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WHEN AND WHERE THE NAEB CONVENTION?

In accordance with instructions, a questionnaire is being prepared for survey of NAEB members to determine the best dates and location for the NAEB convention. Please watch for your questionnaire in the March 1 packet.

Suggestions include meeting time for June, instead of September, and a meeting place in Kansas, the Dells of Wisconsin, and a boattrip convention.

KEEPING LOGS OF YOUR MUSIC?

Starting off the New Year, WILL complied with a request from BMI to furnish a copy of program logs showing what music was used during the month of January. A picked group of stations are being used to compile author-publisher payments by BMI. Perhaps other NAEB stations will receive similar requests throughout the year.

PREPARE TO PAY

A little late, but you're going to get that bill just the same. Within a few days bills for NAEB 1941 dues will be mailed to all NAEB members. Also a drive will be made to enlist the enrollment of other educational stations. Any stations?

NOTES OF ACTIVITIES AT WHA

The Wisconsin Legislative Forum is now on the air from the State Capitol in Madison over WHA each day while the State Legislature is in session. The programs present the law-makers in intimate talks about what the Legislature is doing. WHA has conducted these programs from the Capitol since the 1933 session, giving free, uncensored time to all law-makers wishing to speak. A new and permanent WHA studio has just been equipped near the legislative chambers in the Capitol.

To publicize iss activities WHA is showing pictures accompanied by transcribed narration under the title "Wisconsin's Radio Pioneer." The 30 minute program traces the story of radio at

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the University of Wisconsin from the spark-transmitter days in 1915 to the present. It is well accepted by schools, clubs, and other groups wishing program material.

Harold Engel, WHA public relations, will be in charge of radio activities at the University of Wyoming again in the 1941 summer session. He will teach a visual education course in addition to two radio courses.

ABBOT ON LEAVE

Valdo Abbot is on a Sabbatical from the University of Michigan for the second semester. From Feb. 15 to March 15 he plans to be in New York reading proof and getting out an index for his revised edition of the <u>Handbook on Broadcasting</u>. His New York address: Beaux Arts Apartments, East 14th St. On March 15th he's heading South. For the next 30 days his address will be: Coccoloba Cottage, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Then try to catch him. Joe Maddy is Acting Director of Broadcasting at Michigan during Waldo's absence.

WNAD ASKS FOR NEW WAVELENGTH, MORE TIME

WNAD, University of Oklahoma radio-station, has made application to the federal communications commission for a new wave length, effective March 29, which will give it unlimited daytime operation, Homer R. Heck, director, has announced.

The present frequency of 1010 kilocycles which the station shares with KGGF, Coffeyville, Kan., will be changed to 640 kilocycles and broadcasting hours will be stepped up from 9 hours a week to 54 if the request is granted.

With the change will come the erection of an antenna tower on the west edge of the university golf course and the moving of the transmitter from the Engineering laboratory to the Fieldhouse. Studios will remain in the Union tower.

"These changes will give us a possible range of 350 miles and almost complete state coverage, whereas our present range is less than 100 miles." Heck said.

"We have chosen a frequency not particularly desirable to commercial stations for daytime operation, so there seems to be nothing to interfere with the approval of the federal communications commission."

H. H. Leake, production manager of WNAD, has outlined a tentative schedule which calls for broadcasts from classrooms and the presentation of concerts and lectures for use in music, history and science classes.

Leake said that many of the present weekly programs will be extended to daily programs and that the state department of agriculture, health, and education will have a chance to broadcast their activities,

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BROADCASTING COURSES INCREASE

The RADIO DAILY reports that "Increased attention is being paid to broadcasting as a university study and there is apparent increase in the number of courses, including writing and technical classes, according to an informal survey. These classes may be divided into two general groups—those conducted by correspondence schools and those conducted at regular schools or colleges.

"These classifications may, however, be further broken down into the types of subjects offered. There has been a decided trend toward classes dealing with the business and dramatic aspects of broadcasting, as distinct from technical studies, at colleges during the past two years. For example. NYU offers not only classes in writing, production, music, but has recently added television programming to its curriculum!

RADIO IN EDUCATION

In the November, 1940, the entire issue of the "Educational Press Bulletin," official publication of the Illinois Office of Public Instruction, was devoted to radio in education. Authors contributing included Harold W. Kent, Director of the Chicago Radio Council.

FINAL ACTION

The Federal Communications Commission has approved Recommendations of the Engineering Conference, just concluded at Washington, D. C., under the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, Habana, 1937, and has released the revised list of United States frequency assignments which will become effective at 3 a.m., Mastern Standard Time, on March 29th next.

This confirmation of the work of the conference is the final step in order to carry out provisions of the Habana agreement entered into by Canada, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, and the United States.

About 200 matters in conflict vere eliminated at the engineering conference. Under the agreed allocation, 795 of the 883 standard broadcast stations in this country will begin operation on the new frequency assignments as specified in the revised list.

FCC ACTIONS

WBKY, University of Kentucky, has had its application for change in frequency, etc., reinstated. (1/15/41)

Municipal Broadcasting System, New York City, filed an application for an FN station on 46,700 kilocycles. (1/15/41)

WTAW, Texas A & M, applied for an extension of time on its construction permit. (1/15/41)

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WWAD, University of Oklahoma, resubmitted and amended its application for change in frequency and hours of operation. (1/15/41)

WBAA, Purdue University, was given special permission for special evening hours in order to broadcast sports events. (1/14/41)

WRUL, World Wide Broadcasting Corp., was granted license to cover construction permit which authorized increase in power to 50 kW. (1/22/41)

KFDY, South Dakota State College, was given permission to operate special periods in order to broadcast basketball games. (1/18/41)

KWLC, Luther College, was granted construction permit to change frequency from 1270 to 1210 KC, increase hours of operation to daytime and increase power to 250 watts. (1/22/41)

WOI, Iowa State College, was granted special authority to operate special times at night in order to broadcast basketball games. (1/23/41)

TILL, University of Illinois, was given permission to operate special nighttime hours in order to carry bask thall games. (1/27/41)

WWAD, University of Oklahoma, was granted permission to operate special hours. (1/29/41)

WTAW, Texas A & M, was granted application filed 1/15/41. (1/30/41)

WSAJ, Grove City College, was granted special authority to operate special hours on Sundays in order to broadcast the Rosary Hour. (1/30/41)

-- Frank E. Schooley

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