

Peacock North

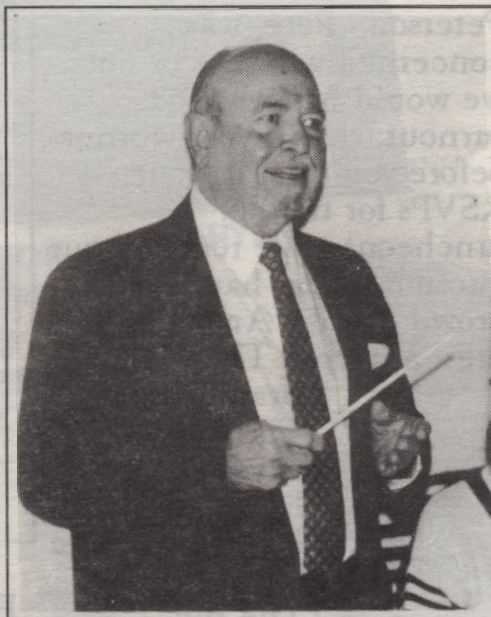


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by Heino Ripp

Walter Miller Wins an Emmy Award ! - for directing the 1992 Tony Awards. The control room shots of Walt that you saw on the air, were actually taken from the Bette Midler movie, *Something for the Boys*, cause he was in Nashville producing & Directing the Country Western Music Awards. In the Midler movie, Walt played the part of - yup, a TV director. Some casting!... Anyway Rosie, congrats from all us PN folk. See p.n.2 to continue

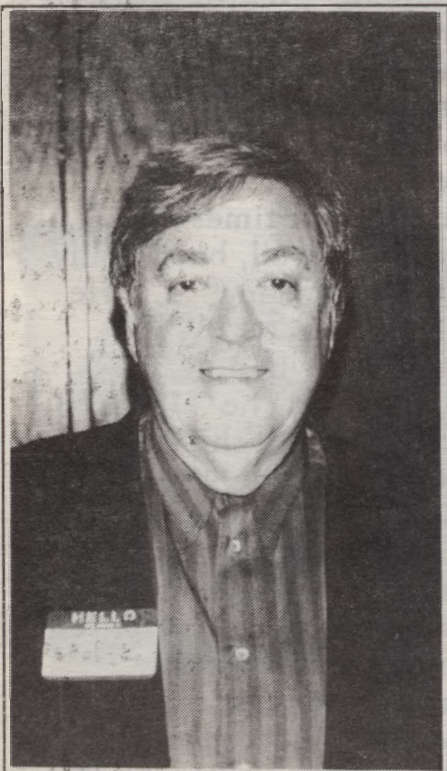


Dudley "conducting" his
"WAYNE HOWELL MEMORIAL" AT THE
CHI AM RESTAURANT IN NYC

Spring Bash Date Set

Pete has reserved May 22nd, 1994 for the date of the annual Spring get-together. It will be where it was last year, at "**La Maganette Restaurant**" - on 825 Third Avenue, Corner of 50th Street, in The Big Apple. Festivities start at Noon. Send in your application early, (elsewhere in the News -letter), so Pete can make an accurate assessment, for he has to lay out a deposit and guarantee an attendance number!

**COME AND JOIN
THE FESTIVITIES !**



EMMY WINNER, WALTER MILLER

THE EAR BENDERS

by Dick Dudley

"Things are seldom what
they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as
cream;
High-lows pass as patent
leathers;
Jack-daws strut in
peacock's fathers,
Very true, so they do."

This Gilbert and Sullivan
ditty from PINAFORE
could be the theme song for
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GENE HAMILTON FLEW IN FROM ARIZONA
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BENDERS

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the Memorial which was held for Wayne Howell, in a private room at the Chiam Restaurant in NYC on Sunday Oct. 3rd. As a memorial it turned out to be a less than somber affair; there wasn't a wet eye in the whole room. If it had been held at the Friar's Club, it would have been called a "Roast" and, I am sure that Wayne would have loved it. Had Orson Wells been there, he would have it the inspiration for a movie called:

"Citizen Howell". We were all searching for the meaning of "Rosebud".

When the NY Times refused to print Wayne's obituary, because, in the words of one of their staff Ante-Baby Boomers, "No one would know him", Audrey Marshall's hackles arose and she called me strongly suggesting that something should be done - perhaps a get-together at Hurleys, because that was Wayne's favorite, Dash of Watering Place. (If St. Patrick Cathedral had a bar, that would have been one of Wayne's favorite, Dash-of-Holy-Watering places.) Hurley's turned

out to be unserviceable on a Sunday noon, and Chiam won the election by default, which pleased me, because I love Dim Sum and who wants to go into Hurley's and not see an NBC employee that you know?

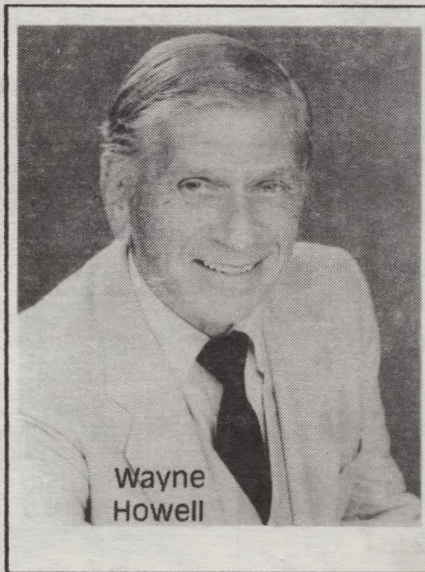
Two of the first people to arrive were Pete and Peg Peterson. Pete, was concerned whether or not we would have a good turnout, the way he worries before you send in your RSVPs for the PN luncheons. We reached our quorum, and a handsome crowd it was. Among those present were: The Mel

Brandts, Sic Trancit Gloria Clyne, Stan Lee Fatt, Harry Fleetwood, The Arthur Garys, The Bill Hanrahans, The Jack Marshalls, Vic Roby, The Roger Tuttles, Vic Somerville, the aforementioned Petersons, and,

oh yes I was there.

As each of the guests arrived, their mouths opened wide in surprise to find that Gene Hamilton had flown in from Arizona, for the occasion. Dr. Gino in his usual sterling reticent way, was the "Piece de Resistance" of our gathering. He did say a few words, recalling Wayne as being Peripatetic.

Everyone gave their impression of the "Silver



Gloria Cline "entertains," Onlookers are Roger Tuttle and Arthur Gary

Fox". Memories flowed, and the truth and myths began to unfold. "Wayne was a figment of his own imagination" "when he answered the phone, he would say; 'The Star Speaking' "He was married four times" "I knew him well, but I really didn't know him" "He was a character" "I remember when he " "One day he "

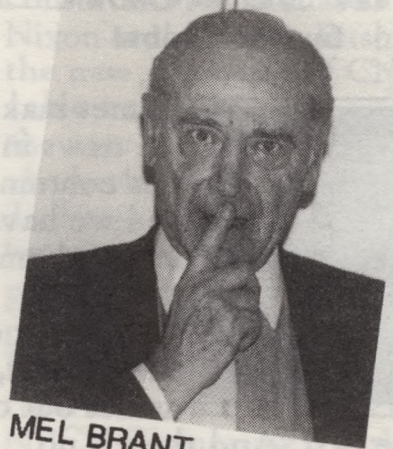
In spite of all the stories, naughty or nice, the real Wayne Howell Chapelle never stood up.

As we left the restaurant it would not have surprised me had there been a garbage truck at the curb, and the collector tossing a sled inscribed; "Rosebud" into it.

Earbenders and friends gather to, Remember, Eulogize, and Roast the Silver Fox



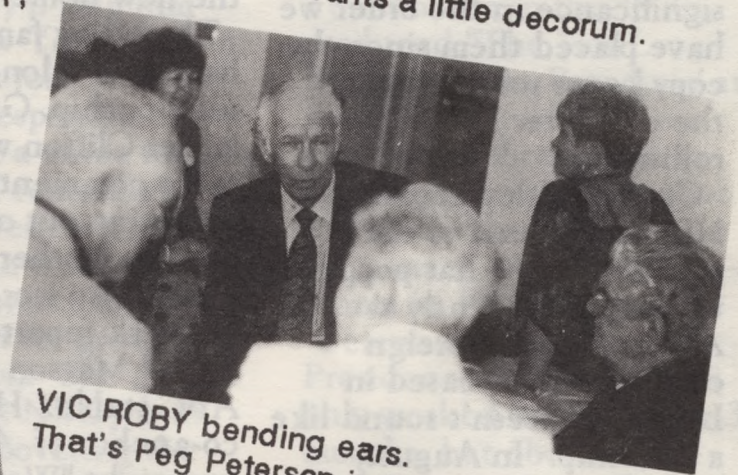
VIC ROBY, GENE HAMILTON, ART GARY, DICK DUDLEY - The food was tasty.



MEL BRANT wants a little decorum.



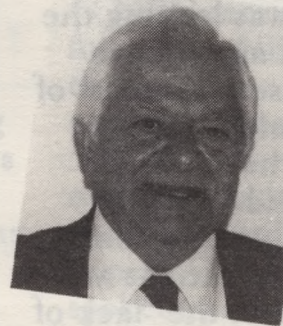
ARTHUR GARY - How big was it?



VIC ROBY bending ears. That's Peg Peterson in the back.



JANET and MEL BRANT and ROGER TUTTLE



and PETER P.



GENE HAMILTON, VIC ROBY, the HANRAHANS

at 30 ROCK

by Dan Gabel



Names make the news in this column and we have lots of them this time. Names out of the present, names out of

the past. And there's no significance in the order we have placed them since the copy keeps rolling in, and the computer keeps 'em rolling out.

Garrick Utley departed NBC at the end of the summer but he has popped up very prominently as ABC-tv's chief foreign correspondent, based in London. Doesn't sound like a hardship. In August, Garrick made a surprise announcement that, after 30 years, he was leaving the net! Well, it might have been a surprise to the rest of us, but it would seem that Garrick may have been looking around. He recently commented that there were frustrations at NBC because of the "lack of resources," while at the same time ABC had a "long term commitment to covering the world." Also, said Garrick, "after so many years, it was time to move on."

Perhaps the most important factor: Pierre Sallinger retired from ABC in June, so that net was

obviously looking for a heavy hitter to replace the heavy browed, urbane Mr. Salinger who was once JFK's press secretary.

Another hint that Garrick was looking elsewhere was the fact that he had presented a show idea to MacNeil- Lehrer Productions which would have ended up on PBS with Utley as the anchor. That idea has now been dropped by both sides, so let's presume Garrick has found the new home he sought.

The Utley family and NBC have had a long relationship. Garrick's father Clifton was a noted radio commentator, operating out of Chicago, and his mother, Frayna Utley, also worked as a network reporter.

Boyd Matson is also in the ABC stable. He is co-anchor of ABC's overnight "World News Now," and at daybreak,



GARRICK UTLEY
Will cover foreign news
for WABC

World News This Morning." Just prior to that new assignment, Boyd was co-anchor of CNBC's "The Real Story."

It's not all about departures. The newsies have won VP stripes: they are (alphabetically) Cheryl Gould and Bill Wheatley. Gould, who was acting producer of Nightly will assist news prexy Andrew Lack in overall management of the department, while Wheatley, who had been executive producer of Nightly, will oversee operations on a day-to-day basis and in long-range planning.

And it's not all bad news on the international scene: Andrew Lack has reopened the NBC bureau in Frankfurt, with Jim Maceda as the correspondent. It was shut 2 years ago. Replacing Maceda in Moscow will be Bob Abernathy, probably one of the longest-tenured newsmen still working for the Peacock.

Tom Brokaw has completed 10 years as anchor of "Nightly News," and now he has signed a 3 year contract to continue in that spot. His predecessor was John Chancellor, but do you remember who held the job before Jack? And here's a quote you can store away: Tom, who is now 53, has said "At the end of the next 3 years, I want to do something else." Okay, Tom, where else do you get a multi- million dollar deal, with very high visibility, and

national acclaim? At 56 he'll be too young to be an "elder statesman," but he could run for a congressional seat if he has a voting residence somewhere in Minot, North Dakota.

Tom's new magazine show, with Katie Couric, "Now," is getting respectable ratings. Something in the 12/20 area. In fact "Now" had a 20 share for a number of weeks, which is much better than other programming in the Wednesday night time slot had achieved in the past 3 years.

One in, one out. Don Browne, who had been number two under news president Michael Gartner, has been named president and general manager of WTVJ-TV, the net owned station in Miami. Out is Dick Lobo, who has been with the net 23 years, and who had been the boss at WTVJ since 1988. And, oh those clichés, surrounding the announcement: Lobo cited "philosophical and management differences" with the net biggies. And Lobo will "pursue other opportunities," at the end of the year. Apparently he'll do it in style since network insiders were quoted as saying Dick got a "golden parachute" to make room for Browne.

This is the sort of gobbledegook big management in every corporation announces when they decide they are going to give the boot to

one of the boys in the club. Browne had been commuting from New York to Miami for a number of years since his family remained in Florida after he switched from a bureau chief job down there to a desk job at 30 Rock. It's as simple as: He had a marker and they paid off. Also, NBC wants to improve the station ratings in Miami, so perhaps Browne can pull it off. Hey, who knows, if he does too good a job in Florida, they'll ship him back to New York with an even higher job.

