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BEING AN ACCOUNT OF THE BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE on CBS and in the BUSINESS LEDGERS OF EDDIE CANTOR OF LEHN & FINK (manufacturers of Pebeco Toothpaste). Written by Mr. Reginald Townsend of Lennen & Mitchell . . . . WITH TWO EPILOGUES by MR. EDWARD CANTOR, and by the COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM



### WE BEGIN WITH A CONCLUSION

"So if the proof of the pudding is in the eating—Eddie Cantor is a truly great radio comic and a super radio salesman. The constantly upward slanting curve of Lehn & Fink's "New Pebeco" sales chart proves my point. Last Spring, when the Eddie Cantor "New Pebeco" program went on the air, the sales jump started from scratch. Results were tremendous.

#### **Radio Carries All the Load**

Getting into action again this fall there was a high mark to shoot at. To secure increases radio practically had to carry all the load. There was no supplementary newspaper or magazine advertising campaigns, little or no dealer helps or tie-ins to merchandise the program in the way of window or counter displays. A few trade paper ads to foster distribution and acquaint dealers with the appeal of the new "Red, White and Blue" cartons about covered everything aside from radio.

#### Sales 25 to 35% Over "High"

Returns at this date indicate at least a gain of between 25 and 35% over last season's high mark—the Yankee Doodle Red, White and Blue carton is on more dealers' shelves and counters—but the outward movement is gaining more than satisfactory momentum."

This is the conclusion of a report written by Mr. Townsend, of Lennen & Mitchell, advertising agents for Lehn & Fink. The complete report (as it appeared originally in "Broadcasting") is available from CBS.

EPILOGUE BY EDDIE

The other day, while trying to keep my family in stitches—sure I keep them in stitches. Have you ever tried to keep a family of five daughters in CLOTHES? this is the way I put it: "The glowing words of the announcer describing a radio star are the platinumcollar around the neck of the under-dog. Take them away and he's a mutt. But the public loves the mutt!" That goes for sponsors, too—if the mutt pays his way. Which is why there are always TWO Eddie Cantors on the air. There's Eddie I, a funny guy; and Edward II, a salesman. My job, like any other salesman's, is to sell my boss's product. As for my salary—well, why bring that up? When the orders stop rolling in, out rolls the salesman (no matter how beautifully he can roll his eyes!).

That's the long and short of it. We all know the salesman who makes a hit with customers by giving them the glad-hand, and telling jokes about the farmer's daughter. But when the laugh dies down, has he got an ORDER in his hand? That's what makes ME laugh!

# EPILOGUE BY CBS

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Having to follow Mr. Townsend and Mr. Cantor is a cheerless task. These expert gentlemen have a way of corralling every climax—and, we're afraid, all the applause. But there are two brief items we might add to their story. They complete the record of the superb sales-job Mr. Cantor is doing. And (not to be unduly modest) they illuminate the job CBS is doing, since the Columbia Network carries the entire load of consumeradvertising for the product.

The first item is a bit of history. For three years before he became PEBECO'S star salesman, Mr. Cantor was brilliantly identified in the minds of his listeners with a cup of coffee! He was called on to change sponsors, program and network. What happened? Well, haven't you already read the answer above?

The second item: Eddie Cantor—while breaking all sales records for PEBECO—shares the air and the audience with another highly successful air "salesman." Does that faze him? Hardly! There are, as he clearly demonstrates, plenty of listeners to go around —a matter we'll be happy to discuss with you statistically, if you wish.

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Whether your product is designed for a definite class or for the masses, KWK is the station to deliver your sales message in the St. Louis area. This market, covered so effectively by KWK, is the 10th potential buying area in the United States. An advertising campaign placed with us will bring you gratifying results.



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At the drop of a hat, or even less, we'll battle to get favorable spots for you, or to line up the newest and most powerful program ideas, to do anything that will secure for you the best possible service and cooperation and *results* from radio. We've built our business on the one big idea of doing a better job for our customers than they can economically do for themselves.

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# **Railways Lift Radio Ban, Plan Campaigns**

**How Three Western Railroads** 

Have Used Radio Extensively

Eastern and Central Roads, Now Free of Six-year Fetter, Survey the Broadcast Field; Low Rates Offer Theme

**RESTRICTIONS** against radio advertising imposed by Eastern and Central railroads since 1930 have been lifted entirely, with the result that several of the more important carriers already are surveying the medium with a view to starting spot or network campaigns.

It has been learned that the Eastern Trunk Line Association and the Central Passenger Association, controlling East-West service operations, agreed last December to drop the radio inhibitions. A new agreement among the larger roads

operating East of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac, and now in full force, does not place any restrictions whatever upon use of radio advertising. Likewise, it does not bar the use of radio receiving sets as standard equipment on club cars.

The original agreement, in force for six years, especially referred to radio advertising as being undesirable for railroads as a regular advertising medium. This compact was rewritten in November, 1934, and included the same re-strictions. It also barred use of radios on club cars except upon extraordinary occasions.

In the new agreement all language pertaining to the radio restrictions was dropped. By its very absence, use of radio is now permitted. All of the important Eastern and Central lines are members of the two associations.

#### Stiff Competition

ABOLITION of the ban comes at a time when the railroads are fighting an uphill battle against other passenger services, such as the buses, airplanes and private automobile. It also comes at a time when they have the best sales basis available to railroads in years—the newly ordered rate reductions which take effect June 1.

The reduction in rates, ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission within the last fortnight, drastically curtails passenger rates both for Pullman and coach travel. Pullman surcharges on railroad fares are eliminated altogether. These reductions occur at the best time psychologically for the railroads, because in June the vacation season actually gets under way and tourist travel is at its peak.

Chesapeake & Ohio has been using radio consistently in a dozen major cities in its territory all

during the time other important lines were committed against it. C.  $\&^2$  O. was not a party to the original agreement and also was exempted from the 1934 arrangement. The most important of the lines which, by compact, excluded radio advertising, were the Bal-timore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York Central and New Haven.

HOW Western roads have been

using radio to promote passen-ger traffic is told in the follow-

ing letter from H. G. Bullock, vice president of The Caples Co.,

Chicago advertising agency. Mr.

Bullock took issue with the ar-

ticle published in the Feb. 15 is-

sue of BROADCASTING in which it

was stated that railroads gen-erally have been laggard in their advertising. His letter is pub-lished herewith in full text:

The success achieved by the C. & O. in its radio advertising along with the findings of Joseph B. Eastman, Federal Coordinator of Transportation in his report of January, 1935, advocating greater use of radio, were unquestionably the predominating factors in the decision to lift the ban. Moreover, an experiment conducted by West-ern lines last year to stimulate travel to the West, proved emi-nently successful and gave proponents of radio advertising additional ammunition with which to break the compact.

With the lifting of the restrictions there has been considerable activity in the railroad industry on advertising plans. Baltimore and Ohio, it has been learned, is canvassing the field and has made

#### rate inquiries among stations in its territory on spot campaigns as well as studio programs. Other roads too have been investigating radio rates and programs, although as far as is known no definite campaigns have materialized.

#### **Research Activity**

TIEING directly into revived activity is the research being undertaken by the Association of American Railroads for a national advertising campaign, which em-braces radio. Arthur Kudner Inc., New York agency, recently was retained to undertake a study for the Association and is now engaged in this work.

Kudner has not been retained as the agency to place whatever campaign may be decided upon, according to railroad executives. The report of this agency will be made to the advisory board of the Railroad Association, of which J. J. Pelley is president. This board has in the past considered a network campaign of an institutional type featuring fine music, and patterned along the lines of the Ford Sunday Evening Hour, or the General Motors Concerts.

With the exception of C. & O., leading railroads have been backward in their use of radio even though there have been no restrictions, so far as known, among carriers in the associations other than Eastern and Central. The industry is among the last of the major in-dustrial entities of the nation to avail itself of radio advertising. Only recently have railroads be-

gun to enjoy a revival of passen-ger business. They have suffered severe inroads from buses, airplanes and automobiles. This was attributed mainly to failure to keep abreast of the time, in Mr. Eastman's special report.

In this report, issued just a year ago, Mr. Eastman, among other things, said the loss of passenger traffic was "due to failure to keep pace with modern methods of marketing, servicing, pricing and sell-ing." Then he recommended that they advertise and promote their services. On this score, he said:

"The market which the passen-ger traffic force must sell consists of about 30 million families or 76 million adults. Carriers must reach this market as do the purveyors of these other 'enjoyables' by adver-tising, institutional, promotional, specific, periodical, radio, outdoor and visual."

Based on the experience not only of C. & O., but also of the Western carriers, it is felt that radio should prove a primary medium to the railroads in these prospective cam-



made: "Railroads, Mr. Bullock generally, have been laggard in their advertising in recent years with the notable exception of the

Chesapeake & Ohio." Apparently, whoever wrote this story was entirely unfamiliar with the extended advertising activities

of many of the railroads, particu-larly in the western territory. We number among our clients four of the leading western rail-roads, all of whom have been extremely active in their advertising

for a number of years past, and three of them have been extensive users of radio.

The first radio campaign we handled for the railroads on a large scale was during 1933 in connection with the Chicago World's Fair, when all railroads serving Chicago combined in a series of 13 15-minute broadcasts

over the Columbia chain. At the same time the Illinois Central was using a number of local stations and continued to do so during 1934, in December of which year Illinois Central began which year Illinois Central began a series of 18 30-minute programs over WENR in Chicago. In March of 1935 the Chicago & North Western Railway also began a se-ries which ran to 18 30-minute broadcasts over WMAQ.

Throughout the year Chicago & North Western - Union Pacific jointly have been consistently using a large number of stations for short announcements in the Middle West and certain Eastern ter-ritory, while the Union Pacific have been consistently using an-nouncements throughout their

Western territory. Beginning Nov. 17, 1935, Illinois Central began a 30-minute Sunday afternoon broadcast over a partial National Broadcasting Co. net-work, including ten leading sta-

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paigns. The Western Association of Railway Executives last August announced that its \$367,000 spot announcement campaign to stimulate western travel was entirely successful. It used 60 stations and some 400 newspapers.

Results announced were that reports from carriers showed a 15 to 22% increase in travel over the same period of the preceding year. This, said the announcement, indi-cated "that the campaign was an unqualified success."

Last August, the American As-sociation of Advertising Agencies, through a special committee, also commented at length upon the lethargy of railroads in promoting their services. This committee report, requested by Coordinator Eastman, was submitted to all railroads by the latter.

The Eastman report had disclosed that a classification of media \$77,050 was spent in 1933 for radio by the railroads, of 1.8% of media expenditures. Of this \$3,657 represented talent exponditu represented talent expenditures. The conclusion of the report had recommended that an advertising budget of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1% of freight revenues would constitute a remunerative investment. Actually in 1929, 1933 and 1934 expenditures for both passenger and freight advertising of all roads amounted to 0.3% of gross revenue.

#### AAAA Recommendations

THE AAAA committee, after studying the Eastman reports both of January and August, 1935, had made these observations about radio advertising:

"In regard to radio there was relatively little use made of it, and the talent cost seems disproportionately low which might in-dicate that broadcasts were not as interesting or attractive as they might have been made, and of course that affects results. How commercial announcements are made and woven into the broadcasts also makes a difference.

"It would seem to us that radio should make a very restful medium for travel advertising and also for institutional appeal. Travel is al-ways an intriguing subject for great numbers of people. "A wider use of radio appears

indicated. This would also serve to increase returns from other forms of advertising, for instance in newspapers and magazines. The one stimulates interest in the other, as has been frequently ob-served in commercial advertising."

Freight as well as passenger service has been recommended both by Eastman and by the AAAA for a greater degree of sales pro-motion. While freight yields by far the greatest revenue, few roads had spent any great amounts of money to publicize this service. Just as air-conditioned passenger equipment, greater speed, increased comfort and reduced rates afford ideal copy for passenger advertis-ing, so do the improvement of fa-cilities for handling of freight lend themselves both to institutional and direct sales copy for both radio and the printed media, it is thought.

The criticism of railroad advertising in the Eastman reports also reflected upon the tendency of carriers to devote most of their ad-vertising effort toward outselling their railroad competitors rather than competing transportation.

#### Right of States to Tax Station Income Henry A. Bellows Named Argued in Appeal Before Supreme Court

THE RIGHT of States to tax the incomes of broadcasting stations, on the theory that they are derived in intrastate rather than interstate commerce, was argued be-fore the U. S. Supreme Court March 9 in the appeal of Fisher's Blend Station Inc., operating KOMO and KJR, Seattle, from the judgment of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. The State Court had upheld the ruling of the state Tax Commission assessing a 1% levy on the gross income of the stations.

Because of the possible industrywide application of gross income levies upon stations, the NAB and the major networks cooperated in the Supreme Court appeal. Many state legislatures have considered or adopted such taxes in an effort to replenish depleted treasuries, attempting to justify contentions that broadcasting revenue is purely intrastate.

#### Federal Regulation

THE MAJOR defense advanced on behalf of the Seattle stations was that broadcasting, as interstate commerce, is subject only to Federal regulation and to Federal taxation. The state, however, maintained that the income of stations is derived, not because of inter-state commerce but because the station facility is simply "leased" to the advertiser.

Godfrey Goldmark, New York attorney, in arguing the case in chief, held the 1% occupational tax was invalid and repugnant to the Constitution. The state court, he said, had held that the state had no power to and did not intend to tax interstate commerce or the gross receipts derived from it and ruled that stations were not engaged in interstate commerce but in intrastate cominerce and were therefore subject to the tax. The State Court ruled that the stations were not engaged in interstate commerce but that they merely 'leased" the stations to advertisers who did the broadcasting.

The analogy used by the state court was that the position of a station owner was similar to that of the owner of an interstate bridge over which persons engaged in interstate commerce pass on the payment of a fee. The lower court

held: "The surrounding ether may be likened to the bridge, and while respondent does not lease the ether, it does lease a device which enables its patron to use the ether as a 'bridge' or medium of communication between the station and such receiving appliances as may be so attuned as to reproduce the mes-sage released through space."

In the Fisher's Blend brief it was argued that the conclusions of the State Court that the stations are leased to advertisers who broadcast was not supported in the record; that the evidence did not support the findings: that the state law was unconstitutional in that it imposed a tax on receipts from in-terstate commerce, and that the cases cited by the court to support its main theory are applicable only on the assumption that the stations lease their facilities.

For the State, E. P. Donnelly, assistant attorney general, appeared. He did not argue the bridge analogy used by the lower court but held that the radio stations engage in separate and distinct local activities by permitting sponsors to use the actual equipment and facilities which are located entirely within the state. Thus, he argued, they are subject

to state taxation. Mr. Donnelly was questioned sharply by all members of the court save Justice Cardoza. They stressed particularly the bridge analogy and it appeared that the case would turn on that issue.

In the concluding arguments, Donald G. Graham, of Seattle, one of the attorneys for Fisher's Blend, brought out that the only other case involving state's rights on occupation taxes on states was that of the City of Atlanta v. Oglethorpe University, then operator of WJTL, Atlanta, decided by the Supreme Court of Georgia, in favor of the state. There was no final adjudication of this case.

Covering the bridge analogy Mr. Graham contended that it did not fit because a bridge is an inert thing, whereas in the case of a broadcasting station, energy ac-tually is transmitted through space and across state borders due to manual and technical operation and skill. He distinguished between the simultaneous generation and transmission of radio energy and the generation of electric power for interstate commerce.

A number of state cases raising parallel issues now are pending in state tribunals, awaiting the out-come of the Fisher's Blend cases.

**Rexall on 200 Stations** UNITED DRUG Co., Boston (Rexall drugs, Liggett stores) in the middle of April will start a transcription series to promote the an-nual Rexall One Cent Sales. Over 200 radio stations from coast to coast will broadcast the quarter-hour discs, made by RCA - Victor. Conrad Thibault, Kay Thompson, the Song Smiths, a male quartet, Don Voorhees' orchestra, Fred Ut tal as master of ceremonies and Basil Ruysdael, announcer, are the talent. The discs will be broadcast five times during the week of the special sales. The starting date will depend upon the sale date in each city. The series is titled The Rexall Magic Hour. The campaign will run until the middle of May. Spot Broadcasting Inc., New York, is placing the transcriptions for Street & Finney Inc., New York, agency for the account.

#### **Two New York Tests**

TWO big local test campaigns in New York were arranged during March. Modern Industrial Bank, New York, will return Gabriel Heatter. news commentator, to the air on WJZ, starting March 22, for a Saturday quarter-hour. On April 11 the program will become a Saturday and Sunday feature. Marschalk & Pratt Inc., New York, has the account. R. L. Watkins Co., New York, a Sterling Products subsidiary, will promote its Mulsi-fied shampoo on WHN, starting March 13, Fridays, 8-9 p. m., using the *M-G-M Movie Club*, placed by Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc.

#### By General Mills Inc. to **Special Advertising Post**



nouncement was made March 4 of the appointment of Henry A. Bellows, former Ra-dio Commissiondio er and until last year vice presi-dent of CBS, as special advertis-

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FORMAL

Mr. Bellows

Mr. Bellows ing representa-tive of General Mills Inc. The company is one of the largest users of radio time, both network and spot, and this year plans to go extensively into sponsorship of major league baseball games for Wheaties.

Mr. Bellows has been one of the most widely known members of the broadcasting industry and has been most active in its legislative affairs as chairman of the legislative committee of the NAB until last year. He was managing edi-tor of The Northwestern Miller until 1925 when he became man-ager of WCCO, Minneapolis, then owned by the Washburn Crosby Co.

In 1927, Mr. Bellows became one of the original members of the Radio Commission, a year later joining CBS as vice president, which post he held for five years. All during his active career in broadcasting he was prominent in the affairs of the NAB. In Sep-tember, 1935, Mr. Bellows returned to Minneapolis as a consultant and in that capacity has been associated with General Mills' advertising department, particularly in connection with broadcasting placements.

Mr. Bellows personally has been contacting stations in connection with baseball sponsorship for the ensuing season. Detailed plans have not yet been divulged.

#### Lack of a Few Returns **Delays Broadcast Census**

THE CENSUS of broadcasting being conducted by the Division of Transportation and Communications, Census of Business, Decations, Census of Business, De-partment of Commerce, "is pro-gressing in fine shape" according to a statement March 5 by C. H. Sandage, chief of the division. He expressed hope that the compila-tion would be completed shortly. The vast majority of stations, Mr. Sandage declared, have al-already filled out and returned to

already filled out and returned to the Bureau of the Census Form 73 containing the questions on radio station business. The few stations that have not returned the forms, he added, are delaying completion of the survey. He asked BROAD-CASTING to importune stations which have not already done so to return the questionnaires as quickly as possible.

#### Lehn & Fink Test

LEHN & FINK PRODUCTS Co., New York (Pebeco toothpaste) be-WLW, Cincinnati, March 2, 6-6:15 p. m., Mondays through Fridays, p. m., Mondays through Fridays, with The Johnson Family, a dramatic program. Merrill Adv., New York, was named to handle the test program.

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### Elliott Roosevelt Joins Hearst Radio Warners Consider **Becomes Executive of Publisher's Interests, Heading** KTSA, KNOW; Many Offers for Rest of SBS Group

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, son of the President, who since last September has been vice president and sales promotion manager of the Southwest Broadcasting System, on March 10 became vice president of Hearst Radio Inc., operating company for Hearst-owned broadcasting stations. At the same time the 28 year - old broadcaster became 28 year - old broadcaster became president of the KTSA Broadcast-ing Co., licensee of KTSA, San Antonio, and the KUT Broadcast-ing Co., licensee of KNOW, Austin, Tex., personally filing formal ap-plications with the FCC in Washington for voluntary transfers of the ownership of those two stations to Hearst interests.

As exclusively reported in the farch 1 issue of BROADCASTING, March sale of the two units of the Southwest Broadcasting System to Hearst, subject to FCC approval, was consummated late in February for a combined price of \$225,-000. KTSA was purchased for \$180,000, and will be operated in connection with Hearst's San Antonio Light. KNOW was pur-chased for \$45,000, the first sta-tion to be acquired by Hearst in a city in which he has no newspaper.

Besides having his name on the FCC applications, young Roosevelt's name also appeared as one of the five directors of the KTSA Broadcasting Co. in a charter Broadcasting Co. in a charter granted March 9 at the state capi-tol in Austin, Tex. The other direc-tors named are W. M. McIntosh, publisher of the San Antonio Light; Emile J. Gough, general manager of Hearst Radio; R. F. McCauley, New York, and W. L. Mathews, attorney for the San An-tonio Light tonio Light.

Young Roosevelt informed BROADCASTING that he will con-tinue to make his headquarters in Fort Worth, and that he is still vice president of Southwest. He declined to verify or deny reports that he, in company with William P. Day, executive vice president of Lambert & Feasley Inc., New York agency has secured an on-York agency, has secured an opfork agency, has secured an op-tion to purchase the remaining three units of the Southwest net-work—namely, KTAT, Fort Worth; WACO, Waco, and KOMA, Okla-homa City. He admitted, however, that Mr. Day is definitely "inter-ested in the radio business gen-erally" and from other sources it was indicated that such an option was indicated that such an option, or at least a sale agreement, exists.

#### Offers for Others

LEE H. ARMER, president of Southwest, who was also in Washington March 9, said the other Southwest stations were not for sale, although he asserted that offers from various interests for the whole group and for the individual stations have been received. The sale of the two units to Hearst interests naturally was admitted, since the applications became a matter of record at the FCC. Mr. Armer asserted, however, that Southwest will continue to operate as a network and will carry out its commercial commitments, though it was evident that, assuming the

#### PRESIDENT'S SON NOW HEARST EXECUTIVE



MR. ROOSEVELT

FCC grants the transfer, the maintenance of the network depends upon Hearst plans.

Whether Hearst will acquire the other three stations either directly from the present ownership, rep-resented by A. P. Barrett of Fort Worth and Mr. Armer, or through the intermediary of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Day, remained in doubt as BROADCASTING went to press.

#### "Not on the Market"

MR. ARMER asserted that the stations were "not on the market' but he admitted that various offers have been received not only from Hearst but from the publishers of the Oklahoma City Oklohoman, operators of WKY, Oklahoma City, and KLZ, Denver, seeking KOMA; from the Griffin wholesale grocery interests, operating KTUL, Tulsa; interests, operating KTOL, Tulsa; from the publishers of the Amarillo (Tex.) Globe-News, operators of KGNC, Amarillo, and prospective purchasers of KFYO, Lubbock, Tex., and from interests believed to be acting together in believed to be acting together in behalf of the Jesse Jones radio and news-paper interests (owning all three Houston stations) and the Amon Carter radio and newspaper inter-ests (WBAP, Fort Worth, and ests (WBAP, Fort Worth, and KGKO, Wichita Falls). None of these offers, however, has been seriously entertained, he said.

Mr. Day's entry into the picture is believed to have been prompted by young Roosevelt, a close personal friend. Knowing that the Southwest stations might be pro-cured, it is believed that Mr. cured, it is believed that Mr. Roosevelt approached Mr. Day to interest him in going into the ra-dio business. Mr. Day is also an intimate friend of T. J. White, general manager of the Hearst enterprises. In some quarters it was stated that Hearst also is seriously contemplating purchasing the other three stations and himself maintaining the Southwest net-work, but the price factor may be

balking the other purchases. Lambert & Feasley's biggest account is the Lambert Pharmacal



MR. HEARST

Co., St. Louis (Listerine), which in the past has used radio consid-erably, having for one season sponsored the Metropolitan Opera over the NBC networks. Mr. Day's such radioagency also handles agency also handles such radio-using accounts as Phillips Petro-leum Co., Bartlesville, Okla., and Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush Co., Flo-rence, Mass. Mr. Roosevelt's per-sonal acquaintance with Mr. Day dates back to the time when the President's son, newly graduated from Harvard, went to work for the Albert Frank advertising agency in New York.

#### **New Lucky Strike Series**

AMERICAN TOBACCO Co., New York (Lucky Strike cigarettes) on May 2 will make its maiden appearance on a network of 93 CBS stations. The Saturday night program on NBC is signed to run until hete in April until late in April. The new CBS program, Saturdays, 10 - 11 p. m., will also be titled Your Hit Parade, and Carl Hoff, at present on NBC for Luckies, may be given the spot. The sponsor has started a new series of Wednesday night programs on an NBC-WEAF network, 8-9 p. m. Ray Sinatra's orchestra was selected after numerous bands had been tried out in the Saturday night spot to get audience's reaction. Lord & Thom-as, New York, is the agency.

#### **New Ohio Network**

A NEW hookup of Ohio stations, linked to carry both commercials and sustainings, is reported under way, with tentative plans to begin operating by April 1 and with Mrs. Edythe Melrose, manager of WJAY, Cleveland, as its general manager. It will be known as Ohio Network Inc., and besides WJAY it will link WSPD, Toledo; WKBN, Youngstown; WBNS, Columbus, and an unnamed Cincinnati station. National representatives for the group will be Aerial Publicizing Inc., New York.

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# **Own Network Plan**

Threat to Compete With Major Nationwide Chains Issued

WARNER BROS., giant motion picture concern which is figuring prominently in the music copy-right turmoil, is contemplating a "third network", a c c o r d i ng to Harry M. Warner, president. At the time of his departure from Hollywood March 4 for New York, Mr. Warner said he was working on such a plan, but details were lacking.

Herman Starr, vice president of Warner in New York, conferred with his chief upon his arrival March 9 upon the broadcasting "plan". He informed BROADCAST-ING afterward that there would be no enlargement upon the statement originally made by Mr. Warner.

The announcement was greeted by the broadcasting industry with skepticism. The only possibility of setting up another major network enterprise of the scope apparently envisioned by the Warner official would be to use Mutual Broadcasting System as a nucleus, and that development is discounted at once for obvious reasons. Physical station facilities are not available for another network on anything approaching a nationwide basis.

#### Music Performance

THE WARNER idea for a network evidently grows out of a de-sire to perform Warner music over the air on large scale. The major networks and about 75% of all stations, since Jan. 1, have been doing without Warner music, with the result that the value of the Warner catalogs has been sharply di-minished. It is said there has not been a Warner hit since the new year began. The Warner statement was that

if networks and stations do not sign for performance of the Warner catalogs, then Warner will go into competition with the networks and in that way insure performance of its music, so vital in the advertising of Warner pictures. It was asserted also that Warner houses would not return to the ASCAP fold and that the network plan would be worked out in a "few months" with the idea of approaching agencies for next fall's business

Mr. Warner asserted that song-writers on the Warner rolls, who have been chafing over non-per-formance of their works, would get rich returns from the network operation.

#### **General Electric Discs**

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady (refrigerators) on March 19 will begin a WBS transcription series, Tuesdays and Thursdays, during morning hours, on about 50 stations. Contracts are for 13 weeks. Eddy & Ralph will be the talent on the 15-minute programs. A partial list of stations follows: WOR, WKBO, WLAC, KSL, WIS, WGY, WBEN, WDAF, WFBR, KGHL, WJR, KMOX, WAIU, WAVE, KOMO, WRAK, WTIC, WCAU, WKY WTAM, KGO, KOIN, WTMJ, WBZ, WGST, WWL, KDKA, WGAL. Maxon Inc., Detroit, handles the account.

#### Communist Speech Delivered on CBS Stirs Controversy

#### Net Time Allotment Arouses Both Resentment and Praise

FREE SPEECH, pro and con, continued to figure prominently in the national news during the last fortnight with the CBS speech of Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party, provoking an entirely new issue that had repercussions in Congress as well as on the front pages of newspapers and in their editorial columns.

CBS scheduled a 15-minute speech by the American Communist leader in compliance with the latter's request on the theory that he was an accredited representative of a registered political party. Immediately following the announcement, a torrent of criticism was hurled against the network, with the publishers Hearst and MacFadden editorially leading the crusade. CBS was picketed in New York—and had a special cordon of police around its studios the night Browder spoke—and so-called retaliatory "boycotts" against the network were demanded by a number of organizations on grounds of patriotism.

The issue erupted in Congress as a half-dozen Congressmen commented. Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr., (R-N. Y.) leading "red-baiter" in Congress, answered the Browder address over CBS the following night by prearrangement. But he defended CBS in allowing the Communist to speak, asserting it at least proves that freedom of speech prevails in America.

#### Rejected by Yankee

A NUMBER of CBS stations, notably the Yankee Network, declined to carry the address. John Shepard 3d, Yankee president, issued a statement in which he said the stations which his organization owned and controlled would not carry the address because "we believe in the American form of Government and it is our understanding that the avowed intention of the Communist Party is the overthrow of our government. We can see no reason for extending our facilities to any Communist representative." Stations on the Yankee Network which did not carry the address included WNAC, WAAB, WEAN, WICC, Shepard operated, and WMAS, WORC and WFEA, affiliated stations. Pacific Coast CBS stations did not carry the program, it is understood.

Hearst newspapers launched the anti-Red attack the day before Browder made his broadcast. Then it was followed up in succeeding days with other editorials. The Hearst attack, as well as that of MacFadden, was directed against William S. Paley, CBS president. The initial Hearst editorial concluded: "Perhaps it is truly about time that the United States Government took over the broadcasting systems of the nation in order to protect itself and the public against subversive misuse of them."

Bernarr MacFadden, publisher of Liberty and of the New York Mirror, on March 6 issued a statement demanding the resignation of Mr. Paley because of the Browder speech. This was followed up by

#### RADIO WOMEN IN QUEER JOBS They Sit at Executive Desks, Cry Like Babies, Bark With Canine Fidelity and Wake You Up

QUEER jobs, as well as important executive jobs, are held by women in radio. Among the queer ones are several that attracted the attention of *Pictorial Review*, which carried a picture page about them in its March issue. The photos are reproduced with permission. They were snapped by Ivan Dmitr.

Madge Tucker, NBC director of children's programs [in center of top photo] writes, directs and casts all of her programs. She has a native gift for picking talented juveniles.

Then there is Madeline Pierce [second photo] who coos like a baby, pipes like a child, cries like a vixen bambino, all with a fidelity that is strikingly natural. All she needs in the way of mechanical equipment is a nice soft pillow. For small babies, a big pillow, and for big ones, a small pillow. All she does is bury her head and cry, sob, snort and gurgle.

At New York's WINS is Helen Merchant, musical clock girl [third photo], who wakes countless thousands every morning in the metropolitan area and tells them the correct time every five minutes so they can't oversleep.

Bertha Brainard, director of commercial programs for NBC [fourth photo], has one of the biggest executive jobs in radio. She remembers when WJZ offered time free to advertisers who could muster enough courage to try this new-fangled thing called broadcasting.

And any discussion of feminine radio folk must include Elsie Mae Gordon [at bottom], whose forte is being a radio zoo all by herself. If it's a frog or cricket or lion or dog whose realistic utterance is needed. Elsie can supply the sounds without recourse to transcriptions or gadgets.

attacks upon CBS from women's organizations, the National Americanization League, and others.

Counterbalancing the Hearst and McFadden editorials were those in other newspapers supporting the CBS action in allowing Browder to speak. The Republican Washington Post, significantly, said:

speak. The Republican Washington Post, significantly, said: "The Columbia Broadcasting System is to be congratulated for its fair-mindedness and good Americanism in putting its facilities at Mr. Browder's disposal. Consistency now requires that the company restrict further free radio time to Communist spokesmen in proportion to their strength throughout the country. Which means that the comrade will not be rushed in preparing his next plea over the airway."

#### Coughlin Stations Warned

ON ANOTHER front the free speech issue also blasted forth. Rep. O'Connor (D-N. Y.) who several weeks ago threatened to "kick" Father Coughlin "from the Capitol to the White House" because of his critical speeches, fulfilled his promise of warning the 32 stations carrying the Coughlin speeches that he would hold them accountable for any libelous statements



made over their facilities by the militant radio priest. He wired: "Without waiving any right I

already have against you for criminal libel, I hereby respectfully serve notice on you that I shall hold strictly accountable and responsible you and your company and all its officers and directors for any further libelous remarks made by Father Coughlin or any other persons about me over your station directly or indirectly."

#### Music Publishers Form New Protective Group For Performance Rights

FORMATION of the National As sociation of Copyright Owners a successor to the Music Publisher Protective Association was an nounced March 10 by John G Paine, of New York, chairman o the board. The organization li. censes mechanical performing rights.

In Washington attending the Duffy Bill hearings, Mr. Paine as serted the name of MPPA was changed to open the way for en rollment of so-called "standard" publishers. Heretofore its membership has been restricted almose entirely to the popular publishing field.

MPPA, said Mr. Paine, was formed in 1935 as a mutual or ganization and has had 37 popular song publishers on its rolls Governing the organization have been a series of trade practice provisions having to do with "plug ging" and performance of music and designed to keep the publish ers in step with certa 1 ethica standards. These code provisions he said, have never been

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and many publishers o MPPA because of them.

Last year MPPA was rated and at that time practice provisions were but the organization did fit through substantial en of standard members or music publishers. With th ing of the name, he said tary result already has ticed.

To date, according to M some 75 applications for ; ship in the organization ai ing, including about 30 s publishers and a number music publishers. This cc to the MPPA membership popular publishers and five ard houses. Altogether, h there are 100 popular pul and 90 standard publishers.

#### World Musical Progr To Be Started in Autumn

FIRST of a series of semi-annuak musical concerts to be broadcast simultaneously from stations in all countries belonging to the International Broadcasting Union at Geneva, will be staged Sept. 20. The programs, which will literally shower the world with music, will start with a half-hour concert of American folk music to be presented jointly by NBC and CBS and will be relayed to other countries via shortwaves for rebroadcasting.

Plans for the series were drawn: at the recent International Radio Conference in Paris. The second concert of the series will originate in Argentine in February of next year, with the third to come either from Dutch East Indies or Belgian Congo. Promotion of international good will is contemplated by the series, as well as acquainting different countries with the music and culture of other parts of the world.

Due to interest of foreign delegates in American Negro folk songs and spirituals, part of the American program will consist of this type of music.

# Chance of Duffy Bill Passage Is Slim New Warner Pact Negotiations Fail; Parliamentary Tactics Would Continue Hearings Until 97 Suits Are Filed Action Prior to Adjournment Would Be Unlikely

#### By SOL TAISHOFF

ONE OF THOSE legislative mirales—rare but not impossible—will have to be wrought to enact the Duffy Copyright Bill at this sesion of Congress.

That is the view of observers of he travesty on Congressional proedure staged before the House Patents Committee during the last hree weeks. The measure, sup-orted by the Administration and arged by the State Department, is lesigned to permit American en-ry into the International Copyight Union and to modernize the intiquated and outmoded copyright aw of 1909. It passed the Senate ast session.

The bill also would rip away rom ASCAP the arbitrary pow-rs it not holds and which have nade it an impregnable music therein lies the tale of defeat of the bill.

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i a turn in the testimony i third week of the heara revolt on the part of mmittee members against ier in which Chairman (D-N. Y.) has been conhe proceedings, it still ap-that the Duffy Bill was it this session. Added to against ASCAP, which r against ASCAP, which the pans in Tin Pan Alley the first two weeks, there inflict with an openly partinittee chairman and a race time before Congress ad-

the Committee adjourned week of hearings March industries supporting the including broadcasters, and motion picture exhibiid not yet been heard. The s originally were scheduled lude after four weeks, or on 19. Then, out of a clear ky, Chairman Sirovich disclosed

hey would run until April 23. If that happens, chances for passage In the House, which is looking to-rard a May 1 adjournment, would e virtually nil.

