



Closed Circuit

WHEN NAB President Justin Miller lunches with FCC acting Chairman Denny today (Monday) under "new era" plan evolved at NAB convention, main topic is expected to be modification of proposed transcription rule on identification of records. Judge Miller expected to have in tow T. A. M. Craven and Clair McCollough, as board member observers.

CONVINCED that BMB can be salvaged if certain procedural alterations are made, NAB board at its post-NAB Convention session pondered desirability of breathing spell during which reins could be tightened. Feeling was that 1946 information should suffice for next couple of years anyway and that such changes as may be justified could be incorporated in study to be undertaken perhaps in 1949.

REMOVAL of price controls from radios last week was hardly necessary, if OPA quick inventories mean anything. Dealers generally found themselves overstocked in small table models, notably AM. Market ahead is largely for FM, with television demand in those areas now providing video service.

AMBITIOUS proposal for setting up of regular awards for radio following Hollywood "Oscar" scheme now practically one dead duck. Both old NAB board and new one which took office in Chicago after convention ignored it.

THOUGH NAB has doubled headquarters staff in year further expansion is in works to meet demands for service. Besides creation of Program Dept. and appointment of public relations director, headquarters office drafting plan for new Television Dept., to follow lines of FM Dept. by serving new medium without promoting it separately. Engineering Dept. likely to be enlarged.

WHEN NAB board meets in early January in San Francisco one of main orders of business will be proposed increase in annual dues approximately 20%. Income from dues aggregated nearly \$700,000 in fiscal year which ended Aug. 1, 1946.

NAB MEMBERSHIP in Inter-American Radio Congress, formed in Mexico City month ago, was approved "in principle" at post-NAB Convention board meeting Oct. 25 but with payment of dues and initiation fee to hold over until next board meeting scheduled in January at which 1947 budget of association will be considered. Both Campbell Arnoux, WTAR Norfolk, and Hugh A. L. Half, WOAI San Antonio, observers at Mexico City sessions, recommended membership [CLOSED CIRCUIT, Oct. 21].

SECOND Chicago-originated program *Vaudeville Hotel*, auditioned Tuesday by ABC executives, may be sponsored by first of year by nationally-known Chicago radio manufacturer. Packaged by MKN Radio Productions, program is on "must" list by ABC Central Division as part of policy to encourage Chicago originations.

Upcoming

Nov. 4-6: Ninth Annual Western States Convention, Pacific AAAA, Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Nov. 9-11: Steering Committee and subcommittees, new FM promotion group, to meet in Washington on organization.

Nov. 18: 1946 Eastern Annual Conference, AAAA, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

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Bulletins

RADIO CORRESPONDENTS Assn.'s 1947 annual dinner for President announced Friday for Feb. 1, Washington, with Charter Heslep, MBS Washington director, arrangements chairman.

WGN Chicago granted CP Friday for commercial television station to operate on Channel 9 (186-192 mc). Station will have 18.4 kw visual, 11.4 kw aural power with 496-foot antenna.

WARTIME Order 102 relaxing requirements for operators of aeronautical and aeronautical fixed stations would be cancelled under FCC proposal (Order 102-A) announced Friday. Written objections to be accepted through Nov. 15; oral argument if necessary.

26 AMs Granted in Record FCC Output

NEW ALL-TIME AM grant record established when FCC Friday announced 26 new standard stations, including 13 locals on 250 w, 2 unlimited 1 kw, 5 daytime only 1 kw, 5 daytime 250 w and 1 daytime 5 kw.

KHWA San Mateo, Calif., Amphlett Printing Co., granted modification of CP, which authorized new 250-w station on 1550 kc, increasing power to 1 kw, using directional nights. Grants follow:

Brewton, Ala.—Wm. E. Brooks, 1240 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Russellville, Ark.—Clyde R. Horne, Jerrell A. Shepherd d/b The Valley Bcstrs., 1490 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Redding, Calif.—Wonderland Bcstg. Co., 1340 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Yreka, Calif.—Siskiyou County Bcstg. Co., 1340 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Craig, Colo.—Newell S. Cahoon, tr as Craig Bcstg. Co., 1230 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

New Haven, Conn.—New Haven Bcstg. Co., 1260 kc 1 kw day, cond.

Jacksonville Beach, Fla.—Jacksonville Beach Bcstg. Co., 1010 kc 250 w day, cond.

Canton, Ill.—Fulton County Bcstg. Co., 1560 kc 250 w day, cond.

