



Wurfel

Walter Wurfel, deputy White House press secretary, joins Gannett Co. as director of information, Washington.

Pamela Neal Warford, manager, community relations, ABC, New York, named to newly created position as director, community relations, public relations, ABC, New York.

Timothy Holl, director of international engineering and development, Teledyne Acoustic Research, Norwood, Mass., named VP-engineering.

Rick Belmont, sales manager, Modular Audio Products, joins ProTech Audio Corp., Ronkonkoma, N.Y., as VP-marketing and sales.

Robert Teach, controller with Palomar Pictures International, joins Reeves Teletape Corp., New York, as director of financial planning.

Bob Kanner, air operations coordinator, WTTG(TV) Washington, named broadcast engineer. **Chris Mazzanti**, studio technician, WDCA-TV Washington, joins WTTG as air operations coordinator.

Jean Young, from WICS(TV) Springfield, Ill., joins television section of Illinois Office of Education as broadcast technician.

advertising agency for Plough Inc., division of Schering-Plough Corp., died of cancer in Memphis April 15. He joined agency in 1949 and was named VP in 1965. He was named chairman and president in 1970. Mr. Shurman was son of agency founder and nephew of Abe Plough, chairman and founder of Plough Inc.

Howard Connors, 56, station relations representative for American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers, New York, died in automobile accident April 9 in Bonifay, Fla. Mr. Connors had been associated with ASCAP since 1952. Survivors include his brother.

Michael C. Kirkas, 49, broadcast field representative for RCA Service Co., Des Plaines, Ill., died April 3 at his home in Milwaukee. Survivors include his wife, mother and sister.

Kay Tillman, 64, retired special events officer for Voice of America, Washington, died April 5 at her home in Washington of heart attack. Miss Tillman was active in American Women in Radio and Television. Survivors include four sisters and one brother.

Donley F. Feddersen, 64, director of radio and television services and professor of telecommunications at Indiana University in Bloomington, died April 8 at his home there. Mr. Feddersen was former director of television programming for National Educational Television. Survivors include his wife, Frances, three sons and one daughter.

Staats Cotsworth, 71, radio, television and Broadway actor, died April 9 in his Manhattan apartment. His acting credits on radio included *Casey*, *Crime Photographer*, which ran on CBS Radio. Survivors include his second wife, actress Josephine Hutchinson.

Cable

Appointments, Viacom Communications: **Joseph Van Loan**, director of engineering, West Coast, named VP; **Kurt Jorgensen**, VP-general manager of company's North Bay system, San Francisco, named VP-general manager of newly acquired Nashville franchise; **Ron George**, plant manager for Sonoma county, Calif., systems, named director of operations for Nashville system; **Kent Rasmussen**, area manager of Viacom's Delta system, and supervisor of Napa system, named general manager of North Bay region, and **David Wilson**, assistant general manager in San Francisco, succeeds Mr. Rasmussen as Delta area manager.

M. Richard Swender, from facilities engineering and management position with Westinghouse Electric Corp., joins Magnavox CATV Systems, Manlius, N.Y., as facilities manager.

Kevin Shea, VP-programing for CUC Limited, named coordinator for Cable Satellite Network, Toronto.

Allied Fields

Jack Harris, president, KPRC-AM-TV Houston and WTVF(TV) Nashville, named chairman of Broadcasters Census Committee of 80, to be formed by new promotional office of U.S. Census Bureau, Washington. Aim is to encourage public cooperation in 1980 census. Coordinating broadcasters committee operations will be **Richard Krolik**, formerly of Time-Life Broadcasting and later aide to House Communications Subcommittee, named full-time consultant to Census Bureau. **Don L. Kearney**, formerly of Corinthian group, will be part-time adviser.

Ronald Coleman, Republican counsel to House Commerce Committee and a drafter of Communications Act rewrite, joins Washington law firm Leighton, Conklin & Lemov May 1.

Roy Spencer, responsible for Nielsen's domestic clearing house operations for couponing and inquiry services, New York, named VP. **Irene Mastro**, on Nielsen Television Index sales-service staff, named account executive.

William Livek, account executive, Arbitron, Chicago, named division manager, Arbitron Midwestern radio sales. **Douglas Hammett**, account executive, KAFM(FM) Dallas, joins Arbitron Midwest advertiser-agency sales in Chicago as account executive.

Charles Herring, former owner-manager of KAPY(AM) Port Angeles, Wash., who retired last year, and earlier anchor for KING-TV Seattle for 16 years joins Boeing Co. in Seattle as film and television producer.

Sara Walker, manager of public information and broadcasting, Council of Better Business Bureaus, Washington, named director of public information.

Broadcast Technology

John B. Arnold, consultant to president of Comsat General Corp., appointed president and chief executive officer of Farinon Corp., San Mateo, Calif.

Hans Schmid, staff engineer, ABC, New York, named manager of technical quality control, broadcast operations and engineering, ABC, succeeding **Herbert Riedel**, who has been named director, technical quality control.

Ronald Whigham, general manager of semiconductor division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Youngwood, Pa., named general manager of electronic components business unit, which includes semiconductor division, industrial and government tube division, Horseheads, N.Y., and Compagnie des Dispositifs Semiconducteurs Westinghouse, subsidiary in LeMans, France. He will be based in Pittsburgh.

Shaun Johnson, field operations manager in Tulsa, Okla., for United Video, joins Southern Satellite Systems as earth station manager at its Douglasville, Ga., uplink where WTCG(TV) Atlanta, Satellite Program Network, UPI Newstime and Home Theater Network are relayed to RCA Satcom 1 satellite.

Richard Broadhead, product manager for UHF television antennas, RCA Broadcast Systems, Camden, N.J., named manager of antenna product management.

Deaths

Faust Couture, 71, who established WCOU(AM) Lewiston, Me., in 1938, died April 8 at Lewiston hospital after long illness. Mr. Couture was also involved in establishment of WFAU(AM) Augusta, Me., in 1946. He was past president of Maine Association of Broadcasters and retired in late 1960's. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Crane.

Courtney H. Shurman, 55, chairman and president, Lake-Spiro-Shurman Inc., in-house

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