The evidence protagonists of the ill bring forth during the next reek, and the success they may ave in breaking down the bar-iers of misinformation and unsubtantiated allegations of ASCAP ritnesses, will have much to do rith the fate of the bill. But there ppears to be only one chance in 00 that the measure will get prough.

Its failure at this session would here a that the bill must start at the beginning of the legislative auntlet next year and wend its avantlet next year and wend its ar ay through Senate Committee, an enate, House Committee and al louse. ASCAP, it is evident, will arbth the bar de contribute ght, lobby, clinch or do anything : believes necessary to block the neasure with its provision to elim-late the \$250 minimum innocent afringement clause in the present w-the big bludgeon it has used o effectively in collecting tribute or the last generation.

Everything but footlights was sed by ASCAP in presenting its

hippodrome during the first two weeks of the hearings. And even the footlights were competently substituted for by the flashlights of news photographers who got the Vallees, the Cohans, the Gershwins, the Berlins, and the rest of the luminaries whom ASCAP brought down to embellish the hearings.

They resented, said the authors, being called "racketeers". And they wanted more money from the users. They called radio names, yet they all admitted they had never read the Duffy Bill or the Sirovich Bill or the Daly Bill (the latter two favorable to ASCAP and inspired by it as backwash for the Duffy Bill).

The hearings were punctuated throughout by clashes between members on procedure. Rep. Church (R-III.), Rep. O'Malley (D-Wis.) and Rep. Deen (D-Ga.) led the onslaught against Dr. Sirovich and certain of his sup-porters. They maintained that the proponents of the measure, under regular Congressional hearing pro-cedure, should go on first, and be followed by ASCAP and its antiDuffy Bill forces. They also objected to allowing ASCAP to have "rebuttal" opportunities after the proponents finished.

It appeared likely that the NAB It appeared likely that the NAB will present its case during the week beginning March 17. The plan at this writing is for James W. Baldwin, NAB managing di-rector, to make a brief opening statement, and then for Sidney Kaye, of the New York firm of Rosenberg, Goldmark & Colin, CBS counsel, to analyze the bill\_legally as NAB special counsel. Finally, Louis G. Caldwell, Washington at-torney and former Radio Commission general counsel, will submit the NAB case in chief in support of the bill.

Originally the hearings were scheduled to conclude on March 19, but Sirovich disclosed to his committee they would run for another month, presumably to accommodate other witnesses. Rep. O'Malley anadjournment of the hearings as originally planned. Should that motion pass, then the Duffy Bill (Continued on page 48)

#### Rift in Ranks of the NAB Concealed By Pressure of Copyright Hearings

STEEPED in a copyright battle before the House Patents Committee to the exclusion of everything else, NAB affairs which threaten the future of the trade association have been permitted to slide along during the last fortnight with no significant change in conditions.

While time may have a healing effect, present indications are that the major networks will attend the NAB convention this summer determined to withdraw from the Association unless certain specific de-mands are met, notably on copy-right leadership. Likewise, an in-dependent group of stations, just as strongly determined, has decid-ed apparently to forget the NAB if it comes under what they charac-

terize as "network domination". On Capitol Hill in Washington, the NAB is confronted with the task of counteracting the ASCAP lobby on the Duffy Bill, which has done as smooth a job as any lobby ever perpetrated upon a Congres-sional committee. In this battle the networks have joined forces with NAB independents in the realization that sound legislation is fundamental to the eventual solu-tion of copyright. [See separate story on this page.]

#### **Convention Plans**

BECAUSE of the pressure of the copyright hearings James W. Baldwin, NAB managing director and win, NAB managing director and storm center of the intra-industry wrangle, has been unable to map plans for the NAB convention, which will be the battleground for the NAB fight. Chicago has been selected as the place of the con-vention, with the board having designated the month of July as the time but without specifying the time, but without specifying the dates.

Mr. Baldwin, at whom the network darts will be aimed, prefers to have the convention sometime in June, in the hope of settling the present difficulties as early as posnow, however, since there scarcely would be the time to make the arrangements, taking into account the present arduous work in con-nection with the Duffy Bill hearings.

The executive committee, com-prising President Leo J. Fitzpat-rick and Treasurer Isaac D. Levy, along with Mr. Baldwin, must de-cide upon the date. Mr. Baldwin has indicated that he might leave this matter for decision of the this matter for decision of the board at another special meeting which probably will be called early in April, to consider, among other things, the plans Mr. Baldwin had been instructed to draft in connec-tion with possible setting up of a separate radio music corporation.

What happens to the NAB at the next convention, of course, will rest with the membership through their election of a new board of directors. The board is clothed with broad powers governing ad-missibility of members and also is charged with the hiring of personnel, including the managing director

Of the 19 places on the board, including the four elective officers, 10 will have to be filled at the next convention. That constitutes majority. The feeling exists that majority. The feeling exists that unity in the industry should not be sacrificed at any price and that network stations (networks as such are not NAB members) should not be withdrawn from membership. The sentiments and policies of the

(Continued on page 47)

WORKING out of a new arrangement covering the performance of Warner Bros. music when present temporary arrangements expire March 31, has been undertaken by an advisory committee of the NAB with Herman Starr, Warner vice president.

Although himself detained in Washington because of the copy-right hearings on the Duffy Bill, James W. Baldwin, NAB manag-ing director, delegated the committee to pursue the work. Mem-bers are Philip G. Loucks, former NAB managing director; Walter J. Damm, WTMJ, Milwaukee; H. K. Carpenter, WHK, Cleveland and John J. Gillin, Jr., WOW, Omaha.

John J. Gillin, Jr., WOW, Omaha. Temporary contracts, which be-came effective last Jan. 1 and which have been signed by some 239 stations, provided for payment to Warner, for use of its catalog, four times the highest quarter-hour rate by full-time stations, and proportionally lower rates by part-time and by local low-rate stations. stations.

#### Back to ASCAP?

THE advisory committee met with Mr. Starr and A. M. Wattenburg, Warner counsel, on March 11, but no material progress was made. Mr. Starr said he did not have enough facts and figures upon which to base possible working out of a "per piece" method. Of significance was his statement that as long as broadcasters buy music under a "blanket license" from ASCAP any per piece plan he would favor would have to include a minimum guarantee. That, in the opinion of broadcasters, would

not mean per piece at all. Should Warner find it is unable to work out a per piece method when contracts expire March 31, it is understood, then another month's extension of present con-tracts probably will be offered its 239 present station licensees.

Out of this conference there arose the view that perhaps Warner is flirting with the idea of returning to ASCAP, despite repeated statements to the contrary by its officials.

#### More Warner Suits

MEANWHILE, the major net-works and the majority of the in-dependent stations which refused to sign Warner contracts aver they have "licked" Warner despite the wholesale filing of alleged in-fringement suits by Warner houses. They feel they have gained rather than suffered through non-per-formance of Warner music. On the other hand, it is generally rec-ognized that the Warner publishers and the motion pictures bear-ing Warner imprints have fared badly. So far as known, there has not been a single Warner "hit" tune since Jan. 1, whereas in the past they have more than often ĥeaded the list.

Warner plopped another six dozen purported infringement suits upon stations during the last fort-night, bringing the total to 97. The mythical damage figure sought is well over \$3,000,000 since Warner in most cases is asking maximum (Continued on page 50)

#### **Sponsors Seeking Baseball Programs**

BASEBALL again will be very much on the air this season, with dozens of national and local sponsors angling for play-by-play accounts, reenactment of games and announcements of scores. Among national sponsors already negotiating for broadcasts of major league games are General Mills Inc., Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. and Texas Co.

Owners of major league clubs for the most part are opposed to broadcasts of games at home but usually do not object to play-byplay accounts when their teams are playing in other cities. League officials leave the question up to individual club owners.

In the National League, Pittsburgh permits summary descriptions of home games and play-byplay accounts of out-of-town games. Cincinnati games are open to all stations. In the American League, Washington permits playby-play accounts of out-of-town games and reenactments of home games. Detroit games will be carried exclusively on WWJ, except for Sunday, with network time cleared for the local broadcasts under a special arrangement.

#### New York Inhibition

A TRI-CLUB agreement in New York prevents broadcasts of home games of the New York Giants, New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers. Philadelphia will sell broadcast rights. St. Louis permits broadcasts on week days, but not Saturdays or Sundays. In Chicago Hal Totten will an-

In Chicago Hal Totten will announce all home games of the Cubs and White Sox over WCFL, sponsored by Texas Co. Russ Hodges will announce games for WIND, Gary, with no sponsor being scheduled as yet. On WGN Bob Elson will announce, with Walgreen Co., chain drug stores, as sponsor. On WBBM Pat Flannagan will announce games for General Wills.

with animotice, with waigreen co., chain drug stores, as sponsor. On WBBM Pat Flannagan will announce games for General Mills. NBC is now negotiating with advertisers to sponsor baseball resumes over individual NBC-owned stations on a spot basis.

stations on a spot basis. All baseball games of the Cleveland Indians will be sponsored on WHK, Cleveland, and in addition three other sponsors have signed for supplementary baseball features on WHK. P. O. C. beer will broadcast summaries of games, using a period between 6 and 7 p. m. A late evening summary will be sponored by Cleveland Oil Heating Device Co. Spots preceding and following every game have been sold to Deisel-Wemmer-Gilbert Corp., Detroit (R. G. Dun cigars). Jack Graney will announce. WHK has a contract with the Cleveland club for exclusive radio rights. Games are not broadcast Sundays and holidays.

cast Sundays and holidays. All home and road baseball games played by the Cincinnati Reds baseball team will be carried over WHIO, Dayton, during the coming season, which opens April 14. The entire schedule, including Sundays and holidays, is being sponsored by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., which will also present the games over WSAI and WCPO in Cincinnati. Club owners who object to broad-

Club owners who object to broadcasts take the position that the programs hurt gate receipts and that announcers are inclined to second-guess umpires on close plays.

#### **Baseball Records**

WHEN Lowell MacMillan, Kendall sports commentator of WHAM, Rochester, went South to the baseball training camps he took with him George Driscoll, WHAM recording technician. As Mac-Millan journeys among the camps, Driscoll accompanies him to make records of the announcer's interviews with outstanding personalities. Each day during the three weeks of travel, MacMillan sends the recordings back to WHAM via air mail to be broadcast on the daily Kendall Sportcast. The trip is financed by Kendall Refining Co. of Bradford, Pa., and is MacMillan's own idea.

#### Loft Tests Successful

LOFT Inc., New York (confectioners) has renewed Garnett Marks as news commentator for another four weeks on WMCA, New York, effective March 2. The original contract covered a twoweek test period, during which the sponsor broadcast special radio sales. Although the radio special, a box of candy, was kept under the counter, some 14,000 boxes were sold. The results of this test led to the renewal. The news is broadcast four times a day, seven days a week. The account is placed direct.

#### **New WGY Sales Chief**

STANLEY L. SPENCER, of the sales staff of WGY, Schenectady, has been named commercial manager by Kolin Hager, general manager, succeeding George Nelson who with Winslow Leighton recently organized the new Schenectady advertising agency of Leighton & Nelson. Walter Duncan has succeeded Leighton as national sales representative for NBC in upstate New York.

RADIO will be used again in promoting the 1936 National Cotton Week, June 1 to 6, under auspices of the Cotton Textile Institute.



From Phila. Auto Trade Journal "You wanted an auto radio, didn't you t"

#### Training Camp Remote

VIA SPECIAL telephone line from Orlando, Fla., Arch McDonald, ace sports commentator of WJSV, is carrying on his nightly sports broadcasts during a trip to the Orlando training camp of the Washington baseball club. He left March 11 and will return about April 1, broadcasting every other day his observations of the team from the studios of WDBO, Orlando. Line charges for the hookup alone are running about \$600, that and Mr. McDonald's other expenses being borne by his sponsor, the People's Drug Co., chain stores. Between his remote talks, his regular period is being occupied by Wells Church, WJSV program manager.

#### **General Cigar Spots**

GENERAL CIGAR Co., New York (William Penn cigar) will use oneminute WBS transcription announcements, five days a week, on WHO, KSO and KRNT, Des Moines: WMT, Cedar Rapids; KSCJ, Sioux City. H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. has the account.

#### Great Lakes Exposition Planned for Cleveland To Use Radio Promotion

PERSONAL appearances of radic stars at the Great Lakes Exposition are being discussed with several sponsors and their agencies Broadcasting plans at the exposition, as given by Ralph B. Humphrey in charge of radio, center about Cleveland's Public Auditorium which will be converted inte "the world's largest broadcasting studio", since 14,000 can be seatec in the main hall. Loud speakers will carry the stage broadcast to the audience within the auditoriun which is an integral part of the exposition. The main hall of the building will become "Radioland" from June 27 to Oct. 4, the exposition period, with daily presenta tions of radio acts from Cleve land's four stations.

The exposition, which starts within two blocks of the heart of the city and extends for about a mile along Cleveland's lake front was underwritten by a committee of Cleveland business men late in January. More than half of the available exhibition space has all ready been taken, with plans under way to increase possible floo space.

Commerce, industry and product of the lake region provide the cen tral theme of the exposition Among national advertisers why will exhibit are Apex Electric Co Addressograph - Multigraph, Wil lard Storage Battery, Timken Rol ler Bearing, Republic Steel, Inter national Nickel, The Hoover Co. American Rolling Mill Co., Chas Brass & Copper, Osborn Manufac turing Co., U. S. Steel Corp., Inter national Business Machine Co Standard Oil of Ohio and othe firms doing a sectional business.

The automotive industry with which the Lakes region is so close ly allied will have its own exhibit in Automotive Building. Hall o Progress will feature public utilit, displays. The Horticultural Build ing keynotes both indoor and out door horticultural exhibits which will include landscaping for resi dences. Model homes of variou building materials will be shown.

#### **GE Dealer Broadcast**

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co. wil take time from 11 to noon ES' March 30 over more than 60 sta tions of the NBC to conduct nation-wide dealer meeting. Thbroadcast will originate in Nev York. About 1300 GE dealers wil be present at the broadcast in Nev York, and several thousand other will listen in. Gerard Swope, Gen eral Electric president, and othe high officials will speak. The mu sical program will include Richar Bonelli, baritone, the GE concer orchestra of 40 pieces, directed b; Harold Levey, and the GE men' and women's choruses of 20 voice each. Maxon Inc., Detroit, is th agency.

**Barn Dance in Fifth Yea** THE WLS National Barn Danc on March 14 began its fifth yea of continuous presentation at Chi cago's Eighth Street Theatre. In 209 weeks, presenting two show. each Saturday night, the program, has played to a total of 449,01 paid admissions.

#### SHIRTS AFTER COUGHLIN United Shirt Distributors, Using Sunday Period, ——Amazed by Success of Direct Selling——

LAST FALL, United Shirt Distributors bought the 15 minutes immediately following Father Coughlin every Sunday afternoon on WJR, Detroit. They made it a news broadcast, installing Jimmie Stevenson as commentator. Business was good and the program was maintained solely for its prestige value. No effort was made to sell merchandise.

made to sell merchandise. Retail business in Detroit was bad during January and February. Early in February, out of patience with institutional advertising during dull periods, United instructed its agency, S. M. Epstein Co., Detroit, that henceforth every advertising dollar must pay its own way.

Anxious to keep the program on the air, the agency switched to commercial continuity definitely plugging specific merchandise items. The results were amazing. In many of their Detroit stores and in several of their out-state stores, United Monday business actually exceeded the volume for the preceding Saturdays. Generally speaking, the Monday business was of a more desirable type than that produced on Saturdays by newspaper advertising.

As retail stores go, United has always been a fairly heavy newspaper advertiser. Radio has always been used as a supplementary medium. Based on this experience, however, current plans call for the extensive use of radio this spring. United has 22 stores in Detroit, also stores in Pontiac, Flint, Lansing, Jackson, Monroe and Battle Creek. Several weeks ago they absorbed the Albert Hoefeld chain in Chicago and plan to open additional stores in that city.

### Big Department Stores Join In Sponsoring Network Series Special Hookup to Be Used by Retailers in Several

Cities for Morning Program of Famous Artists

A NEW departure in institutional advertising for department stores, the creation of a special radio network linking seven stations with eight department stores in as many cities as cosponsors will be inaugurated March 19 when the first of a series of Thursday morning programs will be carried under the title of *Morning Matimee*. Big name artists will be heard on all of the programs, which will be heard at 9-9:45 a. m. (EST) and which are tentatively scheduled for 13 weeks.

13 weeks. The special hookup comprises WOR, Newark, as key station; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WGAR, Cleveland; WDRC, Hartford; CKLW, Windsor - Detroit; WIRE, Indiauapolis, and WNAC, Boston. Since the stations are all members of other networks, it is emphasized by those in charge of the project that this network is entirely special and has no relationship whatever with either NBC, CBS or MBS.

The sponsoring stores are R. H. Macy & Co., New York; Boggs & Buhl, Pittsburgh; May's, Cleveland; Alfred Steiter, Hartford; Kern Ernst, Detroit; Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago; L. S. Ayers, Indianapolis, and Jordan - Marsh, Boston. Significantly, Macy's controls WOR, but WNAC is owned by the Shepard interests which also operate the Shepard stores of Boston and Providence.

#### Egg Dye on 38 Stations

FRED FEAR & Co., Brooklyn (Chick Chick, Magic Wand Easter egg colors) will promote their products on 38 stations in a concentrated drive the week before Easter, April 5-11. The sponsor will use 100-150 word live announcements four times during the week between the hours of 4-6 p. m. One exception to this schedule is KGU, Honolulu, where the announcements will be broadcast 6 times. Stations are KFPW, KFI, KGO, KOA, WOL, WFLA, WSB, WLS, WIRE, KFH, WHAS, WWL, WBAL, WNAC, WJR, KSTP, KMBC, KSD, WOW, WNEW, WKBW, WMCA, WHAM, WSOC, WCKY, WHK, WKY, KOIN, WFIL, WJAS, WDOD, WMC, KRLD, KTRH, KDYL, KJR, WISN, KGU. Menken Adv. Inc., New York, placed the account.

#### Seventh Day Adventists

SUCCESS of its one - time effort on the Inter-City Group March 8 has led the Seventh Day Adventists, Tacoma Park, Md. (church), through John Ford of Washington, to contract direct with Inter-City for a new 52 - week series. The entire Inter - City network, with the exception of WCBM, Baltimore, has been signed, the program to originate at WOL, Washington, and to be heard Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a. m. W. L. Chesman, radio director of Donahue & Coe, New York agency, is handling the account and arranged the special network, for which the sponsors will pay proportionate shares of the cost for time, talent and wires. The first show features Ben Bernie and his orchestra and Gladys Swathout, with Nellie Revell as master of ceremonies. Each week the orchestra and guest star will be changed, Vincent Lopez with Vivian Segal being scheduled for March 26, Henry King and Irene Rich for April 2 and Jack Denny's orchestra for April 9.

Talent cost, it is disclosed, will be apportioned according to radio set distribution in the various communities. Though the program is largely institutional, with the partial object of attracting tributary purchasers into the cities to buy at the sponsor stores, there will be three 1½-minute station breaks in each program, or one every 15 minutes, for the commercials. Each store will broadcast its own commercials from its local station.

According to Mr. Chesman, the idea behind the program is to bring top-notch talent to the support of department stores without resorting to transcriptions. He indicated that other stations and additional sponsors may be linked to the hookup later.

Western Electric Earnings NET INCOME of \$2,620,279, or 44 cents a share, was reported for 1935 by Western Electric Co. Inc., comparing with a loss of \$7,751,-548, according to the company's consolidated statement for last year. Total net sales rose from \$91,807,396 in 1934 to \$105,416,801 last year, of which \$97,554,415 consisted of net sales to Bell Telephone companies.



#### **True Story to Sponsor Over Inter-City and MBS**

MACFADDEN PUBLICATIONS Inc., New York (*True Story* magazine) will take over the *Good Will Court* now heard on WMCA and sponsor it on a combined Inter - City and MBS network, starting June 2. The program will be keyed from WOR, and heard Tuesdays 10 - 10:30 p. m. Heretofore the program has been a 45minute sustaining. The *Good Will Court* presents

The Good Will Court presents members every day life who tell of their experiences and tribulations before judges from the New York Courts. A. L. Alexander, originator of the broadcast, serves as master of ceremonies and also acts as censor to see that nothing offensive is broadcast. The judges never attend any of the previous meetings between the persons to broadcast, who are anonymous, and Mr. Alexander. It is also understood that the NBC Court of Human Relations will be cancelled when the new series takes the air. The Good Will Court is said to have a very large listening audience in the New York Metropolitan area. Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., New York, has the account.

#### ANOTHER FELLOW'S VIEWPOINT Radio and Newspaper Executives Promote Each Other's —— Medium at Los Angles Advertising Forum ——

CARL HAVERLIN. sales manager of KFI-KECA, Los Angeles, and Charles Arnn, advertising manager of the *Illustrated Daily News*, spoke before the Friday Advertising Forum of the Los Angeles Advertising Club Feb. 28, the speakers trading subjects with Mr. Haverlin talking on newspaper advertising, and Mr. Arnn on radio advertising.

Here is what Mr. Arnn said about radio:

Radio is a prime means of entertainment. It not only gets into the home, but travels with the automobile.

Radio is the most dynamic medium of the day. It is a quick and flexible medium. The advertiser can change his appeal almost up to the minute of broadcast. Radio creates no antagonism as does the editorial policy of many newspapers. Radio gets into the home when the family is in a mood to buy.

Through constant repetition, a name or a message may make a stronger appeal through the ear than through the eye.

Radio is unequaled as a medium for reaching the child.

Radio does not give the advertiser "editorial" support because it has learned from the newspaper that it is a thing very much to be avoided.

TIE-IN stickers help to merchandise the "Drive Safely" programs on WFBL, Syracuse, sponsored by the Bresee Chevrolet Co. Stickers read "'Drive Safely' with Chevrolet. Tune in WFBL 5 p. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday." They are distributed from the Bresee show rooms and are used on the windshields of all dealer cars.

#### New Insull Chain With 17 Stations To Start in April Program Schedules Planned

As Lineup Is Completed

INAUGURATION of the Affiliated Broadcasting Co. as a new regional network of 17 stations in the Midwest will take place between April 15 and May 1, according to a formal statement issued by Samuel Insul, president of the project and former Chicago utility magnate, from his radio headquarters in the Civic Opera Bldg., Chicago. Mr. Insull asserted that the hookup will comprise the following stations:

Wisconsin — WRJN, Racine; WCLO. Janesville; WHBY, Green Bay; WOMT, Manitowac; KFIZ, Fond du Lac; WHBL, Sheboygan. Indiana — WWAE, H a m m o n d;

Indiana — WWAE, Hammond; WTRC, Elkhart; WLBC, Muncie; WBOW, Terre Haute; WEOA, Evansville.

WDVW, Evansville. Evansville. Illinois — WCLS, Joliet; WJBL, Decatur; WTAX, Springfield;

WHIBF, Rock Island. Minnesota—WDGY, Minneapolis. Missouri—WIL, St. Louis.

Completion of this lineup of stations, said Mr. Insull in his statement, will permit the ABC staff to devote its main energies now to the development of program schedules. Vice president in charge of operations of the new network is Ota Gygi, former concert violinist and theatrical producer, who was associated with Ed Wynn in the Amalgamated Broadcasting System network in the East.

New York Office Opened

GEORGE ROESLER, one-time commercial manager of KOIL, Omaha, and recently head of his own organization of station representatives, has joined ABC as national sales manager. In addition to his Chicago office, Mr. Roseler announced the establishment of a New York office at 60 E. 42d St. and a Detroit office in the New Center Bldg.

Center Bldg. Malcolm Eagle, formerly with Keith and Orpheum as an artists representative and recently program director of WCFL, Chicago, will be production manager, and Max Halperin, for merly with WFAA-WBAP, Dallas-Fort Worth and former Chicago manager of Variety, is program manager.

Variety, is program manager. Chief engineer is Frank Golder, formerly with Southwest Broadcasting System and recently technical director of the Colorado Network. Mr. Golder reports that the central studios are now practically complete, with RCA equipment on order to be delivered late in March. Sales promotion manager is Gene Fromherz, formerly with First United Broadcasters, and publicity director is Bruce Robertson, onetime editor of Broadcast Advertising.

According to early press reports, friends of the former utility magnate are backing him in the new enterprise, in which he was first interested by Mr. Gygi. One of Mr. Insull's colleagues is Eustace J. Knight, who holds the office of secretary - treasurer, and who was formerly connected with the banking and accounting ends of the utility industry.

## The Folger System\_A Coffee Formula New Series Signed Using Radio Extensively, Midwest Concern Dominates Its Territory Despite Its Relatively High Price

By BRUCE ROBERTSON

"IT's a system." That description of the way J. A. Folger & Co., Kansas City, uses radio to promote consumption of Folger's coffee comes from Hill Blackett, president of Blackett-Sample - Hummert Inc., Chicago agency through which the Folger advertising is placed. And, as Mr. Blackett will gladly tell you, it's a system that really works, for Folger's is the dominant brand in its territory—from the Mississippi to the Rockies—despite its relatively high price. Let's take this system apart and see what makes it click.

First, the program itself. Its title is Judy and Jane; its content a serial story of the adventures of these two girls who met in a five-and-ten-cent store during the first broadcast away back in February, 1931. Jane, who carries the love interest, is a sweet, simple girl from the South. Judy, wise-cracking, sophisticated product of the big city, supplies the comic relief.

#### The Formula

SINCE their first meeting the girls have formed a sister act, toured in vaudeville, and broken into the movies. Jane has traded her career for marriage and motherhood. Judy remains in pictures, her position constantly endangered by the well-meaning but bungling by the well-meaning but bungling efforts of her Micawberesque press agent, who is also her boy friend. Written by Carl Buss, scenario writer for Paramount, the story follows the time-tested formula of feminine fiction: "A smile, a tear, a problem, and a happy ending." The program is broadcast each afternoon except Saturday and Sunday for a quarter-hour period

Sunday for a quarter-hour period as near to 2 o'clock as can be obtained, in order to reach the maximum women's audience. To match the product's distribution, through retail groceries, major metropolitan stations throughout the Mid-west are used. The broadcasts were launched over a CBS hookup, switched to NBC the following year, and are now being transcribed and phoed individually with the and placed individually with the stations, both changes being due to the difficulties of obtaining time on a split network.

The broadcast year has been 30 weeks, the program going off the air each spring when some of the cities shift to daylight saving time while the others remain on stand-ard time. Whether the change from networks to transcriptions will have any effect on this policy has not yet been determined.

The return of Judy and Jane to the air each autumn is heralded by a series of one-minute announcements over each station included in the campaign. Small advertisements on the radio pages of newspapers in those cities are also used, and publicity stories and pictures are sent to the radio editors, who are usually glad to tell their read-ers of the return of this outstand-

The first broadcast of the fall also inaugurates an "audience builder" contest, which offers cash

FOLLOW FOLGER for sales success! Alliteratively speaking, this motto has much merit in it. Ask any Midwesterner—especially if he's in the coffee business! That's the business that Folger is in and the name is so well known in that market, and other markets, that it needs no introduction. Folger has followed the radio trail in its spectacular journey to the No. 1 position in its territory, and Hill Blackett, president of Blackett-Sample - Hummert, divulges a few of the secrets of Folger's successful merchandising methods.

and premium prizes to the winners which does not call for any but proof of sale to accompany entries. These contests have proved to be valuable aids in rapidly increasing the size and interest of the program's audience, and are undoubt-edly a major factor behind the serial's Crossley rating of 12.1, which is remarkably high for a daytime show

Incidentally, Mr. Blackett has a question that some other user of premiums may be able to answer. When the 500 bud vases that were used as premiums on last fall's contest were distributed, 420 of the recipients sat down and wrote "thank you" letters to the sponsor. "Why is it," he asks, "that while we always get a lot of letters thanking us for merchandise awards few ever thank us for a minor cash prize?"

#### Another Contest

AS THE plot builds up toward a climax and interest is at its height a second contest is launched, this time requiring listeners to send in the star from a Folger label with each entry. Two or three contests of this nature are conducted each year, and another goodwill contest, like the opening one requiring no proof of sale, is used in the spring just before the program signs off for the summer.

Sometimes the contests are tied up with the plot of the story. When Jane became the mother of twins listeners were asked to name the babies. This, by the way, in-spired one of the largest responses to date from any contest in the series, although the awards were the same as for the others: Cash prizes of \$250, \$50, \$25, and \$10, and 1000 merchandise awards.

Other contests are connected with the product rather than the story, as the latest one, which asked for letters on the question: "Which kind of Folger's coffee do you prefer, the regular or the drip grind?" To actuate response the answers were then separated according to preference and dupli-cate awards were decided on, one complete set to those who favor the regular and a second complete set to those voting for the drip grind.

Every effort is made to merchandise these contests to the fullest degree. For example, in the recent contest the merchandise awards

were 1,000 pairs of Admiration hosiery, a natural tieup as the distribution of these stockings coincides almost exactly with that of Folger coffee. The makers of the hosiery took advantage of this connostery took advantage of this con-nection with such a popular radio feature by offering prizes to their dealers for the best window dis-plays tieing up with the contest. This meant that the Folger name and stacks of tins of Folger coffee were being displayed against a background of hosiery in the un-usual and hence attention-compell. usual and hence attention-compelling settings of dry goods and de-partment store windows. Returning the compliment, Folger's have made ample use of pictures of shapely maidens modeling Admiration hosiery in their own counter and window displays, which are equally attention-compelling, if somewhat incongruous, amid their grocery store surroundings.

Well, it seems to be a system, all right, but how does it work? Here's one question that Mr. Blackett can answer without hesitation. "Sales of Folger coffee for 1935 were more than 40% ahead of 1934," he says, "and this in the face of a de-cline in coffee sales for the entire industry. This is the best year in Folger history."

#### **El Paso Grant Recalled; ThreeDenied NewGrants**

**RECONSIDERING** its action of Feb. 21, granting Dorrence D. Roderick, publisher of the El Paso Times, authority to erect a new full-time 100-watt station in that city to operate on 1500 kc., the FCC Broadcast Division on March 3 ordered the case set for hearing at a date to be fixed. Counsel for KTSM, El Paso, opposed the grant, and presumably will appear at the

hearing in opposition. The Broadcast Division on March 10 also denied applications for new stations sought by Wil-liam S. Thellman, in New Castle, Pa., seeking 100 watts day on 1420 kc.; E. L. Clifford, Pottsville, Pa., seeking 250 watts day on 580 kc., and Carter Wolfe, Mansfield, O., seeking 50 watts night and 100 day on 1370 kc. In each case the examiner's recommendation was sustained.

JOHN SHEPARD, 3d, president of Yankee Network, observes his 50th birthday March 19.

# For Spring Season

**Big General Mills Account Goes** To CBS; Sponsors Shifting THE APPROACH of the end of the first quarter found major net-works signing a number of new accounts, renewing others and making changes in existing sche-dules. Changes in network lineups as BROADCASTING went to press follow:

General Mills Inc. on June 1 will start a full hour program, five days a week, on CBS, using 38 stations for 52 weeks, said to be the largest daytime contract ever signed on any network. Products to be promoted are not specified. The 10-11 a. m. period will be used, Mondays through Fridays, with repeat for the West Coast at Blackett-Sample-Hummert 1 p. m. Inc., New York, has the account. Complete program plans probably will not be announced until May. Sterling Products Co., New York

(Phillips dental cream) on May 26 will bring Abe Lyman and orches-tra to the NBC - WJZ basic net-work, Tuesdays, 9:30-10 p. m. with the *Melodiana* program now spon-sored on CBS by Sterling. Black-ett - Sample - Hummert Inc., New York, placed the account.

#### Studebaker Shifts

STUDEBAKER SALES Corp. of America, South Bend, Ind. (autos) returns April 28 to an NBC-WJZ network, Tuesdays, 10-10:30 p. m., with Richard Himber's orchestra. The program now is on CBS but is to sign off that network early in May. Roche, Williams & Cun-nyngham Inc., Chicago, is the agency.

agency. Lady Esther Co., Evanston, Ill. (cosmetics) will start its first MBS program March 15, Sundays, 6:30-7 p. m., on WGN, WLW, CKLW, WFIL, WCAE, WBAL. WOR will be unable to carry the program until a later date due to present commitments. Wayne present commitments. present commitments. Wayne King's orchestra will be the tal-ent. The program is scheduled to replace the present CBS series. Stack-Goble Adv. Agency Inc., Chicago, is the agency. Gruen Watch Maker's Guild, Cincinnati, on March 31 renews on 4 MBS stations, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:45-8 p. m. A musi-cal program is being considered.

cal program is being considered, it is understood. At present the program is titled Washington Merry-Go-Round, with Robert Al-len and Drew Pearson as comlen and Drew Pearson as com-mentators. Whether they will be retained, along with the program name, is not known. De Garmo Corp., New York, has the account. The Pepsodent Co. on April 3 will drop the Al Pearce Gang Friday night program on an NBC-WJZ network, as well as the Mon-

WJZ network, as well as the Mon-day program. (See earlier story on network delete on page 39.)

#### **New Station Granted**

NEW STATION in Redding, Calif., was authorized March 3 by the FCC Broadcast Division, which granted the application of the Golden Empire Broadcasting Co. for assignment on 1200 kc., with 100 watts, unlimited time. The order, sustaining the recommendation of Examiner Dalberg, becomes effective April 21.

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### Buffalo Bank Uses Radio Successfully Mr. Fixit Proving Able Salesman for Announcements Draw Business and Convince Bank That Old Judge Coffee Radio "Is a Medium That Earns Its Own Way"

By JOHN N. GARVER Vice President Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

TO ATTEMPT accurately to ap-TO ATTEMPT accurately to ap-praise the benefits that are to be derived from radio advertising brings us face to face with the same immeasurable quantities that we meet in trying to set a fixed value on any type of advertising. The Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. is now using radio ad-vertising daily and has used it daily for the last four years. We have a number of announce-

ments throughout the day and night on each of the three stations operating in Buffalo and we feel that we are benefiting from the expenditures for this service which now absorbs a large part of our advertising budget.

We have been fortunate, we believe, in the broadcasting arrangement we undertook with radio station WBEN nearly four years ago, when we originally began to use consistently this type of advertising. Through this arrangement we sponsor time signals that are sounded each half hour. We have been the sponsors of this time service since its origin on the sta-tion and have through announcements and through supplementary newspaper advertising and news-paper stories definitely associated the bank with these signals in the minds of the radio listeners. As this station is now rated as having the largest listening audience, the bank is definitely placed in the minds of these people.

#### Varied Announcements

OF COURSE our sponsorship of the time service is now mentioned only incidentally in the numerous Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. announcements that are made throughout the day and evening on this station. On the other two stations we use straight short an-nouncements of the bank's services.

During the evening hours the announcements on all of the stations are limited to 20 words and presented between national network programs when the largest listening audiences are to be found. They are not presented in conjunction with the announcements of other advertisers but in each instance during the evening are the only announcement of a commer-cial advertising nature to be presented. Therefore, they do not go to the listener as one of a great group of advertisements that he is not eager to hear but are pre-sented briefly and in a fashion not to annoy.

