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21ST ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY PARADE ON WGN TELEVISION OCTOBER 9

The 21st Annual Columbus Day Parade will be colorcast, live, by WGN Television 9 on Monday, October 9, from 1 to 3 pm. This year's theme is "The Portals of History," a salute to the Italians in the building of America from 1492 to today.

More than 150 units, including floats, marching bands, clowns, cheerleaders, and celebrities in open cars will participate, with WGN's VINCE LLOYD describing the pageantry for Channel 9 viewers. Domenick DeFrisco of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans will join Lloyd as narrator.

For the first time in its history, the Parade route will be down Clark Street. It will originate at Wacker Drive and terminate near Eisenhower. All the pageantry will be caught by the WGN cameras at Monroe Street where the parade passes the reviewing stand.

The Deputy Attorney General of the United States, Benjamin R. Civiletti, will be the honored guest at this year's parade. Mayor Michael A. Bilandic, Governor James R. Thompson, Congressman Frank Annunzio, Consul General of Italy, Dr. Teodoro Fuxa and Cook County Board President George W. Dunne will also march down Clark Street before entering the reviewing stand.

This year marks the 13th consecutive telecast of the parade by WGN Television. Sponsors for the telecast are the Banca di Roma, Dominick's Finer Foods, Paterno Imports and First Federal Savings of Chicago.

"SPORTSPECIAL OF THE MONTH"
STARTS SEASON ON WGN TELEVISION
WITH TRIPLE BOXING CARD

"Sport Special of the Month," originating from the Summit in Houston with an exciting boxing special, premieres October 14 at 10:30 pm on WGN Television 9 with a card comprised of three matches featuring leading contenders in the heavyweight, super bantamweight and welterweight divisions.

The matches will pit heavyweight contender John Tate (ranked #10 by the World Boxing Association) against Roy Dean "Cookie" Wallace; super bantamweight Jose Pena (ranked #1 WBA) versus David Vasquez; and welterweight Harold Weston, Jr. (ranked #3 WBA) opposite Sam Masias.

Jack Buck, the voice of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball network and the play-by-play voice for CBS' Radio on its Monday night professional football

"Game of the Week," will be the announcer.

Fight analyst will be the renowned Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who has worked in the corner with eight world champions, including Muhammad Ali.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan Friederich	- October 9	Coleman King	- October 15
Dan Graney	- October 9	John Kucera	- October 16
Jim Walters	- October 10	Ron Weiner	- October 18
Jay Andres	- October 11	Ed Phillips	- October 18
Don Hamernik	- October 11	Vernon Plettau	- October 19
Skip Brezinski	- October 12	Maxine Joachim	- October 20
Jim Gallagher	- October 12	George Cerny	- October 21
Don Albert	- October 13	Bob Cochran	- October 21
Bob Byrnes	- October 14	Lorraine Summers	- October 22
Lee Kristyn	- October 14		

QUARTER-CENTURIAN DINNER

The Second WGN Quarter-Centurian Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Skokie Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Avenue, on Saturday, October 18, 1978. Cocktails at 7 pm - dinner at 8:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$12.50 per person or \$24.00 for two. Reservation deadline is October 13. Send your check payable to WGN QUARTER-CENTURIANS to JIM FEELEY BEFORE October 18, 1978.

GOOD NEWS CONCERNING FLOYD BROWN ---

FLOYD will be back with us very soon and has the following kind thoughts to his friends --

"TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN THE WGN FAMILY: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the tremendous concern that you have shown during my unexpected vacation.

"It lasted much longer than I thought, but I am getting better every day and hope to be back real soon.

"I did so appreciate all your cards and letters and really had thought I could answer each one of them, but they have ganged up on me.

Thanks again, dear friends, and God Bless!

Floyd Brown

The Goree family would like to thank the WGN "family" for the many cards and letters of sympathy. They would also like to express the thought that "We all loved Lawrence, but God loved him best. He is not gone, he is just away." Thank you, again.

Jeff Goree

FOUND: Tennis Bag -- Call Lorraine - ext. 222

FOUND: Men's watch --Call Ginny on ext. 367

FOR SALE: Practically brand new, women's leather jacket. Size 9. Cranberry color. Meschill. ext. 252.

FOR SALE: Male Green Parakeet - Chirps and sings along if piano is played. Great pet. \$8.00. 564-9297

SO-LONG AND GOOD LUCK

Good Luck to SARAH REGAN who has taken a new position at station WDEF in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Sarah will be directing commercials. Keep in touch, Sarah.

