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in which WOR repeats some things it said in 1948 as an underlined assurance of what it will continue to be in 1949.

"... what we've said attempts to mirror the warmth and humanness of WOR's programming from day to day. It is these qualities, based on a skilled knowledge of what the public wants, that have made WOR one of America's great stations—and great selling forces—for more than a quarter of a century."

"... WOR is a powerful force in the lives of the majority of 36,000,-000 people in 430 counties in 18 states on the eastern seaboard. From the windy reaches of Prince Edward Island, in the Dominion of Canada, to the pine-scented border of Southern Georgia, WOR's voice is a welcome and forceful one."

"... WOR's personality has always been a warm one; a method and technique of programming based on people, not just shows. But in evolving this form of radio broadcasting, WOR has not ignored ideas, nor the need for showmanship and day to day awareness of what the public wants ...."

It is qualities such as those described above that make WOR the amazing selling force that it is, and mind you — at a price that'll leave you gasping.

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coming! a great television station • WOR-TV, New York ... Channel 9

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IXTY-FIVE thousand people, packed their Ainch and came to our WLS picnt. Back in 1939, WLS invited Indiana listeners to a Sunday picnic at Noblesville—20 miles north of Indianapole—asked them to join WLS folks for a day of entertainment, special broadcasts and visiting. Indiana State Police needed help to park 12,000 cars. By early attenoon, they were turning back cars 10-miles away. This family, style picnic with sixty-five thousand disteners was one of many great events in the heat-twenty-live years of WLS.

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Noblesville picnic was a thrill, too, for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dillenbeck of Bendleton, Indiana. It was an opportunity to see and visif with all the WLS folks they listened to. Thousands of others felt the same way, for, as Mr. Dillenbeck recently remarked, "Seems like everybody went to your Noblesville picnic."

For twenty-two years, Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck have lovally listened to WLS. Daughters Florence, Dorothy and Audrey do, too. WLS Broadcasts have

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become a valued and trusted part of their daily lives. Mr. Dillenbeck has a radio in his barn, listens to all WLS farm news and market reports. Recently, WLS hog market reports enabled him to realize an extra \$75 profit on the sale of 17 hogs.

Special occasions like the Noblesville picnic, corn husking contests, coverage of the Hindenburg disaster, leave a lasting impression on listeners . . help develop loyalty and acceptance. Serving the religious, social and business needs of our listeners, has built loyalty and acceptance.

This quarter-century of sincere, friendly, "0 sophisticated relationship between WLS and thousands of folks in the Midwest has led them to remember and regard WLS as a friend in whom they have confidence and belief—a confidence that insures advertising results.

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# The INTERMOUNTAIN Farm Network

Sells the prosperous Intermountain farmer through 9 stations. Programs slanted to farmers' <u>local</u> interests.

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KMON Great Falls, Mont. 5000W-560kc

KID Idaho Falis, Ida. 5000W-1360kc

KFXD Nampa-Boise, Ida. 1000W-580kc

> KVNU Logan, Utah 1000W-610kc

KSVC Richfield, Utoh 1000W-690kc

KOVO Provo, Utah 1000W-960kc

KPOW Powell, Wyoming 1000W-1260kc

KŴYO Sheridan, Wyaming 1000W-1410kc

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### NO WASTE COVERAGE.

Metropolitan centers and major urban population counties are excluded from the INTER-MOUNTAIN NETWORK FARM GROUP, as are desert wastelands. Every dollar spent on the Farm Group is for rural coverage, assuring advertisers of intense penetration of the nine farm markets.

### FARM STATIONS FOR THE FARM AUDIENCE.

Each station in the Farm Group pragrams for its particular type audience. This includes: KID, located in the heart of the rich potato producing Snake River Valley. KVNU, nerve center of the highly developed dairy industry of the lush Cache Valley. KMON, KPOW and KWYO, serving the prosperous wheat and cattle farmers of Montana and Narthern Wyoming. Each of these station's program structures are slanted to the interests af the farming activity in the particular area it serves.

### PROSPEROUS FARM MARKETS.

Here in the Intermountain West farmers have the money to buy. Cash income per farm in 1947 shows Wyoming in 4th place nationally, Montana in 7th, Idaho 15th and Utah 24th.

### ECONOMICAL GROUP RATE.

Two or more stations of the FARM GROUP earn 10% discount. See Standard Rate and Data.

### EASY TO BUY.

One scheduling, one contract, one affidavit, one billing.



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WHILE precise nature of NBC's new Sunday night program format to offset CBS inroads isn't yet formulated (see story page 25), new emphasis on lowering program costs and developing new vehicles could well include recorded programs (in line with modified policy broached at Sun Valley NBC affiliates convention in September), mystery shows and even modified giveaways, if they finally pass FCC muster.

LOU RUPPEL, former CBS publicity director and former managing editor of *Chicago Times*, on Feb. 1 becomes director of Clear Channel Broadcasting Service, headquartered in Washington. Post has been vacant since Victor A. Sholis left nearly two years ago to become director of WHAS Louisville.

RUTHRAUFF & RYAN, New York, has submitted television show featuring Olson & Johnson to its client Chrysler Corp., New York. Show said to be one of most costly in TV.

DESPITE eleventh-hour effort to stamp out fire at Broadcast Measurement Bureau, reports are current that financial plight of agency is far worse than indicated [BROADCASTING, Jan. 3, Jan. 10]. Investigation of BMB budgets thus far apparently has failed to yield sufficiently clarified statement.

PORTENTS of seriousness of BMB plight indicated with reported resignation of Edgar Kobak, MBS president, from its councils although network has paid up to April so it won't rock boat on March survey. It's reported that substantially more than \$100,000 in station payments may be needed for March survey.

CROSLEY Broadcasting Corp., which was alpha of so-called Avco procedure requiring 60 days of public advertisement of station transfers for competitive bids, also may prove to be omega. Avco procedure originally invoked following Avco Mfg. Corp. purchase of WLW Cincinnati and associated Crosley properties in 1945. Crosley's proposed purchase of WHAS Louisville for which there are two competitive bids could well be final important competitive bidding case. Proposed change in rule, tossing Avco into regulatory ashcan, now is pending.

TO PROTECT investment in Jack Benny, CBS is understood to be covering him with "largest" life insurance policy ever written for man of his age. Similar insurance precautions understood planned on other new talent.

WHEN NAB board group meets Friday to take first look at reorganization problem, one of plans will be three-ply vice presidential bracket between front office and department heads. AM, FM and TV station groups would have own v.p. contacts to look after their interests.

READING between lines of hard-socking Senate subcommittee report on communications (Continued on page 70) Highlights This Issue

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### **Bulletins**

SENATOR JOHNSON (D-Col.), chairman of Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee, will introduce bill for "outright prohibition of granting of Stratovision licenses by FCC," he said Friday in Chicago. He said stratosphere could be used for broadcasts "which would present a far more serious threat of domination by clear channels than exist today." He said he had beén informed color television may be here by end of 1949, and that it would make present video sets "not worth a nickel."

### HORMEL ON ABC

GEORGE A. HORMEL & Co. (meats), Austin, Minn., will sponsor for 52 weeks *Hormel Girls' Corps*, drummers and buglers, 11-11:30 a.m. (CST) Saturdays on 204 ABC stations starting March 5 at Knoxville. Corps picks up musician in each town visited. Agency, BBDO, Minneapolis.

### **U. S. MIGRATION SHOWN**

POST-WAR migration remains big factor in United States, report issued by Bureau of Census shows. One of every five persons in the U. S. was living in different place April 1, 1948 than year previous. Approximately one in every 16 lives in a different county. Total of 6.3% of population had crossed county line, while 3.0% or 4,370 persons crossed state lines.

### **Business Briefly**

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CAMEL SHOW EXPANDS • R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C. (Camels) Feb. 16 expands five-a-week evening NBC-TV video programs from 10 to 15 minutes and switches from Fox Movietone to live-and-film NBC show featuring John Cameron Swayze, shifting from 7:50-8 p.m. to 7:45-8 p.m. Agency, Wm. Esty Co. New York.

CHEN YU NAMES K & E  $\bullet$  Chen Yu Products (nail lacquer, lipstick), recently acquired by Richard Hudnut Co., New York, has appointed Kenyon & Eckhardt, New York, to handle its advertising.

HOTEL TO USE TV • Hotel New Yorker, New York, March 1 starts 13-week TV film spot campaign in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Agency, Peter Hilton Inc., New York.

### CRANEY ELECTED HEAD OF ANTI-CLEAR GROUP

ED B. CRANEY, managing director of Pacific Northwest Broadcasters, unanimously elected chairman of group of 75 station officials which met Friday in Chicago's Palmer House to organize offensive against clear channel movement.

Mr. Craney named following to join him on executive committee: Don Searle, KMMJ Grand Island, Neb.; Les Biederman, Midwestern Bcstg. Co., Michigan; Steve Cisler, WKYW Louisville; Clifford Lee, KFXM San Bernardino, Calif.; F. C. Sowell, WLAC Nashville; Bruce McConnell, WHOT South Bend, Ind. Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.) told meet-

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.) told meeting that network stations should form "unions" and "collectively bargain" with networks (see story page 22). Sen. Johnson said he plans to attend third NARBA at Quebec in October.

Group decided dues should be four times highest hourly rate, for three years. Represented were 139 stations from all over country. Objective is to see that monopoly never is allowed to exist in radio.

### **Baltimore Stations Fined for Contempt**

THREE Baltimore stations fined Friday by city court for violating court's "gag" on publication of crime news (Rule 904). James P. Connolly, WITH commentator, also fined. (Early story of "gag" trial on page 27.)

Appeals expected by guilty stations. Charles Roeder, WCBM program director, said, "Naturally we'll appeal."

Fines were—WITH \$500 and costs; Mr. Connolly, \$100 and costs; WFBR \$300 and costs; WCBM \$300 and costs. WSID in suburban Essex, outside city limits, found not guilty since court found no proof was offered that its broadcasts had been heard in city.

Stations have 10 days to appeal. WBAL, similarly charged with contempt, to have sep-

arate trial. Court to rule on WBAL procedural claims Feb. 21, with hearing tentatively set for Feb. 28.

Judge John B. Gray Jr. held Maryland courts have power to punish for contempt, with right not limited by legislation; held Rule 904 is valid; said rule is not censorship; asserted he believed in free speech and free trial, but that press must yield in favor of right to free trial. Mr. Connolly severely rebuked for broadcast on ground his material did not originate outside city as in case of other three stations. Judge Gray said court had no difficulty in concluding that effect of broadcasts was "devastating."

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50,000 WATTS DAYTIME—Non-Directional 10,000 WATTS NIGHT—810 kc.



ONE station ONE set of call letters ONE spot on the dial ONE rate card

National Representative: JOHN E. PEARSON COMPANY

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... and a spanking good time is had by all, advertisers as well as listeners. Canoe's population wouldn't crowd a fair-size yawl-but if you're fishing for markets there's a whole fleet of prosperous Canoes in WMTland. 1,121,782 people live within the WMT 2.5 mv line.

For smooth sailing in the important Eastern Iowa farm-and-industry market, navigate with WMT, the exclusive CBS outlet in the area. The Katz agency man will welcome you aboard with full details.



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AM 5,000 Watts

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# WASHINGTON SCREEN



AMERICA'S TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR is now on the Washington Screen! Above Dr. George V. Denny, Jr., presides at a typical telecast of the distinguished, informative program as a group of experts prepare to discuss both sides of an important issue before the American public. WMAL-TV is proud to bring such a worthy program to televiewers in the Nation's Capital.



WMAL

WMAL-TV

BRYSON RASH, WMAL-TV's Director of Special Events and

noted ABC correspondent, interviews newly elected Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and his family on "Capital Close-Up," the television show de-

signed to acquaint the public with

new members of Congress and their

families.

EVERYTHING from the most expensive jewels in the world to full course dinners are seen on

Ruth Crane's "Modern Woman" television show. The "Modern Woman" teleshow also has the distinction of presenting the first electrocardiogram demonstration in television, the subject being announcer Jackson Weaver shown here with Ruth Crane and guest William Green, President of the AF af L.

JIM GIBBONS, popular Sports Director of WMAL-TV, interviews Jimmy Youel, star quarterback of the Washington Redskins,..during intermission time at the boxing matches from Washington's Turner's Areno-another top sports attraction on WMAL-TV!

WMAL-FM



THE EVENING STAR STATIONS WASHINGTON, D. C. 

**R** USSELL PIERCE of Pierce, Threlkeld & Assoc., San Francisco, resigns to become vice president of Abbot Kimball Co. of California. He also will be an account executive in company's Los Angeles office. Mr. Pierce is former manager of J. Walter Thompson Co.'s San Francisco office.

FAIRFAX CONE, chairman of board, Foote, Cone & Belding who headquarters in Chicago, elected to board of directors of Community Fund of Chicago. Mr. Cone, chairman of the Fund's public relations committee for two years, will organize new year-round campaign committee, which he will head.

WALTER McCREERY, president of Smith, Bull & McCreery Inc., Hollywood, announces plans to open Chicago office sometime this year. Agency recently expanded its San Francisco office, with new headquarters at 522 Powell St.

JOHN W. SHAW Adv., Chicago, announces formation of new television department headed by ROBERT ZELENS. New department will make marketby-market television tests for clients to help them determine relative positions in TV before launching big budget programs.

**PEGGY WOOD** joins Zeder-Talbott Inc., Hollywood, as public relations director. Miss Wood was formerly assistant radio publicity director for West Coast offices of J. Walter Thompson Co., Hollywood, and prior to that was NBC Western Division assistant promotion manager.

LEONA L. LaPELLE joins Yardis Adv., Philadelphia, as account executive.

WILLIAM L. O'BRION, formerly with merchandising department of Newell-Emmett, New York, joined St. Georges & Keyes, New York, in similar capacity.

VIVIENNE BARNES, formerly contest editor with Butler Bros., Chicago, joins Roy S. Durstine Inc., San Francisco, as production manager.

ROBERT S. HENDRICKSON, formerly account executive with Gerth-Pacific, San Francisco, joins merchandising department of Young & Rubicam, same city.

DON PICKENS, formerly manager of California Newspaper Advertising Service, joins Biow Co., San Francisco, as assistant media director and office manager. DICK GRANT, formerly with J. Walter Thompson Co., San Francisco, joins agency as production manager.

WILLIAM R. MINER. former managing editor of the St. Louis Star-Times, joins publicity department of Needham, Louis & Brorby, Chicago. Mr. Miner is former special writer and Washington correspondent for Chicago Sun and member of editorial staff at Chicago Tribune.

RALPH H. WHITMORE, formerly account executive with Allied Adv., Los Angeles, joins Smith, Bull & McCreery Adv., that city, in same capacity.

J. VAN VELSOR SMITH joins William von Zehle & Co., New York, as account executive.

CHANDLER STEWART WOOLLEY, formerly of BBDO and Roy S. Durstine Inc., both New York, appointed director of service for Jules Livingston Adv., Binghamton, N. Y.

A. C. MacGOWAN joins Cruttenden & Eger, Chicago, as head of firm's new marketing research department. Mr. MacGowan was manager of marketing research division at Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, for six years. He also directed research for J. Stirling Getchell Agency, New York.

RICHARD N. GULICK, with Charles Dallas Reach Co., New York, for past 12 years, appointed vice president and account executive of A. W. Lewin Co., Newark, N. J.

ELIZABETH FOWLES, formerly with Garfield & Guild, San Francisco, joins copy department of Smith, Bull & McCreery, same city.

LAWRENCE Adv., Chicago, moves to new offices at 203 N. Wabash Ave. from 59 E. Van Buren St. Telephone: DEarborn Z-2841. LAWRENCE COHEN heads office.

FRAN HARRIS, television director of Ruthrauff & Ryan, Chicago, and RALPH G. TUCHMAN, Hollywood news editor of BROADCASTING, have announced plans to be married at the end of this summer.

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Pacific Coasters enjoy wading out into low-tide Saturday pools-to dive under with a crowbar for prying abalones off the rocks.

people throughout the West stay home Saturdays

Succulent seafood, when pounded immediately and thoroughly.



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and listen to their radios. Look: The family availability on Saturday (Hooper average) is 74.2-8% more families than are available on weekdays. And sets in use on Saturdays have increased 32% over four years ago.

Even on NBC, there are still a few Saturday morning and early afternoon availabilities. You'll want to find out about them-and see more of the startling Saturday listening figures. That day, as advertisers know, is no exception to the rest of the week which marks NBC as No. 1 Network-in the buying West as in the nation.

listening's first on a western saturday over





### Remember the story about...

Franklin's lightning experiment that grew into the Age of Electricity



Many great achievements come from small beginnings. Take WWDC in Washington, for instance. It started out small . . . and then it grew ... and grew ... until today it is a huge power in the Washington market. Today your sales message over WWDC goes out to a buying audience that brings you profitable sales - economically. Get the whole story from your Forjoe man today.



## Feature of the Week

A DOUBLE-BARRELED campaign for home improvement has been launched by WTMA Charleston, S. C. Not only has the idea brought the station a nice piece of business-28 quarter-hours a week under sponsorship of 14 firms-but it promises to impel Charleston area residents to improve and remodel their homes to a greater extent than ever before.

The idea was conceived by Robert E. Bradham, WTMA manager, and uses the theme "It's later than you think." Participating in the effort with the station are the Citizens and Southern National Bank of South Carolina and building material and construction concerns in the area.

The campaign officially started with programs of Jan. 3, after extensive pre-broadcast promotion in local papers and on the air.

Before the initial program a dinner was held for representatives of the bank and participating concerns. The purpose was to discuss every aspect of the overall campaign plan.

Dealers answered questions and explained their part in the remodelling and home improvement work and, in turn, representatives

tor at Benton & Bowles, New York, that intelligence might very

logically have stirred happy recol-

lections, for it was out of that Bowl

that Mr. Harris drew the first

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Husing at that win-

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Les Harris made his big-time bow into

Born on March

21, 1914, in New York City, Mr. Har-

ris first entered ra-

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er at WDBO Or-lando, Fla. Later enrolling at Wash-

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of the bank explained financing of the project. Members of the advertising and program depart-ments of WTMA were present at the dinner so that they might get a clear view of the type of programs best suited to the campaign.

During each WTMA home improvement program, in the regular commercial time, a sponsor plugs the campaign in general, urging listeners to remodel and improve their homes, and at the same time advertises his own product. The Citizens and Southern Bank, in its Music for Dreaming program, gives the campaign a boost while explaining how it will lend the money necessary for home improvement.

### Different Titles Chosen

Appropriate titles were chosen for each program-Pastels in Melody for a paint company, Melody Manor for a brick company and Open House, a participating program for several dealers.

The campaign is running 26 weeks with the station confident that the double pounding from the bank and the various dealers will bring a great wave of home improvement to Charleston.

### On All Accounts

N New Year's Day, thereber and his orchestra, serving as were some in this counradio expert for the General Motry who didn't interrupt tors Automobile Shows. their hangover treatments to sum-Returning to New York and the mon any unusual interest in the Columbia School of Journalism, Mr. news that Texas was defeating Georgia in the Orange Bowl at Miami. But to Leslie Talbot Har-Harris kept a portion of his heart and his good right hand in radio as ris, newly appointed radio direc-

an announcer at WOR. Deciding finally to let his left hand in on what his right hand was doing Les Harris left New York and Columbia to take a full-time job as production director of WQAM in Mi-

ami. After a time he became program director of the station.

It was then that he was sought out by CBS to assist Ted Husing at the Orange Bowl. Other assignments followed: Mr. Harris handled the celebrated interview with the Duke of Windsor when the ex-monarch first arrived in this country after his abdication; he recorded the last words of Amelia Earhart before the

takeoff on her fatal flight; he covered the celebrated Cash kidnapping, innumerable hur-

the late President Roosevelt, cov-

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For Profitable

INVESTIGATE



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he studied law, he spent the summers as a special events announcer for WGN at the ricanes, served as announcer for

Chicago World's Fair. Departing Chicago, Les Harris toured the country with Jan Gar-



In sports-minded Portland, skiers too have fun on the Kay West pragram.

Hula 'n' everything! Kay broadcasts direct from Hawoii.

Here's Kay before leaving to help inaugurate Hawaii-Portland air service.

OH, KAY!

KEX's fabulous KAY WEST PRO-GRAM is a prime favorite with Pacific Northwest listeners.. and a powerful sales tool for advertisers who share this scintillating show at 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Kay is seen and heard everywhere.. starring at fairs, planning special events, serving as toastmistress, broadcasting from Hawaii. Timely interviews and audience-participation stunts keep Kay's program pulling the largest quantity of mail on KEX. Listeners.. and lucky clients.. really "love that gal."



Portland's present to the islands: an Oregon turkey. Kay's the chaperone.

Kay pulled the largest crowd at the Multnomah County (Portland) Fair.



Guests win roses in "The City of Roses" on Kay West's daily program.



Kay finds homes for puppies. Here are two of the lucky winners.



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At beouty contests, tool. Here Kay helps select "Miss Portland."

Part of the large studio oudience that features Kay's daily program.



### IF YOU'RE FROM MISSOURI, LET US SHOW YOU ...

Listeners want <u>shows!</u> Sponsors want <u>shows!</u> That's what the Capitol Transcription Library gives you - <u>shows</u> that we program for you as part of this unusual service. Want to know more? Fill out the coupon. Let us show you.

> A UNIQUE LIBRARY PROGRAM SERVICE

Capitol Transcriptions Sunset and Vine, Dept. B131 Hollywood 28, California

**FREE** – Rush new '49 demonstration record describing Capitol library and how it helps sell station time.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: With the close of the national March of Dimes campaign today (Jan. 31) BROADCASTING, in recognition of the outstanding public service rendered by the industry, this week utilizes its "In the Public Interest" section to publicize the activities of sta-tions which reported March of Dimes work. Herewith are a few of the many activities by stations and networks, as reported to BROADCASTING.

FROM COAST to coast this month the radio industry has been on the march aiding in collecting money for the March of Dimes campaign. The drive to aid victims of infantile paralysis opened nationally Jan. 14 and closes today (Jan. 31).

CBS presented an hour and a half Cavalcade of Bands last night (Sunday) from 11:30 to 1 a.m., featuring five of the nation's top orchestras - Larry Fotine, Garwood Van, Johnny Austin, Joe Reichman and Tex Beneke. Each of the orchestra leaders paid tribute to the work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and appealed for contributions.

Jack Benny, known as a gag for his penny-pinching, led a nationwide appeal, "Ten Pennies From Benny." Loading his famous veult on a wagon, Mr. Benny made the trip from Hollywood to Washington where his contributions were turned over to the national foundation. CBS affiliates across the country tied in this drive with their own local March of Dimes campaigns.

#### WCSC Booth

In Charleston, S. C., WCSC set up a "Ten Pennies From Benny" booth in the downtown area manned by station staff members, each of whom contributed an hour a day to care for the booth. In addition to the booth, air announcements and numerous posters throughout the area, WCSC cooperated with the U. S. Army Recruiting Office which donated a truck to aid in collections. The truck carried large posters of Mr. Benny's wagon and its public address system was handled by soldiers and WCSC announcers.

WPAY Portsmouth, Ohio, also plugged the Benny march with a strongbox in which to deposit contributions. A large picture of Mr. Benny appeared on the side of the box which was sent by Railway Express to the comedian in Washington at the close of the drive.

Special 15-minute broadcasts were aired every day during the two-week campaign by WLAW Lawrence, Mass. Arthur Flynn, WLAW commentator and fightcaster and chairman of the local March of Dimes, handled the broadcasts which originated in a large booth installed on the main street of Lawrence. Aiding Mr. Flynn in his interview-type programs was Jimmy Dowd. Mr. Dowd, a Marine veteran paralyzed from war injuries, was the subject of a recent WLAW drive which raised \$20,000 for his care.

In Washington state, listeners to

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Radio's Role in The March of Dimes

KPKW Pasco put their energyaccompanied with contributionsinto finding a last line for a limerick. The contest was sponsored by KPKW with local merchants donating prizes for the daily winners.

"Remember Mike" was the 1949 theme for KJR Seattle's drive. Mike is a young polio victim who was spotlighted by the station in 1947 when the slogan was "For the Love of Mike" and again in 1948 with "Sure, Mike." This year the station featured Donna, a six-yearold girl, who cut transcriptions with most of the station's announcers and personalities for use throughout the campaign. The mailing address for contributions was simply: "Remember Mike-Seattle.'

KIRO and KXA, both in Seattle, adopted two of the March of Dimes tables in the downtown area and urged their listeners to contribute to those particular tables. KOMO Seattle transcribed the kickoff broadcast which was supplied to all stations in the area which requested it.

In an effort to help Bibb County, Georgia, meet its \$20,000 quota for the drive, WMAZ Macon held a "Dimes and Dollars Derby." Announcers Lloyd Harris and Frank Hubbs painted lines with their noses down Macon's main street. They painted an inch for a dime or a foot for a dollar. Dressed in overalls and catchers' masks, to which paint brushes were attached, the painters netted \$1,200 for the drive in the first three days of their stunt. WMAZ broadcast a description of the event each afternoon.

One-minute spot appeals transcribed by polio victims were cut by KNBC San Francisco for broadcast on Bay Area stations. Pressings were distributed free to all stations in the area.

In Des Moines, Iowa, KCBC and the Junior Chamber of Commerce combined forces to sponsor a benefit basketball game for polio patients. Theme of the campaign was "Help These Children." Clair Grant, station sales promotion

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Patroon" of the week

### **KAY KENNELLY**

Time Buyer, OLIAN ADVERTISING CO.

country.

Director of all time buying at Olian, Miss Kennelly is recognized as one of the most active and most efficient women in the industry in Chicago. The William G Rambeau rep today precate of membership in the  $\partial_{\mathcal{C}}$ Honorary Order of Patroons 30 38 and with the deed to a tract of a land in the heart of the Patroon

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10,000 watts of AM power,

America's first commercial FM station, regional coverage at local rates,

And, hard-hitting promotion, too:

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### Fulton Lewis Jr. and His Electric Buzz-Saw

He's a handy man to have around the house—and his radic voice is around more houses than you can shake a mike at. Whether he's putting a bureau together or taking a bureaucrat apart, he hits the sawdust trail with everything he's got. At home, he works with a complete workshop. In the office his "tools" include a trained news-gathering team of reporters and editors whose efforts contribute precise background data to the nightly Lewis broadcast.

Currently sponsored on 326 stations, the program is the original news "co-op." Fulton Lewis, Jr. affords local advertisers network prestige at local time cost, with prorated talent cost.

Since there are more than 500 MBS stations, there may be an opening in your city. If you want a ready-made audience for a client (or yourself), investigate now. Check your local Mutual outlet—or the Co-operative Program Department, **Mutual Broadcasting System**, 1440 Broadway, NYC 18 (or Tribune Tower, Chicago 11).



H YGRADE FOOD PRODUCTS Corp., New York, sponsoring Deems Taylor Concert, transcribed series, on WOR New York, WPEN Philadelphia, WNAC Boston, CKLW Detroit and WBEN Buffalo. Agency: Maxwell Dane Inc., New York.

COMFORT BEDDING Co., Los Angeles, sponsoring half-hour weekly Stars Are Bright program on KTTV (TV) Los Angeles. Contract is for 13 weeks. Agency: Milton Weinberg Adv., Los Angeles.

KORVO Co., Chicago (germicidal hair preparation) Feb. 21 starting 13week test spot campaign on two California stations, five-weekly on KYNO Fresno and four-weekly on KITO San Bernadino. If successful, campaign will be extended to other California markets. Agency: David S. Hillman Inc., Los Angeles.

**ESQUIRE KITCHENS**, Los Angeles (pre-cooked frozen foods), appoints Allied Adv., that city, to handle advertising. Radio and television will be used in Los Angeles markets first, expanded into others later.

CALCO Corp., Santa Monica, Calif. (Crayoffs drawing crayon), appoints Mayers Co., Los Angeles, to handle advertising. Television will be used.

OLD HOMESTEAD BAKING Co., (Butter-Nut Superb and Butter-Nut Dutch Krunch breads) appoints Brisacher, Wheeler & Staff, San Francisco, to handle advertising. Radio will be used.

**RIESER Co.**, New York (manufacturers of Venida hair nets, Jiffey pins and Hair Beauty preparations) is sponsoring participations on *And Everything Nice* on WABD (TV) New York. Agency: Ralph Harris Adv., New York.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Horticultural Institute Inc., Los Angeles, appoints William Kester & Co., that city to handle advertising for annual flower show being held March 26-April 13. Extensive radio campaign planned in Southern California.

MACMILLAN PETROLEUM Corp., Los Angeles, Feb. 2 starts quarter-hour weekly *The Roving Camera* on KTLA (TV) Los Angeles. Contract is for 13 weeks. Agency: Marketers Inc., same city.

### Adpeople . . .

EDWARD A. LeROY, assistant vice president of Pepsi-Cola Co., Long Island City, N. Y., elected a vice president of firm.



NASH KELVINATOR Sales Corp., represented by zone manager R. W. Walsh (seated), initiates sponsorship of *The News by Television*, three times a week on WWJ-TV Detroit. Other representatives of the participating firms are (I to r) Russell Manney of Geyer, Newell & Ganger; Willard Walbridge, sales manager of WWJ-TV; Norman Hawkins, WWJ-TV solesman, and R. M. Stockwell, advertising, promotion and training manager for Kelvinator.



### 'Talking People'

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

May the ghosts of the Greek choruses of ancient Hellas haunt Bill von Zehle and the writer of the Meredith Willson\* article! Did neither of them ever hear of Aeschylus, Sophocles or Euripideshm-m-m?

Bob Keller Robert S. Keller Inc. Radio Sales Promotion New York City

\* "The Talking People" by Ann August [BROADCASTING, Jan. 3].

[Editor's Note: One laurel wreath com-ing up for Meredith Willson. He was willing to go all the way back to Euripides' closing choruses to crib a good idea.] .

### Video Views

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

Are we starving the goose that laid the golden egg?

It begins to look like it. Pick up



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any trade magazine these days and all we can read about is "Television", the cost of transmitters, programs, extra personnel, studio enlargements, and on through other figures that keep you awake at night.

It will, no doubt, be mighty fine for the larger cities to have television, and no doubt television is definitely on its way, but what I would like to know is this; what will become of the more than 1,500 smaller stations who cannot afford television for possibly ten years

yet? Will they have to fold up and go out of business? Will they go to the bughouse trying to figure out where they stand?

It would seem to me, with my 14 years radio experience, that we need enlightenment in another direction. How many of the radio stations in the United States are doing a really good, bang up job of presenting "good" radio to their listeners? . . . When you come right down to it, half of the 50,000 watters today are not giving "good" radio, half of the time, and certainly that goes for 75% of the smaller stations. . .

Nat L. Royster Manager WBUY, Lexington, N. C.

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

I know television is here to stay, and sometimes when I'm watching my set I say, "What a pity!" But, aren't the people of BROADCASTING emphasizing the Telecasting part of the news with more vigor than radio?

Please send my very best compliments to J. Frank Beatty for a highly interesting word picture of radio in Baltimore. Every word of it was true. I am inclined to be impatient with this old-burg at times, but some things go on here that are important and I think Mr. Beatty put those points across clearly.

Bill Roche Promotion Director WFBR Baltimore

[Telegram]

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

Making fight here again for equality with newspapers for full freedom radio news re sports on public property. Refusing to pay fees for monopoly claim. . . . Have offered substantial amount for exclusive rights against newspapers and radio with promise to give all free for simple copyright credit if I can buy negotiation or auction. Please run story including request any station wire me if professional sports are broadcast without fee to or with pay from promoters. Need material for public pressure to accomplish this last vital freedom without lawsuit if possible. Urgent. Rogan Jones

President

KVOS Bellingham, Wash.

#### EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

After looking at some of the television coverage of the Inauguration on the night of Jan. 19 I can quite readily understand why (Continued on page 18)

### Call Change List

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

Several of our members read with interest the letter to "Open Mike" from William D. Laudeman, 357 W. 46th St., New York City, which appeared in the Jan. 17 issue.

They have written me and suggesting that you be asked to also include the call letter and call letter changes that are issued by the FCC.

They point out that you publish the actions of the FCC each week in full and that the inclusion of calls issued and call changes will add much information. . . .

Ray B. Edge Board Chairman National Radio Club Buffalo, N.Y. (Also signed by 11 other members of the club who subscribe to BROADCAST-ING)

[Editor's Note: In the future BROAD-CASTING will print call letter changes weekly in the FCC Actions section.]

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NATIONAL

No other station —

Chicago or elsewhere-



### South Bend ...

only WSBT does that!

Sure, other stations can be heard in South Bend - but the audience listens to WSBT! This station always has been, and still is, the overwhelming choice of listeners in the South Bend 'market, No other station even comes close in Share of Audience. Look at any South Bend Hooper for convincing proof. 3

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More than eight million people, spending Four and One-Half Billion Dollars Annually in retail sales outlets, make this four-state area one of the nation's most profitable markets; and it is completely covered by WWVA.

These are busy states, which means business for alert advertisers. West Virginia is the nation's leader in the mining of bituminous coal, and coal mining dollars are plentiful. In combination with Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, more than half of the nation's steel is produced in this compact region. Add to this the potent tobacco market of Virginia, the powerful chemical, glass, clay and lumber industries. of the four states, and you have the reasons why this WWVA area provides a market rich in sales potential.

WWVA's friendly programming has made it a welcome voice in the homes of these four states; WWVA can deliver your advertising message to a ready-made, loyal, responsive audience economically with one cost, one billing. An EDWARD PETRY Man has the details.



### **Open Mike**

#### (Continued from page 16)

NBC allowed Jack Benny, and is going to allow some of its other stars, to go over to CBS.

Television is going to pave the way for the downfall of the old names in radio, which isn't bad, since radio itself has been trying to find a way in which to rejuvenate. Phil Harris and his wife, George Jessel, Edgar Bergen can definitely retire with their gold sacks, so that we can get some stimulating new faces like Paul Winchell, girl singers, who have always sung well, but now add more charm to listening over television.

The one and only gripe I have with your magazine, as well as other trade publications, is that you put too much stress on TV and you sort of forget the guy who is out in the "sticks" and is still on AM and FM. Maybe I am wrong! O. R. Davies

Manager

WKAP Allentown, Pa.

[Editor's Note: TV zealots want more TV news; some AM'ers want little or none. Whether it's AM, TV or FM, it's still broadcasting. It behoves all identified with the mass media to keep abreast of developments in these chang-ing times. BROADCASTING hasn't cut its aural coverage; it has expanded all news coverage to an average of better than 40 pages per issue.]

### \* \* \* Combating Newspapers

### EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

. . It is obvious that the radio industry is doing a poor selling job. As always, radio stations are fighting among themselves, while the newspapers in their markets run further and further ahead in the field of local advertising.

Only today I visited a two-station market which is now attempting to support three radio stations. I talked with the manager of each of these stations. Each manager told me with glowing pride how they are really giving their com-petitive stations "hell"! Yet. not one of these station managers is doing anything material to compete with the one newspaper in their market. . . . Still that one newspaper has a greater monthly revenue from advertising than the three radio stations combined! . . .

Maybe I'm losing my mind, but I suggested to these three station managers a simple plan for combating newspaper competition. This plan consisted of a joint campaign of sales promotion letters pointing out the economy of radio advertising in comparison with newspaper advertising -- AND -- combination rates offered by the three stations. In other words, if an advertiser bought one station he would pay straight rates; buy two stations and get a five per cent discount from each; buy all three stations in the market and receive a ten per cent discount from each. . . .

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And WSIX doesn't give you too little or too much. For Nashville's retail trade area includes 51 counties. WSIX's daytime audience map includes 60 BMB counties with 25 per cent or more in 48 of these. Mail pull and field strength maps add even more convincing proof that WSIX gives you the Nashville market. Cash in on the \$655,888,000\* spent yearly here in retail stores alone — via WSIX!

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\*Projected from Sales Management May '48

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May I compliment BROADCASTING on its continuing campaign to awaken the radio industry to the fight against newspaper competition. . .

> Robert D. Ruchanan Station Sales and Service P. O. Box 954 Sanford, N. C.

[Editor's Note: Selling radio as the most effective of all advertising media benefits not only the advertiser but all phases of radio as well. Cooperation is essential in putting this message across.]

### AM-FM Identification

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

. . Without doubt combination call-letters ["This is WPRO and WPRO-FM Providence!"] has caused difficulty with potential set buyers and listeners. First, not many laymen realize the difference between FM and AM. Secondly, set owners do not realize that a station with FM and AM constitutes two separate stations. Finally, set owners are satisfied that they are hearing static-free programs when they hear "WPRO-FM" over AM. In order to alleviate this existing condition, I would like to make two suggestions. First, that stations resort to a technique used a few years ago by WTIC Hartford. The station break went something like: "This is Hartford, WTIC," and then a button was pushed cutting the voice from AM. The announcer would add over FM, "—FM." On AM, the break sounded like, "This is Hartford WTIC." On FM, "This is Hartford WTIC-FM."...

- . Roy M. Schwartz
- Boston U.
- School of Public Relations-Radio Division Boston

[Editor's Note: Many stations besides WTIC Hartford are using some varia-tion of this technique.]

### Bible of the Trade

EDITOR, BROADCASTING:

. . . Incidentally, I think this "Study" (of major radio markets) was a wonderful idea and have found it so interesting that I want to keep the entire series permanently. As I said once before when complimenting your magazine: "An announcer or radio man without BROADCASTING is like a minister without a Bible." Keep up the good work.

William Stewart Dir. of Public Service Proarams WBMS Boston

### **Financial Report**

COPIES of FCC Form 324 for the annual financial report of stations to the Commission are to be mailed to broadcasters during the week of Feb. 7, FCC announced last week. The Commission said there are no substantial changes in this year's report. The forms are to be returned to FCC by April 1.

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★ OWEN F. URIDGE, General Manager

\* JOHN BLAIR & CO., National Representatives



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# NBC RECONNOL

#### By EDWIN H. JAMES

A SPECIAL MEETING of all NBC affiliates will be called in Chicago Feb. 28 and March 1 to explain to stations the network's tactical plan in the intensifying battle for programs, it was learned last week. Top executives of NBC will ad-

vise the stations:

1. That AM network broadcasting is at or very near its maximum financial development.

2 That soon advertisers will begin to withdraw budgets from radio to finance television ventures.

3. That lavish investments in talent are economically unsound in view of the uncertainties of the transition period from radio to telecasting.

4. That NBC will embark on a vigorous campaign of new program development to bring new and presumably refreshing voices to radio and to unearth personalities and shows which can grow with television.

Although the network made no announcement of the future meeting, it was understood that the decision to call it was made at the insistence of the NBC Stations Planning and Advisory Committee which met last Monday and Tuesday in New York.

#### Closed Session

Niles Trammell, NBC president, and Charles R. Denny, executive vice president, were understood to have given SPAC members a complete outline of the network's programming plans and to have proposed that all stations be briefed on the subject by closed circuit broadcast. SPAC, however, urged that station interest in programming was so intense as to warrant longer discussion than would be possible in closed circuit talks.

The Chicago meeting, lastingtwo days, will be a closed business session, it was said.

The essence of Messrs. Trammell's and Denny's remarks to SPAC, it was said, was that NBC believed it economically unsound to defend itself against CBS raids on its talent by outbidding the other network. NBC believed such a course would lead only to skyrocketing talent costs which stood slim chance of amortization.

The "purchase" of talent, either

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through capital gains deals or guarantees of large salaries for extended periods, is considered unwise by NBC.

The NBC executives said they believed:

1. That some top ranking radio stars may not prove to be equally popular in television.

2. That for some time advertisers will be unwilling to pay talent costs in television commensurate with those in radio now. Production costs exclusive of talent are much higher in television than in radio, it was pointed out, and the obligation to assume a bigger "nut" in television will discourage sponsors from indulging in the kind of talent salaries that are paid to the Hooper favorites of radio today.

SPAC was told that NBC will seek out and develop new stars and programs which are less expensive than top radio properties of the moment. The network is prepared to match CBS "dollar for dollar" in programming expenditures.



Affiliate Conclave to Map Program Strategy

Mr. Denny

Mr. Trammell

SPAC was assured, but the money won't be spent the same way by NBC as by CBS.

Rather than invest heavily in a comparatively few properties, NBC will undertake broad creative program development, the executives said.

### Survey of Prospects

Already NBC has auditioned hundreds of prospects. Of these 52 are being further examined. The 52 are called "possibly acceptable" programs, SPAC was told.

The network has rosy hopes for

its comedy team of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, with whom a long-term contract was signed several weeks ago. At least one sponsor was said to have virtually committed itself to the show and the most thorny problem concerning the introduction of the teamwhich as yet has been unheard on NBC-was the selection of a time for it.

The NBC contract with the comedians guarantees that once Messrs. Martin and Lewis are put on the air in a regular show, they must be kept there for a minimum of 52 weeks-no matter what their rating or commercial standing, it was learned. This contractual provision naturally is causing NBC to study carefully the matter of scheduling.

It was also understood that NBC executives told SPAC their programming plans were not confined creation and exploitation of to

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RADIO's fight for the retail advertising dollar got underway in earnest last week.

Scene of the opening phase in an

all-out battle with newspapers for a larger share of store advertising was the Memphis Advertising Club, where a newspaper spokesman had



ADDRESSING upstate New York agency, retailer and broadcasfer groups, Maurice Mitchell (at microphone), NAB director of broadcast advertising, sets forth radio's claim in battle for advertising dollar. Mr. Mitchell spoke before Jamestown Advertising and Sales Club, Jamestown, N. Y. Seated (I to r) are John Henzel, manager of WHDL Olean, N. Y., and Si Goldman, manager of WJTN and WJTN-FM Jamestown.

Mitchell Lobs Mortar for Radio

the-belt denunciation of radio. Shooting the competitive works on behalf of radio was Maurice B. Mitchell, NAB director of broadcast advertising. Mr. Mitchell departed from the traditional friendly competitive role of broadcasting spokesmen by tearing the news-

set the scene recently with a below-

paper medium into shreds. He used two principal weapons. First, he discussed radio's advantages as a medium and its growing use by retailers. Second, he drew from an address by B. Earl Puckett, president and director of Allied Stores, to show that newspapers are outmoded and rapidly losing public as well as advertiser respect. Mr. Puckett's views were given in a Jan. 18 address to the Newspaper Advertising Executives Assn. in Chicago.

The Memphis address signifies that NAB is starting after retail business aggressively pending completion of the All-Radio Presentation, Mr. Mitchell told the gathering that included over 100 retailers.

"We sense a revolution in retail advertising," Mr. Mitchell said. (Continued on page 24)

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# **JOHNSON PRODS ANTI-CLEARS**

INDEPENDENT broadcasters, girding for battle with the clear channel forces, were warned by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) Friday. that "intelligent, hard hitting action" is imperative to defeat those he charged were seeking national radio control.

The battle cry was sounded by Sen. Johnson, chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Com-merce Committee, during his address at the organizational meeting of the anti-clear group in Chicago's Palmer House.

Sen. Johnson, ardent foe of the clears and author of a bill (S-491) to break down the clear channels and forbid power in excess of 50 kw, sized up the independents' adversary as "a well entrenched, well financed, well staffed group who are determined to have radio control in the United States."

Broadcasters who had responded to the rally call of Ed Craney, managing director of Pacific Northwest Broadcasters, were cautioned by Sen. Johnson against placing their faith in what Congressional support they may have or to rely upon trade organizations to fight their battles.

#### Urges Unified Action

"The main thing to do now," he advised, "is to get together, stick together, have clear cut objectives, develop good strategy, plan an intelligent campaign, get it going fast, keep fighting hard, and you won't lose out and neither will the American people lose out."

Just prior to his departure for Chicago, Sen. Johnson reiterated his opposition to clears in a statement on the floor of the Senate prefacing introduction of the Senate subcommittee interim report. He asked and received consent for reprinting of the lengthy report in the Congressional Record-an unusual procedure—and commended Sens. Tobey and McFarland for their "excellent work."

The chairman urged all Senators to study the Senators' report. He criticized the FCC for arrogating unauthorized powers. He added:

"Furthermore, the committee report raises the important legal question of whether a fundamental policy matter which directly concerns and affects all the people of the United States shall be decided by an administrative regulatory agency created by Congress for that function or whether such a paramount question of important national policy should be determined by the Congress itself. I believe, and I am sure all Senators believe, that basic, fundamental policy questions must be determined by the lawmaking body."

Mr. Craney had earlier an-nounced that he had received 112 replies to letters he circulated last month seeking support for the organization of independent broadcasters. His goal is a war chest of more than \$10,000 for establishment of a Washington office with a paid director [BROADCASTING, Jan. 24].

In commenting on the position of radio trade organizations relative to the clear channel issue, Sen. Johnson said he remembered "all too well that neither the National Assn. of Broadcasters nor the Regional Broadcasters desired to testify for you in the hearings on the Johnson bill." He referred to a bill he had introduced in the 80th Congress to accomplish the same purposes as the current proposed legislation.

"You must depend on yourselves alone, and remember that you do comprise the overwhelming majority of the radio stations in this country," the solon continued.

### Gratified at Response

In reference to the independent broadcasters' response to Mr. Craney's call, Sen. Johnson described the action as gratifying and



Sen. JOHNSON

noted that the collective action signified their intention to actively support "a strong, cohesive organization which will truly represent the middle man and the little man

### Craney Group Girds

in radio in order to fight effectively for the interests of the listening audience whom they serve."

"It is well," he continued, "that this spirit prevails when one contemplates the disasters which threaten the very existence of that major part of this great industry which you operate. The state of the Union in radio is not good. Intelligent, hard-hitting action obviously is imperative now."

Limitations, which Sen. Johnson understood would be acceptable to some independent broadcasters, would include: (1) Reallocation of clears so they would be located only in so-called unserved "white areas." (2) Complete duplication of all other clear channels. (3) Limit high power clears to three or four, with maximum power of 100 kw. (4) Deny ownership of such high power clears to every network and deny these stations the right to broadcast network programs. (5) Require such stations to do their own programming.

The Colorado legislator put him-(Continued on page 48)

# LEVYS TO LEAVE Resign WCAU April 1

THE Levy brothers-Dr. Leon, president and general manager, and Isaac D., vice president and general counsel-have resigned after a quarter-century of managing the WCAU stations in Philadelphia, effective April 1. They will continue on the board, however, and be available in advisory roles.

Their successors are expected to be Joseph L. Tinney, executive vice president and assistant general manager, and Louis Levinson, an assistant in the station's legal department, it was speculated.

The Levys sold their controlling interest in WCAU to the Philadelphia Record in 1946. Each had owned 32.67%. They retained sub-stantial stock holdings in CBS. The *Record* sold WCAU in 1947 to the Philadelphia Bulletin.

Dr. Levy attributed the two resignations from active WCAU management to the press of personal and outside business interests. Simultaneously he revealed that they are establishing their own offices April 1 at 123 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, where they will conduct their various enterprises.

The Levys joined WCAU in 1924 and have since been continuously associated with its management. Under their direction the station grew from a 500 w outlet to its present 50 kw clear channel position. WCAU was the first station to join the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1927, and last year became the first affiliate of CBS' television network. The brothers are members of the CBS board of directors.

Dr. Levy, Philadelphia-born and graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania's Dental School in 1915, practiced dentistry before entering the radio field in 1924. Co-owner of Jaclyn Stable, he is a director and member of the executive committee of the Atlantic City Racing Assn., as well as a director of Yellow Cab Co. of Philadelphia. Dr. Levy's civic activities include directorship of hospitals and many charitable organizations.

