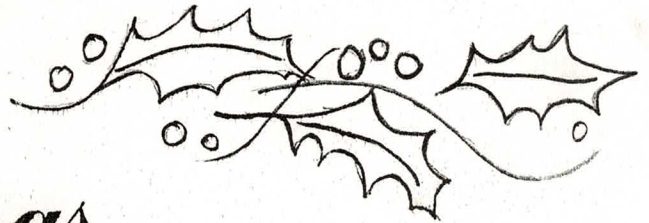


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*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*

December 1966

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are approaching the end of another exciting and eventful year.

It has been a year in which we demonstrated, more than once, how broadcasting can contribute to the well-being of its audience.

We have seen a vigorous editorial campaign on our stations contribute to the passage of a bond issue that will provide Hartford children with badly needed schools.

We have seen another campaign result in the construction of a fine hospital in Viet Nam, as our contribution in support of the young Americans who are giving so much more to bring freedom to that nation.

On more than one occasion, I have noted that our energies should constantly be directed toward the enhancement of our product--programming. In 1966, I believe we took note worthy strides in that direction.

We expanded our radio broadcast day to twenty-four hours, seven days a week, improved our Sunday schedule and continued to provide the mature programming our audience has come to expect.

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KENFIELD, KING, DE LISA NAMED TO NEW SUPERVISORY POSITIONS

The promotions of three veteran members of the WTIC staff were announced Dec. 13 by Vice President and General Manager Tyrol.

Lawrence F. Kenfield was named supervisor of music; Robert F. King, assistant supervisor of music, and John F. DeLisa, supervisor of recorded commercials. Kenfield joined WTIC in 1929; DeLisa, in 1930, and King, in 1945.

When Kenfield and DeLisa came to WTIC, the station had a staff of 73 musicians, a library of sheet music valued at more than \$100,000 and no recordings.

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FOR JOHN WELCH, DAY AFTER PEARL HARBOR WAS MEMORABLE

John Welch didn't really expect anyone to pay much attention to him when he reported for the first day of work at WTIC and he wasn't disappointed.

It was Dec. 8, 1941 and everyone was too excited about the consequences of the previous day's attack on Pearl Harbor to be concerned with a new engineer.

On Dec. 8, 1966, John Welch's old--and newer--friends made up for the lack of attention that day in 1941 by honoring him at a reception marking his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company.

Like many of the young men who joined WTIC in that era, John hasn't spent all of his 25 years with the station. He left in April 1942 for the Navy and served far from Hartford aboard Pacific-based aircraft carriers for four years.

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FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES CONVICT'S \$50,000 SUIT

WTIC-TV did not violate a prison inmate's right to privacy by secretly filming his appearance before the Connecticut Board of Parole, according to a decision handed down by a Federal judge in Hartford Nov. 25.

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BOOKS BEQUEATHED
TO TOWN LIBRARY

The private library of the late Albert H. Jackson has been bequeathed to the West Hartford Public Library.

Announcement of the bequest, which includes many books and periodicals, was made by Asbury W. Schley, librarian.

KENFIELD, KING, DE LISA NAMED
TO SUPERVISORY POSITIONS
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Today, WTIC has a library of 100,000 records and no musicians. Most of the sheet music was donated to the Hartt College of Music several years ago.

Kenfield, a resident of 128 Brookside Rd., Newington, takes part in many church and community activities. He is secretary of Tuscan Lodge 126, AF&AM, vice president and past president of the Christian Activities Council, Hartford Church Homes, Inc., and a member of the Executive Committee of the Hartford Assn. of Congregational Christian Churches. He is also a member of the Missions and Executive Committees of the Elmwood Community Church.

King, of 19 Greenhurst Rd., West Hartford, was employed in the Home Office of the Travelers Insurance Co. for 17 years before coming to WTIC in 1945. He is a past president of the Insurance Clubs of Hartford and a member of the Board of Governors and Electoral Board of the Travelers Men's Clubs. An accomplished musician, he played piano with the Hal McIntyre Band in the late 1930s and early '40s.

DeLisa, of 31 Buckland Rd., Wethersfield, was, for many years, librarian of the valuable sheet music collection, working with the late Christian Kreins and Norman Cloutier, who conducted the WTIC orchestra and dance band. He also appeared on the well-known "Cinderella Weekend" programs for several years.

NEWS, SPORTS, WEATHER
TO BE TELECAST IN COLOR

WTIC-TV's news, sports and weather telecasts will be in color beginning Dec. 25.

Two new General Electric color studio cameras have been purchased for Television Studio B and three more are scheduled to be delivered at the end of January. The two cameras purchased about a year ago will be traded.

The new cameras have the new Plumbicon tubes, which incorporate the black and white channel feature also found in WTIC-TV's color film cameras. This feature enhances the sharpness of the picture, particularly on sets equipped only for black and white.

