

# TIC TOC

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## STEELE WINS TOP SPORTSCASTER AWARD FOR 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR

Bob Steele has done it again.

He has been named Connecticut's top sportscaster for the fourth consecutive year, by vote of his colleagues in the sports writing and sports broadcasting business.

This is especially impressive in light of the fact that the award has only been made four times by the North Carolina committee which runs the competition to select the top sportscaster and writer in each of the 50 states. Three Connecticut sports writers have been named in the past four years. This year's newspaper winner is Hank O'Donnell, sports editor of the Waterbury American, who broke into the business under Dan Parker in Waterbury 40 years ago.

Bob and Hank have been invited to the National Sportscasters and Sports-writers Award Banquet in Salisbury, N.C., April 2.

## TYROL BACKS STRONGER 'RIGHT TO KNOW' LAW

Robert S. Tyrol, WTIC's vice president - radio sales and president of the Connecticut Broadcasters Assn., spoke in favor of bills to strengthen Connecticut's right to know law at a hearing before the Connecticut State Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

Tyrol said most local boards and  
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## MRS. LEN MIRABEL WINS STATE METROPOLITAN OPERA COMPETITION

Soprano Rachel Saul, wife of film editor Len Mirabel, was one of three winners in the Connecticut Regional Finals of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions on March 4.

After winning the Connecticut competition, Mrs. Mirabel auditioned in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York with 14 other state winners from the eastern United States. The Mirabels are now waiting to hear the judges' decision.

Mrs. Mirabel is a well-known Hartford area vocalist. She has made frequent appearances on television, including WTIC-TV's "We Believe," and she is the Al Jarvis Orchestra's female vocalist.

This year's auditions were Mrs. Mirabel's first attempt to win the stiff Metropolitan Opera competition.

## "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LITTLE CENSORSHIP," PATRICELLI TELLS LAWMAKERS

"There is no such thing as a little censorship," Leonard J. Patricelli, WTIC-TV vice president - television programs told the Connecticut State Legislature's Judiciary Committee during a public hearing on a movie censorship bill.

Patricelli spoke in opposition to a bill which would create a five-man censorship board to judge the suitability of motion pictures to be shown in Connecticut.

Speaking on behalf of the Connecticut Broadcasters Association, comprising more than 30 radio and television stations in the state, Patricelli said the broadcasters wished to go on record as opposed to the censorship bill.

"Censors are no substitute for the safeguards which rightfully should be provided by education, religion  
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## VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE DRIVING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR DUF0UR

(This is the first -- we hope -- of a series on what people of our staff are doing outside Broadcast House as a public service; service for which there is little reward other than the satisfaction of seeing a public need and filling it. If you or a friend on the staff is involved in a community activity that has given you satisfaction, the rest of us would like to know about it. Please contact Dick Ahles if you have a story of this type.)

One night in every eight Bob duFour and his teammate go on standby duty with the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and are on call for any emergency in town between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning.

In the two years he's been with the Corps, Duf says he's handled one of almost everything, including midnight accidents in snowstorms, heart attacks three flights up at four in the morning and a broken leg in the middle of a muddy high school football field.

The worst combination he's experienced so far was a second floor heart attack, in the middle of an icy night, with an overweight victim, narrow winding stairs, no stout kitchen chair to bring him down on, and highly waxed floors covered with skidding rugs.

Duf is one of 22 members of the group, all of whom are trained in advanced first aid plus ambulance operation and techniques. The vehicle is a Caddy, weighs four tons, has everything in it from band aids to oxygen, is dispatched by the police, and its service is free to any resident of Wethersfield or to anyone injured or taken ill in the town.

Asked if he had ever had to deliver a baby in the ambulance, Duf said, "Not yet, but one night a couple of months ago we were close to it. If it had been St. Francis instead of Hartford Hospital, we wouldn't have made it."

## SICK LIST

Harry Levine is expected to be out for about three more weeks while his broken ankles heals. Harry sustained the painful injury when he slipped on the ice while walking in woods near his home. He broke the ankle in three places.

Hal Kolb has been confined to quarters for some time because of influenza.