Being presented daily the announcements must be varied and fresh. We have developed a plan for rotating them so that the for rotating them so that the same announcement is not repeated except at very infrequent in-tervals. Each phase of the bank's activities has been covered in the announcements with those of a seasonal nature such as travel,

\* Text of article in February issue of "Financial Advertisers Association Bulletin".

#### Commercial Announcements Used by M.&T.Co.

"KEEP your estate safeguarded. Conservative policies dominate the administration of estates entrusted to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. For legal requirements, consult your attorney."

"Open a checking account at the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., an institution dedicated to the growth and progress of Western New York."

"Travelers' checks provide complete financial protection at a surprisingly low cost. Inquire at the Travel Bureau of the Manu-facturers & Traders Trust Co. or any of our 17 branch offices."

"Travelers' checks mean complete financial protection on your trip. Inquire at the Travel Bureau of the Manufacturers & Trad-ers Trust Co. or any of our 17 branch offices."

"Travelers' checks may be secured at the Travel Bureau of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. or any of our 17 branch offices. When traveling, they provide complete financial protection at a low cost."

safe deposit services, etc., obtain-ing the greatest number of an-nouncements at the period of the year when those services are most saleable.

We feel that the method we are using is the best means of radio advertising now available to us. It does not put us into competition with the very attractive network programs but rather makes them complementary to our announce-ments. We receive the benefits of the large listening audiences attracted by the featured performers and in presenting bank advertising we are offering when we sponsor the time signals, a service that is desired by the listener.

We know definitely that some business has developed through the use of radio advertising. The services of the bank have been used by people who have told us The that they selected the Manufac-turers & Traders Trust Co. because of some announcement on the radio. We are sure that we reach a large percentage of the total population of the section we serve through this medium daily and that we are placing our message before them when they are in a receptive mood to receive it. These factors convince us that for mass coverage radio broadcasting of the type we are now doing has many advantages and is a medium that earns its own way.

#### **Campaign for Advertising**

CY WHITAKER, sales manager of MacGregor & Sollie Inc., San Francisco transcription producers, has been appointed chairman of the Non-Advertisers Committee of the San Francisco Advertising Club. The committee will conduct an inthe commutee with conduct all the tensive campaign for the balance of the year to educate all forms of business, large and small, which have never used advertising, as to its value All media will be its value. All media will be stressed. On the committee with Whitaker are Harold Deal, advertising manager, Associated Oil Co.; Wilmot Rogers, advertising manager, California Packing Corp., and Walter Held, advertising executive, Standard Oil Co., all radio users.

#### **KELLOGG SPONSORS** CORN BELT SERIES

CORN BELT Wireless Network, newly-formed regional network of Midwestern stations keyed from WHO, Des Moines, with other stations picking up and rebroadcasting its programs, got off to a good commercial start March 9 with the signing of Kellogg Co., Battle Creek, Mich. (cereals) for a daily except Sunday half-hour program featuring Gene & Glenn, comedy team.

The program is heard from 8 to 8:30 a. m., the sponsor taking up a locally built feature which has been highly popular in Des Moines and the farm belt. Gene & Glenn have been with WHO exclusively for some months, having started over WTAM, Cleveland, and having formerly been featured on sus-taining and commercial programs on NBC networks. N. W. Ayer & Son, New York, placed the account.

The Corn Belt Wireless Network was organized by J. O. Maland, was organized by J. O. Maland, manager of the Des Moines 50,000 watter. The big station's pro-gram are "fed" to special receiv-ers, without the use of wire lines, to WOC, Davenport; KOIL, Oma-ha; KFAB, Lincoln; KMBC, Kan-sas City; KMA, Shenandoah; WNAX, Yankton, and KFJB, Marshalltown Marshalltown.

Kellogg on West Coast KELLOGG Co., Battle Creek, Mich. (cereals) will begin a new series of variety shows over the NBC-Pacific Red network on March 26, Thursdays, 9:15-9:45 p. m. (PST). Eight stations will be used. The program will be called Hollwood Talent Parade and will Hollywood Talent Parade and will bring before the microphone youthful talent of the movie capital. Only those who have appeared in pictures but have not had any amount of public attention will be used. Ben Alexander will serve as master of ceremonies. The pro-gram is not an amateur hour. N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., New York, is the agency.

LEADING orchestras are heard on MBS Saturday nights to 2:30 a.m.

A LETTER date-lined Bergen, Norway, Jan. 26, and addressed to Mr. Fixit, WIL, St. Louis, reads as follows:

as follows: Bergen, Norway. Jan. 26/1-36 Mr. Fixit, at W. I. L., St. Louis, Mo. U. S. A. Dear Mr. Fixit. I want to know about this old judge coffee and tea that the Olympic Games teams, that is travelling in Norway, are allways asking for. We serve them coffee. Then we try tea; no, no again. I write you say where we can get this old judge stuff. We want to please the American boys so we can get this old judge stuff. We want to please the American boys so much as we can. The leader of team, Mr. Lervecker, gave me your address, so if you will be so nice to tell us if we can get this old judge some place in Norway, we would thank you so much if you write Monrad Bendixen. Rosenberggt. Bergen, Norway. P. S. Some day we shall all go to America and see you. Thanks you.

But while every radio advertiser likes to carry letters like this around in his pocket to show to his friends, officials of the David G. Evans Coffee Co. St. Louis, are a lot more interested in the flood of letters postmarked in and around St. Louis that daily descends on their radio spokesman, who recently en-tered his fourth year under their sponsorship.

#### All Sorts of Problems

THESE letters, every one containing one or more questions for Mr. Fixit to answer, come from people in every walk of life, of every age. Children who want help with their homework, citizens who want help with their income tax forms or information about city ordinances, people with problems of the most personal nature, kind-hearted souls who want to know what to feed the

birds during winter, everyone and anyone writes to Mr. Fixit. A mother whose daughter was killed in an accident remembered that more than a year before the child had been photographed by a wandering photographer who snapped children sitting on his pony and later tried to sell the prints to their parents and asked Mr. Fixit to find the man so that she might now get a picture. Mr. Fixit found him.

A girl wanted to join a soft ball team. Mr. Fixit told her where she could find one. Many letters request information about civic or national matters. Mr. Fixit goes to the proper authority and gives official answers. Only about med-ical matters is he silent, always advising the questioner to consult a physician.

Mixed in with his answers are announcements of important meetings and gossip about well-known political and civic figures, as well as informal commercials for Old Judge Coffee, often quoted from letters from listeners. As an entertainer Mr. Fixit occupies somewhat the same position as that of a popular newspaper columnist. As a salesman—well, two years ago Christmas time his sponsor offered a calendar to any listener sending in a coupon obtained by purchasing three pounds of coffee and got 23,000 coupons in ten days, when the offer had to be discontinued because there weren't that many calendars on hand.

#### **BROADCASTING** • March 15, 1936



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• For the Cycle Trades of America, Inc., nearly ten times the results of our nearest competitor. And those competitors were the twenty-five most powerful and best known stations in America! Conclusive proof, this letter, that WSM offers one of the nation's most responsive markets for *your* product.

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#### Prall Reappointed As FCC Chairman

Holds Post Another Year Under Order Issued by President

A N N I N G S. PRALL, of New York, will remain as chairman of the FCC and as a member of each of its three divisions for another year at least, following his reappointment to the presiding office by President Roosevelt. Reafirming his aco



Mr. Prall

Reaffirming his confidence in the former New York Congressman, the President on Feb. 28 signed the order continuing him in the chairmanship for another year from March 11. By so doing Mr. Roosevelt automatically spiked efforts of several FCC members to have the chairmanship rotate annually, as is done on the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

Equally significant, however, is the fact that Mr. Prall was renamed in the face of the bitter criticism of his conduct both direct and by innuendo from George H. Payne, Progressive Republican member of the FCC from New York and a member of the Telegraph Division. It had been indicated in high circles that Mr. Payne would not be reappointed when his present term expires next July 1 and several candidates already are in the running for the impending vacancy.

#### Division Membership

A PERSONAL feud between Mr. Prall and Mr. Payne has been seething for months. In the inner circles of the FCC it is known that they do not speak except on official business in the formal meetings. Mr. Payne, while a member of a division that has nothing to do with broadcasting per se, has injected himself in the broadcasting scene on frequent occasions and has made a series of college speeches on broadcasting. All of them have been in a critical vein.

When the FCC was created in July, 1934, Judge E. O. Sykes became its chairman. He was succeeded on March 11, 1935, by Mr. Prall, and exchanged places with the latter by becoming chairman of the Broadcast Division. The law specifies the FCC chairman shall be named by the President.

How far the movement for rotation of the chairmanship had proceeded is problematical. In any event, had it been instituted, Norman S. Case, vice chairman of the Broadcast Division, would have succeeded to the chairmanship, it is believed. Col. Thad H. Brown, however, was next in line by seniority. Judge Sykes r eceived a seven-year appointment, and Mr. Prall was reappointed last July for seven years.

Immediately upon the assumption of Mr. Prall to the FCC chairmanship a year ago, he launched a campaign to have broadcasters "clean house" by eliminating programs of a questionable character. While the actions were drastic, it is generally considered that much good accrued from the effort.

With Mr. Prall's reappointment as chairman the status quo evi-

#### **Prall Statement**

CHAIRMAN PRALL, upon his assumption of the FCC chairmanship for a second year on March 11, made the following statement:

following statement: "Naturally, I am gratified over my reappointment by President Roosevelt to serve as Chairman of the Commission for another year. It will be my constant effort to justify his trust in me by acquitting my office in the best interests of the people of the United States. "In appraising the work of the F'ederal Communications Commission it should be kept in mind that, except for radio,

The Appraising the work of the Federal Communications Commission it should be kept in mind that, except for radio, the Commission has undertaken an entirely new work. It is breaking new ground in the regulation of telephones and telegraphs. Of necessity, this work has been slow and arduous. The Commission was desirous of avoiding mistakes that might result from undue haste

haste. "The Commission has not been infallible. It may have made errors of judgment but, I am confident, if it has made any they are inherent in the functioning of any new organization and it will profit by them in its future work."

dently will be retained, for the time being at least, insofar as assignment of members to particular divisions is concerned. The FCC majority is in the hands of the Democrats, who have four places, with the Republicans holding three. Even when Mr. Payne's term ex-

Even when Mr. Payne's term expires July 1, no change in assignments is indicated. His successor, assuming there will be one, probably will simply replace him on the Telegraph Division.

Thus far the only known candidates for the post are Harold A. Lafount, former Radio Commissioner a Utah Republican, and Former Judge John C. Kendall, of Portland, Ore., an attorney who is wellknown in radio. [See March 1 issue]. The recommendations of Western Senators probably will have much to do with the filling of the vacancy. They have protested vigorously over the absence of a Western member on the FCC. The place must be filled by a man belonging to a political party other than Democratic, since under the law not more than four commissioners may be of the same political faith.

#### **Missourians Withdraw**

COINCIDENT with the voluntary withdrawal of the application of Lester E. Cox and R. C. Coshorn, organized as the Capitol Broadcasting Co., for a new 500 - watt daytime station on 920 kc. in Jefferson City, Mo., the Jefferson City Capital-News and Post-Tribune filed application with the FCC March 9 for a new 100-watt daytime station there on 1310 kc. At the same time it was announced that the FCC at applicant's request has also dismissed the application of Springfield Newspapers Inc., Springfield, Mo., for a new 1,000 - watt daytime station there on 790 kc. Station WOS, state - owned part - time regional broadcaster in the Missouri capital, will shortly relinquish its broadcasting license in favor of a police shortwave station.



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# 50,000 WATTS

One of NBC's Managed and Operated Stations

#### Merchandising Notes Soup and a Dare-For the Irish-Consolation Prizes-Poems for Kids-Walking Weather Prophet

ON MARCH 2, Campbell Soup Co., Camden, through Harry F. Jones, advertising manager, made this dare in a letter to CBS: "Would there be any merit in shooting out a circular, a folder, or something of the kind suggest-ing to a thousand how mon our your

ing to a thousand key men on your mailing list that they can check in advance on the sales efficiency of radio? A new soup, Campbell's scotch broth, will receive its first national publicity over the *Holly*wood Hotel program March 6.

"We are so certain that the results are going to be close to the sensational side that we believe you can safely suggest to your mailing list that they take the trouble—or have Mrs. Mailing List take the trouble—to check sales in the grocery stores where they deal. Scotch broth will be mentioned in one-third of the commercials of Hollywood Hotel for a period of at least six weeks. "The Hollywood Hotel program

has shown it can get a nationwide response and get it quickly. The new Campbell's scotch broth is a great soup! Perhaps others may like to watch with us what hap-pens from March 6 on."

So CBS took the dare and issued a pamphlet titled Born March 6th, with the subtitle "Here's a CBS success-story BEFORE IT HAP-PENS."

SHAMROCK - DECORATED broadsides carrying the slogan "Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Ray Dooley" have been sent to all jobbers and dealers of the Elgin National Watch Co. to promote the inaugural broadcast of Elgin's spring campaign, on March 17. The new service, which will be on a 58-station NBC-WEAF network, Saturdays, 10-10:30 p. m., will con-tinue until the middle of June and will have as its theme the thought that an Elgin watch makes a very acceptable graduation present.

Talent was selected for its double-barrel appeal, Benny Good-man and his swing band to keep the collegians and high-school students interested, and Ray Dooley and Eddie Dowling, long-time vaudeville favorites, to hold the interest of mother and dad. With this setup Elgin hopes to repeat the success of last fall's preChrist-mas campaign, which pulled more than 25,000 votes for an All-American football team, although no inducements were offered to listen-ers for voting. J. Walter Thompson Co., Chicago, is in charge of the campaign.

ALL CONTESTANTS in the Remington Rand March of Time prize contest who did not win money or merchandise prizes received a consolation gift, a leather key con-tainer (with a paper key inside with the inscription "this space re-served for the key to your Rem-ington noiseless typewriter") and a certificate which entitled the recipient to use for ten days, abso-lutely free and without obligation, a Remington noiseless portable typewriter. The free offer is good until June 30, 1936.

MORE than 271,000 requests for calendars followed a one-time offer on the Edgar A. Guest Welcome Valley program on an NBC-WJZ network, sponsored by Household Finance Corp., Chicago. Charles Daniel Frey Co., Chicago, is agency.

SOME 27,000 tickets, similar to theatre tickets, were distributed by WBIG, Greenboro, N. C., recently promoting the new five-times-a-week Diary of Jimmie Mattern program, sponsored by the Pure Oil Co. of the Carolinas.

GENERAL MOTORS Corp., sponsoring the General Motors Symphony concerts broadcast over the NBC-WEAF network each Sunday, announced, during the guest conductor appearance of Arturo Toscanini, that each listener could have for the asking a special Arturo Toscanini booklet tracing the career of the famous conductor and also a copy of the talk given by Alfred H. Swayne, vice-presi-dent of General Motors, paying tribute to the musical celebrity. On March 9, with the West Coast still to be heard from, over

10,000 requests had been received. The announcement was made only once during the program.

The company announced on its March 8 program that requests for its safe-driving pamphlet, pro-moted only by radio, had exceeded five million.



Ask Your Druggist to Show You These Products MULTIPLE MERCHANDISING—WXYZ, Detroit, originated this dis-play card promoting drug store products advertised over its facilities and placed it in 1200 Detroit stores. Druggists claim the displays have increased sales and created interest in the products, many patrons asking for information regarding the items after seeing the cards.

IN HONOR of the eighth anniversary of their sponsorship of Walter (Uncle Bob) Wilson's children's broadcasts the Hydrox dren's broadcasts the Hydrox Corp., Chicago ice cream manu-facturer, named their March 1 weekend special after this radio personality, whose "Curb Is the Limit Club" has enrolled more than 810 000 children in the Chi than 810,000 children in the Chicago area as members. Honored by civic officials as one of the major influences in keeping chilmajor innuences in keeping chil-dren out of the paths of automo-biles by teaching them not to play in the streets, Uncle Bob closes each broadcast by asking the children to recite with him this safety pledge:

In roadways I must never play, I have no legs to give away, I have no arms that I can spare, To keep them both I must take care.

The Uncle Bob broadcasts over WIND, Gary, from 5:30 to 6 p. m., sponsored three evenings each week by Hydrox, are placed through J. R. Hamilton Adv. Agency, Chicago.

AN UNUSUAL double premium offer is to be made on the Lum & Abner NBC program beginning March 27 and running for three weeks. A new edition of Lum & A b n e r's humorous small - town powwners Ping Pidge Nume is newspaper, *Pine Ridge News*, is to be issued, and with it is offered a novel weather forecaster to be worn upon the lapel. This indicates 12 hours in advance whether the weather is to be fair, rainy or cloudy. A wrapper from a 50-cent or larger size package of Horlick's malted milk, powder or tablets is required. The metal weather forecaster which can be worn upon the lapel, is called "Lum & Abner's Walkin' Weather Prophet".

The offer of Lum & Abner's al-manac in December brought in 400,000 returns. Requests came in numbers from the Hawaiian Is-lands, Alaska, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Isle of Pines, Bahamas and single requests came in from Honduras and Nicaragua. A preceding offer of the *Pine Ridge News* over WLW, Cincinnati, is said to have brought in more replies than were ever received by a single station on a single offer.

Display cards and window strips illustrated with character pictures of Lum & Abner are sent to dealers upon request.

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HEAVY response is shown to the Omar the Mystic program spon-sored on WOR, CKLW and WSAI of MBS by Purity Bakery Corp., Chicago. On Jan. 7 the sponsor offered a mystic Omar code, with listeners required to obtain appli-cations from dealers send name cations from dealers, send name and address of the dealer, and state if Taystee bread is used in the home. In the Jan. 8-Feb. 7 period WOR alone received 255,161 responses. The sponsor uses window streamers, counter cards. monthly calendars and broadsides for dealer display but these do not mention the program. Outdoor display also is used. Hanff-Metzger Inc., Chicago, is the agency handling the Purity Bakeries account.

CARLETON & HOVEY Co., Lowell, Mass. (Father John's medi-cine) is offering a silver measuring spoon for each carton top from the large size bottle. The premium is being offered over spot stations used by the sponsor.

#### BROADCASTING • March 15, 1936



# 67,319 Listeners VOTED

When Chicago's City Council adopted an ordinance placing Chicago on a year-around Eastern Standard Time Schedule, WLS invited its listeners to express their approval or disapproval. 67,319 ballots were mailed to WLS between February 15-22. 66,103 of them opposed the ordinance.

# Outstanding Daytime Program

David Harum, popular NBC morning program, sponsored by B. T. Babbitt, Inc., has been added to the WLS schedule each weekday. It keeps company with such outstanding daytime features as Pa and Ma Smithers, Today's Children, Hotan Tonka, Ma Perkins, Virginia Lee and Sunbeam, Jolly Joe, Homemakers' Hour and Dinnerbell Program.

# 61,198 Chicagoans Wrote Us

Proving WLS popularity in the Chicago market, 61,198 Metropolitan Chicago listeners wrote to WLS in February. In the first two months of 1936 more than 110,000 letters were received from Chicago.

# 20,450 Boxtops (One Advertiser)

In February, 20,450 boxtops addressed to a cereal manufacturer sponsoring a children's morning program on WLS were received by the Station. The product was first introduced to the Chicago market, with WLS the sole advertising medium, three months ago. The program is on six days a week.

# Thirteen Food Advertisers

Thirteen food advertisers used WLS locally in February. Eleven were old advertisers, having used the station on previous schedules.



# 5310 DIMES

A picture of Virginia Lee and Sunbeam, a WLS sustaining feature, was offered to listeners for a dime to defray costs. 5310 dimes were received in one week. Virginia Lee and Sunbeam is available for sponsorship.



#### The Prairie Farmer Station 1230 WASHINGTON BLVD. CHICAGO

BURRIDGE D. BUTLER, President NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE GLENN SNYDER, Manager JOHN BLAIR & CO.



# HAS MORE LOCAL ACCOUNTS THAN ANY OTHER TWIN CITIES STATION

Lacal merchants are in close tauch with their market and fomilior with the merits of its advertising mediums. The fact that WTCN is the overwhelming chaice of local merchants in the Twin Cities market is canclusive evidence that these merchants have found by experience that WTCN does a better job here thon ony other statian. Wise odvertisers seeking increased sales in the rich Twin Cities morket will be guided in their chaice of medium by the judgment of these lacol merchants. Whot is best far the lacol merchant is certainly best for all advertisers in the Twin Cities market.

#### WTCN . . . ST. PAUL DISPATCH-PIONEER PRESS AND MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE STATION

Free & Sleininger, Inc., National Representatives

### Half of Wax Trade With Aid of Radio **Intensive Merchandising Used**

In Expanding Sales Volume

FROM Sept. 2, 1934 to June 30, 1935, S. C. John-son & Son Inc., sponsored a dramatic program, The House by the Side of the Road, over the NBC-

Red network on Sundays at 5:30 p. m., EST. On April 16, 1935, began the comedy series, Fibber McGee & Molly, Mondays at 8 p. m., EST, over the NBC WIZ network Pohind the NBC - WJZ network. Behind the success of these two hilarious salesmen of Johnson's auto polish and floor wax is a consistent, serious conviction on the part of the sponsors that every advertising medium employed by them should be merchandised to the utmost and should have the support of as many of the

nave the support of as many of the other media used as possible. S. C. Johnson & Son firm cele-brates its 50th anniversary this year, and its products enjoy a worldwide reputation. Since em-ploying radio, according to Wil-liam N. Connolly, advertising man-ager, "our sales volume has stead-ily increased. Since this period of ily increased. Since this period of improvement parallels that in which we used radio advertising, we feel that much of the credit for this steady increase in business is due to that medium. We are now spending more money for radio broadcasting than ever before."

#### Merchandising Tieups

AS IT IS generally assumed that "we get out of a thing what we put in it", the success of S. C. Johnson , the success of S. C. Johnson & Son's programs is sensible enough. Both they and their ad-vertising agents, Needham, Louis & Brorby Inc., are steadfast be-lievers in merchandising. They say that by tying in their radio efforts with all printed advertising, a large measure of "resale" effect is accomplished.

When the audience was to be swung from The House by the Side of the Road to the present Fibber McGee & Mollie series, S. C. Johnson said so, in a loud voice. A letter was sent to about 40,000 hardware, auto accessory and auto dealer outlets. Furthermore, this letter was on a special Fibber McGee & Molly letterhead, which has been used consistently since in all gen-Accompanying the letter was a comic strip enclosure, with a spe-cial offer listed on the back. Another letter, on executive office letterheads, went to 50 selected major oil companies in the country.

Some 70,000 dealers were sup-plied with millions of throwaways (similar to the comic strip enclosure mentioned above). Space was left at the bottom for the dealers' imprint, and the throwaways were used on counters, as envelope stuf-fers and package inserts. Jobbers' salesmen received a special catalog sheet for inclusion in their regular catalogs, each jobber getting from 50 to 200 upon request. On one side was illustrated the complete S. C. Johnson line; on the other,

#### Johnson Captures New York Studios Avoid **Elevator Strike Trouble** NEW YORK broadcasting centers for the most part escaped serious inconvenience during the strike of elevator and building employes. Radio City was not affected, and in case elevator service were shut down, NBC would not suffer seriously since it is located on the sec-

ously since it is located on the sec-ond to the eighth floors of RCA building. WOR, located 24 stories above the street, also avoided elevator trouble. A strike was called at CBS headquarters on Madison Ave., but employes were provided to prevent interruption of service. Some of the CBS studios and of-fices are 22 flights above the street. When service was stopped in the WMCA building on March 10, Don-ald Flamm, WMCA president, got in touch with the employes union and an operator was provided for persons going to the WMCA offices. Later the building management supplied new operators. Meantime some employes had been forced to walk up about a dozen flights.

the notice about the radio program.

All dealers were supplied, without charge, with several counter and window display cards. Johnson salesmen carried samples of these displays and requisitioned them from the home office after they were convinced dealers would utilize them when received.

With the program under way, and Fibber McGee & Molly impressed on the minds of salesmen, dealers, jobbers, and the public (all printed advertising, both roto-gravure and color ads, ties in with the program), a c ti v i t i e s were started to stimulate interest and sales. Children were given Fibber McGee & Mollie tops for sending in a tracing of the word "John-son's" from a bottle of Johnson's liquid wax. These tops, one featuring Fibber and the other Molly, were also offered in American Weekly ads.

#### Songs and Whoppers

**RECENTLY 12,000 entrants tried** their hand at writing songs, when S. C. Johnson & Son conducted an amateur song writing contest. A cash prize and royalty from a lead-ing music publishing firm was of-fered the winner. Editorial com-ment on this contest in various newspapers ran to approximately 9,000 lines.

One of the program stars not long ago did some merchandising of his own, when Fibber McGee produced the best whopper and walked off with the Burlington, Wis., Liar's Club Contest national award. This publicity stunt brought to Fibber, and also to S. C. John-son's program, 100,000 lines in 882 newspapers throughout the country.

During 1935, 10,000 over - size presentations were prepared for jobber salesmen use. This year, a jobber salesmen use. new die-cut, can facsimile presen-tation was prepared. Each salesman received ten copies for use when talking about the advertising campaign. Dealers who wished a copy were given one. These are only a few of the radio merchan-dising efforts that have sent sales climbing, until now S. C. Johnson & Son sells more than half of the wax used in the United States.

WSAI GOES TO TOWN!!!

Moving in from its "country seat," the new WSAI transmitter goes into full-time operation from the heart of With this important change in transmitter Cincinnati on March 1st. location, WSAI inaugurates a definite policy which cannot fail in radio broadcasting. "Quality," "Variety," "Showmanship," are factual adjectives in describing WSAI programs. The new WSAI will adhere rigidly to the highest standards of program planning and production. New transmitter, new location, new programs, new personnel, top-flight talent, rigidly high program standards, all add up to mean a new and overwhelmingly greater audience for the new WSAI. CINCINNATI, OHIO THE CROSLEY RADIO CORPORATION

NSAI GOES TO TOWN!!!

#### **California Bar Opposes Court Trial Broadcasts**

BOARD of governors of the California State Bar Association, meeting in San Francisco Feb. 26, by resolution condemned broadcasting of court proceedings, holding that it was undignified, tended to lessen public confidence and actually interfered with the administration of justice. Adoption, it was said, was occasioned partly by informawas occasioned party by informa-tion that "certain judges in Cali-fornia are now, or contemplate, broadcasting court proceedings from their court rooms". The reso-lution in part reads as follows: "Radio broadcasting of trials or

other judicial proceedings can be of no assistance to the court and its officers in the performance of their duties, but to the contrary such broadcasting tends to tear down the dignity of any respect down the dignity of any respect due the courts and to lessen the confidence of the public in the ju-diciary, and thus tends to impede the administration of justice.

#### **Newspaper Buys KFYO**

THE SALE of KFYO, Lubbock, THE SALE of KFYO, Lubbock, Tex., a 100 watter, to the Plains Broadcasting Co., subsidiary of the Amarillo Globe and News, sub-ject to FCC approval, has been disclosed in an FCC application for voluntary assignment. The Amarillo newspaper now operates KGNC, Amarillo regional station. The purchase price was said to be The purchase price was said to be between \$12,500 and \$15,000. Head of the purchasing corporation was the late W. C. Hawks, publisher of the Amarillo newspapers, who died in February.

# ST. LOUIS COURTS OFF AIR

#### Politics and Embarrassing Incidents Bring an End -To Broadcasts of Municipal Proceedings -

#### By A. B. HENDRY

BROADCASTS of Police Court proceedings in St. Louis have just been discontinued in accordance with instructions issued by Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann to the presiding judges of the two divisions of the court. The broadcasts were conducted individually by KMOX and WIL, each from a separate division.

The Police Court judgeships are not elective offices in St. Louis, the judges being placed in office by di-rect appointment of the Mayor. In point of policy, at least, the police judges are amenable in some degree to the wishes of the Mayor.

The first Police Court broadcast was made by WLBF, Kansas City, Kan., five years ago. They were so successful that stations in other cities subsequently began such broadcasts, WIL inaugurating them in St. Louis three years ago. KSD subsequently began broad-casting another division of the St. Louis courts but voluntarily stopped after about a year on the theory that, during the broadcasts, some persons and firms were being innocently implicated.

For example: Frosecutor: State your name. Witness: John Doe. Prosecutor: By whom are you em-

Witness: The Roe Grocery Co. Prosecutor: Mr. Doe, you are charged with driving a motor truck while intoxicated, running upon the sidewalk and injuring a child—

Whereupon the Roe Grocery Co. would receive telephone calls and mail ad infinitum to the utter consternation and dismay of Mr. Groceryman Roe who, before the days of police court broadcasting perhaps had known, if in a less impressive way, of the strange whims of a merry-making deliveryman on the loose. Naturally Mr. Roe would call the originating station and sometimes he would be in a nasty frame of mind.

#### Mr. O'Toole Explains

KMOX subsequently took up where KSD left off but broadcast only 15 minutes a day, censored as strict-ly as possible. WIL always ran a full half hour censored also, insofar as possible—except in cases such as when Mr. O'Toole took the

stand: How did the fight start?

Well. Murphy was standing in front of my house and I came out just as peaceable as could be and Murphy shouted out, "There's the dirty shan-ty-Irish-..."

The remote man leaped at the controls but too late. To the horror of some and the amusement of others, Mr. O'Toole stood branded as just another one of those sons not quite on the "legit", according to his own quotation of Brother Murphy's careless and awe-inspir-

ing vocabulary. Meanwhile the Bar Association of St. Louis was taking unofficial notice of the police court broadcasts. A committee recently called

attention of the Mayor to the so-called distastefulness of these broadcasts to the participants-not to the radio audience.

In fact, the radio audience re-sented this usurpation of the rights of the faithful to the point of writing Pro Bono Publico letters to the papers threatening to vote against

papers threatening to vote against the Mayor if he ran again for office. Going back into the history of this type of broadcasting in St. Louis, it is more or less granted that the radio audience elected Judge Finnegan, first police judge to be on the air in that city, to the office of Prosecuting Attorney largely on his air record of temlargely on his air record of tempering justice with mercy. And so, listeners in the St. Louis

area, instead of hearing the goingon of their fellow citizens in durance vile, now may hear instead the Radio Bluebirds or something

at 10 a. m. daily. P. S. The angle on which the Police Court broadcasts were based was that such programs would be helpful in educating the public in matters pertaining to street traffic hazards and control.

#### **NBC Literary Shift**

NBC early this month combined its literary rights department with its continuity department following the resignation of Burke Boyce, veteran continuity editor, to turn to free lance activities. Lewis Titterton, manager of the literary rights department, succeeded Mr. Boyce, assuming both jobs.

THE NBC-WEAF Betty Moore program of Benjamin Moore & Co., Philadelphia (paint) was broadcast March 4 from a convention of the sponsor's salesmen and distributors in New York.







# in like a lion...

Some campaigns start out like a lion, but end like a lamb chop.

Some others get off to a roaring start and keep right on going from there.

Most experienced advertisers know that they can count on these radio stations for a fast start and a long, steady pull.

That's why these stations—and their clients get the lion's share of the business.

| WSB                                      | Atlanta NBC                 |  |  |  |
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| WFBR                                     | Baltimore NBC               |  |  |  |
| WAAB                                     |                             |  |  |  |
| WNAC                                     | BostonCBS                   |  |  |  |
| WICC                                     | Bridgeport<br>New Haven CBS |  |  |  |
| WBEN                                     | Buffalo NBC                 |  |  |  |
| WGAR                                     | Cleveland NBC               |  |  |  |
| WFAA                                     | fDallas <b>NBC</b>          |  |  |  |
| WBAP                                     | Fort Worth NBC              |  |  |  |
| WJR                                      | Detroit CBS                 |  |  |  |
| KPRC                                     | Houston NBC                 |  |  |  |
| WFBM                                     | Indianapolis . CBS          |  |  |  |
| WDAF                                     | Kansas City NBC             |  |  |  |
| KFI                                      |                             |  |  |  |
| KECA                                     | Los Angeles NBC             |  |  |  |
| WHAS                                     | Louisville CBS              |  |  |  |
| WLLH                                     | Lowell YN                   |  |  |  |
| WTMJ                                     | Milwaukee NBC               |  |  |  |
| WSM                                      | Nashville <b>NBC</b>        |  |  |  |
| WSMB                                     | New Orleans . NBC           |  |  |  |
| WTAR                                     | Norfolk NBC                 |  |  |  |
| WFIL                                     | Philadelphia . NBC          |  |  |  |
| KGW<br>KEX                               | }Portland NBC               |  |  |  |
| WEAN                                     | Providence CBS              |  |  |  |
| KSL                                      | Salt Lake City CBS          |  |  |  |
| WOAI                                     | San Antonio . NBC           |  |  |  |
| KOMO                                     |                             |  |  |  |
| KJR                                      | Seattle NBC                 |  |  |  |
| KHQ                                      |                             |  |  |  |
| KGA                                      | SpokaneNBC                  |  |  |  |
| WMAS                                     | Springfield CBS             |  |  |  |
| KV00                                     |                             |  |  |  |
| KFH                                      | Wichita CBS                 |  |  |  |
|  | Also                        |  |  |  |
| The YAN                                  | NKEE NETWORK                |  |  |  |
| TEXAS QUALITY NETWORK                    |                             |  |  |  |
| The NORTHWEST TRIANGLE                   |                             |  |  |  |
| Represented throughout the United States |                             |  |  |  |
| by                                       |                             |  |  |  |
| EDWARD PETRY                             |                             |  |  |  |
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#### & COMPANY INCORPORATED

NEW YORK DETROIT CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO

#### RADIO OUTLINE MAPS of the UNITED STATES

Every city in the U. S. having a radio station as of January 1, 1936, is shown . . . Time zones are indicated . . . The reverse side of the map carries a complete log of broadcast stations, alphabetically by state, city, and call letters, with wave lengths and powers shown.

The map is  $17\frac{1}{2}\times11\frac{1}{2}$  inches, printed on white ledger paper that permits the use of ink.

#### PRICES

| 25 Copies     | \$2.00 |
|---------------|--------|
| 50 Copies     | \$3.75 |
| 100 Copies    |        |
| 200 Copies    | \$9.00 |
| Single Copies | 10c    |

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National Press Building Washington, D. C.

#### Marked Expansion For Disc Volume Is Noted in Month

#### Usual Seasonal Decline Occurs But 1935 Level Is Exceeded

A MARKED RISE in national transcription volume was the outstanding feature of January broadcast advertising, according to data compiled for the NAB by Dr. Herman S. Hettinger, University of Pennsylvania economist. National transcription volume was the only type of rendition in the non-network field to show increases as compared to the preceding month, and in addition, experienced the greatest gain as compared to the corresponding period of last year. National transcription business rose 13% as against December, and exceeded the January 1935 level by 71.8%.

Broadcast advertising as a whole experienced the usual seasonal decline as compared to December. Gross time sales of the medium dropped 7.5% from the preceding month's level. The heaviest declines were in the regional network and local broadcast advertising fields, which decreased 25.1% and 21.3% respectively. National network and national non-network volume both declined approximately 4%.

