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A.D. **PETER FATOVICH** (RETIRED, but working on the David Letterman Show) looking around at other guests at the Octoberfest party says, "Its good to see all these nice people, and what, only me growing older?" Not so, Pete, not so...Speaking of growing older, **CHARLIE BENNIS** from old Radio days called from Florida on his 90th birthday on Nov. 21 (25 yr bash nite). See what happens when you shed this stressful biz ?? Bless you Charlie and many, many years more ! Speaking of radio --Radio newsman **DON BLAIR** and wife **PAT** have sold their Vermont ski house, and that was step one on their eventual move to Venice, Florida by Fall '92. Don's home voice-over studio, complete with rugged old RCA equipment, goes with them. Speaking of Florida, (wonder how long we can continue this string) **BOB VAN RY** (Stage Mgr SNL et al) has become a frequent flyer visiting his humble shore house in St. Augustine. Bob can be seen visiting **EUNICE** and **TOM SMILEY** when he's not loafing on the beach. Speaking of -- no, no more of that... News writer **ED GOUGH** still producing videos for the Port of New York and New Jersey Authority, and performing as an actor in industrial shows, commercials and films. Has shoes, will travel. Also at the P.A. and producing, newswriter **KEN DONOGHUE**.....**JUDIE** and **SCOTTY SCHACHTER** made a trip to Spain and took the Trans-contabrieo train across the northern part of the country from San Sebastian to Santiago. It was a seven day trip through the "green" Spain with art, archeology and gastronomy featured. They then flew to the South where they stayed at Paradores (the in-expensive government sponsored hotels in old castles and such) in Seville, Malaga, Granada and Cordoba. We visited this part of the country by car and traveled with Scotty's brother who's perfect Spanish helped make this an outstanding three week tour. They also became the proud grandparents of a third grandson...

Oh that announcers table at our brunches. If you don't hand them a script you get just one sentence for the newsletter! But thanks anyway, **WAYNE** and **THELMA HOWELL**, **DON** and **KAY PARDO**, and **VIC ROBY**, who said it was worth the trip from Scarsdale to Clifton, NJ

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Rock Cntr Christmas Tree Lighted On TV Afterall

narrated by **Bob VanRy**.

The following is my interpretation of events leading up to Tuesday, December 3, 1991. (How's that for a cop-out)?

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It seems **WNBC-Channel 4** had asked the 30 Rock People, "R.C.I." which is owned by the Japanese for additional production money (\$150,000)- (Plse turn to Pge 3)

400 NBC Vets At 25 YR Club Bash

By Dan Grabel

NBC Veteran Employees, those serving 25 years and forty years, were honored at two events on Thursday, Nov. 21st. First, the 47 quarter century and six 40 year vets met NBC President and CEO Bob Wright for cocktails in his sixth floor private dining room and then the evening's Guests of Honor joined other members of the 25 year club, including retirees, at the Tower Suite of the Times and Life Building.

ED SCANLON, executive Vice President, greeted the honor-ees, barely getting his voice above the din and welcomed them to this select group. **DON PARDO** then read the roll of honor. Four hundred old timers filled the suite, a switch from the Plaza Hotel, where the event had been held for eons. But the main reason for the gathering was comederie and memories, so the venue didn't really matter. There was ample food and drink and they were available from the opening gun at 6PM until about 9:30PM. We button holed many of the vets to check on their activities, and found quite a few of the 25 year men/women were still on the job... **HENRY MACKLIN**, audio expert in the days when NBC used film and Hank and **HI BROWN** ran a sophisticated recording system on the ninth floor, is still on the job. Now he's an EJ editor. Writer **BILL BAYLES** is off the book beat but still writing articles. He enjoyed a 10 day trip to London. Writer **SUMNER WEINER**, for many years producer of **MORGAN [MOE] BEATTY's** highly rated radio commentary show says he's following the dictates of the Declaration of Independence-- " I am ** cont'd pge 3.

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MARCEL and **HELEN THIENPONT** kept busy during the Fall raking leaves on their property (how many acres could that be?) Marcel likes to bring along his paints and easel on hiking trips to capture the vistas and colors of the four seasons. One of the recreational activities is square dancing ...And you just can't keep these retirees down on the farm. For example, **JERRY** and **NANCY CUDLIPP** are planning a trip to Brittany, France on a canal boat this Spring. We will connect up with **JOE** and **MADelyn GILLIGAN** and **FLORENCE** and **HAN SCHMIDT** (from Switzerland.) We all did this a few years ago on the Canal du Mich in the South of France and liked it so much we're doing it again... **JOAN WEXLER** worked in the TV scheduling office, married **CHET MAZUREK** who worked at ABC recently said good bye to N.Y.C. Now are living on a boat in Fort Lauderdale. Dreams do come true !.... **IRVING** and **DOLLIE MESSING** have been appointed to the Bergen Court, New Jersey election board. Recently Irv did a little work in Nashville, Tenn. at the "26th Country Music Association Awards", the show that used to be the classy Kraft Music Hall on NBC... **RAY** and **HELEN DiPRIMA** marked their 50th Wedding Anniversary and went on a cruise with old college buddies. One daughter got her Masters in library science, the other got a new husband..(nice acquisitions, but you can't hug a sheepskin!)... Bring back the Harvest Moon Balls! ...**ESTHER** and **BEN WEINSTEIN** are still putting their best feet forward in Ballroom Dance Competitions. Recently married off their younger daughter and Esther said, "we thought she was career-minded." (Hey, marriage can be a career, might even be called work!).... Here's a switch. After travelling all over the world, **MORTY** and **MILLIE ARONOFF** say they are finished with travel, except from Brooklyn to Westchester on Baby-sitting assignments with Joshua Alexander Elkers, their infant grandson... **JANE** and **GENE GARNES** made a cruise through Alaskan waters. Their trip video has been edited and for the price of a bottle of Dewars you can have a viewing... **MARY** and **HERB POLAK** traveled to Pittsburgh for the annual reunion of World War Two PT boaters (he was a radio technician in the Royal Netherlands Navy and he maintained radio and radar equipment on a PT squadron located in Curacao, in the Caribbean. (Now, that sounds like the assignment we would have loved)...Herb says Pittsburgh was a lot cleaner than when he last saw it in 1945, when it belched smoke and flames... Voices from the Southland: **PAT** and **ROGER TUTTLE**, say that even though they are now "rebels" from Wilmington, North Carolina, it was nice to see buddies from the old 30 Rock days. and Roger has an offer; anybody want a horse farm?.... **MARIAN EISKAMP** still enjoying the good life in Tennessee where she is program chairlady at East Tennessee State Univ. Institute of Continued Learning, where she books teachers, That's a switch from booking celebs for TODAY... Booking? --And that brings us to books.

Sportscaster **GUY LE BOW**...long a daily radio talk show host on WNYK, New York, has published his "inside tome", titled "Are We On The Air." That title is a question many a radio type has posed not realizing the mike was open. His December book party brought out dozens of veterans of early radio, film and tv, and stage including **STILLER** and **MEARA**, actor **LOU JACOBI**, announcer **ED HERLIHY**, comic **GENE BAILIS**, author **GENE SCHOR**, who himself has written 37 books, LeBow started out at Dumont tv (remember they had a studio in the old Wanamakers department store on Astor Place?) Did boxing and wrestling from places like Queensboro Gardens and Long Island Arena, and hockey from everywhere. In the early days I think he might have shared a mike with **DENNIS JAMES**.

I remember too that in those days sports-casters doing a wrestling match, which they had to call "exhibitions" since state athletic authorities really didn't think they were matches. used to bring along a bag of in-the-shell peanuts and pop them, to inject the sounds of bone crushing! Over the years **LeBow** broadcast for WPIX (on the original staff) NBC radio, NBC tv syndication, and WABC, as well as a number of stations out of town. **JOHN CAMERON SWAYZE**, another original, says of "Are We On the Air". "Its a colorful account of a fading era by a man who was a participant and not just an observer...

