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STEELE'S RING TECHNIQUE SEEN ON COAST-COAST TV

Bob Steele recently acted as ring announcer for the world light heavy-weight championship bout between titleholder Bob Foster and challenger Bob Kendall at the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield.

The telecast, carried nationally on ABC-TV, gave several million boxing fans a look at Bob's technique inside the squared circle, i.e., introducing the principals, the judges, referee, commissioners, physicians, timekeepers, various celebrities, etc.

"But that was easy," Bob told us. "What requires experience and finesse is getting up those five steps to the ring apron and through the ropes and into the ring when the time comes - and getting back out gracefully. That is, without falling over the middle strand, or being choked by the top strand. And without kicking one of the boxers in the head or upsetting the water bucket while entering or leaving the roped arena."

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SERIES ON ALCOHOLISM BOWS ON WTIC RADIO

Unidentified alcoholics from the Hartford area talked about the disease that changed their lives when WTIC Radio inaugurated a series on alcoholism June 12.

The first program, produced by Chuck Renaud, narrated by News Director Paul Kuntz was entitled "Alcoholism: Understanding the Problem."

Two of the state's leading authorities on alcoholism, Dr. Ernest Shepherd, chief of the Alcohol and Drug Dependence Division of the State Mental Health Department, and Walter Stewart, executive director

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CIRCUS FIRE OF 25 YEARS AGO RECALLED BY WTIC-TV PROGRAM

"The Day the Clowns Cried," a WTIC-TV documentary recalling Hartford's tragic circus fire of 25 years ago, will be presented on Channel 3 at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1.

The program will include footage from a home movie made by a Plainville resident on the circus grounds July 6, 1944 as the main tent burned to the ground. Never before shown in public, the film was made by the late Robert Onorato. It was discovered by George Bowe, who obtained permission from Mr. Onorato's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ignacak of Plainville, to include it in the program.

"The Day the Clowns Cried" also recounts the dramatic story of "Little Miss 1565," a young fire victim whose identity has remained a mystery for the past quarter of a century. Retired Hartford Police Lt. Thomas Barber provides one of the several eye-witness accounts of the fire and tells of his exhaustive efforts to determine the child's identity.

The story of the tragedy that took 169 lives and injured 500 others is told by survivors and those who participated in the investigations and litigation that followed the fire. Among the participants are former Hartford Mayor William Mortenson; Dr. Walter Weissenborn, city medical examiner in 1944; Atty. Edward S. Rogin, receiver for the circus, and William Day of New Britain, a circus enthusiast and close friend of many of the performers with the circus in 1944.

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WOODY SLOAN LICENSED AS EPISCOPAL LAY READER

After trying to help save sales as TV's sales manager during the week, Woody Sloan moves on to soul-saving on Sundays as a licensed lay reader in the Episcopal Church.

Eighteen months ago, the Sloan family helped charter an Episcopal church in Harwinton, Conn. (Around the turn of the century, the old church had been destroyed by fire caused by lightning and the parishoners had drifted to other churches in nearby communities.)

Shortly after reactivation of the Harwinton church, Woody decided, in this era of non-involvement, to make a further contribution as a lay reader. He received his license from the Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut.

Under special circumstances, Woody can even perform weddings, in addition to regular services.

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MURIATY CHILDREN WIN
SCHOOL, SPORTS AWARDS

Michele Muriaty, daughter of Vice President and Mrs. Gene Muriaty, has been elected president of the senior class at the Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Miss Muriaty, who was also president of the junior class, was chosen by the present senior class to be marshall of the Class of 1969's graduation ceremonies.

Son Butch, a junior at Hall High School in West Hartford, was selected on the All Central Connecticut Interscholastic League baseball team. He pitches and plays the outfield and will be the team captain next year.

HELEN B. HULME
MARRIES LEE TYROL

On Saturday, May 31, 1969, at 5:30 p.m., Lee Robert Tyrol and Helen Budney Hulme were married in the First Church of Christ Congregational in Wethersfield. The Reverend Mr. Keith Jones officiated.

