

Christian Broadcasting Network

Full-Time Religious Radio Debuts Here

(First of a 2-part series)
By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Have you ever heard Jimmy Durante sing the classic spiritual "There'll Be Peace in the Valley"? Listeners across New York State who have been tuning into the new Christian Broadcasting Network, are learning such novelties in religious programming reaching most of this diocese.

What began as a risky gamble by a former would-be politician with an abandoned, ramshackle hillbilly television station in Virginia has in less than a decade blossomed into a wide-ranging chain which recently acquired five FM radio outlets across New York State.

Emanating from Ithaca's WEIV, the religious network went on the air in this state on Jan. 1, having taken over Radio Network with the Rock facilities of the Northeast area outlet WMV in Bristol.

Other stations in the network are WJIV, Cherry Valley; WOIV, DeRayter, and WBIC, Weathersfield.

Upon acquiring the upstate network, M. G. (Pat) Robertson, founder and president of CBN, said:

"The area provides a great challenge. It is our desire to serve both the vast rural population, plus the industrial population of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and the academic community of 200,000



Andy Anderson... with the "good news."

college and university students."

"To this end, we intend to combine wholesome family programming, outstanding news coverage and rich spiritual programs."

The network provides a

wide range of religious music from hymns and spirituals through rock religious numbers, all interspersed with biblical messages, prayers and inspirational messages, often abridged.

There also are sermonette features such as "Chapel on

the Air". Although the network is non-denominational the material is based on the Fundamentalist philosophy of religion.

The news format of the station is directed by Andy Anderson, formerly with the Herald-Tribune Network. It

provides one of the unusual features of the network for included with the prosaic reports from around the world will be "today's good news", such quotations as "The Lord is Thy Shepherd, thou shalt not want."

Disc jockeys provide another of the surprises a listener encounters. Between musical selections you will hear things like, "Did you like that—did you enjoy it? Well, you'd enjoy it more with Jesus in your heart."

While the music and religious messages are used to establish rapport with the public, the keynotes to the program seem to be an aphorism-type program "Tell It Like It Is" emceed by Scott Ross, a former narcotics user, during the evening hours.

Ross, in his late 20s, once emceed "Exotic" appearances at Shea Stadium and has worked with other rock and folk music groups. All of them, he says, "are on a big search for truth."

He feels such a search led him to the use of drugs.

Ross reads letters from listeners, has on-the-air telephone conversations and also plays religious music records. Though most of his problem solutions are of "get Jesus in your heart" nature, Ross also seeks to "convert" listeners to Jesus and attempts faith-healing over the air waves.

Ross turned to religious broadcasting after a delirious "trip" on LSD during which he believed he was Jesus Christ. When the results of the drug began to wane, "I started praying to Jesus. I never again took the drug."

But he emphasizes, "I did not find Jesus through LSD."

He has other ideas on the use of drugs, dismissing the theory that marijuana is non-addictive. If not physically addictive, it is "mentally addictive," he says. If you're a user, after a while "you can't dig anything unless you're on grass."

Next Week: How Pat Robertson, with no experience, turned an abandoned station into the Christian Broadcasting Network.

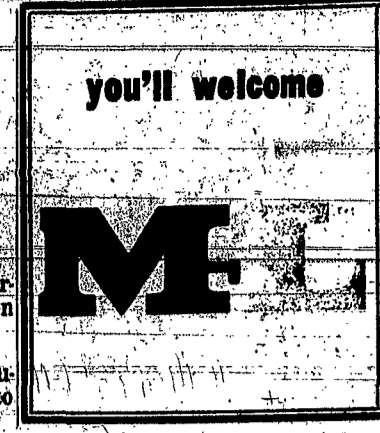
Pupils Get Chance To 'Look at Future'

Thousands of high schoolers had a chance to "look into the future" during the last fortnight when a research-in-action science show, "Previews of Progress," was staged in many high schools of the country.

Among schools which witnessed the demonstration were Aquinas Institute, Bishop Kearney High School, McQuaid High School and Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Sponsored by General Motors Corp., the show contained nine demonstrations narrated by a two-man team. With the aid of props and miniature models, they depicted work being done today in America's research laboratories, seeking to encourage student interest in science and engineering careers.