Crowley, La.—Max Thomas d/b Acaadia Bcstg. Co., 1450 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Natchitoches, La.—Natchitoches Bcstg. Co., 1450 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Flint, Mich.—Booth Radio Stations Inc. (WJLB Detroit), granted petition severing from consolidated hearing, granted 1330 kc 1 kw unlimited, DA.

Kansas City, Mo.—Midland Bcstg. Co. (KMBC), 550 kc 5 kw day, transm. to be located Concordia, Kan., sub. studio being located according to FCC Rules & Regs. (See separate story page 93).

Lackawanna, N. Y.—Leon Syszatycki d/b Greater

Business Briefly

BEER FIRM ADDS • National Brewing Co., Baltimore (National Premium Beer), added to schedule: *Boston Blackie*, WFBR Baltimore thrice-weekly; Art Brown, organist, WOL Washington five-weekly; *Bill Brundage* and *National Moondial*, WOL five-weekly; *National Moondial*, WJEF Hagerstown, Md., five-weekly. Contracts for 52 weeks. Agency: Owen & Chappell, N. Y.

EVANS SHIFTS AGENCY • David G. Evans Coffee Co. (Old Judge), St. Louis, transferred account from Ruthrauff & Ryan, Chicago, to Glen R. Stocker & Assoc., St. Louis. R&R, which placed account in 25 markets, and advertiser decided on change when it was found product was overlapping another R&R competitive account, Safeway Stores (Edwards coffee).

RENEWS AFTER HIATUS • American Home Products, N. Y., which dropped sponsorship on Oct. 4 of *Real Stories From Real Life*, 9:15 p.m., five times weekly on MBS, signed new 52-week contract for same show starting Jan. 1. Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, N. Y., agency.

AUTO GROUP PLANS

AUTOMOBILE dealer associations of six New England states planning series of weekly 15-minute broadcasts on Yankee Network to give factual information on manufacturing and distributing problems of automobile industry. First program tentatively Nov. 15.

Brie Bcstg. Co., 1120 kc 1 kw day, cond.

Liberty, N. Y.—Bernard K. Johnpoll, 1240 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Corvallis, Ore.—Pacific States Radio Co., 1340 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Nanticoke, Pa.—Radio Anthracite Inc., 730 kc 1 kw day, cond.

Upper Darby, Pa.—Suburban Bcstg. Corp., 1170 kc 1 kw day, cond.

Brenham, Tex.—Tom S. Whitehead, newspaper publisher, 1280 kc 1 kw day, cond.

Cleburne, Tex.—Martel Inc., 1120 kc 250 w day, George W. Martel (64%), pres., formerly with KTAT KPZZ.

Del Rio, Tex.—Del Rio Bcstg. Co., 1230 kc 250 w unlimited, cond., principals: Joe H. Torbett, Washington manager, Press Assn.; Thomas O. Mathews, former Army major; Richard J. Higgins, county atty., Angleton, Tex.; James A. Clements, managing partner, Bay City Bcstg. Co. (1/6 int.), formerly with KPAC Port Arthur, each 25%.

Edinburg, Tex.—James Cullen Looney, 710 kc 250 w day, cond.

Lamesa, Tex.—Riley Orlan Parker, 690 kc 250 w day, cond.

Monahans, Tex.—Monahans Bcstrs., a corp., 1340 kc, 250 w unlimited; principals: Charles W. Stuckey (50%), president, former announcer KPAC; Barney Hubbs, (20%), publisher-businessman; Jack Hawkins (20%), formerly with KAVE, owns half int.; is general manager, KIUN Pecos, Tex., owns 10% KRIG Odessa, Tex., 40% Big Bend Bcstrs., Alpine, Tex.; Harry Boehnemann (10%), former chief engineer KAVE, owns \$1,000 in Big Bend Bcstrs.

Sulphur Springs, Tex.—Howard S. Smith et al d/b Hopkins County Bcstg. Co., 1230 kc 250 w unlimited, cond.

Uvalde, Tex.—Edward J. Harpole et al d/b Uvalde Bcstrs., 1490 kc 250 w unlimited; principals: Edward J. Harpole, Uvalde Gen. Supply Co. salesman; Wm. T. Kamp, manager, KVOP Plainview, Tex.; W. J. Harpole, principal owner KVOP.

Neenah, Wis.—Neenah-Menasha Bcstg. Co., 1280 kc 1 kw day.