Maid of Honor was Miss Kathleen Lynch. Bridesmaids were Miss Joy Lewis, Miss Lori Budney and Miss Helen Krczyzynski.

Best man was the groom's brother, Mr. Bradford Tyrol. Ushers were Mr. Thaddeus Budney, Jr. Mr. Bradford Davis and Mr. Bruce Whigham.

Following a reception at the Hartford Hilton Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrol left for Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

ENGINEERS' INGENUITY
GETS GOVERNOR ON AIR

The Newsroom has nominated radio engineers Wayne Mulligan and Bill Kolouch for the "Rube Goldberg of the Month Award."

The nomination is the result of a problem which developed on the closing day of the state legislature. Late in the day it was learned Governor Dempsey would receive the tax/spending program in his office, then go to a conference room across the state capitol hallway to make his first statement on the tax plan.

News felt that it was essential that we be able to broadcast this gubernatorial message "live" at the time it occurred. But, it was too late in the day to have the necessary phone lines installed.

Engineers Mulligan and Kolouch got a walkie-talkie radio from the station and wired up the room with the signal being transmitted back to Broadcast House via the short wave radio. While this equipment was being tested it was learned the antenna for the walkie-talkie was not in the proper position.

Mulligan got a long window pole from a capitol janitor, attached a short whip antenna from the pole and lashed the pole to the window frame.

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CONSTANCE BABCOCK
ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Babcock recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Constance, to Mr. Glenn Schenenga of Glen Head, New York.

Connie is a senior at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and is majoring in psychology. Glenn is a graduate of Hartwick College and is now enrolled in the Navy Officer Pilot Training Program.

THANKS FOR A TOUR

(The following letter was sent to Nancy Hartwell along with several others from students at a school in Lebanon. If you wondered why tours are encouraged, here's your answer:)

Dear Mrs. Hartwell:

These letters may be late but they are no less sincere than if they had been mailed on time. Please accept my apologies.

The tour you gave my class was thoroughly educational and enjoyable. My students were quite impressed with WTIC and remembered much of what they saw and heard. Of course the other 3rd grades are green with envy from the tales (and souvenirs) my students returned with.

I think it is wonderful that businesses as yours will be willing to offer such excellent services to the schools. So many places nowadays can't be bothered. It's such a valuable learning experience for children to actually see the things they've previously only read about. Please keep up the fine work.

Thank you,
Mrs. Schmartz

WOODY SLOAN
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Recently, when the minister was out of town, Woody conducted the Sunday morning service. His sermon topic was, appropriately, "The Holy Spirit and Communications."

DOUBLE TAKE

Some staffers though Karen Blackmore had a rather long vacation when they saw her back at her desk in the promotion department. The fact is that Karen resigned in October 1968 to await the birth of daughter Katie but came back in June for two weeks of vacation relief for Julie Niebell. But then, most folks just said hello as usual, unaware that Karen had been away for eight months.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION
TELEVISED LIVE

The final hours of the closing session of the Connecticut General Assembly June 4 were televised live and in color by WTIC-TV. Coverage included activities in both houses of the General Assembly from 10 p.m. to midnight and the Governor's traditional address to the legislators following adjournment. Legislative correspondents Larrye DeBear and Bill Mill were the reporters for the telecast.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
ADDS TWO FOR SUMMER

Among the additions to the Engineering Department this summer are David Kaplan, a veteran summer staff member, and Ted Mather. Dave, a resident of Hartford, is majoring in biology at Clark University in Worcester and serving as chief engineer of the university radio station, WCUW. Ted, a Manchester resident, attends the University of Hartford and writes songs. He is currently trying to seal one of his creations to Glen Campbell.

PAUL L. ARRIVES

Paul Llewellyn Krause was born to Lew and Pat Krause on Sunday, June 22, at Hartford Hospital. The young man weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches tall.

