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To address the concerns and meet the needs of a grassroots audience means paying attention to those problems and issues that are unique to mainstream America. In that light, WSLS-TV has

set the pace for responsible broadcasting in Southwest and Central Virginia.

WSLS-TV, Virginia's pioneer television station, was, and is, a station of firsts:

FIRST on the air,
FIRST with live remote coverage,
FIRST with videotape recording
capability,

FIRST with full color coverage, network and local.

FIRST to "feed" live network programming to a national audience, and

FIRST with minicam coverage of news in the field.

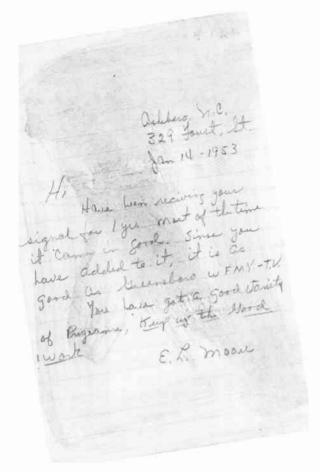
Those who founded, directed and toiled in the fields of early local television did so with vision. They literally rolled up their sleeves, drew on their creativity and forged a communications concept.

For three and one-half decades WSLS-TV has been the pathfinder. It enjoys an unparalleled past, an enviable present, and an exciting future.

On these pages, the years of service by WSLS-TV are chronicled in abstract. Read them and share in the pride of those whose contributions have made WSLS-TV 10 a household name

Lee Garrett
Director, Community
Services
WSLS-TV







Glenwood Howell, WSLS-70's first full-time Farm Director



Lee Garrett forecasts the weather from an "early" set in the Shenandoah Building studios.



George W. Chernault, Jr., Program Director, appears on our first news set.



Ebb (Gordon Reid) head of the "Tide Family" poses. with "Mr. Andy" (Andy Peterson, emcee of the "Ebb and Andy Show.")



Betty Bond broadcasts a fashion show live from Mill Mountain. Cameraperson Ray Chitwood later became Production Manager.



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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



When we increased our power in 1954, an appliance dealer in Burlington, North Carolina sent us a photo he had taken of his television set.



Sports Director, Ed Thomas (later a Maryland State Senator)



Our mobile cameras provide live coverage of Roanoke's Diamond Jubilee celebration (1957).



"And a good evening to you" became John Comeron Swayze's trademark along with a new tie each night on "Camel News Caravan" (1949 - 1956).



George W. Chernault, Jr. (a retired USAI colonel) interviews an active duty colonel during a live broadcast.

Elkhorn, Wille Feb 4, 1954

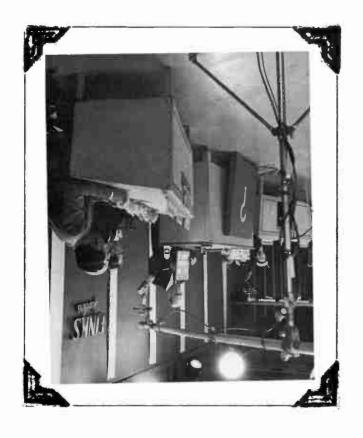
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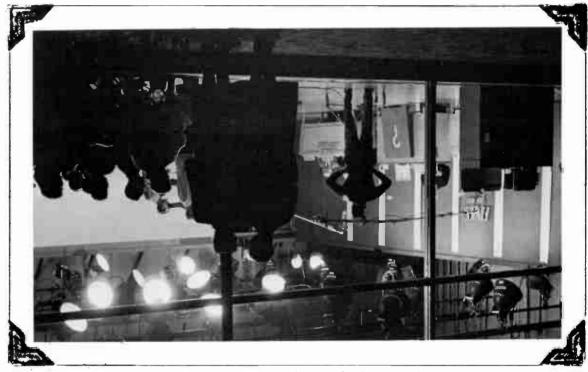
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Jim Shell, Morning-Side Reporter for WSLS news.

Passersby stop outside our new studios to match "Klub Kwiz,"





Hayden Huddleston and "Klub Kwiz" prove to be a winning combination for Channel 10!



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A gathering of champions!





Robert Horton and Ward Bond on "Wagon Train" (1957-61).

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"You Bet Your Life" (1950 - 1961) Groucho Marx and George Fenneman



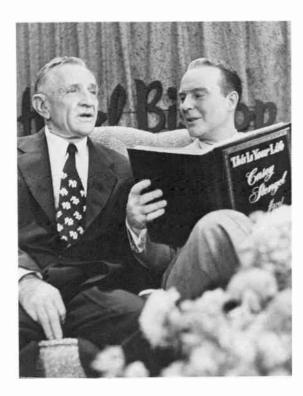
Russell Arms, Giselle MacKenzie, Dorothy Collins and Snooky Lanson were among the regulars who performed the week's top 10 songs on "Your Hit Parade" (1950 - 1958).



