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# **Biggest Station Deal in History Effected**

BS Consummates Agreement to Buy KNX, Los Angeles or \$1,250,000 as Pacific Coast Key Outlet

VOLVING the largest staon purchase in history, NX, Los Angeles 50,000 atter, has been sold to CBS, ibject to FCC approval, for reported price of \$1,250,000. his would be paid in four inallments over a four-year eriod.

The sales arrangement was nsummated in New York larch 19, after several days negotiation, by Guy C. arl Jr., president and prin-pal owner of Western roadcast Co., with William Paley, CBS president, and ther network officials.

The entire arrangement is ased upon FCC approval of he transfer and also is conitional upon renewal of the NX license, now issued on a emporary basis because of rogram citations. It contem-lates substitution of KNX for HJ as the Los Angeles outlet for BS, effective next Jan. 1, at which me the current CBS contract for se of the Don Lee Network as its acific Coast adjunct expires. resumably other stations of the on Lee-California network simul-aneously will sever their CBS afliation.

The KNX purchase arrangement as been brewing for several onths. G. A. Richards and Leo Fitzpatrick, principal owners of VJR, Detroit, and WGAR, Cleve-ind, had been in negotiation with Ir. Earl but that deal fell through, is understood, because of failure ) agree upon terms.

West Coast Plans of CBS

VHEN these negotiations petered ut, CBS took them up itself. So ar as known, CBS does not con-emplate passing operation to the tichards-Fitzpatrick organization, ut intends to build its own Paific coast organization around INX. This, however, probably will ot be definitely worked out until Ir. Earl procures approval of the ransfer from the FCC Broadcast **Division**.

CBS, it is reported, long has ought a high power, clear chanel outlet on the Coast to place it n a better competitive situation with NBC. It has only one such

### PRINCIPALS IN RECORD STATION SALE



MR. EARL

station in the entire Western area —KSL, Salt Lake City, an affili-ated outlet. NBC on the other hand, has KOA, Denver; KPO and KGO, San Francisco, all of which it operates, and KFI, Los Angeles, and KJR, Seattle.

KNX, with its phenomenal cov-erage in 11 Western states, would greatly strengthen the CBS competitive position. Moreover, it would place it in an excellent po-sition in view of Hollywood's growing importance as a talent

MR. PALEY

### Hearst Radio Buys Three More SBS Stations, Acquiring the Entire Group

HEARST RADIO Inc., subsidiary of the publishing interests headed by William Randolph Hearst, has concluded arrangements for the purchase of three more units of the Southwest Broadcasting System. This was learned March 25 from entirely reliable sources, although the details of the deal and the prices paid for the stations were not disclosed.

not disclosed. Subject to FCC approval of the transfers of ownership, Hearst Radio thus acquires KTAT, Fort Worth; WACO, Waco, and KOMA, Oklahoma City. These are in ad-dition to KTSA, San Antonio, and KNOW, Austin, which Hearst Ra-dio nurchased early in March for dio purchased early in March for \$180,000 and \$45,000, respectively. Whether the SBS network will be maintained as such will depend upon Hearst plans, but it is re-ported from Fort Worth that the network is now merely carrying

out its chain commercial commitments.

With its acquisition of all five of the Southwest units, it is presumed that Hearst will assign Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President, who on March 10 became vice president of Hearst Radio and president of the KTSA and KNOW president of the KTSA and KNOW now operating companies, as di-recting head of all the stations. This assumption would appear to be confirmed by Young Roosevelt's statement that he intends main-taining his home in Fort Worth, where since last September he has been vice president of Southwest

where since last September he has been vice president of Southwest Broadcasting System. Except for the San Antonio Light, Hearst has no newspapers in the cities in which the stations are located. This marks a depar-ture from his original policy of seeking to acquire radio outlets in (Continued on page 66)

center and network program orig-inating point. CBS has had to face a constant barrage from members of Congress and from listeners in several remote Western states— such as Montana—because of lack of outlets for coverage in that area.

Linked directly with the agree-ment to purchase have been the frequent visits of CBS officials to the Coast. Sam Pickard, CBS vice president in charge of station relations, has been on the Coast practically all of this winter. Mefford R. Runyon, CBS treasurer, was on the Coast for several weeks fol-lowing Christmas largely on this mission

Application for the transfer has not yet been filed with the FCC. Until it is, it is presumed that pre-cise details of the transaction will be kept confidential. Paul M. Segal,

be kept confidential. Paul M. Segal, Washington counsel for KNX, is expected to file the necessary pa-pers. A number of weeks may elapse before that is done. Transfer of KNX to CBS would presage a number of important changes in network affiliations on the Pacific Coast and perhaps has-ten the plans of Mutual Broad-casting System to expand into a transcontinental network. KNX now is linked by wire with KSFO, San Francisco. More then likely the shift from Don Lee also would embrace a change by CBS from the Don Lee San Francisco outlet, KFRC, to KSFO, which is now in-dependently operated. dependently operated.

Several programs on MBS have been routed to KNX, and there have been rather active discus-sions of its affiliation with that network. The barrier has been the long wire-haul from Chicago to Los Angeles and the linking of in-Los Angeles and the linking of in-termediate stations in such cities as St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City. Conversations have been had with stations in each of these cities, and in two cases, it is understood, tentative arrangements have been made.

### McClatchy Group Consulted

TENTATIVE plans, it is reported, also have been discussed by CBS with the McClatchy newspapers, operating four California stations operating four California stations which are at present segments of the CBS-Don Lee network. They are KFBK, Sacramento; KWG, Stockton; KERN, Bakersfield, and KMJ, Fresno. Evidently these sta-tions would become affiliated with CBS as regular outlets with KNX as their Pacific Coast key. Conversation logically has drift-ed to use by MBS of KHJ and KFRC in the two largest Califor-nia cities. In St. Louis MBS has (Continued on page 62)

# **Radio Flood Service Brings Lavish Praise**

By J. FRANK BEATTY

When WTIC Heeded Cries of Distress:

A Saga of Public Service and Loyalty

### Stations Turn Over Entire Facilities to Aid of Public; Lives Risked, Elements Defied in Battered Regions

HELP and comfort for millions of flood victims, caught in the wild waters that submerged scores of cities from Maine to the Carolinas and from the Atlantic to the Midwest, were provided in heroic manner as radio set up without preparation the most elaborate system of communications and relief in the history of major national disasters.

With no thought of cost or lost revenues from sponsors, broadcasters stopped everything and turned over their facilities to the public service. When all other means of communi-

cation had failed, stations in flooded areas stayed on the job, night and day, to broadcast warnings, to serve as a clearing house for information, and to act as headquarters for Red Cross, for mili-tary police, relief, fire-fighting and other agencies.

A fortnight after the worst had passed finds stations back to normal again, for the most part, although some are still limping along on crippled equipment. A number of stations were torn off the air, but in most communities there was reception from at least one nearby station. In many cities power was shut off and for a time only automobile and battery sets were in operation.

### Radio Was Ready

THE STORY of broadcasting service is being told by a million mouths. Red Cross and all public and civic agencies are lavish in their tribute to radio. It is a narrative of a new kind of public harrative of a new kind of public service in time of catastrophe, and in its wake is the comforting thought that radio will be ready for future events of the type. A novel type of communication was set up when broadcasters tied in directly with construction

in directly with amateurs and put their stations on the networks. Amateurs cooperated nobly with stations and relayed countless bulletins as well as providing eyewitness information from flooded points. A survey by BROADCAST-ING of the work done by stations, networks and their personnel brings out many of the highlights of what has proved a conspicuous radio public service; difficulties in getting data out of the beleaguered areas alone prevents it from being complete.

Major networks went the limit to provide flood warning service, supply listeners with information from inundated areas and fill in the breach where other means of communication had been crippled. Battling power failures, blocked

highways, skeleton railway serv-ice and difficult flying conditions, they kept crews on the job and informed the world what was happening. Power failure in Pitts-burgh affected network lines passing through the city as repeater stations were put out of commis-

sion and miles of wire were torn by the flood. Two NBC field units were ma-rooned in attempts to reach devastated areas. A unit of five men was sent out at midnight March 17 by William Lundell, NBC di-rector of special events. In the unit were George Hicks, announc-er: Harold See engineer who flew er; Harold See, engineer who flew the Pacific on the Philippine Clipper; Jack Hartley, W. R. Brown and Don Whittemore. On a train consisting of engine and caboose they got as far as Lewistown, Pa., where high Juniata waters marooned them in the railway sta-tion. They put on a broadcast with the aid of kerosene lamps as water lapped at the foundation

SURROUNDED by flood waters that devastated Hartford and sections of New England, Paul

sections of New England, Paul W. Morency, general manager of WTIC, wrote this graphic eye-witness account of the debacle, explaining what happened and what WTIC and Hartford did about it. Here is his story, writ-ten as the water began to sub-

side.

of the station. They went three days with little sleep and a diet of ice cream and saltines.

Another crew sent from KDKA, Pittsburgh, got to Johnstown. (Their experiences are recounted elsewhere in this article.) Ted Kimball, NBC announcer, flew from Washington to Johnstown and back in an Army bomber. Upon his return he broadcast a description of the flooded Potomac and Johnstown regions.

NBC set up emergency short-wave circuits to guard against trouble in New England but was not required to use them. En-gineers in NBC's Radio City studios were on almost continuous duty for days. Two staff engineers who operate amateur stations, George Milne and Edwin C. Wil-bur, stuck to their sets for 48 hours, keeping in touch with amateurs.

Besides broadcasting appeals for relief, warnings on health, fire precautions and road information, NBC offered elaborate news covfrom Johnstown, Lewistown, Pitts-burgh, Hartford, Washington, Al-toona, Wheeling and Philadelphia,

groups organized for the public

### with relays from amateur station in Allentown and Punxsutawney Equally active was CBS, wit

one of the features being a Marc of Time in which many amateur figured. Bob Trout, CBS specia features announcer, flew over th Connecticut River in a chartere plane. Time limitations on hir were relaxed because of the ur usual circumstances. With onl his stop-watch as a guide, Trot watched the second hand and h the half-hour deadline squarely o the nose with his "This is the Co lumbia Broadcasting System James Kenney was the enginee The signal from the plane wa picked up by RCA at Riverhead Long Island and sent over tele phone lines to New York. Robert Moe, CBS New York er

nobert moe, CBS New Fork er gineer, who happened to be i Pittsburgh, and Tony Wakeman an announcer of WJAS, Pitts burgh, did most of the broadcast ing from the Steel City and Johns town One of their broadcast town. One of their broadcast originated at the little mountai town of Ligonier, nearest poir where a phone line could be found

### Officials Use Networks

CBS put Governor Earl of Penr sylvania on the network from WHP, Harrisburg, in a Red Cros appeal, as well as Admiral Gray son, Red Cross chief, from WJSV Washington. The Washingto bickups were arranged by Te Church and E. Murrow. Harr Hopkins, WPA administrator, an Governor Curley, of Massachusett spoke on CBS.

Among stations cooperating wit CBS were WWVA, Wheeling W B R E, Wilkes-Barre; W F B C Altoona; W H P, Harrisburg WDRC, Hartford; WCAO, Balt more for a Hagerstown, Md., pick up, and Yankee Network.

Jack Roche, assistant to Pau White, CBS director of publi events and special features, direct ed the coverage.

William Ensign, CBS salesmai who was scheduled to meet M White in St. Louis, boarded a trai for St. Louis, scheduled to go vi Cleveland. He awoke the nex

Cleveland. He awoke the nea morning and found the train wa in Staunton, Va. The Association of CBS Tech nicians at WABC, New Yorl quickly raised a \$50 fund for Re Cross relief and the money wa presented to Kate Smith on a spu-cial program for the Red Cross cial program for the Red Cros on March 19. The A. & P. songbir devoted all of her program to a appeal for flood victims. A. & I bought an extra quarter-hour fo her three appeals and eliminate commercials.

Boake Carter, Philco comment: tor, took a four-hour flight c United Air Lines and broadca a description of the Pennsylvan floods over CBS. He was al "fed" first-hand news material t amateur operators in the distre areas of Pennsylvania and Mar land.

Among heroes of the catastropl was Dr. Joseph Vancheri, am teur operating W8BWH at Pun sutawney, Pa. Just two hou after he had broadcast over

By PAUL W. MORENCY General Manager WTIC, Hartford AS WE look across the troubled panorama of our people's hasty retreat from rising wa-ters — their bewilderment at the sudden crippling of facilities for light, heat

Mr. Morency

tion—their fears and anxiety for the safety of friends and loved ones, certain constructive forces hitherto unnoticed in the bustle of relief activity comes to the surface to make us realize how we got along as well as we did. And why it was that—in spite of the most trying conditions — Hartford was an orderly community, self-sufficient and able to carry on.

and transporta-

Most broadcasters are familiar with the yeoman service performed by the Red Cross, the American Legion, the state and city con-stabulary, the military, the city hall, the public utilities and other

welfare. It is my purpose to give the details of the part played by the broadcasters -- amateur and professional — in cooperating for the public good, and to explain how, by the dissemination of valuable and authentic news reports of current conditions; by the allevi-ation of fear caused by false and hysterical rumors; by the preven-tion of the spread of disease through the publication of health reports; by aiding traffic condi-tions in the broadcasting of emertions in the broadcasting of emer-gency traffic regulations; and by bolstering the morale of the com-munity by the presentation on the air of community leaders respon-sible for that morale, broadcasting too has had a definite share in making the past few exciting days easier for all.

When you consider how modern broadcasting is dependent upon electric power and how most of Hartford was without power for many hours, you may well wonder how it was that WTIC-owned and operated by the Travelers Insur-ance Companies—has been in con-stant and continuous operation during the flood period, the only local broadcasting station able so to do. Hastily organized to meet the emergency, the engineers at the station's transmitter ten miles from Hartford on Avon Mountain were able to cut in on electric power from neighboring cities less than a half a minute after the regular power finally failed—as (Continued on page 60) past-to-coast NBC hookup, he pllapsed at his post following 36 purs of continuous duty relaying ressages to and from the stricken rea.

The hookup was effected by ichard Urian, Philadelphian operting amateur station W3CRO. YW, Philadelphia, keyed a line to W3CRO. After Urian had sked amateurs to clear the chanel, he called W8WBH at 11:30 m. A few seconds later Dr. ancheri began his colorful deription of flood conditions in solated Wyoming Valley and the rogram was keyed to NBC from YW.

W3CRO then contacted W3EEY, llentown, operated by Donald Vilbur, who relayed a description f the flood in that section.

With these two amateur relays. TBC established a new system of ommunication.

Ed Wynn, broadcasting for Plynouth Motors on CBS March 19, tepped out of character for the rst time in his radio career to nake an appeal for Red Cross unds. Many other programs proided similar public service.

Mutual Broadcasting System roadcast programs from Yankee Jetwork, WCAE, Pittsburgh, and VWVA, Wheeling, as well as suplying complete news coverage. "he special features division of VOR, Newark outlet of MBS, lined p the eye-witness broadcasts.

[Yankee Network's coverage is escribed in the next column.]

### Well In Advance

VEN before the flood situation ad developed, NBC had estabshed March 13 a flood warning ervice in cooperation with the I. S. Coast Guard, Red Cross and I. S. Weather Bureau. Arrangenents had been made for the Yeather Bureau to send flood rarnings to NBC at Radio City hat alarms might be broadcast to ommunities in danger. Mobile ransmitting units had been assemled for placement aboard Coast uard planes surveying inundated reas and guiding rescue work-

The flood that washed out the iolden Triangle of Pittsburgh also rashed out the Pittsburgh Plate lass Symphony broadcast schedled for an NBC-WJZ network farch 19. The sponsor substituted he NBC Symphony Orchestra, laying from Radio City with rank Black, NBC musical diector, handling the baton.

When it was learned March 18 hat it would be impossible for DKA to key the program from ittsburgh, a hurried call was sent b the Newark airport to take oseph Bentonelli from the Pittsurgh plane just ready to take off. Edward L. Patton, Pittsburgh late Glass Co. advertising manger, and Ken Fickett, of the raio staff of Batten, Barton, Durtine & Osborn Inc., New York gency handling the account, aleady had boarded a Pittsburghound plane. Shortly after leavig Newark they learned that the lane would not stop until it eached Columbus, O. They took plane back to New York the ext morning.

ext morning. All March 19, BBDO tried to ontact its Pittsburgh office but ithout success, nor could they each the sponsor or the studio, all aree located in the Grant Bldg., 1 the Triangle. Carnegie Instiution, where the programs are



A FEW MORE INCHES—And the dog house of WJSV, CBS Washington station, would have been in the Potomac. Water rose almost to the tuning inductances. Just a bit more and WJSV would have been without its transmitter, located on the Potomac near Alexandria.

broadcast, was out of the flood zone but even if KDKA had been able to pickup the broadcast it is doubtful if the orchestra personnel would have been present. NBC cancelled its *Music and* 

NBC cancelled its *Music and American Youth* program from Buffalo March 22 when the city was snowbound, student performers being unable to reach the studio.

As late as March 24 MBS was providing flood descriptions. On that day it broadcast a four-point description from Cincinnati, with announcers in an airplane, a Naval reserve boat on the Ohio River, atop a city tower and on a shortwave truck in downtown Cincinnati.

### Yankee On the Job

YANKEE Network News Service got its first inkling that floods were imminent on March 18. John Shepard 3d, president of Yankee Network, sent Leland Bickford, news service editor, and Gerry Harrison, director of public relations, to Westfield with instructions to pick up Linus Travers, production manager, at Worcester.

Driving over flooded roads and over swollen streams, they finally reached Springfield, at times having their car towed through water three feet deep. Meantime Mr. Shepard contacted WMAS, Springfield, and an operator and announcers were sent to Westfield.

The Boston trio arrived in Springfield in time for the scheduled 4:45 broadcast and with the aid of emergency telephone lines at the Westfield dam a program was sent over Yankee and Mutual networks. Linus Travers gave the Springfield storv from WMAS studios, with Neil Wallace and Bob Feldman, WMAS announcers, at the microphone and Jimmy Spates at the controls.

Another broadcast was given at 8:15 that evening from Westfield, the broadcasters leaving the dam just before Westfield was cut off by water.

Meantime the Connecticut River had started to overflow, with West Springfield inundated. Reports of flood progress were sent by teletype. WMAS turned over its facilities to public and relief organizations, which made continuous use of the station. Families who had been separated were brought together by radio and emergency appeals were made for clothing, cots and blankets.

As general flood conditions ap-

Harmonizing the Flood

DESCRIBING flooded Potomac waters from atop the Washington Monument, Shannon Allen, NBC Washington production manager, introduced over the air a director and a member of the Washington Goodwill Baptist Church choir. Asked by Allen to describe their reactions to the flood, they responded with two spirituals, "Deep River" and "Down to the Sea".

peared imminent throughout New England, Bickford returned to Boston to handle dispatches from all sections. At noon March 19 Yankee, feeding also the Mutual network, brought word pictures of the flood direct from refugees in the Springfield High School of Commerce. In the afternoon Bob Feldman and his car were moored in water at Willamansett and climbed aboard a truck of stone bound for the giant Holyoke dam, rumored to be in danger.

A one-tube amplifier made by Spates was used for flood broadcasts. Just in time for a 3:15 broadcast, after being delayed by National Guard, the Yankee crew reached the foot of the Holyoke Falls. Travers' life was saved by Gerry Harrison, who grabbed him just as the side of the bank gave way. They returned to Springfield just before Willamansett was inundated.

### Told to Get Out

ACTUAL stories of refugees were broadcast that evening from Red Cross headquarters in Springfield. Rumors of the breaking of Holyoke dam were dispelled by WMAS locally. At 2:20 a. m. March 20 the power failed and WMAS went off the air.

WDRC, Yankee station at Hartford, Conn., closed down at 8 p. m. March 20 when power failed. On the 18th WFEA, Manchester,

On the 18th WFEA, Manchester, N. H., was designated by Governor H. Styles Bridges as public information headquarters of the State. Vincent H. Chandler, chief operator, organized a four-point group of 5-meter transmitters and receivers.

Persons in danger zones were notified of their plight by WFEA and moved to points of safety, not a life being lost. Lines to the transmitters were lost for a time, as well as the power supply, but electric and telephone companies sent out emergency crews who restored service after emergency authorities ordered them to give priority to this service.

Emergency bulletins were broadcast from the governor's office and all relief and rescue activities were coordinated through WFEA, which was the only means of information on the Merrimack River. The station organized a crew of 1000 emergency workers to pile sandbags around Amoskeaf Dam, which was in danger.

was in danger. Vincent H. Chandler, WFEA chief operator, was ferried and motored to the transmitter with a 5-meter outfit and set up equipment there with the aid of Jack Frost, who had been on watch alone for more than 24 hours. Thus contact was maintained with the studios. WFEA had no program line service out of Boston after Thursday evening. As the flood subsided, the station was the clearing house for salvage and relief work.

### Thousands of Messages

WLLH, Lowell, Mass., broadcast some 2,000 emergency messages during the flood period, placing its facilities in the hands of public and relief agencies. In addition it broadcast constant news bulletins.

and relief agencies. In addition it broadcast constant news bulletins. Robert F. Donahue, manager of WLLH, in a broadcast March 22, said: "It was our hope when conditions became serious Thursday that we would have the cooperation of Lowell newspapers in bringing all information to our listeners. In the absence of this cooperation, and although our facilities were overtaxed with emergency messages, we have also broadcast factual news which we believed important. We have attempted to present these bulletins in such a manner as to give an accurate picture, without causing undue alarm or panic. At this point we wish to thank the Lawrence Telegram for the bulletins they furnished us."

WLLH was in the center of the Merrimack Valley flood area and was not far from a power plant which supplied an emergency line across a canal. WLBZ, Bangor, Me., remained on the air. Like other Yankee stations it was unable to communicate with Boston because of telephone and teletype trouble, Yankee reported, but its broadcasts were heard regularly. In Springfield WMAS assembled

In Springheld WMAS assembled a gasoline-driven generator obtained in Boston and shipped by highway to the station. After giving out warnings March 18 that the Greenwood Dam at New Hartford, Conn., had let go, WDRC, Hartford dispatched a crew to the scene of the disaster. An emergency hookup was completed and the story told from a bridge spanning the river at Unionville, a few miles below. WDRC later sought FCC permission to transfer its programs to WNBC, New Britain, according to a message phoned to Yankee headquarters by Franklin M. Doolittle, president of WDRC. A. J. Stephenson, Yankee public-

A. J. Stephenson, Yankee publicity director, took an active part in the network's flood service. WTIC, Hartford, kept on the air as its engineers at the trans-

WTIC, Hartford, kept on the air as its engineers at the transmitter, ten miles away on Avon Mountain, cut in on power lines from neighboring cities less than half a minute after the main source

of power had failed. [See special article on Page 8 by Paul W. Morency, WTIC general manager.] In New York state snow and sleet added to the troubles of broadcasters. On March 18 a sleet storm ripped down the transmis-sion lines linking the studies and sion lines linking the studios and transmitter of WHAM, Rochester. The break occurred just ten min-utes after the day's schedule had opened. To keep commercials on the air, artists and musicians were driven to the transmitter 15 miles away and performed in the op-erations room with the 50 kw. transmitter. A piano and tran-scription turntable were sent to the transmitter.

Awaiting the arrival of talent for the *Mrs. Thrifty Buyer* script program, operators filled the gap by whistling the theme song. After five hours of makeshift programming communication was reestablished.

WGY, Schenectady mobilized 20 transmitters and offered the facilities to state and municipal offi-cials, along with 12 transmitter and control engineers who were licensed as amateurs. They spent long hours tuned to amateur bands and acting as relay stations for

distribution of news and messages. State police of Massachusetts used WGY to warn Connecticut Valley residents that the Vernon, Vt. dam had broken loose. Health suggestions were broadcast by the New York health department and the highway department broadcast road information.

Licensed amateurs on the WGY Licensed amateurs on the WGY staff are: A. H. Korb, W2CGO; H. C. Mosher, W2HEL; R. K. Strong, W2SJ; Warren Mun-son, W2BKM; Harold Tolson, W2EBDE; E. G. Nickle, W2EGN; R. S. Yendle, W2ETY; G. R. Amey, W2CTC; G. M. Hoffer, W2AVG; R. L. Millham, W2EZ; T. G. Schumacher W2AVS: Cana T. G. Schumacher, W2AIX; Gene Darlington, W2ALP. The U. S. Works Progress Ad-

ministration announced that WPA chiefs in the Binghamton-Albany section relied on radio for contacts with district directors and supervisors. WGY, as well as WOKO in Albany, were pressed into service to broadcast instruc-tions to WPA district officials.

### Water in Smoky City

FOR SHEER DRAMA and humane service, Pittsburgh stations stood out prominently in the catas-trophe, KDKA, WCAE, WJAS, KQV and WWSW all turning over their facilities to public aid as long as they could stay on the air. All stations except KDKA were affected by temporary power shut-downs and KDKA is still burning over published reports that it was forced off the air.

The devastation that followed the swamping of the Golden Triangle by Allegheny and Monongahela waters led to a series of radio adventures that KDKA had not experienced since it took to the air on Nov. 2, 1920 as the first station operating on a regular schedule.

When the flood got into full swing March 17, Walter C. Evans, Westinghouse radio manager, in Pittsburgh with S. D. Gregory, assistant manager, took personal charge of KDKA's flood coverage. With the transmitter located at Saxonburg, 30 miles to the North, it operated with emergency battery systems in the studios which were able to stand a week's drain

and with uninterrupted power at Saxonburg.

KDKA's bulletins on flood conditions, its appeals for aid, and messages of public and relief officials as well as advice concerning water, gas and electric service is credited with having buoyed the courage of suffering Pittsburghers. By 4 p. m. March 18 KDKA was the only local station still broadcasting and it became the clearing house for all Western Pennsylvania information.

On March 17 at KDKA Dwight Myer, plant manager, authorized two engineers, Glenn Luther and George Saviers, to go to Johns-town with Glenn Riggs, announcer. They left by a special train which took all night to go some 75 miles. Arriving in Johnstown, they luckily found a boat, loaded the pick-up equipment on board, and soon found themselves overturned in the swift eddies.

### Back at the Oars

ALL MANAGED to hang on to the boat and salvage the remote equipment. Again taking to the oars, they reached the telephone office, sent a few bulletins to KDKA, and 2:17 p. m. were on the NBC-WEAF network telling what was happening in engulfed Johnstown. At 2:18 p. m. they obeyed orders of state police who faced them with pistols, abandoned the broadcast after one minute on the air. and rushed three miles to high ground and shelter. Police had started removing everyone from low regions following rumors that the Quemahoning dam above the city was tottering. On their way to safety each of the KDKA men obeyed police orders, grabbed a girl telephone operator, and made for high levels.

Later in the afternoon came word that the dam would hold so the three returned to the telephone building and sent to KDKA the first word that the dam would hold. They got out of Johnstown on a work train after being on the job 52 hours.

Meanwhile a Johnstown amateur, W8FRC, kept in touch with H. W. Irving at the KDKA Saxonburg transmitter and gave an eye-wit-ness account. Soon other ama-teurs contacted Irving and a regular communication system was established with Westinghouse short-wave stations in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Boston to handle flood messages.

While the KDKA triumvirate

C. & O. Flood Spots

"THE Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad is open and safe!" With this dramatic announcement, spotted as closely as possible to news bulletins and broadcasts from the flood-stricken areas, C. & O., big radio user, kept the pub-lic apprised of the condition of its road, which fortunately escaped the flood's ravages and which had to be used by other railroads in their reroutings. Spots were kept in good taste, the railroad con-sidering it a public service to apprise the public that its facilities were still available when other roads went out. In addition to its regular schedule of nightly transcrip-tions and spots, C. & O. bought special time on WRC, WJSV, WMAL and WOL, Washington; WCKY, Cincin-nati; WFBM, Indianapolis; WHAS, Louisville; KPRC, Houston; KVOO, Tulsa; WREN, Lawrence, Kan., and KSD, St. Louis. In addition to its regular

was braving the Johnstown ele-ments, Pittsburgh's troubles and were piling up at a mad The waters that had enwater rate. gulfed Johnstown and raised Allegheny tributaries went on a rampage, and teaming with the Monongahela, inundated much of down-town Pittsburgh until it had submerged street cars and reached the second floor of department stores.

### Out of the Frying Pan

THE TIDE of rising water swept on down the Ohio, and Luther and Saviers, who had just started to catch their breath after the Johnstown escapade, were dispatched to Wheeling along with Ed Sprague, announcer. Late in the night of March 19 they reached a suburban hamlet where they caught a Baltimore & Ohio train to Wheeling. Heading for the telephone office, they connected their pickup unit and went down the streets. Saviers walked backwards holding the unit, Luther was in front at the dials and Sprague walked alongside holding the microphone. Soon they were on an NBC-WJZ network.

Later they rowed around flooded Wheeling. Among novel sights was that of traffic lights blinking Wheeling.



WHP's FLOOD CREW-In the studios of this Harrisburg station, busy with flood broadcasts that threw off commercials in what was to have been one of WHP's most profitable weeks, are Beatrice Potteiger; Ed Smith, announcer; Manager A. K. Redmond leaning over Smith's shoul-der; Glenn Rutt, announcer, checking a report.

schedule beneath the water on with only boat traffic to guide. Back in Pittsburgh utilities wer

installing emergency service Marc 19 and by the next day the cit started the painful return to nor malcy.

The story of WCAE, operated b Hearst Radio Inc., is an equal thrilling tale of service. Whe waters passed flood stage Marc 17 WCAE began broadcasting wa ter levels and flood reports hourly later every quarter-hour. Telephone calls soon engulfe

the switchboard and special fiv and ten-minute broadcasts wer devoted exclusively to flood new By March 18 national interest h been aroused and a noon-hour New Parade was fed to MBS, with Nor man Twigger facing the threat momentary power failure as h described from the 21st floor c the William Penn Hotel, the water lapping at the second-story wir dows beneath.

### Telling the News

MBS carried two more news pregrams from WCAE that day. following day both Mutual ar NBC-WEAF networks were fe special flood programs even afte WCAE was unable to broadcast l cally due to inundated powe plants.

Staff men in the street phone in descriptions which were inte spersed with official warnings ar telephone reports from outlyir towns. Incoming calls could l handled but few outgoing cal were possible.

After news service wires we dead staff writers relied almo wholly upon those assigned to tl streets and on calls from person in suburbs. Material from the News Parade programs was pulished in New York papers, eag to get flood news, WCAE was i formed.

Resuming local broadcastin March 19, WCAE found it we serving mostly a car-radio and ba tery set audience in Pittsburg On short notice that night it a ranged a remote pickup from floors below in the William Per Hotel to broadcast impressions Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, stranded the city, and J. Rogers Flanner district Red Cross director. T broadcast also was fed to Mutu

WWSW's studios are locat within 100 yards of the Monong hela River and not far from t Point where it intersects with t Allegheny to form the Ohio, h the staff carried on until 3: March 18 when the power faile The staff moved in and out of t Hotel Keystone studios in a can the lobby being immersed. At the hotel with glasses, WWSW c servers furnished information the progress of the flood, cooperi ing with the Red Cross, Army a civic groups.

The station was off the air hours, reopening with tempora studios in the Oakland section the city when the main studios the 21st floor of the Keystone F tel were beyond reach. The set was expected to be used for least a week, according to Fra R. Smith Jr., WWSW manager As late as March 23 CBS s

was trying to find out what happened to WJAS, which we off the air when the flood got 1

der way in the Pittsburgh secti The disaster at Wheeling, Va., and the contribution WWVA are described in a separ



EADY IN ADVANCE—NBC's Washington staff was ready a day in dvance of the expected Potomac flood crest with crews and remote quipment. Here are engineers waiting to take off for flood points. Left right: C. M. Clark, A. R. McGonegal, P. I. Merryman, W. H. Chew, A. Ullman, F. Fugazzi, A. E. Johnson (division engineer); Keith villiams (in foreground), with their remote equipment.

rticle on Page 12 by George V. Smith, managing director of WVA.

At Huntington, W. Va., WSAZ rganized a scouting party and aged persons in various parts of ne city. Arrangements were made o cut in telephone conversation com them. Through this means sses were kept to a minimum. ermission was obtained to connue beyond authorized daylight ours and the staff worked withut thought of time or fatigue, ac-ording to W. C. McKeller, WSAZ resident.

### WRAK's Heroic Work

VHEN WRAK, Williamsport, Pa., reeted its morning audience at :30 March 17, staff members had o idea that it would be more than week before the station signed ff for even a moment. Sensing pproaching disaster March 17, VRAK began collecting flood in-ormation and warned listeners of he situation and told those living 1 what was expected to be the nundated region to leave their omes.

WRAK facilities were offered to he Red Cross and George R. Laade, chairman of the emergency isaster committee, went on the air rith an explanation of the situaion and an explanation of what o expect and what to do. Arangements were made with Mayor harles D. Wolfe to sound fire histles for high water.

Through the night a check of ater level was given every 15 ninutes with the staff remaining n duty. On the morning of March notice was broadcast that a 0-foot depth would flood the lowr portion of the city at least a oot. By 10 a. m. it was learned hat this was only the beginning nd by noon the water was four eet deep and rising rapidly. A 6-foot crest was reached that ight, when power and telephones ent down.

The WRAK transmitter failed vithout warning but Louis N. Persiol, chief engineer, started to wild an auxiliary transmitter, rith the aid of his assistant, Ienry S. Palmer, who had gone ome for a bit of rest. On his ray to the studio Palmer contactd Allen Glaes, operating amateur tation W8VK, and contact was es-ablished with WRAK.

At 2:30 March 18 the auxiliary transmitter was tested. To learn if it was reaching listeners with battery sets, George E. Joy, manager, suggested that car owners be asked to toot their horns. Faint toots were heard from windows and WRAK knew it was on the air again.

All the time the water was rising and the studios in the Sun Gazette building were just four blocks from the water line, surjust four rounded by a raging torrent.

When a blast shook the Wakenhut Ice Cream plant, two blocks away, clouds of smoke billowed skyward to add to the misery but the WRAK staff worked on, too tired to worry about danger. Soon the building was in four inches of water. Later engineers strung a wire from the power plant head-quarters a half block away by throwing the wire to a rowboat which carried it to the plant. This permitted contact with the Glaes amateur transmitter as well as outside cities. This was the only telephone contact in the city.

### No Other Communication

ALL THE TIME the WRAK staff had been working without food. Stranded employes of the Sun Gazette and the Sears-Roebuck store, on the first floor, took refuge up above in the WRAK studios, some 50 being quartered there with only five cots available. Announcers were assigned the task of displaying cheerful smiles and giving as-surance to WRAK listeners.

With contact established to the Glaes station, rescue work was directed and hundreds of lives are believed to have been saved. Messages were received by plane, boat, scouts, notes tied to rocks thrown from building to building, flashlight signals and more than a hundred messages in bottles were picked up from the water.

By daybreak March 19 a few visitors moored their boats at the fourth step in the WRAK hallway and at 8:20 a. m. Quentin Beague, newspaperman, the first visitor, went on the air. Only one minute of music was broadcast in the next 18 hours. Thousands of messages assurance were sent on behalf of of those worried about relatives.

The station was the only means of communication for the fire department, police, health au-

thorities and Red Cross. No newspapers were published until March 21.

Outside operators came to the assistance of WRAK's staff, among them Harold Swartz, operating W8BLL, amateur station, and John Larson, ex-army operator. Wil-liam Szendrey, operating W8LMY, Wilestablished contact with WRAK. A portable transmitter was set up Curtin Jr. High School, locatat ed on a hill and serving as relief headquarters.

Martial law was declared when looting began. On and on went WRAK, directing relief agencies, calling police cars, sending fire alarms, calling ambulances, summoning doctors and cheering a broken populace.

Alys Kramer, secretary to Mr. Joy, and Lillian Lupton, studio hostess, fed the 50 persons in the studios during the trying period, corralling meager food supplies and cooking with an electric plate. Until provisions were sent in from listeners, they were limited almost to coffee and crackers.

Sleep was impossible and drinking water was scarce, being boiled a quart at a time. After a hundred or so hours of continuous service announcers' voices sounded like fog horns. No member of the staff had more than 15 hours of sleep in 151 hours of continuous service.

### Work of All Sorts

ANNOUNCERS were Paul Breining, chief announcer, Harry Fisk and Francis Sullivan, all of them performing all sorts of duties around the studios. Oscar Linn, sales manager, and Thomas Metzger, salesman, aided at the microphones. Sol Wolfe, sports announcer, spent two days working for police and then aided at the WRAK microphones. Manager George E. Joy never let up a minute in encouraging and guiding the emergency task during the trying period and J. Wright Mackey, program direc-tor, stopped long enough to send a thrilling description to BROAD-CASTING, although he confessed his head was swimming and he hardly knew what he was doing. While all sorts of false reports

of the Williamsport flood and fire were being published, WRAK contacted the Associated Press for John E. Person, president of the Sun-Gazette, and sent AP what was said to have been the first authentic press version of what hap-pened in Williamsport. To the East at Scranton, WGBI



WWVA FEEDS CBS - Here is Paul J. Miller, production manager of the Wheeling station, standing on a flood - threatened bridge to feed flood news to the network. WWVA stayed on the air 87 hours.

escaped floods but provided aid to nearby regions in distress, operating many hours over the regular schedule. The station was deluged with requests for information from Scranton folk who had relatives in devasted areas and acted as a clearing house for information as well as broadcasting Transradio News reports.

WGBI carried messages for the Red Cross and other relief agencies, called out the local militia, acted as a radio beam for Coast Guard planes and helped amateurs and telegraph companies in delivering messages.

### WBAX on Air 210 Hours

TROUBLES began at Wilkes-Barre as early as Friday the 13th, when the Red Cross asked WBAX to stay on the air. For 210 hours the staff remained at their posts, existing on coffee and sandwiches with candles and kerosene lamps sent by listeners serving as illumination.

Constant contact was kept with the police stations. When water reached the first floor of a house at nearby Kingston, WBAX was notified and sent help in a hurry. Twenty-two persons were rescued in one trip alone.

Philip June, of Swoyersville, five miles away, phoned WBAX that his baby was in the ninth day of pneumonia and he feared the child was dying. An announcement was broadcast for a Dr. Cavannaugh, the family's physician, and the doctor was on his way in a few min-The infant recovered. utes.

Police at Plymouth phoned at 1 a. m. March 19 that a large gasoline tank had burst at Bull Run and that gasoline covered the area for a mile. Warning was sent out that no matches should be lighted and a major fire was prevented.

In nine minutes WBAX was able to tell a phone caller from Pittsburgh, 221 miles away, that his relatives in Kingston were safe. Escaping sewer and mine gas created hazards in homes and occupants were warned to open windows. These are only a few of the dramatic incidents that occurred by the hundreds.

WBAX collected \$2,100 for Red Cross through air appeals. The staff was directed in its work by John H. Stenger Jr., manager, who was in weakened condition as a result of the long vigil. Mrs. Stenger, who stood at a phone 60 hours with only four hours sleep, collapsed and was taken to a hospital.

### · Harrisburg Struck Twice

MANY days before the flood broke. WHP, Harrisburg, kept constant watch as Susquehanna ice reached record depth. Then one night word came from Newport, 28 miles away, that ice was breaking on the trib utary Juniata and gorging. WHP promptly broadcast a warning to Newport. Frequent announcements were put on the air. Resi-dents of the town were posted, day and night, to keep in touch with the station and lines were installed to the toll house of a bridge.

t the moment the ice broke a WHP announcer, with an operator, began to broadcast. An extra microphone was lowered to the river surface to transmit noise of the actual breaking of the ice as it hit the bridge.

From Dauphin, nine miles above Harrisburg, a description of inun-

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dation was broadcast from a plane by Ken Thomas, editor of the *Har-risburg Morning Telegraph*. WHP stayed on the air until 5 a. m.

But this was only the first flood, and preceded by several days the main deluge. Three days later the river came up higher than before. with WHP continuing its flood warnings. Harrisburgers and res-idents of other river towns were warned of the danger. C. S. Ling, local weather observer, provided bulletins every two hours. Mayor John A. F. Hall, of Harrisburg, and the state forest and water de-partment supplied additional information.

After the City Hall was de-prived of communication, a radio was installed and messages were received from WHP, police and firemen being guided by the bulletins. Rescue squads were sent to persons marooned in buildings. A call for row boats brought them by the dozen. The current became too swift for them and motor boats were requested, a dozen or so being supplied.

When it was learned that 18 persons were marooned on house roofs at Duncannon, up the Sus-quehanna about 10 miles, WHP broadcast their plight and a motor boat was sent to the rescue. In-cidents of this sort soon became commonplace.

