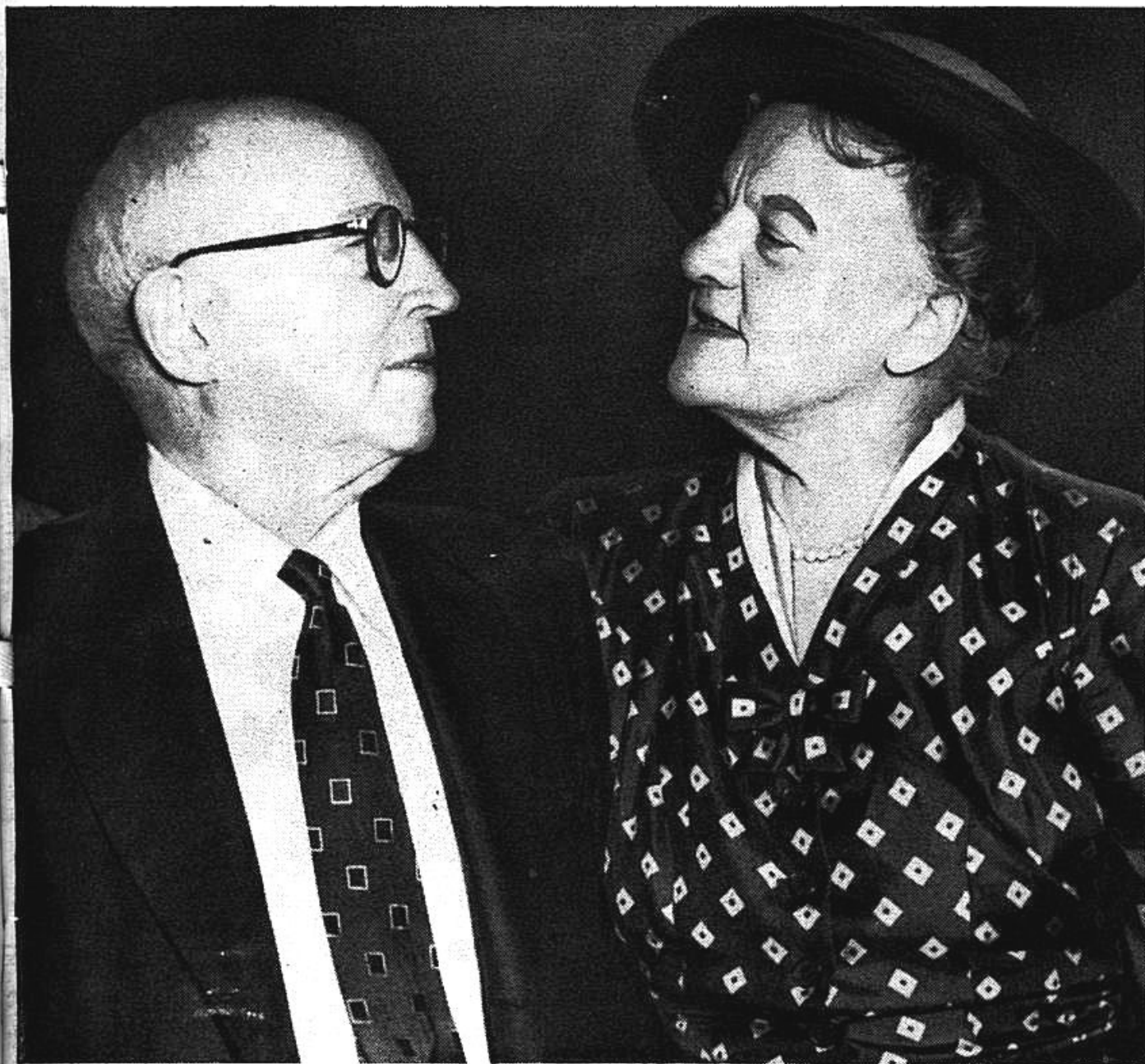


Shop Talk

about THE WASHINGTON POST and TIMES HERALD

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MR. AND MRS. MEYER—"Now in reminiscing," Eugene Meyer old employes at the Statler Hotel June 19, "I really wanted to say 'we' instead of 'I.' Because Mrs. Meyer has lived through all of these wonderful Washington Post years, enjoying with me the association with all of you. But I had to be extremely care-

ful not to mention Mrs. Meyer for at least three paragraphs after I mentioned the age eighty. I don't want to involve her in that sort of 'guilt by association.'" Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer are shown at the luncheon at which they presented a gift of stock to employes with five or more years of service.



