



# RELAY

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# Greetings

**I wish for you and your loved ones  
all the joys and blessings of this holy  
season.**

**May the spirit of Christmas remain  
in your heart always.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. H. Mitchell'.

**T. H. Mitchell**  
*President.*

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## Our Cover

Dreams are often better than the real thing. Although these children missed their chance to see "Santa Claus," you can be sure he is in their thoughts this Christmas Eve.



## The Guy In The Glass

When you get what you want in  
your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you king  
for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at  
yourself,  
And see what that guy has to  
say.

For it isn't a man's father, or  
mother, or wife,  
Whose judgment upon him  
must pass;  
The fellow whose verdict counts  
most in his life,  
Is the guy staring back from  
the glass.

He's the fellow to please, never  
mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear to the  
end,  
And you've passed your most  
difficult test,  
If the guy in the glass is your  
friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and  
"chisel" a plum,  
And think you're a wonderful  
guy,  
But the man in the glass says  
you're only a bum,  
If you can't look him straight  
in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down  
the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as  
you pass,  
But your final reward will be  
heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the guy in  
the glass.

— Author Unknown

# Cables Are Not For The Birds

*By Herb Lundmark  
Station Engineer, Bolinas*

“Do you want to go for a short hike?”

This was the question posed by Paul Gray, Engineer-in-Charge of the Bolinas transmitting station, to Cable Splicer Ray Pepper. And it launched the cable rehabilitation job which restored the cable pole line between San Francisco CTO, Bolinas, and the Point Reyes receiving station into first class condition.

This “short” hike actually was a trek 41 miles in length. It called for a careful inspection of more than one thousand 30-foot poles against wood-rot, and every foot of messenger wire (cable support) checked for weakness and strains.

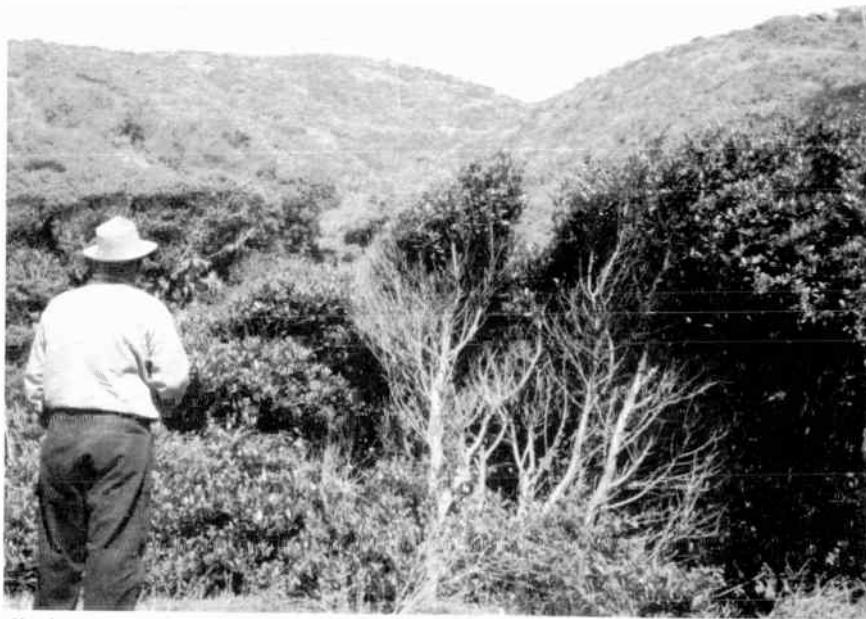
To inject a bit of background at this point, one of the little known facts around the system is that the company owns its own cable, originally built in 1928, connecting Sausalito, Bolinas and Point Reyes. The terminating link between SF CTO, and Sausalito on the Marin County side of the Golden Gate, is leased from the telephone company. This cable link carries the bulk of the overseas Telegraph, Telex, Leased Channel, Program and Facsimile services that funnel in and out of the western gateway to

the far flung Pacific. Measured in words per minute, over 3,000 would be a good guess as to the aggregate speed of the more than sixty circuits operating 24-hours-a-day in both directions.

This cable is approximately one-inch in diameter, and consists of 26 pairs of wires, enclosed in a lead sheath  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch thick. To keep the cable dry inside, nitrogen gas is pumped into the cable and kept under a low pressure of from six to ten pounds.

Ray Pepper was joined by Groundman Ted Bourne to cover the inspection phase of the project. They spent several weeks hiking up hill and down dale, through poison oak and heavy scrub growth, checking each pole along the entire 41-mile run.

This inspection trip determined that 400 poles and 35,000 feet of messenger wire needed replacing, then began the arduous task of hauling the new poles to their sites. In one area along the run, a new road had to be bulldozed for a distance of one mile so our trucks could gain access to site. Walt Wagner, former Chief Rigger, who retired last month after 42-years service, supervised the initial phase



Chief Rigger Alf Haraldsen surveying some of the terrain over which the cable is routed.

of the project. Alf Haraldsen succeeded Walt as Chief Rigger and completed the job with his able crew.

With all 400 poles in place and the new messenger wire strung, next came the job of fastening the messenger to the cable itself. Using new techniques for this part of the operation, a cable spinner was brought into play. This machine spins a messenger, or supporting steel wire, around the cable as it is pulled along by a groundman. With this device, 140 feet can be spun off in less than two minutes. The old method of clipping rings around the cable at four-inch intervals was a slow, tedious process.

