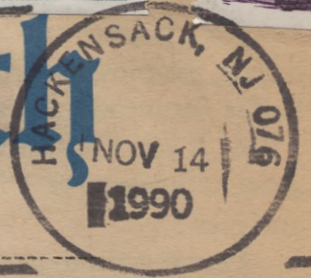
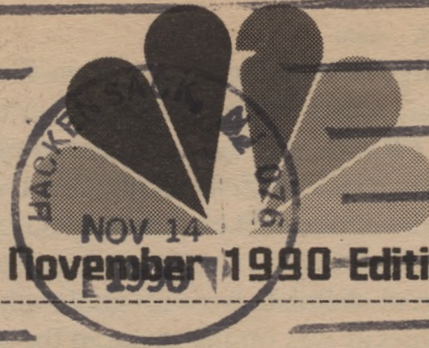




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Oktoberfest CROWD

ENJOYS REUNION IN NEW JERSEY

by Dan Grabel



DON PARDO (still going strong on News 4 and frequent voice-overs), writes "my first attendance at a PN get together and it is **UNBELIEVABLE !!!** So wonderful to see so many familiar faces from the "remember when" days. Some even before my first commercial dollar ! Guys like **PHIL FALCONE**, for one. Thanks **Pete Peterson** for keeping after me to attend. You're right. It's fun !"



Don Pardo-Pete Peterson

VIC ROBY (having made the trip over the Hudson) says "It's great to gather here is this western state and visit with old (!) friends. It will be good when PN meets in the East again".

Also at the announcer's table, spouse **KAI PARDO**, **WAYNE HOWELL** and the missus up from Florida, and **DICK DUDLEY** in from Willow Street, Pa.

Pardo asks his announcing chums, What's the difference between a rug, an egg and sex ? You can beat a rug, you can beat an egg, but you But Dudley is quick to add, "and you can lay an egg and lay a rug!"

IRENE & JACK KEEGAN have been travelling again. This time 3 1/2 weeks to Germany. Visited Cologne and its cathedral, East and West Berlin - and what a contrast. The West, clean and neat, new buildings.... cont'd Pge.2.



Nature provided a great day, PN members provided a great turnout, and the Ramada Inn on Route 3, Clifton, New Jersey provided a great spread to make the fall '90 brunch a huge success.

PN now has 430 members, and 130 of them, and spouses and friends, turned out for the gala event. It was a healthy looking, a smiling group, a happy group, so what else can you ask when you gather together with colleagues you've worked with for a quarter century and more ? And the memories and anecdotes flowed like champagne from the spigot (free of course).

The turnout for our seventh semi-annual reunion included a big crowd from engineering (they're the party-ing type), from administration, from announcing staff (the real story tellers) and even a few writers !

The gathering began at 11:30 AM and fortunately the football game at nearby Giant Stadium was at 4 PM, so the trip in was easy, even for PN-ers from New York. And returning home, if you had to go across the Hudson, it was easy to avoid the football mob.

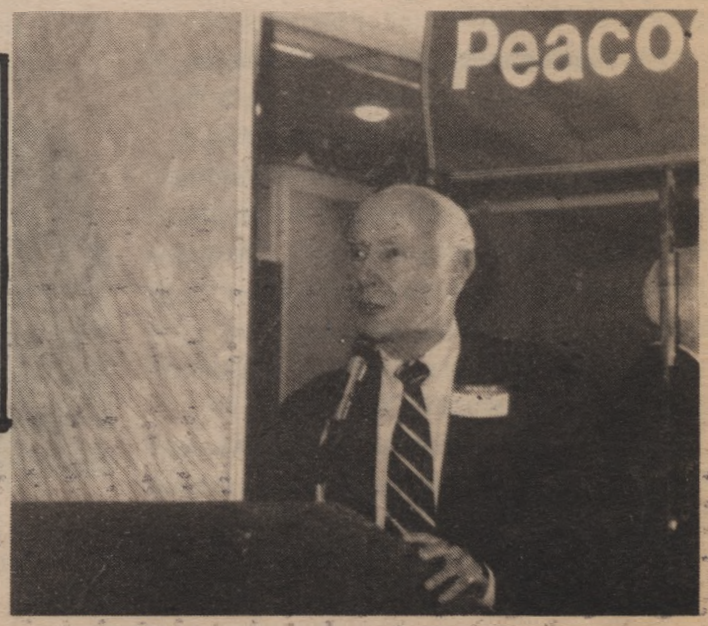
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Look for the
"SILVER FOX"

(WAYNE HOWELL),

Reminiscing
throughout
This NEWSLETTER

Guest Speaker:
DON MEANEY ----- >



Noshes were available immediately; bagels, pastries, fruit, coffee, etc. The buffet /brunch began at 12:15 and ran until 2 PM. If you could still put more food away, it resumed at 3:15 with more coffee and pies!

Pete Peterson, our vice president, our treasurer, our Major-domo and spark plug made the splendid arrangements and acted as host of the day. He reported on the "State of the Union." PN is still growing, and as the word goes out, we expect it will grow some more. (Ed note: PN started when the party-goers giving Pete a farewell bash from NBC decided they enjoyed each others company so much that we ought to get together socially on a regular basis.)

PN's President **Gene Martin** welcomed the crowd and asked them to let us all know what they're doing so we can fill the PN People column (page one) with the information.

Pete's announcements included these upcoming events: **February 12-13 the NBC Florida retirees will return to Port St. Lucie for a two day reunion (Tues-Wed).**

The Mini-lunches will resume at Picco Lissimo restaurant in Fort Lee, N.J. on Tuesday, Dec, 4th at 12:45 PM. . . Fifty one people showed up for the dutch treat mini-lunch there on July 5th.

NBC's 25 Year Club will hold its event at the Plaza Hotel on Thursday, December 6th, in the Grand Ballroom.

And PN, which had a big turnout last Spring at **La Maganette** restaurant on 50th Street and 3rd Ave, will return there **Sunday, April 28, 1991.** (Pete plans ahead).

The Speaker of the day was **Don Meaney**, former Vice President of News, and an NBC veteran of 38 years. Don's talk, "Perspectives and recollections."

In 1952, both NBC and CBS offered him a job and he came down from Boston not sure which he would join. NBC at Rockefeller Center looked imposing, and it had a garage ! . . . So he joined the 3-chime network.

H.V. Kaltenborn and **John Cameron Swayze** were the big network names, but more or less by accident. The more senior newscasters rejected the idea of switching from radio to that new-fangled television, so by default, they were assigned. Swayze, in fact, was told, switch or quit! He switched and went on to become a household name across America, On the Camel News Caravan.

Bill McAndrew was head of News (not yet President), **Len Allen** - cont'd next column

was in charge of creating its own news film, rather than purchasing it outside, and **REUVEN FRANK** was the producer when **Huntley** and **Brinkley** were teamed for the political conventions. Their fusion was like a mini atomic bomb on the news scene. That was real chemistry.

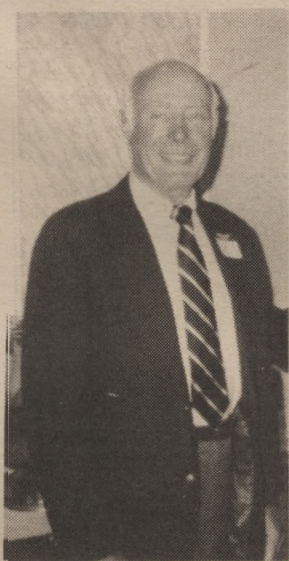
Don, luckily was on the scene at the right moment. He ended up with cream producing assignments including:

- 1959 following Khrushchev around America
- 1960 Eisenhower's 11-nation world tour
- Ike's South American tour
- and the Quadrennial political conventions. Overseas news film usually took 2 days to reach the states. Satellites were yet to be invented. The BBC did have its own "slow scan" television. It required six hours to transmit one minute of film, which went to kine recording, and I trust you all remember kinescopes, the recording system before videotapes.

While Don considered himself a catalyst, rather than a writer or producer, in 1962 he produced a documentary of the Viet Nam War, possibly the first doc of that war.

He recalled exploits with the Instant Specials produced by **CHET HAGAN**, and **BOB PRIAULX**, **MARION EISKAMP**, **JIM JOLTON**. And working with engineering's **LEN LUCAS** and Director **JIM KITCHELL** at Cape Canaveral. Also **DEXTER ALLEY** and **ROY NEAL** on those frequent space shots.

He recalls NBC President **BOB KINTNER** as the impetus for making NBC a news leader. (Kintner, of course, has been a newsman.) And other real pros including **GOERGE MEANEY**, **RAY LOCKHARDT**, **JOAN GIFFORD**, **BOB GALVIN**, **HEINO RIPP**, **JACK WEIR**, **SCOTTY CONNAL**, **BILL TREVARTHAN** and later, **MIKE SHERLOCK**.



Don Meaney jogged many a memory of the Golden Years, our years, and that is reason enough to make sure you make the next PN gathering.

The East still bearing signs of WWII. The Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, even got a piece of the Wall. Then on to Nuremburg, Regensburg and Munich, Great to travel, but always good to get home.

Sitting with Don Meaney and spouse, newsman **ED GOUGH**, who shows up occasionally as an extra in your favorite movie, freelancing as a news producer-writer. And **JOE MEHAN**, late of the U-N, who is doing teaching chores now.

The Kraft crew is proud to announce that **BOB HANNA** passed the California Bar exam on the first try. (Others are N.Y. and N.J.)

FLORENCE (O'GRADY) RING ins just back from a weeks cruise to Bermuda and still awaiting the return of her "land legs". If you haven't tried cruising yet, it's the best, most-relaxing vacation.

The **HERB OXMAN**'s are off to Paris to visit his wife's family and their grandchildren.

Missus **PAT DICK** and **NORMA GAETA** said they wouldn't dream of letting their spouses, **ARNIE** and **FRANK**, attend a PN gathering without them! (Hey! It's always a family show!)

HOWIE ATLAS just spent 10 days in downtown Kansas City. Says Howie, "This town is so deserted, you have to make an appointment to have an auto accident!"

Here's a real oldie: **BERNARD JACOBS** says he left NBC in 1958, been working at CBS for the past 25 years, and ran into **NANCY CUDLIPP** in Orangeburg, N.Y. She told him about the Octoberfest and he said he certainly ran into a lot of old, almost familiar faces at the brunch.

Til and **SCOTTY CONNAL** back for another brunch, driving in from Old Greenwich, Ct. Scotty packages sports programming for NBC and NFL football...Cleveland Browns. Oldest daughter **CHRIS** is in TAPE engineering, in N.Y., and has been for 16 years. Four of the other 8 Connal children are in TV, working with Scotty many times during the year. He has 3 grandchildren.

He's not Donald Trump, but **VINNIE GABRIELE** recently closed on the purchase of his second shopping center, this one in downtown Lindenhurst, Long Island. Can't find much time for the big boat, so he's selling it for a smaller one. He and his wife **SUE** have entertained visiting NBC'ers from the South, including **TERRI KARSON**, up from Melbourne to visit her grandchildren.

HAROLD MILLER (audio-video, engr.) sends best wishes to all. (Is that all you can say Harold? Obviously content at retirement!)

KEN and **JANE ARBER** split the summer between their home in Upper Saddle River, N.J. and their home at Ocean Beach, N.J.

They "do" winters at their condo in Boynton Beach, near their daughter and her family, including grandsons Ryan and Blair.

FRAN DeGENNARO, has left NBC, sort of. Still works there 2 days a week. Otherwise she's busy with volunteer activities with the Board of Education's School Reading Program. (But she didn't tell us what town).

CARL ROHRER made a trip to London in September. Stayed at a hotel across from Scotland Yard, and paid just 25 pounds, sterling, for a seat to "Miss Saigon." N.Y. tax might go for \$100., so he says the saving was enough to defray some cost of the trip! Biggest rip-off, says Carl, the show "Return to the Forbidden Planet," subtitled "Shakespeare's forgotten rock and roll musical". Turned out to be a bunch of mike stands on several platform levels. The cast, in space suits, doubled as musicians, when they weren't mouthing lines from "Romeo and you know who", and various non-appropriate Shakespeare plays. The songs were all from out of the past. Carl advises "Avoid this one at all costs!"

CLAY and **LOIS ACKERSON**, (Engineering, lastly terrific big boss of technical facilities for the political conventions for ex., and a gentleman) from Aberdeen, N.C., say they're enjoying retirement, and happy to see and visit with everyone at Peacock N. The garden and golf, and he does woodworking, year round.

A lot of folks seem to take their retirement in N.Carolina. Like **NICK** and **GLORIA RAWLUK**, (TV Tech ops) now of Chapel Hill. They marked their 40th anniversary with a trip to Arizona, including the Grand Canyon.

Another transplanted North Carolina retiree is **ROY NEAL** (who was not at the brunch).

DON and **KAY MULVANEY** (who spent his life sitting on a crane camera at NBC) spent their summer celebrating anniversaries: In Long Island for **JIM** and **MARY BLANEY**'s 40th, back to the Poconos for their Pastors 25th, and then the surprise, of a whole day celebrating their own 40th. That was cooked up by their children. They say they're happy to see Fall

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arrive, in order to relax and get ready for the ski season.

MARGE McGLYNN had to cancel her trip to Ireland, and instead made a trip to the hospital. All's well now, feeling great, and looking forward to still making that trip to "the Olde Sod".

JACK DURKIN (One of NBC's video greats), says "Mowed the lawn. Often. Feel great." ..(Hey Jack, if that's all you can tell us, You must have a fantastic lawn!) PS Jack lives in Effort, Pa.

GEORGE WASIELKE (Engr. tech ops) playing golf every chance he gets. Feeling Great. (another man of few words)

TONY NELLE (Another of NBC's video greats), is active with the US Power Squadron and club racing with the Keyport Yacht Club. [He saw Ripp's sailing pictures, and now can't get enough of sailing]

JIM SUNDER (a 3rd of NBC's video greats), provided the briefest info at the brunch note-taking. In its entirety, "Nothing + everything!" ..(Hey Jim, tnx a lump for all that info!) [PS Jim is the kind that goes for a weekend in Paris. (H).]

HELEN RACHEL NICOLE, fm the News Dept, where she worked with Jolly **Jim Jurist** and **Joe Cuniff** before departing in 1964 to have a child (now 24 yrs old). "Heard about your get-together while up in New Hampshire with **MARY McCARTHY**, **MARIE FINNEGAN**, **MARY STEINERT** and **FRAN DeGENNARO**. We were visiting **BOBBIE** and **ROGER MUIR** of "Howdy Doody" days. Helen says she lives five minutes from the Ramada and her son Thomas is the sous chef catering the PN party! Regards from all the girls!

FRANK and **MARIE DiRIENZO** say they now have a "Yankee Doodle Sweetheart, born on the Fourth of July!" She is Linnea Elsamak, and her mother is our daughter, Ariane.

FRANK and **LOIS VIERLING**, came back to N.J. from their home in the North woods up Maine, just for the brunch. They love it up there. Had a lunch date with **ART** and **DOT HOLUB**.

LENA SAMBATARO, at the brunch, "Never saw such a happy group. Keep it going." (We all remember and miss Sam, a wonderful guy and tireless volunteer for PN).

