

BROADCASTERS' NEWS BULLETIN

Reporting accurately and promptly current happenings of special interest to Broadcasting
Stations in the Commercial, Regulatory, Legislative and Judicial Fields

Issued by

OFFICERS

WALTER J. DAMM, . Milwaukee, Wis.
President
EDWIN M. SPENCE, Atlantic City, N. J.
Vice President
O. D. FISHER, Seattle, Wash.
Vice President
PAUL W. MORENCY, Hartford, Conn.
Treasurer

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

Incorporated

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Telephone District 9497

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

PHILIP G. LOUCKS
Managing Director
EUGENE V. COGLEY
Assistant to Managing Director
OLIVINE FORTIER
Secretary

July 25, 1931

REGIONAL MEETING BULLETIN

A comprehensive account of the proceedings of the first Regional Meeting of the National Association of Broadcasters, held in San Francisco, July 21 and 22, has been prepared by the Managing Director, for distribution to the full membership directly from San Francisco.

It is being issued as a special supplement to the regular BROADCASTERS NEWS BULLETIN and will reach you by mail shortly.

- - -

July 25, 1931

WISCONSIN STATIONS APPEAL

The decision of the Commission denying stations WHA, Madison, Wisc. and WLBL, Stevens Point, Wisc., authority to consolidate and operate on 900 kc was appealed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals this week. Station WHA now operates on 940 kc with 750 watts power daytime only. The applications as filed at the Commission requested authority to merge this station with WLBL at Stevens Point, Wisc., now assigned to 900 kc with day power of 2000 watts. The applicants proposed to operate on 900 kc with 5 KW and day time hours only. Station WHA is operated by the University of Wisconsin, and the Stevens Point station is owned by the Department of Agriculture and Markets of the State of Wisconsin.

The appeal was filed by the Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin and it claims that the Commission erred in finding that these two stations have not made full use of their present operating assignments and that the granting of this request to consolidate and operate with increased power would violate the provisions of the Davis Amendment.

During the current week the Commission filed statements of facts and grounds for decision in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in these cases: No. 5437 Virgil V. Evans, (WSPA) Spartanburg, S. C. v. F R C; No. 5436 Strawbridge & Clothier, (WFI) Philadelphia, Pa., v. F R C. In the Spartanburg case, the motion to dismiss filed by the Commission was postponed by the Court until hearing on the merits of the appeal. A list of more than fifty interested parties was filed by the Commission in the case involving the Strawbridge & Clothier application for increased power.

Additional time to designate the record in the appeal of Keystone Broadcasting Corporation, (WCOD) Harrisburg, Pa., v. F R C No. 5413 was requested by the Commission. In this same case, the motion to dismiss filed by the Commission was postponed until hearing on the merits.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company, (WEEI) Boston, Mass., operates on Station WEEI, filed a notice of intention to intervene in the appeal of Virgil V. Evans, (WSPA) Spartanburg, S. C. No. 5437. In the appeal of Pacific Development Radio Co., (KECA) Los Angeles, Calif., v. F R C No. 5445, the station has filed an answer to the Commission's motion to dismiss.

The Commission filed motion to dismiss in the appeal of Durham Life Insurance Co., (WPTF) Raleigh, N. C., v. F R C No. 5444. The motion to dismiss filed by Rines Hotel Co., Manchester, N. H., (WFEA) 5378 was granted by the court.

- - - - -

AUGUST RENEWAL REMINDER

Present licenses for stations operating on the frequencies of 930, 940, 950, 1010, 1120, 1220, 1230, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1270, 1280, 1290, kc. will expire at 3 a. m. E. S. T., October 1st. Under the terms of General Order 114, promulgated May 15, applications for renewal of license must be filed so as to be received at the office of the Supervisor of Radio in charge of the station district no later than August 1st. All members of the NAB who are affected by this regulation have been advised of the filing date by letter. This notice is being given as an additional reminder that there is only a short time to comply with the General Order.

