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STATIONS WILL PROVIDE LIVE COVERAGE OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OPENING

WTIC-TV and Radio will broadcast the formal opening of the Connecticut Constitutional Convention from the House Chamber of the Old State House in Hartford on July 1.

"The size of the Old State House will prevent all but a very few of our citizens from witnessing this historic occasion in person," said President Morency, in announcing plans for the simulcast. "We are, therefore, very pleased to provide the means for many thousands to witness every moment of this historic, first session of the Constitutional Convention, an event which has occurred only twice before in the long history of our state."

The first session of the Constitutional Convention will be convened at 10 a.m. by Secretary of State Ella Grasso. Mrs. Grasso will administer the oath of office to all members of the Convention and preside during the election of a chairman. A vice chairman, secretary and assistant secretary will also be elected during the opening session.

The Old State House, constructed in 1796, was the site of the 1818 Constitutional Convention, which drafted the Constitution that still governs the state. The 1902 Convention, the only other in Connecticut's history, convened at the present State Capitol, where other sessions of the 1965 Convention will be held.

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BOB TYROL, ONCE YOUNGEST ANNOUNCER, MARKS TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR WITH COMPANY

Vice President Bob Tyrol, once WTIC's youngest announcer and the Coast Guard's youngest officer, reached another career milestone June 20, his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company.

The staff presented him a handsome captain's chair as an anniversary gift on Monday, June 21.

The youngest 25-year veteran in the station's history was only 17 when he joined WTIC as a mail room messenger on June 20, 1940. He was only 18 when he became an announcer--the youngest in the station's history. And he was only 20 when the Coast Guard commissioned him and gave him command of a sub chaser.

Tyrol wasn't a mail runner for very long before he discovered that talking into a microphone was superior in every way to running with the mail. He spent every spare moment listening to announcers, asking questions and practicing. After talking station officials into giving him an audition, he was given a chance to announce on the then-new experimental FM station, WIXSO. Within a few months, he was transferred to the parent station to launch an extremely successful announcing career.

This career had just about started, however, when it was interrupted by war. Tyrol's first big assignment was as master of ceremonies of "The U.S. Coast Guard on Parade," a WTIC program carried nationally by NBC. Tyrol sold the Coast Guard so efficiently, that he actually convinced himself and enlisted.

As the Coast Guard's youngest commissioned officer, he saw action off the Marianas, Tinian and Saipan in the South Pacific.

Back at WTIC after the war, Tyrol became one of the station's busiest announcers, serving as master of ceremonies of such well-remembered programs as "Songs from New England Colleges" and, with Floyd Richards, "Cinderella Weekend."

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is a veteran pilot, as is Schnerr, a fact of great comfort to student Krause since Hal is his instructor.

All are members of the Charter Oak Flying Club, organization founded by WTIC flying enthusiasts. The Charter Oak Flying Club now has 25 members and three airplanes, including a Cessna 172 in which Lew soloed.

Butch, a seventh grader at Sedgewick Junior High, is also the West Hartford Junior High School high jumping champion and the owner of a varsity letter for his high-jumping accomplishments.

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

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Tyrol ended his announcing career in 1956 to become a salesman. He was promoted sales manager of the radio station in 1958 and vice president-radio sales in 1959. He became a director of the Travelers Broadcasting Service Corp., now Broadcast-Plaza, Inc., in 1963.

Tyrol is a former president of the Connecticut Broadcasters Association. He is also a faculty associate of the University of Connecticut School of Business Administration, radio-TV director of the Connecticut Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a former director of the Hartford Rotary Club and a member of the Hartford Club, City Club, Advertising Club of Hartford and the Sales and Marketing Executives Club. He and Mrs. Tyrol live in Wethersfield. They have two sons.

BOWE RECEIVES BRONZE MEDAL FOR REGATTA PARTICIPATION

George Bowe never rowed for Harvard or Yale, but he has a handsome bronze medal to prove he was one of the participants in the historic, one hundredth rowing of the ancient sports event.

The medal was struck by the Regatta Committee for those who took part in the hundredth race on June 19. Medals were presented to members of the two crews, coaches, officials--and the man who produced the telecast.

Hoyt Pease, co-chairman of the Regatta Committee, presented the medal to Bowe prior to the race.

FLAG DAY SPEAKER

The Flag Day ceremonies at the Bristol Elks' Lodge on June 14 included an address by the former president of the Connecticut Junior Chamber of Commerce, WTIC's Joe McGuinness.

RICHARDS SAILBOAT DIDN'T WIN, BUT DIDN'T LOSE ALL IN RACE

Crew member Floyd Richards reports that the "Bairn" didn't win the Memorial Day Storm Tri-Sail Race, but it did beat some tough competition.