Legal correspondent Star Jones (what a name for a TV newsie, and remember "Lucky" Severinson) has departed the weekend "Today" shows to develop new projects for group W Television. She gained fame and an NBC job in 1992 while covering the William Kennedy Smith trial in Palm Beach.

NBC has become the "managing partner" in American Medical Television, a programming service that provides shows of interest to the medical profession. Its product runs on CNBC on weekends.

Bryant Gumble has been named to the board of Trustees of his alma mater, Bates College, in Maine. What took them so long?

Linda Ellman, an NBC alumna, has been named co-executive producer with Linda Bell Blue of the tabloid show, "Hard Copy." The Paramount show is expected to do less sex,

more consumer and advocacy material.

Roger Ailes, the political consultant for Richard Nixon and George Bush, is the new president of CNBC cable news and also the new NBC cable channel, America's Talking. While he's best known as a "spin doctor" for politicians, Ailes was a producer of the Mike Douglas Show in the 1960s, then executive producer of NBC's "Tomorrow," with Tom Snyder in the 1970s, produced "The Hot L Baltimore," on Broadway and the syndicated "Rush Limbaugh" show on TV. (He'll continue in that job a while; nothing like a little insurance). Ailes won a Emmy in 1984 for "Television and the Presidency." Strangely, he only worked for Nixon for 3 months, but obviously he made an impact with that show.

CNBC recruited a lot of folks from NBC, promising them a piece of the action, and every year issued them 500 "founders" shares. It's now 5 years later and the shares are still just pieces of paper. One CNBC spokesman said the shares will be redeemable when CNBC earns a profit for 4 straight quarters, and he added, "We're all really lucky to have jobs." Interpret that one anyway you like.

CNBC has signed Geraldo Rivera to host a prime-time program, according to Andy Friendly, the program chief.

Rivera also will continue with his syndicated "Geraldo" epics.

Another new face: Tammy Haddad. Formerly executive producer of "Larry King Live," she's now second in command as senior producer at "Today." Her husband works for the Justice Department in Washington so she commutes there on the weekends.

Sometimes sportscaster Bob Costas will be leaving NBC's Late night show in December after years at the assignment to concentrate on baseball in 1994. Which brings to mind Gayle Gardner, formerly of NBC Sports. She may have become the first woman to call televised baseball play-by-play action in a major league game. She filled in for Charlie Jones during a Rockies-Red game in Cincinnati.

On the local WNBC sports scene, the station has brought in John Frankel from Miami's WPLG to anchor weekend sports and contribute to the daily shows. He'll replace Sal Marchiano who is moving to Channel 4's "Today in New York" programs on the weekend.

Kim Godwin is the new executive producer of Channel 4's 11 pm newscast. She had been a producer, and previously was at WCAU, Philly.

Also at the local station, Carlos Granda,

ex-WABC, is the new man in the New Jersey bureau.

Henrik Krogius, retired NBC newsman, is now editing a weekly newspaper in Brooklyn Heights.

Ricki Stofsky, formerly of NBC is now with a cable network.

GE is really digging into the past to reprise some tried-and true relics of the NBC past. The "Today" show's projected move to a store front window (see our story elsewhere in this issue) and on tv commercials for RCA tv

sets we now see our old RCA mascot, Nipper. Besides the hound with the patch of black around his eye is a younger version of the mutt. Guess they could say, "His master's picture," instead of the oldie, "His master's voice" as he listened to an RCA Victrola.

As usual we are indebted to Roy Silver for his delving into newspapers and magazines to supply us with information for this column. Thanks, Roy.

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**Keep May 22nd
1994 Open for
our
LaMaganetta
Luncheon**

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Winter in New Jersey at the **Ripp's** began quite early with snow fall on Nov 1st. It soon melted, but in the evening snow covered cars appeared on the roads...On our Lake Hopatcong, the geese hadn't gotten the word to go South (guess Clinton's rise in fuel costs has even kept **them** from traveling! - But they were smarter than us all, for some 12 days later, the temperature up here zoomed to 80. -"It's dem UFO's again, Olly."

I knew winter was coming, for I started hearing Northern "Hams" transmitting from Florida again.

Thanks to **Ken Arber**, who has sold his Upper Saddle River home, for his Tri Band Antenna - for now it has found life again, cleaned, polished and put back together, squirting W2IDE's signals all over the world. The first contact I made, I talked to an Estonian fellow, speaking from my folks homeland! Thanks, Ken, and **Buddy Shadel**, who pranced up and down the roof to help me....



Buddy Shadel (fm HIT PARADE CAMERA TO GRP 6 in VIDEO TAPE)

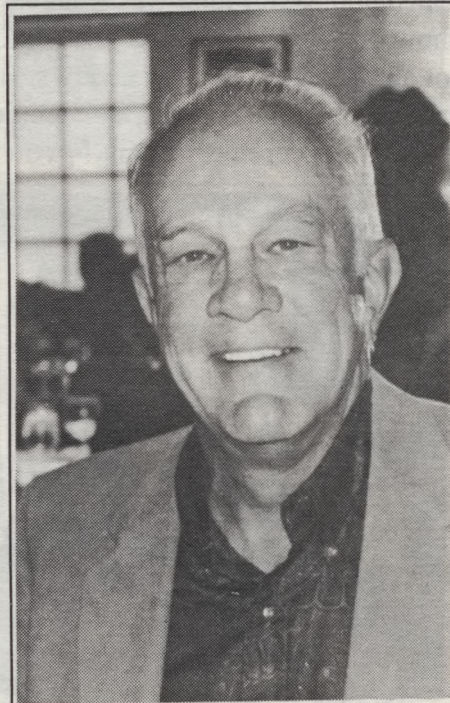
Listening on the NBC Ham Net, the other day I aimed the beam to the North, and was listening to **Joe Kolb** in Virginia., and I heard him with a strange echo as he spoke. We are sure that I heard the signal direct, plus the signal going over the poles, reaching me having gone around the world, causing the delayed voice ! That's really getting around the world on the Ham Band!

Remember the name Kolb, it has a connection with **Roger Tuttle**, with whom I chatted recently. Roger noted that he is still enjoying new experiences with his 20 grandchildren. Now returned to his horse farm in New Jersey, he **completed building** his experimental-category aircraft.

This summer he visited the E.A.A. (Experimental Aviation Assn.) fly-in -- in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where each year, all the home-builders fly in their aircraft, helicopters etc. Some 12,000 aircraft showed up for the weeks festivities, they even had a Concorde fly in, loaded with enthusiasts. Whatever can fly appears there, from all over the world. Great stuff for flying buffs. In his assembled plane, all the mechanical stuff checked out great. Now he has to disassemble it and cover the frame with fabric, then re-assemble it. Next, get the proper FAA checks, taxi it into the wind and into the wide blue yonder. ((PS - there is a hole in his basement wall, through which the assembled parts were transported out. Pat, (Mrs Tuttle) hopes some repairs to the wall will be finished before the snow flies)).

The aircraft is a "KOLB" craft and it carries two folk.... And you

didn't think he could do it eh? ? ? This takes a lot of meticulous and precise workmanship. - Quite a feat! Congrats Roger !



ROGER TUTTLE : Now, does this man look like AN AIRCRAFT builder ? - LINDBERG MAYBE??

Irving Messing lunching and schmoozing at Picco was then also headed for Nashville to join **Bill Klages** and **Walter Miller** at the Country Music Awards, in Nashville, Tenn.. All send their best to all the Peacock North members.



IRV MESSING, EX LIGHTING CHIEF ON Today Show

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Frank Schneider, after more years in than you can remember, retired as summer neared end. My earliest remembrance of Frank was while he was designing the Show of Shows. He did all the work, while Fred Fox got all the credit. He was a very steady fixture around the local station for years, doing practically all the sets. Enjoy your retirement Frank ! [You too Marcia]...



Mike Sherlock, flanked by Marcia K, and Frank Schneider, enjoying a recent NBC 25 Year Party

Francesca and George Peters reveal ((from the yellow papers passed around the P.N. Picco Lissimo mini lunch) that the summer was hot. HOT, HOT !!! - both here and in Florida . They went to Miami Beach for the National Alliance for the Mentally Inn Convention, - no, not as patients. Then since they were there, they stayed for 3 weeks at their Pompano Beach Condo, cause then it got real hot! In spite of the heat, they are both in good health and reasonably happy, they say.



FRANCESCA - GEORGE'S WIFE, WHERE'S GEORGE? ?

Nick Ponella - T.D. for the Today Show in 5E - dropped by for the Mini Lunch; he can't quite believe that two years of retirement has already gone by ... Says, **"Being retired? - I love it"**.

As he was walking into Picco Lissimo, shaking off the raindrops, **Ray DiPrima**: " I'm in shock! Driving in from Brooklyn in such a storm, I was sure Helen & would be the only ones here (maybe Pete & Peg) - but the fantastic turnout is a true testament to the wonder-

ful bond and camaraderie that we all have....After wintering in Florida, a fairly quiet summer of family visits, and catching up with friends we hadn't seen since Florida. Glad to see Picco crowd again".

"TODAY" is moving back to the Exhibition Hall once again, with bullet proof windows being installed, for a May 1, 1994 premiere.

George Ciliberto, still at 30 Rock, recently had a blood clot in his leg, and is recovering nicely.

Bailey Stortz, cameraman and ex fabulous Chapman crane arm fellow had a detached retina and a broken blood vessel in his eye, had laser surgery.. Hope it's cleared up by now, Bailey. Boy !, TV sure is tough on the eyes ! .

Buddy Shadel, [who you saw on people2], and Mrs (Dorothy), travelled to Edmonton, Albnera, Canada in June to a LWML [church] convention. Spent time sightseeing in Edmonton, Jasper, Banff - then to Cargary to trapse around the Winter Olympic site. Calgary is trying to get tje winter games for year 2000. The Shadels are counting the days til February, for they're planning to visit daughter Susan in Hawaii. Ain't retirement great ! !

Morty and Millicent Aronoff re-registered at Kingsboro College for Film Genre. (You look it up); Eldrhostel in Maryland late October; Bahamas for "Cancer tune" up in November ; In December, Spain & France (son lives in Paris); But January is reserv-ed for a "rest period". But then there is two year old Joshua to keep them in delight. (Yea, I know that isn't proper English, but have you listened to what's on your radio & TV lately?)

Read Modern Maturity regarding the new tax rates affecting your social security !

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If your **gross income** (couple) is over \$44K, 85 % is taxable. For \$32K, 50. % is taxable. Read the confusing article on Page 69 . So if you have to work , it better be community service, working for money will cost you !!!

Frank Vierling is home from a summer in Maine rested up, and henceforth will publish this Newsletter. I welcome him to this insanity but wish him much patience, lots of sleep and best wishes, and hope the computer works correctly all the time.



FRANK VIERLING, YOUR NEW PUBLISHER

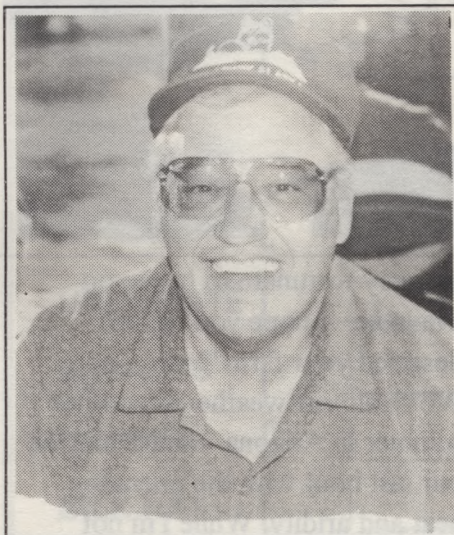


BOB DAVIS & GENE MARTIN
BRAVE NEW WORLD - AGAIN !

Bil Hanrahan (on 10/3/93 at the CHIAM Wayne Howell Memorial dinner, which Dick Dudley organized, where they all enjoyed a "Dim Sum" banquet of fancy Hors d'oeuvres", Bill announced : "medication reduced - I'm back to normal, beauty wise, Thank The Lord. "

Bob Fraraccio and wife

Arlene returned just in time to attend the Mini Lunch at Picco Lissimo, from their tour of the Northwest. They viewed the Canadian Rockies & Alaska. Flew to Calgary and bussed it through Banf, Lake Louise, Jasper, then on to Vancouver to begin a voyage on the Regal Princess to Glacier Bay. And in all that travelling, they didn't bump into Buddy Shadel, who also was passing through the area.



BOB FRARACCIO AT PICCO

Bill Goetz spending his time between Ohio, Detroit, and waiting for more grandchildren in Vermont. During football season, he is free-lancing on the weekends doing The NFL Scoreboard. **Dick Sansevere** TD's it. Occasionally

Steve Jambeck shows up to spend the weekend with them.