"Lonesome George" Gobel exchanges smiles with Jeff Donnell who played his wife Alice on "The George Gobel Show" (1954-1959).



Sid and Imogene "Your Show of Shows" (1950-54)



"This is Your Life," Casey Stengal! (1952-61)



"The Life of Riley" William Bendix & Marjorie Reynolds



Mr. Peepers and friends (1952-55)



"See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet"





Rocky, Bullwinkle & friends



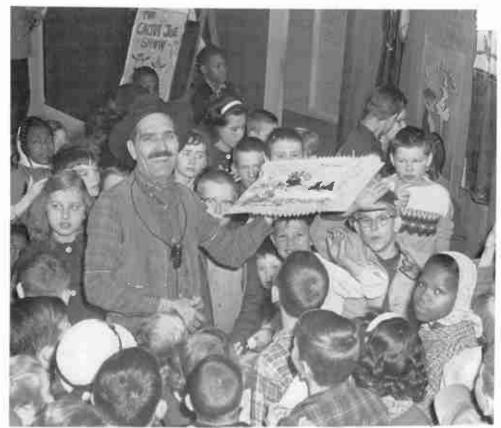
"Romper Room" with Doug Wilson, on camera; Teacher, "Miss Elsie Tanner; Tom Hughes, announcer; and George Chernault, Program Director.



Uncle Looney (Tom Hughes), Itty Bitty Pete ("Pete" Peters) and Cactus Joe (Joe Grant) lift their voices in song during a joint appearance on the "Uncle Looney Show."



Clu Gullager & "Itty Bitty Pete"



"Cactus Joe" celebrates an early anniversary.



"Uncle Looney" pushes a current recording by actorsinger Tex Ritter.





Burr Tillstrom with Kukla, Iran Allison & Ollie (Oliver J. Dragon)



"It's Howdy Doody Time" for Bob Smith, Howdy Doody & Clarabell.



Mary Martin soared as "Peter Pan" became the first big broadway hit to be moved intact to a television studio (1955).



Don Herbert and a young helper on "Watch Mr. Wizard"



Lee Garrett and Tink Ewald, of Ewald & Clark, pose with an unidentified model during Operation Big Shovel.





Our camera crew provides an "overview" of the annual Merchants Association Christmas Parade.



Lula Pring, hostess of our Christmas Holiday Booth, welcoming visitors to the station in the 1950's.

Steve Allen, host from 1953 - 1957



"Late night with David Letterman"

"TONIGHT"



Johnny Carson, the king of late-night television, host since 1962, broadcasting from "beautiful downtown Burbank!"



Jerry Lester, emcee of "Broadway Open House," the granddaddy of talk shows (1950-51)



Jack Paar, host (1957 - 1962)



Larry Cooper forecasts the weather in the early 60's B.C. (before computers)!



Announcer Larry Cooper surprises host Hayden Huddleston!



"Uncle Looney" (Tom Hughes) and "Cousin Larry" Cooper prior to one of the many parades in which they participated during the 50's & 60's.





"Horror Theatre" host, John Willett



WSLS-TV Pres. James Moore receives citation for Meritorious Public Service from the IRS.



Shenandoah Life Insurance Co. Pres., G. Frank Clements presents gift to Manager of Engineering, Phil Briggs.





Herm Revis, Sales Rep. and Program Director George Chernault with reps. of the Safety Council during a seat belt campaign.



"Saturday Show" participants: co-host, Dody Matze; Announcer, Bob Marvin; S&W Manager, Bill Boothe; and co-host, Lee Garrett.



"Car 54, where are you?"



On black and white television, Car 54 looked identical to those cards used by NYPD but was actually red and white to distinguish it from real police cars while shooting on location (1961-63).











U.S. Senator Harry Byrd, Jr. on "Profile" with co-hosts Kit Johnson and Priscilla Young.



Priscilla Young, co-host of "Profile," conducts an interview during an art show which would evolve into "Festival in the Park."





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Program Director, Mel Linkous receives citation for Meritorious Public Service from the IRS.





While we watched "Star Trek" and "Adam-12," Bob Hope and Raquel Welch entertained the troops in Vietnam.

