45 to \$85





L.R. POCKET WATCH (1980) Value \$25 to \$35



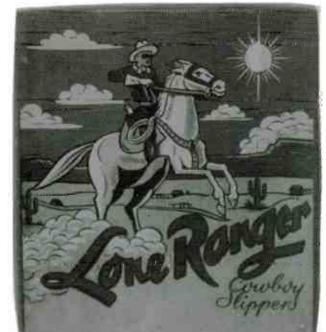
L.R. BANK (1938) Value \$50 to \$75



L.R. FIRST AID KIT (large) (1938) Value \$45 to \$55



L.R. SLIPPERS (1944) Value \$35 to \$65



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L.R. PICTURE CHARMS (1950) Value \$10 to \$15 each







L.R. COKE RECORD (1960) Value \$15 to \$25 228

L. R. HORSESHOE SET (1950) Value \$30 to \$60

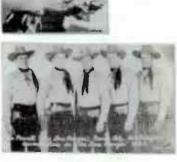






























L. R. GUM CARDS (1940) Value \$7 to \$12 each

L.R. MEXICAN TOY (1984) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. CARNIVAL FIGURE (1950) Value \$15 to \$25



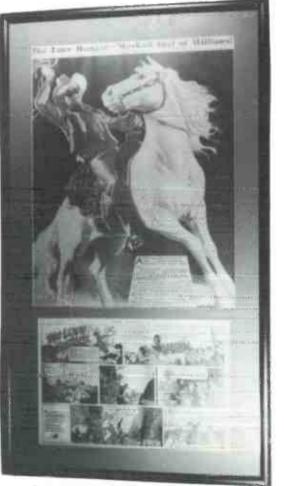
L.R. CAPTAIN ACTION DOLL (1960) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. FAMOUS RIDER (1938) Value \$65 to \$75



L.R. CARD PACKS (1950) Value \$25 to \$35



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L.R. COMIC PAGE AND AD 1938 Full page ad promoting comic with first Sunday page dated Sept. 11, 1938 Value \$75 to \$150





L.R. POCKET WATCH (1940's) Value \$75 to \$125



L.R. METAL BADGE (1950) Value \$15 to \$25



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L.R. PAPER GUN





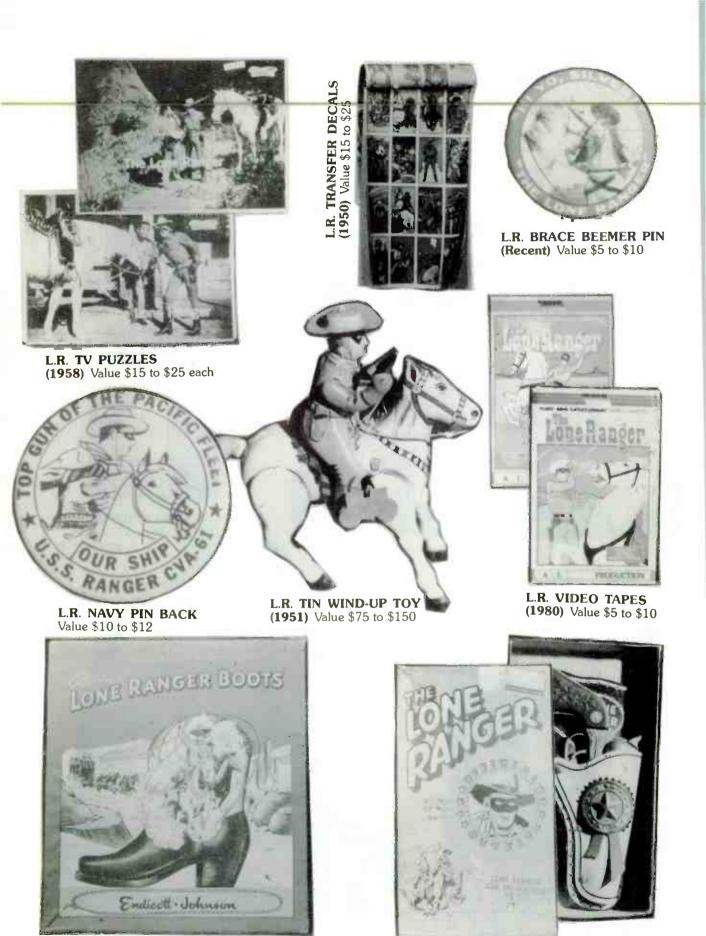
L. R. CHALK FIGURE (1940's) Value \$25 to \$45

