

## October 14, 2019

**Bat Masterson** - Episode Title: **Stampede At Tent City** - Aired October 29, 1958.

Filmed at the Iverson Ranch in Chatsworth, California (Topanga Canyon Blvd. off the 118 Simi Valley Freeway.) **NOW CLOSED**

**Gene Barry** - His name at birth was Eugene Klass. He changed his name to Gene Barry in honor of his idol, John Barrymore. Best remembered for his starring roles in *Burke's Law* (both the 1963-66 original and the 1994-95 revival) and *The Name Of The Game*.

**William Conrad** - Best remembered for *Cannon*, *Jake And The Fat Man* and the uncredited narrator for every episode of *The Fugitive*. He was also the voice of Marshall Matt Dillon on the radio version of *Gunsmoke*.

**James Best** - Best remembered as Sheriff Roscoe Coltrane on *The Dukes Of Hazard*. In *The Dukes of Hazzard: The Dukes in Hollywood* (1984), Roscoe (Best) and Boss Hogg (Sorrell Booke) are discussing who should play them in a fictional movie about Hazzard County. Roscoe picks Burt Reynolds. Reynolds was a former acting student of Best and the two had been friends for many years. Reynolds later played "Boss Hogg" in *The Dukes of Hazzard* updated movie from 2005. James is also remembered for his two appearances on *The Andy Griffith Show* portraying the guitar player Jim Lindsey.

---

**The Gabby Hayes Show** - The first version of the Hayes program ran on NBC at 5:15PM Eastern time for fifteen minutes, three times a week. It preceded *Howdy Doody*. *The Gabby Hayes Show* aired from December 11, 1950 until January 1, 1954. The floor manager for this show was Fred Rogers (Best remembered as Mister Rogers) until 1953 when he left NBC to begin working in public television.

The second version of *The Gabby Hayes Show* only ran for 13 weeks on Saturday mornings from May 12 through July 14, 1956 on ABC.

*The Gabby Hayes Show* - The film used for the show we are seeing today was titled *Wild Country* - released 1/17/1947 - filmed at the Iverson Ranch in Chatsworth, California - from PRC - Producers Releasing Corporation). This 55 minute feature western was edited down to 25 minutes for *The Gabby Hayes Show*.

**George "Gabby" Hayes** - was the comic sidekick of the cowboy stars Hopalong Cassidy and Roy Rogers. After the losing everything in the stock market crash of 1929, Gabby and his wife, Olive, moved to Los Angeles to try his luck in films. He made a cameo an uncredited appearance in Frank Capra's *Mr. Deeds Goes To Town* (1936). Although he was usually was often cast as a grizzled old codger, in real life he was an intelligent, well-groomed and articulate man. Gabby and Olive were married for 43 years.

**Eddie Dean** - made his name as a country-western singer on radio in the 1930s. Both Gene Autry and Roy Rogers have called him the best cowboy singer of all time.

**Roscoe Ates** - Comedy actor, on stage from 1915, best known for his sad face and nervous stutter. Played a sidekick named Soapy in a series of B-westerns released by PRC and Eagle Lion in the 1940's.

**Douglas Fowley** - played everything from cowboys to gangsters, appearing alongside stars like Clark Gable, Ava Gardner, Esther Williams, Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Laurel & Hardy. He was also married eight times. His 8th marriage lasted 37 years.

---

**The Lone Ranger** - Episode Title: **The Legion Of Old Timers** - Aired Thursday evening, 7:30PM on October 6, 1949. This episode was the fourth show of this new series.

Interior scenes filmed at General Service Studios - 1040 N. Las Palmas, Hollywood, California. Much of the series exteriors were filmed on the former Iverson Movie Ranch in Chatsworth, California, including the iconic opening sequence to each episode. The rock seen next to Silver is known as Lone Ranger Rock and remains in place today on the site of the former Iverson Movie Ranch. This same rock can also be seen in the 1925 silent film from MGM titled *Ben Hur: A Tale Of Christ*.