Members of the Bolinas crew not

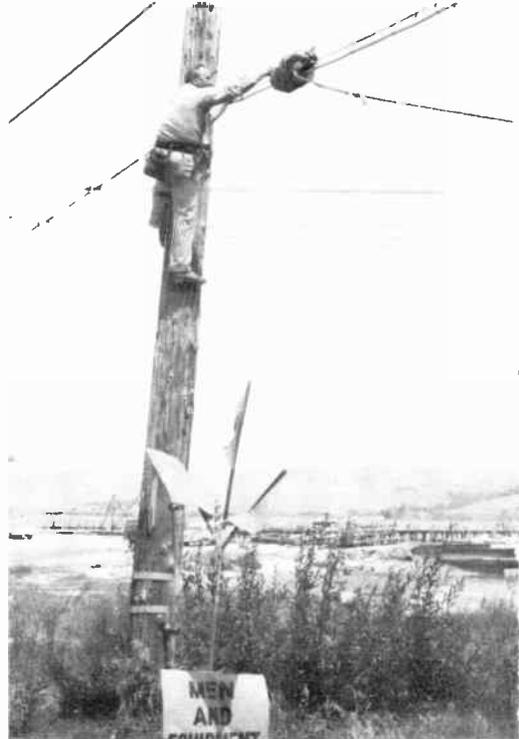


The RCA truck on the mile long road that had to be bulldozed before poles could be installed.

previously mentioned, who put in long hard working hours on completing this cable project include: Jim Bourne, Serraphin Vieira, and Ed Genazzi.

Maintaining this important cable line of 41-miles is a job of continuous patrolling. The main hazards are the birds and beetles. A small black beetle drills his way through an eighth inch of lead like it was a cheese sandwich. This allows the gas to escape, thus exposing the wires in the cable to moisture. When this gas escapes, pressure operated relays will close, setting off an alarm at the transmitting station. These relays, which are spaced at intervals along the cable, indicate to the station technician which section of the cable is in trouble.

Birds, by practising their balancing acts on the cable, become the targets for hunters with guns.

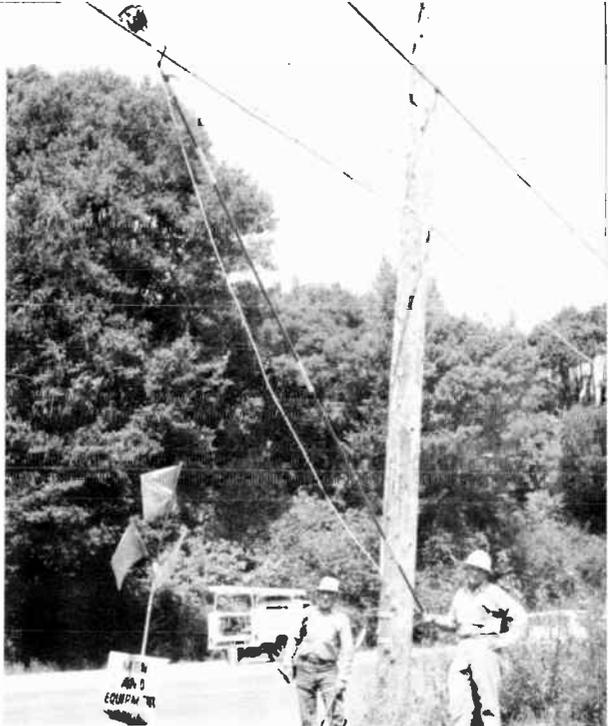


One of our riggers shown using the cable spinner which can run off 140 feet of cable in two minutes.



Cable splicer Roy Pepper holding the spinning machine used for securing the cable to the messenger.

Cable soaping machine creates bubbles when it passes over a bullet hole or crack in the cable. Bubbles can be seen from the ground and repair crew goes to work.



Even the sharpshooters hit the cable more often than they do the birds. When this happens, out goes the gas which closes the relay, activates the alarm and forward goes the ground crew to repair the damage. Cables are not for birds and anyone with an effective idea on how to keep them from resting on our cables, would I am sure, be in line for a generous suggestion award.

To speed up finding these leaks or bullet holes, a soaping machine is used. A pressure tank carried by the operator connects to the soaping machine which spreads liquid soap on the outer sheath as it is moved along the cable. The escaping gas at the point of damage will then form clusters of bubbles visible from the ground. Sometimes this

soaping operation becomes amphibious when an errant duck hunter peppers the cable where it spans one end of the Bolinas lagoon. Occasionally, an inspection trip up a pole in the more populated sections exposes our crew to an even greater hazard — the irate cries of an attractive sunbather, au naturel! — a hazard?

And so it goes out here in the western reaches of the RCA system, which is sometimes referred to as being two miles west of California.

This may seem like a small operation when compared to the expansion projects in other parts of the system, but in the overall picture, each project combines to make RCA Communications hold a leading position in the field of international communications.

# We're In The Movies In Sound and Color

A 13-minute sound and color film, showing how RCA's international communication services — telex and message telegraph — is used to consummate a coffee transaction, has been produced by the Advertising and Commercial Services Division. In other sequences the film also takes the audience on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Central Telegraph Office in New York.

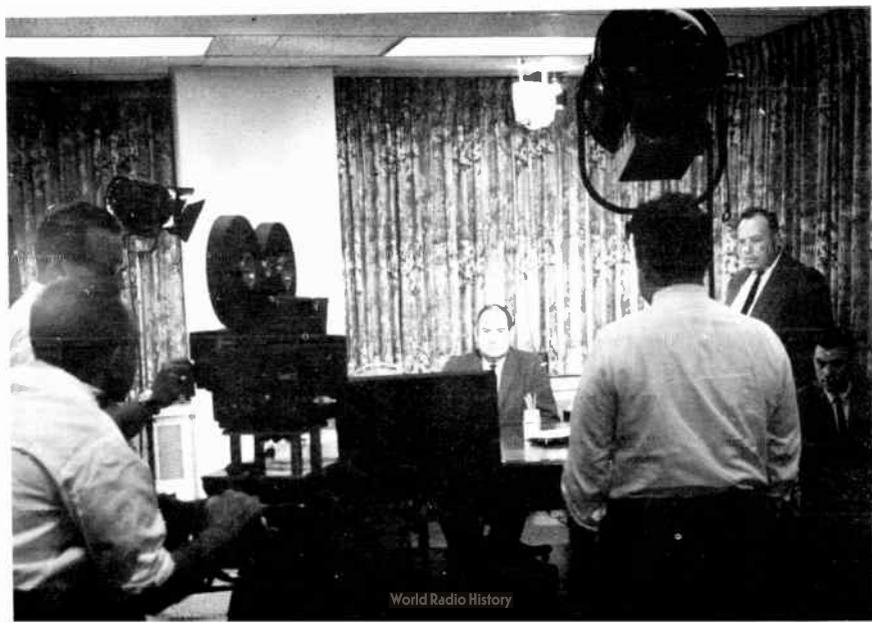
This movie was produced as an educational and institutional advertising vehicle designed to acquaint the audience with RCA