L.R. OUTFIT (1970) \$35 to \$65



L.R. SCHOOL BAG (1946-50) Value \$25 to \$45





L.R. BOOTS (1947) Value \$75 to \$85

L.R. HOLSTER SET (1947) Value \$65 to \$125





L.R. PENS AND BELTHOLDER (1947) Value \$35 to \$50



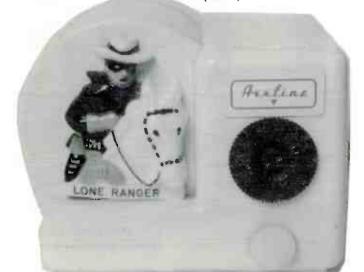


L.R. SCHOOL TABLET (1956) Value \$10 to \$15



L.R. MOVIE POSTER (Denmark) (1958) Value \$35 to \$45

L.R. AIRLINE RADIO (1951) Value \$75 to \$95





L.R. WATER GUNS (1975) Value \$20 to \$35

L.R. PINBACK (1940's) Value \$8 to \$12





L. R. PLASTIC CUP (1947) Value \$15 to \$25







L.R. COWBOY OUTFIT (1945) Value \$75 to \$125



L.R. TIN PIN (1976) Value \$10 to \$15



L. R. TRANSFER GUM WRAPPERS Value \$5 to \$10 each



L.R. RIDES AGAIN OUTFIT (1975) Value \$12 to \$18 each





L.R. OFFICIAL OUTFIT (1940) Value \$125 to \$150











L. R. T.V. CARDS (1950) Value \$2 to \$3



L.R. COOKIE DISPLAY CARD (1940) Value \$35 to \$75

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L.R. HEBREW COMIC BOOK (Date unknown) Value \$10 to \$15

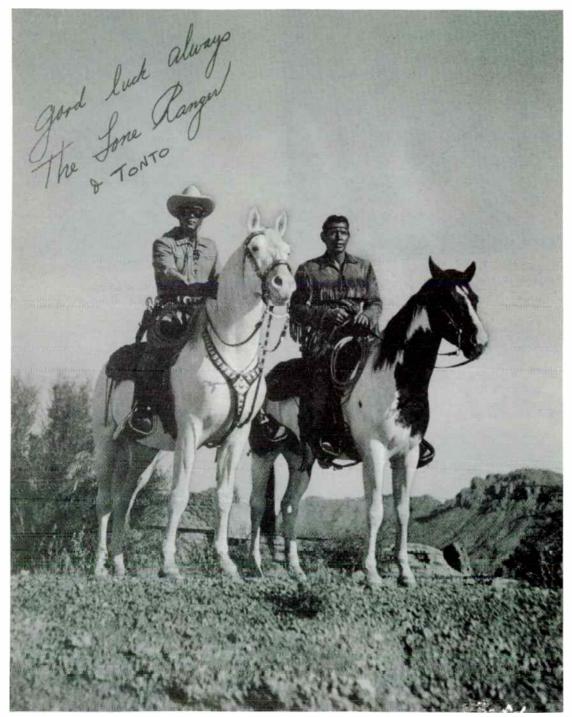


L.R. INK BLOTTER

(1938) Value \$20 to \$25

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L.R. GAME (1967) Value \$25 to \$45



L.R. COLOR PHOTO (1956) Value \$15 to \$20



L.R. SLEEPING BAG (1975) Value \$25 to \$35



L.R. SILVER BULLET SET (1980) Value \$15 to \$25





L.R. BANKS (1975) Value \$15 to \$20







L.R. OFFICIAL HOLSTER SET (1945) Value \$75 to \$150







L.R. SUNDAY COMIC PAGES Original Art Value \$75 to \$125

L.R. TIN COOKIE CAN (1952) Value \$25 to \$45



L.R. BADGES & CARD (1955) Value \$12 to \$15 each

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L.R. BOOK JACKET (1940) Value \$15 to \$25

