

DUMONT SHIPPED 5-kw transmitter to KBOI, Meridian, Ida. (Ch. 2) this weekend, slated for shipment in next 2 weeks similar units to KFBB-TV, Great Falls, Mont. (Ch. 5) and KWWL-TV, Waterloo, Ia. (Ch. 7). DuMont also reports order for 25-kw transmitter from KGLO, Mason City, Ia., which got Ch. 3 grant this week, delivery due after first of year. DuMont announced this week it has shipped complete microwave equipment to: KVEC-TV, San Luis Obispo, Cal. (Ch. 6); KTVH, Hutchinson, Kan. (Ch. 12); KERO-TV, Bakersfield, Cal. (Ch. 10); KTYL-TV, Mesa-Phoenix, Ariz. (Ch. 12).

GE reports these uhf shipments this week: 12-kw transmitter to WJHP-TV, Jacksonville, Fla. (Ch. 36), Oct. 12; 100-watt driver to Michigan State College's commercial WKAR-TV, East Lansing (Ch. 60); and 100-watt unit to KSTM-TV, St. Louis (Ch. 36), to be followed by 12-kw Nov. 1. Latter station also has 1-kw RCA transmitter, presumably will sell it when GE installation is complete.

RCA shipped three 10-kw transmitters this week to upcoming new vhf stations KFVYR-TV, Bismarck, N. D. (Ch. 5), sent Oct. 13; WCSH-TV, Portland, Me. (Ch. 6), Oct. 16.

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In our continuing survey of upcoming new stations, these were reports received this week:

WJON-TV, St. Cloud, Minn. (Ch. 7), about 65 mi. from Twin Cities, is having site trouble and has postponed target from Oct. 15 to next March 1, reports counsel. Chief owner is Max H. Lavine, adv. mgr. of *Superior* (Wis.) *Telegram*. Equipment has not yet been ordered. Rep will be Rambeau.

KWTV, Oklahoma City (Ch. 9), contender for "world's tallest TV tower" with 1500-ft. Ideco, has moved up target date from April-May 1954 to early Dec. 1953, when it plans to begin interim operation with 10-kw RCA transmitter, 6-bay RCA antenna, according to gen. mgr. Edgar T. Bell, now also mgr. of KOMA (AM) which will be half-owner of KWTV. New station will be basic CBS, first vhf competitor for pre-freeze WKY-TV. Avery-Knodel will be rep. Two uhf stations—KMPT (Ch. 19) and KTVQ (Ch. 25)—are imminent, both with towers over 900 ft.

WNCT, Greenville, N. C. (Ch. 9) has again been delayed due to lack of tower, but erection begins in about week and station should be ready by about Nov. 15, reports mgr. A. Hartwell Campbell. RCA equipment will be used, and CBS & DuMont interconnections are due Jan. 1. Staff thus far selected: John G. Clark Jr., commercial mgr.; Mrs. M. J. Laughinghouse, bus. mgr.; Larry Carry, program director; Tom Chick, production director; Ec Wall, promotion mgr.; Malcolm Nicholson, film editor; Hank Tribley, chief engineer. Pearson is rep.

CKWS-TV, Kingston, Ont. (Ch. 11), recently recommended by CBC for TV grant, hasn't ordered equipment as yet, expects to get on air in 10-12 months, will connect Kingston studios via microwave with transmitter at Bath, 12 mi. to west of city, reports J. M. Davidson, asst. to pres. of Northern Bcstg. Co. Ltd. Northern operates radio CKWS and will operate TV for owner Brookland Co. Ltd. which also owns CHEX, Peterborough, Ont. Brookland Co. is 51% owned by Senator W. Rupert Davies, owner of *Kingston Whig-Standard*. Other owner is Roy Thomson, chain newspaper publisher. Rep not yet chosen.

WRAY-TV, Princeton, Ind. (Ch. 52), RCA transmitter now being installed, has reset target date to Nov. 1-7 and announced this staff: Robert L. Epstein, gen. mgr.; Warren Wittekind, program director; Ray Shigley, engineering director; Harold Bass, film director; Gene Peterson, news director; Al McElfresh, program director. Walker has been named rep.