GARY and **DOROTHY IORIO**. "They say marriage the second time around is the best. With a 4th year anniversary coming up (Oct 24) we certainly are enjoying this time in life. But with marriage there is always a package. We now have 13 grandchildren from our eight children.

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This gives us a very hectic, yet wonderful life. We get away from it all when we spend five winter months in Florida".

Hawaii, Hawaii, everybody's going to Hawaii.

JERRY and **NANCY CUDLIPP** just returned from a vacation to the Hawaiian Islands, stopping off at San Francisco for a couple of days on the return. Weather: Perfect. Took 7 day cruise on the Independence, Luxurious, Pleasant. Saw the lava flow from volcano Haleakala as it moved out to sea 29 miles away! Our ship passed by this spectacular scene at night, presenting a most grandiose picture. The volcano has been erupting since 1985.

RICK CARO says "Enjoyed a great trip to Hawaii earlier this year. Having fun being my own boss as a financial planner and doing taxes and financial consulting. (Hey Rick, can "doing taxes" be fun?)

CATHY VUKOVICH (Religious pgms) says it all "Delighted to find so many friends here, from so long ago. Good food, good drink, but best of all, the reminisces of the wonderful years of pride in production." (Hey, what's that phrase... now out of the past - quality time! **ALAN**

SMILER is missing one of his parts, but that is not slowing him down. Says he's still going on that trip to Italy this Fall.

More on the move:

DORIS and **NORM GRUENFELDER** spend their time travelling and playing the organ for their own amusement.

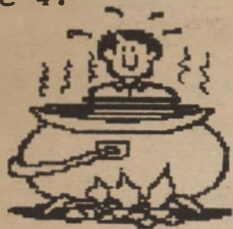
DOROTHY and **BILL DELANOY** (TV MCR) are moving their moves between Europe and Florida.

HERB and **MARY POLLAK** (audio/video) went to Hilversum, Holland for his 50th reunion of his high school class. Look for his article in this issue.

BOB STRUB (tv engineering) says he'll be retiring from ESPN in the near future. Sale of his home in Connecticut is holding up his departure. Met **JOE KOLB** at Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and discovered they are going to be neighbors.

DICK DUDLEY says there are some very nice places in Lancaster, Pa. where PN could throw its next bash! There's a lot to see and it would save me a lot of gas now that the oil prices are sky high! However, it's great to see the old gang, even Wayne Howell.

VINCE DiPIETRO, (cameraman, SNL ex) says that his wife **MARIE** is enjoying a return to a healthy, pain-free life thanks to the Life Extension Center in Connecticut. Vince says they have



MINI LUNCH MEMENTOS

51 PEACOCKERS turned out for the Summer Mini Lunch held recently at the Picco Lissimo restaurant in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Among the notables in attendance were **KEN ARBER** who said he never saw so many happy retirees and old friends at the restaurant. . .

JOHN RICE, who now lives in Cape May, N.J., says he's trying to settle down in one place long enough to "catch up on my mail" (or long enough to let the mail catch up to him). . . and **SUSAN** and **VINNIE GABRIELLE** of Merrick, NY who vowed to try to make every North and **FLORIDA** Retirees function, and so far, have succeeded. "It's great to see the familiar faces and a surprise to see some of the old timers who have just recently decided to join the group" they said. . .

LEE and **JUNE CARLTON** discussing their first meeting with PN contingency said "After spending the better part of my life with NBC, these friendships that have been made, will be forever cherished. Long may we flourish!". . .

VINCENT and **MARIE di PIETRO** commute between Westchester County, NY and Los Angeles, Ca. to visit their two sons (their ladies) and their first grandson. Grandson #2 resides in Manhattan with his parents. His father is **Tom DiPietro** currently employed at NBC in NY.

TONY NELLE says "sailing is my new life." and is involved with the U.S. Power Squadron, where he teaches sailing topics and full navigation. Tony belongs to the Keyport Yacht Club and has been first across the line in several races. . . **JACK**

DOLAN reports that in their spare time, he does wood working and his wife does folk art painting, and weather permitting, some gardening.

JIM BLANEY (looking good, by the way), reports he's still very active as a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. He has moved to a co-op apartment in Freeport, NY, and has recently purchased a home in Palm Harbor, Florida. [see Walt Balderson note in PN people].

My dad always said that
life is what happens to you
you while you're making
other plans.

ARNIE PRONER says he spends lot of time commuting between Hendersonville, NC and Westchester, NY. So far he says he has worn out 4 sets of tires, but doesn't mind as his wife always wanted to travel.

(See "Correction"). **ED PORES** (audio video) still peddling RF and microwave products as a manufacturers rep., told us he's very active with his hobby of Archeology and travels to South East Asia whenever he can, combining it with meeting local Ham radio operators wherever he goes.

MILTON POMERANTE, also an alumnus of Audio-Video, (Milt retired in Dec. 1988), says he's practising his hobby of gardening and just enjoying his leisure time. . .

HAROLD MILLER, former Allocations Engineer for NBC enjoyed old friends and observed the great reunion of the **four** musketeers of NBC TV -**AL MASONE**, **DOC POTTER-RAY DI PRIMA** and **NICK PONELLA** (Nick still in harness) as they recalled the good old (film) days. . .

ED GOUGH is now doing some acting in Films and commercials and is a video producer for the Port Authority of New Jersey. . and **DON BLAIR** (Radio Net) is involves with free-lance acting and announcing in Industrials, and is also active in Home Studio.

Not at luncheon but met **GENE WALDSTEIN** who told PN that **AL AEBIG** fm Engineering living in in Michigan, and has mended after an operation. His son, **Joe Aebig** is now working at NBC, currently doing audio on the Sixth Hour News, and he just got married. The best and much happiness to both.



PRES. WALT VETTER ANNOUNCES NBC FLORIDA RETIREES SPRING GET-TOGETHER

Wallter Vetter announced that the 1991 Spring Bash will be held On Feb. 12 & 13th. The early bird reception will be on the 12th at the Raddison Inn. Rooms have been set aside for \$ 55. a nite for a small suite. To make a reservation, call 1-800: 333-3333. You must mention affiliation with the NBC Florida Retirees to get that rate.

The Lunch banquet will be held on the 13th at the Club Med in Port St. Lucie.

For more info, call Walter at 407:286-2946.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS Dan Grabel WRINKLED SKIN = WEAKENED BRAIN

As America continues to turn gray, or in my case, white, we seem to see more and more information on the continuing abilities of senior citizen. Abilities such as memory.

Forget all those jokes about the memory ability disappearing just before the sex drive does the same. We have several types of memory, and while the "episodic" recall is apt to weaken, (according to a NY Times Science section story) the other memory faculties hold strong despite age.

"Semantic" memory, for one, which is used to store knowledge and facts, sharpens with age.

This means you can teach an old dog new tricks, and is one good reason not to discard the older worker. The older you are, the more information you have stored, and the more you can retrieve for use to solve a problem. (Of course, a downsizing corporation still wants employees with smaller paychecks, shorter vacations and smaller healthcare bills).

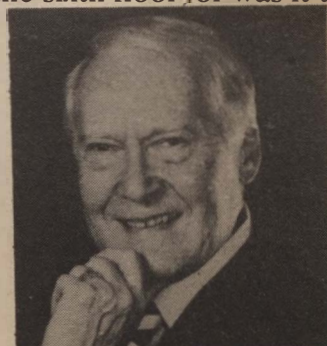
Yes, we forget names, phone numbers, birthdays, but if we didn,t forget some information, think how cluttered our minds would be. On the other hand, that would improve our performance when playing Trivial Pursuit.

One memory expert, Kenneth Higby, Ph.D., says so-called "photographic memories", are really a result of one's powerful application of learned memory techniques. They call it "mnemonmic" techniques, which takes abstract material and makes it concrete, so you can remember it. The mnemonic system uses rhymes, patterns and associations to impose meaning on material that is not inherently meaningful, according to Higby. One simplistic example he offers: you want to recall *education*, abstract, so you concentrate on *schoolhouse* which is a concrete thing, a visual image that is easier to remember.

Writer Marlene Rudnick summed it up this way, "It's never too late to learn and the ability to learn has nothing to do with age. Ability can not be measured in years".

Okay, case closed. You're still out of a job, retired, but you can remember whats-his-name, who worked in the er,er, department on the sixth floor ,or was it the ninth ?

Dan Grabel-->



N B C 20 METER HAM RADIO NETWORK

Just before 10 am every weekday morning, NBC Hams turn on their shortwave transceivers and meet on 14.242 megahertz to schmooze and "rag chew" with each other. **TONY ROKOZ** pictured below at his high

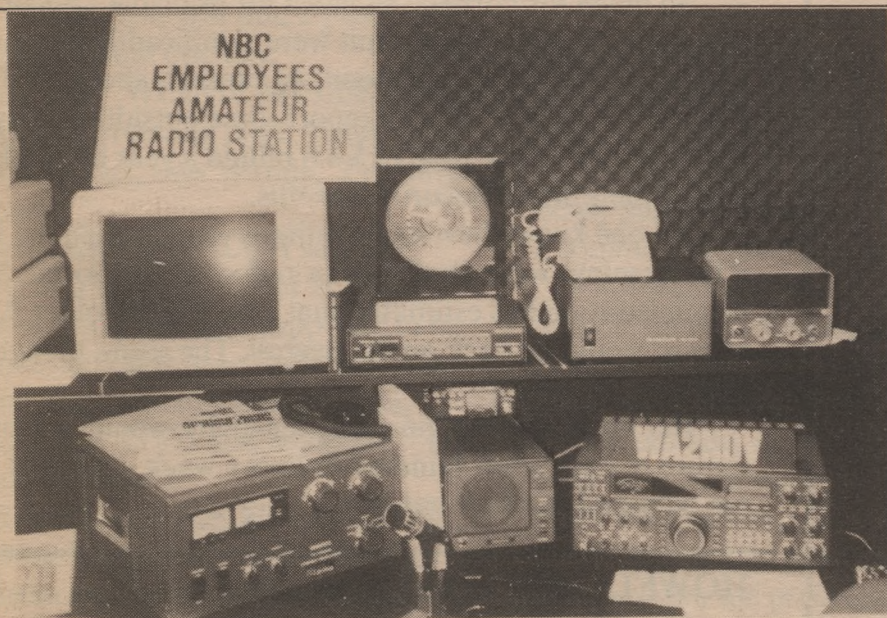


power transmitter position, is the **NET CONTROL** and coordinates the conversations between the hams. Being somewhat centrally located in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Tony can usually hear everyone from his mile high location, and many times relays the conversations to the participating Retirees when they can't hear each other, their homes being located all over the U S. The 20 meter band, for those who aren't familiar with radio

propagations, is a section of the spectrum that lends itself to long range communications. Send Hank Folkerts a dollar, and you will receive a roster of the NBC hams. Hank's at
1942 SE Erwin Road,
Port St. Lucie, Florida.

MEANWHILE HERE IN NEW YORK --

Last issue, we had a photo of the Burbank's Amateur radio station. Here below is a photo of the station



equipment, taken by Russ Ross, NBC NY T.D.
NBC bought the gear sparked by Frank Garafalo, the Engineering exec.

**Hurley's - the nbc annex
at 6th & 49th.** →

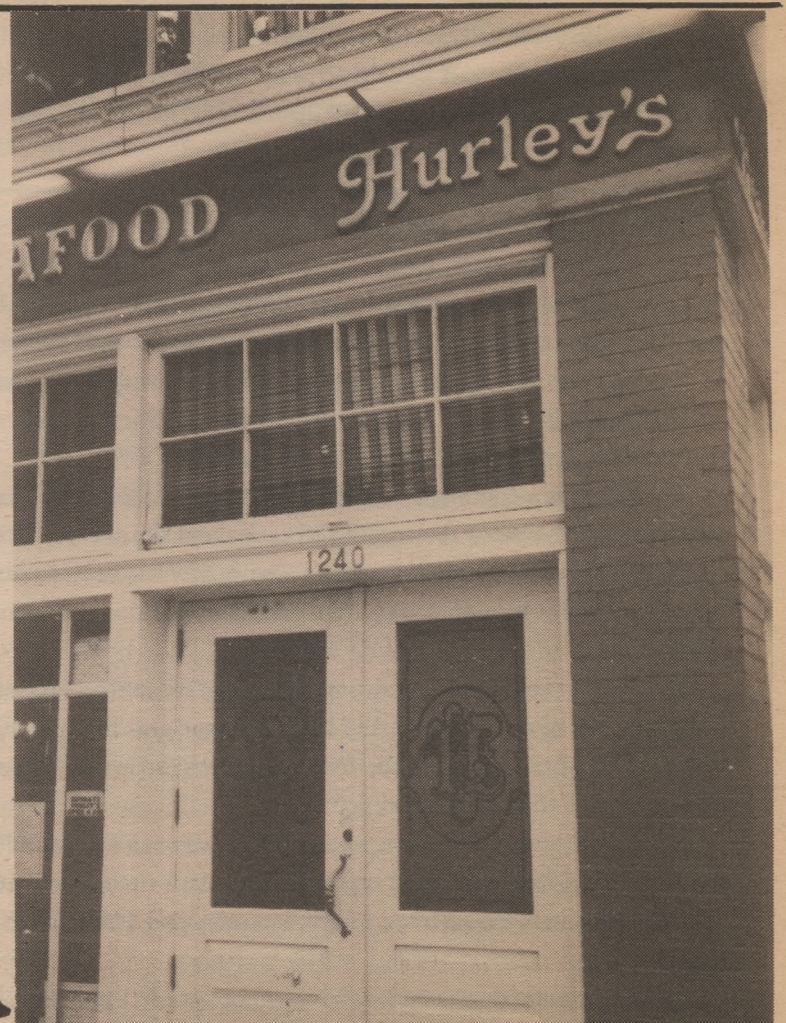
SOME REMINISCING FROM WAYNE HOWELL

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Boy what Television did to Studio 8H ! It was a beautiful radio studio with hundreds of padded chairs; a large stage and a very tasteful decor. **Arturo Toscanini** led the NBC Symphony Orchestra there. **Don Gillis** and **Eddie Dunham** (remember him?) were both in the control room and I loved watching rehearsals. Arturo's assistant kept a bag of cheap pocket watches and gave one to the Maestro each rehearsal. When he got furious, which was every time, he would yell at the musicians and smash his pocket watch on the podium music stand. I can still hear him screaming "Testa di asano, que cosa fa ? Whad you play, -waltz ? and smash ! It was colorful, and his eccentricity didn't cost much.

Studio 8H also housed **Al Jolson**, **The Telephone Hour**, **Firestone** and many other shows. And look at it now -a large, cluttered barn. By the way, **Don Gillis**, the producer, was also a composer. My favorite title of his, was "The January, February March". (He also wrote "Symphony Nr. 5 1/2", which Toscaninni recorded. -H.) Don and I did a program for public TV -" Arts in Advertising ".He was delightful - but no more.

When Studio 8H became television, "**Your Hit Parade**" was performed there, live, with **Dorothy Collins**, **Giselle MacKenzie**, and others. Because it was live, the women changed clothes during the show behind a flat. Now, there is a large air conditioning duct on the ninth floor overlooking the area in which they dressed and undressed. If one looked through the duct, one could see *Giselle and Dorothy and others almost in their birthday suits*. Naturally, I never looked, but many of those evil, dirty minded engineers and technicians did. Can you imagine that ? ?