L.R. TONTO COLORING BOOK (1958) Value \$15 to \$20

L.R. TIN HORN (1950) Value \$12 to \$15



L.R. GUITAR (1947) Value \$55 to \$75

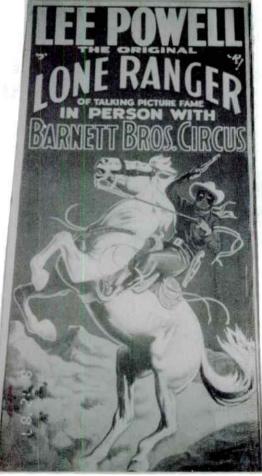
L.R. TIN WINDUP (1944) Value \$85 to \$135

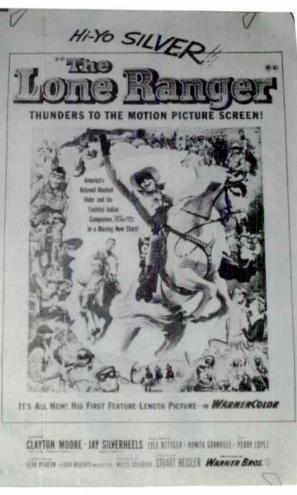
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L.R. LEAD TOYS 1940) Value \$25 to \$35 each

L.R. SCRAPBOOK (1975) Value \$12 to \$15

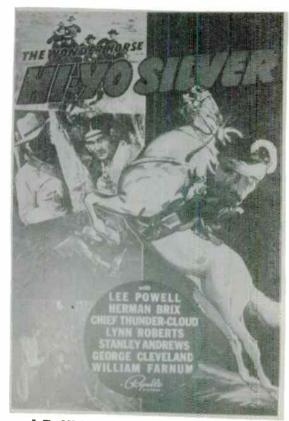






L.R. MOVIE POSTER (1956) Value \$95 to \$125

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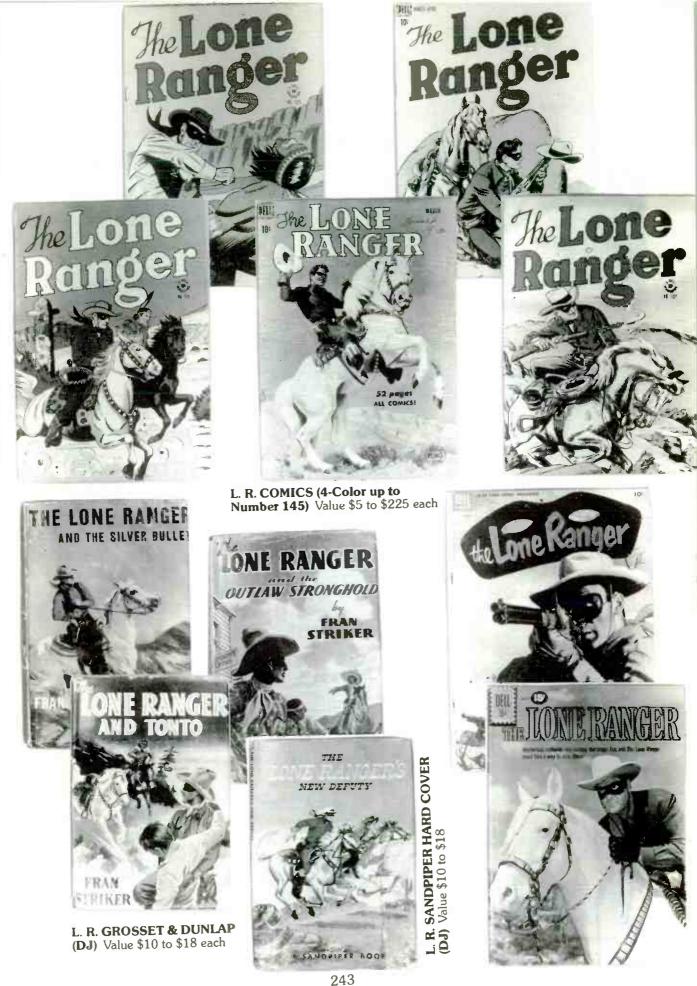


