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ED KINGSLEY'S RETIREMENT ENDS 39 YEAR CAREER AT WTIC

Ed Kingsley ends a 39-year career with WTIC when he retires at the end of this month.

Ed's retirement will coincide with the retirement of Thelma Kingsley who has worked for the Hartford Jewish Federation for the past several years.

For Ed and Thelma, retirement will mean first a summer at their home at Old Lyme Shores, then a visit with their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in Oslo, Norway in September. The family is in Norway while Ed's son-in-law represents an American firm there, having been transferred from Georgia sometime ago. As a result, Ed says the three grandchildren have developed an interesting combination of Georgian, British and Norwegian accents when they speak English.

A native of Woonsocket, R.I., Ed was educated in the Newport schools and at the Eastern Radio Institute in Boston. He was a real radio pioneer, learning what he could from ham operators as early as 1914. He received his first amateur license in 1920 and this year will be honored by the Quarter Century Wireless Assn. for his 50 years as a radio operator.

Ed took a sea route to WTIC, serving in the Merchant Marines on one of the first beam trawlers ever used on voyages to the Grand Banks and in the U.S. Navy. He remembers his first voyage of 28 days vividly since "I was seasick for 32 of those 28 days."

There's been a lot to remember in the past 39 years, including handling the first UHF transmission ever made from an airplane to the ground in the early 1930s and struggling up 24 flights of stairs in the Travelers with storage batteries to provide WTIC with power for several days

BOSCHER RECOVERING FROM INJURIES RECEIVED AT UCONN

Lynn Boscher is recovering at home from injuries he received May 13 when struck by a student demonstrator.

Boscher was struck when he refused to surrender film he had taken of students in front of the student-occupied University of Connecticut administration building. Police later arrested sophomore Larry A. Bowler, 19, of Stamford, and charged him with breach of peace by assault. His case has not yet come to trial.

Boscher was rushed to Hartford Hospital where he underwent surgery to repair fractures below his left eye the following day.

HUGE, MODERN TV MOBILE UNIT WILL BOW AT STATE CONVENTIONS

WTIC-TV's new television mobile unit has been delivered and visited by most of the staff.

One of the most modern and completely equipped units in operation anywhere in the United States, the WTIC-TV vehicle will provide the station with the means to televise events from many near and distant points in the southern New England area served by Channel 3.

The mobile unit is equipped with four color cameras, a color videotape recorder, self-contained power equipment and an elevator. It is 35 feet long and weighs 15 tons.

The station plans to use it for the first time to televise the Democratic and Republican state political conventions in June.

EHRLICH HONORED BY 2 UNIVERSITIES

Governor Dempsey and George Ehrlich were honored for their contributions to the University of Connecticut at the university's sports awards dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven May 8.

About 500 persons attended the dinner to honor George and the Governor and to hear Adolph Rupp, 40-year basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, speak.

Earlier in the same day, George received an award naming him an honorary alumni athlete of the University of Hartford. Also honored were sportswriters Bill Newell of The Courant, Art McGinley of The Times and Earl Yost of The Manchester Herald.

ED BEGLEY 1901-1970

The following tribute to Ed Begley by actor Tony Randall appeared in The New York Times.

Ed Begley was a powerful actor of great simplicity and truth. He was something of a true primitive. By that I mean that he was self-taught. Indeed, he did not come to New York to become an actor until he was past 40. So far as I know, he received no artistic instruction of any kind.

But unlike many primitives, he was neither provincial nor tricky. His instincts led him only on the narrow path most people find only after their taste has been refined. He had a wonderful voice, one of the richest I have ever heard. And he never exhibited his voice or used it for its own sake, to show off with; so that audiences probably never noted how beautiful it was. Nor do I remember any critic ever mentioning it.

I first became aware of him in the 1947 movie "Boomerang" in which he gave a remarkable portrait of joviality, venality and fear. As in all good acting, these qualities were not acted, indicated, demonstrated; they were simply there.

But it was in Arthur Miller's "All My Sons" that he first showed the American theater what he was made of, and he was a star from then on. One of my great memories which will stay with me until I die was that second act curtain. The guilt, the admission, the awful truth as his son (Arthur Kennedy—equally unforgettable) played him; again these qualities were not "acted," they were horribly real. There was no applause when the curtain fell, nor did the audience get up to smoke and talk. Only silence. He made us all feel as guilty as he was.

Of course, it was "Inherit the Wind" that he had his biggest triumph and it was there I knew him. We dressed together for 17 months. The role, based on William Jennings Bryan, is a good one but rather thinly written. Begley put flesh and blood and thought and feeling where there was really little more than what Walter Kerr noted as a political cartoon. I believe no one else who played this part was able to do that. All the others I saw succumbed to playing only what was written: a pompous windbag. But Begley was not pompous. With dignity and sweetness, he meant every word he said. A moment that never failed to touch me in some 600 performances: the natural goodness that shone through him as he said, "The Bible tells us that God forgives his children. And we, the children of God, should forgive each other."

