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"PLACES AND PEOPLE" WILL BOW WITH SPECIAL ON MYSTIC SEAPORT

"Places and People," television visits to interesting places and people in the southern New England area will have its premiere on WTIC-TV on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

A television tour of Connecticut's Mystic Seaport will be the subject of the first program. Bob Steele is the series host and John Dando will be the narrator of the Mystic Seaport visit. The 30-minute special has been filmed in color.

Mystic Seaport was one of the most frequently mentioned places to visit in letters and cards received from hundreds of elderly persons, hospital patients and other shut-ins following WTIC-TV's announcement of plans to produce a series for people who can't easily get around. After the series was announced in July, special announcements were sent to hospitals, nursing homes and senior citizens' organizations, inviting the recipients to select places and people they would enjoy seeing on television.

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FIVE PHOTOGRAPHERS BACK AFTER STRIKE

A strike by five WTIC-TV photographers ended Nov. 20 when the photographers, members of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, voted to accept a tentative contract agreement.

The agreement must be ratified by the membership of Local 644 in New Britain on Dec. 2.

The photographers returned to work on Nov. 23. They went on strike on Oct. 20.

TO THE STAFF

I know that all of you are as pleased as I that the strike has been settled and all of our photographers are again on the job.

Strikes are an unpleasant and unnecessary means of settling differences and we are pleased that this one has been settled amicably. We welcome the photographers back to Broadcast House and we welcome a return to normality and an opportunity to again devote all of our energies to serving the public to the best of our ability.

CONNECTICUT VFW PRESENTS MEDAL TO MR. PATRICELLI

The Connecticut Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars presented President Patricelli its Silver Medal of Merit Nov. 25.

The presentation of the medal, the highest state VFW award, was made by State VFW Commander William P. Rizzutto during a ceremony in the Hall of Flags at the State Capitol.

Mr. Patricelli was cited for "his adherence to the highest standards of the broadcasting industry and his outstanding contributions to the efforts of the VFW and other patriotic groups in efforts toward preservation and extension of the principles of American Freedom."

GENEROUS TV ENGINEERS GIVE COFFEE PROFITS TO CHEER FUND

The thriving coffee and doughnut business being operated by the TV Engineers has already provided \$50 to the WTIC Cheer Fund--with the promise of more to come.

The \$50 represents two weeks of profit from selling coffee at 10 cents a cup and doughnuts at 10 cents a doughnut after the coffee sold in the cafeteria machine was raised to 15 cents a cup. The TV Engineers went into independent coffee-making in reaction to the price increase announced by the cafeteria vendor.

Business has been excellent. The TV Engineers are selling from 120 to 150 cups of coffee and about four dozen doughnuts every day. In addition to their generous contribution to the Cheer Fund, the Engineers have

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHT BEGINS ON PLAZA WITH TRADITIONAL LIGHTING CEREMONY

The annual Christmas Festival of Light begins on Hartford's Constitution Plaza on Friday, Nov. 28.

Close to a quarter of a million, tiny, white lights will be turned on during the traditional day-after-Thanksgiving ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Stephan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Smith, was selected by Hartford Mayor Ann Uccello to turn the golden key that illuminates the Plaza. The key will be provided by Santa Claus who will reach the ceremony by traveling down the side of 1 Constitution Plaza in an appropriately decorated window washer's gondola.

Seasonal music will be provided by the 85-voice Glee Club from Hartford's South Catholic High School under the direction of R. Leslie Childs. The Paul Landerman Orchestra will also perform.

Leonard J. Patricelli, president of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc., the Festival sponsor, will welcome those attending the ceremony and watching or listening on WTIC-TV or Radio. Lester Fine, chairman of the Retail Trade Bureau of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce will represent the Hartford merchants.

WTIC announcer Brad Davis will be master of ceremonies for the Festival of Light Ceremony and for the Hartford Times Carol Sing which will be held on the Plaza at 9 p.m.

In addition to the display of lights, the Festival will again include a Nativity Scene of sculptured, three-dimensional figures representing the Christ Child, the Wise Men and the shepherds. The Nativity Scene will be displayed in the exhibition booth on the northern end of the Plaza.

"Santa's Circus," a favorite with children, will be displayed again in the main lobby of Broadcast House.

The angels and reindeer sculptured by Valerie Clarebout of New Fairfield will again be the major feature of the Festival. There will be nine trumpeting angels on Plaza walks and a family of reindeer near the Plaza entrance to Broadcast House. Seven angels in bas relief will be on the north side of the Phoenix Mutual building, facing the Plaza.

As always, the focal point of the Festival of Light will be the fountain. Five tiers of dazzling lights will splash into the fountain from high above its granite slabs, creating the Festival's most spectacular scene.

RUFUS COES RECEIVES PRIZE FOR PAINTING

"Big Bill's '60 Chevy," an acrylic painting by Rufus Coe received the Sunshine Art Award at the 51st Northeast Juried Exhibition of the Springfield Art League at the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum in Springfield.

In a review of the exhibition, which runs through
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NOTES FROM NANCY

"Coming In on a Wing and a Prayer" just might be the theme song of Mary Ann Kinsella, who flew via Pilgrim Airlines, a six-seat plane, with rosary beads in hand. Mary Ann was beginning a week-long vacation in Nassau, where the weather was sunny and the gambling tables warm. She relaxed enough to again board...you guessed it...Pilgrim Airlines for the trip home.

Both Cindy Gaspar and Diane Fody have left us to begin "bringing up baby."

Clemy Scanlon has taken up residence at a new desk on the 4th floor... working for Tom Eaton and Harold Dorschug...and Grace Petro is now occupying the glamour desk in Jean Colbert's office.

