



Fred C. Harman NØJSP of Pagosa Springs, Colo., who is the son of Fred Harman 1902-1982 artist & author born in Missouri. Creator of the longest running syndicated comic strip from 1938 until 1964 “Red Ryder & Little Beaver” in over 750 news papers.

Fred had more wonderful talents, established as a foremost painter of the American West, sculptor, writer in collaboration S. Slesinger created

the Red Ryder series. Of the many honors Fred received, he was especially proud to be adopted into the Navajo Nation. Fred’s two younger brothers made an earlier success in Hollywood with animated cartoons and produced the popular Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes series.

Fred’s son operates the “Red Ryder Western Art Museum” in Pagosa Springs, Co. Make it on your plans to visit when in the area. It is on the Web.

To this day as a result of what has become the longest lasting licensing agreement in history, Daisy continues to manufacture the Red Ryder rifle. (Be careful or you’ll shoot your eye out Ralphie)

Over the years the comic books, movie serial series and radio programs probably caused a great deal of trading and memorabilia. It appears as if there is no end of the material on Ebay in this era.

The rest of the story is simply “Red Ryder” in the beginning was known as Bronc Peeler and the series did not take off until renamed in 1938. Red’s steed Thunder, Lived in Painted Valley. Partially scripted from CAA newsletter.