Calls for food, clothing and supplies were broadcast and a crew of cruiser cars set out with help for the needy.

Hour upon hour messages were sent to those worried about the fate of friends and relatives. Some 12,000 announcements are estimated to have been made by WHP. When the reservoir ran dry in Harrisburg, notice was broadcast to boil all water. The WHP transmitter was some

200 feet above the river and was not affected. William Wolf, chief engineer, faced countless problems in keeping the transmitter operat-ing but solved them all. Studios were located high in a building and were not damaged. Amateurs aid-ed WHP in relaying messages. WKBO, affiliated station, per-

formed similar service although not on so extensive a basis.

### Cumberland Deluged

WTBO, Cumberland, located in the heart of the local flood area, was well out of danger on the third floor. The transmitter, atop Fort Hill, was away from the flooded zone. Main danger to the studios was from flood debris, swept along at a terrific rate, which might have wrecked the building.

The panic - stricken community had no other communication. Cables from studio to transmitter resisted the water and the electric company supplied power continu-ously. During the trying period WTBO aided relief authorities and local officials in issuing news about water supply, electric power, gas, railroad service and necessity of life.

On duty from 8:30 a. m. March 17 to 7:30 p. m. the following eve-ning were H. B. McNaughton, manager; William Mullen, com-mercial manager; Robert Rosamond, chief announcer; E. T. Mc-Kenzie, chief engineer, and Wil-liam Henry, engineer. McKenzie was one of the last persons to leave the studios, wading out

### Trouble Per Million Circuit Mile Hours: WWVA, Wheeling Bell System's Story of Flood Service Becomes Saviour

SKIRTING flooded areas, with new lines pumping current into the networks at flood-ruptured points and picking up newscasters at precarious vantage points on the edge of angry torrents, Bell Sys-tem program transmission service passed through the worst floods in its history with but little loss of radio facilities.

In addition to maintaining the intricate web of wires that it fur-nishes to broadcasting companies the Bell System found itself called upon to undertake an additional task at the time of the flood crests. This consisted in furnishing pickups for broadcasters and others in a position to give eye-witness ac-counts of the spreading disasters.

At Johnstown, which has no station on a regular network, Jay Williamson, wire chief for Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania, described the situation from the test room in the telephone companys building over an NBC-WJZ net-work. Broadcast from nearby net-work stations, his talk carried a timely warning to Johnstown listeners not to drink water without first boiling it. On another occasion Williamson introduced Miriam Lightner, assistant chief operator, one of the heroines of the beleagured city who stuck to their posts until ordered out by police. Another description of the flood

through water above his waist. McNaughton left some time later after the water had been receding several hours.

No lives were lost in Cumberland as WTBO kept the public ap-prised of the flood situation. A man injured by glass in a store re-ceived relief quickly when WBTO was informed of his predicament.

### On to Washington

WHEN the rising Potomac swept downward toward Washington, Capital City stations were on the job. NBC assembled a score of engineers and announcers from WRC and WMAL and provided its most elaborate setup since the inauguration of President Roosevelt. Microphones were placed at 12 vantage points and a fast motorboat was equipped with shortwave apparatus.

Acting under Kenneth H. Berke-ley, WRC and WMAL manager, Fred Shawn and Carleton Smith, his assistants, directed outside operations while Mr. Berkeley remained in charge of operations from the control board. A. E. John-son, NBC division engineer, di-rected technical operations.

Announcers assigned to flood work were Ted Kimball, Al Triggs, John Laing, Hubert McIlrevey, John Laing, Hubert McIlrevey, Don Cordray, Edwin Rogers, Jim McGrath, Gordon Hittenmark. Engineers were P. I. Merryman, Keith B. Williams, W. H. Chew, A. R. McGonegal, C. M. Clark, W. L. Simmons, D. A. Ullman, F. Fugazzi, D. H. Cooper, H. C. Gronberg. Hittenmark acted as general director in the studios and was in communication with all rewas in communication with all remote operators at once.

Arrangements were completed 24 hours in advance of the critical flood stage. Keith B. Williams, en-(Continued on page 56) at Johnstown over CBS was picked up from a point just outside of the telephone building. Still another carried a conversation between an announcer of KDKA, Pittsburgh, and a telephone operator at Johnstown.

When the flood waters ad-When the nood waters au-vanced on Lewistown, Pa., the telephone company cut through to a pay station in the railway sta-tion so an NBC crew from New York could describe the situation. Another eye-witness account came from an announcer atop the Bell telephone building at Wheeling.

### On a Tottering Bridge

REACHING out to the very edge of the swirling torrents another pickup was made for a CBS announcer at the tottering abutments of a bridge over the Ohio at Wheehookups the telephone company reached through the devastated area to cut in new stations for the national networks.

As is always the case in major disasters, the Bell System plant was called upon to use ingenuity to keep networks intact. An example of conditions it faced was furnished at Hartford, through which pass important broadcasting ar-teries. When an angry torrent tore out a bridge east of Hartford and ruptured the telephone cables across it, program transmission men fed the New England networks through Springfield. Shortly afterward ice and floating timbers at South Hadley Falls tore the sheathing from the Albany-Spring-field cable and the broadcasting channels in this cable had to be rerouted over lines through Hart-ford. When not long after a power shortage rendered many of the lines through Hartford inoperative network service into new England continued over a new route to Springfield and the program in the New York studio reached Hartford itself over a line through Springfield, Boston and the already re-stored line from Providence to Hartford.

Faced with a power shortage at the height of the catastrophe in Pittsburgh, which necessitated saving every milliwatt, the Pittsburgh office had to cut off the program transmission "Repeaters" — the vacuum tubes that amplify the program as it travels along the wires. To make good this loss of energy the telephone company fed the program back into Pittsburgh through repeaters at New Castle, Pa., and boosted the gain of the repeaters on either side of Pitts-burgh. When the same thing happened at Hartford and repeaters had to be cut out. vacuum tubes in the Springfield office gave the program the needed boost.

Among the reports that reach the desk of the general manager of the long lines department of the A. T. & T. at New York is a chart showing the troubles experienced on program transmission lines. The curve will show an upward trend for the flood week for it is in the nature of a microscope on the departments network service. In order to make the troubles visible on the chart measurement is in terms of "trouble per million circuit mile hours".

# For Million Soul Jumps Into the Breach to Aic

Victims and Direct Relief

### By GEORGE W. SMITH Manager, WWVA, Wheeling

AT THE first warning from th U. S. Weather Bureau that th Ohio Valley would be visited b the worst flood in its history, deck were cleared for action and WWVA, Wheeling, made prepara tions for the crisis. As the raging waters rose foot by foot, it be came more and more evident tha WWVA was destined to be th saviour of a million or more per saviour of a minion of more per-sons, swirling, raging current; carrying debris almost mountail high, laid everything low tha dared to interrupt its mad dasl Southward. Telephone lines wen telegraph lines suffared a similar -telegraph lines suffered a similal fate-waters rose to choke the busy hum of newspaper pressesand finally the tragic toll of "lights out" climaxed the gruesom situation. But through all thi chaos rose the WWVA signal—i pierced the very horror of it al with unrelentless accuracy. Hour after hour-87 without a single interruption—radio men stood a their various posts with but on supreme thought—SAVE! "Showmanship", the cry of pres

ent - day commercial broadcasting had its ace opportunity to prove it worth. But to be sure, it was not planned showmanship—it was o a brand inspired by frantic crie phone posts with such cries ring ing in their ears and pleaded for help. A frantic appeal for a phy sician to attend a woman who was about to give birth to a child; a man being dashed down-stream or a pile of debris; a woman and four children screaming for help from the second story of a house surrounded by raging waters; and appeals to rescue tiny babes, were but a few of the tragic incidents which inspired a brand of radic showmanship in the WWVA staff which no radio man could ever create.

### And Then the Crest

EVERYTHING that is sacred it everyday radio broadcasting pro cedure was completely sidetracket and if such procedure had not beer the order the great Ohio Valley flood catastrophe would have beer much worse. Outpost broadcast ing points were established with lightning-like rapidity. It mattered not that telephone lines were ou of commission-engineers ran their own lines right to the very hear of the raging waters, with the re sult that lives were saved—many of them! Rescue crews were given specific directions. They were told through loud speakers where to ge and for what reason, with the re sult that radio broadcasting save many lives.

But as the Ohio River reached its crest of 55.5 feet and all per sons with the exception of sixteer were safe, WWVA faced another grave situation, that of cooperat ing with the American Red Cross in the enormous task of providing food, clothing and shelter for refu (Continued on page 61)

# Are Programs for Children Worthwhile?

### By H. P. LONGSTAFF\*

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### Entertainment Found to Be Popular and Quite Effective lise n Making First Sales of Commodities Advertised

HRISTINE FREDERICK, writag in Business Bourse in 1929 nder the title "Selling Mrs. Conmer", states that recent studies ave revealed that 90% of Amerian spending power is in the hands f women. On the basis of these tudies we find great emphasis beng placed on the importance of irecting advertising at the female uyer.

Kenneth Gode, in his book Modrn Advertising Makes Money Harper & Bros.), New York, tates that the "only completely asic industry in America is raising girl babies." In certain repects this is true, but it must be orne in mind that women's purhases are influenced in part by ne desire of those for whom the urchases are being made.

Though it may be true that Mrs. Insumer buys Mr. Consumer's uits, sox, shoes, etc., undoubtedly fr. Consumer has some voice in he type of article she purchases, nd not only Mr. Consumer but lso Mrs. Consumer's children. his was definitely proved in a reent study made for NBC, by the sychological Corporation. Quoting rom this study: "The influence of hildren was found to be extremehigh among purchases made by dults in grocery and drug stores." his being true, the present study as undertaken to investigate the ffectiveness of children's radio rograms as advertising mediums nd their effectiveness in influencng the buying behavior of the hildren's parents.

### Picked at Random

"HE data for this study were obained by having college students nterview 1020 children, 590 boys nd 430 girls ranging in age from even to 15 years and living in Jinneapolis and St. Paul.

These subjects were selected at andom. Wherever an interviewer ould find a child he interviewer ould find a child he interviewed im, although the bulk of the inerviews were made with the chilren in their homes. Five children's adio programs were investigated -Skippy, Buck Rogers, Jack Armtrong, The Air Adventures of immy Allen (CBS), and Little Orphan Annie (NBC). The products advertised by these programs were Phillips Milk of Magnesia ochpaste, Coco-Malt, Wheaties, kelly gasoline and motor oil, and Ovaltine. These programs had een on the air for two years or nore. This investigation was conlucted early in May, 1935.

The results of this study are as collows: It was found that 98% of the children had radios in their nomes. This may seem like a high per cent of radio homes, but CBS has published data indicating that

\*This article is a summary of a detailed eport to appear in the April issue of the *fournal of Applied Psychology*, published by J. P. Porter, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. on Jan. 1, 1935, 93.4% of homes in cities of 250,000 population or over owned radios. When we bear in mind that the children investigated in this study all come from class A, B or C homes our findings agree quite closely with those of CBS.

in this study all come from class A, B or C homes our findings agree quite closely with those of CBS. It was further discovered that on the average 73% of the children listened to these programs. Of those who listened 75% knew the product advertised by each program and 29% were using the product at present, while 31% had used the product. Combining those who do or have used the product we find that 60% of the listeners do or have used the commodities advertised by these programs. Three facts stand out from these data: First, these programs have been very effective in inducing children to persuade their parents to buy the products; second, while a large part of the buying involved was undoubtedly done by the mothers, the fact remains that the real selling had been done to the children and any producer assuming women to be the hub of American buying would be overlooking a very important factor, the influence of children in determining mothers' purchases; third, a slightly larger per cent of the children have stopped using the commodities than those that are still using them. In other words while these programs have been effective in making original sales, some factor or group of factors is operating which is causing the consumers to stop using the commodities. There was no data in this study which might indicate what was causing this loss. The writer has another study in process at present which may throw some light upon this.

Dividing the children into two groups (those who knew what products the programs advertised comprising Group 1, and those who did not know the products advertised comprising Group 2) we find when these groups were compared upon the basis of whether they were using or had used the commodity that 34% of Group 1 were using the commodity while only 14% of Group 2 were using it. Furthermore, 35% of Group 1 had used it while only 18% of Group 2 had used the commodity. This is proof of the necessity of associating program and commodity in the children's minds. And since this association has been established in the minds of 75% of the children

### SPORTS PROGRAM SELLS SHOES GallenKamp Stores Draw Big Audiences by Recreating High School Athletic Contests

GALLENKAMP STORES Co., operators of a Pacific Coast chain of retail shoe stores with headquarters in San Francisco, wanted a radio program that would push the sale of shoes for high school boys in that city. What type of program desired was hard to decide. It had to be inexpensive and something to hold the youthful listener as well as members of his family.

Broadcasting of sports events was suggested by W. N. McGill, manager of KGGC, San Francisco. It was considered, but when the plan was set out to broadcast prep school football games direct from the stadium an unusual objection was raised. Attendance at these games, it was discovered, was almost 100% among the high school students, the potential customers. Why broadcast the games when, by the very nature of things, the audience wanted could not possibly listen in to the program, was the prospective sponsors argument.

prospective sponsors argument. It seemed as though the contract was going to be lost, but a happy solution was worked out. It was suggested that the games be recreated. The sponsor was willing to try, and GallenKamp's have been kept thoroughly satisfied for two years with a constant increasing appropriation for radio advertising to prove it. As a result they are now broadcasting recreations of prep school basketball games over KGGC. To recreate these sports events is not any easy task, according to McGill. Every major high school game is thoroughly covered by George Tolin, KGGC's sports announcer. An assistant thoroughly familiar with the participating personnel accompanies him to each game and complete notes are taken of every play.

The two reporters then rush back to the studios and 30 minutes after the game is over they are recreating the event over the air. Sound effects are handled by the assistant who helped report the game. His memory is still fresh as to actually what transpired. Cheers and whistles are recreated exactly as they took place during the actual game "Infinite pains are taken to cre-

"Infinite pains are taken to create the illusion of actual broadcast of each game," McGill said. "Accuracy is much more necessary than if the broadcast actually took place from the field because the players and spectators are listening, actually reviewing the game. To pronounce incorrectly a name or give an incorrect yardage is a major 'faux pas'. The student body and players all listen ardently to each game, for what is more interesting than to hear the announcer getting excited over a run you made down the field?"

The sponsors are thoroughly satisfied, declaring that the results of a small appropriation are showing big returns in dollars and cents. listening, it indicates the decided effectiveness of this medium of advertising.

An analysis of the per cent of children at each age between seven and 15 years who listened indicated the largest number of listeners at ages 9, 10, 11 and 12, although in general the difference between these and the other age groups were small. This finding indicates that there is a tendency for the programs to be slightly too difficult for the younger children to understand and slightly too simple for the older children. The use of the product was fair-

The use of the product was fairly evenly distributed among the age groups with no tendency for one group to use more of the commodities than any other, indicating the programs are not only effective for the group as a whole but for each group as well.

### Study of Age Groups

AN ATTEMPT was made to discover the importance of intelligence in determining listening habits of these children and also their buying habits. Intelligence was measured by dividing the children into three groups: Those who were farther along in school than the average child of their age were considered mentally superior; those who were just as far along in school as the average child of their age were considered mentally average; and those who were not so far along in school as the average child of their age were considered mentally inferior.

ered mentally inferior. This is only a crude criterion of intelligence but it is one that experience has shown to be fairly valid when making group comparisons. Using these three groups it was found that there was practically no difference between them as far as their responses to these programs were concerned. Just as many of one group who listened knew the commodity advertised by the program and used the commodity as did those of the other groups. Apparently these programs have been sufficiently simplified and appeal to motives so basic that they are equally effective for dull, average, and bright children.

Little difference was found between the listening habits of boys and girls, about 10% more boys than girls listen to these programs, 13% more boys than girls know the commodities advertised by the programs and about 4% more boys use the commodities than do the girls.

In conclusion the children's radio programs investigated in this study were found to be very popular among children, as well as quite effective in making first sales of the commodities advertised. There was evidence that some factors were operating against continued use of the commodities once they were purchased. Sex differences in the listening behavior and effectiveness of the programs was found to be small and intelligence was found to be an unimportant factor in determining listening and buying behavior of the children.

### April 1, 1936 • BROADCASTING

### Warner Bros. Reneges on Offer And Seeks Five-year Contract

Stations Told by Mr. Baldwin They Must Evaluate New Demands on Basis of Own Requirements

FIVE-YEAR contracts, to parallel those of stations with ASCAP, were offered March 25 by Warner Bros. publishing houses on a take-it-or-leave-it basis, to become effective when the present tempor-ary contracts with some 250 sta-

tions expire April 1. This startling demand was made of James W. Baldwin, NAB manof discussion with Herman Starr, Warner vice president. It pre-scribes that full-time stations shall pay, monthly, four times their lo-cal or retail rate, if any, whereas under the temporary three month contracts, the royalty was four times the highest quarter-hour rate rate.

Reneging on the agreement to Keneging on the agreement to work out a per piece method of compensation which was to have become effective April 1, Warner proposes to include in the five-year contract a provision that the contract is cancellable if 75% of the copyright agencies and of the tetring agree upon a piece stations agree upon a per piece basis.

Rates for small stations, or parttime stations, under the five-year proposal, would be correspondingly lower, generally amounting to about one-half of what the larger full-time stations would pay.

Up to Each Station

MR. BALDWIN immediately dis-patched to all stations holding Warner contracts a letter setting forth the Warner proposal. He said that a situation exists "which must be evaluated by each broad-caster in the light of his own re-quirements."

For several weeks it had been indicated that Warner would not offer a per peice basis, but it had been anticipated that it would offer another month's extension of present arrangements.

It has been apparent for some time that perhaps less than half of the some 250 stations holding temporary contracts to perform Warner music, would not renew. Now, with the five-year ultimatum, only stations which feel they cannot risk infringement suits will renew, and then only under vigorous protest.

Larger stations, which have means of checking music performances, have learned by the experience of the last three months that the price paid for Warner music per selection, far exceeds what they construe to be equitable royalties. Moreover, they have discovered that only about 7 or 8% of their performances are from the Warner catalogs. On the average, it is understood, the price has run about \$1 per rendition. Mr. Baldwin's letter follows, in part.

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I visited with Mr. Starr this week. His position concerning per-piece re-mains unchanged from that expressed to the Advisory Committee namely; that so long as the broadcasters con-tinue to pay for music on the basis of a flat fee such as is done with the ASCAP he cannot find a formula which will insure to him the minimum amount of money which he considers he is entitled to receive for the use

of MPHC music. In further explanation of his position he says that the broadcasting industry has not cooperated with him, that generally the in-dustry has endeavored to avoid using his music and that, therefore, he can-

his music and that, therefore, he can-not expect any better cooperation should he adopt a per-piece plan. A number of other reasons were assigned by Mr. Starr including the claim that when the broadcasters signed new five-year blanket con-tracts with ASCAP on January 15th the problem of working out a per-piece plan for his music was made extremely difficult. He advised me that the best he can

He advised me that the best he can do under all existing circumstances is to offer an extension of present licensing agreements with these excep-

censing agreements with these exceptions:
1. He will use as a base the local or retail rate where such a rate exists.
2. He will require reports covering only Warner Brothers music.
3. He will change the favored nation clause so as to allow the MPHC sufficient latitude to avoid inequalities.
4. He will incorporate in the new

sufficient latitude to avoid inequalities. 4. He will incorporate in the new agreement a provision which will per-mit cancellation in the event a per-piece plan can be found which is ac-ceptable to 75 per cent of the copy-right agencies and broadcasters. 5. He will offer the agreement for a period of five years. It is plain that a situation exists which must be evaluated by each



From Judge "Hi-ho, everybody. Reverend Folling-by speaking!"

broadcaster in the light of his own requirement.

### Lost Promotion

WARNER houses have not fared well since the defection from ASCAP at the end of the year. They withdrew because they claimed that their cut from the ASCAP royalty jack-pot was not sufficient -amounting to something more than \$340,000 last year for the publishing houses and an equal amount for Warner composers. Even if all of the present station licenses of Warner renewed for a year on the present basis, the in-take would be only about \$200,000, it is estimated, of which one-half

would have to go to composer: Moreover, Warner tunes h lost popularity almost to the pe of extinction because of non-I formance over networks and majority of stations. There not been a hit Warner tune si Jan. 1, and the non-performa has rankled with the motion p ture end of the Warner organ tion, since valuable radio public for its shows has been lost alm

for its shows has been lost alm entirely. More than ever now, the view that Warner houses will return ASCAP, despite repeated sta ments to the contrary by War officials. Talk of Warner sett up a "third network" as a meof propagandizing and perform its music is branded as pure hok since the station facilities for st a chain are not available and si one cannot be established ov night.

Dumping of infringement su upon stations, networks, hotels : night clubs by Warner publish tapered off considerably during last fortnight. Nineteen ad tional infringement suits agai broadcasting stations were fil along with eight against hot and night clubs were filed. Su against stations and networks leging infringement of Warı numbers now aggregate 116, w damages sought in all, totali nearly \$4,000,000. In most of 1 station suits, maximum damas of \$5,000, per infringement a sought, whereas the minimum damages specified in the law a

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### **Broadcasters Battle for the Duffy Copyright Bill**

FORMIDABLE groundwork for enactment of the Duffy Copyright Bill at the next Congress, should it be scuttled at the current session by stalling tactics inspired by ASCAP and its cohort organiza-tions, has been laid before the House Patents Committee by proponents of the bill.

A glimmer of hope for writing the measure into law at this session still exists, but the race against time, and against a hostile Committee chairman and certain committee members, remain as obstacles to consideration by the House prior to adjournment which the administration is seeking within a month or two.

A change in majority committee sentiment from one of active op-position to the Duffy Bill to one of support for its major provisions, has been detected since proponents began to put on their case three weeks ago. The opposition began to melt after Senator Duffy (D-Wis.), author of the measure, and Dr. Wallace McClure, State De-partment official, had presented their arguments. And the shift be-came increasingly apparent during the presentation by the NAB of its community on March 17 to 10 arguments on March 17 to 19.

### **Hearings End April 3**

A CONCERTED move led by Chairman Sirovich (D-N. Y.) to prolong hearings until April 23, whereas they were to have ended originally on March 19, was only partially successful. The Committee on March 23 forced a vote on continuance of the hearings and it was decided that they should be prolonged until April 15.

It was decided also that Rep. Lanham (D-Tex.) will preside, because of the illness of Chairman Sirovich.

A vote on the time limitations was forced by Rep. O'Malley (D-Wis.) with the active assist-ance of Rep. Deen (D-Ga.) and Rep. Church (D-Ill.) at the March 19 session after the NAB had com-pleted its case. This was done over the violent opposition of Chairman Sirovich, who repeatedly has stated Sirovich, who repeatedly has stated he did not favor the Duffy Bill on the ground that it would destroy ASCAP.

Of greatest importance has been the reversal of the view of several committee members on the elimination of the existing provision of law which sets the minimum statutory damage for innocent infrin-ment of a copyrighted work \$250. Under the Duffy Bill t minimum would be eliminated al gether and the amount of dama would be left entirely to the d cretion of the Federal courts, wi

cretion of the Federal courts, wi a maximum limitation of \$20,00 It is for retention of this pro sion that ASCAP has fought valiantly since the hearings beg Feb. 25. It has based its oppositi to the bill primarily on the grou that elimination of the minimi damage provision would cau copyright piracy to run rampa and have the effect of destroyi ASCAP. ASCAP.

The logic with which proponer of the bill broke down this arg (Continued on page 54)



COPYRIGHT QUARTET-Here is the NAB group which presented to broadcasting industry case March 17-19 in support of the Duffy Cop G. Caldwell, Washington attorney; James W. Baldwin, NAB managin director; Sydney M. Kaye, New York attorney (all three of whom test fied), and E. Stuart Sprague, former NBC attorney, who assisted.

# WHERE YOU HAVE GROUND TO COVER



# One Good Spreader Is Worth A Dozen Pitchforks

**L**N ANY FIELD of worth-while size, trying to increase productivity by the pitch-fork process, is a discouraging job, particularly when your neighbor does this job much more easily—and more profitably—with the right equipment.

Since the Iowa market is very much worth-while in size, trying to increase business through the small-station route is also liable to be discouraging, particularly when your competitor is using the one radio station big enough to do the whole job at once—WHO, with 50,000 watts.

Iowa is a broad market. No single city dominates it. Des Moines, home of WHO, Iowa's largest city, has less than 6% of the state's population. Buying power, spread over the entire state (55,586 square miles), flows through a score of important trading centers.

Some of these centers have low-powered local radio stations. Some do not. In fact, all other Iowa stations together do not cover the state so effectively as does WHO, because, where you have ground to cover, one good spreader is worth a dozen pitchforks.

CENTRAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, DES MOINES J. O. Maland, Manager Phone 3-7147



### "GROUND TO COVER"

Iowa is a big market, because it is a big collection of smaller markets, each too important to neglect. Trying to cover all these markets with smaller stations would be costly and ineffective. One station — and only one—has the power to cover this rich area—WHO, with 50,000 watts.



# **Dr. Pepper Soft-Drink Series On TQN Spread to 17 Stations**

Successful Tests on Texas Quality Lead to Renewal With Extended Program to Cover Extensive Area

SO SUCCESSFUL have been the showmanship, merchandising and results of the Pepper Uppers show, sponsored for the last year over the Texas Quality Network by the Dr. Pepper Co., Dallas (Dr. Pepper soft drinks), that the sponsor on April 5 will inaugurate a new campaign over a special network of 17 stations with the three TQN stastations with the three TQN sta-tions as a nucleus. The expansion of the network for its Sunday show, 5:30-6 p. m., utilizing spe-cial leased telephone lines, is re-garded in Southwestern and Southern radio circles as a tribute to breadent education to broadcast advertising.

The 5-cent drink is now distributed in 22 states through large syrup manufacturing plants in Dallas and Birmingham and with more than 250 bottlers, many of whom have used spot radio while the parent company was using both TQN and spot. The new hookup embraces stations in the company's distribution area, keyed from WFAA, Dallas.

### Custom-built Network

THE TQN stations, which have carried the program since April, 1935, first as a Sunday evening quar-1935, first as a Sunday evening quar-ter-hour and then as a half-hour program, are WFAA-WBAP, Dal-las-Fort Worth; WOAI, San An-tonio, and KPRC, Houston. On them the program has been re-newed for another year, with the following 14 additional stations contracted to carry it for a six-month trial period starting at 5:30 month trial period starting at 5:30 p. m. (CST) but going to the 4:30 p. m. (CST) but going to the 4:30 p. m. (CST) period on April 26: KGNC, Amarillo; WKY, Oklahoma City; KVOO, Tulsa; KTBS, Shreveport; KTHS, Hot Springs; WJDX, Jackson; WMC, Memphis; WAPI, Birmingham; WSB, At-lanta; WMAZ, Macon; WFBC, Greenville, S. C.; WWNC, Ashe-ville; WSOC, Charlotte, and WSM, Nashville. the latter station joining Nashville, the latter station joining

The hockup April 19. The show is presented before a studio audience of about 500 from the roof garden of the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, tickets being distributed free. It consists of the *Pepper Uppers* orchestra led by Alexander Keese, WFAA program director, and using special arrangedirector, and using special arrangements by Tex Brewster; novelty comedy sketches by Sugah and Her Boy Friends, and the Singing Boy Friends, a vocal trio comprising J. P. Scoggins, Harry Hume and Hal Whittaker, WFAA staff artists.

"This special network," said Raymond Locke, vice president and treasurer of Tracy-Locke-Dawson Inc., Dallas and New York agency which handles the account, who personally supervises it, "is custom-built for the Dr. Pepper Co.'s peculiar territorial selling job. After a thorough study of the national networks, we concluded that only by creating our own network could we accomplish the results desired due to our intention to concentrate on our own market. With the able assistance of the management of WFAA, we tackled the seemingly impossible job of arranging a chain to suit our needs. We are



### MR. LOCKE

proud of the successful culmination

of this effort. "The Dr. Pepper Co. went into radio as an experiment, but the fact that they have renewed on the Texas Quality Network for one year and have added 14 other stations for six months certainly indicates that we believe radio is a good sales medium for our prod-We shall continue to mainuct. tain a well-balanced program divided between radio, newspapers, posters and store displays, each complimenting and helping to sell the others. One factor very much in favor of radio as an advertising medium is its definite influence on distributors and dealers. The fact that radio is primarily entertainment makes it a good conversational topic among distributors and dealers as well as among consumers. Thus radio offers word of mouth advertising as its by-product."

### Tests Successful

SAID J. B. O'Hara, president of

Dr. Pepper Co.: "Nearly all Dr. Pepper bottlers who have visited in Dallas have attended public performances of the Dr. Pepper radio program, and have hoped for the day when it might be extended to include practically all territories. We feel that after a period of one year of testing in our home state, the program has developed into something worthy of application on a larger scale. The consensus of public opinion seems to confirm this popular-We believe this step is particularly appropriate in 1936, during the Texas Centennial yearwhich happens also to be the 50th anniversary of the origin of Dr. Pepper."

THE ban on radio news columns in Hearst newspapers which hit the Pacific Coast March 13 is being utilized as a circulation builder by the Scripps-Howard San Fran-cisco News, which on March 23 came out with a full page announcement of complete radio news coverage. San Francisco Chronicle has also increased its radio news section.

### BULLETIN

Richard C. Patterson, Jr., since October 1932 executive vice presi-dent of NBC, tendered his resig-nation March 27 to the monthly meeting of the NBC board of di-rectors. It was accepted, becoming effective immediately, although it is understood his contract does not expire until October. Mr. Patterson did not disclose his future plans. Mr. Patterson joined NBC at the instance of M. H. Aylesworth, former president, recently succeeded by Lenox R. Lohr, to take over the position formerly held by the late George McClel-land. For five years before 1932 he had served as New York City's Commissioner of Correction, and before that he had been an executive with the J. G. White Engi-neering Co. and the E. I. duPont de Nemours Co. He also had a distinguished Army record.

### ABC TO USE WIND AS CHICAGO OUTLET

SIGNING of WIND, Gary, Ind., as the Chicago metropolitan area outlet of the projected new Affiliated Broadcasting Co. network of Midwestern stations, was announced March 20 by the ABC headquarters in the Chicago Civic Opera Bldg. The network, headed by Samuel Insull, former utilities magnate, is scheduled to get under way late in April, it was formally announced. With WKBH, LaCrosse, Wis., al-

so added to take commercial programs, the new regional network will start with 19 outlets which, with the exception of WIND, have been divided into three state groups to be made available to advertisers as individual networks or in combination. Each group, however, must be bought as a unit. WIND is available as an auxiliary to any state group if time can be cleared on it, since the ABC network announces that it will not have any "key" station as such in Chicago or any other point.

Programs will originate in the Chicago headquarters, where Max Halperin is program director and Malcolm Engle is production manager. Ota Gygi is vice president in charge of operations, with Mr. Insull as president in active charge of the entire venture. The state groupings will be as follows:

Wisconsin Group-WOMT, Mani-Wisconsin Group — WOMT, Mani-towoc; WHBL, Sheboygan; WRJN, Racine; WKBH, LaCrosse; WCLO, Janesville; WHBY, Green Bay; KFIZ, Fond du Lac, and WDGY, Minneapolis, Minn. Illinois Group — WTAX. Spring-field; WJBL, Dccatur; WHBF, Rock Island; WCLS, Joliet, and WIL, St. Louis, Mo.

WIL. St. Louis, Mo. Indiana Group — WTRC, Elkhart; WEOA. Evansville; WWAE, Ham-mond; WBOW, Terre Haute; WLBC, Muncie.

### Hearst Radio Order

DROPPING of all radio columns and news matter pertaining to radio, with only program listings retained, was ordered in all Hearst papers in March by William Randolph Hearst. Radio editors were assigned to other jobs. No reason for the order was given, although it was recalled that the Hearst newspapers took a strong editorial stand against the carrying of a speech by Frank Browder, Com-munist party leader, on CBS.

### Chevrolet's Diso Enter Second Yea

**Biggest Spot Account Include** 383 Stations, Network Talen

CHEVROLET, largest spot tr scription account ever placed, gins its second year April 19 383 stations, according to an nouncement March 23 by Wc Broadcasting System, which, collaboration with Campbell-Ew Co. Inc., Detroit, places the ce paign.

The new WBS series will s Rubinoff and his violin, with Peerce, tenor, Virginia Rea, prano, and Graham McNamee announcer. All have been heard Chevrolet's Saturday night ser on an NBC-WEAF network, wh ends shortly. The new sched will present these artists in th weekly 15-minute periods for weeks. On the final 13 program additional guest stars will be f tured.

### **Biggest Spot Account**

DURING the last year Chevro has smashed all records for s account expenditures, having u the largest number of stations e purchased by a single advertis In all, the campaign in 1935 volved expenditures of appro mately \$1,500,000 for time ε talent.

Rubinoff and many of his n cast have never before broadc by electrical transcription, althou the account is the second " name" show to be presented WBS in a tailor-made series. K ger Grocery series recently p sented such artists as Frank Top and his orchestra, Lanny Rc Rudy Vallee, Dick Powell, Fran Langford, Bobby Burns, Wal O'Keefe and Molasses 'n' Janua all of whom then made their i tial appearances on transcrit programs.

According to WBS, Rubinoff, his appearance in the Chevro dealers series will become most widely heard artist on air, with 14,625 broadcasts, taling 3,875 hours of enterta ment, scheduled for the 375 s tions.

### NAB Chicago Conventic May Be Held July 12-1

ALTHOUGH definite plans mu await the judgment of the exec committee, indications a tive that the 14th annual convention the NAB will be held July 12in Chicago. Those dates tentative have been reserved by the NA in lieu of the middle of June whi originally was favored by Jam W. Baldwin, NAB managing dire tor

Mr. Baldwin, probably with the next fortnight, will solicit t views of his executive committ on the convention and on the sele tion of hotel headquarters. In a liklihood, the Palmer House w be selected, although the Steve Hotel also is being considered. Th executive committee comprise President Leo J. Fitzpatrick a Treasurer Isaac D. Levy, alou with Mr. Baldwin.

WHIO, Dayton, O., on March was authorized by the FCC to i crease its daytime power to 5,01 watts.

Fran these "Call letters"

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# is the CLASS Library . for a CLASS radio audience!

By class we do not mean "high-hat," but high quality ... a recorded program service that rivals-in talent, production and reproduction—the best of the network shows • • • A diversified. flexible library of more than fifty hours of continuous programs ... by famous name bands, large symphony orchestras, opera companies, outstanding singers and choral groups, novelty combinations and popular dance music • • • Recorded with thrilling naturalness . . . Western Electric Wide-Range Vertical-cut (Hill and Dale) ... and quietly pressed on VINYLITE • • • That's why we are able-and proud-to present such an imposing list of subscriberstations, in key radio cities, after only a few months of demonstration. Frankly, we concentrated on large city stations-where competition was keenest-to test convincingly the entertainment and selling quality of ASSOCIATED RECORDED PROGRAM SERVICE. The initial list at right tells the story ... gives the PROOF • • • Write for illustrated brochure and full particulars.

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ASSOCIATED MUSIC PUBLISHERS, INC. NEW YORK CITY 25 WEST 45th STREET

### The key stations are going "ASSOCIATED"

### 1pril 1, 1936 • BROADCASTING

a (as of Ma	arch 15, 1936)
WNAC	Boston
WAAB	Boston °
WICC	Bridgeport
WEAN	Providence
WHEC '	Rochester
WCPO	Cincinnati
WTMJ	Milwaukee
WMAS	Springfield
KMBC and W9XBY	Kansas City <sup>·</sup>
KFWB	Hollywood
• WIP 👻	Philadelphia
WGR and WKBW	Buffalo
WINS	New York
WFIL	Philadelphia
KSL	Salt Lake
KGMB	Honolulu
WCAE	Pittsburgh
WBAL	Baltimore
кмох	St. Louis
WKRC	Cincinnati
WXYZ	Detroit
WCFL	Chicago
КНЈ	Los Angeles
KFRC	San Francisco
KGB	San Diego
KDB	Santa Barbara
WTCN	Minneapolis
WBŢ	Charlotte

### **Some Sales Tips by Prof. Lloyd James** Distinguished British Linguist Favors Standard Speech And Suggests Over-Stimulus Is Dulling Public Ear

FRANKLY, this magazine is sur-

prised. Pleasantly surprised. We went to a distinguished British scholar, now visiting America, and asked him for a frank opinion of our broadcasting methods and for suggestions on how we might profit by Britain's example.

What we expected was valuable theoretical information-but what we got was valuable practical information.

See if we're not right in thinking there are actual sales helps in the following statements by Prof. A. Lloyd James, honorary secre-tary of the British Broadcasting Corporation Advisory Council on Spoken English and professor of phonetics at London University.

In the first place, Prof. Lloyd James, who on March 20 completed a series of broadcasts on NBC's Magic of Speech program and who earlier had been heard on CBS and various shortwave stations, finds us singularly disagreed as to what constitutes good "American En-glish" for broadcasting. One rep-resentative radio official gives him one idea—perhaps '' cultured speech". Another tells him the only requirement is for the speaker to "talk naturally".

### Some Model Voices

"IT MIGHT not be a bad thing," the professor told our reporter, "for your broadcasting companies "for your broadcasting companies to call together a committee to help them select representative Ameri-can speakers. Their voices could be recorded and used as models. The President's English has always seemed to me as truly representative of American usage as what is known as King's English in my country. Recordings of President Roosevelt's voice might well be made the basis for some kind of national agreement as to acceptable American English suitable for universal currency over radio."

And why have a standard of speech?

Well, for one thing, it would help sponsors to sell their products. It would help break down the na-tional, state and even local preju-dices against "outsiders" who speak a different language. And, as we all know, the announcer who reads

your commercial message is often the victim of this attitude. "These prejudices," Prof. James explained, "rest on idiosyncrasies of speech. If a man doesn't talk your kind of accent you consider him a fool, a snob or a knave. He may be all three, but anything that helps to remove such prejudice is good. The ultimate aim is the unity and solidarity of the great English language."

That unity and solidarity, course, has a wide political signifi-cance. But what may interest you more is its effect upon the radio salesmen, who are trying at the present time to compete with Southern drawls, Yankee twangs, Western Midwestern and Cond Western, Midwestern and Canadwestern, midwestern and Canad-ian speech preferences. Think how much simpler your problem would be if there could be one speech that, eventually, pleased every-body! "I have listened with great in-

the government - monopoly system of radio such as Britain's. "English is a language of strong

"English is a language of strong accents, falling at recurrent inter-vals. Normally spoken English, with natural accents, is a beauti-fully rhythmic performance," he said. "May I suggest that the time has come in American radio to give more attention to this matter, whether in educational, entertain-ment or commercial broadcasts." ment or commercial broadcasts; ment or commercial broadcasts; that the normal speech of the edu-cated American be given a fair chance and that hysterical plug-ging of isolated words be aban-doned. I am convinced, on purely psychological grounds, as a lin-guist, that this is an experiment worth trying."

### Too Swift a Pace

THEN there's the matter of speed, Prof. Lloyd James has had to give up listening to a number of our programs because the speakers completely outdistanced him!

"I can understand this, since the rice of seconds on the air in America must be very consider-able," he remarked. "But there is such a thing as 'critical speed' beyond which intelligibility begins to suffer. Many of your speakers seem inclined to exceed this critical speed, leaving the listener panting behind them, gasping for breath and finally giving up all

Our question—after the profes-sor had outlined his views on speech control with respect to rhythm, accents, speed, etc.—was, "Should we all, then, try to talk alike?"

"Not at all," he said. "That would not be advisable, nor would it be possible. If we all aim at the same target we don't all hit it; but we do have unity. Our efforts all have the same direction.'

And what would this theory do to the comedians - Fred Allen, Amos 'n' Andy, nasal Portland Hoffa and dumb-talking Mary Liv-ingstone? If Prof Lloyd James' ex-

periments were followed would they all have to pattern the speech after President Roosevel No! "Linguistic humour", as calls it, is a thing apart. The have always been people who a fected strange speech for the sa of getting a laugh, and there a ways will be. Standardized E glish would be a boon to comedia glish would be a boon to comedia instead of a menace. The few funny tricks other people used their talk the easier it would 1 for comedians to stand out. News broadcasts came in for comment, though no criticism, fro

comment, though no criticism, iro the professor. "It is our purpose in Britain he said, "to remove completely th personality of the announcer, ar to present to the nation a sobe unemotional recital of news of th world. We let the public supply in comparison In Ame own emotional reaction. In Ame ica I am therefore surprised at the personal part played by the con-mentator. I find your radio new written in racy journalistic styl full of metaphor, emotional adje-tives and adverbs, and frank crit cism. You tend to listen not s much to a sober recital of events a to the effects of these events upo your commentator or those wh write his material."

write his material." In addition to his appearance before the NBC microphone, Pro: Lloyd James addressed a privat meeting of NBC announcers an production men. He gave ther much of the information printe here and a background on the sub ject of linguistic theory. He als participated in a series of broad casts over s hort wave station W1XAL, Boston, where experi-ments in cultural programs are be ing made under the direction o Walter S. Lemmon; and with the support of the Rockefeller Found ation under whose ausnices Proation, under whose auspices Pro fessor Lloyd James is visiting this country.

