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FIRST REGATTA COLOR TELECAST REACHES VIEWERS IN MAJOR CITIES

WTIC-TV reached the largest audience in its history on June 17 when the station's coverage of the Harvard-Yale Regatta was fed to stations in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Indianapolis.

The Regatta "network" was the handiwork of Executive Vice President Patricelli. The nine stations received a technically perfect hour that was a tribute to the dozens of staff members who worked many weeks under the supervision of George Bower to produce the first Regatta color telecast. Since the telecast, WTIC-TV has received many compliments from the other stations.

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BILL MARKS HONORED ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY

A reception was held in Broadcast House May 25 to honor Production Manager William R. Marks on his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Company.

A Hartford native, Bill Marks joined WTIC as an engineer in 1942. His most memorable day during the early years of his career occurred on June 6, 1944. This is how it was recorded in the station's history:

"When D-Day approached, WTIC, in anticipation, was operating 24 hours a day, and through the vigilance of engineer William Marks, a recording was made as the description of the Allies landing in France came over

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WTIC RADIO, TELEVISION PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE OF SEN. DODD CENSURE STORY

WTIC Radio and Television were far ahead of all competition in reporting the Senate's votes on the censure of Sen. Thomas Dodd June 23.

A team composed of Paul Abert, Tom Eaton, Dick Heinze and Paul Kuntz provided the radio and television audience with a running account of the senators' vote within seconds after they were cast on the Senate floor. Kuntz was stationed in the Senate Press Gallery to record each vote on an alphabetic roster, which he handed to Heinze after each 10 or 20 votes.

Heinze ran each tally sheet the 50 feet to the Senate Radio-Television Gallery, where Abert and Eaton manned the direct lines to Broadcast House.

"Anyone standing between Dick Heinze and us was in real danger of being bowled over as Dick rushed the votes to us," said Eaton. Abert quickly checked each sheet and kept a running total for Eaton. The reports were broadcast live on radio and television. Mechanical counters, borrowed from Veeder Root, Inc., were used to show the yes and no votes on television.

No network and no other station came close to providing as complete a report of each Senate vote. One network newsman, watching the four work, said, "You guys from Hartford don't fool around."

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PLAZA/7, NEARLY DROWNED, SCORES SUCCESS ANYWAY

A wild thunder storm hit Constitution Plaza at 4:55 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, and provided a suitable climax for Plaza/7.

The annual festival of the lively arts managed to attract large and enthusiastic crowds every day in spite of unbelievably bad weather that forced the postponement and shuffling of many outdoor events.

Months of preparation by Rufus Coes, who served as executive director, and scores of volunteers resulted in 10 days of activities that entertained many thousands. A highlight was a concert performance of "La Boheme" in the outdoor Plaza Shell on one of the few dry evenings. The opera was well received by an audience of 3,000.

WTIC VIET NAM HOSPITAL TO GET OFFICIAL STATUS

The An Khe Dispensary in South Viet Nam, which was constructed with funds contributed by the WTIC audience and staff, will become an official Vietnamese hospital this year.

Dr. Larry McKinstry, who operated the hospital until his discharge from the Army, noted that the hospital will get official status in a recent letter to Paul Kuntz.

He said the hospital now has an inpatient load of 120 and is serving a population that has grown from 8,000 to 70,000 in three years.

McKinstry, now living in Los Angeles, plans to return to Viet Nam after he completes his residency in physical training and rehabilitation.

"There are thousands of polio victims and the like who need specialized help which only a person in my field can help," he told Kuntz.

SEN. DODD CENSURE STORY (Continued from Page 1)

Abert, Eaton, Heinze and Kuntz were in Washington for two full weeks to cover the censure vote. They came up with a number of exclusive stories and interviews through diligent legwork and good contacts. One of the most notable was Senator Ribicoff's explanation of his decision to vote against the censure of his colleague. Eaton was able to get Ribicoff to read his statement on a telephone to Hartford from his office--before he met with other newsmen. One camera was permanently installed in the Senate Radio-TV Gallery and Heinze was all over the Capitol area with the second.