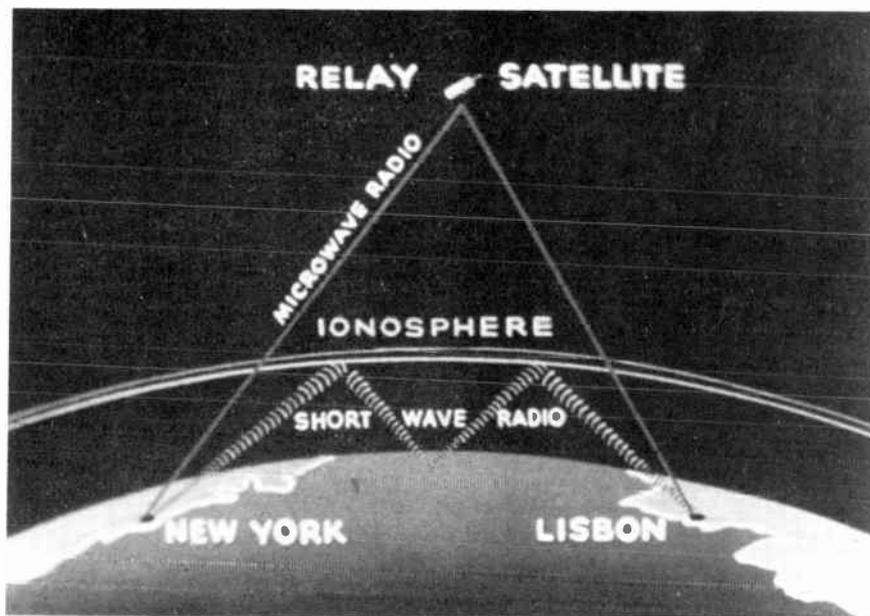
Communications — What it is, What it does. The film is being distributed to more than thirty universities, colleges, high schools and other institutions of learning, and will also appear on TV stations in various parts of the country.

Additional prints of the film will be made available to management and sales personnel who wish to arrange special showings before business groups, civic associations and fraternal organizations.

All requests for the film should be sent to the Manager, Advertising and Commercial Services.

President T. H. Mitchell is shown on camera during the making of the film depicting the activities of RCA Communications. In the film Mr. Mitchell discusses company plans and future expectations of satellite communications.





*In one of the film sequences the narrator asks Mr. Mitchell to comment on the present and the future. This is what the president has to say:*

“Today, we at RCA Communications have intensified our efforts to keep abreast of the industry’s rapidly expanding horizon.

Recently, RCA provided another first in the field of international communications with the inauguration of Datatelex Service between New York and London.

New communications facilities now are being developed to furnish added facilities for transoceanic data processing systems. In our Central Telegraph Office in New York a wholly automated telegraph

terminal is being built . . . a terminal in which telegrams will electronically route, process and transmit themselves. This is the first commercial installation of its kind in the United States.

Another new area of development is that of satellite communications with earth-orbiting radio repeaters. Within the present range of radio technology, they are now being built as a means of extending the service potential of the radio spectrum.

In these and other related areas, continuing research and development programs will provide RCA’s customers with communication services that will enable them to do business more conveniently, more efficiently and more economically.”

# America's Cup Races "Via RCA"

The 1962 edition of the America's Cup races off Newport, Rhode Island, matched the Australian challenger, GRETEL, against the United States defender, WEATHERLY. This event, which was won by the WEATHERLY, was considered the strongest challenge for the "old mug" in many years.

Radiotelegraph service was provided for the press correspondents from all over the world who covered this great sporting event. The U. S. Coast Guard provided communication facilities aboard its cutter BARATARIA, a 311-foot vessel, using radioteletype and Morse equipment. RCA communicated with the BARATARIA for

radioteletype reception of press messages at its Riverhead receiving station through to CTO, New York by using a specially authorized hand key Morse circuit from CTO through Rocky Point to the BARATARIA for cue and contact control. In addition RCA communicated with the BARATARIA by utilizing two Morse circuits operating through our marine coastal station WCC in Chatham, Massachusetts.

During the five days of actual racing RCA handled a record number of press messages in excess of 46,000 words. The RCA group involved in this successful effort were led by Robert D. Mollenhauer, Coordinator of Radiomarine Sales, and consisted of Michael Snow, Regional Manager, Boston, Al Beltran, Marine Representative and Arch MacLean and Bill Fishback from Station WCC.

As a result of the excellent service provided ashore at both station WCC and in CTO, New York, the company was complimented by the press agencies, correspondents and the United States Coast Guard.



Bob Mollenhauer (left) and Al Beltran are shown at RCA Press Headquarters which was set up in the Armory in Newport, R. I. during the America cup races.

# Through The Looking Glass

*"Image" is one of the key words of our time. Sometimes it seems that people and organizations don't want to "Be" anything, they just want to "Look like" something.*

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There is nothing wrong with concentration on projecting the image of an organization — provided 99% of the time is spent in developing a character worth projecting, and 1% on the projection. But nowadays it seems these time allotments are in reverse order.