"I heartily commend the work of W1XAL to your attention," he told us. "America is a large country and has room for many radio sys tems. You may possibly find room in the near future to develop alongside the present commercia broadcasting system, a non - com-mercial system devoted exclusively to culture and education."

### **Correspondent** in Paris Is Appointed by WMCA

THE UNUSUAL example of an THE UNOSCAL example of an individual radio station appointing a "foreign correspondent" was dis-closed last month when WMCA, New York, announced the appoint-ment of Jean De Lettre, French composer of Hands Across the Table and other some as its corre-Table and other songs, as its correspondent in Paris. De Lettre, who sailed March 14 for France, will gather gossip and news of the the-ater, art and society as it interests American listeners, and will pre-pare special electrical transcriptions which will be forwarded by fast boat to New York each week. He will also bring other voices before the recording mikes from time to time. The first of these broadcasts will be heard over WMCA in April, and they will also be piped to the Inter-City Group.

U. S. RADIO dealers sold 5,375,000 receiving sets during 1935, a gain of 14.5% over 1934, and 75,000,000 tubes, a gain of 6%, according to the trade journal *Radio Retailing*.

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the standpoint of a professor of linguistics. Also, that he had not had opportunity for an exhaustive survey of radio. Also, that he makes no comparison between ra-dio here and radio elsewhere. He is a disinterested scholar, cham-pioning neither the commercial nor

CBS and NBC-WEAF network billings for the 29-day month of February were the largest Februa-



### **PROF. LLOYD JAMES**

terest to your commercial announcements, coming, as I do, from a country where none are admitted. I observe many announcers trying to knock into the public mind the virtues of this medicine or that soap. They use a form of speech accent reinforced almost beyond recognition in their attempt

words into the heads of the public in such a way that the public be-comes dulled to perpetual over-stimulus. This is a purely linguis-tic point. I give it to you for what it is worth."

Throughout the interview Prof. Lloyd James made it plain that he was considering our problems from

> ings of \$1,015,624, with the former showing a 4.4% increase over a year ago and the latter a loss of 5.2% but a big gain over January,

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# For Agency Post

HeadsMcCann-EricksonRadio; **Bachem Becomes Successor** 

THE SECOND major defection from NBC sales executive ranks to advertising agencies within a month was announced March 23 when Donald S. Shaw, for the last two years eastern sales manager, resigned to become assistant to H. A. McCann, president of Mc-Cann-Erickson Inc., New York agency, taking charge of all radio activities. The resignation is effec-





Mr. Shaw

Mr. Bachem

tive April 1 when John H. Bachem, Mr. Shaw's assistant at NBC, succeeds him.

The resignation of Edgar Ko-bak, NBC sales vice president, ef-fective March 1, left that depart-ment in the hands of Roy C. Witmer, who has taken over all of Mr. Kobak's former duties and who will continue in that post. Mr. Kobak on March 15 joined Lord & Thomas as vice president head-quartering in New York. Mr. Shaw, coordinating all Mc-

Cann-Erickson radio activities, will supervise the radio angles of such accounts as Beech-Nut Packfor a count of the second seco having been graduated from Brown University in 1920 after which he was with Larchar Horton Co., Providence agency; George L. Dyer, the Biow Co. and William & Saylor, New York agency. He also formerly served in the advertising department of Vacuum Oil Co., and

at one time was partner in his own agency of Cleveland & Shaw. Mr. Bachem joined NBC in 1932 after 14 years in the magazine fold mitter bits officiency included field, where his affiliations included the Butterick Co., Doubleday, Doran & Co., and International Magazine Co. In line with his new policy of encouraging promotions, it was also learned that President Lohr of NBC is studying the pos-sible selection of one of his men to coordinate all sales promotion and publicity activities.

Kellogg Supplements KELLOGG Co., Battle Creek, Mich. (cereals) was to pipe Gene & Glenn from Des Moines to WCCO, Minneapolis, beginning March 30, 8:30-8:45 a. m., Mon-days through Saturdays. After days through Saturdays. After daylight saving goes into effect the program will be expanded to a half-hour, 8:30-9 a. m., on the same daily schedule. The program supplements that now broadcast over Corn Belt Wireless Network. It is a rebroadcast of the Corn Belt program, sent over telephone wires to WCCO and not a radio rebroadcast, as in the case of the Corn Belt network. N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., New York, placed the account.

# Shaw Leaves NBC Big Independents Organizing Radio Widely Used **Under Leadership of Crosley**

DEFINITE plans for the formation of a cooperative independent broadcasting station organization, to fight the economic battles of station mem-bers, notably on the copyright front, were made Mr. Crosley made March 26 in Cincinnati at



a meeting called by Powel Crosley, president of Crosley Radio Corp., operating WLW and WSAI, Cincinnati.

As BROADCASTING went to press March 27, it was learned the or-ganization will be incorporated as "Independent Radio Stations", with some 100 or 150 leading independently owned stations to be invited as members. Mr. Crosley was elected chairman, and John L. Clark, general manager of WLW, was named temporary secretary. The executive committee comprises Mr. Crosley; John Shepard, 3rd, president Yankee Network; James C. Hanrahan, vice president, Con-tinental Radio Co., Scripps-How-ard subsidiary; Walter Damm, manager, WTMJ, Milwaukee, and Edwin Craig, vice president of Na-tional Life & Accident Co., operat-ing WSM Nechville

The organization, it is under-stood, will in no way compete with or be supplementary to the NAB. Primarily responsible for its cre-ation, it is felt, has been the net-work-affiliated station controversy,

### **GOP** Monthly Magazine **Devotes Section to Radio**

INDICATING the importance attached to radio speeches being made by administration officials, the Republican National Commit-tee's new monthly periodical Un-censored, which made its first ap-pearance in March, announced that its back cover page would be devoted to the subject of Radio each issue. In the initial announcement, headed "Cleaning Up the Ether",

the Republican organ stated: "Daily, if not more often, speak-ers representing the New Deal speak in the microphones in the hope that men and women all over the country will listen to and be-lieve in their justification for their actions. There's a joke about this, however. There has not yet been developed any method by which a listener can answer back at the ra-dio nor any means by which a radio speaker can be made accountable to his audience for the truth

of his statements. "In the belief that a vast ma-jority of the people of the country are beginning to question the accuracy of what they are told by the New Deal, this page of each issue of Uncensored will contain the kind of facts and comments which kind of facts and comments which you all would like to quote when you have finally tuned Messrs. Roosevelt, Ickes, Tugwell, Hopkins, Morgenthau, etc., off the air and gone to bed wondering what in the name of Republican liberty it's all about."

which was agravated by the copy-right dispute that developed at the turn of the year when five - year ASCAP contracts were foisted upon all stations.

It is felt that such an independent organization of strong sta-tions can better handle certain business dealings of stations on a group basis. Another meeting was planned for Sunday, March 29, in Cincinnati with the object of in Cincinnati, with the object of employing special copyright counsel. A meeting also is planned in New York the following week. Left to the executive committee

will be the determination of which stations shall be invited to membership. Newspaper stations, it appears, will predominate.

Among those who attended the organization meeting called by Mr. Crosley were: Messrs. Crosley, Shepard, Hanrahan, Clark, Damm, H. Dean Fitzer, WDAF, Kansas City; Glenn Snyder, WLS, Chi-cago; Lee Coulson, WHAS, Louis-ville; D. E. Kendrick, WIRE, In-dianapolis; H. K. Carpenter, WHK, Cleveland; C. P. McAssey, WCFL, Chicago; William J. Scripps, WWJ, Detroit. These and others were in-vited to attend the March 29 meet-ing, including W. E. Macfarlane of WGN, Chicago. Among those who attended the

### **PROGRAM CITATION CLARIFIED BY FCC**

PURSUANT to its newly-institut-ed policy of proceeding against broadcasting stations on program or other violations only upon bona fide complaints, the FCC March 25 made public a statement calling attention of all stations to the change in procedure in replying to notices of violation.

Haphazard citations of stations in the past, notably on so-called medical programs, led the FCC Broadcast Division to tighten up on procedure. In recent months there has been a sharp diminution in the number of citations, because of the newly instituted procedure of investigating the complaints, facts and circumstances before taking action. The an-nouncement of March 25 follows: Rule 105.23 of the Practice and Procedure of the Federal Communica-

Procedure of the Federal Communica-tions Commission, which supersedes Rule 24 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Radio Commission, re-quires the licensee of a station to for-ward within three days after receipt of a notice of violation, a reply to the Commission at Washington, D. C., with a copy to the office originating the complaint when that office is other than the Commission at Washington. This procedure will afford the in-spector citing the station for viola-This procedure will afford the in-spector citing the station for viola-tion an opportunity to review the li-censee's reply and present to the Com-mission for consideration, along with the reply, any facts and observations which are pertinent to the proper handling of the case.

BEATRICE FAIRFAX, counselor to the lovelorn, and Ethel Cotton, well-known lecturer and writer on "art of conversation", have the been signed under the manage-ment of the Columbia Artists Bureau for radio appearances before the microphone, both contracts being for terms of two years.

## By Bell Companie Most Bell System Subsidiarie

Staging Spot Campaigns NEARLY three-fourths of the 2 local subsidiary telephone com panies of A. T. & T. are using o plan to use spot announcements t promote the new Sunday long-dis tance rates.

The campaign, handled separ ately by each subsidiary, starte in January when Southern Ney England Telephone Co., throug Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osbori Inc., New York, adopted spots t advertise the rates. Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Balti about the same time. Scattered checkups indicated the locals more than got their money's worth al though storm conditions, which usually boost long-distance busi ness, made it difficult to appraise results.

Acting as a clearing house, T. & T. passed along to other locals the information it received from those that had tried radio The use of spots quickly spread un til now it embraces a substantia part of the country. A. T. & T. has encouraged locals to use announce ments and has acted as a clearing house for information, continuities and other data.

For the most part the announce. ments have been made on Sundays the sales message usually being of the direct type designed to bring quick action by urging listeners to go to the phone and take advan-tage of the lower toll rates. In a number of cases Saturday evening announcements have been em.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsyl-vania had planned to start a spot campaign in mid-March but decided to delay it a few weeks when floods almost paralyzed the longlines and local service in a number

of sections. Most of the campaigns are placed direct by the local companies, with the exception of Southern New

the exception of Southern New England, using BBDO, and Michi-gan Bell Telephone Co., using N. W. Ayer & Son. A typical campaign is that of Michigan Bell which during the week of March 23 started a four-weeks series of spot announcements over most stations in Michigan. Daytime announcements are of one-minute duration and the night spots are at station breaks. Fourteen announcements are broadcast each week, with a concentra-tion of spots over the weekend.

Four Stations Organize

Network in West Texas FORMATION of West Texas Broadcasting System has been effected by managers of KIUN, Pe-cos; KNEL, Brady; KGKL, San Ancos; KNEL, Brady; KGKL, San An-gelo; KRLH, Midland. Earl Yates, manager of KGKL, is managing director in complete charge of sales. Other directors are Jack Hawkins, KIUN; Raymond L. Hughes, KRLH; Grady Burns, KNEL.

At present the system is oper-ating for unit selling of time to national advertisers but later it is planned to rebroadcast over the network programs originating at member stations. A coverage map and rate cards have been distributed.

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## **Spot Looms Larger on Radio Horizon** There's Much to Be Learned on This Subject, Which Daily Is Becoming More Important to the Industry

### By LLOYD H. ROSENBLUM WOAI, San Antonio

**PROBABLY** the greatest difficulty of spot broadcasting is the lack of information on the subject. Sponsors themselves are often vague on the matter and though middlemen, agencies and stations are spending more time studying spot, it still is a mystery to many.

One of the causes lies in the fact that spot programs are broadcast at different times at different places on different stations in dif-ferent markets, thus necessitating separate planning for each pro-gram. National spot is really local. It must be adapted to local conditions. Inquiries among users of spot show that half of them, aggressive in other forms of adver-tising and willing to admit spot can be fruitful, not only did not check results but did not even kno./ their results.

### Spots as Supplements

IN A SURVEY of the use of spot as a supplement to networks, it was found that of 100 largest advertisers, 47 used spots as a supplement to their network advertis-ing, with 53 using spot exclusively; of 100 medium advertisers, 23 used spot as a supplement, 77 used it exclusively; of 100 smallest advertisers, 13 used spot as a supple-ment, 87 used it exclusively.

Of 39 companies using transcriptions, 23 or 59% of those studied use spot exclusively and 16 or 41% use it as a network supple-ment; of 47 using live talent, 38 or 81.1% use spot exclusively and 9 or 18.9% use it as a network supplement. The latter are usually smaller companies.

Larger advertisers use more than one type of rendition in 48% of the cases studied. Medium advertisers use more than one type in only 36% of the cases while small advertisers use more than one type in only 18% of the cases reviewed.

More pressure should be placed on newer sponsors who are not sure of their experiment with transcriptions. Not only must the right advertisers be sold, but all advertisers must be told how to use transcriptions. Less emphasis should be placed on cost and more on flexibility. Sponsors on the whole are becoming more in favor of transcriptions and are having more success. Transcriptions thus have a definite place in the spot picture, are being improved and are increasing in volume compared to national live talent.

The fact that transcriptions are mechanical and less personal than live talent programs will keep them from occupying as high a spot volume as the latter type of rendition, but declining prejudice against them, fewer station restrictions, improvement of sta-tion's equipment for handling them, will help transcriptions be-come well established in the national spot picture. Such accounts as those of Chevrolet, Dodge and the Ex-Lax recordings prove this statement.

National spot is being looked

THE AUTHOR, a graduate of the Wharton School of Business and Finance, University of Pennsylvania, conducted for more than a year an exhaustive study of spot broadcasting under the direction of Dr. Herman S. Hettinger. He has recently joined the merchandising department of WOAI, San Antonio. The material presented herewith consists of a few excerpts from Mr. Rosenblum's thesis on the subject, which was based on a study of hundreds of advertisers, and interviews with advertisers, agencies and station executives.

upon from a positive viewpoint. No longer is it employed as the only recourse of a concern wishing to advertise over the radio and finding a small budget prevents the use of a network. Flexibility is the reason. Flexibility, or elastic-ity, encompasses first of all ability to adjust a program to distribution. A large national advertiser, through spot, gets where he wants to when he wants to; advertising where he has distribution, intensifying certain areas, supplementing his network programs, cutting down on waste circulation. Flexibility means he can enter a mar-ket on short, concentrated broadcasts. He can step in and out of any market with facility. There are no long contracts. A sponsor can pep up a lagging area; test a product, a new program, a new appeal; introduce a new slogan, package, product.

Flexibility enables a smaller regional advertiser to compete on equal terms with a larger adver-tiser. He does this by putting on

a program in a market, introducing his product there, advertising it along with competing brands, gaining recognition, and then ex-panding into other markets similarly.

### Helping the Dealer

DEALER cooperation was listed as the most singly important rea-son for using spot. This coopera-tion takes many forms. Chief among these is financial assist-ance. A local dealer can advertise cheaply to a limited local and cheaply to a limited, local audience. He is aided financially, and through merchandising tie-ins and advice in putting on the program. He becomes better known, more customers are attracted to his store, sales go up, he takes a more enterprising attitude and the manufacturer becomes more eager to continue advertising.

No longer, therefore, are cheapness and the time advantage the best reasons for spot. Overcoming time zone differences is also a part of spot's elasticity. It must be re-



THE KING BROADCASTS--No tyro before the microphone is King Edward VIII, who as Prince of Wales was often rebroadcast here. Yet his first broadcast as King of England last month occasioned considerable comment when he used what the British called the American term "radio" in lieu of the usual British term "wireless". King Edward's radio popularity in the Empire is rivaled only by President Roosevelt's.

membered, though, that time on an individual station depends largely on the availability of time on that station. What does all this mean?

More sponsors are finding use for spot by fitting it to their indi-vidual advertising and distribution problems. They are picking out a definite segment of listeners in each market, investigating that market before broadcasting, ap-pealing to these listeners where they want to, when they want to, how they want to, according to the specific requirements of each conspecific requirements of each con-cern. Sponsors are realizing that spot not only can, but must be

adapted to local conditions. Spot will undergo many changes in the future. Much is left to be accomplished. Whatever happens, it can be said from this investigation that national spot will grow to an extent that will provide real competition for national networks and especially for the regional networks. Yes, the "spot" on the broadcasting horizon is looming larger.

### **Remedies** for Vagaries

TO REMEDY the vagaries and problems of national spot the fol-lowing steps should be taken:

1. Some organization should be es-tablished or one already established backed by sponsors, agencies, stations and other middlemen should prepare a complete pampllet on the main types of patchill set breadester a complete pamphlet on the main types of potential spot broadcasters based on previous experiences, to show sponsors how to go about pre-paring a campaign, what to do, where to go to do it. Failures of con-cerns would be pointed out, specific data listed. Each area of the country could be subdivided and analyzed as explained. 2. Station representatives concen-trate in one area and learn that thoroughly.

thoroughly. 3. Transcription companies promote

transcriptions over the radio to re-move existing prejudice.

move existing prejudice. 4. Stations apportion time to keep certain hours free for spot broad-casting, stations remove carelessly prepared programs, take more inter-est in the local market with intent to garner more local business, for regional or national spot broadcasts.

regional or national spot broadcasts. 5. Sponsors use spot in conjunction with other media, giving it a special function perhaps but always tying it in with other media. 6. More sponsors take advantage of local character of spot and learn local business conditions better. This includes more cooperation and friend-ly attitude in giving help to dealers. 7. Copy the networks in analyzing 7. Copy the networks in analyzing markets, selecting stations, using and choosing merchandising tie-ins, fitting the campaign into the entire distri-

bution problem, testing each area and program, expanding slowly and surely. 8. Build up a regular listening au-dience by broadcasting at definite regular hours as far as possible. (Sta-tions should allot time for one min-ute announcements in the evening instead of restricting them altogether.)

stead of restricting them altogether.) 9. Finally, improve the program. Remove superlatives, long winded commercials, improve the entertain-ment. Use transcriptions, use more than one type of rendition, depending upon market, product, etc. Cooperate. coordinate and don't compete with the chains. Do this by using spot for specialized problems and supplement-ing chains. ing chains.

METROPOLITAN Opera's new spring series of Saturday matinees will be carried, starting May 16, on NBC networks, being heard first on the Blue and alternately thereafter on Red and Blue. Like the regular season just ended and carried on combined NBC networks they will be unsponsored.

# After a One-Year Test on The Texas Quality Network ..... This WFAA-Produced Program Expands to Giant Southern Hookup!



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The Dr. Pepper Special Network



The Dr. Pepper Company, manufacturers of the Southwest's favorite soft drink, launched its first radio campaign on April 7th, 1935 with a modest 15 minute program. Originating at WFAA, it was transmitted over The Texas Quality Network, which also includes WBAP, Fort Worth, KPRC, Houston, and WOAI, San Antonio.

National Representatives: Edw. Petry & Company Immediately successful, the program soon expanded to a half hour show featuring a 20 piece orchestra and a galaxy of favorite local artists . . . Now, the "Pepper Uppers" makes radio history . . . expanding to a custombuilt network of 17 stations; the largest independent hookup ever formed in the South.

### 50,000 Watts



Dr. Pepper required an outstanding program; its distribution demanded a history-making feat . . . WFAA, working in collaboration with Tracy-Locke-Dawson, Inc., accomplished the unprecedented! . . . What are YOUR requirements? WFAA provides top-notch talent from solos to symphonies . . . production, publicity and merchandising services that bring results.

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# Free Scope for Radio Is Urged By Paley in Report for 1935

Network's Net Profit in Year Amounts to \$2,810,000; **Reviews CBS Progress in Program Standards** 

A PLEA that broadcasting be left free from too much legislation and regulation, lest those "who would move too fast should strangle us", was made by William S. Paley, CBS president in his 1935 annual report, which showed that the network and its subsidiary companies earned a net profit for last year of \$2,810,000. This was the equiva-lent of \$3.30 per share on 852,335 shares.

The report showed that for the fiscal year ended Dec. 28, 1935, the CBS profit from operations, after depreciation of \$466,582, amounted to \$3,228,194. The earned surplus on Dec. 29, 1934, was \$2,148,928 and the earned surplus for the cor-responding date in 1935 was \$2,742,936. Cash dividends quarextra dividend of \$1 per share, were paid during the year, amount-

ing to \$2,216,071. The balance sheet showed CBS at close of business Dec. 28 had total current and working assets of \$5,533,450, and total assets of \$7,811,953. Capital and surplus in-cluded 750,000 shares each of cluded 750,000 shares each of Class A and B stock authorized at \$5 per share. Of these, 474,298 shares of Class A and 474,337 shares of Class B stock had been issued, with a value of \$4,743,175. The CBS gross time sales in 1935 aggregated \$17,637,804. This was an increase of 19% over 1934. Other income of course was ch

Other income, of course, was ob-tained from its subsidiary com-panies, notably in the concert and artist fields.

Mr. Paley referred particularly in his annual report to the strides made by the industry generally and by CBS in improving program standards. These, he said, have been rewarded by listener confi-dence and audience increases. But he pointed also to the pitfalls that beset the industry due to its grow-ing stature, and he urged longer licenses.

### Too Much Regulation

"THERE are wise people and wise organizations who would help us," said Mr. Paley. "There are selfish organizations and fanatics who would hamstring us. It is too soon to force our operations into any rigid mold. We should have longer license periods and we should be left free from too much legislation and regulation, and too much group pressure, lest those who would move too fast should strangle us. We have shown that voluntarily and under the stimulus of competition we can grow and improve and enhance our service, and we should be allowed to do these things. More-over—and I say this reluctantly— I think the time has come for the public and for leaders of group thought throughout America to learn to distinguish among broad-

casters. "There "There are those who have lagged behind. I am sorry to say that our network standards are not the standards of all broadcasters. It would be a pity if networks and the finer individual stations, large or small, should be made to suffer for the sins of others. We pay

tribute to the advances made by many stations wholly on their own account. For their sakes as well as our own, we take deep satdramatically in the past year than ever before that better standards can be maintained, new goals reached, without outside forces

compelling such improvement." Listener interest has been in-tensified, listener hours have lengthened and the size of the radio audience has gained, the CBS president informed stockholders. He said 1,500,000 more American homes were equipped with radios

in 1935, conservatively increasing the audience by 5,000,000 persons. He added that 3,000,000 American families replaced old radio sets with modern ones, and that more than 3,000,000 automobiles are equipped with sets, while summer camps, while sees, while summer camps, winter resorts, trains and boats are now tuning in pro-grams of the nation. For CBS, he estimated that of the 84,000,000 people who constitute the American radio audience, more than 95% are in the primary listening area of CBS stations, with nearly all the rest in the secondary areas.

### The Public Service

MR. PALEY reviewed program policies instituted by CBS during the preceding year with gratifying results. These had to do with definite limitations on the amount of time devoted to advertising announcements; elimination of medical and kindred accounts, and formulation of more exact standards for broadcasts designed for children.

"Advertisers and their agencies," Mr. Paley asserted, "very generally cooperated. With fewer seconds in which to express their sales message, they became more adroit and more entertaining than ever be-

"And just as they worked with us in diminishing the amount of advertising talk over the network, agencies and advertisers enthu-siastically accepted and applauded higher standards of taste, even when they found some given prod-uct unadvertisable under our standards."

In the field of public service Mr. Paley pointed out it became necessary for CBS, after a searching and dispassionate study, to promulgate a new and clarified state-ment of the pertinent principles which had guided the network from the first.

### Public Service Principles

THESE he enumerated as follows: (1) CBS is completely non-parti-san on all public controversial questions, including politics; (2) it does not sell time to individuals or groups for discussion of controversial public issues—the sole excep-tion being that after the candidates for the presidential elections have been nominated, time is sold be-cause during those months the parties require more time than CBS can afford to give away; (3) CBS is charged with editorial re-



MACY'S PROMOTES - Its share in the "Morning Matinee" cooper-ative department store series on a special network with this newspaper advertisement.

sponsibility for what goes over its networks, allotting available time for discussion of public questions to spokesmen for opposing views, and in so doing seeks to maintain program balance.

Mr. Paley paid tribute to the press of America and the interest it has shown in freedom of the air and an "increasing determination to help us maintain this freedom and to sustain the American system of broadcasting". He contin-

"The fairness, intelligence and unselfishness with which notable newspapers all over the country have expressed views which help bring home to the whole nation the importance of keeping broadcast-ing in a democracy free and untrammeled seems to me to furnish a fine commentary on American journalism.

### Network Facilities

"I MENTIONED earlier the importance of a network such as ours in assuming industry leadership and now I wish for a moment to dwell upon this. As the problems and re-quirements of broadcasting become more intricate, as the audience learns to demand more and more, it is going to become increasingly important for broadcasters to maintain elaborate organizations, to have the finest and the most expensive facilities in the great talent centers of the nation, and to maintain adequate program resources and connections throughout the world. In no sense am I decrying the fine work done by many individual stations when I say that networks primarily must meet the growing problems and requirements of broadcasting. It is incritible that a new inductive and inevitable that a new industry and a new art of such growing importance to all our people should be beset with problems and at times be-deviled by cranks. It is the job of the network to be forthright and courageous in the still early years of broadcasting and to lead in every fight for better broad-casting."

### Department Stor Net Has 11 Outlet

Additional Stations Include As Series Gets Under Way

EXPANDING from an origin: EXPANDING from an origina hookup of seven stations to 11 our lets, the special cooperative de partment store network organize by W. L. Chesman, radio directo of Donahue & Coe, New Yor agency, began its *Morning Matine* programs March 19 with Be Bernie and orchestra and Glady Swarthout as guest stars and with Swarthout as guest stars and wit Nellie Revell as master of cere monies. As reported in the Marc 15 BROADCASTING, the special hool

15 BROADCASTING, the special hool up carries varying guest star pro-grams Thursdays, 9-9:45 a. n (EST) in a 13-week test schedul sponsored by department stores i each of the outlet cities. To the original network hav been added WSPD, Toledo; WBAI Baltimore, and WFIL, Philade phia, with the following depart ment stores added to the list o sponsors: LaSalle & Koch, Toledo Hecht Brothers, Baltimore; Li Brothers, Philadelphia. WGN, Chi cago, expects to join the networ cago, expects to join the networ on April 30 or May 7, dependin upon whether time can be cleared with Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co as the Chicago sponsor.

### Stores and Stations

THE HOOKUP has no relationship with MBS or any other network being a special arrangement de signed to stimulate departmen store turnouts with 1½ minute station breaks every 15 minute allocated to the various stores in rotation and with the line cost rotation and with the line cost and station time charges pro-rated among the sponsors. Programs are keyed from WOR. The sponsoring stores and the other outlets are: R. H. Macy & Co., New York WOR; Boggs & Buhl, Pittsburgh WCAE; May's, Cleveland, WGAR Alfred Steiter, Hartford, WDRC Kern-Ernst, Detroit, CKLW; L. S Ayers, Indianapolis, WIRE; Jor dan-Marsh, Boston, WNAC.

### Seven Louisiana Stations **Organized Into Network**

SEVEN stations in Louisians have been linked into a special network for a ten-week series of broadcasts from Louisiana State University on Sundays, with plans under way for sale of the group

under way for sale of the group as a unit for other commercial ac-counts. Called the Southern Broad-casting Network, the stations be-gan the University series March 22, keyed direct from the educa-tional institution through WJBO, Baton Rouge. Stations in the hookup are WJBO, WDSU, New Orleans; KLMB, Monroe; KRMD, Shreve-port; KALB, Alexandria; KVOL, Lafayette, and KPLC, Lake Charles. The program is broad-cast from 2 to 3 p. m. (EST) and includes an 80-piece symphony and includes an 80-piece symphony and talent arranged by the University. talent arranged by the University. The series carries out the plan espoused by the late Senator Huey Long to bring the university closer to its alumni and to "sell" college educations to the parents of Louisi-ana's youth. The University pays line costs of \$650 for the hour-program, plus station charges amount-ing to \$350, or \$1,000 for the net-work.

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A complete factual presentation on all John Blair stations includes a comprehensive description of the market, a minute breakdown of the coverage, and detailed, reliable information on the station.



Furthermore, all John Blair offices and stations are in close contact by teletype to secure the latest time availabilities and programs for agencies and advertisers. No flash in the pan, these services have been continually improved each year and have proved their worth in the form of increased service.



### **NBC** Study Shows What Products Can Be Sold by Radio

### Trends in Use of Major Media By Advertisers Analyzed

THE second volume of NBC's series of reports on "The Agency Stake in Radio" is titled Straight Across the Board, and has just been published for agency circula-tion. It presents a detailed record of the way 1,196 advertisers used the three major national mediums to advertise 1,296 products or homogeneous groups of products in 1929 and 1934.

The list of advertisers includes nearly all the important customers of the three major mediums and they accounted for 82% of all the national advertising in the three mediums in 1929 and 80% in 1934.

Provided in the analysis are concrete answers to questions usually answered by opinions and arguments. The record indicates exactly what changes have been taking place, what shifts in judgments, what underlying trends in advertisers' views about use of radio.

### **Purpose of Study**

CHAPTER ONE explains the purpose and method of the study. Chapter two is entitled: "Where did radio's increase come from," Chapter three explains "What con-trols radio's share," Chapter four discusses consumers' good and producers' goods and whether radio is a good medium for advertising producers' goods in those cases where the consumer has a vote (Viz: Housewives may control the woolen goods purchases of clothing manufacturers; what stenographers think about a brand of typewriters may determine the kind the business houses buy). Chapter five is devoted to answering the question: "What types of products can use radio?" Chapter six "places at rest the common assumption that radio is only for the big fellow to use. Now, with the facts about adver-tisers' total expenditures assembled in this study of the record of 1,196 national advertisers, the real tendencies become quite visible.'

Here is what the analysis of national advertisers' expenditures shows about the range of network radio's usefulness:

1. As other national mediums prosper, radio prospers. From 1929 to 1934, it gained faster, in the classes of products which increased their news-paper or magazine advertising, rather than in the classes of products spent less on those mediums in 1934 than they had spent in 1929. 2. The other mediums did best in

the classes of products which increased

the classes of products which increased their radio expenditures. Both news-papers and magazines fell off most, from 1929 to 1934, in the classes of products which reduced their radio ex-penditures or did not use radio. 3. From 1929 to 1934, network ra-dio increased its share of the total na-t i on a l advertising expenditures of practically all main classes of prod-ucts-with but one exception, which merely conformed to the underlying principle governing radio's share of the total.

principle governing radio's share of the total. 4. The underlying principle is that radio's share in 1934 depended pri-marily and directly on the total ex-penditures for a class of products in 1934 as compared to 1929. The nearer the total was to the 1929 level—or the farther it rese above that level—the the total was to the 1929 level—or the farther it rose above that level—the greater radio's percentage of the 1934 total total

When advertisers' expenditures



the proportion of the total number of NBC clients each year who have used NBC before.

are classified by types of products: consumers' goods, producers' goods; perishables, semi-durables, durables; necessities, luxuries; and so on—the same fundamental principle plainly coverne radio's abare of the total governs radio's share of the total. 6. There is no evidence that radio is more suitable for one class or type of product than for some other class.

All the facts point in precisely the op-posite direction. From 1929 to 1934, radio's flexibility and adaptability let

it meet conditions as they arose. 7. Radio's users, in 1934, were dominantly a group of repeat custom-ers whose total expenditures for national advertising in all three major mediums ranged all the way from be-low \$50,000 up to more than \$2,000,-000. Radios users are distributed over the whole field—big, middle-sized, and little. The 1935 figures thus far available indicate that the same important trends continued in that year.

8. The collective decisions of adver-tisers and their agencies, crystallized in the record of the money they spent in 1929 and 1934 and confirmed by all data yet available on their 1935 expenditures, indicate plainly that net-work radio is as usable for one prod-uct as for another—and for all sizes of advertisers.

### Neff-Rogow Revise Plans, **Form Advertising Agency**

ENTRY of Neff-Rogow Inc. into the advertising agency field, spe-cializing in radio, was announced March 20 by Walter J. Neff, for-March 20 by Walter J. Neff, for-mer sales manager of WOR, and William Rogow, former ace WOR time salesman, both of whom re-signed March 1 with the intention of entering the station representation field. Invited to handle several radio accounts, as well as to act as the radio consultants for a major New York agency, Mr. Neff and Mr. Rogow abandoned their original plans and instead have established their own agency in the RCA Bldg., New York. Their first account is Drezma Inc., New York cosmetic concern and a frequent spot user. Other accounts, it was stated officially, are signed but not ready to release for publication at this time.

### **Armin Varady on MBS**

ARMIN VARADY Inc., Chicago (cosmetics) on April 12 starts Ted Weems on 7 MBS stations, Sun-days, 12:30 - 1 p. m. Outlets for the 26-week series are WGR, WGN, WBAL, WSAI, WGR, WCAE, WGAR. Sellers Service Inc., Chicago, is the agency.

### J. H. Devins Leaves NBC For J. Stirling Getchell

J. H. DEVINS, assistant mana-ger of the NBC press department under Wayne under Wayne Randall, resigned March 28 to join the Detroit office of J. Stirling Getchell Inc. as



publicity repre-sentative for the Mr. Devins Plymouth and DeSoto accounts. He takes the place vacated by William E. Berchtold, who has been pro-

moted by the agency to account executive handling DeSoto. Mr. Devins joined NBC in 1928 as WEAF press representative, coming from the New York Herald Tribune staff. He has been NBC assistant press manager for the last two years. Mr. Berchtold joined Getchell's New York office about a year ago after having been public relations counsel for the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce and editor of the Aeronautical Yearbook.

### WHO, Des Moines, Seeks 500,000 Watts Power **On Experimental Basis**

AUTHORITY to use experiment-ally power of 500,000 watts—equal to that of WLW, Cincinnati—was asked by WHO, Des Moines, in an application filed March 24 with the FCC Broadcast Division. Last December WHO science for explore December, WHO asked for regular power of 500,000 watts but was informed that this violated FCC maximum power regulations and the experimental request accordingly was filed. WLW is licensed regularly for

50,000 watts but is using the additional 450,000 watts under an experimental grant since the FCC rules have not yet been amended raising the power maximum. The phenomenal results it has achieved, without undue disturbance, has lead to the general view that when FCC rules are revised, probably next Fall, it will be given a regu-

lar super-power grant. The WHO application, filed by Frank D. Scott, Washington counsel, requests special experimental authorization to install new equipment and increase its power from 50,000 to 500,000 for the period to Aug. 1, 1936. Operating on the 1,000 kc. frequency, the station now is feeding by the rebroadcast method, commercial as well as sustaining programs to the Corn Belt Wireless Network of seven stations.

In addition to the WHO application, there is pending before the FCC the application of KNX, Los Angeles, for a power increase to 500,000 watts.

### WJAY New Studios

WJAY, Cleveland, will move from its present quarters at 1224 Huron Road, to studios and offices in Cleveland's Carnegie Hall, according to an announcement March 23 by Edythe F. Melrose, general manager. The new background an-nouncement of the station will be: "This is your station WJAY, broadcasting from Carnegie Hall, the Music and Art Center of Cleve-land."

### **Colgate Announces** Three Air Contests

Will Give \$140,000 Prizes In Palmolive Soap Series

COLGATE - PALMOLIVE-PEET Co. announced three contests to the radio audience during the week of March 16-21, only one of which will be publicized in other media. The largest contest, with prizes totaling \$140,000, was announced March 21 over the CBS Ziegfeld Follies of the Air program. The event will close June 15. Twenty persons writing in the best letters on the subject "Why I Like Palmon the subject "Why I Like Palm-olive Soap" will receive a free 38day round trip to Europe on the new Cunard liner Queen Mary which sails from New York on July 29. One hundred thousand beauty brushes, valued at \$1, will be awarded for the next best letters. Winners of European trips may take \$1,000 in cash instead. Those who take the trip will re-ceive \$300 in pocket money. The trip is valued at \$2,000.

### Two Other Contests

EVERY letter submitted to the sponsor must contain the black wrappers from three bars of Palmolive soap. Magazines and Sunday newspapers will also exploit the contest, similar to one Colgate ran last year in conjunction with the French liner Normandie. Dealer and clerk awards also will be distributed.

On the CBS Goldbergs program, Colgate is running a six-week con-test asking for letters on "What I Would Do With a Thousand Dol-lars". Contestants must send a carton from a purchase of Colgate dental powder First prize will be dental powder. First prize will be \$1,000, second prize \$50, for the 25 next best letters \$10, and for the next 50 letters \$5 prizes, 77 prizes in all.

A similar contest is being run in conjunction with the CBS Gang Busters program. The subject of this contest is "Why Crime Does Not Pay". Each contestant must send in a carton from a tube of Colgate shaving cream. Prizes will be distributed on the same basis as the Goldberg contest.

### **Continental Expands**

AN AUGMENTED schedule has been adopted by Continental Bak-ing Co., New York (Wonder Bread) for its CBS *Renfew of the Mounted* series, effective March 30, when it a four-weekly schedule became with addition of a quarter-hour on Mondays, 6:45 p. m. (pre-broad-cast to WJR 5 p. m. and repeat to West at 7:45 p. m.), the same time used for the Tuesday, Friday and Saturday broadcasts. Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn Inc., New York, has the account.

### WKBZ Survives Fire

WKBZ, Muskegon, Mich., is now located in the Michigan Theatre Building, to which it removed last month after its studios and offices in the Occidental. Hotel had been destroyed by fire March 4. The transmitter remains on the roof of the hotel and was not damaged by the fire, the station being off the air only three hours.



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# Despite Fire And Raging Waters

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WCAE also kept Pittsburgh warned and informed with bulletins by the hundreds.

One other Pittsburgh station was able to contact a network from the steel city with thirty minutes of news.

We are happy and proud to have been able to serve Pittsburghers and their friends throughout the nation and trust we remain "Pittsburgh's most popular station".





RADIOADS — When General Motors staged its Spring Show in Detroit March 8-14, it had radio stations and radio stars carry the load. But it used display newspaper ads, like the one here, to sell the "personal appearance" of radio stars. The advertising campaign was worked out by Campbell-Ewald, the GM agency.

### Stations in Texas Form Temporary Association ORGANIZATION of the Texas Broadcasters Association, to function with temporary officers until a permanent organization is created next May, has been effected by Texas radio stations. J. Frank Smith, KXYZ, Houston, was elected president; R. S. Bishop, KFJZ, Fort Worth, vice president and

Fort Worth, vice president and James R. Curtis, KFRO, Longview, secretary. Directors include Dick Niles, KRGV, Weslaco; Earl Yates, KGKL, San Angelo; Gilmore N. Nunn, KPDN, Pampa, and Hugh M. Halff, WOAI, San Antonio. The officers will service until May 21, when a permanent organization session will be held in Fort Worth. The directors will draw up a constitution for consideration at the next meeting.

Besides this group, those who attended the San Antonio organization meeting March 14 included Howard W. Davis, KMAC, San Antonio; Ted B. McClure, WOAI; Henry L. Taylor, KABC, San Antonio; Foster W. Fort, KABC; Murray Moffatt and G. L. Burns, KNEL, Brady; J. M. Collins, KO, San Antonio; E. M. Wilson, KGFI, Corpus Christi; Jack Hawkins, KIUN, Pecos; T. F. Smith, KXYZ; C. T. Wilson and H. B. Lockhart, KGFI; E. P. Humbert, WTAW, College Station, and L. L. Jacquier and John S. Stiburel, KTSA, San Antonio.

CORRECTION: The 1936 BROAD-CASTING Year Book, through a clerical slip, inadvertently listed KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash., as accepting hard liquor advertising. H. E. Studebaker, KUJ manager, advises this station does not accept hard liquor advertising. BROAD-CASTING regrets the error.