WTAC-TV, Flint, Mich. (Ch. 16) has all RCA equipment on hand in new 12,000-sq. ft. building on Lapeer Rd. "in heart of metropolitan area," hopes to begin transmissions Nov. 1, reports Jack D. Parker of Parker Adv. Agency, Saginaw, handling station's promotion and publicity. Station is backed by H. Allen Campbell and George Trendle, former owners of WXYZ, Detroit, who own TV-radio properties *Lone Ranger*, *Sgt. Preston of the Yukon* and radio's *Green Hornet*. Rubin Weiss, TV-radio producer-writer-actor from Detroit stations, has been appointed mgr. City's other uhf grantee, whose principal is James F. Rubenstone, ex-WFIL-TV, Philadelphia, last month reported it is considering surrendering CP because of inability to get major network affiliation (Vol. 9:39). WTAC-TV rep is Raymer.

KVAN-TV, Vancouver, Wash. (Ch. 21) has ordered 5-kw DuMont transmitter, plans Jan. 15 debut, writes grantee Sheldon F. Sackett. Transmitter will be across Columbia River in Portland, Ore., studios in Vancouver. It will be first uhf competition for pioneer KPTV (Ch. 27) and third in area, where KOIN-TV (Ch. 6) began tests Sept. 29, programs Oct. 15. KVAN-TV hasn't chosen rep yet.

WHA-TV, Madison, Wis. (Ch. 21, educational), granted last week to Wisconsin State Radio Council, is buying RCA 1-kw transmitter and Workshop antenna, to be mounted on present FM tower, plans Jan. 1954 start, according to exec. director H. B. McCarty, who points out that state-owned radio WHA is the "oldest station in the nation." Studios in old Chemical Engineering Bldg. are ready, equipped with 3 GPL camera chains, kine recording equipment and projector. Allotment of \$19,000 provides for addition of TV personnel during 1953-54.

WMAC-TV, Massillon, O. (Ch. 23), awaiting FCC approval of changed site and lower power, has postponed target date to Dec. 7, reports commercial representative Jim Bushman. It's an Ed Lamb project, got GE equipment last month. Staff hasn't yet been mustered, though \$200 base rate has been set and DuMont affiliation signed. Rep will be Petry.

KTVU, Stockton, Cal. (Ch. 36), antenna on hand and GE transmitter due soon, has nearly completed conversion of East Theatre into studio bldg., now plans Oct. 30 tests. That's report from v.p.-gen. mgr. Knox La Rue, ex-San Francisco v.p. of Hollingbery, 20% owner. *Fontana* (Cal.) *Herald News* owns 75%. Transmitter will be 10 miles north of Livermore, Cal., on mountain-top 1620-ft. above average terrain. Rep is Hollingbery.

WKNY-TV, Kingston, N. Y. (Ch. 66) held groundbreaking ceremonies Oct. 19 at new transmitter site near Port Ewen water tower, west of State Hwy. 9-W. Construction of studio-transmitter building is scheduled to start Nov. 1 and tower work begins Nov. 15-Dec. 1, so that test patterns should start by early or mid-Dec., according to TV operations mgr. Robert Sabin. Rep will be Meeker.

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Proposal to replace 2 St. Louis vhf channels with 4 uhf was filed with FCC Oct. 15 by St. Louis' KSTM-TV (Ch. 36) through Washington attorney Franklin C. Salisbury. Petition argues that competition by 7 applicants for the 2 vacant vhf channels will "deprive the people of prompt additional service," and removing vhf channels from city would prevent some grantees from enjoying "unfair competitive advantages" over others. Petition also "suggests" Commission reconsider allocation plan with idea of avoiding intermixture of vhf & uhf in "all other communities similarly affected."

Clint Youle, NBC's Chicago weather reporter, this week purchased the 100-year-old *Galena* (Ill.) *Gazette & Advertiser*, recently a daily, now semi-weekly.