Isaac Levy, also a native of Philadelphia, was graduated from the same university's Law School in 1913. A prominent member of the Philadelphia bar, he has handled WCAU's legal matters since his entrance into the broadcasting business, also in 1924. Mr. Levy is considered one of the nation's foremost authorities in radio law. Like his brother, he also serves as director of the Atlantic City Racing Assn. and the Yellow Cab Co. For the past two years he has been chairman of the city's Community Chest's Red Feather Rally Committee.

Both Levys reside in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. WCAU Inc. includes the 50 kw CBS WCAU, WCAU-TV. WCAU-FM and

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Dr. LEON LEVY



ISAAC D. LEVY

# SENATE GROUP CRACKS FCC

### By RUFUS CRATER

IN A REPORT foreshadowing greater Congressional activity in FCC policy determinations, a two-man Senate Interstate Commerce subcommittee last week recommended unequivocally that clear channels be broken down and the power ceiling kept at 50 kw.

The report also contained a a recommendation which, if carried out, would mean that more than 200 U. S. stations and scores in other North American countries would have to be put off the air or moved to other frequencies.

This was a proposal—also advocated in substance by the Mexican Government—that the new North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement provide that "no signatory shall share or duplicate the clear channels heretofore assigned to any other signatory." The U. S. now has 182 daytime and 25 fulltime stations operating on channels to which other nations have 1-A priority under NARBA.

Sen. Ed C. Johnson (D-Colo.), chairman of the commerce committee and author of a pending bill to maintain the present 50 kw power limit and break down the clears (S-491), endorsed the subcommittee's recommendations and pledged himself personally to bring them before the NARBA treaty conference which is slated to convene in Canada next September. (Also see page 22).

But other authorities noted that the U. S. position for NARBA is not formulated by the commerce committee alone (or its subcommittee), but primarily by the State Dept.'s FCC and industry representatives. Further, they said, Sen. Johnson's participation in the NARBA conference presumably would be as a member of the U.S. delegation-and as a delegate he would be committed to support the U. S. position, which has not been formulated and which may or may not coincide with the recommendations of the commerce subcommittee.

#### Limitation Recommended

The subcommittee, composed of Sens. Charles W. Tobey (R-N.H.) and Ernest W. McFarland (D-Ariz.), ranking Republican and Democratic members of the commerce committee, also recommended a 50 kw power limitation for all NARBA signatory nations as well as for stations within the U. S. Mexico, with a claimed six stations using more than 50 kw, is the only signatory now operating above that range.

The subcommittee made clear that it would "deplore" issuance of an FCC decision on the long-pending clear-channel case before next September's NARBA conference.

Sen. TOBEY

The questions involved form a "fundamental policy issue of tremendous national import" and should be handled by Congress, the report asserted.

Sen. Johnson sent a copy of the report to FCC Chairman Wayne Coy, declaring he subscribed to the recommendations "fully and completely."

"I trust that you will acquaint your colleagues on the Commission with the report and my-views on it," he told the FCC chief. FCC authorities had no immediate comment on the report.

Sen. Johnson also sent a copy to the State Dept.

Other views and recommenda-



Sen. McFARLAND

tions in the subcommittee's unheralded report included:

1. The panel system of organization being considered by the Commission "is not contemplated by the existing law" (see story page  $4\theta$ ), but a procedure "somewhat similar to that of our appellate courts" might expedite FCC action;

2. The commerce committee should make a continuing study of FCC and its operations, including "a complete exploration of every influence that has been exerted to bring about various decisions";

3. FCC should be given authority, via legislation, to issue ceaseand-desist orders against stations

### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

HIGHLIGHTS of report submitted to Senate Interstate Commerce Committee last week by Sens. Charles W. Tobey (R-N. H.) and Ernest W. McFarland (D-Ariz.), the subcommittee named last year to study communications problems:

• The clear-channel issue, including the question of power above 50 kw, should be decided by Congress, not FCC, and should be resolved in favor of clear-channel breakdowns and retention of present 50 kw power limitation.

• Reorganization of the Commission into semi-autonomous panels, which has been under consideration, would be unlawful. A "subcommittee" principle of operation, however, should be helpful.

• The FCC staff should be reorganized along "functional" lines, with the general counsel, chief accountant, and chief engineer operating directly under the Commission itself.

• A legal review board, outside the jurisdiction of the Law Bureau, should be established to help the Commission review and write decisions.

• Legislation should be enacted to give FCC authority to issue cease-and-desist orders to stop violations of the Communications Act or the Commission's rules and regulations.

• No further legislation is needed with respect to the Communications Act's ban on censorship: the FCC is acting within its authority, and not violating the censorship ban, in reviewing the past performance of stations.

Use of radio to defraud should be made a federal offense.
 The new North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement should impose a 50 kw power limitation on all participating countries, and no signatory should share or duplicate the clear channels assigned to other nations.

• A watchdog committee should be set up by the Senate committee to make a continuing study of the FCC, its operations, and communications affairs in general.

Wants Clears Split

violating provisions of the law or FCC's rules and regulations;

4. Use of radio or wire communications to defraud should be made a federal offense with a new law similar to the postal fraud statute; 5. FCC's review of programs is not censorship and the law needs no changes in this respect.

### Early Legislation Unlikely

There appeared no great likelihood of early legislation to implement the report. Capitol Hill sources felt the present plan is to legislate on the clear-channel question only if developments at the NARBA conference require it, despite the pendency of Sen. Johnson's breakdown bill.

Nor was it thought that bills would be introduced to provide the Commission with cease-and-desist authority or to deal with the fraud question until the full Committee has studied the report. When this might be could not be foretold, since the committee has not yet held its organizational meeting.

The recommendations for continuing study of the FCC spurred speculation that Sen. Johnson might name a new subcommittee with himself as chairman but retaining both Sens. McFarland and Tobey as members. Named during the last Congress, the subcommittee has been functioning under the chairmanship of Sen. Tobey. Sen. Albert W. Hawkes (R-N.J.), who has since retired, was the third member but did not participate actively.

Observers felt little doubt that the Commission would abide by the lawmakers' views and hold up its long-awaited clear-channel decision at least temporarily, as it did in parallel circumstances a year ago. Similarly it was felt unlikely the Commission would proceed now with its plan to reorganize into semi-autonomous divisions which would handle broadcasting, common carrier, and safety and special service matters respectively [BROADCASTING, Jan. 10].

#### Suggests New Procedure

While professing that it was neither "approving" nor "rejecting" the division plan, the subcommittee questioned its lawfulness and suggested a different procedure in which cases would be assigned to a "group or subcommittee of Commissioners" but with all Commissioners participating in the decision.

Although it questioned the panel system for the Commission, the subcommittee recommended "panelizing" of the staff—that is, organizing it along functional lines. Instead of legal, engineering and accounting bureaus as such, there would be broadcasting, common carrier and safety and special services bureaus, with lawyers, engineers, and accountants assigned to

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### RADIO-PRESS WAR II? AN EDITORIAL

THE GLOVES are off in what could become Press-Radio War II. The first war began 20 years ago when radio first entered the news field. It ended when newspapers found they couldn't lick radio. They joined it. Press as-sociations opened their portals to radio and stations now are their biggest customers.

Press-Radio War II is being pitched on the business front. There were "cold war" indica-tions following V-J day in 1945 when newsprint rationing ended. Newspapers, through the ANPA Bureau of Advertising, began shooting at radio business, notably in the retail field. They hit below the belt, in the view of many broadcasters.

The gun went off last Friday at Memphis. Maurice B. Mitchell, NAB's director of broadcast advertising, let go in an address before the Memphis Advertising Club. It was his second blast within a fortnight, the first having been fired at Jamestown, N. Y., before a group of retailers, agency men and broadcasters from the upstate area.

At Memphis, however, Mr. Mitchell was

Retailers

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"Retailers are beginning to realize that newspapers are no longer talking to their stores.

"The retailer always has considered radio his best friend, but has been the slowest to get in. Major retailers have urged small stores to use the medium, prodding the little guys. The little stores have pulled radio's local advertising above network expenditures. Major retailers are the only holdouts but the little stores with their radio campaigns are cutting into their sales and hurting them.

"Store operators now take personal pleasure in going into other media, especially radio, and the big department stores are getting ready to make the jump. Joskes provided the first big step. Then National Retail Dry Goods Assn. became actively interested in broadcasting and started its national radio awards contest."

NAB is actively pushing its fivepoint retail advertising formula, Mr. Mitchell said. This formula really works, he added. "We know it gets results," he continued. The five points are:

five points are:
1—Have an objective; what do you want from radio and who do you want to taik to?
2—Beamed program technique, a rifle shot at a target. Make a regular date with the people who are listening to your program, deliver a service to them in return for their attention to your advertising, and deliver to the same people on a regular basis.
3—Advertise in-demand merchandise and advertise in-demand merchandise.
4—Direct action copy, talking to people in terms in which they understand, in the terms in which they think of the use of the merchandise.
5—Coordinate your advertising; make all other media work to make your radio to make other media work better.
Mr. Mitchell reminded the Mem.

Mr. Mitchell reminded the Memphis club that new generations are living differently, influenced by the progress of advertising and accustomed to being talked to over the air and depending on radio for their news and entertainment. He said the swing of retailers to radio

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is already a "landslide," attribut-

able to the new living habits, though in the past they were traditionally newspaper advertisers.

"We believe that soon all retailers will be using radio as a basic advertising medium," he said. "And when they do they will be buying the most powerful selling force ever created; they will be greatly decreasing the one annoying factor in today's business picture-the high cost of operating a store and the high cost of advertising-because we believe radio reaches more people more persuasively for less money. In short, we believe we're on the threshold of a brand new era in American advertising and retailing."

#### Small Growth

Referring to the Printers' Ink 1948 newspaper circulation estimate of 52,000,000 compared to the 1947 daily average of 51,673,276, Mr. Mitchell called the increase, less than 1%, the "last twitch in the growth of newspapers in the United States. Newspapers are going out of business rapidly, with consolidations and mergers. Retailers no longer figure they have to use every newspaper in a city.



Mr. PUCKETT

armed with a block-buster, in the form of an address delivered Jan. 18 by B. Earl Puckett before the Newspaper Advertising Executives Assn. at Chicago. Mr. Puckett controls a sales promotion budget of \$16,500,000 for the Allied Stores, largest single retailing entity in the country. He threw the book at the newspapers, and backed up his criticisms with statistics. He called newspapers arrogant, arbitrary, smug and behind the times.

Then the statistics: In the last decade newspapers have been dropped from 75% to 65% of Allied Stores' advertising budgets. Newspaper expenditures, dollar-wise, increased 165% But radio increased 450%, direct mail 620% and magazines 990%.

What Mr. Puckett said (and you can read about it on pages 21, 24 in this issue) was the perfect springboard for Mr. Mitchell in Memphis.

He cited the reasons for the swing to radio by the retailer, now pegging him as radio's biggest customer. He pointed to the new generations grown and growing up, which are ac-

> "Radio is a basic part of the American way of life-America's first activity. The development of specialized printed media has made the newspaper an outmoded means of disseminating information. There's nothing left in the newspaper but the advertising and the newspaper now performs no unduplicated service of broad interest."

The speech by Mr. Puckett, Mr. Mitchell indicated, gave newspapers the worst public scolding they have had in a long time. Mr. Puckett cited these developments in newspaper-retailer relationships in the last decade:

Daily newspapers have increased their circulation 25% and Sunday papers by 48%. Home magazines have increased their circulation 117% and fashion magazines 318%.

Newspapers have increased their milline rates 25% while the leading magazines have decreased their cost per page per thousand circulation.

Newspapers have increased their ad-vertising revenue 93% while magazine and radio advertising revenue have each increased approximately 175%.

each increased approximately 175%. Magazine advertising revenue in-creases were particularly large in lines of merchandise carried by department stores, averaging over 350%. This rep-resented increases of almost 400% in men's wear, almost 500% in women's and children's wear, and 225% in home furnishings.

Mr. Puckett, according to Mr. Mitchell, revealed this surprising trend in the sales promotion budget of Allied Stores, which placed over \$16,000,000 of advertising annually, during the last decade:

Newspapers did receive 75% of our expenditures. Today, this figure has dropped to 65%. (It is still eleven mil-lion dollars though for white space.) Newspaper expenditures have increased

Radio has increased 450%.

Direct mail has increased 620%.

Magazines have increased 990%. Recalling a Pennsylvania survey

conducted by Allied Stores, Mr. Puckett showed that 75% of retailers said newspapers refused to give publishers any news publicity; two-thirds of the stores surveyed said newspapers refused to mention name of the store even though in connection with stories of admitted news value having reader interest.

customed to being talked to; who were not weaned on newspapers or the printed page. These same new generations in large measure are directing advertising of these retail establishments. To them there has always been radio. They have depended upon radio for information, news, entertainment. It has always been their way of life-an indispensable part of it.

It's a convincing story because it's a factual one. Radio-less than 30 years old-serves a nation with 77,000,000 receiving sets in use. Newspapers, 250 years old, are less in number than they were 10, 20 and 30 years ago. Radio serves its listeners free, and entertains them in the process. Newspapers are sold. The radioadvertised product costs no more than the newspaper-advertised wares.

An all-out Radio-Press War II isn't necessary. Clean competitive selling is much to be desired. So far there has been the sort of provocation that broadcasters cannot long condone.

Radio is keeping its powder dry.

Mr. Mitchell told the Memphis Club Mr. Puckett termed unrealistic newspaper "standards" the result "of much intellectual inbreeding." He quoted Mr. Puckett as saying, "Publishers and editors should not develop such inferiority complexes just because their livelihood is based on our advertising revenue. It is a business deal. They need not resort to 'defense mechanisms'."

#### **Puckett's Definition**

Mr. Puckett's speech questioned the current editors' definition of newspaper news, citing the greater increase in Sunday papers than in dailies because of the broader approach to current life interest and its acceptance by the reader.

"Fashions for the women, fashions for the children, fashions for dad and fashions for the home are important, most important to a majority of potential newspaper readers," Mr. Puckett told the Chicago group. "Time was when the retailers' advertising could build and hold this readership for the newspaper. That was most advantageous for newspapers. The paper charged the retailer for building and holding its own circulation. There is little wonder that many fortunes were made in the newspaper publishing business. The customer did half the work and paid generously for the privilege."

Mr. Puckett said his new appraisal of what constitutes news is based on changed and broadened interests and on the facts that women do two-thirds of the reading and spend four-fifths of the money.

A one-lesson course in radio advertising was given by Mr. Mitchell in a Jan. 19 address to the Jamestown (N. Y.) Ad Club. Simon Goldman, general manager of WJTN Jamestown, said the response was "tremendous and enthusiastic" and the club authorized printing of the speech in booklet form for distribution to the 800 ad clubs in the country.

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# NBC EXODUS

THE TRANSFER of talent to CBS last week took on the proportions of a stampede.

Edgar Bergen, Red Skelton, Fibber McGee & Molly, Ozzie & Harriet and at least one other top ranking NBC show were set, or nearly so, to start work at CBS in the fall.

And, one CBS executive exulted, "There are more to come."

Mr. Bergen, it was learned, had been signed to a long-term contract covering both radio and television services for the network. He will begin a radio show next fall in the 8-8:30 p.m. Sunday spot which he occupied on NBC before "retirement" at the end of, hig 1948. His sponsor will be Coca-Cola.

Additionally, a regularly-scheduled television program starring Mr. Bergen and, of course, his wooden accomplices, McCarthy and Snerd, was all but set last week on CBS under the sponsorship of Coca-Cola.

It was understood that Mr. Bergen had suggested that his radio program be kinescoped in Hollywood, and telecast at a subsequent time. The sponsor, however, wanted him to originate a live tele-vision program over CBS from New York. Settlement of the television plans hinged upon Mr. Bergen's acquiescence to move his residence from Hollywood to New York.

What would happen to Wildroot's Adventures of Sam Spade, now heard in the 8-8:30 p.m. Sunday time, when Mr. Bergen moved in, was unknown.

#### Bergen's Salary

Mr. Bergen's "retirement" from NBC was by mutual consent with his former sponsor, Standard Brands, which had advised the comedian it wished to release him because of the high cost of his show, said to have been approximately \$25,000 a week. Although his contract with the sponsor still had more than a year to run, the ventriloquist agreed to the cancellation.

He subsequently figured with Coca-Cola in a proposed capital gains deal which was called off after the government had advised against it. His new association with Coca-Cola is the more usual one of sponsor and star. His basic contract is held by CBS.

It was authoritatively reported, although denied by CBS, that Coca-Cola would pay Mr. Bergen less for his radio show than he earned from Standard Brands and that the difference would be made up by the network. The salary guaranteed by CBS to Mr. Bergen was not announced, but it was believed at least to equal that he was receiving from his former association.

The transfer of Red Skelton to CBS, scheduled also to take place in the fall, was reported to have been a deal between the network and Procter & Gamble, his sponsor on NBC.

Mr. Skelton will be placed in the 8:30-9 p.m. Sunday time, a move which will again cause a rescheduling of Lum 'n' Abner, sponsored by Frigidaire division of General Motors. Lum 'n' Abner recently moved to that time from their former 10-10:30 p.m. Sunday spot, in a switch with the sustainer. Life With Luigi.

The time for which Lum 'n' Abner would be scheduled next fall was unsettled last week.

Mr. Skelton is now heard 9:30-10 p.m. Fridays on NBC.

It became known that CBS has also virtually completed negotiations with International Silver Co. through Young and Rubicam, to transfer its Ozzie and Harriet, now on NBC 6:30-7 p.m. Sundays, to CBS next fall.

If present plans are executed, the CBS Sunday evening lineup would be:

6:30-7 p.m., Ozzle and Harriet 7-7:30 p.m., Jack Benny 7:30-8 p.m., Amos 'n' Andy



RED SKELTON

8-8:30 p.m., Edgar Bergen 8:30-9 p.m., Red Skelton The Spike Jones program, now heard at 6:30-7 p.m. under sponsorship of Coca-Cola, will either move to another time or be cancelled because of the advertiser's investment in Mr. Bergen. The decision will probably be made soon.

Meanwhile, negotiations between CBS and Fibber McGee & Molly were reported to be at the signing stage. Whether a capital gains proposal was involved was unknown, but it was certain that the network had at least offered the comedy team a long-term contract for both radio and television.

At least one other comedy star now on NBC was also near capture by CBS, it was authoritatively reported, but the star's identity could not be learned.

The CBS program campaign was not confined to negotiations with stars themselves. It was known that the network had made presentations to several agencies and sponsors having programs on other networks, in an endeavor to entice them to join the parade to CBS.

Where it would stop no man knew. As Fred Allen remarked at the close of his broadcast Jan. 23: "I'll be back next week, same time, same network. No other comedian can make that claim."

Networks Near \$200 Million

## '48 GROSS

GROSS TIME sales of the four nationwide networks in 1948 totaled \$198,995,742, according to figures released to BROADCASTING last week by Publishers' Information Bureau.

Total represents an increase of 4.7% over the combined network gross of \$190,930,336 reported by PIB for 1947.

For the month of December, the network total was \$17,950,632, more than a half-million dollars ahead of the November billings. Major increases were in the network advertising of toiletries and smoking materials, each with December billings more than a quarter million ahead of those for November.

Smaller increases over the preceding month were also shown by advertising for agricultural equipment, beers and wines, building materials, drugs, foods, gasoline, insurance, jewelry, office equipment and stationery, radios, and sport-ing goods and toys. Last category showed expenditure of \$22,380 for network time in December, after having used no network time at all during November.

For the month of December, food advertising was the leading category of network users, followed

by toiletries, smoking materials, laundry soaps and drugs, in that order. For the year 1948, food advertising was also first and toiletries second, but drugs wound up in third place and smoking materials in fifth, soaps and cleansers remaining in fourth position.

#### Tabulations

Tabulation of the various types of advertising on the networks and the gross time billings for each class, for December and for the full year of 1948 is shown in adjacent table.

### Named Media Chief

ALBERT E. FOSTER, with Lever Bros. since 1922, has been appointed media director for the company. Until recently Lever's radio

manager, he was named to his new post following consolidation of firm's space and radio units. Michael J. Roche, Lever general advertising manager, who announced the appointment, said W. J. Watts will



Mr. Foster

continue as space buyer and C. P. Lynch, whose previous title was radio spot buyer, will become radio timebuyer. Before becoming Lever radio manager Mr. Foster had been special assistant for research and later special assistant for radio.

#### NETWORK GROSS BY PRODUCT GROUP January-December 1948

	Dec.	JanDec.
	Gross Value	Gross Value
1. Agriculture & farming	\$147,361	\$1,531,531
2. Apparel, footwear & accessories	116,870	1,431,598
3. Automotive, automotive accessories & equipment	772,429	7,696,776
4. Aviation, aviation accessories & equipment	· · ·	·
5. Beer, wire & liquor	86.775	1,116,697
6. Building materials, equipment & fixtures	105,812	988,686
7. Confectionery & soft drinks	629,684	7,655,484
8. Consumer services	165,764	2,549,586
9. Drugs & remedies	1,890,512	22,566,488
10. Entertainment & amusements	.,	5,215
11. Food & food products	4,318,500	47,208,282
12. Gasoline, lubricants & other fuels	612,915	5,969,057
13. Horticulture	010,010	98,946
13. Horticulture 14. Household equipment & supplies	727.865	8,628,906
15. Household furnishings	109,588	1,331,640
16. Industrial materials	180,116	1,747,826
17. Insurance	352,538	4,238,745
18. Jewelry, optical goods & cameras	194,135	1,201,942
19. Office equipment, stationery & writing supplies	147,651	2,317,072
20. Political		1,213,282
21. Publishing & media	30,247	1,450,097
22. Radios, phonographs, musical instruments & acces	164,645	1,560,098
23. Retail stores & shops		· <u> </u>
24. Smoking materials		20,323,300
25. Soaps, cleansers & polishers	1,954,739	20,767,870
26. Sporting goods and toys	22,380	81,469
27. Toiletries		32,145,225
28. Transportation, travel & resorts		333,616
29. Miscellaneous		2,836,308
23. Miscenancous		
TOTAL	\$17,950,632	\$198,995,742

# GIVEAWAYS

By HERMAN BRANDSCHAIN

GARRY MOORE, who has been asking \$64 questions on Take It or Leave It since the fall of 1947, arrived in New York last week with some answers to such \$30,000 questions as, "How good are giveaway shows for sponsors?" and "What's their future?"

The answers sounded like he was biting the sponsor that feeds him in four figures. He took a dismal view of giveaways.

His own high-Hoopered program (NBC, Sundays, 10-10:30 p.m.) is sponsored by Eversharp Inc., which also buys a piece of Stop the Music, . a reigning ruler of the realm of giveaway.

His opinions, in one, two, three order, were something like this:

1. Giveaways are not apt to create the "warm feeling" toward sponsor that makes the listener an enthusiastic customer of the buyer's product.

2. Giveaways as presently run, with a multiplicity of product mentions, offer poor sponsor identification records.

3. Giveaways are, however, among the cheapest ways of building immediately a big audience. But this may not be the best thing for the sponsor, anyway.

4. Giveaways are a fad, riding the top of a cycle-but who knows what the next turn will be?

5. Giveaways are not good radio. 6. Giveaways are tough on talent.

7. For the long-term pull, a sponsor will build good will and be able to do a better selling job through the ever-popular "girlstunes-comedy" pattern.

The 34-year-old quizmaster left the office-study and goldfish tanks in his nine-room house in Brentwood, Calif., to come East for huddles on how to de-emphasize the jackpot part of his own Take It or Leave It. He'd like to see the jackpot eliminated.

Incidentally, he does not consider Take It or Leave It a giveaway show. He reserves the giveaway classification for programs which draw their audiences primarily be-\* \* \*

### M.C. Says Sponsor Suffers

cause of the money to be won on them. People listen to Take It or Leave It, he said, to hear the fun, not for a big prize.

### Jackpot Conferences

All week he held so-called "jackpot conferences" with Martin Straus 2d, chairman of the board of Eversharp: Milton Biow, president of Biow Co., Eversharp agency; executives of Allied Syndicates, Eversharp's public relations agents, and Bruce Dodge and Edith Oliver, respectively producer and writer of Take It or Leave It.

"As a performer," said Mr. Moore, "I deplore giveaway shows. As a radio man, I can't blame a client for buying them.'

He explained that talent was finding itself at a loss to compete against the element of greed engendered in listeners by giveaways. "If you put Ingrid Bergman in 'Joan of Arc' in a theatre on one side of the street and put a mediocre deal with a \$30,000 jackpot in a building across the street," he said, "you'll find Ingrid Bergman won't do any business."

Radio quality has suffered from just this same kind of dangling of a too-big red apple in front of audiences, he believed.

"Shows with small money prizes used to have a homey, personal quality. That's all been destroyed now by the \$30,000 giveaway shows. The old element of greed has come in and destroyed the happy relaxed quality of radio."

Mr. Moore said he enjoyed Take It or Leave It because of the qual-This ity of friendliness it had. quality, he feared, is threatened by introduction of a bigger jackpot.

He felt that as jackpots got larger and larger, the win-or-lose shows ceased being a happy game

and became a deadly serious battle. When a person loses in a battle for very high stakes, he may try to laugh it off, but he can't help feeling resentment, he reasoned. Ultimately, the resentment is directed toward the sponsor, he felt.

"If the person trying for the jackpot loses, both he and the audience feel bad, since the audience identifies itself with the contestant. I'm the villain in the plot, the croupier at the gambling casinoand no one loves a croupier-who has taken this fortune away from the person because I've refused to give him a hint and let him win a few thousand. So I become the enemy of the audience. This way, I'm losing the chance I have for rapport with the audience."

#### Sponsor Suffers Ultimately

And when he does that, Mr. Moore believes, his sponsor is the ultimate sufferer.

Pointing out that a giveaway can be the means of handing the sponsor a huge, immediate audience, he

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FCC to Probe

# MOVIE LICENSEES

THE AWAITED PROBE of the radio qualifications of major motion picture producers was set in motion by FCC last Thursday.

The investigation will determine the rights of the producers to own and operate radio stations in the light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision finding them guilty of antitrust law violations.

Instead of calling a general hearing, the Commission initiated its study by putting two television stations and their associated experimental outlets on temporary license pending an examination of the qualifications of the licensees as a result of the Supreme Court decision.

The stations were WBKB Chi-ago and WABD New York. cago and WBKB is licensed to Balaban & Katz Corp., a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures. WABD is owned by Allen B. DuMont Labs, which FCC in a proposed decision has held to be under the control of Paramount.

Officials indicated that other sta-

DISCUSSING plan whereby listeners to Eversharp's NBC Take It or Leave It and studio audience may bid for \$64 and jackpot are (1 to r) Garry Moore, m.c.; Martin Straus 2d, Eversharp 'board chairman, and John Hamm, Biow Co. radio department manager.



tions associated with ducers named in the anti-trust decision would be given similar temporary extensions when their licenses come up for renewal, unless the whole issue has been settled in the film firm's favor by then. Presumably AM and FM as well as TV qualifications would be involved. Millions of dollars in present and

planned investments in radio stations would be affected if FCC concludes that the Supreme Court's decision should bar the producers from station ownership.

#### Those Involved

Among the producers and theatre operators involved in the antitrust decision, all of which have or are seeking radio interests, are Paramount, Twentieth Century-Fox, Warner Bros., Loew's Inc., Schine Chain Theatres, and H. J. Griffith.

FCC's action with respect to WBKB and WABD marked its second move toward such a motion picture investigation.

Last July the Commission announced it was holding up action on an application for consent to the sale of KSO Des Moines so the participants might have a chance to file briefs on the qualifications of Paramount, which would have acquired 25% of KSO under the transfer [BROADCASTING, July 19, 1948].

But Tri-States Meredith, the purchaser, called off the transaction, denying Paramount lacks broadcast qualifications but declaring FCC had failed to act until the day the KSO contract expired.

Before that, the possible effects of the Supreme Court decision had been under study by the Commission staff for several weeks [BROADCASTING, June 21, 1948].

Concerning procedure FCC may follow in its investigation, authorities pointed out that a favorable showing by Paramount in the WBKB-WABD case could prompt the Commission to drop the whole inquiry. A hearing is not necessary for a favorable decision. But the Commission must offer a hearing before it can deny any application.

The stations and applications of companies found guilty by the Supreme Court are as follows:

preme Court are as follows: Paramount — Through subsidiaries owns KTLA (TV) Los Angeles and WBKB (TV) and WIBK (FM) Chicago; has 50% of WSMB New Orleans; con-trols applicants for television in San Francisco, Detroit, Boston, and Tampa; owns hali interest in a TV applicant for Des Moines and an AM applicant for Atlanta, and 10% in an AM applicant for Atlanta, and 10% in an AM appli-cant for Hot Springs, Ark. In addition FCC has issued a proposed finding-contested by Paramount—that the film company's 23% interest amounts to control of DuMont, which operates wTTG Washington, WDTV Pittsburgh and WABD, and is applying for Cincin-nati and Cleveland. Warner, Brothers—Owner, of KFWB

Warner Brothers-Owner of KFWB Los Angeles; purchaser (subject to FCC approval) of Mrs. Dorothy Thackrey's KYA San Francisco, KLAC Los Angeles and KLAC-TV; television applicant for Chicago

and KLAC-TV; television appli-Chicago. 20th Century-Fox—Television appli-cant for Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Kansas City, and St. Louis. Loew's Inc.—Owner of WMGM and WMGM-FM New York.

H. J. Griffith (Southwest theatre chain operator)--Owner of KEFO El Paso, part owner of KWFT Wichita Falls, Tex., and interested in other Southwest applicants.

Schine Chain Theatres—Owner of WPTR Albany and part owner of WBCA (FM) Schenectady.

Experimental TV stations placed on temporary license by FCC last week were Balaban & Katz' W9XBB and W9XOE Chicago, and DuMont's W1XUX W2XEM W2XQW W2XWV W10XKT W3XHC W3XHD W3XWT W2XVT W2XQX.

# FREE SPEECH BATTLE

### By J. FRANK BEATTY

THE BATTLE to extend democracy's basic right of free speech into the 48th state was fought last week in a Baltimore courtroom. Outcome of the fight rests in the eagerly awaited decision of a lone Maryland judge, or perhaps the U. S. Supreme Court, eventually.

Foes and friends of free speech challenged and defended the notorious "Baltimore Gag" last Wed-nesday and Thursday. The occasion was a hearing by the Baltimore Supreme Bench in the contempt citations of several broadcast stations and a commentator.

The defendants have lived under court-imposed cloud since last July 8 when they broadcast official announcements that a man had been arrested and had confessed the sex killing of a little girl.

Juridical history was made in the marble-walled courtroom as the biggest array of legal talent in the city's history confronted a neutral judge, John B. Gray Jr., of Calvert County. In this same building had been brewed the legal stench known variously as Rule 904, the "Baltimore Gag" and "Chesapeake Censorship."

Never in modern American history has so flagrant an example of censorship been imposed, Judge Gray was told by attorneys for WCBM, WFBR, WITH, all Baltimore, and WSID Essex, Md.; NAB; American Newspaper Publishers Assn.; American Civil Liberties Union; American Society of Newspaper Editors. WBAL Baltimore, also a defendant, was not heard last week because it had raised procedural issues. Cited with WITH is James P. Connolly, commentator.

Supporting the court's unique censorship system were two states attorneys, Senior Bar Assn. of Baltimore, Junior Bar Assn. of Baltimore, and the Maryland Civil Liberties Committee, which split with the national organization.

After two days of hearing, a lone issue stood out: Can the city court ignore constitutional and legislative guarantees to impose a censorship system by which indi-vidual judges decide what can be printed and broadcast, and then use contempt of court powers as a penal device?

### Lash Back at Ruling

The answer from broadcasters and newspapers and the liberties union was a ringing "No." They presented U. S. Supreme Court authority, as well as constitutional and legislative basis, and then challenged nine prosecuting lawyers to produce any support for their contention in American law or legislation.

From the beginning the battle of lawyers assumed an international aspect. The prosecution side wrung English law completely dry as counsel offered citation after cita-

tion from his majesty's bench, dating back to 1669.

Against their common law contentions were arrayed stacks of American court decisions, including the basic Bridges vs. California (314 U. S. Supreme Court 252, 262) and supporting cases. These decisions, the defense contended, completely upset and rejected the old English contempt theory. This theory places in contempt any action that has a "reasonable tendency" to interfere with justice.

The generally accepted American contempt principle—except in Maryland, the "Free State"—is that "clear and present danger" must exist.

Though Maryland justice suffered a black eye as attorneys worked over what they called the un-American and unconstitutional methods of the city court, general agreement was heard on both sides that Judge Gray had conducted the trial fairly and efficiently.

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Everyone in the crowded courtroom, including the 45-foot array of lawyers, sensed the importance of the case as proceedings opened Wednesday morning. Fireworks abounded as Judge Gray refused to admit exhibits dealing with a murder case not directly involved in the proceeding.

ed, one by each side, but their tes-

### Text of 'Baltimore Bag'

PERTINENT paragraphs of the Baltimore Supreme Bench Rule 904 restricting publication of news about criminals follows:

#### Photographs, Statements for Publications, Etc.

In connection with any case which may be pending in the Criminal Court' of Baltimore, or in connection with any person charged with crime and in the custody of the Police Department of Baltimore City, or other consti-tuted authorities, upon a charge of crime over which the Criminal Court of Baltimore has jurisdiction, whether before or after indictment, any of the following acts shall be subject to punishment as contempt: . . . . . . . .

C. The issuance by the police authorities, the State's Attorney, counsel for the defense, or any other person having official connection with the case, of any statement relative to the conduct of the accused, statements or admissions made by the accused, or other matter bearing upon the issues to be tried.

D. The issuance of any statement or forecast as to the future course of action of either the prosecuting authorities or the defense relative to the conduct of the trial.

E. The publication of any matter which may prevent a fair trial, im-properly influence the court or the jury, or tend in any manner to inter-fere with the administration of justice.

F. The publication of any matter obtained as a result of a violation of this rule.

### 'Baltimore Gag' Gets Court Test

timony was worked over thoroughly

Checked Stories Regularly

Baltimore News-Post, testified that

he constantly phoned the paper's

lawyer or the local judges before

printing stories about criminals

Andrew Banks, city editor of the

The states attorney's witness

by cross-examining counsel.

influenced this decision.

was William H. Murphy, Negro attorney for the convicted murderer. Mr. Murphy testified that he chose a bench trial for his client because he feared an impartial jury could not be impaneled due to effect of

broadcasts. On cross-examination he admitted the nature of the case

Only two witnesses were present-

after their arrest and before conviction. Mr. Banks estimated that he had phoned the judges in 75 cases. He said he withheld stories when they

ruled the material violated the court's Rule 904. Thus the operation of the court's private censorship system was unveiled. As the implications of such an operation sunk in, James Law-rence Fly, former FCC chairman appearing as counsel for American Civil Liberties Union, ignored a bronchial infection that cut his delivery to a whisper as the courtroom remained spellbound.

For 12 minutes he recited his shock at the "relish" with which states attorneys and supporters referred to the English suppression of basic rights of free speech. Mr. Fly called Rule 904 "a drastic piece

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# BMB DRIVE

THREE FACTORS as yet unresolved may determine the success or failure of BMB's drive to secure 1,000 or more subscribers for its second nationwide station and network audience study to be launched in March.

First factor will be the success of the newly appointed engineering committee in developing an engineering formula which, in combination with the BMB survey findings, will indicate where non-listening to a station is due to inability to get a satisfactory signal and where it is due to dissatisfaction with the station's programs.

The second will be provided by the results of the pilot field studies and whether or not they show the anticipated differences between average weekly audience, which was reported in the first BMB study, and average daily audience, which is being added to the average weekly audience reports in the upcoming study.

The third factor stems from the decision of the BMB board to make available to subscribers information about non-subscribing stations, for

their "restricted" use. Broadcasters in highly competitive markets may well feel that they cannot afford to have their competitors armed with information about their own audiences of which they themselves are uninformed.

Pending more information on these three points, many broadcasters are withholding decisions on whether to become or to continue as BMB subscribers or to go along with MBS in sitting this one out.

#### **Budget Motive**

Mutual's cancellations, which becomes effective April 1 after the expiration of the 90-day notice period, follows that network's dropping of its subscription to the Hooperatings service. Both moves are said to be based on budget cuts which have eliminated all but the most productive research services which MBS was buying.

It should be noted that the Mutual withdrawal from BMB, which will decrease the bureau's revenue by about \$1,000 a month, is not irrevocable. Part of Mutual's dis-

### Factors That May Affect

satisfaction with BMB data as sales ammunition stems from this network's feeling that BMB has not given enough consideration to the engineering factors influencing listening and its preference for the "listenability" formula developed by Mutual's own statisticians. Should the BMB engineering advisory committee come up with a satisfactory formula for combining engineering measurements with its family reports of listening, it is not impossible that MBS might reconsider and rejoin BMB.

The first task of this committee. which will shortly hold its first meeting, will be to attempt to set some engineering measurement on which they can agree as a standard for acceptable clarity of reception. Then, the committee must find a way to relate that engineering standard to the BMB data on listening as reported on the family ballots.

Essentially, the function of this committee is to devise a formula to show when a low BMB rating derives from a poor signal and when (Continued on page 52)

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# RATINGS

### Given Too Much Attention, Says von Zehle

By WILLIAM VON ZEHLE

President, William von Zehle Co., New York

THE TIME has come, I think, to run up a danger signal in connection with high radio ratings.

For my money, entirely too much attention is being focused on the importance of the "percentages" of network programs, especially giveaway shows and those starring comedians and news commentators. Popularity ratings are unquestionably valuable in indicating trends, but the recent presidential election showed that research methods, especially when used to test popularity, are far from infallible.

Generally speaking, the best test for a radio program is whether in addition to producing good entertainment it sells goods.

#### Good Public Relations

Some high-budget shows are conceived, of course, for the primary purpose of achieving a good press and a prestige rating which result in good public relations.

The United States Steel Corp.'s program which features stage, screen and radio stars in condensed versions of outstanding plays is a good example. Everybody knows that the sponsor does not expect the listener to rush to the nearest hardware store and buy five pounds of U. S. steel; essentially the program is a good will builder.

But for purposes of illustration let's discuss programs that advertise specific products.

Naturally we do not pretend at the von Zehle agency that ratings are unimportant. We do claim, however, that too often they are incorrectly interpreted. In fact, too many agencies, we feel, have fallen prey to the claim that a highbudget program possessing a high rating will guarantee increased sales. The graveyard of radio is filled with discarded high-budget shows that met their death by slipping downward on a sales chart.

The rating-craze is a carry-over from the war years when it was the only way an advertiser could

### Business of Broadcasting (One of a Series)

determine the value of his program. His product sold then whether he advertised or not, because of the terrific demand for goods.

However, on a big-name, highly rated show, the product is often of much less consequence than the program. In fact, a careful survey might disclose that an alarming number of listeners don't even know who sponsors the program. On a low-budget show with a

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comparatively low rating, the product usually takes first importance. This becomes evident as a rule in increased case sales, especially if it is a packaged product.

#### **Ratings Bragged About**

We hear high ratings bragged about from the housetops. But very little is said about their sales power. For instance, I know of certain radio programs whose ratings are practically nil, but whose sales ratings are tremendous.

Take some of the soap operas as examples. A number of them have been going continuously a dozen years or more, getting outstanding sales results, yet the rating of some has never exceeded an average of 5. Nevertheless they have out-lasted innumerable other shows with infinitely higher ratings.

There can be only one answer to their phenomenal survival: They sell goods and at the same time provide ample entertainment to hold their loyal audiences regardless of ratings.

There is a growing tendency these days, however, to create a low-budget program that will provide a high rating. At our agency we believe it is much better to concentrate on a low cost program that sells goods and also entertains. The rating, we think, is a secondary consideration. The essential purpose of advertising is to increase sales, regardless of whether the budget is expended in newspa-



#### Mr. VON ZEHLE

pers or for the purchase of radio time. Media, regardless of its form, is

a means to an end.

That end is the cash register.

On many high-rated shows, sales results are hard to check because in addition to radio, other media are used to advertise the product. For that reason we plan our campaigns so that regardless of media, sales can be checked, due to special media handling.

#### Coast Guard Show

Last spring we did a show for the Coast Guard through Packaged Shows Inc., called *This Is Adven*-

## CONGRESS TELECASTS

TELEVISION networks were urged last Wednesday by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D-Mass.) to inaugurate regularly scheduled telecasts of Congressional proceedings. They were assured his cooperation in securing the approval of Congress for such programming.

Congressman Lane's proposal was inspired by the manner in which President Truman's one-man campaign aroused public interest in activities of the Congress.

Calling upon the networks to reserve daily time for telecasting proceedings of Congress, Rep. Lane explained that "it is still difficult for the people to visualize how their representative government functions."

In his public statement, the legislator expressed the opinion that the people should be shown how a committee works when considering legislation before approving or rejecting it.

"The work of a committee such as Rules in unsnarling the traffic of bills," he maintained, "is a remote fact which is not appreciated by the great majority of our citizens."

Rep. Lane said he would seek authorization of such telecasts from Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). If legislation is required he will introduce a bill to provide authorization, the legislator said.

Congressman Lane told BROAD-CASTING the chances of getting Congressional approval of such telecasts had been enhanced by public reaction to Inaugural coverage by television.

Arrangements, Rep. Lane felt, should be worked out by a committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House, in consultation with network representatives.

His proposal was not restricted to video, but also includes aural broadcasting, Congressman Lane explained. He laid particular stress on television, however, which he felt would be of value to high school and college classes in civics and government, in "bringing such subjects to life and to stimulate interest in current problems of government." DANGER signal for those who place too much importance on program ratings is sounded by William von Zehle, president and radio director of William von Zehle & Co., New York, and president of Packaged Shows Inc., radio production subsidiary of his agency. Ratings are of secondary consideration, he says; the essential purpose of advertising is to increase sales. Mr. von Zehle for-merly was with WNEW WHN and WINS, all New York, and radio director in Hollywood for Music Corp. of America. Some 50 accounts are handled by his agency. Among the larger accounts are Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Standard Radio and Pluto Corp.

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ture, which showed how far aparts rating and sales can get. With a period rating of 4-plus, we established a record in 13 weeks by overfilling the Coast Guard quota.

In fact, the sales power of the program grew so rapidly that enlistment standards were raised and credit for previous service reduced. In spite of these stiffer requirements, the Coast Guard not only enlisted the thousands of recruits required but turned away vast numbers unable to qualify.

While this program indicated in its first few weeks that it was heading for the high-rating bracket, we did not wait for this to happen before concentrating on its "sell." In fact, it accomplished its job and ended its run before reaching high rating because the show was tailored to sell from the start and therefore did not need a high rating.

In producing It's in the Bag, a give-away show sold on a participating basis, we perfected a format by concentrating sales power and listener appeal in a carefully defined shopping area. We also set up a 13-week pre-testing period used for laboratory purposes.

We learned through trial and error what products were best adapted to this type of program, what presentation techniques brought best results, what gags had most appeal, how the program could be most effectively timed, and innumerable other production details for which there was no book of rules.

As a result we established the fact that our program would definitely boost sales. In fact, we found 15 different types of household products that have definite "give-way" appeal. Sales for these products, therefore, can be increased, thus automatically adding entertainment value to the program because the give-away gimmick becomes an integral part of the show.

We also built a sturdy market for a new "mix" product, proving that a brand new, unknown item can be introduced as a "give-away," providing it's the right type. And although we materially increased sales for all 15 products adapted to this type of radio offering, we never at any time achieved what radio would term a high rating.

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### FRANK RESIGNS

Leaves BMB Post on Feb. 4

PHILIP FRANK has resigned as secretary of BMB and will leave the bureau Feb. 4.

Mr. Frank joined BMB in January 1946, just prior to the start



of the organization's first nationwide study of station and network listening. He went to BMB from ABC, where he had been a member of the sales promotion staff. At BMB he has

Mr. Frank

been public rela-

tions head and also has supervised the preparation of the organization's reports and other material for publication, in addition to his administrative duties.

Concurrent with announcement of Mr. Frank's resignation, Hugh Feltis, BMB president, announced appointment of Anne Slattery, Mr. Frank's assistant, as acting director of news relations. Cort Langley, assistant to the president, will take over Mr. Frank's administrative functions.

Co-author of This Thing Called Broadcasting, Mr. Frank has contributed chapters to other volumes on advertising and has contributed articles to the radio and advertising trade press. He is a lecturer in the advertising and selling course conducted by the Advertising Club of New York.

### 'Ad Woman of Year'

CONTEST to select the "Advertising Woman of the Year" was opened last week by the National Council of Women's Advertising Clubs in New York. The winner, second to be recognized by the Advertising Federation of America, with which the council is affiliated, will be announced at the federation's annual convention in Houston May 29-June 1. Presentation of the first award was made to Mrs. Ella B. Meyers, retired advertising manager of General Foods, at the federation's convention in Cincinnati last June.

### Dillon to FC&B

LUIS G. DILLON, with McCann-

Erickson for the past 15 years, has been appointed executive vice president of Foote, Cone & Belding Interna-tional Corp., it was announced last week by Harry A. Berk, president. Mr.

Dillon will be in

tivities.



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Drawn for BROADCASTING by Sid Hix

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"I've got so much more than that other guy. Why, I was voted the most telegenic wrestler of the month."

### O'MARA QUITS ABC Joins Hooper on Coast

**RESIGNATION** of Jack O'Mara, KECA Los Angeles and ABC Western Division promotion manager, to become Pacific Coast man-

ager for C. E. Hooper Inc., New York, was announced last week.

Mr. O'Mara, who graduated from the U. of Missouri School of Journalism and took his master's degree with a

thesis on the programming policy of KFRU Columbia, Mo., in 1938, joined KVOE Santa Ana, Calif., upon completion of his schooling. Later, as promotion manager of WOWO-WGL Fort Wayne, he was associated with Westinghouse Radio Stations Inc. In May 1943, Mr. O'Mara returned to the Pacific Coast as merchandising manager of KNX Los Angeles and the CBS Pacific Network, assuming his ABC post in 1944

### San-Nap-Pak Campaign

THE MAJOR portion of the 1949 advertising campaign on Lydia Grey Doeskin tissues and Doeskin dinner napkins, made by the San-Nap-Pak Mfg. Co., New York, will use radio spot and participation programs in addition to a newspaper schedule. The radio campaign started Jan. 24 on ten stations in the Middle West and the eastern seaboard. Federal Adv. Agency, New York, is the agency.

\$250,000 Spot Drive Set

start Feb. 1.

FOR the first time in approximately eight years, American Cigarette and Cigar Co., New York, (Pall Mall cigarettes) will use a spot announcement campaign. Thefirm through its agency. Sullivan. Stauffer, Colwell & Bayles, New York, will spend approximately \$250,000 on the spots, scheduled to

The one-minute announcements were placed on a number of stations in the following nine markets: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Washington and Los Angeles. Contracts were for 10 weeks.

Pall Mall also sponsors The Big Story on 162 NBC stations, Wednesday, 10-10:30 through SSC & B.

### PHILLIPS SIGNS For ABC's 'Barn Dance'

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM Co., Bartlesville, Okla., has signed to sponsor ABC's National Barn Dance over 68 of the network's midwest and western stations.

