

# TIC TOC

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Paul W. Morency

Some of you will remember that a few months ago I mentioned the possibility of our having a party if and when the Washington situation was fully clarified.

Happily, that situation is now fully clarified and the party is on.

When it was originally mentioned, the proposal was either for a picnic or a party at the Statler similar to the one given in February of 1960 on the occasion of our 35th Anniversary. In using the coupon which appears below, would you please indicate which type of party you would prefer. Based on the preferences of the staff, the party will be given sometime in September.

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## BRIEF, TO THE POINT...

Some TIC TOC staff members have difficulty getting much news from those in their departments, but this is not the case with Sid Stewart, who covers Newsroom activities.

When Sid was searching for news for this issue, he received the following brief but pointed memo from the Newsroom staff: "Just say we're doing our usual fine job."

## IMPROVED, EXPANDED FACILITIES TO AID COVERAGE OF ICO TOURNEY

Improved and expanded engineering facilities should greatly enhance the WTIC Radio and Television coverage of the Insurance City Open this weekend, according to Harold A. Dorschug, WTIC TV-AM-FM director of engineering.

Experience gained in covering "sudden death" playoffs in previous tournaments has led to the addition of two cameras, for a total of six. One will be installed at the 18th tee for normal use in covering tee shots and for covering the first green and second tee in the event of a playoff. The second camera will be on a 30-foot tower at the midpoint of a triangle of rough bounded by the second, third and fourth fairways. This camera will be used only in the event of a playoff, to cover play from the second fairway through the second green, third hole and fourth tee. During normal tournament play, WTIC-TV's cameras will cover the action at the 16th, 17th and 18th holes.

In order to operate the two additional cameras being used this year, engineers have installed a sub-remote unit in a trailer near the 17th fairway. Engineers had to bury 1,475 feet of camera cable in order to interconnect the new cameras and the mobile unit, which is powered by a 25KW gasoline-driven generator.

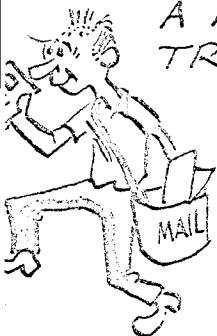
WTIC-TV has a total of 2,925 feet of cable buried underground at the Wethersfield Country Club so that cable will not be hazardous to ICO spectators. An additional 2,670 feet of cable will be in use above ground, in areas inaccessible to spectators, for a total of slightly more than a mile of cable.

Engineers, under the direction of Supervising Engineer Albert H. Jackson and Assistant Supervisor for Remotes Frederick G. Edwards, have been working at the country club for several weeks, installing cable and other technical equipment.

Production crewman, under the direction of Executive Producer George Bowe and Production Supervisor Paul Abert will man five of the six cameras at all times. Two cameras will be installed on towers near the 18th green. One of the towers is six feet high, and the other, 12 feet.

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## RADIO SALESMEN CONTINUE ACTIVE COMMUNITY ROLE

The Radio Sales staff continues to take an extremely active part in a number of community activities.

Don MacGovern has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Advertising Club of Hartford and Joe McGuinness has been named publicity director for the Jaycee's Midget Football League.

Lew Krause was recently elected to membership in the Hartford Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 30. This group of 30 young men recruits businesses for membership in the Chamber.

Bob Tyrol and family are in Westbrook for two weeks at their summer cottage and Ernie Peterson is still talking about the big one that he pulled out of Long Island Sound. Louise Bonner is back from two pleasant weeks in the Commonwealth of Mass.

Liz Meloon of TV Sales spent July 31 at the home office of HRP, our TV sales representatives, in New York. The day gave Liz an opportunity to meet many of the people she has known via phone and TWX

## NEWSMEN MOVE FROM SMOKE FILLED ROOMS TO LINKS

News room work, like that in many WTIC departments, is a nearly continual jump from the frying pan into the fire and back again. The last big one was the Democratic State Convention. As of this writing, the Insurance City Open Golf Tournament in Wethersfield was on the verge of reportage (?) and broadcast. Tom Eaton, Dick O'Brien and Larrye deBear of the news staff are lining up their shots mikewise for the annual classic.

Newsroom windows still are a favorite vantage point for observation of the Constitution Plaza construction. What do you call a sidewalk superintendent when he's three floors up?

## ICO TOURNEY COVERAGE (Cont. from Page One)

A third camera will be on a 20-foot tower near the 17th green; a fourth on a 20-foot tower near the 17th tee and a fifth on a 12-foot tower near the first green.

WTIC Radio Master Control will be installed in a trailer adjacent to the clubhouse. Reports from the ICO will be fed to NBC's Monitor on Saturday and Sunday by WTIC Radio, which will cover the tournament on WTIC AM and on WTIC FM while a Red Sox game is being carried on AM during a part of Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The communications set-up is a network in itself. The director will have direct communications with Assistant Program Manager, Ken Smith, TV Master Control, video tape, all six cameras including spotters and one sub-remote control unit. There are 20 telephone lines to the mobile truck.

The video set-up is a small closed circuit feed. Each commentator will have a line feed from the truck and an additional off-the-air monitor will be provided for Claude Harmon at the 18th green.