C om p ar ed to the previous year's level, however, radio still continues to show increases. Broadcast advertising volume in January exceeded that of the corresponding month of 1935 by 8.7%. Regional network and national





DAVE BAYLOR, announcer of the early *Musical Clock* on WGAR, Cleveland, has solved his transportation problem by making a deal with the milk man serving his street to take him to the nearest trolley line. This gets him to the studio in time for the 6 a. m. program.

non-network advertising continued to show the greatest gains, the former rising 64.5% and the latter 32.3%. Local broadcast advertising increased 13.1%. National network business showed the smallest relative increase, gaining but 0.6% over the 1935 level. From January indications, it would seem as if broadcast adver-

From January indications, it would seem as if broadcast advertising were becoming stabilized at a new post-depression level, and that a slower rate of increase may be expected in the future than occurred during the last two years. This seems to be especially true of national network volume. A trend of this type is only to be expected, since no industry can possibly maintain the extremely rapid rate of growth which has been characteristic of broadcast advertising during recent months. A slowing of the rate of growth is merely a necessary counterpart to an industry arriving at maturity.

#### Leads All Media

RADIO still shows the greatest vigor of any major medium. Compared to the development of radio advertising volume, national magazine volume declined 17.1% as compared to December and was 9.3% below the January 1935 level. National magazines have shown spotty tendencies ever since the depression, and seem to be passing through a period of fundamental readjustment at the present time.

Newspaper line present the forestrict index 20.2% as against the preceding month, though gaining 7.6% when compared to the corresponding month of last year. While declining slightly from December levels, national farm papers showed the greatest relative gain over the previous year, rising 37.4%

General non-network advertising decreased 11.4% during the month, but showed a gain of 22.2% as against last January. Local stations continued with their favorable showing of recent months, being the only class of transmitter to experience a gain in business over December volume. Local station advertising rose .9% over the preceding month's level, and registered a gain of 39.1% as compared to January 1935. Non-network advertising continmod to group most randly in those

Non-network advertising continued to grow most rapidly in those sections of the country wherein the business recovery has been the most pronounced. Non - network volume in the South Atlantic and South Central States rose 57.5% as compared to last year, while broadcast advertising in the North Central States increased 36.8%. Non-network business in the Middle Atlantic and New England States declined approximately 1%, growing network volume constituting a partial but not complete explanation of this trend. The extent of business recovery has been somewhat less in this section of the country than it has been elsewhere. Non-network volume in the Mountain and Pacific district gained 1.6% over the preceding January.

Transcriptions lead the rendition field during the month of January. Total transcription volume gained 1.1% over the preceding month and 61% over January 1935. The gain was due entirely to the national field, where transcription business increased 13% over the December level and registered a gain of 71.8% as compared to the corresponding month of last year.

of last year. Trends in the local transcription field seem to indicate that their use has been confined mainly to middle-sized retail establishments which usually curtail their advertising materially immediately following the Christmas holidays. Local transcription business declined 31.3% as against December, though remaining 22.8% above the level of the preceding January.

Live talent programs gained 22.5% over the corresponding period of 1935 in the national nonnetwork field and 23.4% in the local field. It is interesting to note that in both the national and local fields, announcement volume declined from the level of the previous January. National volume decreased 4.8% while local volume decreased 4.8% while local volume decreased in transcription and live talent volume during recent months, the decline in announcement business seems to indicate a growing tendency to ward the use of the complete facilities of broadcast advertising rather than to be satisfied with its counterpart of classified advertising.

#### Auto Sponsorship Gains

JANUARY revealed little difference in the use of broadcast advertising by various product and service groups from the trends which have been noticeable in recent months. National non-network automotive advertising rose 200% as compared to January of the preceding year. National network gasoline and accessory advertising increased 44.6%, while household equipment volume gained 148.7% though still remaining at a comparatively small volume. The only other gain of importance in the national network field was in the miscellaneous group; which rose 107%.

National network drug advertising continued to decline, January volume falling to 18.2% below the level of the corresponding month of 1935.

Gains of importance in the national non-network field included a 59.2% rise in food volume, rises of 28.1% and 33.5% respectively in the beverage and confectionery fields, and an increase of 44.9% in tobacco volume.

Principal increase in the local field included the following: clothing, 28%; foodstuffs, 20.2% beverages, 42%; confectionery, 158.2%.

Broadcast advertising during January was as follows:

| National networks<br>Regional networks<br>National non-network | 95,340      |
|--|-------------|
| Local  | 1,572,760   |
| Total  | \$8,035,160 |

#### BROADCASTING • March 15, 1936

#### **COMIC SPOTLIGHTS** TO START IN APRIL



A COMIC-STRIP spotlight adver-tisement to promote programs on newspaper radio pages is to be launched in April by Advertising Features Inc., New York. It will be limited to one

Mr. Ness

paper in a town. Joseph Ness, president, said ad-vertisements will be uniform in size and be supplied in mat form.

size and be supplied in mat form. Spot as well as network adver-tisers will be solicited. Title of the feature is "Mike Moments". It lists time of each broadcast, network, name of spon-sor and talent. The headline space is donated by the newspaper. The 40-line insertion of each adver-tiser is charged at the usual rates.

tiser is charged at the usual rates. Mr. Ness, whose headquarters are in the Chrysler Bldg., New York, is a prominent advertising executive, having been sales pro-motion director of Stadler Photo-graph Co., New York and Chicago; advertising counsel of United Profit Sharing Corp., New York; car-toonist with the Savannah Press six years, and active in Southern advertising circles. Newspapers which Mr. Ness in-

Newspapers which Mr. Ness in-forms BROADCASTING have signed forms BROADCASTING have signed for the feature are New York Sun; Washington Star; Dallas News & Journal; Brooklyn Eagle; Balti-more Evening Sun; Newark Eve-ning News; Boston Evening Globe; Minneapolis Tribune; Cleveland Plain - Dealer; Spokane Daily Chronicle; Spokane Spokesman-Review; McClatchy papers in Cal-ifornia; Scranton Republican; Tampa Times, Little Rock Demo-crat. crat.

#### Wisconsin Alumni Group **Sponsors Series on NBC**

WISCONSIN ALUMNI RE-SEARCH FOUNDATION, New York (irradiated milk process) on York (irradiated milk process) on March 6 started a twice - weekly series on 4 NBC-WEAF stations (WEAF, WEEI, WTIC, WCSH) titled *Phillips Lord Calling You*, for 13 weeks, Mondays and Fri-days, 4:15-4:30 p. m. The Foundation was formed in 1005 to constrol combination of Dr

The Foundation was formed in 1925 to control application of Dr. Harry Steenbock's method of ir-radiating milk with vitamin D and the program is broadcast in co-operation with 15 New York and New England dairies. All income is given by the Foundation to the University of Wisconsin for re-search. The program consists of anecdotes and stories collected by Phillins Lord with the Seth Park-Phillips Lord, with the Seth Parker quartet and guest stars assist-ing. Geyer, Cornell & Newell Inc., New York, has the account.

#### **Two FTC Complaints**

TWO FIC Complaints THE Federal Trade Commission has issued charges of unfair com-petition against Taylor Washing Machine Co., Chicago, and Sutton Laboratories Inc., C h a pel Hill, N. C. (Linoil). The former is charged with misleading claims in procuring sales contracts and the latter with misleading purchasers into believing linseed oil is used in its product. its product.

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#### **Right and Copyright**

IT IS HIGH TIME for some plain talk about our broadcasting industry. All because of copyright, the industry has been placed in a humiliating position. Lack of understanding has been responsible for most of the difficulty. That has been largely because the units which make up the industry have failed to awaken to facts until the damage had been done.

So far on Capitol Hill ASCAP appears to be running away with the show on the Duffy Copyright Bill. Tin Pan Alley's corsairs, who have so many times succeeded in splitting broadcasters into factions and riding over them to victory, are having another good laugh at the expense of the broadcasters. They did a lobbying job with the Sirovich committee of which they can be justly proud from their point of view. We hope we are wrong but it now appears that they have successfully blocked any chances of enactment of the Duffy Bill, at this session at least.

The truth is that the broadcasters were caught napping. The committee and its chairman were stacked by ASCAP before the hearings got under way. ASCAP, as opponent of the Duffy Bill, was permitted to bring forward its witnesses first, contrary to customary procedure. They monopolized the first two weeks of hearings, adroitly parading their "big-name" members who could add nothing to the evidence on the legislation but who could put on a good vaudeville show, as the press has reported. Of course, they did not put on a single "publisher" member of ASCAP -the needless middlemen who get 50% of what should rightfully go to the composer and author, and the men whom ASCAP actually represents.

Even Rudy Vallee, the pink-cheeked crooner who was unknown before radio built him up a few years ago, audaciously stepped before the committee to tell it that radio is "killing the goose", and to support the charges of Messrs. Burkan and Buck that broadcasters are "racketeers", "robbers" and "termites" who are trying to kill their "benevolent" organization. It is shameful that such a thing can be, for Vallee and George M. Cohan frankly admitted on the stand they had not even read the Duffy Bill.

The composers appeared before the pro-ASCAP committee demanding greater protection and greater tribute. But they did not air their difficulties within ASCAP on the 50-50 split with publishers. The publisher is no longer a necessity in the music field. In all justice he has no right to half of the proceeds from musical performance. The \$3,000,-000 that broadcasters paid last year into ASCAP coffers would more than appease the authors' demands if the publisher were eliminated from the split.

And now we get to the marrow of the bone of contention. The fact that broadcasters have been outsmarted at every turn by ASCAP is no reason why the industry should split. On the contrary, it is time to knit the industry more closely and to seek a solution that will benefit all. The broadcasters' cause in copyright is the right cause, and the broadcasters will be the victors if they forget bygones and play ball to win—adopting offensive rather than defensive tactics in the battle with the common enemy.

The point isn't whether the NAB can get along without the networks, or whether the networks can survive without the support of the independents. It will be more difficult for both if they attempt to go it alone. And a divided industry will be a vulnerable industry, less able to repulse the attacks of the copyright marauders—and, more important, less able to cope with cliques still scheming for government ownership.

#### "Railroading" Radio

AFTER a radio Rip Van Winkle of a halfdozen years, some of the country's leading railroads have awakened to the possibilities of broadcast advertising. They have seen enough buses whizzing by and heard too often the whirr of airplanes loaded to the wings while their own rolling stock rolled almost empty.

As the first step East and Central carriers have abrogated their silly boycott of radio. Now they appear to be casting about for lines on station and network rates and for program ideas. In short, they are thinking in terms of radio advertising.

It took some prodigious prodding to arouse these railroads—the last of the industrial Mohicans to capitulate to radio's inevitable spell. They saw the Chesapeake & Ohio, which they regarded as a small boy among giants, shoot its passenger and freight charts upward by using radio advertising. (Incidentally, C. & O. for several years has concentrated its advertising on radio and class magazines.)

Then in January, 1935, they took a jolt from Railread - Goordinator Joseph E. Eastman, who, among other things, saw in radio a real opportunity to revive railroad business. He repeated this view again the following August, and that was backed up by a report from a committee of the AAAA which advocated radio, both for the institutional and selling job, to tie into printed media efforts.

Radio can do a selling job for the railroads,

individually and collectively. Travel advertising is a radio natural. Steamship lines are using it successfully. And the automotive industry is using radio as its mainstay, both institutionally and in a direct sales way.

It will take adroit programming to do a creditable job for the railroads. Some of the gentry who control railroad policies probably will have to forget their 19th century ideas. They will have to recognize that dignity and good taste still can be maintained in a swiftlymoving performance consistent with modern methods.

It was only a short time back we were told that banks would never use radio. Today there is hardly a station in a metropolitan area that doesn't have a bank sponsor.

Railroads, we are confident, once they get seriously into broadcast advertising, will discover that the industrial Messiah for whom they have been searching reposes in broadcasting.

#### "Red Menace"?

PICKETS avowing their intense "Americanism" parading before the CBS building; a cordon of police thrown around the building to guard against violence; the Hearst press and Bernarr MacFadden screeching headlines and editorials against radio's lending aid to radicalism; Congressmen shouting similar accusations, one even demanding that Bill Paley resign from the presidency of the company he built up and controls-all this because CBS granted the Communist Party's request to permit its secretary, Earl Browder, to make a speech that turned out to be innocuous by comparison with some of the radio outpourings of the "regular" party speakers, and of Father Coughlin et al!

But it seems to be every free-born American's privilege to hop on radio at any provocation and here was one that even the zealous guardians of our precious principle of freedom of speech could not overlook. CBS made it plain that Mr. Browder's speech would be answered the following night by America's most ardent anti-Red crusader, Rep. Hamilton Fish, which was done. CBS pointed out that the Communist Party was duly enrolled and legally recognized, and therefore in all consistency had a right to a fraction at least of political time on the air. And everyone in radio knows that no CBS station was under any obligation to carry Browder, as indeed the Yankee and Don Lee networks proved when they rejected the program. CBS knows, as every radio man knows, that freedom of speech is a precious principle and that the best way to protect it is still to provide freer speech, within reasonable limitations of time and program balance; also that the American citizenry has nothing to fear from plain talk, even from the despised Communists.

The best answer to critics of Columbia's grant of time to the Red party's spokesman came, rather grudgingly to be sure but none the less pointedly, from "Ham" Fish himself in his reply address, in which he incidently took advantage of the politician's prerogative of adding some fulsome asides on behalf of his friend Senator Borah. Said he: "Without attempting to pass judgment on the policy of Columbia in permitting Mr. Browder to speak, it proves at least that freedom of speech still exists in America."

# We Pay Our Respects To —



#### EDWIN WILSON CRAIG

LITERALLY born to the insurance business was Edwin Wilson Craig, who 43 years ago this month first saw the light of day in the little town of Pulaski, Tenn., a community named for the famous Polish patriot of the American Revolution. Ed Craig not only comes from one of the first families of the South, but his father before him was—and still is—an executive of the National Life & Accident Insurance Co. of Nashville. Craig senior is chairman of the board, while young Ed is vice president.

is vice president. Ed Craig went into the insurance business with all the vim and vigor of youth and with youthful America's young ideas about selling. It was he who in 1925 persuaded the insurance company's board of directors that it should go into radio. Thus Station WSM was established as a 1,000 watter. Today it is a 50,000-watt clear channel outlet and one of the nation's outstanding stations. In radio as in the insurance

In radio as in the insurance world (he has charge of his company's 3,000 agents in 21 states), Ed Craig is well-known and wellliked, exceedingly active and progressive. He serves on the board of the NAB, and there are many who assert he will soon be nominated for its presidency if he can be persuaded to take the post. Whenever Ed Craig takes time

Whenever Ed Craig takes time off from his insurance duties, it is usually to attend some important meeting of broadcasters. And at such a meeting you probably will find that the Nashvillian has been in a huddle with Leo. J. Fitzpatrick, general manager of WJR, Detroit, and NAB president. It was Fitzpatrick, who as the "Merry Old Chief" of WDAF, Kansas City, first interested Craig in radio back in its catwhisker days.

It was in 1922 that Craig; along with the thousands of other Americans who became head-phone addicts, began to twist the dials to pick up WDAF. When business of the insurance company took him to Kansas City, as it did several times each year, radio-bug Craig would invariably look up Announcer Fitzpatrick. It was out of these conversations that grew the idea of establishing WSM as an adjunct of the insurance company. Came 1925 and the creation of WSM. Ed Craig wanted a pioneer to head up the station. George D. Hay, the famous "Solemn Old Judge", who shared the early radio spotlight with the "Merry Old Chief", came to Nashville at Craig's beckon. Immediately there was started Hay's Saturday night *Grand Ole Opry*, a feature which he still manages and which has maintained through ten years an unparalleled popularity with listeners in all parts of the nation. But what did Craig's idea of radio and insurance do for the insurance business? He proved it

But what did Craig's idea of radio and insurance do for the insurance business? He proved it was a wonderful door-opener for National Life salesmen. With its 50,000 watts the station reaches into practically every corner of the 21 states in which the insurance company does business. It has simplified contact with the scattered field force of the company.

Both the insurance company and the station have enjoyed unprecedented progress, each acting to stimulate the growth of the other during the years. Mr. Craig calls it a "once in a lifetime" arrangement.

Operation of WSM, through the successive progressions of the station to high power, has become a large undertaking. Despite this he has continued to exercise an executive leadership in radio as in the insurance business. The station, however, has been entirely departmentalized. It is headed by Harry Stone, general manager, who reports directly to him.

Ed Craig in recent months has evinced a great interest in the protection of clear channels as a means of affording coverage of rural and remote areas. When some 16 of the nation's leading stations banded together last year in a defense movement for clear channels, Mr. Craig was elected chairman of the group.

Aside from that function and from his active participation in NAB affairs he has been named a member of the Federal Radio Education Committee, created by the FCC to coordinate radio and education. WSM has long been in the forefront of educational broad-

#### PERSONAL NOTES

HUBERT D. STEPHENS, former U. S. Senator from Mississippi, and until recently a member of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has hecame the law partner of Paul D. P. Spearman, former FCC general counsel, also a native of Mississippi. The new firm, known as Stephens & Spearman, has its offices in the National Press Bldg., Washington.

OWENS V. DRESDEN, nowely-appointed manager of KHJ, Los Angeles, on March 4 became the father of a seven-pound girl.

HAROLD F. SNELL, for five years advertising and sales promotion head of Emery, Bird & Thayer, Kansas City department store, has joined WHB, that city, cooperating in sales and client service activities.

FRANK A. ARNOLD, formerly NBC director of development and prior to that with Frank Seaman Inc., has heen named vice president and associated director of the Institute of Public Relations Inc., New York.

JAMES CROCKER, announcer of WOAI, San Antonio, has been transferred to the local sales staff, with Owen Flaherty filling the vacancy.

W. V. MORGAN, a director of 3KZ, Melbourne, Australia, arrived in Los Angeles late in Fehruary. He left for a hrief trip to New York and will return home via the S. S. Lurline from Los Angeles Harhor March 27, with a stopover in Honolulu.

HAROLD MEYER. director of WSUN, St. Petersburg, Fla., won first place in the annual press-radio moth class sailing regatta on the Big Bayou Yacht Club's course early in March.

RALPH L. ATLASS. president of WJJD, Chicago, and WIND, Gary, Ind., is in Henrotin Hospital, Chicago, recuperating from a severe attack of pleurisy and pneumonia. He was taken ill late in February.

JUDITH WALLER, educational director of the central division of NBC since 1931 and a pioneer in radio, sailed Feb. 29 on the *Conte di Savoia* for a three-month vacation in Europe —the first in four years. She will spend six weeks in Italy—then to Bavaria, down the Rhine and to Brussels and Antwerp, and a final three week stay in England. Her return trip will he from Southhampton May 27 on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary.

ARTHUR TOLCHIN. formerly of Gustav Marx Agency, Milwaukee and Riegel Textile Corp., has joined the sales staff of WOR, Newark.

casting. The educational department of the insurance company has been a frequent user of company-sponsored programs over WSM.

Edwin Wilson Craig was born on March 8, 1893. Immediately after graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1914, he began work for National Life. His first assignment was an industrial agency in Dallas. He has served in practically every capacity in the company up to his present post of vice president in charge of the industrial department, and as the radio chief.

Two years after his graduation he married Elizabeth Wade of his home town of Pulaski. They have three children, Elizabeth, of college age, Ann, and the youngest, Cornelius A. Craig II, namesake of his grandfather.

A member of the Belle Meade Country Club and the University Club, Craig finds his chief recreation in golf, hunting and fishing. His hobbies are "talking either insurance or radio". His fraternity is Phi Delta Theta.

#### BEHIND THE MICROPHONE

BEN T. WEAVER, former commercial manager of WHAM, Rochester, has been shifted to program production at WHAM, his sales position having been taken March 1 hy Frank W. Kelly, former publicity manager.

JOHN P. COSTELLO, since 1932 announcer of KSTP, St. Paul, has joined the NBC announcing staff in New York, hecoming the sixth KSTP announcer to join the networks. Others were George Watson, Tom Breen, Pat Murphy, Roger Krupp (who returned to KSTP) and Pierre Andre.

PAUL LUTHER, formerly of KOIL, Omaha, has joined WGN and MBS, Chicago, handling programs formerly announced by Pierre Andre. Duane Gaither, of the KOIL team of Duane & Sally, has joined the announcing staff of Central States Broadcasting Co. in Omaha.

GLEN PARKER, formerly of WIP and WCAU, Philadelphia, and WPG, Atlantic City, has joined WMCA, New York.

ARTHUR L. WHITESIDE, formerly of several Southern stations, has joined WBT, Charlotte, N. C., hringing up the staff to five full-time announcers.

TOM MURRAY has joined the announcing staff of WHAM, Rochester, to handle remote dance programs.

WILLIAM TITUS, publicity director of WOOD-WASH, Grand Rapids, has been named to a similar post with the Grand Rapids department of recreation under the board of education. MAC PARKER, newspaperman and news broadcaster, is devoting himself exclusively to radio now, having a daily ten-minute period on KYW, Philadelphia.

GLOVER DELANEY, formerly of WESG, Elmira, has been named by WFBL, Syracuse, to succeed Bob Keefe, who has gone to WOR, Newark.

WADE WATSON has rejoined the announcing staff of WNEW, Newark. Spencer Bentley has heen promoted to production director and Doris Smith has joined the continuity department.

JERRY LYNTON, formerly operating the Amhassador Radio Productions, Los Angeles program group, has formed a new radio production unit under his name to offer productions to agencies and sponsors.

R. E. MESSER, chief accountant for Earnshaw-Young Inc., Hollywood program - transcription producers, resigned March 1 to hecome office manager for the Raymond R. Morgan Co., Hollywood program agency.

LEE COOLEY, announcer of KNX, Hollywood, left early in March for a five-month vacation in Europe.

JOHN FRASER, formerly with New England stations, has been added to the NBC announcing staff in Radio City, bringing that staff to its full complement of 26.

DON ALLEN, production assistant of KFWB, Hollywood for five years, resigned March 1 to join Standard Radio Inc., Hollywood transcription firm, in a production capacity. Owen Crump will take over most of his work as assistant to Jack Joy, production manager.

ERNEST HIX, business manager for the Raymond R. Morgan Co., Hollywood program agency, left for New York March 8 for a two weeks husiness visit, following the return of Mr. Morgan from an eastern trip. HAROLD BRATSBERG, NBC announcer in San Francisco, was married March 5 to Miss Marguerite Connell of Seattle. Richard Ellers, also an NBC announcer, was hest man.

AUSTEN CROOM - JOHNSON, young producer - pianist of the Bri-tish Broadcasting Corp., who last fall spent a month in Radio City learn-ing the ways of American radio, has returned from England to become a permanent member of the NBC production staff.

JOHN FRASER, free lance announcer, has joined the NBC staff in New York.

In New YORE. CARLTON E. MORSE, author of the NBC serial One Man's Family, spon-sored by Standard Brands Inc., will be honor guest of the San Francisco Press Club at a banquet and enter-tainment March 22. He is to be pre-sented with a token by members of the club. NBC western division offi-cials in San Francisco and the One Man's Family cast will attend.

PAUL PARKER, formerly with NBC

in Chicago, has joined the announc-ing staff of WJJD, Chicago. AL HOLLANDER, publicity direc-tor of WJJD, Chicago, is back on the job after a ten-day illness from influence influenza.

BERYL DOUGLAS, formerly in the sales promotion department of CBS, New York, on March 1 joined the staff of the Raymond R. Morgan Co., as Mr. Morgan's secretary.

GEORGE FISCHER, publicity di-rector of KFWB, Hollywood, has been given the role of a radio an-nouncer in Warner's film Voice of Life. Minerva Urecal, station char-acter woman, will be cast in Mob Rule, an M-G-M picture.

HAROLD KEMP has resigned as head of the band booking department of the NBC Artist Bureau, effective April 1 when he will assume new duties with Franchon & Marco in Hellywood Hollywood.

PAT FLANNAGAN, sports an-nouncer of WBBM, Chicago, is vaca-tioning at Sarasota, Fla., and scout-ing big league baseball teams.

BEN HADFIELD, announcer of WNAC, Boston, on March 13 cele-brated his tenth anniversary with Yankee Network. He has the longest service record of any Boston announcer.

BOB CUNNINGHAM, CBS Chicago announcer, is the father of a baby girl born March 3.

WILLARD HEMSWORTH, an-nouncer of KMOX, St. Louis, has re-turned to work after two weeks in a hospital for appendectomy.

LEO RUMSEY resigned from the announcing staff of KSFO, San Francisco, and on March 6 sailed on board the S. S. President Pierce for Hono-lulu, where he will join KGMB, as announcer and producer.

REGINALD SHARLAND, who is "Archie" of the Watanabe-Archie skit, has gone to Furnass Creek Inn, Death Valley, Cal., to recuperate. The pro-gram went off the air in February, due to his illness, after a run of several years on KNX.

LEW KENT, formerly on a number of Eastern stations as vocalist, has joined the announcing and produc-tion staff of WMAZ, Macon, Ga.



#### TONGUE TORTURING Part of NBC Training Course -For Junior Announcers-

SILLY sibilants must be overcome SILLI Sibilants must be overcome before NBC guides and pages in Radio City can qualify as members of the NBC junior announcers staff, under the direction of Pat-rick J. Kelly, NBC supervisor of announcers, and Dan Russell, announcer. The classes have turned out six junior and full-fledged an-nouncers in the last two years.

Among the sibilants confronting the candidates is this one: "The seething seas ceaseth, and as the seething seas subsideth, many men must munch much mush."

Six hours a week the candidates wrap their tongues around phonetic outrages and try to exhale or-derly syllabic parades. Graduates of the school are George Ansbro, recently made a full-fledge announcer in New York; John Lang and Hubert McIlrevey, WRC, Washing-ton; Dorian St. George, WRVA, Richmond; Alvin Robinson and Jack McCarthy, New York junior announcers.

MRS: EMILY EILERS has resigned as hostess at KYA, San Francisco, and sails the end of this month for Hilo, T. H., where she will join her husband, Fred Eilers, recently ap-pointed manager of KHBC, new full-time 100 watt station now being built there. Mrs. Eilers will become office manager of the station which is sched-uled to start operation in April.

RALPH EDWARDS, for two years on the announcing staff of KSFO, San Francisco and Oakland, has gone to KFRC, San Francisco, in a similar capacity, succeeding Mel Vickland.

NELSON CHURCHILL, former WEEI, Boston, actor, has been added to the announcing staff of WHDH, Boston.

#### Jad Salts Plans Spots

WYETH CHEMICAL Co., New York (Jad salts) will run a spot campaign over seven Eastern and midwest stations beginning March 23. The programs will be daytime 23. The programs will be daytime shows on a five weekly schedule, Mondays thru Fridays. The discs are being made by WBS via a di-rect wire into WHN, New York, where a live performance of *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* is being broadcast five times a week. Stations in addition to WHN, are KMBC, WKBW, WFIL, WGAR, KWK, KSTP, WBAL. Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., New York, placed the account. placed the account.



#### IN THE CONTROL ROOM

EDGAR H. FELIX, consulting enineer, announces the removal of his New York office from 1775 Broadway to 32 Rockland Place, New Rochelle, N. X., where he will have additional space and facilities for laboratory and testing.

R. MORRIS PIERCE, chief engi-neer of WGAR, Cleveland, is taking his first vacation in four years, going on a two-month tour in the West. In successive years arrival of a son, engineers' strike and erection of a new radiator have blocked his vacation plans.

DON LANGHAM, formerly of WMBO, Auburn, N. Y., has joined the engineering staff of WFBL, Syracuse.

C. DAVIS BELCHER, former U. S. radio inspector, is conducting a new course on "Modern Radio" over short-wave relay station W1XAL, Boston (6.04 megacycles) under auspices of the Masachusetts State Department of Education, Mondays, 7-8 p. m., EST.

WILLIAM G. H. FINCH, New York radio consulting engineer and in-ventor, former assistant chief en-gineer of the FCC in charge of telephone division matters, on March 3 was granted Patent No. 2,032,558 by the U. S. Patent Office, covering an image broadcasting or facsimile system.

ALAN CORMACK, technical di-rector of KFRC, San Francisco, has taken on the additional duties of traffic department manager, succeed-ing Helen Hartzer, resigned.

T. R. DUNLAP, of Cold Water, Ont., formerly an engineer at WBBM Chi-cago, is now a member of the en-gineering staff of WJJD, Chicago.

**Two Sterling Spot Series** Are Shifted to NBC-WJZ TWO subsidiaries of Sterling Products Co. will shortly discontinue their spot campaigns and place the programs on the NBC - WJZ net-work. R. L. Watkins Co., New York (Dr. Lyons toothpowder) will transfer *Back Stage Wife* from discs to the NBC - WJZ network horizon meder. Musch 20 4:15 beginning Monday, March 30, 4:15-4:30 p. m., and the program will be broadcast over the basic and Northwestern groups on a five-a-week basis, Mondays through Fri-

days. Charles H. Phillips Co., New York (Phillips Milk of Magnesia facial cream) will go network on the same date and in the niche directly following, 4:30-4:45 p. m. directly following, 4:30-4:45 p. m. It will be carried over a coast-tocoast hookup and be heard Mon-days, Wednesdays and Fridays. Beatrice De Sylvara, a beauty consultant, used on the transcription series, will continue. Both pro-grams will be keyed from New York. Blackett - Sample - Hummert Inc., New York, services both accounts.

#### Swift Using Spots

SWIFT & Co., Chicago (All-Sweet margarine), is sponsoring a series of 50-word announcements to be or 50-word announcements to be broadcast three evenings a week over WFAA, WJDX, WALA, WWL, WCOA, WOAI, KWKH, and KTRH. The campaign, which is placed through the Chicago of-fice of J. Walter Thompson Co., is exheduled to run 17 weeks scheduled to run 17 weeks.

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SALES CONFEREES—Headquarters executives and field sales personnel of Graybar's commercial products SALES CONFEREES—Headquarters executives and field sales personnel of Graybar's commercial products division met in New York recently to confer on broadcast transmitters, police and aviation radio, public address equipment, etc., with Western Electric (manufacturing) and Bell Telephone Laboratories (develop-ment) representatives. After the conference a group went to Washington where they acted as hosts to the legal and engineering fraternity. In the photo, top row (left to right) are: Will Whitmore, W. A. Wolff, A. S. Black, W. L. Tierney, L. D. Gruman, J. B. Long, G. A. Murray, E. W. Thurston, F. W. Cunningham, E. J. Stahl, H. S. Price, O. M. Glunt, H. E. Young, E. J. Quinby, Harry Atkinson, E. L. Nelson, C. R. Hommowun, T. E. Shea, F. M. Ryan, W. A. MacNair, R. L. Jones, F. M. Harris, F. R. Lack, M. J. Kelly, R. A. Miller. Seated are H. S. Taylor, O. E. Richardson, W. F. Bartlett, J. W. LaMarque, B. R. Cole, E. A. Hawkins, A. J. Eaves, R. G. McCurdy, W. L. Ponsford, J. P. Lynch, A. S. Wise.

# White House Reporters

NOTABLES in the radio field, headed by NBC President Lenox R. Lohr, were prominent among the guests and participants in the 15th annual dinner of the White House Correspondents Association in Washington March 7, at which President Roosevelt and other high government officials were honor guests. NBC provided the entertainment program by arrangement with Alfred H. Morton, manager of the program department, with the comedian Frank Fay acting as m.c. and with Frank Black bringing 20 members of his orchestra to Washington to augment a large local orchestral ensemble.

The entertainment, which NBC alternates with CBS in furnishing, included Gladys Swarthout, opera star; Ethel Merman, torch singer; Jimmy Savo, pantomimist; Mario Cozzi, operatic baritone; Rafael, concertina artist; the Westerners, ranch singers; Jemm Hurock, gyp-sy baritone, and Niela Goodelle, singer.

Among the radio notables at-Among the radio notables at-tending were: Commissioners E. O. Sykes, Norman S. Case and Thad H. Brown, FCC; Hampson Gary, Comdr. T. A. M. Craven, George Porter, A. D. Ring, Frank Roberson, Herbert L. Pettey, Wil-liam P. Massing, Frank Wisner and A. G. Haley, FCC; Frank M. Russell, John F. Royal, Philip J. Hennessey, E. P. H. James, A. A. Shechter, Vincent Callahan and Kenneth Berkeley, NBC; Harry C. Butcher, Paul White, J. G. Gude, Wells Church and Frederic Wil-liam Wile, CBS; James W. Bald-win, NAB; F. P. Guthrie, RCA; G. W. Johnstone, WOR; James Chinn, radio editor, Washington Star; Richard Tenelly, radio editor, Washington News; R ob ert D. Heinl, Heinl Radio News Service; John W. Guider, Duke M. Patrick and George Smith, Washington at-torneys; Herluf Provenson, Wash-ington; Martin Codel, Sol Taish-off and J. Frank Beatty, BROAD-CASTING. tending were: Commissioners E. CASTING.

**Benny-Allen Vacations** JACK BENNY (Jell-O) and Fred Allen (Ipana toothpaste and Sal Hepatica) will go on their annual vacations sometime in June. It is expected that the sponsors will con-tinue to retain their present radio spots and substitute talent for their vacationing comedians.

#### Notables in Radio World W8XAI, Using 75 Watts, Attend Annual Dinner of Easily Heard in Panama W8XAI, the experimental ultra-

shortwave "apex" station at Rochester, adjuct of WHAM, has been reported from Cristobal, Canal Zone, indicate that the signals in that section of the world are of good quality. The transmitter has an output of only 75 watts, the power consumed by an ordinary electric flat iron, and operates on a frequency of 31.6 megacycles.

The future of this new group of frequencies was recently hinted at by John J. Long Jr., chief engineer of WHAM. He said: "Improvements in high frequency transmission and reception seem to prove that short-period transmissions for international hookups will eventually be extended into the neighborhood of 71/2 to 10 meters." Experiments have shown that during certain times of the day these high frequency signals make light work of traveling across the Atlantic.

#### Three Get 5 Kw. Day

THREE stations - KFPY, Spokane, WSPD, Toledo and WFBM, Indianapolis - were given day increases in power to 5,000 watts by the FCC Broadcast Division March 3. KFPY heretofore has used 1.000 watts day and night, as has WFBM. WSPD, however, has been using 2,500 watts until local sunset and will double its day output under the new grant. In each case the Division sustained recommendations of its examiners.

### DOMINATING EAST TEXAS:

This station serves 31,100 homes in East Texas with a potential audience of 226,000 listeners.

You can reach them with



"Voice of Longview" Longview, Texas

#### **Neff-Rogow Feted**

WALTER NEFF, WOR sales manager, and William Rogow, the station's ranking salesman, who have resigned to form Neff-Rogow, station representatives and consultants with offices in the RCA Bldg., New York, were guests of honor at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria March 5. Hosts were Theodore C. Streibert, assistant to President McCosker of WOR, and the station's executive and sales staff. Mr. Neff and Mr. Rogow left the station March 7, Mr. Neff's desk having been taken over temporarily by Gene Thomas, assistant sales manager. Plans for Mr. Neff's successor are still indefinite, according to Mr. Streibert.







- It's listeners you want!
- And it's listeners you get when you buy "Pittsburgh's Most Popular Station."
- We have facts showing WCAE has more listeners than any other Pittsburgh station.
- We'll be glad to send you those facts.





What About This One?