### Automobile Shows Of General Motors Promoted by Radio

Big Crowds, Many Sales of Cars Feature Exhibits in Cities

UNUSUAL success is rewarding the efforts of General Motors in its current Spring auto shows being held throughout the country, with radio carrying the brunt of the load and with ranking radio stars being employed in the shows as the drawing cards. The shows, held on a staggered

The shows, held on a staggered schedule during March and April, were arranged by General Motors headquarters in collaboration with Campbell-Ewald Co. Inc., Detroit advertising agency handling several of the GM lines. The first of the shows was held in Detroit March 8 to 14, and is reported to have eclipsed anything of a similar nature ever undertaken. Many cars were sold during the exhibit.

### **Extensive** Promotion

ALL OF the shows are under the supervision and direction of J. W. Dineen, advertising manager of General Motors, J. J. Hartigan, vice president of Campbell-Ewald and Bob Howard, radio buyer of the agency. Mr. Howard himself lined up the local talent from four Detroit stations who appeared nightly at the show.

Big display ads were used in Detroit newspapers to publicize the shows, stressing particularly the presence of radio stars and their direct broadcasts from the auditorium. During the week more than 400,000 people attended the show, breaking all records — and this despite the fact that the show was in direct competition with the Michigan State Exposition held during the same week and featuring such movie stars as Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon and Ricardo Cortez.

A check-up showed that Chevrolet had sold 400 cars at the oneweek show while other GM lines, including Cadillac, LaSalle, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, reported brisk sales. All GM executives were enthusiastic over the showing made, and attributed most of the success to the appearance of local radio stars and of Horace Heidt's orchestra.

The Detroit show arrangements, insofar as radio appearances and newspaper copy tie-ins with radio were concerned, were worked out by Mr. Howard in an effort to test the effectiveness of that character of publicity in attracting crowds and inducing sales. Mr. Howard also took over direct supervisory charge of the radio appearances at the show and of arranging the broadcasting schedules with the stations.

**Gruen Changes Program** GRUEN WATCH MAKER'S GUILD, Cincinnati, on March 31 was to cease its Washington Merry-Go-Round series on MBS, replacing it with dramatic sketches of the gay nineties under the title Time Turns Back. The program is to originate in Cincinnati. De-Garmo Corp., New York, is the

agency.

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"TURNSTILE"Antenna Arrangement of W8XH on the roof of the STATLER HOTEL 350 feet above the street level!

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### **Department Store Gives Some Hints On Radio Selling**

Outlet Co. Finds 8-10 a. m. **Are Best Hours for Retailers** 

OUTLET Co., Providence, R. I. department store, and operator of WJAR, finds that the best time for a department store to go on the air is between 8 and 10 a.m., the reason being that women have de-veloped the habit of tuning in during that period for shop talks, ac-cording to the publication Retail-

ing. Furthermore, the magazine states that department store radio advertising, if it is to have real pulling power, must be definitely linked with local newspaper advertising

Excerpts from the article continue:

"These nuggets of advice are given by the Outlet Co., located in Providence, R. I., one of the largest department stores in New England and the first in Rhode Island to establish a broadcasting station. It was in 1922 that this company established WJAR.

**Once Just a Fad** 

"COMPANY officials will tell you with frankness that the station was set up just as a fad. It offered something new to the patrons of this progressive store. Broadcasting was in its swaddling clothes, but crude as it was it presented a new idea in advertising. In those days the station had to make up its own programs and, naturally enough, the Outlet Co. used oceans of time to tell the story of its departments. "That it has developed can be

appreciated when it is known that last year the station netted \$68,000. That represents profit but the real profit cannot be measured in dol-lars and cents. This is no yardstick with which to measure the real value of this department to the Outlet's business.

The station serves an area with population of approximately 1,300,000 people, and constant rep-etition of the name Outlet Co. when the announcer says "This is WJAR", has made the name of the store a household word.

"Today the radio department has a staff of 15 and everybody is kept busy. One of the busiest is Miss Grace Hall, the store's advertising announcer. Every morning at 9 o'clock Miss Hall goes on the air to tell a story of the store and the particular values being featured. She is on 15 minutes—long enough, according to the store manage-ment, because it is held that radio listeners would tire if the time were extended beyond 15 minutes.

This is the only time devoted to the store's departments because the station is a link in a national chain and time is devoted to regular programs."

### **Dodge Dealer Program**

DODGE BROTHERS Corp., Detroit (motor cars) will broadcast a one-time variety program to Dodge dealers throughout the country over 81 CBS stations on Saturday, April 4, 2-2:30 p. m. It will fea-ture Gertrude Niesen, Bert Lahr and Freddie Rich orchestra. Dodge executives will address dealers. Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., New York, has the account.

# CBS EARS MAKE THE GRADE

Scientific Tests Show Engineering, Production and - Program Staffs Have Good Hearing -



EARS HOW TESTS ARE MADE-CBS employes must have good hearing and their aural facilities are analyzed by this trio. Left to right are A. B. Treat Jr., receiving test; J. E. Wilson, observing, and Guy C. Hutcheson conducting the test, using a Western Electric audiometer.

CBS recently conducted a scientific test to determine the hearing ability of its entire engineering, hearing production and program staffs. These tests have been annual affairs since 1932 and the records determine which men are most suitable for the delicate job of transmitting musical and vocal programs from the broadcast stuwith the greatest degree of dios fidelity.

As generally known, perfect transmission of radio programs depends not only on the electrical and mechanical equipment involved but also on the hearing of the men engaged in monitoring and producing them. A defect in hearing may be the cause of serious lack of balance in the broadcasting of musical or vocal programs; therefore, to insure faithful transmission of all its air features, CBS has conducted these tests.

This year's results, compiled in comprehensive charts, show that in the majority of cases, the hearing of these men is much better than "normal hearing".

### For Young People

THE OUTCOME of the test is a decided indication that this branch of radio is a young person's busi-ness. The ability of the human ear to detect sounds faithfully recedes with the advancing years of the individual, and, consequently, the important work of transmitting a radio program is done most suc-

cessfully by young people. The tests were made with an audiometer which reproduces each octave from two octaves below middle C to five octaves above, or from 64 to 8,192 cycles per second. The instrument registered the extent of each person's ability to hear the different tones by testing one ear at a time.

The reactions of each of the persons taking the tests were re-

corded on an individual chart to show the number of decibels or "sensation units" his or her hearsensation units ins or her hear-ing ability varied from "normal hearing". With zero representing normal, the record was kept in units of five decibels either plus or minus depending on whether the subject's hearing was abnormal or subnormal. The final compilation showed that the hearing of most of the CBS engineers, production and program men registered either above normal or so slightly below as to be of no hindrance to the accurate transmission of radio programs.

Of 85 persons tested, James Wilson and Paul Wittlig, studio engineers, and Alfred Treat, a engineers, and Alfred field engineer, registered the most perfect hearing as far as broad-cast monitoring is concerned. The records of these engineers showed practically uniform sensitivity over the entire musical scale and within five decibels of the "normal hear-

ing" or reference linc. Paul Munroe, a production man, registered the most acute hearing of all. His left ear was 20 decibels above normal at 64 cycles, 25 above at 128 cycles, 15 above at 256, 5 above at 512, 10 above at 1024, 20 above at 2048, 30 above at 4096 and 50 above at 8192. His right ear was 5 above at 64, 0 at 128, 10 below at 256, 10 below at 512, 0 at 1024, 0 at 2048, 25 above at 4096 and 20 above at 8192. The second most sensitive hear-

ing was that of Robert Moe. an engineer, whose hearing was either normal or above normal and at no frequency was it below normal.

An interesting point was noticed that for a majority of the cases, a slight loss of hearing occurred at 4096 cycles or five octaves above middle C. This "dip" also showed up in the final average of all the men in each department. E. K. Cohan, technical director

### **NBC** Obtains Sole Right To Dirigible's Inaugural; Nets Cover 'Queen Mary'

EXCLUSIVE rights to broadcast the maiden sailing to America of the giant new German dirigible Von Hindenburg have been secured by NBC whose continental director, Dr. Max Jordan, and program department manager, Alfred H. Morton may also be on the airship when it leaves Friedrichshaven May 6. Also on board will be Dr. Kurt von Boeckmann, director of Germany's shortwave stations, who will have charge of broadcasts from the craft that will be relayed both to the United States and Germany

When the airship leaves Lakehurst on her return flight, probably May 8, one of its passengers may be John Royal, NBC program vice president, who hopes to go to Europe and return on the maiden voyage May 27 of the big new British liner Queen Mary. Broadcasts from the Queen Mary will be casts from the *Queen Mary* will be carried by NBC, CBS and MBS, all of which will have their own special announcers aboard just as NBC and CBS last year had their men on board to cover the first trip of the *Normandie*.

Planning also to visit this coun-Planning also to visit this coun-try, coming on the Queen Mary is Fred Bate, London representative of NBC. He will accompany the British Broadcasting Corp. staff which will handle technical ar-rangements not only for the relays to Europe but also to America. BBC has announced that its staff will be headed by Roger Eckersley, assistant controller of programs; John Snagge, of the outside broad-cast department; John Watt of the production staff, and R. H. Wood and two assistant engineers.

### **Gilmore Oil Renews**

CONTRACTS for a second year on the air for Strange As It Seems, John Hix program of dramatized oddities, has been signed through the Raymond R. Morgan Co., of Hollywood with Gilmore Oil Co., using 11 stations of the CBS-Don Lee network and of the CBS-Don Lee network and three independent stations. The Morgan agency, which produces the show as well as places it, re-The cently announced renewal with Ex-Lax Inc., for a continuation of the program on 45 Eastern stations.

MONARCH OVERALL MFG. Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, is sponsoring the Black & Blue transcription series on CRJM, Regina, and CFCN, Calgary, placed through Norris-Pat-terson Ltd., Winnipeg agency.

of CBS, supervised the tests, and commenting on the survey, said: "The value of these tests lies in

the knowledge we have gained concerning the accuracy with which our engineers, production and program men seated in a studio con-trol room, skillfully monitor the broadcast programs. Obviously, this is a vital factor in faithful program transmission, as the object sought in radio is to broadcast the sounds produced in the studio with absolute fidelity to tone, qual-

ity, and balance. "The results of our survey show conclusively that our staff of technical and program men is well equipped physically for the ac-curate transmission of broadcasts."



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### Plans for Political ConventionsDrawn

### New Commercial Programs, Are Planned by Republicans

FIRST to organize a radio department in preparation for the forthcoming presidential campaign, the Republican National Committee sent its radio director, Thomas G. Sabin, to Cleveland March 16 and 17 to make preliminary arrangements for radio coverage of its national convention starting June 9. Mr. Sabin, who is dividing his time between Republican headquarters in Washington and New York, reported that another meeting with network arrangers will be held in Cleveland April 21 to fix final details.

In the meantime, the Republicans are laying plans for further use of spot, transcriptions and script shows on a commercial basis despite the rulings of the major networks against accepting sponsored political time before the conventions. These plans, said Mr. Sabin, are still indefinite, although he added that the Committee is highly elated over the reactions, which he said were 90% favorable, to the *Liberty at the Crossroads* dramatic series carried over WGN, Chicago, after having been refused by the networks.

by the networks. The Democratic National Committee, although it completed its June 25 convention arrangements at Philadelphia in February, has not yet selected its radio directors. Its Philadelphia convention plans are complete, however, with plans to use lapel microphones to cover the floor delegations, to feed the newsreels from the radio controls and to schedule to keynote speech for a night session.

### New Type of Booth

SPECIAL insulated booths of a new type will be built for the three radio networks — NBC, CBS and MBS—in the Cleveland hall, with an improved speakers' rostrum and with microphones countersunk into the table, according to Mr. Sabin. Call letters of each network will be imposed on the speakers' table but nowhere else. Whether the CBS proposal to use lapel mikes or the proposal for a master control for two-way speaking with the delegations will be adopted, remains to be determined at the April 21 session.

or the proposal for a master control for two-way speaking with the delegations will be adopted, remains to be determined at the April 21 session. Meeting with Mr. Sabin at Cleveland were Alfred H. Morton and George McElrath, representing NBC; Paul White, representing CBS, whose handling of the conventions will be under the general supervision of Lawrence Lowman, vice president; Carl Meyers, representing WGN and MBS. At the Philadelphia meeting, where Herbert L. Pettey, FCC secretary who was Democratic radio director in the 1932 campaign, represented the Democratic committee, the following network men were present: Alfred H. Morton and George Mc-Elrath, NBC; Paul White, CBS; G. W. Johnstone and Jack Poppele, representing WOR and MBS. John G. Leitch, WCAU chief engineer, will be in charge of public address, and Don Withycomb, manager of WFIL, disclosed plans to handle special local broadcasts from the convention hall in addition to taking NBC.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM



### Senators Consider COVERAGE SERVICE **Inquiry Into FCC**

Willard' Incident and Seizing **Of Wires Focus Attention** 

GROWING sentiment for an inves-GROWING sentiment for an inves-tigation of the FCC, particularly because of the allegations and counter-charges made against its personnel, appears to be develop-ing in the Senate. The so-called "Willard Hotel incident" and the Black Lobby Committee wire-soigure controversy hour tonded to seizure controversy have tended to focus Senatorial attention upon the FCC.

Informed Senatorial opinion is that perhaps at the next session of Congress the Interstate Com-merce Committee will undertake an inquiry and endeavor to ascertain the cause of controversy and unrest. "It looks like the Com-mission has to be cleaned up," was the way one influential majority member put it.

member put it. The text of the report of the De-partment of Justice's Bureau of Investigation on the "Willard Ho-tel incident", involving alleged bribery charges, was made public by the FCC itself March 18, after word had been received from the Bureau that it had no objection to its publication. Previously, the FCC had stated the Department had objected to publication on the ground that such investigations are confidential.

### No New Information

THE TEXTUAL material did not throw any substantial additional light upon the affair. There were categorical denials for all of the participants in the hotel room conversation of any statement having been made that cases could be "fixed" for \$25,000 or \$50,000. The investigation was instituted last December by the Department at the instance of Chairman Prall af-ter his son A. Mortimer Prall, had informed him of overhearing the converse of the area of the provide the source of the source conversation in an adjoining room.

The details of the Department's report were made public after Sen-ator Couzens (R-Mich.) had introduced a Senate resolution asking that the entire evidence be sub-mitted to the Senate. Without awaiting action, the FCC promptly sent the file to Senator Couzens, and subsequently made it generally public.

It is indicated that Senator It is indicated that Senator Couzens would refer the entire matter to the Interstate Com-merce Committee, headed by Sen-ator Wheeler (D-Mont.), of which he is a member. The view is ex-pressed that certain of the statements made by parties involved were "inconsistent" and that apparently an effort was made to embarrass some individual.

This controversy, coupled with the wire seizure and with other charges which have been leveled against the FCC in the House, have tended to encourage senti-ment in favor of an investigation by the Sanata committee Com ment in lavor of an investigation by the Senate committee. Cur-rently, it appears that a number of Senators, notably those on the Committee are watching with in-terest all FCC activities. They, it appears, will sponsor an investigation next session if any more fur flies about FCC operations.

The significant statement in the Department's report, made to the FCC by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, was

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A NEW radio coverage service designed to aid agencies, adver-tisers and transcription companies to analyze radio service to a community or to a specific part of the residential area of a com-



munity and to compare the coverage of stations on a uniform basis, is now being released by Edgar H. Felix, broadcast coverage special-ist of New Rochelle, N. Y. It is called Radio Coverage Reports and is released bi-weekly to subscribers together with a monthly bulletin.

The service, Mr. Felix stated, is a logical development of field research work which he initiated three years ago to establish field intensity standards to determine commercial service ranges of broadcasting stations. As a result of this study, embracing all the principal trading centers east of a line from Washington to Syracuse and including the New York, Phil-adelphia and Boston metropolitan areas, it was concluded that no fixed standard of field intensity was applicable to cities of a given size because of the wide variety of standards.

"Complete spectrum observa-tions," as Mr. Felix terms the coverage technique he has developed, reveal the standards that apply, and he has determined that an exhaustive check against popularity surveys, mail accumulations and other forms of listener evidence has demonstrated that complete spectrum observations make it possible to establish the true service areas which frequently disregard any fixed contour levels. The Felix any fixed contour levels. The Fefix survey has been under way for sev-eral months, the New York and Boston areas being completed as well as most of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and substantial parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Marwlord Maryland.

### New P. & G. Series

PROCTOR & GAMBLE Co., Cincinnati (Chipso) on March 30, 4:45-5 p. m., over a special New York State network of three NBC stations (WJZ, WSYR, WHAM) inaugurated a 13-week test program of a new dramatic series The Magic Voice. The program, featuring Santos Ortega and Ger-trude Hitz, will spread to a larger network if audience reaction is favorable. Blackman Adv. Inc., New York placed the account New York, placed the account.

that the investigation "failed to disclose any information which would indicate either the tendering to or solicitation by, or any acceptance of a bribe by any one associated in any capacity with the FCC."

The hotel conversation grew out of competitive applications of the Knox Broadcasting Co. of Schenectady, N. Y., for a new regional broadcasting station in that city, and of WNBF, Binghamton, New York, local station, which sought the same facilities.
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And where millions of people are concentrated (in the tight markets of the East) that

is where Columbia—with dominant local stations—serves more markets "from within" than any other network. It might be put this way: wherever the gold-mines are located, we work them for our clients as they should be worked. And the clients report the strategy a good one.



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## Saga of Radio

THEY SAY—those blind critics of radio that radio isn't able to collect accurate and complete news reports. They say that radio has hazy coverage that won't yield to conventional rule-of-thumb statistical treatment. They say that radio is dominated by its sponsors. All that and a lot more about this amazing new industry has been said by those who resent its sudden catapulting into the hearts and homes of the nation.

But let them ask thousands of sorrow-weakened relatives who learned by radio that their loved ones were safe. Let them ask police and firemen whose only means of communication was through broadcasting stations. Let them ask Red Cross and public officials who directed warning and relief service through radio. Let them ask millions who listened to the most dramatic story of fact dissemination in the history of major catastrophes. Let them ask those who owe their lives to the flood warnings that broadcasters spread.

When all older means of communication had failed, radio stepped into the breach. Stations stuffed budgets into pigeonholes and shunted sponsors to a temporary limbo as they threw all their personnel and facilities into the task of easing the suffering and damage the elements had wrought.

Heroism and devotion to humanity inspired those who manned the microphones and turned the dials of several dozen broadcast stations, caught in the watery maelstrom that wreaked inestimable damage.

The fragmentary stories have been picked up piece by piece from weary broadcasters who in some cases had only a few hours sleep in a week. In this issue BROADCASTING has attempted to recount, from every available source, the scattered tales of service and devotion, but no printed account could do justice to them.

Resourceful engineers kept stations on the air when power or equipment failed. Announcers talked to an eager public until their throats wore out. Studio employes and salesmen and executives alike doubled in all types of duties. Station managers directed emergency operations with rare sagacity and encouraged worn-out staffs to continue.

All in all, radio provided the silver lining in a tragedy that clouded most of Eastern United States. Radio answered its critics in a fashion that permits no rebuttal. And radio will be ready again when distress calls.

### **Skull and Cross-Bones**

UP ON Capitol Hill there are hearings on copyright legislation. The Duffy Bill, which among other things, would eliminate the \$250 statutory minimum infringement provision of existing law, is the reason. ASCAP, backstopped by a number of committee members, is battling bitterly to kill the bill, because it wants to salvage that \$250 war club it has wielded so effectively in the past.

If any more reasons are needed as to why this power should be removed from copyright cliques, the Committee has simply to take cognizance of the latest move of Warner Bros. publishing houses, which withdrew from AS-CAP Dec. 31 and are now suffering the ignominious fate of virtual non-performance of their music as a result.

For music that is totally unnecessary to radio, they want five year contracts from stations. The only argument they have is the \$250 per infringement bludgeon. If stations do not sign, they face infringement suits of that minimum for every number performed. Big stations with adequate checking staffs can avoid the Warner ultimatum, but the smaller ones may have to accept under duress, just as the industry has been forced in the past to capitulate to the demands of ASCAP, and to those of lessor copyright groups.

That \$250 minimum infringement represents the skull and cross-bones flying in the face of users of copyrighted music for profit. It is unAmerican to permit dictatorships to exist by virtue of antiquated laws.

## Pipe Down!

AN EDITORIAL suggestion comes to us from William H. Rankin, president of William H. Rankin Co., New York agency. We couldn't state it more eloquently:

"Last week in a Supreme Court hearing a lawyer pitched his voice too high—he yelled and Chief Justice Hughes suggested that he key his voice lower; and Judge McReynolds said: 'We can follow you more closely if you will talk in a lower tone.'

"Even in advertising, the persuasive, even tone of expression, in good taste, influences the consumer to buy the product advertised much better than the advertising that fairly shrieks. Good taste before the Supreme Court of the United States is just as effective as good taste and calm, reason-why appeal before the court of last resort in advertising—our 125,000,000 consumers. This would apply to many radio commercial announcers too."

## The RADIO BOOK SHELF

THE ADVERTISING problems of banks and other financial institutions are discussed in a series of papers read before the last annual convention of the Financial Advertisers Association and brought together by its executive secretary, Preston E. Reed, 231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, in a bound volume just issued. Radio's part in the discussions was relatively small, though Harve H. Page, of the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, does rate it second to direct-by-mail for results in new business solicitation and places radio ahead of newspaper advertising.

GLENN D. GILLETT, Washington consulting engineer, and his associate Marcy Eager are authors of a paper covering results of a qualitative study of the major factors affecting broadcast covering in the frequency range from 200 to 2000 kc. in the February Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers. Their paper discusses the relationship of terrain, frequency, antenna design and power to economic factors of coverage.

THE transformation of educational broadcasts from the dry lecture type of program to broadcasts with "life" is reviewed in an article titled "Humanizing Education Via the Air", by Edward Codel, appearing in the February issue of *The Minnesota Journal of Education*, official organ of the Minnesota Education Association.

## **An FCC Inquiry?**

MANY members of Congress, both in the Senate and House, are working up an appetite for an investigation of the FCC. The notoriety which has accompanied such incidents as the Williard Hotel "bribery" conversation, the Black Lobby Committee wire seizures, and the numerous tall stories about politics on the FCC, have tended to whet that appetite.

At the next session, we hear, there certainly will be an investigation of FCC personnel, perhaps by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. Several groups, dissatisfied with the treatment they have received from the FCC in the way of allocations of facilities, have been lobbying for an investigation as a retaliatory move.

It is folly to allow all of this conversation and all of these innuendos to continue indefinitely. We think it is time to have a Congressional Committee make its inquiry, and have it over with. Certain practices of the FCC, from our own observations, need correcting. It should function more like the ICC and the Trade Commission. But, we think, many members of Congress will probably be chagrined when they learn that most of the pressure being brought upon the FCC for granting this application or that, emanates from Congress itself.

There is dissension on the Commission. It should not exist. Honest differences of opinion are healthy, but constant internal bickering is not conducive of good administration. Less lip service and more honest, conscientious work is to be desired.

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#### HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH

FOR NEARLY 20 years, mostly within the present decade, much has been written and said in marked praise of the so-called "voice with a smile" as an aid in promoting social and business cordiality.

In the Hall of Fame of broadcasting announcers, the oft-alluded to "silver-tongued voice" of H. Wallace Butterworth, radio director in the New York office of Stack-Goble Adv. Agency, Chicago, is known to legions.

Born Oct. 25, 1901, at Wallingford, Pa., suburb of Philadelphia, Butterworth was graduated in 1920 from Swarthmore high school, where he was president of the senior class, leader in dramatics and music and active in track and baseball.

In 1928, on the suggestion of a mutual friend, Butterworth, whose trained baritone voice met with much favor in two successful concert tours throughout Canada and the eastern section of the United States, visited New York City to invite the aid of Milton Cross to secure an NBC audition as a singer. While he did not make the acquaintance of Cross, who was away, he did meet Marty Sherris, chief announcer, who asked him why he thought he would make a g o od announcer. "Announcer!" said the surprised Butterworth. Fifteen days later he joined the NBC announcing staff. Not long thereafter his "voice with a smile" opened up the NBC Blue Network each morning in the *Rise and Shine* program.

Fate, or the good and quick judgment of knowing what to say and how to say it, thus cut short a singing career which started when "Wally", 12 years old, sold shoes after school hours in a department store to earn money for singing lessons, to buy two phonograph operatic recordings weekly and to pay for a season ticket for the Metropolitan Opera performances in Philadelphia.

Inborn love of music (his mother, a singer, is the oldest living graduate of the Department of Music of the University of Pennsylvania) prompted Butterworth, when confronted with the necessity of earning his own living, to take a two weeks' course in recording at the Victor Talking Machine Co. Laboratories in Camden, in preparation for what developed into five years' employment in selling talking machines and records for Frank Tollin Inc., Chester, Pa.

Butterworth's two concert tours were followed by a thrill of thrills —his essay as an impressario in inducing Martinelli to sing in Chester for \$1,600! "Wally" was \$20 richer when the concert was concluded, plus the "gain" of the friendship of Martinelli. He began again to study voice for one year in New York under Pasquale Amato!

Then for two years, in the service of Motor Parts Co., Philadelphia, "Wally" traveled all over Eastern Pennsylvania in establishing a remarkable record in selling Atwater-Kent radios.

Radio broadcasting's gates soon swung open for Butterworth. In nine months' connection with NBC in New York City, he handled with much credit, among other assignments, *Roxy And His Gang* and the Quaker Oats broadcast with *Phil Cook*, prior to his transfer to the NBC Chicago office. There he covered all important broadcasts in the territory from Cleveland to Minneapolis, in a workday of 12 hours continuous service!

It was while stationed in the "Great Central Market", on the Shores of Lake Michigan, that Butterworth by ability, untiring energy, and easy delivery, established a national reputation as an announcer. While a book would be required in which to enumerate the prominent commercial and sustaining programs, sensational events, contests, and conventions which he covered, some high spots in his announcing career are of such interest as to be worthy of mention.

Because of his knowledge of opera — being letter - perfect in seven roles—and close acquaintance with all the artists, he was selected to announce during two full seasons, the 26 performances of the Chicago Civic Opera Company.

#### PERSONAL NOTES

GEORGE W. TRENDLE, president of the Kunsky-Trendle Broadcasting Corp., operating WXYZ, Detroit, and the Michigan Radio Network, returned March 21 from a month in Florida and Cuba.

D. E. (Plug) KENDRICK, operator of WIRE, Indianapolis, on March 25 motored with his family to Miami for a three weeks' vacation. He is resting on doctor's orders.

WILLIAM E. (Bill) DRIPS, NBC agricultural director, and Everett Mitchell, Farm & Home Hour announcer, have been given gold badges as evidence of their commissions as special deputy sheriffs of Polk County, Fla., where they recently directed broadcasting of the Orange Festival.

H. ALLAN CAMPBELL, general manager of WXYZ, Detroit and Michigan Network, was to leave March 30 for a month's vacation in Florida and Cuba.

HOWARD M. LOEB, manager of WFDF, Flint, Mich., and Mrs. Loeb, spent the latter part of February and early March at Fort Pierce. Fla., and returned home via Washington and Pittsburgh.

**FREDERICK H. COLE, formerly of** the advertisement department of Lever Bros. Co., has joined the sales promotion staff of WBZ-WBZA, in Boston.

DON ALDRICH, graduate of Montana State University, has joined the sales staff of KGVO, Missoula, Mont. GORDON C. SLEPIN, formerly sales director of WOKO, Albany, has joined the commercial staff of WMCA, New York.

RAY LEWIS, account executive of KJBS, San Francisco, has been made a member of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce speaker's bureau.

WALLACE SMITH, new to radio, has joined the sales staff of KFBK, Sacramento, Cal., as account executive.

In the National Open Golf Championship in Chicago a few years ago he followed H agen around the course with a shortwave transmitter, while he also furnished the scoop in the description of Guldall's last hole as he failed, in a two-foot putt, to tie Johnny Goodman. NBC executives characterized his description of the opening of the Century of Progress World's Fair, May 27, 1933, as the finest broadcast he ever reported.

On the arrival of Gen. Balbo and the Italian Air Armada at the World's Fair he was the only person to get Balbo's voice from the decks of the Cruiser Wilmette, while he also gave the word picture of General Balbo's arrival at the opening ceremonies at Soldier's Field and the take-off of the Italian Air Armada in its flight from Chicago to New York City. In the Hunter Brothers' endurance flight he scored a scoop for NBC by dropping a "mike" into the plane, over which the two Hunters were heard four times daily for eight successive days all over the United States.

Butterworth regards his assignment as chief NBC announcer at the Democratic National Convention in 1932 as the most interesting service he has performed in radio, especially as in that connection he arranged and furnished the scoop for the reception on Roosevelt's arrival at the Chicago SAM PICKARD, CBS vice president, has returned to New York after a trip to the Pacific Coast and Hawaii begun last winter and culminating with a voyage through the Panama Canal to New York in March.

HELEN EDWARDS, former secretary to Ellsworth Wylie, general manager of KHJ, Los Angeles, has established an employment agency at 1151 South Broadway, Los Angeles. She was formerly on the staff of *Game & Gossip* magazine.

DEUMAN ARNOLD, for the last 18 months sales promotion manager of WROK, Rockford, Ill., has resigned to accept a similar position with KSTP, St. Paul, Minn.

PERRY WACHTEL, recently connected with a direct mail firm, has joined the sales staff of WMCA, New York.

#### Dr. Jolliffe Honored

DR. C. B. JOLLIFFE, chief engineer of Radio Corporation of America and formerly FCC chief engineer, returned from the Paris Conference of the International Broadcasting Union March 26. He was named vice president of the Union, whose Presidence General for the conference was M. Georges Mandel of the French Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs. Other vice presidents named were M. Mugica, representing the Argentine National Association of Broadcasters, and M. Kee Tsing Li, of the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

DARRELL DONNELL, San Francisco Examiner radio news commentator, who is heard six nights weekly over KYA, that city, and his companion Enid MacDonald, narrowly escaped death on March 15. When swimming in the ocean off Baker's Beach, San Francisco, they were caught in a strong riptide. After being downed three times, they were rescued by fellow swimmers.

Airport. John W. Elwood, then NBC vice president, in a personal note of appreciation, wrote to Butterworth: "Your work will stand out in the annals of the most successful convention broadcast that we have had."

"In my opinion," says Butterworth, in commenting on commercial radio programs, "a broadcast need not be lavish or outstandingly brilliant to produce excellent sales results, if the copy is effective. The necessary thing is a sincere message that is logical, straight to the point, and delivered in a pleasant business-like manner." While "Wally" likes baseball,

While "Wally" likes baseball, golf is a decided hobby, especially as it not only provides for him recreation and good-fellowship but offers the opportunity in frequently playing during the summer with vice president R. A. Porter to discuss radio problems. Song and music are favorites in Butterworth's other pleasures. Drama is his choice in the theatre.

And further to show how versatile Butterworth is, we mention that in 1932, while in NBC service in Chicago, he wrote and published a book which clearly depicts the professional life of many radio artists. He is the proud father of "Wally, Jr.", three years old; Mrs. Butterworth, the former Antoniette Baillargeon, is the daughter of a socially prominent French-Canadian family of Montreal.

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#### BEHIND THE MICROPHONE

LOUIS E. AIKEN Jr., formerly of WLW, Cincinnati, William T. Crago, former baritone soloist of WGAR, Cleveland, aud Charles W. Woods, formerly of KDKA, Pittsburgh, and WTAM. Cleveland, have joined the announcing staff of WXYZ, Detroit, and Michigan Network.

ALAN HALE, ex-G-man and former NBC sports aunouncer, has joined WISN, Milwaukee, to handle baseball broadcasts of Wadhams Oil Co. He left March 23 to spend two weeks with the local baseball team at its training camp.

DICK MCDONOUGH, rapid - fire sports announcer of WBZ-WBZA, Boston-Springfield, has returned from a three-week tour of big-league baseball camps.



WLS in February received 20,450 box tops for a cereal product advertised on WLS and new to the Metropolitan Chicago market.

For more news of WLS activities, see April 15th Issue of Broadcasting Magazine.



DELL SHARBUTT, CBS announcer, and Miss Meri Bell, radio singer, were married March 21 at the New York City Hall.

HENRY DANIEL GOODWIN, announcer of WBZ - WBZA, Boston-Springfield, is co-news editor and announces two of the four daily Esso programs sponsored by Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

LLOYD E. YODER, NBC western division press relations manager, Sau Francisco, has been made a member of the California Safety Council, and will serve ou the educational committee. He was appointed by Gov. Merriam.

JACK SAYER, writer at KHJ, Los Angeles, and previously on its publicity staff, resigned in March to free lance as a radio producer.

HAROLD KEMP, who recently resigned as head of the NBC Artists Bureau, New York, in March became associated with the F & M-John Schultz agency, New York, and will make the trip to Hollywood at regular intervals in search of talent. KING BARD, originator of the NBC Breakfast Club, on March 16 returned to WOOD, Grand Rapids.

DON KERR has resigned from the announcing staff of WMCA, New York.

CHARLES W. FLESHER, formerly associated with the Paramount Studios, Hollywood, and prior to that with KHJ, Los Angeles, has been appointed production manager of KFBK, Sacramento.

CLIFF HOWELL, chief announcer of KFWB, Hollywood, has been promoted to assistant production manager.

J. DONALD WILSON, Hollywood radio actor, has been appointed acting production manager of the Radio Transcription Co., taking the place of Lindsay MacHarrie, who returned to his former post as production manager of KHJ, Los Angeles.





IT'S THE BOLOGNA—This fragrant bit of fan mail has Bob Trout, CBS announcer in New York, wondering what to do about it. Clyde Hunt, CBS engineer in Washington, won it in a restaurant guessing contest when he estimated its weight at 53 pounds. Hunt promptly dispatched it to his former WJSV pal, inviting him to eat his words and maybe some bologna.

JOHN H. HARPLEY has been appointed assistant to William Lundell, NBC director of special events, succeeding Charles Russhon, resigned. Mr. Harpley joined the engineering staff of NBC in 1929 and more recently has been a member of the building maintenance department.

ing maintenance department. TOM BICKMORE, formerly in the publicity department of 20th Century Fox Studios, Hollywood, has been appointed publicity director of the Northern California Broadcasting System, operating KJBS, San Francisco and KQW, San Jose. He succeeds J. Lester Malloy, who resigned March 15 to engage in transportation work.

CHARLES J. SCHENK, formerly associated with CBS in New York as commercial program director, and recently with Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., Chicago, has joined the production staff of CBS in Chicago. Mr. Schenk worked with Howard Barlow on the original March of Time program and did production work for the Fred Waring-David Ross Old Gold broadcasts from New York.

JAMES WILLSON, announcer and program director of WWL, New Orleans, who was injured in a recent automobile accident in which Miss Elizabeth Ann Howell was killed, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home.

JACK SKINNER has resigned from the NBC press department in Radio City to enter the free lance radio publicity field.



"Voice of Longview" Longview, Texas BERTRAM SYMMES, in radio and dramatic stock work in San Francisco for the last five years, has joined the announcing staff of KSFO, that city, succeeding Leo Rumsey, who resigned to join KGMB, Honolulu, in a similar capacity. Donald Currlin, new to radio, has also joined the announcing staff of KSFO.

CHARLES WISE, publicity director of WKRC, Cincinuati, is back at his office after a two-week illness.

DARRELL DONNELL, news editor of KXA, San Francisco, has signed his third contract with the Hearst organization and is observing his fifth year as a news broadcaster aud commentator. He also has been heard on KPO and KFRC, San Francisco. JULES HERBUVEAUX, NBC production director, who is a licensed pilot. is giving the technical advice to Willis Cooper, author of the NBC Flying Time serial.

HAZEL WILBER in March joined the NBC production department in Hollywood to work in the music rights division.

Seventh Radio Institute Of Ohio State U. May 4-6 RADIO leaders will appear on the program of the seventh annual Institute for Education by Radio, to be held May 4-6, at Ohio State University, in Columbus. Institutes have been held each year since 1930, bringing together representatives of educational and commercial broadcasting stations, the chains, colleges and universities, and governmental agencies concerned with radio.

Where earlier programs sought justification and a place for radio education, this year's discussions mark a shifting of emphasis to the techniques of educational broadcasting. In the opinion of institute leaders, educational broadcasting has definitely established its value. Subjects for the various sessions include: Technique of educational broadcasting, administrative planning, special problems, techniques of script-writing, a clinic on broadcasting, and radio from the listener's standpoint. As a basis for the discussion of radio from the listener's viewpoint, institute attendants will see demonstrations of the use of radio programs in the classroom and by adult discussion groups.

New Jersey Bill to Bar Court Airings Opposed STRONG protest against the socalled Radio-Photograph bill introduced in the New Jersey legislature, which would bar microphones and news photographers from courtrooms, has been filed by Jay Lewis, of the special feature department of WNEW, Newark, which has gone in strongly for trial broadcasts. Mr. Lewis fears the proposal may spread to New York and other states, and insists that radio, newsreels and photographers render a service demanded by taxpayers. The bill aims to protect the dig-

The bill aims to protect the dignity of court trials, a report accompanying it asserting that "impulses inspired and prompted by commercial instincts and desire for monetary gain have from time to time threatened to impair a proper and efficient administration of our courts, despite the quiet dignity, the abounding courage and the high degree of intelligence of New Jersey judges."

#### IN THE CONTROL ROOM

TED ROBERTSON, chief sound technician of the studio players, WXYZ. Detroit, is the father of a yirl born March 16.

H. U. GRAHAM, formerly of RCA-Victor Co., has been named inspector at the FCC monitoring station, Grand Island, Neb.

M. C. BARTON Jr., formerly chief operator of WIS, Columbia, S. C., now is chief operator of WMFR, High Point, N. C.

J. A. BLACKMAN, formerly of TWA airlines, has joined WAGF, Dothan, Ala.

GLENN G. BOUNDY, formerly of WWVA, Wheeling, has been named supervising engineer of a two-way ultra-high frequency station, using Western Electric equipment, which is to be operated by Wheeling police. ERNEST L. ADAMS has been advanced to the chief operator's post at WHIO, Dayton.

N. J. MELANCON, formerly of Ripley S. S. Co., is handling Trans-radio at KFPW, Fort Smith, Ark., and also is relief operator.

U. L. LYNCH, formerly of Eastern Air Transport at Jacksonville, Fla., has joined WSVA, Harrisonburg, Va. WILLIAM P. HOWE, formerly of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey at Norfolk, Va., has returned to WAIU, Columbus.

R. D. LeMERT, former chief en-gineer of W6XAI, Bakersfield, Cal., has been named vice president of De Forest Television Corp., Hollywood. GENE GOLDRUP, chief technician for KGMB, Honolulu, was married in that city to Miss Fernita McKillop of San Francisco, early in March.

LESLIE HEWETT, for many years chief engineer of KFWB, Hollywood, but working in film circles the last two years, in March returned to the station as supervising engineer.

station as supervising engineer. E. C. LITTLER, chief engineer of 4BC, Brisbane, Australia, arrived in Los Angeles in March and later left for New York for an extended busi-ness trip. E. B. Chandler, son of the station's owner, J. B. Chandler, has been in this country for several months. He left Chicago en route for Los Angeles and returned East with Mr. Littler.

effects man at KHJ, Los Angeles, in March joined the NBC Hollywood staff in the same capacity.

R. G. DENECHAUD, formerly on the technical staff of KFI, Los Angeles, and Floyd Wetteland, for-merly with stations in the North-west, in March joined the NBC en-gineering force in Hollywood.

#### **U. S. Research Vacancy**

AN OPEN competitive examina-AN OPEN competitive examina-tion for an associate radio physic-ist at \$3,200 a year, to fill a va-cancy at the Naval Research Lab-oratory, Washington, has been an-nounced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Duties will consist of practical and theoretical research in ultra-shortwaves from 1 to 75 centimeters. A publicants can secure details from the Civil Service Com-mission at Washington and must file not later than April 13.





signed that post, Mr. Chambers effective April 1,

to establish a radio consulting practice in Washington. The builder of the first 500,000 watt station in the world, which power WLW now is using, Mr. Chambers is credited with many station engineering innovations. He is also recognized as an au-

thority on antenna design. After three years with General Electric Co., in Schenectady and as development engineer of WGY, Mr. Chambers became chief engi-neer of the Crosley stations in 1927, which post he has held since. For the last half-dozen years he

For the last half-dozen years he has been chairman of the engineer-ing committee of the NAB. Mr. Chambers probably will es-tablish offices in the National Press Building in Washington, and will concluding in proceeding procewill specialize in consulting prac-tice before the FCC Broadcast Division, particularly on allocation matters and station design.

