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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I thought all the members of our staff would be interested in the letter I sent to the 38 engineers who participated in the April 18 election:

"The results of the NABET election were very close. Out of 38 votes cast (100% of the group), 21 were for a union, 17 votes were against. With a switch of only two votes, there would be no union.

"As you well know, this vote does not require anyone to join the union, whichever way he voted. All the vote means is that if the union requests the company to negotiate, it all."

I have been asked to comment on the election results and I can only add that while I respect any individual's right to join a union if he wishes, I deeply regret the results of the election.

MYERS APPOINTED TO PERSONNEL POST

The appointment of Stephen J. Myers to the newly created position of manager of engineering personnel was announced by President Patricelli on April 17.

In his new position, Myers will be responsible for personnel supervision and relations in the WTIC-TV and Radio Engineering Department and will report to Robert S. Tyrol, vice president and general manager. He will also be responsible for plant maintenance at Broadcast House. The appointment is effective May 1.

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STATIONS RAISING FUNDS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL

WTIC Radio and Television have joined the city's other radio and television stations and daily newspapers in sponsoring the Martin Luther King Memorial Youth Fund of Greater Hartford.

The drive, which ends on May 4, is raising funds for three projects that will help needy Hartford youngsters engage in meaningful activities this summer.

Funds raised in the drive will be allocated to Project Co-op, which gives youngsters under 16 an opportunity to earn pocket money by taking part in neighborhood betterment programs; the Work Experience Program of the Hartford Board of Education, which provides similar work experience in non-profit organizations, and the Greater Hartford Community College, for scholarships designed to help youngsters determine if they can do college work by taking single summer courses.

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ORVILLE ANDREWS

Orville Andrews, WTIC-TV's "Ranger Andy," died March 29 in Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. He was a resident of Kent.

As "Ranger Andy," Mr. Andrews was host of a daily television program on WTIC-TV for the past 10 years. He took great pride in the fact that his program featured original songs and stories that were educational as well as entertaining. Thousands of youngsters came to know and love such "Ranger Andy" songs as "The Song That Never Ends" and "You'll Find It In The Bible" as well as the more universally known nursery rhymes.

Parents and teachers, who marveled at "Ranger Andy's" ability to handle 50 excited boys and girls on his live television show every day, frequently asked him how he did it. His answer was always the same: "Treat them like adults." He never talked down to children because in their minds, they were grown-ups who acted best when treated like friends by an adult. In 10 years on the air, more than 125,000 youngsters appeared on the show.

Mr. Andrews was born and raised on a Nebraska farm and went to the University of Nebraska to study agriculture. He often said that if he hadn't become inter-

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Members of the staff who would like to contribute to the fund may give donations to Nancy Hartwell. President Patricelli, who is serving on the executive committee that will allocate the funds, has urged members of the staff "to do what you can to help support these activities that will be our city's way of remembering Dr. King."

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The creation of the new position in the Engineering Department will free Director of Engineering Harold A. Dorschug and Chief Engineer John Welch to place greater emphasis on plans and research and the technological advances in the broadcasting industry.

Myers was born in Hartford and educated in the local schools and at the New England Technical Institute and the RCA Institute of Technology. He has also attended the University of Hartford.

Myers served in the South Pacific with the Fifth Air Force in World War II and was an engineer at Station WNAB, Bridgeport before joining WTIC in 1951. He was promoted to assistant supervisor of facilities in 1961 and supervisor in 1966.

He has been active in Connecticut's Civil Defense organization, serving as a consultant and instructor in radiological defense and shelter management. He and his wife, Joanne, live at 76 Montclair Drive, East Hartford with their three children.

BOWE IN "CAMELOT"
WITH CANINE CO-STAR

George Bowe is portraying King Pellinore, buddy of King Arthur, in the Canton Benefit Productions' "Camelot" during the next two weekends.

Bowe's co-star is a 160-pound English sheep dog, "Lord Kitchner," whose name in the show is "Horrid." Working on stage in a suit of armor while carrying a lance, wearing a monocle and handling and trying to outguess the dog are rather challenging, according to the human half of the act. Bowe believes no two performances by the dog or him will be the same.

"Camelot" is Bowe's seventh show with Canton Benefit Productions. During the past decade, the group's shows in the Collinsville Town Hall have raised more than \$24,000 for school equipment in Canton.

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ested in acting while in college, he might well have been a real forest ranger. After graduating from the School of Agriculture, he went on to the university's graduate school to study music and dramatics. He paid for his college education by playing banjo in dance bands in Nebraska and Colorado.