And among other active types; **LARRY GLACY** says he spends his time fishing and playing cheap poker; while **Herb Oxman** finds time for flying, skiing, golfing, tennis and computing. Well, writing that line your Editor can add he does all of the above (except flying) plus regular workouts at the Health Club and weekend platform tennis during Fall and Winter and weekly trap and skeet shooting at the Blue Mt. Reservation in Peekskill about nine months of the year. Oh, I also write a newspaper Ski Column when **Peterson** isn't bothering me for other word processor chores... **JACK** and **IRENE KEEGAN** spent four weeks touring Ireland, saw a lot of the sights. His only complaint, the roads were too narrow and winding. (Hey Jack, its a small country... A handful of ex-NBCers had their own mini-reunion at Lake Winnepausakie in New England with the following sharing old stories: **HELEN RACHAEL NICOLE FRAN De GENNARO**, **BOBBY** and **ROGER MUIR**, **MARIE FINNEGAN**, **MARY McCARTHY**, and **MARY (MORRISON) STEINERT**.... **GLADYS** and **JOE KOLB** make their home in Virginia but they get back to the NY are for visits to the grand children. They managed a lunch with **RITA** and **BOB STRUB**, who are building a house in Bassett, Virginia, about 75 mile from the Kolbs. The Kolbs are wintering in Florida until April. Joe shares the vacated Ham controller spot on the NBC retirees net. Bob, had recent chats on 20 meter ham radio with **PHIL BERGE** (NY), also **SAM ROTH** and **ED WACKERNAGEL** (Calif).... The Kolbs youngest daughter is now working for CBS... **STEVE** and **CAROL PAGANUZZI** did some traveling through the southwest and on the Pacific Coast. He also keeps busy consulting; and working on model railroad equipment - Wrote some articles for "Classic Toy Trains." Carol has learned the art of porcelain dollmaking. They'll spend the winter in Florida and do the West in Spring...

VINNIE and **SUSAN GABRIELLE** are grandparents for the fourth time. The newest is **Elijah Vincent**. There are a few animal lovers in that family. Vinnie's daughter and spouse have four cats and one pit bull dog in their North Carolina home. The Gabriele's finally sold their old boat and are looking for a new one. one of their daughters was working at the Burmuda Aquarium and that was a good reason to visit the island... And this political year we can report that Florida's **MARJORIE SHIELDS** has been appointed a delegate from Palm Beach County to the Democratic State Convention.

ROY NEAL (Ham call W6DUE) writes: "Just for the book.. 73 means best regards, 88 = love and kisses... When you put an S or 's on the end, it makes the expression best regardses.. or love and kisses. Who's counting?...73 Roy. (Roy, would you please send me a photo of yourself at your rig? Heino) **CISSIE LINDEMAN** writes she has left the Museum of Broadcasting, and has bought an old sea captain's house in Yarmouth, Maine. Has started a business "The Reluctant Gourmet".. says loves the newsletter. (Keep saying those things)... **JOE STURNIOLO** tells us aging parents keeping him away from PN functions and the newsletter has taken on a greater meaning, keeping him up to date with **TO P.7.**

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pursuing happiness." Sumner is doing that at Washington's National Press Club and at the better steak houses in the Capital. He lives in McLean, Va... And your editor's personal memory of Moe Beatty. He was a broadcaster of the original mould. Dynamic, informed, a major figure in the news business, but easily accessible to all. Woe was a guy who had direct pipelines to news sources, and he was a careful checker of facts. **PETER O'GRADY**, EJ editor, says at age 49 he's a long way off from retirement.. Then, unfortunately, we talked to two people just inducted into the 25 year club, who simultaneously got a sweet pill and a sour one from the company. Film editor/EJ editor/production person **JEAN VENABLE-FLAMENHAFT** was laid off just before she was inducted, and **MIKE CONNOR**, who handled the termination deals of hundreds of employees, was told just before the induction that he would be severed Dec. 23rd. A not-so-Merry-Christmas. **ROGER TUTTLE** came north for the bash. It was Okay, Roger, but not like those Johnson Motors junkets in the 1960's!! Writer **PETER OCHS**, who really prefers to spend his time in Vienna, is still on the News Dept. payroll, although maybe he'd rather be acting. One of the happy inductees who mingled with the crowd after finishing work, **TOM BROKAW**. The **LEIBLE**'s made the listings of Guests of Honor twice... once for **CORY LEIBLE**, and then for **DICK LEIBLE**, both starting 25 years ago and still with the company ... **DON PARDO** recalled working with **ENID ROTH**, who is a 40 year vet. They worked on the Pet Show Don hosted in those days. I'm not sure if that was four legged pets, or the Pet Milk Company. Couple of vets from the video dept said they are sorry more of their old buddies don't show up at PN mini brunches at Picco Lissimo, or our gala. One of the 25 year-ers said he wasn't retired yet, but then he added, he would be in fourteen days, and such and such hours! But who's counting.. **ROSE DE RENZIS**, ex A & P, and we don't mean the grocery, we mean Advert & Promo, recently visited Las Vegas and said she dropped all of fifty bucks. Memories there too. Rose said it wasn't as glamorous as it was say 15 years ago. She keeps busy with volunteer work.... Standing nearby, **AL COLACINO**, still there with A & P. D.G.A-er **RANDY WANDS** recalled he and Rose had worked together about 25 years when she was secretary to **PAUL MOSHER** and Randy worked on the Page Staff under **HELEN EISENBERG** and **AL RYLANDER**. Randy will be getting his annual blessing from the Pope come Christmas. For the 15th year Randy will be at the Vatican, producing the Midnight Mass for NBC. .. Also over from across Sixth Ave, EJ editor **LOU CASTRO** and **BILL LOCKHART**, brother of producer **RAY LOCKHART** who spends his time at Sneed's Landing, North Carolina and Roosevelt Island in the East River. Boy, remember when we called that place Welfare Island ? Would have been a tough sale trying to flog condos to home-seekers calling it by the original name... **GARY IORIO** says he plays a lot of golf and own up to a 12 handicap. Well, we're envious, how about you ?.. Stage Mgr. **FRED LIGHTS**, seen catching the bright lights from the Tower Suite's 48th floor windows told us that the **TODAY SHOW** was looking for staff veterans of the early days for the 40th anniversary, January 14th. Like when **DAVE GARROWAY** hosted from the RCA Exhibition Hall on 49th St. next to the Rock Center garage entrance, and **J.Fred Muggs** scampered around on the end of a leash, and **MAJOR**, the caterer poured coffee and such for staff and show guests.... **BOB WIENBERG** says he took all the accounting courses one college offered, so he dropped out. He's offered himself as a volunteer tax man to the AARP. Bob will soon be off to Israel again. He was there just before the war last year.... Also enjoying the 25 yr Bash, **BUDDY SHADEL**, ex VTR who does baby sitting for daughter

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ROCK CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
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to do the show this year... **R.C.I.** balked at that. (you can hardly blame them..I mean, how much can it cost to light a "bonsai tree" anyway ??)

R.C.I. stated its intent to produce the show themselves, with help from the Music Hall; and let whoever covered the show do it as a news event.. In late October-and into November, and I don't know at who's instigation, the two parties came to an agreement to Televisé the show..

The result was: **R.C.I.-Music Hall Productions** did indeed produce the show, keeping it confined to the ice and the stage beneath "**Prometheus**" (newly regilded this summer, by the way)...The usual elements were included; **Lucy Arnaz**, with her family..Olympic Gold Medalist **Scott Hamilton** skated, as did a terrific young gal?... a dozen or so **Rockettes** did you know what..Met opera's **Kathleen Battle** sang, as did a chorus. (apology for not knowing their name.) Of course Mr. Chase Manhattan (**D Rockefeller**) was there, along with **Dick Voill**, head of **R.C.I.**, and a minister to help the kiddies push the button to light the tree, **Mr. Rockefeller**, at the microphone, insists upon counting forward; 1-2-3- oo -aaah-applause, which is very disconcerting to us stage managers - even one as young as I, (31st anniversary on Jan 12,1992.)

R.C.I. did the lighting and audio. **NBC Sports** pulled up a truck, ran out six or so camera's and took in **R.C.I.**'s audio feed (thats right, folks; with the new look at **NBC**, Sports is now responsible for all remotes.) We'll see what happens in Atlantic City next September. (another aside, as if this wasn't already long enough).. **NBC** will be doing the next three **Miss America Pageants**; and I hear negotiated a better deal for themselves this time around...