Among features were several energy conversion demonstrations—gas turbines, engines, fuel and solar cells. Another se-



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Women's Role In Ecumenism Seen Growing

Involvement of lay women in inter-church projects will be one of the next major developments in the ecumenical movement, according to Father Richard Torney, editor of the Courier-Journal.

Father Torney spoke at the first in a series of four Lenten talks sponsored by the Women's Council of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 24 in the chamber building.

"The laity," he said, "must keep pace in the development of inter-church relations. They cannot rest on today's plateau reached by clergymen but must involve themselves in many ways, talking religion, sitting in joint study clubs, pondering similarities and differences in their religions."

"They also must have a joint concern on vital issues," he added, "such as welfare, interracial problems, good schools, pornographic literature and other current problems."

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1040 U.S. Individual Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. Are gifts ever taxed?
A. The recipient has no Federal income tax to pay but the giver may be taxed if the gift is sizable. The law generally requires a gift tax return to be filed by the donor when a gift or gifts to any one person during the year exceeds \$3,000.

Q. Who can file the short form, 1040A?
A. This form can be used in the following circumstances:
• Income is under \$10,000;
• Income consists entirely of wages subject to withholding and not more than \$200 from dividends, interest and other wages.

Q. Does it make any difference whether I file the red, white and blue tax form I got in the mail or one of the plain ones the Post Office has?
A. Either form is acceptable, but the colored form is preferable. However, if you do not file the return mailed you, please be sure to remove the name label and put it on the return you are filing. Use of the address label will properly identify your return and speed my refund due.

Q. I sold my house just before my 65th birthday. Does this mean I won't be entitled to the special benefits for the elderly on those sales?
A. The law requires you to be 65 or over before the date of sale or exchange to qualify for those special benefits.

Q. I was married last month. Since my name has changed do I have to change my Social Security number?
A. When your name changes, notify your local office of the

Q. Where can I hire someone to help me with my tax return?
A. Call your local accounting, legal or tax practitioner association and ask them for the names of qualified people.

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Student Retreats Set at Cenacle

A leadership training session for a youth group from Rush and a college seminar on Christian life highlight the March calendar at the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Avenue.

The Rev. Wayne Robinson of the United Church of Christ, Rush, will conduct the training retreat tomorrow and Sunday for the young people of his congregation. "Open door, open mind" is the topic.

The college seminar will be conducted March 21-23 by Basil, Father Joseph Trovato of St. John Fisher, for Nazareth and Sister College students.

General retreats will be led March 7-9 by Father William Poorten, S.J.; March 14-16 by Father Francis Grescoviak, C.S.B., and March 28-30 by Father James P. Malone, S.J.

'Flying Fathers' Help Benefits

Barrie, Ont. — (RNS)—In six years of charity matches, the Flying Fathers hockey club has raised \$230,000 and had a heaven of a lot of fun.

Protestant pastors are included on the team made up largely of Catholic priests.

One of the Flying Fathers is literally a "father" — Ab DeMarco, a former NHL great with the New York Rangers, Toronto, Chicago and Boston.

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Reconciliation: the Future of the Church, by Eugene Sheed and Ward Beebe. It is grounded in a search for the human alienation, a thoroughgoing search for the equal, need to see the Church made up of communion "shalom" in order to be closer to an understanding of the Christian mission, secular society.
The Risk of Love, Joseph Simmonds and Kelly (Herder), 4.95. A psychologist, philosopher explores the names of love, sharing, clarifying the elements, risk, understanding, lines, growth, and common to all love relationships.
Paul and Qumran, Murphy O'Connor (Priority). Nine essays on the possible influence of Qumran on St. Paul's thought and his theology.
Diocese Benefits
One fourth of the \$80,000 estate of former preme Court Justice James Duffy has been left to the Diocese.
Judge Duffy, a former congressman, was living in Ann's Home when he died. For five decades he was active in Catholic organizations and movements.
A nephew, E. James, attorney for the estate, a pocket watch, a fan, a loom.
Half the residuary will be left to Miss C. Marwood, 505 University Ave. has served me for many years. I am a satisfied and efficient personal secretary.
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