BILLY GOETZ SHOWN AT PICCO
ENJOYING A PLEASANT SCHMOOZE SESSION

James Geraghty writes : Was at NBC for the premier of the New Brokaw ("Now") / Couric Show! Ran into **Frank O'Shea** (still Unit Managing) & he gave me a copy of "Peacock North" with **Lois Marino's** name on it. Gee whiz, what a great paper... I never knew it existed ! So here I am with my \$20. check & my Irish hat in my hand... Welcome to P.N. Jim.. Also "HI" to Frank and Lois. And Frank, keep passing the Paper around, and maybe soon we won't be hearing " I never knew it existed". There is an application further on in the Newsletter.

Dick Dudley reports that reactions to his Wayne Howell tribute caused a flood of praise and comment. Dick also registered approval of the smaller format. Guess we will keep it..**Audrey Marshall** also sent a glowing vote of approval. Almost makes one blush!....Thanks..**MORE ON p.n. 5..**

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Dick Dudley received a letter from **Delbert Mann** who was a TV Director as the 50's rolled in, and has risen in stature ever since. Enclosed was the photo below, taken at the "Down Under" restaurant, which we all must have frequented during our tenure at 30 Rock.



**WAYNE HOWELL -
DELBERT MANN -
Dick Dudley**
LUNCHING "DOWN UNDER".....

Greetings Ricardo !

The news about Wayne was upsetting - reminding us all of our mortality. I never got very close to him - he moved too fast for me.

Your obit was perfect. Reminded me of the early 30's reporting of Paul Gallico, Ring Lardner, O.O. McIntyre and even Walter Winchell. Your light touch was just right - The peacockers

are very fortunate to have you available.. I hope you haven't deserted your farm?? We've almost weathered another summer in Arizona - and it may be our last bout with the unending heat and aridity. While I'm not sure I've saved up enough energy for the move, I know we've both had enough - we need shade and a long period of coolness.

I enjoyed your Stamp Trivia - too.

Glad such sterling characters as Harry Fleetwood, Don Pardo and Mel Brandt are lurking about - between commercials no doubt. Word from Vic Roby and Bill

Hanrahan made good reading. Gene Garnes looked healthy. I hope Vic Roby is winning his fight with S.S..(Soc Security) and tax enforcers? The announce group was a pickup for me. - Hanrahan + Pardo look big enough to take on George Forman.

Hang on to your varied interests and outlets. They will help you keep moving, and breathing. I'm still fighting emphysema. Ann and I are shooting for '94. Let's stick around, to see what Bill Clinton can do for us. One never knows what's ahead -- do one ???

Best wishes, Dick

Gene H.

Arthur White (now NBC Advertising & promotion) delights in the fact that there are still some of us around the N.Y. area. Elmer Gorry gave him the info about P.N's existence, and is joining you all. It's been a long time, much too long, hope we see you at the next bash.

We've heard of the dangers of drive-by shootings, but **Jane Pauley** doing an interview for Dateline at the Boston Globe, suffered a bonk on the head by a heavy stage light.

But after lying on the conference floor with an ice pack for 20 minutes, she upped and did the interview - liking the "post bonk" version better than the pre bonk version. Jane, you're a trouper, and we all love you !!

Bill & Dorothea Delannoy missed the mini lunch at Picco Lissimo 'cause they were basking in the Hawaiian surf and sun.. Ah retirement. **MORE ON p.n.people 6.**

Gene Hamilton wrote **Dick Dudley** a letter after our last PN edition. Even tho it was to **Dick**, we thought that you all would enjoy Gene's thoughts, since most of you worked with him for a long time, and I hope Gene doesn't mind my taking this liberty for us all in sharing his thoughts..

NIPPER AND THE PEACOCK

By Dan Grabel

Where oh where did those two, seemingly perfect, symbols of RCA and NBC television originate? Do you know the answer and will you share it with us?



We were intrigued by the origin of these effective symbols of the RCA Victrola - - that cute little black and white mutt sitting near a large speaker and listening for "His master's voice," --- and the colorful peacock spreading its tail to epitomize the glory of "RCA living color" on hitherto black and white television sets.

Nipper, we guess, dates back to the World War one era, and the peacock to the introduction of color in the 1950s.

Our interest was sparked when we read a NY Times obit in September for one



Joseph Smith, a psychologist and consumer research specialist. The Times said "Smith helped NBC choose a peacock as its television symbol at a time when most tv's were black and white. Smith reasoned that a peacock looked better, without color, than any other

proposed symbol."

Maybe? But when people use such qualifying terms as "helped" we suspect that someone else -- maybe a retiree, maybe a member of Peacock North -- had something to

do with it. As for Nipper, of course, that originator has gone on to his/her reward. But who was he/she?

If you have the answers, please share it with us.

Dick Dudley's Puzzle Time

All you JUMBLE fans will have fun with this anagram puzzle. To solve it, drop one letter from the words below and rearrange the remaining letters to spell the last name of someone who has appeared on, or worked at NBC. The dropped letters will spell the full name of a STAR of his own Program. Answer on page 41.

Example:	DROP	REARRANGE	FIRST NAME
DEADLY	[A]	LEDDY	[ED]

Here we go ---

UP EARLY	[]	_____	[]
UNDER ATE	[]	_____	[]
ARCADES	[]	_____	[]
HORSES	[]	_____	[]
SILK HAT	[]	_____	[]
PIPER	[]	_____	[]
REGULAR	[]	_____	[]
APART	[]	_____	[]
CORONAS	[]	_____	[]
BYRON	[]	_____	[]

AFTER 8 YRS, NEWSMEN WIN SUIT AGAINST NBC

By Dan Grabel

Three newsmen have won a long legal battle with the network over their right to overtime pay on fees paid in addition to their base salaries. The three -- Jack Freeman, Bob Garner, and B.S. Brown have no formal legal training, but they won the case in which NBC was defended by a total of 6 attorneys from 2 law firms, in addition to 2 NBC staff lawyers. The writers, however, were not without any legal help. All had spent some time in the courts as reporters, and they had the important assistance of labor expert Ted Kheel, who did not appear in court.

The case was based on a nuance in the Federal Labor Standards act dating back to 1938 which exempts administrators and highly trained "learned professionals" from selections of the labor law dealing with overtime. Strangely, the experienced writers claimed they were simple writers, editors, and reporters who learned most of their skills on the job. NBC, however, extolled them as "the best and brightest writers in the most competitive market in the country," but despite being creative, talented and independent, they did not deserve

increased pay.

An ironic twist: before the case was settled in August, with Federal Judge Kathleen Roberts summing it up in a 146 page decision, NBC had already started to base overtime pay on a combination of salaries and fees -- which was exactly what the 149 writers had demanded back in 1985. Most had dropped out of the case along the way, some taking small settlements, and now in addition to the trio, these 13 writers presumably will get a settlement without having to go to a duplicate trial: Jim Aldrich (Fort Lauderdale, Fla), Neal Baker (NYC), Tony Feedback (Morrisville, Pa) Dan Grabel (Scarsdale, NY), Bert Ivry (Wayne, NJ), Henrik Korgius (NYC), Marvin Lorber (Sag Harbor, NY), Ginger Marin (Woodland Hills, CA), Mike Shapiro (West Orange, NJ), Karen Scott (NYC), Roy Silver (Mohegan Lake, NY), Ricki Stofsky (NYC), and Thomas Turley (Croton-on-Hudson, NY).

NBC spent more than one million dollars defending its principle and it will be back in court eventually with Freeman, Garner and Brown who have charged the network and NBC-TV with unlawful retaliation

because they brought the first suit. All three have had their assignments downgraded.

No exact estimate of the money award to the three has been calculated, but one estimate, with overtime and interest dating back to 1983, is \$30,000 each. It will be considerably less for the other plaintiffs who have been off the NBC payroll for about 7 years although interest will be due them from 1983 to 1993.

Who is this former WNBC Reporter?



Do you remember this lady reporter, in her early 20's when she came up from Philly to work for WNBC in the 70's? She got married, moved to Washington, and worked at WRC-TV. Turn to page 41 for the answer.

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Frank Merklein visited New York this spring. He lives in Key West, Florida. He remembered a photo of Walt Vetter's, showing a bunch of kids who went to help shape NBC-TV, at least for a little while, as Frank says. Yes he's right, they shaped, as did most of our current retirees, and they should be proud of all their accomplishments; for look what you-all have spawned!

Frank says this foto was taken at Bear mountain, at a day long outing for employees, a custom now extinct as the dinasour, the 25 year bash and others, I'm sure to go. (But Frank I do remember very clearly an all day NBC outing at the Huntington Beach Club around 1946) What a company ! [The pix arrived after my deadline, and I couldn't change the paper, Frank, cause I had to know what the center page, front, back, - and the pages are made in groups of four, and I didn't have 3 more pages of material]

Ruthe Stone via a quick note : The "Paper" was the best and looked beautiful ! In September, she was leaving for the Far East - 6 weeks in Fiji, New Zealand and a visit to Sydney to stay with a friend she met in Greece 13 years ago.. Ruthe writes **Aleida Artze** is going to China, Bangkok, Sinsapore and Hong Kong for three weeks. These, Ruthe says, are retirement gifts to ourselves...

Ruthe doesn't miss New York on a daily basis, just thinks of old



FRONT: Left to R : Frank Merklein, Walt Vetter, "Bobo" Bartinik

REAR:: L to R :

Gene Frisch?, Ron Adams, Bernie Jacobs, ? , Lee Carlton

friends and exciting times from another era.

She asks, "Is anyone organizing Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, or will we be included in California Peacock

Group..??" Hey Pete, I think you just got a western organizer, (Ruthe lives in Scottsdale) and you should put her to work right away.. We need a Western correspondent !



Mel Brandt & Janet Brandt attending the Wayne Howell Memorial at The Chiam Restaurant

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Rick Berman has joined the roster of Hams who are on most days on the "NBC Ham Net", every weekday morning between 9:35 am and 10:30, with his Ham Rig, from central Virginia.

Rick worked hard to get his licenses one by one, set up his rig, and almost daily chats with the group. Congratulations Rick. When the conditions are good, it's like he is next door.-- Another NBC old timer is **John Ward** (fm audio, radio & TV). John has a mobile home and this spring decided to take a jaunt to the West and Northwest. Each day John would join the gang on the air, and amazingly enough, we all talked to John throughout his travels across the USA. **Bob Juncosa**, from Northeastern California, near Reno, Nevada, seemed to have the best consistent contacts with John. I think John got to Washington State, when he turned around and now I heard him from Brownsville, Texas. He plans to stay at Winter Haven, Tx for the winter. Where else?..

Joe Kolb from North Carolina joins the Hams regularly, and he and Gladys took a trip to Europe recently.

Ham -**Bill Miller**, no pun intended, took a trip to England this summer, wherefrom is his lady Freda, where she bought a house. (She comes from Merry Olde). Now the commuting gets rougher.. Bill spends mucho

time with his computers, and satellite receivers. As usual, always busy and puts in a whale of a signal from his house, and it's always a pleasure when he joins the group.

I have to mention **Hank Folkerts**, who is the controller, and must give him a large

THANK YOU for being on nearly everyday as a traffic controller for us. The west coast gang that gets on deserves a bit of credit to be at their stations at 6:45 in the am.

Ed Wackernagle, Bob Juncosa, Marty Dennis.

From Black Mountain, in North Carolina, BOOMS in **Arthur . Anderson.** ex TV Maintenance, almost every day, also.

Walter Dibbins transmits from Long Island, **Teddy Seiter** comes in good from the Bahamas, where he is a winter plus resident. He is like the weather - in his seventies..

John Lough lives in Cape Cod keeps in touch with amateur radio. **John Rice** gets on the air consistently whether he is in New Jersey or Florida. I hear he has been Bungee Jumping !! I thought I was daring when I got up enough courage to go for a parachute ride in Acapulco, to an altitude of 300 feet. I was pleasantly surprised for rising or descending, there was no agida, and the view was great over the beach. Wished I'd had my camera - wished I'd have the guts to try it on the first day there. Would have done it everyday !

The Ham roster is growing daily, for **Hank Gerling**, who

winters in Fla. and summers at Greenwood Lake in N.Y. is now a HAM!

Harold Mofsen, a ham from way back gets on frequently from Fla. **Mike Maddigan** was on the other day from the south, having given up cold Connecticut. **Lee Carlton** now has a Ham Ticket **Jim Kneeland**, lives near or in Cape Canaveral, finds his cronies on the air quite often, and very frequently, he dashes off to the local hospital to comfort the cancer patients in need of compassion.

Walt Vetter is now active on the band, and we hope that both he and his wife are feeling better these days.



Bobby Higgins
(FROM A NBCFR) GET TOGETHER) .

Bob Higgins also is a snowbird, winters in Fla and summers in New Jersey, and also is wrapped up with his
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computer, for evrytime you add something new, it wraps you totally for a while. I understand he's not into Bungee jumping yet.

Tom Lyman is still skating in Stamford, Conn - and schmo-ozes with the hams when the band conditions are good.

Charlie Savaia with his high power rig, blasts thru the air waves everyonce in a while.

Listening to the Ham Band net, I hear that **Cal Broadhead** has moved to Englewood, Florida....

John Maurer - ditto, to Florida.