L.R. HI-YO SILVER MOVIE POSTER (1940) Value \$125 to \$150



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L.R. MOVIE VIEWER (LARGE) (1940) Value \$55 to \$95





L. R. TO THE RESCUE (1939) Value \$125 to \$145



L.R. PICTORIAL SCRAPBOOK (1979) Value \$20 to \$35



L. R. HI-YO SILVER (1940) Value \$65 to \$85



L.R. DOLL COMICS (1975) Value \$3 to \$5 each



L.R. MARCH OF COMICS (1958) Value \$5 to \$30



L. R. BOOK (1940) Value \$45 to \$65



L.R. RENEGADES (1940) Value \$65 to \$75



L.R. COMICS DIGEST (1965) Value \$5 to \$15

L.R. AND TONTO (1956) Value \$12 to \$20



L.R. TALKING PONY (1958) Value \$10 to \$18



L. R. PULP MAGAZINE (1940) Value \$85 to \$95





L. R. SCRAP BOOK (1938) Value \$55 to \$75



L.R. COLORING BOOKS (1945-1957) Value \$35 to \$65 each







L.R. COLORING BOOK SET (1951) Value \$65 to \$85

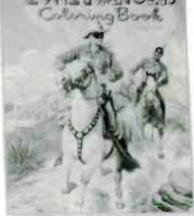


L.R. COLORING BOOKS (1951) Value \$35 to \$45 each



L.R. PAINT BOOK (1940) Value \$35 to \$75





L. R. COLORING BOOK (1946) Value \$35 to \$45

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L.R. SPANISH COMIC (1950) Value \$5 to \$10

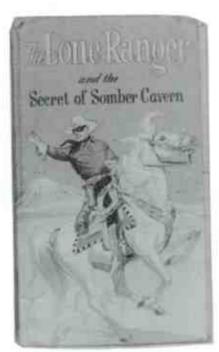


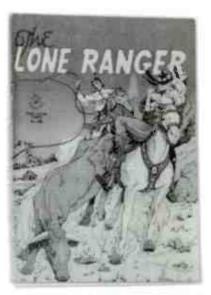


L.R. PAPER BACK BOOKS (Series of 8) (1981) Value \$2 to \$5 each



L.R. FEATURE BOOK 24 (1940) Value \$37 to \$250





L.R. FOUR-COLOR COMIC 98 (1940) Value \$28 to \$150











L.R. JAIL KEYS AND BADGE (1966) Value \$20 to \$35



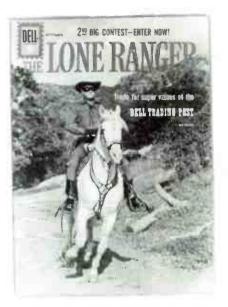
L.R. HEALTH AND SAFETY SCOUT BOOKLET Merita Bread (1954) Value \$15 to \$25



L.R. TARGET SET (1974) Value \$15 to \$25



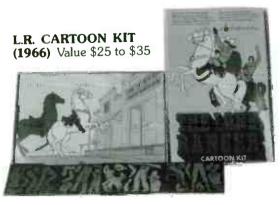
L.R. BOOKLET COMIC (1970) Value \$35 to \$45