Below is maintenance engineer Tom Marrin, left and Russ Ross, NK2Z at right.



Russ also was kind enough to take the shots of the studio used for Nightly News with the Robot cameras, and the audio board, 3B control room [Today show], and the controls for the robot which the video man operates.



Last but not least, Russ thought you all might like a little deja vu. like a little deja vu. - a photo of Patty, the bartender at Hurleys. Bring back a lot of fond memories.? ? Thanks, Russ, and Frank and Tom.

DON'T WORRY...BE HAPPY!

That sing-along slogan may be good for retirees, but not for those still on the job, according to a recent business news report in the NY Times.

Quoting one management recruitment firm officer, "Stress used to be noticeable around age 55, but now we find it at earlier and earlier ages, and that pressure on employees comes from employers."

This stress is a complete turnabout from what sociologists were sprouting back in the "80's", when they predicted easier and shorter work days because of technology. Maybe even a 3-day week. The reality has been the exact opposite for managers, for example, who are working an additional 20 percent of their usual hours.

The "merge and purge" syndrome is blamed for much of the stress, with companies being restructured, and layers of managers being eliminated (as well as many of the troops in the trenches, which the article made no reference to, since it was about managers.)

The report also said there is a correlation between income and stress, with those earning \$50,000 or more reporting less stress than those with small incomes. Also, women suffered more than men, and whites more than minorities.

So, if your main decision, dear PN member is...do I play Tennis or Golf today? you can sing, "DON'T WORRY - BE HAPPY"!

Jack Van Buskirk

In the summer edition of "PEACOCK NORTH" we ran a short article entitled "If You're on Social Security, Is it Worth Working?" As a follow up to that story we thought you would be interested in a recent piece written by a syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick, in which he writes to **stop punishing the over-60 crowd.** "It is probably too late to influence the pending agreement on the federal budget, but here goes:

By one simple act, Congress could strike a blow to fairness, sound principle, and higher revenues. **Congress could repeal or reduce the punishment now imposed upon old folks for the intolerable sin of working.**

The system has been in operation since Social Security began, but it is ridiculous all the same. It violates a fundamental principle of the American ethic -the principle that honest work is a benefit to society.

Here is how the system works. Suppose you are between 62 and 64 years of age, and that you have begun to receive the retirement benefits under the Social Security system. Suppose further, that an opportunity comes along to return to work you find interesting and productive. Prepare to be walloped. Your Social Security benefits will be reduced by 50 cents for every dollar earns above \$ 6,840 this year. **That is a higher marginal tax rate than a millionaire pays.**

If you are between 65 and 69, and you commit the unspeakable folly of actually working, the penalty is 33 cents for every dollar of benefits once earnings pass \$ 9,360.

This is crazy ! In theory, Social Security is a form of insurance backed by a trust fund. If the theory is to be believed, **Social Security benefits should be paid as a matter of contractual right.** Benefits may be subject to income tax, but they ought not to be subject to penalty for personal behavior.

The unfairness is manifest. Specifically : Those workers in the very lowest income brackets may be hit by a marginal tax rate of 41 percent. At a bit higher level, the marginal rate is 59 percent. At the highest income levels, the rate is a confiscatory 90 percent. There is no way this can be justified !

So much for fairness; so much for principle. According to one study, if the earnings limit were significantly increased, the treasury would come out ahead. At present, about 750,000 retired workers between 65 and 69 report some outside earnings. They are penalized to the tune of \$ 4.8 billion a year by withholding part of their Social Security Benefits.

No one knows how many retirees would rejoin the labor force if the earnings were abolished or reduced. The Social Security Administration has estimated that only 170,000 older Americans , at most would be back on the payroll. The study, though, put the figure at 700,000.

But many retirees, bored by inactivity, would welcome a chance to earn a few hundred dollars a week -provided they were not punished for their industry."

HOWELL #10 Back to 6B. We did "Say When" there with Art James and six models. I was the announcer and also "Aunt Hettie". I wore the same outfit that Carson wore later. There were even Aunt Hettie fan clubs. I really looked like an old woman. I am, I am. Six models and one dressing room. It was on the honor system. I got six demerits each show.(another old warm up joke).... (Wayne, thanks for taking the time to send in these reminiscences. I know you have jostled some of those who also were there at the time. Ah yes, memories. P.N

an amazing new way to better living through nutrition and bio chemistry. (See "Your Health" in this issue)

HARRY MUSSELMAN (TV Mtce) is enjoying retirement in Forked River, N.J. His hobby is ham radio and he enjoys hearing from all of the fellows he used to work with. He belongs to a few clubs (didn't tell us which) and travels a little. (He didn't tell us where).

JOHN LOUGH (tv mtce) is living in Cape Cod in the house he designed and built while he was at ABC. Daughter Pamela is a senior at Mt. Holyoke college, studying Planetary Sciences and Geology. He has a great memories working the Tonight show at 67th Street. (See John's "Food for thought: Lightning" in this issue).

JOHN and ALLISON RUE are not quite sure about their permanent abode. Some times its Upper Saddle River, sometimes Tarpon Springs, Fl. sometimes Cape May. John suggests we "stay tuned."

GENE FRISCH (chyron) still involved in Yonkers politics, using his MacIntosh computer to compose rabble-rousing literature. Also working for local civic group, and helped negotiate an oil-buying contract for 85 members of a local homeowners co-op. Says he got the lowest price in Westchester !

ROD RODAMISTA spending a lot of time putting together a production team to produce a series in Europe, as are quite a few other people. During the summer 2 associates developed a game show titled "Photo Finish", and with them he produced as pilot for NBC, where it now lies on a shelf. Hopefully it will find a place on the network schedule one day.

Dog days: **WINNIE MULLEN** is still showing and breeding pugs. Takes all of her time. In fact, says Winnie, "I've never been busier."

Newsman **ED GOUGH** says he's working as a video producer at the Port Authority and while he's supposed to be freelance, he's at it practically full time. "Also an actor and member of SAG, AFTRA, EQUITY... and available !" (Or "has tux, will travel."

GLADYS and JOE KOLB "driving along Blue Ridge Parkway in Va. , we stopped at a winery, and at the sales counter I spotted a guy who looked a lot like **BOB STRUB** whom I hadn't seen in 10 years. It was ! Bob is building a house about 50 miles from us in Basset, Va. I told him about the brunch, and he's here. Also saw **JOE GILLIGAN** and

his wife Madalyn at their mountain retreat in New Hampshire and also visited **ARNIE** and **BARBARA RAND** at their lake home in Maine. We then went North to Canada for four weeks. In January we will be off to Mexico for 7 weeks with the Air Stream Recreation Assn. caravan.

DAN GRABEL made his 3rd trip to Florida this year, the last time , for his mothers 99th birthday. But wife Pat is the real traveller. With a British niece, she made a 30,000 mile, 7 week trip around the world to places like Thailand, Australia, Hawaii, and the Amazon rain forest of Brazil where she slept in a jungle hammock and caught and ate 4 piranha, the man eating fish !

HEINO RIPP and **GENE MARTIN** are currently working on some dramatic shows for Nederlander's One Act Play series for G.M. to be aired on A & E Network, as they did last year. Both freelance as things come along during the year, 10 days in Montreal doing "Just for laughs" for Showtime for ex. Ripp has sold his Penna. round lake house, as well as the West Caldwell hacienda, and bought a more spacious home in Jefferson Township, near Sparta with the proceeds. The Ham transceiver is being repaired, an antenna is going up, and hopefully soon, W2IDE [ex w2wwf, and W1wff] will be back on the air.

Also, am pleased to see good reaction to the "new look" of the newsletter which my new computer, and new Hewlett Packard laser printer has made possible.

Read **JOHN WARD'S** account of his 15,000 mile sojourn in a VW camper from Florida to Alaska in this issue. Please send your stories, photos and news to fill up the PN People column.

JOHN CHANCELLOR has written a newly published book - Peril and Promise, a commentary on America.

Millicent and Morty Aronoff spent part of their summer visiting children and grand children in Colorado Springs. They took their brood to see Santa Claus at North Pole, Colorado, in July, so old St. Nick must have been warm under the whiskers. Their son Andrew, who lives in Paris, flew to NY for his engagement party. Mort, who tried to solve the problems of many NBC-er while working through the Health Office with Hank Heustis, has been fighting a prostate problem, but fortunately it was in remission at last report. Nevertheless, they're on the move in Nov., to Denver, San Fran, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia !

BUDDY SHADEL (Gr.6 Vid Tape) spent part of his summer in Cape Cod, then since he was well rested decided to go visit daughter in San Diego. Last year he came back with a cast and steel pins in the leg from playing baseball with the grand-kids; this year he sat by and watched while the kids played. (Never too old to get smart !)

AL MASONE spent one of their summer weekends with **HELEN** and **RAY DIPRIMA** at a Catskill resort... The DiPrimas say they enjoyed a lot of min-hols during the summer in the Catskills and Long Island, topped off by a visit from their Californian daughter.

MILDRED DOLAN spent some time with their daughter up in Lake George and were happy to have a visit from their son John, who now is a Merchant Marine Captain. He had just made 3 trips to the Mediterranean before the Iraqi business, so we can guess where he is now**GEORGE PETERS** is doing a bit of personal brain-storming this fall, attending Bergen Community College.

ANDY GARRY and spouse and **FRED FAVANT** and missus were off to Ireland in October. A post card, mailed from Eire testified to that. He says *weather not so good, still havin' a good time.* Watched Tom Brokaw at 11:30 PM in Dublin. - Never saw so many cows and sheep in my life. (what does that have to do with Brokaw) Anyway hello to all.

NANCY and **JERRY CUDLIPP** back from Boulder, Colo. to visit relatives. First time they'd visited in 20 years. (sound familiar ? One has to retire to see family !)

Producer/Director **DON LUFTIG** has fully recovered from double bypass surgery and celebrated with his wife Sandy by spending a month in Paris. Don keeps busy doing commercials and he's writing a book...

Former film/EJ editor **GEORGE MOYANTCHEFF** moved from Westchester to Connecticut after retirement and we are intrigued by his address in the town of **Killingworth. It's Roast Meat Hill Road !**

Former Washington bureau staffer Susan Peterson is the president and moving force behind Susan Peterson Productions. She's involved with meet-the-press training for execs who may be facing the cameras or congressional probe. Susan tells 'em: keep your text simple, and short, deliver it rather than read it, when under stress, take a breath, make eye contact with the listeners, look alert, and keep your sense of humor. Her newsletter is always informative.

Many of the staffers had been to Cape Kennedy and THE SPACE CENTER in HOUSTON, and I for one will never forget some of those events. At one point in the Space Shots, I was assigned to Houston. We worked hard, 12 hours on, 12 hours off for the many days the astronauts were in orbit. Chet Huntley and David Brinkley were the anchors. Once the astros had all landed safely and on the way home, that eve a spontaneous party broke out at the pool of the Crest Hotel. Most all of us were there. I remember it well, for Dave Wilson played the piano, that Chet commandeered from the night club and rolled out to the pool. [I played the bass fiddle]. Lots of people went home with soaked clothes and ruined wrist watches that night. Thought you might like to relive that night if "YOU WERE THERE.", Heino

HOUSTON POST JUNE 9, 1965 Chet Huntley's Swinging Soiree

NBC Folk Dunked at Pool Party

By BILL ROBERTS
Post Columnist

The second biggest splash-down of the Gemini 4 flight came Monday night at the Crest Hotel at NASA when celebrating NBC stars and staffers led by Chet Huntley threw some 20 persons fully clothed into the swimming pool during a party that lasted until the wee hours.

Some of the participants in the gay soiree to wind up days of hard work during the Gemini flight were so enthusiastic they didn't have to be thrown into the pool. They just jumped in, clothes and all, and paddled around.

THE ESTIMATES on how many people were doused in the pool vary. Mel Johnson, manager of the Crest, said he thought it was "only four or five."

Tonie Renee, who is currently singing in Club Seville at the Crest, estimated the number who went in at "about 23 or 24."

Huntley apparently was the ringleader of the impromptu party, which was described by one happy NBC staffer as a "Now It's Over Party."

Actually, most of the participants didn't know what they were celebrating. The party apparently got started when a small group of NBC people gathered around the pool to wish a happy birthday to NBC commentator Ray Scherer, complete with birthday cake. From just a few, the party grew and grew until soon all of NBC's 150 staffers at NASA were congregated and having a swing-

ing time.

"IT WAS CERTAINLY enjoyed by all," said Johnson, who was asleep when he got word that something unusual was going on at his hotel.

"I've been up night and day, you know," Johnson said. "Seventeen or 18 hours a day and at 9:30 I was sound asleep last night when a cocktail waitress called me and said, 'Mr Johnson, Chet Huntley and some other men have rolled the piano out by the pool.' I said, 'Well, have they pushed it in yet?' She said, 'No, sir.' So I said, 'All right. Don't let them push it in. I'll be over there in a minute.' So I put some clothes on and came over."

Johnson had to stop a second to laugh as he remembered the party.

"I hadn't met Chet Huntley yet," he continued, "so I walked up to him and said, 'Chet Huntley? As one host to another I think it's time we met. I understand you are the instigator of this.'"

"HE SAID, 'Well, yes sir, I guess I am, Mel.'"

"So they moved the band out of the club, too, and there was nothing I could do. They had already thrown several people in the pool and several of them were swimming with all their clothes on. It was a pretty good party, so I hung around until about midnight. Then I told Chet, 'You are on your own, host. I'm going to bed.'"

"And he said, 'Mel, you are the best damn host I ever saw.' He had the most beautiful glow on. It was one of the



TONIE RENEE
Declined Swim

happiest parties I ever saw." Johnson said Huntley never got tossed into the pool.

"I THINK HE got cautious and stayed away from it," Johnson said.

Scherer, whose birthday started it all, also stayed away from the edge of the pool. Johnson said that David Brinkley was not at the party.

Tonie Renee said she was singing to about 30 people in the club when suddenly "Huntley and two engineers came in and got the piano and pushed it out by the pool. Then they came back and got the other instruments. We finally went out and joined them."

"They were throwing a lot of people in the pool. Once, Huntley and two men approached me and said they

were going to throw me in, but I told them that if they did it would cost them \$150 because it would ruin my clothes. I think some 23 or 24 people were in the pool during the evening. All with their clothes on."

JOHNSON SAID a lot of the NBC folks took over the instruments, including a fine saxophone player.

"It was some party," he said. "I don't know exactly what time it broke up. I don't think they know either. I don't

think they quit until about 4:30 AM."

Johnson said the party had about \$250 worth of hors d'oeuvres, and he didn't know how big the booze tab was. Another person estimated the big party consumed about \$1,000 worth of drinks.

Huntley left town early Tuesday morning, as did a great many of the NBC staffers.

"I served an awful lot of tomato juice Tuesday morning," Johnson said.

WAYNE HOWELL # 6.