... Since **Ken Arber** has sold his house in N.J., Ken is on 2 meters these days, from south Jersey, as is **Ed Taffe**, but Ed is in Florida full time. Ken is going to Boynton Beach when he sees the Geese flying south again.

Arnie Rand Hams from Maine in summers, and Fla. in winters. He's involved in "Packet"- computerized ham communications.

SO YOU SEE -we get to know what's going on - by Ham radio- Sometimes not much news, but a lot of schmooze .

Tune us in at 14.223 mhz !

Phil Hymes never sits still - for he keeps himself very busy cause he likes it that way. Phil is still lighting consulting for **Lorne Michaels**, doing Saturday Nite Live, also on the New Letterman replacement Conan O'Brien Show.

Norman Hall ,

- you may remember him among other shows, directing The Doctors. Well he has produced a Broadway Play - and **Phil Hymes** lighted that too ! Speaking of golfing - **Frank Gaeta** - retired T.D. just returned from a week of playing golf in North Carolina.

more speaking of golf,

Ernie DeRosa has been working as a rug merchant in Connecticut , but whenever there is a clear sunny day, he and **Gene Martin** dash out to the golf course and get fresh air and exercise - playing golf. More fun than jogging....

Don Pike writes from his farm that he still "plays his horn " with a great 19 piece orchestra (in North Carolina) as well as a similar orchestra in Leesburg, Florida and another with a "Souza Style" band. He has been writing arrangements for both bands. (He used to do that for Les Brown, the Band of Renown) in the big band era). Last year they played for large dinner-dances, and they managed to donate almost \$20,000 towards building a new hospital. This year he hopes they can do the same. When in Florida he plays with a group, whose youngest member is a young 73 year lady who plays a good 2nd tenor sax!....

Remember

May 22, 1994

PETE ANNOUNCES
THE ANNUAL SPRING
CELEBRATION AT
NOON AT
LA MAGANETTE

Don also sent a long epistle about - as a youngster in Cheltenham, Pa., whose mom was a fine pianist, and many times practiced with the son of a small town baker, with self-composed 4-hand piano parts -- used later in making piano rolls for player pianos. The son was **Frank Black**, who, as you all know, had a long career in music, eventually conducting the NBC Symphony. A very facinating man, who I admired as well. (He was also the musical conductor for the Jimmy Melton Show, a coup for Melton, to have the renowned Dr. Frank Black. I TD'd that show in the International Theater at Columbus Circle.) I'll type it up when H. can get away from my other chores, and maybe you'll see it in print soon. Thanks, Don

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Have Your Friends

JOIN P.N.

PN Member Jack Dolan, found that he and PN member Jim Smart had attended the same Radio Officers training school almost 50 years ago. Jack passed on membership information for the school's alumni. Jim joined and Jack found this article in the School periodical.

"After entering Mr. Smart's name to the membership rolls, I noted on his data sheet that he had been torpedoed, I looked up the story about his ship in "A Needless Word, A Needless Sinking." It was such a story that I wrote him, encouraging him to write the story in his own words to be shared by our members. Here is his story." Ray Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, GIRA Periodical.

THE SINKING OF THE JAMES W. DENVER

By James W. Smart
Retired NBC Audio Eng.

After being on the Murmansk Russia run for a year and experiencing all kinds of problems, I took a 30 day leave at home. After the leave was over, I reported to Joseph Rubin, dispatcher at the assignment office in Baltimore.

Upon learning that I had just returned from a Murmansk run and getting back in one piece, Joe said he was going to give me a

brand new ship headed for a Southern run where I could get some sun and rest. My assignment was to the James W. Denver which was being fitted out at the Sparrow Point, Pa. Shipyard at the time. I reported aboard with my personal effects and met Captain Everett W. Staley. The officers and crew were very nice and I was happy about getting a new ship which was not headed to the ice cap. We signed on March 13, 1943.



Jim and May Smart (Calabash, NC)

After spending two to three weeks shaking down the ship's equipment and loading cargo, we were ready to sail. Our cargo consisted of a complete U.S. Army Field Hospital; operating rooms, tents, ambulances, as well as some medical personnel as passengers. There were also aircraft in crates and trucks on the deck.

On or about April 1, 1943, we departed from Baltimore in convoy UGS-7 headed for Casablanca. Since this was a new ship on her maiden voyage, there were a number of things that the crew was unfamiliar with.

In addition, some of the equipment failed to work even if one was familiar with it. In my case, the radio room was equipped with a Mackay unit which I had been briefed on while at Gullups Island, Boston, MA. Radio School, but had never had hands-on experience with it. At the time I remember thinking that the transmitter was a real "Rube Goldberg".

In talking with other members of the crew, I learned that they too had some problems. Eleven days out, the engine room had problems which caused us to stray from the convoy.

On April 1th, at about 5 PM local time, our ship was torpedoed. It

was my practice to eat early in order to be in the radio room at sundown. I had just sat down to eat when the torpedo struck.

Almost immediately there was a strong odor of Kordite, and the ship started to list to starboard. I rushed to the radio room and within a short period of time, the order came to abandon ship. I remembered that all papers and codes had to be destroyed. Captain Staley, along with myself and some of the crew, went to the boat deck to lower one of the sail lifeboats. There was a lot of confusion because

boats on the starboard side were almost in the water while the ones on the port side were not able to be lowered due to the gun crew who were manning the 5" on the fantail. The sub made no appearance and dusk was fast approaching, so we abandoned ship. Captain Staley gave the order to try to stay together until morning. We attempted to tie a rope from one boat to the other, but the seas were too rough to do so.

At nine or ten o'clock, there was another loud explosion. It was too dark to see what it was, but we surmised that the sub had put another torpedo into the sinking ship.

The next morning Captain Staley made a decision that passengers and some of the crew, including the Mate, take the motorized lifeboat and head northeast to the Canary Islands which was thought to be the nearest land. The boat that the Captain and I were in was going to head east to the African coast which was thought to be about 500 miles away.

Twenty-five days later on May 6, with 14 survivors, we landed in a country known as Rio Del Oro, about 90 miles north of the port of Entienne. The British maintained a base at port Entienne and operated patrols all along the African Coast.

When we landed, no one was able to walk. We managed to crawl around

the shoreline and get snails off the rocks in the surf. After several days we gained enough strength to walk. I recall how cold it got at night. We could see the eyes of dogs in the dark. They did not bark or make any noise, but just stared at us.

We used tin from the life boat to make a griddle on which we could cook the snails, and believe me, they tasted good! I do not recall having a problem of no water.

On or about May 9th, an RAF patrol spotted us. They signaled that they would return the next day and advised us to stay where we were. We had started walking and I would guess that we were in sight of our original landing site when we were spotted.

The next morning, a boat lay off shore and two rubber dinghies came ashore to pick us up. The sea was running heavy and we had problems getting back to the boat. When we finally did, we were taken to Port Entienne.

The RAF people contacted the US Army at Dakar, Africa, where we were moved to an army hospital. After spending two or three days in the hospital, we were released when transportation became available to Trinidad, West Indies. From there we were flown to Miami. I arrived in Miami with only a pair of short summer pants and a cigar box with razor, toothbrush, and soap given to me

by a nurse in the hospital at Dakar.

After clothes were purchased for us, we were put on a train for New York and arrived there with no papers. This caused some delay but we were finally sent to the steamship company office at 25 Broadway. There we were paid for the time we had worked, until April 11th. From that date to June 3rd, we received no pay--we were survivors and you didn't get paid for being a survivor.

Though all of this happened 50 years ago this month, to me it seems just like yesterday.

The account of the events in Captain Moore's book, "A careless Word--A Needless Sinking", gave me information that I didn't know; the sub that sunk us and its eventual fate, the boat that capsized on launching and how many died.



Jack Dolan

Other Peacock North
members who served in the
past as Radio Officers

David Gould
Neal Smith
Jack Dolan
Peter Peterson
Jack Winocur

More Ear Benders

by Dick Dudley

Harry Fleetwood told me about a meeting of an organization called; "Friends of Old Time Radio", to be held for three days at the Holiday Inn, Oct. 21, 22, 23 in Newark. Harry was to give a talk about radio in the 60's on the 22nd, so I drove up hoping to see some old timers. The first one I recognized was Raymond Edward Johnson (Inner Sanctum). Raymond was in a wheel chair being tended by a lady with TLC. He has suffered a stroke and can move no part of his body except his right arm. In spite of his infirmity, he read the "Cast of Amantillado" for the group, without wearing glasses.

We recalled old times and I told him that I will never forget the first time he appeared on one of the Hummert soap-operas. Frank Gallop in his best sepulchral voice read the opening announcement:

"Amanda of Honeymoon Hill - Laid - in a country, few Americans Know."

Raymond fell on the floor of the studio, the way Jack Benny was known to do when overcome with the gift of laughter. Fortunately, he was able to keep his mirth silent or he would never have appeared on another "Black, Sample and Hummert" show.

I ran into Ward Byron

who's hair has turned grey and Carmel Quinn who's hair has remained carmine and who hasn't aged a speck since I saw her thirty years ago. Those two gave a talk on radio Variety shows. Carmel, who obviously had kissed the Blarney Stone, and adept as Phil Simms, used up most of the time and in terms of "Variety" was "Boffo".

It was then time for Fleetwood who was yoked with Charles Osgood and

As I was leaving I ran into Earl George who, after a long career of 7500 broadcasts, started working for AFTRA and became a sort of Shop Steward for the NBC announcers.

In order to find my way home I asked a uniformed employee of the Inn how to get back to the Jersey Turnpike going South. His directions turned out to be not as fluent as his foreign accent and I ended up somewhere



Harry Fleetwood

Phyllis Lynd. They brought back the memories of the 60's which really wasn't a Golden Age for radio. Harry asked me to come up and say a few words, an impossible task for me because I had a thousand memories going through my mind. I tried to be terse and I think I managed to be.

around Clifton, NJ. From there I found my way to the Garden State Parkway, with the kindness of strangers, and arrived home an hour later than I planned.

But then, I would drive a mile to hear, once again,



OLD TIME RADIO.

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Rita Stipo has been seeing doctors lately. She also has been helping P.N. , typing up some pages for the Newsletter. All of us PN'ers give you all our love.



RITA Stipo

Bob & Diane Juncosa

quieren mandar las felicitaciones de Navidades - un poco temprano, el dice, pero cuando todo el mundo leeran este periodico, sera casi La Navidad. - thus Bob Juncosa writes from Foresthill, California. He wishes us a Merry Christmas, a bit early as we write this, but Christmas will almost be with us as you-all read this column. We had been practicing our Spanish in the building, on the pl, etc. as a lark. (I have previously mentioned in the Newsletter, while waiting around after midnight in 8H control room, translating jokes into Spanish with

Tony Nelle, Bobby and Marvin Einhorn - most memorable one was " El torro con los ojos cruzados" ..[the cross-eyed bull] - well, you had to be there ---

Anyway, Bob is very active in the NABET Computer Bulletin Board, as is O. Tamburri, Harold Mofsen, Howie Atlas, Sid Chomsky, Harry Katzman plus others.

From the **B.B.**, Tambi reports that they were sandwiched between two of the Calif. forest fires, but the nearest was eight miles away. BUT, the smoke was so thick that they could hardly breathe and the ashes wre falling out of the sky like snow. The Tambos picked up and drove off to Borrenge Springs, a tiny town south of Palm Springs, in the desert, where the air is always fresh and the stars sparkly in the sky. What a romantic guy, hey?? - Hey Tambo, could it be almost 10 years since I saw You? (H.) Tempus does phew-git !-

As I read the Bulletin board, I see that **Rick Berman** also is a bulletin board aficionado.

Getting back to **the Juncosa's** . He writes a newsletter every year to send to relatives and friends, ...being two pages long , here are some highlights .

They started in **March** attending the NBCR reunion, visiting Florida, friends, gorging themselves at the medieval " King's Feast". golfing, hamfesting, - then off to Costa Rica. ..Besides tasting the cultural delicacies of Cosra Rica, he enjoyed a whole 15 inch sea Bass, spilling over the

platter, for lunch, and that becoming the only meal of the day each day! Sometimes he repeated this diet or two or three days ! In **May**, it was celebrations with relatives in California.... In **July**, to Lake Tahoe to schmooze with the NBC-TV crew at the Celebrity Golf Tournament; **Next**, attending the Trukee Air Show, since he was an airplane buff (-reminds me, I haven't flown since my chopper lessons, gatta go fly!); **next** for Bob, a rafting expedition, ya ha!..

Later , off to their first house-boating experience on Lake Shasta, with another couple... You can imagine the delight of this idyllic cruise, Bob goes on, UNTIL an uninvited hairy guest came on board. - another Ya Ha! Fortunately the BEAR wa not too obtrusive, wanting only to finish the group's gastronomic delight of the night before !....

October, their former neighbors and NBC-ites, **Perry & Pam Massey and Jerry & Nancy Cudlipp** visited, and enjoyed the wedding of the Cudlipp's daughter, **Holly**...a Lake Tahoe resident...