Organizations intent on popularizing their image have perhaps forgotten that what they do speaks so loudly that the public often cannot hear what they say. It is significant that some of the most clamorous advocates of image building for their enterprises are those with records that need gilding. They are not really intent on projecting a true image. They are trying to gain acceptance for a false face.

But even serious and hard-headed executives of outstanding enterprises that need no commercial cosmetics have fallen for the jargon of image building, and have made it a part of their public utterances,

annual reports and other communications. Surely, they must know that performance is what projects their company's real image to those who have had dealing with it, and that advertised claims may attract new members but won't hold them.

All of the preposterous flapdoodle about image projection could be cured in a hurry if the word, "Image" were dropped out of everyday terminology and the word, "Character," substituted. That would force organizations to concentrate on popularizing their real values and accomplishments, and they would find that the bulk of that effort would have to go into working, not talking about it.

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them" is still the best observation on image building ever uttered. It's from an old book, but no public relations man has yet written a better one.

— *From the Bulletin of the  
Roanoke, Va., Merchants Assn.*



**John P. Keegan**, Service Writer, San Francisco, died on September 21 at the age of 29.

Mr. Keegan had been a member of the SF staff since 1951. He served as a Combination Clerk, Delivery Clerk and Service Writer.

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**Helen Schlich**, Marine Accounting Clerk, died on September 22 at the age of 55.

Mrs. Schlich had been with the Company since 1956.

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**Morris Langsam**, Messenger "BV" Office, died on September 27 at the age of 61.

Mr. Langsam had been with the Company since 1953.

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**Joseph Schuck**, Porter, died on October 3 at the age of 50.

Mr. Schuck had been a member of the Real Estate staff since 1953.

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**Ralph F. Gleason**, Radiotelegraph Operator at Chatham, passed away on October 15 at age 64.

Mr. Gleason had been a member

of the operating staff at Chatham since 1924.

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**Harry H. Hanley**, Operating Technician, San Francisco, passed away on September 11 at age 45.

Mr. Hanley had been a member of the San Francisco technical staff since 1945.

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**Thayer D. Wikle**, Automatic Operator, San Francisco, passed away on October 6 at age 55.

Mr. Wikle had been a member of the San Francisco operating staff since 1947.

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**Hubert U. Cappe**, former Assistant to Manager, Budgets and Taxes, passed away on November 10 at the age of 61.

Mr. Cappe retired in 1961 after 39 years with the Company. He joined the staff in 1921 as a Traffic Accounting Clerk and later held the positions of Bookkeeper, Auditor and Administrative Assistant in the Controller's Department.

## RCA Merit Scholarship For Employees Children

If your son or daughter will be completing high school and entering college in 1964 and would like to compete for an RCA Merit Scholarship, your child should make arrangements to take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) in March of 1963.

All children (including those who are legally adopted) of regular employees of RCA and its Divisions and Subsidiaries in the United States, who have completed at least two years' continuous company service by March 1, 1964, are eligible to compete for these scholarships. Children of retired or deceased RCA employees are also eligible, and if they become finalists, they should note their parent's previous association with RCA on the National Merit Scholarship personal history questionnaire.

Employee children who meet the above requirements should make arrangements immediately with their high school principal, in order to take the test during March, 1963. Children who will be completing high school and entering college in 1963 should have already taken the qualifying test for this program, which was announced earlier this year by RCA.

Under the provisions of this program, up to fifteen four-year college scholarships are awarded each year by RCA to children of regular employees of the Corporation. The

program is administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent, non-profit organization, and the winners are chosen by the N.M.S.C. among the finalists in the annual competition. The amount of each RCA Merit Scholarship is based upon the individual winners' financial needs as determined by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Winners are completely responsible for making arrangements with the college of their choice and for fulfilling its entrance requirements.

Questions relating to this program should be addressed to the Personnel Office.



# People and Jobs

*The following changes on the staff were announced last month:*

**Charles Dodt** from Machine Operator to Console Operator.

**Thomas Kiernan** from Machine Operator to Console Operator.

**Donald Moss** from Tab Operator to Console Operator.

**Stanley M. Levy** from Key Punch Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Lester W. Harden** from Automatic Operator to Telephone Recording Operator.

**Michael W. Scali** from Automatic Operator to Telephone Recording Operator.

**Vincent Bruni** from Operating Technician to Technical Supervisor.

**Pasquale DeAngelo** from Operating Technician to Technical Supervisor.

**Thomas P. Fallon** from Operating Technician to Technical Supervisor.

**Morris Weiner** from Operating Technician to Technical Supervisor.

**Preston C. Knight, Jr.**, from Confidential Clerk to Check Clerk II.

**Francis M. Marino** from Messenger to Check Clerk II.

**Harold Grossman** from Manager WNY to Supervisor Electronic Telegraph System.

**Patricia S. Beardsley** from Combination Clerk to Delivery Clerk, Honolulu.

**Grace L. Kukonu** from Combination Clerk to Delivery Clerk, Honolulu.

**Max Gitter** from Messenger to Clerk-Messenger.

**Frederick J. Termini** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Kenneth Ryan** from Regional Manager, Philadelphia to Special Representative, Leased Facilities Sales, New York.

**Harold E. Boldt** from Supervisor to Manager, Harborside.

**Raymond J. Carroll** from Manager, Harborside to Regional Manager, Philadelphia.

**William Hamel** from Warehouseman to Confidential Clerk, Harborside.

**Herbert I. Lundmark** from Supervisor to Station Engineer, Bolinas.

**Benny R. Gravely** from Office Assistant to Receiving Technician, Point Reyes.

**Patricia A. Pcolar** from Personnel Records Clerk to Wire Records Clerk.

**Babe A. Malone** from B/O Manager to Administrator, Radiomarine Sales, San Francisco.

**Manuel P. Santos** from Commercial Representative to B/O Manager, San Francisco.

**Charles R. Armbruster** from Radio Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Frank M. Hanna** from Telephone Recording Operator to Combination Technician (T).