BOB BARR COMPLETES
CIVIL DEFENSE STUDY

Bob Barr of the Film Department has become a Civil Defense radiological monitoring instructor after completing a 10-week course offered by the University of Connecticut for the Office of Civil Defense.

The course covered the theory and structure of nuclear weapons and the detection and defense against radiation caused by nuclear weapons. Barr is presently CD communications and radio officer in the Enfield CD unit.

FOR JOHN WELCH, DAY AFTER
PEARL HARBOR DAY WAS MEMORABLE
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A native of Somers, Conn., John was educated in the local schools and at Rockville High School. He received his engineering education at Dodge Radio and Telegraph Institute, Valparaiso, Indiana and made his way back home via Victoria, Texas where he worked for a year as an engineer at Station WVIC. He has had a first class radio telephone operator's license and an amateur radio license since 1939.

While in the Navy, he was in charge of maintaining all kinds of electronics equipment and was in charge of an electronics maintenance shop of 118 men. He was discharged as an aviation chief electronic technician's mate and later served in the Naval Reserve in charge of radio and radar maintenance for the Hartford Reserve battalion. In 1957, he was promoted to assistant supervisor of television operations and last April was named chief engineer. He and his wife, Ernestine, live at 21 Willard St., Wethersfield with their three children.

PROMOTIONS, NEW HOSPITAL, FM POWER,
REGATTA, SUNRISE SERVICE MADE NEWS

Top management promotions, the campaign to build and furnish a hospital in Viet Nam, the increase in WTIC-FM's power, the Constitution Plaza Sunrise Service and the Regatta telecast to viewers in New York and Philadelphia were among the major WTIC stories in 1966.

Each month had its important events:

January: The "Baby Bundle" drive ended successfully with the staff and audience providing more than a year's supply of maternity items to the hospital in Viet Nam. The staff voted to use surplus funds to purchase building materials for a new hospital.

February: The region served by WTIC-FM was increased by one-third when the station's power went from the equivalent of 20,000 to the equivalent of 50,000 watts, the maximum permitted by the FCC. A new FM antenna also meant greatly improved reception in FM car radios.

March: A campaign to build a 60-bed hospital at An Khe ended after only a week as listeners and viewers quickly surpassed a goal of \$4,000. Paul Kuntz was promoted to news director; Larrye deBear was named assistant news director and George Ehrlich was named "Sportscaster of the Year" in Connecticut for the second consecutive year.

Albert H. Jackson, supervisor of engineering operations and personnel passed away on March 31.

April: The nation's first Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service attracted more than 10,000 worshippers. John Welch was named chief engineer and Stu Babcock, Sam Balnius, Fred Edwards, Ed Kingsley and Steve Myers received promotions. Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. received two Gold Awards of Honor from the Hartford Ad Club. Gene Muriaty accepted an award for excellence in displays, specialties and exhibits for the Christmas Festival of Light and Chuck Albert received an award in the sales presentation category for his presentation on the Harvard-Yale Regatta. Jim Glenn was cited for art work in conjunction with both awards.

May: Arrangements were made to have the Harvard-Yale Regatta telecast on stations in New York and Philadelphia for the first time. Supplies and furnishings were purchased for the hospital in Viet Nam.

June: The largest audience ever available for a WTIC-TV program was treated to outstanding coverage of the 101st Harvard-Yale Regatta. Bob Dwyer was named assistant program manager; Bob duFour, manager of program practices; Dick Huntley, assistant production manager, and Don Moore, a director.

Hal Kolb, WTIC-TV film screening editor and a popular WTIC organist in the 1930s and '40s, died June 30.

July: An incubator, the third in all of Viet Nam, was shipped to An Khe with a refrigerator, electric fans, a microscope, a sterilizer and other medical equipment and hospital furnishings.

August: Pat Clancy, supervisor of transmitter engineers, and Fred Wade, production manager, retired after 36 years with WTIC. Pre-election debates between the candidates for Congress and Governor were scheduled.

September: Len Doughty was named transmitter supervisor and Bill Marks was promoted to radio production manager, succeeding the retired Pat Clancy and Fred Wade. The addition of programming during the early hours of Sunday morning expanded WTIC's 24-hour-a-day service to seven days each week.

October: Roger C. Wilkins, executive vice president, was promoted to vice chairman; Leonard J. Patricelli, vice president and general manager, was promoted to executive vice president and Robert S. Tyrol, vice president-administration, was named vice president and general manager. Staff members with 25 years' service or more were presented handsome replicas of "The Broadcaster" at the staff dinner dance Oct. 8. George Dawson received the WTIC Golf Trophy for the second consecutive year and Fred Edwards was presented the bowling trophy on behalf of his Broadcast 1 team. Don MacGovern was promoted to regional sales manager for WTIC Radio.