L.R. COMIC BOOK NO. 141 (1961) Value \$12 to \$18



L.R. HANDCUFFS AND BADGE (1966) Value \$20 to \$35





L.R. MAGIC SLATE (1978) Value \$15 to \$25

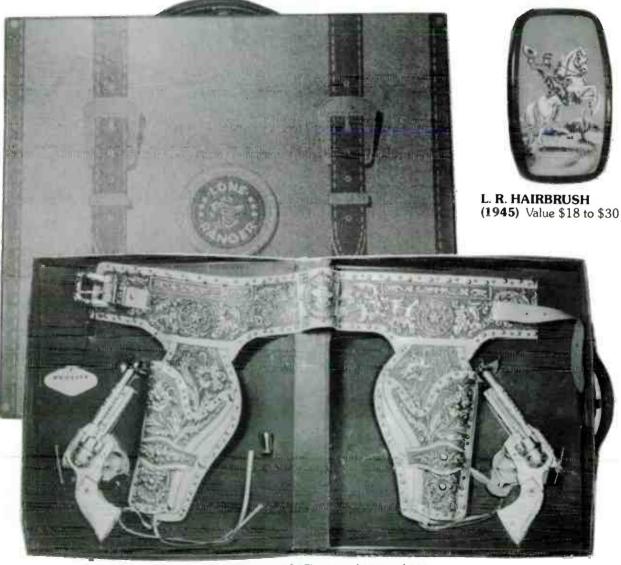
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L. R. JIGSAW PUZZLE (1940) Value \$25 to \$35



L..R. PRINTING SET (1938) Value \$45 to \$65



L.R. GUN HOLSTER SUITCASE (rare) (1945) Value \$125 to \$225





L. R. MOVIE VIEWER (1940) Value \$55 to \$85



L. R. SOAP (1938) Value \$85 to \$95



L. **R. OFFICIAL BELT SET** (1938) Value \$25 to \$40



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L. R. DOLL (Rare) Value \$135 to \$350

L. R. OFFICIAL OUTFIT (1938) Value \$85 to \$150



L. **R. FIRST AID KIT** (1938) Value \$30 to \$55



L.R. SCHOOL BAG (1950) Value \$35 to \$65

L.R. OUTFIT (1947) Value \$35 to \$45



L. R. PENCIL BOX (1938) Value \$25 to \$35









L.L.R. MOVIE RECORD (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

L.L.R. MOVIE PRESS KIT (1981) Value \$35 to \$65



L.L.R. AUTHENTIC STORY RECORD (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. WATER GUN SET (1981) Value \$25 to \$35



L.L.R. PINBALL GAME (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. TEE SHIRTS (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. LEROY NEIMAN PRINT (1981) Value \$65 to \$85



L.L.R. RECORD (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

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L.L.R. MASK PLAY SET (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. PAPERBACK BOOK (1981) Value \$10 to \$12

L.L.R. MOVIE STANDEE

(Used at Washington Preview) Value \$155 to \$255 (1981)





L.L.R. DART GUN (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. METAL BUCKLE (Given at Washington Preview Note — President Reagan given solid silver buckle) (1981) Value \$75 to \$125



L.L.R. STAMP SET (1981) Value \$5 to \$10

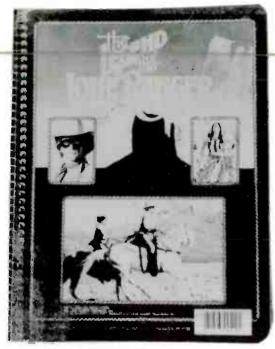


L.L.R. BEACH TOWEL (1981) Value \$35 to \$50



L.L.R MOVIE STANDEE (1981) Value \$75 to \$125





L.L.R. TABLET (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. DEPUTY KIT (premium) (1981) Value \$25 to \$50



L.L.R. KNIFE and SHEATH (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

L.L.R. INFLATABLE SILVER (1981) Value \$15 to \$25



L.L.R. LOBBY CARD SET (1981) Value \$35 to \$65

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L.L.R. MASKED RIDER SET (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

L.L.R. HORSE/RIDER FIGURES (1981) Value \$15 to \$20 each





L.L.R. WALLPAPER (1981) Value \$10 to \$20



L.L.R. SLIPPERS (1981) Value \$15 to \$25





L.L.R. ROCKING HORSE BOOK (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



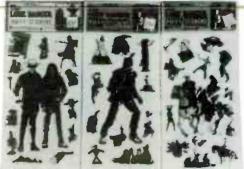
L.L.R. SIX PIECE HOLSTER SET (1981) Value \$25 to \$50

L.L.R. HAND PAINTED FIGURES (1981) Value \$15 to \$25



L.L.R. JUNIOR HOLSTER SET (1981) Value \$20 to \$35

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L.L.R. STICKERS (1981) Value \$5 to \$10 each



