



# TIC TOC

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Dear Friends:

And believe me, you are all just that, "friends." I can never adequately express my appreciation for your genuine concern for my welfare as evidenced by your many good wishes and prayers, your cards and telephone calls during my recent hospitalization.

I'm still confined to quarters, and it will be a few more weeks before I can return to work.

The gift you gave me, the airguide barometer, humidity, temperature gauge, is just perfect. You couldn't have given me a gift I will enjoy more. (I might even be able to outguess the weatherman and open up my own weather service!)

Thank you for the gift and for your many thoughtful gestures.

Warm regards and best wishes,

Ross Miller

## GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VIEW TONKIN GULF DOCUMENTARY

Officials of the State and Defense Departments have viewed a WTIC-TV documentary that includes eyewitness accounts of the North Vietnamese attacks on the U.S. destroyers Maddox and Turner Joy in the Tonkin Gulf.

The documentary was shown to officials of the two departments in Washington Feb. 27 by Tom Eaton and Paul Kuntz. It was requested by State Department public information officer Robert J. McCloskey on the recommendation of Connecticut Congressman Emilio O. Daddario.

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## BIG QUESTION REACHES NEW HIGH IN VOTES

A new high in votes was reached on The Big Question Feb. 19 when 10,275 votes were cast on "Would you sign a petition to put George Wallace's name on the Connecticut ballot?"

Of the 10,272 votes cast, 60 per cent or 6,140 were "Yes" and 40 per cent or 4,135 were "No."

The previous high of 7,831 was reached twice--on Oct. 11 and 13--in response to "Will the Red Sox win the World Series?" and "Should the clergy actively participate in civil rights demonstrations?"

## BOB DWYER PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The promotion of Robert F. Dwyer to assistant director of photography at WTIC-TV was announced Feb. 28 by President Patricelli.

Dwyer, a native of Providence, R.I., has been a WTIC-TV photographer since 1958. A veteran of more than 15 years in the U.S. Army, Dwyer joined the Army shortly before Pearl Harbor and served as an Army Air Corps aerial gunner before being transferred to the Signal Corps. As an Army photographer, he filmed World War II campaigns in France and Germany. He was called back into the Army during the Korean War and sent back to Europe, where he filmed the East German uprising in 1953.

Dwyer's wartime experiences proved valuable in 1965 when WTIC sent him and newsman Paul Kuntz to Vietnam to cover Connecticut and Massachusetts residents in the war.

Dwyer has received many photography awards. In 1961, he was named the National Press Photographers Assn. "news cameraman of the year" for the New England region for his coverage of the Hartford Hospital fire. He has served as vice president and president of the Connecticut News Photographers Assn.

Dwyer and his wife, Arlene, live in Vernon. They have one son.

### BANDIT IS CHanneled INTO POLICE HANDS

One of four bandits wanted for robbing a New Britain fur store will probably think twice before watching a Channel Three newscast again.

It seems that the four entered the fur store and ran off with ten mink stoles. They were quickly spotted by a police cruiser which gave chase. The chase ended with the car against a telephone pole in Newington. Three men fled on foot from the car and a woman was apprehended seconds later still sitting in the vehicle. Two of the men were picked up a short time later by police but a third man made it safely to his home in Hartford despite the efforts of several policemen and their attack dogs.

Newsman Joe Crowley and Photographer Bob Butterworth were assigned to the case after Crowley received a tip from New Britain police. Butterworth obtained excellent film of the suspects who had been captured, the accident scene in Newington and the fur coats which were returned to police. With the help of Newsman Dillion Smith in the office Crowley voiced a piece over the telephone and it was run at eleven p.m. with Butterworth's film.

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### TONKIN GULF (Continued from Page 1)

The program, presented on WTIC-TV Jan. 30, was an examination of charges made by John White, a Cheshire, Conn. school teacher and former Navy officer, who had expressed doubts that the two destroyers were really attacked in the Tonkin Gulf in August 1964. White based his charges on classified material he claims to have seen and a conversation with an individual who had described himself as chief sonarman aboard the Maddox in the summer of 1964.