Here are some of the more than 650 guests who attended the luncheon in honor of Post and Times Herald and WTOP employes with more than 5 years' service. Independent circulation dealers met at the Mayflower.



Surprised guests give Mr. Meyer a standing ovation after his address announcing the gift of stock in The Washington Post Company.

STOCK PRESENTATION

"For some time Mrs. Meyer and I have been thinking about the fine people in this organization . . . We have wanted to find some appropriate way of marking our appreciation . . . we have worked out a plan to recognize you today . . . Briefly, it is this: Mrs. Meyer and I are today giving each one of you shares of stock in The Washington Post Company."

With those words Chairman of the Board Eugene Meyer announced that 711 employees of The Washington Post and Times Herald, WTOP, and WMBR, with five years or more of service, were to receive almost one-half million dollars' worth of stock. Included were independent circulation contractors.

The announcement was made at a luncheon for employes at the Statler Hotel June 19.

The occasion was the 22d anniversary of the purchase of The Washington Post by Mr. Meyer, and this year also marks his 80th birthday.

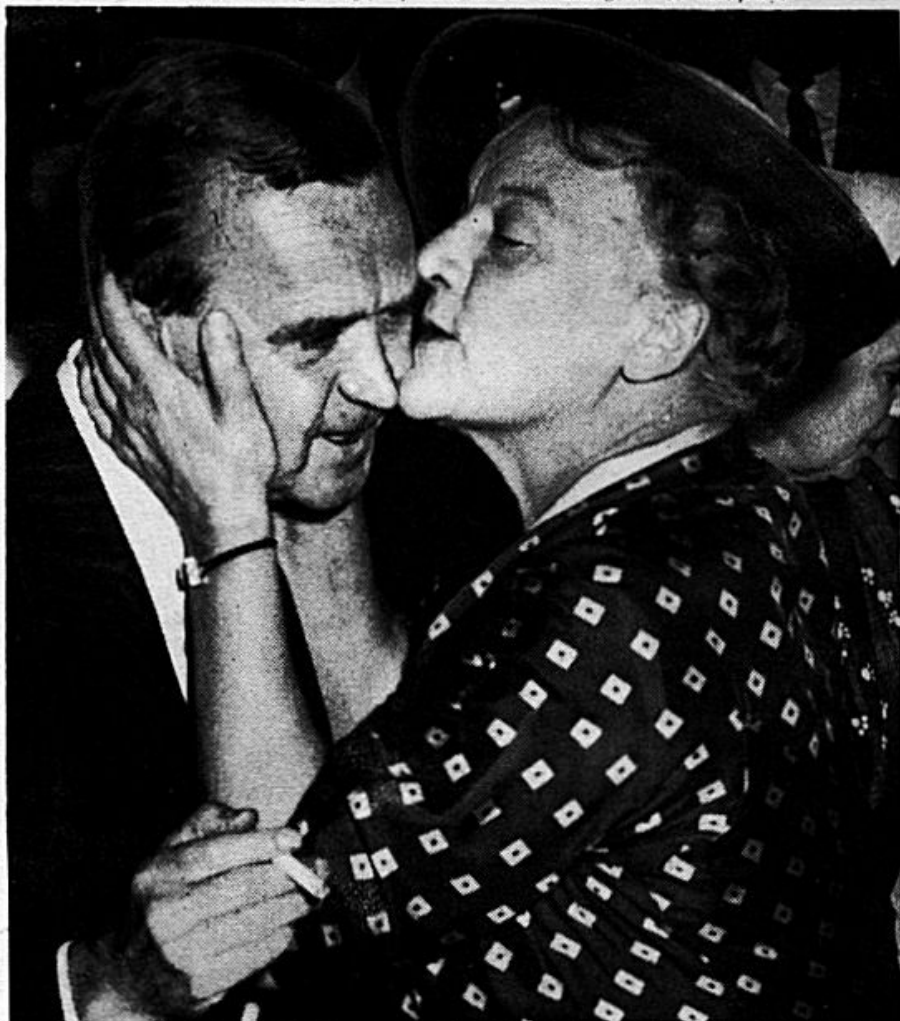
"We have a lively memory," Mr. Meyer said, "of the valued service of those of you who over the years have helped bring about this institution's success."