L.L.R. RIFLE SET (1981) Value \$5 to \$10



L.L.R. KNIFE SET (1981) Value \$5 to \$10



L.L.R. DESK SET (1981) Includes the following -Bookends - \$35 to \$75 Bulletin Board - \$35 to \$55 Pencil Holder - \$10 to \$15 Paper Holder - \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. GUN/MASK SET (1981) Value \$5 to \$10

L.L.R. SNEAKERS (1981) Value \$35 to \$75

L.L.R. UNDEROOS (1981) Value \$10 to \$20 each







L.L.R. TARGET SET (1981) Value \$25 to \$35





L.L.R. PRESTO TRANSFERS (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

L.L.R. ALARM CLOCK 1981) Value \$25 to \$35



L.L.R. WESTERN PLAY SET (1981) Value \$35 to \$55



L.L.R. 10-PIECE OUTFIT (1981) Value \$35 to \$50

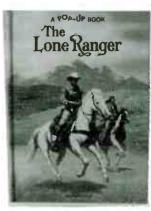


L.L.R. GAME (1981) Value \$15 to \$25



L.L.R. VIEW-MASTER (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

L.L.R. WRIST WATCH (1981) Value \$45 to \$75



L.L.R. POP-UP BOOK (1981) Value \$15 to \$25









L.L.R. 4 BOXED PUZZLES (1981) Value \$10 to \$15 each





L.L.R. PEN and HOLDER SET (1981) Value \$10 to \$15



L.L.R. SMALL ALARM CLOCK (1981) Value \$20 to \$35

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L.L.R. STORYBOOK (1981) Value \$15 to \$25



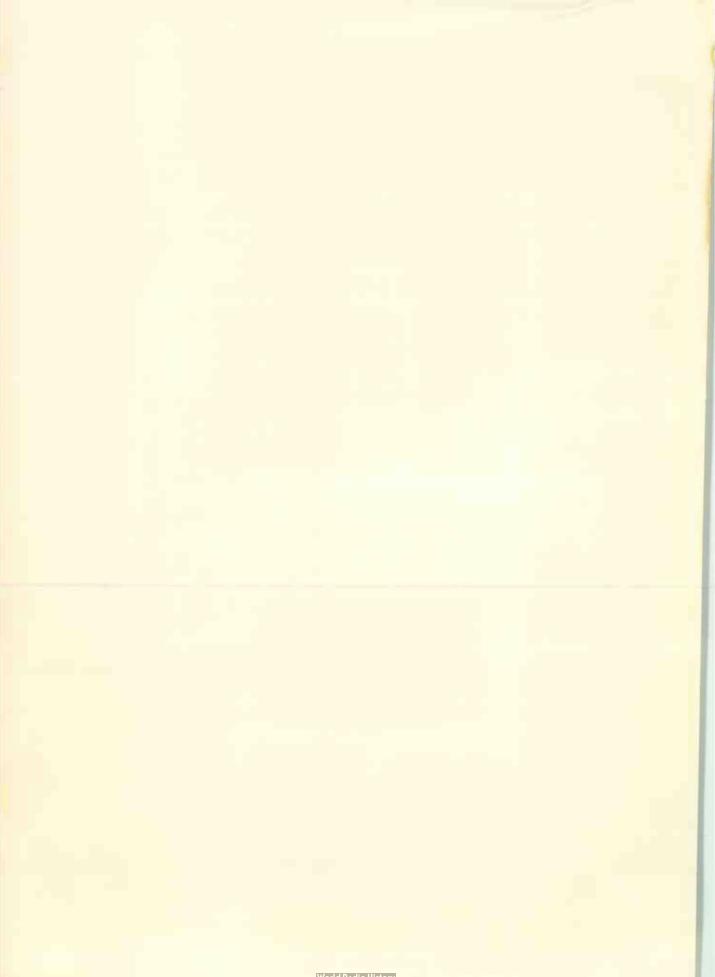


L.L.R. LUNCH BOX (1981) Value \$10 to \$15

















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