



ALBERT H. JACKSON

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All of us were saddened by the death of Al Jackson, a close associate of many of us for nearly four decades. He was both a valued member of our staff and a valued friend.

*Paul Morency*

### WELCH NAMED CHIEF ENGINEER; FIVE OTHERS GET PROMOTIONS

Six major appointments, including the promotion of John Welch to chief engineer, were announced this month by President Morency.

The others receiving promotions were: Stuart Babcock to supervisor of television technical operations; Sam Balnius to supervisor of radio technical operations; Fred Edwards to supervisor of Maintenance and field operations; Ed Kingsley to technical administrative assistant, and Steve Myers to supervisor of facilities.

The six have served the Company for a total of 124 years.

Welch has been a member of the WTIC staff for 24 years and assistant supervisor of television operations in the Engineering Department since 1957.

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### PRESIDENT'S CUP WON BY BROADCAST 1 TEAM

A determined Broadcast #1 team, its back to the wall, rallied to squeak out a narrow victory over Broadcast #2 in the second annual roll-off among three teams that represent WTIC in the Travelers Men's Club bowling leagues. The Broadcast #3 five carved out a respectable third place finish in the competition held at the Travelers alleys on Wednesday night, April 13.

With the victory, capped by clutch bowling performances by Ernie Olivieri and Bob (Crazyball) King, the 1-ers were able to rest

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### STATION PROTESTS BAN ON MEETING BROADCAST

WTIC has asked its attorneys to make a thorough study of the West Hartford Board of Education's decision to bar live radio coverage of its April 19 meeting, but the station is contemplating no legal action at this time.

The station will also bring the matter before the Connecticut Council on Freedom Of Information at its May meeting.

The West Hartford Board of Education voted six to one to prohibit WTIC from broadcasting the April 19 meeting at which it approved a controversial plan to bus Negro and Puerto Rican children from Hartford to West Hartford schools this summer and fall.

Reporters and photographers from newspapers, radio and television stations were permitted to cover the meeting. Only live radio coverage was banned.

Tom Eaton, vice president-news, protested the Board of Education's action and said it was a violation of Connecticut's "right to know law," which requires public meetings to be open to all news media.

### BROADCAST-PLAZA RECEIVES TWO AD CLUB GOLD AWARDS

Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. received two of the top awards in the annual advertising awards competition of the Advertising Club of Hartford.

Eugene J. Muriaty was presented a Gold Award of Honor for excellence in displays, specialties and exhibits in recognition of the Constitution Plaza Christmas Festival of Light.

A second Gold Award of Honor was presented for excellence in sales catalogues and manuals to Chuck Albert in recognition of a sales presentation for the Harvard-Yale Regatta.

The awards were presented to Muriaty and Albert at the annual club banquet in the Hotel America April 16. Jim Glenn was cited for his art work in both awards.

## ECUMENICAL SUNRISE SERVICE EXPECTED TO BECOME ANNUAL EVENT ON PLAZA

An Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will become an annual event on Constitution Plaza.

Representatives of the three participating faiths have indicated a desire to sponsor an Ecumenical service annually and President Morency said Constitution Plaza will be available for future Easter services.

The Rev. Hollis Huston, vice president of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, said the first service, which attracted 10,000 worshippers to the Plaza, was 'more than the 'landmark of Christian co-operation' we hoped it would be. It was a great demonstration that the Christians are eager to witness together to the precious truths which they hold in common."

The Rev. Dr. Huston called Constitution Plaza "a magnificent symbol of the radical change now emerging in American society" and said "celebrating the Resurrection there was a testimony that the churches are dedicated to a ministry to and through this dynamic culture." He said the number of worshippers "elevated the service to a high rank among Christian events" and expressed the hope that future services would attract "foremost Christian statesmen of every denomination."