Back to the Tree Lighting; **Joe Disco**, who is shorter than I, worked liason with the **R.C.I.** people, and I worked with **Al Roker**, Channel 4's Weather Man, He said Hi at the top of the show (the only mic **NBC** controlled) gave a brief history of this year's tree from Suffern, in the middle of the show, and a goodbye at the close, with a **Rockette** on each arm. Their attempt at a synchronized kick was not a pretty sight- but it was fun... To the folks at home, the show looked pretty much the same. It rained lightly all afternoon right through dress and taping, which made for nice reflections on the ice

.... **HAPPY 1992 Bob VanRy !!**

CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK, WILL NEVER BE THE SAME, WITHOUT THE "LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE"....WE HOPE THE FOLKS AT R.C.I. WILL ALLOW THIS VERY IMPORTANT, AND MEMORABLE HOLIDAY TRADITION TO CONTINUE!!!, Gene Martin



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Nancy who worked at NPS in net news years ago, but is now busy as the mother of two. Bud carves wood decoy ducks and songbirds for a hobby, and makes Christmas ornaments for his church.... Producer/Director **GEORGE HEINEMAN** has been teaching at NYU for the past 12 years.... **JIM HOLTON**, the one-time radio VP, and now of Bucks County, Pa., lives on the opposite side of a golf course from **CHET HAGAN**; Chet at the first hole and Jim at the 19th !!!, that's what he said, the 19th. And neither one plays golf. Holton paints scenes of railroads, his second book on railroads is about to be published, and he is working on two other tomes, neither of which is on that subject. One is the history of the Schukyl Valley and the other is a history of the industry in eastern Pa... **HANK KROGIOUS**, ex News, working as a consulting editor for a local newspaper in Brooklyn Heights, and is writing a book on urban highways.... **BERT IVRY**, ex NEWS, has done some teaching at William Patterson College in his area, Wayne, New Jersey; he is now prepping high school kids for the SAT's.... **HANK HEUSTIS** shares his time between homes in Port Washington and Garden City and works as an alcohol counselor with hospital outpatients, family groups and early recovery people coming out of rehab. Hank finds it very satisfying and would not trade those activities for nothing.... Table-hopping for news, I listened in on a story about **BILL BOYLE**, one of the most direct, outspoken guys in the news department in his day, or any day. Seems he was trying to take in an overseas audio feed one day in 5C tape. There was a lot of QRM (interference) on the line and two visitors, waiting to do a MONITOR interview, were talking nearby made the job even tougher. Boyle told them to be quiet or leave. A production aide said, "Do you know you're talking to Rock Hudson?" Billy boy came back with, "I don't care if he's Jesus Christ! Get him out of here!"..... Writer **MORT HOCHSTEIN** who identifies himself as a non-joiner (so he doesn't belong to PN), is still writing on food and drink for the Wine Spectator and restaurant trade mags. One and all enjoying themselves at the 25 year club event, which we all hope continues for at least 25 more ! And maybe they will. We understand **ARIANE MAUTNER**, who has arranged social events for NBC many years, including this one, will be retained as a consultant when she leaves the company. Ariane is a member of the exclusive 40 years of service division of the veteran group.

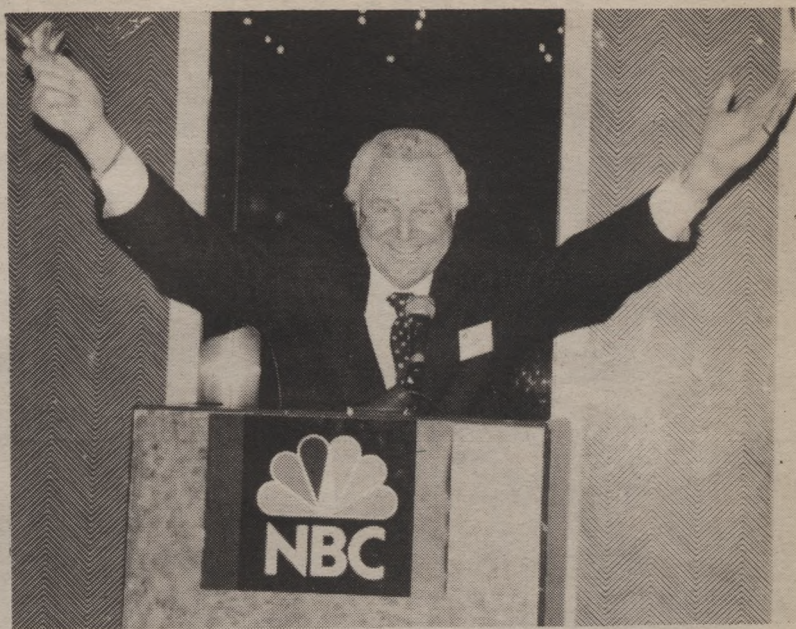
Here are the names of this years 25 year group:

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Here are the 40 year group !

Barbara Armstrong, David L. Handler, Ariane Mautner, Gary Raschella, Enid Roth, Louis Vinci

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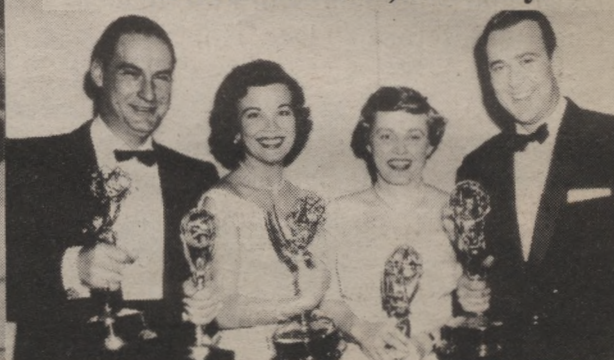
Golden Oldies



Some made it on a magazine cover! Bobby Keeshan, (Capt Kangaroo now, then Clarabelle) with Howdy. Bill DeLannoy on camera, Eddie Band dollying Bill and stage manager Bettina



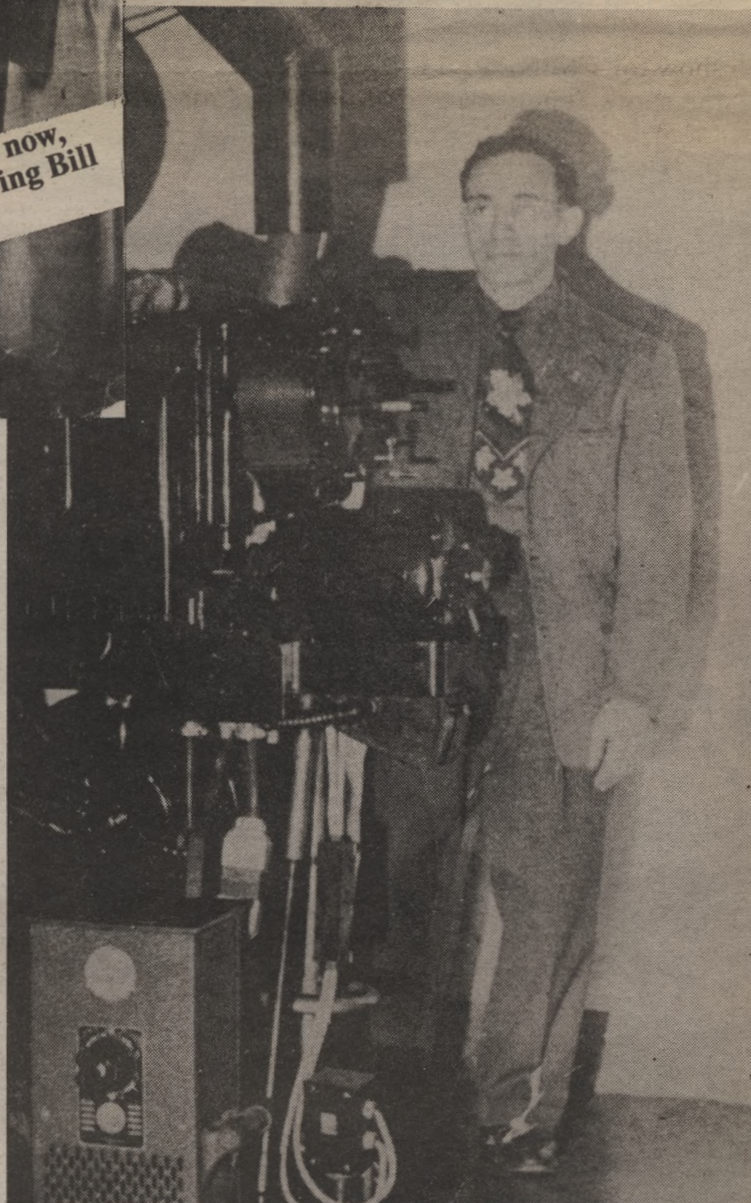
Zubin Mehta taken off the control room monitor during concert "Live From 8H" ..Not an old oldie, but classy.