- - - - -

July 25, 1931

BAKER SEEKS INJUNCTION

Norman Baker, Muscatine, Iowa, this week petitioned the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for a temporary injunction against the action of the Commission in revoking his license to operate Station KTNT. This station was formerly assigned to Limited Time on 1170 kc with power of 5 KW.

In the present suit, the attorneys for the station claim that the requirement of the Radio Act that operators of broadcasting stations before the passage of the Act waive all claim to the use of any particular wave-length or frequency or of the ether because of previous use is unconstitutional. In support of these allegations the petition states that by its application the owner of the station is deprived of his property right in his broadcasting business which was established before the passage of the Radio Act. It is alleged the action of the Commission in refusing to renew the license of station KTNT was a deprivation and taking of property in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. The petition claims the waiver was signed under protest and obtained under duress and therefore is null and void and is not binding on the station. The constitutionality of the Radio Act is further subject to attack as it is claimed the property of the station has been taken for public use and without just compensation and the station owner is deprived of his liberty to conduct a lawful and established business.

The application of station KTNT, for renewal of license was denied by the Commission after hearing on oral argument. The action of the Commission has been appealed to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

- - - -

MINNESOTA AND NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS

With the announcement that nearly fifty per cent of the total families in Minnesota have receiving sets, the Census Bureau has made public radio set figures for this state and North Carolina. Out of 608,398 families in Minnesota, 287,880 or 47.3 per cent have broadcast receivers. In the state of North Carolina out of 645,245 families, 72,329 or 11.6 per cent are equipped with sets. The number of persons per family in Minnesota is 4.2 and in North Carolina 4.9.

- - - -

SET EXPORT INCREASES

A statement issued by the Electrical Division of the Department of Commerce issued this week declares that a gain of more than 60 per cent over the corresponding month of last year in the May exports of radio receiving sets from this country brought the total for the first five months of the current year to a point approximately 57 per cent in excess of the like period of 1930.

Radio receiving sets exported during May totaled \$1,171,000 in comparison with \$726,000 in May, 1930.

The total for the current year's five month period was \$5,191,483 as compared with \$3,312,100 in the corresponding period of 1930.

- - - -

July 25, 1931

RMA DIRECTORS MEET

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Radio Manufacturers Association has been called by J. Clarke Coit, President of the Association for July 30th. The session will be held at Niagara Falls, Canada and it is probable that the leading subject of discussion will be the proposed radio patent pool.

- - - -

EXAMINERS' REPORTS

In re application of WDRC, Inc., Hartford, Conn., (WDRC) for modification of license to increase power to 1 KW. Docket 1111. Report 226. Examiner Hyde recommends denial of application.

In re application of William J. Hays, Portsmouth, Ohio, for application to erect new station on 1310 kc with 100 watts and unlimited time. Docket 1024. Report 227. Examiner Hyde recommends denial of application.

In re application of Howard B. Hoel and Charles M. Dean, Norwood, Ohio for construction permit to erect new station on 1420 kc with 100 watts and unlimited time. Docket 1167. Report 228. Examiner Hyde recommends denial of application.

- - - -

RENEWALS GRANTED

During the current week the Commission granted applications for renewal of license for the regular period to the following stations: KPCB, Seattle, Wash.; KQV, Pittsburgh, Penna.; KJBS, San Francisco, Calif.; KNOX, St. Louis, Mo.; WCBD, Zion, Ill.; WCCO, Minneapolis, Minn.; WMAZ, Macon, Ga.; WOR, Newark, N.J.; WOI, Ames, Iowa, KGDA, Mitchell, S. D.; and KGHI, Little Rock, Ark.

- - - -

TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED

The Commission issued temporary licenses to the following stations during the current week: KFEQ, St. Joseph, Mo.; WOV, New York City and KVI, Tacoma, Wash.