HATS OFF to Mr. Holcomb! He had an idea. He applied it. He was faced with the responsibility of increasing the sales of a department store of which he is advertising manager, in a middle-sized Pennsylvania city . . . similar to many cities scattered throughout the country.

MR. HOLCOMB knew that people listened to the radio. His friends, acquaintances, the clerks in the store and their friends and acquaintances, the people who bought in the store, appreciated the entertainment provided them by advertisers and to some extent were affected by their sales messages.

MR. HOLCOMB realized that the store carried radio-advertised goods. Why not capitalize on that fact? Radio is dramatic. It is intimate and personal. It creates consumer good will as well as product interest and desire. It can readily be tied in with point-of-sale advertising. Why not utilize these qualities in department store sales promotion and publicity?

MR. HOLCOMB investigated. He found 24 NBC-advertised products carried by the store. To make a long story short . . . by means of tie-ins in his newspaper ads, window, floor, counter, shelf and elevator displays, departmental signs, special instructions to sales staffs, etc., he increased the sales of these NBC-advertised products in the store from 25% to 100%, increases ranging as high as 300% in specific weeks.

AS NBC stated . . . Mr. Holcomb thought it through. We suggest you read the booklet.

IT might have been CBS! Or Mr. Holcomb might have been located in a community where the best tiein would have been with regard to branded goods advertised over a station not affiliated with any network. The fundamental principles hold in each case. A challenge to advertiser, agency, and broadcaster to get the maximum return from their radio dollar by coordinating their other sales promotion with their air advertising.

[Howard J. Holcomb is advertising manager of Trask, Prescott & Richardson Co., Erie, Pa., department store. See BROADCASTING Feb. 1.]

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PLEASE notice ... it was a department store executive who thought it through. We seem to remember what Marvin Oreck, vice president of Oreck's Inc., of Duluth, told the NAB commercial section at Chicago last summer. Said Mr. Oreck: "I don't believe the most optimistic broadcaster has any conception of the scope radio offers as an advertising medium." IT'S ALWAYS encouraging to be told by outsiders or partial outsiders, the value of your product or proposition. Broadcasters must have been interested to hear John Shepard 3d, broadcaster and department store man of years' experience, suggest that 15% of the d e p a r t m e n t store advertising budget should be used for radio, only to be raised by Mr. Oreck to 25% to 30%.

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WE WERE especially interested in the reaction of one broadcaster, as related to us by an acquaintance. "They're too conservative," said the broadcaster. "Why not go after 100% of the department store advertising dollar?"

"But how," countered our friend, "can you do the complete department store job over the air?"

"Use all the stations in town," was the reply. The broadcaster then told our friend of an instance in a Far Western city where this had been done with outstanding success, and where each station in the community had been utilized with a specific purpose in mind.

We don't know how generally this can be applied ... We've never thought it through ... but there's food for thought there. You try thinking it over!

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INCIDENTALLY... may we call attention to the fact that the store in question was applying the principle of double-coverage advocated in recent years by Walter Neff of WOR, and Dr. Hettinger of the University of Pennsylvania.

STEINWAY'S recent splurge with an \$885 baby grand piano has brought into the open a development which has been growing quietly but steadily in recent months. The piano business again is achieving prosperity. New designs, based upon the ancient spinet and in keeping with the space requirements of the modern home, have added to the attractiveness and utilitarian value of the average upright. New prices have assisted in stirring general consumer interest.

IT never was radio that ruined the piano business ... ASCAP notwithstanding. During the last decade the automobile, motion pictures, athletics, country clubs and a variety of forces moved recreation out of the home. Less time at home meant less piano playing, and smaller homes meant less room for pianos. Changing social standards made it more important for Sister Susie to be able to swing a mean golf club than to render "Hearts and Flowers" or "The Heart Bowed Down" on the family upright . . . And what social change began, the depression finished . . . for you can't eat pianos.

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NOW that pianos are coming back we'd like to know how much the growing appreciation of music, inculcated by the radio and our excellent music instruction in the public schools, has had to do with it.

"STEINWAY! The Instrument of the Immortals!" What a theme for a program! Either dramatized in music history or presenting the immortals of today. Pianos are a natural for the radio, for it can carry the actual sales demonstration into the very home of the purchaser. Piano advertising lends itself to a dozen forms of radio visualization . . . both in national and local efforts. Why shouldn't the greatest agency for the dissemination of musical appreciation be utilized to foster the sale of the instruments with which music is made? \* \* \*

WE MAY be a little late with this item, but January broadcast advertising trends called it to mind. Did you notice the important developments in broadcast advertising last year, and have you given them the consideration they deserve . . . broadcaster, advertiser and agency executive?

DID YOU note how smart advertisers are buying more and more local talent programs? Did you notice also, how local advertisers have availed themselves of the new program material provided by transcription libraries? \*

DID YOU notice, especially, how programs have supplanted announcements in advertising importance, and how announcements, alone, sank below the 1933 level? We hope you'll take it to heart and concentrate on radio display advertising rather than be satisfied with the classified air columns.

FINALLY did you notice the broadening use of the medium . . . regional networks, national spot, and the long neglected local station . each having an important place in the radio advertising structure?

SPEAKING of broadening use of radio, we have been interested in recent weeks to note the increased use of national spot and local advertising to move the used cars which at present are giving the automobile industry a particularly severe headache.

ALSO speaking of radio opportunities, we notice that the plumbing and heating business increased 50% last year, while electrical equipment, machinery, metals, lumber and furniture gained be-tween 23% and 30%. We refer We refer you to BROADCASTING YEAR BOOK for the gains in radio advertising in these fields . . . but we note especially, on the stations with which we are acquainted . . . an increasing use of radio by the lumber industry. Why hasn't radio done better with the electrical equipment industry, especially on networks? It's probably been the depression, but it's time that broadcasters started rectifying it.

# **Mutual Expanding Special Networks Total Billings During February** Are Found to Reach \$162,357

EXPANSION of Mutual Broadcasting System, whose basic net-work embraces four major sta-tions, is indicated in the MBS innot only shows increasing reve-nues but also indicates the stations added to the basic for par-ticular accounts. Up to nine sta-tions are now being linked accord-

ing to sponsor orders. February gross billings were \$162,357, of which \$152,063 was represented in time on the basic comprising WOR, WLW, WGN and CKLW. This gross compares with \$157,720 during January. No comparisons are available with the same months of last year since the relatively new MBS did not begin compile and make public its billings until last summer.

Many of the MBS supplemen-Many of the MBS suppemen-tary links are members of other networks, presumably clearing MBS sponsor time when the other networks\_offer sustaining. The biggest MBS hookup, of course, is the Health Products Corp. (Aspergum) account, which started Feb. 23 and which embraces nine stations, keyed by the independent WINS, New York Hearst station in lieu of WOR, regular MBS New York key.

On the other hand, a nine-station MBS network is already being used by the Lutheran Laymen's League, St. Louis, and an eight-station network is being used by Fels & Co., Philadelphia, (Fels Naptha). The following is the Jondon R. B. Johnson, and J. Johnson, J. John

General Mills Inc., Minneapolis; \$6,255; WGN, WLW. Gordon Baking Co.. Chicago; \$13,708; WOR, WXYZ, WGN, WSPD. Gruen Watch Maker's Guild, Cincinnati; \$9,607; WOR. WGN, WLW, CKLW. Health Products Corp., Newark; \$2.002; WLW, WGN, CKLW, WPRO. WINS. WCAE, WGAR, WNAC. Household Finance Corp., Chicago; \$8,227; WOR, WGN. WLW. H. Fendrich Inc.. Evansville, Ind.; \$1,375; WGN, WGAR, WLW. Lehn & Fink Products Co., New York; \$6,255; WLW, WGA. Lutheran Laymen's League. St. Louis; \$4,081; WLW, CKLW, WINS, KSTP, WCAE, WJJD, KFAB. KFUO. WGAR. Mennen Co. Newark; \$10,490; WLW. WGN, CKLW.

WCAE, WJJD, KFAB. KFUO. WGAR. Mennen Co. Newark; \$10,490; WLW. WGN, CKLW. Modern Food Process Co., Chicago; \$2.918; WGN, CKLW. Murine Co., Chicago; \$5.165; WGN. WOR, WLW, CKLW, WAAB. Olson Rug Co., Chicago; \$2.664; WOR. WLW. Pinaud Inc., New York; \$11,044; WLW.

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WGN, WOR.
Piso Co., Warren. Pa.: \$4,027; WOR,
WGN, CKLW. WCAE, WGAR.
Purity Bakers Co., Chicago: \$5,658;
WOR. WSAI. CKLW.
SSS Co., Philadelphia; \$6,980; WLW,
WGN, WOR, CKLW.
Sterling Products Coro.. Wheeling;
\$10,691; WGN, WLW, WOR, WNAC.
United Cigar Stores Delaware Corp.,
New York; \$3,309; WOR. WGN.
Whelan Drug Co., New York; \$3,021;
WOR, WOL, WFIL.
Wander Co., Chicago: \$9,489; WGN,
WLW, WOR. Wander Co UW, WOR. Walker Co., Chicago, \$5,465. WGR, WLW, WOR. Wasey Products Inc., New York; \$11,-437; WGN, WOR, WLW.



# The Business of Broadcasting

Current News About Accounts, Pending Schedules, Transcriptions, **Representatives and Apparatus; Notes from the Stations** 

STATION ACCOUNTS

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#### KNX, Hollywood

- American Book Mart, Chicago (old books), 2 sp, thru E. A. Brown Adv. Agency, Chicago. Capper Publications, Topeka (House-hold magazine), 12 sa, thru Presba, Fellers & Presba Inc., Chicago.
- Fellers & Presba Inc., Chicago. Walker Remedy Co., Waterloo, Ia. (Walko poultry remedies), 24 ta, thru Weston-Barnett Inc., Water-
- 100.
- loo. Bernard Perfumers, St. Louis (Love Charm), weekly sa, thru Hilmer V. Swenson Co., St. Louis. Crazy Water Distributing Co., Los Augeles (proprietary), 86 sp, thru Tom Wallace Adv. Agency, Los Unceles
- Tom Wallace Adv. Agency, Los Angeles. Bank of America, San Francisco, daily sa, thru Charles R. Stuart Inc., San Francisco. William R. Warner & Co., New York (Albodon toothpowder), 3 weekly sp, thru Cecil, Warwick & Cecil Inc.,  $\nabla$
- McClosky Varnish Co., Los Angeles (Kwik-On), 2 daily sa. thru Bert Butterworth, Los Angeles.

### WHK, Cleveland

Bernard Schwartz Cigar Corp., Detroit (R. G. Dun cigars), 100 sa, thru Simons-Michelson Co., Detroit.
Wildro, Co., Buffalo (hair tonic), 6 t. thru Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., N. Y.
Florists Association, Cleveland, 3 sa, thru Norbitt Sparing Co. Cleve

- thru Nesbitt Service Co., Cleveland.
- General Baking Co., New York (Bond bread), 5 weekly t, thru Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., N.
- Harper's Bazaar Inc., New York (magazine), sp, direct.

#### WHIO, Dayton

- Willo, Dayton
  Standard Oil Co. of Ohio. Cleveland, 15 sa. thru McCann-Ericksou Iuc., Cleveland.
  Kosto Co., Chicago (dessert), 39 sa, thru Perrin-Paus Co., Chicago.
  Frigidaire Corp., Dayton, 13 sp, thru Lord & Thomas, Chicago.
  Ironized Yeast Co., Atlanta (propri-etary), 20 t. thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.

# WENR, Chicago

- RCA Manufacturing Co., Camden (Radiotrons), 3 weekly sa, thru Lord & Thomas, N. Y.
  Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass. (parlor games), 3 weekly sa. direct.
  Alleghany Steel Co., Pittsburgh (stainless steel), 28 sa, thru Walker & Downing, Pittsburgh.

### WEAF, New York

- New England Council. Boston. weekly sp. thru Batten. Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., N. Y.
  S. C. Johnson & Son Inc., Racine, Wis. (wax), weekly sp. thru Need-ham, Louis & Brorby Inc., Chicago.

## WRAK, Williamsport, Pa.

Pure Oil Co., Chicago, 5 weekly t, thru Freitag Adv. Agency, Chicago. Colonial Biscuit Co., Pittsburgh, 5 weekly ta, thru Walker & Downing, Pittsburgh.

## KSFO, San Francisco

Christy Pharmacal Co., Los Angeles (cold tablets), 6 weekly sa, thru Walter Biddick Co., Los Angeles.

#### KMOX, St. Louis

- Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla. (Phillips 66 gasoline and oil), 8 sp, thru Lambert & Feasley Inc., N. Y.
- Wildroot Co. Inc., Buffalo (shampoo),
- widroot Co. Inc., Buffalo (shampoo), weekly t, thru Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., N. Y. Fresh Milk Institute, St. Louis, 78 sp, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., St. Louis. Dodge
- St. Louis. Dodge Bros. Corp., Detroit (motor cars), 13 t, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y. Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla. (Conoco gas and oil), 78 t, thru Tracy-Locke-Dawson Inc., N. Y. Control Shoe Co. St. Louis (Rohin
- Central Shoe Co., St. Louis (Robin Hood shoes), 52 t. thru Jimm Daugherty Inc., St. Louis. John Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia. (Prido shortening), 156 sp. thru Henri, Hurst & McDonald Inc., Chicago
- Chicago.

# KGO, San Francisco

- KGO, San Francisco
  Murine Co. Inc., Chicago (eye wash), 18 weekly ta, thru Neisser-Meyer-hoff Inc., Chicago.
  Wheatena Co., Rahway, N. J. (ce-real), 3 weekly t, thru Rohrabaugh & Gibson, Philadelphia.
  Olson Rug Co., Chicago (rugs and furniture). 5 weekly sp, thru Pres-ba, Fellers & Presba Inc., Chicago.
  Philco Radio & Television Corp. of Cal., San Francisco (radios). 6 weekly sa, thru Floortrafik Service, San Francisco.
  Guaranty Building & Loan Associa-
- Guaranty Building & Loan Associa-tion. San Francisco (loans). 6 weekly sa, thru Long Adv. Service, San Francisco.
- Alhambra Water Co., San Francisco (mineral water). 2 weekly sa. thru Kay Directed Adv. Inc., San Francisco.

# WGN, Chicago

Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla. (Conoco), 13 t, thru Tracy-Locke-Dawson Inc., N. Y.

#### WBT, Charlotte, N. C.

- Beeman's Laboratory, Atlanta (BGO-BQR remedies), 6 weekly sp. thru Standard Broadcast Service, At-
- lanta. Thomas Tours, Rock Hill, S. C., 12
- Thomas Tours, Rock Hill, S. C., 12 sa, direct.
  Webster-Eisenlohr Inc., New York (Cinco cigars), 7 weekly sa, thru N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., N. Y.
  Chrysler Corp., New York (Dodge autos), daily t. thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.

### WOR, Newark

- Edgar P. Lewis & Sons Inc., Malden, Mass. (Viva chocolate bar), daily sa, weekly sp, thru Louis Glaser Inc. Boston.
- Inc. Boston. Northrup, King & Co., Minneapolis (seeds), 21 weekly sa. thru Olm-sted-Hewitt Inc., Minneapolis. Crowell Publishing Co., New York (Woman's Home Companion), (Woman's II o me Companion), weekly sp, thru Geyer, Cornell & Newell Inc., N. Y.

  - WNAX, Yankton, S. D.

- WINAX, Fankton, S. D.
  American Gas Machine Co., Minneapolis, 12 sp, thru Greve Adv. Agency, St. Paul.
  Goetz Brewing Co., St. Joseph. Mo., 26 sp, thru Potts Turnbull Co., Kansas City.
  St. Paul Hatchery, St. Paul, 26 sa, thru Frizzell Adv. Agency Inc., Minneapolis.

#### WKRC, Cincinnati

- WKRC, Cincinnati Deisel-Wemmer-Gilbert Corp., Detroit (San Felice cigars), 6 weekly sp. thru S. M. Epstein Co., Detroit. Standard Brands Inc.. New York (Chase & Sanborn Tenderleaf Tea), 3 weekly sp. thru J. Walter Thomp-son Co., N. Y. Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass. (games), 18 sa, direct.

Nassour Bros. Inc. Ltd., Los Angeles (oil shampoo), 6 weekly t, thru Hixon-O'Donnell Inc., Los Angeles.





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# WSPD, Toledo

- WSPD, Toledo
  Magazine Repeating Razor Co., New York (Shick razor), 35 sa, thru J. M. Mathes Inc., N. Y.
  Carter Medicine Co., New York (liver pills), 3 weekly ta, thru Street & Finney Inc., N. Y.
  Metro-Art, New York (photographs), 39 sa, thru Bermingham, Castleman & Pierce Inc., N. Y.
  Deisel Wemmer Gilbert Corp., Detroit (eigars), 11 weekly sa, thru S. M. Epstein Co., Detroit.
  Roman Cleanser Mfg. Co., Detroit (soap, cleaner), 6 weekly sa, thru Holmes Inc., Detroit.
  Lake Shore Electric Railway Co., Sandusky, O. (transport), 6 weekly sa, thru Campbell-Sanford Adv. Co., Cleveland.
  WMAQ. Chicago

#### WMAQ, Chicago

- Union Pacific Railroad, Chicago (special train), 10 sa, thru Ernest Bader & Co., Omaha.
- Bader & Co., Omaha. Washington Boxed Apple Bureau, Seattle, 2 weekly sp, thru Izzard Co., Seattle. Angelus Campfire Co., Chicago (Camp-fire marshmallows), 2 weekly sp, thru John H. Dunham Co., Chi-caro cago.
- cago. Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass. (parlor games), 3 weekly sa, direct. Dodge Brothers Corp., Detroit (au-tos) 13 t, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y. Japan Crab Meat Assn., New York, 13 ta, thru Maxon Inc., N. Y.

#### KYA, San Francisco

- KYA, San Francisco
  Crazy Water Hotel Co., Mineral Wells, Tex. (Crazy Water Crys-tals), 5 weekly ta, thru Vandevort Adv. Co., San Francisco.
  Gardner Nursery Co., Osage, Ia. (plants), 5 weekly ta, thru North-west Radio Adv. Co., Seattle.
  Oregon City Woolen Mills, Portland, Ore. (clothing), 5 weekly sa, thru W. S. Kirkpatrick Adv. Service, Portland, Ore.
  Ironized Yeast Co., Atlanta (yeast tablets), 5 weekly ta, thru Ruth-rauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.
  WNAC Boston

# WNAC, Boston

Japan Crab Meat Assn. New York (canned crab meat), weekly t, thru Maxon Inc., Detroit. New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Boston (utility), 2 weekly sa, thru Broadcast Adv. Inc., Boston. Lambert Pharmacal Co., St. Louis (Listerine), 26 weekly sa, thru Lambert & Feasley Inc., N. Y.

KFRC, San Francisco Budd & Votaw, San Francisco (Peb-ble Beach neckties), 2 weekly sp, thru Doremus & Co., San Fran-

Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, San Francisco, (banking facilities), 5 weekly sa, thru Charles R. Stuart Inc., San

KFAB, Lincoln, Neb.

Oyster Shell Products Corp., New York, 2 weekly sa, thru Husband & Thomas Inc., N. Y. National Felt Works Inc., Chicago (rug cushion), 2 sa, thru Brinck-erhoff Inc., Chicago.

WGN, Chicago

Armstrong Paint & Varnish Works, Chicago, 26 sp, thru Morenus Adv. Agency, Chicago.
A. S. Boyle Co., Cincinnati (Samo-line), 3 weekly sp, thru Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y.

WCLO, Janesville, Wis.

Carter Medicine Co., New York (liver

pills), 3 weekly ta, thru Street & Finney Inc., N. Y. Pure Oil Co., Chicago, 5 weekly t, thru Freitag Adv. Agency, Chicago.

WFBL, Syracuse, N. Y.

Richfield Oil Co., New York. 3 weekly t, thru Fletcher & Ellis Inc., N. Y. Bernard Perfumers, St. Louis, 2 weekly or direct

weekly sp, direct.

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## **NETWORK ACCOUNTS** (All times EST unless otherwise specified)

#### New Business

W I S C O N S I N A L U M N I RESEARCH FOUNDATION, New York, on March 6 started Phillips Lord Calling on You on 5 NBC-WEAF stations, Mon., Fri., 4:15-4:30 p. m. Agency: Geyer, Carnell & Newell Inc. N. Y.

GENERAL MILLS Inc., Chicago, on March 2 started Worry Clinic on MBS (WLW, WGN), Mon., Wed., Fri., 1:30-1:45 p. m.

CHRYSLER SALES Corp., Detroit (Chrysler autos) on March 12 started Chrysler Airshow on 44 CBS stations, Thursdays, 8-8:30 p. m. Agency: Lee Anderson Adv. Co. Inc., Detroit. Lee Anderson Adv. Co. Inc., Detroit. TAVANNES OF AMERICA Inc., New York City (Tavannes Watches) on March 20 starts for 52 weeks Opportunity Parade amateur show on 2 NBC-KPO stations, Fridays, 6:30-7 p. m. (PST). Agency: Milton Weinberg Adv. Co., Los Angeles.

KELLOGG Co., Los Angeles. KELLOGG Co., Battle Creek, Mich. (cereals) on March 26 starts for 13 weeks *Ben Alexander*. Hollywood commentator, on 8 NBC-KPO sta-tions, Thursdays, 9:15-9:45 p. m. (PST). Agency: N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., N. Y.

#### Renewal Accounts

TILLAMOOK COUNTY CREAM-ERY ASSOCIATION, Tillamook, Ore., (cheese), on April 3 renews for 9 weeks in Woman's Magazine of the Air on 5 NBC-KPO stations, Fri-days, 3:15-3:30 p. m. (PST). Agen-cy, Botsford, Constantine & Gardner Day Bortland Ore Inc., Portland, Ore.

AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS Inc., New York (Edna Wallace Hopper cosmetics) on Feb. 17 re-flewed for 17 weeks The Romance of Helen Trent on 22 CBS stations Monday thru Friday, 11:15-11:30 a. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hum-mert Inc., New York.

#### Network Changes

May 2 shifts Atlantic Family on Tour to 7-7:30 p. m.

SHELL EASTERN PET. PROD. Inc., New York, on April 4 replaces Al Jolson with Smith Ballew on NBC-WEAF series.

### **Associated Cinema Studios**

SUCCESSORS to Freeman Lang isound studios, Hollywood transcrip-tion firm tentatively renaming the firm as Associated Studios, early in March officially titled the organiza-tion Associated Cinema Studios with authorized capitalization of \$200,000. San Francisco offices were opened at 1001 Russ Bldg. [See BROADCASTING, March 1, for details of reorganization.]

# TRAGEDY ON KOIL Gas Deaths Quickly Covered and -Relatives Get News-

KOIL, Omaha, broadcast a description of the scene in a house where two persons were killed by escaping gas from a broken main and lives of others endangered. The woman who discovered the bodies broadcast over a remote setup hooked to a telephone line a few minutes after she made the gruesome find.

She was prone on the floor while speaking into the microphone and once had to be revived by smelling salts before she could continue. The daughter and sister of two of the victims, in a snow-bound Nebraska town without a telephone, learned of the tragedy while listening to KOIL. Some 20 or 30 neighbors shoveled snow several miles to get her to a train.

C. L. Sleininger Resigns **Official Posts with Reps** CLIFFORD L. SLEININGER has resigned as secretary and trea-surer of Free & Sleininger Inc., and as treasurer of Free, Johns & Field Inc., station representatives, effective at once, it was learned March 11. He will discontinue his active association with both companies to devote his time to other interests, which, for the present, have not been divulged.

Mr. Śleininger, a pioneer in station representation and in agency work, will continue as a director of both of the companies and is retaining his financial interest in the organizations. So far as known there will be no other changes in either organization.

#### **Remington Rand Shift**

REMINGTON RAND Inc., Buffalo (typewriters), on March 31 will shift Edwin C. Hill to an earlier hour, 7:15-7:30 p. m., and the network will be enlarged to take in the entire NBC-WEAF basic instead of the split network basic instead of the spit network now used. After March 31 the pro-gram will be broadcast Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, instead of Monday, Wednesday, Friday as at present. Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., New York, is the agency.

GEORGE RANSON has joined the sales staff of KBTM, Jonesboro. Ark. He was formerly associated with stations in Memphis.



which gives two markets at the price of one. 1000 watts ... 570 kc.

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# **NETWORKPROGRAMS** LEAVING THE AIR

IN ADDITION to the list of sponsors that already have signified their intentions of signing off the networks for the present [see March 1 issue] the following accounts will complete their fall and winter radio campaigns shortly. Dates are the time of the final broadcast

#### NBC

broadcast. NBC General Foods Corp., New York (Sanka coffee) with Helen Hayes, Tuesdays, 9:30-10 p. m., March 24 (WJZ). Best Foods Inc., New York (Hellman's mayonnaise) with Ida Bailey Allen, Tues., Thurs., March 26 (WEAF). Proctor & Gamble Co., Cincinnati (Dreft) with Pat Barnes. Mon., Wed., Fri., 12-12:15 p. m., March 27 (WMAQ Mid-West only). Proctor & Gamble Co., Cincinnati (Ivory soap) with Capt. Tim's Adventure stories, Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:15-7:30 p. m., March 27 (WJZ). Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Co., New York (Blue coal) with Studio No. 7, Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11:15-11:30 a. m., March 26 (WEAF). American Rolling Mills Co., Middletown, O. (institutional) with Armco band. Wed-nesdays, 8:30-9 p. m., March 25 (WJZ). Ralston Purina Co. Inc., St. Louis (cereal) with Tom Mix and His Ralston Straight Shooters, Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30-5:45 p. m., March 30 (WEAF). Pepsodent Co.. Chicago (toothpaste, etc.) with Al Pearce and His Gang, Mondays, 5-5:15 p. m., March 30 (WEAF). [The Friday WJZ show, 9-9:30 p. m., continues on the air.] Radio Corp. of America. New York. with Magic Key of RCA. Sundays, 2-3 p. m., March 29 (WJZ).

UNIVERSITY of Minnesota's department of speech is considering the inauguration of a university course in radio speech and script writing and has asked Thomas Dunning Rishworth, KSTP educational director to aid.



WEBSTER-EISENLOHR Inc., New York (Tom Moore, Girard cigar) during the week of March 9 began Witch's Tale, disc series, on six Midwest stations. On WHO, WTAM, WGN and WFAA the series consists of a 15-minute program twice weekly; on KOA and WOAI it is once a week for a half-hour. All programs are broadcast during evening hours. WTAM promotes Tom Moore cigars, all other sta-tions the Girard. The campaign is signed for 13 weeks. The tran-scriptions were bought from Alonzo Deen Cole, author of the script, also the producer, director and leading actor in the program. N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., New York, is the agency.



# Peak Business Ahead!

Spring and summer, in WWNC's listening area, bring a heavy influx of tourists . . . and a heavily expanded business!

Arrange NOW to get your sales message on Station WWNC... where business is UP during the warm months!



WM. G. RAMBEAU CO., Representatives, Home Office: Tribune Tower, Chicago Western Office: Russ Building. San Francisco ern Office: 507 Chanin Bidg., New York

# A MESSAGE TO PUBLIC SPIRITED RADIO STATIONS ANDNEWSPAPERS

By our new process, Direct Recording we can deliver to you, ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE, intimate talks on Nationally important issues by the Senators and Congressmen from your district.

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Transcriptions delivered anywhere in the U. S. within 18 hours from the hour of recording.

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U. S. Recording Co. 633-636 Earle Bldg. WASHINGTON, D. C.

# AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES

SAM MOORE, head of the continuity department in the Hollywood radio office of J. Walter Thompson Co., has resigned to join William Esty & Co. Inc., New York. He was accompanied east by Stanley Holt of the Esty firm. Bob Colwell, of the New York office of J. Walter Thompson. where he is assistant to John Reber, vice president in charge of radio, has been in the Hollywood office for several weeks and is writing continuity for the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corp. program. John Christ, producer, has been transferred from New York to Hollywood. The agency's new Hollywood office is to be ready April 1. EDWARD A. BYRON, radio director

EDWARD A. BYRON, radio director of William Esty & Co., New York agency, has resigned, effective April 1. EDGAR KOBAK, whose resignation as sales vice president of NBC took effect March 1, was to report for duty with Lord & Thomas in New York as vice president on March 15 after a vacation.

FORREST MILLER, formerly a salesman of WGAR, Cleveland, has joined the radio staff of Humphrey, Prentke & Associates, Cleveland.

JOHN BLAIR, President of John Blair & Co., Chicago, arrived in Hollywood late in February during a Coast tour.

WILLIAM E. BERCHTOLD, in charge of the press bureau in the Detroit office of J. Stirling Getchell Inc., has been made account executive on the DeSoto Motor Corp. account. He will continue to supervise publicity.

FINIS FARR, radio writer of William Esty Co., New York agency, has joined the editorial department of *Time* magazine.



we can supply you case histories, with names and the cold figures.

#### J. T. WARD PRESIDENT

Member Station Columbia Broadcasting System Paul H. Raymer Co. National Representative

Nashville, Tennessee



Millions in P & G Stamp Club

CAPT. TIM HEALY, former British army officer, believes it isn't the stamp that's exciting but the story behind that stamp. Procter & Gamble tried the idea on WDRC, Hartford, and decided the captain was right. So the program was shifted to WJZ a little over two years ago, later to NBC-WEAF and still later to NBC-WJZ network, where it now is broadcast thrice weekly. "Capt. Tim's Ivory Stamp Club Album" is offered to listeners who enclose money and Ivory soap wrappers. Some 850,-000 wrote for the album, along with their coins and Ivory wrappers. The club, 500 programs old, has 2,700,000 members. Mail averages 50,000 letters a week, and totals over 3,200,000. Over 400 million stamps have been sent to all parts of the country.

ALFRED W. SCOTT has joined the staff of Beaumont & Hohman Inc., San Francisco, as account executive, and will service radio along with other accounts. He also conducts the Tuesday evening Voyage of Discovery, travel dramatizations, on KLX, Oakland.

FRED H. FIDLER, Shell Oil Co., account executive for the J. Walter Thompson Co., San Francisco, has returned to his desk after an illness which confined him to his home for two weeks.

STANLEY G. SWANBERG, manager of Botsford. Constantine & Gardner Inc., San Francisco, on March 23 starts a spring course in advertising for the University of California Extension Division in that city. Radio will be included with other media.

CHARLES T. AYRES, formerly assistant space buyer for Fletcher & Ellis Inc., New York, has joined the media department of Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., New York, and will be associated with Miss Black in the radio time-buying department.

EDWARD A. ADLER, Jr., radio director and junior account executive, has resigned from Fletcher & Ellis Inc., New York.

WALTER A. KIRKWOOD, formerly with WORK, York, Pa., is now manager of the new WEST, Easton, Pa., operated by the Mason - Dixon group of six stations controlled by the Steinman brothers, publishers of the Lancaster (Pa.) New Era and Intelligencer Journal.

# **RADIO ADVERTISERS**

MARTIN GILLET & Co., Baltimore (House of Lords, He-No tea) has placed its advertising with Theodore A. Newhoff Adv. Agency, Baltimore.

PLANTERS NUT & CHOCOLATE Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Peanut products) has placed its account with Gotham Adv. Agency, New York.

BLACK FLAG Co., Baltimore (insecticide) has placed its advertising with Al Paul Lefton Co. Inc., Philadelphia.

UGDA Inc., St. Paul (proprietary) has named Steuerman Adv. Agency, New York, to service its account.

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM, Los Angeles (transport) has named L. S. Gillham Co. Inc., Salt Lake City, to handle its radio advertising in Utah, Idaho and Montana.

HOLLAND FURNACE Co., Holland, Mich., has named Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., Chicago, to service its account. GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES Inc.,

Detroit (oil burners, air conditioners) has named Farron Stevens Adv. Agency, Detroit, to handle its account.

BELL TRAILER Co., Chicago (lightweight travelers) is using radio along with other media and has named Malcolm-Howard Adv. Agency, Chicago, to place advertising.

H. E. MURRAY has succeeded William Betts as assistant director of merchandising and advertising with Dodge Brothers Corp., Detroit (automobiles).

VANCE C. WOODCOX, Detroit manager of Geyer, Cornell & Newell Inc., and account executive for Kelvinator Corp. (refrigerators) has resigned to join RCA Mfg. Co., Camden.

BURCH GREENE, advertising manager of Chrysler Corp. (autos) has resigned to become director of sales for the West Coast. For the present his work is being handled by Arthur B. Dowd, formerly his assistant.

SILVER DOME TRAILER Co., Detroit (trailers), has appointed Holden, Graham & Clark Inc., as its agency.

HARNISCHFEGER Corp., Milwaukee (engineered homes) has named Grace & Bement Inc., Detroit agency, to handle its account.

CASNATI DERM-ESTHETIC IN-STITUTE Inc., New York (Lola Casnati skin products) has appointed Phillips, Lennon & Co., New York, to handle their account. Edward A. Powers is the account executive. Radio will be used.

PACIFIC GREYHOUND LINES Inc., San Francisco (bus travel), starts in April spot and transcription radio in a spring and summer campaign. The agency is Beaumont & Hohman Inc., San Francisco.

CENTRAL SHOE Co., St. Louis (Robin Hood shoes), extensive transcription user, has started The Old Scout Master, a twice-weekly studio program on KMOX, St. Louis. Marvin E. Muller, KMOX announcer, writes script and acts all parts.

SNIDER PACKING Corp., Rochester, is advertising through the Rochester Office of Stewart, Hanford & Frohman Inc., and not the New York office, as incorrectly stated in the March 1 issue.

PUBLIC SERVICE Co. of Northern Indiana is sponsoring the broadcast of the Indiana Northern Regional Basket Ball tournament March 7, 14 and 21, over WIND, Gary, Ind.



5,000 WATT

# Educating Public To Note Earmarks Of the Racketeer **Better Business Bureau Series On Yankee Bringing Results**



A NEW series of weekly programs exposing the fraudulent business methods of the "small time" dealer, inaugurated over WNAC, Boston, and Yankee Net

work, is designed Mr. Backman to educate the public in an entertaining way so that it will not have occasion to appeal to the Better Business Bu-reau for aid. This is done through radio skits designed not only to entertain the radio listeners but to educate them to recognize the "ear-marks" of racketeers.

Yankee Network saw the practical value of such a program to the public, as well as to business and advertising and the series is fast becoming one of the most popular features of the network. Not only is Yankee donating the time for the broadcast, but is supplying professional talent.

"The only reason that the public ever become the victims of such schemes," says K. B. Backman, general manager of the Boston Better Business Bureau, "is because they are ignorant of them. Generally, business is almost 100% honest, but a small minority of dishonest dealers prey on the public and the good name of business. Legitimate business is determined to protect the public against this small group and is using the radio to accomplish this purpose.

#### **Reaching the Victims**

"CONVINCED that the adult is and will be for a long time the natural prey of the swindlers, the Bureau has tried various means of reaching the adult. Its advertising has appeared in over 140 publications which cooperated and donated space for a description of the schemes used to swindle its readers. Messages have been car-ried on car bills and billboards. Illustrated posters have been placed on employe bulletin boards and places of large employment. Although intended to be interesting and entertaining, all of these messages have been what might be classed as strictly educational ma-

"Unfortunately, although accomplishing a great deal of good, this type of publicity seemed to impress most, those who were already vic-tims of these schemes. This did not accomplish the purpose which the Bureau intended, namely, to protect by prevention.