DOCTOR FROM VIETNAM MEETS,
THANKS THOSE WHO HELPED

Dr. Larry T. McKinstry, the Army doctor who was running the hospital at An Khe, Vietnam, which received a great deal of support from WTIC staffers and listeners, finally got a chance to meet and thank some of those who helped his effort.

Dr. McKinstry spent several days in Hartford recently as the guest of the company. He appeared as a guest on the "Meet Me on the Plaza" program and "Mikeline." He was also interviewed by Bob Steele, Dick Bertel and Frank Atwood for a special radio program. McKinstry, on film, will appear on the "Your Community" program June 29.

In all of his air and personal appearance, the doctor thanked the hundreds of people who helped him by sending more than 2,000 "WTIC Baby Bundles" and about \$7,000 to the hospital.

McKinstry left Vietnam in 1966 on an emergency basis when his father was stricken by a heart seizure. Once his father recovered the doctor first began to take postgraduate work in radiology. However, he said, he "got tired" of looking at x-rays and switched to medical rehabilitation work because his experiences in Vietnam taught him to enjoy working with and dealing with people.

The doctor has now completed a training program in his new specialty and will move this fall to the New Orleans area where he will be teaching and practicing at a veteran's hospital.

McKinstry said he would like to go back to Vietnam to visit the hospital again, and do work in his chosen specialty of rehabilitation.

ALCOHOLISM SERIES
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of the Greater Hartford Council on Alcoholism, appeared on the first program and will appear on some others in the series. They have provided much of the data on the disease that is suffered by 30,000 persons in Hartford County and touches one out of every five persons in the state.

The first program revealed how drinking regularly to relieve problems can lead to alcoholism and described in dramatic terms what happens to the family of an individual whose erratic, alcohol-induced conduct causes him to shut out things that were once important.

Among the alcoholics who spoke with unusual frankness about their problem are a housewife, a former clergyman and a successful suburbanite who provided impressive evidence that most alcoholics are not of the "Skid Row" type.

Other programs in the series will be presented at times and dates to be announced throughout the summer. The series is being written and produced by Chuck Renaud. Bill Kolouch is the recording engineer.

STEELE'S TECHNIQUE
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Apparently, Bob's technique was flawless because he had praise from the ABC network as well as from friends all over the country, including several WTIC alumni, who recognized him. Ed Begley wrote from Van Nuys, California; Tom Carr (now V.P. and part owner of WLMD, Laurel, Maryland) penned a long letter; Harry Storin wrote from Pompano Beach, Florida and some 50 others of Bob's acquaintance around the nation wrote or telephoned their congratulations.

Where did he learn the knack of popping in and out of the ring? "I had three years of it," Bob explained, "when I was at age 17-20. I boxed as a welter-weight in and around Kansas City and could get out of a ring faster than anybody in the midwest -- often long before the bout had gone the scheduled distance." Bob left it right there, refusing to go into detail.

PRESIDENT PATRICELLI
ON HALE COMMITTEE

Governor Dempsey has appointed President Patricelli to the USS Nathan Hale Committee.

The Committee provides liaison between the State and the Polaris Submarine, Nathan Hale, the State's adopted ship. Members of the Committee are responsible for making known to the officers and men of the Nathan Hale what, of all the ships in the Navy, theirs is the one that is of most concern to Connecticut and, when the Nathan Hales makes port on Connecticut, the Committee is responsible for seeing to it that the officers and men are "suitably entertained."

THE DAY THE CLOWNS CRIED
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"The Day the Clowns Cried" is a production of the WTIC-TV Special Programs Department. Joe Crowley is the reporter; Lynn Boscher, the photographer; John Dwyer, the lighting technician; John Lanzieri, art director; Randy Scalise, sound recordist, and Allen Allshouse, film editor. The program was directed by Don Moore and researched and produced by George Bowe.

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It worked perfectly, and when the governor walked in the room that night his remarks were carried both to radio listeners and TV viewers "live" via the end of the window pole.