Signing of the new 52-week contract brings to six and three-quarter hours the weekly total of new business contracted by ABC so far this year. In addition, the network has had five and a quarter hours per week of program renewals effective in 1949. National Barn Dance will be heard, starting March 19, on Saturday nights, 9-9:30 p.m. CST. Sponsorship is on behalf of Phillips 66 premium gasoline and motor oil. The Phillips agency is Lambert & Feasley Inc., New York. WLS Chicago produces the program.

### CAPITNI H Measures Affecting FCC Studied

FCC figured prominently in three actions taken last week on Capitol Hill. Congress gave its first consideration to a bill which would provide President Truman with permanent authority to reorganize all agencies in the executive departments, and a subcommittee was assigned to study pay raises for agency heads and

other high government officials.

A subcommittee of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee submitted its report on communications to the parent group last Tuesday (see separate story, page 23).

One bill, empowering the President to reorganize departments subject to veto by both Houses of Congress, was considered Jan. 25 by the House Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments.

Committee members heard Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren give strong support to the reorganization measure. He recommended that the government put its house in order.

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) explained that a number of agencies such as the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Trade Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, will be exempted from provisions of the bill because they are "quasi-legislative" and "quasi-judicial," as well as administrative.

### FCC 'Fringe' Agency

FCC was identified by Speaker Rayburn as one of the "fringe" agencies, which probably would also come in for exemption.

Bi-partisan support of a companion measure before the House Executive Expenditures Committee was predicted by Chairman William L. Dawson (D-Ill.) as hearings opened Jan. 24.

Former President Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Commis-

sion studying reorganization of the government, is expected to appear before the House committee this, week.

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Rep. Dawson said the Hoover Commission report will serve as at least a partial blueprint for government reorganization. Reorganization powers were requested by President Truman in his message to the Congress Jan. 17.

A subcommittee of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee was appointed Jan. 25 to study all proposed federal pay in-CTERSES.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Herbert R. O'Conor (D-Md.), 1 includes Sens. J. Melvin Broughton (D-N. C.), Russel B. Long (D-La.), Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt.), and Raymond E. Baldwin (R-Conn.).

Among the proposals the subcommittee will study is a bill (S-498) to raise the pay of FCC and FTC (Continued on page 47)

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Mr. Dillon

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Mr. O'Mara

# AMA MEETING

NEXT SIX MONTHS may tell whether television is already a better selling medium than radio in the New York market, Paul Raibourn, vice president, Paramount . Pictures, told the New York Chapter of American Marketing Assn. Tuesday.

He spoke at a panel discussion



on television, participated in by eight others, representing various phases of TV and AM broadcasting. Ted Cott, vice president of W N E W New York, who felt other panel members were assum-

Mr. Raibourn

ing radio already was dead, became the principal spokesman for AM broadcasting.

Others participating: Joseph A. Moran, vice president, associate director of radio and television, Young & Rubicam; H. Malcolm Beville Jr., director of research, NBC; Dr. Leo Handel, director of audience research, Metro-Goldwyn-\*Mayer; C. E. Hooper, president, C. E. Hooper Inc.; A. E. Sindlinger, president, Sindlinger & Co.; Allen M. Whitlock, advertising manager, Jell-O Division, General Foods; Fred Coe, producer-director, NBC.

Mr. Raibourn said that surveys made by Paramount indicate that when a home acquires a television set, movie-going, magazine reading and book reading each decline from 20 to 30%, but that radio listening declines 80%. This finding, he said, plus the findings that TV sets have 4.8 listeners per set as against 2.1 for radio sets and that TV sets are on almost three times longer than AM sets, indicates that when 14% of the audience has TV sets that a "TV program may have almost as

"TV program may have almost as large an audience as an AM program.

He said he believed that sight and sound was a better selling medium than just sound and if the costs came out about equal "I'm going to buy TV."

He asserted that a moving picture could best be sold by television and visualized a bigger and better motion picture industry as the result of television rather than television supplanting the movies.

Mr. Cott warned the association and panel members not to assume that television has killed radio. He said the "death of



radio has been greatly exaggerated," that radio has been supporting TV and "that no one yet has cut the u m bilical cord." He blasted the building up "of a

scare psychology

Mr. Cott

to take money out of radio advertising and put it

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into television." He maintained present audiences of the two media do not justify such a psychology. He did predict, however, that as TV expanded in New York, the 23 AM stations might be reduced to as few as ten, with "specialist stations," like WQXR in fine music and WOV in the Italian language field, being the types most likely to survive.

Mr. Whitlock said he believed now was the time for the big advertiser and local advertiser to get

The medium-sized advertiser, he said, might well sit back for a while and watch the experimentation of the bigger and smaller companies. He explained his company is in televi-

sion.

### **Video Panel Featured**

select audience. The select few can go to Broadway and other places, he said, but the housewife, who also would like to see Broadway, will do so via television.

He also expressed the belief that television already was a profitable advertising medium where the product sold is compatible to that type of presentation and where the product distribution pattern follows the pattern of the TV audiences. In the interim, where both TV and AM can be used, he said the solution might be to develop a program which can be broadcast simultaneously on both media.

Both Mr. Sindlinger and Mr. Hooper asserted studies show that AM listening suffers in homes having television sets. Mr. Sindlinger also added that his studies show it is possible, different from radio, for a given TV show to capture almost all the audience from competing stations even though the competition might be a very creditable performance put on at big expense. "Television, in that respect, seems to be an 'all or nothing' medium," he said.



W. B. Edwards (1), Gray & Rogers producer and writer for the show, completes negotiations with Manny Baum of Tele-Fites Inc.

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### RING BATTLES

### Sponsor Expands on WPTZ

THIRTEEN of the greatest matches in boxing history, as recorded on film, will be part of the *Sunshine Sportsman Show* as that telecast expands its time on WPTZ Philadelphia Tuesday night to a quarter-hour at 7:15 p.m. Formerly a five-minute show on Friday, the Sunshine Beer-sponsored program will also include Ginny Brown, Miss Philadelphia of 1946, as the daughter of the "Old Coach," central figure in the telecasts.

One year rights for the films, which reach back to the days of Jack Dempsev and Benny Leonard, were obtained from Tele-Fites Inc., New York. Gray & Rogers, Advertising, Philadelphia, is the sponsor's agency. Under new format, show has been renewed for one year.

### 1-Piece Viewing Tube

NEW Major TV sets will feature hand-blown one-piece viewing tubes with 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 16-inch screens, Stuart Hall Frank, president of Major Television Corp., announced last week. Designed by M. E. Macksound, chief engineer of MTC, the tubes will be produced by Warren L. Kessler Co., Bethpage, N. Y., which made fine art glass pieces before converting to radar tube production during the war.

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The regular TELECAST-ING section which usually starts in this part of the issue, this week is a separate insert between pages 52-53.

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keep both radio and television in healthy business.

The agency and advertiser executives were addressed also by Frank Stanton, CBS president; Charles Underhill, CBS TV director of programs; Oscar Katz, CBS director of research; George L. Moskovics, CBS TV manager of sales development, and William B. Lodge, CBS vice president and director of general engineering. All gave similar versions of their addresses to the clinic for affiliates the weekend becore [BROADCASTING, Jan. 14].

# TV COSTS Co

a time franchise, to preempt the type of program it wants, to ob-

tain the best possible talent early

and to learn how to sell by televi-

He predicted that television will

sion now to build

### Comparable to Newspapers, CBS Clinic Told

THE COST of television advertising compares favorably with the cost of newspaper advertising—even at this early stage of video development —J. L. Van Volkenburg, CBS vice president and director of television operations, told more than 300 agency and advertiser representatives at a special meeting in New York \*

Mr. Van Volkenburg spoke at both sessions of two CBS television clinics, one for agency executives Tuesday and the other for advertisers Wednesday, at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The agencyadvertiser meetings were capsule versions of the week-end-long clinic held for CBS affiliates Jan. 21-23.

The television vice president cited the cost-per-thousand viewers of three CBS programs as opposed to the cost-per-thousand readers of full page ads in three New York newspapers. Figures were: On television, Toast of the Town, \$7.21; Lucky Pup, \$3.77, and Winner Take All, \$6.45. In full-page newspaper ads, New York Times, \$7.15; New York World-Telegram, \$7.44, New York Herald-Tribune, \$9.10.

In contradistinction to the emphasis placed on television by Mr. Van Volkenburg and other CBS executives during the two-day-long meetings, William C. Gittinger, CBS vice president in charge of network sales, asserted that television would not seriously encroach upon radio.

"Radio," he said, "will continue to grow."

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Mr. Gittinger saw radio and tele-

vision developing as complementary media and even thought that television would in one respect increase radio listening.

### Leisure Time Increasing

According to Mr. Gittinger's analysis, a progressive increase of leisure time is destined. Television will encourage people to spend more of their growing leisure time in their homes. Once the stay-at-home habit is formed, he believes, there will be more time for radio listening, more time for newspaper and magazine and book reading.

"Radio did not put other media out of business," he said, "and television won't either."

The one amusement form about which Mr. Gittinger was uncertain was movies. He said he did not know whether they would be harmed by television.

Mr. Gittinger thought it possible that "radio will be blitzed temporarily in some markets (by television), just as phonograph records were temporarily blitzed by radio." But radio will survive television as robustly as records survived radio, he said.

Television, he said, will attract new advertisers who never used radio. There will be enough advertising money available, he said, to

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### TV BASEBALL Coverage in 3 Cities Set

PLANS for television coverage of major league baseball this year in Detroit, Chicago and Cincinnati have been set.

All 77 home games of the Cincinnati Reds will be telecast alter-nately by WLWT (TV), Crosley Broadcasting Corp. outlet, and WCPO-TV, Scripps-Howard station now under construction, it was announced last Wednesday. Telecasts, to include Sunday and night contests, will be handled by the Crosley outlet in the early part of the season, due to construction delays at WCPO-TV. Burger Brewing Co. will sponsor video and AM (WCPO) accounts, with Waite Hoyt handling play-by-play.

Joint announcement of the contract on Cincinnati games was made by James D. Shouse, Crosley Broadcasting Corp. president; Mortimer C. Watters, vice president of Scripps-Howard Radio Inc.; Warren Giles, Reds' president, and Jack Koons, vice president of Burger. Last season WLWT carded 34 Red games for telecasts, with weekend and night games omitted.

### To Carry Tigers

In Detroit, WWJ-TV will telecast a minimum of 35 Tigers games, with Goebel Brewing Co. as sponsor. Tuesday and Thursday will be "regular" television days according to Edwin J. Anderson, president of Goebel. Games have been carried by WWJ-TV since it began commercial operation in June 1947. Schedule has called for an increase each year, with 17 games telecast in 1947 and 26 last year.

At least two and possibly three Chicago TV stations will carry 1949 home games of the Cubs. WGN-TV and WBKB have notified the club's management they plan to telecast the games. WENR-TV is said to be seriously considering the schedule. The Cubs will levy a \$5,000 service charge against all video stations providing coverage.

In the South an FM station. WAFM Birmingham, announced last week that sponsorship of all the Birmingham Barons' Southern League games had been sold to Hart-Greer Inc., Zenith radio distributors.

### **Dalton Joins ECA**

APPOINTMENT of Neil Dalton, public relations director of WHAS Louisville, as director of information for the Economic Cooperation Administration, was announced Jan. 26 by ECA Administrator Hoffman. Mr. Dalton, who served also as public relations director of Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, assumed his new duties Jan. 27, succeeding Brian Houston. Mr. Houston resigned two weeks ago to return to the advertising business.

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AT LEAST half of the Detroit Tigers' baseball games will be telecast this year by WWJ-TV Detroit under sponsorship of Goebel Brewing Co. Contracts, which call for a minimum of 35 games, are surveyed by (I to r) Charles Carey, Goebel Brewing executive; Edwin Anderson, president, Goebel Brewing Co., and Willard Walbridge, sales manager of WWJ-TV.

### AM-TV SCRAP **Rights Suit Is Dismissed**

THE HALF-MILLION dollar damage suit filed against ABC and Lester H. Kewus, producer of Hollywood Screen Test, an unsponsored ABC television program, was dismissed Wednesday by New York Supreme Court Justice Aron Steuer.

The suit is regarded as being the first in which a television program is accused of invading the rights of a radio show.

The action was brought by Screen Test Inc., and by Robert Monroe and Latham Ovens, owners of Screen Test, a radio show which was aired over MBS under M-G-M sponsorship in 1944 for 26 weeks.

They claimed that the television program unlawfully used the Screen Test title, was a poor copy of their show and prevented them from selling the AM program.

After three days of trial, start-

ing last Monday, Norah K. Donovan, attorney for Mr. Lewis and for Neil Hamilton, director of the TV show, also made a defendant, moved to dismiss the complaint because of insufficiency of the evidence.

She argued that non-use of the title Screen Test from 1944 to 1948 constituted an abandonment of any trademark rights which plaintiffs might have acquired, that the 26 weeks plaintiffs used the title was not long enough to give it any secondary meaning in the minds of the public and that the public could not be confused between an AM program aired for 26 weeks four years before a current television program, and that the defendants had used good faith in adopting and using the name Hollywood Screen Test.

Justice Steuer's decision was oral and on the merits. Miss Donovan also represented ABC in the action, her clients, Messrs, Lewis and Hamilton, being under contract to indemnify the network.

### AUSTRIAN Becomes a TV Consultant

RALPH B. AUSTRIAN, until recently vice president in charge of television for Foote, Cone and Belding, New York, has established

his own video consultant service in New York, it was announced last week.

Mr. Austrian will act as a liaison between the television field generally and entertainment, advertising and

Mr. Austrian

business groups. Before his association with FC&B, Mr. Austrian was president of the RKO Television Corp. for four years. He was assistant vice president for more than seven years of the RCA Manufacturing Co.

### **KPIX SPONSORS** 20 Now Signed

SAN FRANCISCO's only operating television station, KPIX, has announced it now is, or shortly will be, telecasting 14 regular weekly shows, supported by 20 sponsors. The station started operation last Christmas Eve and is working under an interim affiliation with NBC.

Advertisers now buying time, or scheduled to begin, on KPIX are: NBC network advertisers — Philco, Dišney Hats, Admiral, American Tobacco, Bigelow Sanford; selective advertisers Bigelow Sanford; selective advertisers - B.V.D., Benrus, Botany, Hand-macher-Vogel, Polaroid, Bank of Amer-ica, General Motors; local retail adver-tisers-Leo J. Meyberg Co., RCA dis-tributor; Thompson & Holmes, Phileo distributor; Robert S. Atkins; J. W. Allen Co.; Raven-Wagar Motors; H. R. Basford Co., Zenith distributor; City of Paris, Clyde Wallichs Co., Pack-ard-Bell distributor.

# **'TELEVISION CYCLE'**

#### By RALPH TUCHMAN

TELEVISION had a day of its own in Los Angeles last Tuesday by official proclamation of Mayor Fletcher Bowron out of respect to the first annual Television Seminar and Awards sponsored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Tuesday morning ATAS opened its seminar with the overall theme of "Television Cycle." Participants were Don Frick, Advertising manager of Rexall Drug Co.; Leonard F. Erikson, Kenyon & Eckhardt vice president in charge of radio and television; Hal Roach Jr., president of Television Film Producers Assn.; Mike Stokey, Television Producers Assn. (live); Al Wager, talent agent; Klaus Landsberg, West Coast director of Paramount Television; Donn Tatum, partner in legal firm of Lillick, Geary & McHose; William R. Watson, Southern California Radio & Electrical Appliance Assn., and Ed-ward C. Stodel, head of Stodel Adv. Co., Los Angeles.

Mr. Erikson stressed the fact

that despite the cost of television, "The advertiser who immediately eliminates all consideration of tele-

vision on the basis of this factor alone is also fool-ing himself." To support the change in thinking in one year's time, he pointed to approximately 235 advertisers utilizing the me-

dium one year ago whereas 680 were spending as of December 1948.

He also warned that even with six stations currently operative in New York, "Prime night-time can no longer be obtained just for the

### ATAS Holds Seminar

asking." Cable allocations are also a matter of "serious considerations," he advised. And, as proof of the importance of network time options, he cited the case "of at least 13 network time periods in radio which have been held by the same sponsors for ten years or more."

### New York Sets

Analyzing factors of audience, Mr. Erikson underlined the high sets-in-use statistics which prevail in the New York area. In support of this he pointed to the "February evening when Jack Benny's radio Hooper for New York was discovered to be a history-making low of 6.0 in homes equipped for both radio and television.

Free-lance package ideas were not generally of any use to the agency, Mr. Erikson said, contending that in most cases, the agency must build for the specific needs of (Continued on page \$2)

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its client. Pointing to the time and preparation involved in Ford Television Theatre, he reported that a two-week schedule of actual production precedes the once monthly presentation. All told, he said, this represents the combined work of almost one hundred people. And he pointed out that this may compare favorably with movie production but it far exceeds the radio needs of a comparable program.

While admitting that "unques-tionably Hollywood knows how to make motion pictures, it is im-portant for Hollywood to keep in mind that television is not motion pictures, that it is actually something different from either the movies or the stage."

Recognizing that Hollywood will "soon be producing important dramatic films made especially for television," he reminded the seminar audience that "many considerations will be involved, and a highly important one will be the question of costs." Finally Mr. Erikson concluded that "television should still be approached in an experimental frame of mind to develop its potential as an entertainment and sales medium."

#### Summarizes Rexall's Steps

Mr. Frick identified his comments with an appropriate sub-title of "Confessions of a Television Sponsor." Reviewing Rexall's steps in the medium, he said it was just about one year since the start. Starting with participations via KTLA, he said the first question to be ascertained was which merchandise could be moved.

Since variety of merchandise to be sold was the problem, Mr. Frick showed how film had to be eliminated in the face of cost. Still photos, he said, were too flat. This left only live presentation and demonstration. And even there, he said problems loom.

Looking backward he said they led with a high-priced binocular chin which cost \$169 for each. Here the reasoning was that most sets must be in upper income homes. This brought no sales result. Next came several institutional approaches, via film. In this area no measurement of results could be obtained, he reported.

This wandering has developed a two-way rule for television spending in the present, according to Mr. Frick:

(1) Sponsor identification and (2) Presentation of merchandise.

For the first, BBDO has developed a short animated film to sell the identification of Rexall. Secondly he warned "that in the proper selection of merchandise, lies the key to successful selling by way of television.'

On phone call selling through television, he cited the case of a large insulated metal box with separate waterproof container holding enough chopped ice to keep the con-

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### **Television Set Figures**

NBC TV DATA **January** 1, 1949

January 1, 1949					
Estimated	TV Sei	t Ownersh	dp		
<i>011-1</i>	No. of Sta-	No. of Families 40-Mile (Service	No. of TV Sets In-		
City	tions	Area)**	stalled		
New York	6	3,597,000	410,000		
Baltimore Boston	32	732,000	35,600		
Philadelphia	3	1,175,000	35,300 102,000		
Richmond	1	130,000	5,700		
Schenectady	î	258,000	13,800		
Washington	3	691,000	30,500		
East Coast		001,000	001000		
Interconne	cted N	letwork	632,900		
Buffalo	1	323,000	9,900		
Chicago	4	1,438,000	52,000		
Cleveland	2	695,000	22,300		
Detroit	3	839,000	32,000		
Milwaukee	1	327,000	14,200		
St. Louis	1	474,000	15,500		
Toledo	1	241,000	5,100		
Midwest Ni Interconne		Tofmonle	151.000		
Albuquerque		22,000	300		
Atlanta	1	233,000	5,000		
Cincinnati	i	384,000	11,800		
Ft. Worth	î	269,000	2,500		
#Dallas	-	277,000	3,500		
Louisville	1	188,000	3,000		
Memphis	1	177,000	2,200 9,200		
MinnSt. Pau	ul 1	333,000	9,200		
New Orleans	1*	225,000	3.500		
Salt Lake Cit	y 1	93,000	1,700 3,500		
San Francisco		825,000	3,500		
Seattle	1	307,000	2,100		
Total NBC Operating	Station	15	832,200		
Houston	14	217,000	2,500		
Los Angeles	5+	1,372,000	79 600		
New Haven	ĭ	557,000	17,200		
Syracuse	î	199,000	1.000		
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#Erie Mar. 194	9	112,000	300		
#Indianapolis	Apr. '4	9 281,000	300		

#Miami J #Pittsbur #Provide: #Others Total	gh nce	Jan, 1	1949 149 1	,011,0	00 00 5	1,000 3,500 4,900 6,100 0,000
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Station Status Notes STA-Operating under Special Tempo-rary Authority. CP-Construction Permit. (a)-208 actual FCC channel allocations applied for. (b) Figures in parentheses represent additional markets. (c)-Network figures in STA and Total columns aggregate more than column totals since several stations are affili-ated with more than one network. Set Installetion Notes

Set Installation Notes

Set Installation roots -New station added. -Figures represent total number of families in each 40-mile (½ milli-volt) service area and may not be combined to show net coverage in 2 or more cities. Net family figures for NBC networks are shown below: Eamilies Families in Range of NBC

Stations Families - NBC East Coast 

 Families – NBC East Coast
 7.107,000

 Families–NBC Midwest Net-work
 4.294,000

 Families–ALL NBC Stations 14,457,000
 #-Stations 14,457,000

 #=Statis also distributed to area with no present TV service.
 area of Fort

 ##=Included in coverage area of Fort Worth TV Station.
 Fort

#### Statistical Data Compiled by the Television Research Institute **TELEVISION SET DISTRIBUTIO**

(As of Janua

Albuquerque	250
Atlanta	4.400
Baltimore	35.649
Boston	34.000
Buffalo	9,900
Chicago	55,000
	12,500
Cleveland	20,600
Dallas	
Dallas	4,600
Dayton	1,100
Detroit	35,000
Erie	200
Fort Worth	2,000
Houston	2,000
Indianapolis	200
Los Angeles	72,000
Louisville	3.050
Memphis	2,200

tents cold for several hours. Being a left-over item, with new models coming in, he said the price was cut from \$10 to \$6.95. This offer produced 83 phone orders plus heavy calls at all stores. This was a sell-out and necessitated wires to warehouses in other regions.

In reviewing the lessons learned by Rexall, Mr. Frick concluded that television has paid off in cases of "merchandise with either a bargain appeal, a novel new appeal or seasonal demand."

There was considerable difference of opinion on the question of live versus film between Mr. Stokey and Mr. Roach. The former, an advocate of live, felt that it was cheaper and as effective. And in reply to whether he could do a "western" live he said "no," but also pointed out actors whose looks must be catered to for maximum appearance will go by the boards. Pointedly he said, "We'll have to forget those ugly movie actors in television."

Mr. Roach exuded boastful confidence over film producers' ability to lower costs to meet telecasting's

UTION IN 36 U.S. CITIES	8
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Milwaukee 14,187	1 1
Minneapolis 9,200	
New Haven 17,200	) (
New Orleans 368	5
New York 410,000	
Philadelphia 100.000	; f
Pittsburgh 2.500	í s
Providence 4 900	-
Richmond 5 697	v
Salt Lake City 2,000	
San Diego 200	
San Francisco 1.600	ιt
Schenectady 13.800	
Seattle 2.000	
St. Louis 15,500	
Syracuse 600	
Toledo 5.100	
Washington, D. C 30,500	

ability to pay. "Labor will come in at a price," he said, by pointing to the fact that actors, writers and directors are used to more than one income level.

 Toledo
 5,100

 Washington, D. C.
 30,500

 Total Sets in U. S. Cities
 932,318

Mr. Landsberg gave a penciland-paper breakdown of the minimum cost for a half-hour dramatic program which he set at close to \$1,000. Broken down, this meant \$300 for time, \$75-100 for a writer: producer with 10 hours of preparation time, including three hours of rehearsal, \$100; cast of six, \$150; sets, etc., \$150-200.

Mr. Wager commented that wage standards had not yet been established in the medium and emphasized that the price of talent is most fluid in the present.

Mr. Tatum, commenting on the legal aspects, felt that there are many problems with three standing out in importance at present: Copyright, invasion of privacy and controlling transmission. While little precedent exists today, he looked for INS-AP case to be the base of rulings in regard to "ownership" of content.

### **16-HOUR VIDEO** Planned by CBS in Spring

CBS is preparing for 16-hour-perday television operations, to begin by the end of spring, J .L. Van Volkenburg, CBS vice president and director of television operations, said last week.

Addressing more than 100 advertising agency executives attending the CBS television clinic in New York, Mr. Van Volkenburg said that the network already had advanced plans for the daytime telecasting operations. Later, he told BROADCASTING that although at this stage CBS intends to institute daytime programming only on WCBS-TV New York, it was entirely possible that it would feed daytime programming to the television network.

Network telecasting on the longer schedule depends upon the completion of additional coaxial cable facilities which AT&T promises by July. The greater availability of network lines, Mr. Van Volkenburg said, would eliminate the East-Midwest facilities bottleneck.

### RTDG-WPIX

### **Contract Meeting Set**

**MEETING** to discuss proposals and counterproposals is scheduled for Thursday (Feb. 3) between Radio and Television Directors Guild and WPIX (TV) New York.

RTDG has asked for \$200 weekly for directors, \$150 for associates and the same for floor managers, with a 35-hour work week and for five-hours additional on straight time. Also demanded is the principle of commercial fees, permitting the men covered to negotiate for themselves additional fees on sponsored shows.

Counter-proposals, it is said, would set minimums of \$90 for directors, \$50 for associates and \$60 for floor managers. Also proposed by management is a 40-hour week

over a six-day period. The RTDG's negotiations at ABC for WJZ-TV, where a strikeauthorization still is in effect, will be resumed tomorrow. It is understood that discussions there are still on definition of duties of directors, associates and floor men.

Set for Wednesday are talks between the union and agencies and package producers for free lance directors in the AM field. These talks, too, are in such early stages that definition of what constitutes a free lancer is still among matters to be thrashed out.

### KFRE to CBS Feb. 20

MOVING its CBS affiliation to an earlier date, KFRE Fresno, Calif., will become the 24th 50 kw CBS affiliate on Feb. 20, instead of on June 15 as previously announced, according to Herbert V. Akerberg, vice president in charge of station relations for CBS.



A furniture store in Richmond advertised radio sets over WLEE for a year. They sold more radios that year than in the previous two years combined. And radio sales were off in other stores all over town!

After this successful campaign, these smart merchants concentrated one-half of their entire advertising budget with WLEE. They say station WLEE produces the best results they ever had from any advertising media.

More and more national advertisers are following the lead of local Richmond merchants by using WLEE. They're doing this because WLEE gives advertisers the kind of quick, immediate results that really count. Call in your Forjoe man and get the full WLEE story.



TOM TINSLEY, President

IRVIN G. ABELOFF, General Manager

# ABC MEETING Woods Progress Report Pleases Affiliates

REASSURING" appraisal of ABC was given 150 representatives of the network's district 2, 3 and 5 affiliates Thursday in Chicago by ABC president Mark Woods.

Those attending this third in a series of ABC regional meetings between network and station officials came from the Central, Middle and Southwestern states.

Hailing 1948 as ABC's greatest year, with billings \$750,000 above hose of 1947, Mr. Woods is re-ported to have inspired the station officials, in closed session at the Ambassador East Hotel, with a report on ABC's recent successful presentation before the United States Steel Corp. He said the network held its own against a "superb," all-out effort by NBC to sign the steel concern.

One of those attending the meeting, declared Mr. Woods, "reassured us with his frankness."

"For example, he admitted having sold some ABC stock in recent months because his banker needed "We cash," said the informant. believed him when he said the transaction had nothing whatever to do with his feelings toward ABC."

#### Lacks Powerful Stations

Mr. Woods blamed lack of a large number of powerful stations, as well as clear channel outlets, for the network's failure to sign such sponsors as Rexall, Campbell Soup, and Ford, but he questioned whether his organization could be "slipping" when it still had Procter and Gamble, Swift and Co., General Electric, Philco, Goodyear, Texaco, American Oil, Revere Camera, Pepsi-Cola, American Assn. of Railroads, U. S. Steel and others.

He attributed the CBS talent raids to anxiety because ABC is "gaining ground," and predicted ABC will not need to indulge in similar practices.

Maintaining that Stop the Mutaining," and not only because listeners get something for nothing, he promised ABC would carry its fight for giveaways to the Supreme Court if necessary. Mr. Woods lauded the network's "prestige and public service shows" as the best in the land, and noted that only on ABC can one hear liberal, conservative, and middle-of-the-road commentators.

He brushed by television with the remark that ABC is off to an even start with the other networks and has reason to be especially proud of its facilities in Hollywood, where it recently acquired the 20acre Vitagraph motion picture lot. He expressed the feeling TV would not eliminate aural radio, but that viewers would fit it into their scheme of living like going to the movies. Millions will continue listening to sound broadcasts while they work, he said. ABC will never sacrifice AM or TV, he emphasized.

Mr. Woods promised new ABC program ideas and program pack-

ages in 1949. He indicated the network sales staff would be strengthened in the face of anticipated tough selling. He urged that salesmen go after a large volume of smaller accounts in the future as million-dollar-plus allocations may be few and far between. He called for more activity in promotion and publicity by affiliated stations, terming this "vital" to ABC's health.

### PRAISE FOR CBS Richards Hails Paley, Too

CBS is making possible "the most successful year in history for its affiliates," G. A. Richards, chairman of the board and principal owner of WJR Detroit, WGAR Cleveland and KMPC Los Angeles, asserted at a stockholders' meeting in Detroit Wednesday.

Mr. Richards attributed this to the network's acquisition of "the most brilliant array of stars in the history of broadcasting." In separate talks to WJR and WGAR stockholders, Mr. Richards called William S. Paley, CBS board chairman, "the new atomic sales force in American network radio."

President Frank E. Mullen of the Richards stations, with station managers Harry Wismer of WJR and John Patt of WGAR, were commended for "record breaking sales." Both stations reached new all-time highs in dollar voume of gross sales, Mr. Richards reported.



NEW member of the WFOX Milwaukee sales and promotion staff is Stan Heath (1), the nation's No. 1 football passer from Nevada. He is greeted here by Charles Larphier, WFOX president and general manager. Mr. Heath, who has just signed a five-year contract with the Green Bay Packers, will devote his off-season time to WFOX.

### NEW EXECUTIVES **Columbia Records Ups Two**

APPOINTMENTS to two newly created executive posts at Columbia Records Inc., New York, were announced last week by Paul E. Southard, vice president in charge of merchandising.

Ken McAllister, former co-ordinator for long-playing Microgroove record activities, was named manager of distribution and promotion. Jeff Willson, former manager of Masterworks records merchandising, has been elected manager of distribution and merchandising. Both executives will report directly to Mr. Southard.

Mr. McAllister joined Columbia in 1941 and Mr. Wilson joined in 1940. Robert Kirsten, former assistant Masterworks merchandising manager, will succeed Mr. Wilson.

## INAUGURAL

### **TV Especially Noted** In Fry Report

TELEVISION has developed one of the bad habits of its AM brother -the newsreel short shot technique-which detracted from the visual medium's "fine job" of Inaugural coverage, according to Kenneth D.

Fry, Inaugural radio director. In a synopsis of the report he

will file with the Inaugural Committee, Mr. Fry observed that "following its spectacular achievements at the 1948 political conventions and during the 1948 election, television moved another

step toward its full growth in its coverage of the 1949 Inaugural."

Mr. Fry, who was on leave from his job as radio director of the Democratic National Committee, thinks that "television, in general, did a fine job, and undoubtedly learned much."

"There were comments," Mr. Fry said, "that the coverage and switching was too jumpy. In other words,

the newsreel technique of short shots, and then a switch to another spot, bewildered some viewers. Longer shots, giving continuity to an event such as the parade, might be more acceptable to viewers on a TV screen. Perhaps there were too many pickup points. The habit of fast and frequent switches from one point to another, a habit borrowed from AM radio, might well be reviewed with an eye to better continuity and programming. The same criticism was made of television newsreels. They can well be length-

Mr. Fry pointed out that future events such as conventions and Inaugurals must be completely replanned from an operations standpoint. "No longer," he said, "can we do these things 'as we used to.' "

ened, with longer single shots.'

### **CSBA MEETING** In San Francisco Feb. 25

CALIFORNIA State Broadcasters Assn. annual meeting will be held Feb. 25 at San Francisco in one of KQW's studios in the Palace Hotel, Paul R. Bartlett, organization's secretary - treasurer, announced last week. Morning and afternoon sessions and a luncheon in the hotel's French Room are planned.

Discussion of state legislation proposed by the association and of plans for promoting radio as an advertising medium will be among important items on the agenda, Mr. Bartlett said. Officers and directors will be elected. Advance registration is not required, and all California broadcasters are invited, he added.

Block of 50 rooms has been set aside by the Palace for broadcasters attending the meeting. Those planning to attend should make their room reservations directly with the hotel, Mr. Bartlett said.

In a circular letter mailed to California broadcasters under date of Jan. 11, CSBA reported on a meeting which its board held with Gov. Warren at Sacramento Jan. 7. Conference dealt principally with the subject of libel legislation.

The broadcasters were advised that Sen. Clarence Ward, representing the Santa Barbara district, had volunteered to introduce a libel bill drafted by CSBA's general counsel, Donn Tatum. Hearings on the bill are to be held after the legislature's February recess.

### **HENNESSY NAMED** Storecast Executive V.P.

GEORGE N. HENNESSY, who has been with Storecast Corp. of America, as vice president, since February 1947, has been named executive vice president of Storecast, it was announced last week by Stanley Joseloff, president. Mr. Hennessy was with BBDO, New York, prior to joining Storecast.

Mr. Hennessy's appointment is in line with Storecast's expansion plans for 1949, Mr. Joseloff said. The latter will concentrate his own activities on a national expansion program of the Storecast super market network beyond current operations in New England, Philadelphia and Chicago.

### New TV Tube

GENERAL ELECTRIC Co. has announced a bigger television picture tube designed for use in lowcost receivers. The new tube, which will handle a 39-square inch picture, will provide 50% more viewing area than the 7-inch tubes it will replace. It is 81/2 inches in diameter and will cost no more to build than the 7-inch tubes now in use in low-priced sets, according to GE. Heavy production will get underway during the year.



Mr. Fry





E, T. HARKER (seoted) v.p. of Hertzberg's, San Antonio jeweler, initiates sponsorship of Guy Lombardo Show on KTSA San Antonio. Looking on are (I to r) Elmer Beaser, Ziv Co., program producer; Claude Aniol, pres. Claude Aniol & Assoc., ogency, and Bill Kelley, KTSA.

AT Congress on Industrial Health in Chicogo are (I to r) E. G. Gerbie, Johnson & Johnson; Joseph Moran, Young & Rubicam v.p.; Dr. Thomas Parran, dean, School of Public Health, Pittsburgh U., and Ben Park, producer of Johnson & Johnson's It's Your Life on WMAQ Chicago.





WESTINGHOUSE veterans Harold Randol (r), WBZA Springfield chief engr., and Gordon Swan (I), WBZ Boston prog. mgr., see W. H. Hauser, WBZ chief engr., get 20year button from W. C. Swartley, WBZ mgr.





HERE is the top segment of the six-bay super-turnstile antenna of WTVR (TV) Richmond, Va., being lifted into place atop the new 417-ft. tower. With completion of the antenna the station will operate with its full authorized power of 12.16 kw visual, 6.4 aural.



INAUGURATING Master Bread News on KDAL Duluth for Zinsmaster Baking Co. ore (I to r) Bill Krueger, news editor; Emil Wahlund, Zinsmaster plant mgr.; Dalton LeMasurier, KDAL gen. mgr., and Pres. Harry Zinsmaster.



PHIL ALAMPI (r), WJZ New York radio farm director, shows Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souder, publishers of Poultryman shown in blow-up at Great Penna Farm Show, picture taken of himself at White House turkey presentation.

GREETING Phil Harris (center), who co-stars with wife, Alice Faye, on NBC Sunday night comedy show, are Niles Trammell (I), NBC president, and Arthur Pryor, BBDO radio v.p.



AT Nat. Photo Finishers Assn.; banquet in Los Angeles are (I to r) Phil Stewart, Roche, Williams & Cleary; Jo Stafford, star of Revere Camera's ABC show; James McGookin, Revere.

NEW KNBC-NBC San Francisco program director, Paul Speegle (r), meets Harry Bubeck, former program director moving to Hollywood [BROADCASTING, Jan. 24].





# THE LATEST WCKY STORY

# WCKY SET THE PACE IN 1948!

### **IN AUDIENCE - 12% INCREASE**

Average audience, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM, 7 days weekly, November-December, 1948 over November-December 1947

WCKY NOW LEADS ALL CINCINNATI STATIONS IN AUDIENCE 8 AM-8 PM, Sunday through Saturday, except one\*

WCKY	22.8
STA A	18.4
STA B	22.3
STA C	29.9
STA D	18.8

### A CONSISTENT YEAR ROUND AUDIENCE

And remember WCKY carries no baseball or football. WCKY's audience is a consistent year round audience built with outstanding block programming and news.

\*Pulse Report

INVEST YOUR AD DOLLAR WCKY'S-LY
# WCKY SET THE PACE IN 1948!

# IN MAIL - 33% INCREASE

WCKY, the No. 1 Direct Sales Station in the country, pulled 832,000 pieces of mail (with orders!) in 1948—from 39 states, with 81% coming from the intense night time listening area of 13 Southern States.

# IN ADVERTISERS - 21% INCREASE

WCKY had a total of 186 Advertisers selling their products to the WCKY-Land audience in 1948.

# WATCH WCKY IN 1949!

Thomas A. Welstead Eastern Sales Manager 55 E. 51st. St. New York City Phone: Eldorado 5-1127 TWX: NY 1-1688

C. H. "Top" Topmiller Station Manager Phone: Cherry 6565 TWX: Ci 281

J.B. Wilson



FIFTY THOUSAND WATTS OF SELLING POWER

Editorial

# Who Pays Whom?

THERE'S a staggering amount of double-talk surrounding the effect of television upon sundry facets of the sports industries. Does TV help or hurt box office? The sports entrepreneurs have had their hands out for a hunk of money for telecasting rights, whatever the nature of the events. They wail plaintively about imagined gate losses which should be made up by station ownership or sponsors.

But where's the evidence? Sports industries are thriving. TV is drawing more and more customers. It's the radio story all over again.

Proof of this comes in a highly intelligent dissertation by Bob Cooke, sports columnist of the New York Herald-Tribune. He points out that wrestling in New York has been so stimulated by television that the authorities now are considering its return to Madison Square Garden, the grand opera of the professional sports arenas. (Since publication of his column, the return of wrestling to the Garden has been authorized.)

Mr. Cooke continues:

Mr. Cooke continues: Speaking of television, it wasn't so long ago that the smaller fight clubs were dublous about permitting video. lest rust develop in their turnstiles. . . Television was finally judged acceptable and immediately drew more cus-tomers, but the tragic part of the tale is the fact that the video people are now pulling out of the smaller clubs, like the Jamaica Arena, the Westchester Community Center and the Park Arena, with the result that these clubs may not operate any more.

It appears that instead of trying to sell telecasting rights, promoters might well start buying TV time to stimulate box office.

# **Beyond The Usual Call**

INGENUITY and enterprise of American broadcasters are demonstrated so often that the public takes for granted that radio is an art which knows no frontiers.

During the war extraordinary programming was the rule.

The end of the war didn't bring an end to public service with an international flavor. Networks and independent stations alike con-tinue to cover "cold war" fronts, and those hotter spots too.

Falling strictly in the enterprise category was the recently fulfilled farmers' mission to Europe conducted by WOW Omaha. The station is in the middle of America's breadbasket -heretofore regarded as the isolationist belt. Shepherded by Mal Hansen, farm director, and Bill Wiseman, promotion director of WOW, 26 dirt farmers selected from 53 who wanted to go, visited nine western European countries. They paid \$2,500 each for expenses. They talked, ate and slept with their agrarian cous-

ins. It was strictly grass roots. Within 10 days after they arrived home last month, these farmers had more than 130 speaking engagements before farm and civic groups, and Messrs. Hansen and Wiseman made the agricultural Chautauqua, with more upcoming. From overseas there had been 73 to broadcasts-a dozen over the networks, and many on foreign stations. WOW has a barrel of clippings of news stories and pictures.

Here was international good-will with a radio accent. It was the "Voice of America"

in reverse. Johnny Gillin's WOW made good on an international assignment. This is but one current example of the kind

of service independent stations perform regularly-beyond the usual call. It can be an announcement for a rare type of blood that means life or death-or a mission to Europe.

# Solar Plexus Punch

NOW COMES a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee with a solar plexus blow at the FCC in which it all but proposes to preempt authority over allocations and policymaking. It comes when the FCC is still smarting from the sting of the House Select Committee report which accused it of utter disdain of the statutes.

If the FCC succeeded in brushing off the House action as the handiwork of Republican partisans now out of power, it can't duplicate the feat with the Senate group. The report bears the signatures of a two-man subcommittee-Tobey of New Hampshire, Republican, and McFarland of Arizona, Democrat. But it has full endorsement of Democratic Chairman Ed C. Johnson. That puts administration pants on it.

The Senate report is as astonishing as it is serious. It could lead to stripping the FCC of its most important function-allocations. It all but decides the clear channel issue by virtually commanding the Commission to duplicate clear channels and limit power to 50,000 w. Of course, to complete the job, Congress as a legislative whole would have to sustain it. But we doubt whether this FCC, or any other, would openly defy the subcommittee.

We think the subcommittee's report is fraught with danger. We do not condone past actions of the FCC and we agree that the FCC has been inconsistent, and has engaged in "extra-legal" conduct. We think too much policy-making has reposed in the hands of the FCC's legal staff. Certainly some allocations have been bungled.

The report, like the action of the Senate Committee nearly a year ago, implies a vote of "no confidence" in the FCC. If Congress wants another FCC it can enact a "ripper bill." If it wants to take over the policymaking and allocations authority, Congress might as well abolish the FCC and set up a one-man administrator, thereby saving the taxpayer the salaries of seven commissioners and their staffs.

Certainly this flaming report and the House Committee indictment which preceded it, point up the need for action. The proposed panel plan of the FCC, which the Senate committee construes as "not contemplated" by the present law, presumably now goes into deep freeze. Yet the subcommittee favors a division or panel principle. It reaffirms the White Bill provision holding that the FCC can look into programs, which we regard as back-door censorship. It calls for a continuing study of the whole communications structure.

There could be legislative action at this session. Chairman Johnson has more than donned the mantle of former Senator Wallace H. White Jr., as radio leader. He's swinging with both fists against large interests in radio and TV. In Chicago last Friday he urged independent affiliates to rally behind Ed Craney.

The task of convincing Congress that it shouldn't become a super-FCC isn't going to be easy. But it shouldn't be any tougher than the job of convincing Congress that its regu-latory creature—the FCC—shouldn't meddle in programming and business operations of stations.

Here we have the unique situation of a Senate committee holding that the FCC is incompetent to handle allocations, but that this same Commission should have broader powers of censorship.

Broadcasters, as specialists, know infinitely more about programming to the public taste than seven members of the FCC. And seven commissioners, or nine or 11, as specialists, should know more about allocations than 531 members of Senate and House.



Our Respects To -

GLENN McCARTHY

TEXANS, a clan not easily impressed even by other Texans, may well pause and take note of the new KXYZ Houston owner, Glenn Mc-Carthy. A man who friends will tell you had trouble borrowing \$10,000 on his personal signature at one time, Mr. McCarthy has now wildcatted his way to fame and fortune as one of Texas' "Big Rich."

A self made man, the obviously Irish Mr. McCarthy started his amazing life on Christmas Day 1907. Whether his birthplace has had anything to do with his luck and success in the oil business is debatable, but he was born beside the fabulous Spindletop oil field near Beaumont.

His father, whose family originally came from County Cork, Ireland, was a driller in the field. His mother's family (Tounsend) were of Scotch and Irish extraction and were early settlers of Texas. Her family fought in the battle of San Jacinto and had an active part in the history of the Texas Republic.

A graduate of San Jacinto High School in Houston, Mr. McCarthy took his college training at Tulane, Texas A. & M. and Rice Institute. During vacations he worked as a roughneck and roustabout in the oil fields, gaining practical knowledge in the business which was to bring him fame and fortune.

The cleaning and pressing and service station businesses were the first to attract Mr. McCarthy. After short but successful ventures in each, he turned his attention to oil and began wildcatting in 1933.

Combining a native business acumen, ingenuity and a capacity for hard work, Mr. McCarthy was able to finance his operations with a small amount of capital, saved from his previous ventures.

He brought in his first well at Big Creek after drilling a dry hole at South Strang. Although several disappointments followed, Mr. McCarthy had cleared enough on a well at Conroe to enable him to bring in his first real discovery well. It was here that he made his first fortune when he brought in a well on a 1,000-acre tract at Anahuac.

Mr. McCarthy's oil activities suffered more than the usual ups and downs. Accidents and disasters in the field ate away profits and forced him deep into debt on several occasions. He was, however, able to fight his way back and recoup his losses each time.

Since 1940, when he brought in the League (Continued on page 51)

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# with WOV's 5 Audited Audiences



YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY THEM ALL. WOV's continuing market studies give you vital up-to-the-minute market information on specific listening groups.

To TAKE THE GUESS OUT OF BUYING see and get WOV's complete analysis of each of 5 Audited Audiences. It tells you age, sex, income, likes and dislikes, buying power and buying habits ...real information that opens the door to known individuals. At WOV the alert advertiser keys his message to known individuals, not to an unknown mass audience.

Audited Audiences, a WOV exclusive, is a help to helping you to TAKE THE GUESS OUT OF BUYING.

Ralph N. Weil, General Manager . The Bolling Co., National Representative

★ WAKE UP NEW YORK with Max Cole ★ 1280 CLUB with Fred Robbins

- ★ BAND PARADE with Bill Williams
- \* PRAIRIE STARS with Rosalie Allen

★ ITALIAN MARKET OF 2,100,000 Italianspeaking Americans. More than the combined population of Baltimore and Washington.



### SET OUTPUT **Figures Over a Million** For Video in 1948

PRODUCTION of TV sets passed the million mark in 1948, based on figures of Radio Mfrs. Assn. manufacturers and estimates of nonmember output.

RMA members turned out 866,832 TV sets last year, 1,590,046 FM-AM

## NABET, IATSE Seek Terms Without NLRB

JURISDICTIONAL scrap before the NLRB between NABET and IATSE over television lighting workers on ABC and NBC will be held in abeyance while top level officers of the two unions try to settle their differences outside government hearing rooms. This was learned Wednesday after an NLRB hearing in New York.

The NBC case was postponed until March 16. It is understood that Clarence Westover, NABET executive secretary, and Dick Walsh, IATSE president, will attempt to reach an agreement" in the best interests of the industry and the unions involved" which would be "acceptable to the industry and the unions."

A temporary and local solution of the differences between the two unions was reached in December and is in force. Under it, NABET has jurisdiction over supervisory employees while IATSE has jurisdiction over the men who actually place and rig lights. It is believed that talks between the national officers will seek a solution along the same lines.

The ABC case is expected to be controlled by whatever solution is reached in the NBC controversy.

## PROPOSED GRANT Issued for Wis. Local

**DESPITE** findings of minor interference which would result to several existing stations, FCC last week proposed to grant application of Richland Broadcasting Co. for new AM station at Richland Center, Wis. Facilities are 250 w fulltime on 1450 kc.

Commission found that Richland Center (1940 pop. 4,364) receives no primary broadcast service, has no daily paper and no medium "for the rapid dissemination of local news." FCC said 89.6% of all farms in area have a radio but only 45.5% have telephones.

Minor interference would be caused to WDLB Marshfield and KFIZ Fond du Lac, Wis., and KCRG Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The proposed station itself will suffer 24.7% population loss within its interference-free contour because of outside signals.