In looking into White's charges for the program, Kuntz tracked down three former members of the Maddox and Turner Joy crews who agreed that the ships had been attacked in the Tonkin Gulf. Two of the three former crewmen are no longer in the Navy. One of the three, a sonarman aboard the Maddox, denied there was a chief sonarman on the ship at the time of the attacks.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is currently investigating the Tonkin Gulf incidents, which led to the first bombing of North Vietnam and the first major escalation of the war.

### ATWOOD OBSERVES FARMERS' WEEK

High school students of vocational agriculture were guests, live, on the Frank Atwood program on seven days of Future Farmers of America Week, Feb. 17-24, continuing a custom of several years' standing.

In spite of the earlier hour of the Atwood show, the students were on hand each morning well before the 5 a.m. start of the program. Each group was accompanied by a teacher. Guests told about their school studies, agricultural projects at home and FFA activities.

Schools represented were Housatonic Valley Regional at Falls Village, Woodbury, E.O. Smith at Storrs, Rockville, Southington, Glastonbury and Lyman Hall at Wallingford.

### CHANNEL 3 FILM AT JAYCEE EVENT

Channel 3 provided color film taken at the homes of four Connecticut farm families to introduce the winners of awards from the Connecticut Jaycees in their annual program to recognize achievement by young men in agriculture.

Dick Heinze and Dennis Switaj took the films and it was edited by Don Moore. Ottavio Ferro was projectionist when the film was shown at the Outstanding Young Farmers' banquet at Valle's Steak House. Frank Atwood wrote the narration for the films and read his own material into a PA mike as the film was shown. The top OYF winner is a nurseryman from Meriden. Awards went to three dairy farmers, one of them a woman, as runners-up.

The top of the story was used on Channel 3 News and all of the winners with their wives (and husband) will be interviewed on RFD 3.

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The man who escaped told police later he watched the newscast on TIC and when he did not hear Crowley mention his name as one of those involved, assumed he was safe and went to an Albany Avenue bar to have a few drinks. Less than ten minutes later two Hartford detectives, who had received a wanted broadcast on him, picked him up.

To add to his troubles, Hartford police discovered that they also wanted him for a shoplifting case last December and he was arrested twice, once for the New Britain crime and again for the Hartford case.

Of added interest is the fact that Norm Peter's wife and son were just pulling into a Newington school yard as the getaway car slammed into a pole right in front of them. Norm says Mrs. Peters was just getting out of her car when the crash occurred followed almost immediately by the arrival of several police cars. He said she was a little shaken by the incident but was not harmed.

And Ed Anderson, who lives a short distance from the scene, was on the telephone to the newsroom with early details.

**COES ADDS  
NEW DUTIES**

Rufus Coes, director of activities for Constitution Plaza, has assumed additional duties in the Promotion Department.

He is assisting Promotion Manager Gene Muriaty in the area of radio sales promotion and research in addition to coordinating all Plaza activities, including the Christmas Festival of Light, the Garden Fair, the Easter Sunrise Service and others. Coes' new duties were added Feb. 19.

**CANCER SOCIETY  
NEEDS DRIVER AID**

The Connecticut Division of the American Cancer Society has asked WTIC's help in enlisting volunteers who would like to give an hour or so each week to transporting cancer patients for treatment.

Volunteers for this very worthy activity are in short supply and desperately needed.

If you would like to help, please contact Dick Ahles at your earliest convenience and he will forward your name to the Cancer Society.

**ENGINEERS ELECT  
HAROLD DORSCHUG**

Harold Dorschug, Director of Engineering, has been elected chairman of the Connecticut section of the Combined Audio and Electroacoustics and Communications Technology Groups of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

**FAR OUT  
FOR FRANK**

Robert E. Smith, on a Christmas-New Years vacation cruise of the Caribbean Islands returned with information that a fellow passenger listened to Frank Atwood early one morning while in port at St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands.

**LANZIERI DESIGNS  
SETTING FOR EASTER**

John Lanzieri has designed a new setting for the Easter Sunrise Service on Constitution Plaza.

The service will be conducted on a platform before three arches, symbolic of the three participating faiths. The background will be a deep blue.