People seem surprised to learn that in life he was a gay, merry soul, very funny, much given to practical jokes. He had known his roaring days and the admiration of the ladies. He had known his sad days, too, that he was not capable of bitterness. He had a wonderful energy that showed in his great blue eyes and forced him to enjoy every minute of life, whether he willed it or not. Herman Shumlin once called him "clean-hearted Ed Begley" and that's what he was.

NOTES FROM *Nancy*

Round and round...party after party..

Cake...candles...the soft feminine voices of at least half of the female staff of 'TIC...and a very surprised and slightly embarrassed CHUCK ALBERT celebrated his birthday on May 1. It pays to be popular.

Ruby (40) and Silver (25) anniversaries... JOHN DE LISA on May 6 and ROSS MILLER on May 15...enormous floral arrangements, numerous gifts, crowding people and delicious food... OLIVE JOHNSON is turning out to be quite the caterer.

Another 'TICer has deserted us for the sunny beaches of Florida...CHRIS RIPPLE left to join her husband in West Palm Beach...he was recently transferred by his company. A going away party was held for both Chris and URSULA TETREAUULT...Ursula plans to spend the summer relaxing and reading a tour book of Connecticut in preparation for the visit of her parents from Germany in the fall. They will spend several months visiting and touring the country.

Lest you feel our library has been completely unstaffed...we still have GINNY JESIONKA..and now DOTTY BATES is an assistant music librarian...and BARBARA INGRAHAM, Mr. DeLisa's secretary.

Other new faces...SUE MC GOVERN answering Ross Miller's phone...and not folk-singing, not humming, but booth-announcing MIKE OGDEN.

The luck of the Irish must have been with KATHY FLAHERTY as her week of almost rainy weather at Dennisport on the Cape, turned to sun and she came back with a tan that left ail of us "green" with envy. It's too bad the same leprechauns weren't watching over her boss on his vacation.

We should have quite a few baby announcements during the next few months at least one first-timer... and several old-hands at the baby game.

STEELE IS BOXING
MAN OF THE YEAR

A large crowd of boxing and Bob Steele buffs gathered at Valle's Steak House May 5 to see Steele honored as the Connecticut Boxing Guild's Man of the Year.

Among the boxing luminaries attending the dinner were former champions Kid Kaplan, Willie Pep, Bat Battalino and Floyd Patterson. Johnny Addie, Madison Square Garden ring announcer, was toastmaster.

Steele, who has continued to pick winners of sports events as a public service since retiring as a sports-caster, celebrated the boxing award by picking the winners of the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

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Mr. Leonard J. Patricelli
3 Constitution Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear "Pat":

"The Connecticut Yankee" last night lived up to your "advance billing" and was a charming and interesting production. I would think it might be widely used as an educational feature in schools as well as a program worthy of repetition for a long time. Congratulations!

With kindest regards,
Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Walter H.
Gray

MYERS-DAVIS

Christine Myers, daughter of Stephen and Joan Myers was married on Sunday, May 24 in the Green Hills of Johnson, Vermont to Patrick Davis of Santa Barbara, Calif., where the couple will reside. Mr. Davis graduated from Johnson State College on Saturday, May 23.

DE BEAR SCORED,
HEARD BIRDIES

Larrye deBear not only scored one "birdie" playing golf May 13..he heard birdies on the 10th hole at Banner Lodge.

The newsman was teamed with New Haven Journal-Courier reporter Jim Mutrie against WTIC's Bill Mill and State Finance Commissioner Leo Donahue during the annual outing of the "Mules" an organization of political leaders. deBear's second shot on the 10th went into the woods, and with a mighty blow, he fired the ball directly into a tree six feet in front of him. It ricocheted off another tree four feet behind him, and scored a bullseye on the back of his head. None the worse for wear, deBear finished the match, which ended even...but was heard muttering something about the need for a new law requiring golfers to wear helmets from now on.

FLOYD RICHARDS HEADS
NOTRE DAME ALUMNI CLUB

Floyd Richards has been elected president of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of the Connecticut Valley for the second time. The last time was back on 1955.

The club serves alumni from Springfield, Massachusetts to New Haven.

Floyd says his election should inspire us to attend meetings of organizations we have joined. His election was accomplished while he was on vacation.

ENGINEERS HONOR
JEAN COLBERT

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Award has been granted to Jean Colbert in recognition of a substantial contribution to the Society, through participation in the Radio Broadcasting on her program at Station WTIC informative descriptions of the activities of the SME for many years.

There were only two awards given, one to Dr. Alexander Zerban, Dean of the School of Engineering of the University of Hartford and one to Jean.

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during the 1938 flood. The most enjoyable memories were connected with the musical programs, the dance bands and major efforts such as the Travelers Hour which Ed worked on for a number of years.