WTIC Radio and Television have been on top of the Dodd story since it broke. Both Senator Dodd and his principal accusers, columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, appeared on special programs to state their cases and both programs made front page headlines throughout New England.

The efforts of the four men in Washington were supported at Broadcast House. For example, color film, flown from Washington, was frequently processed in near-record time to get it on the air for late newscasts. One shipment that arrived at 10:05 p.m. was processed and on the air by 11:20. Fourteen hundred feet of film on the censure arrived at 10:30 and was processed in time for a late special June 23.

TYROL NEW PRESIDENT OF HARTFORD ROTARY

Vice President and General Manager Robert S. Tyrol was installed as president of the Hartford Rotary Club on June 26.

Prior to his installation, he had the very pleasant task of attending the Rotary International Convention in Nice, France. While in Europe, he and Mrs. Tyrol also visited Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Other Rotary officers are Thomas Brennan of the Fuller Brush Co., vice president, and Atty. Jud Bill, treasurer. Tyrol succeeds Hartford attorney Robert Ewing as president.

EATON ELECTED HEAD OF SIGMA DELTA CHI

Vice President-News Tom Eaton is the new president of the Connecticut Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism society.

In moving up from vice president of the chapter, Eaton succeeds Bob Eddy, editor of The Hartford Courant. Other officers are: Robert J. Leeny of the New Haven Register, vice president; Russell G. D'Oench Jr. of the Middletown Press, secretary and P. P. Yale of the Associated Press, treasurer.

DWYER FIRST TV CAMERAMAN TO HEAD CONN. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Bob Dwyer was elected president of the Connecticut News Photographers Assn. at its annual meeting June 4.

He is the first television cameraman to be elected president of the 10-year-old organization.

Other officers are: Frank Lorenzo of United Press International, vice president; Dick Moriarty of the Wilimantic Chronicle, secretary, and Al Feder of Connecticut Life, treasurer.

BRIERTON - CHRISTIE

The Vernon Methodist Church was the scene Saturday, May 20 at eleven o'clock for the wedding of Miss Margaret Mary Brierton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Brierton, Central Avenue, East Hartford, and Mr. Keith Frederick Christie, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith F. Christie of Lake Street, Vernon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Morton Magee. Mr. David Howe was the soloist and Miss Marjorie Stephens played the organ.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a silk organza sleeveless gown fashioned with a batteau neckline. The fitted empire bodice was accented with re-embroidered alencon lace and seed pearls extended to the easy sheath skirt which was fashioned with a removable coat with full length train. A shoulder length veil of imported silk illusion was topped by a cluster of roses accented with pearl detail.

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REGATTA

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Threatened thunderstorms, which frequently add a bit too much drama to Regatta telecasts, failed to materialize and the four-mile race was held under perfect conditions. Harvard won the race by about six lengths, despite Bob Steele's selection of Yale. Harvard has been the victor in every Regatta since the first WTIC-TV telecast in 1963.

WTIC Radio, with 39 years experience in Regatta broadcasts, handled the event with its usual professionalism.

DAWIDOWICZ FAMILY HAS REASONS TO BE PROUD

It's been quite a spring for the Dawidowicz family. Pat Dawidowicz Beaulac reports that her sister, Rosalie Jane Dawidowicz, has received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Hartford Art School of the University of Hartford. A dean's list student, Miss Dawidowicz was student vice president of the arts school in her senior year and a member of the Student Faculty Assn. for three years. A major in painting, she has already been commissioned to paint a mural on the cathedral ceiling of a Philadelphia estate this summer.

Brother Peter Dawidowicz will enter his senior year at St. Francis College in Maine this fall. An economics major, he has been named head proctor for next year and is one of three students named to the college's Regent Planning Commission, which deals with college policy and community relations.