The Most Rev. Joseph F. Donnelly, chairman of the Hartford Archdiocese Commission for Ecumenical Affairs, said the service was "another manifestation of the charity and good will which we find so frequently today as all sections of the Christian faith seek to establish closer and more meaningful contacts that will advance the cause of cooperation in civic and social affairs as well as bring the churches closer together." Bishop Donnelly hailed "the program, attendance and evident ecumenical spirit that was present."

Speaking for the Orthodox Church, the Rev. James Demetriades of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, called the service "the most wonderful experience of our life."

"Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant, for the first time, prayed together to our Lord. After centuries, we fulfilled His will that all be one," Father Demetriades said. He urged the three faiths "to continue their efforts in promoting love and unity in our society."

Mr. Morency assured the representatives of the three faiths that the company "will be delighted to assist in making the service an annual event on Constitution Plaza."

## ALBERT H. JACKSON

Albert H. Jackson, supervisor of engineering operations and personnel at WTIC, passed away at his home in West Hartford, March 31.

Mr. Jackson, 59, joined WTIC in 1926 as an engineer and had been associated with the station longer than any other member of the staff. He was supervisor of engineering operations and personnel at the time of his death.

Mr. Jackson was born in New York City July 27, 1906, and attended the New York City and Watertown, N.Y. public schools. He was a graduate of the New York Electrical School and the RCA Institute Marine Corporation.

An early amateur radio enthusiast Mr. Jackson received his first amateur radio license at the age of 16 and had been an active member of the American Radio Relay League since 1924. He was a wireless radio operator in the Merchant Marine before becoming a WTIC engineer.

During World War II, Mr. Jackson served as an officer in the U. S. Army Signal Corps and was in charge of communications equipment in Europe during the final months of the war. He was discharged as a captain.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Trinity Church, Hartford and the Hartford Civil Defense Organization, and a former member of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers.

## NOTICE TO SLOSHERS

You're sloshing again.

The Business Office, which is responsible for building maintenance, has asked coffee and soft drink customers to exercise greater care and to remove anything sloshed in the halls. The Business Office would also like to know when machines are out of order.

# 1965 FINANCIAL REPORT ISSUED BY STAFF CLUB

The WTIC Staff Club reports receipts of \$821.36 and disbursements of \$815.59 for 1965.

Staff contributions of 25 cents a month totaled \$443.75 and profits from the vending machines were \$377.61.

Disbursements were as follows: nine for illness, \$124.33; three weddings, \$80; three anniversaries, \$210.50; 12 upon leaving the Company, \$145.31, and seven bereavement; \$141.55. The Staff Club also gave \$114 to the Travelers Cheer Committee.

Chester S. Keffer, chairman, noted that the closeness of the receipts and disbursements attests to the validity of the formula for staff contributions of 25 cents a month or \$3 a year. He has asked staff members to donate \$3 annually instead of a monthly contribution, if possible.

A balance of \$193.96 was on hand Dec. 31, 1965. It included a balance of \$188.19 remaining at the end of 1964.

## BERTEL, DAVIS HELPING REVITALIZATION CORPS

Dick Bertel and Brad Davis are speaking around the state on behalf of Hartford's Revitalization Corps.

Bertel and Davis, director of the Corps' Speakers Bureau, are available to speak before groups of any size at no charge. Groups are encouraged to contribute to the Revitalization Corps.

The Revitalization Corps has recruited hundreds of volunteers to serve in a local "Citizen Peace Corps" without leaving their careers or communities.

# PRESIDENT'S CUP WON (continued from page 2)

the President's Cup from #2 which held the trophy, awarded for the first time last season.

Number 2 jumped out to a commanding lead in the best two-out-of-three series by trouncing #1 by 27 pins in the first contest with the help of Don Fleming's scorching 151 game and the steady pinning of Micky Gentile and Dick Oeser. Ernie Olivieri's explosive 160 game was the only reason #1 did not fall further behind than it did in the first contest. The second game saw King, the "C" League's "most improved bowler," lead #1 to a narrow 9-pin victory over #2 which received a big boost from Oeser's potent 145 delivery. King turned in a 141 in leading #1.