MENU FOR WEEK OF 10/978 (Subject to slight change)

MONDAY Breakfast: Spanish Omelet (Steak & Eggs will be available every day)
Lunch: Cream of Mushroom Soup
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Beef Stew
Italian Beef on Bun

TUESDAY Breakfast: Pancakes & one egg
Lunch: Chicken Gumbo Creole
Roast Turkey, Dressing
Mostaccioli, Meat Balls
Alpine Burger, Swiss Cheese & Onion Roll

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Cheese Omelet
Lunch: Cream of Tomato Soup
Chopped Steak & Onions
Perch
Sloppy Joe

THURSDAY Breakfast: Eggs Benedict
Lunch: Split Pea Soup
Breaded Pork Chops
Shrimp Roll
Fish Filet Sandwich

FRIDAY Breakfast: Waffle, Egg
Lunch: New England Chowder
Halibut/Lemon Butter
Macaroni & Cheese

MENU FOR WEEK OF 10/16/78

MONDAY Breakfast: Western Omelet
Lunch: Shrimp Bisque
Fish & Chips
Stuffed Peppers
"Channel 9 Burger"

TUESDAY Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Omelet
Lunch: Beef Noodle Soup
Veal Scalapini
Fried Chicken
Bratwurst Sandwich

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Steak & Eggs
Lunch: Chicken & Rice
Sweet & Sour Pork-Rice
Veal Steak, Swiss Style
Italian Sandwich

THURSDAY Breakfast: French Toast - 1 egg
Lunch: Beef Barley
Pepper Steak
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
B.B.Q. Beef

FRIDAY Breakfast: Cheese Omelet
Lunch: Minestrone Soup
Meat Loaf
Beef Chop Suey
Mile High Sandwich

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED:

Dan Calibraro	to 125	same extension
Norine Smith	to 125	same extension
Frank Czarnik	to 271	extension 344
Bob Manewith	to 237	extension 255
Kay Dohm	to 237	extension 255
Jack Meyers	to 117	same extension
Don Miller	to 233	same extension
Dick Petrash	to 207	same extension
Chuck Rothers	to 200A	same extension
Karen Gerlits	to 200	same extension
Meschill Vargas	to 210	extension 252
Greg Hernandez (West Bldg.)		extension 547

Send GET WELL WISHES TO:

Emil Jung
Ravenswood Hospital
4550 N. Winchester (room 5207)
Chicago, Ill. 60640

Dolores Koltz
Lutheran General Hospital
1775 Dempster - room 647
Park Ridge, Ill. 60068

Gloria Brown
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Superior St. & Fairbanks Court
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dorothy Coleman (formerly Canteen)
St. Joseph's Hospital
2900 Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Ill. 60657

DICK JUNGERS at home

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Caramel Turtles

Pecan Halves
Light caramels
Sweet chocolate, melted

Grease cookie sheet. Arrange pecans (flat side down) in cluster of 3. Place 1 caramel on each cluster of pecans. Heat in 325 degree oven until caramels soften (4-8 minutes). Remove from the oven; flatten caramel with buttered spatula. Cool slightly and remove from pan to waxed paper. Swirl melted chocolate on top.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Nora Sokolowski on the death of her father, Fred Ahnert, to Jeff Foree's on the death of his brother, Lawrence Goree and to George Ervo on the death of his mother-in-law, Bertha Wojcik.

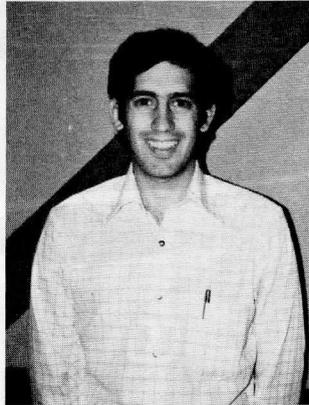
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WELCOME TO THE WGN "FAMILY"

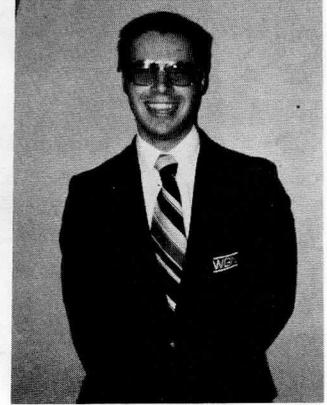
WILLIAM CRANE/ Engineer - Hancock

GEORGE KAPOULAS/TV Engineer

TIMOTHY DOOLEY
Usher/Public Relations



George Kapoulas



Tim Dooley

SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS

1st Place: "AMY AT ELEVEN"
Photo by: Jack Taylor, News Dept.

2nd Place: "LONE CYPRESS"
Photo by: Vivian Pappas, Medical Dept.

3rd Place: Untitled
Photo by: Jim French, Engineering Dept.

Honorable Mention:

"FIRST MEAL"
Photo by: Nancy Seitz, Continental Production

"IRON WORKER"
Photo by: David O. Taylor, Retired

Ray Rayner says "An antique is an object that wouldn't be wanted by anyone if there were more of it."