One of my favorite comedy shows was "Ethel and Albert". I started with it on radio and then did it on TV. Ethel, (Peg somebody, my memory is gone) wrote the shows and she was excellent. I used to drive her home in Manhasset. I lived in Oyster Bay Cove, One night she said that next week the show was set in the interior of an airplane but she needed a star sitting in the plane so that she and Albert could play off him. Well, luckily, I was drinking with Trevor Howard (the English actor) and conned him into going to the studio and sitting in the plane. He was stoned, but that didn't matter. The episode was very funny. We did the shows at the Hudson theater and then at ABC. I was allowed to do it there too. They were funny.

P.N.ers GO VISITING



DON PIKE, CLAY ACKERSON, JERRY CARUSO

LOIS ACKERSON, BUNNY PIKE, JERRY CARUSO

WALTER [Baldy] BALDERSON [Tv tech ops, latest in Video tape] writes with his PN dues from Lake St. George, Fla. saying in retrospect, "we were a family at NBC". There's a number of NBC retirees in this area, **Joe Linden, Mike Madigan, Stan Bashan, Mike Rosar, John Rice, Sherwin Sharon, Al Vitucci, Bob Lindenman, Bob Hill and Jim Blaney** [as of Sept.] -Walt wonders whether he should have said **FATHER Blaney**, since Jim is now part of the Catholic religious order. So far as Walt knows they're all well and happy. He keeps in touch with his tape co-workers **George Kiyak, Ron Bruno and John Olezewski**. It's nice that Walt has old friends now living in the area, besides **Diane & Bob Juncosa** dropped in, stayed 3 days; **Chris & Dottie Sanis** visited in Jan., **John Rice** came for dinner or two and **Jerry Haggard** a former NY NBC video tape editor stayed for 3 days. Walt notes that he's not a golfer, but he does enter tournaments, in Bridge. Plays 5 days a week, has played in Las Vegas, Tampa, Jacksonville and Atlanta. For exercise he plays tennis 3 times a week. He makes a few trips a year, this year to Las Vegas, Elmira, New York and Virginia, Vegas in Sept. NYC and Los Angeles are on the docket for next year. [PN is happy someone is really enjoying his retirement]. Last but not least, "Baldy" wants to make sure that we say **Hello to all the folks up there**.

BRUCE BERQUIST [TD Chicago] is trying to learn golf thirty years too late. Says in the meantime, he's mastering the art of raking pine straw. Nobody warned him! Also wants to be remembered to all his "field buddies" Now lives in Florida.

A note from **CARLOS CLARK** [from radio, then TV TD] "Enjoyed the Newsletter immensely.. it's great to hear what's going on in the outside world. Am having trouble with my legs and trying to get around is difficult. Fell the other night - no broken bones so far". Carlos sent a local paper article on **WALTER DIBBINS**. Dibbie still into boating, teaching safety for the US Power Squadron

Well NBC retirees are making up for lost time. **JIM SMART** [TV field audio] wasn't on the air on NBC Retiree Ham net for a while, so a post card explains: Jim's son is with United Airlines, making 3 trips a month from Newark to Tokyo. He gets a pass once a year for parents - so Jim and wife Mae went to Hong Kong, Beijing and Xiaon, China, going via Seattle and returning via San Fran. Says he enjoyed the trip very much, but worried the whole time about not having any medical insurance while overseas. Tells Hams that he saw no

Kenwoods or ham gear in Hong Kong or China. Sends regards to all up "Nawth" and is looking forward to attending PN's get-together's.

CAL SHADWELL [tech ops camera, tech super] post cards from Coplumbia South Carolina after visiting daughter and her family in Schenectady. Cal spends his retirement having fun. Spouse Becky and Cal "Round Dance", he still sings Barber Shop-after 28 years. Cal became a "Master Gardener" in '88; goes to Clemson one day a week to answer gardening questions that are phoned in. Another day a week, works with the Horticultural Dept. of the Riverbanks Zoo, planting, weeding, pruning etc. trying to keep it among the top 10 in the nation. Once in a while he visits his Myrtle Beach place, also visits to their son in Knoxville, Tenn. A few years back Cal transferred all his old home movie film to video tape, films of Milton Berle, Sophie Tucker, Wally Cox's Mr Peepers, The Steve Allen Show from Havana, Cuba, days before he took over the country, Producer's Showcase, "The American", with Lee Marvin, directed by John Frankenheimer as well as The Kraft Music Hall from Hawaii with Don Ho... There are shots of a lot of guys who worked those shows. Wonder if Jim Sunder transferred any of his thousands of feet of film, and if any other guys have film. This could take up an entire afternoon at one of the re-unions. [Anyone interested in having that sort of a reunion?].

BOB HANNA

Writes from Aromas, Ca. that they have finally moved back home last Dec 2nd, after living in a Motel in Morgan Hill after the San Fran earthquake. He passed the Calif. Bar exam, is thinking of forming a Cal Peacock West. He's 10 mins from the ocean and the climate is delightful. They bought an RV and is planning a grand tour of the children and grandkids. Also, Bob has become an unpaid CATV consultant for Watsonville. [Look for Bob's account of **WEST'S MOVIN'**! in this edition.] **ULRICH CARO** (Engr.) also writes a letter to spell out what happens to your soc. security benefits when you work. It underscores our article "Social Security Outrage", in this issue.

FRANK LAUGHRAN (sound effects) writes PN saying it's nice to read and see some of the old gang, less hair and more tummy, but God bless them

all. Frank lives in Port Charlotte, Fla 6 months and Douglaston L.I. 6 mo. His mail goes to Fla.



HARRY COYLE sent us the card above, along with a note from his new home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Why Iowa? Peg's [Mrs. C] family home & 5 grandchildren. They now have an 18 horse ranch in a beautiful location, fine modern home etc. Volunteers his address to any of the old gang. Now, what does **W.G.D. of S** stand for? World's Greatest Director of Sports! Everyone agrees.

JOHN [RED] DONAHOE [Engineering] sends PN a post card from Switzerland showing a lovely summer scene with snow covered Alps in the b.g. He and spouse Shirley rented a cottage in England, then hiked through the Cotswolds & Snowdonia, then not satisfied, hiked through spectacular trail in the Swiss Alps, as well as the Dolomites, then the Mont Blanc region, then more, through the Dordogne and Normandy, France, eventually arriving in Luxembourg. Says it will be hard to discard the walking boots and backpacks!

SIG MORGENSTERN [Press Dept-fotos] writes from Coconut Creek, Fla. "It was nice reading Peacock North's Newsletter - It brought back nice memories and the good times". [Thanks, for the "Hello" Sig, it always was a pleasure when we were working together! Ripp]

PAUL RITTENHOUSE writes to tell us that **WALT HIMMELBERG** [TV master control], is leaving Sedona, Ariz. for Colorado. Walt gave Paul the last Issue of PN and Paul promptly joined our group. Paul was at NBC since 1944, serving as a Page, then Page supervisor Guest Relations, Manager Guest Relations and then Regional Mgr. Affiliates Relations. He especially enjoyed reading about Gene Hamilton, as I hear did so many others. Paul now lives in Sedona, Arizona. Paul, you should go visit **Tony Rokoz**, Net control for the NBC Ham net, also in Arizona.

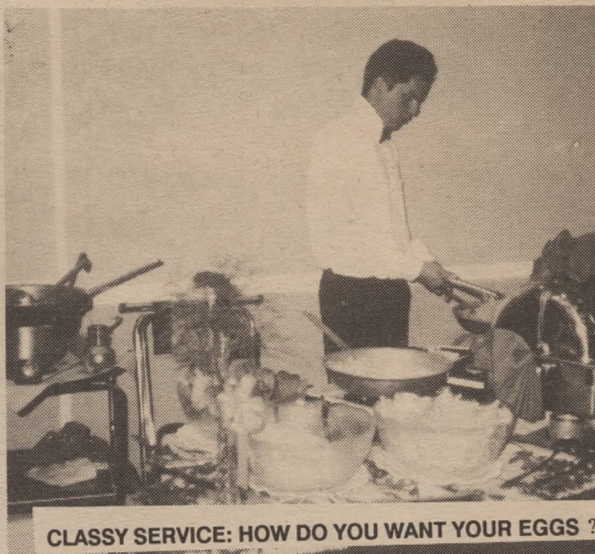
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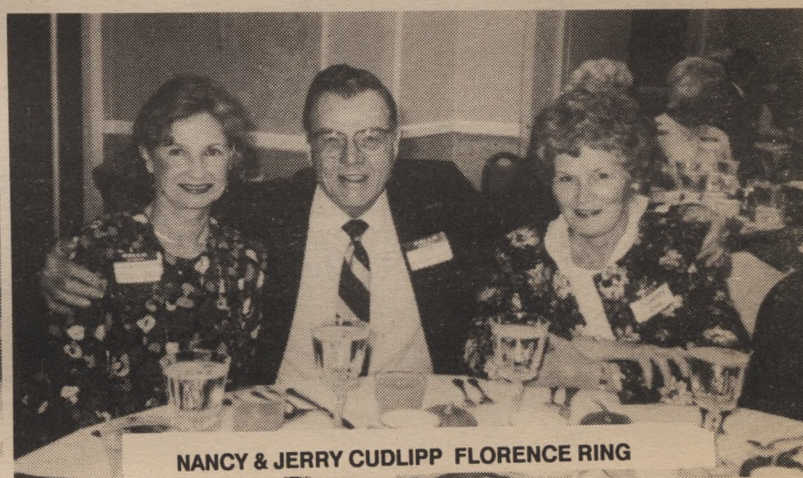
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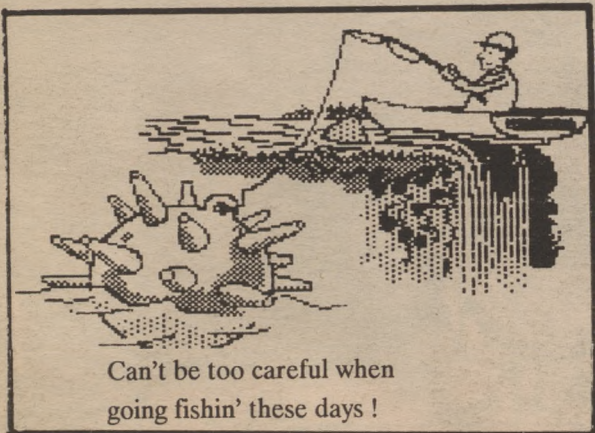
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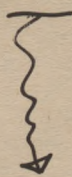
Happy Holidays to all
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WHO IS THIS ?



Garry Smith [L.A.]



FRANK GAETA GEO. WASIELKE



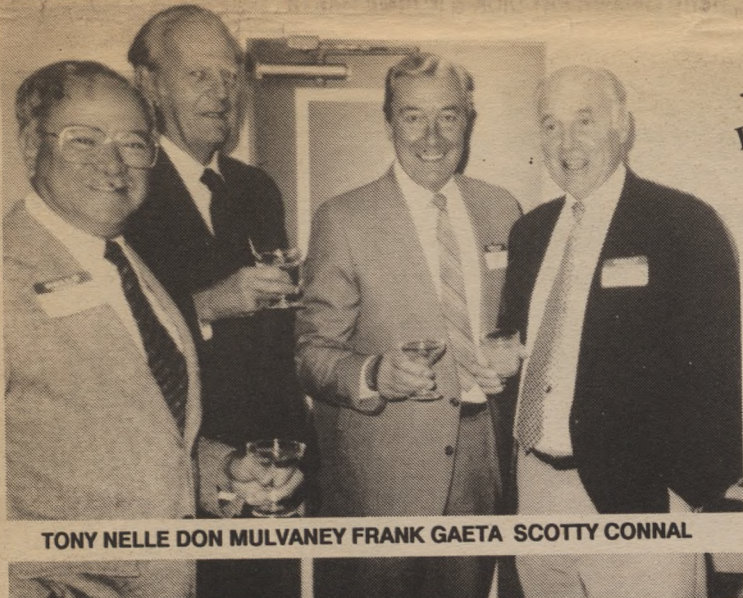
RICK CARO & ? ? - I LOST MY FOTO NOTES
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ED GOUGH RUTH & DON MEANEY JOAN GIFFORD



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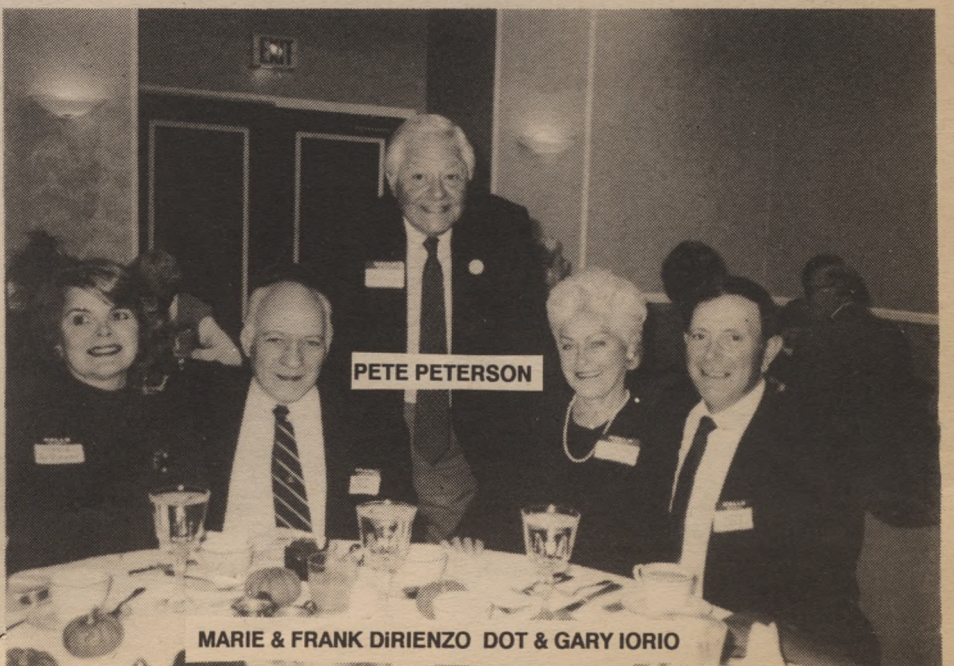
For you audio men: Audio console in 3B [Compare this with Phil Falcone, back pge.]
As you see, no one is at the console. Has audio gone robot like cameras ?



DICK DUDLEY DON PARDO



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MARIE & FRANK DIRIENZO DOT & GARY IORIO

T.V./Radio QUIZ

by Dick Dudley, (NBC Announcer)

Many performers who appeared on NBC used **professional names**.
Can you match these with their **real names** ?

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Edie Adams | a. Amos Jacobs |
| 2. Fred Allen | b. Pierre LaCock |
| 3. Jack Benny | c. Sidney Lebowitz |
| 4. W.C. Fields | d. Saran Ophelia Cannon |
| 5. Danny Kaye | e. Leonard Rosenberg |
| 6. Bob Denton | f. Benjamin Kubelsky |
| 7. Steve Lawrence | g. Elizabeth Enke |
| 8. Peter Marshall | h. David Kaminsky |
| 9. Dean Martin | i. Margaret O'Reed |
| 10. Dick Dudley | j. John Sullivan |
| 11. Minnie Pearl | k. Sarah Jane Fulks |
| 12. Tony Randall | l. Denton Butt |
| 13. Martha Raye | m. William Claude Dukenfield |
| 14. Danny Thomas | n. Dino Crocetti |
| 15. Jane Wyman | o. Casper B. Kuhn Jr. |

I REMEMBER WHEN....