Farm Bureau Group Honors Roanoke Newsman

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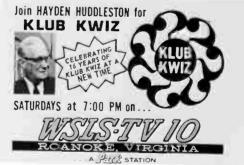
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Fess Parker as "Daniel Boone" (1964-70)





Robert Ironside a.k.a. Raymond Burr, one of the few positive portrayals of the differently able on network television (1967-75).



"Geraldine" a.k.a. Flip Wilson (1970-74)



Cameraman Glen "Whitey" Robinson and George Chernault chronicle the final run of the Pocahontas. (June 1971)



Goldie Hawn on "Laugh-In" (1968-73)



Super Bowl III (1969)





Sales Manager Bill Skelton, Sales Rep. Bruce Jenter and news reporter Hanet Voltz promote WSLS at the Civic Center. (1972)







"TODAY"





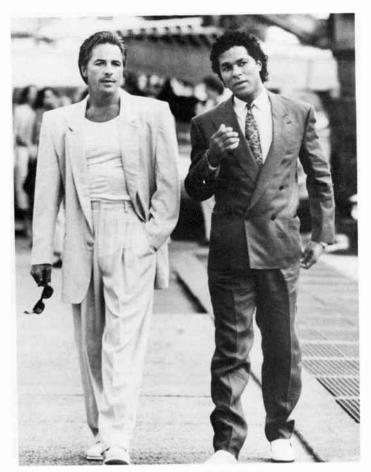
Roanoker William Dupree, a member of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants (and reknowned concert and operatic tenor) performs on the "Today" show during its origination from Mill Mountain.



"The Coneheads" on "Sat. Night Live" (1975)



The "golden years" can be fun!



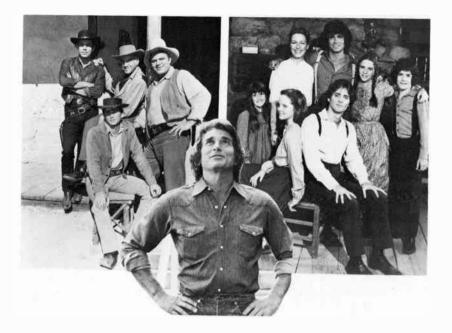
Crockett and Tubbs on "Miami Vice"



Gilda Radner as Rosann Rosanna-Dana



Richard Chamberlain won a Golden Globe in 1963 for "Dr. Kildare" and again in 1980 for "Shogun."



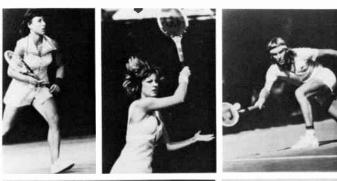
From "Bonanza" to "Little House on the Prairie" to "Highway to Heaven," Michael Landon has been a part of our family since 1959.







With "I-Spy," Bill Cosby became the first black actor to star in a regular prime-time series in the U.S. (1965-1968). As Dr. Cliff Huxtable, he is part of television's most popular family.







For 18 years, we've brought you "Breakfast at Wimbledon."





With the help of the "Tide Family," our softball team prepares to meet its challengers from WDBJ-TV.



"Racing's Greatest Day"

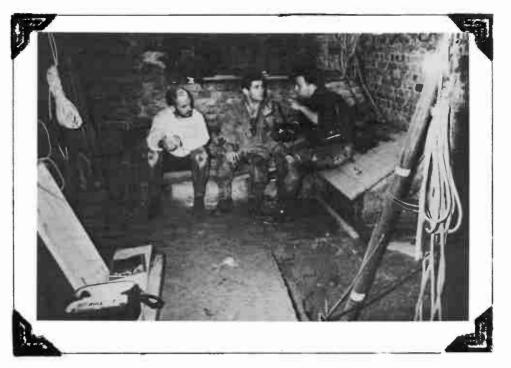


WSLS-TV Peacock Volleyball Team (1987)



#1 News team in Virginia (1954)
(I to r) Joe Moffatt, News Director; Tom Wright, Anchor (Your ESSO Reporter); Glen Robertson, Photographer; Jim Walsh, Reporter; John Gilbert, Reporter; Jim Shell, Reporter; and Ed Thomas, Sports Director.



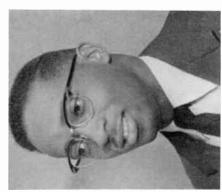


"The Tunnel", the only news documentary to win an Emmy as Program of the Year (1962).



Our current news team: Mike Juller, Mark Chambers, Monica Shuman and Stan Sweet.





Wilton S. Jordan Technical Director



Lewis A. Sydnor Technical Director



John 9. Gilbert Senior News Reporter