- - - -

COMMISSION REQUESTS RENEWALS

During the current week the Commission directed the Secretary under the provisions of General Order 114, Section 2 to request the following stations to file applications for renewal of license with the Office of the Supervisor of Radio in charge of the station district; WCAL, Northfield, Minn.; WTAQ, Eau Claire, Wis.; KFMX, Northfield, Minn.; KFUP, Denver, Colo.; KGB^Z, York, Nebr.; KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn.; KGIW, Trinidad, Colo.; KGMP, Elk City, Okla.; KMA, Shenandoah, Iowa.; KSCJ, Sioux City, Iowa; KUOA, Fayetteville, Ark.; KLRA, Little Rock, Ark.; KOB, State College, N.M.; WKBN, Youngstown, Ohio; and WEAO, Columbus, Ohio.

- - - -

July 25, 1931

RADIO REDUCES ILLITERACY

With the statement that the advent of radio has contributed largely to the reduction of illiteracy in the United States, during the past ten years, the United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. William John Cooper, this week declared Bureau of Census figures disclose that only 4.3 per cent of the population of 10 years of age and over were illiterate last year as against 6 per cent in 1920. Dr. Cooper explained since radio had its beginnings as a medium of mass communication about the same time that the last census of illiterates was taken, the decrease as has been noted is concurrent with the growth of radio. "Experiments conducted by education," the Commissioners said, "have shown that unquestionably radio has been an influential factor in reducing the number of illiterates both directly and indirectly."

- - - -

APPLICATIONS GRANTED

The following applications were granted by the Commission this week:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF GRANT</u>
WLXAK	Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.	Granted renewal of lic., 990 kc, 50 w.
WIBA	Badger Broadcasting Co., Madison, Wisconsin	Granted permission to use transmitter formerly operated under call letters WISJ for period of one week to determine which of the two transmitters, WIBA or WISJ, will deliver better service.
KCRC	Enid Radiophone Co., Enid, Oklahoma	Granted authority to move transmitter and studio to Willow & Kennedy Sts., and Broadway & Washington, Enid, and install new equipment.
WOR	Bamberger Broadcasting Service, Newark, N. J.	Permission to use temporary broadcast pickup service between dirigible Los Angeles and Station WOR from 3 p. m. to 4 p. m. July 21, 1931.
NEW	National Broadcasting Co., New York, N. Y.	Granted C. P.; frequencies 43000 to 46000, 48500 to 50300, 60000 to 80000 kc; 5 KW power; subject to rules and regulations governing visual broadcasting stations.
NEW	National Broadcasting Co., New York, N. Y.	Granted C. P.; frequencies 41000, 51400, 60000 to 400000 and above 401000 kc. 2.5 KW power. Subject to rules and regulations governing general experimental stations.

July 25, 1931

APPLICATIONS GRANTED (continued)

<u>Call</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Nature of Grant</u>
KFI	Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.	Request granted to include 5 KW auxiliary transmitter which was omitted in renewal of lic. granted July 7, 1931
WFBL	Onondaga Radio Brdcastg. Corp., Syracuse, N. Y.	Granted authority to measure antenna input.
KFDM	Magnolia Petroleum Co., Beaumont, Texas.	Granted authority to measure antenna input.
WOW	Woodmen of the World Life Ins. Omaha, Nebraska	Granted authority to measure antenna input.
WMT	Waterloo Broadcasting Co., Waterloo, Iowa.	Granted authority to measure antenna input.

APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING

The following applications were ordered designated for hearing by the Commission during the current week:

NEW	The Voice of the Blue Grass, Owensboro, Ky.	Appl. for C. P. new station, 940 kc 1kw.
NEW	Dr. F. P. Corniglia, Monroe, La.	Appl. for C. P. new station, 1310 kc. 100 watts.
NEW	Intermountain Broadcasters, Pocatello, Idaho	Appl. for C. P. new station, 900 kc. 250 watts. Unlimited.
NEW	John E. V. Jasper, Sherman, Texas.	Appl. for C. P. new station, 1500 kc. 50 watts.
NEW	W. G. Jasper, Paris, Texas	Appl. for C. P. new station, 1370 kc. 50 watts.
NEW	W. G. Jasper, Texarkana, Texas	Appl. for C. P. new station, 1420 kc. 50 watts.