Firm is owned by Arthur Overgaard, road contractor, president and 128 shares, and Thomas R. Kelley, senior electronics instructor at Industrial Training Institute, Chicago, vice president and 122 shares. Secretary is Donald E. Gill, certified public accountant in Madison, Wis. Mr. Overgaard has net worth in excess of \$400,000.

sets, 11,675,747 AM sets for a total of 14,132,625 receivers. The 1947 radio set total for the entire industry was about 16,000,000 compared to over 20,000,000 in 1947, an all-time record.

December TV production by RMA members was 161,179 sets, only 17,500 under the entire TV output for the year 1947. Since the war RMA members have made 1,160,000 TV sets with an additional 30,000 unassembled TV kits.

Nearly 44% of TV set production by RMA members was turned out in the fourth quarter with December weekly production reaching a peak of nearly 39,000. Holiday shutdowns cut the late-month figure. The 30,000-rate, if maintained during 1949, would mean annual output of over 2,000,000 TV sets. Actually, many companies are expanding production lines and new ones are entering the field so the total may well exceed the 2,000,000 mark.

Output of radio receivers fell 20% in 1948 under the all-time 1947 peak. RMA's member total was 13,-265,763 receivers. AM-FM sets on the other hand rose 35% over 1947 production despite the general de-cline in receivers. AM-FM output by RMA companies for December was 200,326, an all-time record.

AM-FM table models accounted for 42% of the dual band sets. TV receivers including FM reception are not separately tabulated by RMA. The postwar total output of AM-FM sets by RMA companies is nearly 3,000,000.

Auto and portable sets continued in high production last year, reaching higher percentages of total radio receiver output. Auto radios totaled 3,409,013 for the year, 26% of the 1948 total of radios made, with portables numbering 2,114,133 or 17%.

The entire decline in 1948 radio set output was accounted for by the drop in AM only home receivers. Table models dropped from 72% to 46% of the total radio output with consoles maintaining about the same proportionate share they had in 1947, or 12%. Table model TV sets represented 68% of all TV receivers produced.

Following is a month-by-month table of RMA television and radio set produc-tion in 1948.

WOU IN 1949:				
	TV	FM-AM	AM	All Sets
January	30,001	136,015	1,173,240	1,339,256
February	35,889	140,629	1,203,087	1,379,605
March	52,137	161,185	1,420,113	1,633,435
April	46.339	90,635	1,045,499	1,182,473
May	50,177	76,435	970,168	1,096,780
June	64,353	90,414	959,103	1,113,870
July	56,089	74,988	\$52,361	683,438
August	64,953	110,879	759,165	934,997
September	88,195	171,753	1,020,498	1,280,446
October	95,216	170,086	869,076	1,134,378
November	122,304	166,701	827,122	1,116,127
December	161,179	200,326	876,315	1,237,820
Totals	866,832	1,590,046	11,675,747	14,132,625

# CODE VS. FCC

**RECENT** changes in the membership of the FCC and the "tremendous pressures of work which have fallen upon it, will make the Commission happy to discontinue its adventures into the field of producing Blue Books" NAB President Justin Miller said Wednesday at a Chicago Radio Management Club luncheon.

Judge Miller stated that the Blue Book and FCC had "a great deal of influence in establishing a background for adoption of the Standards of Practice.'

"Broadcasters were very much disturbed and some of them considerably frightened by the attitude of FCC and by the strictures and unsupported allegations of the Blue Book," he declared. "These fears made them realize the need for self regulation far more than ever before."

Noting that the standards relating to over-all timing of commercials and content of commercials are "directly traceable" to Blue Book, and FCC influence, Judge Miller emphasized that NAB is

Sets 9,256 9,605 3,435 2,473 6,780 3,870 Mr. Wynne 3,870 3,438 4,997 0,446 4,378 6,127 6,127

and is one of founders of California State Broadcasters Assn. Mr. Alexander was formerly announcer-writer-producer for several stations.

# Miller Speaks in Chicago

working toward "a realization on the part of both broadcasters and the FCC that advertising per se is in the public interest."

"Although FCC's position was subject to the interpretation that advertising itself is not in the public interest, recent considerations have persuaded the Commission to concede ground on this point," he observed. Citing the recent Hearst Radio case as a "setback," he re-called that the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia indicated that preparation of the Blue Book and its release by the Commission was "outside the function of the FCC."

#### Self Regulation Needed

"There can be no doubt that the fear of FCC practices, the Blue Book and other administrative operations will provide a continuing influence through which the need for self regulation will be apparent to broadcasters," Judge Miller asserted.

He added that newspaper and magazine editorials and commentary played a "substantial part in creating a background favorable to adoption of the standards and in creating an attitude favorable to their observance and implimentation."

"The critics on metropolitan papers seem to have an influence on broadcasters," he said.

The NAB president deplored use of the word "enforce" as applied to the standards. "We have no intention of enforcing the standards in the sense of applying coercion, pressures or punishment," he ex-plained. "Realizing that broadcasters are licensees of the government, subject to control by several governmental agencies, the NAB recognizes that the enforcement methods practiced by other groups may be entirely inappropriate in the case of such government licensees. Our problem is to find ways and means to go as far as we can in securing implementation of the standards without inviting prosecution under the anti-trust laws for operations in restraint of trade.

"We realize also," he added "that

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Mr. Robison

assistant man-ager of WCOP Boston and WORL in 1938. He continued in that post until 1944 when he resigned from WCOP.

## Agency Formed

LEE WYNNE and Vincent Alexander have formed Wynne-Alexander Adv. Agency at 903 South Fair Oaks, Pasadena, Calif. Phone is Pyramid



Wynne had been with KGER Long Beach for past 13 years, the last two as general manager. He has served as a director of Southern Calif. Broadcasters Assn. for past five years,

1-2319. Mr.



the station announced last Thurs-

day. He succeeds

George Lasker,

now sales manager of the

#### Friendly Group stations, with headquarters at Steubenville, Ohio [BROADCAST-ING, Jan. 10]. Mr. Robison became

TV FILMS PAY OFF

FILM PRODUCTION for television can pay off now, if the producer is willing to scrap the high standards and high costs of Hollywood productions and adopt assembly line methods, John Mitchell, television director of United Artists, told the television film conference held in New York last Monday.

What is needed, Mr. Mitchell said, are programs representing out-of-pocket production costs between \$500 and \$10,000 per program. He added that there are today producers willing to finance production at this cost level. When that statement was questioned, Mr. Mitchell explained that the figure of \$500 applied to a five-minute show. Quarter-hour programs, he said, would range in cost from \$1,750 to \$6,000.

R. J. Rifkin, Ziv Television Inc., urged television producers to develop new production techniques for this new medium and not to go on imitating radio techniques as is now the custom. In pointing out the limitations of today's live TV programs, he stressed the advantages of film and its growing importance in video programming.

Ed Evans of WPIX (TV) New York described the film handling problems of TV stations, decrying the poor quality of prints furnished by some producers and distribu-

tors as his principal complaint. Elaine A. Phillips, WSPD-TV Toledo, outlined the film requirements of a TV station so that it may program regular series of film of the same type and so build up a faithful audience for a partic-

ular period each week. Ed Woodruff, Telecast Films Inc., urged stations to check carefully on film offered at very low prices, citing the dangers of improper clearances which might lead to suits for copyright infringements.

#### Presents Other Side

From the other side of the picture, Myron Mills of Equity Film Exchange stated that many stations mishandle films, fail to return prints on time, etc. He urged careful handling of films, for the benefit of TV stations as well as the distributors of film.

Irving Leos, Official Films, attributed most of today's problems to video's growing pains, predicting that time will cure most of them. Noting that he received contracts from stations which do not include date or time of showing and other pertinent information, he said that adoption of a standard contract form would be of great value.

Seymour Peyser, attorney, discussed the many legal problems arising with television, the difficulty of clearing rights when contracts were drawn before television was thought of as a medium, the problem of controlling the reception of a video program in a movie theatre or elsewhere where the act of re-ceiving a TV broadcast may constitute a performance for profits, etc. The best practice in the face of today's legal uncertainties, he said, is to be sure that all contracts are as complete and as precise as possible, providing for all contingencies which might arise.

N.Y. Conference Told

Melvin Gold, president, National Television Film Council, concluded the meeting by reading a draft of the proposed standard exhibition contract for the use of films on television. He urged those attending the meeting to think over the contract and send their suggestions and criticisms to the council for consideration prior to the contract's adoption as an industry model.

Irwin A. Shane, publisher of Televiser magazine, was general chairman of the meeting, which had a total attendance of 238. Conference was held at New York's Hotel Biltmore, under the auspices of Televiser.

Upcoming

- Feb. 8: Hearing before FTC on Mo-tions of American Tobacco Co., Washington.
- Feb. 14-15: NAB Board of Directors meeting, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans.
- Feb. 21: FCC Hearing on G. A. Rich-ards' news policies, Federal Bldg., Los Angeles.
- Feb. 24-25: Western Radio Conference, Marine Memorial Club, San Francisco.
- Feb. 28: WHAS Transfer Hearing, FCC, Washington, D. C.
- March 1: Wander Co. hearing before FTC continued, Durham, N. C.
- March 3-5: Annual Radio Conference on Station Problems, U. of Okla-homa, Norman, Okla. March 7-9: Chicago Television Coun-cil national TV conference. Chicago.
- March 7-10: IRE national Convention, Hotel Commodore and Grand Cen-tral Palace, New York.
- March 10-12: Assn. of Women Broad-casters Convention, Drake Hotel. Chicago.
- March 29-30: Fifth Annual City Col-lege of New York Radio-Television and Business conference, Hotel Roose-velt, New York.
- April 1: U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, second national confer-ence, radio sessions, Cleveland Audi-torium, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 6-12: NAB Convention, Stevens Hotel, Chicago (April 6-8, Engineer-ing sessions; 11-12, Management ses-sions).
- Stoliss, April 25-27: All-Canada Radio Facili-ties annual meeting production and sales managers of mutually operated stations, Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina.
- May 5-8: Institute for Education by Radio. Ohio State U., Columbus, Ohio. May 29-June 1: Advertising Federa-tion of America 45th Annual Con-vention, Houston, Tex.



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# WHAS CASE Hearing to Start Feb. 28

**COMPETING** applications of Crosley Broadcasting Corp., The Fort Industry Co. and Hope Productions Inc. (Bob Hope) for \$1,925,000 purchase of WHAS-AM-FM-TV Louisville were designated by FCC last week under its AVCO rule for competitive hearing to commence Feb. 28 in Washington.

WHAS-TV's request for additional time to complete its construction also was ordered for hearing at the same time. It is expected that a hearing examiner will be named to preside.

One of hearing issues is question of whether Crosley's WLW Cincinnati has coverage overlap with WHAS and, if so, whether such overlap would contravene the Commission's rule banning duopoly (Sec. 3.35). Another issue concerns whether or not a transfer to Fort Industry would conflict with regulations limiting the number of FM stations one entity may own or control (Sec. 3.240).

FCC rules now do not limit AM holdings but do restrict FM outlets to six and TV to five. The Commission has proposed new rules keeping the FM and TV limits and adding an AM limit of seven [BROADCASTING, Aug. 23, 1948, Ĵan. 24].

Other issues concern inquiry into price, contracts and manner of payment, and plans of each bidder for staffing and programming the stations. The order for hearing on the television extension request indicated FCC wishes to determine whether WHAS "has been diligent in proceeding with the construction" of WHAS-TV. Permit was granted in September 1946.

Crosley filed the initial application for purchase of the Louisville Courier Journal and Times radio properties last fall [BROADCASTING, Oct. 18, 1948]. WHAS, a clear channel outlet, is assigned 50 kw on 840 kc. In addition to WHAS-AM-FM-TV, deal includes a facsimile station, a developmental outlet and six remote pickup stations.

Crosley is owned by AVCO Mfg. Corp. and in addition to operating WLW has other broadcast inter-These include WINS New ests. York, WLWT (TV) and WLWA (FM) Cincinnati, WLWC (TV) and WLWF (FM) Columbus and WLWD (TV) and WLWB (FM) Dayton, Ohio. Crosley has TV request pending in Indianapolis.

Fort Industry owns WSPD Toledo, WGBS Miami, WAGA At-lanta, WWVA Wheeling, WJBK Detroit, WMMN Fairmont, W. Va., and WLOK Lima, Ohio. Each has affiliated FM operation except WMMN. Firm also operates WJBK-TV, WSPD-TV and WAGA-TV and has applications pending for TV in Miami and Wheeling.

Hope Productions Inc. is solely owned by Bob Hope, NBC comedian and movie star,

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## Nielsen Radio Index Top Programs

(COAST-TO-COAST, INCL. SMALL-TOWN, FARM, AND URBAN HOMES -and including TELEPHONE and NON-TELEPHONE HOMES) REPORT WEEK DEC 19-25, 1948

TOTAL AUDIENCE	AVERAGE AUDIENCE	
Cur. Prev. Cur. Rank Rank Program Rating Cl	S Cur. Prev. Cur. P Rank Rank Program Rating Ch	
EVENING, ONCE-A-WEEK, 15-60 MI	EVENING, ONCE-A-WEEK, 15-60 MIN	I.
1         1         Lux Radio Theater	0         2         10 Harris-Fay Shaw	-0.7 +3.3 -0.6 +1.2 +0.5 +1.2 +3.1 +1.2 -1.6 +0.3 +3.0
13         10         Duffy's Tavern	4         13         9 District Attorney	-0.6 -1.6 -0.3 -3.5 +0.1 +0.2 +3.4 -0.5 -0.8
EVENING, 2 to 5-A-WEEK, 5-30 Mt 1 2 Beulah	2 6 Edward R. Murrow11.2 -	. 0.2 +1.3 1.9
DAY, 2 TO 5-A-WEEK, 15-30 MIN.         1 5 Godfrey (L.M.)      11.3         2 When a Girl Morries 11.2         3 1 Backstege Wife      11.4         3 Right to Happiness0.8         9 Portia Faces Life10.6         6 10 Pepper Young's Family10.3         8 Young Widder Brown0.3         8 Young Widder Brown0.3         9 B Our Gal, Sunday10.2         10 ZB Front Page Farrell	3         2         When a Girl Marries.         9,6           3         3         Right to Happiness.         9,6           5         7         Pepper Young's Family 9,2           6         5         Stelle Dallas         9,1           7         6         Stelle Dallas         9,1           8         8         10 Our Gel, Sunday         9,0           8         10 Our Gel, Sunday         9,0           9         4 Young Widder Brown         8,9           9         10 17 Godfray (Mabisco)         8,6           11         11 Ma Perkins (CBS)         8,6           12         27 Front Page Farrell         8,4           13         6 Helen Trent         8,4           13         24 Just Plain Bill         8,4	-1.1 -1.5 -0.5 -0.8 -1.4 -0.5 -0.2 -1.9 +0.3 -0.6 +0.7 -0.4 -0.4 0.0
DAY, SAT. OR SUN., 5-60 MIN.           1         1 True Detective	DAY, SAT. OR SUN., 5-60 MIN.           1         1 True Detective	+2.2 +2.7 +2.7 +1.3

# COL. NUSSBAUM

### **Injured in Plane Crash**

COL. HOWARD NUSSBAUM, chief of the radio and television branch of the Air Forces public in-

formation division, was among the five men injured in the crash of an Air Force plane near Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, which claimed the lives of two others.

The plane, a C-45, crashed near Col. Nussbaum Andrews Air

Force Base, in its third attempt at an instrument landing during rain and poor visibility.

Col. Nussbaum; 38, was taken to Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., where his condition was described Thursday as being improved.

### Ayers Is V.P.

WALTER C. AYERS, senior partner for several years in the firm of Brooke, Smith, French & Dorrance, Detroit, has been elected executive vice president of the advertising agency.

# WTVJ (TV)

#### Gets Temporary Go Ahead

SPECIAL temporary authorization to commence commercial operation was granted by FCC last week to WTVJ (TV) Miami, Fla. Station fortnight ago was subject of an initial decision by Comr. Paul A. Walker ruling that the Commission should "revoke" its revocation proceeding against WTVJ [BROAD-CASTING, Jan. 10].

FCC last week also granted ap-plication of WTVJ for extension of completion date to July 27 and denied petition of pending Miami TV applicants seeking that the extension request be consolidated in the new station hearing. Comr. Robert F. Jones dissented in part. Consent also was given to WTVJ's request for modification of its permit in part, with effective radiated power of 1.45 kw visual and 0.73 kw aural.

The STA, valid until April 17, specifies temporary antenna 286 ft. about average terrain and ERP of 2.2 kw visual and 1.1 kw aural.

The initial decision of Comr. Walker also had recommended that approval be granted to transfer of WTVJ to Wolfson-Meyer Theatre Enterprises. Permittee is Southern Radio and Television Equipment Co. The Commission's earlier order of revocation was based upon alleged concealment and misrepresentation of ownership.

# **STATION SALES**

### Three Apply to FCC

APPLICATION was tendered for filing last week at FCC for acquisition of control of KSAL Salina, Kan., by John P., Fred M. and Sidney Harris through retirement by Roy F. Bailey of his 115 shares in Salina Journal Inc., part owner of KSAL. Mr. Bailey received \$207,000 for his stock. The Harris family controls Hutchinson Pub. Co., other major stockholder in KSAL.

Transfer applications also were filed with the Commission for consent to transactions involving KDLK Del Rio, Tex.; WDIG Dothan, Ala., and KCOI Coalinga, Calif.

The KSAL case is an intercorporate transaction in which the Harris group acquires control solely as result of Mr. Bailey's retiring of his stock and they pay no consideration.

#### Details of the transfers follow:

WDIG Dothan, Ala.—Assignment of license from Houston Broadcasters to new partnership of same name and in-cluding two of three present equal own-ers. J. P. Burnett sells his one-third interest to Jess M. Swicegood, general manager, for \$12,500. Mr. Swicegood becomes two-thirds owner. His sister-in-law, Lola C. Robinson, retains one-third interest. WDIG is assigned 250 w on 1450 kc.

on 1430 KC.
KCOI Coalinga, Calif.—Assignment of CP from D. O. Kinnie, sole owner, to Albert F. Blain (45%), Richard E. Newman Jr. (45%) and Forrest W. Hughes (10%) d/b as KCOI Broadcast-ing Co. for \$500. Mr. Kinnie, part owner of KKIN Visalia Calif., stated he needed capital for other business. He also has 30% interest in Sierra Broadcasting Co. Visalia TV applicant. Mr. Blain is sales manager and part owner of KKIN and Mr. Hughes is KKIN chief engineer. Mr. Newman owns Sanitary Laundry, Taft, Calif. KCOI is authorized 500 w day on 1470 kc. kc.

Kc. KSAL Salina, Kan.—Acquisition of control of KSAL Inc., licensee by John P., Fred M. and Sidney Harris through retirement by Roy F. Bailey of his 115 shares in Salina Journal Inc., part owner of station, for \$207,000. Salina Journal Inc. owns 194 of total 400 shares in KSAL Inc. Hutchinson Pub. Co., owner 150 shares in KSAL, is owned by Harris family. Total 385 shares now outstanding in Salina Journal are held as follows: Robert J. Laubengayer 83, John P. Harris 124, Sidney Harris 125, Earl C. Woodward 70, and Fred M. Harris I. Mr. Laubengayer Was granted consent by FCC in October 1945 to sell his controlling interest in station. KSAL is assigned 5 kw day, 1 kw night on 1150 kc.

KDLK Del Rio, Tex .-- Assignment of KDLK Del Rio, Tex.—Assignment of license to new partnership of same name, Del Rio Broadcasting Co., and comPosed of three of four original co-partners. Thomas O. Mathews with-draws to tree-enter Army as major. Consideration for his one-quarter in-terest is \$750 plus assumption of pro-portion of obligations. Partners con-tinuing are James A. Clements, Rich-ard J. Higgins and Joe H. Torbett. KDLK is assigned 250 w on 1230 kc.

## Canadian Inquiry

INQUIRY into Canadian broadcasting and television was an-nounced in Ottawa Wednesday coincident with the opening of Parliament. The activities of CBC and other governmental cultural agencies is being investigated by the Royal Commission, according to the announcement.

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TV CHANNELS Coy Sees More Space by End of '49

TELEVISION broadcasters were reassured last week that, in the belief of FCC Chairman Wayne Coy, "the need for additional channels will be met before the current year is finished," and that the VHF video freeze may be lifted within a few months.

In a speech before a joint luncheon meeting of the Radio Executives Club and the Advertising Club of Boston last Tuesday, he substantially reiterated his statement of a few days earlier that FCC hopes the UHF video channels may be opened before the end of the year [BROADCASTING, Jan. 24].

But, he warned, it's not yet known definitely whether FCC now has sufficient propagation data to write UHF video standards. A further hearing on this subject may be necessary but is "by no means certain," he added.

He said his own "present thinking" is that 50 to 70 additional channels may be required for "a nationwide competitive system" of television. At present there are 12 channels. The UHF TV band, extending from 475 to 890 mc, would accommodate 69 6-mc channels, but considerably fewer if 12, 14 or 16 mc channels were necessary.

In discussing the lifting of the VHF freeze, Mr. Coy did not go quite as far in the prepared text of his Boston speech as he went at the CBS Television Clinic in New York the preceding Friday. In New York he predicted the freeze would be removed by April or early May. In the Boston text he renewed his original estimate of six to nine months, pointed out that March 30 will mark the end of six months, and said:

"I am sure the 'freeze' cannot be lifted before then, but it is still a good target date."

He also said he expected a report "within a few weeks" from FCC-industry engineers studying technical data relating to VHF television standards.

"It is my belief that there is substantial agreement on the correctness of the data," he said. "If I am correct in that assumption then it can be expected that the Commission may within a few weeks be able to submit proposed revisions of Standards of Good Engineering Practice for television."

Chairman Coy noted that industry spokesmen seemed agreed that most or all of the UHF band should be used for the present TV system and that high-definition black-andwhite or color would have to wait for future development. "It is almost unnecessary to observe that such a position is compatible with their present interests," he said, adding:

"The Commission must, however, look at the problem from the point of view of the public interest. If either high-definition black-andwhite or color television is now practical and feasible, the Commission can hardly stand in the way of such a development and thus retard progress."

He considered it "inevitable" that the present sound networks "will soon begin the task of revising their program structures and may end up with two network services—one to areas with television service available and one to areas where television is not available".

Of the programs inaugurating the coaxial link between the Eastern and Midwestern TV networks [BROADCASTING, Jan. 17], Mr. Coy said he "had the feeling . . and it still persists, that television broadcasters did not put their best foot forward on that night. They missed a great opportunity to showcase the best of their program services; like, for example, 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' on CBS Sunday night, Jan. 16, or 'Papa Is All,' which was on NBC the same night."

He cautioned that "new techniques" of television broadcasting must be devised "or a considerable segment of the population of the country may be without television service." He cited Stratovision as a possible contribution to the coverage solution, but saw some highpolicy questions rising out of Stratovision's potential:

"Sometime in the near future the FCC will determine if this novel method is technically feasible and whether assigning exclusive channels for nationwide coverage in this way would be in the public interest. Investing one company with so much power over publicly owned channels of communication raises serious questions of free speech and monopoly and must be carefully weighed."

# DR. IMRE PATAL

#### Tube Researcher Dead

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DR. IMRE F. PATAL, 54, noted for his research in the electron tube field, died Jan. 19 in University Hospital, Philadelphia. Dr. Patal, noted physicist and member of the staff of Franklin Institute's Bartol Research Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa., was credited with developments in radio tube cathodes, improvements in television tubes and a new process for darkened glass.

Before coming to this country, Dr. Patal was in charge of televi-sion and radio research laboratories in his native Hungary and Holland. He is survived by his wife, Agi Jambor, a concert pianist.

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### **Free Speech Battle**

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of legislation having the effect of law and backed up by the most sinister method of punishment in our system of law."

Most of the facts in the case were stipulated in an agreement among counsel, with stations (except WBAL) conceding they had made the broadcasts that aroused the court's ire last July.

Judge Gray and counsel agreed that use of the terms "publication" and "freedom of press" and similar words applied to broadcasting as well as newspapers.

Several times suggestion was made that Gov. William Preston Lane Jr. should have been cited for contempt because he congratulated Baltimore police for capturing the murder suspect. Similar action against police officials who announced the prisoner had confessed also was proposed.

#### **Opens** Prosecution

Opening the prosecution, Anselm Sodaro, assistant states attorney, said the court's contempt power is inherent under common law. He introduced Attorney Murphy as his only witness. J. Harold Grady, another assistant states attorney, contended that trial by newspaper seriously impaired the right of accused persons to an impartial trial and must not be allowed to interfere with the administration of criminal law.

Charles G. Page, appearing with George Coachran Doub for the Senior Bar Assn. of Baltimore, cited right to a fair trial under Maryland's Bill of Rights and said trial by newspaper is nonexistent in England. He felt the power of the courts must not be impaired by legislation.

#### Shriver Appearance

J. Nicholas Shriver presented the case of the Junior Bar Assn. of Baltimore. Associated with him were James B. Maginnis, E. Paul Mason Jr. and James R. Crock Jr. Mr. Shriver traced the English common law history of contempt powers and asked the court to take judicial notice "that you don't listen to out-of-town stations but to your local stations." He apparently referred to statements that WTOP Washington, for example, had Baltimore coverage and carried news about the murderer without being subject to the Baltimore court's censorship.

Joseph L. Paper, associated with John H. Skeen Jr. in representing the Maryland Civil Liberties Committee, too, took issue with the national organization's position and argued on behalf of the court's powers. He conceded Rule 904 restricts freedom of the press and cited the Hauptmann case as an example of a trial in which newspapers "decided they were king."



Hilary W. Gans, for WITH and Mr. Connolly, reduced the case to two issues-validity of Rule 904; but assuming its validity, did the broadcasts support the contempt citations? He pointed out that both sides concede Rule 904 is based on the "tendency" con-tempt rule. Therefore the rule is invalid since predicated on a standard no longer part of the law, he argued. "We can't be held in contempt of a rule which is invalid," he said.

All jurors will be influenced somewhat by publication of news about criminals but this doesn't prevent a fair trial, he contended.

Mr. Fly, closing the Wednesday argument, contended that if this proceeding involves the "right of a radio station to squawk," then everyone might as well go home. Free speech protects the vast reading and listening public, he contended. "This is an awfully grave case," he added. "I didn't think there was anything like this in the country. I'm not surprised that our friends (prosecution) had to go to England to support their position. Give us a fettered press and our democracy is in danger. The only thing certain is that you have a substantial abridgement of liberties guaranteed by the First and 14th Amendments."

#### WCBM Testimony

W. Frank Every and Paul D. P. Spearman represented WCBM Baltimore. Their brief described Rule 904 as vague and ambiguous, denying equal process rights under the 14th Amendment. The rule has no control over broadcasts and news dissemination originating outside the state, they reminded. The restraints were declared to amount to censorship, prohibited by Article 40 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and the U.S. Constitution. The rule was said to control the time of making the material public, not the nature of the matter.

NAB cited Section 326 of the Communications Act as forbidding censorship. Don Petty, for NAB, covered court decisions on the contempt rule and said the court was acting as a "board of censors." American Newspaper Publishers Assn., represented by William K. Van Allen, flatly opposed the court's contempt procedure [BROAD-CASTING, Jan. 24].

William L. Marbury and John W. T. Webb, for WFBR Baltimore, pointed out that the Baltimore judges often disagree on whether individual stories violate Rule 904, with one newspaper getting an adverse ruling while its competitor was receiving a favorable opinion and printing the material. The Maryland Act of 1853 forbids courts from inflicting summary punishment for contempt, they argued in their brief, reminding that contempt powers arose from the need of maintaining order in the courtroom. They cited constitutional guarantees and insisted publication of press releases by public officials cannot be treated as contempt.

In his oral argument Thursday

# **BERLE SHOW TOPS**

#### N. Y. TV Hooper for Jan.

FOR THE fifth consecutive time, Milton Berle's Texaco Star Theatre (NBC-TV, Tuesdays, 8-9 p.m. for the Texas Co.), tops all New York TV Hooperatings, according to the C. E. Hooper Inc. January report. The report gives the Texaco show a 79.6 rating.

Hitting a second-place 60.0, Arthur Godfrey and His Friends, (Liggett & Myers) established an all-time record 97% sponsor identification. The figures represent the program's premiere broadcast.

TOP TEN TV HOOPERATINGS (Regularly Scheduled Sponsored Tele-vision Programs) January 1949

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		Station Rating and WCBS-TV 60.0 WCBS-TV 56.1 m WCBS-TV 49.0	
1.	<b>Texaco Star Theatre</b>	WNBT	79.6
2.	Arthur Godfrey and His Friends	WCBS-TV	60.0
3.	Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts	WCBS-TV	56.1
4.	Toast of the Town	WCBS-TV	49.0
5.	Kraft TV Theatre	WNBT	42.4
6.	Amateur Hour	WABD	37.5
7.	We, the People	WCBS-TV	37.1
8.	Arrow Show	WNBT	35.6
9.	Dunninger and		
	Winchell	WNBT	34.5
10.	Gulf Show	WNBT	31.6

# PERFECT CIRCLE

#### **Sponsoring Speed Classic**

FOR the fourth consecutive year, Perfect Circle Corp., Hagerstown, Ind. (pistons), will sponsor the 500 mile Indianapolis Speedway Races over the MBS network on Memorial Day.

More than 500 stations will carry the May 30 event, with race descriptions to be reported during four different broadcast periods. Bill Slater, Mutual's ace commentator and sportscaster, will act as chief announcer. Agency for the sponsor is Henri, Hurst & McDonald Inc., Chicago.

Mr. Spearman said regulation of interstate and foreign commerce is up to Congress, which has pre-empted the right to control broadcasting. FCC has the specific right to control "all" interstate and foreign transmissions, he said, reminding that under Federal law "there is no such animal as an intrastate broadcast." As a result, Rule 904 "has to be thrown right out the window," he claimed, being a threat and burden to the broadcasting of news in interstate commerce. WCBM signals are transmitted to other states, he said, a fact stipulated in the case.

Arguing for WSID, John J. Neubauer said the station is outside Baltimore city and out of the court's jurisdiction the same as the Eastern Shore and other parts of Maryland. Even if its broadcasts in the murder case had been heard in Baltimore, WSID is not guilty since the prosecution failed to prove they were actually heard in the city, it was contended.

Judge Gray wound up the Thursday afternoon session by asking counsel to submit further argument Friday on constitutional questions.

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# Merits of AM, FM Tested at Laurel

FCC last week unveiled its laboratory tests of an FM television picture to a group of industry engineers. The demonstration was staged at the Commission's laboratory outside Laurel, Md., about half way between Washington and Baltimore.

The experiments are designed to show relative merits of AM and FM pictures from an interference standpoint [BROADCASTING, Jan. 17].

TV PICTURE

Though the FM pictures showed less interference effect in some portions of the tests, the opposite was true at other times. This led some of the engineers present at the experiment to question the value of FM pictures as compared to the present AM images.

Most of the engineers present spoke favorably of the experiments as another step in the long-time visual art, but there seemed to be a feeling that FM transmission of pictures could not be developed in time for allocation of the ultrahigh frequency band within a year.

FM made its best showing at Laurel in demonstrations of cochannel and adjacent-channel interference. When multipath or ghosting effects were produced artifically, FM didn't show superiority.

The demonstration was in charge of Edward W. Chapin, chief of the FCC Laboratories Division. Operating the equipment and explaining various aspects of the tests was Willmar K. Roberts, assistant chief, aided by Frank D. Craig, engineer.

#### Three Receivers Used

Two TV receivers were set up in the laboratory, 12-inch DuMont Chatham models. One was modified as an FM receiver, containing a limiter and discriminator but not including sound. The two receivers were driven by a third receiver, which picked up TV stations in Washington and Baltimore.

First test showed FM and AM video modulation from a local monoscope source, using desired to undesired signal levels of 1 to 1, 4 to 1, 10 to 1, 20 to 1 and 100 to 1. The WNBW Washington test pattern was on the screen.

Most of the time there was little difference in picture quality.

Then co-channel interference was demonstrated between two AM video signals on Channel 4 and two FM video signals on Channel 5. At 4 to 1, the FM picture had a beat distributed over the frequency. With AM, the synchroni-

QUINONES

## Hits Government Inroads In Puerto Rico Radio

THE PRECEDENT of a government-owned and operated commercial station is being established in Puerto Rico now, U. S. broadcasters were warned last Thursday by Jose Ramon Quinones, president of WAPA San Juan, P. R., in a Puerto Rico Day address before the Radio Executives Club of New York.

He said he came before American broadcasters to plead his case, which, he asserted, involved unfair competition by government against business. He further warned that if a government-owned commercial station could happen in Puerto Rico, an American territory, it could happen here in any state.

He traced the establishment of the government-owned AM station in San Juan and of two FM stations, all licensed by FCC to the Island's Communications Authority. He said the 10-kw AM station was not, for the time being selling time, but was permitted to do so.

Its existence, with this right to sell time, was a threat to Island broadcasters and ultimately to U. S. stations, he indicated. He said it was built with taxpayers' money, some of which was paid by private radio stations, and was permitted to operate under these conditions which were unfair to private broadcasters.

1. The government station is excluded from the 19.8% internal revenue tax on radio or electrical equipment imposed on privatelyowned stations.

2. Non-resident artists on the government station must pay 12%

income tax but on private stations 29%.

3. Government - owned stations pay no income tax, but privatelyowned stations do.

4. Government - owned stations pay no interest on debts.

5. Government advertising expenditures will now go to the government station to the hurt of private radio.

Mr. Quinones then said:

"I want to call your attention today, that if this situation is allowed to develop in an American territory where American citizens live, where American law prevails, and a precedent is definitely set, how can there be objection to any state government constructing or owning one, two, ten or fifty radio stations in their respective states and operating commercially in competition with the rest of the stations owned by private persons or entities in said state? If this precedent is permitted and accepted, why should the federal government not own or control two, ten or fifty stations in different parts of this nation, with 50 or 100,000 waits power and operating on commercial basis to compete with the nation's private broadcasters?" Thomas Muniz, president of the

Thomas Muniz, president of the Puerto Rico Broadcasters Association, also spoke. He was presented with the original of the proclamation opening Puerto Rico ports to world trade in 1815 by Carl Haverlin, president of the Radio Executives Club. Mr. Haverlin greeted the Puerto Rican visitors in their native tongue. zation suffered from interference. At 10 to 1, FM was better, show-

A was marred by heavy bars and background interference.

At 20 to 1, FM interference was fine in detail without herringbone or stripes whereas AM had a large beat. At 100 to 1 the moving component was apparent on FM but to the average viewer the difference between AM and FM was not noticeable.

Interference from signals other than TV (CW) was demonstrated. Both FM and AM were hopeless at 1 to 1. At 10 to 1 FM was good, with AM showing moving diagonal bars. In FM the beats did not line up in regular patterns. At 2 to 1, FM was quite superior to AM. It was pointed out by Mr. Roberts that there always is a point on an FM set where interference can be minimized at some sacrifice in definition.

#### Multipath Tests

FM failed to show up so well in the multipath or ghost tests. Here a 900-foot cable and attenuator were used to create ghost effects artifically. At 1 to 1, the AM picture had a ghost of about \%-inch displacement on the screen. The FM screen showed brilliant white halo outlines around the images. AM synchronization was off somewhat.

With 5 to 1 signal ratio, AM was brighter, with black and white ghosts. It appeared at least as good as FM which had flashing diagonal lines some of the time.

RCA representatives recalled their FM picture tests nearly a decade ago in which laboratory results were extremely promising. In the field, however, the results of 1 kw transmission from the Empire State Bldg. in New York were extremely disappointing, it was explained. These tests played an important role in the later recommendations of National Television System Committee and Radio Technical Planning Board against use of FM picture transmission. Those tests showed barely noticeable effects in AM, with FM faring badly by comparison. Similar results were obtained in wartime Project Ring, in which AM and FM picture transmission were compared in airborne tests.

pared in airborne tests. Those observing the demonstration included Dr. Thomas T. Goldsmith, DuMont Labs.; T. A. M. Craven, Ronald H. Culver, George M. Lohnes and Lawrence R. Poast, of Craven, Lohnes & Culver; Ray D. Kell, Dr. George H. Brown, Raymond E. Simonds, RCA; Dixie B. McKey, consultant; Oscar C. Hirsch, Robert Hirsch, KFVS Cape Girardeau, Mo.; George P. Adair, consultant; Jay W. Wright, CBS; Dr. Frank G. Kear, ABC; K. R. Cooke, WGBI Scranton, Pa.; John P. McGoldrick, WQAN Scranton; Cy Braum, chief, FM Broadcast Division, FCC: Royal V. Howard, Neal McNaughten, Charles A. Batson, Harold Fair, Ben Miller, NAB.

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### Senate

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each. The general counsel, chief accountant and chief engineer would be directly under the Commission.

The report sounded a "note of caution" with respect to the proposal, in connection with the panel system which FCC is considering, that the chairman devote himself to administrative duties and serve on no panel. The chairman, said the report, "is the responsible head of the agency and it cannot, by its own rules, lift from him the responsibility that the law lays upon him."

Creation of an FCC "legal review board" apart from the law bureau and assigned solely to aid the Commission in reviewing proposed decisions and writing final decisions also was recommended. This, the subcommittee felt, would obviate "many" criticisms of FCC.

Blaming FCC's administrative faults basically upon "an archaic and clumsy organization of its ad-ministrative machinery," the report said:

"We are aware that the Commission, even today, frequently ignores and by-passes its own rules in arriving at decisions; that it continues the extra-legal conduct of judicial law-making which is repugnant to sound regulation; and that on occasion it arrogates to itself powers and authority which we fail to perceive in the basic Act."

#### Would Offset Criticism

The subcommittee felt "an internal reorganization" could eliminate or modify "a great deal of the very valid criticism made against the Commission." But of the panel system of organization it said:

We must observe that the panel sys-tem has its weaknesses. We believe it is one of the axioms of judicial proce-dure that the body created to render decisions is expected to render those decisions as a whole. Litigants have a right to expect that a decision which may vitally affect them has been passed upon by the entire Commission created to make such adjudications.

to make such adjudications. Many Members of Congress feel, and we believe rightly, that creation of a panel system may result in bypassing of the Commission as a whole with con-tested decisions being left to three Commissioners, which could mean un-der certain circumstances that one Commissioner finally decides the issue. On the other hand, we are aware that the Commission must find a method of speeding up its work and reducing the current backlog of cases, which we are informed represents as much as 15 months' work.

The subcommittee felt that contested cases in particular need the attention of the full Commission. It suggested that such a case might be assigned to a committee or group of Commissioners to write the final decision, but with "the fullest consideration" by all members. In uncontested cases the subcommittee's decision "would naturally become the final decision of the whole Commission unless objected to by the majority."

With respect to its proposal for cease-and-desist orders, the subcommittee pointed out that the law now provides the same penaltyrevocation-for all types of violation. "Obviously," the report said, "the Commission would be reluctant to revoke a license for a minor offense and therefore minor offenses may be committed almost with im-punity." The report continued:

punnty." The report continued: Vour subcommittee recommends, therefore, the enactment of a section which would authorize the issuance of cease-and-desist orders for less serious violations. The revocation penalty would remain in effect for two classes of violations: (1) For cases in which the Commission learns of facts or con-ductions after the granting of a license which would have warrnted it to re-tuse a license originally had it known those facts; (2) for violation of a cease-and cease-and-desist procedure would appeal. The fraud statute recommended

The fraud statute recommended by the subcommittee would be designed primarily to plug a loophole. In most cases, the report noted, licensees are victims rather than perpetrators of fraud schemes using radio, so that there is no basis for proceeding against them. Consequently, the perpetrators can't be reached by present law unless their schemes also employ the mails.

#### Doubt FCC's Authority

Messrs. Tobey and McFarland held that "in the absence of affirmative legislation authorizing power in excess of 50,000 w, we doubt the Commission's legal authority to grant power in excess of 50,000 w." This belief stemmed from the so-called Wheeler Resolution of 1938, which held it to be the sense of the Senate that no station should use more than 50 kw power.

The subcommittee took the Commission to task for not having continued "the policy it began years ago of duplicating so-called clear channels in the interest of better use of scarce radio frequencies."

Text of the subcommittee's recommendations on the clear-channel and high-power question, on the outcome of which depends the fate of the clear-channel stations and their bid for power in the 500-750 kw range:

(a) That since the question of in-creasing power for operation of AM radio stations above the present limit of 50,000 w involves a basic, fundamen-tal policy of the highest national im-portance concerned with the economic and political health of the U.S., it is a question which can legally be deter-mined only by the Congress through the enactment of legislation (the Com-

# FCC's PANELS **Report Doubts Legality**

THE TOBEY-McFARLAND communications report to the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission (see story, page 23) sent observers scurrying to look up the Communications Act when it discussed the legal authority for establishment of the panel system which FCC has been considering [BROADCASTING, Jan. 10].

The report held that "adoption of the panel system without enactment of legislation specifically dealing with the subject is not contemplated by the existing law, which contemplates that all decisions must be made by the whole Commission."

Here, in part, is what Sec. 5 of the Communications Act provides with respect to the division system:

tem: The Commission is hereby authorized by its order to divide the members thereof into not more than three divi-sions, each to consist of not less than three members . . Each division so constituted shall have power and authority by a majority thereof to hear and determine, order, certify, report, or otherwise act as to any of said work, business, or functions so assigned or referred to it for action by the Commis-sion, and in respect thereof the divi-sion shall have all the jurisdiction and powers now or then conferred by law upon the Commission, and be subject to the same duties and obligations . . .

mission obviously has reversed its in-terpretation of the law and has aban-doned its own precedents of dupli-cating clear channels; that such legis-lation should not be considered until after the North American Regional Broadcasting Conference is held; there-after the Commission be invited to make recommendations for such legis-lative changes as it deems advisable with respect to these matters; (b) That if it is deemed essential to circulate this country's views on the clear-channel superpower quest 1 on among the other signatories to the NARBA prior to said Conference, the U.S. should declare that since the Con-rress has never authorized operation of domestic AM radio stations with power in excess of 50,000 w in this country, the U.S. will advocate such 50,000 w power limitation for all signatories (with each signatory having the author-iet construction of the country's public in-terest but no signatory shall share or assigned to any other signatory. (c) That the FCC be promptly ad-vised of these recommendations.

The subcommittee said "we reject completely the argument that the FCC should render a decision forthwith in the clear-channel case



so that U. S. policy on this question would be established for the purpose of informing the other countries now of what our position is to be at the forthcoming Conference. It would be a new departure in Government, in our experience, for a regulatory agency decision involving private litigants to become binding as formulating what this country's policy should be in an international treaty."

Messrs. Tobey and McFarland said they knew that a number of other NARBA nations "do not look with favor" on U. S. use of 500 to 750 kw. The U. S., they added, should oppose "excessive power" in other countries, "for our own good." They noted that "such highpower operation in Mexico at the present time already provides serious interference with stations ranging from Florida to California.

The subcommittee said it was aware of contentions that the clearchannel case involves engineering questions which should be left to the FCC. "We reject that contention as unrealistic, bureaucratic, and not in accord with the formulation of the Communications Act and the legal precedents thereunder," they declared. They regarded the issue as a policy matter of national importance which should be decided by Congress.

The report said:

The report said: We deem it essential to point out here that the most effective and avail-able means of bringing additional AM radio service to . . underserved areas is to duplicate in those areas the pres-ent clear-channel stations. There is no sound reason, either from an engineer-ing or policy standpoint, why the same channel now occupied by a New York or Chicago or Louisville station located in Texas, or Arizona, or Utah, or Colo-rado, or Udaho, or eastern Washington to provide additional radio service to those areas. ... In fact, we suggest that under

those areas. ... In fact, we suggest that under the Communications Act, the Commis-sion has a duty under the fair-and-equitable-distribution-of-facilities sec-tion to make a better and fairer assign-ment of frequencies than now exists; we do not believe that exclusive use of a frequency by a single licensee is in accord with the clear meaning of the law. law.

The report harked back to Sen. Tobey's probe of FM progress in hearings succeeding those on the 1948 Johnson Bill.

Obviously referring to FM In-ventor Edwin H. Armstrong's fight with FCC over its realloca-



tion of FM, the report accused the Commission of sometimes being "overawed and too much impressed" by the engineering views of representatives of "major com-mercial interests in the industry."

The report continued:

The report continued: ... We earnestly recommend that this committee continue its investiga-tion into this phase of Commission and industry operations with the purpose of a complete exploration of every in-fluence that has been exerted to bring about various decisions. We recommend this course because only by such pittless exposures can we hope to make certain that yet-to-be-made decisions of the greatest and most paramount importance to the American people in the field of electronics gen-erally and radio television specifically will be really in the general public in-terest and not for the benefit of vested interests. The subcommittee unheld FCC

The subcommittee upheld FCC against charges of censorship through program review, declaring:

"To us it appears ridiculous to hold that a person operating under a federal license shall not be answerable to a constituted authority for his performance under that license . . . In view of the repeated court decisions which confirm our interpretation of the Act, we see no need for and recommend no legislative changes in the Act in this respect."

# **BASEBALL RATE Revision Sought by WU**

NEW RATES permitting sub-scribers to sell Western Union's direct-wire baseball play-by-play service to other stations are being prepared by Western Union for filing with FCC.

The proposed new charges were disclosed by the company last week in the release of a telegram answering protests raised by Edward Breen, president and general manager of KVFD and KFMY (FM) Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. Breen, also NAB board member for small stations, had wired FCC and Western Union that he understood the rates were to be raised for subscribers to the directwire service if they feed re-creations of games to associated stations. He said this would "result in death of many small baseball networks including one of which I am president."

Western Union Vice President W. S. Fowler replied that the present contracts "include the condition that the service is furnished to individual subscribers who may not sell or give away the reports to others.

"In order to permit dissemination of the service to others a new tariff is being prepared for filing which will give radio stations subscribing to the service the privilege of selling it to other stations in the same network," Mr. Fowler continued.

The new rates, in addition to the present charge to the "control" station, will be \$5 each for the first five additional stations, \$2.50 each for the next five, and \$1.50 for each station over 11 in any network, WU reported.

## Capitol Hill

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Commissioners from \$10,000 to \$17,500 per annum.

Quick subcommittee approval of the measure was expected with possible full committee action by tomorrow (Feb. 1). It may reach the Senate floor by Feb. 3.

No hearings on this legislative proposal were scheduled last week by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, which has a similar bill before it.

During an organizational meeting Jan. 25, the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee agreed to the establishment of subcommittees.

Formation of a communications subcommittee reportedly was not authorized but the possibility of its creation at a later date has not been dismissed.

A seven-month extension of the voluntary allocation program under which scarce materials are rationed among industrial users was unanimously approved Jan. 26 by the Senate Bankin, and Cur-rency Committee. A companion measure was favorably reported Jan. 27 by the House Banking Committee.

#### **Census** Bill

A second bill (HR-1688) seeking inclusion of a housing census in the 1950 decennial census was introduced Jan. 20 by Rep. George P. Miller (D-Calif.).

In this measure and in a similar one (HR-1215) introduced by Rep. John E. Fogarty (D-R. I.) [BROAD-CASTING, Jan. 24], lies the only hope for a radio census question in 1950.

Both measures have been assigned to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

A companion census measure (S-688) was introduced Jan. 27 in the Senate by Rep. O'Conor. It was referred to the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Rep. Robert Crosser (D-Ohio) introduced a measure (HR-1711) Jan. 24 to provide for the dissemi-nation of technological, scientific and engineering information to American business and industry.