A general radio circuit, consisting of walkie talkies, will be used around the entire course. This network will feed current scores to the scoreboard. There are facilities within the mobile truck to integrate radio audio within our TV programming when necessary.

A video-tape engineer will operate both machines, which will be used to record and play back crucial and suspenseful plays within seconds of actual play. Commercials will be on video-tape as well. In master control two engineers will operate mc audio and mc switcher in conjunction with the remote.

Months of preparation and great effort on the part of engineering, production and programming personnel in both radio and television are expected to result in extremely fine coverage.

## OHIO UNIVERSITY SELECTS RADIO, TELEVISION SHOWS FOR ARCHIVES

Both WTIC Radio and Television have been honored by Ohio University which placed a radio and a television program in the permanent archives of the University's Radio and Television Repository and Research Center.

The Center, the only one of its kind in the United States, was organized this year and already houses a sizeable collection of radio tapes and television kinescopes of outstanding radio and television programs produced by both local stations and networks.

The WTIC-TV program selected by the Center was 1961's "Break the Deadlock," a special "open end" edition of "Connecticut-What's Ahead?," which brought leaders of the State Legislature together to work out problems that threatened to force the Legislature into an expensive extra session.

The university chose WTIC Radio's coverage of last December's Hartford Hospital fire as an example of outstanding radio journalism. WTIC covered the tragic fire, which took 18 lives, for NBC and CBS and fed reports to many individual stations in the United States and Canada.

## MIKELINE ATTRACTS 1050 TO PARTY AT THEATER

Mikeline played to a full house at the Allyn Theater on July 31 when 1,050 fans of the popular radio show attended a Mikeline theater party to see the program and a special preview of Paramount's "Hatari" with John Wayne.

Free tickets, offered only on Mikeline, were gobbled up in a couple of days--quite a tribute to the program and the station.

The theater's orchestra pit was occupied by a trio--producer Bill Marks and engineers George Kovacs and Bill Lobb. Radio salesmen Don MacGovern and Lew Krause manned the microphones in the aisles so that those in the audience could question a panel of experts who also have WTIC programs. The panelists were George Reno of "Your Home Decorator," Fredda Schlien of "Modern Living" and Corinne Willard of "Garden Time."

Hosts Floyd Richards and Bill Hennessey had an opportunity to meet dozens of callers who wildly applauded their favorite telephone conversationalists.

One woman did more than applaud. She stood up and informed Hennessey that she considered him extremely handsome.

### FRANK ATWOOD RESTING AT HOME; HOPES TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Since the last issue of TIC TOC, Frank Atwood has left the hospital and is now resting at home--and hoping to be back in September.

Visitors say he is looking tan, sleek and rested.

Bob Simmons, who is subbing for Frank, was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Future Farmers of America at the State FFA Convention in Berlin. The citation reads in part: "for encouragement, cooperation and assistance given the FFA in helping them to accomplish outstanding achievements in farming, leadership, citizenship and community welfare."

### FOR DOG LOVERS....

Dog lovers (and those who just own them, but don't necessarily love them) may want to watch the current RFD #3 series on dog care, feeding, management and training. The show features 4-H Dog Club members from around the state and experts on dog obedience. Saturdays at 1 p.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

### LOUISE GRACYALNY GETS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM U OF HARTFORD

The Ed Gracyalnys' vacation in Provincetown was a well-deserved reward for Ed's wife Louise, who recently received her Master's degree from the University of Hartford.

Louise, the mother of three, really earned her vacation, teaching at Manchester Junior High School, working for the degree and taking care of Ed and the children.

Other returned vacationers include John Welch, who took a motor trip through the Northeast with wife; Ray McDonald, who was in the same area with his Mrs. and Charlie Fitzgerald who also went north for camping and fishing. Stu Babcock relaxed--and remodeled the Babcock kitchen--on his vacation.

### BARBARA KLINE LEAVES WTIC FOR 2 REASONS

Promotion Assistant Barbara Kline has left WTIC for two good reasons.

Husband Tom has been transferred to Albany, New York by Minneapolis Honeywell and the Klines expect an addition to the family toward the end of the year.

### A NOTE FROM FRANK

To the WTIC Staff

Dear Friends:

Your thoughtfully selected gifts are very much appreciated and I want to thank you for them. The "Pinafore" album by the D'Oyle Carte Company is delightful and the "West Side Story" is exciting.

I am holding onto the gift certificate at Plantland until Fall and intend to splurge on Spring flowering bulbs.

Your many cards and messages have been very welcome. Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

Frank

### TV ENGINEERS DOMINATE WTIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

TV engineers appear to be dominating the WTIC golf tournament.

George Dawson has already defeated Fred Bernard, last year's champion, and John Pohyrylo defeated Bill Conticello in the second round of the tournament.

(The Pohyrylo victory was rather difficult for TIC TOC reporter Bill Conticello to report.)

### NEWS NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Engineer Frank Ciacchero entered the hospital this week for minor surgery on his hand. He is expected to be back to work in a couple of weeks.

Jerry Haber of the Film Department is currently in Nice, France or thereabouts, taking several thousand feet of motion pictures featuring girls on beaches.

Bob Dobos is being welcomed back to television by his colleagues in the engineering department. He had been in radio on loan.