Number 1 sewed up its second victory, the one that captured the President's Cup, when Freddie Edwards and Olivieri caught fire to turn in 138 and 137 games, respectively. Number 2 made a game effort to catch the champions in the final two frames, but their belated drive fell short. Each team has now captured the Cup once. Broadcast #3 has yet to score a Cup victory in the two-year-old series.

Olivieri walked away with the top triple performance having turned in a 412 fashioned via games of 160, 115, and 137. Don Fleming garnered top individual game honors with his 151. Olivieri was not eligible for the single-game prize because of his triple win. Joe Lorraine led #3's bid for honors with a single with a single game high of 132.

In regular season play #1 finished in second place in "C" League, two games behind the frontrunners, while #2 and #3, both "D" League entries, ended their seasons in second and third place, respectively. Number 2 was four games off the winning pace, number 3 five games behind.

In the three-team competition, the squads were made up of the following personnel: #1 - King, Joe McGuinness, Edwards, Olivieri and Chuck Albert. #2 - Gentile, Oeser, Randy Scalise, Stu Babcock and Fleming. #3 - John Pohorylo, Ed Gracyalny, Lorraine, Bill Conticello and Steve Myers.

The members of all three squads unanimously agreed that hereafter the annual 3-team roll-off, for which the President's Cup is awarded, would be known as the Albert H. Jackson Memorial Roll-Off. It honors the late Al Jackson, a six-year veteran of the #1 squad.

## 54 YOUNGSTERS BOUGHT CALVES WITH WTIC LOANS DURING 1965

Fifty-four boys and girls borrowed \$9,055 from WTIC to purchase dairy calves during 1965, according to the annual report issued April 7 to the WTIC Farm Program Advisory Committee.

The report was submitted by WTIC Farm Program Director Frank Atwood at the annual luncheon meeting of the Connecticut and Massachusetts advisors to the Farm Youth Program in the Hotel America. President Morency was host at a luncheon meeting attended by 34 persons.

Since Mr. Morency inaugurated the program in 1948, WTIC has provided \$148,150.18 in interest-free loans to youngsters from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the purchase of 940 dairy calves. The borrowers assume full ownership of the calves upon repayment of the loans.

Both the number of loans and the total amount of loans showed an increase over 1964 when WTIC loaned \$6,660 to 48 youngsters. In 1965, loans were made to 38 youngsters from Connecticut, 15 from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island.

WTIC also provided grants in 1965 to four boys who attended national agricultural conventions. Austin Tanner of New Preston, Conn., was chosen, on the recommendation of 4-H club leaders and vocational agriculture teachers, to attend the Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City at WTIC's expense and three delegates were selected for the National 4-H Club Dairy Conference in Chicago: John Deveno of Southwick, Mass., John Collins of Hazardville, Conn., and Robert MacDonald of Andover, Conn.

Sixty-seven Farm Youth Program participants were guests of WTIC at the New York World's Fair in June.

Each year, the annual report also includes information on those who first entered the Farm Youth Program 10 years earlier. Of the 30 youngsters who received loans for the first time in 1956, three are full-time dairy farmers and five are in related occupations. One is serving in Viet Nam with the U.S. Navy and another is studying to become an agriculture teacher after spending two years in Brazil as a member of the Peace Corps.

The committee also discussed possible alternatives to the Farm Youth Picnic which was held for many years in the spring but replaced in 1964 and 1965 by trips to the New York World's Fair. A subcommittee is currently planning a visit to Constitution Plaza for the youngsters.

## EATON VICE PRESIDENT OF SIGMA DELTA CHI

Tom Eaton has been installed as vice president of the new Connecticut chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society.

Other officers are: Bob Eddy of The Hartford Courant, president; L. P. Yale of the Associated Press, treasurer; and Russell G. D'Oench, Jr. of The Middletown Press, secretary.

