Charles Craig

Class of 1950

Charles P. Craig, began his lifelong career in radio and television broadcasting when he joined the Wooster High School Radio Club.

The Radio Club hosted 15 minute music program broadcasts on the local Wooster radio station. Along with his participation in this club, Craig was also a member of the Drama Club, the choir, and was president of Student Council.

Craig said the biggest opportunity in his broadcasting career came from WHBC radio station in Canton, where he wrote a historical series that was on air every night. The program was called the *Sands of Time* and it began by focusing on American history, but then moved into world history topics. The recognition of the program allowed Craig to go to Pittsburgh, where he worked with Hardman Associates to market an LP album of the *Sands of Time* program to school districts with the intent of incorporating it in classrooms to teach students about American and world history.

Craig also became a part of filmmaking in all aspects, from writing to acting in productions. In 1968, Craig wrote and played the part of a radio newscaster in the classic Halloween film *Night of the Living Dead*.

Craig was a part of the radio and TV industry for 30 years, and he credits the WHS Radio Club for getting him interested in the career. Although he participated in both radio and TV, he enjoys radio more, calling it "theater of the mind" that appeals to people's imaginations.

He is an active participant in community functions, especially those dealing with veterans' services, as he is the president of the Wayne County Veterans Service Commission. He makes several public appearances a year as a featured speaker or emcee in functions such as Pearl Harbor Observance Day.

Craig and his wife Judith perform together as folk singers in a group called "Valley Voices", in which he sings and plays harmonica.

— Claire Miller, *student interviewer*

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