

Frontier Town
Kurt Schrieffer
(updated by Ryan Ellett)

1949-53, syndicated

Cast:

Jeff Chandler as Chad Remington (through “Thunder over Texas,” #23)

Reed Hadley as Chad Remington (from “Gun Trouble Valley,” #24 to end)

Wade Crosby as Cherokee O’Bannon

Written and Directed by: Paul Franklin

Music by: Bob Mitchell and Ivan Ditmars

Announcer: Bill Forman

Sustaining, Transcribed

Chad Remington is an aspiring new lawyer in the big city whose world and dreams are turned upside down by the news of his father’s murder back in the small ranching town of Dos Rios where he was raised. His quest to bring the killer to justice serves as the springboard to an unexpected new career as a crimefighting attorney struggling to bring order to his small corner of the frontier as it makes the difficult transition from the Old West to the New.

Remington is played initially by Jeff Chandler, oddly billed here as “Tex” Chandler despite being at this time already an established star in both radio (*Our Miss Brooks*) and film (*Broken Arrow*). Halfway through the program’s relatively short run, the role is assumed by another veteran actor, Reed Hadley. The obligatory Western sidekick is a hard-drinking gentleman of mixed blood called Cherokee O’Bannon, and is played by comedic character actor Wade Crosby, who chose to borrow W.C. Fields’ voice for the purpose... with results perhaps best judged by the individual listener!

Frontier Town was recorded and produced beginning in 1949 by Broadcasters Program Syndicate. This was a cooperative program syndication organization led by Bruce Eells & Associates. Other notable series sold by this Syndicate were *The Adventures of Frank Race* and *Pat O’Brien From Hollywood*. Eventually 52 episodes of *Frontier Town* were recorded and distributed; all but five are currently in circulation. These episodes come from Randy Riddle who recorded them directly from original transcription records.