

days, the station reported it was virtually deluged in gifts which it turned over to the family.

**Changes** ■ WSHE Raleigh, N. C., under the new ownership of Raleigh-Durham Broadcasting Corp. (BROADCASTING, Feb. 12), has converted to an all-Negro programming format. Station will change its call letters to WLLE and has appointed Bernard Howard Co. as its rep firm.

**On the air** ■ KMOX-FM St. Louis, fm affiliate of KMOX, that city, last week went on the air. The new station operates with 47 kw on 103.3 mc. It broadcasts 18 hours daily (6:00 a.m. to midnight) seven days a week and duplicates the programming of KMOX.

**Milestone** ■ The Georgia Assn. of Broadcasters achieved a milestone in 1962 when it enrolled WPEH Louisville, Ga., its 200th member station and the 140th radio-tv member of the association, which also has 60 associate members. The GAB represents 87% of all radio-tv stations on the air in the state which, at the present time, numbers 149 radio stations and 12 television stations.

**No boundary** ■ Listeners to the *Coffee An* program on WWON Woonsocket, R. I., were mindful that tragedy knows no racial lines when they reacted to the mention of the drowning of two Negro children. Without any formal campaign, nearly \$200 was contributed to the children's family by listeners.

**Thanks to WDTM (FM)** ■ Listener's Lobby, a Detroit organization, inserted an advertisement in the Jan. 31 issue of *Detroit Free Press* expressing appreciation of the cultural values of WDTM (FM) Detroit, pilot station of the Taliesin Network. The advertisement cited the affiliation of Jack Hamilton, Detroit newsman, with WDTM as director of news and commentary. Nearly 100 Detroit citizens interested in Listener's Lobby signed the advertisement.

**Honored** ■ Arthur C. Storz Sr., board chairman of Storz Brewing Co., Omaha, Neb., has been named recipient of KMTV (TV's) award for public service through television. The Omaha television station specifically cited Mr. Storz for sponsoring KMTV public affairs programs on Omaha's past, present and future.

**To the rescue** ■ When tragedy struck a couple in Fergus Falls, Minn., leaving nine small children parentless, their neighbors turned to KOTE, that city, for aid. General manager George Brooks went on the air with an appeal for clothing and food. Result: several

truckloads of clothing, plenty of food and more than \$700 in donations from citizens in various neighboring counties—all in just five hours.

**Telethon** ■ WALB-TV Albany, Ga., conducted its second telethon of the year for the March of Dimes and raised \$15,000. A previous telethon raised \$35,000. The station's efforts amounted to about 50% of the total the city planned to raise for the whole year.

**Color coming** ■ KRGV-TV Weslaco, Tex., announced that it expects to start transmission of network color within 90 days. The station is an NBC-ABC

network affiliate. Stoddard P. Johnson, president, made the announcement.

**Satellite station** ■ Fetzter Television Inc., operator of WWTV (TV) Cadillac-Traverse City, Mich., has announced the target date for completion of its satellite station in Sault Ste. Marie (WWUP-TV ch. 10) will be this summer.

**KXO to NBC** ■ KXO El Centro, Calif., last week became an affiliate of NBC Radio. The corporate name of KXO is Radio Active Inc. Marc Hanan is general manager of the 1230-kc, 250-w fulltime station.

## ABA GROUP TO SPEED UP REPORT

### Committee on Canon 35 likes idea of one-year experiment

The special committee of the American Bar Assn. studying possible revision of Canon 35, which prohibits broadcasting and photographic coverage of court trials, will move quickly to complete its recommendations to the ABA, the committee chairman, Newark attorney John H. Yauch Sr., said Thursday.

The recommendation is to be presented to the ABA house of delegates at San Francisco in August. But it's possible the committee will have decided on its recommendations before that time and may be in a position to disclose its intent within six to eight weeks.

Mr. Yauch said the committee found a proposal for a one-year coverage experiment to be "something new and constructive." The test plan was put before the committee in Chicago Feb. 18 by Dick Cheverton, WOOD-AM-TV Grand Rapids, Mich., president of the Radio-Television News Directors Assn. (BROADCASTING, Feb. 19). Under the RTNDA proposal, the ABA would select a representative group of cities where broadcasters may volunteer to conduct court coverage experiments. This material would not be broadcast unless specifically approved by ABA and local bar associations and would be turned over to the ABA.

During the hearing Feb. 18, the ABA committee heard arguments for repeal or modification of Canon 35 from the NAB, Sigma Delta Chi, the Radio-Television Working Press Assn. and other media organizations as well as RTNDA. Media representatives were questioned closely by the committee on a wide range of problems that might arise if their general thesis is adopted: that broadcasters and photographers should be allowed to cover court trials at the discretion of the individual judge.

The broadcast spokesmen, however, explained that the extended coverage of the courts in the long run would help

rather than hurt the administration of justice because the public would be better informed. They also emphasized that Canon 35, adopted a quarter-century ago, is out of date; that broadcasters today have a mature sense of social responsibility and possess refined technical tools for coverage without intrusion or abuse.

Frank Fogarty, WOW-TV Omaha, chairman of the NAB freedom of information committee, told the ABA group that the practical experience of actual court coverage in Colorado, Texas and elsewhere in recent years demonstrates that broadcasters can perform their news responsibilities without detracting from judicial dignity. Bill Small, WHAS-TV Louisville, appearing for SDX, said court coverage would correct many public misconceptions of trial procedure incurred by fictional portrayals.

Support for revision of Canon 35 also was presented by Bill Miller, WTAX Springfield, Ill., president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Assn.; Gabe Pressman, WNBC New York, and RTWPA; and Prof. Donald E. Brown, U. of Illinois, and the Council on Radio and Television Journalism.

Mr. Yauch said the committee also met last week with representatives of the bench and bar from Texas and Colorado and will discuss with other representatives their experiences in court coverage. He said a transcript of the Feb. 18 hearing is available at cost.

The committee is compiling a written docket of letters and briefs, including a letter from FCC Chairman Newton Minow favoring revision of Canon 35 to allow broadcasters to cover the courts at the discretion of the judge (BROADCASTING, Feb. 12).

The docket also contains a letter from Dean Erwin Griswold of Harvard U. Law School opposing relation of Canon 35. Another, from Dean Joseph O'Meara of Notre Dame Law School favors relaxation.