

Livonia TV Director Explains UHF As New Channel Arrives On Scene

The upcoming January premier of Detroit's ultra-high frequency all-purpose television station and increasing public interest in educational television has kept television experts answering questions on how the UHF and VHF channels operate.

Alex Baskin, Livonia's director of educational television, says that queries on the proposed new cooperative western suburban station, on Detroit's Channel 56, and on the video tapes produced by the National Educational Television unit in Ann Arbor has tripled in the past three months.

"A great many citizens who have grown tired of much commercial telecasting are

looking forward to the programs which will be offered as new channels begin broadcasting educational programs," Baskin said.

In addition of tuning in the decade old Channel 56, owners of all-channel sets have some hope that a second educational channel will be allocated to a cooperating group of educational and cultural institutions located in the Schoolcraft College area of western suburbia.

A recent leaflet put out by the Federal Communications Commission in cooperation with other agencies gives these

simple answers to questions many suburbanites are asking about the 12 television channels:

Must One Buy a New Set to Get All Channel TV?
No. There are several options. If your set is old and needing replacement, purchase of a brand new set with more modern and sophisticated circuits, including all channel tuners may be the best solution. But if it is a recently produced VHF-only set which is satisfactory, it can be converted to all channel by one of three methods.

1. Have a complete 70 channel

tuner installed within your set.

2. Where technically possible one channel UHF "striptype" tuner for each UHF channel desired may be installed within your set.

3. A complete 70 channel converter mounted on top or close to your set.

Will My Present Set Become Obsolete?
It is very unlikely that VHF's channels 2 to 13 will be discarded within the lifetime of present day television receivers. We need these channels, as well as 14 to 83.

How Much Will It Cost to Convert To All Channel?
This depends on the model of your set, whether or not an all channel tuner or converter is preferred over a channel strip, your location which has bearing on the type of antenna required, plus other factors. Only your dealer or service technician can accurately quote the cost.

Are UHF Stations as Sharp and Clear As VHF Stations?
There is no noteworthy difference in quality of pictures received from UHF and VHF television stations. Color TV programs can be received equally well on all channels from 2 through 83.

Will I Need a Lot of New Equipment To Get All Channel TV?
This, of course, depends on what you have already, and where you live, and how many new UHF stations will be broadcasting in the western suburban area.

How Many UHF Channels Will Be Broadcasting in the Western Metropolitan Area?
Channel 56, the Detroit Television Foundation, has been broadcasting a full weekly schedule for more than 10 years. Channel 59 is scheduled to go on the air early in January. As time goes on, other UHF Channels, such as the cooperative one planned by the school districts in the Schoolcraft area, may be authorized by the Federal Communications Commission.



WESTBROOK CHORALEERS—A new youth ensemble made up of students from Westbrook Elementary School in Clarenceville—concentrates on music here as they practice one of their "Christ Is Born" cantata excerpts. Two concerts are planned in the next few weeks by the group.

Westbrook Choraleers Hit Concert Circuit

The Westbrook Choraleers of Westbrook Elementary School, Clarenceville, are a select group of fifth and sixth grade girls organized by Miss Sue Thresher, elementary music teacher, for the purpose of performing vocal music. This small ensemble was begun last year with six fourth and fifth grade girls. With the carry-over of interest this year, those interested in being in the ensemble were required to try-out. Try-outs were open to all interested students of the fifth and sixth grade and included singing of familiar songs, scales, and sight reading. Practice is held one day during school and one afternoon after classes are over.

The first performance of the Choraleers was at the November P.T.A. meeting at Westbrook and four more performances were scheduled soon afterward. On Friday, December 4, the girls performed at the Clarenceville Methodist Church presenting songs of the holiday season. Dec. 16 will find the group performing at the Eber Baptist Church in Detroit at 8:30 p.m. On Dec. 19 the Choraleers will be carolling throughout the community and on Dec. 21 they will perform for the Westbrook student body at an assembly program. The repertoire is made up of Christmas Carols, foreign and American folk songs, and excerpts from a cantata for children's voices, "Christ Is Born".

The present eight members are: Brenda Byers, Paula Gale, Janice Mills, Donna Sadowski, Choraleers was at the November P.T.A. meeting at Westbrook and four more performances were scheduled soon afterward.

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Local Red Cross Offers GP's Recordings from Home

On Tuesday, December 1, Sister Cecile and Sister Frances, both students at Marygrove and natives of Thailand, sent their Christmas greetings home in the form of a recording made possible by the Red Cross "Voices from Home" program.

Foreign students, studying in U.S. universities are only part of one group to whom this free service is made available. Originally, the concept was to send messages to servicemen overseas or to those hospitalized in this country. Now, after three years, the program has expanded to include not only servicemen and foreign students but high school exchange students, members of the Peace Corps and "special morale" situations where only a voice from home is the answer.

"Recordings will be made at the Northwest Regional Office, 31228 Five Mile Road, Merri-3 Plaza, Livonia, Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., through December 12," says Mrs. Richard Cook, Regional Chairman for Voices from Home. Appointments can be made by calling 422-2767.

List School Bus Plans For Winter Weather

Parents in the Livonia School District were reminded this week that there may be days when driving conditions will be slippery and it will be unsafe for school buses to travel on side streets. On such days it will be necessary to pick the children up only on the main roads.

William McLellan, supervisor of transportation, said that "Students will be notified by the drivers as to time and place of pick-up on such days."

McLellan told parents that "on the days such emergency measures are necessary, we will contact all cooperating stations which will announce the nature of the weather emergency and inform all interested citizens of that day's transportation plans."

Off to Germany
Army PFC Larry Thomas Ward, son of Mrs. Myrtle V. Ward, 2904 Highway, Livonia, was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Germany, on Nov. 18.



VISITOR TO FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL—audio-visual and television center is Miss Gretchen Becker of Rio de Janeiro. Explaining the closed circuit TV operation to Miss Becker and Donald G. Wylie is Franklin's William Farlow, director of the instructional materials unit. Miss Becker is in the United States on an Agency for International Development Program for training communications media specialists. Wylie is a student teacher at Franklin who is taking graduate work in instructional media at Michigan State University.

Redford Jaycees Name Winner Of \$100 Bond

Redford Township Jaycees announced the winner of the \$100 savings bond, associated with the annual Jaycee gas sale tickets: He is James Morris and he resides at 6460 Faust. The winning ticket was purchased for Mr. Morris by his wife. The announcement was made at the Jaycees monthly membership meeting.

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