Sid Caesar, Nanette Fabray, Pat Carroll, Carl Reiner in the 50's.



Rick Kelly - Hal Janis - Hank Frisch, lighting director From Show of Shows 1950



Jacob Patent guarding a 35 mm projector in old 5F, a film studio in the 50's.

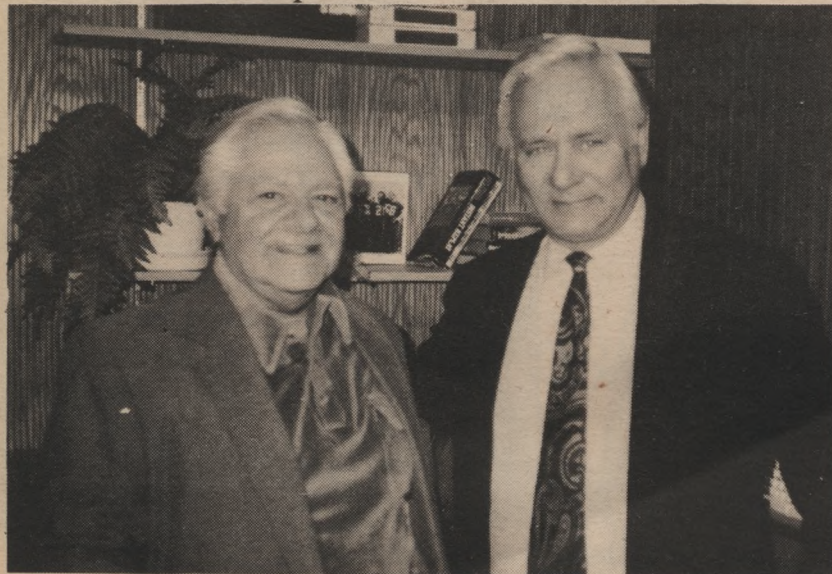
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fellow retirees... **HAROLD McDERMOTT** (Electronic Mtce) recovering from an operation. Get well quickly !... **TED NATHANSON** still freelancing and enjoying grandchildren... **ED STOLZENBERGER** was Hamming since 1927 ! Retired, enjoying Fla. sunshine, wrote an impressive service record in the biz. He almost singlehandedly published the A.T.E Journal, Broadcast Engineers Journal with all its toils and tribulations ending up with 6,000 copies a month. At least someone knows what we go through here!. **ROBERT McINTOSH** [video tape] doesn't want to lose contact with his many associates. (Keep sending us those notes, folks !... **LEE PLISKIN** about to have his 11th grandchild. His youngest son is working on the Robin Leach program which travels him all over the world. Also doing commercials. Says "Eat your heart out guys". **FRANK VIERLING**: Lois & I flying to Tuscon, then to San Diego and Woodland Hills, Ca. Back to Tuscon for Christmas, return 28 Dec. Hope to have a mini lunch with **AARON TRAIGER**, **MARTY DENNIS** & **EV BEAVERS**.... **DOC & LILY POTTER** recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Both well and active. Doc does alcoholic counseling, Ham Radio, some church work (small repairs and ushering). Lily sings in the choir... **MARIAN EISKAMP** wrote, "just wanted you to know how I look forward to it (news-letter) because it's the lifeline to our glorious past".. **RONNIE ADAMS** was in Switzerland this summer; in St.Pete works part time for Customs, also volunteers time in City Hall....

DICK SCHAAP and sports reporters do a sports show for ESPN. **PETE PETERSON** does the video for the show. They got to chatting, (one meets ex NBC'ers everywhere), and Dick wrote this note for PN for all you NBC alumni:

I became an NBC Alumnus only after nine years enrolling in that institution. I left NBC in 1980 for two reasons.. In the first place, I had never worked anywhere for as long as ten years and I didn't want to break my record. Second, ABC offered more money. I could have abandoned the 1st principle; the second would have been more difficult. Still I worked with a lot of good people at NBC, and fortunately, ABC is in the same city, so I still see many of them. The ones I don't, I miss. Roy Silver comes to mind first, but there are others too... And they know who they are

.... *Dick Schaap*



Pete (left) and Dich Schaap (right)

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TED SEITER writes from Exhuma, in the Bahamas: Last week while Rose and I were walking on the beach, we saw a big ball at the waters edge, resembling a float from a fisherman's net. (I have about 20 - steel, plastic, glass). It was larger than most and was too hard to roll home. Two days later the coast guard coming from Puerto Rico, threw a net over it, tied a very long line to it and towed it off shore. A bit later there was an explosion that almost knocked Rose and I down, and shattered windows.... They tell me had I rolled it down the hard road, I would have been atomized....

I've been here for 25 years now 15 years semi permanent since retiring, going back to Long Island for summers. We hang out with about 60 expatriates here, order supplies from Nassau by the case, since local stores are quite expensive. There are 4 or more boats that come form Miami, two airliners to Miami, also Bahamas Air. It's a far cry from what it was years ago. I now have a telephone. [Ted is a ham, his call is C6A/W2FJH, and can be heard on the NBC Ham net on 14.223 in the mornings at 10am] PEOPLE We are not infallible ! **CHARLES MANGANO** sent in his dues but never received his Peacock North nor was he listed as a new member... Likewise **MILT WYATT** had not been listed. PN apologizes for the accidental oversight Al and Milt. If there are any other such cases, please notify us asap, and we'll make ammends.... **BILL McCORD** [anncr fm San Diego] is now OK after a blood clot in his system, sees announcer **GENE HAMILTON** from Arizona. Believe it was Bill who made the announcement of the Pearl Harbor bombing raid in 1941. **GLORIA CLYNE** sent in her dues and declares "It's worth every cent!". With notes like that, we might get a swelled head! But Thanks Gloria, we needed that... **EV GEIGER** (radio old timer) is keeping tabs on his son who is recovering from an amputated leg, below the knee. From the talk on the ham-net, I gather that it was caused by excess smoking ?? We hope he has a speedy recovery and expect to see him in the next NYC marathon!... A "just retired" note: **AL DANUFF** Film/Tape Editor. Enjoy it as much as the rest of us do. **WES PAULSON** (from Audio Video) hospitalized with a prostate problem. Some Saw Palmetto berry extract, extra zinc and some beta carotene might help if benign. Hope you get better soon Wes.. Saw **HORACE RUIZ** and **MURRAY VECCHIO** schmoozing at the 25 yr dinner. Both looked great... **MURIEL [MacPHERSON] KIRKPATRICK** writes on 40 year old TODAY stationary: Started at local station doing PR work [like pasting clippings in an NBC scrapbook for Schuyler Chapin who later became the head of the Met]. Then to Puerto Rico for a year where Ed Gardner was taping "Duffy's Tavern". Was the script girl, known to cast & crew as "Junior", Ed's name for me. Since the show wasn't renewed, came back to NY, and guess what show was being planned for a January opening ?? So I was a charter member of "TODAY" along with **ESTELLE PARSONS**, **Dave G**, **Jack Lescoulie**, AND **MARIE FINNEGAN**, who told me about Peacock North. I can hardly wait to see everyone again - am hoping that the original cameramen and engineers from the 50's will be at the reunion dinner (this letter written 12/18/91). They were all so wonderful to me... It was such fun being there and meet the stars and

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joke around with the TODAY people, play with J Fred Muggs, that it was not like really working. I discovered that after raising four children, going to college and becoming a teacher, that life is not always a breeze ! (We can hear the chorus of Amen's echoing from all the PN readers on that one) Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to you all!