#### EQUIPMENT

WBT, Charlotte. N. C., is rushing to completion plans for new studios and offices. having outgrown present quarters. The entire sixth floor in the Wilder Bldg. has been leased. Mod-ernistic treatment will be given the three new studios and two auxiliary studios to be used for auditions and rehearsals. New equipment will be installed. Glass enclosed audience and clients' rooms will be construct-ed. Work is to be completed June 1. COLLINS RADIO Co., Cedar Ran-COLLINS RADIO Co., Cedar Rap-ids, has issued four new catalogs covering Collins speech equipment, broadcast transmitters, the 45A small-sized transmitter and the 30FXC transmitter.

WJDX, Jackson Miss., is testing an auxiliary power supply to be used if power lines fail. It consists of an en-gine propelled by natural gas which in turn will run an electrical generator. A normality provide the provided provided to the test of the test of the test. complete new ground system is to be installed at the transmitter plant with preliminary tests showing a marked increase in signal strength and extension of service area.

#### **Dean Bush Honored**

DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, dean of the engineering school of Massa-chusetts Institute of Technology, will receive the 1935 Lamme medal of the American Institute of Elec-trical Engineers at its June convention in Pasadena in recogni-tion of his achievements in elecwas founded by the late Benjamin G. Lamme, Westinghouse chief engineer.



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#### STATION ACCOUNTS

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#### WBAL, Baltimore

- WBAL, Baltimore
  Household Finance Corp., Chicago (family loans), 52 sa (tiein), thru Charles Daniel Frey Co., Chicago.
  Max Mehl. Fort Worth (Numis-matic), 2 t, thru Guenther-Brad-ford Co., Chicago.
  Florida Citrus Commission, Lakeland, Fla. (fruit), 26 t, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.
  Carleton & Hovey Co., Lowell, Mass. (Father John's), 26 sa, thru John W. Queen, Boston.
  American Washing Machine Mfrs. Assn., Cleveland, 26 t, thru Mel-drum & Fewsmith Inc., Cleveland.
  Bernard Perfumers, St. Louis (Love Charm), 13 sp, thru Hilmer V. Swenson Co., St. Joseph, Mo. (proprietary), 12 sa, thru Barrons Adv. Co., Kansas City.
  Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati (Ivory), 1 sa (tiein), thru Black-man Adv. Inc., N. Y.
  Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, New York (Esso), 312 sp, thru Marschalk & Pratt Inc., N. Y.
  W. F. Straub & Co., Chicago (Lake Shore honey), 39 sa, thru Mitchell-Faust Adv. Co. Inc., Chicago.
  M. J. Breitenbach Co., New York (Gude's Pepto-Mangan), 54 sa, thru Brooke, Smith & French Inc., N. Y. thru Brooke, Smith & French Inc., N. Y.
- N. Y. Dethol Mfg. Co., Washington (insec-ticide), 52 ta, thru Aitkin-Kynett Co. Inc., Philadelphia. Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla. (Conoco), 26 t, thru Tracy-Locke-Dawson Inc., N. Y. Consolidated By-Products Co., Phila-delphia (Marco dog food), 13 t, thru McLain Organization. Phila-
- thru McLain Organization, Philadelphia.
- National Flower & Garden Show, Baltimore, 21 sa, thru Hoffman Bros. Co., Baltimore.
- Adv. Agency, Baltimore. American Oil Co., Baltimore (Amoco), 2 sa, thru Joseph Katz Co., Balti-
- more.
- American Stores Co., Baltimore (re-tail chain), 312 t, direct. Ford Motor Co., Alexandria, Va. (autos), 6 t, 6 sa, thru McCann-Erickson Inc., N. Y.
- Free State Brewing Co., Baltimore, 12 sa, direct.
- Gunther Brewing Co., Baltimore, 1248 sa, thru I. A. Goldman & Co., Baltimore.

#### WOR, Newark

- . J. Breitenbach Co., New York (Gude's Pepto-Mangan), weekly sp, thru Brooke, Smith & French, N. Y. M.
- Maryland Pharmaceutical Co., Balti-more (Rem), 18 weekly sa. (starts Sept. 27), thru Joseph Katz Co., N. Y.
- Webster-Eisenlohr Inc., New York (Henrietta, Girard cigars), weekly *sp*, thru N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., N. Y.
- New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., New-
- ark, weekly sp, direct. General Electric Co., Bridgeport, Conn., 2 weekly t, thru Maxon Inc., Bridgeport, Detroit.

#### WJJD, Chicago

Allied Florists Assn., Chicago, weekly sp, thru Hilmer V. Swenson Co., sp, thru Chicago.

#### KDKA, Pittsburgh

- Campbell Cereal Co., Northfield, Minn. (Malt-O-Meal), 24 sp, thru Mitch-ell-Faust Adv. Co., Chicago. Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory, Charles City, Ia. (poultry remedy), 52 ta, thru N. A. Winter Adv. Agency, Des Maines Des Moines.
- John Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia., 78 sp, thru Henri, Hurst & McDonald Inc.. Chicago. John Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia., 63 sp. thru Henri, Hurst & McDonald
- Inc., Chicago, Chr. Hansen's Lab. Inc., Little Falls, N. Y. (dessert), 39 sp, thru Mitch-
- N. Y. (dessert), 39 sp. thru Mitch-ell-Faust Adv. Agency. Chicago. A. C. Gilbert Co., New Haven, 13 sp. thru Chas. W. Hoyt Co. Inc., N. Y. International Vitamin Corp., New York (IVC Pearls), 26 sp. thru Reincke-Ellis Youngreen & Finn Inc., N. Y. American Assn. of Washing Machine Mfrs., Chicago, 26 t, thru Meldrum & Fewsmith Inc., Cleveland. Dairy Assoc. Co. Inc., Lyndonville, Vt., 14 sa, thru Hays Adv. Agency Inc., Burlington, Vt.

#### WKRC, Cincinnati

- Nu-Enamel Corp., Boston (paint),
- 300 sa, direct. Harten Knodel Corp., Cincinnati (Norge refrigerators), 100 ta, direct.
- Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co.. St. Louis (Poll Parrott shoes), 13

- St. Louis (Poll Parrott shoes), 13 t, direct.
  General Electric Co.. New York (washers, ironers), 13 t, thru Maxon Inc., Detroit.
  Magazine Repeating Razor Co., New York (Shick razors), 35 sa, thru J. M. Mathes Inc., N. Y.
  Lever Bros. Co.. Boston (Spry), 26 sa, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.
  Wiggins Chemical Co., Cincinnati (waterless cleaner), 26 sa, direct
- iggins Chemical Co., Cincinnati (waterless cleaner), 26 sa, direct. WSB, Atlanta
- Wofford Oil Co., Atlanta (oil, gas),
- 5 weekly t, thru Freitag Adv. Ag-ency, Atlanta. Dr. W. B. Caldwell Inc., Monticello, Ill. (syrup pepsin), 3 weekly sp, thru Cramer-Krasselt Co., Milwau-koo
  - WTAL, Tallahassee, Fla.

kee.

## French Lick Springs Hotel Co., French Lick, Ind. (Pluto water), t, thru H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. Inc., Chicago.

#### KNX, Los Angeles

- Charles Goldstein Co., Juneau, Alas-(furs), weekly t, thru Sam ka (f Miles.
- Oakland, Cal. J. Walter ifeway Stores Inc., Oakland, (meat), 52 ta, thru J. Wa Thompson Co., San Francisco. Safeway
- Eleanor Martin, Chicago (knitting equipment), 1 sp, thru Morenus Adv. Agency, Chicago.
  Picture Ring Co., Cincinnati, 1 sp, thru Frederick W. Ziv Inc., Cincin-retting nati.

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

- Kay Jewelry Co., Charlotte, 5 sa, thru Simons-Michelson Co., Detroit.
  Capper Publications, Topeka (House-hold Magazine), 6 t, thru Presba, Fellers & Presba Inc., Chicago.
  United Drug Co., Boston (Rexall sale), 5 t, thru Street & Finney Inc., N. Y.
- Walker Remedy Co., Waterloo, Ia. (poultry remedies), 26 ta, thru Weston-Barnett Inc., Waterloo.

#### WGY, Schenectady

- Richfield Oil Corp., New York. 52 t, thru Fletcher & Ellis Inc., N. Y.

- thru Fletcher & Ellis Inc., N. Y. Steiners Department Store, Ballston Spa., N. Y., 18 sa, thru Leighton & Nelson, Schenectady. General Electric Co., Schenectady, 14 t, thru Maxon Inc., Detroit. Oneida Community Silverware Co., 72 sa, thru Geyer, Cornell & Newell Inc., N. Y. United Baking Co., Albany, 112 sa, thru Adirondack Adv. Agency, Al-bany. bany.

#### WMCA, New York

- Natural Bloom Inc., New York (cigars), 4 weekly sp, thru Mont-rose Adv. Agency, N. Y.
  McFadden Publications Inc., New York (True Story), weekly sp, thru Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.
  Conti Products Corp., New York (soaps), 5 weekly sp, thru Berm-ingham, Castleman & Pierce Inc., N. Y. N. Y.

#### KGVO, Missoula, Mont.

- Montana Power Co., Missoula, 3 M.
- weekly t, direct. J. B. Co., San Francisco (coffee), 6 weekly sa, thru Lord & Thomas,
- San Francisco. General Electric Co., Schenectady, 2 weekly t, direct.





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WLS, Chicago

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O'Cedar Corp., Chicago (polish and mops) 78 sa, thru John H. Dun-ham Co., Chicago.
Campbell Cereal Co. Minneapolis, Minn. (Malt-O-Meal) 78 sp, thru Mitchell-Faust Adv. Co., Chicago.
American Washing Machine Mfrs, Assn., Chicago, 26 sa, thru Meldrum & Fewsmith Inc., Cleveland.
Jelsert Co., Chicago (desserts), 49 sa, thru Rogers & Smith Adv. Ag-ency, Chicago.
Walker Remedy Co. Waterloo, Ia. (Walko Poultry Tablets) 26 sa, thru Weston-Barnett Inc., Water-loo.

Little Crow Milling Co. Warsaw, Ind.
 (Coco Wheats-pancake flour), 156
 *sp*, thru Rogers & Smith Adv.
 Agency, Chicago.
 Union Pacific Railroad, Chicago (rail

Union Pacific Railroad, Chicago (rail transportation), 10 sa, thru Ernest Bader & Co., Omaha.
McKesson & Robbins Inc., Bridgeport, Conn. (Pursang), 52 sa, thru H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. Inc., Chicago.
Evans Fur Co., Chicago (retail furs), 4 sp, thru Auspitz and Lee, Chicago.

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Tony Wons, Chicago (seeds), 3 week-ly sp, direct. Acme Mfg. Co., Forest Park, Ill. (live stock feed), 49 sa, thru K. E. Shep-ard Adv. Agency, Chicago. Dairy Association Co. Inc., Lyndon-ville, Vt., 14 sa, thru Hayes Adv. Agency Inc., Burlington, Vt. Mentho-Kreamo Inc., Clinton, Ill. (proprietary), 78 sa, thru Beau-mont & Hohman Inc., Chicago. LeJay Mfg. Co., Minneanolis, Minn.

LeJay Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn. (generator systems), 6 sa. thru Frizzell Adv. Agency Inc., Minne-

#### WHAM, Rochester

- Fels & Co., Philadelphia (Fels Nap-tha soap), 2 weekly *sp*, thru Young & Rubicam Inc., N. Y. Bernard Perfumers, St. Louis (Love
- Charm), 2 weekly sa, thru Hilmer V, Swenson Co., St. Louis. General Mills Inc., Minneapolis (Gold Medal flour), 5 weekly t, thru Blackett Sample Hummert Inc., Chicago
- Chicago. Procter & Gamble Co., Cincinnati (Drene), 10 weekly sa, thru H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. Inc., Chicago.
- John Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia. (Prido), 3 weekly sa. thru Henri, Hurst & McDonald Inc., Chicago. Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass.

- Mitton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass. (Easy Money game), 15 sa, direct. Beechnut Packing Co., Canajoharie, N. Y. (food), weekly sa, thru McCann-Erickson Inc., N. Y. Richfield Oil Corp., New York, 3 weekly t, thru Fletcher & Ellis Inc., N. Y. Utica Mutual Insurance Co. Utica
- Utica Mutual Insurance Co., Utica, N. Y., weekly sa, thru Devereux & Smith Inc., Utica.

#### WHIO, Dayton

- Lykolene Co., Kansas City (dental cream), 5 weekly ta, thru H. W. Kastor & Sons Adv. Co. Inc., Chi-

- Kastor & Sons Auv. Co. -----cago. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo (Doan's pills). 39 ta, thru Street & Finney Inc., N. Y. Magazine Repeating Razor Co., New York (Shick blades), 7 weekly sa, thru J. M. Mathes Inc., N. Y. M. J. Breitenbach Co., New York (Gude's Pepto-Mangan), 36 ta, thrn Brooke, Smith & French Inc., (Gude's Pepto-Mangan), 36 ta, thru Brooke, Smith & French Inc., N. Y. General Motors Corp.. Detroit (auto show), 70 sa, thru Campbell-Ewald Co. Inc., Detroit. Frigidaire Corp.. Dayton (elec. re-frigerators). 9 sa, thru Lord & Thomas, Chicago.

WFIL, Philadelphia

Valley Forge Memorial Estates, Phil-adelphia, 52 t, direct.

frigerators). 9 s Thomas. Chicago.

## NETWORK ACCOUNTS

New Business LEVER BROS. Co., Cambridge, lass. (Rinso, Lifebuoy) on March 4 started Ken Murray, Phil Regan, Russ Morgan orchestra on 56 CBS tations. Tuesdays, 8:30-9 p. m. Agncy: Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y. AMERICAN TOBACCO Co., New York (Lucky Strike) on May 2 tarts Your Hit Parade on 88 CBS tations, Saturdays, 10-11 p. m. Agncy: Lord & Thomas, N. Y.

DODGE BROS. Corp., Detroit (autos) on April 4 broadcasts (one ime only) Dodge Presents: on 70 DBS stations. 2-2:30 p. m. Agency: Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.

MacFADDEN PUBLICATIONS Inc., New York, on June 2 starts Good Will Court on 4 MBS stations, Tuesdays, 10-10:30 p. m. Agency: Ruthrauff & Ryan Inc., N. Y.

STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New York (Phillips Milk of Magnesia) on March 30 started How to Be Charming on 29 NBC-WJZ stations, Tues., Thurs., 4:30-4:45 p. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y. STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New York (Dr. Lyon's toothpowder) on March 30 started Backstage Wife on 21 NBC-WJZ stations, Mon. thru Fri., 4:15-4:30 p. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y.

ett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y. STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New Work (Bayer's aspirin) on May 27 Starts Lavender & Old Lace on 17 NBC-WJZ stations, Wednesdays, 3:30-9 p. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y.

STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New York (toothpaste) on April 15 starts program on 19 NBC-WJZ stations, Wednesdays, 8-8:30 p. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y. STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New York (Phillips dental cream) on May 26 starts *Melodania* on 17 NBC-WJZ stations, Tuesdays, 9:30-10 p. m. Agency: Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., N. Y.

RALSTON-PURINA Co., St. Louis (Ry-Krisp) on April 3 starts Marion Talley and Orchestra on 35 NBC-WEAF stations, Fridays, 10:30-10:45 p. m. Agency: Gardner Adv. Co., St. Louis.

REAL SILK HOSIERY MILLS Inc., Indianapolis, on April 5 starts Jack Hylton orchestra on 25 NBC-WJZ stations, Sundays, 9-9:30 p. m. (repeat at 12 midnight). Agency: Leo Burnett Co. Inc., Chicago.

DR. MILES LABORATORIES Inc., Elkhart, Ind. (Alka-Seltzer), on April 13 starts for 13 weeks Frank Watanabe & Williams, on 6 NBC-KGO stations, Mondays thru Fridays, 8:15-8:30 p. m. (PST). Agency: Wade Adv. Agency, Chicago. HAAS BROS., San Francisco, (Trupak food products) on March 25 started for 13 weeks participation in Woman's Magazine of the Air on NBC-KPO, Wednesdays, 3:15-3:30 p. m. (PST). Agency: Emil Brisacher & Staff, San Francisco.

THOMAS J. LIPTON Inc., Hoboken, N. J. (teas), on March 20 started for 13 weeks participation in *Feminine Fancies* on 12 CBS-Don Lee network stations. Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:20-3:30 p. m. (PST). Agency: Frank Presbrey Co. Inc., New York.

#### **Renewal Accounts**

GRUEN WATCH MAKERS GUILD, Cincinnati, on March 31 renews on 4 MBS stations, changing program to *Time -Marches Back*, Tuesdays, 7:45-8 p. m. Agency: De Garmo Corp., N. Y.

WESSON OIL & SNOWDRIFT SALES CO. Inc., San Francisco (Wesson salad oil and Snowdrift shortening), on April 27 renews for 13 weeks Hawthorne House on 6 NBC-KPO stations, Mondays, 8:00-

#### NBC SUSTAINERS Are Designed for Sponsorship ——Under Lohr Policy ——

A NEW sustaining program policy, whereby sustaining features will be built with the objective of making them available for commercial sponsorship, is indicated within NBC as an initial program change introduced by Lenox R. Lohr, NBC president.

president. On March 23 NBC announced that Benny Rubin, dialect comedian, will inaugurate a variety show beginning April 1 over a nationwide NBC-WJZ network, at 8:30 p. m. (EST). The show will star Rubin along with Lester Vail, dramatic artist, as master of ceremonies, the Rhythm Girls trio, the Four Showmen quartet, and a dance band directed by Harold Anderson.

Eddie Foy Jr., son of the famous entertainer, made his NBC debut over an NBC-WJZ network on March 25, and is expected to be placed in a regular sustaining series.

Mr. Lohr is known to be considering a weeding out process for sustaining programs which do not have a sufficient popularity and which are not adaptable for eventual commercial sponsorship.

#### CLIFF SLEININGER STARTS REP FIRM

ORGANIZATION of Sleininger Inc., to represent a small limited group of broadcasting stations, was announced March 24 by Clifford L. Sleininger, who resigned last month as



secretary - trea- Mr. Sleininger surer of Free & Sleininger and who was also identified with Free, Johns & Field, station representatives. Mr. Sleininger is president of the new company, and has established offices at 360 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Offices in New York also will be opened. Mr. Sleininger said he decided

Mr. Sleininger said he decided upon organization of the new company because of his conviction that adequate representation of stations in the spot market is possible only when the group of stations is small and carefully selected. Station representation, he added, has grown without much forethought or direction in the last four years. "Our aim," he said, "is to fulfill the need of certain stations by providing a few of them with complete, individual representation."

8:30 p. m. (PST). Agency: Fitzgerald Adv. Agency, New Orleans. Network Changes

PET MILK SALES Corp., St. Louis. on March 31 adds 12 stations to CBS program and on April 28 changes to 12:15-12:30 p. m., Tues., Thurs.

BRISTOL-MYERS Co. in July replaces Fred Allen on NBC-WEAF network with Stoopnagle & Budd until Sept. 30.

LIGGETT & MYERS Co. on May 1 shifts CBS Saturday series to 10-10:30 p. m. Fridays.

REMINGTON RAND Inc. on March 31 shifts Educin C. Hill to 7:15-7:30 p. m. Tues., Thurs., Sat. on 21 NBC-WJZ stations.



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#### AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES

HENRY T. EWALD, president of Campbell-Ewald Co. Inc., Detroit, touring the country, visiting his agencies and conferring with adversecurities and conterring with adver-tising executives in leading cities, was on the Pacific Coast during March. While in San Francisco he conferred with R. V. Dunne. Pacific Coast manager of the agency on the General Motors Corp., Chevrolet Moleading cities, Coast during tor Co. and other national accounts. AFTER an absence of six months, during which he was connected with Associated Sales Co., Detroit sales promotion organization. Frederick C. Hanks has rejoined the creative staff of Brooke. Smith & French Inc., Detroit and New York agency.

JAMES L. FREE, president of Free & Sleininger Inc., station representa-tives, has served notice of cancellation of the company's representation agreement with WJJD, Chicago. Ac-cording to Mr. Free, this cancellation will be effective April 30. Free & Sleininger formerly represented both WJJD and WIND in the East and on the Pacific Coast. Last week Ralph Atlass. head of both WIND and WJJD, notified Free & Sleininger of his intention to cancel the WIND representation contract hut to retain the firm for representation of WJJD. Free & Sleininger's cancellation of the WJJD contract followed.

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JESS T. YEATES, for the last eight years in radio program construction and musical arrangement work in New York and Portland, Ore., has joined the Johnston Adv. Agency, San Francisco. as account executive, and will handle radio along with other accounts. Albert E. MacKenzie, of Washington, D. C., has also joined the agency as account executive.

B. C. NOAKES, radio director of Frank Presbrey Co. Inc., New York, was in San Francisco for several days in March to confer with M. A. Reilly. Western division sales manager of Thomas J. Lipton Inc., (teas), on a Pacific Coast campaign launched this month. The campaign includes a twice - weekly participation for 13 weeks in the CBS-Don Lee network afternoon musical program Feminine afternoon musical program ancies originating at KFRC, San Francisco.

R. C. RAMBEAU, Pacific Coast manager of the William G. Rambeau Compauny, national radio station representatives, returned to his desk in San Francisco on April 1 after a trip to Chicago and New York, where he conferred with officials of his organization.

RAY SINES has joined the radio production department of the Sidney Garfinkel Adv. Agency, San Francisco. He was formerly in the advertising He was formerly in the advertising department of Tea Garden Products Co., that city.

RODMAN WANAMAKER II. Philadelphia. has joined the New York staff of Geyer. Cornell & Newell Inc., according to announcement by H. W. Newell, vice president.

STEPHEN H. HARTSHORN, for-merly in charge of the Chicago office of Clark-Hooper Inc., advertising re-search, has returned to its New York office to resume charge of the radio reports division, with Eric A. Tomsett assigned to head the Chicago office now occupying larger quarters at 410 Michigan Ave.

R. C. HERRICK, radio director of Key Adv. Agency, Cincinnati, who joined that agency last November after having served as radio director of Schwimmer & Scott, Chicago, has been elected vice president. The Key agency on April 1 will move to larger quarters on the sixth floor of Cincin-nati's Fountain Square Bldg.

RAY M. WRIGHT, who formerly operated his own agency in San Francisco, has joined the merchan-dizing department of Sherman, Clay & Co., that city.

WALTER W. MONROE Jr., for the last eight months on the advertising staff of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. has joined the San Francisco office of Walter Biddick Co., as assistant the to Don Robbins, manager. Monroe succeeds John C. Kiewel, who was transferred to the Seattle office as manager.

RICHARD JORGENSEN. for the Adv. Agency. San Fraderick Seid Adv. Agency. San Fraderick Seid Sopened his own agency at 74 N. First St., San Jose, Cal.

DOROTHY DONN WAGNER, formerly in the script department of Metropolitan Studios, Hollywood, and Metropolitan Studios, Hollywood, and more recently radio free lance writer, has been appointed radio producer for the Long Adv. Service. San Francisco. The agency has also moved its San Francisco offices to larger quarters at 1041 Russ Bldg.

C. L. YOUNG, formerly vice president, has become president and owner of Roy Alden & Associates, Los Angeles agency.

#### **R. E. Howard Resigns** FromCampbell-EwaldCo.



AFTER AN eight-year tenure, R. E. (Bob) Howard, has resigned from the radio department of Campbell - Ewald Co. Inc., Detroit. He is considering several proposals which will keep

Mr. Howard him in radio advertising. Named as Mr. Howard's successor, effective April 1 is Garfield C. Packard, who was transferred to the agency's radio buying post from assignment on the Chevrolet account. He was formerly with World Broadcasting System, CKLW, Detroit and J. H. Neebe Co. Mr. Howard joined Camp-bell-Ewald in 1928 after having been with Paramount in Hollywood for nearly three years. Prior to that he was with Price-Waterhouse, public accountants in New York. Upon his departure from Campbell-Ewald, he and Mrs. Howard will take a two-week vacation.

#### Nelson Succeeds Dixon

PETER DIXON, radio director of Kenyon & Eckhardt, New York, has resigned and his place will be filled by Jack Nelson, formerly of Lennen & Mitchell. The shift becomes effective April 1, although it was disclosed that Mr. Dixon's resignation has been in the agency's hands since last January. Mr. Dixon joined Kenyon & Eckhardt last October, disbanding his program producing organization, Peter Dixon & Associates. His plans are indefinite, but he will be located at 711 Fifth Ave. after April 1.

DROPPING its FCC application to secure authorization for a transfer of majority control of WROK, Rockford, Ill., Rockford Consolidated Newspapers Inc. instead is now considering acquisition of a minority interest in the station, a 500-watt regional on 1410 kc. which recently secured full time. It is expected that the deal will be consummated in latter April. The newspaper organization, publish-ing the Rockford Star and Register Republic, is headed by Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, while Lloyd C. Thomas, station manager, heads the list of stockholders in WROK. No changes in the station management are contemplated.

THELMA BUTLER. associate editor for 14 years of the San Francisco radio fan publication. Broadcast Weekly. which was recently discon-tinued. has joined the advertising de-partment of Colvin - Templeton Inc., San Francisco, Westinghouse refrigerator distributors.

NED J. NEWMAN Adv. Agency, Los Angeles, has moved to larger quarters in the Commercial Exchange Bldg, and T. W. Burkett has become its and production manager.



## RADIO ADVERTISERS

NEWART Co. Inc., Chicago, through Malcolm-Howard Adv. Agency, Chi-cago, has entered into a four-station cago, has entered into a four-station local clothing sales campaign. WMAQ, Chicago, will carry one weather re-port announcement daily; WENR, Chicago, will have four daily; WBBM, Chicago, will have one time signal daily, and WCFL, Chicago, will have two ten-minute studio programs of popular music each weat using tranpopular music each week, using transcriptions.

SAFEWAY STORES Inc., Oakland, Cal. (chain grocery and market), to announce its fresh meat delivery serv-ice in Los Angeles, on March 11 started a ten-day campaign, using one-minute dramatized transcription announcements, five times daily, on one-minute dramatized transcription announcements, five times daily, on four stations in that territory. Discs, made by MacGregor & Sollie Inc., San Francisco, were placed on KNX and KFWB. Hollywood; KHJ and KFI. Los Angeles. J. Walter Thomp-son Co., San Francisco, is the agency.

JAMES GRAHAM Mfg. Co., San Francisco. manufacturers and distrib-utors of Wedgewood stoves, has ap-pointed the Long Adv. Service, that city, to direct its national advertising city, to direct its national advertising and along with other media on March 16 started for eight weeks a nightly spot announcement campaign on NBC-KGO. San Francisco. The agency spot announcement campaign on NBC-KGO. San Francisco. The agency has also been appointed to direct ad-vertising for Shirar-Young Co., San Francisco (refrigeration), and on March 15 started for 52 weeks at Sunday morning quarter-hour musical series of popular recordings on KJBS, that city, supplementing the program with six weekly one minute spot an-nouncements for one year on the same station. Hassel W. Smith is servicing both accounts. servicing both accounts.

DUNCAN COFFEE Co., Houston, has placed its account with H. Wirt Steele Adv. Agency, Houston.

HAAS, BARUCH & Co., Los An-geles (Iris coffee) is advertising through Erwin. Wasey & Co., Los Angeles.

MAYBELLINE Co., Chicago (eye-lash dye) has named Kirtland-Engel Co., Chicago, to direct its advertising.

OLSON RUG Co., Chicago (rebuilt rugs) places radio advertising through Presba, Fellers & Presba Inc., Chicago.

PLANTERS EDIBLE OIL Co., New York. has named Gotham Adv. Co., New York, to service its account.

UNIVERSAL CAMERA Corp., New York, has placed its advertising with Donahue & Coe Inc., N. Y.

ZORO Co., Chicago (Zorex moth cakes) will advertise through Van Hecker-MacLeod Inc., Chicago.



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## Canadian Inquiry Begun on Activity Of CRC's Regime

Temporary Lease on Life Given Commission by Parliament

#### By JAMES MONTAGNES

AS CANADA'S fiscal year comes o a close on March 31, the Canalian Radio Commission is given a emporary lease on life in the new iscal year with the announcement from Ottawa's Parliament that a committee of 23 from all parts of Canada has been appointed to lelve into the matter of giving the Canadian public adequate broadtasting service.

asting service. Including three present cabinet ministers and one former cabinet minister the committee consists of 17 Liberals, four Conservatives, bne Social Crediter, and one C. C. F. (Cooperative Commonwealth Federation). United States-born grain elevator builder C. D. Howe, Minister of Marine, Railways & Canals, under whose jurisdiction radio falls, is a member for the Liberals, with former Marine Minster P. J. A. Cardin, now Minister of Public Works, and Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defense. The ex-cabinet member is Denton Massey, one of ex-Premier Bennett's young men. Massey also has had much radio experience, as master of ceremonies, political speaker and announcer.

The Parliamentary committee, puoting the official announcement will "inquire into the operations of the Canadian Radio Commission and its administration of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Act of 1932 and amendments, and the regulations made under authority thereof; advise what if any, changes shall be effected in the existing system of radio broad-rasting; and whether the said casting; statutes and regulations should be amended in whole or in part, and what, if any, additions should be made thereto; also inquire into the extent to which there has been an abuse of broadcasting privileges, either for political or advertising purposes, and to advise as to what principles should govern the regu-lations or control thereof."

#### A New Deal Sought

NO DATE has at this writing been set for the committee to begin its work, but it is empowered to question witnesses, examine papers and records as evidence, and make reports from time to time to Parliament.

Shortly before the announcement of the committee appointment R. W. Ashcroft, Toronto advertising expert for Gooderham & Worts, who operated the Trans-Canada Broadcasting Co. before the Radio Commission came into being with CKGW (now Commission - leased CRCT) as key station, started once more his campaign for a new deal in Canadian broadcasting. Ashcroft is bound to appear before the new committee (he has before

**WOL** First in Number of Washington Advertisers

#### PRIZE PROMOTION Des Moines Stations Give Time To Advertise Contests KSO and KRNT, Des Moines, are promoting prize contests for their

RSO and KRNT, Des Moines, are promoting prize contests for their sponsors with a thrice-weekly dramatic program. The broadcasts concern the adventures of a mythical air family who are a little daffy on the subject of contests.

Ical air family who are a little daffy on the subject of contests. The skits are five minutes in length and open with the announcer introducing The Prize Hunters, "a family like the people who live next door". They have "a lot of fun and many lucky opportunities as prize hunters without even leaving their living-room." The continuity continues: "A twist of the radio dial and they find unlimited chances to win valuable awards. Listen!" Then Tom, Dad and Mother go into the prize routine in which contests on the two stations are the subject of conversation.

#### Muzak Begins in Gotham

MUZAK Inc., a division of North American Co., public utility concern, began operation in New York March 16. Both business and residential clients are being served. As to how many clients Muzak had taking its service E. H. H. Connick, vice president, would not say. He explained, however, that the New York project is an experiment as was the Cleveland effort, discontinued Feb. 15. All clients are receiving 24-hour service.

past committees) and his plan is for privately owned stations with a chartered Canadian Broadcast-ing Corporation financed on a tube license fee system, supplying re-gional studios and a daily 16 hour program for those stations desiring such a service. The corporation would own no stations, would be sole lessee of transmission facilities, would pay all copyright fees, would arrange for foreign programs, be administered by five managing governors, a director and regional directors. Cost is set as \$1,500,000 a year (estimated license revenue from listeners) which includes programs at \$1,000 a day, payment to stations for time, transmission lines, copyright fees, salaries, reserve. The Ash-croft plan is definitely based on the premise that broadcasting today is a business, and should be controlled but not operated by the state.





## \$1,246,000 In one day

That was the amount of money bet by 50,000 people at the Santa Anita race track, February 22nd — the day of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap. During the 58-day racing season, more than \$25,000,000 passed through the pari-mutuel machines at the track.

So what! If Southern California people can afford to *gamble* this amount of money, they have, for a certainty, a lot more to *spend*. It's a very definite index to the earning and spending capacity of the people in the territory served by KFWB.

KFWB has adequate power to cover this compact territory ... economically ... thoroughly. Its signal is concentrated in a densely populated area—and not wasted on the barren desert and the lonely sea. For positive coverage of the Los Angeles area use



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AN INTRODUCTION

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Your New Program

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DEPARTMENT

Representatives Furgason & Aston . . Chicago ALTHOUGH all other Chicago stations went along with the City Council adopting Eastern Standard Time on March 1, the *Prairie Farmer* station, WLS, remained on Central Standard Time. Glenn Snyder, WLS manager, decided upon this after a poll of WLS listeners, many in the rural areas, showed a 65 to 1 vote against the change. In Chicago the vote was 34 to 1 against.

WSB, Atlanta, celebrated its 14th hirthday March 15 with Lambdin Kay, veteran manager of the station, going on the air in an interview with Ernest Rogers, publicity director, discussing old times in radio.

WFBR, Baltimore, has opened auxiliary studios in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, to supplement those at its headquarters in the St. Paul Bldg. The installation, including a large studio and an audition room, was made by Johns Manville. They are acoustically treated and air-conditioned.

JOHN McCORMICK, assistant manager of WKRC, Cincinnati, Ruth Lyons, musical director, S. R. Bateman, sales manager, and Maynard Craig have been named to the newlyformed program department of WKRC, which is to originate ideas for prospective sponsors, suggest merchandising programs and advise on production.

production. • THE broadcasts of KFBK, Sacramento, from Judge Will J. Carragher's traffic court, have aroused wide comment in California's capital city. Inaugurated in conjunction with the safety campaign of the Sacramento Safety Council, the broadcasts have furnished KFBK listeners with much food for conversation as traffic violators, including well-known citizens, are paraded before the microphones during the court sessions.





TRIBUTE—From Mrs. F. M. Packwood, a Nebraska farm woman, came this tribute to radio which won first place in a contest conducted by KFAB, Lincoln, Neb., in which participants wrote on "What Radio Means to Me."

THE Musical Clock, Marshall Field & Co.'s morning contribution over WBBM, Chicago, recorded its first absence of both regular announcers when Halloween Martin and Parker Wheatley, for the first time in years, were both missing. Both had influenza attacks. Stan Thompson, regular announcer for the sponsor's men's department half-hour, handled the entire show.

AT AN assemblage of more than 2,500 high school students, Gov. James V. Allred, of Texas, addressed through the facilities of KRLD some 60,000 school children assembled in their respective auditoriums.

THE oldest and one of the largest high schools in Grand Rapids, Mich., is giving honor points to students who tune in WOOD-WASH and listen to educational programs, such as Your English, Lowell Thomas, You and Your Government and America's Town Meeting. It is expected that other Grand Rapids' schools will follow this example of promoting education via radio, as both students and teachers are enthusiastic about the plan.

WHIO, Dayton, broadcast from the local Internal Revenue Office on the last day for filing income tax returns. Fred L. Edwards, the announcer, asked a revenue official about the exemption for single men and was handed a blank to fill out.

WKRC, Cincinnati, is conducting a baseball school of the air two evenings a week with Dick Bray, sports announcer, in charge. Actual demonstrations on local ball fields are to be given. Some 2,500 notification cards were sent.



MINIATURE coverage of the national political conventions, complete in every detail, was offered its listeners March 24 hy WPTF, Raleigh, in handling the Republican State Convention, with Carl Georch, news commentator, and J. B. Clark, staff announcer, in charge of the production. WPTF that week also proved its public service by getting over \$500 in contributions for Red Cross flood relief.

KFPW, Fort Smith, Ark., broadcast a request for blood donors to save an 18-year-old girl seriously ill from nose-bleed and within an hour 50 persons had called at the hospital to offer blood for a transfusion. After daily transfusions the patient improved rapidly and soon was out of danger.

MAY Co., Los Angeles department store, has started a "guest room" where speakers and entertainers present a twice daily broadcast of a half hour via remote to KFWB, Hollywood. The idea was used for an entire week in March as a test campaign.

WBT, Charlotte. N. C., is planning an interstate horseshoe - throwing tournament and has in mind a croquet tournament at a later date. The horseshoe event will cover the Carolinas and a cup will be awarded, as well as other prizes.

HAVING made a top-rank discovery in Vivian della Chiesa in its first contest last year, WBBM, Chicago, has two more winners in its "Unknown Singer" series of this year, picked from 5,700 entries. They are Alida Sturmann and Philip Crane, of Chicago, both of whom got 13 week contracts worth \$1,300.

COOPERATING with the Atlanta COOPERATING with the Atlanta Constitution, WATL, Atlanta. kept its political commentator, Maurice Coleman, at the microphone continuously from 7:45 p. m. to 1 a. m. during the March 11 Fulton County Democratic primary, brushing all commercials aside for the service.

WBNN, New York, presented a 90minute dedication program on March 22 for its new pipe organ, with 25 artists participating. William J. Bartley was selected as staff organist from a list of 50 competing organists. He formerly was with WMCA. New York, and is well known in the operatic and theatrical world.

WMCA, New York, has started a series on Inter-City Group to pay honor to living Americans who have contributed to the welfare of the nation or advanced understanding of public affairs. Westbrook Pegler, United Features Syndicate writer, was saluted in the first program March 27.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., has started a combination barn dance and amateur show, *Carolina Jamboree*, broadcast from 11:30 p. m. Saturdays until 3:30 the following morning. More than a thousand persons attend each program. A drive for new and originalstunts is being made through 23 weekly and semi-weekly newspapers. Each week a medal is awarded to the act drawing the most fan mail.

WNEW, Newark, will move soon into its new Newark studios in the Proctor Theatre Bldg.

MORE than 50,000 copies of the 1936 WLS Family Album have been sold to listeners by the Chicago station.

THEIR eighth birthday on the air and their 2,286th broadcast was celebrated by Amos 'n' Andy March 19. Seven of the years have been under Pepsodent sponsorship.



#### STERLING PRODUCTS TAKES TWO TO NBC

STERLING PRODUCTS Co., New York, late in May, will transfer two CBS programs, Melodiana and Lavender & Old Lace to the NBC-WJZ basic network. The for-

NBC-WJZ basic network. The for-mer program will switch May 26, Tuesdays, 9:30-10 p. m., and the latter show begins the following night, Wednesdays, 8:30-9 p. m. In addition to these NBC also adds Dr. Lyon's toothpowder for the same sponsor on Wednesday, April 15, 8-8:30 p. m. As the pro-gram ties up with the Lavender & Old Lace broadcast by taking the half-hour niche immediately preceding, the sponsor will be given the hour rate after the debut of the program. Talent is unannounced but will be of a muunannounced but will be of a musical nature with guest stars and titled, Folies Bergere of the Air. This is the third NBC program

promoting Dr. Lyon's toothpowder, the other being Manhattan Merry Go 'Round NBC-WEAF, Sunday 9-9:30 p. m., and Backstage Wife which began March 30, 4:15-4:30 p. m., Monday through Friday. Two hours and a quarter each week in the interest of a single product is believed to be the heaviest schedule now on any of the national networks. Talent on the CBS shows switching to NBC will not be changed. Blackett-Sample-Hummert Inc., New York, placed all the above accounts.

#### **E. Katz Now Represents 11** Broadcast Stations

ELEVEN stations are now represented in the national field by E. Katz Special Advertising Agency which, though primarily a news-paper representative, recently organized a radio department under the direction of Eugene Katz. Lowell Jackson, formerly head of Jackson & Moore, station repre-sentatives, which was dissolved, now heads the Katz New York radio staff.

dio staff. The Katz list: WCAO, Balti-more; WGST, Atlanta; KGHL, Billings; KLZ, Denver; WOWO, Fort Wayne; KGU, Honolulu; KLRA, Little Rock; WMC, Mem-phis; WKY, Oklahoma City; phis; WKY, Oklahoma City; WCOA, Pensacola; WHN, New York. Stations WHN and WOWO are represented by Katz nationally with the exception of New York. KGU, WKY and WCOA are owned by newspapers also represented nationally by the Katz firm.

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## TRANSCRIPTIONS

RECENT subscribers to the NBC RECENT subscribers to the NBU Thesaurus service have been an-nounced as follows: WTAD, Quincy; KQW, San Jose; WKZO, Kalama-zoo; WKBZ, Muskegon; WOOD, Grand Rapids; WWJ, Detroit; KTSM, El Paso; WRJN, Racine. WMC, Memphis, has purchased the 30-episode Paul Wing, the Story Man. Man.

TITAN PRODUCTIONS Inc., San Francisco transcription concern, is cutting 26 more quarter-hour episodes of Night Editor, newspaper stories, which Cardinet Candy Co., Oakland, Cal., sponsors on the NBC-KPO net-work with live talent. They are being placed on various stations throughout the country by Tomaschke-Elliott Inc. Oakland Inc., Oakland.