## DOUGLAS DORSCHUG NAMED FOR "EXCHANGE" TRIP

Douglas Dorschug, son of Harold A. Dorschug, has been selected by the American Field Service as its candidate for summer exchange student from Conard High School, West Hartford. Douglas is a junior and would prefer to be sent to Germany. Specific assignment has not yet been determined. It depends upon availability of enough families to serve as hosts to the students. American students will sail from New York in late June as a group and return in late August.

## 'ROUTINE' PHONE CHECK WASN'T

Telephone checks of places where news often breaks aren't always routine.

After the Hartford City Council asked City Manager Sharpe to resign, the newsroom checked city hall by phone to see if there were any new developments.

The caller was told that the city manager's secretary was typing his resignation.

## FARM YOUTH PROGRAM MAKES RECORD NUMBER OF LOANS

WTIC's Farm Youth Program made loans to a record number of youngsters on March 16 when 31 boys and girls from Connecticut and Massachusetts borrowed \$5,000 from the station to purchase dairy calves.

The 31 loans were the most ever made in a single day by the 15-year-old Farm Youth Program, although the \$5,000 total was topped in 1961 when 28 youngsters borrowed \$5,560 in a single day. Farm Director Frank Atwood was on hand at the 1963 Foundation Dairy Calf Sale to oversee the 31 loans.

CENSORSHIP

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and parents," Patricelli declared, "and there is no such thing as a little censorship."

"History has proven that any person or body with the power of censorship in time becomes hardened and soon loses its sensitivity to new thought, new trends and, above all, to the desires and wishes of the governed."

"RIGHT TO KNOW"

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commissions cooperate with news media to insure the public's right to know. "However, some local commissions and officials try to bar the public and news media from their meetings under the guise of conducting the executive session, but contrary to existing law, are omitting to mention this in official minutes," he said.

Tyrol urged legislative adoption of stronger right to know legislation in order to plug loop holes in the existing law. He was joined by representatives of Connecticut's Council on Freedom of Information and several leading newspapers.

TYROL NAMED TO AID  
SOCIETY'S BOARD

Radio Sales VP Robert S. Tyrol is in the news for a variety of reasons this month.

He was recently elected to the Travelers Aid Society Board of Directors and appointed general chairman of the First Annual Retail Trade Bureau Banquet to be held in Hartford next month.

And, on March 28, he will attend the Broadcasting Executives Club luncheon to hear FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee.

HENNESSEY'S DEBATERS IMPRESSIVE  
IN BOW, BUT WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR

Although Coach Bill Hennessey's debating team at Trinity has scored victories over such formidable opponents as Harvard and MIT, the coach is doing what most coaches do at season's end--"waiting 'til next year."

Coach Hennessey has reason to look to next season with pleasure because he's groomed nine strong debaters on this year's freshman or novice team and he thinks they may be ready to take on the best the east has to offer.

Hennessey, an intercollegiate debating champ in his student days at Emerson College, became Trinity's debate coach last fall when Trinity Professor John Dando remembered watching collegian Hennessey take second place in a major New England debate a few years back.

"Resolved: that the non-communist nations of the world should form an economic community" is the intercollegiate debate topic this year and, according to Coach Hennessey, it's more difficult than most college debate topics because it entails both political and economical considerations.

Until Bill was named coach, Trinity's Athaneum Society, the student organization which conducts debates, was a loosely organized club which hadn't taken on heavy intercollegiate competition. The new coach has entered his varsity and novice teams in some of the east's major tournaments and scheduled debates with most of Connecticut's colleges.

Bill devotes three nights a week and many weekends to training his debaters and accompanying them on tournament trips. He says debating takes as much time as a regular, three-credit course and the season is long--from October through May.

An indication of Coach Hennessey's effectiveness occurred when the Athaneum Society, Trinity's oldest student organization, received a \$100 award from the college for being the campus group that had shown the most improvement during the first semester.

SMITH SNARES TWO HOT ONES

Robert E. Smith was able to snare the two hottest tickets on Broadway these days - Joan Sutherland's Metropolitan Opera revival "La Sonnambula" and the Broadway musical "Oliver," both on March 30.

NORWICH, NARCOTICS, LEGISLATURE  
KEEP REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS BUSY

News being what it is, adversity unfortunately means business for the news room and the photo department.