Their love for square dancing has intensified, and brings them on many jaunts around the country. Bob says Diane is getting better and becoming a "**menacing challenge**"

Having visited many rivers and lakes in search of the elusive fish, Diane figures the first catch has cost about \$52.(not counting transportation, lodging etc.).. Eventually Bob was able to cost average it to about \$6. per fish - not too shabby.Deer abound in Foresthill, **SEE p.n people 10**

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with the devouring of everything not fenced in. (Their deer relatives in N.J. are also devour-ers and six foot fence jumpers)

Diane brought in a good crop of tomatoes and melons, and figs were plentiful this year.....

The Juncosas are happy to report that the forest fires did not affect them.

I guess you can say that the Juncosas have found the knack of retirement!

Spoke to **Robert McEwan** (Lighting Director, who now has his own Lighting Company,) and keeps quite busy doing TV lighting all over. We've worked conventions, and the Orange Bowl Parade for some years in Miami - a great time to be in Fla. Bob designed studios in NY for CNN. This gentle quiet fellow was a fighter pilot, flying P-51's during WW II in the Pacific. He lives in Staten Island, and we went to the same High School. [To P.N. 11]



PERRY MASSEY, JERRY CUDLIPP AND ROBERT JUNCOSA
AT JERRY'S DAUGHTER HOLLY'S WEDDING. (PERRY, PRIME-TIME VP IN BURBANK til RETIREMEN AND TONIGHT SHOW COMMERCIAL producer)



DIANE AND BOB JUNCOSA, fishing off a HOUSEBOAT ON LAKE SHASTA, CALIFORNIA

Join Peacock North

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I asked **Jan Kasoff**, (cameraman on Sat Nite Live) if he might give us a rundown of -- who is doing what, at 30 Rock, and he was delighted to be a PN reporter. "-- miss your voice on the other end of the pl", he began--(Be nice to him, who knows, he may be the real Clark Kent!) Ah, thanks Clark!.....

Today Show: T.D: Gil Muro; Audio: Dave Levins; Video: Mike Ruiz (Horace's son); Cameras: Steve Bellis, Derrick Foster, Bob Jaegar.

Director: Bucky Gunts. However, he is leaving the Show and they're looking for a replacement.

Saturday Nite Live: T.D.: Steve Cimino; Audio-Bob Palladino; Video: Bill Vaccaro; Lighting: Geoff Amoral & Phil Hymes; Cameras: Jan Kasoff, John Pinto, Bob Reese, Mike Bennet (Jack's son) and Carl Eckert.... Davey Wilson is still Directing.

(David has collected and stored scripts, music and audio tapes for eons into their garage (Bell Telephone music alone stretches as far as Secaucus.) Having renovated his home, Roberta, Mrs.W, is hoping Dave gets a few months off; She wants to get her car inside for the winter months!

Nightly News :T.D. Marilyn Altman; Audio: Paul Johnson; Video: Doug Skene and Tim Gorry (Elmer's son) Still Directing : Julian Finkelstein.

Now Show: TD: Dick Sansevere; Lighting: Rick McGuinness; Cameras: Jan Kasoff and Bob Jaegar.

Guy Pepper directs the Now Show, and also **Dateline NBC**. Jan is not sure of the regular crew for Dateline.

Phil Donahue Show: TD: Pam Schneider - (Marcia and Frank's daughter. - also, Pam is married to to Tech Sup, Tab Butler and has two kiddies of their own) Lighting: Greg Williams; Audio: John Sullivan; Video: Steve Roskin. Cameras: Ronnie Jordan-Blondi, George Ciliberto, Bob Reese, and Jan Kasoff on occasions. Donahue just took his whole crew and production staff on a 4 day all expense paid trip to Disney World.. Ex - NABET Cameraman Brian Russo directs the show.

Another World : TD: Skip Dresch (Walt's son); Lighting Director: Howie Strawbridge; Audio: Fred

Bugg (Bob's son). Video: Bill Vaccaro. [The only regular cameraman left in Brooklyn, is ex-TOPS Brian Phraner, as Bruce Rutlinger took a leave of absence - Mike Bennett left to replace Joe DeBonis on SNL. [Joe left to go with Dave Letterman.]

Conan O'Brian Show - (Letterman's

replacement: TD: Jim Marshall; Video: Carl Henry; Cameras are Bailey Stortz, Barry Frischer, Peter Basil (formerly a TD) and Mike Bennett.

P.S. Potpourri:

- Bailey Storts just recovered from a retinal detachment.
- Ronnie Jordan recovered from an accident in which she had a bad ankle injury.
- Jan Kasoff & Family had a wonderful trip out to Arizona and the Grand Canyon this past summer. And a vacation wouldn't be one if Jan didn't take his annual Canadian transcontinental rail trip, riding with his locomotive-driver - buddy, in the locomotive cab, as he had dreamt while playing with his trains as a child. But when kids in their early teens were chasing girls, Jan came to the Perry



**ANNOUNCER FRANK GALLOP AND PERRY COMO
CAVOURTING IN A MUSICAL NUMBER, CELEBRATING
ANOTHER Gold RECORD ON THE KRAFT MUSIC HALL**

Como Shows for excitement, and look where he is now ! So for Jan & all of us, we tweak your memories with this pix - "off the tube"....

p.n. Fotogravure

PN's super scribe, Dan Grabel
"SPEED WRITING" at 1993's
25 Year Awards Reception.
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A work session at Pete
Peterson's home Ripp
passes the publishing
torch to Frank Vierling.

Peg Peterson served a
nice "working lunch",
Pete runs a "tight ship."



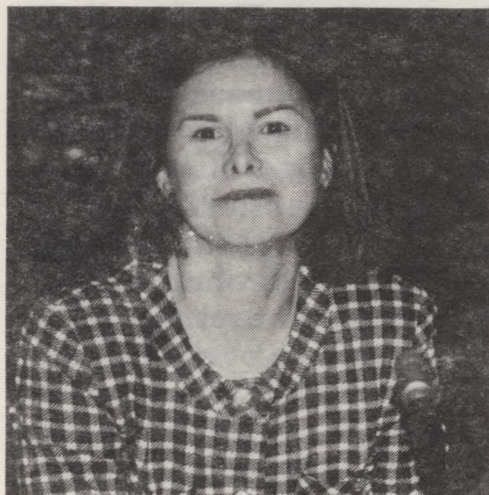
Fresh from a good time
at the 1993's LaMaganetta
luncheon, Lois and Frank
Vierling and George Peters
rest in the Chanel Gardens.
Where's Francesca? ----
behind the camera.



Marilyn Altman, NIGHTLY NEWS TD.

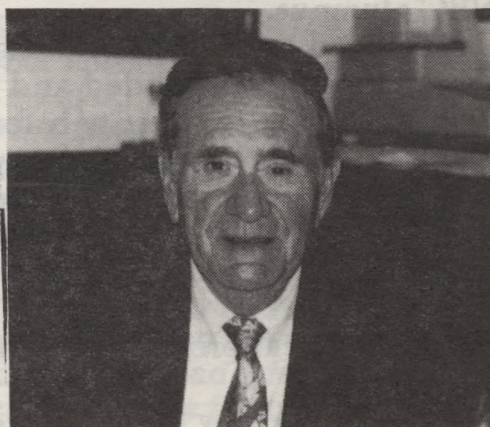


Way to go, Howard. NBC CEO Bob Wright presents 50 Year award. Story page 28.



Judy Farinet,
NIGHTLY Director

Bill Ahl is one of our newest members. He was head of the Audio Video Group.



A great time was had by all at the last Picco Mini Lunch. If you haven't made one, it's time you did.

Silent Microphones

It is with heavy hearts that we must report the deaths of so many of our co-workers. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones. We try to remember all and send sympathy cards, but we are dependent on members keeping us informed.

WALTER J. KRAVETZ, Television producer-director, died in Hobe Sound, Florida, at the age of 66 on October 17. The cause of death was cancer.

He was a veteran NBC-er, having spent 37 years with the company before he departed for PBS where he directed the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour under executive producer Les Crystal, a fellow NBC alumnus.

He served in the Navy during World War II and then attended and graduated from New York University before joining NBC. Programs he directed or produced won numerous awards, including an Emmy for a 1970 special report titled "Solar Eclipse - A Darkness at Noon."

Kravetz worked on "Today," "Nightly News," political programs, documentaries, and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Lee, and a son John of Bozeman, Montana, and 2 daughters: Barbara O'Connell of Yarmouth Maine, and Francine Pepe of Eastchester, New York.

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GRACE HOFFMEISTER, wife of Edward Hoffmeister, a retired NBC engineering supervisor who lives in White Plains, New York, died September 30. Ed and Grace had marked their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

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CHARLES W. SEIG, of NBC News and Sports died at the age of 69 on October 31. He lived in New Milford, New Jersey.

He retired in 1984 after 35 years with the company. His work as a director of the "Huntley-Brinkley Report," was recognized

with five Emmy Awards. He also covered national political conventions between 1956 and 1976 as well as Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space missions. As a sports director he covered NFL Football and PGA Golf telecasts.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. As a captain in the Marine Corp, during World War II, he piloted transports. During the Korean War he flew helicopters.

He was a native of Memphis, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Susan Pergola of Ringwood, NJ; three sons, Charles, Jr. of River Vale, NJ, John S. of Rochelle Park, NJ, and Steven R. of Tinton Falls, NJ, and five grandchildren.

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WILLIAM P. (Big Bill) KELLEY, of Leighton, PA, retired NBC TD. No details available. Bill came to the company about 1948 as a microwave operator on the New York to Washington link set up by NBC. When Telco established enough circuits to Washington the link was abandoned and Bill worked out of the Field Shop in Long Island City. He transferred to studio in the early 1950s and TD'd some of the biggest NBC productions.

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RAY LOCKHART, director/producer, a 36 year veteran at NBC, and a retiree since 1968, died October 29, in a Manhattan hospital of cancer. He was 65 and shared his time between Manhattan and Topsoil Island, North Carolina.

Over the years he was a director of "Huntley-Brinkley Report," and later managed and produced election shows and special events. He was named vice president of worldwide news coverage in 1982.

He won 2 Emmys for the H-B Report and a special, "President Carter: A Day in the Life." After leaving NBC he formed Main Street Independent Productions and produced public affairs programs for cable and public television.

Ray is survived by his wife Ann, a son, 4 daughters, 3 grandchildren, and 2

brothers, including Bill, a veteran of film editing and EJ (Electronic Journalism) who is still with NBC.

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Dan Grabel sends in this:

WILLIAM CORLEY, newsman. Bill Corley, who always reminded me of Uncle Walt in the Skeeze comic strip, was a quiet journeyman who managed to enjoy some major assignments during a lifetime in the news business. Bill died at 76 of renal cancer in New York, where he lived.

William Angus Corley, was once head of NBC bureaus in Chicago, Saigon, and Moscow, and served many years on the network news desk in New York. He started his career as a reporter for the Washington Daily News in the 1930's and worked as an editor in Transradio, a national wire service. Bill joined the Associated Press in Washington in 1941 writing radio news copy, and later joined NBC. He became head of the Chicago bureau in 1963.

While he was Saigon bureau chief in 1966 he wrote and was executive producer of "The First Television War," a documentary that won an Emmy. Two years later he was the executive producer of a year end review that also won an Emmy. Starting in 1969 he spent a year and a half as the Moscow bureau chief.

A marriage to the former Ana Luisa Aguilrended in divorce. The couple had no children.

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NICHOLAS BRUNO, of Deerfield Beach Florida, died October 16, after a long illness. Nick was our engineering financial wizard as well as a super video engineer of SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE fame.

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WILLIAM RAKER, of Flat Rock, NC, retired NBC lighting director died of congestive heart failure on June 12th. Bill started work at NBC in 1951.

His wife writes, "In a scenario he would have been delighted with, he collapsed at

a play he co-directed. He was crossing the open stage just prior to taking his seat for the second act and left us under the lights before a full house. He would have loved it."

He is survived by his wife, Sherry, sons Christopher, a minister in Amherst, Mass, and Mark, a cinematographer in New York City, and one granddaughter.

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ALLAN D. HENDERSON, NBC-TV Technical Director/Technical Supervisor. Formerly of Yorktown Heights, NY, died after a long illness. No details. In the late 1940s Al was a TV Field engineer. He moved to studio operations as a TD in the early 1950s.

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*The night is come, like to the day,
Depart not Thou, great God, away.
Let not my sins, black as night,
Eclipse the luster of Thy light:
Keep still in my Horizon; for to me
The sun masks not the day, but thee.
Thou, Whose nature cannot sleep,
On my temples Sentry keep;
Guard me 'gainst those watchful foes,
Whose eyes are open while mine close.
Let no dream my head infest,
But such as Jacob's temples blest.
While I do rest, my Soul advance;
Make my sleep a holy trance:
That I may, my rest being wrought,
Awake into some holy thought;
And with as active vigour run
My course, as doth the nimble Sun.
Sleep is death; O make me try,
By sleeping, what it is to die;
And as gently lay my head
on my grave, as now my bed.
Awake again at last with Thee;
And thus assur'd, behold I lie
Securely, or to awake or die.
These are my drowsie days; in vane
I do not wake to sleep again:
O come that hour, when I shall never
Sleep again, but wake forever.*

Thomas Brown - 1642

... BACK TO THE FUTURE SANS J. FRED MUGGS ...

