

At Deadline ...

HARDING COLLEGE BUYS WHBQ FOR \$300,000

SALE of WHBQ Memphis (250 w on 1400 kc) to Harding College, Searcy, Ark. for \$300,000 cash revealed in application filed Friday with FCC for assignment of license. College, owned by Church of Christ, would acquire 50% from Mrs. Stella H. Thompson, widow of Thomas Thompson, station founder; 25% each from S. D. Wooten Jr., chief engineer, WREC Memphis, and Mrs. Emily P. Alburty, wife of E. A. (Bob) Alburty, WHBQ general manager.

If FCC approves assignment, Mr. Alburty remains as general manager, station continues as commercial outlet. College plans to move to Memphis. Present staff will remain. Mrs. Alburty acquired 25% interest from Hoyt B. Wooten, brother of S. D. Jr. and president, general manager of WREC, in October 1944 because of duopoly rule.

Harding College, established 1924, headed by George Stuart Benson, former missionary to China, veteran teacher, syndicate columnist and former radio commentator. It's liberal arts, co-ed, has 300 students, 40 teachers. Plans contemplate college facilities will be used for public service programming, training radio personnel in conjunction with station, but WHBQ would not become non-commercial educational outlet. WHBQ founded in 1925, became MBS affiliate in March 1944. Harding College represented by Neville Miller, former NAB president; WHBQ by George Strong, both Washington attorneys.

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ests in radio, including networks, are awaiting with interest FCC decision in proposed KQW sale to CBS for \$950,000. This opinion (and probable dissent) expected to deny transfer to network and establish ceiling on group ownership of stations, probably with limitation of six or seven for both AM and FM.

LT. COL. GEORGE O. GILLINGHAM, after more than four years' duty as information chief, Chemical Warfare Service, returns July 1 to FCC as director of information. His wartime relief, Earl Minderman, will stay on temporarily to acquaint Col. Gillingham with assignment which has undergone sweeping change during momentous war years.

WHILE IBEW throws hooks into larger stations, small market outlets are wondering how they can afford first class engineers as required by new FCC Order (91-D) and where they can get enough of them as new stations keep taking the air. NAB is asking FCC for aid in living under new order and may ask easing of requirements at later date.

THOSE sweet songs of love and friendship rendered by Petrillo last winter were music to industry ears at time, but intermission that started in early April when NAB and AFM last met has become more of a terminal leave. Perhaps NAB President Justin Miller will raise his voice few decibels in next few days by telling Jimmy he's surprised at recent AFM stalling and anti-radio gestures out of tune with winter wooing. Industrywide Music Committee at May 9 meeting called on NAB head to demand explanation from music czar.

FCC ISSUES 16 CONDITIONAL FM PERMITS

FCC ISSUED 16 more conditional FM grants late Friday, bringing to 442 number of applicants given grants since resumption of normal licensing. All but five were for metropolitan or "metropolitan, possibly rural" stations and all but six were to standard licensees.

Commission also gave construction permits to eight grantees which had previously received basic engineering approval. Another nine grantees were given basic engineering approval.

Receiving conditional grants: Southwestern Hotel Co. (KFPW), Ft. Smith, Ark.; KWHN Broadcasting Co. Inc., Ft. Smith; Studebaker Broadcasting Co., San Diego, Calif.; J. K. Patrick & Co. (WGAU), Athens, Ga.; Courier-Times Inc., New Castle, Ind.; The Bowling Green Broadcasting Co. (WLBG), Bowling Green, Ky.; Stephen Broadcasting Co. (WDSU), New Orleans; John F. Hopkins Inc. (WJBY), Detroit; Macomb Publishing Co., Mt. Clemens, Mich.; The Brockway Co. (WMSA), South of Massena, N. Y.; Civic Broadcasting Corp. (WOLF), Syracuse; Valley Broadcasting Co., Eugene, Ore.; Eugene Broadcast Station (KORE), Eugene; Mon-Young Broadcasting Co., McKeesport, Pa.; WHBY Inc. (WTAQ), Green Bay, Wis.; William F. Huffman (WFHR), Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Those receiving regular CPs have previously been issued engineering approvals: WKBH Inc., LaCrosse, Wis.; Green Bay Newspaper Co., Green Bay, Wis.; Louis G. Baltimore (WBRE), Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Reno Newspaper Inc., Reno; Radio Sales Corp. (KRSC), Seattle; Fla. Broadcasting Co., Jacksonville; Isle of Dreams Broadcasting Co. (WIOD), Miami, Fla.; Textile Broadcasting Co. (WMRC), Greenville, S. C.

Applicants receiving basic engineering plan approval: Intermountain Broadcasting Corp. (KDYL), Rock Island Broadcasting Co. (WHSF), Rock Island, Ill.; Piedmont Broadcasting Corp. (WTSP), Salisbury, N. C.; A. Frank Katzentine (WKAT), Miami Beach; Northside Broadcasting Corp. (WGRC), Louisville, Ky.; WDDO Broadcasting Corp., Chattanooga; WRAK Inc., Williamsport, Pa.; Mark K. Wilson, Chattanooga; Sunbury Broadcasting Corp. (WKOK), Sunbury, Pa.