Muriel M.

BOB JUNCOSA notes in his yearly newsletter to his friends and family from the Sierras in California. Says he seems to be suffering from a disaster to the waistline (retirement can do that to one), but in February a 4 month heart rehab program improved his lifestytle and lost 25 pounds. Hopes to lose some more. **BOBO BARTINIK** surprised him with a visit, and to celebrate they went to have fun in Reno, Nevada... Travelling seem to take up quite a bit of the letter. Visits included L.A., Reno, NYC, with a gourmet meal at **FLO & JIM SUNDERS**, with fond memories re-kindled, viewing Jim's vast library of vacation videos; **ALSO** a stop at **FORNO'S** a Spanish restaurant in Newark. Highly reccommends this one for good Spanish food... July sent **Diane and Bob** to the Far East. Tokyo, Bangkok, Singapore, then aboard a cruise ship for a cruise of the South China Sea, stopping off in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia, Brunel, Manila, Canton, China, and Hong Kong.. There is talk of "Dreaming about Greece" next.. Sorry this is only a short excerpt from his letter. - Diane & Bob seem to really enjoying life...

WALT WERNER (video) and **SOPHIE** (costuming) were up from Florida for a Christmas visit in Bergen County. His reward was a New York cold, but does want to say "Hi to all.".... **HONORABLE MENTION TO: ROY S. SILVER** and **HOWARD ATLAS** for continued support on articles for the newsletter.... **BUNNY** and **DON PIKE** send Christmas greetings from their "little farm" in Bushnell, Fla. where they spend the colder months, and then up to Pittsboro, N.C... Don plays (trumpet) in the Lake Sentinel Band, whose leader is a US Army Band director; Then in N.C., he plays with two musical groups, The Chapel Hill Symphony, and a 20 pc Jazz band... Don's been away from NBC for 12 years. Would like to know the where-abouts of Hank Bomberger, Cort Snell, Rudy Gebhart, Jack Coffey... Talked to **JACK (Spike) BURELL** in San Clemente, Calif. Jack was one of the early (1939) technical TV Pioneers, who with a handful of NBC lab guys conceived modern TV. Also Jack, as well as most lab men at the time, served in the Navy, pioneering TV systems for the Navy. (as did Hank Folkerts) Jack recalled the time when a TV director insisted on putting cameras on both sides of the track, over much objection of the tech crew. However the director soon learned from the watchers complaints about the horses running one way, then all of a sudden going the other way! Jack learned to fly after retirement and was in Africa having a ball - flying a Piper Cub-is 87 years old and sounds as bright as he was in the forties when we worked together. Spike gives his best regards to all of his co-workers.

NOW - For those whose names we didn't mention, aren't you sorry you did not report on your activities! Help us fill our columns !

Pge 8.



Annecr group with typical old radio pose (cupped hand over the ear)

But now is it cause they can't hear?
ONLY KIDDING ! L to R: Wayne Howell, Don Pardo, Dick Dudley, Arthur Gary, Roger Tuttle, seated - Vic Roby



Announcers, but this time with spouses.
P.S. Spouses are always welcome to PN affairs !
DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM !



Garth Dietrich --- Tom Smiley
at NBCFR Reunion in Florida



LARRY LOCKWOOD appeared last issue on the back page with a group shots with Dave Garroway. He saw my phone No. and called. We hadn't talked for 30 years. Larry was a T.D then. He left NBC in 1961 and periodically we would hear of his whereabouts. One of these times I was in Houston, covering a Gemini space launch and a long orbital flight, and he was very involved in Mission Control. He worked in Aerospace in the days of the Mercury program, then through Gemini and Apollo. His lengthy resume includes conceiving and development of the "frame synchronizer" or time base corrector, without which modern TV couldn't exist. He led the development of a 2,000 line tv system for use on the the Apollo program Flight simulator/trainers. He's on advisory committee on High Definition TV to the FCC and on and on. Very impressive! -- and Congratulations. Currently is President of TELE RESOURCES, a research and development consulting Co. in Virginia.



Larry Lockwood today



George Moyantcheff (circa 1941)
a Pearl Harbor vet

GEORGE MOYEANTCHEFF retired as an EJ news editor, paid a trip to Hawaii to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was a navy quartermaster and his active duty assignments included the attack on Iwo Jima and action against the Japanese navy in the Marianas from 1943 -45. (Guam, Saipan, and such, where your Editor also served in the Army Signal Corps).

George and wife Vera spent three weeks in Kauai, Maui and Oahu in a trip that was "meaningful to me and enlight-ening to my wife. I was disappointed in the transformation of Oahu (Honolulu) to the congested and over populated place that it is today. Kauai and Maui have escaped that, so far. But the islands are still a paradise and worth a visit."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

N.B.C. 25 Year Club Members Caught Celebrating by P.N. Cameras

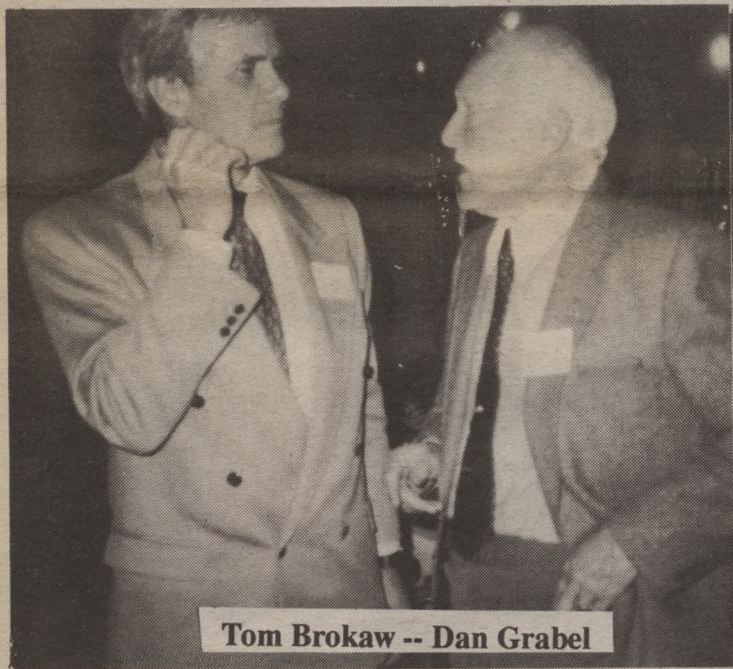
Pge 10.



Ted Nathanson -- Charley Tesser



John Trautwein -- Max Russell



Tom Brokaw -- Dan Grabel



Horace Ruiz -- Murray Vecchio,
RCA bldg lites bg



Bob (Moose) Daniels and



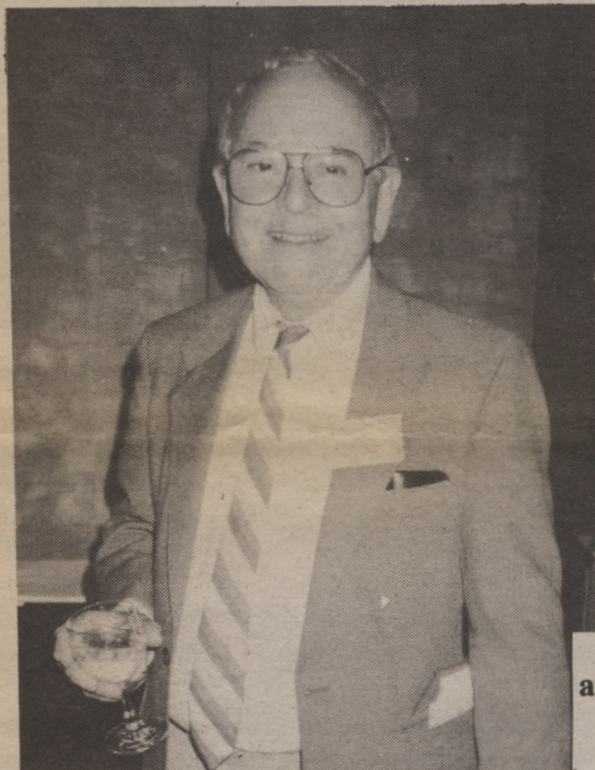
Dancing partners, Bob Davis-Gene Martin,
couldn't find a gal, so what the hey --



Phil Berge, Mahlon Fox, and Vice Kane talking audio, no doubt.