By Dan Gabel

They just got a great idea at 30 Rock -- let's put the "Today" show in a storefront window so we can create a daily studio audience without a studio! It was a great idea in 1952, probably the brainstorm of Pat Weaver, the innovator of "Today," when the show originated in the RCA Exhibition Hall, a long, skinny locale that drew a constant audience on 49th street. We worked there a couple of years starting in 1955 with Dave Garroway, Jack Lescoulie as the sidekick, and Frank Blair doing the news. I recall Jac Hein as the director, and a crew including Arnie Gold on one of the 3 cameras (I think), Steve Madrick in the control room and Cal Broadhead working the audio tape machines. J. Fred Muggs provided some of the laughs and some of the bites. "Major" provided the coffee and Danish. Jerry Green was the producer with Ann Kramer as one of his aides. Of course a parade of veterans were in and out of those jobs over a period of time. And the "Today" weather girl -- Lee Merriwether, Florence Henderson, Helen O'Connor, and when the job got more serious, Barbara Walters.

The new space, just east of the old hall, housed a

bank until recently and it will become an 18,000 square foot studio -- about 10 times the original, as I recall it. It will have 3-story high windows on 49th street, and around the corner on the Plaza. The space also will be home to weekend editions of "Today," "Now," the Wednesday night news magazine, and some programming from WNBC-TV so that should make the \$15-million dollar renovation nut, and lease, feasible. The NY Times quoted Jack Welch, the GE chairman as saying, "It's a wonderful expression of where the news division is going. As a tourist, I'd love to see it. That's New York to me in many ways."

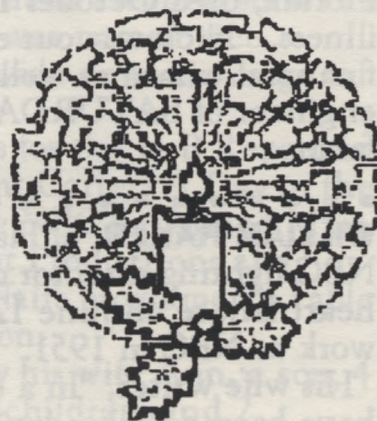
It's another indication, too, that GE is not selling NBC (especially after that court decision now permitting the net to own and syndicate the shows they create. And thinking as retirees, we should all be happy to see NBC and GE profits roll in, up to and beyond forecasts).

Andy Lack, the NBC News prexy said some security precautions would be necessary to prevent untoward public displays on camera. Lack said he recalled flashers of both sexes. Maybe? But bigger news was the day Harry Truman walked by and

watched. A street mike was available so that made it easy to capitalize on the moment. But how will they prevent this one? A man dressed in a gorilla suit walks into view. Floor manager Fred Lights, or another member of the crew spots him, passes the word. The director gets excited, shouts "Get a closeup!" The cameraman focuses up quickly and when the tally light goes on, the gorilla whips out a sign, "Watch King Kong tonight on WOR!" It'll happen again, betcha, security or not.

And the cutaways we can expect: Early morning skaters on the rink, (especially when the Ice Capades is in town), electricians dressing the Christmas Tree, and a couple of tourists from Sioux City holding up a sign, "Hi Mom."

A couple of years ago we heard J. Fred Muggs was still alive and living in Tampa, but I don't think NBC wants to go that far to improve the ratings.



From Our "TODAY" File



You're right, Dan, that's Arnie Gold on camera, Frank Blair (over his Sholder), Weather "girl" Muriel McPherson, and Jack Lescoulie at his desk.



J. FRED and friends. "TODAY" covered the Grand Opening of the Miami Beach Americana Hotel in the early 1950's.

44 Veterans Join the 25 Year Club; six others honored for even more service

By Dan Grabel

Fifty veteran employees from New York, Chicago and Boston gathered at the 52nd floor executive dining room of the GE (ex RCA) Bldg in Manhattan November 29th to be inducted into the NBC old timers organization.

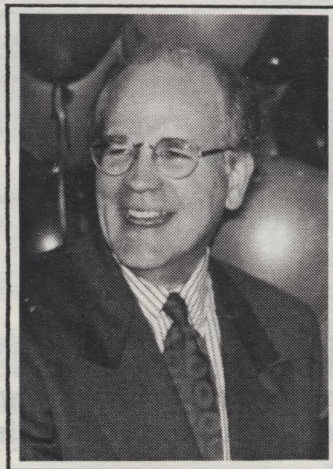
Between the music, canapes and drinks, their fond memories of working at NBC were brought to mind when Peacock North tried to stir thoughts of bygone years.

CEO Bob Wright greeted the informal gathering which was also attended by Bill

Bolster of WNBC,
Larry Hiffman,
senior VP of Sales,
Maurice
Greenfield, Ed
Scanlan, VP of
Employee
Relations, and
Dick Schade, VP
of National Sales.

Wright told the 50 honorees that he was "proud to have this chance to thank them for their years of service to the company." Then he took a look into the future. "The communications business has changed and continues to change since you first entered it. We're at another crossroads. Maybe some of you joined NBC when it meant radio. Today, we're on the doorstep of unimaginable miracles in audio, in full motion video, in information retrieval. Its an explosion of the visual arts. We're trying to capitalize on your experience to make this as strong a company as possible here in the United States and also overseas. Think of it as Peacock International. Remember too, we're gearing up for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Probably the last summer games to be held in this country for some years to come. Its going to be monumental and I think it will bring the entire United States together."

Looking overseas, the CEO continued,



NBC CEO Bob Wright

"In Europe, we're about to launch a Super Channel, a satellite and cable operation headquartered in London. We'll reach into 55- million homes, many in eastern Europe. Only CNN has such a major presence in Europe and NBC will out-distance it. "South America? We'll be launching a new 24 hour news service and we hope to launch a business and financial news service in the Orient."

At home, we have Roger Ailes, the experienced political strategist, who is also an experienced television producer, working on America's Talking." That'll be next summer. NBC will be getting more and more in production -- in news, in entertainment, and in sports. There are challenges and opportunities ahead, and I find it exciting at this critical juncture."

Mr Wright said there's a special job for every veteran -- "You should all get new employees to get excited as you 25 year people are -- to help create the future for NBC."



Ed Scanlan, VP Employee relations, gets a copy of PN

This reporter and Peacock North CEO Pete Peterson handed out copies of the retirees newspaper to give them a look into the future and we hope many will join PN, even if they're still on the NBC payroll.

All looked healthy and scrubbed enough to be retirees and some shared information on their current activities: Henry Macrin is still involved in EJ and doing post audio for "Dateline" and "Now," and he says he'll remain on the job for one more NABET contract. Ron Hitzler, has moved into network EJ, but he, too, is looking forward to retirement.

Ralph Yanny is a systems engineer and is busy installing digital routes for the news area. Jim O'Gorman is still showing the talent which camera is on, While Jim Marshall is the TD for the new Conan O'Brian Show. Julian Finklestein remains at his old stand, directing NN. Jonathan Oakley is a long time studio/field engineer and



Randy Wands and Jonathan Oakley

proud of his ham license, N2NBR, a tech with code. Mike Silver is still field producing with Irving R. Levine, a veteran among veterans in the correspondents' ranks. Both enjoy seeing the world while on the job. They recently worked in Haiti (Mike tells us field producer Ted Elbert is back in Chicago after years of assignments all over the place, and FP Ira Silverman is working for "Now" and based in Washington.) Also giving us a clue of what they are doing today: Sandy Goodman, after many years on NN, is doing "Now." Librarian Vera Mayer is

happy that she still has a staff of 14. That large crew has continued on the job because while shows may have reduced their staffs, they still need solid research for story info. Marilyn Jacobs-Furey revealed that she hasn't always sat in an associate director's chair. Back in the days of the old "Tonight Show" under Steve Allen, she often performed in "Man in the Street" skits with Tom Poston and Louis Nye. Her current assignment is "Nightly," and on Christmas eve she'll be in a familiar spot -- handling the New York end of the Christmas greeting show from the Vatican. Randy Wands will be doing the directing at the Vatican for the 15th year. When Randy spoke with CEO Bob Wright at the induction, Wright said he had been trying, on a personal basis, for some time to get the Vatican involved in ending the Yugoslavian fighting between the Croats and the Serbs. His letters have not stirred any action. Randy suggested that he does see Pope John on these assignments and he'd been happy to carry a letter to Rome. Mr. Wright immediately took Randy up on that offer and he'll be reviving his suggestion to the Vatican -- an effort he is doing as a Catholic, and not as the head of a highly visible U.S. news medium. Also in New York, for



Rochelle Richilson and Betty Corrigan

the ceremony, was Boston Field Producer/Bureau Chief Bill Theodore, who is often on the road with Fred Briggs. His most vivid recent memory: whale tracking for an environmental story. Rochelle Richilson is in

News/Finance. Betty Corrigan has had a variety of posts at 30 Rock and she is now Manager of EJ, reporting to Dave Schmerler, who she tells us, has made Vice President!

Announcer Howard Reig was introduced as a man who has served GE/RCA for half a century. In presenting him a golden plaque, Wright said he once lived in the Berkshires and recalled Reig working with a country western band in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. While Reig came to NBC in 1952, he had previously worked for GE at WGY radio in Schenectady and later WRGB-TV. In that day, announcers also worked as producers, news writers and actors and he played roles in "The FBI in Action." On WNBC radio he hosted "Music Through the Night," and was followed by Harry Fleetwood on that show. (I can still remember Harry's theme opener,

"Greensleeves.") Reig recalled his first day at WGY in 1943, half a century ago. The guys on the staff said to him, "This is nothing like the good old days!" And finally, another golden plaque went to Laura "Skid" Skidmore, who had flown in from Chicago. She joined WMAQ on January 9, 1939 as the station's second employee, and was honored for 55 years of service, NBC's oldest vet. She started as a typist, went on to accounting and then net sales. She now handles program scheduling. Laura recalled some of Chicago's contributions to network tv: Dave Garroway, Hugh Downs, Kukla, Fran and Ollie. "From radio to Super Channel," Laura said, and added, "quite a step!" Dick Schade compared Skidmore to the Energizer battery, "She keeps on going, and going and going."

HONOREES

55 Years

Laura Skidmore

50 Years

Howard Reig

40 Years

Louis Bauer
Richard Crawford
Marilyn Jacobs-Furey
Gerald Savitch

25 Years

Richard Alden
Hilda Ayala
Elizabeth Corrigan
Terry Crispino
Dale Curran
Carmela D'Aquila
Sheila Dosier
Aaron Fears
Herbert Fields
John Gandini
Leonard Garrambone
Samuel Goodman
Carlton Gourdine
John Hoffman
Janine Johannes
Alice Johnson-Jamerson
Matthew Kolasa
Ray Ladd
James Lee
Stanley Lee-Fatt
John Libretto
George Magda

Vera Mayer
Nicholas Mayer
Robert McKeamin
Bertram Medley
Judith Morrissey
Helen Murphy
William Parinello
JoAnne Penixotto
Gilbert Perez
Robert Pierce
Rochelle Richilson
Robert Risso
Michael Silver
Beth Skobel
Mark Stroock
Rita Sultana
Carol Velasquez
Harrison Warner
Donald Washington
Michael Wiland
Gary Wold
Ralph Yanney

NBC SERVICE AWARDS RECEPTION



Howard Reig - Chicago's Laura Skidmore
105 Years of Service



One CEO to another, Pete gets
a hand from Bob Wright



Ed Scanlon,
VP Employee
Relations, (center)
Peg McKinley
(on Ed's right),
and staff