And Paul Dawidowicz, 15, is taking advantage of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc.'s Wadsworth Atheneum membership to take a painting course there this summer.

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the wire from NBC. WTIC was the only station in the area to record the spectacular broadcast, and it was used on the air by WTIC several times the next day."

While on the engineering staff, Bill combined engineering with writing. He has written and produced "Hymn Time" on Sunday mornings since 1953.

Since becoming a producer in 1957, Bill has produced many of the station's major radio programs, including the Hartford Symphony Orchestra concerts, the Hartford Times Carol Sing, several IGO golf tournaments and Harvard-Yale Regattas.

His prime interest has probably been the production of concerts and other musical programs because the task combines his vocation and avocation. An accomplished musician, Bill has played tuba with many groups, including the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

"OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN"

Robert Patricelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patricelli, has been selected for inclusion in the 1967 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." He is special counsel to Sen. Jacob Javits of New York.

FIRST GIRL SELECTED FOR WTIC-FFA AWARD

WTIC is giving its annual Farm Youth Program award of an expense-paid trip to the national convention of the Future Farmers of America to Mary Stalzer of Woodstock. The convention will be in Kansas City in October and Mary will travel with other Connecticut delegates to the meeting of vocational agriculture students from all parts of the US. She is the first girl to win this WTIC award.

The selection was made by members of the Advisory Committee of the Farm Youth Program who visited three candidates nominated by state officers of the FFA and a committee of agriculture teachers. Farm Program Director Frank Atwood presented the award at the annual convention of the State FFA June 26 in Berlin.

Mary is 18 and a 1967 graduate of Woodstock Academy where she was designated as the most deserving girl in the senior class. She is enrolled as a student of agriculture at the University of Connecticut for the fall term.

The Woodstock girl owns eight purebred Guernseys, of them purchased on Farm Youth Program loans.

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Mrs. Joseph Rodrigues of Rockville was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the Misses Helenę and Rosemary Brierton, of East Hartford, sisters of the bride and Miss Linda Christie of Vernon, sister of the groom.

The matron of honor was attired in a floor length crepe dress of blue fashioned on empire lines. The bridesmaids wore identical gowns of maize.

Mr. Joseph Rodrigues of Rockville served as the best man. The guests were ushered by Mr. John Goode of East Hartford and Mr. William Lucas of Hartford.

A reception was held at the IAM Hall in East Hartford after which the couple left on a motor trip to the Poconos.

They are residing in Manchester where Mr. Christie is the general manager and part-owner of Multi-Circuits, Inc. of that city. The bride is secretary to WTIC-TV information director Richard Ahles.

SLOAN ELECTED BY AD CLUB

Woody Sloan has been elected a director of the Advertising Club of Greater Hartford. He was elected to a three-year term on June 16.

CUT, DON'T INK

A note to persons using the WTIC printed labels for first class mail: Cut off the statement to the Postmaster at the bottom of the label, do not just ink it out. This will improve its appearance.

RECENT ARRIVALS

The John Lanzieris are the parents of a son, Joseph Donovan, born June 7. Young Joseph's weight was eight pounds, six ounces.

The Dick Ahles' announce the arrival of Mark Richard, whom they adopted June 5. Mark Richard was born May 29 and weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces.

The Leo Lucianis became parents of Guy Luciani on June 18. Guy weighed in at eight pounds, 10 ounces. His mother, Joy Luciani, was formerly secretary in the Film Department.

RICE TO DO NEWS ON WNEW RADIO

Ray Rice, a member of the announcing staff for more than four years, left the Company June 26 to accept a position with WNEW Radio in New York City.

At WNEW, he will do the news on the "Milkman's Matinee" from midnight to 6 a.m.

MUSIC GROUP ELECTS SMITH

Robert E. Smith has been re-elected president of the Civic Music Association of Greater Hartford. He has previously headed the organization for three years.