Fred Favant, star Mtce Gr6.
Bill Ahearn, great management fellow



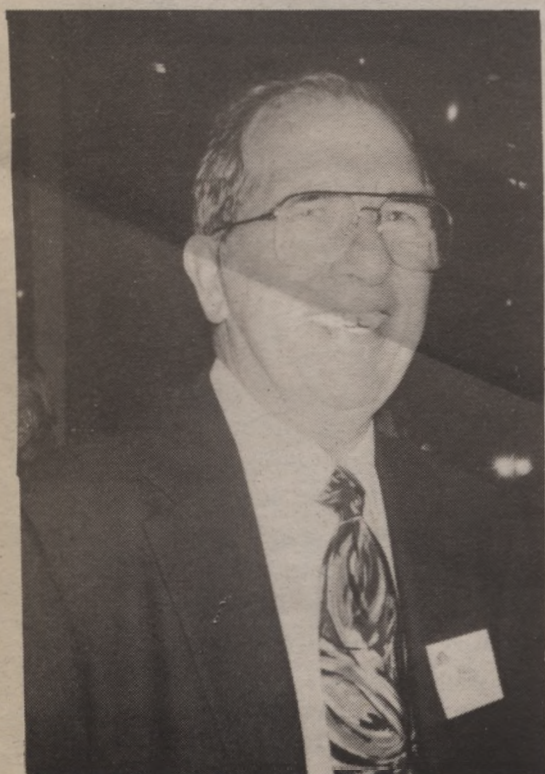
Retired T.D. Dan Zampino,
now Wall Street wizard.



Frank Schneider
and Mrs. -Marcia Kuyper Schneider doing
their jitterbug act.
They even brought their own band, see?



Randy Wands - Peter Tintle - Horace Ruiz



Paul Roeder from Electronic Mainten



Arnie Dick ----- Maurey Verschore
Video genius --- Lighting genius

P. N. Rotogravure

Late adds to 30 ROCK:

It wasn't much of a Happy New Year for eighteen NABET network news-writers, producers and editors, most of them women. The company laid them off as part of yet another "restructuring." NBC said it would be re-hiring ten of them, but two writers said that would be outside their former union jurisdiction. The company had offered triple severance as an enticement for resigning, but the retirees had to agree not to sue on the basis of age or sex discrimination. Apparently there were insufficient number of takers.. **Robert Wheelock**, TODAY senior producer moved to London as news bureau chief, replacing **Karen Curry** who came to N.Y.... **Linda Ellman**, the L.A. news producer of "A Closer Look", replaced **Mike Clancy** Infinity Broadcasting is buying WFAN the old NBC radio station from Emmis Broadcasting for \$70 -million. Emmis bought the station for \$26-million. The new owners hope they recoup and even make a buck by using **Don Imus** on their own network... The Daily News broadcast column says "beyond the icy blue eyes of **Mary Alice Williams** lives the passionate heart of a torch singer." Mary Alice did a singing bit on the Jonathan Schwarz WNEW-radio Christmas show.... News producer **Bill Wheatley** will have a busy 1992. He is in charge of political coverage.... **Jay Lenno** has selected the new band leader for the "Tonight" Show. He is **Brandford Marsalis**, a saxophonist, and probably will compose a new theme for the show. So, it will be a whole new look.... Which brings us to **Jack Paar**. He was at the N.Y. Museum of Broadcasting in December to revive memories of the days he was the first "Tonight" show host from 1857 - 62.... **John Palmer** will not be among the former "TODAY" newscasters on the Jan 14th anniversary show. Palmer, you'll recall, was replaced in March 1990. He turned down an invitation saying "This is a time to look forward." Palmer is working again, starting as anchor on "World Monitor" on Jan. 6.... And not invited, and not appearing, perhaps the second best-known personality from the old days, after Garroway, J. Fred Muggs. His owners, now living in Tampa, said J.Fred is alive and well. I don't see how they can do a 40th anniversary and overlook the chimps antics. He was as much an innovation as the early morning show itself.... Departing ABC News after a stay of 14 years, **Sander Vanocur**. Before switching, he was at NBC for 14 years.....

" **TODAY** " at 40. They'll be marking the "ruby" anniversary of the morning show that Pat Weaver conceived back in 1952 on January 14th. and it will give many a PN member a chance to revive memories, for certainly many of us worked the show.

I recall being a news writer working the overnight, 12:30 to 9am, with the 1st hours in the RCA bldg., and the concluding hours across the street in what was the RCA Exhibition Hall, adjacent to the Rock Center garage. Today, it's a bank. A cavalcade of celebrities marched through that place and after coffee in the "Green Room", downstairs, served by a chap named Major, they sat down for a chat with Dave Garroway, the midwesterner who adopted that Indian "sign" of an outstretched arm, palm open to denote friendship. And his accompanying one-word greeting, "Peace".

The other original cast included Jim Fleming, who will appear during the morning show, Jack Lescoulie, who passed on, J.Fred Muggs, the chimp, and possibly the "Today" weather girl, whose name eludes my memory. Frank Blair, who replaced Fleming after the first two years, is ailing in Hilton Head, South Carolina and will not be on the reprise.

Current "Today" show writer/producer Ms. Pat Herold told us some details of the two January 14th. shows. The regular morning show will be devoted to anniversary bits, including a taped interview with innovator Pat Weaver who dreamed up a show the critics then said could not last. "Who is going to get up at seven am to watch the tube?" Actress Estelle Parsons, who was a day-side feature writer, will go back to the scene with Herold, and walk through the old Exhibition Hall space to reminisce, and author, Jerry Greene who was a producer, will churn up other memories. Pat told me that she had a major chore locating old material, after all, who can store 40 years worth of "Today" memorabilia ? She was a kid in the 50s, living in Ohio, but recalls being a "Today" show viewer.

At 10 pm, some of the former hosts will join Bryant Gumble and Katie Couric and the current staff. They'll include Jane Pauley, Tom Brokaw, Barbara Walters and Hugh Downs.

Also for this glimpse of broadcast history, the researchers sought out viewers from the past. They sent out press releases to aid in the search, and had 800 phone numbers for callers. 1,000 people telephoned and some of them were interviewed. One woman recalled her husband was hospitalized in New York for a month, and she stood outside the window of the street level studio and waved to her kids back home. And then there was the dairy farmer who said he watched at dawn while milking his goats.

As I recall the 30th anniversary, and maybe the 20th, the nabobs invited all the staffers who had worked the show over the years for a post-show coffee-klatch. This time the Tavern on the Green bash will be for "names" only.

If you have any special memories of the Today show, how about PN running its own walk down memory lane ? Send along your memories to Pete Peterson and we'll compose the behind-the-scenes story of the Today show as recalled by engineers, announcers, production people and the writers.

Final thought, there aren't too many performers still at NBC who did a turn on the Today show. I recall Irving R. Levine often came up with reports from Moscow, and later, from Rome. Irv's a survivor and still doing his economic reports. And John Chancellor who reported out of London before he came a studio host. (along with Ed Newman), is still doing "Nightly" commentaries. Any others ? remind us..



La Maganette

Friday,
May 31,

Late PN PEOPLE addition:

AN UPDATE ON BILL McCORD story -

Announcer Bill McCord, now living in San Diego, tells Roy Silver an interesting story and perhaps a warning for all of us when we travel by air. McCord had flown to Florida to visit relatives and a week after he returned to the west coast, he suffered a "sudden and complete blackout", which put me in the hospital for two and a half weeks. I have slowly been recovering at home ever since. According to his doctor's "guess" as the cause, his "happening" occurs as a result of not walking around the plane during the long coast to coast flights. This caused a blood clot in his leg and it travelled into a lung and that, says McCord, "was almost fini for me". McCord and Silver worked together in NBC radio news.