Charles D. Maddrell appointed District Sales Manager, San Francisco.

**Francis J. Foti** from Telephone Recording Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Ronald M. Johnson** from Automatic Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Aloysius Merryman** from Telephone Recording Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**John C. Mullahy** from Router to Combination Technician (T).

**Elliott Samuels** from Router to Combination Technician (T).

**Salvatore P. Tuttolomondo** from Messenger to Office Boy.

**Joseph K. Benedick** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Allen L. Long** from Check Clerk I to Service Writer, San Francisco.

**Kery Y. Wong** from Service Writer to Automatic Operator, San Francisco.

**Fabio Botero** from Messenger to Check Clerk II.

**Robert A. Imparato** from Check Clerk II to Combination Technician (T).

**John F. Nally** from Telephone Recording Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Carmelo Russo** from Automatic Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Vernon E. Wellington** from Check Clerk II to Combination Technician (T).

**Gerard J. Bayer** from Check Clerk II to Automatic Operator.

**Patrick J. McKillop** from Service Clerk to Automatic Operator.

**Florence Cohen** from Service Clerk to Router.

**Frederick A. Steffen** from Check Clerk II to Router.

**Patrick B. Finucane** from Check Clerk II to Telephone Recording Operator.

**Edward Kistulinec** from Check Clerk II to Telephone Recording Operator.

**William F. Schmitt** from Automatic Operator to Telephone Recording Operator.

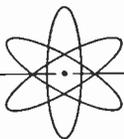
**Robert A. Swenson** from Service Clerk to Telephone Recording Operator.

**Mable H. Hendrickson** from Telephone Recording Operator to Automatic Operator, San Francisco.

**William Cullens** from Automatic Operator to Combination Technician (T).

**Morris R. Nelson** from Automatic Operator to Telephone Recording Operator, San Francisco.

**Maria L. Sordini** from Typist-Clerk to Automatic Operator.



## Briefly Told . .

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**NEW SERVICE WITH JAPAN:** The first commercial private radio communication channels connecting the United States with Japan were made available on October 1 by RCA Communications, Inc. and the Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd. (KDD), which operates the Tokyo terminal.

Previously, the service was available only to government agencies and airlines.

Thompson H. Mitchell, President, RCA Communications, said that "For the first time business firms in the United States and Japan will be able to control directly the movement of their large volumes of traffic over their own private communications channels."

Each of these channels, Mr. Mitchell said, is capable of moving traffic at the rate of 66 words a minute. This means that almost 100,000 words a day or more than 600,000 words a week can be transmitted in each direction, simultaneously.

Leased channels are made available on a 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week basis.

The rates for leased channels between Japan and the United States have been set at \$4000 a month at both the Tokyo and San Francisco terminals. The service can be extended to connect Tokyo with New York at an additional rate of \$3377.41 a month.

**SUPER POWER TUBE:** A new RCA super power tube costing approximately \$57,000 is one of the key components in the Cambridge Electron Accelerator.

The machine, the world's most powerful electron accelerator, produces a record energy level of six billion volts. Designed by scientists of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the \$11.6 million project is sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Larger than a football field, the mammoth accelerator will extend man's knowledge of nuclear forces beyond all present frontiers. Scientists report that the machine will produce much higher energy electrons and protons than ever before available in large quantity.

**TELEX WITH LEBANON:** Direct telex service between the United States and Lebanon was inaugurated on November 12 by RCA Communications, Inc., bringing the total number of countries served by the RCA telex network to 76.

The new service permits RCA telex subscribers in the cities of New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D. C., as well as more than 55,000 subscribers to the Bell TWX and Western Union Telex networks, to engage in direct office-to-office teletype conversations with their correspondents in Beirut.

**"PROJECT FIRE":** The Radio Corporation of America has been awarded a \$1.3 million dollar subcontract from Republic Aviation Corporation for a data acquisition and communications subsystem for Project Fire, a research effort to study heat transfer problems encountered by spacecraft re-entering the atmosphere at high speeds.

The subsystem will be developed by RCA's Aerospace Communications and Controls Division at Camden, N. J. Republic Aviation has the prime contract for the re-entry vehicle from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

The prime objective of Project Fire is to obtain data on re-entry heating and on the gaseous cloud around re-entering spacecraft. At present, ground-based test facilities do not provide adequate simulation for investigating the environment of high speed re-entry.

**CHINESE MADE EASY:** An electronic Chinese "type-setting machine" - the first practical departure from hand-set type in the 3,000-year history of the Chinese written language - is being developed by RCA for the U. S. Army.

The machine does not set type in the conventional way that a Linotype machine does in American printshops. It is, instead, an electronic system, utilizing fiber optics and television techniques, to reproduce the characters very rapidly on film and then transfer them to lithograph plates for offset printing.

Currently, all Chinese printed material is set by hand. The RCA-developed equipment will be capable of setting approximately 100 characters a minute.



This is the scene on the Strand Lanes every Thursday evening.

## Timber!

176 employees make up the twenty teams in the Men's Division and the six teams in the Women's Division in the Company sponsored Bowling League that meets every Thursday night at the Strand Lanes in Brooklyn.