"Frogs and snails and puppy dogs tails" might be the best way to describe life in the Tom and Marie Lang household these days...with the addition of 6 lbs. 15 oz., Thomas Francis Lang II.

If you haven't noticed the rhythm in Cheryl Smith's step, you might take note...besides putting a full day here at Broadcast House, Cheryl devotes five evenings a week to teaching girls ranging in age from 6 to 17 modern jazz dancing...her older group will be performing in the Hartford High School Christmas Show, as well as other benefits in the area.

The Submarine Service might lose to the Notre Dame football team...Rosemary Brandt met most of the team while attending a YWCA Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Besides conferring with the team, she spent her working hours helping to establish new policies in the Young Adult program at the "Y." Rosemary was one of two young adults chosen to fly to Michigan due to her long hours of work with the USO.

Regan did it...Murphy did it...Now here at "TIC Dean follows suit... Arnie has just thrown his hat into the political ring by being elected president of Highcrest Road PTA, where his 3 children attend school...who knows

**BUTCH MURIATY SCORES TOUCHDOWN,
CATCHES 5 PASSES IN HALL GAME**

... 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and five pass receptions for 59 yards were Butch Muriaty's contributions to Hall High School's 44-20 victory over Conard on Nov. 22 to give Hall a perfect, 9-0 record for the season.

Butch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Muriaty, has played tight end and has been the punter for the successful Hall team. He is a senior at Hall.

The touchdown run came the first time Hall received the ball and 13 seconds after Conard opened the game with a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage.

According to The Hartford Courant, Muriaty "gathered in the Conard boot at his own 25, cut through his wall of blockers at midfield and swept down the right sideline where he outdistanced everyone for a tying touchdown only 13 seconds after the Chieftains (Conard) had scored the first touchdown."

Quarterback Craig Robinson, according to The Courant, "completed his first four passes to big end Butch Muriaty and added a fifth late in the game to give his glue-fingered receiver 59 yards on five receptions."

Earlier in the week, in a pre-game story, The Courant reported that Muriaty was the best punter the school has ever had.

**TV ENGINEERS PROFIT
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given \$25--the third week's profit --to the Salvation Army to pay for Thanksgiving dinners for shut-ins.

The engineers intend to pass on profits most weeks to the Cheer Fund, but they will also make occasional special contributions to worthy causes like the Salvation Army Thanksgiving fund.

**GOVERNOR CITES
PAUL W. MORENCY**

The Connecticut Council on Crime and Delinquency and its chairman, Paul W. Morency, were commended by Governor Dempsey for leadership efforts in the establishment of a State Department of Children and Youth Services.

The new department provides for voluntary commitment of youngsters between 14 and 21 and sets up alternatives to incarceration at reform schools for pre-delinquents and delinquents up to 21. There is also provision for new facilities and resources to receive, diagnose and care for children.

Mr. Morency was president of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. until his retirement in 1967.

LETTER TO JOE

(Joe Girand received the following letter from one of his many admirers.)

Dear Mr. Girand:

I thought you might appreciate a bit of history repeating itself.

Twenty three years ago I used to rush home from high school to listen to my favorite D.J. on WTHT--Joe Girand.

Now I work at one of the local schools and I find I am rushing home from school to listen to my favorite D.J. on WTIC--Joe Girand.

The call letters have changed but the voice and taste in music have remained the same--both great.

Appreciatively yours,

Mrs. Walter McGowan

**FRANK PROVIDES THE GOVERNOR
FOR BRITISH THANKSGIVING**

Some residents of Coventry, England will enjoy an American Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey and the greetings of Connecticut's governor, thanks to Frank Atwood.

The Rev. Robert Johnson, a Coventry clergyman who was born in Connecticut, organized the Thanksgiving dinner and invited a group of Coventry residents who had entertained visitors from Coventry, Conn. last summer.

The Frank Atwoods accompanied the Connecticut group to England last summer and the Rev. Mr. Johnson asked Frank if he could get a recorded message from Governor Dempsey to play at the English Thanksgiving dinner.

The governor complied and a recording was made at Broadcast House for the Thanksgiving celebrants in the Wyken district of Coventry.

In the message, the governor noted it was Englishmen in America who originated the Thanksgiving celebration so many years ago. "As we on both sides of the Atlantic gather together to thank Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed on us," the governor said, "I am very pleased to extend to the people of Wyken our best wishes

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Mystic Seaport is reached on "Places and People" from the open water, not from the highways used by most actual visitors. The program is devoted to providing viewers with a closer look at Mystic than they would get on an actual visit.

The Mystic Seaport will include visits to all of the exhibits, interviews with the shipsmith, the sailmaker and other seamen, and detailed inspections of the old sailing ships, the Charles W. Morgan and the Joseph Conrad.

Shipsmith Bob Heath tells how his old shop was moved from New Bedford and how, in the interest of absolute authenticity, even the dirt floor was barreled and transported to Mystic so that the dirt on the dirt floor is still authentic New Bedford dirt.

Ninety-year-old Mary Greeman Davis, the granddaughter of a nineteenth century Mystic ship builder, tells of the 125 "brigs and barks and fishing boats and schooners and yachts and whale boats and tug boats and ferry boats and any kind of boat you could think of" that were built by her grandfather until steam boats put him out of business in 1879, the year she was born.

A special was written and produced by George Bowe and directed by Don Moore. Dennis Switaj and Lynn Boscher were the photographers; Allen Allhouse, the film editor; Randy Scalise, the sound recorder, and Robert Beaulac, the lighting and production assistant.

RUFUS COES' PAINTING
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Dec. 7, the "Springfield Republican" called Coes' work "a quite impressive painting."

Coes has also exhibited paintings recently at the annual juried show of the Gallery on the Green in Canton. His entry in the Canton show was a watercolor entitled "Small Point."