Congressman Crosser's proposal is designed to clarify and define the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Commerce as a central clearinghouse for such data.

#### Tax Repeal Measures

Additional agitation for repeal of taxes on telegraph, radio and cable services was evidenced last week.

Rep. Wesley A. D'Ewart (R-Mont.) introduced a measure (HR-1893) Jan. 27 to repeal the wartime increases on these taxes. A similar measure was offered in the House that day by Rep. James I. Dolliver (R-Iowa).

Previously two other measures for outright repeal of the taxes were presented to the 81st Congress.





### Johnson Prods

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self on record as being "firmly and unequivocally opposed to this or any other compromise on this question."

Transmittal to Congress of the view that "the overwhelming majority of the radio stations in this country oppose superpower and clear channel operation" failed, he said.

They failed, also, in bringing the issue "home to the people in your own communities and states," according to the legislator.

There is a place for AM radio and the clear channel fight should not be abandoned in view of the apparent proximity of mass television, Sen. Johnson told the broadcasters. He said:

casters. He said: I also understand that some of the independent broadcasters believe that this fight doesn't make much difference since television is going to destroy all of you anyway. Don't you believe tit None of the clear channels is planning on suspending because of television. If there is a place for them, there is a place for you. Television is a great development; people like it and it is bound to grow. But it will be many, many years before a television program will be available in every town and hamlet and farm and ranch house in this country. For years there will be room for radio, as we know it today. But conceding that television is the coming thing, isn't it clear that if you quit now you will have taken a big step toward barring yourselves from television as it improves and expands. The defeatist viewpoint echoed by some of the independent broadcasters is exactly hey due ty fold up your AM and FM operations so that when they are ready, they, and only they, will be in a position to take over television.

tion to take over television. ... The most equitable and stabilizing thing that could be done for the radio industry in this period of conversion from aural radio to a combination of aural and video is to assure AM and FM licensees that they will not be denied the opportunity to get in on the ground foor when additional video channels are made available by new scientific development already well past the initial stage.

The issue of higher power and clear channels was labelled "the most important issue in AM radio today" by Sen. Johnson. He said:

today" by Sen. Johnson. He said: It is important to broadcasters from an economic standpoint. If and when 24 stations in this country are authorized to operate with 750,000 watts of power, 2,000 stations are going to wither on the vine . . . I regard this plaring situation as alarming not only because the radio tail will wag the radio dog but because super power means domination of the air wavesdomination of programmine-domination by a few powerful corporations of what the citizens of America must hear. There will be no middle class of proadcasters. Either radio will be big and powerful or small and strictly local. Super power plus clear channels plus four networks plus a sinwer momentum in business spell disaster to your group.

The question of upped power and clear channels, Sen. Johnson maintained, can be properly settled only by the Congress and "not by the quasi-judicial arm, the FCC, which Congress created to administer radio policies and radio law."

On this matter, Sen. Johnson held:

... when three vital sections of the law are considered together-the public interest section, the section which requires competition in radio broadcasting, and the equitable allocation of frequencies section-the Commission does not have the legal right under the law to make a decision granting power above 50,000 watts. I make this statement fully realizing that the Commission is given the power under Section 303. I insist the Commission was correct, and that it was functioning in accordance with the law when for years it followed the principle of duplicating clear channels. I assert that the Commission has reversed itself on the policy of duplicating clear channels and that should it grant any power in excess of 50,000 wats it would act without due regard for the welfare of the listening public. To the contrary it would be acting in the interests of special privilege and monopoly and in violation of the clear intent of the law.

Sen. Johnson told the anti-clear band that his position was "strongly fortified" by a report of a communications subcommittee of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee (see separate story, page 23.)

Informed that a clear channel decision was forthcoming from the Commission a few weeks ago, Sen. Johnson discussed the matter with Chairman Wayne Coy.

At that time, Sen. Johnson explained "I made clear to him that I would regard it as unfortunate if the Commission were to render a decision prior to the North American Regional Broadcast Conference, scheduled for next fall."

Sen. Johnson insists that the Commission "cannot and must not commit the United States to a policy affecting all of North America" a few months prior to the September NARBA conference in Canada.

#### No Interference

It was the contention of the legislator that "this country's position at the approaching NARBA conference should be that no AM radio station in any North American country be operated with more than 50,000 watts of power to the end that we do not interfere with them and they do not interfere with us, as is the case today with Mexican and Cuban stations."

The Commission should recommend to Congress whatever legislation is needed if basic legislation is needed after the NARBA agreement to implement the principles agreed upon then.

#### Giveaways

(Continued from page 26) questioned whether a 20-Hoopered giveaway would sell as much as a 14-Hooper (which, by peculiar coincidence is the *Take It or Leave It* rating) show having a warm, personal relationship between audience and performers.

Even if a giveaway show does result in satisfactory sales, Mr. Moore said, it can at best only be a short-term vehicle, stopping when the giveaway fad ends, as he believes it will.

"So, the sponsor who has placed his money on this type of show may find, when the cycle ends, the need of finding something entirely new by the costly trial and error method," he said.

He felt that the Jack Benny type of show, the comedy-tunes-girls vehicle, while taking longer to build a loyal audience, will always be a sponsor's cheapest, best, longrun selling vehicle if the sponsor can make the initial investment.

### Code vs. FCC

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arbitrary or extreme measures designed to enforce the standards might very well wreck NAB itself and thus destroy the organization which is now engaged in the process of education, looking toward understanding, compliance and implementation of the standards."

He noted that in the medical and law professions "much work has been done to secure self regulation and thus convince people that there is little need for governmental discipline to control them."

#### 'Hands Off'

Asked his opinions as to the use by FCC of the standards when stations are applying for license renewals, Judge Miller expressed the "hope" that FCC will "keep its hands strictly off the standards and make no reference whatever to them in any of its proceedings-either in support of its decisions or in derogation of the wisdom of the standards."

"In my personal opinion, the comments of my old friend Charles Denny, then chairman of FCC, at the 1947 Atlantic City NAB Convention, to the effect that FCC would use the standards for this purpose, was one of the most unwise statements that has ever been made by a representative of the FCC. It failed completely to take account of the difference, in purpose, of penal sanctions, govern-mentally applied, and of professional standards, self-imposed. It will be my endeavor to persuade the chairman of the FCC and the several members of the Commission to give us an opportunity to make our standards effective, rather than to create distrust and resentment against them by governmental interference."

EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS commentator, has been appointed chairman of the committee soliciting funds in the New York radio field for Salvation Army's 1949 appeal.



# SALE APPROVAL

#### **Given Four Stations**

CONSENT was granted by FCC last week to sale of KBST Big Spring, Tex., for \$265,000 by Big Spring Herald Broadcasting Co. to new firm which includes individuals associated with that organization.

Approval also was given to partial change in ownership of KUGN-AM-FM Eugene, Ore., and to assignment of license of KFXD-AM-FM Nampa, Ida., from Frank E. Hurt and son, a partnership, to new corporation of same ownership.

Purchaser of KBST is Big Spring Broadcasting Co., whose ownership includes: William J. Wallace, KBST general manager for five years, president and 40% owner; Howard Barrett, manager and 8% owner of KRBC Abilene, Tex., and 10% owner of Big Spring Herald Broadcasting, vice presi-dent 20%; Lewis O. Seibert, manager and 10% owner KGKL San Angelo, Tex., secretary-treasurer 20%, and R. H. Whipkey, publisher of the Big Spring Herald for past five years, director 20%. Mr Whipkey held 1.33% in the KBST license and 1% interest in the Herald. Mr. Seibert also is 25% owner of WEAR Pensacola, Fla., and KELP El Paso, Tex.

Principals in Big Spring Herald Broadcasting include: Houston Harte, 232 of total 750 shares; Isabel Harte, 63 shares; M. B. Hanks, 232 shares; Eva Mae Hanks, 63 shares; Bonnie Davis, 75 shares (10%). Group is identified in ownership of the *Herald*. KBST is assigned 250 w on 1490 kc.

KUGN was granted assignment from C. H. Fisher and B. N. Phillips d/b as Valley Broadcasting Co. to KUGN Inc., new firm owned by Mr. Fisher and two new stockholders. Mr. Phillips sells his 50% interest for \$50,000 to Otley E. Berke, KUGN Inc. vice president, and Pete R. Burke, secretary. The Berkes each hold one-third interest in Berke Bros. Construction Co., Portland. KUGN is assigned 250 w on 1400 kc.

KFXD is assigned 1 kw day, 500 w night, on 920 kc.



# EMMY VIDEO AWARDS

1 Martin Contractor

Presentation Telecast by KTSL Los Angeles

Consideration of the sale

HOLLYWOOD has long known its Oscars but last week was introduced to Emmy awards developed by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. A day of seminar sessions was capped by an award banquet attended by 700 people. Four Emmys and two other special awards were presented Tuesday night at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

For the station award representing "overall achievement in 1948" Paramount's KTLA received a plaque. It was presented to Klaus Landsberg, West Coast director of Paramount Television.

The technical Emmy went to Charles Mesak of Don Lee's KTSL for "outstanding advancement" in the development of the phase fader which permits change of white on black to black on white in use of title cards.

"Outstanding personality of the year" Emmy went to Shirley Dinsdale for her voice and partner dummy, "Judy Splinters," which has been seen in Los Angeles over KTLA. Program is scheduled to shift to KNBH shortly.

Top film produced for television was "The Necklace," which is one of series, Your Show Time, produced for the American Tobacco Co. by Grant-Realm Productions.

Honored as "most popular television program" was Mike Stökey's Pantomime Quiz, also aired over KTLA.

Special award for KTSL ballet series of television half-hours was presented to Lewis Allen Weiss, MBS board chairman, and Don Lee president, on behalf of station.

# "AXIS SALLY" Treason Trial Opens in D. C.

THE trial of Mildred Gillars, alias "Axis Sally," charged by the U.S. with having broadcast official German propaganda during the war, got underway last week as Government prosecutors and the defense paraded more than a score of witnesses before the Federal Court jury.

If convicted, Miss Gillars faces a possible maximum penalty of death or the minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Under law, two witnesses to each overt act are required to prove treason.

Defense attorneys maintained that Miss Gillars was under the hypnotic influence of a Nazi professor and broadcaster. Last Thursday, testifying at her own trial, the defendant claimed the U. S. Government had illegally seized seven original "Axis Sally" records from her Berlin apartment. Judge Edward Curran ruled, however, that the Government's action was legal. The records were introduced in court as evidence. Presentation ceremonies were telecast by KTSL, with Walter O'Keefe as m.c.

### FCC FORM Revised for Estimates

REVISED form for summary estimates of broadcast revenues and expenses for preceeding year was adopted by FCC last week with first report (1948) due to be filed with the Commission March 1. Proposal to incorporate data on expenses had been reported in late December [BROADCASTING, Dec. 27, 1948].

Inclusion of expenses was ordered by the Commission in recognition of "the rapid upward movement of broadcast expenses during recent years" and in order to provide "a more accurate appraisal of the broadcast industry's financial experience." AM, FM, TV and international stations are covered.

The final forms "incorporate" comments made upon the proposed forms by Westinghouse Radio Stations, ABC and a group of 75 stations, FCC said.

To provide for the new forms, the Commission amended Part I of its rules and regulations to require the submission of estimates of expenses as well as revenues, in the annual FCC Form 324A, ordinarily due Feb. 1.

### WIKH GIVEN CP 4 FMs Get Facility Grants

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT was granted by FCC last week for new Class A FM station to WIKH Shaker Heights, Ohio, previously conditionally granted FM outlet. Four other FM stations were given CPs covering new facilities.

WIKH, owned by Science Education Foundation Inc., received CP for Channel 261 (100.1 mc) with effective radiated power of 640 w and antenna height above average terrain of 300 ft.

WAYS-FM Charlotte, N. C., was granted CP to change ERP from 20 kw to 7.7 kw and antenna height from 435 ft. to 415 ft. WBGE-FM Atlanta received CP to switch from ERP 20 kw to 14.5 kw and antenna 330 ft. to 410 ft. KVOL-FM Lafayette, La., was authorized to switch from 14 to 15 kw ERP and KGLO-FM Mason City, Iowa, was granted power change from ERP 260 kw to 16 kw and reduce antenna from 920 ft. to 230 ft.

## Van Car Firm

VAN CAR Productions, a new television package company, has been formed from the television department of Van Diver & Carlyle Inc., New York advertising agency.



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# WNOE GRANT

FINAL DECISION granting WNOE New Orleans' application for 50 kw day and 5 kw directional at night on 1060 kc in lieu of its present 250 w operation on 1450 kc was issued by FCC last Wednesday on a 4-2 vote. The decision, effectuating the Commission's proposed disposition of the

case [BROADCASTING, Sept. 20, 1948], denied the competing application of Deep South Broadcasting Corp., which was seeking the same facilities for a new station in New Orleans.

WNOE is owned by former Gov. James A. Noe, who also owns KNOE Monroe, La., which has a grant for 5 kw, and a half interest in 250 w KOTN Pine Bluff, Ark. Deep South is controlled (80%) by John D. Ewing, a trustee and 25% owner of the Robert Ewing Estate which owns KWKH Shreveport, a 50 kw 1-B outlet, and 80% of 1-B KTHS Hot Springs, now operating with 10 kw. The Robert Ewing Estate also owns the Shreveport Times and the Monroe World and News-Star.

The Commission majority held that Deep South's program proposals were "less definite" than WNOE's, and that WNOE, in the absence of compelling reasons to the contrary, should have an opportunity to improve its facilities.

Citing the relative communications interests of Messrs. Noe and Ewing, the majority also felt a grant to WNOE would "result in a greater diversification of control of media of mass communications." Comr. Robert F. Jones, however, felt this point was "unnecessary to a determination in this proceeding."

Chairman Wayne Coy voted for Deep South, contending "the superior program proposals of Deep South and the record of WNOE's operation ... outweigh the factors upon which the majority bases its decision."

#### **Hennock** Vote

Comr. Frieda B. Hennock voted for further hearing.

The majority was composed of Comrs. Paul A. Walker, Rosel H. Hyde, E. M. Webster, and Jones. Comr. George E. Sterling did not participate.

WNOE, a Mutual affiliate, is under the general managership of James E. Gordon, who also is an advisor in the operation of KNOE.

The FCC majority recognized that "the number of commercial spot announcements broadcast by WNOE in the past has been in excess of the number which we consider should be broadcast in a well balanced schedule." But, they said, "this practice . . . would be corrected by the proposal of Mr. Noe in the future . . to limit the number of commercial spot announcements."

The Commission said its grant to WNOE was not meant to imply approval of a contract, entered when Mr. Noe bought the station from Coliseum Place Baptist Church in 1936, whereby WNOE is to carry \* church services from 11 to 12 o'clock every Sunday for 99 years from 1941. Such time-reservation contracts are permitted now, under a new FCC rule, only if modified to meet certain Commission requirements including termination by Feb. 15, 1964 [BROADCASTING, Jan. 10].

50 kw Day, 5 kw Night Given by FCC

In the Deep South company, Mr. Ewing is associated with Clarke Salmon, 20% owner and president. Mr. Salmon has had 23 years' newspaper work in New Orleans and now is active head and 75% owner of the George Banerlein Adv. Agency.

# VIDEO SOCIETY

### Vallee to Speak at Forum

RUDY VALLEE, appearing not as an entertainer but as president of the television program firm of Vallee-Video, and secretary of Producers Television Assn. of Hollywood, will discuss the Hollywood approach to the production of films for television tomorrow night (Feb. 1) during a film forum to be held by American Television Society at the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

Other speakers on the panel program will be: George Bonwick, president, Pathe-Pictorial Films, speaking on the rental of films for TV; Paul Alley, director, NBC Newsreel, discussing video news films; Howard Bailey, assistant managing editor, Washington Evening Star, owner of WMAL-TV, on operation of a newspaper owned by TV station.

Emerson Yorke, independent video producer, secretary of ATS and chairman of its film committee, will preside. Session will open at 8 p.m. with a showing of one of the new American Tobacco Co. film series. Admission is \$1.



THREE-SPEED automatic phonograph, which plays recards at 33 1/3, 45 and 78 rpm, is introduced in Chicago by Scott Radio Labs Inc. Pickup arm at left plays two slower speeds, while conventional 78 rpm takes pickup on

right-hand side.

# WLW REALIGNS

### Sales Personnel Shifted

TRANSFERS in WLW Cincinnati's sales department personnel, involving the station's New York, Chicago and home offices, were announced last Wednesday by R. E. Dunville, vice president and general manager of Crosley Broadcasting Corp. The moves will take place within the next few weeks.

Andrew Niedenthal, of the Chicago sales branch, will transfer to the Cincinnati office where he will assume special duties in the field of program sales development. He will work under the supervision of Harry Mason Smith, vice president and general sales manager. Stuart Lewis, previously with WLW's merchandising department, will replace Mr. Niedenthal in Chicago. Moves were necessitated by an increasing number of network originations in Cincinnati, Mr. Dunville said.

The Crosley official also announced the addition of Warren Morton, previously with The Branham Co., to the New York sales staff, and transfer of Neil Smith from television sales to WLW sales in the Cincinnati office.



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#### Respects

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city field, the McCarthy fortune has been on the rise. He discovered Chocolate Bayou field and the South Stowell area; brought in Winnie, one of the major producing areas in Texas; and discovered Blue Lake, Anchor, and Bailey's Prairie, Lovell's Lake and Coletto Creek, all signal names in the oil history of Texas.

After wildcatting in a few of these fields and making several million dollars, Mr. McCarthy turned his Midas touch to other activities. At present—and the figure may grow at any time—he is active head of 16 important corporations.

As a by product of his activities in the oil business, Mr. McCarthy has played a leading part in the development of natural gas resources in the Gulf Coast area. Ten years ago he pioneered in the selling of low cost gas in the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange region. With the availability of low cost fuel, the tremendous industrial growth of the area is in part a tribute to his foresight.

Today his oil and gas interests are among the most highly coordinated of any independent operator. By taking advantage of all phases of the business, his operations now include exploration, drilling, production, manufacture, transmission and sales.

He, also, has built a plant to produce chemicals from residue gas from the absorption plant. Residue gas from both plants is transmitted and sold by Mr. McCarthy's company to industrial, commercial and domestic users for fuel.

To provide many of his steel materials in the field, Mr. Mc-Carthy recently purchased the Detroit Tube and Steel Co. The large mill is located in Detroit and formerly operated as the Sharon Steel Corp. Co-purchaser in this new line of endeavor was International Rolling Mill Products Co. of Chicago. The organization is now operating as the McCarthy-International Tube Corp.

With completion of the purchase



of KXYZ last summer from Harris County Broadcasting Co. for a reported \$875,000, Mr. McCarthy made plans to move the station from its present location in the Gulf Bldg. to his McCarthy Center. Television facilities for the station which are now on the drawing board-the application is cooling in the FCC's deep freeze-will also be included in the new location. Shamrock Broadcasting Co., the name under which Mr. Mc-Carthy operates his radio interests, has applied for Channel 7 at Houston.

The Shamrock Hotel, a \$12 million structure which forms the focal point of the \$18 million Mc-Carthy Center, will be opened St. Patrick's Day, March 17. It is one of the few hotels to be built since the war. The 1,100 room structure forms an impressive tribute to Mr. McCarthy's real estate activity in Houston.

A royal send-off is planned for the hotel with a large roster of stage, screen and radio stars lined up for the event. Don McNeill will originate his ABC Breakfast Club from Houston that day and Lou Costello is planning to bring his Kid's Show. Screen stars Dorothy Lamour, Hugh Herbert, Walter Brennan, Alan Hale and Pat O'Brien are among the Hollywood contingent who will be in attendance. Earl Wilson, Broadway columnist, also plans to attend with other notable representatives of the press.

In addition to the KXYZ facilities and the hotel, McCarthy Center includes a Post Office, exhibition hall and large garage. Original plans had called for a number of small specialty shops along the hotel's approach. This idea, however, has been discarded in favor of landscaping for the area.

#### An Eye to Video

In another field of endeavor, and possibly with an eye to his contemplated television interests, Mr. Mc-Carthy now heads his own motion picture producing organization. Operating in Hollywood as Glenn McCarthy Productions, the firm expects to release its first offering, "The Green Promise," within a short time.

Despite the delay in establishment of his own video outlet, Mr. McCarthy has already demonstrated his interest and resourcefulness in the field.

With three planes entered in the 2,500 mile Bendix Air Race last year, Mr. McCarthy was interested in getting video coverage of both the start and finsh of the air classic the night of the race.

To accomplish this purpose he had cameramen shoot necessary background material before the race. Then, as the first plane, with a McCarthy pilot took off from Long Beach, the cameras covered the scene. The film was taken out of the camera and put aboard the second McCarthy plane, which was in turn photographed as it started the race. This film then went east with the third plane of Mr. Mc-Carthy's.

Cameramen at the Cleveland finish line recorded the end of the speed dash. When the winner landed he had films of the start of the race. The films were made available to CBS and were shown almost as soon as the winner was announced. Prints were air mailed back to California and shown the next day.

In this race the McCarthy entries took first, second and fourth places.

The year before, in the Bendix Races, the McCarthy entry, the Shamrock, won widespread publicity when it was christened by Lynn McClain, the "Miss Texas" of that year.

Eighteen months ago Mr. Mc-Carthy entered the publishing business with the purchase of Houston's largest weekly, *The Citizen*. Today this business venture has been expanded so that from the improved printing plant he publishes 14 weeklies, covering every section of the city and its immediate suburbs.

During the elections last year, coverage of Houston public affairs reached a new high when *The Citi*zen and KXYZ combined to report the returns. During primary, city, run-off and general elections, the team exerted every effort to bring fast returns to the radio audience.

Aviation is not only a hobby with Mr. McCarthy—he is director of Eastern Airlines and the National Aeronautic Assn. In addition he has several planes of his own and flies almost every place on business. Mr. McCarthy also is a leader in the movement to provide adequate airport facilities for Houston.

#### A Civic Leader

As a civic leader, he is a director of the Houston Anti-Tuberculosis League, a trustee of the Methodist Hospital and has served on the executive committee of the Sister Kenny Foundation. Mr. McCarthy is active in Masonic charities and the Community Chest. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and several independent oil men's associations.

Mr. McCarthy has been a leader in the fight against the Anglo-American oil treaty and has constantly opposed price fixing and other governmental control in the oil business. He is a strong advocate of hemispheric development as an international security measure for the Americas.

Mr. McCarthy is married to the former Faustine Lee and is the father of four daughters and a son. Their home is located in the Braeswood addition of Houston.

When not actively engaged in the management of his other interests, Mr. McCarthy likes to spend as many weekends as possible relaxing on his 15,000 acre ranch in Uvalde and Real counties.



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# NBC SPAC POSTS

Campbell, Essex Are Named MARTIN B. CAMPBELL, general manager of WFAA Dallas, was elected chairman of NBC Stations Planning and Advisory Committee at the opening session Monday of a two-day meeting in New York. He succeeded Paul W. Morency, vice president and general manager, WTIC Hartford.

Harold Esex, vice president of WSJS Winston-Salem, was named secretary.

Other SPAC members, all welcomed by Niles Trammell, NBC president, are: Harry Bannister, general manager, WWJ Detroit; Walter J. Damm, vice president and general manager of radio for the Journal Co., Milwaukee; Ed Yocum, general manager of KGHL Billings, Mont.; Harold C. Burke, general manager, WBAL Balti-more; John M. Outler Jr., general manager, WSB Atlanta; Clair R. McCullough, WGAL Lancaster, Pa.; Wiley P. Harris, director, WJDX Jackson, Miss., and Ewing C. Kelley, general manager, KCRA Sacramento.

EIGHT seminar students at Montana State U's School of Journalism studied radio propaganda first hand, when they made tape recordings of political speeches and newscasts with their own analysis and interpretation. The finished product was played to other students as an "oral" report.







Mr. Campbell

#### BMB

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from poor programming. The task is complicated by the subjective nature of the problem. A signal may not be good enough to bring the listener a symphony concert with acceptable clarity but yet not too weak for him to hear a comedy program well enough to listen throughout. Signal may be too poor for a run-of-the-mill program to be listened to, yet strong enough for a favorite program which the listener will go to extra effort to hear. Also, a signal which a listener in one part of the country might find unsatisfactory may be considered all right by listeners elsewhere where they have never had anything better.

Analysis of the pilot studies of average daily audience and a comparison of these figures with the average weekly audience data is not yet completed. Preliminary data indicate, however, that the average daily audience measurement is much more sensitive than the weekly measurement and that it shows a greater variance between competing stations than the weekly figures do.

#### **Beneficial Results**

If, as it is hoped they will, the average daily audience figures provide a better picture of the way in which American listeners divide their listening time between low power, local stations and high power, clear channel stations some distance away, the results should be beneficial to broadcasters, advertisers and agencies alike by giving them more accurate, more usable information.

The decision to permit "re-stricted" use by BMB subscribers of data revealed by the BMB study about the non-subscribing stations is similarly foreseen as a valuable addition of BMB service to advertisers and agencies, as well as to its subscribing stations. While the ultimate value of these data will of course depend on the extent of the restrictions, a number of broadcasters have already expressed the opinion that they will be able to use this information to good sales advantage. The BMB executive committee is expected to define the extent of "restricted use" at its next meeting.

WLAG-FM La Grange, Ga., is now operating daily from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### NBC Reconnoiter

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their own shows. The network has not abandoned hopes of enticing U. S. Steel to move its Theatre *Guild* dramatic program from ABC, although the sponsor and its agency, BBDO, said last week the program would remain on ABC. Mr. Trammell made a personal presentation on the subject to the sponsor a fortnight ago. NBC is hopeful the show may join the network in the fall.

#### Capital Gains Issue

The latter-day distrust in which NBC holds capital gains arrangements with talent was also explained to SPAC, it was said. Net-work executives told the stations committee that the Bureau of Internal Revenue was reported to be reviewing the CBS deal with Amos 'n' Andy. NBC attorneys doubted that this particular case would be reversed by the government tax experts, which approved it at its outset, but SPAC was advised that the government was intensifying its interest in deals of that kind and that NBC regarded such deals as hazardous.

This represented a post-Benny development. At the time CBS originally bid for the services of Jack Benny, Mr. Trammell offered the comedian a counter-proposal which contained capital gains features. It was after CBS succeeded in capturing the comedian that NBC began looking with disfavor upon capital gains deals.

### WNEW Honored Again

HONORED for the sixth time for service in the cause of democracy, WNEW New York's prize-winning Little Songs on Big Subjects last week won the Willkie Memorial of Freedom House 1949 Civil Rights Award. WNEW was the only station to be so honored, according to Ted Cott, station's vice president in charge of programming, who accepted the award at a meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York. Presentation was made by Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War.



cago TRANSCRIPTION MASTERS + REFERENCE RECORDING



# clearest

The face on the living-room screen is 16% clearer on WNBT than on the next best New York station ... and WNBT is setting the standard of technical reception for all the other stations of the NBC Television Network. Technical superiority multiplies viewers ... and the audience to NBC.

# three to one

Images clearer on NBC, programs more popular, audiences larger . . . in fact, in answer to the question "Which one television station do you view the most?" viewers in the New York area state a *three to one* preference for NBC over the second ranking station.\*

With a lead like this, it's no wonder that four times as many network advertisers are on NBC Television as on any other network.

\*Complete details on request

# NBC Television

## THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

A service of Radio Corporation of America

16% Clearer on WNBT

WHAT'S NEW IN TELEVISION? Take a Look at WPTE!

# Speaking of Progress in Television...

ABOUT this time last year, we took a few minutes out for a look at the previous twelve months and all they had brought to Television Station WPTZ. What we saw was good. But what we see this year looks a whale of a lot better !

A year ago our sales department was mighty enthused over the fact that we had 38 sponsors



on the books. As this is being written 76 different advertisers are buying time on WPTZ every week! There may be other television sta-

tions with more customers but offhand none come to mind.

Moreover, the very first broadcast scheduled for 1949 (the Mummers' Parade) brought another brand new sponsor into the fold-Strawbridge & Clothier, a great department store, as Philadelphian as the parade itself.

1948 was a year of major technical improvements at WPTZ, too. Our 552-ft. tower went into operation in March to put our antenna higher than anything else in or around Philadelphia

including the price of steak. Add to that our new up-to-the-minute transmitter (as we did in September) and the result is a superb television signal.

We also added a third complete twocamera mobile unit; full studioorthicon and associated equipment; several new relay links; an additional relay site atop the Penn-Mutual Building-and at the moment they're putting what we hope are the finishing touches on our new studio facilities on the 5th and 6th floors of the Philco-Westinghouse Radio and Television Center. All new motion picture projection equipment will be part of the new studios. We also revised Philco's own New York-Philadelphia relay system to full micro-wave, two-way operation.

These improvements add up to one of the best equipped television stations

in existence—and a pretty penny too, we might say.

A lot of new programs were developed at WPTZ during the year; Dr. Marshall and "The Nature of Things"



for instance, to prove that science can be a fascinating and entertaining subject. During the year we uncovered Ted Steele as a television personality and won kudos from the industry for our operatic and dance programs.

All in all, there is a fairly general

feeling around town that WPTZ has at least done its share in keeping Philadelphia the Number 2 television market in the country, with well



over 100,000 home receivers in operation.

There's a lot more to the WPTZ story for 1948 and our plans for 1949 -the eye opening success stories we have developed during the past twelve months, for one thing. Our sales department, or NBC Spot Sales, would like nothing better than to tell you about the station, its operation and facilities and how you can use it.

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FIRST IN TELEVISION IN PHILADELPHIA



TELECASTING

A Service of Broadcasting Newsweekly TELECASTING

**JANUARY 31, 1949** 



#### By JAMES HILL JR. President Sterling Drug Inc.

THE TROUBLE with television, from the viewpoint of advertising, is that it has disturbed the peaceof advertisers. Not that we find too many peaceful moments, at any time, in the conduct of our advertising programs. This phase of our business function is so important that we must give the most careful consideration to appropriations, media, campaigns - right down to the last commercial. At the same time, the introduction of a new medium now requires us to start learning anew many of the fundamentals of the business.

Our position advertising - wise can be compared to that of the 20's when radio came along to add a new dimension and to jar us out of routines. Those of us who had spent years learning about space and believed we had a pretty good idea of values and potentials suddenly found ourselves under the necessity of adjusting ourselves to the medium of radio or of suffering the consequencies of sales anemia.

We're going to have to do the same with television. Maybe, as some people say, television is nothing but radio with sight added. We can't afford to accept this assumption, however, because television may not be merely radio plus sight.

Other people, the writer among them, believe television will prove as different from radio as radio is from white space. Following this concept, we might plunge into television fully determined to discard everything which has proved popular in radio. Yet if we clung stubbornly to this view, we'd find it mighty expensive if we turned out to be wrong.

#### Smugness Is 'Out'

So we're not going to be smug about anybody's ideas, including our own. We intend to move slowly while keeping our eyes and ears and. I hope, our minds reasonably open.

Yes, we've got some ideas to start with, although their nature is such that they can be changed on a moment's notice if it seems wise to do so. Personally, I incline to the belief that television will find its own expression, just as radio did. One look at radio today shows the extent of its evolution from primitive beginnings. Today, whether or not broadcasting, taken as a whole, meets the taste of this or that individual critic, it assuredly satisfies the nublic.

It took a generation for radio to mature. My guess is that television will move a lot faster. Nobody can say with certainty that any of the presently popular video shows will be alive five years from now; but even if a couple are, we have a right to expect that the face of television will be quite completely changed.

Television will surely develop its own forms, as did the theatre, radio, the silent and sound films and the other performing arts. In other words, I suspect television presentations will be, eventually,

EXECUTIVES of Sterling Drug study the figures at an advertising conference. Seated, I to r: Mr. Hill and Harvey M. Manss, vice president in charge of The Bayer Co. Division. Standing, I to r: E. I. McClintock, vice president, foreign trade; Stanley I. Clark, vice president in charge of The Centaur-Caldwell Division; and Dr. J. Mark Hiebert, vice president, assisting the president.

distinctive unto themselves rather than simple adaptations of radio.

That is why our present program, as regards television, consists in taking soundings and in experimentation. We've started with a five-a-week daytime video show \* in the face of assurances from presumably wise men that daytime television will be a dud. Maybe so. We agree that the homemaker can't look at television will have to be very high. To offset these fears, we are told that, as an advertising medium, television is going to outpull radio by five times, by ten times, even by a hundred times. That's fine.

But outpull for whom and for what? What type of products will advertise well through television? We know, or think we know, certain types of merchandise that do particularly well with radio promo-

# Video's Future for Sterling Drug

and, at the same time, stir the soup or juggle the mop. But it also occurs to us that the human species has shown a remarkable ability to adapt itself to conditions.

If the homemaker wants badly enough to catch the afternoon television programs, she'll find a way to accommodate her desire. I remember when the smart money bet against daytime radio. Sterling was among the companies which pioneered in this field, with profit.

Television is subject to the same criterion as are the other media of advertising: It must pay. We're definitely interested in the effectiveness of advertising per dollar of expenditure. That's why, in this period of transition, we are concerned with the extent of our continuance in radio as well as with the nature of our first efforts in television.

Sterling's present plans for 1949 involve taking approximately \$1,-000,000 from radio and putting it into other media, including newspapers and magazines, as well as Developments might television. require more drastic change, but as of now we see no such indications. But we also note that more and more television sets are being manufactured and more and more listeners are telling Hooper that they are not only looking at television but are refusing to tune in radio. Will this fact be reflected in reduced rates for radio time?

It is already clear that advertising appropriations for television

\* [Editor's Note: Since mid-December Sterling Drug has been sponsoring "Okay, Mother," an audience partici-pation program featuring Dcnnis James, over WABD (TV) New York, Mon.-Fri., 1-1:30 p.m., EST.]

Will nationally advertised tion. brands such as ours do equally well on video? We hope to find out, as soon as we can. And we hope to do so, in this period of experimentation.

Furthermore, we want to determine what the total cost is going to be. It looks as though talent, rehearsal time and all the paraphernalia of a big-time show are going to run into staggering figures.

The objective of our company is to operate as a private enterprise in a free society in the interest of our employes' jobs, of a fair re-(Continued on page 11 of Insert)

JAMES HILL JR., president of Sterling Drug Inc., is a certified public accountant with a master's degree in economics from Bowling Green U., Kentucky. A veteran of World War I who was wounded in the Argonne Forest fighting, he joined the Sterling organization in 1933 as comptroller. Previously he had spent seven years in Washington (1922-1929) as a tax accountant with the Treasury Dept.'s income tax unit. He was elected treasurer of Sterling in 1939, and became its president in 1941. Firm's growth since he assumed the presidency is reflected in a near-tripling of its sales—\$47,678,-024 in 1941, an estimated \$135 million (audited figures not yet available) in 1948. Among the many Sterling products are Phillip's Milk of Magnesia and toothpaste, Mulsi-fied Shampoo, Ironized Yeast, Bayer Aspirin, Double Danderine, and Dr. Lyon's toothpaste and powder.

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# TV IS 'EVOLUTION'

#### By LARRY KURTZE Service Unlimited, New York

AS ONE of the young old-timers of radio I want to say a few thousand words about the addition of video to the broadcasting medium.

For that's just what it is.

Merely the addition of the visual element to the already existing techniques of audio broadcasting. Believe me, gentlemen, it is nothing new. It will not redesign the thinking of the world, nor will it yet cause any more sensation among the receptive public than the addition of sound to motion pictures. The coming of the age of television, just as the establishment of sound pictures, is evolutionnot revolution.

#### Aural Radio's Contributions

For over a quarter of a century. now, aural broadcasting has entered the home bringing entertainment, disseminating news, extending information and offering enlightenment.

Can television hope to do more? The ten basic types of radio programs, namely musical, news, dramatic, commentary, variety, comedy, quiz, interview, audience participation and sports, have been effectively used to encompass religious, educational, farm, home and public service; cultural and entertainment broadcasting, not to mention the needs of the advertiser.

Is there an eleventh or twelfth type of program that television can contribute? I think not

There is no reason for television personnel to beat their heads against an iconoscope attempting to create a new "art form." In the first place, so called "art forms" are not the result of deliberate creation, but rather the unfoldment of substantial craftsmanship.

painfully evident to the television people that by taking the already proven forms of the aural medium and increasing their effectivity by exploring the visual possibilities they can put a finish to half the programming battle.

A note here, "exploring the visual possibilities" does not mean painting some scenery, getting some costumes, and turning a camera loose on the show.

No, it means probing into the basic program idea itself, discovering how video can heighten the overall effect, then carefully integrating the aural and visual so as not to destroy the basis of enjoyment of the broadcast medium.

And what is the basis of the enjoyment of the broadcast medium?

Well, all media of entertainment have a certain quality that is the psychological basis for their enjoyment. Enjoyment of the theatre, because of the physical proximity of the audience, is often attributed to the compelling personalities of the players. Motion pictures, both silent and sound, depend upon movement to make their audiences enjoy the films. And the actual enjoyment of broadcasting, both aural and video, depends upon in-

**KEY** management executives of CBS AM and TV stations attending network's television clinic at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Jan. 21-23, found time for informal discussion between clinic sessions. Among groups of executives caught by the cameraman were these (all I to r):

Top photo-Leo Fitzpatrick, WGR Buffalo board chairman; Joseph H. Reom, CBS vice president and general executive, and I. R. Lounsberry, WGR president and general manager.

Second photo from tap-Howard Meighan, CBS vice president and general executive; G. Bennett Larson, vice president and director of television, WCAU-TV Philadelphia, and Harry Witt, general manager, KTTV (TV) Los Angeles,

Third phata—Lawrence Lowman, CBS vice president and general executive; William B. Ladge, network's vice president in charge of general engineering, and E. K. Jett, vice president and general manager, WMAR-TV Baltimore.

Bottom photo - Gordon Hayes, Chicago Radio Sales, CBS; Arthur Hull Hayes, CBS vice president in charge of San Francisco office, and John Hayes, WINX Washington general manager.

# Kurtze Answers Lewis

timacy. The good director attempts to make each individual listener feel as though he were actually eavesdropping on the scene taking place.

The point to remember is that in radio or television we are not dealing with one audience of thousands or millions but rather hundreds or thousands of audiences that average two to six individuals.

#### Intimate Group

These individuals are an intimate group and only as far away from the actual broadcast scene as they are from their receiver. Thus the broadcast fare served them must be designed and directed to make them a part of the play, bit, or sequence they are viewing.

Incidentally, Mr. Jack Weir Lewis [BROADCASTING, Nov. 29, 1948\*1 points to this when he mentions. as among the finest television programs he has encountered on his trip, WFIL's Swap Shop and KSO-TV's It's a Hit, both of them adaptations of standard radio devices based on intimacy of participants and listeners or viewers. Then he contradicts himself when he sums up his article: "Last, writers and directors had better stop thinking in terms of translating existing AM shows to TV. It won't work." He doesn't say why.

Now I want to agree with Brother Lewis. He accuses television people of neglecting sound. He's right-they not only neglect it and ignore it, they usually lack it where they need it.

Television, almost as a body, refuses to admit that, unlike motion pictures, the prime element of a telecast is the spoken word. Even in discussing commercials they use

\* Mr. Lewis, a representative of the Rocky Mt. Radio Council, reported on a survey of existing television stations and their programming.

LARRY KURTZE classifies himself as a "young old-timer of radio," backing the statement up with over 13 years experience in the industry.



Prior to opening his own radiotelevision advertising production firm - Service Unlimited - in New York six months ago, he was radio and television director at Kuttner &

Mr. Kurtze

Kuttner, New York, for over two years. In this connection he wrote, produced and directed for radio, video and motion pictures and handled publicity for the agency and its clients. Previously he was a writer, producer and director for WBBM-CBS Chicago; civilian consultant for the U. S. Army in Los Angeles and Washington; handled production and casting positions in Hollywood, and held various posts with WLS Chicago from 1935 to 1939.

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the old tooth of the saw about one picture being worth a thousand words.

They forget that the Chinese philosopher who dreamed that one up lived back in the days when brand names were unknown.

To make people ask for your product you have to make your brand name a familiar sound. And you teach them to pronounce it by constant aural repetition. That's one of the axioms that's made standard radio the terrific personalized selling force it is. Television dasn't be any different.

#### Texaco Success

Proof! According to the reports the Texaco commercial takes the sponsor identification sweepstakes on the East Coast network. And who does the commercial? A pitch-(Continued on page 11 of Insert)



DURING CBS Television Clinic in New York Jan. 21 [BROADCASTING, Jan. 24] CBS President Frank Stanton (1) and Wayne Coy, chairman of FCC, discuss the current television situation.







# The EYES of CHICAGO'S FAMILIES are on WGN-TV!

Yes... the people of Chicago keep their eyes on WGN-TV for the best in entertainment for all members of the family. They know WGN-TV's fare for the family includes something for everyone—no one is slighted.

Variety is the key word in WGN-TV's programming — there's no overbalanced programming for the benefit of a few. And ... more eyes are focused on WGN-TV since January 11, 1949. The coaxial linking of Chicago to the east now offers WGN-TV's friends even greater program enjoyment ... Because WGN-TV is the exclusive Chicago outlet for CBS-TV, Dumont Television Network and WPIX, the New York News Station.

Yes . . . the eyes have it . . . and all eyes are on





THIS new television field car has just been delivered to WOW-TV Omaha, Neb. Built to specifications of the station's engineering department by Henney Motor Co., Freeport, Ill., the top deck has special clamps to hold camera and relay transmitter tripods and a port hole for camera and power cables. When not in use, the railing folds flat and the transmitter reflector can be bolted to the deck. A hydraulic leveling device levels the body of the car from any position and prevents motion while using the camera deck.

Side windows are one-way mirrors which make it possible to see out but not in. The interior (center photo) is finished in leather and is fitted out with special cabinets to provide for storage of equipment. Exhaust fans control ventilation. For pickups not accessible to the mobile unit, the console dolly may be rolled down the special ramp tracks and wheeled to the pick up location (right photo). A radio-telephone is included in the equipment of the car. Car cost \$9,500; TV equipment about \$46,000.

# LONG BEACH, N. J., TV PROJECT Davies Explains Plans to Phila. Meeting

FIFTEEN acres of land were purchased Jan. 21 for the Long Beach Island (N. J.) Foundation of the Arts and Sciences. The foundation is expected to have a television workshop and laboratories for research and study in electronics in operation next summer.

Purchase was made from Mayor Howard Shifler, of Long Beach Township, by Col. Edward A. Davies, foundation president, a Philadelphian; Carlos Echeverria, treasurer, Moorestown, N. J., and S. R. Laslocky, of the board of trustees, Riverside, N. J.

In announcing the project at the fourth general meeting of the Television Assn. of Philadelphia, Mr. Davies said a large radio manufacturer (whose name he would not disclose) already has underwritten

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\* (M.F average, 27.4)

WENR-TV



For Other Telefacts Ask The Pulse

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### THE PULSE INCORPORATED ONE TEN FULTON STREET

NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

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one wing of the building which he will make into a fully equipped television studio. Mr. Davies said that broadcasting stations, the Dick Strome television firm and Philadelphia advertising agencies will be invited to detail their television men to the foundation for seminars on camera work, production, directing, film studies and color studies.

Emphasizing the importance color will play in television, Mr. Davies said nationally known artists will be on hand to instruct. He also stated the whole project will be conducted on a college level, with degrees to be awarded.

Influential New Yorkers, as well as Philadelphians, are interested in the project, according to Mr. Davies. He sloo said that duPont is planning a project on the island and may support the foundation. Long Beach Island, whose leading town is Beach Haven, is 35 miles north of Atlantic City and 60 miles from Philadelphia. Site of the foundation will be in an area between Harvey Cedars and the famous Barnegat Lighthouse.

#### Dr. Blair's Idea

Dr. Boris Blair, dean of the Tyler School of Fine Arts of Temple U., conceived the project and is vice president. Charles A. Ramb, Beach Haven, is executive secretary, and Julius Robinson, legal council. The board of trustees includes Philip Klein, head of a Philadelphia advertising agency; Mrs. Thomas Graham (daughter of Ellis Gimbel, of Gimbel Brothers); Mrs. Mania Blai, Mrs. Thelma Melrose Davies, both former opera singers; S. W. Sargeant, painter; Drue Allman, water colorist; Max Katzman, artist and architect; Sari Mendenhal and Ruth Pleasanton, both artists.

Kenneth W. Stowman, WFIL-TV Philadelphia director and assistant general manager, presided at the meeting of the Television Assn. of Philadelphia, of which he is president. He introduced as guest speaker Slocum (Buzz) Chappin, ABC Eastern television sales manager.

Mr. Chappin, discussing what television is doing network-wise, said he is of the opinion that TV hookup with the West Coast is at least three years away.

Mr. Stowman appointed the following to the planning committee: Al Bernsohn, RCA Camden, chairman; Joe Cox, J. P. Cox Adv., Boston; Bob Jawer, WPTZ; Hal Lamb, Geare-Marston Inc.; Marilyn Lazar, Stewart-Jordan Adv.; Martin Katz, WCAU-TV; Charles Hoban, WPTZ; Noel Charles, Assn. Television Products; Ray Bowley, WPTZ; Roger Courtland, Seberhagen Inc.; Roy Meredith, WCAU-TV production manager, and Messrs. Farren and Davies.

# WRITERS

Group for TV Scripting

WRITERS' Theatre for Television has been incorporated in Hollywood by a group of screen writers for purpose of writing and producing scripts for television.

Headed by Emmet Lavery, president, other officers include Paul Radin, vice president of William Kester & Co., Hollywood, as vice president and business manager; John Larkin, vice president; Jerry Horwin, treasurer; Allen Rivkin, secretary.

Group presently consists of 17 members, with membership open to all writers whose submitted scripts are acceptable. According to plan, corporation holds television rights to all properties produced with writers retaining all other rights. Minimum payment will be given writers for scripts used, based on number of stations on which plays are heard, with additional payment for each re-use. Three-fourths of corporation profit will be divided among the writers; with the balance retained by corporation.

Currently negotiations are underway with CBS for half-hour television series. William Kester & Co., Hollywood, represents the package.



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anyary 31, 194 Copyright 1949 To keep in good spirits, advertisers will do well to look into the CBS-TV program schedule. It now has three of the four biggestaudience programs in television today. What makes CBS-TV programs so eminently practical is that they come in all sizes of advertising budgets, pre-tested and ready for work.

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### **NOW OPERATING IN 23 MAJOR MARKETS**



WITHIN 60 days television audience reaction tests will be undertaken by Schwerin Research Corp. and NBC, according to a joint announcement Jan. 19 by Carleton D. Smith, NBC director of television operations, and Hugh Beville, NBC director of research.

"Television programming is well beyond the experimental period," said Mr. Smith. "Now we're ready to apply the acid test of audience reaction to our programs and program ideas."

Electronic recorders will be used to measure instantaneous reactions of individuals to video programs. A new device now under construction by Schwerin not only will maintain a continuous record of each individual's reaction but will also produce a group profile for immediate study.

#### Questions Planned

Among questions the research will attempt to answer are: How should sequence of programs be arranged? Which camera techniques are most acceptable? How long can scenes be held before liking diminishes? Are film or live shows preferred? How long will an audience teleview? What shows can be simulcast effectively? How effective are various commercials? What is the daytime audience and what does it want? How can specific programs be slanted toward their primary audience?

Meanwhile, Horace Schwerin, president of the research organization, announced that he expected his corporation would be ready to begin TV-testing for advertiser clients by midyear. Due to limited facilities, however, this testing during the remainder of 1949 largely will be limited to present radio clients.