Team standings at this early date mean very little since this is a well balanced league. We can report however, on individual achievements in the league as of

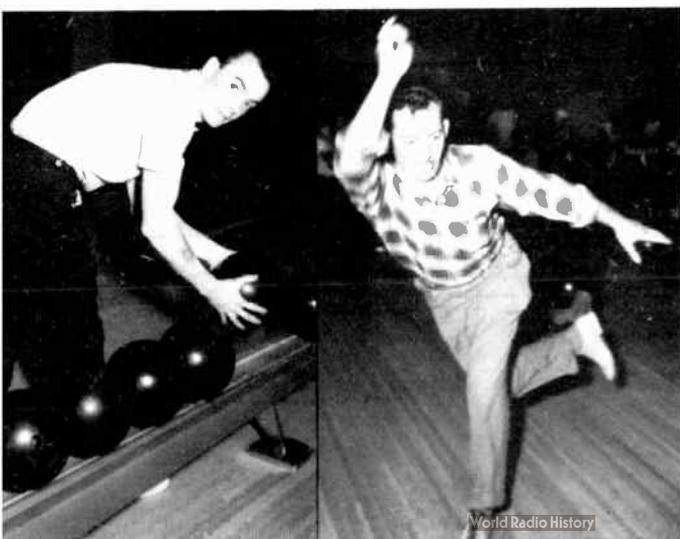
November 15 when this issue went to press.

In the Men's Division the high series game is held by Don Moss with a 608. The high game of 240 is held by Bill Gaffney. Over on the distaff side the gals are giving a good account of themselves. Individual high series of 486 goes to Regina Fanning (What again?) and high individual game is held by Barbara Spagnoli with a 196.

Jim Sayers

Ben Gonick

Jack Coffey



*Emblem  
Awards*



**Thompson H. Mitchell**  
New York  
35 Years

*November  
December*



**Charles Buddecke**  
Pari Arthur, Texas  
40 Years



**Percy Nicholson**  
San Francisco  
35 Years



**Anthony Mazzola**  
New York  
35 Years



**Henry Tanck**  
New York  
35 Years



**William H. Hannah**  
Riverhead  
35 Years



**Charles F. Valentine**  
New York  
35 Years



**Joseph Korson**  
New Orleans  
35 Years



**Arthur Tye**  
Riverhead  
35 Years



**Andrew H. Reyelts**  
New York  
35 Years



**Joseph S. Nedosik**  
Riverhead  
35 Years



**Francis Grumman**  
New York  
30 Years



**William Kimmich**  
New York  
30 Years



**John M. Avery**  
Tuckerton  
30 Years



**Lawrence O. Miller**  
San Francisco  
30 Years



**Arnold Fladhammer**  
Rocky Point  
25 Years



**Ruben Collado**  
Manila  
25 Years



**Joseph C. Ebro**  
New York  
25 Years



**Albert Spiroff**  
New York  
25 Years



**Joseph F. Rohan**  
New York  
25 Years



**Venoncio Nepomuceno**  
Manila  
25 Years



**Lester D. Rider**  
Rocky Point  
25 Years



**Vincey Salem**  
New York  
20 Years



**Melville M. Bradford**  
Washington  
20 Years



**Edward Anstey**  
Santo Domingo  
20 Years



**Clarice Gibson**  
San Francisco  
20 Years



**Luis Tejeda**  
Santo Domingo  
20 Years



**Myron E. Douglas**  
Chatham  
20 Years

# Tribute To Service

The nineteenth annual reunion of the Twenty-Five Year Club held at the Hotel St. George on October 19, was the occasion to welcome thirty-eight new members into the New York Chapter (59 members system-wide) bringing the total membership of active and retired personnel to 655. Similar reunions were held in San Francisco and Manila.

At the New York dinner the festivities got under way during the reception. Hobnobbing, story-telling, shop talk and reminiscing set the mood of the occasion as these "old timer's" circulated about the Grand Foyer greeting each other.

This year the members had to sing for their dinner. Shortly after Toastmaster George Dietel read the announcements and introduced the retirees and special guests, the entertainment began with the appearance of "Mitch Miller" who led the audience in a 20-minute Sing-Along session. During the songfest "Mitch" (Radio Operator Phil Schembre) improvised with gags and comments that had the audience howling.

President T. H. Mitchell delivered a short talk in which he thanked the membership for their years of faithful service and for the contributions they made to the success of the Company. Mr. Mitchell then proceeded to present gold watches to the new members.

During the presentation of the watches, Mr. Mitchell was interrupted by the appearance of "Shen Lee" (Phil Schembre) who regaled the audience with his routine as the confused Chinaman looking for Doctor Fox' office.

This was followed by a zany bit of nonsense when Mr. Mitchell was asked to present a "watch" to a gentleman named, "Antonio Ronzoni" (Automatic Operator Larry Gallo) who was disguised as a waiter. Mr. Ronzoni was so pleased to receive a "watch" from RCA that he called out his wife, "Rosa" (Schembre again) and together they danced the Tarantella and the Twist to show their appreciation for the "watch". This closed the show and rung down the curtain on another successful reunion of the Twenty-Five Year Club.

Photographs taken at this affair appear on the following pages. . .



Traffic Supervisor George Dietel officiated as Toastmaster.



Radio Operator Phil Schémbre as "Mitch Miller" during Sing-Along.



"Rosa" (Schembre) and her waiter husband (Larry Gallo) thank Mr. Mitchell for "da nica watch."

Schembre again. This time as "ShenLee" with Italian accent!



Data Processing Supervisor Joe Stepniewski on the accordion.



## Watch Awards



John H. Wehlau



Jeremiah O'Shea



Charles E. Somerville

## Table-Hopping With the Camera





# BROAD STREET BREVITIES

During the recent campaign for the Greater New York Fund employees in the New York offices contributed \$6,509.90.

Ellen Stephens (Personnel) became engaged to Anthony Barrett on November 6. They plan to be married next August . . . Ted Soriano (Data Processing Technician) engaged to Kathy Fortunato on September 22 and will be married in October . . . Barbara Kahler (Credit) engaged to Robert Gallagher . . . Carolyn Chesterton (Controller's) announced her engagement to Robert Polke on November 5.

