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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The response we received to the request for blood donors prior to Ross Miller's open heart surgery made me prouder than ever of the WTIC family.

In addition to those who met the requirements listed by the Red Cross and were able to donate blood, dozens of others offered to give blood and asked if there were anything more they could do.

I think all of us can be pleased to be part of an organization that is composed of two hundred good friends who are ready and willing to help any one of us in time of need.

*Leonard J. Vetrucelli*

## ROSS MILLER DOING WELL AFTER HEART SURGERY

Ross Miller is making a fine recovery after undergoing open heart surgery at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven January 16.

The following comments by the patient on his recent adventure provides ample proof that Ross is making excellent progress:

"Absolutely the most spectacular color production of the year. Every single member of the cast with the exception of the principal was equipped with vast experience and great talent. It was one of the most tremendous manifestations of teamwork I have ever seen. (To be sure, I didn't see too much.) After 4½ days in the intensive care unit, I am back in Room 233 for recuperation. Unfortunately, I am allowed few, if any, visitors except the family for days to come. But 'TIC on my transistor comes in

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## ROGER WILKINS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BROADCAST-PLAZA, INCORPORATED

The election of Roger C. Wilkins as chairman of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. was announced January 23 following a meeting of the corporation's board of directors.

He succeeds Gladden W. Baker, who has retired.

The board also announced the election of Richard M. Page as a director and secretary and Chester S. Keffer as assistant treasurer and assistant secretary. Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. owns and operates Constitution Plaza and WTIC TV-AM-FM.

Mr. Wilkins, senior vice president of the Travelers Insurance Co., has been with the Travelers since 1929. In 1953, he was named vice president of the Company. He became senior vice president in 1965.

Mr. Wilkins played an important role in the development of Constitution Plaza, serving as president and general manager of Constitution Plaza, Inc. from 1960 to 1964. He became vice chairman of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. after the corporation was formed through the merger of Constitution Plaza, Inc. and the Travelers Broadcasting Service Corp.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Wilkins is a former chairman of the committee for Hartford, former vice president of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce and present chairman of its Housing Committee. He is president of the Institute of Living, a trustee of the State Savings Bank, Wadsworth Atheneum and the American Institute of Architects Foundation.

Mr. Baker, who retired in 1964 as a director and chairman of the finance committee of the Travelers Insurance Co., also played a major role in the creation of Constitution Plaza. He joined the Travelers in 1926 and became vice president and treasurer in 1941. In 1945 he was elected a Travelers director and in 1955, he became chairman of the Travelers finance committee. Long active in community affairs, Mr. Baker was a leader in Hartford's efforts to redevelop the downtown area and served for many years as chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Committee of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Page joined the Travelers as an associate in the law department in 1959 and was named an attorney in 1964. He received his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College and his LL.B. from Columbia Law School.

He is president of the Dartmouth Club of Hartford, chairman of the Wethersfield Republican Town Committee and the Businessmen's and Civic Associations of Wethersfield.

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loud and clear when placed near the window. And for the first time in my professional life, I have heard every single minute of every single program at one time or another and it really sounds great. I am careful to have stitches taken out before MIKE-LINE comes on.

"I have been particularly moved at the sincere and spontaneous expressions of concern from every member of the staff, especially by those who were able to make the trip to New Haven to donate their blood.

"Thanks to you all for your many, many cards; your prayers; your love."

Those who went to New Haven to donate blood on Jan. 15 were Dick Ahles, Bob Barr, Brad Davis, Len Mirabel, Ernest Olivieri, John Pohorylo, Woody Sloan and Doug Webster from WTIC, Claire Angel, Linda Leggett, Nancy Ann Young, Jean Burleston and Marcia Irlandy from the Travelers and Matthew Conway, a friend of the Miller family.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The directors of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. unanimously voted the following resolution at the January 23 meeting. The resolution was introduced by Paul Morency:

"That the Directors of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc., noting on this day the retirement of Chairman Gladden W. Baker, wish to spread on the minutes an expression of their appreciation of his contributions in his over thirty years of service.

He brought not only his great abilities and the high integrity which have characterized his business and personal career, but a dedication which is reflected in the type of service which the Corporation renders to our City, our State, and our Country.

The Board, and the Company, will never forget Mr. Baker's major role in the creation of our Beautiful Constitution Plaza.

Also, the Board and the Company will always be greatly in debt to Mr. Baker for his devoted services over those years during which his actions have exemplified the highest principles of the broadcasting industry.

Mr. Baker in his retirement takes with him, from each member of this Board, their most sincere wishes for his well being and happiness for many years to come."

GRACYALNY SKIING  
IN SWISS ALPS

TV Engineer Ed Gracyalny is on a skiing expedition in the Swiss Alps, with the New York Ski Club.

The American ski group will be skiing with some of Europe's best skiers. Ed will be in Europe for two weeks.

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field. He is a director of the TRC Service Corp. and was formerly assistant secretary of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc.

Mr. Keffer, business manager of WTIC TV-AM-FM since 1958, came to Hartford in 1956 as business manager of WHCT, then owned by the CBS Television Network. He was with CBS in various administrative positions for seven years.

A resident of Monson, Mass., Mr. Keffer is a member of the Board of trustees and the executive board of Wing Hospital, Palmer, Mass. and warden of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Palmer.

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### BROADCAST #2 DOING WELL, BROADCAST #1 MOVING UP

Broadcast #2 is holding its own in the league despite a series of unfortunate minor injuries. George Sulok and Randy Scalise continue to lead the team, with Scalise in the league's top ten.

The team hopes to be back to full strength to defend its championship in the "bowl-off" with Broadcast #1 for the President's Cup. Broadcast #2 has won the trophy twice and can gain permanent possession with one more victory.

Broadcast #2 may have its hands full, however, because Broadcast #1 has moved from fifth place on Dec. 12 to a tie for second as of Jan. 23 in the B League. The team consists of Fred Edwards, Mickey Genile, John Pohorylo, Ed Gracyalny, Bill Domler, Joe McGuinness and Chuck Albert.

### FRANCIS-LIGHTFOOT

Miss Sharon Agnes Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard P. Francis of West Haven, was married to Mr. Stanley A. Lightfoot, son of Mr. Howard J. Lightfoot of East Windsor, on December 16 in Windsor. A reception followed at the Windsor House.

Mrs. Lightfoot, who has made her home in West Hartford since attending Hartt College of Music, is employed in the Traffic Department of WTIC-TV. Mr. Lightfoot operates a commercial art studio in West Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot are residing in East Hampton.

### JEAN COLBERT RECEIVES AWARDS

January was award month for Jean Colbert.

First, she was selected one of the winners of the National Footwear Institute's Golden Slipper Awards for reporting fashion news about footwear. The award consisted of a pair of golden slippers and a magnum of champagne.

On Jan. 8, Jean's daughter, June Colbert Sabath of Chicago, accepted the Dorothy Dawe Award of the American Furniture Mart for her mother. The award was for distinguished coverage of the home furnishings field. A trophy was presented to WTIC and a replica was given to Jean.