POSITIONS WANTED

The NAB has received applications for positions from several announcers and commercial men in different parts of the country. Stations interested should write to NAB headquarters National Press Building, Washington, D. C.

July 25, 1931

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following applications were received by the Commission during the current week:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>PRESENT FREQUENCY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY SOUGHT</u>	<u>NATURE OF APPLICATION</u>
W S A Z	WSAZ, Incorporated Huntington, W. Va.	580	----	To determine power by direct measurement of antenna.
W R R	City of Dallas, Texas Dallas, Texas	1280	----	To determine power by direct measurement of antenna.
NEW	W. G. Jasper, Texarkana, Ark.	----	1420	C. P. erect new sta- tion; 50 watts, to share time with Sta- tion KTAP (KABC).
NEW	Neely & Franks Radio Co. Charleston, Miss.	----	1500	C. P. resubmitted, amended to request 1500 kc. instead of 1220 kc.
W C A J	Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. Lincoln, Nebr.	590	----	C. P. amended to re- quest 500 watts in- stead of 1 kilowatt.
K R O W	Educational Brdcstg., Oakland, Calif.	930	----	C. P. amended as to equipment requested.
W S P A	Virgil V. Evans, The Voice of So. Caro. Spartanburg, So. Caro.	1420	----	Lic. cover C. P. to move transmitter and studio.
W F D V	Dolies Goings, Rome, Ga.	1370	----	Voluntary assignment of license to Rome Brdcstg. Corp.
W C S C	Fred Jordan and Lewis Burk, Charleston, S. C.	1360	----	Voluntary assignment of lic. to Lewis Burk.
NEW	The Sun-Gazette Co., Williamsport, Pa.	----	1370	C. P. amended to re- quest 1370 kc. Share time WRAK instead of unlimited time.
K S O	Iowa Broadcasting Co., Clarinda, Iowa	1380	----	C. P. to install new transmitter.

July 25, 1931

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (CONTINUED)

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>PRESENT FREQUENCY</u>	<u>FREQUENCY SOUGHT</u>	<u>NATURE OF APPLICATION</u>
NEW	Stuart Francis Meyer Oakwood Heights, N. Y.	-----	910.	C. P. erect new station, 100 watts, certain spec- ified hours.
W O R C W E P S	Alfred Frank Kleindienst Worcester, Mass.	1200	-----	C. P. install new trans- mitter.
W W V A	West Virginia Brdcstg., Wheeling, W. Va.	1160	1180	Mod. of lic. chge fre- quency, share time with Station KEX.
W G A R	WGAR Brdcstg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio	1450	-----	Lic. cover C. P. to con- solidate station WFJC and WCSO.
NEW	C. F. Wynne, Seymour, Texas	-----	1140	C. P. erect new station, 50 watts, certain spec- ified hours.
W O W O	The Main Auto Supply Co. Fort Wayne, Ind.	1160	-----	Mod. of lic. to chge. hours of operation to sharing with Station KOB.
K F Q W	KFQW Incorporated, Seattle, Wash.	1420	-----	C. P. to install new transmitter.
K F M X	Carleton College Northfield, Minn.	1250	-----	Lic. cover C. P. make chges. in equipment.
W C M A	General Brdcstg. Corp., Culver, Ind.	1400	-----	C. P. move studio and transmitter to 648 Lake Shore Dr., Culver, Ind.
K P P C	Pasadena Presbyterian Church Pasadena, Calif.	1210	-----	Lic. C. P. to install new transmitter and use antenna station KPSN.

- - - -

EQUIPMENT WANTED

The NAB has received an inquiry from operators of a proposed foreign station who are interested in purchasing a used 5 KW transmitter. Any member who has such equipment for sale should communicate immediately with NAB headquarters, National Press Building, Washington.

- - - -