Tom Skilling

Jack Taylor

Jack Brickhouse

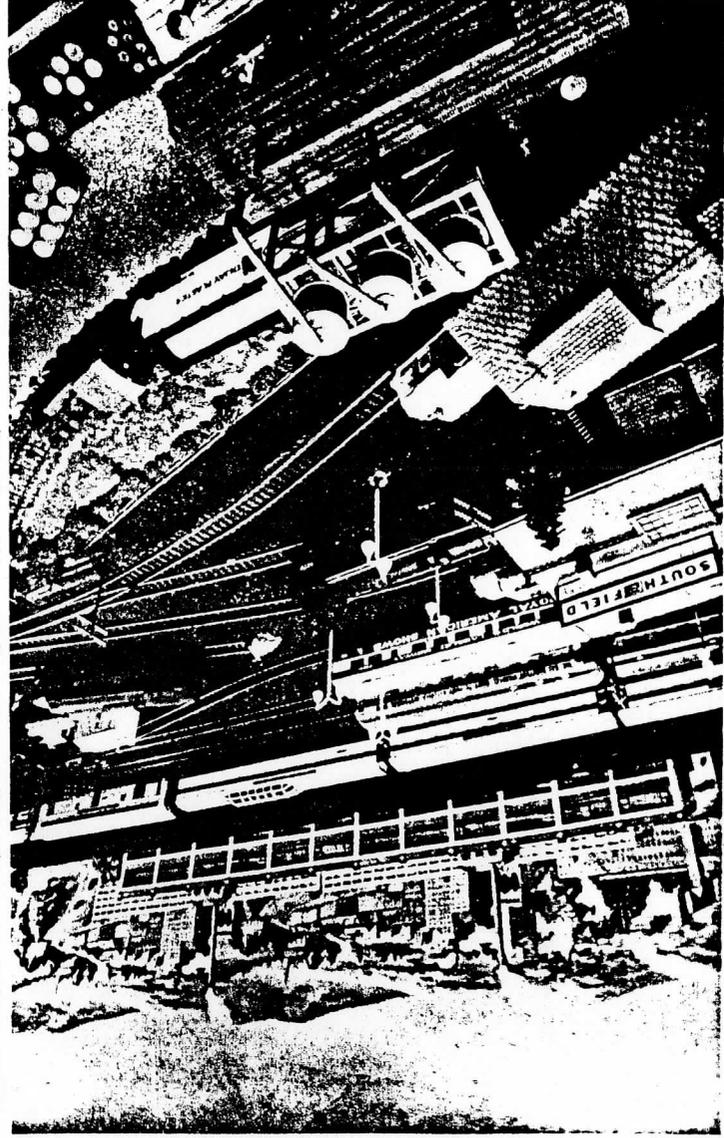
Len O'Connor



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Our WGN "family" has many talented people. One of them is FRAZIER THOMAS. We are reprinting an article from the Tribune on November 30, 1975. Interesting to say the least!



Trains in this industrial area are operated by a separate control panel, one of four in the layout.

Frazier Thomas of WGN's "Family Classics" and Garfield Goose, programs has done what few model railroaders ever achieve — he finished a layout.

It was his fourth attempt. Parts of three previous layouts were salvaged, a new plan took shape on graph paper during six months at the drawing board, and four years went into building an 8-by-14-foot HO gauge rail system with a 14-foot-long storage yard added on one end.

The mountains are plaster, the snow is baking soda. When it gets dirty, I vacuum it all up and sprinkle new snow. Some structures, such as a wooden trestle bridge, were built from scratch; there are also purchased pieces, such as the two

Frazier Thomas in training

tiny checkers that are, like the rest of the layout, hand-painted.

Thomas' interest in model railroading dates back to buying a set of S gauge American Flyer trains for his son, Jeff, who was 7 at the time. They later got into the smaller HO gauge, but the four "engineers" at the control panels. It is possible for as many as 10 people to be at work at one time solving the switching problems that Thomas makes up for the layout. It is the operation of the as yet unnamed railroad that holds his interest; that's why he heaved the standard layout. One is operated by a yardmaster who takes up and sends out trains, which are then taken over by the chief of the main line activities in two industrial yards that simulate the hunting activities of full-size railroads (two control panels). The chief engineer.

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A happy man is Frazier Thomas at play. With a setup like this, he says, "you can run your railroad any way you want!"

Baking-soda snow covers the streets of Dodge City, nestled in plaster mountains.

Photos by Earl Gustie

are hauled to a mill, from which finished lumber is carried to a ladder factory). The 1890s mining town, Dodge City, is just for show; the trains here are not hooked up to power.