A case in point is the recent Norwich flood, which took six lives and caused damage estimated at \$2,000,000. Larrye deBear and Bob Dwyer spent most of the night at the scene. Larrye provided numerous feeds for WTIC News and was heard on the NBC Network. Stan Simon, called in on his day off, was another NBC contributor. The flood drew many inquiries, and radio and film stories went out to several stations.

Stan Simon's narcotics documentary has completed the circuit. First used as a film story and on educational TV stations in Hartford and Buffalo, N.Y., an edited version went out on WTIC Radio. Next time a live performance?

WTIC News took an active part in informing the public about facts in the controversy over the site for the proposed state medical-dental college. Vice President and News Director Tom Eaton moderated a special radio and TV program that included legislators and the chairman of the site selection commission.

Paul Kuntz is now covering city hall, succeeding Sid Stewart, who is holding down the store.

Legislative days are busy days for Bob Simmons who is full time at the state capitol, supplementing Tom Eaton. Other staff members are called to the capitol on occasion. A busy man, Simmons, with legislature, farm and sometimes camera chores.

PARCELLS' RECREATION ROOM  
REMINISCENT OF EARLY RADIO

TV Director Harry Parcell is looking for broadcasting memorabilia for his newly constructed recreation room, which will have a broadcasting theme. He's like to know about any equipment that might be tucked away in someone's attic or cellar.

Harry, incidentally, has been appointed to the Communications Committee of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches.

TIC TOC REPORTERS---

Jim Aseltine, Joyce Bennett, Renata Cuff, Bill Contiello, Brad Davis, Len Doughty, Bill Grammas, Jack Luckin, Jerry Haber, Lew Krause, John Lanzieri, John Reno, Woody Sloan, Sid Stewart.

4-H FAIR SCHEDULES  
"FRANK ATWOOD DAY"

Saturday, Aug. 24, will be "Frank Atwood Day" at the Litchfield County 4-H Fair.

A recent issue of the Litchfield County Farm Bureau News reported that "this special tribute to a man who has done much to promote rural youth activities was unanimously adopted at the annual meeting of the Litchfield County 4-H Fair Association."

"Frank Atwood joined the staff of Radio Station WTIC as Farm Program Director in 1946 and has become a familiar voice in nearly every household in Connecticut and southern Massachusetts," the Farm Bureau News reported.

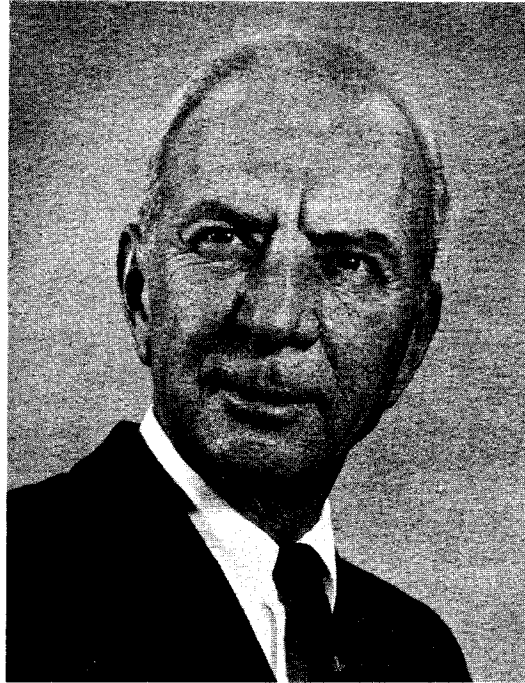
"Rarely has there been a broadcast of his over the past seventeen years when he did not mention some activity or achievement of a boy or girl enrolled in 4-H or vocational agriculture.

The announcement also cited the WTIC Farm Youth Program, founded by President Morency in 1948. "To date, nearly one hundred youths of Litchfield have participated in this program and the animals obtained through this plan have served as foundation stock on farm herds in many instances.

LIBRARY STAFFER  
COMES FROM CANADA

Barbara McQuade, a transplanted Canadian from Quebec City, is the newest addition to the Record Library staff.

Now making her home in Hartford, Barbara is working for John DeLisa days and attending the University of Hartford at night to get her BA degree.



WALTER C. JOHNSON

1904 - 1963

The city and state have lost a fine citizen and the broadcasting industry one of its foremost pioneers in the death of Walter Johnson. He had the deep affection and respect of all his associates and he will be sorely missed.

*Paul Horeney*