By William J. Fischer, W2OC

Way, way back in those years gone by, I remember some things with a sorrowful eye:

The Polo Grounds and Palisades Park, and walking the streets with no fear after dark.

There was Myrt and Marge, and Amos 'n Andy, Uncle Don too, and good penny candy.

The subway was a nickle, and you'd actually ride it, and if you carried a purse there was no need to hide it.

And remember those theatres? Boy were they grand! The Roxy, the Paramount, Loew's State and the Strand.

They all had big stage shows, with big name bands to; Glenn Miller, the Dorseys, to mention a few.

A five and ten cent store actually meant what it said, and there were bakeries everywhere that made their own bread..

Coke was a drink and grass just a lawn, but of course that was all before you were born.

Your're probably wondering how old I am, one who remembers the Barbasol man.

But my age is no secret, and I'll admit without fear, that I'm just coming up to my thirty-ninth year..

(From the Ham Radio Club, Pearl (NY) Bit Bucket)

NEW PN MEMBERS

Walter Balderson, Palm Harbor Fl
Bruce Berquist, Pensacola Fl
Edward Bertero, Southold, N.Y.
Carlos Clark, Massapequa, N.Y.
Charles Colledge, Bozman, Md
Henry Coyle, Marshalltown, Ia
John Curran, Rockville, Md.
James[Russ] DeBaun, Studio City Ca
Susan DiOrio, Riverdale, N.Y.
Rosemary Dubois, New York, N.Y.
James Gaines, Matawan, N.J.
Wayne Howell, Pompano Beach, Fl
William Klages, Los Angeles Ca.
Arthur Krohn, Thousand Oaks, Ca
Cissie Lindemann, New York, N.Y.
Frank Loughran, Port Charlotte, Fl
Perry Massey, Woodland Hills, Ca
Frank McArdle, Arlington, Va
Francis McKiernan, Deerfield Beach, Fl
Helen McKinley Tanning, Forest Hills, N.Y.
Sig Morganstern, Coconut Creek, Fl.
Nicholas Rawluk, Chapel Hill, N.C
Paul Rittenhouse, Sedona, Ariz.
Denise Robinson, Bronx, N.Y.
Calvin Shadwell, West Columbia, S.C.
Mamye Smith, Brooklyn, N.Y.
John Ward, Nakomis, Fl
John Wittine, Bethpage, N.Y.
Louise Pappas,
Bob Strub, Conn.

NBC FLORIDA RETIREES REUNION
TUES-WED FEBRUARY 12 + 13
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: LIGHTNING

from Fla. Newsletter

JOHN LOUGH/K2JCQ, former Engr & ABC tech Super relates this true story. The Bermuda house I was raised in, sat high on a hill facing southwest storms from the Atlantic and had an unbroken sweep to the open ocean. Standard procedure was to disconnect the power main switch at the advance of a storm. I awoke to the sound of thunder and prepared to descend to the bath where the switch was located. I flipped on the light switch of the upper hall and within milliseconds lightning struck. The switch blew out of the wall and the light fixture vaporized in my face. Luckily I didn't get any metal in my eyes. I lit a candle and descended to the lower hall where I found a shambles. The wall phone was completely missing and there was a large hole in the masonry wall where it had been. The bathroom presented a similar picture; The main switch and fuse panel were missing and the knob and wiring was hanging in festoons. Further damage was found in the morning; the trap for the kitchen sink was missing and all the lead had been vaporized from the soilpipe packings. The lead cable wiring had to be replaced.

Another incident is as startling. My mother was standing on the porch talking to someone who was sitting on the railing at the corner. Suddenly without warning a bolt of lightning shot diagonally through the porch between them and hit a large cedar tree. The trunk exploded into match sticks. No one was hurt. That was the only lightning from that storm and there was not even any rain !

CORRECTIONS:

In our last issue in The Space People visiting the Proners..

Irene Proner wrote us and said that we erred. The dog mentioned that woke them up with loud barking was not a german shepherd, but a Chiuaua, whose name was "Leaky" [for obvious reasons]. PN regrets the error. H.



Ken Arber [from Ken's Corner] writes that we had listed Orson Welles as "The Shadow". Ken remembers that Lamont Cranston played The Shadow. Ken you're right.

CORRECTION:

Ken also recalls that he knew of no announcer named Henry Levine, but does remember Henry Levine as a trumpet player, who played in the house orchestra, later the NBC Symphony under Arturo Toscanini. We had listed Henry Levine as an announcer in Silent Mikes.

SEND P.N. YOUR PHOTOS

DRIVING WITH ~~Daisy~~ JOHN WARD TO ALASKA

15,000 miles In his VW Camper

I left Venice on May 3rd and cut across the U.S. heading for Seattle. In Boise, Idaho my first problem cost me \$ 230 for a waterpump, but the trip continued trouble free till I got to Williams Lake in Canada. This time a rebuilt generator cost me \$ 430 Canadian.

Soon entered Alaska and first stop was Hyder, Ak. They call it " The Friendliest Little Ghost Town in Alaska", with a population of all-of 57. Here starts the Cassiar Highway North to the Yukon. The Cassiar was soooo bad with rocks, trucks and dirt that I almost drove back to Prince George to get on the Alaskan Hwy.

Finally made it to Whitehorse and Skagway. From there an hour ferry ride to Haines cut 350 miles of really rough driving. The weather was in the 40's -50's, quite cool, but having my propane heater really made the whole trip possible.

On the way from Haines to Tok saw lots of American Bald Eagles and moose. [never saw any of those in New York] From Tok the drive took me across a very high mountain, looked just like a postcard from Switzerland, nothing but snow everywhere but with Eagles flying to accompany me. Descending from the mountain brought me to the scourge of Exxon, the town of Valdez. Since I was retired, tried fishing for a few days, but guess the oil hulabaloo scared away all the fish. Onward now to Cordova via a car ferry. This time just went to the city dock, and lo and behold caught a 30 yes thirty pound halibut ! I've never caught such a large fish in my life ! In Alaska Halibut costs \$10.95 a pound ! Yes I had a \$300. fish dinner, free.

Ferries back to Cordova and aimed the Voklsvagon northwest to Anchorage, a real nice city.

I brought my 10 speed bike with me and used it to get around each town I visited. A great way to really see the countryside. Anchorage had some fantastic bike paths along the waterfront. There are many places that you can not drive to. For ex Anchorage to Whittier. So - had to put the car on a flatbed train and leave the driving to them for 12 miles. Drove on and on and back and forth till reached Homer, interesting for it is out on a 3 mile "spit" of land

jutting out to sea. Saw fishing boats bringing in Halibut up to five hundred pounds. Yes 500. Also have you ever seen a 97 pound King Salmon ? Drool on, or com'on down and see it all.

Each day Ham radio was by my side. I would get on the AK net at 8:30 am on 14.292. Met a wonderful group of guys and gals. Was invited to a club picnic on a beautiful lake North of Anchorage. Had a wonderful time meeting them all. Again Ham radio lets you meet the local folks and you really get the flavor of the area. The Net sort of kept track of me and also helped contact Tony, W5RFO.

From Homer, I started to retrace my steps back,

stopping here and there watching fishermen, but having caught the "big one", I wasn't motivated anymore. Wanting to see Mt. McKinley, I headed for the Denali Nat'l Park. Some clouds obscured the whole Mt. but as if on Cue, some clouds opened up and I saw the top of it at the 20,320 ft. level. It's bigger than an ant hill ! As I was walking the following day some 40 miles from the Visitors Center, saw some fox and four grizzly bears. What a thrill ! ! I watched these 600 pound creatures eating grass on the flat tundra with their two cubs, what a sight. I didn't get too close. It was worth staying here 3 days.

Directly North, on to Fairbanks. Not my favorite. So South eastward I went, back to Tok, then onward to Dawson City on the Yukon River via the most scenic route I have ever been on, called "The Top of The World Highway". What a ride, you should see it. Loved it so much, I slept in my VW on "Top of the World". From there it was downhill all the way and ferried to Juneau, a lovely city. Next to Sitka for couple of days, very Russian. Next Petersburg - only qualified for 1/2 spoon, stayed only 1 night. Hated to leave Wrangell tho, cause was catching DUNGENES Crabs, some of them 8 - 10 inches across, and eating them 3 times a day. Hated to leave.

Ketchikan was wet and cold, but met a gentlemen who served in the Aleutians with the 11th Air Force, only 12 miles from where I was stationed. He was hosting the 1990 reunion, but 3 weeks from now - sorry I had to miss it. He gave me a book " The Thousand Mile War " revealing things about goings on around me in the Aleutians at Kiska & Attu that I never knew happened although I had spent 2 whole years there !

Eventually I returned to Venice, with visions of grizzlies, and glaciers that you hear about but don't believe exist; meeting many nice people, not finding any gold nuggets, believing now about the real "big ones" that got away, believing in Volkswagens, and that there really are Bald Eagles etc. etc.

If anyone is thinking of visiting Alaska, everything you wanted to know about AK is in a book " The Milepost" sold as they say in most book stores for about \$15. or free in your public library.

I hope that some of the guys and gals of NBC will enjoy reading it with the thought of "Doing it Their Way".

73's and my best wishes,

John

WAYNE HOWELL # 2.

The first commissary at NBC was not the one on the 7th floor. It was an open closet just outside 8H main doors. Many a morning, **Ernie Kovacs** would be behind the counter dishing out the coffee and buns to his wife and others. **Rosemary Clooney** used to hang around. She was thin and pretty. She hails from my home state - Kentucky. She's from Maysville.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ?

J.R.DeBAUN [Engineering] at NBC from Aug 1933 until his retirement in Dec 1967, writes from Studio City in Calif, in response to "What Happened To?" column. **Bill States** lives in Studio City also. Bill was in Engineering development in the early days of tv. Bill was one of the first TD's, The Swift Hour from 8G, and the detective series, Martin Kane in the early fifty's. **BOB JOHNSTON**, [audio/Toscanini Broadcasts and later Audio on the Show of Shows [Sid Caesar & Imogene Cocoa] TV show now lives in Hemet, Calif. Was too cold in the Washington area, went for warmer climes. **FRANK SOMERS** [Engineering development][Frank and Ray Monfort were what I would call the inventors of the current sync generator, which is the heart of the TV system which controls the number of scanning lines and, interlace and frame rate etc.] Frank soon will also move soon to the Studio City area..Also Russ sends his best regards to all.

BILL KLAGES replies to the " What happened to -". **LARRY ELIKANN** [former cameraman and last, a TD] lives in Los Angeles. He has directed quite a few episodes of many network episodics including "Knots Landing" etc. He has gotten critical acclaim for a number of TV movies recently. His latest epic is called "The Great Los Angeles Earthquake" which is a four hour miniseries to air in November On NBC TV Network. From Von Zerneck / Sertner Films. **RAY CHARLES** Choral Diretor/Special Material "Perry Como Show" lives in Beverly Hills, Calif. with his wife Bernice. Bill sees Ray quite often at the Los Angeles Opera, also Ray works on the "Kennedy Center Honors" each year, so they get to see each other **there**. **GREY LOCKWOOD** [tv director who left NY to direct Hollywood Palace] was living in Laguna Beach, Ca. but this might not be current. My good friend Producer **NICK VANOFF** has suffered another her heart attack. The latest occurred about a week after his return from New York City after accepting a Tony Award for hid production of "City of Angeles". He is currently in St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica. Regards to all.

I have read a lot about natural healing and health in general, and I'm convinced that the usual medical practitioner knows little and refuses to treat patients with anything but drugs. I have a book that is at least one and a half inches thick on side effects on modern day drugs. Virtually all drugs have some disquieting side effect. Garlic is a natural antibiotic for example, with no side effects, also lowers blood pressure.

If anyone is interested, spend \$ 10 or so dollars for a book called **NATURAL HEALING** by Jack Soltanoff, from Warner Books Inc, 666 Fifth Ave. Ny., NY 10103.

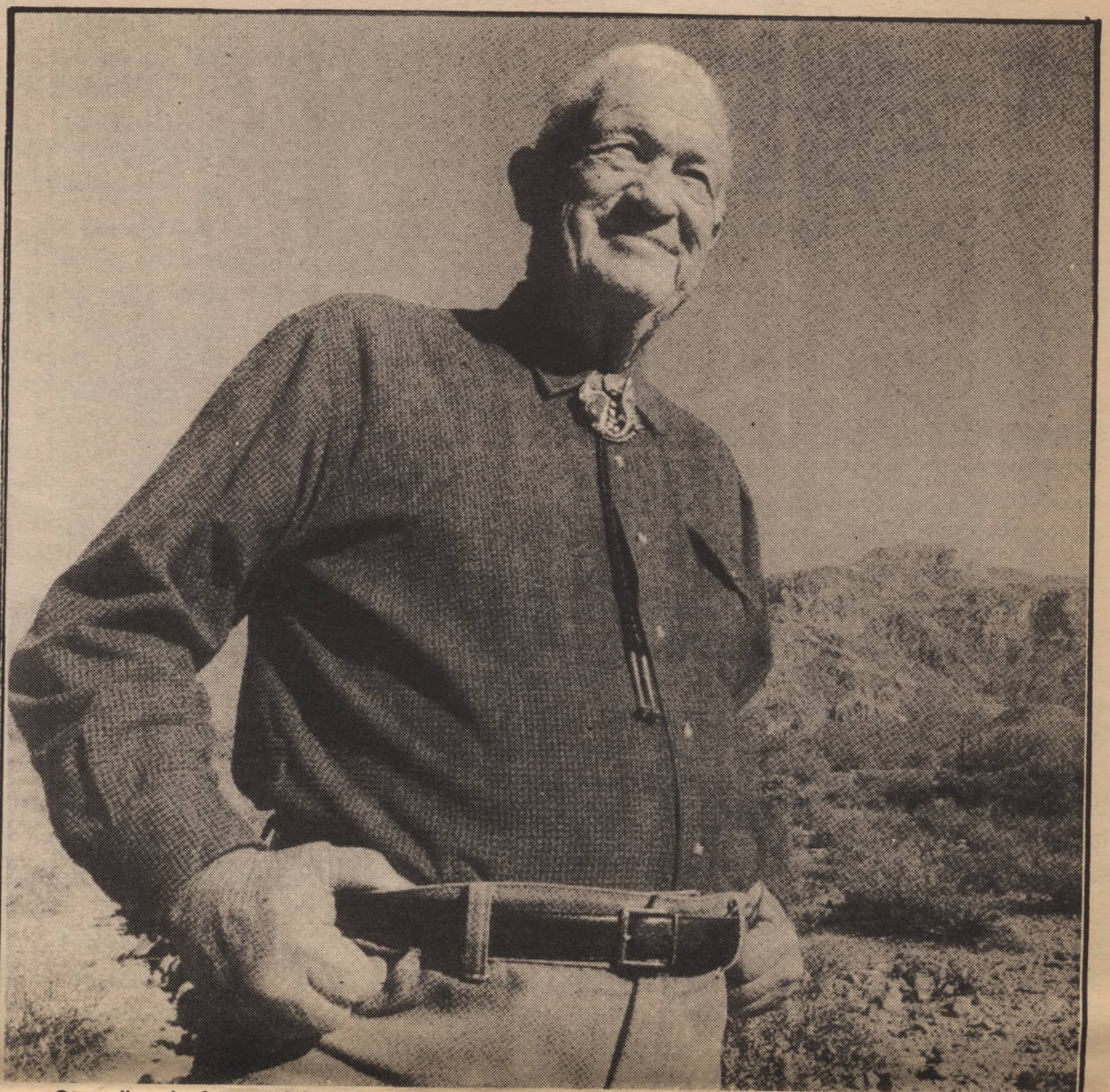
It says the more vegetarian you become, more likely you'll become healthier. Some foods are acid forming, some are alkaline forming. All protein foods are acid forming. Most vegetables, are alkaline, with a few protein veggies, such as lentils, chick peas, soybeans, millet, brown rice, and whole grains. The more meats you eat the more acid forms, which is detrimental to your system, when the NY Times reports that 237 lbs. per person per year is eaten by Americans - you're not alone. And following a more vegetarian protocol, you can still get an adequate amount of protein. I do find that there are times that is impossible to do, for a simple thing like finding a store in your neighborhood where good fresh veggies are available, also it's easy to slip into older and easier routines.