"Bairn" did beat the "Nina," a Bermuda race winner of several years ago, as well as the "Petrel" and "Manitou," both sailed by Coast Guard Academy cadets, and a number of other boats well known in sailing circles.

Hap found the experience most rewarding--including rolling out of his bunk at 3 a.m. to take the watch in the middle of a Nor'easter.

His adventures, he says, resemble a "Green Hornet" adventure. Hornet fans will be provided details on request.

ELLSWORTH, STEELE GET PLAQUES, SHOVEL, BEANS

Bob Steele was one of the first seven recipients of the Advertising Club of Hartford's tongue-in-cheek "Mad Awards" and Bob Ellsworth received a distinguished service award for serving as host of the club's last two awards banquets.

Steele was designated "Communicator of the Year" and was presented a tool of the communicator's trade--a shovel.

In addition to receiving an award, Ellsworth was also the recent recipient of more jelly beans than most of us would care to see in a lifetime. After mentioning on Mikeline that jelly beans were hard to come by at this time of the year, he was overwhelmed with six pounds.

Jelly bean addict Ellsworth took some home and generously left a few pounds behind for his colleagues.

DEBBY BOWE RECEIVES 5 AWARDS AT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Debby Bowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowe, received five special awards at graduation exercises at Canton High School June 18.

Among the five awards was a \$300 PTA scholarship. At an earlier student assembly, Debby received three school letters and two special citations for scholastics--more than any other student.

Active in many organizations, Debby was editor of the yearbook in her senior year. She will enter Wellesley in September.

BERUBES ARE CHAIRMEN OF ELKS' BEAUTY CONTEST

Eileen and Ray Berube are again chairmen of the "Queen of the Fair" beauty contest to be held nightly at the Rockville Lodge of Elks' annual fair, July 26 to 31. Each contestant will receive a gift and the finalist selected each evening will be awarded a \$25 Savings Bond.

The "Queen" will be chosen Saturday evening and will receive a mink stole, a \$100 Savings Bond, a \$500 scholarship (if she is a college student) plus many more prizes. If you know any lovely lady (married or single) from 16-60 who would like to enter the competition, please call Eileen for an application blank.

**JOANNA ATWOOD HOME ON VACATION
AFTER TEACHING IN KOREA FOR YEAR**

Joanna Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atwood, is at home for the summer vacation after teaching this past year in an elementary school for children of Gulf Oil Co. employees at a refinery in Ulsan, South Korea.

She will go back for another year. Joanna reports the climate at Ulsan, on the East Coast, is much like that of Baltimore or Washington, D.C. There was one small snowstorm which promptly resulted in a school holiday so that the children, most of them from Texas, could play in "real" snow.

**BOB SMITH DOUBLES AS MIKELINE AIDE
DURING THEATRE OF MELODY PROGRAMS**

Robert E. Smith is usually pretty busy while a record is playing on Theatre of Melody--busy answering the Mikeline phone.

Bob has found that Mikeline listeners do not restrict their dialing 527-4188 to the 45 minutes Mikeline is on the air. They call whenever they have a question or answer for Mikeline--and from 10 to 11 in the morning, Robert E. Smith is the man who answers.

The calls in Studio 4 aren't only for Mikeline. Bob discovered there are other Hartford numbers not too far removed from 527-4188 and he frequently receives calls for the City Public Works Department, Hartford Hospital and the Salvation Army.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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The July 1 telecast will be the first live television broadcast from the Old State House. Highlights of the opening ceremonies will be seen on television at 9 that evening and highlights of the entire opening day will be seen at 10:30 p.m. July 5 on "Connecticut-What's Ahead?".

The Convention will be one of the most important events ever covered by the stations. Last month, President Morency announced the appointment of Dr. Karl Bosworth, University of Connecticut political scientist, as the stations' special convention correspondent. Dr. Bosworth will appear on all special programs on the convention and present five minute television reports at 6 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday while the convention is in session.

**MOORE PHOTOS ON DISPLAY
AT HARTFORD LIBRARY**

An exhibition of color photographs of Hartford Stage Company productions by Don Moore will be displayed at the Hartford Public Library through the end of June.

The exhibit, which contains pictures from every production of the Stage Company's first two seasons, is on display in the library's art department.

NEWS NOTES

Vice President and General Manager Patricelli was recently named incorporator of Hartford's Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The Bruce Kerns are heading back to Virginia to attend a gala celebration in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Ginny Kern's parents.

Vice President Tyrol has been re-elected to the Executive Council of the Retail Trade Bureau of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce for a three-year term ending in June 1968.