## CAMELS' TV Sports Coverage Expanded

R. J. REYNOLDS Tobacco Co. (Camels), Winston-Salem, N. C., sponsor of college basketball games on the CBS TV network during the current season, has expanded its TV sports coverage on CBS to include indoor track-meets and the Golden Gloves amateur boxing matches.

Track meet schedule is: Jan. 29, Melrose Games; Feb. 12, New York Athletic Club; Feb. 19, National Amateur Athletic Union; Feb. 26, IC-AAAA; March 5, Knights of Columbus. Meets will all be held in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Golden Gloves bouts, to originate in Chicago, will be telecast on CBS-TV on Feb. 21, 22, 23, March 4 and May 18 (date of the international finals), starting at 9:30 p.m. EST. William Esty Co. is the agency.



GEORGE WIEDEMANN Brewing Co., Newport, Ky., is agoin sponsoring telecasts of WKRC Cincinnati Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions on WLWT (TV) Cincinnati. Inspecting Chicago Tribune Golden Gloves team trophy for 1948, won by WKRC, are (1 to r) E. R. Strauchen, Strauchen & McKim Advertising; Hulbert Taft Jr., managing director of WKRC, representing Golden Gloves; H. Tracy Balcom Jr., president of Wiedemann Brewing Co., and M., F. Allisan, TV sales manager of WLWT.

### **TV** Is Evolution

(Continued from page 4 of Insert) man. Not a particularly scintillant

visual personality, but a spellbinder with the spoken word. "And now who'll be the first to save themselves money, time and trouble by the purchase of this handy little item."

"I'll"—and I'm speaking for most current and prospective television sponsors—"I'll take two."

There's no doubt about it, the combination of aural and visual broadcasting has already hung up some impressive sales results.

Let's emphasize "combination." Radio, or aural broadcasting, has proven itself. Now, with a picture to assist it's doing better than ever. But it's the spoken word that sells every time.

Consider the picture as animated art work and the voice as conversational copy block, and you have your analogy with black and white newspaper and magazine advertising, the art work being used mainly to illustrate the copy block. Color television might improve the position of the picture somewhat, but I still feel the aural message is the intimate device that brings the actions of the picture home to roost in the consumer's noodle.

The above applies to all types of telecast shows, too. Television is fast coming out of the novelty stage when everyone dims the lights and faces the screen to see what's going on.

More and more producers will begin to realize that the spoken word must be constantly used to attract the eye to the screen. And this can't be done by omission of dialog, but rather by terse, interesting, specific continuity that tells the complete story yet implies that there's additional enjoyment in the picture. It's interesting to note, too, that conveyance of a specific mood is nearly always an auditory function.

I'm happy to have gotten this far in this article without having used a capitalized AM or FM or TV or any other of the standard symbols that designate the various activities in the business of broadcasting, which I willingly capitalize.

Eventually, I think, network and super-power AM broadcasting will be swallowed up by TV broadcasting, and that FM broadcasting will be used profitably for a variety of things, but it will still be broadcasting. That's what I mean by evolution, a constantly expanding and improving broadcast service.

### **Mr. Sponsor Evaluates**

(Continued from page 3 of Insert)

turn to stockholders and of the continuing service we render to the public and to the professions. We can't do that for long on deficits, and we hope to continue to follow our consumer price policy through which we have not raised the price of a single packaged medicine over prewar.

Advertising has been an integral part of our business since its inception 49 years ago. Our first advertising appropriation went into newspapers back in 1902, and for years we placed sole reliance on this medium. In good time, magazines were added to the schedule. When radio came along, we moved into it on an important scale; and at one time virtually our entire advertising appropriation was devoted to radio. Since 1942, we have added newspapers and magazines on an increasing scale without, however, cutting down on radio. In each case, our decision was based on dollar return.

That will be our criterion for television. Recognizing that the new medium will have tremendous social and cultural significance, the advertiser must and will weigh its value as an advertising medium on its ability to earn a reasonable profit on the advertising dollars invested.

# **CBS SIGNS WDTV**

#### Now Has 30 TV Outlets

CBS has signed WDTV Pittsburgh as an affiliate of its television network, bringing the total number of CBS video outlets to 30, Herbert V. Akerberg, vice president in charge of station relations, announced.

Operating on Channel 3, the new station is on the main line coaxial cable between New York and Chicago, and will be available for CBS coaxial cable network programs during the network's allotted periods. General manager of WDTV is Donald A. Stewart.

### VIDEO WRITERS Two Units Combining

AN AFFILIATION agreement between Screen Writer's Guild, Hollywood, and Associated Film Writers' of New York has been reached by the membership of both groups. Affiliation becomes final within 30 days following ratification of the

contract by the New York unit. According to the agreement the New York group will adopt the title of Eastern Div. of Screen Writers' Guild, while retaining complete autonomy. The move is aimed at coordinating the television jurisdiction of the film writers groups.



# Telestatus



Music, Literary, Talent Rights (Report 44)

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#### By ROBERT P. MYERS

NBC Assistant General Attorney SOME of the principal problems that are currently causing telecasters concern are music rights, literary rights, motion picture rights and rights of privacy and defamation.

You must be sure in every case where you obtain rights that you are dealing with the author or with the owner of the right or with his authorized representative and, second, you must be certain that the license agreement that you obtain from him is clear and complete and covers the specific use that you want to make.

Among the principal rights which are causing us trouble are music rights, as always. There are three principal music rights in television as there are in AM broadcasting with which we are particularly concerned.

The right to make non-dramatic public performances for profit is probably the one with which we will deal most often. We will also be making dramatic performances of musical compositions.

We will be using the so-called recording right either in the form of kinescope recording or in the form of motion pictures or in the form of pre-recordings.

All of these rights are exclusive rights granted to the owner of the copyright on a musical composition and must be cleared if we are going to use them.

There seems to be a new tendency developing among some of the copyright owners to require a special treatment of a dolled-up use of a composition.

#### Special Fee

Strictly, there is no justification for such a distinction under the copyright law, but nonetheless there is a tendency on the part of some of our licensors to insist that when you dress up your production in certain ways it will require a special license and possibly a special fee.

Our first problem with regard to

AS CHAIRMAN of the television subcommittee of the NAB Music Advisory Committee, Mr. Myers is spearheading the television broadcaster's attack on some of his toughest legal problems. As video specialist of NBC's legal department, he is constantly on call to give opinions on the legality of TV matters for which the precedents are dubious, if not non-existent. Here are highlights from a longer paper advising telecasters on some of these legal problems. They are required reading for anyone even remotely concerned with video programming. \* music is: What are our sources? They are the same sources that we have in AM broadcasting. There is the great public domain, the "Jeanies With the Light Brown Hair" of one sort or another. There are the Wagners and there are the Gilbert-and-Sullivans.

There is a tremendous amount of material there with which you can do anything that you want to. There are great hordes of private licenses which most of us have from various individual publishers or composers. There is ASCAP with which most of you are familiar.

Then there is our own organization—that is, the broadcasters' own organization—BMI.

#### BMI TV License

Let me say that as to BMI its television license is identical with its AM broadcasting license. It includes the right to adapt, to arrange, to translate, to change the composition, to dramatize it and to perform it by means of television.

There may be a few compositions in the catalog in which BMI cannot give us some of those rights, but in general we have the broadest type of licenses from BMI. They make no problem of scenery, costume or dialogue.

The real problem on scenery, costume and dialogue arises with ASCAP, which has by far and away the largest catalog of musical performing rights in the country.

Since 1941 we have all had free television licenses from ASCAP. These licenses have recently been terminated. All of you television broadcasters... will be without a formal ASCAP license [in early 1949].

ASCAP has made a very fair gesture, however, when they agreed that during the 60-day period commencing Jan. 1 they will negotiate with us, as to television broadcasters, as to the terms upon which we may continue to use their music for our purposes.

They have agreed that if an agreement is reached within that 60-day period it will be made retroactive to Jan. 1. If we do not reach an agreement during that period, we will be considered to have had a gratuitous license.

Now what do we do? The first thing to determine is what rights ASCAP has to grant to us...

#### Membership Agreement

This problem is caused by a new membership agreement which ASCAP is just now having executed by its members.

Under that agreement there are a good many uses which we will clearly be able to make under a general license such as straight instrumental uses, uses by vocalists not in costume, uses by small groups of vocalists in costume if the performance is not accompanied by dialogue, by scenery or by dancing routines.

That type of thing it seems we will be able to obtain from ASCAP under a blanket license. But the problem arises with regard to the exceptions which are contained in that ASCAP membership agreement. Let me give you a few of them.

ASCAP must obtain a special license and charge a special fee for any use of a production number. That is a number which originally was written for and contained in a dramatical musical work, on operetta or a motion picture. If that use is made in costume and is accompanied by scenery, dialogue or dancing, that type of use would require a special license and a special fee.

Also, special licenses would be required for the use of any composition by five or less costumed vocalists where the performance is accompanied by scenery or by a set which spells out the title of the song or of the lyrics or which dramatizes the idea of the original production.

A special license would be required where any composition is performed by five or less costumed vocalists accompanied by dancing which dramatizes the title or the lyrics or by dialogue.

You would need a special license for the performance of any number by more than five costumed vocalists.

Gentlemen, that is television, and it may mean that we will all be faced with a very substantial problem in clearing rights with ASCAP if each of that type of use requires a special license ...

#### Scope of General License

That is a bridge which we can cross when we come to it. Our present problem, the thing that we are working on today with ASCAP, is to determine the scope of the general license which they will offer to television broadcasters.

In order to do that we must obtain a definition of costumes. We must know what scenery is. We must know whether a plain backdrop is scenery. Is it scenery when you push two palms in from the side of the stage?...

We have undertaken here in New York to do some of the preliminary work on your behalf in this connection. The five New York television broadcasters have all monitored every single use of music on their facilities for a period of a week.

We have each taken a specimen week and have sent descriptions of each of those uses to ASCAP. ASCAP is surveying those uses in

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an attempt to reach a decision as to those uses that will clearly fall under a general or blanket license and those uses which will clearly require a special license...

After they have completed their study of these uses, it is our plan to sit down with them to attempt to write a definition, to write out in words what it is they propose to offer us under a blanket license. When that has been done we will then be ready to negotiate a license agreement, but not before ...

Let us go briefly now to recording rights.

The copyright law provides only one mechanical recording right with a statutory royalty of 2c per copy. It has been the practice in the business to pay more than this on electrical transcriptions and motion pictures.

In fact, one fairly recent case indicates that possibly motion picture synchronization rights, as they refer to them, do not fall within the statutory royalty provisions of the copyright law, and we question whether kinescope recording would fall within the scope of that particular decision.

#### Kinescope Recording

We believe that a kinescope recording is only another recording. It is a mechanical reproduction in the copyright law. We should be able to do it for 2c per print or pressing.

So far as BMI is concerned, we have the recording right very clearly. BMI has passed it on to us just as all other licensees have passed it on in AM broadcasting...

It is our position that in making a network broadcast we must have the means of getting that program to the stations. It can go by radio relay; it can go by cable or it can go by kinescope recording. That is a necessary part of the performing right and we must have it as part of our performing right license.

That is something which we will consider when we finally negotiate ASCAP agreements.

The next category in which we are interested is literary rights. In non-dramatic literary works there is no radio performing right. However, I suggest that you all look carefully at any performances you expect to make of non-dramatic books or poems because it is pos-(Continued on page 14 of Insert)

TV SET FIGURES reported to BROADCASTING during the past week:

Boston-Providence—40,000 as of Jan. 1, reported by WBZ-TV Boston.

St. Louis—17,500 as of Jan. 1, reported by Union Electric Co. of Missouri.

TELECASTING





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CHANNEL 13

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sible that the use may constitute unfair competition.

At lectures, sermons and addresses the copyright owner has the right to deliver the work in public for profit. Such works must be cleared if you are going to use them. In dramatic works the owner has the right to perform publicly.

There is no for-profit element in dramatic performances so far as the copyright law is concerned and all dramatic performances require specific licenses. As far as the sources of these works are concerned, you have no one place to get all rights.

The rights of your staff and freelance writers in television are governed by the terms of their employment. That is purely a question of contract. If you have a Radio Writers Guild AM contract and you want to use an AM script for television, look at the contract because it contains certain specific provisions relating to the use of that material on television.

Plays written for stage productions are a category of works that we are all very much interested in. Generally, the authors of those works hold television rights. You obtain these rights either direct from the artists or through their agents.

Now the motion picture company may have bought the play outright and purchased all the rights, television rights and everything else, and in such a case the man you will have to go to will be the motion picture producer . . .

Each situation has to be judged on its own merits. It is purely a matter of contractual interpretation, and there are many very different legal questions involved in this particular field.

If you want to perform one of those works, by all means get your lawyer into it early and have a thorough search made to find out who has the rights and get them cleared. Also, get your contract signed before you put your play into rehearsal. I have seen a good many cases where the rehearsal was on, the cast hired, and still we did not have a license agreement signed and that is most embarrassing when it happens.

#### Kinescope Rights

Generally, the play agents are granting us kinescope recording rights for this purpose of getting the network program out to the affiliates. They are granting us the right to record for reference, for audition purposes and to use that recording one time over that particular station within 30 days, with regard to the live broadcast . . . As to motion pictures themselves, the basic problems in general are the same as the clearance problems on a live program.

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have performing rights. Up until now the broadcaster has obtained those.

There have been a number of recent decisions in the federal court here and out in Minneapolis which, after holding that ASCAP is a monopoly, have enjoined ASCAP from exercising performing rights in those cases where a motion picture producer has only obtained a recording right at the time a musical composition was put into the picture.

Literary rights, rights of talent, producers, directors, the copyright in the picture itself, all of those things you obtain from the man from whom you buy the picture. Your rights vis a vis talent and writers all come from the producer through the distributor to you.

It is very difficult sometimes to trace that change of title. If you do have difficulty, your principal protection is that you buy from a reputable and responsible source with the broadest type of warranties you can get. In addition to your warranties be sure to check your music because today there is a good deal of music which you are not licensed to perform and your motion picture may contain that kind of music.

#### **Right of Privacy**

The right of privacy is one of the things that causes you and all television broadcasters the most difficulty. In a number of our states the use of the name or picture of an individual for commercial purposes is unlawful...

There is one very clear exception to this doctrine and that is news and newsreels. You may televise or telecast current news. You may telecast historical news, old news, if it is a matter in which the public has a legitimate interest.

Do not fictionalize your news broadcasts. When you do you get outside of that news exception. Stick to matters of legitimate public interest, things in which the people really have a right to see the picture and to the use of the name...

In your television studios print on the back of your tickets a consent to televise as well as a release from all other liabilities. Announce to the studio audience if you are going to televise them that they are going to be televised ...

There are many, many new doctrines which must be established in this field. Many of the broadcasting and motion picture precedents will apply, but we are going to have to feel our way along step by step.

Your lawyers are as deep in television and its novel problems as the operators are. It is important that your lawyers be indoctrinated on your operating problems.

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# WJBK DETROIT

### In New Studios, Offices

ANOTHER step in the expansion program of WJBK Detroit was reached last week when the station moved into new studios and offices atop Detroit's Masonic Temple Bldg. Included on the sixth floor of the building are executive offices for the Fort Industry Co.'s WJBK-AM-FM-TV, two large AM studios, two AM control rooms, two television studios containing GE equipment, a TV studio control room and a TV master control room.

The seventh floor, which will be used for television production, has been designed to house a studio theatre with a seating capacity of 1,200. Plans for its completion are now under way and will include facilities for stage and dramatic productions, audience participation shows and sports events. WJBK-TV is on Channel 2 and carries programs of from CBS and DuMont video networks.

### FM Via TV

WBRC-FM Birmingham's sports staffers, learning they could not set up in the Georgia Tech gymnasium to broadcast the Tech-Alabama basketball game, resorted to a bit of ingenuity. All of Alabama's games had been sold to a sponsor. The game with Tech had to be aired. With the cooperation of John M. Outler Jr., WSB-TV Atlanta general manager, the WBRC-FM crew was provided with a television set, and the play-by-play account was sent to Birmingham listeners from the WSB-TV picture.

JOHN F. HURLBUT, promotion manager for WSYR Syracuse, N. Y., was given a special service pin for the Onondage Council of Girl Scouts. Mr. Hurlbut has been conducting weekly radio workshop classes for the scouts.





ARK ETHRIDGE, publisher of the Louisville Times and Courier-Journal (WHAS), has accepted the appointment as U. S. representative on the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission, the White House announced last week.

BERNARD S. MORLEY, formerly sales manager of WPRO Providence, R. I., has been appointed manager of WTNS Coshocton, Ohio.

JOHN DEME has been appointed general manager of WNOC Norwich, Conn. Other new staff appointments announced by H. ROSS PERKINS, owner, include: NOEL C. BREAULT, as sales manager, and JACK PUR-RINGTON, as program director.

MILTON B. GARBER, for 10 years general manager of KCRC Enid, Okla., has been appointed editor of the Enid Morning News and Daily Eagle. Mr. Garber also has been named to the publishing company's board of direc-tors. GEORGE L. TARTER, formerly commercial manager of KOCY Oklahoma City, is new general manager of KCRC.

WILLIAM E. RINE, managing direc-tor of WWVA Wheeling, W. Va., has been elected Illus-



annual election held on Jan. 14. FRANK KELLY, assistant manager of WBEN Buffalo, is the father of a girl, Rosemarie. J. P. WILLIAMS, executive vice president of WING

Mr. Rine Dayton, Ohio, and WIZE Springfield, Ohio, has been elected one of 10 direc-

tors of the Dayton Community Chest. JOSEPH J. GARVEY, sales manager of WJOL Joliet, Ill., will become general manager of station, effective tomorrow (Feb. 1). He replaces R. L. BOWLES, vice president and general manager of Joliet Broadcasting Co., who has resigned to reside in Eustis, Fla.

A. T. SHIELDS, formerly manager of of KRUL Corvallis, Ore., has joined WLDY Ladysmith, Wis., as general manager.

JIM WOODRUFF Jr., executive manager of WRBL Columbus, Ga., has been Columbus re-elected president of Chamber of Commerce.

BOB MANN, assistant manager of WDAR Savannah, Ga., has resigned to become public relations director for the city of Savannah. He is being replaced by MILTON BELLAH, account executive for WDAR. JULIAN SILVER, sports director, has been appointed account executive to succeed Mr. Bellah.

HENRY P. JOHNSTON, executive vice president of Birmingham News Co. and managing director of WSGN and WSGN-FM Birmingham, has been re-elected chairman of the board of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Uniontown, Ala.

ADOLPH N. HULT, vice president in charge of Midwest operations for MBS, has been appointed radio chairman of the Chicago Brotherhood Week committee.



# Actions of the FCC

**JANUARY 21 to JANUARY 27** 

#### January 24 Decisions . . .

BY COMMISSION EN BANC

#### AM-1280 kc

Eugene Bestrs. Inc., Eugene, Ore.-Granted CP new station 1280 kc 1 kw unl. DA-N, engineering cond.; esti-mated cost: \$32,570.

#### Ant. Change

WKNE Keene, N. H.—Granted CP make changes in DA-D pattern; engi-neering cond.

**DA** Changes WLOF Orlando, Fla.-Granted CP change from DA-DN to DA-N.

#### Petition Granted

WDLP Panama City, Fla.--Upon pe-tition by WDLP, removed from hearing docket and granted application for mod. license to operate with DA-N only on 590 kc 1 kw unl.

#### Modification of CP

WMBD Peoria, III.—Granted mod. CP to make changes in DA; engineer-ing cond. KXOC Chico, Calif.—Granted mod. CP to change trans. location and type trans. and to increase D power from 1 to 5 kw; engineering cond.

#### Ant. Changes

WNBF Binghamton, N. Y.--Granted CP make changes in ant. and mount FM and TV ant. on No. 1 center AM tower; engineering cond.

**Hearing** Designated Associates Bestg. Corp. and New nal ion tter hours

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 Bedford Bestg. Corp., New Bedford, Mass. — Designated for consolidated hearing applications of Associates Bestg. Corp. and New Bedford Bestg. Corp. both seeking new station 1270 kc 500 w D.
 Radio Corp. of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio —Designated for hearing application for new station 1470 kc 1 kw unl. DA-2 in consolidated proceeding with other Toledo and made KPLC Lake Charles. La., party to proceeding.
 WHAS Inc., Louisville, Ky.—Ordered competing applications by Crosley Bestg. Corp., The Fort Industry Co. and Hope Productions Inc. to acquire fa-cilities of WHAS. Inc., to be heard in consolidated proceeding at Washing-ton on Feb. 28. Involved are WHAS.
 WHAS-FM. WHAS-TV, W9XWT (fac-simile). W9XEK (developmental) and six remote pickup stations, all in Louis-ville and controlled by Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. As advertised under AVCO procedure, price is \$1,925,000, subject to certain adjustments. In addition application of WHAS Inc. for additional time in which to construct WHAS-TV was designated to be heard same day.
 January 24 Applications ...

#### January 24 Applications . . . TENDERED FOR FILING

**Transfer of Control** 

KHJ-AM-FM Los Angeles; KGB San Diego, KFRC San Francisco, KDB Santa Barbara and KTSL (TV) Holly-wood, Calif.-Involuntary transfer of Control of Thomas S. Lee Enterprises d/b as Don Lee Bestg. System. licensee,



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from Thomas S. Lee to Lewis Allen Weiss and Willet H. Brown, guardians of estate of Thomas S. Lee. License for CP

KWK St. Louis-License to cover CP increase power etc.

#### License Renewal

KBLF Red Bluff, Calif.-License re-newal AM station.

#### **Modification** of CP

KSBR San Bruno, Calif.—Mod. CP new FM station for extension of com-pletion date. WNLC-FM New London, Conn.—

WNLC-FM New London, Conn.--Same. WTUX-FM Wilmington, Del.--Same. WTUX-FM Macon, Ga.--Same. KCRK Cedar Rapids, Iowa--Same. WHDL-FM Alleghany, N. Y.-Same. WXRA-FM Buffalo, N. Y.--Same. KTUL-FM Tulsa, Okla.--Mod. CP new FM station to change ERP from 170 to 2.52 kw, ant. height above aver-age terrain from 630 ft. to 270 ft. WNAM-FM Neenah, Wis.--Mod. CP new FM station to change ERP from 9.4 kw to 3.1 kw. ant. height above average terrain from 300 ft. to 284 ft.

#### License for CP

WNHC-FM New Haven, Conn.—Li-cense to cover CP new FM station. WAFB-FM Baton Rouge, La.—Same. WVBT Bristol Center, N. Y.—Same. WVCV Cherry Valley, N. Y.—Same. WVCN DeRuyter Village, N. Y.—

Same. WVFC Ithaca, N. Y.—Same. WVBN Turin Village, N. Y.—Same. WFNF Wetherfield, N. Y.—Same.

#### Transfer of Control

Transfer of control WSON-FM Henderson, Ky.—Acquisi-tion of control of Henderson Bcstg. Co. Inc., licensee, by H. S. Lackey from Pierce E. Lackey, Montana L. Lackey and The Paducah Bcstg. Co.

#### TV-198-204 mc

Commonwealth Bestg. Corp., Norfolk, Va.-CP new commercial TV station Channel 13 (210-216 mc). ERP 19.4 kw vis., and aur., uni. AMENDED to re-quest Channel 11 (198-204 mc), ERP 19.9 kw vis. and aur.

#### License Renewal

W8XGZ Gus Zaharis, Charleston, V. Va.-License renewal exp. TV staw. tion.

#### TENDERED FOR FILING

#### Assignment of License

Assignment of License WINX-AM-FM Washington, D. C.-Assignment of license for AM to Wil-liam A. Banks and assignment of CP for FM to WTOP Inc. Present owner is WINX Bestg. Co. KDLK Del Rio, Tex.-Assignment of license from James A. Clements. Rich-ard J. Higgins, Thomas O. Mathews and Joe H. Torbett d/b as Del Rio Bestg. Co. to Del Rio Bestg. Co.

#### Transfer of Control

WFAH Alliance, Ohio-Relinquish-ment of control of licensee, Review Pub. Co., caused by death of Arthur H. Hoiles.

#### AM-1240 kc

KSTV Stephenville, Tex.-CP change from 1510 kc 250 w D to 1240 kc 250 w unl.

#### January 25 Decisions . . .

#### BY THE SECRETARY

BY THE SECRETARY Gus Zaharis, Charleston, W. Va.-Granted license covering move of trans. of exp. TV station W8XGZ. WKY Radiophone Co., Oklahoma City -Granted license and CP for new exp. TV relay W5XWG W5XHW W5XSX. General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y. -Granted CP for new TV station W2XGM.

W2XGM. KVRO Brownsville Herald Pub. Co., Brownsville, Tex.—Granted request to cancel CP for new FM station. KVMR Valley Evening Monitor Inc., McAllen, Tex.—Same. WDEL-TV Wilmington, Del.—Grant-ed mod. CP to make ant. changes and change ERP to vis. 0.476 kw, aur. 0.341 kw.

ed mod. CP to make ant changes and change ERP to vis. 0.476 kw, aur. 0.341 kw.
KRLD-TV Dallas, Tex. — Granted mod. CP to make slight change in studio and trans. locations and to make minor changes in ant.
Following were granted extension of completion dates as shown: KGIB Bremerton, Wash., to 4-15-49; WRUN Utica. N. Y., to 7-29-49; WBGE-FM Utica. N. Y., to 7-29-49; WBGE-FM VAULARD, N. Y., to 7-39-49; WAVZ-FM New Haven. Conn. to 8-30-49; WAVZ-FM New Haven. Con., to 8-32-49; WAVZ-FM Waterloo, Iowa. to 8-22-49; WIOD-FM Miami, Fla. to 8-21-49; WKAL-TV Utica. N. Y., to 6-1-49; WXAG West Lafayette. Ind.. to 6-34-49; WXCG Change the standard station 1450 kc 250 w unl.

WKIN Kittanning, Pa.—Granted vol-untary assignment of license to WKIN Inc.

WKIN Kittanning, Pa.—Granted voluntary assignment of license to WKIN inc.
 WIRE-FM Indianapolis Gestg. Inc., Indianapolis—Granted request to cancel CP for new FM station.
 WNYS Nashville Radio Corp., Nashville, Tenn.—Same.
 KFMV Hollywood, Calif. — Granted mod. CP to change corporate name to Union Bestg. Corp. of Calif.
 WJCD Seymour, Ind.—Granted mod. CP to approval of ant., trans. and studio locations, and change type trans. Following were granted extension of completion dates as shown: KING Seattle, to 4-11-49; WKAR-FM Reast Lansing, Mich., to 3-27-49; WCBT-FM Roanoke Rapids, N. C., to 5-15-49; WMUR-FM Canton, Ohio, to 4-11-49; WMUR-FM Manchester, N. H., to 4-15-49; WFNS-FM Burlington, N. C., to 5-10-49; KFMV Hollywood, to 2-15-49; WHIO-TV Dayton, Ohio, to 6-449; KTOY Tacoma, Wash., to 5-2-49; KMCD-FM Medford, Ore., to 3-2-49; KMCAF-FM Medford, Ore., to 3-2-49; KMCAF-FM Medford, Ore., to 3-2-49; WURCA Schenectady, N. Y., to 4-19-49; WURAF STH. Mod Chrein, to 5-149; WIWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WHUD-TV Dayton, Ohio, to 6-449; KTOY Tacoma, Wash., to 3-20-49; WICAF Medford, Ore., to 3-2-49; KMCAF-FM Medford, Ore., to 3-2-49; WICAF STH.FM Port Huron. Mich., to 5-149; WHWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WHWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WIWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WHWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WHWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-449; WEGA Schenectady, N. Y., to 4-19-49; WICAF STH.FM Port Huron. Mich., to 5-1-49; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49; WIWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49; WIWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-149; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49; WIWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49; WWD Dayton, Ohio, to 5-20-49;

#### BY COMMISSIONER JONES

BY COMMISSIONER JONES The Toledo Biade Co., Toledo. Ohio -Granted petition for leave to amend application to show redemption of 1250 sh. preferred nonvoting stock: to show addition of Clarence M. Condon as secretary of applicant etc. Vulcan Bestg. Co., Birmingham. Ala. -Granted petition for continuance of hearing scheduled Jan. 24 to March 3 at Birmingham. Balesville Bostg. Co., Batesville, Ark. -Denied petition for continuance of oral argument scheduled for Jan. 26 in re application and that of White River Valley Bestrs. Inc. KSOO Sloux Falls, S. D.-Granted petition for continuance of oral argu-ment presently scheduled Feb. 4 to date subsequently to be specified.

#### January 25 Applications . . .

#### ACCEPTED FOR FILING

SSA-1540 kc

WJMJ Philadelphia - Extension of SSA for 1540 kc 1 kw D for period not to exceed 6 mo.

#### **Modification of CP**

Modification of Cr KPLC Lake Charles, La.-Mod. CP change frequency, increase power etc. for extension of completion date. WEAU Eau Claire, Wis.-Mod. CP increase power etc. for extension of completion date. WHIS Bluefield, W. Va.-Same.

#### Assignment of License

Assignment of License WOOF Dothan, Ala.—Assignment of license from R. A. Dowling Jr. and Owens Fitzgerald Alexander d.b as Dowlander Bestg. Co. to R. A. Dowling Jr. tr/as Dowlander Bestg. Co. WCNU Crestvitew, Fiz.—Assignment of license from Cyril W. Reddoch and Shores Bestg. Co. to Cril W. Reddoch. John B. McCrary and D. G. O'Nell d/b WSYR Syracuse, N. Y.—Assignment of license from Central New York Bestg. Corp. to Radio Projects Inc.. arent firm. KTAN Sherman, Tex.—Assignment of license from Denison Broadcast Corp. to Sherman Broadcast Corp. WTRR Sanford, Flz.—Assignment of license from James S. Rivers tr/as Southeastern Bestg. System to Myron A. Reck. WSID Essex, Md.—Assignment of li-

Southeastern Bcstg. System to Myron A. Reck. WSID Essex, Md.—Assignment of li-cense from Sidney H. Tinley Jr. to United Bcstg. Co. Inc. KANS Wichtia, Kan.—Assignment of license from Kansas Bcstg. Inc. to Taylor Radio and Television Corp. KRGV Weslaco. Tex.—Assignment of license from KRGV Inc. to Taylor Radio and Television Corp.

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OUNGSTERS' dreams and ambitions have become a "reality" on WPTZ (TV) Philadelphia. Each week station invites children from 6 to 13 years to participate in What Do You Want to Be. New program depicts a scene from some phase of business or profession and the children are invited to act the parts. With opticals, trick camera shots and coordinated sound effects and background music a sense of reality is created. On the first telecast American Airlines had one of its transports reproduced, the youngsters portraying the parts of "pilot," "co-pilot" and "stewardess." Special camera shots done with mirrors that were rocked gently created the illusion that the plane was "taking off." What Do You Want to Be is sponsored by the Chevrolet Dealers Assn. of Philadelphia, through Gray & Rogers Adv., that city. Dealers select children to appear by auditions in their showrooms each week.

#### **Progress** in Medicine

**DOCTORS** and pharmacists of Albany Medical and Pharmacy Colleges will discuss progress in medical science on WPTR Albany, N. Y., new series, Adventures in Medicine. Aired each Sunday at 12:15 p.m., program is under direction of Albany Pharmaceutical Assn.

#### 'Over-the-Chuckwagon'

NEWS, views and interviews conthe Texas out-of-doors is cerning format of WOAI San Antonio's newest program, The Roving Banker. Lucian Jones, vice president in charge of agricultural and livestock division of Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, sponsor of program, is the "Roving sponsor of program, is the "Roving Banker," and with Bill Shomette, WOAI farm and ranch director, visits surrounding communities and partici-pates in discussions of interest to listeners whose occupations and activities are allied with out-door life. Live and transcribed interviews with bank presidents, farmers, ranchers, sportsmen and agricultural authorities are featured on the series.

DEDICATED to and paying tribute to people in its listening area, WCOA Pensacola, Fla., is airing new Good Neighbor program, thrice weekly. Neighbor

Show features the "Good Neighbor" letter of the day and prizes for the "Good Neighbor" of the day. Also included are poems of friendship and humorous adages with appropriate background music.

#### 'Voice of the Blind'

INFORMATIVE talks by a blind person on how public can help the blind are being heard on a new public service broadcast, Voice of the Blind on KGFJ Hollywood. The program, heard a quarter-hour weekly, is conducted by James B. Garfield, blind for the past seven years, who gives helpful hints on how the blind should be treated, tells of various traffic laws made to protect them, and other important but little-thought-of-facts on how one can help a blind person.

#### 'Washington Town Hall'

UNDER auspices of League of Women Voters, WOL Washington is presenting Washington Town Hall on alter-nate Fridays at 10:30 p.m. Program is devoted to topics of public interest and features guest speakers who are authorities in their fields. First broadcast, Jan. 21, was devoted to subject: "How Far Can the Rights of Individuals be Guaranteed Internationally.'

# **Booklet Issued by Cairns**

SALES IMPACT of television is the reason for using the medium now, according to Television Today, 24-page brochure prepared by John A. Cairns & Co., New York.

Television advertisers, the booklet reports, already have succeeded in reaping unprecedented returns. It notes that telerating organizations underscore the fact that sponsor identification is high-with a one-time shot identification reaching 35% and responses on small offerings totaling as high as 40% (radio, it says, considers 1% good).

The booklet's approach, the agency claimed, is factual and statistical, with editorializing kept to a minimum. It traces TV from its debut to the March 18, 1947 FCC ruling against color-television and notes that since then it "has expanded with the momentum of a gold rush." It sets forth the present station, network and audience picture, discusses advertising costs and briefs case histories in spots, participation programs and cosponsorship programs.

It calls 1948 the first full year of commercial television and said \$10 million in advertising revenue was scheduled for the year with TV's potential revenue predicted to be four times as great as radio's today-eventually a \$6 billion industry.



Tribute to Citizens A survey made in 1947 for his or-Zist Year regional promotion campaigns

HOWARD J. McCOLLISTER 10660 BELLAGIO, LOS ANGELES . BR 04705 Shows with a Hollywood Heritage \* Member N-A-B-

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VIDEO BOOKSELLER

Best Means for Mass Merchandising—Tiffany

TELEVISION offers the best means available today for the mass merchandising of books, according to J. Raymond Tiffany, general manager of the Book Mfrs. Institute.

But instead of using this medium as an aid to their business, publishers are letting it become "devastating competitor," he 8 warned.

ganization by Psychological Corp. of New York and by Hoff Institute of Management showed that

readers gave their available time to competing leisure activities as follows: radio 49%; newspapers 21%; magazines 11%; movies 11%, and books 8%.

"I have talked with a number of set owners," Mr. Tiffany said, "and without exception, they have said that the whole family was reading less than before they installed television."

He maintained that "we need constructive thinking on the problem by the best brains in the book publishing and manufacturing and television industries."

Particularly, he singled out the book publishers for criticism, who, he said, operate generally under the mistaken belief that books can't be merchandised the way other products are. He urged a change in this viewpoint and said "now's the time especially to merchandise through well-publicized television programs."

"That books can be merchandised like other products," he said. "is proved by the way encyclopedia companies sell their product door-to-door-and they're doing a big business, too. The trouble with book publishers is that they do not have enough outlets-and television could help them in this direction."

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# KMED TRANSFER Sale Negated by FCC Procedure Rule

THE "NO SALE" SIGN was rung up last week over the most bitterly contested transfer case FCC has faced since it put the AVCO publicbidding policy on transfers into effect in October 1945.

The Commission was informed the Medford, Ore., by Mrs. W. J. Virgin to Luther E. Gibson's Gibson Broadcasting is all off. With the information FCC got a politely reproachful letter of explanation noting that all the so-called transfer had brought Mr. Gibson was an out-of-pocket expense of some \$40,000.

The case has been pending almost as long as the AVCO advertising policy has been in effect. It went through the open-biding procedure required by the AVCO rule, with FCC subsequently approving transfer not to Gibson Broadcasting but to Medford Radio Corp., a local firm which had filed a competing bid [BROADCASTING, Nov. 3, 1947].

But Mrs. Virgin and Medford Radio were not able to come to terms, and Medford Radio finally withdrew [BROADCASTING, Sept. 6, 1948]. Mrs. Virgin and Gibson Broadcasting then asked FCC to reinstate and grant their original application.

The Commission granted reinstatement—but ruled that the application was in effect a new one and therefore would have to go through the public advertising procedure again. This action, dis-

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The Commission was informed that the \$250,000-plus sale of KMED edford, Ore., by Mrs. W. J. Virgin \*

closed last week, was taken Dec. 8. Norman E. Jorgensen, Washington attorney, wrote FCC on behalf of Mrs. Virgin and Gibson Broadcasting that it obviously would have been impossible to advertise the sale for the AVCO-prescribed 60-day period in the time between Dec. 8 and Dec. 31, when the contract expired.

"Thus," he wrote, "the entire sale and transfer of this station was as effectively denied as if the Commission had refused to permit it."

He continued:

It is respectfully pointed out to the Commission that two years and nine months have elapsed from the date this contract of sale was first executed. During all this period of time the proposed purchaser had financial commisments to the seller and to the Commission totaling nearly \$400,000. During that period of time, there have been wide and frequent fluctuations of the radio industry as a whole as well as many changes in Radio Station KMED tiself.

itself. The station has had its power increased from 1000 to 5000 w, necessitating further capital commitments, and its competitive and network position in the radio industry has been changed. All of the economic and other factors entering into the operation of a business of this size and character have been subject to pronounced fluctuations several times during this long period from April 6, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1986 and

The sale contract having expired on the latter date, it is now impossible for the parties to agree upon a new contract for the sale and transfer of this facility and therefore in view of the Commission's decision of Dec. 8, 1948, they are no longer able to proceed.

I am sure that the Commission will appreciate Mr. Gibson's reluctance again to commit the very considerable

### KFPW'S GARNER Named State Senator

WDSU broadcasts 5000 watts from the. French Quarter to the Gulf and South Louisiaan listeners. From daily association with time.honored New Orleast institutions WDSU has developed a high quality of integration wDSU devotes program time regularly and exclusively to the St. Louis Cathedral, WDSU's dominate Hoop origi local institutions creates high listener loyaly.



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A NEW entry on the political scene, and now an Arkansas State Senator, is J. E. "Pat" Garner, news editor and commentator of KFPW Fort Smith. During his tenure of office in Little Rock, the state capital, Mr. Garner delivers a daily report on the happenings of the legislature. The program, brought to the station by leased wire, is sponsored by Ross Motor Co.

Mr. Garner, 54, went to Fort Smith as a newspaper man in 1923. He worked there for about 15 years as a copy reader, reporter and night news editor on the Southwest American. He spent one summer in Europe and after his return worked for several months on a newspaper in Louisiana. In 1938 Mr. Garner returned to Fort Smith as the KFPW news editor.

Mr. Garner was elected without opposition in the Democratic primaries last summer and in the general election last November. Two opponents reportedly withdrew before the first primary. sum of money that had been pledged to this particular venture for almost three years, to no result except an out-of-pocket cost to him of some forty thousand dollars.

Mr. Gibson is licensee of KHUB Watsonville and KSLI (FM) Salinas, Calif. Under the expired contract with Mrs. Virgin he would have given her \$250,000 plus a onethird interest in Gibson Broadcasting, in return for KMED. KMED is on 1440 kc with 5 kw day and 1 kw night.

Mrs. Virgin's refusal to sell to Medford Radio, the FCC-approved purchaser, was based on her claims that the new company's offer was not the same as Mr. Gibson's and therefore did not meet the "same terms" provision of the AVCO rule. Comr. Robert F. Jones, who dissented from FCC's approval of transfer to Medford Radio, sided with Mrs. Virgin on this point.

NAB ADDITIONS

Pischke, Tower Join

ADDITION of two staff assistants has been announced by NAB since the first of the year. Vail Pischke has joined the general counsel's office as an attorney [BROADCAST-ING, Dec. 13]. Charles H. Tower joins NAB Feb. 1 as assistant to the director, Employe-Employer Relations Dept., serving under Richard P. Doherty.

Mr. Tower has attended Boston U. Law School for the past two years, lecturing on industrial relations and personnel management at the School of Business Administration as well as conducting private arbitration work. He formerly was field examiner for the National Labor Relations Board in Pittsburgh, and was with RCA 1943-45 in industrial engineering and personnel work. He received his AB in political science at Williams College in 1941 and was graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1943.

Mr. Pischke was head of radio activities of the law firm of Norman M. Littell, Washington and prior to that had been with the firm of Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin & Ellis.

#### MICH. CONFERENCE Hull Will Speak March 4

RICHARD HULL, president of the National Assn. of Educational Broadcasters, is scheduled as one of the principal speakers at the fourth annual Michigan Radio Conference March 4 at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

The conference, titled "Radio Serves in a Democracy," is designed to effect closer cooperation between stations and schools. The all-day session will be attended by radio executives, school administrators, teachers and representatives of civic groups. It is under the direction of J. D. Davis, assistant professor of speech at the college.

Other speakers include D. Hale Brake, state treasurer; Lee Thurston, state superintendent of public instruction; M. L. Greenbaum, president of the Michigan Assn. of Broadcasters; Stanley Barnett, WOOD Grand Rapids, and Dr. Willis Dunbar, WKZO Kalamazoo.

## CANADA MEET Operation Costs Covered

SALES MANAGEMENT and the mounting costs of station operation were main topics at annual meeting of managers of the mutually operated stations of All-Canada Radio Facilities Ltd., held at Hotel Palliser, Calgary, Jan. 10-12. Annual meeting of production and sales managers of the organization's stations is to be held at Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, April 25-27, with Guy Herbert of the Toronto office as chairman.

Attending the managers meeting were Frank Elphicke, CKWX Vancouver; M. V. Chesnut, CJVI Victoria; Bert Cairns, CFAC Calgary; Gerry Gaetz, CJCA Edmonton; Bill Guild, CJOC Lethbridge; Stuart MacKay, CKRM Regina; Harold Crittenden, CKCK Regina; Bill Spears, CKRC Winnipeg; Bill Cranston, CKOC Hamilton; Art Balfour, CFGP Grand Prairie, and Mr. Herbert.


# The Public Interest

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manager, was in charge of publicity for the benefit.

Sparking the March of Dimes in Coshocton, Ohio, WTNS aired a unique, money - getting program three times a week for one hour during the campaign. Talent included leading business men, bankers, political figures, etc. At the request of listeners who sent contributions, a quartet of bankers harmonized on "Money Is the Root of All Evil," the chief of police sang the "Prisoner's Song," and other such stunts. Campaign was culminated with a two-hour rally conducted by WTNS.

"Dawes-for-a-Day" contest helped to swell the collections of WCKY Cincinnati. Bill Dawes. m.c. of Makebelieve Ballroom, offered to take over the household duties of the Greater Cincinnati lady able to collect the most for the March of Dimes in her neighborhood. Mr. Dawes' program for today (Jan. 31) was to be broadcast from the home of the winner. In addition Mr. Dawes raised funds by playing request tunes on his program at the rate of a "dime a tune."

### WTBC Show

Special one and a half hour March of Dimes show was aired by WTBC Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jan. 17. The entire show was composed of local talent—20 participants in all. WTBC donated the time and the entertainers contributed their talent.

Second annual "March of Dimes Jamboree" was sponsored by WAML Laurel, Miss., Jan. 28 at the Civic Center. Well publicized in advance with posters, air plugs and newspaper advertising, the show featured local radio talent plus contests with prizes contributed by local merchants.

Riddle contests, always a good source of money raising, were used heavily again this year. WORZ Orlando, Fla., in conjunction with local merchants, sponsored a contest in the form of a riddle read by a famous radio personality. To win the \$5,000 in merchandise offered, the winner was required to identify the personality and solve the rid-

dle. And, of course, entries were accompanied by contributions.

In Richmond, Va., WMBG and the Richmond-Henrico Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis sponsored a "Mr. Whisper" contest. Each Friday night during January, WMBG aired clues to the identity of "Mr. Whisper," a well known local citizen. Listeners writing the best letters on why we should support the March of Dimes and sending contributions were given a chance to identify the voice.

A "finish the sentence" contest was conducted by WWGP Sanford, N. C., and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Listeners were urged to try for attractive prizes by contributing to the drive and completing the sentence: "We all should join the March of Dimes because . . ."

Jan. 17 was designated as "M Day" for the March of Dimes on WLNH Laconia, N. H. The local broadcast day was devoted entirely to the campaign. Highlight of the day was the performance of Laconia's Mayor Albert A. Parmentier who took over the m.c. duties of a disc jockey to promote the cause. Requests were honored only if accompanied by an "I support" statement.

Scranton, Pa., stations WSCR WGBI WABM and WQAN-FM combined forces Jan. 26 to present a Disc Jockey dance. The idea was conceived by Michael Woloson, WSCR announcer. Record m.c.'s from each of the stations contributed the music for the dance, each spinning records in his individual style. To begin the dance, Mayor James Hanlon played the first record as honorary disc jockey. Admission to the dance was by donation to the March of Dimes.

To provide a kickoff for the District of Columbia's 1949 campaign, WOL and the *Washington Daily News* cooperatively engineered a week-long promotion drive which was climaxed on Jan. 14 with an 18-hour March of Dimes day on the station.

On your Radio

10.000 W DAY TIME

5.000 W NIGHT TIME

**Represented** by



JACK TRUELL, stricken last summer with polio, records his thanks to the people of Lexington, N. C., for the over \$3,500 donated by them for the support of him and his family. WBUY Lexington raised the money through a series of special programs featuring leaders of civic clubs. Mr. Truell's wife, Marie, and Bob Ray of WBUY are included on the recording.

# POLIO SHOWS Cleveland Tries New Plan

EACH of Cleveland's five fulltime AM stations presented a midnight show on behalf of the March of Dimes campaign—with no other Cleveland outlet on the air at the time—Victor Pignolet, publicity director for the drive in the Ohio metropolis, announced. Shows were presented before the close of the campaign Jan. 31.

On the night assigned to each station to broadcast its March of Dimes show the other stations signed off early and asked their audiences to listen to the fund-raising jamboree, Mr. Pignolet said.

Heading the committee responsible for originating and activating the special March of Dimes broadcasts is C. M. (Pinky) Hunter, WHK. Others on the committee are: Reginald Merridew, WGAR; Jake Hines, WTAM; Lawrence Webb, WJW, and Samuel R. Sague, WSRS (Cleveland Heights). Radio editors of the three Cleveland dailies, *Plain Dealer, Press* and *News*, are assisting in the promotion, and both the American Federation of Radio Artists and the Musicians Union of Cleveland have pledged their cooperation.

# Coin Video

TELECOIN Corp., New York, will introduce shortly Tele-Video, large screen commercial television receiver, to be adaptable for coin operation if desired by those installing it. Tele-Video screen sizes will be varied, as will the number of coins necessary to operate the machine where coin operation is desired by the owner. The receiver will operate without the use of coins if so desired. Jay Electronics Corp. of New York has been appointed distributor for the new receiver throughout the greater New York area.

# MCCLATCHY

### **Buys New Sacramento Site**

PURCHASE of a block-square site in Sacramento for radio, television and newspaper operations has been announced by the McClatchy Newspapers. Firm's interests in the California capital include KFBK (50 kw on 1530 kc), KFBK-FM (Channel 245, 96.9 mc), The Sacramento Bee, Bee Engraving and a projected television station.