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Other model railroaders ask me what I'm doing to do now," Thomas says. "What am I going to do? I'm gonna play railroad!"

(Charts, from "Charts, from")



Softball fans and boosters of the Addison Community Switchboard turn out at Community Park in Addison Sunday to watch the 2d annual benefit game pitting the Itasca All Stars against those from WGN radio. After last year's defeat, the WGN team got revenge, beating the home team 3-1 in a six-inning game that was called because of rain. The team sponsored by the Itasca Park District was made up of men from throughout Addison Township, the area served by the ACS volunteer agency.

WGN gets revenge—

but Addison Switchboard comes out the real winner



WGN's Phil Donahue, above, knocks the dirt from his spikes before taking his turn at bat. Left, Robert Twohill of Addison, playing for the Itasca team, prepares for a mighty swing at the ball as crowds cheer him on.



WGN radio personality Bill Berg of Addison played for WGN in Sunday's game knowing that he would come out a winner no matter what the score. All proceeds from the game go to the Switchboard located in Addison.

Tim Boyer of Itasca, left, keeps his eye on the ball in a concentrated effort to boost the score for the trailing home team. At the mound, John Ficarra of Itasca, above, aims for the strike zone and hopes for another out by WGN.



Don Harris of WGN pitches a winning game for his team



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Quin Ryan, dies at 79; Chicago radio pioneer

By William Currie

QUIN A. RYAN, pioneer Chicago radio performer, who broadcast the 1925 Scopes "Monkey trial" and many other historic events, died Saturday at the age of 79.

Mr. Ryan, former manager of WGN-Radio, died in the Whitehall Nursing Home on Chicago's Near North Side, where he was a resident. His home was at 1360 N. Lake Shore Dr.

He began his news and sports reporting career on the staff of *The Tribune*, first as a Northwestern University campus correspondent, then a sports writer, advertising writer, book reviewer, and first editor of *The Tribune's* employe newsletter, now called "The Little Trib."

HE WAS a frequent contributor to the paper's "A Line o' Type or Two" and from time to time substituted for Ring Lardner in writing "In the Wake of the News."

But he was best known for his enterprising broadcast work.

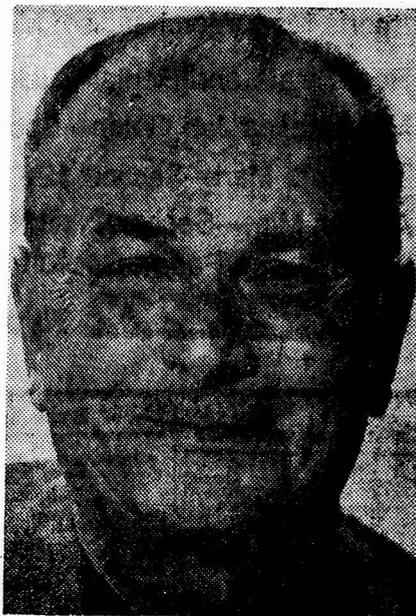
"Quin Ryan did things in radio when there was no precedent because there was no one to copy from. He was a true pioneer," WGN sports announcer Jack Brickhouse said.

It was a modest beginning in the budding radio business when Mr. Ryan made his first broadcast appearance as a publicist in 1923 promoting a fund-raising campaign.

BUT WITHIN two years he was opening up new ground in broadcast journalism. It was Mr. Ryan's voice on WGN-Radio that narrated to thousands the debates between attorneys Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryant in the famous trial in Dayton, Tenn., of John T. Scopes for teaching the theory of evolution.

He was the first to broadcast a circus and created the first "You are There" program of historical documentaries. One of them, recalling the Chicago Fire, was described as a "masterpiece" by the *New Yorker* magazine.

By 1931, when he was named manager of WGN, he had been the first announcer to broadcast the Kentucky Derby and



Quin Ryan in 1958.

the Indianapolis 500. He broadcast the Dempsey-Tunney fights and the Michigan-Illinois football game in which Red Grange scored four touchdowns. And he was the first to read the newspaper comics over the air, on a Sunday program called "Uncle Quin."

ONE OF MR. Ryan's memorable broadcasts was the funeral of Knute Rockne, the fabled Notre Dame coach who died in a plane crash.

Many remember Ryan for his broadcasting from Chicago theaters of musical shows such as "The Mikado," which he narrated while lying on his back under the boards of the stage, and for his nightly news shows. In 1941, he left WGN to become a free-lance writer and a radio program adviser. He frequently contributed to *The Tribune Sunday Magazine* and was a ready source for students of the Scopes trial.

He was married to the late Roberta Nangle Ryan, a former club editor and assistant society editor of *The Tribune*, who died in 1944.

Surviving are three nephews, Quin, John, and James Denvir.