BULL DOG CHET HAGEN "TAKES ISSUE" & SNAPS BACK

Pge 13.

In our November issue we commented on Ken Auletta's book about the tv industry, "Three Blind Mice", and how he suggested that actors, singers, jugglers and such ilk (well maybe I'm going off the deep end) would be ideal choices to host documentaries. We said personalities other than news correspondents did not usually do "docs" for the networks. But ouch! Former NBC producer Chet Hagen (Gulf Instant Specials, etc.) showed he had a better memory than we did and so he sat down at his typewriter to cut up The Editor. Ugh! ..and a photo too, Jimmy Stewart, to prove his point.

Dear Dan:

Found the November 1991 edition of Peacock North--shared by Jimmy Holton--fascinating, and it encouraged me to rummage through a long forgotten series of file folders. Initially, I have come up with three photos I think you might enjoy and share with your readers:



This is a photo taken during the evening of June 2, 1964, in a TV studio in Burbank. It is the day of the California presidential Primary and we are several hours away from "Instant Specials" coverage of that primary. The photo is unique because it shows the entire hierarchy responsible for the success of NBC News in those days: (Left to right, David Adams, Exec. VP; Bob Kintner, **The Boss**; Bill McAndrew, pres., NBC News; Julian Goodman, VP, NBC News.) The fellow in the shirtsleeves is ole Hagen, so attired because I was the "working" guy in this scene -- producer of the primary coverage. This coverage was part of THE CAMPAIGN AND THE CANDIDATES series. You may recall that the California primary this year was a showdown battle between Barry Goldwater and Nelson Rockefeller.

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Sending this photo was generated by the review of Ken Auletta's book *THREE BLIND MICE*, in which it is said that NBC Pres Bob Wright suggested using stars like Bill Cosby and Don Johnson as hosts on News documentaries. It is written in your review: "While that struck Auletta as inane, that kind of casting has been done quite a few times by independent producers for docs shown on non-network outlets." [[On left is Chet Hagan, at right is Jimmy Stewart.]]

What are you talking about? It was done numerous times during the hey-day of NBC News ! Examples from Hagan productions: "Tribute to a Patriot" (Salute to retiring President Eisenhower), narrated by Jimmy Stewart. (see photo), aired Jan. 10, 1961.... "The Good Ship Hope," filmed in Vietnam; anchored by Ralph Bellamy. Aired: Nov. 28, 1961... "Carney", hosted by fan-dancer Sally Rand; aired April 12, 1964 (Major audience for this). ... "Thoroughbred", documentary on horse racing, anchored by jockey Eddie Arcaro; aired Jan 22, 1967.... "American Profile: Our endangered Wildlife," hosted by Ed Dodd, creator of *Mark Trail*; aired Sept 29, 1967.

Additionally, a number of other producers used "stars" as narrators, as I recall it: Wasn't Charles Boyer the narrator of *The Louvre*. And didn't Omar Sharif narrate Louie Hazam's *The Nile* ?

Using non-news "names" as narrators of these specific documentaries - where the narrators were familiar with the subject, was no more dishonest (and probably less so) than what network news organizations are perpetuating today; i.e., using their news "anchors" to host weekly magazine shows, and suggesting the anchors actually participate. Bull ! Tom Brokaw hosting *"Expose"* and Dan Rather hosting "48 Hours" is a fraud ! They do stand-uppers to try to make the viewers believe they actually contributed to the coverage.

Soooo - - - is Jimmy Stewart talking about his hero, Dwight Eisenhower; or Charles Boyer talking about the Louvre; or Eddie Arcaro talking about race horses; or Ed Dodd (i.e. Mark Trail) talking about wildlife, etc, etc, a subversion of the news divisions producing documentaries ? Nonsense ! And I'd do it again if I were still producing.

I forgot one notable use of a "star" is a hosting role on a documentary: *American Profile: Music From The Land*, hosted by Eddie Arnold; aired Feb. 9, 1968. Eddy Arnold didn't belong as an authority on country music?? Brinkley or McGee or Chancellor would have been more valid hosts of that documentary. Get Real !!

Chet

**La Maganette Maxi-Lunch:
Friday, May 31, 1992**

P.N. Honors : The Maintenance Guys

Pge 15.

ARTHUR ANDERSON retired as a Electronic Maintenance engineer a few years ago and currently resides in North Carolina. His Ham call letters are KT4L, and can be heard on the NBC ham net on 20 meters, 14.223 quite often. Maintenance people aren't known to most of you, for they aren't in the front as are the cameramen or the tech crew. These guys (and gals) are the ones that work silently in the background keeping the plant running tip top, and quite often under terrific pressure when something goes afoul on the air. I remember a Saturday Nite Live Show where I faded in the opening Tape and the switcher failed. Yikes! and only an hour and 29 minutes to go. I went to the emergency switcher and the Mtce. group actually powered down the rest of the console and during the next commercial it was working and we went back to it. You haven't seen many of them so here are just a few of them. P.N. salutes the Maintenance group. I consider them truly great friends. [H.]



Arthur "Andy" Anderson-Walter Dibbins-Reggie Thomas (The Boss)



Andy - Lew Cancro (Art Kent b.g.)



Andy-Frank Martin "Dibbie" in b.g.



Jack Keegan-Andy-Bob Strub



Andy-Harold McDermott (Kent & Dibbie b.g.)



Frank Hensen (Official bartender)



[Another scene from Chet Hagan's files]... This too, is a unique photo. . . an NBC Radio Network correspondent broadcasting from the west coast (Burbank) during the 1956 elections. Why he was in this cavernous TV studio for a radio broadcast I do not recall. Oh yeah, the broadcaster is Ed Arnow... And it certainly is an odd photo.... Rumor has it that this studio is available for rent these days.... NBC Photo credits Elmer Holloway.

Ken's Korner Ken's Korner

Since 1991 was 50 years since Pearl Harbor, here is an incident about the part Radio played in the Allied victory.

During the war, many of the radio engineers from NBC, CBS, and independent radio stations were engaged in working in Psychological Warfare, a branch of the signal corps. Our primary stations were located in Algiers, North Africa. The military was under the command of Major Walter R Brown, known to us as "Brownie". (who just recently passed away in Florida at the age of 90.) The day to day ops were under the, Office of War Information, or O.W.I. Ken Cox was in charge of studio ops, on leave from WTOP, Wash. DC. We were dressed in kahki and like officers wore the O.W.I insignia in our collar tabs, and carried no arms, and carried rank of Captain and up.

As the war progressed from North Africa to Sicily and up into Northern Italy, it became evident that the Germans couldn't control the Italian population, their allies, but in truth their prisoners. From intelligence sources, our group learned that the Italian Navy in the Mediterranean was in bad shape, the Germans having taken everything with them, leaving an Italian Navy with shortages of food, ammunition and fuel.

At this time, a gentleman named Ed Pierce from WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio arrived in Algiers. This was the time for the Italian Navy to surrender, But how to get the message to their commanders to surrender, and on our terms ? I believe it was Ed Pierce, who suggested, "why not use 500 kc. the International Distress Frequency?". It's been a rule, that all the ships at sea, Navy or otherwise monitor this "spot on the dial" to give assistance to any ship in distress, for the Titanic used this frequency to send out its distress signals.

When the time came, the No. African transmitters, tied into a network, had several Italian announcers read the message to the Italians for I believe 24 hours, with 15 minute breaks. The Italian Navy was instructed to paint white crosses on their ships decks and sides, and were told not to scuttle their vessels; where the safe harbors were located.... A few days later, the assigned harbors began to report Italian ships popping up like mushrooms. The Port Captain of Algiers said that he had run out of dock space, and assigned the ships to anchor in the harbor.