## FIVE LOCAL HAMS ATTEND AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE CONVENTION

A delegation of five Broadcast House amateur radio enthusiasts attended the National Convention of the American Radio Relay League at the Sheraton Boston April 22-24.

Fred Edwards, John Reno, Baxie Howell, Ed Derry and Dick Zwirko were among the 5,000 delegates from throughout the world at the convention. Ken Mudford, a ham from New Zealand, who met Edwards through associates in amateur radio, also accompanied the group to Boston.

Greater cooperation with the military and participation in Civil Defense activities were emphasized at the convention, which was also devoted to technical talks on the various phases of electronics, an address by National President Herbert Hoover, Jr. and displays of amateur radio equipment.

## COLLEGE HONORS ATWOOD

Frank Atwood, president of the University of Vermont Alumni Club of Greater Hartford for several terms and perennial emcee for the club's dinners, was given a plaque at a recent dinner of the group for his efforts on behalf of the club and his alma mater.

WELCH NAMED CHIEF ENGINEER;  
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A native of Somers, Conn., Welch was educated in the local schools and was graduated from the Dodge Radio and Telegraph Institute, Valparaiso, Indiana.

He joined the WTIC staff on Dec. 8, 1941, as an engineer, but left in April, 1942 to serve in the U.S. Navy as an electronic technician aboard aircraft carriers in the Pacific. He returned to WTIC in 1946.

He and his wife, Ernestine, live at 21 Willard St., Wethersfield with their three children.

Babcock has been a WTIC-TV studio engineer since the station went on the air in 1957. A native of New Haven, he was educated in the local schools and at the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, Washington, D.C. Babcock entered the Army Air Corps as a private in 1942 and was commissioned a second lieutenant after being graduated from Yale University's Communications Cadet School. He served as a communications officer in a Ninth Air Force photo reconnaissance squadron from 1943 to 1945 and was separated from active duty as a captain after the war ended.

He was a member of the original engineering staff that constructed Station WHAY in New Britain in 1949 and a member of the WNHC-TV engineering staff from 1952 to 1957. Babcock is director and treasurer of the Camp Bethel Assn., a church camp in Haddam. He and his wife, Charlotte, live at 16 Neil Drive, Newington with their three daughters.

Balnus, born in Hartford and educated in the Hartford and Rockville schools and the American Television Institute of Technology, Chicago, joined WTIC in 1957 as an engineer. He has previously served as an electronics technician with United Aircraft Corp. and as a radio operations supervisor of WKNB, New Britain. He and his wife, Anne, live at 443 Summit St., Hartford with their son and daughter.

Edwards, a Manchester native, joined the WTIC technical staff in 1934. He has held an amateur radio license for 35 years and a first class radio telephone operator's license for 32 years. During World War II, he served with the Office of War Information as operational supervisor of American broadcasting stations in Europe. He is currently radio officer of the Manchester Civil Defense Organization and chairman of the State Industry Advisory Committee for the Emergency Broadcast System. Edwards and his wife, Ruth, live at 428 Porter St., Manchester. They have two daughters and a son.

Kingsley, a native of Woonsocket, R. I., was educated in the Newport schools and at the Eastern Radio Institute, Boston. He was a Merchant Marine radio operator and served in the Navy for four years before joining WTIC in 1931. Kingsley is a member of the American Cryptogram Assn. and the American Radio Relay League. He and his wife, Thelma, live at 128 Grove St., West Hartford. They have a married daughter and three grandchildren.

Myers was born in Hartford and educated in the local schools and at the New England Technical Institute and RCA Institute of Technology. He currently attends the University of Hartford. A veteran of World War II, he served in the South Pacific with the Fifth Air Force. Prior to joining WTIC in 1951, Myers was an engineer at Station WNAB, Bridgeport. He has been active in the state Civil Defense organization, serving as a consultant and instructor in radiological defense and shelter management. Myers and his wife, Joanne, live at 76 Montclair Dr., East Hartford, with their son and two daughters.