**Additions to the Family:** John Feeley (Manager, Station Facilities Construction) announced the birth of his daughter Maureen Victoria,

on September 10 . . . Robert Ward (Administrator, Organization Development) calls his daughter, Mary Katherine, born on September 22 . . . Jim Murphy (Credit) calls his sixth child Craig Jeffrey . . . Robert Lundquist (Plant Operations Engineer) a third son, David Tietjen, born on October 20 . . . Vincent Quirino (Maintenance Assistant) is the proud father of a baby girl, Susan Mary, born on September 24 . . . Jim Sayers (Automatic Operator) a daughter, Denise Anne, on September 12 . . . Harold Podd (Telephone Recording Operator) announced the birth of his daughter, Juliana, on September 20 . . . Anthony Titone (Automatic Operator) became the father of a baby girl, Lisa, on September 15 . . . Wilhelm Feldmann (Engi-

Gladys Ferguson (center) Traffic Accounting Clerk was honored at a retirement party last month. Among those present were Dorothy Collins (left) and Rose Velucci (right).





For an outstanding record of participation in the Payroll Savings Plan for U. S. Savings Bonds, RCA Communications received the U.S. Treasury Department's Minute Man Award. President T. H. Mitchell (right) accepted the award on behalf of the Company. Present at the award ceremonies were (l. to r.): Howard Smith, State Director of U. S. Treasury Department Savings Bond Division, Robert W. Jamason, VP, Personnel and Sy Gruber, Regional Representative of the Savings Bonds Division.

neering) calls his new daughter, Catherine Marie . . . Joseph Ciano (IX Office) announced the birth of his daughter, Elaine, on September 19 . . . Philip Rauso (Service Clerk) calls his son, Thomas, born on September 18 . . . Albert McManus (Automatic Operator) named his daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born on August 30, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. . . . Michael Lo Basso (Service Clerk) named his son Stephen . . . Robert Touhy (Automatic Operator) became the father of a baby girl, Allison Marie, 7 lbs. 9 oz. . . . Ken Ryan (Commercial Activities) named his new daughter,

Kathleen.

A Bridal Shower was given in honor of Lorraine Gillespie (Legal) who was married to Elmer Riddle, Jr., on October 13.

Joseph Drapala (Combination Technician) was married to Joan Tencza on September 8. Members of the wedding party included Bob Widecki (Delivery Section), Danny Oderina (Delivery Section) and Joe Foy (Combination Technician).

Veronica Cochran (Credit Division) was married to Edward Lindwall on September 29.

William McGinnelly (Military Leave of Absence) was married to

Joan Bauer on October 27.

Andy Durso (Credit Division) is sporting around these days in a new Falcon Deluxe.

Fred Rademacher (QW office) shot a 10-point buck weighing over two-hundred pounds on a hunting trip to Eagle Lake, Maine.

Joe Morris (OMT Driver) was also on a hunting trip when he shot a 5-point buck.

New employees include Sue Ann Marlin (Personnel), Gail Davidson (Radiomarine), Arlene Duval (Purchasing), Iris Aviles (Commercial Research), and Alice Di Alberto (Commercial Activities).

A stork shower was given for Maureen Doherty (Commercial Activities) who is now on Maternity Leave of Absence.



On his fourteenth birthday, Robert Olcerst, son of Technical Supervisor Morris Olcerst, was awarded the Eagle Scout Pin — the highest rank in scouting. Robert is said to be the youngest Eagle Scout in Rockland County.

## Retirements

**John Ashmore**, Receiving Technician at Riverhead, retired on November 1 at age 65.

A veteran employee with more than 42 years service, Mr. Ashmore joined RCA as a Radio Inspector, and later served as Assistant EC at Belfast. He was transferred to Riverhead in 1928 and served as a Receiving Technician at that station for more than thirty-four years.

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**Gladys Ferguson**, Traffic Accounting Clerk, retired on November 1 at age 65.

Mrs. Ferguson had been a member of the Traffic Accounting staff since 1946.

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**Eben Collier**, Receiving Technician at Point Reyes, retired on November 1 at age 65.

Mr. Collier started at Point Reyes in 1943 as a Groundman and was promoted to a Receiving Technician in 1945.

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**Thomas Kivel**, Assistant Elevator Starter, retired on November 1 at age 65.

Mr. Kivel joined the Company in 1933 as a Porter, and later served as an Elevator Operator. He was promoted to Assistant Starter in 1957.

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**George Spangenberg**, Telephone Recording Operator, retired on November 1 at age 65.

Mr. Spangenberg joined the Company in 1931 and served as a Telephone Recording Operator for more than 30 years.

# Around The System

## RIVERHEAD

*By Connie Mattie*

More and more of the RI employees are becoming 30-year men. The latest additions to this group are Joseph Nedosik and Milton Tyte, both of whom received their 35 year pins recently.

A retirement party was held for John Ashmore who left us on October 31st after 40 years of service. The highlight of the party was the reading of a poem, written especially for the occasion by Technician William Bennett, entitled "The Legend of JWA". Unfortunately the poem is too long to be reprinted here for John's many friends at other stations would have received many a chuckle from it. JA received many gifts ranging from a box of bolts and nuts to a Vacuum Tube Voltmeter Heath-Kit, and a GE Miniature Soldering Iron.

RI has a new Receiving Technician, Nicolas A. Klonaris, who joined our staff on October 22nd. Nick came to us directly from the U. S. Army and was quite happy to receive his first paycheck as it had been 3 years since the last one.

Bud Lindsay and his wife received a scare several weeks ago when their two youngest daughters, ages 3 and 4, ate an entire bottle of aspirin. They were rushed

to the hospital where their stomachs were pumped out. Fortunately, due to quick action by their parents and doctor, they suffered no ill effects.

Fishing for "stripers" at Montauk this fall has really been a Fisherman's Paradise with the fish just waiting to be caught. J. M. Etter, Joe Territo, L. E. Nedosik and Elmer Riddle have been among those on the rocks, early in the morning and late at night.