RADIOAD SERVICE, Hollywood program agency operated by Capt. C. Whitney Sheely, in March became Sheely & Royce with the addition of Sheely & Royce with the addition of Milton Royce as junior partner. Mr. Royce has been active in program circles of stage and radio. The new partnership, in addition to continu-ing with program production, will also engage in a transcription business with the studios of Radio Release Ltd. being used for this phase of the work. work.

MARK L. GERSTLE, president of the Associated Studios, Hollywood transcription concern, has been elected a director of the Production Finance Corp., Los Angeles.

"WHAT the man on the street thinks of radio" was the theme of the San Francisco Advertising Club meeting held in the Palace Hotel, that city, on March 25, when C. P. MacGregor, president of MacGregor & Sollie Inc., transcription producers presided ac transcription producers, presided as chairman. Cliff Engle, NBC an-nouncer, in the guise of the inquir-ing reporter, and located on the side-walk in front of the Palace Hotel, unstitude difference on the main of questioned citizens on the merits of radio, the answers being remoted back to the Ad Club meeting.

## North California Group **Enlarged to Four Stations** THE Northern California Broad-casting System, which for nearly two years included KJBS, San Francisco and KQW, San Jose, has

expanded into a cooperative net-work and through affiliation with KROW, Oakland and San Fran-cisco, and KGDM, Stockton, now offers a four-station combination with coverage in Northern California. The new network, headed by Ralph R. Brunton of San Francisco, started functioning March 16.

Charles L. McCarthy, who recently resigned as Pacific Coast national sales representative for Hearst Radio Inc., in San Fran-Accarthy, formerly managed KQW, San Jose, and prior to that was an NBC executive in San Francisco and New York. Carlton E. Coveny remains as sales manager, with headquarters in San Francisco.





## Telephone men are troupers too,

The beginnings of chain broadcasting in 1923 brought the Bell System into the show business. Telephone men on network service promptly revised the old trouper's tradition to read, "The program must go on - on time." So well have they accomplished their objective that listeners very rarely hear an interruption in a chain broadcast, even when it is being piped to every corner of the country.

In addition to trained personnel, special wires, loading coils and repeaters . . . elaborate switching facilities . . . spare circuits for emergencies ... and a high-speed communication system along the entire network are necessary to assure this dependability. Approximately \$20,000,000 is

invested in Bell System equipment used only for program transmission.





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### SELLING IN SCANDINAVIAN Lundquist-Lilly Concentrates on Radio and Develops Big Following as Well as Big Sales

SINCE Lundquist - Lilly, men's clothing store in Seattle, started its "Scandinavian Reporter" program on KOMO-KJR, its Scandinavian business has increased 400% in an area where that element is predominating. Threefourths of the budget goes to radio.

By RAYMOND RUSH Manager of Lundquist-Lilly, Seattle



WE ARE one of Seattle's oldest radio advertisers. In 1924 we carried our first program over the radio shortly after commercial broadcasting came into existence. Little by lit-

Mr. Rush tle we added programs until now we are Seattle's largest users of radio time in the clothing field. One of our most popular programs is the *Scandinavian Reporter* which is broadcast five nights per week over KJR from 6-6:15 p. m. The results have been very gratifying.

been very gratifying. Every day one or more persons make special trips to our store to tell us how they enjoy the program. A high percentage of these people do not buy, but come just to show their appreciation for the entertainment we offer. A few days ago, an elderly lady came to our store and asked for the manager. As I approached her, she held out her hand and had a big, happy smile on her face. She proceeded to tell me how four of her neighbors who have no radio came to her house each night to listen to the *Scandi navian Reporter*—the youngest of this group being 62 years old. She tried so hard to show me her genuine appreciation of the broadcast and to impress upon my mind what a lot of pleasure and enjoyment it brought to her and her four neighbors. Here we have a booster that is far better than any type of merchandising we could do for the program. It also proved to us the great part that radio plays in the everyday life of everyone.

#### What They Say-And Buy

THE Scandinavian Reporter was started six years ago over one of Seattle's smaller stations. Many letters came to us telling us that they were unable to hear the program clearly. These letters grew in number and finally several petitions were brought to us signed by residents of outlying communities asking us to move the program to a more powerful station. By this time we were convinced that the program was worth while so decided to move it to KJR. Mail has poured in from all parts of the State and as far East as South



300 MADISON THEATER BUILDING...DETROIT WM. G. RAMBEAU CO., Representatives, Home Office: Tribune Tower, Chicago Eastern Office: 507 Chanin Bldg., New York Western Office: Russ Building, San Francisco Dakota and South as California.

Recently, while we were doing some stock work and the salesmer were all busy at the racks, a poorly dressed man came in, and by his appearance we could tell he was from the woods. I greeted him and asked if I could help him. He told me he was a prospector from northern Canada, 350 miles northeast of Vancouver, B. C., which is 510 miles from Seattle and that each evening he and his associates gathered around a battery set and listened to our program. These men come out from their camp only four times a year, or every three months. During that time their only contact with the outside world is by radio. He dwelt long on how these fellows, miles from civilization, enjoyed our program and wanted to impress upon me what a fine thing Lundquist-Lilly is doing in making their days more enjoyable; that our program is the highlight of their day. Before this man left our store he purchased an order of nearly \$100 in clothing. Shortly after that, an army offi-

Shortly after that, an army officer came into the store and told us he had heard our program while at sea. He had been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and was coming to his new post at Fort Lewis. At his first opportunity he came to Seattle and directly to our store and made a sizeable purchase of clothing. These are only a few of the incidents with which we come in contact daily.

The Scandinavian Reporter, Mr. Jorgenson, is an employe of our store and we take great delight in introducing him to our customers who mention our program. He speaks all Scandinavian languages very well. During the five nights a Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish program is broadcast. In this way, we please all of the Scandinavian people. The music used on the programs consists of native songs of these countries. The opening and closing commercial announcements are given by the station announcer in English. Due to the fact that this program has become a civic enterprise, many Scandinavian persons of note have appeared on the program, and we know that this talent could not be had for any

gram, and we know that this talent could not be had for any amount of money. They believe we are doing a fine thing and are anxious to help the program along.

ous to help the program along. Lundquist - Lilly operate two stores in the Pacific Northwest one in Seattle and the other in Tacoma. Radio has done much to build the business in these stores and insure continued success. Both stores occupy second floor locations in the very heart of the business district of the two cities and feature popular-priced men's clothing. A large staff are employed in the two stores under Howard Lilly, president of the organization.

PURCHASE of control in KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash., by H. E. Studebaker, station manager, was disclosed in an application filed March 25 with the FCC. The seller is Louis Wasmer, operator of KGA and KHQ, Spokane.

> Transradio NEWS available for sponsorship **WJBY** Gadsden, Alabama

Merchandising Notes

Scientists on Parade-Grocers Boost-Young Nurses-Baseball School-Telling the Drug Trade

T TOOK 21 scientists 34 years to write Exact Measurements of the Spoken Word, which CBS has pubshed as a compilation of scientific vidence on the ear vs. eye subject. t resulted from a systematic earch of literature on the subject. rief resumes of each scientific tudy are given, with references to omplete data.

AS A merchandising tieup with its rinted advertising, Duke Power to, features "Reddy Kilowatt" as he living voice of electricity on its program broadcast by WBT, Char-otte, N. C. "Reddy", played by Clair Shadwell, produces a deep, resonant voice that booms forth in rather terrifying fashion.

**THE** first annual National Groc-rs' Week, March 16-21, was supported by all grocery accounts on he air. Sponsors of these pro-rrams wove into their commercial opy the suggestion that listeners isit neighborhood grocers and ask bout special sales in honor of Na-ional Grocers' Week.

\* \* \* EACH Thursday on the Plymouth-CBS broadcast, Ed Wynn asks a question. To answer the query lis-eners must visit local Plymouth dealers for an official blank. By March 25 over 100,000 answers had ome in, competing for the weekly award of a Plymouth car. The number of entries each week has been running between 16,000 and 18,000.

WHEN WJDX, Jackson, Miss. and ocal newspapers quarreled in .930, the station started its own radio paper to get its schedule before the public. Two years later the paper, which was circulated ree, had grown to such an extent hat the station found it too expensive. It was turned over to William Harold Davis, then chief over at the station and for perator at the station, and fornerly radio editor for one of the ailies, who began publication of The Air Journal, \$1 a year, carry-The Air Journal, \$1 a year, carry-ng only the local station's pro-grams. It finally was discontinued. A few months ago, Mr. Davis, realizing business had become nuch better, resumed publication of *The Air Journal*. This time there was no subscription price, out instead the paper was sold in wilk to the largest laundry in the oulk to the largest laundry in the tate and the largest milk dealer, who in turn distributed the paper

who in turn distributed the paper o their customers along with suits, laundry and milk. The paper, which carries a cross section of all the best program on the air, both local and national, was an immediate success. A na-cional refining company, a large notel, a radio tube distributor, a paker, a chain of theatres, and numerous smaller merchants have been added to the list of sponsors. peen added to the list of sponsors. The paper is circulated in 35 towns butside of Jackson, and has twice had to seek additional printing facilities to take care of the inreport that it not only has in-reased sales, but collections as well.





KATE SELLS-A. & P. is placing the bulk of its coffee sales burden on the Moon-singing Kate Smith. Here is a promotion piece that ties in with the program.

MORE than 1600 replies were re-ceived by WBZ-WBZA, Boston-Springfield, from a single announcement by the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League, sponsoring a 13-week series Makers of History. At the conclusion of the March 1 broadcast a free subscription to a new monthly magazine on home building and maintenance was offered to those writing with-in three days. A home financing booklet also was offered.

WSM, Nashville, is all set for the opening of the Texas Centennial Exposition and will be represented by a mammoth exhibit, covering 1,100 square ft. of floor space. The building will be titled "Tennessee-Texas Hall of Heroes" displaying paintings and photomontage pic-tures. Both WSM and National Life & Accident Insurance Co., operating the station, will be prominently displayed.

WFBL, Syracuse, combined newsing campaign with a full-page newspaper advertisement and tieing the campaign to two daily programs with biographies of radio artists and build-ups for its broadcasts. Daily announcements were made of the WFBL window display service.

NEARLY 7,000 youngsters have enrolled as members of Bess Johnson's Junior Nurse Corps, Swift & Co.'s Sunbrite program which was premiered over a CBS network in February.



YANKEE NETWORK is entering its third baseball season with the highly successful Jack Onslow's Baseball School of the Air, which has an enrollment of well over 30,000. The program is broadcast the year round on a tri-weekly basis. It is organized on the class-room idea with Onslow as director and members of visiting baseball and members of visiting baseball clubs as the faculty. In past sea-sons sponsors have had notable success with premium cards issued to members who buy their prod-unt. The cards are avchangeable to members who buy their prod-uct. The cards are exchangeable for premiums of baseball equip-ment. Holders of membership cards are entitled to attend baseball school broadcasts. About 30% of the 30,000 enrolled are girls. The mail pull runs around a thousand or more per broadcast.

YANKEE NETWORK is entering

KNX, Hollywood, for six months has been using half-page adver-tisements in the West Coast Drug-gist which tie in with names of drug sponsors and mentions times of programs. Each month the of programs. Each month the names of sponsors are changed. In addition a complete list of drug and grocery accounts is issued each month, showing names of sponsors, program times and notification of contests. The sheets are sent to every wholesale and chain buyer in the 11 Western states.

WRC, Washington, issued a book-let on the first anniversary program March 18 of Gordon Hittenmark, announcer of the morning Your Timekeeper program. It is done in the form of a formal invitation and contains a list of spon-sors who have participated in the feature.



Humor, pathos, excitement, mingle in the WHIO Traffic Court broadcast to make it one of the most popular radio programs in this territory. Business men forget business, housewives forget housework, maids and madames hurry to the radio when Dayton's Municipal Court goes on the air every weekday morning. Outstanding local shows, plus famous NBC Red and Blue Network programs get listeners for WHIO — and customers for YOUR products.



39 S. Ludlow, Dayton, Ohio National Representatives Sawyer-Ferguson-Walker Co. Chicago-Detroit-New York



## **ONWAAT** Big Gas Campaign Brings Startling NEWS was a feature $4\frac{1}{2}$ Years Ago

News is nothing new as an audience - getting feature on this station. As anciently as  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, international, national and local flashes were being flagged over the air-waves of WAAT to all of Northern New Jersey, clean into Metropolitan New York.

Programming of this typical sort has helped make WAAT listened to - in more ways than one, as advertisers can tell you from dollars - and cents results.

WAAT has no illusions of comparison with the stars of the Very First Magnitude. It does offer itself, however, as a mighty brilliant constellation in the firmament of neargreat stations definitely able to do a checkable, productive iob.

## ACTUALLY—

Northern New Jersey is a territory of closely knit, large and small communities approximating 2,225,-000 people-for all practical purposes equivalent to the total population of Boston, St. Louis and Pittsburgh, put together. Can you use this market?

The Facts Are Yours On Request. Write or Call For Them



## **Results to Utilities** Mystery Chef Is Sponsored By 101 Local Companies

WHEN 87 gas and gas-electric companies went on the air last December with the Mystery Chef December with the Mystery Chef series, embracing territory from Washington, D. C., to Portland, Me. and New York to Buffalo, using two associated NBC stations and an NBC network of 13 sta-tions, results were so amazing that the list of sponsoring companies unickly graw to 101 quickly grew to 101.

Regional Advertisers Inc., trade association formed for the campaign, according to its secre-tary, Charles W. Pearson, has achieved the following results: "500,000 cook books, called for in person, getting dog-eared in a multitude of kitchens; 500,000 multitude of kitchens; 500,000 more copies being rushed from the press. Transcriptions of the pro-grams ordered by local gas com-panies — in a period of two weeks — in Omaha, Nebraska, in Mem-phis, Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tennessee; in Birmingham, Ala-bama Davenport Lowa Altoona bama, Davenport, Iowa, Altoona and Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and in Honolulu. The West Coast show-ing interest and inquiring about having the programs rebroadcast to a Pacific audience."

Men, who as a class aren't supposed to know an egg beater from a beet slicer, wrote in some 3,000 strong when The Mystery Chef ana menu for a dinner party which they would find easy to cook and serve. The Providence (R. I.) Gas All Night for KSL

WHEN KSL, Salt Lake City, opens at 6:30 Saturday mornings, it is starting unin-terrupted service lasting until Monday, 1 a. m., having started an all-night Saturday program. Requests for the all-night service came from Pacific Coast and Pacific island groups where KSL is h e a r d regularly. Formerly distant islands heard KSL at a late-night hour because of the difference in time. Programs, according to Earl J. Glade, KSL manager, will include news, dance orchestras, studio groups and other varied entertainment.

Co., seeing the way the wind blew, printed a booklet called "Men Like Good Food . . . so here is a mes-sage men will want to read from cover to cover . . ." and sent it to men's clubs, bachelor and stag organizations.

#### Merchandising Efforts

IT COSTS the companies 21/2 cents per domestic meter a year to join the program, and 4 cents a copy for the recipe book, which has 100 for the recipe book, which has 100 pages, four-color cover, the Mys-tery Chef's most popular recipes, over 70 good cooking tips, and two pages of selling copy of the use of modern gas equipment in the home. In the territory reached, there are 6,000,000 domestic me-tors. At present 5.400,000 metars ters. At present, 5,400,000 meters are represented by The Mystery Chef.

Transcriptions (12 to 13 minutes) do not include opening or closing announcements. They are

## Accent on Information

As a means of improving his service to advertisers in all parts of the country, George Roesler announces the opening of a third office, in the Lincoln Building, New York City. The facilities of the proved stations in the following listing are available to advertisers interested in maximum results for a minimum expenditure.

WMFG —	Duluth, Minn. Hibbing, Minn. Rock Island, Ill.	WSPA — Spartanburg, S. C. Virginia Broadcasting System
WIL -	(The Quad Cities) Detroit, Mich. St. Louis, Mo. Terre Haute, Ind.	KFYR — Bismarck, N. D. KARK — Little Rock, Ark. KQW — San Jose, Cal. KJBS — San Francisco, Cal.

George Roesler

**Radio Station Representative** 

42nd Floor, Civic Opera Bldg., Chicago New Center Building, Detroit Lincoln Building, New York

left to the purchasing compan-the local station or any advertisin agency chosen. Interested con panies may obtain, free of charge a double-faced transcription an an audition at any local station.

The merchandising of the broad casts, carried on by the individua companies, has ranged from post ers on New Jersey buses to sma teaser ads, run in all Rochester N. Y. papers before the program actually went on the air. Corr panies have remarked that th program doesn't need to be mei chandised — it sells itself; but th majority have tied it in with thei newspaper advertising, customer: bills, envelope stuffers, streamers postcards, calendars, etc. Hous organs have carried stories, an so have employee bulletins. The files of Regional Advertiser

have taken on a decided bulge wit the letters sent in by men an women. Mail has definitely no been encouraged, but The Myster Chef is very neatly snowed unde nevertheless, and the volume in creases weekly. When The Mys tery Chef broadcast a series o cooking talks for Davis Bakin Powder he received letters from one out of every four families in the U. S. Official NBC figure show that his station mail responsin one month equalled total mai response from four other cooking talks for an entire three-yea period.

**WBS-ERPI** Affiliatior Mentioned in FCC Probe THE AFFILIATION of Work Broadcasting System, Inc., with Electrical Research Products Inc. subsidiary of A. T. & T., was de veloped March 25 during the FCC's investigation of the A. T. & T., be gan several weeks ago. It was the first mention of broadcasting

per se, during the inquiry. With Samuel Meisells, assistant chief accountant of the telephone investigation, as witness, testi-mony was adduced showing that ERPI and WBS entered into an agreement in 1931 whereby the lat ter would install Western Electri transcription apparatus. Mr. Mei-sells said also that all of the capi-tal stock of Sound Studios Inc. subsidiary of WBS, and a majority of WBS stock was placed with ERPI in connection with a financial transaction. He asserted that these agreements placed limita-tions on activities of WBS, notably in connection with dividend poli-cies, funded debt, salaries and distributors' contracts.



## NEW Subscription Order

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### \_BY STATION BREAK\_

HE radio station executive you need in the Feb. 15 issue of SOADCASTING evidently has no presentative to guide him. herwise he would know that the rencies are the last people in the orld to ask about coverage,"... the retort of a distinguished rrespondent to our discussion of A.B.C. for broadcasting. We'll him continue.

"HE average radio executive toids anything that is technical. a only wants to know what the ading' stations are and to quote te of them 'The Lord knows that verage maps tell us nothing out that!'

HE IS just about right, and if a can devise a Radio ABC Audit at will select the stations for m, pick the spots, give him figes on families, population and e number of retail outlets, costs id rates, and, oh-yes, the number people who will be listening, id give him all this automatical-, guaranteed foolproof, he will be tisfied,—but I doubt it."

OLLOWING which our correondent waxes equally cynical neerning the stations . . . since hey claim about everything in ght", says he.

HEN comes sound advice . . . hich we quote in some detail.

IF HE (the advertiser) uses raio, he is first interested in just ho and how many he can reach rrough the stations he selected. his looks like an engineering probim, pure and simple, and should ot be confused with how many ill listen providing he puts on the ight kind of program. If we have o data as to whom he can reach, he have no way of determining ccurately just whom he will sach." (Italics ours.)

WE CAN determine the first by survey by properly qualified enineers. We can approximately dermine the second through studies I listening habits and program reference."... Following which ur correspondent v ery a ptly oints out the difference between tandard coverage surveys, where eld intensity is matched against oise level and similar factors, nd the usual signal strength study ...We agree that the former are auch the more desirable.

**OUR** correspondent concludes as



follows: "I have the feeling that if a survey (coverage) were available for every station in the country, the advertiser would find a way to use it intelligently, in spite of the agencies. Mail response break - downs, audience surveys, program preference checks can be plotted against either type of engineering survey and the advertiser will be able to reach the markets he plans to reach without being led away from distribution into speculative fields."

"ANY radio ABC Audit should be confined to an accurate engineering picture. The ABC Audit Bureau does not make any claims regarding the number of people who read advertisements, and our Audit Bureau should not try to do the impossible regarding listeners."

ALL OF WHICH appeals to us greatly . . . though we are in no position to judge the accuracy of the comments regarding the advertising agencies. Pardon our smugness if we say . . . we've been associating with the elite . . . who seem to be well versed in station coverage data.

ON THE other hand . . . we suspicion . . . from what we've seen . . . that flame lurks behind the smoke raised by our correspondent. We've heard some rash comments regarding the fact that a good program makes its own audience ... following which the agent has rushed out to buy the most powerful station in sight, irrespective of its specific fitness to the task at hand . . . If space buying is a lost art . . . as is sometimes claimed . . . then time buying has still to be discovered. This comment is directed only to the shoes which fit it.

SEVERAL highly important thoughts are suggested by the letter which we have quoted. Our correspondent has rendered a real service in emphasizing, once more,



the absolute need for beginning with fundamentals in any ABC which is created for radio.

POTENTIAL listening audience and habits as to hours of listening and similar matters undoubtedly must be the fundamentals of any successful ABC... and these must be measured on as conservative a basis as possible.

AT THE present time coverage surveys seem to be the most reliable *standard* means open for the measurement of potential audience ... which we say with bated breath, having been told some of the problems which exist even then. However, if the experts of the 4-As, ANA and NAB can devise anything better ... we're all for it.

WE FEEL quite certain that engineering surveys will not constitute the final and complete answer . . . since there seems to be a marked difference at times between the total potential audience of a station and the effective potential audience . . . that part of the listeners within the coverage area of a station who are not prevented from listening to it by the habit of referring to another station . . . because it can be heard even more satisfactorily or because the second station's programs . . . as a whole . . . are very much more attractive. About them you get into listening metaphysics, where research must yield us very many more facts before sound speculation is possible.

A CLOSING word . . . No radio ABC will give the complete answer to time buying, any more than does the ABC in the periodical field. An ABC rating is merely the common denominator from which one may begin the evaluation of a station or periodical . . . From there on buying is a matter of skilled and experienced judgment . . . an art . . . not a science or process of arithmetic. Intelligent buying of stations can progress only as advertisers and agencies come to understand more thoroughly the numerous factors which enter into the selection of a given station for a specific purpose . . . Again . . . this comment is not for my friends among the elite





## **Radio Battles for Duffy Bill**

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ment made a decided impression upon committee members. It is believed that if a committee vote were to be taken at this time the Duffy Bill provision would be enacted. That, insofar as users of copyrighted works are concerned, the strongest provision of the bill since it extracts from ASCAP and from lesser copyright com-bines the power they have held in forcing acceptance of performance contracts arbitrarily set. The NAB arguments were pre-

sented by James W. Baldwin, managing director, who made the openaging director, who made the open-ing statement; Sydney M. Kaye, member of the New York firm of Rosenberg, Goldmark & Colin, and Louis G. Caldwell, Washington at-torney and former Radio Commis-sion general counsel. E. Stuart Sprague, former NBC copyright counsel, also was at the counsel table as advisor table as advisor.

Before the hearings conclude it is expected that the motion picture producers, motion picture exhibitors, Authors League, Ameri-can Federation of Labor, and other organizations, mainly in opposition to the measure, will appear. Nathan Burkan, ASCAP general counsel who testified early in the hearings, also has requested opportunity to present rebuttal testimony. Several members of the Committee have protested against the procedure of hearing opponents first.

Since the Duffy Bill already has passed the Senate, and has the publicly announced approval of the

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State Department along with the implied sanction of President Roosevelt, it is felt it would pass the House in short order once it reached the floor. The largest bar-rier, of course, is the hostility of Chairman Sirovich and several other committee members.

Members of the committee have intimated that there is "stalling" going on. It has even been hinted that one piece of strategy which may be employed in an effort to block consideration at this session will be the appointment of a sub-committee of the Patents Committee to consider all three pending copyright measures and incor-porate their "best features" into one bill. That would spell the doom of the bill at this session beyond shadow of doubt, it is comtended.

#### No Stars Around

MR. BALDWIN opened the broadcasting industry case March 17 in a practically deserted hearing room, for the broadcasters had no Vallees or Gershwins or Cohans to parade before the Committee and to draw the crowds. There were only a half-dozen committee members present.

His direct testimony covered only about five minutes. Then he was subjected to a grilling by several committee members that consumed the remaining hour and 55 minutes before the committee re-cessed. He brought out that the NAB at its last convention in July



WOW Coverage

"Listen to your program every day.

Like it, it's different. Pana is about 450

"An easy problem if you care for it. If a hen and a half laid an egg and a

half in a day and a half, how many eggs

will six hens lay in seven days? I believe the answer is 28." \*Letter on File

JOHN BLAIR CO., Representatives New York, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco

ON THE N.B.C. BASIC RED NETWORK

"Dear WOW Man On The Street,

miles from Omaha.

"Covers the Nation's Breadbasket"



#### adopted a resolution favoring enactment of the Duffy Bill, and that the NAB board of directors last February instructed him to urge enactment of the measure.

The cross examination started when Rep. Daly (D-Pa.), author of one of the pending bills de-signed to block the Duffy Bill, asked Baldwin what his salary was since the same question had been asked of certain ASCAP witnesses. When Mr. Baldwin responded that it was \$11,000 per year, there was a lifting of committeemen eye-brows. (That was because Gene Buck, ASCAP president, has an-nounced his salary as \$35,000, while it is reported that Mr. Bur-kan and E. C. Mills, ASCAP gen-eral manager get three times and eral manager, get three times and twice that much, respectively).

Reading from a manuscript containing questions, Rep. Daly pumped Mr. Baldwin on such things as the amounts radio pays musicians and other performers, and salaries of other officers of the NAB. There were no figures available on the first question and Mr. Baldwin then informed the committee that he is the only paid official of the trade association.

Acting Chairman Lanham (D-Tex.) then cook up the interrogation. Dr. Sirovich had turned the gavel over to his Texas colleague because of ill-health which, however, did not keep him away from the hearings. He likewise read from a prepared sheet, going into such matters as music pools, Warner Bros. and phonograph records.

Mr. Lanham asked whether the so-called "plugging" of music by stations killed it. Mr. Baldwin said it was a matter of opinion, and that in his view the only thing that kills music quicker than playing it is not to play it. Dr. Sirovich asked whether

broadcasters, in paying nearly \$3,000,000 to ASCAP for music in 1935, thought they paid too little or too much, and the managing director asserted he could not answer that since no comparative information was available. When Dr. Sirovich asked why the con-troversy existed as between ASCAP and broadcasters, Mr. Baldwin said the NAB did not seek to use the committee as a "forum" for any of its differences with ASCAP, but came prepared to support the Duffy Bill.

#### Method of Payment

HE THEN explained, however, that the ASCAP dispute does not involve the amount of money paid to the combine, but was confined to the method of paying a monopolistic organization. Enactment of the Duffy Bill, he asserted, in large measure would correct this situation eventually.

Mr. Baldwin sought to dispel the theory that the \$87,000,000 busi-ness of the broadcasting industry last year was "profit". He said last year was "profit". He said it was simply gross billings, out of which agency commissions, time and frequency discounts and expenses had to be paid. In 1931, he pointed out, the industry had a gross of \$77,000,000, but sustained a loss, as a whole, of \$500,000.

a loss, as a whole, of \$500,000. It apparently was news to the committee when Mr. Baldwin ex-plained that ASCAP is not the only copyright pool to which broadcasters pay tribute. He men-tioned Warner Bros., Associated Music Publishers, Society of Euro-pean Stage Authors and Compos-

ers and G. Ricordi. Responding t questions from several member Mr. Baldwin among other thin brought out that it is not possib. to pass music costs along to time buyers because of the method paying copyright owners; that the gross figure of \$87,000,000 is fa lacious, since in one item alon some \$13,000,000 is passed alon to advertising agencies. There w raucus, raised by Dr. Sirovicl about broadcasters paying \$13 000,000 for the "services" of a vertising agencies as against \$3 000,000 for music.

Mr. Kaye, retained as counse by the NAB along with Mr. Cale well, next took the stand, an analyzed the Duffy Bill as well a the Sirovich and Daly substitut measures. Even officials of ASCA in attendance asserted it was th most able presentation ever mad of the broadcasters' viewpoint o copyright. Like Mr. Baldwin, h confined himself to the issues pre sented in the legislation, rathe than drag in extraneous, irrelev ant matters as ASCAP witnesses. matters as did the initia

#### Old Law Outmoded

ASCAP in its testimony, he as serted, attempted to divert atten tion from the real issue with it parade of Tin Pan Alley lumi naries. "The broadcasting indu-try," said Mr. Kaye, "contend that the Act of 1909 is, in man respects antiputed and outwarded respects antiquated and outmoded that the Copyright Law has no been adapted to the needs o broadcasting, and that revision o the law is necessary in the inter ests 'of the progress of science and the useful arts.' We believe that the Duffy Bill, while it will in some respects throw an additional bur den upon broadcasters, correct the major defects of the presen law, and we therefore appear be fore you as supporters of tha bill."

Mr. Kaye effectively dispelle the ASCAP argument that its rev enues were divided among 45,00 composer and author members. H brought out that it has but 1,08 author and composer members both dead and alive, active and in active, since its creation in 1914 The other 45,000 people are thos of foreign societies with which ASCAP has reciprocal contracts American music, only a small por tion of ASCAP's revenue is sent to these foreign societies, amount ing perhaps to 10% of ASCAI collections.

Of significance was the dis closure by Mr. Kaye that, while lit tle was said of it during the hear-ings, ASCAP has 108 publisher members which in turn have 12-subsidiaries. The publishers ge 50% of the ASCAP fund. He dif-forentiated heat wear the small ferentiated between the small rights and the grand rights cover ing music, and held that the \$25 penalty originally was intended to protect the grand rights, or the performance of two or more numbers from the same major work whereas small rights involve a performance of a single musical work not as a part of a play or operetta but simply a non-dramatic rendition.

With this foundation, Mr. Kay discoursed on piracy of music. H argued that the \$250 damage clause does not act as a deterrent against the pirate, but that it is the honest man who really fears the damage

lause. He brought out the difficulies inherent in ascertaining the wner of the performing right of articular compositions and of the onstant danger of infringing inocently. ASCAP, he brought out, loes not supply a catalog of its vorks.

The Warner Bros. withdrawal rom ASCAP was brought into the earing by Mr. Kaye. He explained that suits aggregating over \$3,000,-00 are pending against stations and networks, all of them in the innocent infringement' category. These stations he asserted can-

These stations, he asserted, cannot be described as "pirates". He save several examples of how these innocent infringements have ocurred, showing how they can happen through pickups of parades, college games and the like. He argued that it was an undemotation of the second second second second tratic power held by copyright work, and conceivably even the work, and conceivably even the owners of receivers which pick up an unauthorized number so pertormed.

Whereas that is possible under the present law, he brought out that the Duffy Bill would change the situation since it provides that an innocent incidental rendition, where the infringement could not internave been avoided, does not give internave been avoided, does not give internave been avoided, does not give internave been avoided, account of the internation of the fort that the ASCAP has col-

The fact that ASCAP has colinterfected only about \$8,800 in intringement suits, said Mr. Kaye, is the surest argument of the ininterfection of the clause. They use the indelause, he asserted, to force settlemements out of court and to force about a the clause is not necessary



PEEK-A-BOO? — No, Chairman Sirovich simply relaxes during the ill spell that overtook him while the broadcasters were presenting their side of the Duffy copyright bill, which the New York Congressman, outspoken advocate of ASCAP, bitterly opposes. Committee clerk assailed the Harris & Ewing photographer for taking this candid shot.

and that the Duffy Bill would bring only a change in degree insofar as the damage clause is concerned. Now, he said, the courts are required to assess damages s o m e w h e r e between \$250 and \$5,000, whereas under the Duffy Bill the damages would be fixed by the court somewhere between \$1 and \$20,000.

Those who say the Duffy Bill does not provide an adequate remedy for the copyright owner, Mr. Kaye declared, do not say it in good faith. He said the Duffy Bill would not put ASCAP out of business, but on the other hand would be a great advantage to them. He spoke of the resentment of Federal judges in being put in a sort of "judicial straitjacket" by the clause in the present law requiring them to assess minmum damages

in the present hav requiring term to assess minimum damages. "No industry," he declared, "still less one which is admittedly making real contributions to the American public should be asked to continue with this constant threat of outrageous penalties hanging over its head."

Discussing other provisions of the bill in which broadcasters are interested only indirectly, Mr. Kaye asserted the 2 cents per record clause on manufacture of phonograph records was of no direct concern to the broadcasting industry. The Duffy Bill in that respect, he said, is simply an extension of the law as it exists today. As to wired radio, he said that if it ever proves successful, it would be an enemy of "space" broadcasting.

While the Duffy Bill with respect to wired radio might be somewhat ambiguous, he asserted that the term "broadcasting" should be considered in its widest use and should cover wired radio in consideration of payment of copyright royalties. Perhaps it would be desirable, he said, for the committee to describe wired radio in a broader way in its report on the Duffy Bill. Facsimile, he said, has nothing to do with the performance of music, and is simply a radio photographic process.

#### The Berne Convention

APROPOS U. S. admission to the Berne copyright convention, on which there has been considerable committee discussion in opposition, Mr. Kaye asserted he felt the Duffy Bill was skilfully drawn and would give the United States maximum protection. He said he also was in favor of the so-called Trammel amendment which would protect American labor by assuring publication of American works in this country rather than abroad.

ASCAP opposition to the International Copyright Union, Mr. Kaye argued, is "another smokescreen" with the real issue that of opposition to elimination of the onerous minimum infringement clause. He brought out that Mr. Mills advocated adherence to the Berne convention in 1935 but that ASCAP now bases its opposition on Nazism in Germany and Fascism in Italy.

ism in Italy. The Duffy Bill, according to Mr. Kaye, would give increased benefits to composers and authors, since at present broadcasters have the right to broadcast non-dramatic literary works without compensation to their creators. But, he added, they willingly consent to the provision in the Duffy Bill which extends to such works protection against broadcasting without compensation. He mentioned other protections, such as protection against undue mutilation; divisibility of copyright, and the general promotion of science and the useful arts.

Unlike other witnesses, Mr. Kaye (Continued on page 58)





## **21 TIMES** BETTER Merchandising for Drug and Grocery Accounts!



reproduced a bove. Note complete listing of advertised grocery products.

• Tell the dealer-keep telling him-and if your story is right he'll cooperate. Such was our reasoning when we started mailing merchandising bulletins to druggists and grocers in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Waterloo, telling them about radio programs on the Iowa Network stations. Time has proved we were correct. So now we are extending our mailing to include grocers and druggists in 62 Iowa counties instead of three. It took a lot of research and almost 2,000 new addressograph plates but we think our advertisers will like it. This extra merchandising punch is just one reason why things have changed in the radio set-up in Iowa.

## Iowa Network WMT NBC Basic Biue, Cedar Rapids-Waterioo

KRNT CBS Basto. Des Moines KSO NBC Basic Blue, Des Moines

> Stations of the Des Moines **Register and Tribune**

Representatives: John Biair & Co.

#### **Radio Flood Service**

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gineer, had his first experience on the air as commentator when he announced and controlled his own program from the tottering old Chain Bridge, above Washington. With Ted Church in charge, CBS arranged remote hookups at a number of vantage points and The dog house of WJSV, CBS Washington outlet, located along the Potomac between Washington and Alexandria, Va., was sur-rounded by water. [See photo.] A few more inches and the flood would have thrown the tuning in-

ductances out of commission. On March 18-19, WJSV was on the air until 3:30 a.m. United Press bulletins were broadcast as well as information received by engineers from amateurs. In an hour-and-a-half broadcast March 23 WJSV raised some \$700 for flood relief. Buddy Rogers and other theatrical and studio talent took part in the program

took part in the program. WOL, Washington, broadcast elaborate flood service and the station participated in a drive for relief funds, with Art Brown, Musi-cal Clock announcer, soliciting penny contributions. By March 25 the WOL fund had passed the \$1,000 mark. Many of the gifts went far above the penny limit, of course. WOL received flood bulletins from Transradio Press and direct wire to the Washington Herald.

WSM, Nashville, remained on the air until 3 a. m. March 19 with Francis Craig and WSM entertainers filling in between news bulle-tins and forwarding messages to and from those in flooded areas. A Red Cross flood relief announce-ment at noon over WLS, Chicago, did not have to wait for the customary mail response. In 30 minutes after the announcement, a special messenger delivered a check for \$100. Smaller cash items were brought in personally by business men in nearby offices.

#### Westinghouse Stations Help

WBZ-WBZA, Boston-Springfield, turned over all facilities to public authorities when it became apparent that danger was to be wide-spread. Working with W. Gordon Swan, traffic manager of WBZ-WBZA, Capt. James P. Mahoney of the state police set up direct teletype service to NBC studios.

A steady stream of warnings, announcements, orders and vital information was broadcast over





EMERGENCY AT WDRC-Working by candlelight and shivering with cold, the Hartford station's crew stayed on the job during the flood's washout of the local power service. This flashlight shows, standing holding candle, Sterling V. Couch, program director; seated left, Perry Brumfield, operator, and Harvey Olson, announcer. Power for transmitter came from emergency batteries.

New England. Robert E. White, studio director of WBZA, Springfield, was on duty without for 54 hours, not even taking time out for a meal as he arranged pickcontacted public authorities, ups. utility companies and relief organ-izations. While arranging a special pickup he was marooned with his remote outfit but was rescued by boat.

John A. Holman, NBC New England manager, with Charles A. Nobles, announcer, and Joseph E. Baudino, Westinghouse plant man-ager of WBZ, chartered a plane, loaded it with equipment, and toured the flooded area. The Springfield Union and Republican, unable to print, turned over their staffs to WBZA.

#### Altoona to the Rescue

NEARBY Altoona was naturally called upon immediately for aid to Johnstown, and WFBG, aggressive 100-watter, did not fail its neighbor. It acted as a clearing house for the Red Cross, for local officials calling for boats, trucks, etc., and stayed on the air until 3 a. m. daily until the flood waters subsided, according to Roy Thompson, WFBG manager. On March 18 WFBG keyed CBS for 15 minutes, carrying first-hand reports by Mr. Thompson, by the first two eye-witnesses out of Johnstown and by the secretary of the local Red Cross.

When Altoona's southern section itself became flooded, the station sent out notices to conserve water but the city reservoirs fortunately did not give way, and raised \$5,000 in cash and several truckloads of food for the refugees not only in Altoona but in Johnstown. WFBG also handled direct inquir-



ies from persons seeking information about their friends in the flood areas.

W3XAU, shortwave station of WCAU, Philadelphia, was taken off entertainment, was used exclu-sively for relief broadcasts. Con-tact was made with W8XK, of KDKA, Pittsburgh, and a regular ochodule was maintined. schedule was maintained. Messages were relayed to Pittsburgh by shortwave and listeners to WCAU and WHP, Harrisburg, were asked to listen to W3XAU and relay messages to cities in distress.

WLNH, Laconia, N. H., pledged over \$150 an hour for Red Cross flood relief. The Red Cross quota for the Laconia district was placed at \$700, to be raised in four weeks through the regular channels. Starting at 6 p. m., on March 20, the station signed off after more than five hours of broadcasting and after \$181 more than the original quota had been pledged by telephone.

The next morning WLNH con-tinued its appeal and at 11 o'clock that night, an additional \$2000 had been pledged. By Sunday night, with contributions still pouring in. Manager Hugh M. Hescock, signed off to enable his weary staff to get a real night's rest. At that time the total was over \$3300, or nearly five times the quota for the district. Chief announcer Tom Clavton worked without relief throughout the entire period.

#### Binghamton and Sunbury

WNBF, Binghamton, N. Y., was on the air 66 consecutive hours, starting March 18. Practically all commercial work was discontinued, according to Cecil D. Mastin, manager. Two operators manned each of six telephones and the station was the only means of communica-

WHDH and WCOP, Boston, flashed constant news bulletins to flooded Massachusetts. A Red Cross relief program of WCOP brought a quick response. Transradio Press announced



nat its exhaustive flood coverage ad been received favorably by cations in the dozen affected states. constant stream of messages was ed to Transradio clients, with raio demonstrating its superiority news coverage during time of isaster

WKOK, Sunbury, Pa., on the susquehanna, warned of the flood's pproach and on March 18 broadast an official summons for the tate militia, which was organized vithin an hour after the first call vas sent. A shortwave transmit-er was set up along the river, two locks from the station, with Glenn Williams, announcer, and Milton Dideum, operator, on the job, as he river broke through its banks. Toward the end of a four-day igil, during which constant servre was maintained, a pair of 866 ubes was needed quickly. A highway patrolman made a quick trip o Shamokin to obtain replacenents.