"After years of experimentation, the Bureau was forced to the conclusion that it was an extremely difficult task to educate those



# Mr. White Robbed

T. J. WHITE, general manager of Hearst Enterprises, including Hearst Radio Inc., woke up March 9 in his Willard Hotel room in Washing-ton to be greeted by "I don't want to kill you", uttered by a robber who was fingering a pistol. The intruder helped himself to \$130 in cash, and cuff links and then locked Mr. White in a clothes closet. The Hearst manager forced open the door later on and summoned the hotel manager who in turn notified police.

adults who were most commonly victimized by fraudulent business schemes. Most of them are hardworking individuals in the nonleisure class whose ideas, after the day's work was done, naturally tended toward recreation, relaxation and entertainment.

"The Bureau then conceived the idea of giving these people what they did want, namely entertainment, but to do it in such a way as to leave them with a knowledge of the 'earmarks' of the various rackets.

"Radio is ideally suited for this purpose and the Bureau decided to develop a plan in which a series of skits and playlets dramatizing the various schemes would be presented. Besides being entertainment, the skits are authentic in every way. They emphasize fea-tures which have the greatest public appeal and have some place in the skit. The scheme must be exposed with an explanation, understandable by the masses, of the weaknesses or fraudulent nature of the proposition."

The schemes which have so far been prepared cover a wide variety of subject and relate to practically all types of business. The investment banker is interested in the exposé of the bucket racket and the switch and sell schemes. Furniture and jewlery and fur retailers in the auction sales scheme; real estate in the free lot scheme; beauty shops in the free permanent wave schemes; photographers in the picture enlargement schemes; advertising agencies in the puff sheet scheme; welfare agencies in the charity merchan-dise scheme, etc., etc. In prac-tically all lines of business there is a small fringe of swindlers.



AWARDS PLANNED BY WOMEN'S GROUP THE Women's National Radio Committee, which last year pre-sented four awards for the best sustaining and best sponsored programs on the air, has increased the number of awards to five and changed the classifications, ac-cording to Mrs. Harold Vincent Milligan, New York, the chairman. Selection will be by popular vote.

Awards will be made for the best program of serious music, the best program of lighter music, the best nonmusical program, the best educational program and the best children's program. Awards will go to programs specifically created for radio.

"We are following this policy because the primary purpose of the annual awards contest is to encourage broadcasters and advertisers to exercise more originality as well as to follow higher stand-ards of taste in the creation of their programs," Mrs. Milligan said. "We believe that the development of a radio literature is just beginning and that there is limitless opportunity for the em-ployment of creative artists of high type who will evolve pro-grams that will combine cultural value with popular appeal."

Presentation of the awards will be made not to artists, but to the commercial sponsors, the broadcommercial sponsors, the broad-casting companies or the individual radio stations which have presented the winning programs, Mrs. Milligan said.

The poll to determine popular reaction to current radio fare was launched when the Committee mailed 5,000 ballots to key people.



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# **General Motors Extends**

GENERAL MOTORS Corp., Detroit (institutional) has extended the present General Motors Symphony Concerts series to and including Easter Sunday, April 12. The two-week extension may lead to a renewal until late spring. Guest stars for the additional con-certs had not been selected as BROADCASTING went to press but the Easter Sunday broadcast will originate from The Industrial originate from The Industrial Men's Association auditorium in Flint, Mich. The General Motors chorus will participate in this broadcast, which will be witnessed by employes of General Motors. Campbell-Ewald Co. of New York is the agency.





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TRANSCRIPTIONS

ADDITIONAL transcription ac-ADDITIONAL transcription ac-counts placed on various stations are reported as follows by National Ad-vertising Records, these being supple-mental to the lists carried in previ-ous issues of BROADCASTING:

Allegheny Steel Co., Brackenridge, Pa. Beaumont Laboratories, St. Louis (4-

Beaumont Laboratories, St. Louis (4-Way cold tablets)
N. J. Breitenbach Co., New York (Gude's Pepto-Mangan)
California Fig Syrup Co., Wheeling, W. Va.

The Haley M-O Co., Geneva, N. Y. (milk of magnesia) Zerbst Pharmacal Co., St. Joseph,

Mo. (cold tablets) Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., Springfield, Mass.

New England Mutual Life Ins. Co.,

Chicago Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.,

Hartford, Conn. Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., Cin-cinnati (coffee)

The Florida Citrus Commission, Lakeland, Fla. National Biscuit Co., New York

Olson Rug Co., Chicago International Bedding Co., Baltimore Hickok Ol, Corp., Toledo, O. (gaso-

line & oil) Seaboard Oil Co., Chicago (gasoline

& oil) Stott Briquet Co., St. Paul (coal) American Gas Assn., New York Metro Art Studios, New York (pho-

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tographs) Binney & Smith, New York (Crayola, paste & paints) Chicago Mail Order Corp., Chicago Consolidated Bi-Products Co., Phila-delphia (Marco dog food) Hartz Mountain Products Inc., New York (birds feb & foods)

York (birds, fish & foods)





Transcription Firm Acquires Own Building

MACGREGOR & SOLLIE Inc., San Francisco transcription producers, and a pioneer of more than eight years in the recording business, will move its entire plant to Hollywood within the next 30 days, C. P. MacGregor, president of the corporation announced March 9, upon his return to San Francisco from southern California where he completed arrangements for the transfer. The concern has bought the 1½ story reinforced brick building at 729 South Western

STANDARD RADIO Inc., Holly-STANDARD RADIO Inc., Holly-wood transcription library producers, announces the completion of a special exclusive arrangement with the So-ciety of European Stage Authors & Composers Inc. (SESAC) for inclu-sion in its library service of the SESAC repertory. Under the terms of the arrangement all converget force the arrangement, all copyright fees are absorbed by Standard.

J. H. BARKER Jr., for six years managing director for Western Elec-tric Co. in Australia, has been ap-pointed Australia-New Zealand repre-sentative of Associated Music Pub-lishers Inc., New York transcription library producers. He will sail in the middle of March from Los Angeles. CLYDE L. WOODS, formerly of Cleveland stations and recently an Cleveland stations and recently an executive with Humphrey, Prentke & Associates Inc., Cleveland, on March 15 will become associated with the Hollywood headquarters of the Radio Transcription Co. of America to head its newly formed department of pub-lic relations. The new department will corriging the clients with come will service sales to clients with com-plete merchandise plans to accompany programs.

McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS, op-erating four stations in California and one in Nevada, have signed with Titan Productions Inc., San Fran-cisco transcription concern for its en-tire service, to be released over KFBK, Sacramento; KMJ, Fresno; KWG, Stockton; KERN, Bakersfield, and KOH, Reno, Nevada. Other new subscribers to the entire service since and KOH. Reno, Nevada. Other new subscribers to the entire service since March 1 are KOIN, Portland; KOL. Seattle; KHQ. Spokane; KMO, Ta-coma; KIT. Yakima, Wash.; KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash.; KRLC, Lew-iston. Ida.; KRNR. Roseburg, Ore.; KFJI, Klamath Falls, Ore., KIEM. Eureka, Cal.; KHSL, Chico, Cal.

STANDARD RADIO Inc., Holly-wood, announced March 7 its entry into the foreign transcription field. Foreign representatives appointed in-cluded E. A. Weir, 1 Toronto St.. Toronto; Kenneth Hall, 150 Regent Street, Chatham House, London. Eng.; and A. E. Bennett, 29 Bligh St. London, W. I. Australia.

# EQUIPMENT

Ave., formerly occupied by Transi-gram Sound Corp. The transac-tion, including many improvements,

involves approximately \$50,000. The entire San Francisco plant will be moved to the new location,

and when completed, the setup will

represent an investment of more

than \$85,000, according to Mr. Mac-

Gregor. The building contains two large studios, an auditorium stu-dio seating 200 persons; library; lounging room for artists and ex-

ecutive offices for those in charge

of various departments.

EXTENDED reverberation periods, or echoes, will be produced scientif-ically in NBC Chicago studios with completion of two echo chambers, ac-cording to Howard C. Luttgens, NBC central division engineer. They are believed to be the first in the Mid-weet west.

WESTERN ELECTRIC Co. an-nounces a newly-perfected high-effi-ciency circuit for radio frequency am-plification, applicable particularly to broadcast transmitters. It is said to double efficiency in the linear power amplifier stage and is the result of applying to radio transmitters the Doherty high-efficiency circuit.

WEBSTER Co., Chicago, is now WEBSTER Co., Chicago, is now licensed to manufacture sound sys-tems under patents of Electrical Re-search Products Inc., Western Elec-tric & A. T. & T. subsidiary. The company's new MP-420 mobile equip-ment operates either from 6 volt DC or 110 volt AC power. A catalogue of the Webster line has just been issued. issued.

GERALD B. MILLER has been named by Brush Development Co., Cleveland, to represent the company's products in the Southern California territory. His headquarters are at 8208 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

# **Telephone Inquiry Set**

ANNOUNCEMENT was made March 4 by the FCC Telephone Division that initial public hearings on its investigation of the telephone industry, embracing all of the A. T. & T. companies, will begin March 17. The hearings will pursuant to the resolution he adopted by Congress just a year ago ordering an investigation of A. T. & T. Among other things, the investigation embraces broadcasting line rates.



# Changes, Additions In 1936 Year Book

ADDITIONS and corrections to the 1936 Year Book of Broadcastng, which was mailed last month o all subscribers to BROADCASTING Magazine, should be made as folows:

On Page 102, in the Directory of Broadcasting Station Representatives, eliminate the firm of Jackson & Moore, now dissolved, and list Lowell E. Jackson as New York radio manager of E. Katz Special Advertising Agency. On same page, add New York office for Fergason & Aston, with address 234 W. 56th St., and with G. Seaton Wasser and James M. Wade as managers. On same page also add Export Broadcasting Service, newly organized for overseas radio business, with offices at 285 Madison Ave., New York, and elephone number Caledonia 5-2500. On Pages 116-120, in the Directory of Transcription, Recording, Program Producers and Talent Services add: Lowerd F. Wir

On Pages 116-120, in the Directbry of Transcription, Recording, Program Producers and Talent Services, add: Leonard F. Winiton, 11 W. 42d St., New York City, Pennsylvania 6-8933, tranicriptions and programs; Broadtast Builders Inc.. Hanover, N. H., orograms; Sherman Sound Stuflios, 22 W. 98th St., New York City, recording; Interstate Broadrasting Co., 1008 Marshall Bldg., Cleveland, programs; Dalzell Sound Recording Studio, 1431 Pine St., St. Louis, recording. In ame directory, change name of Freeman Lang Studios to Associatid Cinema Studios, and list F. W. <sup>9</sup>urkett as manager. Also eliminate Paramount Recording Studios, Hollywood, and Transcontinental Broadcasting Co. Inc., Los Angles. On Pages 125-128, in listing of iewspaper ownership and control f radio stations, correct listing of K W K H, K T B S and K W E A, Shreveport, La., to indicate ownerhip by Shreveport Times only. Also list WTHT, newly authorized or construction by the Hartford Finnes at Hartford, Conn., under

Times at Hartford, Conn., under Connecticut state listing instead of n the Massachusetts list. On Page 142, in classified directrries, correct address of Edgar H. Felix, consulting engineer, to 32 Rockland Place, New Rochelle, N. "., and in same classification W. Yan Nostrand should read "Van Jostrand Radio Engineering Servre" and should also be listed as a

requency measuring service. On Page 164, in National Broadasting Co. rate card, insert staions WCSC, Charleston, S. C., and WFBC, Greenville, N. C., in Southastern group, with rates of \$120, 72 and \$48. Eliminate name of Sdgar Kobak from list of officials. Current changes in agency and dvertiser directories can be made rom "Agencies and Representaives" and "Radio Advertisers" lassifications in current issues of BROADCASTING.

VDBJ, Roanoke, Va., on March 10 vas authorized by the FCC to inrease its daytime power from ,000 to 5,000 watts.



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A CAMPAIGN to combat rising objection to five-minute program resumes for the benefit of the 120,000 blind in this country has been started by the American Foundation for the Blind, according to Robert B. Irwin, executive director.

director. "The Foundation can sponsor without reserve a gracious service without which blind radio listeners might be unable to select the entertainment and educational features prepared for the day," said Mr. Irwin. "In designing its own talking book-radio combinations, the Foundation long ago decided to equip the machines with Braille dials so that the apparatus is independently in the hands of the blind operator.

"Daily resumes multiply the usefulness of radio to the blind many times. I am sure no one would object if the true reason for the service were known."

The Foundation has distributed some 4,000 radios and the Red Cross, cooperating with NBC, supplies without cost all labor needed in preparing the expensive plates used in Braille notebooks for the use of the blind in conjunction with the NBC Music Appreciation Hour.

G. O. P. Adds Radio Staff THEODORE F. ALLEN and C. M. Bolson are the latest additions to the radio staff of the Republican National Committee under the direction of Thomas Sabin. Mr. Allen recently was a member of the NBC sales department, and Mr. Bolson formerly was a lecturer on advertising and allied subjects at Indiana University, and has served on the educational committee of the Association of National Advertisers. Mr. Bolson will be in charge of special merchandising and research for the radio division of the Republican National Committee. Both men are temporarily assigned to the New York office, with more definite assignments to follow.

CJKL, Kirkland Lake, Ont., has been authorized by the Canadian Radio Commission to shift to 530 kc. and boost its power from 100 to 1,000 watts, and expects to have its new transmitter in operation in April.

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# **Goetz Beer Discs**

GOETZ BREWING Co., St. Joseph, Mo., during the week of March 15, begins a new series of 26 quarter - hour WBS transcription programs on 19 Western stations. The program will be entitled *Goetz Country Club*, a musical broadcast. Stations are KFAB, KGBX, KIDO, KMBC, KMOX, KVOO, WHO, KRNT, KFEQ, WMT, KFRU, KOA, KSCJ, KTAR, WOW, WOC, WNAX, WKY, KVOA. Potts - Turnbull Co. Inc., Kansas City, Mo., placed the account.

WJAS, Pittsburgh, was authorized by the FCC March 10 to increase its day power to 5,000 watts, with 1,000 watts night, effective May 19.



# LOCAL STORE INCREASES VOLUME 42 PER CENT

Last Fall a local clothing store eliminated several forms of advertising, put the money into time on Station WAVE . . . increased volume 42 per cent, "the greater part of which is due alone to WAVE!"

We'd like an opportunity to prove to you that WAVE alone can do your job in Louisville—the city that does 25 per cent of all retail business in Kentucky....NBC.

National Representatives: FREE & SLEININGER, INC.



New Lever Bros. Series LEVER BROTHERS Co., Cambridge (Lifebuoy, Rinso) will begin a new series of musical programs over a CBS network starting March 24, Tuesdays, 8:30-9p. m. Isham Jones and orchestra, Ken Murray, Pat Padgett & Pick Malone (Pick and Pat) and another singer, possibly Patti Chapin, will be the talent. The network will be the talent. The network will be as large as that used for the Lux Radio Theatre also sponsored by the c o m p a n y, if the necessary stations can be cleared. The period is that now used by Packard for Lawrence Tibbett, which signs off March 17. Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., New York, services the account.

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# STUDIO NOTES

THREE New York theaters are now the locus of WOR programs heard both locally and over MBS. United Cigars' Good Evening Serenade Friday nights and the same sponsors Yours Sincerely Sunday go from the WOR-Mutual Playhouse (New Amsterdam Roof Theater) to MBS, and on Saturdays Borden's Lou Little Club is heard locally from that place. Sundays the National Amateur Night sponsored by Health Products Co., starting April 12, will be fed to MBS from the Lyceum Theater, with WINS as New York key. From the Brooklyn Fox on Wednesday night WOR carries the unsponsored Husbands & Wives feature, also sent to MBS, with Sedley Brown and Allie Lowe Miles.

CBS on March 9 started a sustaining series featuring five prominent women as commentators, appearing weekly on successive days. 9:30-9:45 a. m. The speakers are: Thyra Samter Winslow, books and cooking; Mrs. John S. Reilly, advice to mothers; Hildegarde Fillmore, beauty; Grand Duchess Marie, manners and etiquette; Beatrice Fairfax, heart problems.

NEWSPAPERS in Omaha. Council Bluffs, Ia. and Lincoln, Neb., are using time on Central States Broadcasting Co. to push circulation of their papers. On KOIL the Omaha World-Herald and the Council Bluffs Nonpareil now have time. while in Lincoln the Lincoln Journal and Lincoln Star have adopted radio as a means of advertising. The newspaper time on the air is either through an advertising trade agreement or a program agreement with the broadcasters.





Kendall B. McClure of WOAI ITS OWN news service, with national news supplied by INS, is being operated with considerable success by WOAI, San Antonio, which has a local news staff of five and regional correspondents throughout its service area. News editor, who also handles the mike, is Kendall B. McClure, formerly a regular commentator on Texas stations and widely known writer of fiction and radio continuities in the Southwest. McClure has also appeared on various sponsored programs with his Here and There in the Headlines. His editorial assistant is Edwin Fisher.

THE first direct network, program from Puerto Rico was heard March 7 over MBS when Maj. Gen. Blanton Winship, governor of the island, spoke from the radio and telephone station at San Juan. Also heard were a number of players on the Cincinnati baseball club, training at San Juan. The broadcast was arranged through International Telephone & Telegraph Co., which opened lines to Puerto Rico in February.

Fuerto Rico in February. TWO leading Southern railways, Louisville & Nashville and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, used radio recently to contact employes unable to attend a meeting of 6,000 employes of the two roads. The broadcast, over WSM, Nashville, was brought to employes on the job by radio dealers who placed sets in railway shops and offices. In addition, the railway message was brought to the public through the program.

FINDING that Chicago's late evening radio offerings are nearly 100% dance music, H. Leslie Atlass, Chicago CBS vice president, has ordered his staff to use some of this midnight time on WBBM, CBS key in Chicago, to try out new program ideas. One of the first is the Musical Weather Man, featuring announcer Thomson Bartlett, who will read lastminute weather forecasts for nearby states while Eddie House, singing organist, salutes them with state and college songs. This program is broadcast nightly 1:15 a. m. KARBY DAVIDSON. continuity

KARRY DAVIDSON, continuity editor, of WAAF, Chicago, is now writing and presenting a new feature each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 a. m. Larry, billed as "The Answer Man", asks and answers 20 questions on a variety of interesting subjects. A short interval between the question and answer is allowed to give the listener time to think of the answer.

answer. THE Buddha's Amateur Hour, sponsored by the Marin Dell Milk Co., San Francisco, on KFRC, that city, is awarding an unusual monthly prize to winners. Once a month, winners of the weekly show, heard Saturdays, 8 to 9 p. m., are judged in a final competition. Amateur winning the final contest gets a free airptane ride to New York, with three days in that city, all expenses paid. Plus a liberal allowance, the amateur also gets a CBS audition and a stage appearance at Radio City Music Hall. There is a waiting list of 3,000. DES MOINES schools broadcast mu

DES MOINES schools broadcast music courses on KSO when schools were closed ten days in February due to a coal shortage. Lesson sheets in musical appreciation were printed four mornings in *The Des Moines Register*. Programs were aired at 40:45 a. m. with the director of school music, L. E. Watters in charge. Studies were based on a concert of St. Louis Symphony orchestra in Des Moines.

RESUMPTION of the Utah Senators in Washington broadcast after an absence of six weeks, has been announced by KDYL, Salt Lake City The programs present the radio letters of Utah's two senators, Thomas and King, telling of interesting proceedings in the nation's capital. This marks the third consecutive year the radio letters have been broadcast.

A NEW series on WNEW, Newark is entitled *Embarrassing Moments* with listeners invited to submit blush ing experiences. Those accepted net the sender a dollar and they are asked to broadcast the experience. Anothen feature is *Junior G-Men* dramatizing official police records in which boys have played active parts in efforts to combat crime.

KOIL, Omaha, is broadcasting safety talks by police, reports of stolen an recovered autos, and other police ques tions under the title Omaha Policq Bulletin. Important accidents are re viewed on each of the daily programs

NEW YORK'S METRO-POLITAN AREA IS A VARIETY OF NATION-ALITIES — EACH OF WHICH IS A BUYING MARKET IN ITSELF.



AARKET IN ITSELF. Broadcasting in EIGHT languages besides English WBNX "speaks the language of your prospect". WBNX—New York Write For Booklet "Market Coverage"

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WDGY, Minneapolis, has an early morning feature titled the *Alarm Clock Parade*, which features the Maniac Hotel on Ascap St. in Music-land. The idea is that the "clerk" wakens bands supposedly staying at the hotel and paying for their rooms by plogring a recorded number in the by playing a recorded number in the morning. Commercials on the hour by playing a recorded number in the morning. Commercials on the hour are handled as telegrams arriving at the desk of the hotel. After musical background at the opening of the feature, an alarm clock rings, the hotel clerk snores, then bellhops call for the orchestras. Weather and time are given by the clerk when he calls to wake up one of the bands. The to wake up one of the bands. The band leader orders breakfast and a commercial announcement is worked into the talk.

SLOVENIANS of Minnesota's Iron Range have banded together to pur-chase a full hour for sponsorship of a native program over WMFG. Hib-bing, which reports that the Finns, Swedes and Italians are doing likewise. The large foreign population of this area has made the station's foreign language programs extremely popular.

WHEN WPTF, Raleigh, N. C., goes on the air with the *Esso Extra* news program sponsored by Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the reporter never knows when Marschalk & Pratt Inc., New York, the agency, may be listen-ing. Frequently the agency phones for a wire relay one minute before the program goes on the air, the an-nouncer not being informed the spon-sor's agency is listening.

THE Pantry Parade, cooking school of WHIO, Dayton, presented for a half-hour four mornings weekly fol-lowing the local police court program (most popular show in this listening area) is the strongest commercial pre-sentation on the station. Conceived, designed and written in one week, it was sold to eight cooperative spon-sors before the show was auditioned was sold to eight cooperative spon-sors before the show was auditioned. Sponsors include a chain grocery com-pany, IGA; a milk dealer, Himes Brothers; a bread company, Dayton Bread; a meat packer, Sucher Pack-ing Co.; Frigidaire; Gas Refrigera-tor Sales Co.; Laurel Biscuit Co., and Dayton Spice Mills.

A CLEVELAND automobile dealer is broadcasting on WGAR with a straight-from-the-shoulder program in which the used car sales manager is interviewed on questions suggested by listeners

KFWB, Hollywood, early in March KFWB, Hollywood, early in March started a radio beauty contest nightly at 11 p. m. with Wen Niles at the microphone. At the end of 60 days the contest will close and winners (selected from photographs) will be awarded a grand prize of a Warner Bros. contract, followed by merchan-dise awards for second, third and fourth places.

THE death rattle of a snake startled listeners to WFBL. Syracuse, during a remote from the Rotary Club where John Raymond, national snake au-thority, was speaking. Part of his presentation to the Club was show-ing six deadly snakes, among them a diamond back rattler. This was the one Mr. Raymond teased into coiling and rattling so that the sound was heard over the air.

KHJ, Los Angeles, has formally opened a transcription department after several months of experimenting and installation, with C. C. McDonald as the recording supervisor. The instal-lation is a double turntable outfit for either instanteneous or way recording either instantaneous or wax recording either instantaneous or wax recording and can be used for air checks, direct line recordings or for studio usage such as rehearsals, auditions and other similar programs. The station has also equipped its sales force with a playback valise outfit with which auditions can be given on transcrip-tions in the privacy of a sponsor's or agency office. agency office.

KFRO has its studios and trans-mitter on Radio Street, in Radio Addition, Longview, Tex.



CANNON booms, surf and thunder are produced from one sound effects machine, since Ray Kelly, NBC chief sound technician in New York, heard faint vibrations from a screen he was removing from a window in his home. The result was the thunder screen, which has an electrical phonograph pickup head to provide several sound ef-fects backgrounds for NBC dra-matic programs. The phonograph pickup changes into electrical impulses the almost inaudible physical vibrations resulting from tap-ping the screen with drumsticks or rolling shot across it.

When taking off the screen at his home, Kelly inadvertently tapped it with the screwdriver. Realizing that agitation of the screen in various ways would result in fundamentally true-toned sounds could they be amplified, Kelly immediately started experimenting.

The machine is a screen mounted on a swivel so it can be placed in a vertical position for producing thunderclaps and cannon booms by striking the screen, or seesawed to roll shot across it for surf sounds. The phonograph pickup is affixed to the edge of the screen and feeds impulses into the loudspeaker on the sound turntable.

SAN FRANCISCO and Oakland ra-SAN FRANCISCO and Oakland ra-dio editors were guests of Guy C. Hamilton, general manager of the McClatchy Newspapers and radio chain, over the weekend of March 7, visiting the recently opened KFBK studios at Sacramento, Cal. In the party were Oscar Fernbach, radio editor, San Francisco Examiner; Claude La Belle, radio editor, San Francisco News; Howard Needham, radio editor, San Francisco Chronradio editor, San Francisco Chron-icle; and Paul Nathan, radio editor, Oakland Post-Enquirer.

THE Knoxville News-Sentinel, affili-ated with WNOX, is using the sta-tion now for a variety of promotional programs. These include four news broadcasts daily, Sunday news pre-view, Bob and Mary, a song program promoting want ads, an hour drama-tization of the comics every Sunday, and a weekly cooking feature.

#### **AFA Convention Plans**

PLANS are being completed for Advertising Federation of the Advertising Federation of Amer-ica, to be held in the Hotel Statler, Boston, June 28-July 2, with com-mittees now functioning under local chairman Frank A. Black, These interdiments of the deterd Those intending to attend have been urged to make early hotel reservations through Edmund S. Whitten, secretary of the Adver-tising Club of Boston, Hotel Statler.

GEN. JAMES G. HAR-MAJ. BORD, chairman of RCA and former chief of staff of the A. E. F., has written a new book The American Army in France which came off the presses of Little, Brown & Co., March 6.

**R**ADIO STATION EPRESENTATIVES WALTER BIDDICK CO. 568 Chamber of Commerce Bidg., Los Angeles 1358 Russ Bidg., San Francisco, California 1038 Exchange Bidg., Seattle, Washington 619 Charles Bidg., Deaver

# **REPEAT SPONSORS ON NBC INCREASE**

THE proportion of 1935 NBC advertisers who had used NBC networks previously was 84%, the figuring being the best in the network's history. In 1928, when network radio was quite new, the figure was 36.9%; in 1929, 52.5%; in 1930, 55.8%; in 1931, 58.1%; in 1932, 75.7%; in 1933, 70%; in 1934, 80%.

Last year 95.1% of NBC's gross revenue came from advertisers who had used NBC previously. Average expenditure per NBC advertiser last year was \$207,660, an increase from \$157,252 in 1934. an increase from \$157,252 in 1934. Unit volume was divided as fol-lows: 5 (3.4%) spent over \$1,000,-000; 10 (6.8%) spent from \$500,-000 to \$1,000,000; 23 (15.5%)spent from \$250,000 to \$500,000; 250,00029 (19.6%) spent from \$100,000 to \$250,000; 25 (16.9%) spent from \$50,000 to \$100,000; 56 (37.8%) spent \$50,000 or less.

# **Pittsburgh Glass Spots**

PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS Co., Pittsburgh (paint, glass) has started half-hour musical pro-grams over six stations. Programs over six stations. Pro-grams are library recordings and are broadcast during evening hours. The discs series supple-ments the NBC-WJZ program Thursdays. Stations are WNOX, KVOO, KOA, KFYR, KIDO, KSTP. Batten, Barton, Durstine and Os-born Inc., New York, places the account.



# Don't Let Lack of **Technical Training** Give You The "Gong"!

The man who is better than his job requires . . . is the man who gets ahead! Lack of technical training and the entrance of new automatic equip-ment is going to force many operators into the background unless they realize that TECHNICAL TRAINING right now, is an "insurance policy' for the future!

#### (aside to executives)

Free

Sent

on

Our present residence class graduates in June. These men have the nec-essary background and training to fill your most exacting positions. Sev-eral of these young men will be available. You are invited to write for detailed descriptions of these men. Catalog Request

CAPITOL RADIO ENGINEERING INSTITUTE 14th and Park Rd. Dept. B-3 WASHINGTON, D. C.







# Is Your Name Here?

The I. J. Fox Company Personal Finance Company Maryland Pharmaceutical Co. The K. B. Company Cleveland Von Company Ohio Smelting Company Crazy Water Crystals Co. E. W. Rose Company (Zemo) Smerdas Music House Karnack-Ambrosia Company Watch Tower Radio Service Cleveland City Mission Saunders System Max Rosenblum Burts, Inc. Wanda Furniture Company White Cross Beauty Products Havre Department Store Brazis Brothers Clothing H. Blonder Company Sidney Rose, Clothier SMART ADVERTISERS

# USING WJAY FOR FIVE YEARS **Reason? RESULTS!** WJAY HAS MORE LOCAL CLIENTS THAN ANY OTHER STATION IN CLEVELAND Rep. Aerial Publicizing, Inc.

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York

# SUPERVISING RADIO SALES

Classification of Prospects and Accounts Proves a -Business Booster and Systemizer-

#### By EDWARD P. SHURICK Assistant General Manager WDGY, Minneapolis

FIVE YEARS ago, when commer-cial sales manager for the Minne-apolis office of KSTP, I devised a system of radio sales supervision which increased our sales mate-rially. It is known as the "Proby a number of stations. The system is divided into four

classifications (1) assigned accounts, (2) temporary accounts, (3) seasonable accounts, (4) ac-counts on the air. Each salesman is given a list of 31 assigned ac-counts which represent 31 different concerns in his territory. These concerns in his territory. These are posted on the assigned account cards. These accounts belong to the salesman whether or not he closes the business, comes in by mail, or is brought in. In return for this protection he must properly service the list.

#### Landing Prospects

IN TRAVELING around over his territory, the salesman naturally runs into new business. As soon as the finds a new prospect he calls the station and asks for protec-tion. A check of the cards in the "temporary account" file is made. It it does not appear on any of these cards the salesman is given temporary protection and a card is filled out which goes into the tem-porary account file. It remains

# **Our Advertisers Prove Our Coverage**



**KETAIL** merchants in ten towns (one town 219 miles from Great Falls) use KFBB for complete coverage of their local markets.

These merchants, by watching results, know that radio advertising over KFBB is a profitable investment.

Let us establish your product in this responsive area -a trial campaign will convince you.



1000 Watts Night

2500 Watts Day **GREAT FALLS** 



TEMPORARY ACCOUNT

HONE Na 3344 CREDIT ..... TYPE OF BUSINESS\_\_\_\_\_ Drnggint NDIVIDUAL \_\_ John Jones TITLE L'aneger DATE Feb 10 36 BALESMAN G.W.Mandin

2/10 3/22 3/28 4/10 KEEPING FILES-Here are three of the four cards used by WDGY to keep an orderly record of its various prospects and accounts.

here for a period of 30 days, giving the salesman an opportunity to work up an account with the prospect. At the end of 30 days the card comes up for attention. The salesman either renews the prospect for another 30 days or drops it. If it is dropped it goes to the "unassigned file" which is a list of all potential eccentric in the list of all potential accounts in the territory.

When an account is sold it goes to the "accounts on the air file" where it remains until the contract expires. A new account is added to the "assigned account file".

A salesman may turn in any number of acounts he desires from his assigned account file and for each one he will receive a new ac-count which then becomes an as-signed account. The accounts turned in are placed in the unassigned account file . . . until desired by some other salesman. The "seasonable account"

file

7 out of 10 Listeners to **BUFFALO STATIONS** tune in WGR or WKBW between 5 and 7 P. M. says Ross Federal BUFFALO BROADCASTING CORPORATION RAND BUILDING, BUFFALO **Represented by** FREE & SLEININGER

contains a list of accounts that are seasonable in nature such as coal, summer resorts, etc. Salesmen are required to turn in daily reports of calls made and these are posted on the cards so that a permanent record can be kept.

The advantages of this system are:

1. It gives the salesman a definite list on which to work, without the interference of other salesmen

or executives of the station. 2. By adding and taking off the assigned list the list, itself, is always active.

3. It allows the commercial manager to keep his hands on the activities of the men under him.

4. It prevents confusion due to having three or four salesmen call on the same account.

5. The temporary assigned file gives the salesmen protection while developing a new account.

Sales promotion letters are sent out to the accounts on the assigned account file from time to time and these letters are signed by the salesman that has the account to his credit. Incidentally, salesmen under this plan are called account executives . . . a title which, we find, adds more dignity to their work.

# **NBC** Sales Meeting

LOCAL and national spot sales promotion were discussed March 2-3 in New York at conferences of advertising and sales promotion executives of NBC-owned and managed stations with William S. Hedges, manager of NBC operated stations, E. P. H. James, manager of advertising and sales promotion, and Reginald M. Brophy, manager of station relations of station relations. Among those present were H. A. Woodman and Lynden Morrow, KDKA, Pitts-burg; J. R. MacPherson, KOA, Denver; J. A. Holman and George Harder, WBZ, Boston; Kolin Hag-er and A. MacDonald, WGY, Scheer and A. MacDonald, WGY, Sche-nectady: Vincent Callahan and John Dodge, WRC-WMAL, Washington; Vernon H. Pribble and Howard Barton, WTAM, Cleveland; Em-mons C. Carlson, WMAQ-WENR, Chicago; David McKay, KPO-KGO, San Francisco San Francisco.

# For Better Reception

KSTP, St. Paul, is pioneering bet-ASIP, St. Paul, is ploneering bet-ter radio reception in that region by its *Getting the Most Out of Your Radio* series, devised by Hec-tor Skifter, technical supervisor, Lester Carr, chief engineer, and Thomas Dunning Rishworth, edu-cational director. The first pro-gram, which started this month, demonstrated the results of cutting off certain frequencies and asking off certain frequencies and asking the listener to observe the effect on quality of transmission. The series is designed to help give the advertiser the full advantage of his programs by improving reception and encourages use of service engineers.

DOROTHY THOMPSON, author and correspondent, and wife of Sinclair Lewis, on March 17 joins the Woman's Radio Review on an NBC-WEAF network.



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MONTANA

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*It's hot stuff* these days... and WMEX is providing it in full to GREATER BOSTON'S quarter million Italian population. Our four 15 - minute Italian N e w s Periods daily assure this responsive audience all the latest developments in the Ethiopian campaign.

> Open to limited number of participating sponsors.

> > The Spot for Spots

BOSTON

KFDY

of Spokane, Washington

Announces

the Grant of

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From the Federal Communications Commission

This increased power will be used on or

about June 1st . . . as soon as a new transmitter site, outside the city of Spokane—

with half-wave vertical antenna - is ready

THIS INCREASED POWER, and new loca-

tion, guarantee KFPY the GREATEST COV-

# MEDIUM PROMOTION Retailers Told How to Make the Best Use of Radio

A GOOD example of how radio officials can promote the medium before advertising groups is provided in a recent address by Campbell Arnoux, manager of WTAR, Norfolk, at the annual joint convention of the Virginia Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers and Men's Apparel Club, held at the Hotel Cavalier, Virginia Beach, Va.

A resume of government vs. private broadcasting and a sketch of radio's growth was followed by a review of radio's advantages as an advertising medium. Mr. Arnoux gave figures on 1935 time sales compared with 1934 and showed how different industries use the medium.