And, in announcing the gift of stock, he said:

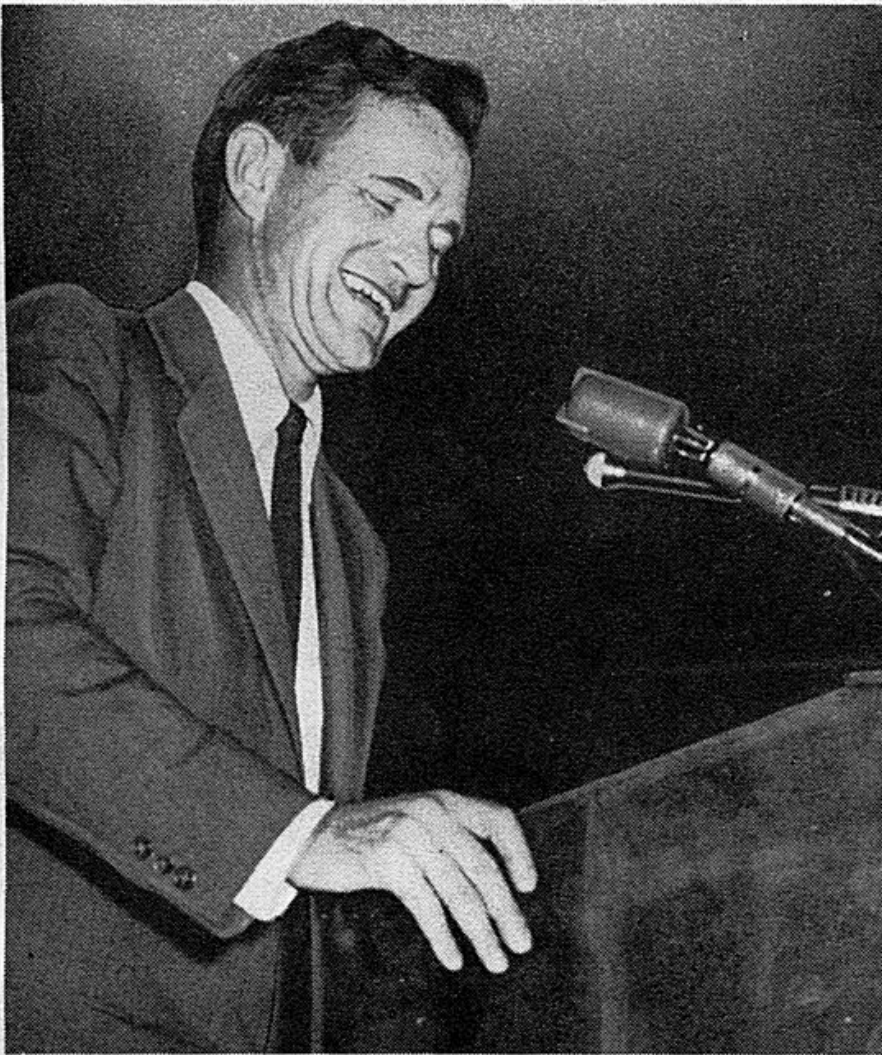
"We do this with warmest thanks for your help—past and future—to this institution."

Publisher Philip L. Graham explained the details of the gift.

In thanking Mr. and Mrs. Meyer on behalf of the employes, Reporter Edward T. Folliard summed it up like this: "Well, you never know . . . You come downtown a wage earner, and you go home a capitalist."



Edward T. Folliard, who spoke on behalf of all Post and Times Herald, WTOP, and WMBR employes, receives a congratulatory kiss from Mrs. Meyer.



Publisher Philip L. Graham explains the details of the gift of stock to the new stockholders. The speeches were carried to a similar luncheon for WMBR staff members in Jacksonville by a special radio hookup. He said that amounts varied according to length of service and responsibilities. Each share has a book value of approximately \$60, he said.



Charles Paradise (left), secretary to Mr. Meyer, gets a chance to compare notes with his boss after the luncheon was over.



Two stockholders get together as Abraham Davison (right), composing, thanks Mr. Meyer for his gift. That's Chief Telephone Operator Mollie Parker at left.



Reporter Don Olesen and Mrs. Olesen with Mr. Meyer.



Night City Editor John Riseling, Mrs. Riseling and Mrs. Graham.