Vera Mayer, librarian

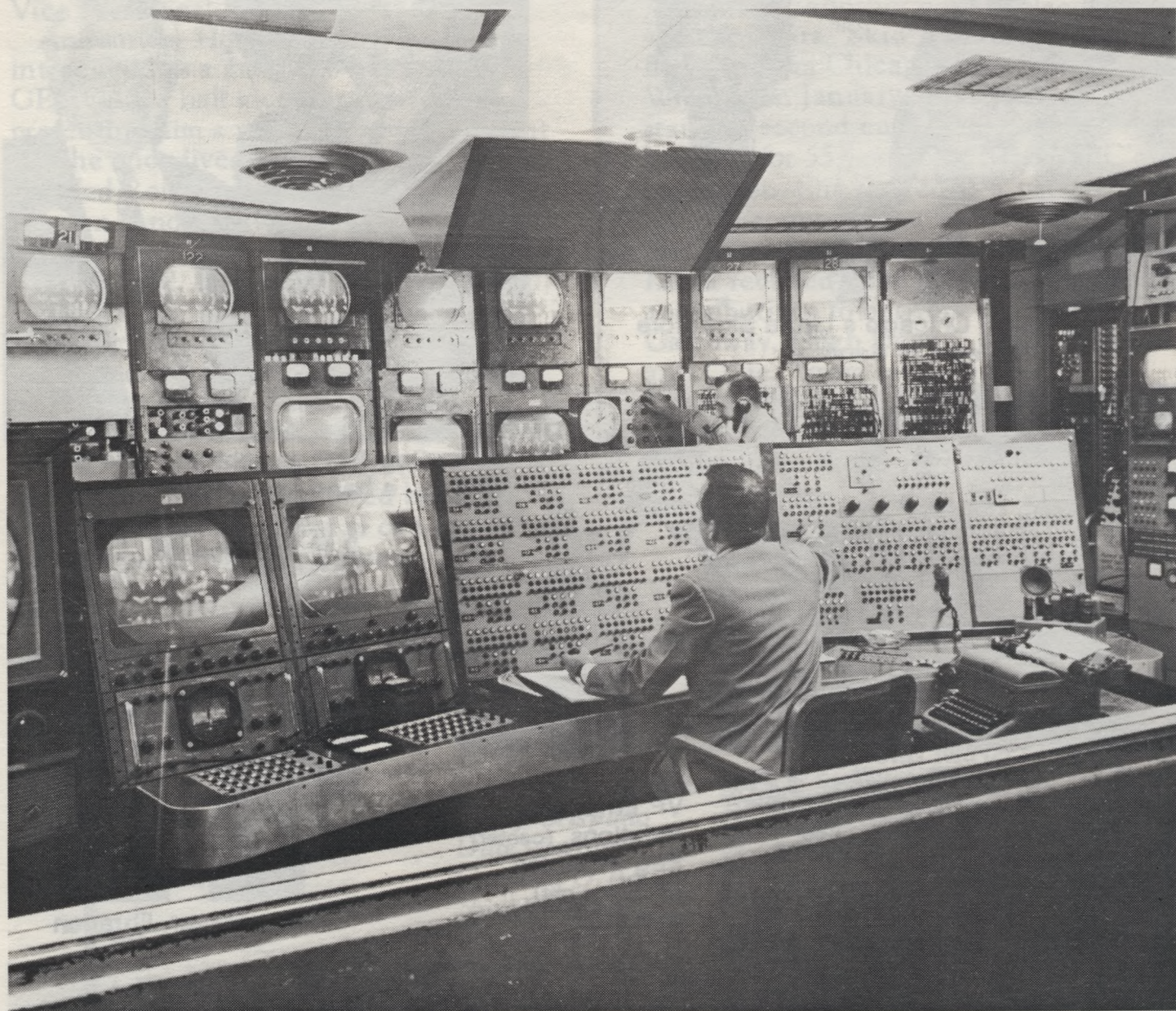


Paul De'ak and Jim O'Gorman



Bill Theodore, Bob Pierce,
Michael Silver, Jim O'Gorman,
CEO Bob Wright, and
Stan Lee-Fat

Pages from our Archives

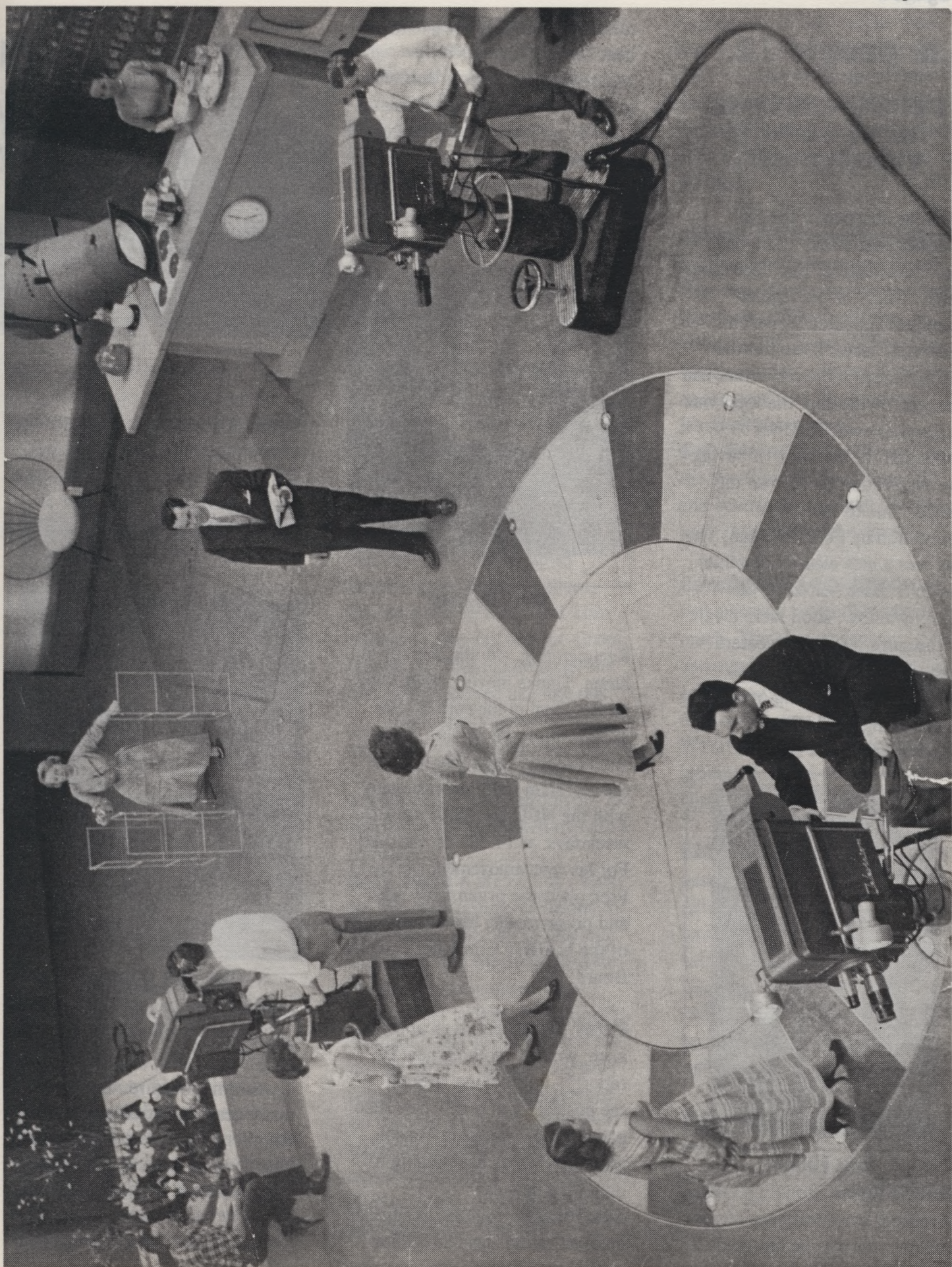


Old TV Master Control. Frank Hill is at the patch field and Bill deLannoy is about to make a switch at the "mighty console".

Facing Page: The HOME show at the 67th Street Studios. Camera men: top, Frank Geata; right, Marcel Theinpont; bottom, Lee Carlton.

There must be lots of old pictures tucked away in your "archives." Send them to Pete, we'll print as many as we have space for. Bring back the old memories.

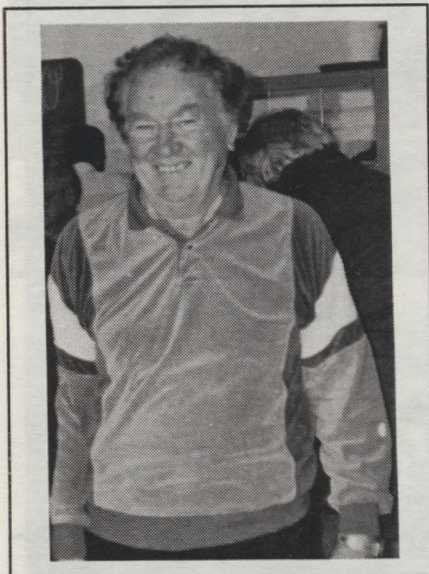




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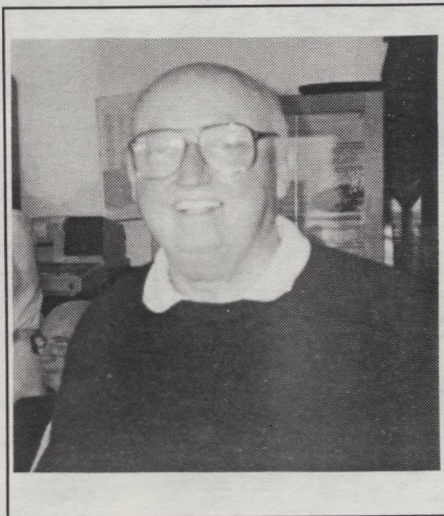
With the absence of the Fall Oktober Fest Bash, 40 pn-ers took advantage of the Picco Mini lunch . Many of the regular attendees appeared as well as some new faces. Even tho the management of the restaurant had changed ownership, the food was as good as ever, and they continued the tradition of having the dessert and coffee "on the house", due to a bit of negotiation by Pete Peterson. The day was a nice clear cool winter day, but those seated by the South window, soon were aware of the sun's warmth, sweaters started coming off , and you could sense the itching of many to get going South, where it will be warm all winter long.



Bob Higgins

Bob Higgins brought a carload of retirees from southern Jersey. Bobby notes that he has made it to the **big 70** this week. He

mentioned new golf clubs . - to beat Lee Pliskin and Harry Musselman , he hopes. Bob will be in sunny Fla.- by the time you-all read this. One of his riders was **Fred Wagner** (V.T.) who had just had knee replacement surgery on Oct 6th . Now, he's



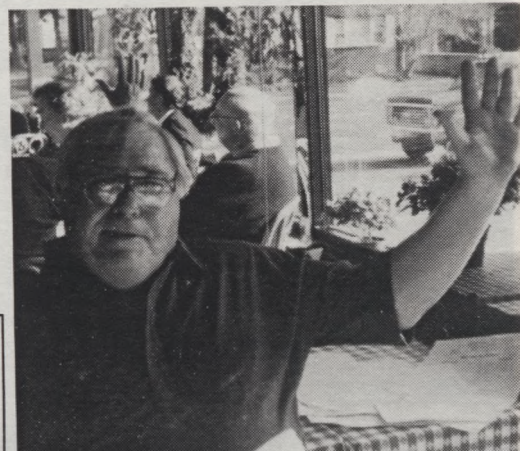
FRED WAGNER

Recuperating, - doing therapy at home. Thinks maybe **right** knee replacement in the spring. -We expect you to be playing soccer soon Freddy.. Fred also gets on the air (Ham radio) occasionally with the NBC Net (9:45 am EDT weekdays, at 14.223 on the dial). For his own amusement (he says), Fred plays the organ fairly well, and occas-ionally leaves messages of the NABET Computer Bulletin Board.....

Peter Tintle put in an appearance, writing "nothing new to report" - but mulling around the possibility of a new car. Also planning few weeks in Tuscon, Arizona - which has nothing to do with a new car.

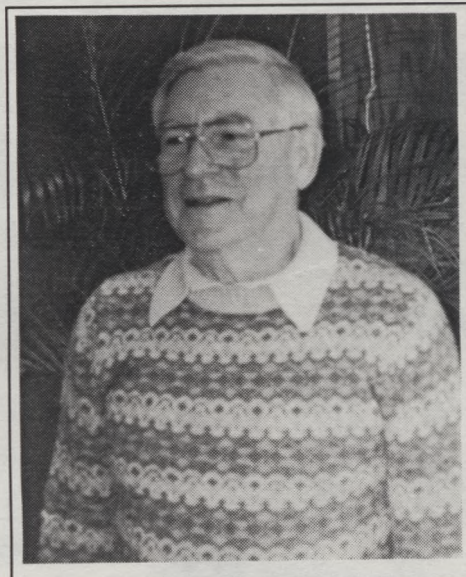
Lee Pliskin, looking like he has enjoyed eating, says he's doing **nothing**; but trying to improve

his golf - between grandchildren.



LEE Pliskin

Guess who came by after retiring a second time?? This time it was from ABC. More clues? He was a Lighting Director. He, after 50 years in the biz, thought it was - about time..OK - Yes ! It's-Leo -



LEO FARRENKOPF

Before now, he was a main key in a production - now he says we're only a number in a computer. So it was time to retire.. Leo spent many years in Brooklyn on Another World, also lighted Sat. Nite Live for a while, and many other "Grande Produziones" at the Network. Happy retirement Leo !

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Marion Farrenfopf, seated with the ladies, said they rushed back from a trip to Texas, where they Thanksgive-ed with their son.

Nick Ponella stopped in. Having worked in the 5E film/tape control area for the Today Show for many years, Nick said it took a year to get midnights out of his system, and he is finally enjoying retirement. But some-times he wakens at 3am in a cold sweat thinking he missed his call.



Nick Ponella

Bill deLannoy and wife

Dorothea enjoyed thier Hawaii tour of four Islands. Especially since the air fare was provided for by Frequent Flyer Mileage. Still it's best to be home again.

Doc Potter notes on the "yellow sheets" that "he was here.. I had my publicity in the last issue", so he wrote no more...

Buddy Shadel, (Video Tape Gr. 6.) also a man of few words,

notes going to Hawaii in Feb. for a visit with daughter Susan at Pearl Harbor. Also enjoying retirement very much.

Carl Rohrer took a two week tour of Spain in early October.. Almosty as exciting as the bus ride from New York to Picco Lissimo with Jim Sunder. Having seen part 1 of "Kentucky Cycle", I will go out of my way to miss part 2., says he...