Here is a list of 20 foods you should be eating.

Apples : Avocados : Broccoli : Cabbage : Carrots : Corn : Lemons : Millet : Nuts : Oatmeal : Papaya : Parsley : Potatoes : Sea foods : Sea plants (seaweed, Kelp etc) : Pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds : Soybeans : Tomatos : Watercress : Yogurt :

If you try to use these foods, I think you'll see a difference.

I also take vitamin and mineral supplements, but I've found only certain major companies have the potencies, or are assimilated better than many of the generic "Health food chain" brands. I feel supplements are necessary, for from the moment the food is harvested until it is at your table, much nutrition is lost. Losses occur in processing, boiling, heating, canning, storing, etc., so there is a need to get adequate vitamins and minerals, for foods do not totally supply them. Additives also are detrimental,



Standing in front of Superstition Mountain, in Arizona, a beloved member of the GOLDEN AGE of BROADCASTING. Can you guess who it is ?
Answer at bottom of page.

WAYNE HOWELL # 5.

We had an hour dramatic show in our Brooklyn Studios - "Robert Montgomery Presents". One week they starred Jerry Lester and the director, Perry Lafferty, (who later did Kay Kayser and Hawaii five-O) gave me a good part in the play. Gloria DeHaven's brother also was in the cast and I told him how much I admired his sister. He must have told her because, later when I was interviewing her in her dressing room at the Roxy Theater, She said my brother told me about you. could you help me ? I just bought some clothes at S.Klein's and I wondered if you could give me your opinion of them". With that, she changed clothes three times -thereby driving me up the wall. MY engineer was in the next room and I realized, finally, she was putting me on. It's not easy being a disc Jockey.

Do you remember the Roxy ? Fiftieth and Seventh. Guess What ? Gloria Cline was in the chorus line. She was a Roxyette. Yep ! That was a fine theater. I don't know why they tore it down. Yes I do. Progress !. I was in Glorias's wedding party. I wore tails and a top hat. I looked like a penguin.

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for if you read the labels, there usually is a whole paragraph of additives. Sodium Glutamate, salt, and Nitrites, preservatives etc. are seen in too many products. I've seen a list of additives for plain frozen peas !. I also try to avoid all white sugars, salt. There are times when you eat out, for ex, you have no control over this. Win a few, lose a few. Anyway, "Read the book and be in charge of your Health", as they say. (H.)

**MINI-LUNCHES WILL RESUME AT
PICCO LISSIMO RESTAURANT IN
FORT LEE, N.J. ON TUESDAY,
DEC 4TH AT 12:45 P.M.**

Answer to above photo:

Announcer GENE HAMILTON !

TURKEY, HAM RADIO AND ARCHEOLOGY

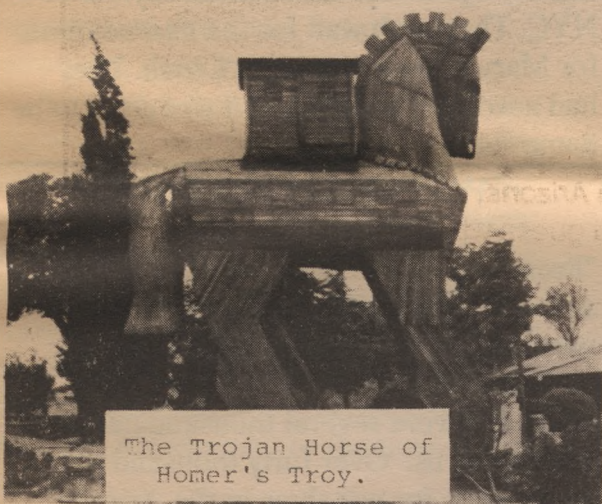
Ed Pores/WA2ZBV [Audio & Video]

Anne/WB2URP and I have now added

turkey to our travels for visiting hams and viewing ancient sites. Our list now includes Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, Israel, Egypt, China, India, Nepal, Greece, Italy, Tunisia, Thailand, Burma and Indonesia. Burma and Tunisia had no local Hams and Thailand and Nepal only club stations except for 9N1MM, Father Moran in Katmandu, Nepal.

For vacation this year we again wanted to visit the ancient temples of Angkor Wat in Kampuchea [Cambodia], but the danger of Pol Pot's Rebel troops fighting the Vietnamese who control the western part of Cambodia prevented such a trip.

We chose the western part of Turkey since this portion of the country is rich in archeology. At least seven different types of historical cultures lived in this region that bridges Europe and the Orient. People such as Alexander the Great [334 BC] and Marco Polo in 1299 crossed this land bridge to the exotic East. We visited ancient sites once populated by Hittite, Greek, Persian, Roman, Byzantine [early Christian], Seljuk Turks, and most recently Ottoman people.



The Trojan Horse of
Homer's Troy.

Today Turkey is a country of almost 60 million people. It is about 1000 miles from the Bulgarian border to Russia and 600 miles from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean. Turkey also has neighbors of Greece, Iran, Iraq and Syria. We stayed away from S.E. Turkey near Iraq, Iran and Syria as periodic insurgent actions flare up there. The country has deserts, palm trees, snow capped mountains, camel caravans, rolling steppes and rocky beaches. Mt. Arrat, where Noah's Ark might be, is 17,275 feet above sea level. Turkey is an Islamic country, but their schools are secular in nature.

To prepare for our trip we luckily made friends with Mr. Murat Atalay of the N.Y. Turkish Consulate. Murat, an assistant attache, and his lovely wife Maida, went with us to several N Y Turkish restaurants. He loaned us books on Turkish customs, politics and archeology.

We covered about one-half of the country in a loop starting in exotic Istanbul [Constantinople], flying to modern Ankara, [the capitol city] then by hired car to Cappadocia, high on the Anatolian Plateau. We went by bus to Antalya on the Mediterranean

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then on to the Aegean, stopping at Pamukkale, the ports of Kusadasi and Izmir, on to Canakkale near Homer's Troy and back to Istanbul.

I wrote to several "TA Land" contacts of W2JGR, Jules and they in turn gave us leads to other Turkish hams.



AHMET/TA1A's Homebrew station.
ED/WA2ZBV on the side.

Our first "Eyeball" QSO was with Ahmet, TA1A and his charming XYL Kremet in Bakirkoy, a suburb of Istanbul. Ahmet, who runs a small marine radio business, has a complete homebrew HF station putting out 180 Watts into a long wire. He worked Canada and Japan with a QRP signal of 4 Watts. Ahmet took us to a seaside restaurant where we had white fleshed blue fish, drank Raki, an anise flavored hard alcohol unique to Turkey [very] powerful !]. Our evening was completed by listening to "oud" music. [no, I didn't leave out the L] The oud has 6 strings, a long neck and half a watermelon shaped sound box. The instrument is played throughout the Middle East. Also in Istanbul, we visited the Topkapi, the home of many Sultans. The Palace now houses a museum of Jewels, gold and ceramic treasures. The old Kitchen had as many as 300 concubines, though not all in the Harem at the same time !

While in Istanbul, we also saw the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum [first a church, then a Mosque, yes many museums and a delightful boat trip up the Bosphorous. Wish we had space for more lengthy descriptions.

One of the pleasures that make a foreign visit even more pleasurable, is to visit local residents. In Ankara we had an intellectual evening with two very sophisticated Turkish hams. Teo, ham call TA2C, a computer and radio engineer and Nursun, TA2N, a graduate archaeologist turned electronics businessman. We talked about archaeology, politics and music. Nursun's shack boasts a commodore computer for tracking the path of the Soviet Satellite that he receives with a 2 Meter dipole on his roof. His base station is part home brew and part modern Japanese eqpt. Ankara will have a 2 meter repeater in the near future.

We used 2 meter FM simplex to find the Latin name for a spice Anne did not recognize. Yes, Ham radio did it again ! A 2 meter devotee supplied the answer. Incidentally licensed ham radio in Turkey is 3 years old and only 75 people have HF privileges. About a dozen are active.

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On VHF they build hi gain antennas for VHF QSO'S.

A visit to the museum of Anatolian civilization in Ankara prepared us for our trip to see three ancient Hittite sites spanning 1800 to 1200 BC. They are high in the hills at Hattusas, 150 miles East of Ankara. This vast old city complex was populated by people who once conquered the Babylonians and left us with cuneiform tablets of wedge shaped characters. The site itself is strange, almost eerie, exciting for its ruggedness. The large area of the ruins has fortified walls, escape tunnels and remains of a palace fortress.

After Ankara we went to Cappadocia, a region of stark moonlike landscapes composed of volcanic tuff [ash hardened to a soft porous stone]. The stones are formed into tall cones. We saw early Hittite, and Christian dwellings carved into the rocks. The early Christians even built an underground city eight stories down to escape the Arabs. Near by in Konya, we visited the home of the Whirling Dervish, a Sufi sect.

In Antalya, on the Mediterranean, Selim, TA4B spoke no English, but his neighbor Sacip Aktan, a retired colonel in the Turkish signal corps was out interpreter, and a most charming and knowledgeable person.



Selim/TA4B
Antalya's most active ham.

Selim's shack had an old Hammerlund SP601 and a Yaesu FT 707 fed into a long wire and dipole antenna. We spoke with Dara, VU2DNL in Bombay who told us that my friend Jimmy, VU2IJ had gone off to New Delhi.

Near Anatolia we visited the reco-Roman sites of Perge, Side and Aspendos. Enroute to Pamukkale to see a huge limestone deposit that looked like a waterfall, I slipped in a cave and lacerated my head on a stalagmite. It almost ended our trip ! From Kusadasi we went to Aphrodisias, Peiene, Miletus and Dydim. After my cave accident, I was apprehensive of the steep climb on the wet rocks to see Priene, but Anne made it in the rain. I amused myself in a guard shack at Priene with a CB rig. They use channel 11 instead of our channel 19 and get reliable 10 to 20 mile operation on 11 meters.

There are no hams in Kusadasi but nearby is the classical town of Ephesus cont'd pg. 18.

with its 2,000 year old marble streets, and the tomb of John the Apostle. We explored a restored library which was the archaeological gem of our trip.

At Izmir, Anne came down with a virus, so Umit, TA3C came to our hotel. I brought him plans to homebrew a Cushcraft WB215 VHF antenna. Umit is a graduate engineer and works for Air France. His shack, which we did not see, has Kenwood TS440S HF and FT2700 UHF/VHF rigs. Turkey does not permit UHF operations as yet.

Martin, KC3RE/TA3 a professor of music at the Izmir conservatory drove 30 miles to meet Umit and me so he could pick up a QSL card I brought from Dave, KIWHS. They had QSO'd via 2 meters EME (earth to moon) from West Lebanon, Maine to Izmir, Turkey. Dave used 400W into a 15 element homebrew antenna.

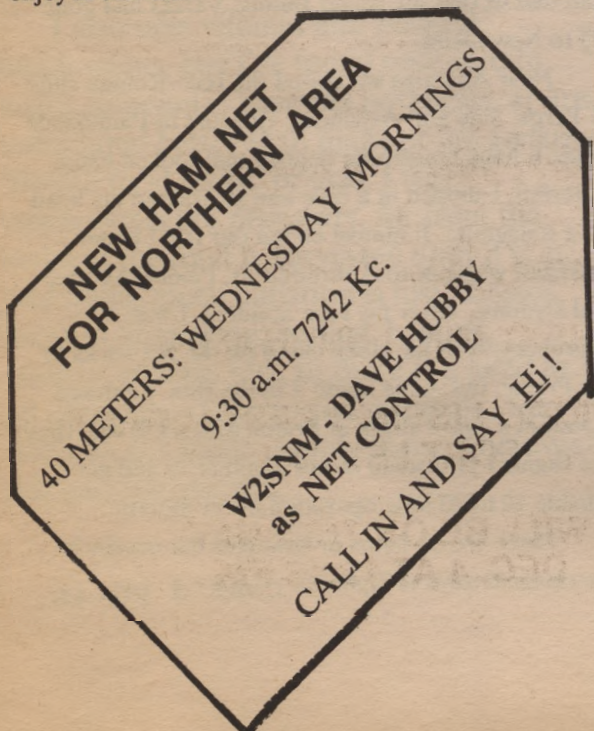
The Izmir radio club has 4 members and is hoping to get a 2M repeater license.

Enroute back to Istanbul we saw the ruins of Pergamon and Troy. The Hellenistic city of Homer's Illiad and Odessy lies atop a barren hilltop site. Our last eyeball QSO in Istanbul was Unal, TAIA, the 1st licensee in Turkey and their fastest CW operator. He is a most avid ham. His Kenwood TS180S and a "Vee" and dipole antennas are operated in an isolated room, giving him complete relaxation from his taxing medical practice. His charming XYL, Mualla, prepared a feast of Turkish dishes for us.

Turkey is building new housing at an unbelievable rate. In western Turkey, the roads are good (better than some in Queens County NY). The telephones work, water is potable in the major cities, satellite TV reception is good, and AC power is quite dependable -- a far cry from some of our visits to S.E. Asia.

The food is quite varied and Anne found two good cookbooks, but may have difficulty in finding recipe substitutes for some of the Turkish vegetables and whitefleshed bluefish. The Turks eat a smoked meat, pepper coated, called "Pastrima", very similar to our pastrami.

In summary, the hams and other people of Turkey we met were extremely friendly and most hospitable. It is a marvellous country to explore and enjoy in the fall.



EVER BEEN TO A 50TH REUNION ?

HERB POLAK RETURNS TO HIS HIGH SCHOOL'S REUNION IN HOLLAND

Mary and Herb Polak (Broadcast Systems Engineering) went to Europe in style to attend Herb's 50th reunion at his high school in Hilversum, Holland. It also happened to be the 70th anniversary of the school's founding. They travelled to Southampton by QE2, then continued up to Norway for a cruise still in the QE2. The only rough seas were encountered on the North Sea where the QE2 responded to an S.O.S. from a Norwegian drilling island off the coast of Denmark. It was drifting and had lost its helicopter platform. When the ship drew near, the 49 man crew did not wish to leave; they released the QE2 from its rescue mission and we continued on to Norway. WE heard later that the platform capsized, also one of the rescue vessels, but all were saved. It was in all the papers and TV.