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Boats were used in gaining ad-mittance to WKOK, water being wo-feet deep on the first floor of the building where the station oc-upies the second floor. General Electric Co. announced

hat service shops, warehouses and ocal plants were kept busy taking are of emergency repairs. Hos-bitals were supplied with gene-cators in cases where they were without power. Announcements were made over broadcast stations that supplies would be furnished where needed.

#### **Green Manages Bands**

CHARLES E. GREEN, noted band manager who has specialized in prchestra management and booking for the last six years through his own firm, Consolidated Radio Artists, Inc., will take charge of the NBC band division April 1. He will devote his entire time to handling NBC bands, which after April 1 will include all those now managed by Consolidated, and will enlarge and reorganize the divi-sion. Specialists of the Consoli-dated personnel will come with him to NBC Artists Service to handle special problems of sales and management. Green has been appoint-ed to the position formerly held by Harold Kemp, who resigned recently to join Fanchon and Marco on the West Coast.

#### **Entering Rep Field**

BRANHAM Co., national newspaper representatives, will enter the radio station representation field April 1, with KRLD, owned by the Dallas Times-Herald as first client. James H. Connolly, for the last 10 years on the media staff of N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., Philadelphia, and for the last six months on the time-buying staff in Ayer's New York office, will head up the new radio department. It is the stated intention of the Branham Co. to only represent radio stations owned by newspapers already represented by them. Currently there are 25 newspapers on Branham's list, of which 11 have radio stations.

KEUB are the call letters assigned by the FCC to the new 100-watt station in Price, Utah, recently au-thorized. Operator will be Sam G. Weiss, doing business as Eastern Utah Broadcasting Co.



ENGINEER SPEAKS-Keith Williams, NBC Washington engineer, arrived at old Chain Bridge, along the flooded Potomac, with his remote equipment but no announcer. So he took care of the announcing himself and did an excellent job.

**Campaign of Princess Pat** For Free Time Attacked AN ATTACK upon the "time chisel" attempt of Princess Pat

chisel" attempt of Princess Pat Ltd., Chicago, from independent stations, was made March 26 by James W. Baldwin, NAB manag-ing director. In his NAB Reports, Mr. Baldwin published the following: The

The letter sent out last week (16th) by Princess Pat Ltd., seeking to hait certain independent stations to hait certain independent stations on a "you-furnish-the-time we furnish the program hasis" will meet with the contempt which it justly deserves. With a sticker attached to the letter advertising an NBC program on Mon-day night at 9:30 P. M., EST, and commenting on this weekly program on the Blue Network, C. J. Klowden says: These dramas have heen re-produced electrically and will he availahle to a limited numher of inde-nendent stations who are looking for available to a limited number of inde-pendent stations who are looking for a real human interest program for their local audiences. Members own-ing and operating independent sta-tions will not overlook this opportu-nity of inquiring of Mr. Klowden whether the National Broadcasting Company furnishes time in return for the talent on the Princess Pat pro-grams, and informing him that the grams. and informing him that the irdependent stations also have a valuable listening audience and produce excellent results for advertisers at minimum costs.

#### **Gulf Thru Summer**

GULF REFINING Co., Pittsburgh (petroleum products) will retain its CBS Sunday night spot its throughout the summer and fall of this year. On June 21, Phil Baker goes on his summer vacation but the rest of the show, Hal Kemp and his orchestra and the Seven G's, carry on until Sept. 27, when Phil Baker resumes his place in the show for another 14 weeks. Young & Rubicam Inc., New York, has the account.



#### **Roesler Names Sales Reps** For New Affiliated Chain GEORGE ROESLER, national sales manager of the Affiliated Broadcasting Co., New Midwest network project headed by Samuel Insull, has announced the appointment of David D. Davis, Jr. as manager of the network's New York office located in the Lincoln Bldg. Mr. Davis has been identi-fied with advertising for several

years, having been associated with NBC, International Magazine Co., and Outdoor Advertising Inc. As Chicago sales representatives, the network has appointed Dr. George E. Halley, for many years on the sales staff of KMBC, Kansas City, and more recently with Free & Sleininger; and Calvin Austin, formerly a member of NBC's Chicago sales department. The ABC Detroit office in the New Center Bldg. is managed by Earl Maxwell, who also represents the Roesler list of stations in that city. Bert Green, formerly with Edward Petry & Co., and with WIND, Gary, will contact Chicago agencies and advertisers for the list of stations represented by Mr. Roesler independently.

#### **Borden's WEAF Period**

BORDEN Co., New York, on be-half of its Mel-O-Rol ice cream, on May 1 will start Tom Howard's Mel-O-Rol Jamboree, with Tom Howard, Pegla Centra and Dick McDonough's orchestra, locally over WEAF, New York, Fridays, 7:30-8 p. m. Account runs for 26 weeks, placed by Pedlar & Ryan N. Y.

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#### **Duffy Bill Battle**

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analyzed the Daly and the Sirovich Bills. The Daly Bill, he declared, introduces into copyright a new and revolutionary concept, since it would protect not only authors and composers, but also interpreters and performers. The bill grew out of the Waring phonograph record case now in litigation in Philadelphia (Rep. Daly's home town), and which Waring won in the lower court against WDAS, Philadelphia.

Mr. Kaye said he doubted the constitutionality of this provision since the Constitution provides for protection to authors and inventors in their writings and discoveries. "Interpretation and rendition by a singer or an actor is obviously neither a writing nor a discovery," he said. "To attempt to extend c o p y r i g h t of words, gestures, stresses and accents is to create a vast body of rights which have never existed in the law of either this or any other country, and which would, in my opinion, harass users and creators of dramatic, literary and musical works almost beyond belief, and would work a tremendous injustice not only upon users of copyrighted works, but also upon authors and composers." Finally, he said the Daly Bill, which does not permit technical copyright without formality, would close the door to the International Convention.

The Sirovich Bill THE Sirovich Bill, Mr. Kaye said, does not achieve the purposes which



copyright legislation at this time should seek to accomplish. He said its minimum damage provisions are even more onerous to broadcasters and other users than those contained in the present law. He brought out also its provision that any performance of a dramatic or dramatical musical work is subject to the copyright law, even though the performance is neither public nor for profit. This might affect the family gathered around the piano, with no one else present, which would be subject to the \$250 pen-alty for singing the songs from one of Victor Herbert's operettas. Moreover, he said the Sirovich Bill not only closes the door to the Berne convention, but destroys international copyright entirely.

Concluding his direct testimony, Mr. Kaye declared that in essence, broadcasters feel the Duffy Bill corrects inequities in the act of 1909, whereas the Sirovich Bill and the Daly Bill are worse than the 1909 act. The only thing copyright legislation can do, he asserted, is to bring the act of 1909 up to conditions as thev exist in 1936 and bring to U. S. citizens a parity with all other countries of the world on copyright. It would "strike the shackles from the wrists of the innocent", he said of the Duffy Bill.

Acting Chairman Lanham read into the record letters from William S. Paley, CBS president, and Frank M. Russell, NBC Washington vice president, stating the networks themselves would not appear before the Committee and that their case would be presented through the NAB.

Mr. Lanham interrogated Mr. Kaye on the network viewpoint of copyright, since, he said, the committee would not have the opportunity of questioning high officials of the networks. Mr. Kaye brought out that he is the law partner of Ralph Colin, CBS general counsel, and that he has represented that n e t w or k in copyright matters. However, he explained, he appeared before the committee not on behalf of CBS but as special counsel of the NAB.

sel of the NAB. ASCAP, he stated, is cooperating to the fullest extent with the networks in defense of the Warner Bros. suits against them and against stations, since it claims that it still has the right, through contracts with Warner authors and composers, to license their works for performance.

Chairman Sirovich took up the interrogation by attacking Mr.



FRED J. HART, Provident and General Manague SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, CALIFORNIAN HOTEL Representations CONDUEST ALLIANCE COMPANY NEW YORK, SIS MADISON AVE. CHICAGO, 100 N. LISALLE ST Kaye's defense of American entry into the copyright union. He questioned particularly the propriety of Mr. Kaye's advocacy because of the Nazi condition in Germany. Mr. Kaye responded he was not defending Germany or Germans, but American rights in Germany.

Asked by Dr. Sirovich about negotiations by CBS for purchase of Warner houses, Mr. Kaye said that Harry Warner, head of Warner Bros., had asked CBS for an offer and that it was not even "considered seriously". He said no negotiations were going on now and that he did not believe there is any intention of a broadcasting company to get into ownership of music copyrights.

Dr. Sirovich indulged in another spree of allegations about injustices, but they required no answer from the witness.

NAB's final witness was Mr. Caldwell, who several years ago had appeared before the same committee in connection with copyright legislation. He supplied the committee with a background of facts concerning copyright as they relate to the broadcasting industry and won the praise of the committee chairman for his clear exposition of these facts. Mr. Caldwell discarded a prepared statement, which was inserted in the record, since he explained it contained considerable repetition.

#### Licensed Numbers

MR. CALDWELL first described the manner in which broadcasting stations function, emphasizing that the vast majority of stations are independently owned and operated. Of some 631 stations, he explained, only 421 operate simultaneously in the evening, with the others having the same overhead as full-time stations.

There has been much misapprehension about ASCAP being the only licensing agency, he stated. He explained there are some 16,-000,000 musical compositions. For practical purposes, he said, the figure is far too large. Mr. Mills testified he believed there were 3,000,000. ASCAP has cataloged some 1,300,000. Even of that total, only a fraction can be classed as active music, or music actually performed by anyone.

formed by anyone. Further, Mr. Caldwell brought out that in 1935, Mr. Mills, in appearing before a Canadian court in quiry on copyright, testified there are in the ASCAP repertory 160,000 active numbers and 300,-000 relatively inactive ones. An analysis of Canadian programs, however, showed that only some 26,000 different numbers were in the Canadian Society's repertory. The Canadian Society's repertory. The Canadian Society is owned half by ASCAP and half by the English Performing Right Society, and has available all of ASCAP's repertory, all of the English Society's repertory, and through the latter those of the some foreign societies as ASCAP.

Getting deeper into statistics, Mr. Caldwell brought out that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1935, 24,459 musical compositions,



luding published and unpubhed, were registered in the Copypht office, out of a total registraon of 142,031 for all kinds of pyrightable works. The highest istration for any one year was ,129 in 1930 and the total numr of musical compositions now joying copyright protection since e enactment of the 1909, he said, substantially less than 720,000, which about 470,000 were pubhed and some 250,000 unpubhed.

Mr. Caldwell also discussed mall rights, covered by the SCAP contract and by contracts ith other copyright owners, as stinguished from grand rights. he broadcaster, he explained, ust make a separate arrangeent to perform a grand right ith the copyright owner.

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Another expense not covered by license from ASCAP, Mr. Caldell asserted, is the indirect exense connected with the use of franscriptions. He explained a anscription is a recording made pecially for broadcasting and not old commercially to the public. Inder the present law the phonoraph manufacturer pays two puts a record as a royalty for the ecording of each musical compotion. This does not give any perm the right publicly to perform a music for profit by playing a record in a theatre or hotel or ver a station, he explained.

#### Double Assessment

TTEMPTING to clear up the isunderstanding about the 2-cent rovision, Mr. Caldwell showed nat this royalty is paid by the nanufacturer to the Music Pubshers Protective Association (now fational Association of Copyright wners). But once the broadcaster as an ASCAP license, it can perorm ASCAP music from phonoraph records, the same being true f licenses from other copyright gencies.

On transcriptions, Mr. Caldwell xplained the manufacturer pays higher charge on a different asis, paying the music publishers flat fee of \$5 to \$10 for each comosition used, and a royalty based n the number of times the trancription is used by the station on commercial program at the rate f 25 cents or 50 cents a performnce. This is true, he said, in spite f the fact that the station already as paid ASCAP. The transcripion manufacturer, of course, asses the charge along to the roadcaster, who "has to pay twice or the performance of the same nusic."

Mr. Caldwell brought out that tations cannot get along without n ASCAP license, even with the Warner Bros. withdrawal, which ut its repertory by 18 to 22% ased on performances. He exlained the difficulties confronting proadcasters since the Warner vithdrawal because of the conflicts n rights to license for performince as between Warner and ASCAP. He emphasized particuarly the new publication released by ASCAP purportedly containing names of its composer and pubisher members, declaring it was practically useless as a guide beause of obvious errors in it.

The Warner withdrawal, he said, neans that if all stations took Warner contracts on an annual pasis, they would pay between \$1,200,000 and \$2,000,000 a year

## A Warning to Bathtub Yodelers

SINGING in the bathtub may be regarded lightly by most people but it would become a violation of law subject to a minimum penalty of \$250 if performed without a license from the copyright owner—if the pending Sirovich copyright bill were enacted. This was graphically portrayed, though not literally, during the hearing March 19 on the Duffy Copyright Bill before the House Patents Committee. On the preceding day Rep. Daly (R-Pa.) author of the Daly Bill which is vigorously opposed by copyright users, had made a mention of what would happen if he happened to sing in the bathtub, which he liked to do. Rep. Church (D-Ill.) in a most serious vein, propounded the question and himself gave the answers in a discourse that run like this:

Q: Something was said in the testimony yesterday about liability for performances of music in the bathtub. Suppose Congressman Daly is sitting in the bathtub and desires to sing something like "One Fine Day" from "Madam Butterfly". Or rather, suppose, first he wants to sing the whole opera, what is his legal predicament under the Sirovich Bill?

A: He will first have to make an extensive investigation before he gets into the bathtub and negotiate for a license. ASCAP cannot give him a license that will protect him for two reasons: One. because he is exercising a grand right and not a small right, and secondly, because ASCAP cannot license Ricordi's music. He will have to go to Ricordi's representative in New York to get a license. Furthermore, it is my understanding that he cannot get a license for an indefinite period to repeat this performance as often as he likes but will have to specify the dates on which he intends to perform.

Q: Why would Congressman Daly be liable at all under the Sirovich Bill?

A: The Sirovich Bill gives a vast extension of the right of the autor with respect to dramatical and dramatico-musical works. The Copyright Act of 1909 gives the author the exclusive right to perform or represent copyrighted dramatical works *publicly*. The Sirovich Bill gives the author the exclusive right to perform or represent dramatical or dramatico-musical works at all, whether publicly or not. This is apparent from comparing Section 1, sub-section of the Sirovich Bill.

Q: Now suppose Congressman Daly limits himself to singing "One Fine Day" in the bathtub, what does the Sirovich Bill do to him.

A: Now you are dealing with a small performing right. If he had an audience who paid an admission fee he would be liable for a public performance for profit at the rate of 125 minimum statutory damage per performance, and if he performed wilfully there would be no limit at all to the amount of damages, unless, of course, he had a license from Ricordi. If he is all alone, however, when he sings it or if he has an audience that has not paid any fee, he will not be liable with one important exception. As I remember the setting of "One Fine Day", it consists of a Japanese girl waiting for a ship to bring her loved one back to her as she sings "One fine day... you will notice on the far horizon a ship appearing", or something like that. If Congressman Daly should place a toy boat in the bathtub, or imitate the beating of the waves against the shore, he may come very close to exercising a grand right. in which case his liability would be just the same as if he had sung the whole work. He might as well have the pleasure of singing the whole thing since it would be just as cheap.

more for the same amount of music they formerly were licensed to use through contracts with ASCAP. Warner's withdrawal, he declared, presents the most perplexing situation in the history of copyright dealings by broadcasters. At present, and until April 1 at least, some 260 stations are paying between 25 and 40% more than last year for the same music.

Mr. Caldwell described to the Committee other licensing organizations and how stations are paying for their catalogs. In the case AMP, he said about 150 stations have its licenses, paying an-nually the equivalent of their day-Of time quarter-hour rate. im portance, he said, was the fact that an AMP license held by a network protects network stations which do not have to take out licenses, whereas the ASCAP license does not but makes mandatory that each affiliated network station have a separate license.

In the case of SESAC he said that some 250 stations have its licenses, paying arbitrary flat fees. Its network licenses, he said, likewise protect affiliated stations. Finally, he mentioned Ricordi, explaining that stations pay from \$300 to \$30 a year for the right to perform its catalog, containing the Puccini operas and works.

Mr. Caldwell argued that on "public events" broadcasts, like parades and other pick-ups, broadcasters should be exempted from any liability for infringements in picking up bands or other renditions beyond their control. In the case of night club broadcasts, where the broadcaster does have some control by prearrangement with orchestra leaders, this liability for infringement should remain.

On network programs, Mr. Caldwell argued that the originating stations and not affiliates should be held liable since the affiliates have no control over material broadcast. Conceivably, he said, there could be an international relay from Paris to a network key station in New York, and from the key to 40, 60 or 80 affiliated stations. Under the law, he said, every station would be liable for the \$250 infringement, along with hotels, barber shops and even homes in which receiving sets pick up the restricted number.

Another threat to broadcasters is the organization of the American Society of Recording Artists attempting to collect license fees for performance of phonograph records, Mr. Caldwell said. This outfit, he declared, seeks a fee from small local stations of five cents per record, or about \$10 per day or \$3,600 a year. He explained that this whole question is now in litigation in the Waring case, but declared it was his view that it is not a matter of copyright law since a rendition or performance is not a writing such as is guaranteed copyright protection.

Blasting out of the window the ASCAP tale about wired radio devouring broadcasting, and the talk of the "power trust" behind the Duffy Bill, Mr. Caldwell read to the committee an "alarming" statement on the same thing made by ASCAP counsel Burkan before the House Patents Committee just ten years ago. This statement read: "Do you know that 'wired wire-

"Do you know that 'wired wireless' is served through the medium of wires? When they have that thing perfected, if you pass the bill and fix the rate, every man is going to have a little machine in his home where he is going to drop a nickel in a slot or pay for the service as a part of his regular bill and in that way get him to pay for his entertainment. Let us not be deceived by this general talk.

"Wired wireless' is coming, and when it is perfected—and it is only a matter of days—every listener in America is going to pay, and do not be deceived by this claptrap. They are working on that now and they have been doing that for a long time, and they are experimenting at this very minute on Staten Island."

The committee was unmistakably impressed, for this "power trust" bugaboo and "wired radio" had incited more unrest among committee members than perhaps anything ASCAP perpetrated upon it. Mr. Caldwell said he did not feel that "wired wireless" ever will be competitive to broadcasting, but that if such were the case, it should be treated on the same basis as broadcasting in payment of copyright fees.

ASCAP, said the NAB counsel, is not just a society of composers. He explained that its publisher members constitute one-half of its board of directors. Yet the publisher is a user of copyright material as much as the broadcaster and he gets 50% of the performing rights revenue. If the author feels that his half is not enough, Mr. Caldwell asserted, he can have no legitimate complaint against the broadcaster but should look to the publisher.

On cross-examination, the Committee was largely favorable, with Mr. Lanham emphasizing the desirability, in view of the absence of adequate catalogs of compositions, of having notice of ownership of copyrights.

#### Authors Are Heard

THE HEARINGS resumed March 24 with the Authors League presenting its case in opposition to the Duffy Bill. The Dramatists League also was heard the following day.

Kenneth C. Davis, of Seattle, attorney and managing director of the Washington State Broadcasters Association, on March 18 sent to Rep. Daly a stinging letter criticizing him for his remarks about the suit pending in Washington courts against ASCAP. Mr. Daly had remarked during the hearings that it was a good thing that the judge who had enjoined ASCAP was a state and not a federal judge "because this Congress is in a good mind for going after Federal judges, and I was going to add him to my list."

In his four-page letter in which he minced no words, Mr. Davis said he was interested in the Washington suit as counsel for several stations.

## **WTIC Heeds Cry of Distress**

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they—along with the engineers in the Hartford studios and a complete staff of executives, announcers, telephone operators and stenographers, working by candlelight and broadcasting over emergency equipment—settled down for the long watch of continuous duty 24 hours a day; possibly a short recapitulation of the problems met and handled by WTIC's engineers will be of interest.

As soon as it became known that the city of Hartford and the surrounding territory would be inundated WTIC's engineering staff took immediate steps to provide emergency equipment in the event of power failure.

#### **Batteries** Obtained

THE CITY was scoured for radio batteries, and a week's supply secured, spare tubes and other necessary equipment was also gathered, to take care of the communication between the studios and the transmitter. To take care of the transmitter's power, contact was established with the Union Light & Power Co. in Unionville. The company's transformer substation was surrounded by four feet of water but a rowboat was secured, a hurried change to the proper power lines was made, and WTIC was ready, on the air as usual, and determined to stay on in spite of obstacles interposed by the elements. During all these hurried preparations, steps were also taken to provide a shortwave emergency transmitter to communicate with all troubled areas. With a network of amateur shortwave stations already being organized all over Connecticut, WTIC's shortwave facilities were placed at the full disposal of this group as these amateurs, working in close touch with the broadcasting station, disseminated valuable flood information to points near and far. In addition to all this, WTIC's

In addition to all this, WTIC's engineers had to provide an emergency transmitter for the Hartford Police Department as their transmitter had failed with the power, and it was deemed necessary that the department be kept in constant communication with all its members for the safety and well-being of the public in general. Accordingly, storage batteries for the emergency transmitter were secured, carried up 12 stories in



#### **Sponsor Buys Flood**

WJSV, Washington, set up remote equipment atop the Parkway Motor Co. roof in the Georgetown section of the National Capital, where a good view of the raging Potomac and adjacent flooded areas was provided. Parkway Motor officials watched the broadcast. It looked good. We'll buy three quarterhours of the same tomorrow (March 20), they informed WJSV.

the Travelers Bldg. to the police transmitter room, an emergency telephone line was established between the police headquarters on Market Street and the roof of the Travelers Bldg. and the police were kept on the air, to do their part in maintaining order.

In spite of certain printed reports to the contrary, all announcements broadcast by WTIC during the flood period were carefully checked and rechecked with state police and other authorities, and no announcements were accepted for broadcasting except from responsible people and organizations. WTIC's policy from the very outset of the flood was to keep unfounded rumors off the air and to present a true picture of conditions as they actually were. Sensational or "scare" material was carefully eliminated. Any property damage or loss of life caused by the flood was properly reported; figures were checked and authenticated before being used.

#### Crowded Switchboard

MUCH of the credit for the broadcasting of all this valuable information should go to WTIC's switchboard, through whose emergency lines there kept pouring a steady stream of communication from organizations working in the flooded areas. Reports on the condition of the river as it rose and as it receded were received and broadcast every hour. Weather bureau reports told us when to advise people to evacuate their homes; public utility reports told us when to advise the shutting off of gas, and what to do if any emergency should arise on that score.

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FOR DOMINANT NEWS COVERAGE

All up and down the Connecticu Valley, reports kept coming i about missing persons. These i turn were broadcast, and in sev eral cases, happy and thankful re unions were brought about throug this broadcast information. Almost every minute WTIC wa

Almost every minute WTIC wa a proving ground for rumore When scares began to arise abou martial law, food shortage an food-profiteering, our studios wer able to check on the information found it false, and lost no tim informing the public of the trutl in all these matters. Request from the state highway commis sioner's office, as well as from th Hartford Electric Light Co., th Connecticut Light & Power Co. and the Southern New Englant Telephone Co., that we allay cer tain rumors in connection with their service were also broadcas immediately, and we have been as sured, played a large part in calm ing unnecessary fears

#### Service! Service! Service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS from the state and Hartford's boards of health disproving rumors of water pollution and a milk crisis were also broadcast from time to time as were messages received from the hard-working Amateur Radio Relay League, which sent news about the relatives and friends of Hart ford people all over the United States. As a further service in this connection WTIC, at the request of the Hartford chapter of the American Red Cross, was able to get information to NBC in New York, which in turn made announcements on the air correcting certain unfounded newspaper reports about the severity of conditions in our city.

Where public or private schools were closed, their pupils were informed; where factories and other business organizations were closed, their employes were notified and asked to communicate with other of their coworkers not within reach of radio; where Red Cross supply depots were established, their locations were broadcast for all who might care to contribute; Boy and Girl Scouts were sum-moned for duty and told where to report; as soon as the Red Cross had enough of one type of mate-rial, announcements were made telling what was needed instead; news from the governor's office about emergency meetings was received and broadcast periodically; certain employes worried about their pay checks were told when and where they would be issued; WPA workers were told where to report for innoculation as an aid to the prevention of the spread of disease; public health bulletins came in and were made available to all; all these just a cross-section of the many vital communications received and broadcast as part of our daily routine since Wednesday last

All the country heard our account of the different stages of the flood as reported from the top of the Travelers Tower over NBC.



#### WWVA Saves Millions

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ees. Appeal after appeal was sent at over the air for such help. adio showmanship of an entirely ew brand had hit its mark and a miraculously short time, truckad after truckload of supplies ere rolling into the flooded areas. ithin six hours sufficient supplies rere on hand for emergency meas-res and within 24 hours every vailable storage space was packed eiling-high. Thousands of loaves f bread, thousands of gallons of hilk, mountains of canned goods; ons upon tons of coal; countless il stoves; great piles of clothing nd bedding — whatever was re-uested was sent immediately and n abundant quantities. Supplies hat previous major catastrophes roved had to be bought at a huge um were presented to the Red ross Relief Committee with willng hands and generous hearts.

And then came the need for man ower. Again WWVA asked and was forthcoming. American Leion Units, Boy Scout Troops, Girl cout Troops, Officers' Reserve orps, all were summoned to reort at designated points and they esponded immediately to aid the ted Cross in their organized plan f relief. Radio communication id within the short space of a few inutes what would ordinarily ave taken 24 hours or more.

Next came the problem of funds, nd once again an inspired raio showmanship took its post. Friends, the Red Cross needs our financial help"—such was the ressage that was sent out over the ir without let-up. And the funds ame as if by magic, thousands f dollars, and in cash. One-dollar ubscriptions, two-dollar subscrip-ions, ten-dollar subscriptions, 25, \$50, \$100, \$500—to swell a reatly needed fund. It was an nstantaneous job which ordinarily rould have taken weeks to accomlish.

#### False Rumors Suppressed

ALSE rumors which have always ampered the most efficiently or-anized relief work, were prompt-y stamped out as fast as they y stamped out as fast as they ame to the attention of the au-horities and reported for broad-ast. Curiosity seekers, who in-ariably interfere with rescue work, were asked to stay at home. The 1936 Ohio Valley flood has then the American Red Cross, arious other reliaf organizations arious other relief organizations, housands of flood refugees and very member of the WWVA staff in entirely new conception of the ralue of radio broadcasting. It has made possible an experience in service which thrills. To have n service which thrills. To have parned the following statement rom the Wheeling Chapter of the American Red Cross is a distin-ruished service medal which is alued beyond measure: Without the unselfish and sacrifi-ial devotion of the staff of WWVA, he Wheeling Chapter of the Ameri-an National Red Cross would have been helpless to cope with the great-est flood problem the Wheeling Dis-



#### **NBC** Philatelists

STAMP collecting has become a popular hobby at Ra-dio City and a group of NBC executives and employes have formed an NBC Stamp Club. President Lenox R. Lohr, an ardent collector, attended the organization meeting. The NBC mail department offers a fertile source of choice philatelic specimens. The club provides a non-profit bourse for exchange of stamps among members.

trict has ever known. In large areas station WWVA was our only means of communication. The tri-State area was quickly and accurately apprised of the condition and the needs of our of the condition and the needs of our community. Almost instantaneous re-sponse came flooding into our offices. Gifts of money far surpassing our dreams came in; truckloads of food; clothing, bedding, stoves, medical sup-plies, rolled in as the water receded; volunteers were recruited in a few minutes time: instructions and wears minutes time; instructions and warnings to the destitute and endangered victims were speedily issued; morale was kept at heights never expected; rumors were crushed before they could do their insidious work; and, best of all, a vast area became one vibrant family, striving to meet the needs of its less fortunets children

family, striving to meet the needs or its less fortunate children. All this could scarcely have heen done with the combined normal chan-nels of communication; in our crisis it could never have been accomplished had Station WWVA heen silent. For money, supplies and the co-operation of a station willing to serve to unselfech limits to meet our unre-

operation of a station willing to serve to unselfish limits to meet our unre-lenting requests for help, the Red Cross is everlastingly grateful. For the averting of panic and the clear-ing of all normal barriers to under-standing, our community will never forget the sympathetic and magnani-mous service of the staff and competers mous service of the staff and operators of WWVA.

of WWVA. Signed—Edwin Spears, Chairman. Wheeling Chapter. American Red Cross; John Phillips. Charles Bon-nesen, Frederick Cropp, Co-Chairmen. The Red Cross Disaster Committee.

JIMMIE FIDLER, NBC Hollywood commentator, on April 1 be-comes newsreel voice for Twentieth Century-Fox Movietone News.

#### **General Mills on WCAU**

UNDER sponsorship of General Mills Inc. (Wheaties), play-by-play descriptions of baseball games of both the Philadelphia Athletics and Nationals, will be broadcast daily except Sunday over WCAU, Philadelphia, starting April 14. Knox-Reeves, Minneapolis agency, placed the account.

STANDARD RADIO INC., Holly-wood, has added four new stations to the list of those using the Standard Program Library. They are WBNY, Buffalo; WMBO. Auburn, N. Y.; WSAI, Cincinnati, and WAAF, Chi-Cago.

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## **Biggest Station Deal in History**

(Continued from page 7)

discussed in a preliminary way use of either KWK or KSD, and in Kansas City it has talked also with leading independently-owned stations. MBS is interested only in major markets, but on the haul to the Coast must take into account shortest possible distances between cities in order to bring about equitable pro-rata line charges.

How long it will be before the FCC considers the KNX sale is problematical. The station now is operating under a temporary license growing out of its citation on medical programs. Along with KFRC and WTMJ, Milwaukee, it was cited for hearing last fall. A decision is expected shortly from the FCC Broadcast Division.

was cited for hearing last fall. A decision is expected shortly from the FCC Broadcast Division. It is entirely possible that the application for voluntary assignment of license will be held in abeyance until a decision is reached in the so-called Marmola case. The purchase arrangement, under FCC rules, must be conditional until such time as FCC approval is forthcoming. Actually, the present arrangement is only an agreement to purchase.

The FCC has been moving slowly in recent months in acting upon voluntary assignments of licenses. In several cases it has scheduled them for hearing, notably where newspapers have made purchase arrangements. Under the law, however, the FCC cannot deny voluntary assignments if the price is reasonable and if the applicants are qualified financially and meet

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KNX is regarded technically as one of the best clear channel stations in the country. Operating on the 1050 kc. clear channel, it is heard with rather amazing signal strength in the 11 Western states. It now has pending an application for 500,000 watts, or equal to the super-power WLW.

Last year, it is understood, KNX did a gross business of \$675,000 — ranking it among the first half-dozen stations. During last summer it built commodious new studios' on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. Its technical plant and studios have a tangible value of approximately \$500,000. The station has come to the fore rapidly in the last two years since it went to 50,000 watts.

In his negotiations with CBS, Mr. Earl was accompanied by his Los Angeles attorney, Lawrence Beilenson. CBS was represented by President Paley, Treasurer Runyon and Herbert V. Akerberg, station relations manager. Harry C. Butcher, Washington vice president, also was consulted. Mr. Richards also participated in the four-day parley.

#### Other Deals Pending

DURING the negotiations there were discussions of a cooperative purchase arrangement whereby Messrs. Richards and Fitzpatrick might become associated with CBS as joint purchasers. As consummated, however, the arrangement did not make such a provision. Mr. Richards resides for six months each year in Beverly Hills, Cal., and has been anxious to acquire a station or stations in that area. At one time he made overtures for the purchase of the Don Lee net-work through Lewis Allen Weiss, assistant general manager of WJR, and former Don Lee general manager.

In addition to the KNX transfer a number of other important station assignments are pending. These include transfer of two stations of Southwest Broadcasting System—KTSA, San Antonio, and KNOW, Austin—to Hearst Radio Inc., for \$225,000, and also of the three other Southwest-owned stations to the same company for an undisclosed figure.

Also pending before the Broadcast Division is the application for transfer of WOWO, Fort Wayne Ind., to Westinghouse for a pric in the neighborhood of \$150,000 Pending also, but not yet applied for, is the proposed sale of WTIC Hartford, Conn. clear channel sta tion, to Cherry & Webb, operator of WPRO, Providence, for approx imately \$675,000. In the sam category, so far as known, is the possible sale of WFBM, Indianapo lis, by the Indianapolis Light Power Co., to Thomas D. Taggart Indiana Democratic National Com mitteeman.

The previous high record for ; station was the purchase o WMAQ, Chicago, from the Chi cago Daily News by NBC for ; figure which amounted to \$1,000, 000 in two installments. NBC abou four years ago paid \$500,000 fo one-half interest in the station but did not acquire control. The early last year, it paid \$500,000 for the remaining 50%. In purchasing WENR, half-time clear channel station from the

In purchasing WENR, half-time clear channel station from the utility-owned Great Lakes Broad casting Co., about five years ago NBC paid approximately \$500,000 which was on the basis of \$1,000, 000 for the full-time clear channe assignment. Approximately \$600, 000 was paid by NBC for the pur chase of KPO, San Francisco from the San Francisco Chronicle and Hale Bros. department store a half-dozen years ago.

#### Hinds Account to Esty

LEHN & FINK PRODUCTS Corp., New York, has announced the appointment of William Esty & Co., New York, to handle its Hinds Honey and Almond Cream radio account effective April 1 John Watson, vice president of the Esty agency, will be the account executive. Hind's is currently using 14 local live talent programs throughout the country and for the past few weeks the sponsor has been considering doubling this spot broadcasting effort. Programs selected by client are usually shows that have built up a large and intimate local audience. The Esty appointment also includes advertising placed in printed media

WILLIAM H. RANKIN, head of the agency bearing his name, spoke on "The Value of WHN's Good Name" March 10 during the New York station's "Open House" week celebrating its daytime power boost to 5,000 watts.

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## **ACTIONS OF THE** FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

(Broadcast Division)

#### **MARCH 15 TO MARCH 28, INCLUSIVE**

### Applications . . .

#### MARCH 2

NEW, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.-CP gen. exp. amended to 1 kw.

#### MARCH 16

MARCH 10 NEW, Advertising Pub. Co. Ltd., Hono-lulu-CP 1370 kc 100 w unltd. WNEL, San Juan, P. R. - Modif. CP change equip., extend completion. WIEK, Atlantic Brdcstg. Corp., New York-License for CP replace trans., in-crease to 100 w. WSYR, Syracuse-Modif. CP new equip. etc to move trans. locally.

etc. to move trans. locally. WMAZ, Macon, Ga. — CP aux, trans. 500

WMAL, Macon, Ga. — CP aux, trans. 500 w. NEW, A. Earl Cullum Jr., Dallas—CP 1500 kc 100 w D. KALB, Alexandria, La.—Modif. license from D to unitd. 100 w (contingent if and when WJBO leave 1420 kc). WMFN, Clarksdale, Miss. — CP cbange antenna, move trans. locally, amended to move trans. to Grenada, Miss. WIL. St. Louis—CP change equip., change from 1200 to 1250 kc 100 w 250 w D to 1 kw, amended re trans. site, and in-stall directional antenna N. WCLO, Janesville, Wis.—CP change equip., increase 100 w to 100 w 250 w D, move trans. locally. MARCH 19

#### MARCH 19

W9XBS, Chicago-Modif. license for re-

W9XBS, Chicago-Modif. license for re-mote operation. WSAI, Cincinnati - License for CP change equip., move trans. NEW, Harry J. Grant, Milwaukee-CP 1010 kc 1 kw unltd., amended to 250 w 500 w D. conventional antenna. NEW Albuquererue Pub. Co., Albuquer-

W D. conventional antenna. NEW, Albuquerque Pub. Co., Albuquer-que, N. M.--CP 1370 kc 100 w unitd. NEW, Ben S. McGlashan, San Diego-CP 1210 kc 100 w D amended to 550 kc 100 w 250 w. Standard Radio Inc., Hollywood-Auth. transmit transcriptions abroad. APPLICATIONS RETURNED: NEW, A. Corenson, Ventura, Cal.; NEW, Jay E. Tapp, Long Beach, Cal. (gen. exp.). MADCH 21

#### MARCH 21

MARCH 21 NEW, Charles T. Copeland Jr., W. H. May, Troy, Ala.—CP 1210 kc 100 w D amended re equip., add Broadcast Service Co. to name, trans. site near Troy. NEW, H. Wimpy, Albany, Ga.—CP 1420 kc 100 w 250 w D unltd., facilities WGPC.

WGPC. WMBH, Joplin, Mo.—Consent transfer control to Joplin Pub. Co. (Globe). KFDM, Beaumont, Tex.—Consent trans-fer control to J. M. Gilliam. APPLICATIONS RETURNED W4XCA, Memphis: NEW, Byron Noe & Lewis B. Fleener, Villa Grove, Ill.; NEW, KLA Inc., La Grande, Ore.

MARCH 23

WFAB, New York - Modif. license re hou

hours. WHBB, Selma, Ala.—Vol. assign. license to W. J. Reynolds Jr., J. C. Hughes & J. S. Allen, d/b Selma Brdcstg. Co. WDBO, Orlando, Fla.—CP change an-tenna, move trans. locally, increase 250 w to 1 kw.

1 kw. NEW, KMJB Brdestg. Co., Minot, N. D. -CP 1300 kc 1 kw unltd., facilities KLPM. KGHL, Billings, Mont.—Extension exp. ath. 780 kc. NEW, Tribune, Great Falls, Mont.—CP auth

auth. 780 kc. NEW, Tribune, Great Falls, Mont.--CP 950 kc 1 kw 5 kw D unltd., amended omit request KFYR facilities. APPLICATIONS RETURNED-WRAK, Williamsport, Pa.; WPTF, Raleigb, N. C.; NEW, Sweetwater Brdcstg. Co., Sweet-water, Tex.; NEW, Brownwood Brdcstg. Co., Brownwood, Tex.

MARCH 24

MARCH 24 NEW, Hildreth & Rogers Co., Lawrence, Mass.-CP 680 kc 1 kw D. WWVA, Wheeling - CP new trans., vertical antenna, increase from 5 to 25 kw N 10 kw D. WEED, Rocky Mount, N. C.-CP change equip., increase 100 w to 100 w 250 w D. WIOD-WMBF, Miami - License for CP change equin.

change equip. WJJD, Chicago-Modif. license change

WJJD, Chicago-Moull, incense change hours. W9XOK, Star-Cbronicle Pub. Co., St. Louis-License for CP gen. exp. KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash.-Consent transfer control to H. E. Studebaker. APPLICATIONS RETURNED - NEW, Valley Brdcstz, Co., Columbus; WDAS, Philadelphia; KALB, Alexandria, La.

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NEW, Seaboard Investment Co. Inc., lontgomery, Ala.--CP 610 kc 500 w 1 kw

NEW, Seaboard Montgomery, Ala.—CP 610 kc buo ... D unitd. NEW, Twin City Brdestg. Co., Lewis-ton, Me.—CP 1210 kc 100 w unitd. WNBC, New Britain, Conn.—CP change equip., increase 250 w to 1 kw. WCAO, Baltimore — License for CP modif. equip., move trans.; license aux. trans.

trans. WNYC, New York - License CP use

trans. as aux. and move trans. KFPM, Greenville, Tex.—Applic. amend

KFPM, Greenville, Tex.—Applic. amend CP to 1420 kc. NEW, Voice of Corsicana Assn., Corsi-cana, Tex.—CP 1200 kc 100 w D amended to 1310 kc. KGFI, Corpus Christi, Tex.—CP new equip., increase to 250. w 500 w D, change 1500 to 1330 kc, move trans. locally. KFJB, Marsballtown, Ia.—CP change exuin.

equip. WHO. Des Moines — Exp. auth. new equip., increase 50 to 500 w. KIEM, Eureka, Cal.—License CP new equip., change freq., power, move trans. NEW, Jay E. Tapp, Long Beach, Cal.— CP gen. exp. 100 w.

#### MARCH 26

WAIM, Anderson, S. C.--CP change 1200 to 590 kc, new equip., increase 100 to 250 w 1 kw D, move trans. locally, amend-ed to 630 kc 1 kw D.

APPLICATIONS RETURNED - NEW Niagara Falls Brdcstg. Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; NEW, Maui Pub. Co. Ltd., Wai-luku, T. H.; NEW, N. Geo. Pub. Co., Rossville, Ga.; NEW, John S. Allen, G. W. Covington Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; NEW, Jay S. Brown, Ogden, U.