Yes, Radio, the non-coms, capturing an entire Navy without firing a shot! To my knowledge, no one received a commendation, especially whoever came up with using the Int'l Distress Frequency. The information above, is as best as I remember it from 48 years ago.....KEN ARBER

Ken's

Korner

Silent Microphones

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P.N. Book Review

Frank Loughran, Nov. 22, 91, Sound Effects

Elwyn Allen, Nov. 91, Lighting Director

Walter Brown, Dec. 91, Radio Mice Chief, at age 90

Paul Freeman, Nov. 91, WNBC-TV, T.V. Director

*Robert Q. Lewis, Dec. 11, at age 71 in L.A. from
emphysema. Was perennial replacement for Radio & TV
hosts*

Thanks

From Heino Ripp

Pete has forwarded me many notes that you all have written to PN. I want to say **THANKS** for all the kind words of praise. It's nice to hear that someone appreciates my efforts to make the Newsletter special. I appreciate that, especially when it gets to be 3 in the morning, and the computer monitor is getting a bit blurry --(not from "Absolut" or some Estonian cheer). Of course, there's quite a lack of staff. Sometimes the computer gets cranky, or it just isn't good enough to do what I'd like it to, or the printer doesn't print the wanted font. I'm **thankful** that I now own that eqpt. At times my Swedish Princess gets grumpy at the time spent with "that" computer. I **THANK** her for continued patience.

THANKS that some folk are quite prolific with items, but I would like to hear from the ones who *haven't* written or think that what they do isn't *important* enough to write about. You'd be surprised how excited readers get by seeing a tiny note about some of their old time friends, or a worn photo of one of their epics they worked on, like freezing their butt operating a microwave unit on top of the capitol on inauguration day or covering a trombone player on top of the Triboro Bridge during a Wide Wide World orchestral piece.

We don't want to make the paper larger, for it all costs - (printing, photo processing, extra postage), so it may not appear in the next issue, but don't stop. **THANKS** for keeping the Ham Net active. I Would like each Ham to send me a photo at their rig. Don't be too bashful Bill Miller, Joe Kolb, Hank Folkerts, Ken Arber, Ed Wackernagle, Sam Roth, Marty Dennis, Ev Geiger, Arnie Proner, Mofie,-- You all, show the folks what Hams really are.....

THANKS to Gene Martin & Janice Reiter for typing material onto computer discs for me.

THANKS to Jose Cintron and his very helpful staff at the Redmond Press for teaching me the printing biz.

ON THE ROAD

Peacock North surely has no exclusive grip on nostalgia. And it's nice to know that sweet memories are sprinkled throughout the television industry. Now and then, of course, some veteran pulls out his files and comes up with a spicy recounting of personal experiences that include the truth about the "biggies". And how their private persona was as day to night from their public persona. But we leave that sort of stuff to Kitty Kelly, et al. For the sweet memories your editor enjoyed Charles Kuralt's latest book, his fourth, about life on the road, CBS-style.

NBC never had a correspondent with quite the carte-blanche privilege Kuralt had in roaming the nation to find the odds and loveable characters. As Kuralt tells it, "We did stories about wrestlers and jugglers and mountain climbers, traffic cops, tatoo artists, gandy dancers, sheep shearers, bagel makers, horseshoe players, rodeo riders".

When Roger Mudd suggested "You're a reporter, and there are important things going on in the world. It's time you came in from the cornfields."

Kuralt's reply, "I just laughed. Roger covered Congress, The Watergate hearings, and all sorts of history-making events. I covered musical saw players, church suppers and greased pig contests. I wouldn't have traded jobs with him for anything. Nobody in journalism had better jobs than Izzy (his cameraman) and Charlie (his sound man) and me."

Well, I'll bet most of us can come up with the same reply as Charlie Kuralt. The book's full title
A Life on the Road. Read it!

**Our Own Prez.
Frank DeRienzo
wishes you all
a terrific
Happy New Year**

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Yes, **THANKS** !... Until next time, *Heino*

**NBC Florida Retirees March
Reunion, Mar. 24 - 25, 1992**

Golden Oldies



CHARLIE SIEG [1st row, 2nd from R. end] sent us this photo.
See how many you can recognize mingled in with **CHET, REUVEN, GEORGE MURRAY, BILL HANRAHAN, LOIS MARINO, JACK IRVING** ETC.
Looks like set in 8H ??



Armstrong Circle Thearer Crew - 106th Street
I can see **Max Messing** (Irv Messing's dad) and **Irving-Silver(?)**, house electricians, **Sophie Werner, Don Shirley?**, scenic design, Standing on dolly camera, **Bill Stone, Red Trudell, Bill DeLannoy, Eddie John**, who visited me in Pa. house few years ago, **Walt Werner**..I recognize others, but the names haven't come to me.(40 yrs ago?)

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H-e-e-e-r-e's Pete

Pge 19.

1991 was a great fourth year for PEACOCK NORTH. All the "get togethers" worked out beautifully. The Mini-lunches were well attended, and our two big affairs, (La Maganette & Oktoberfest) were enthusiastically enjoyed by all attendees. NBC invited our group to attend the NBC 25 year event, and we did so in large numbers.

Our Newsletter is acclaimed by all. Many kind folks have called or written to say how much they enjoy taking time out from their busy retirements to catch up with their former selves, with thanks for all they find in the pages and pictures, of places, events and friends. We, (Rippy, Dan, Gene and I) have put the newsletter in a high priority spot in the agenda of things that PEACOCK NORTH attempts to do. We look forward to receiving articles and stories from our readers, so please try to think and write up some of those experiences you enjoyed back then. Send it in and let others enjoy them as well. Pictures are worth 999 words or more, send them in too.

We are looking forward in '92 to better health for all, a better economy for retirees, and great attendance at our affairs, which are really "FACE FEASTS". It's really exciting to look across a large room and see all those familiar faces, but how the memory fades, in trying to remember names!...Start out '92 with a pledge to yourself that you're going to show up somewhere sometime this year if you haven't done so yet. I'll be there to say Hi ! along with the rest of the PB gang. Til then, HAPPY NEW YEAR !...
73 and 88, Pete Peterson, CEO

RCA/NBC ALUMNI CLUB MEETS

The RCA/NBC ALUMNI CLUB -- held their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5th, 1991, at La Maganette in New York City. This group is just under 100 in number, meets monthly in N.Y.C. and has interesting speakers at their meetings. They often have group tours and welcome those of our group who may be interested to join in with them. They share some of the same concerns we do about RCA/GE. Call Pete for info to get in touch with them.

P.N. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL
2. SEND in your DUES for 1992 with coupon on last page
3. P.N. Mini Lunch at Picco Lissimo Tuesday, February 4, 1992
4. P.N. Mini Lunch at Picco Lissimo Tuesday April 7, 1992
5. La Maganette spring MAXI -LUNCH Sunday May 31, 1992
6. NBC FLORIDA RETIREES March Reunion March 24,25 - 1992
at Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando,
Contact Walt Vetter;407-286-2946

PEACOCK NORTH DUES: PAYABLE JAN. 1ST, 1992

Dues are due on Jan 1, 1992, and we'd appreciate it if you could mail it in now. Help us keep P.N. and the newsletter alive. Thanks.

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Stone, Marshall
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Turner, Thomas



From Our Photo Album

We couldn't get a photo of this year's 25 year inductees, but it did seem fitting to use this pix. HAROLD MILLER sent this photo, inductees of twenty five years ago. Try to place the face with these names. MARY ALCOMBRACK, RAY BARRETT, MORGAN BEATTY, ARTHUR COOPER, JAMES CONNOR, JAMES CRONLEY, HERBERT DeGROOT, FRANCIS DONNELLY, WALTER EHREGOTT, SYDNEY EIGES, HENRIETTA GRICE, JEAN HARDER, RAYMOND JOHNSON, EUGENE JUSTER, FRANK KOPCIENSKI, FRANK LOUGHRAN, AGNES LYNCH, STEWART MacGREGORY, CHARLES MAGNANO, WILLIAM McCARDELL, NEAL McCARROLL, LEFFERTS McCLELLAND, HAROLD MILLER, GEORGE NEUMANN, Jr., GERARY PETRY, JEAN SHATAKA, SIGMUND ULFIK, LESLIE VAUGHN, GEORGE VOSE, ED GUNDRUM, (JULIAN GOODMAN Pres, WALTER SCOTT

[Remember, sometimes all inductees aren't present for the photo for some had to work]

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