

show fired up at 6:45 every morning, and the theme song was Eddy Arnold's "Cattle Call."

If you are not familiar with the tune, let me inform you: It starts cold with Eddy yodeling. I cannot begin to describe the mental state that can be induced by a clock radio awakening someone from a sound sleep to the sound of a long, high, drifting yodel.

I knew the show was working when my first-grade teacher, Mrs. Timmons, asked her class to stand and introduce themselves. When I stood up and proudly said, "Walker Johnson, and my daddy has the J&K Super Stores," that yodel drifted up from the back row.

Carl was my dad's account executive. Today the title of longest-running account in held by Maryville Furniture, and Carl is also their link to the station. A strictly unconfirmed report places Carl's age at 81; if that is true he holds seniority over every broadcast account executive I've ever known.

There is a absolutely no way I can begin to cover the entire history of WGAP in two short columns. An entire book could be written about the Sunday live broadcasts when preachers and singers would lift the roof off the station.

Another chapter could tell of the station's involvement with Blount County's "Hillbilly Homecoming" and how WGAP provided emcees to introduce such acts as the Lennon Sisters, Pat Boone, Red Foley and Patsy Cline.

And somewhere in that book there might be a tiny paragraph about a fine-looking 22-year-old announcer who was discovered by the station through the help of his father, who just happened to be their oldest advertiser.

WGAP is a classic example of the need to preserve our broadcast heritage before the memories and the pioneers all fade away.

I promised you last week I would tell about the cherry-bombing of the Blount County Courthouse. I'll give you the Cliffs Notes version.

When the station was across from the courthouse, a certain current station owner and a former Blount County politico and pizza proprietor came to the realization that the Blount County jail was well within sling-shot range.

Late one evening a fine and accurate sling was procured, along with a number of cherry bombs. Yardage was carefully calculated, windage checked, and repeated launchings commenced.

Heavily armed officers charged out of the jail doors, looking for the gun battle that must be taking place in the street. The launch team quickly faded back into the shadows of WGAP, and to this day, their identity is a deeply guarded secret.

QUICK TAKES

WMYU's morning co-host is leaving the station. Dean Scott told me he is running two businesses, and he just ran out of time for radio. Scott said his last day on the air will be Aug. 22.

Account executive Jamie Lewis has also resigned from WMYU; she will be the sales manager for Praise 96.3 WJBZ.

My 102 Boomsday activities will not include the My 102 Boomsday 5K race on Saturday, Aug. 30. Promotions Director Mary Deschamps said the station has expanded the program to such an extent on the day of the show that they will no longer do the race.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, before the August recess I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 336. I ask that the RECORD show that my intention was to vote "aye."

TRIBUTE TO JUDITH AND ARTHUR HIRSHBERG

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. SHERMAN and I are honored to pay tribute to my good friends Judith and Arthur Hirshberg, who are receiving the 1997 Annual Achievement Award from Action Democrats of the San Fernando Valley. We cannot think of any two people more deserving of an award that recognizes party loyalty and community involvement.

Judith has spent much of her life involved in politics and civic causes. She began her career in Massachusetts, where she was president of the Swampscott Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

After moving to California Judith became a member of the Wednesday Committee, a Los Angeles County organization of women's PAC's. She is also vice president of Penny Lane, a residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed and abused adolescents, and vice president of Project Focus, a drug and alcohol abuse education center.

Judith is probably best known for having spent the past 9 years as a deputy for Los Angeles city councilman Marvin Braude, who retired in 1997. Before that she worked for former Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley. Through the years Judith used her political positions to help many people and organizations.

Arthur displays a similar devotion to his community. He was a board member of YEOP, the youth program administered by the EDD. In the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots, he served on President Bush's Commission on Los Angeles riot relief. Arthur is also a board member of the Valley Jewish Business Leaders Association, a support group for the Jewish Home for the Aging.

We ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Arthur and Judith Hirshberg, whose dedication to politics and their community is a shining example to us all. These are two people who have truly made a difference.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WILLIMANSETT, MA

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to have this opportunity

to congratulate both the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield and the Parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Willimansett, MA as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Representing and serving the parishioners of this church is indeed an honor. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary has responded tremendously to the needs of its ever expanding faith community. Providing a strong foundation of Christian values for its spiritual community and offering a forum for Christian worship, this parish has generously given 100 years of devoted service to the residents of Willimansett and beyond. I am proud to share the history of this fine parish as I submit the following historical notes in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WILLIMANSETT (CHICOPEE) MA

HISTORICAL NOTES

THE FOUNDATION

Until 1894, Catholics living in Willimansett travelled either to Holy Name Parish, Chicopee Center, or to Saint Joachim's (now Saint George's) in Chicopee Falls, to fulfill their religious obligations. In the summer of that year, however, representatives of local families petitioned The Right Reverend Thomas Daniel Beaven, Bishop of Springfield, to establish a mission church in the village. The Bishop readily agreed to their request, and delegated Father Alexis Delphos, Pastor of Saint Joachim, to found the mission. Father Delphos rented Perreault Hall, on Olivine Street, as a temporary chapel. On Sunday, December 23, 1894, three Masses were said in the chapel, the first by Father McCoy, Pastor of Holy Name, the others by Father Delphos.

The following year, the catholic population of Willimansett had grown sufficiently to consider establishing a parish with resident pastor. September 1st 1897, Bishop Beaven named Father Hormisdas Hamelin as pastor of the new parish, which would serve the Catholics of the districts of Willimansett and Aldenville. September 12, 1897, Sunday within the Octave of the patronal feast, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father Hamelin was officially installed in his new parish.

THE EARLY YEARS

During the twelve years he spent in Willimansett, Father Hamelin was to oversee the construction, in 1898, of a parish church as the corner of Chicopee and Newton Streets; in 1901, that of a rectory. Soon, the pastoral needs of the two districts required the opening of a mission church in Aldenville, and the naming of a curate, Father Peter Higgins.

In 1909, Father Hamelin was named to the pastorate of Notre Dame Parish, in Adams. He was replaced by the Reverend Doctor James Francis McGillicuddy, who served as pastor of Nativity until 1916. Father McGillicuddy purchased the church bell which has since been placed in the bell tower of the new church. He was replaced by Father Emilien Delage, who remained Pastor until his death in 1919.

Father Delage was succeeded by Father Louis Arthur Simard. From the time he arrived at Nativity, Father Simard began a campaign to build a parochial school. To this end, he obtained title to the land adjoining the rectory, between Newton and Division Streets. On September 5, 1922, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School was opened, under the supervision of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. At first, the Sisters were lodged in the school, using classrooms converted into chapel, community room, dining