#### MARCH 28

WELI, New Haven-Vol. assign. license to City Brdestg. Corp. WORL, Needham, Mass.-Modif. license move studio to Boston. KMMJ, Clay Center, Neb.-Vol. assign. license to KMMJ Inc. WCLS, Joliet, Ill.-Modif. license from spec. to unitd.

#### Examiners' Reports . . .

WEAN, Providence, R. I. — Examiner Branhall recommended (I-205) that ap-plic. CP increase 500 w to 1 kw be denied. KVSO, Ardmore, Okla.—Examiner Hyde recommended (I-206) that applic. CP in-crease from 100 w D to 250 w LS be grant-ed but applic. unld. operation be denied. NEW, Champaign News - Gazette Inc., Champaign, Ill. — Examiner Hill recom-mended (I-207) that applic. CP 1370 kc 100 w be granted for daytime operation. NEW, James R. Doss Jr., Tuscalosa, Ala.—Examiner Bramhall recommended (I-208) that applic. CP 1200 kc 100 w D be granted.

(I-208) that applie. CF 1200 kc 100 w D be granted. WFBR, Baltimore; WOOD, Grand Rap-ids; WASH, Grand Rapids—Examiner Dalberg recommended (I-209) that applic. WFBR for modif. license and WOOD,

WASH for CP increase from 500 w to 1 kw N be denied; that applic. increase from 500 w to 1 kw D be granted. KVI, Tacoma-Examiner Walker recom-mended (I-210) that applic. increase 1 kw to 1 kw 5 kw LS be denied. NEW, Alfred C. Matthews, Cape May, N. J. — Examiner Bramhall recommended (I-211) that applic. CP 1420 kc 100 w spec. be denied. NEW, A. W. Hayes, Erie, Pa.; NEW, Watertown Brdcstg. Corp., Watertown, N. Y. — Examiner D alberg recommended (I-212) that applic. A. W. Hayes CP 1270 kc 500 w 1 kw LS unltd. be denied; that applic. Watertown Brdcstg. Corp., CP 1270 kc 250 w D be granted.

#### **Decisions**.

MARCH 17

APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

WTAG, Worcester; KFJI, Klamath alls, Ore.; WEW, St. Louis-CP change Falle

Falls, Ore.; WER, St. L. equip. WDAE, Tampa — Extension exp. auth. 2½ kw D. WMBR, Jacksonville — License for CP move trans. locally, increase to 250 w D. WCFL, Chicago — License for CP aux.

WEST, Easton, Pa. — License for CP studio 561 Northampton St. KREG, Santa Ana, Cal. — Renewal li-

KABF, Sacramento-License for CP gen.

exp. 50 w. W6XKF, Los Angeles—License for CP gen. exp. 100 w. W4XH, Spartanburg, S. C. — Modif. li-

cense gen. exp. W8XKA, Chicopee Falls, Miss.—Renewal

cense gen. exp. W8XKA, Chicopee Falls, Miss.—Renewal exp. license. W3XEY, Baltimore — Modif. CP trans. site Chase & Charles St. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS—WCBD, Waukegan, Il., extension temp. autb. use Zion studio as main; WSM, Nashville, ex-tension temp. auth. withdraw aux. trans.; WMFN, Clarksdale, Miss., extension temp. auth. remain silent; WREC, Memphis, ex-tension temp. auth. use temp. trans. 1 kw. SET FOR HEARING—WWAE, Ham-mond, Ind.; NEW, Waterloo Times-Trib-une Pub. Co., Waterloo, Ia.; NEW, Times Pub. Co., St. Cloud, Minn.; WORL, Need-ham, Mass.; KGEK, Sterling, Col.; KSO. Des Moines; KWKC, Kansas City; WJAX, Jacksonville; KFWB, Hollywood; WWJ, Detroit: WDAE, Fargo, N. D.; WAVE, Louisville; KOIN, Portland, Ore.; KHJ, Los Angeles; WEEI, Boston; KECA, Los Angeles; WRC, Wasbington; WCSH, Port-land, Me.; KHQ, Spokane; WIOD-WMBF, Miami. ORAL ARGUMENTS G R A N T E D—

land, Me.; KHQ, Spokane; WAGE-Miami. ORAL ARGUMENTS G R A N T E D-NEW, Ralph Perez Perry, Santurce, P. R.; NEW, E. W. Atkinson, Watsonville, Cal.; KFJM, Grand Forks, N. D. APPLICATIONS D E N I E D - NEW, Harry H. Culver, Beverly Hills, Cal., ap-plic. CP 710 kc 500 w ltd., as in default; KFRO, Longview, Tex., spec. auth. local event.

event. APPLICATIONS DISMISSED — NEW, Ruth W. & S. E. Adcock, Johnson City, Tenn.; NEW, same applicants, Rossville,



CRC CONTROL PANEL - Here is W. A. Reid, chief engineer of the Canadian Radio Commission, at his control board at CRCM, Montreal, where he synchronized eight colors scattered over the Dominion for a recent British Empire broadcast.

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Ga.: WROK, Rockford, Oll.; NEW, Her-bert Hollister, Emporia, Kan.; NEW, O. K. Brdcstg. Co., Cleveland; NEW, same applicants, Louisville; NEW, Herbert Hol-lister Waterloo.

bert Hollister, Emporia, Kan.; NEW, O.K. Brdestg. Co., Cleveland; NEW, same applicants, Louisville; NEW, Herbert Hollister. Waterloo, Ia.
 MISCELLANEOUS – WLAK, Lakeland.
 Fla., granted CP 1310 kc 100 w unltd.; W9XAL, Kanasa City, vol. assign. license to First Natl. Television Inc., a Missouri corp.; W1XEH, Avon, Conn., modif. CP gen. exp.; KFUO, St. Louis, granted continuance hearing applic. renewal; NEW, Centennial Brdcstg. Corp., Dallas, denied reconsideration denial new station; Ogdensburg Pub. Co., Ogdensburg, N. Y., granted petition intervene hearing on applic. Ogdensburg Advance Co. Inc.; Bell Brdcstg. Co., Temple. Tex., granted petition intervene applic. Eugene DeBogory; WJBW, New Orleans, granted regular renewal; KTFI, Twin Falls, Id., granted continuance; WNBX, Springfield, VL, granted temp, auth. 1 kw LS Dayton, 500 w N; WREC. Memphis, accepted answer to WCAO exceptions to Ex. Rep. 1-187 and granted request oral arg.; WH10, Dayton, reconsidered and granted applic. increase 1 to 5 kw D.
 ACTION ON EXAM. REPORT—NEW, North Side Brdcstg. Corp., New Albany, Ind., granted CP 1370 kc 250 w D, sustaining Examiner Hyde.

#### MARCH 27

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED** :

WHA, Madison, Wis .- CP increase 2 to

WHA, Heuson, .... 5 kw. WJNO, W. Palm Beach, Fla.—Modif. CP re equip., move trans., studio locally. WHN, New York—License CP change equip., increase to 5 kw D 1 kw N, license

which, hew for License CF change equip, increase to 5 kw D 1 kw N, license wDZ, Tuscola, Ill.—License CP change to 1020 kc, increase to 250 w D. WFAM, So. Bend—Modif, license from Sh.-WWAE to unitd. D, Sh.-WWAE N. WWAE, Hammond, Ind.—Reconsidered action 3-17-36 in desig, applic, modif, li-cense from Sh.-WFAM to unitd. D to LS. Sb.-WFAM N, and granted same. KCMC, Texarkana, Ark.—Consent vol. assign. license to KCMC Inc. WFBC, Greenville, S. C.—License for CP new equip., increase 1 to 5 kw D. WTAQ, Green Bay, Wis.—License for CP move trans. Eau Claire to De Pere, studio to Green Bay; new equip., change hours from Sb.-KSCJ N to unitd., direc-tional antenna N, 1330 kc 1 kw N & D unitd.

unitd. WMMN, Jefferson, W. Va.: WTOC. Sa-vannah; WEBC, Superior, Wis.; KGGM, Albuquerque, N. M. — Renewal license to Albuquerque, N. M. — Renewal license to Oct. 1. WHBI, Newark; WNEL, San Juan, P. R.—Renewal license. WAML, Laurel, Miss. — Renewal license three months. WTNJ, Trenton, N. J.—Renewal license to Oct. 1. KFPY, Spokane; WSYR, Syracuse — Renewal license to Sept. 1. KGHL, Billings, Mont.—Extension exp. auth. 780 kc. KECA, Los Angeles — Modif. CP new equip., trans. at 82d St., Compton Ave., extend completion. WDBJ, Roanoke, Va.—Renewal license to Oct. 1.

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Wis. MISCELLANEOUS — KGCU, Mandan, N. D., KMA, Shenandoah, Ia., KTFI, Twin Falls, Id., KGBZ, York, Neb., granted temporary renewals: KTFI, Twin Falls, Id., granted extension exp. auth.; KUJ, Walla Walla, Wash., temporary license continued; WWL, New Orleans and

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WKH. Shreveport, La., temp. exp. auth. trended; WJEJ, Hagerstown, Md. temp. temper sextended; Paul R. Heitmeyer, Salt lake City, denied motion that action be teferred on Utah applications and that ame be considered in connection with his pplication; A. S. Graham, E. V. Baxter, Norman Baxter, Pittsburg, Kan, denied onsideration applic. in conjunction that be consideration applic. In conjunction that on point Brdestg. Co. & Pittsburg Pub. be; WISC Brdestg. Inc., St. Paul. denied reconsideration action granting CP new tation St. Paul 1370 kc 100 w unltd., to Edward Hoffman; KROW, Oakland, Cal., The Manchester, N. H., granted re-new station intervene applic. Jos. G. Morrow, applic. new station at Oakland; WFEA. Manchester, N. H., granted re-reso; WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., denied pece. anth 500 w LS to midnight 30 days; Fresno; WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., denied anthe for wistake depositions applic. These Dispatch Pub. Co., Richmond, Va., granted petition intervene applic. These Branted petition intervene applic. These Dispatch Pub. Co., Kansas City, by eruled motion FCC revoke temp. In-the we station at Richmond; KMJ, Fresno. Cal., granted petition intervene applic. These By the point for revoke temp. In-the station Valley City. N. D., denied grant applic. new station Valley City. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS-WOW, Omaha, temp. anth. 5 kw N in April; WLS. Columbia, S. C., temp. auth. 560 kc These No Fa., temp. auth. 5 kw N in April; WLS. Columbia, S. C., temp. auth. 560 kc New N 5 kw D; WFIL, Philadelphia, ex-tension temp. exp. auth. 1 kw N; WDBO, Orlando, Fla., temp. auth. 3 kw N in April; WLS. Columbia, S. C., temp. auth. 500 kc N; KWEA. Shreveport, La., temp. auth. remain silent to 5-31-36; WJJD, Chicago, Creation series, to Des Plains, Ill. REPEAL of the Davis equaliza-

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REPEAL of the Davis equalization amendment governing alloca-tion of broadcasting facilities and responsible for the present quota system, was blocked in the Senate March 26 by Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) who objected to its con-sideration until its turn was reached on the unanimous consent calendar. The measure probably will come up again within a week. It has not yet been considered in the House.



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**Network Renewals** 

**RENEWALS** of network accounts just before BROADCASTING went to press, in addition to the list printed on Page 45, follow: RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, New

York (institutional) on April 5 re-news Magic Key of RCA on 63 NBC-WJZ stations, Sundays, 2-3 p. m. Agency: Lord & Thomas, N. Y.

Agency: Lord & Thomas, N. T. INTERNATIONAL CELLUCOT-TON PRODUCTS Co., Chicago (Kleenex) on March 30 renewed for 52 weeks Mary Marlin dramatic sketch on 37 CBS stations, Mondays thru Fridays, 12:30 - 12:45 p. m. Agency: Lord & Thomas, Chicago. AMERICAN CAN Co., New York, on April 28 renews Ben Bernie on 54 NBC-WJZ stations, Tuesdays, 9-9:30 p. m. Agency: Fuller & Smith & Ross, N. Y.

S. C. JOHNSON & SON Inc., Ra-cine, Wis. (wax) on April 13 renews Fibber McGee & Molly on 46 NBC-WJZ stations, Mondays, 8-8:30 p. m. Agency: Needham, Louis & Brorby Inc., Chicago.

Further deletions are:

CAMPANA Corp., Batavia, Ill. (Italian Balm, Dreskin) with First Nighter, Fridays, 10-10:30 p. m., April 24 (NBC-WEAF).

PINAUD Inc., New York (cosmetics) with Lilac Time, Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:15-7:30 p. m., April 10 (CBS), re-maining on WLW only.

#### **New Alka-Seltzer Series**

DR. MILES LABORATORIES Inc., Elkhart, Ind. (Alka-Seltzer), on April 13 will start for 13 weeks a comedy dramatic program over the NBC-Pacific Coast Blue network, Mondays thru Fridays, 8:15-8:30 p. m. (PST). Six stations will be used. The program will be called Frank Watanabe and William and will feature Edward J. Holden, writer of the script, in the role of Frank Watanabe, Japanese house boy and Cameron Prud'homme as William Hathaway, retired hard-ware merchant. Dr. Miles Laboratories at present is also broadcasting the National Barn Dance weekly on an NBC-WJZ network and Uncle Ezra's Radio Station — EZRA, on an NBC-WEAF network three times weekly, the ac-counts being placed from the Chi-cago offices of the Wade Adv. Agency, which is also handling the new West Coast series.

#### **New KWK Transmitter**

KWK, St. Louis, will install a new Western Electric 5 kw. transmitter on a 13-acre site in Baden, formerly a part of the Mississippi River bed, deposits left by the river making the location especially suitable for the purpose. The buried cop-per-wire network will cover the entire plot, employing 43,680 feet of wire. The transmitter building will be semi-modern in style, with the entrance opening into the main control room and reception lounge. Provision is made for future television and shortwave installations. The Blaw Knox vertical radiator will be 400 feet high, the topmost point of any structure in St. Louis.

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## Is Reduced by 50% WCOA Appeal Leads to AT&T **Agreement for Compromise**

A NEW TARIFF reducing radio wire line rates on "back-hauls" by 50% will be filed with the FCC by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. under an agreement worked out by the company with WCOA, Pensacola, Fla.

The Florida station, through its counsel, former Senator C. C. Dill, on Dec. 16 petitioned the FCC to compel the A. T. & T. to reduce its line costs in the case of WCOA, which was charged for a 62-mile back haul from Flomaton to Mo-bile, Ala., because the A. T. & T. did not have a repeater station on the direct route to Flomaton. The petition asked for a refund on the additional charges paid and for discontinuance of the charge for the back-haul, as well as discontinuance of a \$2,000 per year connection charge.

#### Hearing Waived

IT WAS LEARNED March 26 that an agreement had been reached between A. T. & T. counsel, Harvey Hoshour, general solicitor, and Senator Dill, under which the 50% reduction in back-haul charges would be made, subject to FCC approval. A petition was filed with proval. A petition was filed with the FCC on that day by Senator Dill to waive the hearing on his complaint, set for April 3 before the Telephone Division.

Under FCC rules, changes in tariffs must be filed 30 days in advance. Probably an effort will be made also to have that requirement waived, so the new rates can become effective immediately.

The reduction, of course, will apply not only to the Pensacola station but to all other stations on networks which are now re-quired to pay full rates for backhauls, due to absence of A. T. & T. repeaters over the direct routes. It is estimated that ten or a dozen stations on the networks will benefit at once from the rate reduction.

In the case of WCOA, the rate reduction would result in a savings of approximately \$2,000 a year, or nearly one-third of the \$6,400 it has been paying for its CBS lines. Senator Dill had asked that the tolls be based on the "air-line" distance but agreed to compromise on the 50% reduction. The con-necting charge issue is not covered in the rate reduction. [See Jan. 1, 1936 issue for WCOA complaint story.]

#### **School for Announcers**

PAGES in the NBC Chicago studios will be given a free course in radio announcing which may lead to regular announcers' positions at the National Broadcasting Com-pany or its affiliated stations, it was announced March 20 by Sidney N. Strotz, Program and Artists Service Manager of the NBC cen-tral division. Voice tests among the pages are conducted by Everett Mitchell, supervisor of announcers in the NBC Chicago studios. Those who qualify will be given a six-month course under Mitchell. A similar school for announcers is conducted in the NBC Radio City studios.

Rate on Back-hauls Rolls Razor Starts Disc Series Over 29 Stations LEE & SCHIFFER Inc., New York (Rolls razor) will inaugurate a new series of 15-minute musical transcriptions over 29 stations starting April 5. The discs, made by Decca, will be broadcast late Sunday afternoon hours. Four stations on the West Coast included in the total will be added April 12. Live opening and closing announce-ments will be used for local tieins.

The campaign is scheduled for six weeks, the sponsor having decided to cut down the length of the campaign this spring and enlarge campaign this spring and the number of stations used. The follows: WCSH, the number of stations used. The station list follows: WCSH, WTAG, WSAR, WMBD, WOWO, WKZO, WINS, WSOC, WWL, WHBQ, WGBI, WHP, WDEL, KGHF, WPHR, WCOL, WSMK, WAVE, WBNY, KSO, KMAC, KGFG, WMBH, KSYR, WEMP, KALE, KGFJ, KJBS, KRSC. Kim-ball, Hubbard & Powell Inc., New York, placed the account. York, placed the account.

#### White Naptha Plans

PROCTOR & GAMBLE Co., Cincinnati (White Naptha) is planning to launch a series of 32 oneminute transcriptions over an unminute transcriptions over an un-announced list of stations. World Broadcasting System is making the discs and Blackman Advertis-ing Inc., New York, is the agency.

THE Federal Trade Commission has issued the following stipulations: Anacin Co., Chicago, ordered to cease certain claims for Anacin; M. J. Breitenbach Co., New York, ordered to cease certain claims for Gude's Pepto-Mangan; Justin Haynes & Co. Inc., New York. charged with false claims for Asnivub claims for Aspirub.





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TRAINING DIVISION

FIRST NATIONAL TELEVISION, INC. (MEMBER N. A. B.) Eng. Dept., Power and Light Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. Station for New Albany; Other Projects Dropped SUSTAINING EXAMINER Hyde, the FCC Broadcast Division on March 17 announced the granting of a new 250-watt daytime station on 1370 kc. in New Albany, Ind., just across the Ohio River from Louisville. The FCC order is effective May 12. Heading the project is Arthur Harris, retired New Albany building contractor, with his son Charles Lee Harris and a group of local business men.

The FCC on March 17 also announced the voluntary withdrawal of applications by O. K. Broadcasting Co. for a new 100-watt station on 1200 kc. in Louisville and a new 100 watter on 1500 kc. in Cleveland. The company is headed by A. L. Chilton, former manager of KRLD, Dallas, and operator of KLRA, Little Rock, Ark. Four other applications for new stations were also dismissed at the request of applicants: Herbert Hollister, manager of WHBF, Kansas City, Kan., which he recently sold to the Kansas City Kansan, seeking 100watt stations in Emporia, Kan. and Waterloo, Ia., and Ruth W. and S. E. Adcock, seeking 250 watts daytime on 880 kc. in Johnson City, Tenn., and 250 watts daytime on 1120 kc. in Rossville, Ga.

PURCHASE of CJGX, Yorkton, Sask., by James Richardson & Sons Ltd., also operators of CJRC, Winnipeg, and CJRM, Regina - Moose Jaw, was disclosed March 9 by H. R. McLaughlin, CJRC manager. The Yorkton 100-watter formerly was owned by Dawson Richardson Publications, of Winnipeg, publishers of the Market Review.



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regular announcement: "At this time ladies and gentlemen, we take you to a point 12 miles from the city of Nashville on the main line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. There an operator waits with a microphone. ready to bring you the actual sound of the L. & N.'s crack passenger train, the Pan-American, speeding past the 878-foot tower of WSM, the tallest in America. Here she comes!"

And what listeners heard was not the familiar engine toot but, of all things, hoofbeats of a horse.

Later it was learned that a premature signal had been given for the train and at that moment a horse and buggy rolled across the bridge just above the WSM microphone.

#### Atlantic Buys Baseball

ATLAN'TIC REFINING Co., through N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., has purchased sponsorship of playby-play descriptions of the home games of Philadelphia's two major league baseball clubs over WIP, Philadelphia. The series will mark Philadelphia's first regular baseball broadcasts. The games will be broadcast daily except Sunday. The announcer for the daily descriptions has not yet been selected and it is understood that WIP is seeking a "name" for the job. Although Atlantic Refining has used broadcasting extensively, the WIP series marks its first venture into baseball. Despite baseball broadcasts in other cities, executives of both Philadelphia clubs have always been adamant in their opposition to airing the games.

Lake Shore Honey Series A NEW SERIES of commercials to sell a product of W. F. Straub & Co., Chicago (Lake Shore Honey), thru Mitchell-Faust Adv. Agency, Chicago, consists of domestic science broadcasts in 39 participation programs on three stations. The broadcasts will be a part of the Come Into The Kitchen program of WBAL, Baltimore, Md.; Home Forum program of WBZ-WBZA, Boston, and Health and Home program of WTAM, Cleveland.



#### Hearst Buys 3 More

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cities in which Hearst newspapers are published. The deal for the purchase of the three stations, like that for the original two, was largely engineered by young Roosevelt in company with William P. Day, executive vice president of Lambert & Feasley, New York agency, who are understood to have secured options on all five stations more than a month ago.

Mr. Day declined to discuss his part in the deals, although it was learned from other sources that he was first interested in the radio business by young Roosevelt and that he is an intimate personal friend of T. J. White, general manager of the Hearst enterprises. The deal was negotiated with A. P. Barrett, Fort Worth financier who own control of the five stations, and Lee H. Armer, SBS president and a minority stockholder.

With the acquisition of the five Southwest stations, Hearst radio properties will include 11 stations, with court action still pending before the District of Columbia Supreme Court on his proposed purchase of WMAL, Washington. Applications for transfer of the first two stations have already been filed with FCC by Mr. Roosevelt, with the applications for the other three yet to be filed. The six stations now operated by Hearst are WINS, New York; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WBAL, Baltimore; WISN, Milwaukee; KYA, San Francisco, and KEHE, Los Angeles. Arguments on the suit of Hearst

Arguments on the suit of Hearst Radio against estate administrators of M. A. Leese, owners of WMAL, have been scheduled for March 30 in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The suit, filed last year, is for specific performance of contract which Hearst alleges it entered into for purchase of WMAL at a cost of approximately \$285,000. WMAL is now operated by NBC under lease which still has some two years to run at \$30,000 a year in leasehold and \$6,000 for studios. Hearst is represented by the law firm of Hanson, Lovette & Dale and the Leese estate by Hamilton & Hamilton, of Washington.

#### **U. S. Rubber Spots**

UNITED STATES RUBBER Co., New York (U. S. Royal Master tires), will launch a spot announcement campaign over 35 stations from coast-to-coast beginning the week of April 5. Thirteen oneminute live announcements will be used to introduce a newly-designed tire. Stations are: WPTF, WSYR, KOMO, KHQ, WMBR, WQAM, WSB, WJSV, WNAC, WBEN, WGN, WCKY, WGAR, KLZ, WJR, WGN, WCKY, WGAR, KLZ, WJR, WDRC, WIRE, KMBC, KHJ, WORC, WIRE, KMBC, KHJ, WOR, WCAU, W CA E, K W K, KSL, KFRC, W B R C, W F A A, W O C, W H O, W T M J, K S T P, WSMB, WOWO, KGW. Campbell-Ewald Co., of New York, placed the account.





HAVE you had a bit of terrorizing embarrassment during a program? Most stations have run into situations that take quick thinking.

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"We were just going on the air and there were two young women on the program. I made the announcement that Miss Blank, noted vocalist, would sing So-and-So and introduced her. It happened that they had changed places on the program and no change had been made in my script. Well, to get to the point, this young lady looked at me rather peeved and without warning slapped my face. It was a resounding wallop and apparently sounded like a peal of thunder on the air. Anyway, I rubbed my face, tried to be contained and the orchestra started to play. And what did I do about it? Well, let me ask you: What would you have done, sock back?"

#### **Associated Oil Spots**

ASSOCIATED OIL Co. of California, San Francisco, pioneer in the sponsorship of sports broadcasting, on March 21 started its most comprehensive track and field sportcast schedule ever attempted. Twenty-five or more major intercollegiate Pacific Coast contests will be broadcast during the season and also for the first time, Pacific Northwest track and field meets will be included, according to Harold R. Deal, advertising and sales promotion manager. Stations to be utilized are KSFO, San Francisco; KMTR, Los Angeles; KEX, Portland; KIRO, Seattle; KGA, Spokane; and KWSC, Pullman, Wash.

WFBL, Syracuse, has supplied a local branch office of a national advertiser interested in buying WFBL time, with a radio set in his office so he can hear all the sustaining programs on the WFBL schedules and pick material for his program.



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#### Warner Bros. Reneges (Continued from page 14)

\$250. In all suits which have been answered, dismissals are sought on the ground that Warner houses do not have exclusive title to licensing the numbers for performance, as against the membership of Warner authors in ASCAP. In the suits filed March 17 against stations were those of

In the suits filed March 17 against stations were those of Harms, Inc., against WACO, Waco, K G K O, Wichita Falls, W D O D, Chattanooga, and WTOC, alleging infringement of That Old Fashioned Mother of Mine seeking \$5,000 each; Remick against W H B I, Newark, Kentucky Days, asking \$250; Witmark against WWL, New Orleans, Let's Have Breakfast in Bed, \$5,000; Harms against WJBW, New Orleans, Three Little Words, Let's Put Out the Lights, I'm One of God's Children, Lost My Rhythm, Lost My Music, Lost My Man, asking \$1,750; Harms against WWL, Let's Put Out the Lights, asking \$5,000; R e m i ck against WOWO, It Had to Be You, The Japanese Sandman and Breezin' Along With the Breeze, asking \$15,000; Harms against WDSU, New Orleans, I'm Just An Ordinary Human, asking \$5,000. On March 19, these additional suits were announced: Remick against KTFI, The Little Old Church in the Valley, asking \$250; Harms against WDSU, Where Am I, Let's Swing It and I'm Just An Ordinary Human, asking \$1,500; Harms against WOSU, Rem ick, against WTOC, Savannah, Quicker Than You Can Say Jack Robinson, asking \$5,000; R e m i ck, against WTOC, Savannah, Quicker Than You Can Say Jack Robinson, asking \$500; and Witmark against WTOC, When a Great Love Comes Along, asking \$500; and Harms ecainst WTOC, Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day, asking \$250; Witmark against WSPD, Toledo, Flowers for Madame, asking \$250; Harms against WSPD, Toledo, Flowers for Madame, asking \$5,000 and Witmark against WHAIL, Tallahasse, You're the Flower of My Heart, Sweet Adeline, asking \$250; Harms against WSPD, Toledo, Flowers for Madame, asking \$5,000

#### Starr Speaks for Warner

WARNER announced March 26 that it had mailed the five-year offers to stations. In an accompanying letter Mr. Starr said it had been the intention of Warner to establish a per piece basis for actual use of individual compositions but this was made impossible because of the bulk contract renewals signed with ASCAP. He said he still favored per piece but that the failure to achieve it is due to ASCAP's action "in forcing a new bulk agreement" upon stations. Moreover, he added that the Warner offer "is evidence of our determination to remain outside the ASCAP". That provision of Mr. Warner's letter covering rates under the five-year offer follows:

follows: The monthly fee for each full time station is based upon the highest local quarter-hour rate instead of the highest published national rate. The monthly fee for the first month for each full time station having a local quarter-hour rate of more than \$25 is four times its highest local quarter-hour rate on March 1, 1936. The monthly rate for each month thereafter will be four times the highest local quarter-hour rate during such month. The license fee for full time stations, the highest local quarter-hour rate of which is \$25 or less, will be twice their highest local quarter-hour rate.



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### General Motors Series Signed Through Summer

EXTENSION through the summer months of the General Motors symphony concerts was indicated by officials of that company as the April 19 expiration date of the present series approaches. The Sunday night one-hour programs on the NBC-WEAF network have brought such excellent responses to the sponsors, particularly for the good taste of commercials, that the company is seriously considering carrying them on indefinitely. The account is placed by Campbell-Ewald Co. Inc., Detroit. Further indicating the heightening interest in symphonic music on the air was the signing of Carnegie Tech's symphony orchestra for a Saturday half-hour period, 2:30-3 p. m., over an NBC-WEAF network, starting April 4. The orchestra has been heard on WCAE.

#### Buick to Sponsor Fight

BUICK MOTOR Co., Flint, Mich. (motor cars) will sponsor a blowby-blow description of the forthcoming Joe Louis - Max Schmeling fight over combined NBC networks early this summer. The exact date and scene of the fight will be announced later. Charles E. Gannon, vice president in charge of radio for A. H. Kudner Inc., New York, Buick's agency, signed the contract for the broadcast with Mike Jacobs, the promoter of the fight. Buick also sponsored the broadcast of the Joe Louis - Max Baer fight from New York last September, with Clem McCarthy as announcer. Whether he will broadcast the fight is still indefinite.

### April first is April Fool's Day to many—but it is just another profitable day for those who broadcast on





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## **Radio Aids Press**

RADIO stations in Pennsylvania and WLW, Cincinnati, several times broadcast for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association an announcement in which newspapers shut down by flood were invited to get in touch with the PNPA if they needed emergency service or financial aid. Publishers not affected by the flood in many cases offered their facilities to stricken plants.

#### **Kool Sponsoring Derby**

FOR THE SECOND successive season, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., Louisville, will take on exclusive sponsorship of the Kentucky Derby at Louisville May 2, this time on behalf of Kool Cigarettes. After spirited bidding among the three networks—NBC, CBS and MBS— the account was finally placed with CBS for a 70station nation-wide hookup. The turf classic running alone will be broadcast from 6:15-7 p. m. (EST). Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, New York, placed the account.

#### **Radio Speeds Relief**

RAISING of relief funds by the American Red Cross has been speeded up 50% by radio, Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of that organization, announced March 27 in making public the success of the \$3,000,000 flood relief drive within eight days, far ahead of schedule. While contributions were sought locally, the Red Cross received some \$50,000 at its Washington headquarters. At least half of the letters received with contributions referred to the appeals made on A & P programs by Kate Smith.

#### Fay for Royal Gelatin

TAKING the period just preceding the Shell Chateau show, Standard Brands Inc., New York (Royal Gelatin) on April 18 will begin a 37-week series over a nationwide NBC-WEAF network from Hollywood, Saturdays, 9-9:30 p. m. (EST). The show will feature Frank Fay, comedian who has been starred in recent weeks on the Rudy Vallee show, together with an orchestra and singers. J. Walter Thompson Co., New York, handles the account.



#### KGIR Seeks FCC's Aid As Rep. Monaghan Makes Charge of Political Bias THE FCC will be called upon by KGIR, Butte, Mont., to decide whether, under the Communications Act of 1934, the station is discriminating against Rep. Monaghan (D-Mont.), candidate for the Senate, who has protested against the station's refusal to reserve political time seven months in advance.

E. B. Craney, manager of the station, indicated he would submit all of the facts to the FCC for analysis, since there is involved the issue of political broadcasting. Rep. Monaghan is seeking the seat of Senator Murray (D-Mont.) in the July 30 elections and last Jan. 6 had another individual wire the station to reserve the time from 7-7:20 p. m., on July 29, the day before election.

During the last fortnight, Rep. Monaghan had attacked the station as being controlled by trust interests. He used it as a lever to espouse his pending bill for government ownership of broadcasting, which he introduced last session at the behest of anti-radio groups.

groups. Mr. Craney had informed the Congressman that he could not reserve the specific time that far in advance but would give him time just as near 7:00 p. m. as his broadcasting schedule would permit on that day. The exchange of telegrams and letters continued up to late in March, with Monaghan still objecting to lack of specific reservation of the time. Mr. Craney, among other things, brought out that his regular contracts, as do those of virtually all other stations, specify that the time shall be subject to change without notice.

#### **Tidewater Is Expanding**

EXPANDING its spot purchases in the Northeastern states in which it has chief distribution, Tidewater Oil Co., New York, has purchased news periods on WFIL, Philadelphia, and WHEC, Rochester, and is considering further placements. Starting March 30, three 5-minute and one 15-minute news periods daily will be carried by Tidewater six days weekly on WFIL, while on WHEC two 15-minute news spots will be sponsored. Lennen & Mitchell, New York, handles the account.

#### **Texas Discs in South**

TEXAS Co., New York (Texaco products) soon will place a series on 39 electrical transcriptions three time a week over 13 Southern stations on a 13-week schedule. The discs are dramatic shows built around unsolved mysteries and were recorded by Conquest Alliance Co. Stations in the campaign are KTHS, WJBO, WWL, KWKH, WJDX, WDOD, WNOX, WAPI, WALA, WJAX, WDAE, WTOC, WFBC. Hanff - Metzger Inc., New York, has the account.





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### CAN MEN COOK? KSTP Thinks So and Grants Them Program Time

MEN who have adopted cooking as their hobby are getting their first radio break in a new program on KSTP, St. Paul. Dubbed The Kitchen Is For Men Only, and part of KSTP's new Household Forum conducted by Bee Baxter, formerly of WOW, Omaha, and KSOO, Sioux Falls, the program goes on the air at 11:15 a. m. Saturdays and is devoted to bringing before the microphone the male culinary connoisseurs of the Twin Cities. During the first week of the pro-

gram, two of the musicians from Charlie Agnew's band who admit-ted they could tell women a thing or two about cooking were brought before the mike by Miss Baxter. Since that time several prominent Twin Cities men who have found sanctuary in the kitchen from their workday lives, have bared their hidden secret to the public. A serious effort is being made to round up all male cooks and get them to tell their stories. The Baxter program goes on the air six days a week. It is built along light and sparkling lines.

WITH Tulsa unexpectedly in the American Hockey Association play-offs, the KTUL sales staff moved fast to sell commercial sponsorship fast to sell commercial sponsorship of St. Louis games by remote. It worked out a deal with KWK to broadcast St. Louis games to both stations, and KTUL broadcast for KWK on games in Tulsa. First National Bank and Trust Co., Tul-sa, sponsored the games as a good will offering to Tulsa hockey fans.

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All are ready to assist you in securing sponsors for our many productions . . . wire us ten words collect if you wish any of these men to call upon you.



### **Deletions From Networks** With Arrival of Spring

ADDITIONAL deletions in spon-sored network programs with ar-rival of the spring season, supplementing lists which appeared in the March 1 and March 15 issues of BROADCASTING, follow:

#### NBC

NBC William R. Warner Co., New York (Sloan's liniment) with Warden Lawes in 20.000 Years in Sing Sing, Wednesdays, 9.30-10 p. m., April 8 (WJZ). Clicquot Club Co., Millis, Mass. (ginger ale) with Clicquot Club Eskimos, Sundays, 3-3:30 p. m., April 12 (WEAF). William R. Warner Co., New York (Vince) with John Charles Thomas, Wed-nesdas, 10-10:30 p. m., April 15 (WJZ). Kellogg Co., Battle Creek, Mich. (cere-als) with Kellogg Promenade, Fridays, 8:30-9 p. m., April 17 (WJZ). General Electric Co., Schenectady (bet-ter light, better sight institutional pro-gram) with The Melody Master, Sundays 11-11:30 p. m., April 12 (WEAF). Chevrolet Motor Co., Detroit (motor cars) with Rubinoff and His Violin, Sat-urdays, 9-9:30 p. m. (WEAF).

#### CBS

CBS Lehn & Fink Products Corp., New York (Hind's Honey & Almond Cream) with Leslie Howard, Sundays, 2-2:30 p. m., with rebroadcast midnight, March 29. Studebaker Sales Corp., South Bend, Ind. (motor cars) with *Richard Himber*, Fridays, 10-10:30 p. m., April 24. Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., New York (Chesterfields) with Nino Martini and Andre Kostelanetz orchestra, Satur-days, April 25.

### **WFBR** Building Station **On Ultra-high Frequency**

AN ULTRA-HIGH frequency AN ULTRA-HIGH I requency broadcasting station, to be oper-ated in conjunction with WFBR, Baltimore, is being installed in that city by the Baltimore Radio Show Inc., operators of WFBR. The 100-watt RCA "apex" transmitter will be located in the Belve-dere Hotel, highest point in the city proper and which now is being remodeled.

Installation of the new plant is being supervised by RCA engi-neers in collaboration with William Q. Ranft, chief engineer of WFBR. The Belvedere is 210 feet high, and is located atop a hill in the center of the city. The antenna will be some 30 feet high.

#### P. & G. Trims Hookups

PROCTOR & GAMBLE Co., Cincinnati (Ivory soap) returns Capt. Tim's Adventures Stories to a special NBC-WJZ hookup (WJZ, WBZ-WBZA) March 31, 6:15-6:30 p. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The series replaces the previous broadcasts heard thrice weekly on the basic NBC-WJZ network, ending March 27. Last year P. & G. adopted the same plan for the program during the summer and in the fall re-sumed the usual number of stations. Blackman Adv. Inc., New York, has the account.

#### Jimmie Allen Movie

THE PARAMOUNT motion pic-ture, "The Sky Parade", to be re-leased April 10, is based on the World Broadcasting System tran-scribed radio feature The Adven-tures of Jimmie Allen. More than 520 separate 15-minute episodes of the series have been recorded in the last three years for four oil company sponsors. Current spon-sors include Richfield Oil Co. of New York, Skelly Oil, Richfield Oil of California and Hickok Oil Co. in their several territories.



NOW RELEASES TWO OF ITS PRIZE PROGRAMS FOR SPONSORSHIP



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#### FCC Meeting Fridays

BECAUSE of the current FCC investigation of the A. T. & T., with hearings three days a week, the FCC Broadcast Division temporarily will meet on Fridays, at which time it will transact regular business heretofore handled at Tuesday meetings.



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#### FCC CANDIDACIES REST ON SENATORS

WHETHER George H. Payne, member of the FCC Telegraph Division, will be reappointed when his present term expires July 1, now depends upon the wishes of Western Senators, it is reported in informed administration circles. A New York Republican, Payne has been working assiduously for reappointment, which would presumably be for a seven-year-term, and is known to have the backing of Senator Johnson (R-Cal.) with whom he served in the 1912 Bull Moose campaign.

A new candidate for the post is Ralph A. Horr, of Seattle, who served one term as a Republican member of the House several years ago. He also was identified with the old Adolph Linden network which had its origin on the Pacific Coast in 1930 but failed shortly afterward.

Prominently mentioned for the Payne post has been Judge John C. Kendall, of Portland, Ore., an attorney experienced in radio practice. While not active in his own behalf, Judge Kendall, it is believed, would accept the assignment if proffered. Former Radio Commissioner Harold A. Lafount, of Utah, also has been advanced as a possible appointee.

#### Ford Concerts Praised ForLack of Commercials

LAVISH praise from listeners and critics for the Ford Motor Co.'s Sunday Evening Hour broadcasts over CBS, particularly with respect to the innovation of no "sales talk", has been announced by N. W. Ayer & Son Inc., Philadelphia, the Ford agency.

When the new series started, Edsel Ford, president of the company, announced that he had two chief aims, one to have programs of music interesting and of high quality, and the other to "keep the programs free of sales talk in the belief that the Sunday Evening Hour was neither the time nor the place for commercial conversation." In addition to praise for the music proffered, the thousands of commendatory let t e rs expressed approval of the sponsor's method of handling the commercial credits.

SO GREAT has been the popular appeal of the informal talks by W. J. Cameron on the *Ford Sunday Evening Hour* over CBS that 5,130,000 copies of his remarks have been printed to meet the demand created by the series of the past and present years.

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New York salesman with advertisin agency contacts to represent radio station and operate branch office for stations k cated in other parts of the country. Mus be acquainted with New York advertisen Box 467, BROADCASTING.

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Station, Program or Production executive with 11 years experience in every phase of radio — announcing; continuit; writing; production; artist. Includinf work on largest network programs. Would like connection with large independen station. Dependable; Good Habits; Best of References. Now employed. Box 465 BROADCASTING.

Engineer. Age thirty, married, no chil dren. Now employed but desires change Eight years experience, construction, operating and maintenance work both transmitter and speech equipment. Best references. Any reasonable proposition considered. Box 468, BROADCASTING.

#### For Rent—Equipment

Approved equipment. RCA TMV - 76 - B field strength measuring unit (new), direct reading; Astiline Angus Automatic Recorder for fading on distant stations; GR radio frequency bridge; radio oscillators, etc. Reasonable rental. Allied Research Laboratories, 260 East 161st Street. New York City.

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Program Managers, Artists, send for list of new songs — available for broadcasting without payment of copyright fee. Indiana Song Bureau, Salem, Indiana.

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