## ROCKY POINT

*By Bob Oliver*

Mr. and Mrs. Al Collesidis welcomed their third son and E. Olsen's daughter gave birth to her first daughter and second child. Congratulations to all!

Vacation Notes: George Wash flew to sunny California and kept us well informed by sending many postcards. This reporter visited the Atlantic seashore in both the Cape Cod and South Jersey areas. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes, Jr. finally realized their boat trip to the Caribbean which included stops at St. Thomas, St. Martin, Martinique, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda.

Former RP staffer Walter Abbott of Guam paid us a visit. It was nice to see him looking so tanned and fit.

Bill Johnson's father passed away recently and our deepest

sympathy is extended to him. Due to illness, Grant Luther is on extended sick leave and has gone to Kingman, Arizona for climatic therapy. Come back to us soon, Grant!

Alfred Beyer, former cook at the old RP Community House passed away on October 29. Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Beyer and the family.

Bruno Glover's young son, Dennis has been presented with a Loving Cup by the "Long Island Advance" and was awarded a \$25 saving's account by the Security National Bank of Center Moriches. This was due to his winning entry in the ADVANCE'S Fifth Annual Pet Show and the "pet" was a duck with a crest of feathers on its head. Pet Show officials said that this is a one in 60,000 occurrence. Hearty congratulations to you, Dennis!

The fourth annual ACA/RCA dinner dance was a great success. Ninety people attended, the orchestra was excellent, the dancing space more than ample, and emcee Robbie Robertson was in fine fettle. The committee consisting of Roy Still, Chairman, Donald Smith, Allen Browning, and John Schaub did a fine job. Guest Robert Gross, Arline Dannemann's brother-in-law, won the RCA transistor radio which was donated by the management. Other prizes were won by Victor Ladeveze and Al Kahn (formerly with RP Labs). Excellent entertainment was provided by the singing of John Schaub and Bill Hughes, Jr., the accordian playing of Tony DeBruyn, and a terrific

pantomime skit featuring Messrs. Cantor, Gurka, and Ladeveze. The guests included former RCA Lab employees Ryden, Goldstein, and DeSimone and retired Rigger Frank Sallman was once again on deck to shake a terpsichorean leg.

On November 14 Riggers Fred Brenner, Bill Edwards, and John Schaub left for typhoon devastated Guam where they will aid in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of our facilities on that island. Good luck fellows, do a good job, and come back to RP soon!

## WASHINGTON

*By Fred Libby*

Early November brought the national elections, which were of great interest to the local staff. However, those who spoke with first-hand knowledge of the various candidates, actual voting and other points pertinent to electing new lawmakers and officials, were citizens of near-by Maryland and Virginia. Residents of Washington, D. C., having no vote, were more like spectators to the whole affair.

As we go from fall to winter more people seem to be spending their vacations at home. Lee Morgan returned from Florida with a deep tan, but Gil Schmelz and Martin Katcher spent most of their leisure time at home. It is reported that Gil just bought a new Chevy Impala, so if his next trip is by car he will travel in high style. Fred Constantine hopes to be able to make a quick trip to North Carolina to visit relatives.

The WN office is still undergoing



Aloha, Commander Schirra! Kealani Flood, 8-year-old daughter of Relay correspondent Bruce Flood, greets Navy Commander Walter M. Schirra on his arrival at Hickam Field in Hawaii after his historic six-orbital space flight. Kealani was selected by NASA to present the traditional Hawaiian lei. U. S. Navy Photo

many changes. Technical Supervisor Tony Falco and his CT crew from New York are working here putting together the Automatic Tie-line Concentrator. When the work is completed and the new system goes into operation it will enable us to send and receive overseas telex calls directly without operator assistance.

## SAN FRANCISCO

*By Bob Eberle*

Our deepest sympathies go to the families of Harry Hanley, Thayer Wikle and John Keegan who passed away recently.

The annual twenty five year dinner was held on October 19th at the World Trade Center. The affair was to honor eight new members who were presented their twenty five year watches. New members are Lois Joost, Betty Osborne, Frank Spicer of Bolinas, Frank Spicer of San Francisco, William Leonard, Michael Moros, Leonard Locasco, and Robert Joakimson. Hal Fulton was Master of Ceremonies and he presented the watches to the new members. Entertainment was provided by Kenny Burt, a banjo player, who is rather prominent on TV. The food was excellent and from all reports everyone had a good time.

## POINT REYES

By C. M. Cherrigan

Highlight of the month was a retirement dinner for Technician Eben Collier at the Inverness Yacht Club. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed, followed by dancing, folk singing and a twist contest.

EC Walt Matthews presented Eben with his 20-Year emblem and a letter of commendation from Mr. Mitchell. Another congratulatory letter was sent from Harry Austin VP Pacific Coast Activities. After dinner speakers included, Mrs. Sue Reid, wife of our former EC Irl Reid and Charles Reilly, Ralph Cherrigan and Margaret Taylor, all retired. Two pieces of luggage were presented to

Eben, along with an orchid for Mrs. Collier.

New additions: Mrs. Lina Holsinger, Office Assistant who replaces Ben Gravely who was transferred to the technical staff. Welcome Lina!

Technicians Stu Ireland and Dick Flint are busy building new homes in Inverness.

Maintenance Technician Dud Dixon is bravely trying to recover his boat from the barnacles, screw worms, sow bugs and herring gulls. We don't think he is going to make the grade!

Supervisor Bill Theil reports that his son Bill Jr., is attending the University of California pursuing an engineering degree.



VP and District Manager Charles H. Clark (seated center) played host to Mr. Rafael Maciel Mercado (extreme left) of the Mexican Telegraph Administration during his visit to RCA Manila. Mr. Mercado accompanied President Meteos of Mexico during his October visit to the Philippines. Standing (l. to r.): Max Morales, Floyd James and Jack Friedman.

Christmas  
Greetings

and

A Happy New Year to All