The new site was acquired for \$275,000 from Joseph T. Grace Farms Inc. and Buffalo Brewery Inc., corporations owning the brewery. McClatchy will take over part of the property in four months and the balance two months later, and eventually plans to erect there a building housing all of its Sacramento radio, television and newspaper activities. Brewery now occupying the site will continue doing business there until approximately April 1.

McClatchy is an applicant for two television stations, one at Sacramento, which would operate on Channel 10 (192-198 mc), the other at Fresno (Channel 7, 174-180 mc). McClatchy operates KMJ Fresno and is an applicant for FM there. Other McClatchy stations are KOH Reno, Nev., KERN Bakersfield, Calif., and KWG Stockton, Calif.



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**R**OGER BROWN, general manager since 1945 of Earle Ferris Co., New York public relations firm, has been elected president of the firm. EARLE FERRIS, founder and former president, becomes chairman of the board.

A. C. NIELSEN Co., Chicago, has announced that Kenyon & Eckhardt and Ruthrauff & Ryan, both New York, have purchased its new National Nielsen Radio Index. Esso Standard Oil Co. and Standard Oil of New Jersey also have signed a joint three-year agreement for Class A service, including non-network and extra-week ratings.

JOSEPH B. ELLIOTT has been appointed vice president in charge of RCA Victor Consumer Products, Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J. Other new RCA appointments include: L. W. TEEGARDEN as vice presient in charge of RCA technical activities; HENRY G. BAKER promoted to general manager of Home Instrument Dept., and RICHARD T. ORTH to general manager of Tube Dept.

HERBERT H. WIXSON, sales manager for KMPC Hollywood for past six years, has resigned to enter radio package field. Mr. Wixson is currently



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working on syndication of two already developed radio shows, one of which KMPC has contracted for.

PALMER BRINK, vice president and general manager of Morris & Cain agency, Los Angeles, and SCOTT HUNT, his assistant, have resigned to form their own advertising and radio packaging firm. They are now producing five-weekly hour participation show, Your Breakfast Date, on KGIL San Fernando, Calif.

C. E. HOOPER Inc., New York, has announced that WAPO Chattanooga, Tenn., and WJR Detroit, have signed for area coverage index reports.

WILLIAM W. BOYNE has been appointed general manager of Zenith Radio Corp., New York, replacing. HARRY J. WINES, resigned. Mr. Boyne joined firm in 1943, and has been general manager of Radio Distributing Corp., Chicago subsidiary, for past two years.

CHESTER RHODES has joined Dudley, Anderson & Yutzy, public relations counselors, New York, as a radio producer and writer. Mr. Rhodes was formerly assistant program director of WGAY Silver Spring, Md.

CHET L. SWITAL, Los Angeles public relations man, has been retained by Rex Transamerican Television Corp., to direct public relations and coordinate P. R. programs into one overall endeavor.

DR. A. V. ASTIN, formerly assistant chief of Electronics Division of National Bureau of Standards, Washington, has been promoted to chief. He succeeds the late HARRY DIAMOND, who died last June.

EDGAR H. FELIX, formerly Washinton representative, Transmitter Division, Allen B. DuMont Labs., has been promoted to Northern District supervisor for the division, with headquarters at 176 Franklin Ave., Malverne, N. Y. He will have charge of territory comprising New England, upstate New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington, Oregon and California.

KEN MCALLISTER has been appointed manager of distribution and promotion for Columbia Records Inc., New York. JEFF WILSON has been appointed manager of distribution and merchandising for firm.

E. D. WHITTLESEY, director of public relations at U. of Denver, has resigned, effective March 1, to head Research Services Inc., Denver, where he will handle market surveys, employe attitude studies and opinion polls.

### Television

JERRY MASON has resigned as associate editor of *This Week* magazine to join Eddie Albert Productions, Hollywood and New York, as executive vice president. Mr. Mason will make his headquarters at firm's New York office.



THE newly remodeled studios of WSAP and WSAP-FM Portsmouth, Va. [BROADCASTING, Nov. 15, 1948], are entered through this modern lobby. The stations are licensed to Portsmouth Radio Corp.

'V MASKING

# Uniformity Is Urged By IRE Speaker

LACK-of standard size and shape for the "masks" which television set makers use to hide the edges of their viewing tubes imposes the need for caution on TV broadcasters, F. J. Bingley, chief video engineer of WOR-TV New York, said Jan. 22 at a one-day seminar on television

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Mr. Bingley

held in New York by the Institute of Radio Engineers.

If the broadcaster is not careful, he may transmit important information, such as the commercial, so that it runs into areas of the picture

which will not be visible to many set-owners, Mr. Bingley said. He urged TV broadcasters to get together on a standard area of transmission in which they will confine all important visual information, such as titles, commercial signatures and the like. Then, he said, set makers should also agree to design their tube masks so as not to cut into this area of vital intelligence.

Donald Fink of *Electronics* commented on "mildness" of Mr. Bingley's remarks. He pointed out that "spectrum economy" is a at a one-day seminar on television major problem in television and that any TV broadcaster who fails to utilize the full spectrum of his assigned channel is not living up

to the conditions of his license. Mr. Bingley agreed, but pointed out that the broadcaster must also be realistic about the facts. As long as the set makers find it necessary to curtail at the receiving end some of the pictorial information broadcast, he said, the broadcasters should see that important part of the broadcast matter does not get into the danger zone where it may be cut off from the viewer.

In his talk on the problem of television and transmission and reception, Mr. Bingley stressed the lock-and-key relationship of transmitter and receiver and urged the adoption of uniform standards for both broadcasters and set manufacturers. Among the major problems he discussed was that of "camera color," where the shades of clothing apparently change with



each change of camera. He cited a recent basketball telecast in which each change of camera seemed to change the uniforms of the players, so that those in dark trunks at one moment became those in the light trunks in the next, to the confusion of the viewing audience.

Another pressing problem is that of picture geometry, he said, urging that more rigid standards be adopted for scanning velocities to prevent the changes in picture quality the viewer gets not only in tuning from one station to another but even in camera switches from a single station.

Other speakers at the all-day Saturday meeting, held in the Engineering Societies Bldg., were: Irving E. Lempert, Allen B. Du-Mont Labs, speaking on "Trends in Television Receiver Design"; Frank R. Norton, Bendix Aviation Corp., on "Noise Figures of Television Receivers": Robert F. Romero, RCA Industry Service Lab, on "Television-Tuner Analysis and Design Considerations"; Kurt Schlesinger, Motorola Inc., on "The Locked Oscillator in Television Reception"; B. M. Oliver, Bell Labs, on "A Rooter for Video Signals." D. D. Israel, Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp., was moderator of the morning session; Garrard Mountjoy, Stromberg - Carlson, moderated during the afternoon.

Newfoundland Radio

ON MARCH 31 Newfoundland be-

comes the 10th province of Canada,

and Newfoundland broadcasting

stations will come under the Cana-

dian Broadcasting Act. There are

at present three stations in the

island country, where the United

States has long-term leases on

naval, air and weather bases. Two

of the stations are operated by the

Newfoundland Broadcasting Corp.,

use some commercial programs,

and will go to the Canadian Broad-

casting Corp. The two stations,

VONF St. Johns, and VOWN Cor-

nerbrook, are now represented in

Canada by All-Canada Radio

Facilities, Toronto. The third sta-

tion, VOCM St. Johns, is privately-

owned, and is represented in Can-

ada by H. N. Stovin & Co., Toronto.

# ROOF ANTENNAE WHLI Head Proposes Bill

ADOPTION of a bill in New York State to halt landlords from denying the right to install FM and TV antennae has been urged by Elias I. Godofsky, president of WHLI and WHLI-FM Hempstead, L. I. Calling on state legislatures for immediate action in the matter, Mr. Godofsky addressed his appeal to Irwin Steingut, Democratic leader of the New York State assembly. Text, in part, of the WHLI president's proposed bill follows:

"No landlord shall unreasonably deny a tenant of any multiple dwelling the right to install, at the tenant's own cost, expense and liability, an antenna for FM and television reception, on the roof of said dwelling, if the landlord fails to provide, within three months after passage of this act, a central FM and television antenna for the use of all tenants in the building.

"The landlord shall be limited in apportioning to tenants the costs and maintenance of the said central antenna system to such sums of money as may be approved by the office of the housing expeditor."

# TV AT UTAH U. KDYL-TV Assists in Course

TELEVISION production course is to be offered by the U. of Utah, Salt Lake City, in cooperation with Intermountain Broadcasting Corp.'s KDYL-TV. Students successfully completing the course, known as Speech 100, will receive one hour of university credit, Dr. C. Lowell Lees, head of the university's speech department, said.

Nine students have been selected to start the course. One or two will work each night as stage managers in the KDYL-TV studios. Students will be rated on their aptitude and ability by the station's production heads, and the reports will be forwarded to the university.

Course will be under the supervision of Prof. Robert T. Crawford, acting head of the radio division of the speech department.



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VICKIE SMITH, formerly traffic manager at KYA San Francisco, has been appointed network sales representative for ABC.

MEL W. MERZ has joined KSGM Ste. Genevieve, Mo., as sales manager.

NORMAN BERGHOLM, on WMDN Midland, Mich., news and sales staff, has been appointed commercial manager of station. SPENCER DENISON has transferred from sports to sales staff of WMDN.

HENRY A. CURTH, former executive director of Junior Achievement Inc.,



Mr. Curth

has joined sales staff of WSB and WSB-TV Atlanta. Mr. Curth served Junior Achievement on assignments in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Louisiana and Georgia. RAY DOUGHERTY an d HAROLD ROTHERT have joined WCSI-FM Columbus, Ind., regional sales staff. ROY H. PHILSON

Jr., formerly on sales staff of WWSW Pittsburgh, has joined KQV Pittsburgh in same capacity.

TOM GAVIN, formerly with WEBC and WREX Duluth, Minn., has been appointed commercial manager of WIRL Peoria, Ill.

## RMA SEMINAR No Drop in Prices—Claque

RADIO manufacturers were told that as yet there has been no significant drop in the prices of industrial products from last autumn's peaks.

That report was made Jan. 20 to an Industrial Relations Seminar of the Radio Manufacturers Assn. at the Hotel Statler, New York, by Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. Theme of the seminar was "People-Produce-Profits!"

The decrease in farm products prices, the beginning of clothing sales and other sales of soft items do not indicate the prospect of a sharp break in the cost of living, he said, because rents and other factors tend to keep it up. He also discounted recent declines in employment and increases in unemployment as having developed to recession proportions.

S. N. Lev, manager of the home instruments division of RCA-Victor Division, told the seminar that worker productivity can be increased by 10 to 20% by efficient personnel management and that conversely a poor administration can cause it to decrease from 10% to zero, the latter level being reached when ineptness causes a shutdown through a strike. KOPP Ogden, Utah, has appointed the Friedenberg Agency, New York, as its national representative.

PAUL GIRARD, formerly of Girard Productions, New York, has returned to Texas to open Paul Girard Co., station representative for regional business, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. Firm will also offer a consultant and production service.

WNHC-TV New Haven, Conn., has appointed The Katz Agency, New York, as its national representative.

HAROLD L. HAND has been appointed director of merchandising of WSAI Cincinnati. Mr. Hand plans to launch a merchandising and promotion campaign for food advertisers on Feb. 14, with a radio program and specialized training for grocerymen.

ROGER STICHT, formerly assistant program director of WWDC Washington, has switched to commercial staff of WWDC-FM and Transit Radio. ED STERN, former continuity editor, takes over Mr. Sticht's old position. And DAR H. SHOPOFF, formerly of the Washington Post advertising staff, has joined WWDC's commercial staff.

THOMAS R. DAVIS, sales representative at KGO San Francisco, has resigned to enter business selling TV sets and equipment. GIL FREEMAN, now with KYA San Francisco, will move into his spot at KGO Feb. 7.

LEON WRAY, Don Lee network account executive, is the father of a boy, Michael Doran.

HARRY A. WAPSHARE, office manager of WNJR Newark, N. J., and Virginia Marks Hasbrouck, have announced their marriage.



# **GRANT TO EUGENE**

### 1 kw Fulltime on 1280 kc

NEW FULLTIME standard station was granted by the FCC last Monday to Eugene Broadcasters Inc., Eugene, Ore., associated in ownership with local daily *Register-Guard*.

Facilities awarded are 1 kw fulltime on 1280 kc with directional array at night. Estimated cost of construction is \$32,570.

Guard Pub. Co., publisher of the Register-Guard, is 54.5% owner of Eugene Broadcasters. President and 1.4% owner of the grantee is Alton F. Baker, president and 63.5% owner of the publishing firm. Mr. Baker also has minor interest in Tribune Pub. Co., Tacoma, Wash., which owns KTNT (FM) there.

William M. Turgman, Register-Guard managing editor, is second vice president and 1.4% owner. Like interest is held by Sam Bronaugh, paper's business manager, as treasurer. Earl R. Meissner, owner, United Supply Co., Portland, Ore., and radio engineer, is first vice president and 25.8% owner. Roger J. Houglum, instructor at Eugene Vocational School, is secretary and 15.5% owner.

WPJB (FM) Providence, R. I., has extended its operating schedule from an 11 a.m. sign on to 7:30 a.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sign off is at 11 p.m.



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A S promotion stunt, KGO San Francisco has fixed its postage meter to print on all outgoing an ABC or KGO program. Current ad promotes the *Richfeld Reporter*. Recently a listener in Willits, Calif, wrote to John Harvey, whose *Home Digest* and *Home Institute* programs are heard daily on KGO at 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. respectively. The listener addressed his letter: John Harvey—American Broadcasting Co.—San Francisco.—The Richfield Reporter has switched to ABC. KGO 810.

### A Good Grip

"TO GET a Firm Hold on Kansas Sales, Hire WIBW (Topeka)" is title of station's promotion piece which features a plastic and metal egg holder. To open a hot boiled egg hold it with this gadget, and . . . "to open up a hot sales record in Kansas, hire WIBW," is the message the station offers. It also states that more "Humpty Dumpty" egg holders are available.

Newspaper Assistance WHEN television arrived in San Fran-

cisco, Bay Area newspapers went all out to promote the "new baby." The Oakland *Post-Enquirer* published a

14-page supplement on Christmas Day, containing news and notes about radio and television and lots of ads. The San Francisco Chronicle followed with the same type of supplement early this month. And the San Francisco Call-Bulletin is selling papers with a give-away contest gimmick—"complete the following sentence in 50 words or less-I would like a television receiver in my home because . . .--and win one of ten TV sets." Meanwhile KPIX (TV) San Francisco reports the number of sets in the area has more than TV quadrupled since it took the air in mid-December. By Jan. 1, station reported some 3,500 sets had been installed. Figures were compiled by Northern California Electrical Bureau.

### To Keep Them Informed

A SPECIAL weekly bulletin to each member of Edward J. Petry Co., its national sales representative, is latest promotion stunt of KOIL Omaha. Letter carries notices of time availabilities, business prospects and a reproduction of current advertisements, such as its car cards promoting the *GE House Party*.

### Traffic Problem Contest

CONTEST on "How to Eliminate Atlantic City's Traffic Problems," has just been completed by WFPG Atlantic City. To promote the stunt WFPG placed thousands of "traffic tickets" on windshields of parked cars. Contest was started on Sheldon Gross' Town Crier program, and Mr. Gross, news and special events director of the station, announced that Herbert Elliott was the winner. Mr. Elliott received \$400 dollars in prizes and a special plane trip to New York, including a guest appearance on Stop the Music.

#### Everyone is Switching

TIE-IN promotion of CKEY Toronto provided the news that its Mickey Lester Show was changing its time period. For one week prior to the switch, Mr. Lester interviewed prominent Toronto citizens, such as Mayor H. E. McCallum and the chief of police. Conversation at each interview was deftly maneuvered around to the fact that Mr. Lester was moving his disc show from 11:05-12 p.m. to 8:05-9 p.m. spot. On the day the change took place the Toronto Star carried four ads, each with a heading to the effect that someone was "switching" . . . "Mayor Mc-Callum Switches to Mickey Lester's New Time . . ."

#### PERSONNEL

BOB COVINGTON, promotion manager of WBT Charlotte, N. C., has been elected vice president of the Charlotte Advertising Club.

SPRAGUE VONIER, WTMJ-TV Milwaukee promotion department, is the father of a boy, Thomas Victor.

ELL HENRY, publicity director at ABC's Central Division, has been appointed a member of Chicago Assn. of Commerce publicity .committee.

WILLIAM TUSHER, of 'ABC Hollywood publicity staff, is the father of a boy, Mark.



THE WORLD AND THE STARS ARE TOURS THE WORLD AND THE STARS ARE TOURS WILLIAM AND THE STARS ARE TOURS OURS CHILADAMA GAMPES STARS

With lighted billboards, such as the one above, KVOO Tulsa calls attention of passersby to the "stars" of its NBC programs. Ten such billboards are on display throughout the city. Each month different NBC "stars" are featured.

# FRENCH RADIO Operations May Be Cut 20%

FRENCH National Radio (Radiodiffusion Francaise) is in for a 20% cut in its 1949 operations unless Parliament undergoes a quick change of heart, it was reported Wednesday by Robert Sturdevant, ABC Paris correspondent. Unless additional funds are made available, it is expected that either reconstruction projects, including television, will suffer or program expenditures will be cut. The latter alternative appears more likely, said Mr. Sturdevant.

Meanwhile, Radiodiffusion announced a six-day "Carnival of

the Airwaves" in Nice at which it will propose creation of an International Radio University. Forty foreign radio men, including representatives of ABC, NBC and CBS in Paris, will attend the event, scheduled Feb. 19-26 in connection with the regular "Carnival of Nice" held each year at the Riviera resort.



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### Help Wanted

### Managerial

Sales manager wanted. Must be experienced and willing to work. State qualifications, references, salary expected. WBET, Brockton. Massachusetts.

Texas station has opening for capable manager with sales ideas. Box 846, BROADCASTING.

Wanted: Commercial manager for independent upstate NY station. Only one in market. Family man preferred. A real opportunity for the right man. Address Box 810, BROADCASTING.

Regional network station in large metropolitan city in central states needs combination station manager sales manager, minmum age 30. Box 543, BROADCASTING.

Medium sized station in large metropolitan city in central states needs general manager. minimum age 39. Box 544, BROADCASTING.

Wanted—Sales manager, experienced, industrious, successful for Massachusetts station network affiliate. Excellent market. Send entire background, picture, requirements, availability first etter. Box 930, BROADCASTING.

#### Salesmen

Salesman—Opportunity to write two to four thousand monthly at 15%. \$400 draw guaranteed for 60 days to experienced mature man minimum age 30, preferably with automobile, in large Michigan market. Box 695, BROAD-CASTING.

Salesman capable of taking over as commercial manager for ABC station in mountain division. Excellent. secondary market. Associated with newspaper. Send full resume and application picture with first letter. Box 942, BROAD-CASTING.

**Opportunity** for salesman with push and ideas. Texas station. Salary and commission. Tell all. Box 844, BROAD-CASTING.

Need Muzak salesman for northwest virgin territory. City of half million. High remuneration for experienced producer. Box 727, BROADCASTING.

Salesman—Experienced in small market sales for 500 watt. daytime station in Connecticut. Write all details in first letter. All replies confidential. Write Box 987, BROADCASTING.

Experienced young time salesman for regional network affiliate. Salary-commission basis. Immediate opening. Box 957, BROADCASTING.

Salesman in exclusive radio market. CBS fulltime affiliate. Must possess good character, be energetic. with proven sales record. \$300 month plus bonus over quota. This is an outstanding opportunity to an aggressive, experienced time salesman. Give complete detalls in letter to Norman Loose. Mgr., KAVE, Carlsbad, N. M.

#### Announcers

Midwestern station wants two experienced announcers. Salary commensurate with ability. Box 950, BROAD-CASTING.

Wanted — Experienced combination man. Must be good announcer and smooth operator. Not afraid of work. Good pay and conditions. Wonderful climate. No beginners or students. Kilowatt pending. Send disc and qualifications to Roger Spaugh, KOOS, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Announcer with first ticket. Experienced. Top pay. Housing. Air mail disc, photo. KPRK, Livingston, Montana. Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Wanted—Three experienced announcers for AM & FM station Mutual affiliate, good working hours. No glamour boys or prima-donnas need apply. Box 933, BROADCASTING.

Combination announcer-engineer position available. If interested call or wire immediately. Box 999, BROAD-CASTING.

Station in class D pro league wants commercial announcer with play-byplay experience. Give experience, education, salary requirements first letter. Box 962, BROADCASTING.

Announcer wanted for independent station in central Michigan. Send disc, photo and salary requirements to WOAP, Owosso, Michigan.

Experienced announcer with first class license. Good voice, sober, mature. Send full details, picture and audition disc to WTAN, Clearwater, Florida.

Wanted—Announcer for 250 watt Mutual station in south. AM and FM operation. Wire if interested. Box 982, BROADCASTING.

### Technical

Long established 250 watt Mutual station needs transmitter operator to act as chief engineer. Pleasant southwest city of 15,000. \$60.00. Address Box 938, BROADCASTING.

Need two engineers with best references and experienced in studio and transmitter construction. FM and AM construction now under way. Address replies to Chief Engineer, WBUT, Box 271, Butler, Pennsylvania.

Engineer with studio experience in operation and construction. WPIK, Alexandria, Virginia.

Engineer with some experience for AM and FM operation. Send photo and full details. M. L. Koerner, WSAM Saginaw, Michigan.

Wanted—Radio engineer who is also a business man and would like to install and obtain management on percentage of profit basis of FM CP in important market with transit company radio franchise. Interested parties please write to Box 779, BROADCASTING.

Wanted-First class engineer, no experience necessary. Call. write or wire Radio Station WHNC, Henderson, N. C.

If you are a combination engineerannouncer with experience and want to settle down in a small southern city with a local independent station, pleasant staff, good working conditions, and are willing to work, you are worth \$70.00 for 48 hours with one day off. plus bonus and insurance, to us. Send photo, reference, experience and educational background. No beginners wanted. All replies confidential. Box 958, BROADCASTING.

Wanted—1st phone engineer with car. Experienced. excellent opportunity for advancement. Married man preferred. Radio Station WOOK, Silver Spring, Md.

Wanted — Experienced first class licensed engineer with knowledge of directional antennaes, rate \$1.50 per hr. Write KGVO, Missoula, Montana.

Combination man with experience. ABC affiliate station. Rocky Mountains. Send dise. photo and references. Box 941, BROADCASTING.

Production-Programming, others

Wanted: Experienced copywriter-announcer by western 5000 watt CBS affiliate. Box 440, BROADCASTING.

### Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Copywriter for Texas station. Tell all with samples. Box 845, BROADCAST-ING.

Continuity chief wanted. Tired of snow and lee? Then you'll want this job in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, a rich citrus and agricultural area. Send full information in first letter as to experience. family status, salary expected and photo, KGBS (CBS affiliate), Harlingen, Texas.

Wanted—News editor with ability to gather and disseminate local news and edit wire copy. Must have college background and at least one year experience in radio. Also, ability to present news in pleasing manner. Reply WWHG, Hornell, New York.

Continuity writer—If you can write good commercial copy, here is a splendid opportunity in a network station with best chances for advancement. Excellent salary. Box 915, BROAD-CASTING.

Writers-Men or women, legal residents New York State, to create public interest announcements and programs. Opportunity to develop ideas. Civil Service minimum requirements: Two to four years' professional.radio writing, depending on educational background. Starting salary \$4242. Apply to Miles Heberer, Director, New York State Radio Bureau, Department of Commerce, 112 State Street, Albany, New York.

Farm reporter-Do complete farm job for 5 kw station in famed Red River of the north valley. Must have ability to meet farmers and farm groups and knowledge of markets. Send full details to Box 931, BROADCASTING.

Accountant. Complete change for new property in Cumberland, Md. Should have previous radio experience. Write full resume first letter. WCUM. 510 Tower Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

Wanted.—Program director for eastern metropolitan 20,000 wait station, experienced in small station operations, music, MC and adlib. State availability and salary requirements. Box 992, BROADCASTING.

Capital-associates wanted. Assist completing application new television broadcast station. Forming corporation. Advise amount your investment. Box 973, BROADCASTING.

Building staff for new one thousand watt station in south central Minnesota town of over ten thousand. Only experienced announcers, salesmen and program directors need apply. State experience, references and wages desired. Please include picture. An April one sign-on to cover a haif million listeners. Manager, KNUJ, New Ulm, Minnesota.

### Situations Wanted

#### Managerial

Manager—Thoroughly experienced all departments. Successful 16 year network affiliate record. University graduate. Dependable career man. Good references. Can be available on short notice. Box 892, BROADCASTING.

Experienced manager, 34. married. Fourteen years experience in announcing, programming, sales and management. Ex NBC staff announcer. Presentily employed as manager local network station. Looking for larger market. Best references. Available March first. Box 940, BROADCASTING.

Young, experienced and successful manager desires change. 12 years radio. 5 years manager. Civic-minded. A working manager who announces, sells and has a profit record. Tops in local programming, station administration and operations. Box 935, BROADCAST-ING.

Available as manager or commercial manager or combination, on short notice. Over fifteen years in commercial radio. Experienced in all phases of operation. Top references. Box 851, BROADCASTING.

Attention Rocky Mountain station owners. General manager with thorough experience in programming, sales, engineering and administration is looking for permanent place to settle with family. Prefer an established metropolitan. However, will give equal consideration to all others. All correspondence will be treated confidentially. Box 812, BROADCASTING.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

Dick Evans, winner of two national promotional awards in the past year; 25% owner; member of Board of Directors, President and General Manager of WIZZ (pronounced whiz), now has WIZZ doing OK. Will retain stock ownership and board membership in WIZZ but resign as president and General Manager if challenging opportunity as manager or consultant is presented. Must have sufficient time to orient replacement. Family man, two boys. University graduate, one year graduate study. Seventeen years broadcast experience in construction, technical. programming, sales, administrative, and federal regulatory phases. Prefer managerial incentive plan. Career resume available. All replies confidential. Write Dick Evans, President, WIZZ, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Manager - engineer successful fifteen years in all phases of broadcasting, can act as chief or just an extra ticket. Announce special shows, have complete background in all positions about a station. Married, reference, direct policy and system on programs that will increase income and audience. College graduate. Box 924, BROADCASTING.

Attention middle Atlantic: Program manager seeking position with local fulltimer. Young, versatile, vigorous veteran college graduate presently employed at 250 watter as PD. Available personal interview within 300 miles of Philadelphia. Box 928, BROADCAST-ING.

May I have the pleasure of making money for you and me with my new managerial plan? Box 922, BROAD-CASTING.

Is there a station in Florida or the southeast that would like to see local and national sales volume grow and grow—in spite of competition and obstacles? A station willing to pay the price to get a man who knows how to organize a station staff to get results? This man learned advertising sales the hard way—pounding the pavements for years, then directing his own sales crew, finally today he's running a big job for a big northern advertising agency. He has arrived. He is a success. He's not "looking for a job." He's being well paid to handle (and show others how to handle)—not thousands, but millions of dollars worth of advertising. But—he's grown tired of overcoats and snow showels and ice on the highway. He wants to come home to the south where he won his spurs in sales—back where he can see the sun again and raise his family to recsum again and raise his family to recsum fails of \$10,000 per year to start. (By yummer, his natural price will probably be back to normal, so catch him new, between blizzards.) If you can recognize and use top management and sales talent and can pay the price to get action, write station manager. Box 979, BROADCASTING.

Manager-program director. Can bring order to muddled operation. Inspire employees. Hold confidence of sponsors. 12 years mike and production experience large and small stations. Present earnings \$600.00 month. Desire position with present and future opportunities in permanent managerial spot. No shoe string operations. Promoter, producer live talent, folk music shows, stage and radio. Believe in showmanship to make profit and hold listeners, fair dealing and honesty to hold sponsors. Go anywhere cities over 100.000. Will consider smaller town with on the level proposition. Married, famity, 41. ex-GI. Need further details? Box 998, BROADCASTING.

Manager—11 years experience in all phases of radio. Will buy part of station to \$20,000 if desired. Interested only in financially sound station with owner who wants a permanent, stable manager. My record is proven and successful. Family man. 32 years of age. Full details on request. Box 985, BROADCASTING.

Radio chief of large nationwide public service organization, former program director, news director, foreign correspondent, available now due to deactivation of public relations radio branch. 21 years announcing, writing, producing. Age 37, steady. reliable. Proved administrator. Best references. Seeks management opportunity. Box 997, BROADCASTING.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

Sales promotion executive, winner national awards, now employed 50 kw outlet in east but considering change. Proven promotion for AM-TV, sales presentations a specialty, also copy, layouts, surveys and creative ideas acquired by more than ten years experience in radio, bulwarked by top references. If my name was included here you'd recognize it immediately. Box 990, BROADCASTING.

Manager and commercial manager—My exceptional record speaks for itself in qualifying me as manager or commercial manager for your station. Experience in both large and small markets. I know you would be interested if you knew my background. Middle aged, best of references. Available at once. Box 991, BROADCASTING.

### Salesmen

Salesman, 12 years, wants sales manager opportunity. No wonder boy, but a top business builder who gets business and keeps it. Congenia, honest, civic-minded, experienced every department but engineering. Nothing wrong with present job. Making very good money. Just looking ahead. Can invest \$10,000 if necessary. Box 971. BROADCASTING.

#### Announcers

Announcer-Experienced ad-lib, board, want progressive station. Box 936, BROADCASTING.

Don't look here if you can't use an experienced announcer, 25. veteran, single, college graduate. Don't look further for newscaster, telequizer, man on street, wake-up look, kiddie MC with writing, production and control experience. Don't delay your offer. Box 937, BROADCASTING.

Experienced sportscaster, play-by-play. Transcription will tell. East preferred. Box 944, BROADCASTING.

Seeking permanency, I offer 19 years experience as announcer-program director. Excellent references. Box 947. BROADCASTING.

Prominent morning personality seeking offer from large station on permanent basis. Box 948, BROADCASTING.

Announcer—Specializes in news. Wife's health demands job in southwest. Writes, edits, delivers news with finesse. Handles remotes, wire recordings, sportscasting, disc shows. College graduate, one year in radio. Employed in 5000 watt Ohio. Disc available. Box 951. BROADCASTING.

Top announcer, PD or both. 9 years experience met market. Strong on news, commerclals. Will travel. Photo and disc on request. Box 945, BROAD-CASTING.

Established disc jockey available. Excellent background in radio and showbusiness. Style sells and appeals to all age groups. Now plying trade in eastern market, but seeks greater opportunity. Audition disc, background letter and publicity brochure upon request. Box 949, BROADCASTING.

Newsman, pleasing voice, good delivery. University graduate. 14 months experience with midwest station. Would like a position in a progressive station that appreciates value of news. Experienced in play-by-play basketball. Can gather. edit and write local news. Box 893, BROADCASTING.

Just a second! Announcer —2 years experience. good voice. sinske, 24. can operate console. Excellent references, prefer midwest. but will travel. Box 914. BROADCASTING.

Newsman - announcer, fully experienced, mature, sober, versatile. Seven years news background. Intelligent rewrite. Seeking permanency and good working conditions. Ross Edwards, Hotel Curtis, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Baseball announcer. Wire and live. Veteran. 24. single, college. Some experience. Consider all offers. Box 769, BROADCASTING.

Short, but varied announcing experience. Want better opportunity in east or Florida, must include deejaying. College education, excellent reference. Write for details. Box 927, BROAD-CASTING.

Looking for mail audience puller? Top flight all-round announcer available. Happily married family man, 30, sober, dependable. Hillbilly or popular music jockey, deep warm friendly voice, audition ready. Box 995, BROADCAST-ING.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

Desire staff announcing position. Thoroughly trained. Lots of ambition. Need experience. Disc. photo available. Box 932, BROADCASTING.

Want opportunity to prove ability to call all type sports. Family man. Experienced. Dependable. Box 966, BROAD-CASTING.

Capable, experienced announcer. Four years reporter, editor. Staff announcing, disc shows, acting, news and copywriting, newscasting. College graduate. Agreeable personality. Good voice. Will travel. Disc on request. Raymond Moore, 208 West Oak, Orrville, Onio.

Announcer, versatile, Knows languages, Inexperienced, Will travel for audition. Live audition only. Box 996, BROAD-CASTING.

I'll sell your baseball games and announce 'em. Two years experience class D ball 250 watters. General announcing, programming, control board, script. Three years college, age 26. Own car, will travel. Prefer south or southwest but will consider any offer. Contact at once. Box 994, BROADCAST-ING.

Sportscaster. Presently doing college basketball play-by-play and nightly sports show, both sponsored. Desire similar situation with baseball and football play-by-play. Also experienced in minor sports and staff announcing. Discs, photo and references available on request. Box 969, BROADCASTING.

Announcer-engineer combination man. age 27, married. Thoroughly trained commercials, newscasting, disc shows. Good voice. Disc and photo on request. Box 975, BROADCASTING.

Announcer, good special events man, also can sell. Disc available on request. Married, reliable. Box 978, BROADCASTING.

Experienced announcer, news, disc jockey, write, plenty of ideas. Box 972, BROADCASTING.

Versatile announcer and control board operator, married, graduate School of Radio Technique, desires position on progressive station. Will travel, prefer east or south. Available immediately. Thomas C. Cole, 3209 S. 52nd Court, Cicero 50, Ill.

Announcer-producer seeks staff position in progressive city. Presently with network affliate, major NE market. Wife, fashion expert. Can offer proven Mr. and Mrs. record production show. Box 968, BROADCASTING.

Staff announcer with good resonant voice. Thoroughly trained all phases. Seeks opportunity gain experience. Box 984, BROADCASTING.

Will stake reputation on ability to call sports. Sports director-announcer since 1941. Colorful and exciting play-byplay. Married, son five. Conscientious, dependable. Any locality. Box 965. BROADCASTING.

#### Technical

Engineer, inexperienced in broadcast field, first class ticket, good worker, willing to travel. Box 934, BROAD-CASTING.

Chief engineer, IRE man, extensive experience in supervision and operation of all phases of broadcast and communications engineering. Can organize and install new station, any size or type. Prefer 5 to 50 kw operation or chain of stations, but any class welcomed provided it is a progressive, well-equipped station. Best references. I. Q. 153. Available now, but could wait for CP. etc., if necessary. Please. all details in first letter including rough estimate of present and/or contemplated equipment valuation, also proposed salary. All incurires answered and held confidential. Box 760, BROAD-CASTING.

1st phone, transmitter and console experience fourteen months, age 28, have car. Sober, conscientious, will travel. Box 765, BROADCASTING.

Engineer desires permanent, responsible, major market position. Aptitude for control, recording engineering. Four years experience, equivalent two years college. First class license endorsed 2% years satisfactory transmitter service, including five kilowatt, FM. Single, 24. veteran, New Englander. Available without car, two weeks notice. \$55 minimum. Engineer, Room Twelve, Weslaco Hotel, Weslaco, Texas.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

Thoroughly experienced engineer available soon for either chief's job or operating in a large station. Box 809, BROADCASTING.

Engineer. Experienced AM, FM, construction, chief one year. Marrled. Available immediately. Box 866, BROADCASTING.

Engineer—Ten years experience. First phone. Institutional radio training CREI and RCA. Family man, good references. Desire connection with progressive station in New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, southern California. State salary. James A. Arthur, 2632 Bard Avenue, St. Albans, W. Va.

Fourteen engineers available immediately, all with first phone. Five combination men in group. Complete trainling in operating a fully equipped broadcast studio, disc training and all phases of broadcast engineering including building and repairing broadcast transmitters. Any location considered. Station managers are well pleased with Cook's graduates. Wire or write furnishing full information. Cook's Radio School, 2933 N. State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Radio operator, 1st class, seeking a position in AM-FM or television station. No experience, willing to travel. Box 943, BROADCASTING.

Experienced chief engineer wants less announcing and more engineering. Sober, reliable, hard worker. Will do news, sports, play-by-play. Will travel for permanent job. \$80 minimum. Two weeks notice. Box 923, BROADCAST-ING.

Assistant chief engineer—27, veteran, married,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years experience, construction AM—13 kw FM, present position dormant. Write Box 925, BROAD-CASTING.

Engineer, first phone, second telegraph. Shibboard experience, graduate of top technical school. Married, desires broadcast job in New England area. Arthur A. Monahan, 439 Ferris Ave., Rumford, Rhode Island.

Experienced radio engineer desires position with television station. Eight years experience operation. maintenance and construction, broadcast and communications stations. Construction experience at two 5 kw broadcast stations. First phone, BSEE Degree, Kansas State College, member Eta Kappa Nu, married, have car, excellent references. Daniel Reed, 727 Thurston, Manhattan, Kansas.

Chief engineer, presently employed, desires change to progressive metropolitan station. Twenty years engineering experience includes all phases AM. FM and directional antenna installation. operation and maintenance. Box 967, BROADCASTING.

All offers appreciated for a 1st class phone engineer, experienced in AM and FM commercial broadcast and police communications, well experienced in FM receivers and transmitters. Box 963. BROADCASTING.

Chief engineer. now employed in Florida station, 16 years radio experience, AM. FM. Fax, all phases maintenance and construction. accent on quality, above average announcer. Manufacturing supervisory experience. Box 976, BROADCASTING.

Engineer, recording, remotes, control, transmitter amateur, servicing, marine experience. Excellent reference. Single, car. Location unimportant. Box 988, BROADCASTING.

Chlef engineer. Highly qualified experienced chief engineer will get your new station on air with minimum expense and trouble or can assume full responsibility for smooth and efficient operation of existing station. West coast. Box 986, BROADCASTING.

Transmitter engineer, experienced in operation and maintenance of all technical equipment. Present chief, married, reliable, steady, cooperative. Box Ia, BROADCASTING.

Studio engineer, female. Engineering experience. First class license. \$65.00 a week. Box 983, BROADCASTING.

Engineer, first phone, wishes to secure position in radio station with future. Unmarried. Can also double as parttime announcer. Box 17a, BROAD-CASTING.

Chief engineer—experienced, sober, reliable. Will travel for permanent job at right salary. Box 2a, BROADCAST-ING.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

Operator, first license, four years broadcast experience. Want transmitter job. Location not important. Available immediately by time this appears. Age 30. Single. No car at present. References, including present boss. Lewis Sherlock. Box 1161, Plainview, Texas.

Chlef engineer of kilowatt desires change. Excellent on construction. Experienced to 200,000 watts. Young hardworking family man. West preferred but job takes priority. Bruce Joyner. WDIG, Dothan, Alabama.

Production-Programming, others

Hal Styles may solve your problem with a young, ambitious, capable man. veteran or non-veteran, who has been thoroughly grounded for eight or more months by radio professionals in announcing, newscasting, control operation and continuity writing. Write or wire Hal Styles, Hal Styles School of Radio, 8300 Wilshire Bivd., Beverly Hills, California.

Program director-producer available. 4 years independent station experience. Last 4 years on NBC's famous cigarette program. Seeks progressive radio or television station. Box 897. BROADCASTING.

Lady continuity writer. University journalism graduate. Experienced commercial copy, formats, promotion. Single. South only. Box 264, Edgefield, South Carolina.

Program director-announcer, available two weeks, go anywhere. Young veteran, college graduate, 2½ years experience programming local network fulltimer. Will handle special events, sports, announcers. Experience setting up remote studios. Box 929, BROAD-CASTING.

Experienced, enthusiastic, young. Continuity editor, woman's director. Now creating result-getting shows and continuity in 7 station market. Real air personality with excellent voice and definite TV potentialities. Wants enlarged opportunity in Washington-Baltimore-Philadelphia area. Box 993, BROADCASTING.

Production man, music librarian, and traffic manager desires position with aggressive station in competitive market. Capable of producing shows that bring results. Reply Box 980, BROAD-CASTING.

Sports director. Television experience. Proven shows. play-by-play. Box 961, BROADCASTING.

Attract listeners with a personality. Young comedy star now doing clubs in east wants radio or television. Different voice, different comic appeal. Surefire for early, late, disc, quiz, comedy shows. Photos. disc and particulars on request. Box 960, BROADCASTING.

Idea woman for women's, children's, educational shows will consider combo with continuity. Student of radio school and advertising, 15 years teaching and personnel experience, 6 months women's editor. Outline job. state salary first letter. Lena Wing, Marienthal, Kansas.

Topflight news editor, announcer, wants to grow with worthwhile station. Box 959, BROADCASTING.

Combination man. Versatile, hardworking married man with first phone license. An announcer for 12 years. Experienced in ad-lib, remotes and selfproduced programs. Capable of being program director. Expect good pay either in talent fees or basic salary. Now employed. Box 977, BROADCAST-ING.

Continuity writers with six months or more training in announcing, production, traffic and console operation ready for placement. Pathfinder School of Radio Broadcasting, 1329 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

### For Sale

### Station

CP for sale in western city 50,000-5 kw directional for engineer and attorney's fees \$6.500. Network affiliation available. Box 970, BROADCASTING.

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### For Sale (Cont'd)

### Equipment

For Sale: RCA 69-C distortion meter. 68-B audio oscillator, condition new \$550 for both. Box 852, BROADCAST-ING.

FM transmitter 250W RCA type BT-250A. In excellent condition and perfect in appearance. Used only seven months, WPIK, Alexandria, Virginia.

FM antenna, 4 bay federal square loop, complete with de-leers and 9'3" latticesteel A sections, transmission line harness with expansion .joints. Original cost \$4,800. Will sell for \$2,400.00 with engineering assistance. WTCN, Minneapolis 4, Minn.

Western Electric, 443-A-1, 1 kw transmitter now available. Good condition. Spare power transformer. General Radio modulation monitor, type 731-A, serial #539. Direct inquirles to Albert Johnson. KOY, Phoenix, Arizona.

1000 watt transmitter, RCA type IK. In excellent condition and perfect in appearance. Includes two sets of tubes, an assortment of spare parts and a separate cabinet rack for monitors. Price reasonable. Will arrange for crating and shipping. Write or phone Talbott, KROD, El Paso, Texas.

New latest model FM transmitter 10 kw complete with frequency and modulation monitor plus 5 bay antenna. 500 ft. of 3½ coaxial line with fitting. One Truscon 380 ft. tower. Write Chief Engineer. WMAW, 723 N. 3rd St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Magnecorder wire recorder, model SD-1, frequency response within 2 DB from 50 to 10,000 cycles. 32 minute playback time. Now being used to record and playback network programs. 600 ohms balanced input and output. Twelve full and several short spools of wire, spare belt and instruction book included. WTAG, Worcester 1, Mass.

Gates 25-A frequency control unit, brand new, never used, complete with Billey oven, 1400 kc crystal. Make offer. KUGN, Eugene, Oregon.

Lehigh tower, 205 feet with side and top flights. Now in service and in excellent condition. Will be available about March 15. Purchaser to dismantle. WBAB, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Presto K-8 recorder in perfect condition. Value \$345 new. will take \$250 or best offer. Box 964 BROADCASTING.

An excellent ruggedly constructed, easy to operate, fully FCC approved 250 watt AM transmitter. Out of use only because we went to I kw-two sets of tubes, crystal oven, spare power transformer in original crate, complete schematic diagram and instructions. Will sell cheap to move-make offer WJSW, Altoona Broadcasting Company, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

WEAM, now 5000 watt fulltime, has for immediate sale 1 kw Raytheon transmitter, model RA, frequency 530 to 600. In excellent condition, has spare parts. Sacrifice at \$5000. Blaw-Knox tower, 235 feet, tapered, self-supporting, grounded. Accept best offer. Contact Howard Stanley, WEAM, Arlington, Virginia.

Wanted to Buy

Wanted: Good used transcribed Christ- mas shows that can be sold for Christ- mas 1949. Box 843, BROADCASTING.
Will buy radio station. Price must be right. Box 974, BROADCASTING.
Wanted to buy-10 kw AM transmitter. Reply to Box 981, BROADCASTING.

#### Miscellaneous

For personnel — for jobs. National Radio Employment Agency, 6636 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, California.

Help Wanted

Salesmen

WANTED Transcription Salesmen. Juvenile program, already well known with successful record. Frotected territories open. Generous commissions. Tell us what other shows you are now handling, and the markets you cover. Address Box 955, BROADCASTING.

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

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# TRANSCRIPTION SALESMEN

If you are calling on radio stations, advertisers and agencies in the United States or Canada—here is an opportunity to substantially increase your income by representing two of the fastest selling syndicated programs in the Industry:

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We are interested only in top calibre individuals familiar with sales problems related to local and regional station operations and who have the confidence of station personnel.

Here is an opportunity for increased income and increasing opportunities in the program field.

In replying please supply any and all information which will aid us in considering your application.

Radio Features, Inc. 75 East Wacker Drive Chicago 1, Illinois

### Help Wanted (Cont'd) Production-Programming, others

RADIO WRITER-DIRECTOR

Wanted by 4-A Agency

THE MAN WE WANT may now be doing an all-round job for some radio station, or he may be a member of a large agency radio department and just waiting for the chance to be his own boss. WHEREVER he is, he must be am-

wint a man who can write hardselling radio copy, supervise programs, produce spots and understand timebuying. WE EXPECT TO POLISH some

of his rough spots, but this man, as soon as he is ready, will be the radio and television director of an expanding eastern 4-A Agency (not New York) with growing radio and television billing.

SALARY starts around five thousand dollars per year. In addition, we offer bonus and profit sharing plans and the opportunity to work under pleasant conditions with a young energetic staff

woung, energetic staff. WRITE and tell us your education, experience, family status, accounts you've written for, radio or TV jobs you've handled. If you can send samples, we'll return them promptly.

WE'LL ARRANGE AN INTER-VIEW, if you look good to us. All applications are confidential; our entire staff knows about this ad. Write today!

BOX 954 BROADCASTING

# WANTED

PROMOTION MANAGER

... the promotion manager of one of the nation's leading CBS stations is slated for a higher post within the organization. If you would like a crack at his job which offers a good salary, generous budget, free creative rein and broad responsibility, write fully with references and samples of your work. All replies are confidential.

BOX 953, BROADCASTING

Experienced, not-too-young program director for independent AM-FM in midwest metropolitan market. Must have general knowledge of all program phases -commercial, sustaining, public service, news, sports, popular and classical music. Announcing ability not necessary. State all in first letter-experience, age, salary requested. Attach small photo. Present incumbent retiring for personal reasons. Write in complete confidence. Box 938, BROADCASTING.

### Situation Wanted

Managerial

I am interested in running s one to ten kilowatt station in Colocado, New Mexico, Arizona or California. I have nearly doubled Present station's revenue in the last nine months. Additionally, I am the only news commentator and newspaper columnist in the region and would be especially attracted to a station owned by a newspaper. I can bring with me a basic staff, including a music director who is nationally famous as a vocal artist. I am 35, have a family and am concerned with a permanant position. Will consider annual salary of not less than \$15 to \$20 thousand. Plus commission. First come will not be first served, as I intend taking my Dick: money is not the primary consideration in relation to what you have to offer ma. Gentiemen, do I hear any response to this one-minute commercialf BOX \$56, BROADCASTING.

### Situations Wanted (Cont'd)

GENERAL MANAGER OF KNOWN 5 KW BASIC STATION

in eastern major market contemplating change in broadcasting or to allied field. Excellent record. Strictest confidence, Preliminary contacts only ris correspondence through personal representative. Box 989, BROADCASTING.