Then from England, Mary and Hers travelled by train and overnight boat (The Koningen Beatrix) to the Netherlands. They visited old friends and also many museums, as well as the very interesting and extensive Delta Works in Zeeland. The country is flat and yet very beautiful. The highways are extremely good and well marked. Unfortunately the Dutch drive like maniacs. This is especially bad in the towns where the narrow streets were not designed to handle the current overload of cars, bicycles and motorcycles. Pedestrians have no rights at all and extreme caution is advised for those visiting the country.

The reunion / anniversary was well attended, 3,500 showed up. In that crowd, Herb found 3 people that he knew. Herb's reunion was noted in the local newspaper. For old times sake they sat in on several classes. Ah memories. Mary who does not speak Dutch, had a vague idea of what was going on nevertheless, as she had been subjected to the language for many years

The return to England was by overnight boat (St Nicholas) and stayed with Herb's brother for a few days. Then back to London for some more sight seeing plus a visit to Herb's aunt and a cousin. (Nice to have friends in nice places) Not having been in London for 50 years, they visited Harrods

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(stupendous; a definite must) The Royal Academy, The National Gallery, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The latter has among other interesting features an enormous collection of sculpture and plaster casts of ancient sculptures.

Not wishing to take any chances of missing the QE2 back to NY, they travelled to Southampton by train on the day prior to the sailing. They saw the sights of Southampton, which still has some medieval walls and a gate in the middle of town. Also saw the Mayflower statue dedicated to the Pilgrims, plus the statue commemorating the officers of the Titanic.

The trip back was very smooth and they met up with their evening clothes which had been left aboard for the way back. Herb's tux and Mary's evening gown has been cruising on their own and had travelled further than they had. After two months it was good to see the Statue of Liberty again with the familiar skyline of NYC. They can't wait for the next reunion, for Mary promises to learn Dutch. They had a wonderful time, but it was good to be home again.

WAYNE HOWELL # 4.

"Broadway Open House" was a live show and on Friday nights, often we would fly to some city for personal appearances. We arrived in Detroit in the early morning hours and were several thousand people waiting for us. Over forty thousand paid 5 bucks each, for our show in the Armory. Same in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Baltimore etc. One night I walked into the cockpit and there was **Dagmar** in the pilot's seat flying the plane with one hand and fighting off the pilot with the other. Ah, memories. She's not a bad pilot. I was glad I went there and saw for myself. I like to keep abreast - - -

When I was directing, **Lowell Thomas** did his news from Studio 8F which was a beautiful wood panelled room. But he and his announcer **Hugh James**, would break each other up so much, that many times we would have a minute or so of dead air. They giggled a lot which was not too appropriate when Lowell was doing serious news. **Don Pardo** came in eve night to do the tag on the Sunoco commercial. Each night, he said "On the road, you'll feel the difference". - And for that, he got more money than I made all week. That's when I decided to be an announcer.



KEN'S KORNER

The Democratic & Republican Conventions - 1956

Some remembrances of the two conventions, The Dems in Chicago and the GOP in San Francisco. As I recall, the democrats in the "Stockyard Amphitheater" in Chicago, and the Republicans held theirs at the "Cow Palace" in San Francisco. The control room crew consisted of **Heino Ripp**, **Chuck Corcoran** as Network TD's, and myself as relief TD and audio relief: The late **Jerry Ireland** as Local TD with the late **Bert Maxwell** as audio. The audio men for the Network were **Mahlon Fox** and **Billy Aulepp**.

The following incidents that took place at these conventions struck me as humorous at that time, but now in retrospect, even more so.

Lawrence Spivak of "Meet the Press" was working as a floor man, interviewing important people. As a favor to him, to make his job easier, the producer, Barry Wood, arranged to have Mr. Spivak wear a stage manager's cue receiver, which as many of you old timers will recall, was a "Transducer" worn on ones belt with a thin clear plastic hose in which the antenna was installed, and the end of the hose had an ear plug

type of fitting that kept the hose in ones ear. He was instructed to remove the hose by holding onto the ear plug and pulling the plug, but not the hose. Mr. Spivak on completing his interview reached up and pulled the plastic hose, and of course the hose came out and the ear plug remained - in his ear, much to his surprise. The plugs were meant to be separated from the hose for sanitary purposes, so each stage manager kept his own personal plugs.

At this point Mr. Spivak became very excited, and said he was deaf in his one ear. When the men around him offered to remove it with tweezers, he refused to let anyone touch him and insisted on having only a doctor do it, also saying he was going to sue NBC for his loss of hearing. In about 15 minutes, the summoned doctor arrived with his medical kit and in no time his tweezers removed the ear plug. Mr. S was very pleased and calmed down...

Ken's Korner cont'd

No one had the guts to tell Mr. S that the doctor was a veterinarian, employed by the Chicago Stock Yard to examine cattle for "Hoof & Mouth disease."

Adali Stephenson was selected by the Democratic Party to be their candidate for president, and was headquartered across the Convention Hall in the "Stockyard Inn". As he waited to be called to accept the nomination, all the members of the press and TV were lined up outside his door. NBC had a cpeepy peepy hard line camera manned by **Don Mulvaney**, with **Lou Gerard** as his ass't. Lou was down on all fours trying to keep Don's cable free, when a photographer suddenly took advantage of Lou's position and suddenly stepped onto Lou's back, snapped his photo of Adali leaving the room - and just as fast disappeared before Lou could get him. Lucky for the fotog for Lou did not appreciate the photographer's action.

In regard to "What ever became of ?", a fellow member of the Psychological warfare unit in Algiers during WW II, **Howard Ialberg**, a Burbank NBC retiree was trying to trace **Bill States** via phone, but suspects Bill was out travelling. **Frank Somers** and his wife were at the last luncheon at the Naval Base that Jack hosts. Frank had suffered a heart attack while on a cruise about a year ago and has recovered. [Many of the early NBC TV men were given commissions by the Navy in WW II to work in development of electronic gear, and most returned to NBC TV after the war was over and were responsible for many of the inventions and innovations of our modern TV system , Heino]

Another innovation at these two conventions NBC tried, was to use "lip readers" to eavesdrop on the stage using powerful binoculars in the hopes of getting a spécial "scoop". Never did hear of any earthshaking readings.

The main talent at these conventions were **Huntley and Brinkley**, **John Cameron Swayze**, **H.V. Kaltenborn** and a fellow I felt was the "New kid on the block", **John Chancellor**. This was the convention where the Seargeant of Arms was ordered to **please clear the aisles !** Of course that didn't apply to the network correspondents, for their right to gather the news was challenged; for John did **not** vacate the aisles, and soon he was escorted out and of course our cameras followed John out broadcasting via his

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new RF mike until nothing but hash was heard.

The directors were **Ralph Petersen** and **Jack Shugrue**. The AD's were **Marcia Kuyper** and **Marilyn Evans**. On the V.I.P. deck behind the directors were **George MacElrath**, **Bill McAndrews** and **Andy Hammerschmidt**, VP and Chief Engineer, also **Barry Wood** the popular singer. For some reason, I can't explain why he was not there in the capacity of a "vocalist". **Arnold Rand** looking like the astronauts on the moon, roamed with a large back pack and tall antenna, tethered to a roving reporter interviewing delegates. The control room had been all finished for a while, except for the glass enclosure. Needless to say the whole world walked in and out of the VIP rooms. Not realizing the glass this day had been installed, Andy Hammerschmidt, the VP and Chief Engineer walked smack into the glass with a thud. Luckily, it didn't break and only his pride was slightly injured. Very soon all the glass was marked with prominent "X X" s.

My last interesting remembrance of Chicago was eating in the Sirloin Room of the Stock Yard Inn. You were asked to pick a steak resting on a large pyramid of crushed ice, pick a design of a branding iron, with which he would brand your steak. Later the waiter would return with your meal, with that sizzling branded steak on a hot platter. ... That was living !

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FORT LEE, N.J.

WILL BE ON TUESDAY
DEC. 4 AT 12:45 PM

Studio 6B has seen a lot of action. **Milton Berle, Jerry Lester, Johnny Carson** and many others. (currently **Live at Five and Sixth & 11th Hour News**). **Jonathan Winters** did two 15 minute shows a week there. I was his straight man and any resemblance to what we rehearsed and what he did - HA ! **Eddie Fisher** did a weekly one is 6B. I was the announcer but lost it because the sponsor said my warm up was too dirty. - I had done the "minute to go if you have to" and in those days, that happened. A WNEW disc jockey **Fred** (I forget his last name. I told you I'm getting senile. **Fred Robbins** got the program.

Harry Salter started "Name That Tune" on radio. We did it in 6A. Then it went to television and ended up on CBS. **Johnny Olson** was the CBS announcer, and I did the warm up. **Leslie Uggams** made her first Appearance at age 14 as a contestant on that show. But it was a set up by Harry who wanted to launch her singing career. Speaking of setups, I was warming up "Dotto", when it was busted for giving the contestants advance answers. That, and the \$ 64,000 dollar Question. I was questioned by authorities but assured them I knew nothing. Ha. Shortly afterwards, I was drummed out of the Boy Scouts. . Harry's wife was the daughter of the Evangelist **Amy Semper McPherson**.. The M.C. was comedian **George DeWitt**.. Where did he go ? ?

WHAT'S MOVIN' !!

(A report on the Quake from the Bob Hanna family)

7.1 on the Richter Scale is a massive amount of energy and it moved us massively. We'll let you know where we will go, but it will be soon and farther away from the St.Andreas Fault than 1020's (house No.) mile or two.

The beautiful mountains are laced with faults and although the house passed engineer Jake's O.K., suffering only cosmetic damage, the contents did not. We lost 90 % of the glass and china; All the furniture flipped over, drawers spilling out, falling with broken glass on the floor; some of our antique pieces were broken, some badly, some, perhaps most, can eventually be fixed. The floor was totally buried with books, furniture, lamps food, broken glass and china. The garage was shaken and Bob's heavy tools flipped; The ceiling in the bedroom fell, the TV toppled and its antique radio stand suffered broken legs. Stacked and packed boxes fell. Luckily we are all O.K. ! Bob and Karen were south of Market in a brick building like the one that fell killing several people.

Alamo House suffered a few crack enlargements; two antique bottles fell from the top of the stove but did not break and it is in escrow to be sold Nov. 30.

The Scotts Valley property shook Bob and Karen's first move-in stuff somewhat, a few drawers opened, cabinets opened, the stereo fell, the fridge moved a couple of feet and some plastic sheets fell in the greenhouse. Alden dove under his desk in Morgan Hill and is fine; Joyce dove under her desk in Los Gatos five minutes after handing in her resignation; The glass window fell and she had to solace an hysterical co-worker.

Watsonville was very hard hit with the Chicano people most severely affected. Many homes are uninhabitable, businesses are ruined, roads cracked.

I feel so fortunate our losses are only material and that we took out our earthquake insurance a week before the quake, and that we have options. However, we found out that earthquake insurance is not much help unless the whole house failed; there is a deduction of 10 % of total coverage taken off the top before we receive any help; which means a \$ 30,000 deductible ! The house at 1020 has always held unnamed fears for me and it never fit.

The memories of the shake and total upheaval there make it emotionally impossible for me to live there, so we're looking for a modest place to go until we can build our earthquake-proof house dream house, a few acres closer to help in an emergency. Current house is too far away from help for a "retiring couple".

Bob was in the kitchen taking care of trash [from compactor to landfill, as we're too far out for garbage collection] and I was reading outside. The rumbling came crashing down from the northwest - I screamed: "THIS IS IT , GET OUT ! and tried to run for the open area but the ground bucked and heaved and I tried to crawl on my hands and feet; Bob groped his way out, the house began to shudder and shake and make horrifying noises, groaning, creaking; furniture fell; glass shattered. It went on for minutes as we sat on the heaving driveway; 7.1, 5.0, 5.1, etc. Aftershocks followed each other, rolling, shaking, lifting and falling and always the horrible noise. We finally went to take a look and it was devastating !

The sun set; we got water, two towels, change of clothes, flashlights; went to a darkened Watsonville to find shelter. Full or condemned, we found none. We returned up the mountain and down the other side to Alden and Joyce and the safety of a motel in Morgan Hill. - - And here we are !

AND here we stay. Motel life is secure but difficult. We ate breakfast in the room; cereal, milk, fruit - luckily there is a minifridge. Lunch is somewhere and I've been fixing dinners for us at Alden and Joyce's but now she has joined weigh-watchers and I hesitate to bring tempting stuff there. We've eaten everywhere in Morgan Hill and I miss home cookin' and cooking at home. Motel life is full of noise, which pushes the post-stress syndrome button of earthquake victim: a loud gate clunking at 5:30 am as commercial visitors cross the inner patio to pick up coffee and the morning paper; loud trucks on 101 vibrate the walls as does the constant vacuuming. Continuing aftershocks make us tense and I've leapt from bed several times in a panic at the noises. Earthquake dreams persist. We've become earthquake news junkies; tuning in local TV and NPR from out of bed in the morning till right up to bedtime at night.

But things are moving on.

MORE PN PEOPLE

CONT'D, but I've lost track

from where

RAY WEISS is back working at NBC. -- well, for a while. He is working with **JACK WEIR**, and their project is the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. Get out your Spanish lessons folks !

On a recent trip to visit their son's new condo on Hilton Head Isl., South Carolina, **PEG** and **PETE PETERSON**, while dining out, chatted with folks at the next table. It's a "small world" incident occurred. Turned out these folks, the D.Smiths, were related to **WARREN ZITO**, (formerly tech ops, now living in St. Augustine, Fl.) Later, invited to their beautiful home on the island at Sea Pines Plantation for dinner, the Smiths arranged a speakerphone call to a surprised Warren, and a fun telephonic reunion was enjoyed by all.

NAMES & ADDRESSES

You'll note in reading PN's Newsletter that we omit addresses. It's deliberate since we are concerned about privacy. That's why some lists we publish only have phone numbers and zip codes. However, we would like to print a list with total info: name, address, phone. Please drop Pete Peterson a line or phone him if you have any objection. Our deadline is February 1st. 1991.

WEST'S MOVIN'

Dif the "kit" seems to have adjusted very well, coming up to the house for "rubs" and sunbasking on broken furniture; then eating and running at 4:30 for her clump of mini redwoods where she beds down with the quails. Bob has made order out of chaos in his office but since there is still no water, the floors and counters are sticky with food and sprinkled with glass. A few whole pieces of glass lurk under the sofa for safety; furniture halves stand at odd angles; lamps are still on the floor. We are hoping to purchase a more secure, better fitting house with positive vibes in Aromas, a modest, small farming community nearby.

We hope ALLSWELL with you and we wish you peace, love and joy in all the days of your lives.

Silent Microphones

BILL CULLEN, 70, GAME SHOW HOST

Bill Cullen, the dean of game show hosts whose 35 Network television credits included such popular series as **TO TELL THE TRUTH** and **THE PRICE IS RIGHT** died recently in Los Angeles from lung cancer at the age of 70.

As a celebrity panelist and master of ceremonies, Cullen was a down-to-earth and witty personality who was invited by the American public into their living rooms for more than 40 years.

