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"VIET NAM" DOCUMENTARY WINS FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD

"Viet Nam," the WTIC-TV documentary on southern New England servicemen who are stationed in the war zone, has been selected for one of the 1966 Freedom Awards of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

The documentary, produced after cameraman Bob Dwyer and newsman Paul Kuntz returned from Viet Nam in late 1965, dealt with the part area servicemen were playing in the war.

WTIC-TV was the only Connecticut radio or television station selected for a 1966 award. The awards were announced at the Foundation's 18th annual awards ceremony at Valley Forge Feb. 22, the 235th birthday of George Washington.

STATIONS WILL INTERVIEW CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON

WTIC-TV and Radio will begin a series of interview programs with Connecticut's U.S. Senators and Representatives next month.

"Congressional Report" will be filmed and recorded in Washington for presentation on alternate Saturdays. One Senator and three of the state's six Representatives will take part in each interview, to be conducted by Tom Eaton.

The interviews will be televised in color at 1:30 p.m. and re-broadcast on WTIC Radio at 6:30 p.m.

The interviews replace the five-minute "Congressional Reports" now provided by the Senators and Representatives.

SON FOR THE TARRS

A son, David Sherman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tarr Jan. 31 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Hartford. David Sherman's weight was seven pounds, 10 ounces.

PRESIDENT MORENCY ELECTED TO TRAVELERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Morency was elected a director of The Travelers Insurance Companies Feb. 6.

His election was announced after a regular meeting of the Travelers board by Chairman J. Doyle DeWitt. Mr. Morency's association with the Travelers began in 1929 when he joined the Travelers Broadcasting Service Corp. as general manager of four-year-old WTIC. He became vice president in 1946 and president in 1955. When Broadcast-Plaza, Inc. was formed in 1964 through the merger of the Travelers Broadcasting Service Corp. and Constitution Plaza, Inc., Mr. Morency was named president of the new corporation.

Mr. Morency succeeds Charles Spencer Bissell of Suffield, Conn., who has retired.

EATON TO HEAD INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF NAB, REPORTERS' CLUB IN STATE

It's been quite a month for Tom Eaton.

On Feb. 9, he was elected president of the Laurel Club, the organization of state legislative and political reporters, and on Feb. 10, he was appointed chairman of the National Assn. of Broadcasters' Freedom of Information Committee.

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WTIC BOOKLET NOW A RARITY

A WTIC booklet published as a souvenir for listeners in 1938 has become a collector's item and one has found its way into the collection of Jerry Haber.

Haber discovered the booklet in a used book store and was told that the now-rare booklet was priced at \$5. He added it to his collection of memorabilia by trading some duplicate items in his library.

FUTURE FARMERS VISIT WTIC, TO SAY THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Four state officers of the Future Farmers of America called on Executive Vice President Patricelli and Vice-President and General Manager on February 16 to say thanks to WTIC for supporting their program, through our broadcast, the loan of money for dairy and beef projects in the Farm Youth Program and the annual award of an expense-paid trip for one student to the national convention of the FFA at Kansas City. The boy is chosen by the Advisory Committee of the WTIC Farm Youth Program and must be a partner of WTIC in the loan program for purchase of purebred calves. The award could go to a girl, but never has.

Tom Clark of Lebanon, president of the State FFA and a partner in the Farm Youth Program, was chief spokesman for the delegation which was making a "goodwill tour" to thank companies and organizations that contribute to the work of the Future Farmer.

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March promises to be equally busy. On March 7, he will preside at the first meeting of the Freedom of Information Committee at NAB headquarters in Washington and on March 30 and 31, he will serve as co-chairman of the communications media committee at the Governor's Conference on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Eaton is the first radio-television newsman to be elected president of the Laurel Club. Other officers are: Sherman London of the Waterbury Republican, first vice president; Charles F. J. Morse of the Hartford Courant, second vice president; Lee Grabar of the New Haven Journal-Courier, Secretary; Herman Angel of the Meriden Record, treasurer; Einar Gustafson of the Middletown Press, assistant treasurer and Robert MacGregor of the Hartford Times, executive secretary.