**The Lone Ranger History** - The Lone Ranger was the sole survivor of a group of six ambushed Texas Rangers. While details differ, the basic story of the Lone Ranger's origin is consistent in most versions of the franchise. A posse of six members of the Texas Ranger Division, led by Captain Dan Reid, pursued a band of outlaws led by Bartholomew "Butch" Cavendish, but are betrayed by a civilian guide named Collins, who was secretly working with Cavendish and led the unsuspecting rangers into an ambush at the canyon know as Bryant's Gap. Later, a Native

American named Tonto stumbles onto the grisly scene. He discovers one of the rangers, Captain Reid's younger brother, John, barely alive, and he nurses the man to health. In some versions, Tonto recognizes the lone survivor as the man who had saved his life when they both were children. According to the television series, Tonto gave John a ring and the name Kemo Sabe, which he said means "trusty scout". John Reid then tells Tonto that he intends to hunt down Cavendish and his men and to bring them to justice. To conceal his identity and honor his fallen brother, John fashions a black mask using cloth from his late brother's vest. To aid in the deception, Tonto digs a sixth grave and places at its head a cross bearing John Reid's name so that Cavendish and his gang will believe that all the Rangers had been killed. In many versions, Reid continues fighting for justice as the Lone Ranger even after the Cavendish gang is captured.

**The Lone Ranger On Radio** - The first of 2,956 radio episodes of The Lone Ranger premiered on WXYZ, a radio station serving Detroit, Michigan in late January of 1933.

The Lone Ranger was played by several actors on radio:

**John L. Barrett:** test broadcasts on WEBR in January 1933

**George Seaton** (aka George Stenius): January 31 – May 9, 1933

**Earle Graser:** May 16, 1933 – April 7, 1941

**Brace Beemer:** April 18, 1941 to the end - he was also the show's deep-voiced announcer for several years.

**The Lone Ranger On Television** - aired for eight seasons, from 1949 to 1957 and starred Clayton Moore as the Lone Ranger and Jay Silverheels as Tonto. Only five of the eight seasons had new episodes. It was the ABC television network's first big hit of the early 1950s. Moore's tenure as the Ranger is probably the best-known treatment of the franchise. Moore was replaced in the

third season by John Hart, but he returned for the final two seasons. The fifth and final season was the only one shot in color. A total of 221 episodes were made.

**Music** - The theme music was primarily taken from the "March of the Swiss Soldiers" finale of Gioachino Rossini's William Tell Overture, which thus came to be inseparably associated with the series. The theme was conducted by Daniel Pérez Castañeda, with the softer parts excerpted from Die Moldau, composed by Bedřich Smetana.

**Clayton Moore** - born Jack Carlton Moore. After moving to Hollywood and entering films in 1938, he changed his first name to Clayton in 1940. While working in westerns, he performed with Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and Jay Silverheels. In 1949, he was offered and accepted the role of The Lone Ranger. The program debuted on ABC on September 15, 1949, the day after Moore's 35th birthday.

**Jay Silverheels** - was born Harold Jay Smith in 1912. He was a grandson of Mohawk Chief A. G. Smith and Mary Wedge. As one of 11 children, he was a star lacrosse player before he entered films as a stuntman in 1938. He adopted the nickname of 'Silverheels' during a very brief boxing career. In 1949, he worked in the movie *The Cowboy And The Indians* with another "B movie" actor named Clayton Moore. Later that year, the two teamed up for *The Lone Ranger* television program making television history.

**DeForest Kelley** - is best remembered as Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy on the television series *Star Trek* (1966).

**Emmett Lynn** - was featured in nine episodes of The Lone Ranger. He was one of the old grubby prospector sidekicks who

supplied the comic relief in a number of Republic Westerns through the 1940's and early 1950's. He also appeared in short comedies with The Three Stooges, Andy Clyde and Slim Summerville.

**Jay Silverheels with Johnny Carson** - On a comedy skit he performed with Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show in 1969, Carson asked him why he left The Lone Ranger. Jay Silverheels responded "Kemosabe found out what Kemosabe meant". (Note: the definition of Kemosabe is trusty scout or friend).

---

## **REFERENCES**

Internet Movie Data Base

Wikipedia