Cullen was a familiar face as the glib panelist on CBS's **I'VE GOT A SECRET** from 1952 to 1967. He also hosted the original **PRICE IS RIGHT** from 1957 to 1964 on both NBC and later on ABC. He appeared on many radio and television game shows from 1944 to 1988.

His game show resume includes **THE \$25,000 PYRAMID**, **THREE ON A MATCH**, **PASS THE BUCK**, **TO TELL THE TRUTH** and **THE JOKER IS WILD**.

Bill was working in a garage in Pittsburgh in 1939 when he got his first job in broadcasting as an unpaid assistant disc jockey. He later became a regular announcer earning 25 dollars a week.

In 1943, Cullen moved to New York and became a staff announcer with the CBS Radio Network. A year later, he became the announcer for **WINNER TAKE ALL** game show.

"He spent more time on broadcast air, radio and television, than anyone else in the business," said his friend and manager, George Spota.

ED PROCTOR: PN was notified by PN member Dave Hubby, W2SNM, via PN Amateur Radio Network of the passing of **ED PROCTOR**, former NBC Tech Supervisor. Ed had suffered a stroke some time earlier and succumbed due to lung complications. His surviving wife Dee, herself a suffers from colon cancer, resides at their home in Louisa, Virginia.

ANSWERS:

TO DICK DUDLEY'S QUIZ

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SILENT MIKES

(We note with sadness the passing of these former colleagues)

IRWIN (Bud) LEWIS, noted poll taker, who was in charge of NBC election analysis and polling in the late 1960's, died of a rare liposarcoma cancer in California. He was 68 and lived at Silverlake, Calif.

Bud was one of the first to predict election results by surveying voters as they left the polls, we now know that method as "exit polls," and they were far more accurate than previous sampling methods.

Early in his writing career, Bud, who was a mild mannered and friendly guy, worked for Armed Forces Radio in Germany, then United Press International, before joining NBC on the original Today Show with Dave Garroway. Bud left NBC in 1976 to join the N.Y. Times/CBS News Poll, moved to the Roper Organization, and then the Los Angeles Times in 1969, where he was poll director at the time of his death. Among his survivors are his wife, Alison and 4 daughters.

Having been inclose contact with Bud and Alison, Rus Tornabene said that normal, high tech scans did not detect the cause of his pain. Surgery did, but too late. Alison told Russ Bud had a great 1990. He conducted polls in Nicaragua and Russia, and enroute home from Moscow stopped in just to dine in Paris. Russ says he was a true gourmet, and was "intelligent, warm, and creative. As a newsman, he was a most valuable asset, telling the public what they needed to know about the electoral process, the core of democracy."

HUGH McPHILLIPS, newsman, producer, director, actor, died Oct. 31 as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident last August in Sherman Oaks, Calif. He was 70. Hughie joined NBC-TV in New York in 1950, and later became local news director. In the 1960's and 70s he was Associate producer and Director for "The Doctors", tv series for which he received 2 Emmy nominations for Best Daytime Director. For the news dept., he also worked on several national political conventions. In 1980, switching careers from behind the camera to in front of it, Hugh won an Emmy for "Outstanding Cameo Appearance in a Daytime drama." His entertainment career spanned 40 years and recent acting assignments included "The Young and the Restless", "Murder She Wrote", "All in the Family", "Guiding Light," and the films "Bachelor Party" and "Kandyland". On the stage, he recently appeared in a production of Shakespeare's "Cymbeline" in L.A.

SILENT MIKES

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JOHN CURRAN, former chief supervisor of announcers for the network, died on Oct. 24 from complications resulting from cancer. Curran, who was in the Marine Corps, in WWII, was buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Bob Wogan is arranging a memorial service to be held on Tuesday Dec. 4, at 12:30 pm at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Mezzanine floor, conference room A. The main speaker will be Ed Herlihy, and remarks also will be made by Don Pardo and Fred Facey. Wogan can be reached at 212: 237-2557.

WHITNEY BASTON, whose service with NBC radio and tv, date back to the 1930s, died in early November. Whit, who resided in Port Washington, N.Y. had been a tech supervisor and the mentor of a huge part of the engineering staff. His contribution was evident to those attending our luncheon last May at the La Maganette Brunch. One after another, younger retirees from engineering came over to Whit's table to say Hello and recall early experiences they shared.

MERLE WORSTER, died at 71 in late October after a long battle against bone cancer. An electronics buff and Ham radio operator, he began his 41 year career in broadcasting with NBC. When he retired from the industry in 1980, he was a vice president in charge of broadcast ops and engineering at ABC-TV. Worster had also served as Mayor of Upper Saddle River, N.J., a member of the volunteer fire dept. and Planning Board. He is survived by his wife, the former Lynn Gould, and a daughter and a son.

VINCENT J. GILCHER of Teaneck, N.J., died in late October. Truly a broadcast pioneer, he retired in 1979 from his long service as accoustical engineer. He was instrumental in creating the wireless microphone. He helped create the sound systems for New York radio stations WEAf and WJZ IN THE 1920s when NBC had its Red network and Blue network, also the sound system for the Radio City Music Hall and the 1939 World's Fair. In the mid 1950s he developed the sound system for the United Nations and the Riverside Church. Gilcher worked on numerous Broadway shows, including the musicals "The Sound of Music", "No Strings", "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers", "Side by Side" and the "Plaza Suite". He is survived by his wife, the former Anne Sullivan, and two daughters.

THE PEACOCK STRUTS ITS STUFF IN THE LAND OF CABLE TV

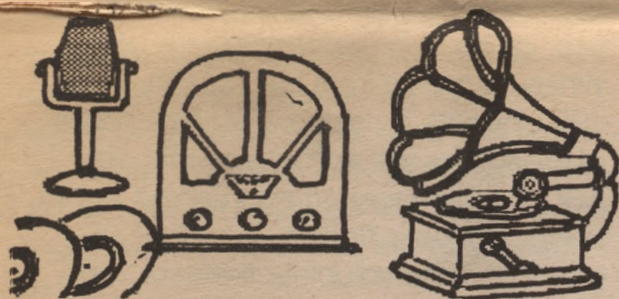
Pn member LILLIAN McNAUGHTON who works part time for the new CNBC Cable Network writes :

The launch of CNBC, the Consumer News and Business Channel in April 1989, marked NBC's bold step into the world of cable television. It also marked the second most successful launch in cable televising history.

CNBC is the result of a joint venture between Cablevision Industries and NBC. The cable service currently serves close to 17 million subscribers connected to more than 1,200 cable systems nationwide. The network programs business, financial and market news during the day and a mix of consumer news and talk shows in the evening.

Located in Fort Lee, New Jersey, CNBC's state-of-the-art studios welcome folks to participate as the studio audience for its pretaped programs (McLaughlin, Morton Downey Jr., and sometimes Dick Cavett) For tickets call Audience Services at 201: 585-6460.

Stop by and visit !



TUNE IN A MEMORY

"EVERYBODY WANTS TA GET INTA ACT !" Remember that line from Jimmy Durante - the "Schnozz" of radio's Golden Years ?

If you miss the shows and stars of the 1930's, 40's and 50's, you don't have to dust off an old Grunow All Wave to tune in: Reproduced from original broadcasts, Radio Memories audio cassettes bring you the comedy, music and light drama of Burns and Allen, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson, Ozzie and Harriet, Baby Snooks and many others.

Each 60 minute cassette features two 30 minute shows -with the original commercials -and comes with a program guide filled with trivia questions and behind-the-scenes tidbits. Each cassette cost \$ 9.95 plus shipping and handling. For a free catalog write to :

Radio Memories, Box 193, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598 or call 914: 245 - 6609.

MD'S MUST NOW FILE ALL MEDICARE CLAIMS

Seniors now are spared much of the ordeal of dealing with Medicare's confusing claim forms.

Under a law which took effect Sept. 1, doctors - even those who don't accept assignment - now are responsible for filing claims for all Medicare beneficiaries.

Impact of the Congressional action, taken as part of last year's budget bill, probably won't be drastic. The vast majority of Medicare claims -perhaps as many as 90 percent -were filed by doctors anyway. However, because the number of doctors filling out forms varies from area to area, the impact will be greater in some regions.

To avoid confusion and duplication, Medicare officials urge beneficiaries should continue to handle their Medigap claims.

SICK CALL

JAMES GAINES, director is currently at Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains, N.Y.. Jim's home address is : 32 Avondale La. Matawan, N.J. 07747.

I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from his old friends.

RUDY GEBHARDT, maintenance Group 6, is recovering from a prostate condition correction.

MARGE McGLYNN, video tape, writes Pete a note that she's home and recovering nicely. The Doc says everything was good. She tires easily but feels getting stronger as each day passes.

"It was especially nice to hear from you while I was in the hospital and also from so many old friends including Jack Durkin, Arnie Rand, Al & Jean Finelli, George Kiyak, Buddy Fleck and Lee and Beverly Goldman. Phil Parlante called from Seattle and some of the present "tape worms" like Vince Bailey, John Marelli, Bob Rizzo, Juanita Tickney; I heard from John Donahoe and his wife after I returned home and then Gino Guarna from Atlantic City.

It made me feel real good. Thank you and Peacock North for doing that. See you in October." **MARGE McGLYNN**

JOHN SPAGNOLA (tech ops) was operated on, on the 10th of Nov. at College Hospital, Brooklyn for a blocked intestine. [similar to what Sinatra had].

GET WELL QUICKLY , JOHN !

Your PN pals

NBC 25 YEAR CLUB SET FOR DEC. 6th..

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NBC's Employees Relations Dept. has sent out the invitations., and the date is Thursday, Dec. 6, for the annual presentation of the 25 Year Service Awards. The place, again, is the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel

Last December 33 veteran men and women joined the group who can date their start at the network back to the Golden Years, and 249 People who were already in the group were still at their jobs. In 1989, six veterans were still employed after 40 years of service...

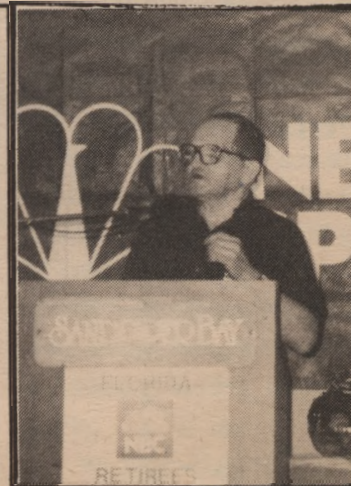
Among retirees, 842 had served 25 years, but unfortunately, that gross figure includes some deceased.. Eighty-nine of them had worked at NBC for more than 40 years, which is certainly and indication of what kind of workplace it used to be.....

HOW TO LIVE TO BE 100 OR MORE!!

Richard Hessler, a PH.D. at the university of Missouri has made a 20+ year study of older adults and he reports that people who participate in formal social nedworks (Church and Community groups,) live longer, Socialability is a better predictor of mortality than one's health. (Well, that's what the good Ph.D. says). He says regardless of health, the social types are more likely to remain independent and survive.....

NOTES ABOUT SENIORS.....

Days Inns of America, a motel chain, has been hiring seniors for the past five years and is very happy with the results. Spectacular, they call them. Absenteeism, once 30 percent, is now down t 3 percent, the time reservation operators spend on the phone has been slashed 50 percent, and turnover is about nil.. One hundred and twenty-five seniors fill the company's 600 jobs in Atlanta and Knoxville.



Howie Atlas
addressed NBC
Florida Retirees
recently

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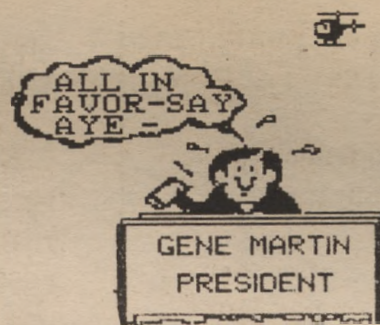
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We of PEACOCK NORTH have been pleased with the continued success of our ANNUAL LUNCHEON, and the regular turn-out for our Mini-Luncheons at the PICCO LISSIMO restaurant every 1ST Tuesday of every other month..

It is gratifying to see we have arrived at a almost consistent level of attendance-of course we would like to see more members attend, so please when you hear of our next get-together "GO FOR IT".... On a very pleasant note, we are happy over the cross-section of participants from all area of NBC who are joining in the festivities--The Luncheons have all become more and more like a "HOME TOWN REUNION" !!!!!

We were especially pleased that Lee Sambataro, was able to join us this time.. SamSam, her husband, was the Spark Plug for PEACOCK NORTH, so we all share his dream of having Peacock North evolve to what it is today, Thank you for coming Lee.....

I would like to take an excerpt from my speech at the Annual Luncheon, about the very special bond that we all share from our past. "Most of us were there at the start of it.. we were fortunate to have worked in it.. and we had the very best of it.. there are many sad changes taking place in the Industry today, but we will always remember that, Bright...Wonderful..Exciting.. world of Television, the way we knew it, and the way we loved it....

Hope to see you all at our next function, and if you have any idea's or thoughts about what we can do to make our plans for further events more convenient for the group in general, please send us your letters. A "HIGH FIVE" from all of us, to all of you, Have a good one.....

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Peacock North continues its growth ! Latest figures put our membership which starts with 30 members in August '87 to over 430 members presently, and still increasing.

We are excited about the continuing enthusiasm throughout the group. The most recent (and seventh) major together at the OKTOBERFEST held in Clifton, N.J. was an especially colorful affair. Tables and settings were decked out in the atmosphere of the season, and everyone got to take a mini pumpkin home. Our Harvest of friends was a well attended turnout. Stories about the event are scattered throughout this newsletter. Plenty of food, fun and friendship for all, no one rushing to leave. An interesting insight on NBC News history by former NBC VP/News, Don Meaney rounded out the program. Representation from distant states was in great evidence, with members arriving from locations from coast to coast, and from North to South. Our Newsletter has again increased in information and size. More pictures than ever -and with rising production and mailing costs as well. A slight increase in annual calendar year dues will offset the expenses. A mailing list of the membership will be provided in the early spring of 1991 for all dues paid up members. Be sure your info on your address label is correct and help by getting your annual dues in with the form found in this edition.

A special word has to be said for the dedication and Herculean efforts of Heino Ripp, who does his top notch work just as he did in the greatest of TV shows, in putting this newsletter into computerized form. Without his efforts, we would be at a great disadvantage.

Best wishes for the Holidays and a Happy New Year to all.
Pete Peterson, VP,Treas. et a.

Winners of the cash drawing at the brunch were:

- 1 st: Carl Rohrer, \$35.
- 2 nd: Gladys Kolb, \$30.
- 3 rd: Florence Ring, \$25.

PN fattened its coffers with the remaining \$90. - We're still solvent !

Photos from our Album



Heino Ripp and Phil Falcone at a Political convention in Los Angeles in 1960.

Both of us worked almost all of the conventions. Clay Ackerson was our technical supervisor. Shad Northshield remarked to Phil "Looks like we have a two football game setup here". Julian Goodman was the NBC Pres., Bill McAndrew was News Pres and Reuven Frank was the convention mogul, and of course Chet & David were very prominent... Ah memories....This photo was taken by Bob Jensen. [audio from L.A.]

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