Several pertinent questions about radio were propounded and answered by Mr. Arnoux. They were: "Is it here to stay? How many people listen? Has it proven itself as an advertising medium? Can it promote my store and sell goods for me? If so, how can I best use it?" Advantages of institutional and direct selling campaigns were listed by Mr. Arnoux.

HAMILTON CARHARTT OVER-ALL Co., Detroit and Carhartt Park, Ky., will use a limited number of radio stations in urban centers to make a test campaign in the early stages of a new national campaign to be undertaken shortly. C. E. Rickerd Adv. Agency, Detroit, has been appointed to handle the account.

# Rift in NAB Ranks

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new board will govern whatever future course may be taken.

The four officers up for reelection at the next convention are President Fitzpatrick, WJR, Detroit; Charles W. Myers, KOIN-KALE, Portland, Ore., first vice president; Edward Allen, WLVA, Lynchburg, Va., second vice president; Mr. Levy, WCAU, Philadelphia, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors whose terms expire at the convention are Arthur B. Church, KMBC, Kansas City; F. M. Russell, WRC-WMAL (NBC), Washington; I. R. Lounsberry, WGR-WKBW, Buffalo; H. K. Carpenter, WHK, Cleveland; W. S. Hedges, WEAF-WJZ (NBC), New York; Gardner Cowles Jr., KSO-KRNT-WMT, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Ia. All these vacancies will be for three-year terms.

Board members who will have one additional year to serve are Alfred J. McCosker, WOR, Newark; Harry C. Butcher, WJSV (CBS), Washington; John J. Gillin Jr., WOW, Omaha; S. Gordon Persons, WSFA, Montgomery, Ala. Those board members who will have two years to serve are Ralph R. Brunton, KJBS, San Francisco; T. W. Symons, Jr., KFPY, Spokane; W. W. Gedge, WMBC, Detroit; J. O. Maland, WHO, Des Moines; Edwin Craig, WSM, Nashville.

#### Membership Problems

ON THE network-independent issue, it has been clearly brought out that not all of the independents are anti-network insofar as NAB affiliation is concerned. Some of them, it is indicated, believe that the present trouble is not all the doings of the networks or their irreconcilible stand.

Irreconcilible stand. On the other hand, the view is freely expressed by Baldwin supporters among the independents that they feel the NAB can get along well enough with networkstation members. They harbor the view that the networks are much more dependent upon the trade association than the reverse, and that the networks have profited greatly from their NAB affiliations.

For example, it was brought out that of the aggregate NAB membership of some 385 stations, only 21 are network owned and operated. The networks as such pay nothing into the NAB coffers. Their owned and operated station members, however, pay on the same pro rata basis as all other members. The dues of these score of stations amount to 18.9% of the NAB's annual gross revenue.

owned and operated station members, however, pay on the same pro rata basis as all other members. The dues of these score of stations amount to 18.9% of the NAB's annual gross revenue. NBC stations holding memberships in the NAB are WEAF, WJZ, WBZ, WTAM, WGY, WMAL, WRC, KGO, KPO, WJZ, KOA, WENR, WMAQ, KDKA. CBS members are WABC, WBBM, WBT, WCCO, WJSV, WKRC, KMOX.

The Largest Lumber Mills in the State are in MISSOULA MONTANA 1000 Watts KGVO 1260 Kc.

# Full House

Here's the way our schedules line up for three days out of the seven each week. "Full House" a f t e r 5:00 P. M. is the word for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with a very limited number of 15-minute periods available on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

We invite you to check the r e as on for this WWVA "Full House" popularity it's proof of a "hand" to play in the radio advertising "game" in E as t e r n O h i o, Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia.

#### P. M.

| 5:00-General Baking Co.     |
|-----------------------------|
| 5:15-Peerless Department    |
| Store                       |
| 5:30—Malt-O-Meal            |
| 5:45-United Remedies        |
| 6:05-Colvig's Apparel Shop  |
| 6:10—Hudson-Essex           |
| 6:15-Ward Baking Co. (CBS)  |
| 6:30-Pure Oil Co.           |
| 6:45-Continental Baking Co. |
| (CBS)                       |
| 7:00-Myrt and Marge (CBS)   |
| 7:15-Cooey Bentz Furniture  |
| Co.                         |
| 7:30-A. & P. Coffee Time    |
| (CBS)                       |
| 7:45—Chevrolet Motor Co.    |
| 8:00—Ironized Yeast         |
| 8:15—Dodge Bros.            |
| 8:30—Sign Off               |
|                             |
| West Virginia               |
| West Virginia               |

West Virginia Broadcasting Corp. Hawley Building WHEELING, W. Va.

Representatives : J. H. McGLLLVRA 485 Madison Ave., New York JOHN KETTLEWELL Palmolive Bldg., Chicago





ERAGE in the Spokane area.

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# **Duffy Bill Chances Seen Slim**

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opportunities at this session would be measurably enhanced. The first witness in favor of the measure was Senator Duffy (D-Mich.) author of the bill. In a re-markably lucid statement, he recounted how the bill was drawn and how an interdepartmental committee set up by the State Department had conducted two dozen conferences on it with all inter-ested groups last year. He even pointed out that E. C. Mills, ASCAP general manager, had supported the measure in principle be-fore the interdepartmental committee.

#### Universally Supported

SENATOR Duffy branded as "silly" the ASCAP talk about the "power trust" being behind the bill and allegations about its alliances with radio. He effectively retorted to the ASCAP denials of ever threatening taverns, dance halls or other "small users" by producing a sheaf of letters from Wisconsin businessmen which called ASCAP everything from "racketeer" to "arcogart" everything "arrogant".

Senator Duffy told how the bill had passed the Senate unanimously last session after having been reported unanimously by the Sen-ate Patents Committee. He related how the measure had practically universal support, and asserted that its passage was necessary in order to permit American entry into the Berne Convention, under which the works of American authors would be automatically copyrighted and protected abroad.

# Why Don't You Climb On The Band Wagon With Us?

Three National Accounts Bought Our Programs Last Month.

The advance of this company can only be attributed to the close touch that the members of this organization have kept on the pulse of the transcription business.

Your sponsor wants to make money-your station wants to make money and WE want to make money—and the only way we know how to do it is to supply you with the programs that will produce the above results. . . .

# AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING-WE BUILT THIS BUSINESS ON SALES

Write or wire for complete information on our many varied programs.



The measure is distinctly a compromise, the Senator declared with no one group getting all it wanted. The bill, he brought out, specifically recognizes the right of an au-thor, rather than of a publisher, and is designed to protect the creator.

Stout defense of the provision which would eliminate the \$250 statutory innocent infringement clause was voiced by the Senator. He brought out that instead of fixing this minimum it would leave to the discretion of the courts the amount of damages for infringe-ments, and it would remove the "palpable injustices" that have resulted through exercise of the ex-isting provision. Moreover, he said, it imposes a confidence in the ability of the courts of the coun-try whereas the \$250 provision is a showing of "distrust" of the courts. No other country, he brought out, imposes a fixed mini-

mum penalty in its laws. "I contend," said Senator Duffy, "that the Duffy Bill eliminates the power that has been used not only as a 'black-jack' but also to force users to take out licenses." Then he charged ASCAP with using its present powers as a "club" and took issue with statements made during the hearings by Sirovich in

support of ASCAP. Of significance was Senator Duffy's statement that the music publishers, and not the authors, control the music whereas ASCAP came to the hearings professing to represent only authors, or at least implying it. He revealed, too, that the legislation had been discussed with the President.

# For Sake of Argument

RESPONDING to questions, Sen-ator Duffy said he believed ASCAP conjured up the story that enact-ment of the Duffy Bill would put ASCAP out of business "for the sake of argument". He said he personally believed ASCAP would be much better off without the \$250 clause

Chairman Sirovich then barged in with a vitriolic tirade in which he held that Michael Flynn, representing the American Federation of Labor, had informed him that organization would oppose the Duffy Bill and that numerous other organizations would fight it. He repeated fragments of the speeches he had made earlier in the hear-ings about the dire things that would happen if the United States

"I'm willing to follow the sug-gestion of the President," was the

gestion of the President," was the simple response of the witness. A more restrained plea for "de-ferring" passage of the bill was made by Rep. Lanham (D-Tex.). He wondered if it wouldn't be ad-visable, in view of the chaotic European situation to word word? European situation, to wait until the copyright union meeting in Brussels this fall. "No," snapped back Senator Duffy, "we should sit in and have a vote".

The Senator was then excused until March 12, at which time he appeared for further examination. When the hearing  $c \circ n \lor e n e d$ March 11 there was a committee tiff over whether the NAB should common or whether the State De appear or whether the State Department should come forward partment should come forward. By a vote Sirovich lost 4-3 (the committee has 21 members) and Wallace McClure, of the Treat, Division, of the Department, was called. He was chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee.

Mr. McClure explained how the Duffy Bill was drafted. He said hearings on it were held at the re-quest of the Senate Foreign Rela-tions Committee. His interdepart mental committee, he asserted stands four-square behind the bil and the State Department wants the treaty ratified and it can't be until the Duffy Bill b-comes law The Department, he said, believe the Duffy Bill is the "one imple ment properly to protect the right. of the people of the United States particularly the creators of artistid works."

In restrained manner but with firmness of his conviction, Mr. Mc Clure said the treaty is necessar to protect the rights of American in Europe and that all the organi zations participating in the curren hearings "have supported the bil at one time or another"

Up to the Courts

IN SO many words he told th Committee the Department had in structed him to urge the committe to pass the bill. He recalled tha President Hoover in 1930 firs urged ratification of the treat and that President Roosevelt i 1934 did the same. The Foreig Relations Committee in both 193 and last year urged ratification o

the treaty. Mr. McClure took issue wit ASCAP testimony and with state ments by Sirovich that entering c the copyright convention would b ill-advised at this time. The treaty he argued, would strengthen inten national law and give "us protection and a new armor". Piracy c American works, he held, would t encouraged by not adopting th

treaty. On the \$250 statutory damag

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provision Mr. McClure said the committee reached the conclusion that the provision should be eliminated in the public interest. The bill provides for damages in a different way, he declared, but leaves them to the discretion of the courts. He brought out that conditions are different today that contributes are 1909 when the present law was enacted. Then, he said, there was no radio and no ASCAP. The measure simply would bring enforce-ment up to date. He questioned the statements that elimination of the provision would destroy ASCAP.

Moreover, said Mr. McClure, the bill would make users of music "incidentally and secondarily" not These liable to the copyright law. he described as individuals who pick up copyrighted music from a source such as radio, which in the first instance has paid a performance fee. The present law allow-ing such payments, he declared, ing such payments, he declared, "challenges the very foundation of American Liberty"

In substance, the question considered in the preparation of the Duffy Bill, Mr. McClure argued, was that of maximum protection of the hundreds of thousands of users of music against the 1,000 domestic members of ASCAP, or "whether we should legislate for the large numbers or the small numbers." The "small user" of music such as the tavern or the barber shop, Mr. McClure said, "has hanging over his head a sword of Damocles that may drop down on him at any moment in the form of an infringement suit."

It is quite probable, continued the witness, that ASCAP is "entitled to more money but we can't legislate money into their pock-

As for ASCAP's contention that the bill meant "life and death" to it, Mr. McClure said he felt the organization was a necessary one. But he added that a survey made by his department of 30 foreign countries disclosed that not one of them had a statutory minimum damage clause in their laws, and damage clause in their laws, and that their performing rights so-cieties, similar to ASCAP, seemed to get along well enough accord-ing to ASCAP's own admissions. "The Department of State," he said, "believes that in view of the situation in other countries, it would not hurt ASCAP."

The survey abroad also showed, said Mr. McClure, that the ten-dency is to leave the music monopolies in performing rights so-cieties but to have them under more stringent government control.

As is his wont, Chairman Sirovich, upon conclusion of Mr. Mc-Clure's direct testimony, again stated that many of the users were opposed to the bill. He mentioned the American Federation of Labor particularly, and Mr. McClure said the Department desired to substitute for the present manufactur-ing clause of the Duffy Bill, relating to printing of works in this country, the provision in the old Vestal Bill which failed of enactment four years ago.

The annual payroll of the industrial plants of Gadsden, Alabama, is \$7,500,000 annually WJBY

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Mr. McClure, too, was asked to return on March 12 for further examination along with Senator Duffy.

Looks at Gift Horse

WHEN ASCAP resumed its theatrical extravaganza on March 3, it trouped before the Committee Rudy Vallee, crooner and band leader. This was the Vallee snatched by radio from obscurity about eight years ago, and who by the grace of the microphone and a good man on the gains, had his whispering voice made audible over the air. The things Vallee said about the industry that made

said about the industry that made him were rather harsh. Among other things, he warned broadcasters they might be dig-ging their own graves by oppos-ing ASCAP and they might "kill the golden goose", etc. He resent-ed the "appellation of 'racketeer'". He said he hoped some day to be-come an "executive in radio", and come an "executive in radio", and that he felt the broadcasters and others were "dead wrong" in try-ing to disrupt the Society. There was all sorts of talk by Rudy about "killing inspiration" in song-writers, and that there would

be no music at all if that happened. He told about ASCAP's noble deeds, to which Rep. O'Malley in-

terjected: "Just as ASCAP has touched you, so have many of my people been touched by ASCAP." Then there was talk of the

Duffy Bill being unconstitutional for some undefined reason. And

Rep. Church broke in: "If the Duffy Bill is unconstitu-tional, we don't need this show." Chairman Sirovich said he "ob-

to calling the hearing a jected" show. Several committee members

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fer immediately."

talked at once and out of the din Vallee was heard to say that if ASCAP only gets \$4,000,000 a year for music, then that is "woefully inaedquate".

That day's session concluded with General Counsel Nathan Burkan of ASCAP bringing out that in Washington State, where ASCAP was adjudged illegal and in restraint of trade, music was being used without compensation. He revealed that ASCAP is "making efforts to take the case" to the Supreme Court. ASCAP's key witness was E. C.

Mills, general manager. Be it said to his credit, he did not indulge in the showmanesque gymnastics of his associates but settled down to a cold exposition of ASCAP's right to collect. He frankly ad-mitted he was out for all "the traffic can bear". Many of his statements were open to challenge, however, and many of the ques-tions asked that might have been enlightening he managed somehow not to answer.

#### Over the Dam

FIRST, Mr. Mills recounted reasons why the United States should not enter the copyright union. Germany, Italy and Austria, he held, maintain conditions on copyrights that could not be tolerated by this country. He could not see how the United States could im-prove its position by joining the union. Personally, he declared, he had been "in favor of the Berne convention", but "a lot of water has gone over the dam since then."

Gradually Mr. Mills built up his case. He said in 1934 the motion picture theatres sold \$1,560,000,000

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#### CASE HISTORY #19

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Jersey City, Northern New Jersey

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# More Warner Suits as Negotiations Fail

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damages of \$5,000 per rendition. Warner now is using printed forms in the filing of the suits. It also opened its guns upon hotels and night clubs in New York, filing ten suits on March 6 and ten more March 12.

In the answers thus far filed by New York stations, all were of a similar nature. All contended that the controversies did not arise by virtue of the Copyright Act, under which they were brought, but in-volve a question of title between ASCAP and Warner and the authors of the particular compositions. This contention grows out of the fact that ASCAP claims that Warner authors are still ASCAP members and that ASCAP has the right to license the compositions for public performance, which accounts for ASCAP's appearances as intervenors in some of the suits. In each case it was contended that the alleged claim for infringement was merely incidental to the basic controversy between ASCAP, Warner and the authors.

Dismissal of the suits was sought on the ground that the Federal District Court for Southern New York had no jurisdiction. In each instance, also, assessment of costs against the plaintiff was asked.

All of the answers were in the nature of blanket denials of infringements, except that NBC, in one instance admitted performance. The network's contention was that Warner was an ASCAP member when the contracts for use of ASCAP music were signed last year and that so far as these stations are concerned there is no question of infringement involved. In an answer filed Feb. 28 CBS held that it was still licensed to broadcast music published by the Warner group, even though it is continuing its policy of not broadcasting Warner music. The suit brought by Harms Inc. contended that a performance of *I Get a Kick Out of You* shortly after midnight on New Year's Eve over WABC constituted a copyright infringement. CBS holds that both Harms and Cole Porter, the composer, were members of ASCAP at the time WABC obtained from ASCAP the license which grants performing rights in the Warner Bros. compositions up to 1941. Cole Porter, it added, remains a member of ASCAP and has specifically assigned his rights to ASCAP for this period.

Additional suits filed March 6 include:

T. B. Harms vs. WNEW, for alleged infringement of Every Now and Then; M. Witmark & Sons vs. WHN, for the alleged infringement of Where the River Shannon Flows; Witmark vs. KHJ, for alleged infringement of Mine Alone; R em ick vs. KHJ, Whistle and Blow Your Blues Away; Witmark vs. WMEX, Gypsy Love Song; Remick vs. WFBL, Get Happy; Witmark vs. WSYR, The Words Are In My Heart; Remick vs. WCFL, Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet; Witmark vs. WWL, Let's Have Breakfast in Bed; Witmark vs. WCFL, That Old Irish Mother of Mine, Lulu's Back In Town and Sunrise and You; and Remick vs. KSFO, Sweet Georgia Brown.

Additional suits filed by Warner included 15 alleging infringement



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of That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine by CBS network stations. In each instance \$5,000 in damages was sought. The suits were filed by Witmark against WGST, WDRC, WLBZ, WKBW, WHEC, WOKO, WESG, WDNC, WBIG, WMBR, WDAE, WDBO, WLAC, KMOX.

Remick filed suit against WEST, WORK and WSJS for alleged infringement of Sweet Georgia Brown. Witmark filed against WEST for Sweethearts Forever. Harms filed against WGAL for Sleepy Valley. Remick filed against WGST for Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet, and Harms filed against the same station for London on a Rainy Night. Witmark filed against WORK for Where the River Shannon Flows and Harms filed against KSFO for Continental and You Let Me Down.

In another sheaf of suits on March 6 Harms filed nine actions on That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine against WFEA, KOMA, WKRC, WBNS, WSMK, WSPD, WADC, WMBG. A tenth suit in this "installment" was against WORK on L'Amour Toujours L'Amour.

In announcing the filing of the additional suits March 6 against stations, hotels and night clubs, Warner stated it will "continue to bring actions against additional hotel and radio stations" which use their songs without license. All suits have been filed by Wattenberg & Wattenberg, Warner attorneys.

To swell the total number of station infringement suits to 97, Warner announced March 10 that 21 additional suits had been filed. Of these 17 were for alleged infringement of *That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine*, filed in the name of Harms against KSCJ, KTRH, WHAS, KVOR, WBRC, WALA, KLRA, WSBT, WREC, WCAO, WBT, KWKH, WQAM, WFBL, WSJS, WWL, WJR. Each sought damages of \$5,000. Other suits filed March 10 were Harms against KWKH on Three

Other suits filed March 10 were Harms against KWKH on Three Little Words, asking \$5,000; Remick against WOCL, for Whistle and Blow Your Blues Away, asking \$250; Witmark against WOCL for The Words are in My Heart, asked \$250, and Witmark against WSOC for Gypsy Love Song, asking \$250. Following up the maze of al-

Following up the maze of alleged infringement actions against CBS stations on the tune *That Old* Fashioned Mother of Mine. H. V. Akerberg, CBS station relations executive, on March 10 notified all network affiliates that the song in question was different from numbers of a similar name published by Warner houses. Declaring CBS is at a loss to understand the purpose of Warner in bringing the suits, he advised stations to forward all papers to ASCAP for defense by it "pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the ASCAP contract." Mr. Akerberg's letter follows: We have just lagrand that Harma

We have just learned that Harms Inc., one of the publishers in the Warner Bros. group, has served complaints on some of our affiliated stations alleging the broadcasting of "That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine" on a Columbia network program on Jan. 23, 1936, between 9 a. m. and 9:15 a. m., EST. The words of the number mentioned in the Harms complaint were written by Worton David and the music by Horatio Nicholls.

by Worton David and the music by Horatio Nicholls. Columbia was served with a complaint in the early part of February alleging a network broadcast of "That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine" on Jan. 23, 1936, between 9 a. m., and 9:15 a. m.—the same day and hour. The complaint against Columbia was brought by Jerome H. Remick & Co. and the number specified in that complaint was published by Jerome H. Remick, the music being by Lee S. Roberts and the words by Will J. Callahan. This complaint was withdrawn about two weeks after it was filed, and no new suit has been commenced against Columbia on account of broadcasting "That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine."

Mine." Our records clearly indicate that what was broadcast on Jan. 23, 1936 at the time in question was a third song entitled "Old Fashioned Mother of Mine" and which is entirely different and distinct from either of the songs mentioned above and which was written and published by members of ASCAP who have not made any pretense of withdrawing from ASCAP.

In view of our belief that any suits alleging broadcasting of this song can clearly and conclusively be defeated on the facts, we are at a loss to understand the purpose of the Warner group in bringing the suits. However, if your station is served with a complaint alleging broadcasting of "That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine", we suggest that you immediately forward all papers to ASCAP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, for defense by it pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the ASCAP contract.

# **Tide Water Starts Spots**

TIDE WATER OIL Co., New York (Tydol and Veedol) has placed<sup>3</sup> spot accounts on two stations in the East, and more stations will be used in the Northeast when the radio schedule is more advanced. On Feb. 17, over WBEN, Buffalo, 7:30-7:45 p. m., five nights a week, the sponsor launched Cy King as the *Tidewater Reporter*. Over WFBR, Baltimore, on Tuesday, March 10, 7:45-8 p. m., twice weekly, the *Inquiring Reporter* with Henry Hickman was inaugurated. Lennen & Mitchell Inc., New York, is the agency.



GENERAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM 3910 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio Action for Use of Name On Sponsored Broadcast Is Dismissed by Court THE RIGHT of a broadcaster to use the names of persons in a sponsored news broadcast without fear of suit for violation of the Civil Rights Act, was established by a decision handed down March 3 by the State Supreme Court of New York.

Joseph H. King, carpenter of Rochester, N. Y., in July, 1935, filed suits against Walter Winchell, columnist, Andrew Jergens Co., sponsor of Winchell's radio program, and NBC for \$50,000 damages alleging that unauthorized use of his name on an Oct. 7, 1934, broadcast was a violation of the Civil Rights Act which prohibits the use of any person's name for advertising purposes without the permission of that person.

The portion of the news broadcast that mentioned Mr. King's name told how the plaintiff, a carpenter, had sawed off the limb of a tree upon which he was sitting and had fallen to the ground and suffered injury. The plaintiff further claimed that his reputation had been so ridiculed and damaged by the news broadcast that he was unable to obtain work at his trade and asked that damages be awarded on the additional grounds of libel and slander. Supreme Court Justice Willis K.

Supreme Court Justice Willis K. Gillette, who presided, on the motion of defense counsel, dismissed the case, holding that in the first instance, Mr. King's name had not been used to advertise Jergen's lotion and that the commercial announcements on the program were separate from the news. In the second instance, Justice Gillette ruled, that while the news item was humorous, it was not degrading because it did not attack the plaintiff's reputation, character or ability. The Justice held that more than notoriety was necessary to substantiate charges of libel and slander.

LYKOLENE MEDICINE Co., Kansas City (dental cream) is placing one-minute WBS transcribed announcements on five stations. Twelve discs are being made for the sponsor but it is not known whether the series will run for that number of weeks or if the campaign plans will be revised. H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. Inc., Chicago, is the agency.

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THE new "mail response sticker" of WOR, Newark, is keeping sponsors happy. This new service was devised recently by James P. Mulvaney, in charge of mail, and permits an accurate accounting of mail response. The sticker is pasted on each bundle of mail forwarded to sponsors from WOR each day. On its face are the daily total for that particular program, the date, and the week's total. Bundles are wrapped in packages of 100. If they are packed in smaller numbers the exact total is given on the sticker.

Each day five mailmen at WOR handle the bundling, counting and mailing. About 120 bundles go out a day. The record week found 113,367 letters received for various commercial programs. An average week usually finds about 60,000 letters.

Beside this mailing innovation, Mulvaney has devised an accurate mail accounting "running record". Each sponsored program has a file card. Daily the total is changed, along with the week's total. The system goes back to Jan. 1. This enables department heads at the station or at the advertising agency to call WOR at any time and receive the latest complete totals or just the daily response. Each week a complete report on sponsored programs, sustaining programs, and individual artists is compiled by the mailing department, and sent to inter-office departments.

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mail puller is Purity Bakeries Omar, the Mystic, heard Mondays to Fridays at 5:15 p. m. Announcement was made of giveaway of a mystic code. Applicants went to Purity baker dealer for applications and mailed them to the station. On Feb. 3, more than 19,000 requests flooded WOR's mail pouch. The week's total, which broke the station's existing mail-response records, was 81,396. Mulvaney's men quickly assorted these requests, recorded them on the index card, and wrapped the bundles of 100 for delivery to the sponsor. The sponsor received the mail and the total the following day.

# **Oyster Shell Campaign**

OYSTER SHELL PRODUCTS Corp., New York (crushed oyster shell poultry feed) is using oneminute daytime spot announcements twice weekly on nine stations in the East and Midwest. The stations are WLS, WCCO, WBZ-WBZA, KFEQ, KFBI, KFAB, KOA, KMOX, WKY, WHO. Contracts run until the latter part of April. Husband & Thomas Inc., New York, is the agency.



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# **Duffy Bill Chances**

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worth of tickets to the public, and worth of tickets to the public, and to ASCAP they paid one cent out of every \$47. Broadcasters, he said, sold \$80,000,000 worth of time on the air in 1935 and paid to ASCAP for its 45,000 composers (44,000 foreign) \$2,680,406,46 (44,000 foreign) \$2,680,406.46.

In passing, Mr. Mills paid some tribute to American radio. He said this country has the best ra-dio in the world — the cleanest,

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National Successes Now on -WSOC R.C.A. Magic Key Album of Familiar Music General Motors Symphony Strange As It Seems Contented Program Chevrolet Musical Moments Phillip Morris Program Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.

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WSOC Charlotte, N. C. nicest and most entertaining; it is dependable and on time, and it has the brightest men, he declared.

Of the Duffy Bill, Mr. Mills said: "This bill originally, I believe, was conceived as something to help the creators of copyrightable mathe creators of copyrightable ma-terial — that is, original literary, artistic and musical works—as all bills are, and in the course of being discussed and prepared for enactment had tagged onto it a lot of extraneous matter, and finally became instead of an instru-mentality intended to benefit creators of copyrightable material, a thing very gravely to their detri-ment, which will ultimately des-troy them."

troy them." The Duffy Bill, Mr. Mills charged, was not written in good faith. He said it was drawn by "inexperienced" men and that ASCAP had nothing to do with it. Moreover, he said he doubted whether the United States would be admitted to the Berne convenwhether the United States would be admitted to the Berne conven-tion if the bill were enacted be-cause of the so-called "manufac-turing clause" requiring publica-tion of American works in this country. On this he brought in the American Federation of Labor argument to force printing of argument to force printing of works in this country.

Discussing merchanization of music, Mr. Mills said that ten years ago, in appearing before the House Patents Committee, he



APEX BROADCAST-Bob Evans, sports announcer of WGAR, Cleveland, a six-footer who weighs 206 pounds, interviews Cliff Thompson, circus giant, who stands more than three feet taller than Evans.

nad predicted that radio is the greatest contribution that science has made to mankind; "that it will do more to bring about the brotherhood of man than anything since the Holy Bible; that it will give us a universal language, and that it will ultimately make wars impossible." had predicted that radio is the

On the phonograph record roy-alty he declared that both orches-tras and actors "now come in a can". And, he added, the com-poser of an opera, recorded for reposer of an opera, recorded for re-production, gets no more than the man who wrote "Who Threw Mush in Father's Whiskers" or "Flat-Tired Papa, Mama Going to Give You Air". Mr. Mills criticized the provi-sion of the existing law which

Mr. Mills criticized the provi-sion of the existing law, which would be carried on in the Duffy Bill providing a 2-cent-per-side royalty on phonograph records. The Duffy Bill, Mr. Mills con-tended, is "honeycombed" with language that would have to be tested in the courts. "Why foist upon us something we don't want?" he asked.

#### Help the Composer!

HE CHARGED that users of music do not want to pay anything for performing rights. Concluding his formal statement, he asked the his formal statement, he asked the committee to do something "real" for composers. "Do not be so con-cerned about what happens to the user," he admonished. "He will take care of himself. He does it very well. He is well organized, well financed, completely equipped to take care of himself." Concluding his testimony at the behest of Dr. Sirovich, Mr. Mills gave a biographical sketch of him-self from the time he taught school

self from the time he taught school in San Antonio, Tex., to his organization work for motion picture ex-hibitors, vaudeville actors, music



publishers and finally ASCAP. For publishers and finally ASCAP. For three years he served as head of Radio Music Co., NBC music sub-sidiary which finally was dissolved. Mr. Mills then returned to his ASCAP general managership. ASCAP concluded its case in

Mr. Mills then returned to his ASCAP general managership. ASCAP concluded its case in chief March 5 in a blaze of glory with George M. Cohan. The grand old man of the stage and author of "Over There" and other tunes, wise-cracked his way through ex-amination. He said he did not come down to Washington to rep-resent "any racketeers". He praised ASCAP in approved style. When Sirovich asked him whether he thought composers were being am-ply paid, Cohan inquired: "What do you think?" After another volley of Sirovich questions, the actor responded by asking: "What do you think?" and then explained he wanted to know what side Sirohe wanted to know what side Siro-

wanted to know what she bits vich was on before he answered. When Dr. Sirovich asked Mr. Cohan about the Duffy Bill and the Daly Bill, the actor snapped back: "I know Bill Duffy and I know Bill Daly."

Daly." Questioned by Rep. Daly (D-Pa.) Mr. Cohan said he felt the Duffy Bill would take away the rights of the composers. Then he said that his biggest hit, "Over There", was just a "bugle call", adding: "If I hadn't written it Thursday, some-body else would have written it Friday." On cross-examination following.

r riday. On cross-examination following. Mr. Cohan, Mr. Mills advised com-mittee members to look at the "genesis of the Duffy Bill". Ac-tually, he said, broadcasters and others seek to get control of music others seek to get control of music in foreign countries as well as here. He concluded that he felt that with, the "products of the world" in music to sell, "I think I have done a lousy job."

#### A Sharp Exchange

BOTH Senator Duffy and Mr. Mc-Clure resumed March 12 on cross-examination. The hearing was en-livened by a sharp colloquy be-tween Senator Duffy and Rep Daly (D-Penn.) after the latten had used police court judge tactics in his examination. There was  $\varepsilon$ spontaneous outburst from othen committee members about the "un-dignified manner" in which the hearing had proceeded, Rep. Deer threatened to withdraw from com-mittee membership if such pro cedure persisted. BOTH Senator Duffy and Mr. Mccedure persisted.

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olitician engaged in an argument with Senator Duffy about having rearranged with Rep. O'Malley, who was not present at time, on the testimony in support of the Duffy Bill. Senator Duffy openly opened the insurant sented the insinuations, respond-ng that ASCAP had "its friends n the committee" and had "high-riced" counsel. When Daly began o lecture to the Senator, Rep. Deen broke in to protest the "unignified" procedure.

Mr. Deen was supported by Rep. hurch who protested the Philaelphian's criticism of other memers of the committee who were ot present. When Mr. Daly began ot present. When Mr. Daly began b berate Mr. Church, the latter aid: "I'm not going to be chas-ised by anybody. I insist upon egular order". Sirovich's gavel ounded and Mr. Daly stopped. For an hour Senator Duffy re-

lewed his previous testimony in upport of his bill and in opposi-ion to ASCAP's arbitrary meth-ds. He was finally dismissed with hanks, and Mr. McClure again ook the stand.

#### Hot Executive Session

'OLLOWING the session, howver, an executive meeting was alled, and it proved hot and eavy. Rep. Kramer (D-Cal.) of-ered a resolution to prolong the earings until April 23 but on oint of order made by Mr. O'Mal-wit was relad out by it was ruled out. There was also discussion in the

rhere was also discussion in the xecutive session of the Daly-Puffy controversy, with indica-ions that the issue might come p on the floor of the House. Rep. Kramer advanced the sug-

estion that perhaps there should e an amendment to the Duffy Bill which would provide that before ny station, motion picture ex-ibitor or other user is cited for afringement he shall be given otice from the copyright owner n his ownership and until such otice there could be no violation. Ir. McClure said it seemed to him ffhand that it might constitute n undue burden upon the author. Asked by Rep. Deen whether he hought ASCAP used the \$250 in-ringement clause as a club, Mr. IcClure said the impression he ad was that the provision oper-tes "as a sort of subsidized bar-

aining power which the govern-nent has placed in the hands of a rivate organization."

"I do not think that any good SCAP should want that law and hat any bad ASCAP should be iven it," he said.

# Western Railroads (Continued from page 7)

tions in the Middle Western terdraws its major which Illinois Central draws its major winter travel. In addition to this Illinois Central, beginning last October, contracted for one hour over Station WMAQ every week day morning from 7-8 a. m., and indications are that this will continue indefinitely. In view of the above outline of the radio activities of our own clients, I think you will agree that

the statement in your publication referred to above is extremely misleading, and I think it will be only fair to the railroads, including our clients, that you publish a more correct statement in an early is-sue of BROADCASTING.

I would further say that the radio activities mentioned above are only a part of very extensive advertising campaigns of the railroads, including magazines, newspapers and direct mail, which our clients are consistently carrying out, as also are most of the pro-gressive railroads of the West. For instance, the Illinois Central began three months ago a new series of institutional advertising, using over 450 newspapers, with large copy and with a new advertisement every three weeks, this advertising being along lines en-tirely new in the railroad adver-tising field. This is in addition to a very extensive direct selling campaign featuring their winter

travel service. The Union Pacific, individually, have been consistently advertising in a large number of national magazines and, jointly with the Chicago & North Western Rail-way, in practically all of the leading newspapers throughout the Middle West and East. Rock Is-land Railroad, too, have continued to use national magazines and

I think the foregoing should convince you that the story you have published conveyed an en-tirely wrong impression of the

Situation. Yours very truly, H. G. BULLOCK, Vice President, The Caples Co.

Finally, Mr. McClure said the Department had not been consulted one way or another in connection with the writing of either the Siro-vich or the Daly bills, whereas it was instrumental in drafting the Duffy Bill.



# **Scoop Ward Enrollment Defies 1% Survey Rating**

WARD BAKING Co., Brooklyn, sponsoring the Scoop Ward pro-gram on CBS, recently enlarged to a 19-station network, has en-rolled 500,000 children in its Scoop Ward Club. Early in February the program had a rating of only 1% in the Coperative Analysis of Broadcasting (Crossley) survey. 1% in the Coperative Analysis of Broadcasting (Crossley) survey. Since 11 stations were used in a territory having 6,000,000 radio families, the survey indicated only 60,000 radio families listened to the program. Despite this rating, the club at that time had 250,000 youngsters enrolled. Allowing for more than one child in a family, a big gap still existed between the big gap still existed between the program rating and the number of program rating and the number of children who wrote to the sponsor for *Scoop Ward* badges. In addi-tion it is pointed out that thou-sands of other children also tune in the program although they have not joined the club, and a large number of adults follow the adven-tures of *Score Ward* tures of Scoop Ward.