KANS SALE APPROVED

FCC CONSENT to sale of KANS Wichita by Herbert Hollister and Don Searle to O. L. (Ted) Taylor for approximately \$400,000, announced by Commission Friday. Commissioner Durr voted for hearing. Mr. Taylor is sole owner of KTOK Oklahoma City and general manager of Taylor-Snow-Howden stations (KGNC KFYO KTSA KRGV). Licensee assignment, from KANS Broadcasting Co. to Kansas Broadcasting Inc., followed Avco plan. No competitive bids received. Mr. Hollister, president of assignor, heads Hollister Crystal Co. and owns stocks in KMMJ Grand Island, Neb. Mr. Searle is ABC Western Division vice president. KANS is on 1240 kc, 250 w fulltime.

GEORGE B. STORER, president of Fort Industry Co., in Florida under doctor's orders because of gastric ailment.

Alpine 100 Mc FM Disrupting Area Video

OPERATION OF FM in the new 100 mc band has all but disrupted television reception in the area contiguous to Alpin, N. J., where Prof. E. H. Armstrong, FM inventor, maintains high-power FM transmitters.

This was confirmed Friday by O. B. Hanson, NBC vice president in charge of engineering, who said, however, that trouble can be corrected by simple filter on older receivers and will be overcome in design of new receivers. Trouble has developed since FCC moved FM band from 50 mc area to 100 mc region, placing it above "downstairs" television operations. NBC resumed television transmission in 100 mc band May 9.

Virtually all television sets in Westchester County area were rendered inoperative, en-

NINE TELEVISION STATIONS AUTHORIZED BY FCC

RECORD number of television permits granted at one time in history of FCC was issued late Friday with authorizations for nine stations in nine cities. Action brought to 23 total stations authorized or in operation.

Receiving grants: A. S. Abell Co. (Baltimore Sun), Baltimore; NBC, Cleveland; Outlet Co. (WJAR), Providence; Oregonian Publishing Co. (KGW), Portland; Intermountain Broadcasting Corp. (KDYL), Salt Lake City; KSTP St. Paul; Havens & Martin Inc. (WMBG), Richmond, Va.; Worcester Telegram Publishing Co. Inc. (WTAG), Worcester, Mass.; and Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass.

Commission said it now has 79 applications on file of which 41 have been set for hearing. [Withdrawal of Kansas City Star Co. (WDAF), Kansas City, Mo., received after announcement, reduced figure to 78]. However, it stated hearings may be necessary on only 33 of the 41 cases, leaving 46 applications on which grants could be made without hearing.

To permit processing of 28 applications, Commission said, it will send out notices within next week giving applicants 30 days to furnish information required. If data are not furnished within this period, it stated, applications will be dismissed.

Commission also directed that letters be sent to applicants requesting compliance with standards respecting antennas. Following were listed as proposing antenna heights "grossly inadequate," to meet FCC standards; Earl C. Anthony, Boston; WBN Buffalo; Stromberg-Carlson Co. (WHAM), Rochester; Jacksonville Broadcasting Corp. (WPDQ), Jacksonville, Fla.; Indianapolis Broadcasting Corp. (WIBC), Indianapolis; KRLD Dallas, Tex.

Television stations could be established in 33 additional cities on basis of pending applications, if engineering data are complete.

KSWO GETS MORE POWER

FREQUENCY CHANGE, increased power and fulltime operation for KSWO Lawton Okla., daytime station, approved by FCC announced Friday. Change is from 1150 kw with 250 w to 1380 kc with 1 kw, directional antenna, fulltime. Other changes approved for KFAC Los Angeles, increase from 1 to 1 kw on 1330 kc, DA fulltime; for WSZA Huntington, W. Va., increase on 930 kc from 1 kw fulltime to 5 kw day 1 kw night, DA at night for WSFA Montgomery, Ala., increase on 1440 kc from 1 kw day 500 w night to 1 kw fulltime, DA at night. Commissioner Durr voted for hearing on WSZA and KFAC application

gineers reported, when Armstrong station began using high power on 92.1 mc. Mr. Hanson said trouble occurred only within radius of about three miles of Alpine and that pre-war sets produced by DuMont and others also were affected. WNBT video signal is on Channel 4 (66-72 mc). He estimated possibly 400 to 500 sets affected, said RCA-NBC had corrected trouble by simple expedient of attaching a piece of wire of appropriate length to back of set. But he said this was no whole answer since "unwanted image response" would be picked up from other 100 mc FM transmitters as they go on air.

No such interference was experienced when Armstrong station and other New York FM outlets operated in 50 mc band, it was reported