Speaking of **Jim Sunder**, I managed to decipher his heiroglyphics written in the "Yellow Sheets" we pass around for PN-ers to write their experiences on. It said : in October he and **Florence** enjoyed a two week trip to Greece. One Week in Athens, Olympia and then a cruise from Athens to Istanbul and the Greek Islands. (I Couldn't decipher the rest, which looked like like this:

ὩΩε αρε ενφοψινγ ουρ
ρετιρεμεντ ανδ σηνουλδ ηαπε
τριεδ ιτ σοοφερὩ.

Maybe one of you heiroglyph- ite scholars could enlighten us with a translation.)

Gary Iorio's are in luck , says he. We **ARE** going to Florida for their winter stay. As of Dec 6th, they were told they had no place to stay.. But it worked out-- we're all set in West Palm Beach. Yippee! (Gary loves winters, but not up here) Spouse **Dorothy** relates: A funny thing happened on the way to the golf course- I tripped on a ladder Gary had *accidentally* left in the patio. Was it an accident, or did he want to play alone??? I won my

tournament in July and he won **his**. -- So what's his problem ? P.S : I broke both elbows and was out of commission for the remainder of the summer... Gary played every day with a smirk on his face...

George & Francesca Peters

are headed for Pompano Beach after New Years. Francesca notes that their "Alliance for the Mentally Ill" is also having their meeting today - hopes it will be as successful as this luncheon is!" It's great being here".

Bob Fraraccio is still working the Weekend Today Show. He and spouse **Arlene** will be offing to Ft. Meyers for the winter.

Carmin & Lucy Rocco

are still enjoying retirement very much. They have been vacationing in Florida, New Jersey and Michigan. In September, he met with his WWII outfit and now they're looking forward to the Mardi Gras in February.

Bill & Vera AHL - retired this past July '93 has just joined P.N. After getting the usual outdoor work around the house, they vacationed at the Jersey shore. Headed for Florida in February, and a cruise in May. Bill seems to be getting started right in his retirement.

Till & Scotty Connel escaped from their brood in Connecticut and seemed to be having a good time at the Picco.

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The DiPrimas have discovered walking. Now preparing for Florida - will join the Florida retirees Bash in Orlando - then back to New York by La Maganette time in May. They're looking forward to celebrating the Holidays with their children and celebrating their grandson's receiving his B.A. from Duke University. Ciao! sez he..

A newcomer to Picco, **Ivar & Helge Noormae** (from Electronic Mtce).



IVAR NOORMAE

He's till doing battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Now elbow replacement has been suggested. When not enjoying their 8 month old grandson, they have become seminar junkies - on health, economy, marketing, personal enhancement etc. Spouse Helge is involved in consumer marketing. They are studying the East Coast re: where to retire, since on Long, Island the cost of living is the highest in

the country. Wherever we wind up, it'll be along the water.

Best of Holidays to all!
Romsad joulud, Ja head uut

Bob & Diane Juncosa entertained first, the Massey's later the Cudlipp's in Foresthill, Calif. After thoroughly enjoying the



At Holly's wedding in LAKE TAHOE, LEFT TO R.-

PAM AND PERRY MASSEY, JERRY AND NANCY CUDLIPP, BOB AND DIANE JUNCOSA

astad koigele, as they say it in Estonian....

(Here's more re: Juncosa, Massey & Cudlipp)

Jerry Cudlipp wrote a letter about going broke. -Well not exactly, but on Sept. 3rd, the Cudlippo's threw an engagement party at their home for daughter Holly, and engag-ee Dan Young of Lake Tahoe. It was a smashing success.

On Oct 3 the young folks were married in Tahoe, in a outdoor ceremony. (Good planning, for the next day was fraught with rain, thunder & lightning and just miserable in general.) As mentioned in the Juncosa brief, the Juncosa's and Massey's attended - delighted at the reunion of old NBC friends. All were neighbors in Old Tappan..

visit, (but just watching the square dancing), Nancy & Jerry toured Yosemite - a most awe inspiring week - then checked on the newlyweds return in Tahoe. Finally back to Old Tappan, totally broke, but very happy.

Don Pike had spinal surgery, and the Doc says he has to remain at his Pittsboro, N.C. home till at least mid February.. So his yearly trek to the farm in Florida has to wait a bit. Stay warm Don! ***[PS I found a translation of Sunder's heiroglyphics : "*We are enjoying our retirement and should have tried it sooner*"]***

I had the honor of lunching at **Irv Messing and Horace Ruiz's** table. They both appear happy and healthy, enjoying retirement! **Stay Healthy and Happy Holidays!, H.....**

PICCO PIX



(Clockwise) Dorothy Iorio (in Front)
Peg Pererson,
Marion Farrenkopf,
Helge Noormae,
(hidden) Lillian
McNaughton,
Francesca Peters,
Helen DiPrima,
Mildred Dolan



Irv Messing
Horace Ruiz
Ivar Noormae
Heino Ropp
Ray DePrima



Til and
Scotty Connal



Irv Messing and
Horace Ruiz



More Picco Pix



Lucy Rocco, Vera and Bill Ahl, Carmine Rocco



Bill deLannoy, Fred Wagner, Lee Pliskin, Bob Higgins, Doc Potter, Leo Farrenkopf, Peter Tintle



Nick Ponella, Bill deLannoy, Gary and Dot Iorio, Mildred and Jack Dolan, Marion and Leo Farrenkopf, and Peg Peterson, (Higgins looks on through the window)

UP COMING

NBCFR will hold their spring reunion and luncheon on March 14 - 15 at the Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando Florida. Join the Florida group and enjoy a get-together with "old" friends.

For details contact Walter Vetter, 4218 S.E. Jacaranda St., Stuart, FL 34997, 407-286-2946

Keep your letters coming. Without your news there is no NEWSLETTER. Dig out those old pictures you have tucked away. Others would enjoy seeing them in PN. This is your paper. Lets hear from you.

**DON'T FORGET
YOUR DUES!
They are due
January 1st**

Over 80? FREE

**LATE NEWS
Via the Ham Net**

Charles Savaia, of Largo Florida is recuperating from what appeared to be a mild stroke. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from PN.

**Happy
Holidays**

from the publisher . . .

Without actually doing the work you can't appreciate what Heino Ripp has done for PEACOCK NORTH members over the many years he published our newsletter. It is a hard act to follow.

We (me in particular) are fortunate that Ripp will continue PN PEOPLE. So keep those letters, stories, and pictures (old as well as new) coming. Ripp has made this issue easier for me by writing and producing almost half the pages.

And I can't forget the help in transferring the written word to computer disks done by Nancy and Tony Nell, and Rita Stipo. It makes my job a lot easier. Thank you all.

Reminder - Don't forget your 1994 dues are due January 1st. We can't operate without your support. Mark your calendars for May 22, 1994 - LaMaganetta luncheon.

We're a little late folks. Not that we didn't try to get this out before Christmas, but holiday time is at a premium around my house.

Warm Holiday regards to all,

Frank Vierling

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1920's EKKO stamps acknowledged early radio reception

Here's a little bit of early radio and stamp trivia sent in by, guess who? - Dick Dudley.

Back in the early days of radio it became a hobby to see how many stations you could pick up on the old Atwater Kent, or the haywire mess you made from mail order radio parts. They were called "DXers", a term used in the world of Ham Radio.

The "DXer" would log the stations picked up, quality of reception, and interest in program content - the first rating system, so to speak. The broadcasters soon caught on that this was a great idea and began sending out letters of acknowledgment. In 1924 the EKKO Co., of Chicago, created stamps for broadcasters to affix to their confirmation letters. EKKO even printed albums for collectors. Few letters exist today - but collectors saved the stamps. In today's market they sell for \$1 or \$2. A few command high prices.



Two pages from a collector's homemade album showing the US Eagle and Canadian Beaver. Upper right is a privately printed stamp. Note NY's WJZ.

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Former WNBC Reporter Unmasked

Page 12 Pix Quiz Answer

The reporter in the photo on page 12 is the former Marjorie Margolies, who you may recall did many stories about children and ended up adopting a pair of Korean orphans. She's now Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, a Democrat representing the Republican dominated Wyndmoor, PA area in the House of Representatives. As a freshman representative, she cast a pivotal "Yes" vote for President Clinton's economic package.

Dudley's Puzzle Answer

UP EARLY	[R]	PAULY	[JANE]
UNDER ATE	[E]	DURANTE	[JIMMY]
ARCADES	[D]	CAESAR	[SID]
HORSES	[S]	SHORE	[DINAH]
SILK HAT	[K]	SHALIT	[GENE]
PIPER	[E]	RIPP	[HEINO]
REGULAR	[L]	GRAUER	[BEN]
APART	[T]	PAAR	[JACK]
CORONAS	[O]	CARSON	[JOHNNY]
BYRON	[N]	ROBY	[VIC]



1964 ? - Twenty Five Year Club

Message from Peter Peterson

Happy Holidays from Peacock North!

As we look forward into 1994 we are aware of new challenges for all of us. For our retired members we hope the new year brings continued happy retirement, health and prosperity.

For those still at work at NBC we hear of tidings of great joy! Behold, in a recent writing, the theme of the book *Three Blind Mice*, prophesied the downsizing and reduction of the public TV networks positions as time wore on. But, if you had been present at this year's "25 year service awards" event, a different picture was to be drawn.

Somewhere under the Rainbow, *** Room, and on the 52nd floor of the RCA/GE building some stars were shining. A group of over 50 people were listening to a new vision for NBC told by Bob Wright, President of NBC. (Details elsewhere in a report by Dan Grabel) At the end of the congratulatory festivities I spoke with Bob Wright and expressed to him how pleased we PN'ers are that NBC was not sold by GE as media wags had recently rumored. His response was "We're not selling anything, we're looking to buy!" His emphasis on the new information super highway and the new rulings in Washington were enthusiastic, he continued that it should foster considerable growth for NBC as a production center in the next five years! So, the three blind mice, ABC, CBS and NBC have had (as many seniors have experienced) cataract lens replacements, and like them it has given the networks a new vision of the future.

The evening was particularly enjoyable meeting those who had achieved their long time service awards. Laura Skidmore from NBC Chicago has attained 55 Years, and our own PN

member, NBC announcer Howard Reig, has 50 years of service. PN congratulates the new recipients, and we welcome them to join our group. The evenings events were conducted by the Human Resources department under VP Ed Scanlon and his staff director Peg Mckinley. I expressed, on behalf of PN, Dan's and my appreciation for being invited, giving us the opportunity to bring an awareness of Peacock North to the new inductees. A list of the new achievers and pictures of the affair appear elsewhere in this edition.

Back at PN we are experiencing the changeover from Heino Ripp's magnificent past productions of this newsletter, to Frank Vierling's immense task of taking over that process, that of composing and printing this journal. The cooperation between these two fine brilliant gentlemen is a pleasure to watch. Heino like a father teaching with integrity and Frank responding with appreciative and unbelievably talented alacrity puts us all in good stead. They are both compatible and congenial as the process continues. Aren't we lucky to have these two men combining their abilities to fulfil our needs! This current issue is the first one done by Frank. Rippy continues on to guide and will continue in the future to provide us with his favorite column, "PN PEOPLE". (Rippy travels 104 miles each time he comes to meet at my place or to Frank's, two towns from my home).

And along with these two, are great backups that do a lot of nitty gritty wordprocessing for us. Tony and Nancy Nelle, thanks. And helping right from her desk (after hours) at NBC, Rita Stipo, (she could use a Hi, and a prayer right now from old friends, ext. 6401).

Not to be overlooked is an inquisitive,

quaint, charming and sometimes capricious chap who I watched in action the other night. A picture (pg 22) of this dignified gentleman is seen elsewhere in this issue at his best and in motion. Yes it's him, that one! our Dan Grabel! As Bob Wright spoke of the NEW NBC, I saw Danny writing at high speed just as fast as that extemporaneous speech went, and I realized again that the smooth codger is a real PRO from the old school! I saw him just for a moment in my mind as a young reporter getting the story down fast and accurately. Thanks Dan, for all your past commentaries and articles and for those we hope you will continue to write in the future.

Our PN sights for 1994 (besides our own community group functions), remain focussed on our maturing PN group, on legislation concerning health care and retirement policies. For the moment, we are blessed to be under the aegis of the GE Health Plan and with GE as the foremost corporate structure in AMERICA, travelling under the TRAVELLERS umbrella has been beneficial to our group. Our losses in the Silent Mikes area is disturbing to everyone, and we realize the forces of time and tides are overwhelming. Remember though the great contributions our friends who have departed have left behind for others to benefit.

PN will continue into 1994 thanks to your dues of \$20, which are due Jan. 1. We are fortunate to have been able to maintain the same dues level for the past three years.

Please circle and arrange the time on your calendar NOW to be sure to see your friends on Sunday May 22, 1994 at LaMaganette in NYC. Til then the best to you and Happy New Year from Peacock North,

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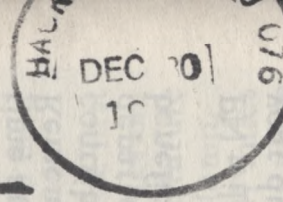
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