## **Midwest in 3 Cities**

MIDWEST RADIO Corp., Cincin-nati, is using thrice-weekly quar-ter-hour studio programs in three cities to promote its line of radio receivers. In Detroit and Cincin-nati, WJR and WCKY are being used to attract retail buyers into stores handling Midwest receivers. Over KNX, Los Angeles, Midwest is soliciting mail order inquiries. The sponsor's refrigerator line has not yet been promoted by radio. Key Adv. Co., Cincinnati, is the Midwest agency.

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# Kate Smith Program

TO INAUGURATE Kate Smith Invitation Week the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. has booked a one-time program on 39 CBS stations, Sunday, March 15, 8-9 p. m. In newspapers and magazines the sponsor is promoted the week, March 15-22. Other promotional material has been sent to every A&P store in the country. Talent on the special program includes: Dick Powell, Eva Le Gallienne, the whole cast of *The Rise of the Goldbergs, The A&P Gypsies, Ro-*many Singers, James Melton, Bob Burns, Jack Miller and orchestra, Doc. Rockwell, Harry Reser and or c h estr a, Block & Sully and others. The program was to origi-nate from the CBS 45th St. Play-house. The hour selected is oppo-In newspapers and magazines the house. The hour selected is opposite Major Bowes', sponsored by Chase & Sanborn coffee. Paris & Peart Inc., New York, handles the A&P account.



Universal Microphone Co.. Ltd. 424 Warren Lane. Inglewood. Calif.. U.S.A.

# **Newspaper Tie-ups** For Station Prove **Merchandising Aid** WIP Finds Exchange of Space And Time Mutually Helpful

By ALBERT A. CORMIER Vice President & General Manager WIP Philadelphia



THE HOSTIL-ITY between radio and newspapers flares up regularly on various fronts but the last two years have been marked by gen-erally happier erally feeling between the broadcasters

and the press. While relations are still strained in many quarters, Philadelphia offers one of the best examples of the mutually bene-ficial results that can be obtained by cooperation between the two. Philadelphia newspapers gener-

Philadelphia newspapers gener-ally were openly hostile to radio. Only one of the five dailies carried daily radio news, and only two of the five had Sunday columns. Ra-dio publicity was strictly taboo and cooperation of any sort be-tween newspaper and the stations was unknown. This was the pic-ture in the summer of 1935.

was unknown. This was the pic-ture in the summer of 1935. WIP, in its quest for additional merchandising media for its spon-sors, approached the *Evening Pub*lic Ledger to suggest that a trade agreement be made whereby WIP would receive space in the paper



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and the paper would be given time on the air. The negotiations were not so difficult as might have been expected because the news-papers' plaint that radio news hurt the sale of newspapers and that radio received huge slices of the advertising budgets that formerly went to the press had been largely dissipated. Time was ex-changed for space on a card rate against card rate basis.

falo, placed the account.

#### Exchange of Time

THE NEWSPAPER time took six 15 minute periods per week on WIP, creating the character of "Brother Bill" to read the *Ledger's* daily comic section on the air. They were rather dubious as to the results, but agreed to make the experiment for a period of three months. After two months "Broth-er Bill" offered a button on which was the picture of one of his comic strip characters. During the next four weeks he received in excess of 15,000 requests. Since it is necessary to have the paper in order to follow the radio program, the paper felt that "Broth-er Bill" had been responsible for increased circulation and the pro-gram is therefore set to continue indefinitely.

Once the ice was broken the previous press-radio coldness melt-ed away. Today WIP has similar arrangements with both of Philadelphia's morning papers, the In-quirer and the Record, as well as quarer and the *Record*, as well as with the *Evening Ledger*. The papers have used the radio time for merchandising as well as a means of building circulation. The *Inquirer*, largest of the radio ad-vertisers, presents each Saturday a dramatization of the first portion of the novel that will concern of the novel that will appear in the next day's paper. Seven morn-ings per week it presents a five minute program giving the most interesting items from its lost and found columns and each evening it offers a safety talk with plugs for its automobile advertising. The Record has instituted a domestic help service which is broadcast each morning with a few selec-tions from the paper's help-wanted section.

The newspapers have discovered that the merchandising possibilities of radio are as great as the opportunities of increased circulation. In its solicitation of adver-tising the guarantee that a spe-cific ad will be mentioned in a radio broadcast is frequently the inducement that closes the sale. The programs have no adverse effect on radio because the type



of advertising that the papers are merchandising is generally not ra dio station material.

So much for the advantages to the newspapers. But what do the radio stations get out of it? In the first place, simply having a station's call letters in three daily newspapers, with a combined cir culation of 701,388, and two Sun day newspapers, with a circula tion of 1,023,918, is not to be min imized. The uses of the larg amounts of newspaper space to ; radio station are legion and WIP months of experimentation hav already demonstrated the value o the tie-ups. Because few radi-stations have had carefully planner newspaper advertising campaign the field is largely unexplored bu four definite uses have alread been established.

The value of institutional adver The value of institutional adver tising is unquestioned and th large amount of space availabl to the station has enabled it t run a series of ads on the progres the station has made, plans fo the future, some of the station' special services to listeners, an similar things. The institutions ads help to sell the station in ger eral rather than an individu

eral rather than an individual program, and add definite prestige One of the principal uses of th space by WIP has been in buik ing audiences for the most sale ble of its sustaining program When sponsors have been inte ested in program popularity, an more especially in the mail pul consistent advertising of the pr gram in three newspapers has in creased mail as much as 1500% Aside from the mail consideratio any program is much more desi when regular newspaper a able vertising has been used to call to the attention of listeners. Ne programs can secure fullest aud ence in a very short period of tin when attention is regularly calle to it on the radio pages of tl newspapers.

The use of the space as a me chandising service to sponsors invaluable. The new sponsor ca have newspaper advertising spa calling attention to his progra as part of the station's servic The advertising is not limited the radio pages, and sponsors women's programs may have t woman's page or the society pag and sport talks and programs f men on the sports pages, syn phony and classical music on t music pages. Station policy pe mits the copy in the advertisin of commercial programs to be us only to call attention to the rad program and not as a supp mentary ad for the sponsor's pro

The availability of the newsp per space has been in numero cases the answer to the station guest-star problem. An indepen ent station finds it impossible pay high-priced names for apper ances on its program, but t publicity in station ads in t papers is generally sufficient co pensation. Since the inception the press-radio tie-in, WIP's Hom makers' Club has had a star screen or radio star of nation fame on 26 consecutive visu broadcasts.

All in all, both WIP and t newspapers have benefited from the exchange. Each has been a to use the other medium to su plement its own advertising, w negligible inroads into each o er's territory.

# FCC Keeping Congress Busy Probing into Rumors and Files

Seizure of Telegrams for Senate Lobby Committee Leads to Court Ruling Holding Action Illegal

S AN ORATORICAL target for ongress, the FCC is establishing omething of a unique record, with wo separate resolutions for invesigation of its activities in the opper and a third dealing with ts telegram seizures having been dopted.

dopted. On the heels of the Catholic profane poem" affair which preipitated the Connery Resolution, nd the Willard Hotel incident, which caused introduction of a esolution by Senator Couzens (R-Mich.), Senator Borah (R-Idaho) n March 9 introduced and saw dopted a resolution on the teleram seizures.

The resolution read:

Resolved, That the FCC be and the ame hereby is requested to report to be Senate all activities of its agents a any inspection or alleged seizures f telegrams and records and telehone communications or other priate communications to or from any origin to the United States or any origin or destroyed telegrams and hat the FCC inform the Senate y what authority and under what aw and at whose direction the action of the FCC was taken. This grew out of the disclosure

This grew out of the disclosure hat the files of both Western Inion and Postal in Washington ad been examined by agents of he Black Lobby Investigating Dommittee of the Senate under orders of the FCC and with the essistance of FCC clerks. It was attacked in both House and Sente and by other political groups as a "reprehensible" practice and as one which the FCC had no auhority to undertake.

At its meeting March 11 the FCC appointed a committee of four, headed by Commissioner Norman S. Case, as chairman, to study the Borah resolution and Iraw up the reply. Several days, It was estimated, would be necessary to complete the work. Other members are Commissioners Walker, Stewart and Sykes.

#### Ruling by Court

IT WAS learned that the FCC at a full Commission meeting on Sept. 26 adopted a minute instrucing Commissioner Irvin Stewart, charman of the Telegraph Division, to examine the telegram files relating to lobying messages and activities under investigation by the Black Committee. This was lone upon motion of Dr. Stewart. So far as known the Black Committee did not subpoena these files or direct the FCC to do so. If that is so, according to legislative authorities, the FCC was egally without power to make the seizures in the name of the FCC. The examinations were conducted in September. Some 5,000 private telegrams, including those of a personal or confidential nature, were understood to have been examined.

There were prompt reactions in and out of Congress. First Jouett Shouse, head of the American Liberty League, went on the air to attack the procedure bitterly. Then Rep. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) blasted forth in the House, charging that telegraph companies had been intimidated to a point where they were "afraid" to resist the FCC clerks.

Chief Justice Wheat of the District of Columbia Supreme Court on March 11 issued a permanent injunction against the furnishing of the entire file of Western Union telegraph messages sent by the law firm of Silas Strawn, of Chicago, former president of the American Bar Association and former head of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The injunction, while directed against Western Union, was tantamount to blocking efforts of the Senate lobby committee in its effort to make blanket seizures of telegrams. The present case blocked the seizure of the Strawn law firm's messages but it is believed that the ruling will be applicable to hundreds of similar telegraph files of lawyers, corporations and organizations which the Black Committee has ordered the telegraph companies to turn over to it in its investigation of lobbying and political activities. Strawn is a member of the finance committee of the Republican National Committee and Senator Black was also reported to be desirous of probing any activity by his firm in connection with the American Liberty League.

A week earlier Senator Couzens introduced his resolution on the Willard Hotel incident which the FCC committee of five had previously investigated and had found no evidence of any "bribes" of FCC members. The resolution asked that the FCC submit to the Senate the detailed report of its investigation and of that of the Department of Justice, upon which it based its findings.

Without awaiting action of the Senate on the resolution, however, the FCC on March 5 submitted to Senator Couzens the entire testi-mony. What the Senator planned to do with it is not known. It was indicated, however, that Couzens sought the testimony to ascertain whether the Senate would be justified in demanding an investigation of all of the activities of the FCC. While members of the Senate had been importuned to make such an inquiry, there was no documentary evidence, it is under-stood, to support the charges advanced. Among those conferring repeatedly with Senators, it was declared, have been the same groups which were instrumental in having the Connery Resolution passed in the House. The Connery measure is still pending before the House Rules Committee.



# **ACTIONS OF THE** FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

## (Broadcast Division)

## 💻 MARCH 1 TO MARCH 13, INCLUSIVE 🛲

# Decisions . . . MARCH 3

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED:** 

WMFJ, Datona Beach, Fla.—CP new trans., vertical radiator. KPDM. Pampa, Tex.—Modif. CP trans.

KPDM. Pampa, Tex.—Modif. Gr trans. site & equip. KFSG, Los Angeles—Modif. license from 1 to 2½ kw D, use KRKD trans. KSD, St. Louis and KMJ, Fresno—Auth. attenna measurement. KGBX, Springfield Brdestg. Co. KOOS, Marshfield, Ore.—Modif. license to Pacifac Radio Corp. WQAM, Miami—CP new equip. KWKH, Shreveport, La.—Auto. freq. control equip.

KWKH, Shreveport, La.—Auto. freq. control equip. KSCJ, Sioux City, Ia.—Amended CP change antenna, trans. site, increase from Simul. D WTAQ SH N to unltd. W9XAA, York Twp., II.—License for CP move trans. to WCFL site. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS — KFI, Los Angeles, extension temp. auth. close aux. trans. pending repairs; WTAG, Wor-cester, Mass., temp. auth. tests new site; WJBK, Detroit, extension temp. auth. tests for site; WQAN, Scranton, extension temp. auth. curtailed time pending ASCAP negotiations.

WJBK, Detroit, extension temp. auth. tests for site: WQAN, Scranton, extension septimizations. SET FOR HEARING: KRNT, Des Moines; WAWZ, Zarephath, N. J.; WOL, Washington; NEW, Auburn Pub. Co., Auburn, N. Y.; NEW, Jefferson Brdestg. Co., Ormond O. Black, pres.,, Birming-ham; NEW, WISE Brdestg. Co., St. Paul.; NEW, Saginaw Brdestg. Co., St. Paul.; NEW, Saginaw Brdestg. Co., Sg-inaw, Mich.; KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash. NEW, C. W. Snider, Wichita Falls, Tex. MISCELLANEOUS — KSL, Sait Lake City, granted petition intervene KLO applic.; KGU, Honolulu, denied recon-sideration grant of KGMB; NEW, Chas. C. Theis, Wichita. oral argument set for 3-5-36 on Ex. Rep. 1-96 recommended grant applic. ; Springfield Newspapers Inc., Springfield, Mo., permitted to file answer applic. Pittsburg Brdestg. Co., for new station; Kidd Bros., Taft, Cal., ap-pearance & statement of facts a ccepted in applic. new station; WEEI, Boston, denied motion strike notice of desire to be heard & statement of facts a thearing of Chattanooga Brdestg. Co.; NEW, Tu-lare-Kings Counties Radio Associates, Visalia, Cal., denied schedule of applic. week of March 2; KGFG, Oklahoma City, denied reconsideration and grant applic. WAAW, Omaha, granted renewal license; Charleston Brdcstg. Cor, Charleston, W. Va., answer to appearance of WDBO ac-cepted; KHSL, Chico, Cal., denied recon-sideration commission action of 1-21-36 granting extension completion date of WNRI and directed applic. set for hear-ing NEW Welley. Brdests Co. WNRI and directed applic. set for hear-ing; NEW, Valley Brdcstg. Co., Pomona, Cal., remanded to docket applic. CP 1160

Cal., remanded to docket applie. CF 1160
 kc 250 w LS.
 APPLICATIONS DISMISSED—WTMV,
 E. St. Louis, Ill., CP 1500 kc 100 w 250
 LS unitd.; NEW, Alex F. Suss, Maryville, Cal., CP 1210 kc 100 w unitd.;
 NEW, Alex F. Suss, Sacramento, CP 1310 kc 100 w unitd.

ACTION ON EXAMINERS' REPORTS:

ACTION ON EXAMINERS' REPORTS: WILL, Urbana, III.--Granted modif. license from 890 to 580 kc, from Sh.-KUSD and KFNF to D 1 kw, sustaining Examiner Seward. NEW, Hammond. Ind.--Denied CP 1480 kc 5 kw, sustaining Examiner Walker. KADA, Ada, Okia.--Denied exp. auth. 1200 kc 100 w unltd., reversing Examiner Seward. KGCX, Wolf Point. Mont.--Denied CP move trans., change equip., change from 1310 to 1450 kc, increase from 100 w N 250 w D to 1 kw unltd., reversing Examiner Bramhall. WEDC, Chicago-Granted renewal, sus-taining Examiner Hyde. NEW, Golden Empire Brdestg. Co., Red-ding, Cal.--Granted CP 1200 kc 100 w unltd., sustaining Examiner Dalberg. KFPY, Spokane -- Granted CP new equip., change trans. site, increase from 1 kw to 1 kw 5 kw D 890 kc unltd., sustaining Examiner Hill. WSPD, Toledo -- Granted CP change equip., increase from 1 kw 2½ kw LS to 1 kw 5 kw LS 1340 kc unltd., sustaining Examiner Seward.

WJBC, Bloomington, Ill.—Granted CP change equip., increase from 100 w to 100 w 250 w D 1200 kc, Sh.-WJBL, sustain-ing Examiner Bramhall. WHBU, Anderson, Ind.—Granted CP change equip., increase from 100 w to 100 w 250 w D 1210 kc unitd. WFBM, Indianapolis—Granted CP new equip., move trans. & Studio, increase from 1 kw to 1 kw 5 kw D 1250 kc unitd., sustaining Examiner Walker. BATIEUCATIONS.

**RATIFICATIONS:** WKBV, Richmond, Ind. — Extension test period (2-24). WDZ, Tuscola, Ill.—Same (2-28). WOW, Omnha—Extension temp. auth.

WOW. Omaha—Extension temp. auth. 5 kw N(2-28). WAAF, Chicago — Temp. auth. spec. hours (2-28). WTRC, Elkhart, Ind. — Temp. auth. Simul.-WLBC spec. hours (2-28).

### MARCH 10

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED:** 

WDBJ, Roanoke, Va. - CP new equip., increase 1 to 5 kw D, move trans., studio

APPLICATIONS GRANTED:
 WDBJ, Roanoke, Va. — CP new equip., increase 1 to 5 kw D, move trans., studio locally.
 WIOD-WMBF, Miami—CP new equip.
 WRJN, Racine. Wis.—Modif. CP change equip. antenna & trans. at Mt. Pleasant. KBIX. Muskogee, Okla. — Modif. CP trans. site & studio, antenna system.
 KWBG, Hutchinson, Kan.—Vol. assign.
 license to Nation's Center Brdestg. Co. Inc.
 WMBR, Jacksonville—CP change equip.
 WHBR, Jacksonville—CP vol. assign.
 license to Hearst Radio Inc.
 SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS—WMFJ, Daytona Beach, granted extension temp. auth. RCA Victor 100-E trans. pending action CP applic.; WFIL, Philadelphia, granted temp. auth. 100 watt portable;
 WIBA, Madison, Wis... granted extension temp. auth. 500 w N; WJJD, Chicago, granted temp. auth. begin 5 a. m. CST during daylight saving period.
 SET FOR HEARING: NEW. Wike & Studebaker, Baker, Ore.; KLO. Ogden. U.; KWBG, Hutchinson, Kan.; WJBO, Baton Rouge, La.; WJAC, Johnstown, Pa.;
 WRDW, Augusta, Ga.; NEW, Foreign Lands Corp., Honolulu: NEW. Brockway Co., Watertown. N. Y.; NEW. Black Hawk Brdestg. Co., Waterloo, Ia.; INEW, WKY Radiophone Co., Oklahoma City; NEW, Farmers & Bankers Life Ins. Co., Wichita; NEW, Winona Radio Service, Winona, Minn.; NEW, Earl Weir, St. Petersburg; NEW, Frank M. Dunham, Fort Dodge, Ia.; NEW, Frank M. Dunham, Fort Dodge, Ia.; NEW, Frank M. Dunham, Fort Dodge, Ia.; NEW, Royal Sacramento (4:30-36); WTF, Athens, Ga. (4:16-36); NEW, L & S Brdcstg. Co., Atlanta (4:16-36).
 ACTION ON EXAMINERS' REPORTS:
 KID, Idaho Falls—Granted CP move

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KID, Idaho Falls — Granted CP move trans.. increase 250 w N 500 w D to 500 w N 1 kw D 1320 kc unltd., sustaining Examiner Walker in part.
NEW. william S. Thellman, New Castle, Pa.—Denied CP 1420 kc 100 w D, snstaining Examiner Dalberg.
MEW, E. L. Clifford. Pottsville, Pa.—Denied CP 580 kc 250 w D, sustaining Examiner Dalberg.
WJAS. Pittsburgh—Granted modif. CP increase to 1 kw N 5 kw D unltd., sustaining Examiner Walker.
MEW. Carter & Wolfe. Mansfield, O.—Denied CP 1370 kc 50 w N 100 w D unltd., sustaining Examiner Walker.
MISCELLANEOUS — KXL, Portland. Ore. granted order take depositions: WBNX, New York. granted oral argument applic. CP new equip., increase to 1 kw. move trans.; NEW, Plain Dealer Pub. Co. & Munroe F. Rubin, Ruth Rubin, denied petition for Broadcast Division to hear applic. transfer control WHK. WJAY to U. B. Co., instead of examiner; WHBI. Newark, granted continuance hearing applic. increase 1/2 to 5 kw; WAAW. Omaha, denied reconsid. & grant applic. assign license to Neb. Brdcstr. Co.; NEW. L. & S. Brdcstg. Co., Atlanta, granted oral argument applic. CP new station be consolidated applic. WTFI move to Atlanta; KDYL. Salt Lake City, suspended grant of Feb. 13 new equip., increase 1/3 new equip, increase to 5 kw D, and set for hearing on protest of KLO: Metro Brdcstg. Co., Los Angeles, remanded to docket for further testimony; G. D. Goff, Tampa, Fla., granted oral argument before Broadcast Division 3-26-36 applic. CP new station 1500 kc 100 w unltd.; NEW, Dor.

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renne D. Roderick, El Paso, reconsidered action granting applic. CP 1500 kc 100 w unltd., set for hearing.

#### **APPLICATIONS DISMISSED:**

AFFLICATIONS DISMISSED:
NEW, Springfield Newspapers Inc., Springfield, Mo.—CP 790 kc 1 kw D.
NEW, Voice of Black Hills, Rapid City,
S. D.—CP 1200 kc 100 w spec.
wWRL, Woodside, N. Y.—Modif. license
1500 kc 100 w 250 w LS spec., re hours.
KFOX, Long Beach, Cal.—Applic. vol.

WEST, Easton, Pa.—Applic. vol. wEST, Easton, Pa.—Applic. modif. CP. NEW, R. C. Coshorn, Lester E. Cox, Jefferson City, Mo.—Applic. CP 920 kc 500 w D. **RATIFICATIONS:** 

RATIFICATIONS: WBAA, W. Lafayette, Ind. — Granted temp. auth. spec. hours (3-5). KIIH, Lincoln, Neb.—Granted auth. exp. freq. (3-7). WPTF, St. Louis—Granted auth. 50 w exp. (3-7). WPTF, Raleigh, N. C.—Granted auth. extend equip. test (2-29). KFKA, Greeley, Col.; KFRC, San Fran-cisco; WTAQ; Green Bay, Wis.—Granted auth. extend program tests. WFAA, Dallas—Granted petition inter-vene applic. Pittsburg Brdestg. Co. new station at Pittsburg. Kan. (3-3). WBAP, Fort Worth—Same. WBNX, New York—Granted auth. di-rectional antenna (3-4). Pulitzer Pub. Co., St. Louis — Granted hearing date 4-7. APPLICATION DENIED—WHBC, Can-ton, O., denied temp. auth. operate pend-ing applic. assignment license and CP to Ohio Brdestg. Co., but not to exceed 30 days.

# Examiners' Reports . . .

NEW, Fountain of Youth Properties Inc., St. Augustine, Fla.—Examiner Hyde recommended (1-203) that applic. CP 1210 kc 100 w unitd. be granted. NEW, Valley Electric Co., San Luis Obispo, Cal.; E. E. Long Piano Co., San Luis Obispo—Examiner Hill recommended (1-204) that applic. Valley Electric Co. for CP 1200 kc 250 w D be granted; that applic. E. E. Long Piano Co. CP 1200 kc 100 w unitd. be denied.

## Applications . MARCH 2

NEW, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.--CP gen. exp. amended to 1

Troy, N. Y.—CP gen. exp. amended to 1 kw. WORL, Needham, Mass.—Modif. license increase from 500 to 1 kw. WNBR, Memphis—Consent transfer con-trol to Memphis—Consent transfer con-trol to Memphis—Consent transfer con-trol to Memphis—Consent transfer con-trol to Memphis—Consent transfer wINO, W. Palm Beach — Modif. CP change equip., trans. site locally. NEW, News Press Pub. Co., Santa Bar-bara—CP 1450 kc 500 w unltd., amended to 1410 kc. KVL, Seattle—CP change equip., change from 1370 to 1070 kc, 100 to 250 w, hours from Sh.-KRKO to D, amended re an-tenna.

APPLICATIONS RETURNED - NEW, Myron J. Bennett, Minot, N. D.; KMBC, Kansas City. MARCH 3

#### MARCH 3

NEW, Bayou Brdestg. Co., Houston-CP 1200 kc 100 w unitd. W4XH, Spartanburg, S. C.-Modif. li-cense re freq., 50 w. NEW, W. C. Miner. Rock Springs, Wyo. -CP 950 kc 500 w ltd., amended to 1310 kc 100 w D. APPLICATION RETURNED-E. N. & S. W. Warner, d/b Warner Bros., Oak-land, Cal.

## MARCH 5

MARCH 3 WBNY, Buffalo — License for CP as modif. 1370 kc 100 w 250 w D, except hours assigned to WSVS. WMCA. New York-Modif. license from 500 w to 1 kw D & N. WEVD, New York-Modif. license from 1300 to 1400 kc unltd. etc., amended to directional antenna. WKY, Oklahoma City-CP new equip., increase from 1 to 5 kw, move trans. lo-cally amended re antenna, change to 1 kw 5 kw D, omit move trans. NEW, Fred A. Baxter, Superior, Wis.-CP 1370 kc 100 w unltd., amended to 1200 kc.

MARCH 12 NEW, George F. Bissell, Pittsfield, Ma -CP 1200 kc 100 w D. WJBK, Detroit — Modif. CP chan equip., move trans., directional anteni to extend completion. KTSA, San Antonio-Vol. assign. licer to KTSA Brdestg. Co. KNOW, Austin, Tex. — Auth. trans-control to Hearst Radio Inc. 10,000 shar NEW, John S. Braun, Waco, Tex.--1500 kc 100 w D. KFJZ, Fort Worth-CP new equip., crease to 100 w 250 w D.

00 kc. WCRW, Chicago — Modif. license re

KFKA, Greeley, Col.-Modif, license from 500 w 1 kw D to 1 kw N & D.

NEW, Ellwood W. Lippincott, Pendi-ton, Ore.—CP 1500 kc 100 w D amende to unitd. NEW, H. L. Corley, Trinidad, Col.—C 1370 kc 100 w unitd. KFBB, Great Falls, Mont.—CP chang equip., increase from 1 kw 2½ kw D i 1 kw 5 kw D, change from 1280 to 90 kc, move trans. locally, asks facilitie KSFI and KSFI assigned to 1280 kc. KVOE, Santa Ana, Cal—Consent trans fer control to J. S. Edwards Inc. APPLICATION RETURNED — KLPI Minot, N. D.

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#### MARCH 7

NEW, Ogdensburg Pub. Co. Inc., Og densburg, N. Y.-CP 1500 kc 100 w unit NEW, Albert Lea Brdcstg. Corp., A bert Lea, Minn.-CP 1200 kc 100 w unit amended to 1370 kc. APPLICATION RETURNED - NEW WBBM Brdcstg. Corp., Chicago, gen. exj 50 w.

## MARCH 9

WHN, New York—License for CP ne equip., increase D power; license to u old trans. as aux.; auth. antenna me

surement. NEW.

Surement. NEW, J. W. Plame, Huntington Par. Cal.-CP 850 kc. 100 w unltd., freq. 1 KIEV, amended to 1500 kc. omit reque for KIEV and KVOE freq., studio 62: Pacific Blvd, APPLICATIONS RETURNED - NEV Lexington Herald Co., Lexington, Ky NEW, John S. Braun, Waco, Tex.; KFJ: Fort Worth; NEW, Bluffton Brdcstg. Cc Bluffton, Ind.; New, Ed Klies, Helen. Mont. Mont.

# MARCH 10 MIARCH 10 WBBC, Brooklyn-Modif. license fro Sh.wLTH, WGGU, WFOX to Sh.-WITJ asks facilities WARD, WFOX, amende to unltd., asks facilities WARD, WLTI WVFW. WHEC, Rochester — Modif. CP ne equip., move trans., extent completio WLLH, Lowell, Mass. — Exp. aut 'satellite' station 1370 kc 10 to 100 w & N unltd., Lawrence, to operate sy. chronously. NEW, W. H. Marolf, Escanaba, Mich.-CP 1500 kc 100 w unltd. WFBC, Greenville, S. C.-License fe CP as modif. new equip., increase power move trans.

CP as modil, new equip., increase powe move trans. NEW, Tribune Printing Co., Jefferse City, Mo.—CP 1310 kc 100 w D. KGFW, Kearney, Neb.—Consent tran fer control to Clark Standiford & Kate

Fisher. NEW, Albert Lea Brdcstg. Corp., Albe Lea, Minn.—CP 1370 kc 100 w unlt amended to 1200 kc. NEW, Glenn Van Auken, Indianapol —CP 600 kc 1 kw D, amended to 1050 k

MARCH 11

MARCH 11 WHBI, Newark-Modif. license use au trans as main. WDRC, Hartford-CP gen exp. 50 w. WJSV, Washington-CP gen exp. 100 WEST, Easton, Pa.-License for CP modif. move to Easton, change antenna WKY, Oklahoma City-License for ge exp. station W5XAU. WSIX, Springfield, Tenn.-Modif. ( trans. site. extend completion.

exp. station W5XAU. WSIX, Springfield, Tenn.-Modif. C trans. site, extend completion. WDZ, Tuscola, II.-License for CP modif. change freq., equip. move trans. NEW, Voice of St. Louis Inc., St. Lou -CP gen exp. 100 w. WMT, Des Moines-CP change equif increase 1 kw N 2½ kw D to 1 kw N kw D. NEW, Tribune, Great Falls, Mont.--(550 kc 1 kw N 5 kw D unltd (faci ties KFYR) amended to 950 kc. Warner Bros., Oakland, Cal.--CP ge exp. 200 w. APPLICATIONS RETURNED - NE Arthur E. Seagrave, Lewiston, Me.; NE Albert O. Fenyvessy, Rochester, N. Y NEW, Owensboro Brdcstg. Co., Owet boro, Ky. KGBC, Honolulu. MARCH 12

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GBK. Tyler, Tex.—CP change equip., e trans locally.
WKC, Kansas City—CP new equip., e studio locally; vol. assign. license form Cleveland, amended to Lester E. & Thomas L. Evans.
GO, San Francisco—CP new equip., in-ee from 7½ to 50 kw, move trans. to Belmont, Cal.
EW, Golden Empire Brdcstg. Co., ysville, Cal.—CP 1140 kc 250 w D.
EW, James H. Hardy & L. D. Marr, adena, Cal.—CP 1160 kc 250 w D.

MARCH 13 WHDH, Boston-License for CP change

P. D. F. P. Cerniglia, Monroe, La. EW, Dr. F. P. Cerniglia, Monroe, La. SBC, Chicago — CP change antenna, re trans. locally. TAQ, Green Bay, Wis. — License for as modif. new equip., move trans. & lio, change hours. JPPLICATION RETURNED — WCMI, land, Ken.

# **Ralston-Purina on NBC**

LSTON-FURINA Co. Inc., St. uis (Ry-Krisp) will return to air April 3, Fridays, 10:30-45 p. m., on an NBC - WEAF work for 52 weeks. Marion lley, opera singer, and Josef estner orchestra will be the tal-. The program will be broad-t from the new NBC studios in llywood. Gardner Advertising , St. Louis, placed the account.

# **Kleenex Without Quest**

HILE International Cellucotton HILE International Cellucotton oducts Co., Chicago (Kleenex) s renewed its contract on CBS, mention of Quest, deodorant, l be made after April 1 in ac-dance with the CBS policies d down last year. Kleenex's nmitment expires at the end of s month, hence the expurgat-of the Quest angle. The Klee-program features a dramatic t program features a dramatic tch, Mary Marlin.



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# Major Bowes Declared Balking at Renewal of **NBC** Artists Contract

WITH the Major Bowes Amateur Hour, sponsored by Chase & San-born, observing its first anniver-sary on the NBC-WEAF network this month, it is learned from re-liable sources that Maj. Bowes is contemplating refusing to renew his present agreement with NBC Artists Service whereby it receives 10% of the gross billings of the Bowes amateur units on tour and whereby NBC books and sells the Chase & Sanborn show. The present contract with the Artists Serv-

ice expires April 14. The booking situation, however, has no connection with Chase & Sanborn's NBC contract, it was said, the proposed change affecting only the theater units, of which 14 are now on the road and which are said to have had gross billings of about \$600,000 since last July. The theatrical grosses were larg-The theatrical grosses were larg-est during January and February of this year, and at the present rate may run around \$1,500,000 for this year. The theatrical units are Maj. Bowes' personal property.

are Maj. Bowes' personal property. Maj. Bowes is said to be opposed to paying NBC its 10% commis-sion in the belief that he can han-dle them himself from his own Broadway office. NBC since last July has serviced and exploited the amateur units, with Murray Bloom and Rubey Cowan assigned to the job.

That the amateur cycle would have lasted as long as it did, or that it would reach the pinnacle of popularity it has enjoyed, was a surprise to all in the radio field. and it is also well known that Bowes' road shows rest largely on his radio show's popularity for their drawing power. Despite his differences with NBC. it is entirely unlikely that Maj. Bowes will attempt to take his program to another network in view of the expense and buildup Chase & San-born has extended to it.

# **Brooklyn** Case Deferred

ANOTHER month's postponement of the hearing on the so-called Brooklyn cases was ordered by the FCC at its general session March 11. The newest date is May 7 at which the entire case, involving a dozen applications, will be reopened.



New York Women Honor Margaret Cuthbert, NBC NBC's director of women's activi-ties, Miss Margaret Cuthbert, has just been honored by being selected just been honored by being selected by the New York League of Busi-ness and Professional Women as one of the League's 24 "women of achievement". Miss Cuthbert, who has been with NBC for ten years and who will be one of the honor guests at a banquet March 18, was recognized, said the League, "for recognized, said the League, her sympathy and understanding to the needs of women and women's organizations on the radio." Another NBC woman executive, Claudine Macdonald, was selected to speak on opportunities for women in the radio field to women students of the Syracuse University senior class at a vocational aids conference March 12. Mrs. Macdonald has been director of the NBC Women's Radio Review since 1929.

# **Publicity Firm Expands**

PUBLICITY ASSOCIATES, Em-pire State Bldg., New York, an-nounces the opening of a new department to be devoted exclusively to radio publicity for the exploitation of radio programs, artists and special broadcast events. The department will be under the super-vision of J. Fred Coll and Miss Bettie Glenn. Coll was formerly director of publicity and special fea-tures of the American Broadcasting System and WMCA. He has been a member of Publicity Associates for more than a year. Miss Glenn was formerly of the NBC press department and is also a for-mer publicity director of WMCA.





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day mornings. Salutes are given to communities represented by the newspapers, and items of general inter-est are selected and broadcast with the permission of these papers. Many readers of these newspapers appreciate the cooperation of WBIG, and a large number of letters are received commending the program.

In addition to helping the communities served by cooperating newspapers, a talent drive is being have sent to WBIG original com-positions being tried by Lew Gogerty's studio orchestra, most notable of which is "Carolina Waltz"

WBIG receives each week more than 30 community newspapers that are read, clipped and in many cases filed for future reference.

CIGARETTES were given away for the first time on a network recently when Axton - Fisher Tobacco Co., on its MBS program Cafe of the Red Dagger, offered listeners a free pack of Spuds for the asking. More than 10,000 re-quests were received in two days at WOR, Newark.



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# Portland dittoes Park Avenue

The word that puts the delicately attuned ears of Park Avenue into the red also tints the ears of Portland, Ore. The exaggerated claim that draws a Bronx cheer north of the Polo Grounds will draw its counterpart—like an echo —in the suburbs of San Diego. The derogatory reference ("Dirty dig," to you boys in the back room) is as swiftly resented in Seattle as in Savannah.



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