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November: A \$41 million bond issue, backed editorially by the stations, was approved by Hartford voters by better than a three to one margin. More than 300 persons were involved in covering the election on radio and television. TV coverage included, for the first time, live reports from the homes of the gubernatorial candidates. The third "Christmas Festival of Light" began Nov. 25 when a daughter of Hartford Mayor George Kinsella turned on the 175,000 white lights of Constitution Plaza. A \$50,000 suit against Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. was dismissed by a Federal judge who ruled WTIC-TV did not violate a prison inmate's right to privacy by filming his appearance before the Parole Board.

FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES SUIT
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U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Blumenfeld ruled that a prisoner does not enjoy the same rights to privacy accorded other individuals in dismissing a \$50,000 damage suit filed by Harold Travers of Bridgeport, Conn. against members of the Parole and Prison Boards, the Connecticut State Prison warden and Broadcast-Plaza, Inc., owner and operator of WTIC-TV.

Travers had charged his privacy was invaded and his Constitutional right to privacy violated when WTIC-TV filmed his appearance before the Parole Board as part of a 1964 Documentary entitled "Prison and Parole." A camera was hidden and Travers was not aware that his testimony was being filmed. He was not identified and his face was not shown in the program.

In dismissing the suit, Judge Blumenfeld cited precedents in which similar suits by prisoners were dismissed on the grounds that "prisoners are public figures in whose midadventures the community has a consuming interest. Even if the facts might be held to constitute an invasion of the privacy of a full-fledged citizen, an average member of the community, no actionable invasion occurs if the subject of such publicity is a prisoner. A prisoner becomes a public figure by virtue of his crime and subsequent trial."

Commenting on Travers' complaint, Judge Blumenfeld wrote "It is hard to believe that a jury of court would find that his reputation has been injured or that he has endured any pain or suffering to support an award of compensatory damages." Travers was serving a 7 to 18-year term for a series of 1953 truck robberies when the documentary was filmed.

Judge Blumenfeld, who viewed the documentary, said it was "a factual portrayal of the operation of our Connecticut prison system. Prisoners were shown in the various projects designed to stimulate their rehabilitation. However, great care was taken by the cameramen and editors to keep the identities of the filmed convicts secret. So far as the viewer was concerned, the plaintiff was nameless and faceless."

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
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In television, we did an outstanding job in covering such major events as the ICO and the Harvard-Yale Regatta, the latter reaching audiences in New York and Philadelphia for the first time, and we have continued to strengthen our local and network schedule with programming from many other sources--programming that ranges from sports to the recent "Minority Report" on the Warren Commission findings.

And technically, we have continued to take advantage of every new development in our industry.

Every accomplishment is a reflection of the effort and enthusiasm exhibited by each of you.

I commend you for your achievements in 1966 and I hope you and your loved ones will have a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SMITH MISSES CHANGE
TO UNLOAD PERSIAN CAT

The Mike Line phone in Studio 4 is pretty busy from 1:15 to 3 each afternoon, but it also rings occasionally when other shows are on the air.

On a recent morning, Robert E. Smith was doing "Theatre of Melody" when the light on the phone started to blink. He picked it up and a woman said: "Are you the party who advertised the Persian cat?"

Smith said he wasn't--but he's still wondering if he should have asked her to call back when Mike Line was on the air.

BROADCASTERS FROM KENYA,
KOREA VISIT STATIONS

Broadcast executives from Kenya and Korea visited WTIC last month to observe procedures in both radio and television.

John Henry Omondi, chief personnel officer for the Voice of Kenya, was at Broadcast House for two weeks and Lee Woo Back, chief of the Far West Section, Voice of Free Korea, was here for a week. Mr. Omondi's visit was sponsored by the University of Connecticut's Foreign Administrators Training Program and Mr. Back's, by the International Broadcast Seminar of Syracuse University.

GOVERNOR NAMES EATON
TO RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Tom Eaton has been named to a planning council by Governor Dempsey to arrange a statewide conference on human rights.

The Governor's Conference on Human Rights and Opportunities will be held at the Hartford Hilton March 30 and 31.

MEMO TO BE PROVIDED
ON GROUP HEALTH PLAN

A memorandum explaining the improved benefits in the Group Health Insurance program will be distributed to all staff members on Monday, December 19.

The new plan was announced by the Travelers Insurance Company on December 12.

NEW WRITER JOINS
RADIO CONTINUITY

Thayer Gwyn, a former advertising and journalism major at Ohio University, has joined WTIC Radio as a continuity writer.

Miss Gwyn, a native of Attleboro, Mass., lived in the Pittsburgh area before moving to Wethersfield with her family last summer. She was with Phoenix Mutual before joining WTIC.

