

at its Feb. 24 meeting recommended acceptance of the offer, and the stockholders concurred at their annual meeting May 6. The spin-off of WJRT was arranged later.

FCC approval of the sale came about a week after Capital Cities announced net profits for the first six months of this year of \$1.3 million, a 44% jump over 1963's first half (BROADCASTING, July 27). Shortly before that, Goodwill reported a net income of \$516,739, up from \$397,505, for the same period (BROADCASTING, July 20).

WJRT is an ABC affiliate that began operating in 1958. WJR, on 760 kc, is a pioneer 50 kw clear channel station established in 1922; WJR-FM is on 96.3 mc with 24 kw.

WSAZ-TV was founded in 1949 and is on channel 3. Its AM affiliate started in 1923 and is on 930 kc with 5 kw during the day and 1 kw at night. Both are NBC affiliates. Goodwill bought WSAZ-AM-TV in 1961 for \$6.1 million.

Owners — The major owners of Capital Cities are Frank M. Smith and Lowell J. Thomas, the radio commentator. It was started in 1954 with the purchase of WROW and WTEN for \$298,000. It added WTVD for \$1.4 million three years later and bought WPRO-AM-FM-TV for \$6.5 million in 1959. Two years later it acquired WKBW-AM-TV for \$14 million and WPAT-AM-FM for \$5.35 million. Its WCDC is programmed from Albany, where WTEN is located.

Capital Cities principal owners are Mr. Smith, president, 9.53%; Mr. Thomas, 3.98%; John P. McGrath, 2.97%; J. Floyd Fletcher, 2.46%; William J. Casey, 1.9%; Harmon L. Duncan, 1.62%; William S. Lasdon, 1.65%; Virginia D. Duncan, 1.46%; Mildred M. Fletcher, 1.52%; Gerald Dickler, 1.34%, and John P. Sawyer, 1.13%.

The liquidating Goodwill is owned principally by two trusts of the late G. A. Richards; taken together they total almost 31%. Other major stockholders are Rozene R. Moore, 4.89%; F. Sibley Moore, 2.99%; Frances S. Cartmell (widow of Mr. Richards), 3.5%; John F. Patt, 5.11%, and Worth H. Kramer, 4.32%.

Mr. Patt, Goodwill's chairman, began his career in broadcasting with WDAF Kansas City, Mo., in 1922. President Kramer started with WTAM Cleveland in 1930. The present Goodwill Stations staffs, it is understood, will be retained except for Mr. Patt, who plans to enter the consulting field.

Conflicts Over KOVR — Commissioners Robert T. Bartley and Lee Loevinger dissented to the Goodwill sales, but FCC conflict—or indecision—over KOVR was much more complex.

McClatchy already owned KFBK-AM-FM Sacramento, KBEE-AM-FM Modesto,

KMJ-AM-FM-TV Fresno, all California, and KOH Reno, in addition to the *Sacramento Bee*, the *Fresno Bee* and the *Modesio Bee*. The FCC reportedly felt the firm might have had too much concentration of control of mass media and ordered an oral argument on the sale (BROADCASTING, July 20). No official reason for the argument was given, but it was understood to be a method of bypassing a hearing. Earlier a California citizens committee had protested the sale as giving McClatchy a "monopoly of news" (BROADCASTING, Oct. 14, 1963).

In last week's grant of the sale, Commissioner Bartley moved for reconsideration of the decision to hold an oral argument. He has urged legislation that would enable the commission in considering sales to consider whether the purchaser would do a better job than the seller, and studies of his staff reportedly indicate to him that McClatchy would excel Metromedia in running KOVR.

It was also understood that he felt that the delay of an oral argument might kill the sale. His move to reconsider was seconded by Commissioner Frederick W. Ford, who had abstained on voting for the argument, and Commissioners Loevinger, Rosel H. Hyde and Robert E. Lee joined in voting for the sale. Chairman E. William Henry and Commissioner Kenneth A. Cox dissented, as they still felt the oral argument was necessary.

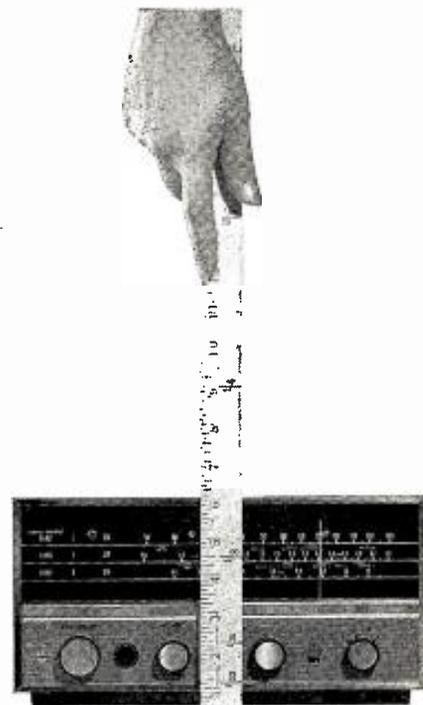
The channel 13 outlet, affiliated with ABC, was bought by Metromedia for \$3.5 million, including obligations, in 1960. Metromedia still owns WNEW-AM-FM-TV New York, WTTG(TV) Washington, WHK-AM-FM Cleveland, WIP-AM-FM Philadelphia, WTVH(TV) Peoria and WTVP(TV) Decatur, both Illinois, KMBC-AM-FM-TV Kansas City, Mo., KLCB-AM-FM and KTTV(TV) Los Angeles, and WCBM-AM-FM Baltimore.

CBS Radio moves

The CBS Radio Network inaugurated its new automated broadcast center last week, pulling stakes at its two New York East Side studios and moving into facilities at 524 West 57th Street.

The new center includes six fully-equipped studios for radio originations. CBS Radio sometimes feeds as many as six regional network programs simultaneously. The network considers its new facility "the most fully automated radio operation in the world."

Eventually the new center will also be the home of CBS-TV production. By next year the company expects to have finished moving equipment and personnel from its East Side quarters to either its new corporate headquarters now under construction on Avenue of the Americas of the 57th Street center.



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