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## FREDERICK E. ROCHON

The staff was saddened by the death of Frederick E. Rochon on Sunday, July 11, following a brief illness. He was 44.

Fred was born in Providence, R.I. and educated at LaSalle Academy and the Rhode Island Radio School in that city. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

Before joining WTIC-TV as a studio engineer in 1959, he was an engineer at radio and television stations in Providence and Woonsocket, R.I., Taunton, Mass. and at Channel 18 in Hartford.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna Monti Rochon; two sons, Robert Dettore and Edward Dettore of Glastonbury; two daughters, Mrs. John Gilbert and Miss Denise Rochon of East Hartford; a sister, Mrs. Elaine Brennan of Providence, and five grandchildren.

A military funeral service was held July 12 in Providence.

## EDWARDS GETS CERTIFICATE FROM GOVERNOR FOR CD WORK

Governor Dempsey has presented Fred Edwards a certificate of membership in the Connecticut Emergency Resource Corps, the State's Civil Defense organization.

Edwards has long played an active role in Civil Defense communications activities on the state level.

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## WTIC-TV PLANS FIRST COLOR TELECAST OF GREATER HARTFORD OPEN IN AUGUST

WTIC-TV will add another color first Aug. 19 and 20 when it televises the Greater Hartford Open in color for the first time.

Five color cameras will be used to cover play on the 16th, 17th and 18th holes during the third and fourth rounds. Plans are also being made to cover the 15th hole in the event of a sudden death playoff.

The GHO, formerly the Insurance City Open, is the second major sports event to be televised in color by WTIC-TV this season. In June, the station televised the Harvard-Yale Regatta in color--also for the first time.

## CITY OFFICIALS COMMEND COVERAGE OF DISTURBANCES

City officials have commended WTIC Radio and Television for their responsible coverage of the three nights of disturbances in Hartford's North End.

Credit for the coverage goes primarily to Tom Eaton, Paul Kuntz, Joe Crowley, Dick Heinze, Bob Dwyer, Bob Butterworth, Wayne Mulligan and Walt Clemens.

Kuntz, Heinze and Mulligan were in one of two unmarked cars the stations used in the North End and Crowley, Clemens and Dwyer or Butterworth manned the second car. Eaton was stationed at the Police Department with the Mayor, police chief and other city officials.

## HANSON IS NEW HOST OF AFTERNOON EDITION

Bill Hanson is the new host of "The 'TIC Afternoon Edition," one of WTIC's major radio programs.

Hanson, who took over the 3:05 to 6 p.m. show on Monday, July 10, has been a member of the WTIC staff since 1965. He came to the station from WEEI, Boston, where he was an announcer for 12 years, including six as host of the well-known "Music 'til Dawn."

### BOWE HAS FILM OF FEET DOUBLING FOR A STAR'S

George Bowe has absolute proof that he was a swinger 41 years ago.

He recently received a print of a sequence of a Warner Brothers film, "So This Is Paris," in which he appeared with his high school girl friend in 1926.

In "So This Is Paris," Bowe and his partner danced the Charleston along with hundreds of others on a rather lavish set.

"Since they worked us in the foreground, we are quite prominent in much of the sequence, which runs about five minutes. Ernst Lubitsch directed and the stars were Monte Blue, Lillian Tashman and May Mac-Avoy," Bowe recalls.

"Blue and Miss Tashman couldn't Charleston, so Lubitsch filmed our feet doubling for the stars. The Charleston sequence is part of a film documentary, "Evolution of the Modern Dance," shown periodically at the American Museum of Modern Art in New York. I was able to secure the Charleston print with the assistance of 'A Single Step' director Norman Weisman, a friend of the museum's curator.

"My daughters recognized me immediately and commented on the similarity of today's dancing. It's quite a thrill to see yourself as a swinging teenager 41 years ago in a silent Hollywood movie--and if anyone wants to challenge me, I'll take them on in the Charleston today."

### MRS. GERTRUDE L. MC AULIFFE

Mrs. Gertrude L. McAuliffe, 84, the first person to sing on WTIC, died June 22 in Hartford.

Mrs. McAuliffe, a contralto, sang on the first WTIC broadcast Feb. 10, 1925. A well-known singer in the Hartford area, she was a member of several vocal groups and was featured on the Travelers Hour as well as the station's pioneering music appreciation program for school children. She also sang with the Heimberger Trio, which was also frequently featured on WTIC in the 1920s.

Mrs. McAuliffe also sang at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, the Asylum Hill Congregational Church and Temple Beth Israel. In later years, she was a third grade teacher at the Yoniva School of Hartford.

Funeral services were held June 24 at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

### ELIZABETH DORSCHUG STUDYING IN SPAIN

Miss Elizabeth J. Dorschug, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dorschug, is in Spain this summer, studying at the University of Madrid.

Miss Dorschug is one of 27 West Hartford area high school students selected by the Foreign Language Society of the University of Hartford to study at the University of Madrid for four weeks. She is attending Spanish language classes in Spanish literature, music, art and folklore.

On July 30, she and the others will leave Madrid to tour central and northern Spain, visiting Salamanca, Leon, La Coruna, Santander, Santiago de Compostelo and Oviedo. They will return to the United States on Aug. 10.

### AHEARN-PERRUCCIO

Mrs. George F. Ahearn of Winsted has announced the engagement of her daughter, Sheila Ann, to Dennis M. Perruccio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Perruccio of Middletown.

Miss Ahearn is a graduate of the Gilbert School in Winsted and attended Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow, Mass. She is secretary to Radio General Sales Manager Ernest Peterson.

Mr. Perruccio was graduated from the Ward Technical Institute and received his B.S. degree in education from the University of Hartford, where he was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." While in college, he was a member of the WTIC engineering staff. He is presently serving with the U.S. Army as an electronics instructor at the Southeastern Signal School.

### BERTEL NARRATES PAGEANT FOR SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Dick Bertel narrated an historical pageant honoring the 150th anniversary of the American School for the Deaf at Hartford High School June 26.

The pageant was held to commemorate the founding of the Hartford school--the second oldest school for the deaf in the world.

### EDWARDS GETS CERTIFICATE (Continued from Page 1)

In a letter to Edwards, Governor Dempsey said "Connecticut is most fortunate to have citizens such as you, whose willingness to give of their time and special talents insures us that we will be better prepared to face any emergency."

### PAT MC ENROE REJOINS WTIC

Pat McEnroe, a member of the staff from 1957 to 1962, has rejoined the Company as a television continuity writer.

Prior to leaving Hartford to work in San Francisco, she was secretary to the late Bernard Mullins and a guest relations assistant.

### SON FOR THE HABERS

The Gerry Habers are parents of a son, Gary Stewart, born on July 18 at Mount Sinai Hospital. Gary weighed pounds, eight ounces.

### ATWOOD NOMINATED FOR FARM AWARD

Frank Atwood has been selected as Connecticut's nominee in the Pfizer Farm Broadcaster Award Program. The award is made by Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc.

He will compete with farm program directors from other states for one of four \$250 awards. Each candidate is nominated by a state committee headed by the state's commissioner of agriculture.

### "CITIZEN OF THE DAY"

A recent "citizen of the day" on Station WRCH was Mrs. Norman Polman of Newington, who was selected after her election as PTA president.

The station's program manager discovered Mrs. Polman had other radio connections when her husband, Norm Peters, called to thank him.