Larrye deBear, WTIC's legislative correspondent, was elected to the club's executive committee.

The NAB Freedom of Information Committee includes several familiar names in the broadcasting industry: Joseph L. Brechner of WFTV, Orlando, Fla., former presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty of the American Broadcasting Co., Daniel W. Kops of WAVZ, New Haven; William R. McAndrew of NBC, Stephen J. McCormick of the Mutual Broadcasting System, William Small of CBS News, George J. Volger of KWPC, Muscatine, Iowa and Fred Weber of the Rust Craft Broadcasting Co.

JOE TURKOWSKI HAS MODEL IN CLOCK MUSEUM DISPLAY

One of the more eye-catching items on permanent exhibition at the Bristol Clock Museum is the creation of Joe Turkowski, who's descended from a long line of clock and watchmakers.

Some time ago, Turkowski completed work on an exact replica of a watch escapement, which is the watch's control mechanism, and donated it to the museum, where it is now displayed in a prominent place.

Five times larger than a pocket watch, Turkowski's model was made from the hair spring of a band saw wheel. It is one of hundreds of items in the collection at the Clock Museum, one of the finest museums of its kind in the nation.

RANGER ANDY A SMASH IN ABRAMS, WISCONSIN

Atmospheric conditions frequently cause Channel 3's picture to appear on television sets in faraway places.

Sometimes, viewers write to tell us they've seen a minute or two of a WTIC-TV program, but Ranger Andy is the first to receive a long-distance fan letter.

It came from Mrs. Joseph Werner of Abrams, Wisconsin, who said she was "delighted with your Bible derived song and feel I was fortunate to hear it. (You sang the one about the busy ant on this particular show.) Keep up the good work. There should be more people like you on the air."

EDWARDS' TO RENEW MARRIAGE VOWS

The Fred Edwards, who celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Feb. 21, will renew their vows at their church in Bolton on Feb. 26.

Their daughters, Marian and Carol, will honor their parents at a reception after the 3 p.m. service. Marian is a junior at Mount Holyoke and Carol is a freshman at Southern Connecticut State College. They also have a son, Lee, a sixth grader at Highland Park School, Manchester. Fred is president of the Highland Park PTA this year.

STUDENTS JOIN ATWOOD IN SALUTE TO FFA

Future Farmers of America from seven high schools observed National FFA Week by getting up early to come to Hartford as live guests on the Frank Atwood Program during school vacation week.

The students arrived promptly at 8:00 a.m. and joined Frank at the round table in Studio 1 for the entire program.

WTIC HELPS SEND CONCERT FROM CONNECTICUT TO VIET NAM

Last Christmas, the youth choir at the Grace Episcopal Church in Broad Brook, Conn. recorded a concert for American men in Viet Nam and then turned to WTIC for help in getting it to the right people.

The Rev. Malcolm Dowell, vicar, contacted Paul Kuntz and asked if he had met anyone in Viet Nam who would be able to find a use for the taped concert. Kuntz gave him the address of Maj. Wallace C. Hitchcock of the First Cavalry Division, who has provided the station with material on the hospital that has been built with WTIC contributions.

Last month, the Rev. Mr. Dowell received word that the tape has been played for several groups and was being used by the chaplains of the First Division.

When the children in the choir learned their concert had been heard and appreciated by the men in Viet Nam, said the vicar, "they were an awestruck group--and a thankful one."

R. E. SMITH VISITS NEW MET OPERA

Robert E. Smith paid his first visit to the new Metropolitan Opera House recently and, as a commentator on the opera, he was privileged to spend an hour before the performance looking over the \$47 million house.

He renewed acquaintances with many old friends on the staff--ushers, doormen, check-room attendants and in particular, an elderly matron of the famed diamond horseshoe, who has been with the Met for more than a quarter century. Asked how she liked the new house, she replied she didn't--because she now has to take three subways to get home.

HARVARD-YALE REGATTA TO BE COLOR TELECAST

The 1967 Harvard-Yale Regatta will be televised in color by WTIC-TV.

Plans are already being made for the first color telecast of the four-mile race along the Thames River in New London. This year's Regatta will be held June 17. Five cameras will be used for the color telecast.