After college, he went to Hollywood and appeared in some movies before joining radio's famous "Al Pearce and His Gang" as a comedy singer.

From the Pearce show, Mr. Andrews moved into radio production as an advertising writer and producer. He created many of the best known radio jingles of the late 1930s and '40s, including the Bromo Seltzer train and the Lifeboy foghorn during his stint as an advertising writer.

The "Ranger Andy" character was developed over several years and introduced on a CBS Easter special in 1957. He joined WTIC-TV one week after the station went on the air in 1957.

In addition to his television work, Mr. Andrews frequently performed at children's hospitals in the area. He also made three records of his original songs.

Mr. Andrews leaves his wife, two sons, Orville, Jr. and Douglas, and two grandchildren.

ARTICLE BY CROWLEY
IN AWARD COMPETITION

An article written by newsman Joe Crowley on the history of the Connecticut courts has been entered in the 1968 American Bar Association Gavel Awards competition.

The Gavel Award is given to a newspaperman who has contributed to the legal profession by his writings. The article, which appeared in the 150th anniversary edition of The Hartford Times, traced the history of the
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court system from its establishment to the present day.

Crowley was the Superior and Supreme Court reporter for the Times for five years before joining WTIC.

NEWS STAFF, PHOTOGRAPHERS WORK LATE AT TRINITY SIT-IN

Newsmen and photographers teamed up to provide around the clock coverage of the student take-over of the administration building at Trinity College last week.

The protest began Monday night when the students took over the building and refused to let the trustees leave. Dennis Switaj was on hand that night. Tuesday morning Dick Heinze, Bob Dwyer, Phil Henry and Joe Crowley took over only to be joined later by Bill Mill and Paul Kuntz. When the demonstration went into the night with no settlement in sight, Larrye De Bear and Dennis took over and they were there until the wee hours of Wednesday morning when the issue was finally decided. Larrye kept Art Johnson and his listeners up to date throughout the night.

It's been said that there is strength in numbers and we proved it Tuesday. The protesters admitted newsmen to the administration building for a news conference shortly after 10 a.m. Crowley and Dwyer were sent inside (the usual shock troops) and Heinze was outside. At the same time the students began talking the dean also had a statement outside. Crowley managed to pass a tape recorder out the window to Heinze and Heinze taped the only statement delivered on the position of the administration. Heinze was standing next to the dean while all the other newsmen inside watched and wished he was working for them.

FISHING FEATURE FEATURES MISH'APS

If you didn't see it, you have probably heard about Bob Steele's feature story at the Hotel America pool on the opening day of the fishing season.

It was filmed by Bob Dwyer and edited by Larrye De-Bear and all agree it was a terrific job. However, you probably didn't know that the two best shots of the whole feature were accidents. When Bob broke his make-shift pole, it was not supposed to be that way and when the girl fell into the pool, it was as much a surprise to her as it was to the photographer.

MARIAN EDWARDS TO BE STEWARDESS

Marian Edwards, daughter of Fred Edwards, who graduates from Mount Holyoke College on June 2, has been accepted by United Airlines for training as a stewardess and reports to Prospect, Illinois on June 24, for an intensive five and one-half weeks school.

BROADCAST #1 KEGGLERS ARE 'BOWLED OVER'

The setting -- the Travelers Bowling Alleys -- was fine! The timing was definitely not!!

Such was the case as Broadcast #1, WTIC's entry in the Travelers-Men's Club "B" Bowling League, picked the worst possible time to roll its two worst games of the season. It cost the league championship!

The situation was brought about when #1 finished its regular bowling season in a dead heat with the Travelers fine Group Underwriting team. It necessitated a best 2-out-of-3 roll-off which took place on Tuesday evening, April 23.

The Tic-Tockers were able to manage but three 100+ games out of ten and were trounced in two straight games.

Three members, however, pulled down top honors in three different league categories. Mickey Gentile walked off with a trophy for best individual average at 114.28. John Pohorylo took the high individual triple at 409 and Bill Domler garnered a trophy for high individual game at 168. Pohorylo rolled a 175 game in the latter category, but league rules prohibit the awarding of more than one trophy to an individual. Four placed among the league's 10 top bowlers. In addition to Gentile's first place finish were Pohorylo, second; Domler, seventh; and Chuck Albert, tenth. Other team members were Joe McGuinness, Ed Gracyalny and Captain Fred Edwards.