### Announcers

### CAN I HELP YOU?

Widely experienced man seeks position progressive station major market. ALL types announcing, sports, some program and TV MC. Knowledge production direction TV. Work any department, know how. Reference former employers. Married—college. Ability start top or bettom

BOX 860, BROADCASTING

Production-Programming, others

Program Director-Producer desires association with progressive station in metropolitan area having TV affiliation. Can handle any AM production job; preferably special events directorship at minimum net of \$75 weekly. Looking for opportunity to learn TV production.

tion. Currant manägement is aware of this applcation; refrets desire for change, but will furnish highest references. Have accomplished aim set with present organization a year and a half ago after putting station on the air. Now desire change to fulfil primary ambition. Married besutiful blonde after graduation from college four years ago. BOX 946, BROADCASTING.

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### FOR SALE

### 600 Foot Tower

At greatly reduced price one 600 foot Blaw-Knox galvanized steel guyed tower. Uniform cross-section up to 400 feet thence tapering to top (600 feet). In perfect condition, ready to ship. All cables, insulators and lighting equipment conform with CAA regulations.

Can be used for AM, or to support FM or television radiator with net height of 373 feet or less, with slight modification proposed by Blaw-Knox Company. First come-first served. Wire or write for additional details.

> STATION WMC MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

### For Sale (Cont'd)

For Sale: RCA 250 watt transmitter. Modified from 100E to 250E with RCA conversion kit. Used as an auxiliary on 620 kc. One crystal oven with provision for another. Excellent condition. \$900.00. Chief Engineer. WAGE, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.

# T O W E R SPECIAL PRICE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY FM or TV Tubular Steel Triangular Guyed Many Now in Use

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### Miscellaneous

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## REGIONAL MANAGERS (2)

Fastest growing National Organization, whose promotional campaigns are familiar and ENDORSED BY MORE THAN 300 STATIONS COAST TO COAST, can use successful DISTRICT SALES MANAGERS.

Thorough knowledge of cosponsored sales methods, plus ability to hire and train salesmen, ESSENTIAL!

To qualified producers, after brief training period (without loss of revenue), can compare earnings of our PRESENT MANAGERS from \$7500 to \$10,000 commission yearly!

All replies strictly confidential.

Box 905, BROADCASTING



# CHARITY DRIVE Salvation Army Uses TV

THE POWER of television as a fund-raising medium was put to test for the first time Jan. 12, when the Salvation Army launched its 1949 Annual Maintenance Appeal in Greater New York with the cooperation of WJZ-TV New York, ABC's key eastern outlet.

The \$1.1 million drive's inaugural

meeting was held in the Rainbow Room atop New York's RCA Bldg. Five ABC television cameras were used to pick up every phase of the meeting.

Speakers included New York's Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander; Commissioner Donald McMillan, territorial Salvation Army commander; Ivor Kenway, ABC vice president, and Nick Kenny, columnist and song writer.



DURING WJZ-TV telecast, Clark Agnew (r), noted illustrator of Lennen & Mitchell art department, showed the poster he created for Salvation Army fund drive to Comr. Donald McMillan (l) of the Salvation Army and Ray Vir Den, L & M president, who is serving as 1949 campaign chairman.

# On All Accounts

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ered Wendell Willkie's southern campaign and accompanied Gov. Dewey to Chicago for the 1944 convention.

After that, handsome prematurely grey-haired Les Harris switched from special events to production with CBS in New York. He served in that department on such shows as the Frank Sinatra program, Kate Smith Show, Burns & Allen and others. He also directed the Morton Gould Cresta Blanca Carnival in a free lance capacity.

Joining Benton & Bowles, Mr. Harris directed and produced Portia Faces Life, Glamor Manor, The Prudential Family Hour, Topper, When a Girl Marries, Rosemary, and Perry Mason. Rising to the status of one of the outstanding producers in the country, Mr. Harris last Nov. 15 was selected by the agency as head of its radio operations. In his new capacity he supervises all the above shows. Mr. Harris has also produced two television programs, Try and Do It and Meet The Press.

The Harris'—she is the former Rosemary Cox—have been married for eight years. They have two children Christopher, 5, and Leslie, 18 months. The family live in their own home in Old Brookville, L. I., when they also own a boarding stable for race horses and about 52 acres of pasture. Mr. Harris lists horse back riding as his only hobby, but intimates confide that the versatile Mr. Harris has been known to knock out a television set or two in his spare time.

# May Use Radio

PETER F. HAGAN, recently elected chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Assn., said the organization is considering a radio series to dramatize its newly established Lawyers Reference Service. In its first seven months the service represented 1,700 clients who otherwise would have been unable to pay for legal service, Mr. Hagan said.

# U." OF CHICAGO, TULSA Work With NBC Show

THE U. OF CHICAGO and the U. of Tulsa have joined the NBC University of the Air in development of home study courses.

Other institutions of higher learning already associated with NBC in the project are the U. of Southern California, U. of Louisville and Washington State College.

The U, of Chicago will offer courses in world politics and economics, using its *Round Table* broadcasts on NBC (Sundays, 12:30 p.m. CST) as their core, said Sterling W. Fisher, manager of the network's public affairs and education department. Participation will involve listening to selected *Round Table* broadcasts, reading significant books and articles, studying selected problems, writing reports and receiving criticism from U. of Chicago instructors, he explained.

Certificates will be awarded on completion of the course.

At the U. of Tulsa a home study course in Anglo-American literature, with the NBC University Theater as its core, will start Feb. 5. Study guides are available through the university, having been prepared by Dean E. H. Criswell of its college of arts and sciences.

### Thanks, Mr. Autry

GENE AUTRY, who did his first work as a radio artist at KVOO Tulsa, got a thankyou letter recently from station's vice president and general manager, William B. Way. Commenting that several artists who have made the big-time started their careers at KVOO, Mr. Way told Mr. Autry that "through the years you have never failed to mention KVOO in \* any article concerning your first days in radio." The letter was signed by Mr. Way and Gustav Brandborg, KVOO commercial manager. -



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ON TUTEN has been appointed program director of WJHP Jacksonville, Fla.

PAT ELLIOT has joined WLEA Horhell, N. Y., as woman's program di-rector. She will conduct daily, Woman's World, program.

BOB HILL, formerly production and program manager of Base Broadcasting Co., Scott Field, Ill., has joined KSGM Ste. Genevieve, Mo., as staff announcer and special promotions manager.

FAY CLARK has been appointed head Women Broadcasters of United of Nations. Miss Clark is with WBIS Bristol, Conn.

ETHEL I. PARKER, who lost her sight 29 years ago and who for past eight years has served as commenta-tor on WLAW Lawrence, Mass., weekly program, News and Notes for the Blind, has been awarded a certificate of outstanding merit by the American Foundation for the Blind for rehabilitating the blind with her training program.

RAY STARR, formerly of KQV Pittsburgh, has been appointed program director at WAYX Waterloo, Iowa,

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for Central California

where he has worked as publicity director since June.

CHARLIE LYNCH has joined WKZO Kalamazoo, Mich., as staff announcer. Other staff additions include ESTHER STULBERG as music librarian.

DICK HARVEY, formerly with WSAP Portsmouth, Va., has joined WVEC Va., as m.c. of station's Hampton, 1050 Club.

PAT DOYLE, formerly assistant traffic manager of WWDC Washington, has been appointed continuity editor. BOB BRAND, former assistant music librarian, has been promoted to assistant traffic post.

JIMMY HINSON has joined announcing staff of WGCD Chester, S. C. He was formerly with WRON Ronceverte, W. Va.

PHYLLIS KNIGHT, formerly with WDWS Champaign, Ill., has joined WLBH Mattoon, Ill., as woman's director and continuity chief.

WALTER MITCHELL, winner of the Drew Pearson "I Speak for Democ-racy Award," has joined continuity department of WRBL Columbus, Ga.

LAN SINGER has joined WMID At-lantic City, N. J., as program director.

RALEIGH POWELL Jr. and FRITZ GIBSON Jr. have joined announcing staff of WTYC Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Powell was formerly with WDEC Americus, Ga., and Mr. Gibson was formerly with WAIM and WCAC-FM Anderson, Ga.

MICHAEL KECKI, announcer, actor and director of Polish programs, has signed to do a daily two-hour recorded and transcribed Polish program on WLIB New York. News, drama, comedy, and special features in the Polish language will be presented.

HOWARD FLYNN, for past three years on KMPC Hollywood news and announcing staff, has been appointed chief announcer for station.

A. E. JOSCELYN, director of operations for Columbia Pacific Network, has been appointed radio chairman for 1949 American Red Cross fund campaign in Los Angeles:

DANIEL E. ANDERSON has been appointed station relations director of Broadcasters' Guild Inc., Hollywood. Firm also announced appointment of PR Inc., Beverly Hills, Calif., to handle all public relations and sales promotion for the Guild.

PAUL G. FUENTES has joined art staff of KFI-TV Los Angeles. He was formerly with Ad-Art Co., Los Angeles.

BILL DILLNER, producer-m.c. of Midnight Flyers, has left the all-night record request show at WEDC Chicago.

ISOBELLE JOB of KFI Los Angeles, and William A. Mitchell have an-nounced their marriage.

# TRANSITCASTS 'Prospect' List Growing

TWO MORE major markets, Des Moines, Iowa, and Tacoma, Wash., have joined the rapidly growing ranks of cities where transitcasting is offered regularly to riders of public vehicles, Frank E. Pellegrin, national sales director of Transit Radio Inc., revealed last Tuesday.

In addition 12 to 15 other important markets are now on the "hot list," Mr. Pellegrin disclosed at a luncheon of the Washington, D. C., Advertising Club.

Among the prospects is greater New York, where an estimated 114 million rides are taken on 5,622 public vehicles each month.

Only technical difficulties, Mr. Pellegrin said, are delaying installation of FM receivers in public vehicles of the great metropolitan area. Transit officials there were described as being "keen" for the new medium and anxious to get installations underway.

Bill Ensign, New York sales representative of Transit Radio Inc., which maintains its home office in Cincinnati, expressed the opinion that two or possibly three stations might be required to furnish broadcasts to all the transit vehicles operating in the Greater New York area

### Two Added

Cooperating stations in the two latest markets to be placed under contracts are KCBC Des Moines and KTNT Tacoma.

Approximately 4,200,000 rides are taken monthly on the 300 plus vehicles of the transit firm in Des Moines and nearly 2,500,000 rides each month on the 136 busses of the line in Tacoma.

Contracts for transitcasting have now been signed to provide the service in 10 of the nation's large markets. These contracts ultimately will insure approximately 103,700,000 musically-soothed rides in more than 4,600 public vehicles. Furthermore, there is not a

major market in the nation in which negotiations have not at least been started, Mr. Pellegrin told ad club members.

Mr. Pellegrin termed the more



FRANK A. D. ANDREW, president of Andrew Radio Corp., manufacturers of Andrea "Sharp-Focus" television receivers, inspects a section of one of his forthcoming sets.

than 90% acceptance of transit FM in cities where it has been tested "an astounding fact," which could not be rivaled by anything in the annals of advertising.

Bus drivers were identified by Mr. Pellegrin as transitcasting's "best boosters." Their fondness of the medium, he said, stemmed from improved dispositions and cooperativeness of riders.

# MUSIC ON TAPE

## St. Paul Co. Makes Machine

A MACHINE for the mass production of recorded music on sound tape has been developed by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., St. Paul, it was announced Thursday by W. L. McKnight, president of the firm.

Mr. McKnight called the machine a revolutionary new development in sound recording and described it as the first machine for the purpose to be perfected. From a master tape transcription, it can reproduce 48 hours of recorded music on tape in one hour. These pre-recorded reels of tape will be designed to compete with disc records for use in homes, broadcasting stations, schools and theatres, it was said.



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More than a million More than a million—over a billion, it's a sweet story. Ask Avery-Knodel, inc., representatives.



# Agencies

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CHARLES H. FERGUSON, BBDO, San Francisco, appointed chairman of business committee of Advertising Assn. of the West. ROSWELL COCHRAN, McCann-Erickson, San Francisco, appointed head of public activities committee, and GEORGE KLEISER Sr., Foster & Kleiser, named to board of trustees.

MARILYN S. EBNER, formerly assistant production manager of J. Walter Thompson Co., San Francisco, joins service department of Foote, Cone & Belding, same city.

E. Y. McNAMARA, former St. Louis and Jefferson City, Mo., newspaperman, joins public relations staff of Kelly, Zahrndt & Kelly, St. Louis.

HARRY LERNER resigns from Clem Whitaker public relations firm, San Francisco, to open his own public relations, campaigns and advertising office in same city.

ROD MacDONALD, formerly media director and account executive with Botsford, Constantine & Gardner, San Francisco, joins Robert B. Young Adv., same city, as account executive.

TOM A. ROSS, formerly account executive with Lockwood-Shackelford Adv., Los Angeles, joins Irwin-McHugh Adv., that city, in same capacity.

JOHN ROBB, formerly with NBC and ABC, New York, joins Mayers Co., Los Angeles, as director of merchandising.

DON C. JOHNSON, formerly with McCarty Co., Los Angeles, joins BBDO, same city, as account executive.

WALTER JENSEN, formerly with Packard & Packard Adv., Los Angeles, as account executive, joins Barton A. Stebbins Adv., that city, in same capacity.

SALLY WARD, formerly in production department Young & Rubicam, San Francisco, joins John O'Rourke & Assocs., same city.

JAMES KING, assistant producer of CBS G. E. House Party for Young & Rubicam, Hollywood, announces his engagement to Helen Oakey.

RICHARD G. ROTHLIN, traffic manager for Young & Rubicam, San Francisco, promoted to assistant account executive.

ZONABELLE SAMSON, formerly with Honig-Cooper Co., San Francisco, appointed radio timebuyer for Biow Co., same city.

FOOTE, CONE & BELDING, Hollyood, moves to new offices at 6233 Hollywood Blvd.

RHOADES & DAVIS, San Francisco, moves from DeYoung Bldg. to larger quarters at 79 Post St., fifth floor. Telephone remains Exbrook 2-6468.

ELLIOTT-DALY & SCHNITZER, San Francisco, moves to larger quarters on fourth floor, 256 Cutter St. Telephone remains Yukon 6-6374.



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"POSTER CHILD" of the 1949 March of Dimes campaign, Linda Brown, is interviewed on Club 1300 over WFBR Baltimore by Henry Hickman, m.c. Linda, age four, is from San Antonio, Tex. [See 'March of Dimes' story, page 13]

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## NAPRA MEMBERS Discuss News Problems

PROBLEMS arising in the collection and distribution of news held the spotlight in a meeting of members of the Nebraska Associated Press Radio Assn. at North Platte, Neb., Jan. 21.

William J. Newens, state chairman of the group and general manager of KOIL Omaha, presided. A report of the association's news study committee was discussed by representatives of seven stations attending the meeting. E. E. Makiesky, correspondent in charge of the Omaha AP bureau, cited examples by which stations could increase their contributions of local news to the AP state report.

Those attending the meeting, in addition to Messrs. Newens and Makiesky, were:

Makiesky, were: Harry Peck, manager, KFOR Lincoln; Russ Stewart, manager, and Bob Hyde, news director, KNEB Scottsbluff; John Alexander, manager, KODY North Platte, and vice chairman of NAPRA; Charles Craig, news director, Joe Di Natale and Ed Launer, news editors, all of KODY; Ted Haas, news director, KOIL; Soren Munkhoff, news director, WOW Omaha; E. S. Neble, news director, WOW Omaha; E. S. Neble, news director, WOW Omaha; E. S. Neble, news director, KFAB Omaha; Lee Berg, news staff, KBON Omaha; and L. P. Yale, Des Moines, AP chief of bareau for Iowa and Nebraska.

# AFM Intervenes

AS RESULT of American Federation of Musicians crackdown two San Diego stations, KYOR and KCBQ (formerly KSDJ) henceforth will pay instrumental soloists for appearances on sustaining as well as sponsored programs. Two guitar-playing folk singers, Clark Allen and Sam Hinton, and an organist, Danny Topaz, had been "donating" their services on KYOR and KCBQ sustainers and were paid on commercial shows. AFM, through its San Diego local head, Edward B. Wheeler, intervened. Stations are now "cooperating" by paying a quarter-hour fee of \$6 sustaining and \$9 commercial. None of the San Diego stations has a contract with AFM

News **F** 

ON DAVIS CAMPBELL, formerly with WHK Cleveland, has joined

WAPI Birmingham Ala., as assistant sports director. JOHN FOR-NEY, who for past year has been doing sports and special events for station, has resigned, effective early next month.

DENIS SARTAIN, formerly with WINX Washington and WBUZ (FM) Bradbury Heights, Md., has been appointed chief of news bureau at WWDC Washington, replacing FRED HOFFMAN, who has joined Associated Press Radio in Washington.

ART SMITH, news director of WNAX Yankton-Sioux City, has been elected chairman of the public service bureau for Sioux City Chamber of Commerce.

MATT GUOKAS, former Philadelphia Warrior's basketball player and freelance sportscaster in that city, has joined WPEN Philadelphia as sports director.

ALVIN PIGG has joined WLBH Mattoon, Ill., as farm service director.

JAMES F. LEAMING, WFPG Atlantic City, N. J., sportscaster, was selected by a citizen's committee of 10 headed by Mayor Joseph Altman as the city's "outstanding Young Man of the Year," contest sponsored annually by city's Junior Chamber of Commerce.



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**DUSSEL SCHAFFER has been ap-**K pointed chief engineer at KAYX Waterloo, Iowa. He replaces R. MOORE, resigned.

PETER WOLF has been appointed chief engineer of WMDN Midland, Mich.

BILL DOUBLEDAY, KWBR Oakland, Calif., has joined KWBR-FM as announcer and engineer. He replaces BILL EILERS who left Jan. 3 to join Air Force.

J. R. POPPELE, vice president in charge of engineering at WOR New York, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Veteran Wireless **Operators** Assn.

HY RUBIN, staff engineer at WNJR Newark, N. J., is the father of a girl, Marilyn.

# CHICAGO FM **Listening Survey Made**

FM LISTENERS in the Chicago area tune in their sets 69.4% of their total radio listening time, it was revealed in a special survey conducted by Mary Feil, senior in the Department of Speech at Northwestern U., Evanston, Ill.

In querying 1,000 persons in the area, Miss Feil found that 98 persons devoted 90% of their time to FM, 57 give 80% and 40 listened 70%. Only two listened 5% of the time, with 13 tuning in 100%.



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# FITZGIBBONS PLAN

WXLW - FM Indianapolis, sug-

gested that each TV set-maker con-

tribute 3% of his retail sales to a

pool to be used for the sponsorship

of programs on TV stations. He

predicted the plan would create

more and better TV programs, give

an assured income to stations and

stimulate the sale of video re-

In its reply, dated Jan. 26, TBA said that Mr. Fitzgibbons' proposal

had been studied by the TBA board

and that comments also had been

solicited from the association's

"It was the consensus of the

board, as well as the manufactur-

ers, that the plan, broadly speak-

ing, is not feasible and while the

motives-improvement of program

quality-were commended, it was

felt that quality programming will

be a natural adjunct of industry

expansion," the TBA letter to Mr.

"As a matter of fact." the let-

ter continued, "the quality of pro-

gramming in areas where televi-

sion station operations are on the

increase and receiver distribution

is mounting, has vastly improved

in the short space of a year. This

trend is not only likely to continue.

but will spread to sectors where

television service is just beginning,

**Negative Aspects Weighed** 

posed project were held to be

weighted greatly against the ad-

-was one compelling factor work-

"Another was the well-grounded

"In the final analysis, a number

"Negative aspects of the pro-

or about to be launched.

manufacturer members.

Fitzgibbons stated.

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TELEVISION Broadcasters Assn. has rejected the "Television Guild" plan of cooperative advertising by video set manufacturers on TV stations proposed by L. O. Fitzgibbons [BROADCASTING, Jan. 3].

Mr. Fitzgibbons, then commercial manager of WOC Davenport, now general manager of WXLW and

Proposal

tising budgets for the presentation of high quality television programs on local stations and on networks. These manufacturers include General Electric Co., Philco, RCA, Du-Mont and Admiral, among others. You can be certain that these budgets will continue to expand as television moves from the more populous East to the communities west of the Rockies."

# MANUFACTURING Firms' Profits, Sales Up

U. S. manufacturing corporations showed an estimated aggregate net income after taxes of \$2.9 billion during the third quarter of 1948, according to the quarterly report released Friday by the Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission. Compared with the preceding quarter, the report shows an approximate \$60 million profit rate increase.

Total sales of all corporations for the July-September period were placed at \$42.1 billion, a 3% rise over the previous quarter, while costs and expenses amounted to \$37.4 billion. Of the \$4.6 billion net before taxes, \$1.7 billion was provided for Federal income taxes, \$1 billion for dividends, and \$1.9 billion was retained as corporate earnings.

Total assets of all manufacturing corporations were estimated at \$106.7 billion at the end of September 1948. On stockholders' equity, industries showing highest rates of return were motor vehicles and parts, lumber and wood products, and petroleum and coal products.

# TBA Rejects KLER ROCHESTER **Personnel Is Announced**

PERSONNEL assignments for KLER Rochester, Minn., an ABC affiliate, owned and operated by the Rochester Broadcasting Co., have been announced.

President of the full-time outlet. which commenced operation on Dec. 1 on 970 kc, 500 w daytime and 1 kw night, is Alice P. Mayo. Personnel includes C. T. Hagaman, general manager; Robert Bouchier, program manager; Robert Fick, commercial manager; Boynton Hagaman, chief engineer, and Elizabeth Gahre, director of publicity and promotion. Studios are located in downtown Rochester, at 229 First Avenue SW. The station is represented nationally by Adam J. Young Inc.



RTHUR E. SUTTON has been appointed general sales and production manager of Broadcast **Productions Inc.** 

FREDERIC W. ZIV Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, has announced that its Cisco Kid will be available via open-end transcriptions in March 1949. Program is currently heard on Don Lee network under sponsorship of Interstate and Kilpatrick bakeries in California, and cooperatively on rest of network. Program will continue on Don Lee as open-end series effective in March, and will retain those sponsors abovementioned.

SPENCE CALDWELL, for past four years manager of program division of All-Canada Radio Facilities, Toronto, has resigned to form S. W. Caldwell Ltd., to handle transcribed syndicated shows, scripts and handle radio advertising productions. Office will be in Victory Bldg., Toronto.

KSIJ Gladewater, Tex., has signed with FREDERIC W. ZIV Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, for five of its packaged productions. Contracts for 52 weeks were signed for half hour Wayne King Show, Philo Vance and Lightning Jim; and quarter-hour Old Corral and the Barry Wood Show.

1-11-1 When It's BMI It's yours Another BMI "Pin Up" Hit—Published by Lutz DAINTY BRENDA LEE On Records: Eddy Howard—Mer. 5208; Eastman Trio-Trilon 188; Don Churchill—Trilon 206; Jack Lathrop-Vic. 20-3119; Peter Lind Hayes-Dec. 24519; Jack Smith—Cap. 15328; Jerry Wayne-Col.\* On Transcriptions: Bob Grabeau—Capitol BROADCAST MUSIC INC. 580 FIFTH YORK 19, N. NEW

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### **Decisions** Cont.:

Assignment of CP

WACA Camden, S. C. —Assignment of CP from Haygood S. Bowden to Cam-den Bestg. Corp. KEYE Perryton, Tex. — Assignment of CP from Van W. Stewart, Carl Ellis and F. B. Sumpter d/b as North Plains Bestg. Co. to North Plains Bestg. Co. Inc. Inc.

### **Transfer of Control**

Transfer of Control KTSA San Antonio, Tex.—Transfer of control of Sunshine Bestg. Co., li-cense, from Taylor Radio and Tele-vision Corp. to Gene Autry. WEXT Milwaukee — Acquisition of control of WEXT Inc., loensee. by Lee K. and David Beznor, Gerald Bar-tell, Rosa B. Evans and Loraine A. Gromey from Sydney Charney, Fred Froede, Bruno V. Bitker, George Gra-bin. Arthur Meyerhoff and Ben Barkin. KMAE McKinney, Tex.—Acquisition of control of McKinney Air Enterprises by George W. Smith Jr. from Clay E. Thompson Jr. and Noel E. Thompson.

#### License Renewal

WAYX Waycross, Ga.—License re-newal AM station. KGON Oregon City, Ore.—Same.

**CP** to Reinstate

Cannon & Callister Inc., Los Angeles —CP to reinstate CP new FM station KCLI Los Angeles.

### Transfer of Control

KWIK-FM Burbank, Calif.—Acquisi-tion of control of Burbank Bestrs. Inc., licensee, by James H. and Alice I. Furns

#### **Request to Delete**

WWDX The Passaic Daily News, Pat-erson, N. J. Request to delete license for FM station and cancel call letters.

#### License for CP - License

KFDA-FM Amarillo, Tex. — Lice to cover CP new FM station. WRZE York, Pa.—Same. WTAG-FM Worcester, Mass.—Sam WENE-FM Endicott, N. Y.—Same.

Same.

### Modification of CP

Modification of CP KGLO-FM Mason City, Iowa-Mod. CP new FM station for extension of completion date. KCKN-FM Kansas City, Kan.—Same. KFEQ-FM St. Joseph, Mo.-Same. KBEX-FM Muskoree, Okla.—Same. WBAP-FM Fort Worth. Tex.—Same. KBETV Dallas, Tex.—Mod. CP new commercial TV station for extension of completion date.

## TENDERED FOR FILING

**Transfer of Control** 

KSAL Salina, Kan.—Acquisition of control of KSAL Inc., licensee, by John P., Fred M. and Sidney Harris.

### Assignment of License

Assignment of License WDIG Dothan, Ala.—Assignment of license from Jesse M. Swicegood, J. P. Burnett and Lela C. Robinson d/b as Houston Bestrs. to Jesse M. Swicegood and Lela C. Robinson d/b as Houston Bestrs.

#### Assignment of CP

Assignment of CP KCOI Coalinga, Calif.—Assignment of CP from D. O. Kinnie to Albert F. Blain, Richard K. Newman Jr. and Forrest W. Hughes d/b as KCOI Bcstg. Co.

### **Modification of License**

Modification of License KHHO Sioux Falls, S. D.—Mod. license to change ant. parameters. WOOK Silver Spring, Md.—Mod. li-cense to operate 1590 kc 1 kw-D lio w-N uni. instead of 1590 kc 1 kw D.

Modification of CP

WHBR Hanover, Pa.-Mod. CP to change from 1280 kc 1 kw D to 1280 kc 1 kw-D 500 w-N uni. DA-N.

### January 26 Decisions . . .

### DOCKET CASE ACTION

### AM-1060 kc

AM-1060 kc Announced decision granting applica-tion of James A. Noe to change oper-ating assignment of WNOE New Or-lears. La., from 1450 kc 250 w uni. to 1060 kc 50 kw-D 5 kw-N DA-N uni. and denial of application of Deep South Rect?. Co. for new station on same as-signment. (Comr. Jones concurred; Comrs. Coys and Hennock dissented.)

### January 27 Decisions . . .

DOCKET CASE ACTION

# AM-1450 kc Announced proposed decision to grant application of Richland Bestg.

**BROADCASTING** • Telecasting

Summary of Authorizations, Applications, New Station Requests, Ownership

### **SUMMARY TO JANUARY 27**

Class	Total On Air	Licensed	CPs	Cond'l Grants	cations Pending	In Hearing	
M Stations M Stations V Stations	1,920 704 56	1,866 226 7	262 698 116	34*	475 86 314	281 30 181	
* 12 on the air.							

\*12 on the air. CALL ASSIGNMENTS: WPMP Pascagoula, Miss. (Crest Broadcasting Co., 800 kc 250 w day); WTVB Coldwater, Mich. (Twin Valley Broadcasters Inc., 1550 kc 1 kw day) KCRO Englewood, Col., switching from KENG (Colorado Broadcasting Co., 1380 kc 1 kw day). cant is co-partnership of John C. Love, attorney at Kosciusko, Miss., and Cy N. Bahakel, owner WKOZ Kosciusko and part owner of new applicant at Cleveland, Miss. (See above.) Filed Jan. 27.

### TV APPLICATION

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Toledo, Ohio — Community Broad-casting Co., Channel 3 (60-66 mc), ERP vis. 16.7 kw, aur. 8.4 kw, unlimited, antenna 500 ft; estimated cost \$1939,000, first year cost of operation \$120,000, revenue unknown. Applicant is licensee WTOL-AM-FM Toledo. Filed Jan. 25.

#### AM APPLICATIONS

AM APPLICATIONS Charlottesville, Va.—The Charlottes-ville Broadcasting Co., 1280 kc, 1 kw, daytime; estimated cost \$18,000. Appli-cant is partnership of G. Russel Cham-bers, Washington, D. C., sales engineer for Gates Radio Co., one-third owner, and John W. Rollins, eastern shorge auto dealer and part owner of Rollins Broadcasting Co., new AM grantee at Reforgetown, Del., and applicant at Radford, Va., two-thirds owner. Filed Jan. 27. Jan. 27.

Cleveland, Miss.—Cleveland Broad-casting Co., 1400 kc, 250 w, unlimited; estimated cost \$17,313. Co-partnership: C. W. Capps, cotton broker; Lowry Tims, owner own firm which retails butane gas and appliances, and Cy N. Bahakel, owner WKOZ Kosciusko, Miss. Filed Jan. 25. Greenwood

Greenwood, Miss.—Greenwood Broadcasting Co., 960 kc, 1 kw, day-time; estimated cost \$18,000. Appli-

BY COMMISSION EN BANC FM Authorizations

License Extension

License Extension Placed on temp. license pending ex-amination of qualifications of licensee in light of decision of Supreme Court in U. S. vs. Paramount Pictures Inc. (68 S. Ct. 915). following: Balaban & Katz Corp., TV station WBKB and exp. TV stations W9XBB W9XOE Chi-cago; Allen B. DuMont Labs. Inc., TV station WABD New York and exp. TV station WABD New York and exp. TV stations W1XUX W2XEM W3XWC, W3XHD W3XWT W2XVT.

Assignment of License

Assignment of License KUGN KUGN-FM Eugene, Oret-Granted assignment of license of KUGN and of CP for KUGN-FM from C. H. Fisher and B. N. Phillips d/b as Valley Bestg. Co. to KUGN Inc., new corpora-tion to be composed of assignor partner Fisher and Otley and P. R. Berke and C. O. Fisher. KBST Big Spring, Texas-Granted as-signment of license from Big Soring Herald Bestg. Co. to Big Spring Bestg. Co. for \$285.000. KFKD KFXD-FM Nampa. Ida.-

Co. for \$255.000. KFXD KFXD-FM Nampa, Ida.— Granted assignment of license from Frank E. Hurt & Son, partnership com-posed of Frank E. Hurt and Edward P. Hurt, to Frank E. Hurt & Son Inc.

License Extension **KERO** Bakersfield, Callf. -- Granted temp. extension of license to June 1 pending receipt of further information. Hearing Designated

WFVA Fredericksburg, Va.-Desig-nated for hearing application for re-newal of license in consolidated hear-ing with applications of Winchester Bestg. Corp. and Richard Field Lewis Jr. for CPs and application of Richard

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Field Lewis Jr. for renewal of license of WINC-FM, upon issue to determine qualifications of Richard Field Lewis Jr. to be stockholder in Fredericksburg Bestg. Corp., particularly with refer-ence to truth or falsity of charges made against Winchester Bestg. Corp. by Lewis and of counter-charge against Lewis by Winchester; further ordered that license of WFVA be extended on temp. basis to June 1 pending decision in case. Corp. for new station Richland Center, Wis. 1450 kc 250 w unl., engineering cond. Authorized one Class A FM CP to sta-tion formerly holding CG; granted CPs to four FM stations for changes in facil-ities (see story, page 49). Modification of CP WHEN Syracuse, N. Y.-Granted mod. CP to change trans. location. In-crease ERP to vis. 27 kw, aur. 13 kw and make ant. changes. WPTZ Philadelphia-Granted mod. CP to change ERP to vis. 18 kw, aur. 9 kw, change equip. and make ant. changes, and extension of STA to April 13. Licence Extension

#### License Renewal

Jan. 27. Monroe, La.—Dr. Frank P. Cerniglia, 1230 kc, 250 w, unlimited (Contingent upon KNOE Monroe changing facili-ties); estimated cost \$14,083. Applicant has been dentist for 20 years. He filed and was denied applications for new station in 1929 and 1936. Filed Jan. 25. Moundsville, W. Va.—James D. Sin-yard, 1370 kc, 250 w, daytime; esti-mated cost \$8,420. To November 1948 applicant was 50% Sulphur Springs, Fla. Filed Jan. 25. Williamston. N. C.—S. S. Adcock. 900

Filed Jan. 25. Williamston, N. C.—S. S. Adcock, 900 kc, 1 kw, daytime; estimated cost \$14,400. Applicant is new AM grantee at Fuquay Springs, N. C., and owner of radio and auto supply store in Lilling-ton, N. C. Filed Jan. 25.

FM APPLICATION

Wichita, Kan.—The Municipal U. of Wichita, noncommercial educational low-power FM, Channel 201 (38.1 mc), power 10 w; estimated cost \$1,995. Stu-dents of college have been operating carrier current campus station. Filed Jan. 24.

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License Renewal Granted renewal of license for fol-lowing stations for period ending Feb. 1, 1952; WNEE Worcester, Mass.; KCMC Texarkana, Tex.; KOOS Coos Bay, Ore; KSIX Corpus Christi, Tex.; KYSM Mankato, Minn.; WESX Salem, Mass.; WKVM Arecibo, P. R.; WMFR High Point, N. C.; WTBC Tuscaloosa, Ala.; KDLK Del Rio. Tex.; KDZA Pueblo, Col.; KHAS Hastings, Neb.; KISD Sloux Falls S. D.; KLWT Leb-anon, Mo.; KPHO Phoenix, Ariz.; KSST Sulphur Springs. Tex.; KWNO Winona, Minn.; KWTX Waco. Tex.; KXLO Lewistown, Mont.; WFAS (and aux.) White Plains, N. Y.; WHBT Harriman, Tenn.; WJEF Grand Rapids, Mich.; WLOG Logan, W. Va.; WSKB McComb, Miss.; WTCJ Tell City. Ind.; WTHT Hartford, Conn.; WIRB Enterprise, Ala.; KSWS Roswell, N. M. KGEK Sterling, Col.—Granted re-newal of license for regular period. KWTC Barstow, Calif.—Same. WAUD Auburn, Ala.—Same. License Extensions

WAUD Auburn, Ala.-Same. WAUD Auburn, Ala.-Same. License Extensions Following stations were granted temp. extension of licenses to June 1: KBTM Jonesboro, Ark.; KGFJ Los An-geles; WBLJ Daiton, Ga.; WFTC Kins-ton, N. C.; WSOO Sault Ste. Marie. Mich.; WMOB Mobile, Ala.; WNOK Columbia, S. C.; KIYI Sheiby, Mont.; WJOR Bangor, Mc.; KFUN Las Vegas. N. M.; KNOW Monroe, La.; WOCK Florence, S. C.; KOAL Price. Utah: WAZF Yazoo City. Miss.; KGON Ore-gon City. Ore.; KGAK Gailuo, N. M.; KXXL Reno, Nev.; KTRF Thief River Falls, Minn.; KEXO Grand Junction. Col.; WAYX Waycross. Ga.; WCBT Roanoke Rabids, N. C.; WDEC Ameri-cus, Ga.; WERC Erie, Pa.; WHTB Tal-ledega, Ala.; KEVT Kerrville, Tex.; WTSV Claremont. N. H.; WLOF Or-lando. Fla.; WBHP Huntsville, Ala.; WCOM Parkersburg, W. Va. Petition Denied

#### Petition Denied

KOB Albuquerque, N. M.—Ordered denial of petition filed by KOB request-ing the Commission to rescind its order

designating for hearing petition filed by John J. Dempsey and further request-ing that the Commission dismiss Demp-sey complaint: continued hearing in this proceeding to March 21, 1949 at Al-buquerque. (Docket 8044.)

### Waiver Granted

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Waiver Granted WNAM WNAM-FM Neenah, Wis.— Granted request for waiver of Sec. 3.12 and 3.206 of rules to permit origination of news and recorded programs at studios located at trans. site, while maintaining main studio at 101 E. Wis. Ave.

#### Hearing Designated

Hearing Designated WHDH Boston and KOA Denver-Designated for hearing petitions of WHDH and KOA for reconsideration of Commission action granting mod. CP for DA changes to Champlain Valley Bestg. Corp. (WXKW Albany, N. Y.) and for designation of said mod. CP application and permittee's license ap-plication and permittee's license ap-plication for hearing, and for termina-tion or mod. of authority for WXKW to conduct program tests, and for other relief; said hearing to be held in Wash-ington at date to be specified, and made WXKW Albany party to proceeding.

### Modification of License

Modification of License KvyC Ventura, Calif.-Granted re-quest for mod. license to change loca-tion of main studio. and for waiver of Scatton of rules to permit identifi-cation of station as Ventura-Oxnard. Calif.

### Hearing Designated

Hearing Designated WLOK Lima, Ohio-Designated for. hearing application for CP to make changes in vertical ant. and to mount FM ant. on top of AM tower, and to change trans. location (geographic co-ordinates only), and made WHBU An-derson, Ind., and WHHZ Zanesville parties to proceeding. Great Barrington, Mass.-Designated for hearing application for new station 1240 kc 100 w unl. and made WHUC Hudson, N. Y., marty to proceeding (Comrs. Coy and Hennock for grant). Destition Denied

### **Petition** Denied

Vulcan Bestg. Co., Birmingham, Ala. —Adopted memorandum opinion and order denying petition requesting that Commission reconsider its action desig-nating application for hearing and grant it without hearing.

### Modification of CP

Modification of CP WHKC Columbus, Ohio-Granted mod. CP to (1) top-load three towers of six tower DA to improve efficiency, (2) increase N field at bearing of 207 degrees true, and (3) to specify #4 tower of DA system as alternate emer-gency D non-directional radiator; en-gineering cond.

### Hearing Designated

KRKO Everett. Wash.—Designated for hearing application for CP to change from 1400 kc 250 w unl. to 1380 kc 1 kw unl. DA-N. (Comrs. Jones and Hennock voting to grant.)

### BY THE COMMISSION

License Extension WBNY Buffalo, N. Y.—Present li-cense extended on temp. basis to June 1.

#### **Modification of CP**

Modification of CP WTVJ Miami, Fla.; A. Frank Katzen-tine et al.—Granted application of WTVJ for mod. CP in part, with ERP 1.45 kw vis. and 0.73 kw aur., and oper-ating power output of 440 w vis. and 20 w aur. Also stranted request for STA for commercial operation in part. with station to be operated at site specified in mod. CP, temp. ant. st 286 ft. above average terrain and ERP 2.2 kw vis. and 1.1 kw aur., for period of 90 days ending in no event later than April 17. 1949. Also granted applica-tion of WTVJ for extension of com-pletion date to July 27, and denied re-lated petition of A. Frank Katzentine et al. to designate completion date ap-wication for hearing in pending Miami TV hearing. (Comrs. Webster and Sterling not participating; Comr. Jones dissenting in part.)

### January 27 Applications . . .

### ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Modification of License

# KSWA Santa Maria, Calif.-Mod. li-cense change main studio site.

### Transfer of Control

KVOR Colorado Springs, Col.—Trans-fer of control of Out West Bestg. Co., licensee, from Oklahoma Pub. Co. and Edgar T. Bell to Aladdin Radio and Television Inc. Also assignment of li-cense cens

ense. KLZ Denver—Transfer of control of licensee, KLZ Bostg, Co., from Edgar T. Bell, Herbert M. Peck and Inez K. Gaylord to Aladdin Radio and Televi-sion Inc. Also includes assignment of license for AM and CP for FM.

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# At Deadline...

# BALLOTS FOR SECOND BMB STUDY GO OUT IN MARCH

DR. KENNETH BAKER, NAB research director, said Friday 650,000 ballots for second BMB study will go out first week in March. Executive Committee of BMB met in New York Friday to discuss administrative problems, including top personnel, but no action

was taken, according to unofficial word. BMB announced two new FM subscribers (WCFC Beckley, W. Va., KWKH-FM Shreveport) and one new AM subscriber (KBOW Butte, Mont.) since Jan. 20. Total of 814 subscribers includes 658 AM, 135 FM, 13 TV, four national and four regional networks.

BMB's newly formed engineering advisory committee held six-hour exploratory session Thursday in New York. Committee chairman, Royal V. Howard, NAB director of engineering, presided. Others attending: William Duttera, NBC; Earl C. Johnson, MBS; William Lodge, CBS; Frank Marks, ABC. Neal Mc-Naughton, second member representing NAB, was excused. Guests were: John Preston, ABC; William Wright, CBS; E. C. Page, consulting engineer; E. P. H. James, MBS vice president and BMB board member.

# DAYTIME STATION GROUP RENEWS FULLTIME BID

DAYTIME Petitioners Assn. renewed bid Friday for fulltime instead of daytime-only operation on Mexican 1-A channels [BROADCASTING, Nov. 29, 1948], asking FCC to amend its rules and, meanwhile, to grant special authorizations so that stations on those channels may start nighttime service immediately.

Six channels, with total of 106 U. S. stations, are involved: 730, 800, 900, 1050, 1220, and 1570 kc. Under U. S.-Mexico agreement, they aren't used in this country at night. But DPA claims agreement has expired and that it prevents "full and efficient use of frequencies in the U. S." Petition of DPA, representing 31 stations, was filed by Leonard H. Marks, Washington counsel.

# **CLEVELAND GRANT UPHELD**

FOR SECOND time, FCC Friday handed down final decision granting Cleveland Broadcasting Inc., application for new 5 kw Cleveland station on 1800 kc and denying Scripps-Howard Radio's request for same assignment. First decision, almost two years ago, was later set aside for further hearing. FCC preferred Cleveland Broadcasting (WERE-FM Cleveland) on basis of local ownership, integration of ownership and operation, and non-newspaper association.

# **BOGGS HEADS WMCA**

NORMAN BOGGS, president and general manager of WLOL Minneapolis, joins WMCA New York Feb. 14 as general manager. Ralph L. Atlass, Chicago radio executive and owner of WLOL, becomes consultant to WMCA. Mr. Boggs fills vacancy left by resignation of Charles Stark last June.

### HENNOCK TO ADDRESS AWB

FRIEDA B. HENNOCK, FCC member, slated to address sixth annual national convention of Assn. of Women Broadcasters of NAB, to be held March 10-12 in Drake Hotel, Chicago.

## NUMBER OF STATION GRANTS BY FCC EXCEEDS 4,000

BROADCAST stations authorized by FCC topped 4,000 during 1948, FCC reported Friday. More than 677,000 authorizations of all categories were outstanding at year's end, increase of 69,000 over 1947.

Year end station totals in broadcast field were: AM-2,127, up 165 over 1947; FM-966, down 44; TV-124, up 51; experimental TV-182, up 91; educational -50, up 10; facsimile-2, up 2.

Commercial operator licenses were estimated to total 386,000, up 25,000. Nonbroadcast services gained nearly 5,000 aeronautical 4,000 marine, 1,600 industrial and 1,000 land transportation authorizations. Total nonbroadcast, not including associated mobile units, exceeded 135,000.

Some 7.200 broadcast applications and 98,000 nonbroadcast applications were disposed of by FCC during 1948. Total of 106,000 were received, exclusive of operators.

# AD COUNCIL BOARD OKAYS AID TO INDEPENDENTS PLAN

PLAN for cooperation between Advertising Council and some 400 independent stations to enlist radio support for public service campaigns was approved by council's board of directors.

Council would make available to non-affiliated stations, services and materials similar to those provided major networks, advertisers and agencies. Plan was proposed by NAB's Independent Stations Committee, Ted Cott, WNEW New York, chairman. Before presenting proposal committee surveyed independents to ascertain if they would devote time to subjects allocated by the council.

## RADIO SET COUNT IN 1950 CENSUS URGED

COUNT of radio receiving sets—AM, FM and TV—in 1950 decennial census proposed by Rep. James I. Dolliver (R-Iowa) (HR 1958). Bill would give Secretary of Commerce authority to include these questions.

Rep. Dolliver told BROADCASTING Friday he realized Census Bureau ordinarily decides whether questions should be included in housing census but considers matter important enough to merit Congressional consideration.

Two House bills ask housing census but don't specify radio questions [BROADCASTING, Jan 20]. Senate has similar bill (see story page 29).

### **KEEGAN LEAVES WCFL**

HOWARD KEEGAN has resigned as station manager of WCFL, Chicago Federation of Labor station, to devote time to Chicago television. Ken Carpenter leaves station sales staff.

Upcoming

Jan. 31: ASCAP Field Force convention, New York.

Jan. 31-Feb. 4: American Institute of Electrical Engineers annual winter general meeting, Hotel Statler, New York.

Feb. 1: American Television Society Film Forum, Museum of Modern Arts, New York.

Feb. 3: ABC Mountain and Pacific Area District Affiliates meeting, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Feb. 5: Radio Correspondents Assn. annual dinner, Hotel Statler, Washington.

(Other Upcomings on page 41)

# 'AIMS' STATION GROUP PLANS TO FORM CO-OP

FOURTEEN managers of 21 member stations in Assn. of Independent Metropolitan Stations took preliminary steps Friday to set up cooperative to meet network and TV competition. Possibility of selling stations nationally as representing selected markets was discussed. Two-day session, first formal meeting of organization, took place at Stevens Hotel Chicago.

Delegates convened at call of Patt McDonald, WHHM Memphis; Steve Cisler, WKYW Louisville and Dave Baylor, WJMO Cleveland. Also discussed was release of joint promotion pieces on independent radio success stories, as well as problems concerning personnel, programming and engineering.

Frank Pellegrin, sales manager of Transit Radio, was scheduled to talk Saturday morning. AIMS is chiefly an "idea exchange," said Mr. McDonald. Twenty-five additional membership applications being considered. Next meeting April 10 in conjunction with NAB Convention in Chicago.

# **Closed Circuit**

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(see page 23) seasoned observers see portents of additional blasts that will be atomic in comparison—relating to allegations of bungled TV and FM allocations, and of purported monopolistic pressures which resulted in suppression of color TV and in relegating FM to secondary status.

ALTHOUGH no two observers are in agreement on substance of subcommittee report, unanimous view prevails its phrase-turning and rhetoric set precedent. While report authorship officially is credited to Senators Tobey and McFarland, those close to committee would gamble that Edward Cooper, committee communications expert, did something more than edit report before it went to public printer.

ALTHOUGH it isn't publicly announced, new NBC policy would not preclude duplication of clear channels which it occupies through owned and operated stations but would not go along with Johnson Bill (S-491) proposal for 50,000 w ceiling on power.

NEGOTIATIONS of ABC for the video rights to the film of Gen. Eisenhower's life to be made by 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., begun last fall and temporarily dropped when motion picture company tried to buy ABC, have been resumed and are nearly completed.

CONTRACTS are at signing stage for sponsorship of *Preview* with Jinx Falkenburg and Tex McCrary on CBS-TV by Philip Morris Cigarettes through Biow Co., New York. Show will be presented Mondays 8-8:30 p.m. on CBS television network, with tentative starting date mid-April.

SSC&B, New York, preparing television commercial for its client, Pall Mall Cigarettes, with campaign possibly to start in spring.

KWRZ Flagstaff, Ariz., has been sold for \$20,000 to Agnes McGillvra and S. J. Kirby, subject to FCC approval. Mrs. McGillvra has been in commercial department of KOOL Phoenix and previously in station representative field. Mr. Kirby is engineer.

PROCTER & GAMBLE, which already has agreed to move Red Skelton from NBC to CBS next fall, considering similar move for *Life of Riley* and *Truth or Consequences*.

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