

FCC Actions

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December 9 Decisions . . .

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Renewal of License

WSAT Salisbury, N. C.—Granted renewal of license for period ending Nov. 1, 1951.

Assignment of License

KORC Mineral Wells, Tex.—Granted assignment of license from Raymond W. River and Hermon S. Boles to Raymond W. River.

KVLH Pauls Valley, Okla.—Granted assignment of license from James T. Jackson, individual tr/as Pauls Valley Bstg. Co., to KVLH Bstg. Co., newly formed partnership consisting of James T. Jackson, Galen O. Gilbert, Phil Crenshaw, George A. Rountree and Harley E. Walker for \$36,750 for 49% interest.

KMA Santa Maria, Calif.—Granted assignment of license from Santa Maria Bstg. Co., corporation, to John H. Poole for \$20,750.

Transfer of Control

KFRU Columbia, Mo.—Granted consent to transfer all outstanding stock from corporate owner, Star-Times Pub. Co., to H. J. Waters Jr. and Mahlon R. Aldridge Jr. for \$85,000.

KPAB KAIR Laredo, Tex.—Granted transfer of control over licensee of AM station KPAB and permittee of FM station KAIR from Howard W. Davis and J. K. Beretta to Mark Perkins by sale of 100% of stock for \$80,000.

Assignment of License

KRIO McAllen, Tex.—Granted assignment of license from Valley Bstg. Co. to Inc. to Frontier Bstg. Co. Inc. for \$150,000 cash.

Transfer of Control

WCCM Lawrence, Mass.—Granted transfer of control from Gordon S. Ley and Harold A. Ley to George H. Jaspert.

WGEM Quincy, Ill.—Granted transfer of control from Quincy Bstg. Co., Donald F. Fischer, Lawrence J. Fisher, Richard E. Fisher and John A. Arns-ton, to Quincy Newspapers Inc. and Illinois Bstg. Corp. by sale of treasury and unissued stock amounting to two-thirds of outstanding stock, for total consideration of \$70,000, on cond. that it not be effective until Illinois Bstg. Corp. disposes of its interest in station WFAR Quincy, Ill.; transferee is given 120 days within which to effect such disposition.

KCOM Sioux City, Iowa—Granted transfer of control of KCOM Bstg. Co. (formerly Commercial Assoc. Inc.) from present stockholders to newcomer, Dietrich Dirks, through purchase of 608 shares of unissued capital stock and of 42 of stockholder Cort-bett's 92 shares, for consideration of \$65,000, on cond. that it not be effective until transferee disposes of his 50% interest in KTRI Sioux City, Iowa; transferee is given 120 days within which to effect such disposition.

KCUK Fort Worth, Tex.—Granted transfer of control by issuance of new stock to three newcomers, W. Bruce Chambers Jr., Nestor Cuesta and John Andrews, resulting in majority control being vested in these three; no monetary gain involved.

KTUC Tucson, Ariz.—Granted transfer of control from Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of will of Burrigde D. Butler, deceased, to Glenn Snyder, George R. Cook and Lee Little (who now hold in aggregate 47% of licensee's stock and will hold 100%).

KOY Phoenix, Ariz.—Granted transfer of control from Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of will of Burrigde D. Butler, to Glenn Snyder, George R. Cook, Albert D. Johnson, John L. Hogg, John R. Williams and Irving A. Jennings (six existing stockholders whose aggregate interests now are 25% and whose holdings will be 100%).

Relinquishment of Control

WLS Chicago—Granted relinquishment of stock control by Thomas E.

Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of will of Burrigde D. Butler, by transfer of one-half of their holdings of 73% stock interest to Mrs. Ima H. Butler.

Assignment of Permit

KTTV Los Angeles—Granted consent to assignment of TV permit for KTTV and licenses for relay stations WFXZT W6XDA W6XDX from The Times Mirror Co. to new corporation which will be owned 51% by assignor and 49% by CBS for \$367,500.

KPRA Portland, Ore.—Granted consent to assignment of FM CP from John C. Egan and Wilbur J. Jerman, partnership, to corporation, KWWJ Broadcast Co. Inc. in which Jerman owns 50%, Egan 42.5% and three stockholders will each own 2.5% of stock; no monetary consideration.

Petition Granted

KMED, Mrs. W. J. Virgin and Gibson Bstg., Medford, Ore.—Granted joint petition insofar as it requests reinstatement of application for consent to assignment of license of KMED and of CP for FM station from Virgin to Gibson; denied petition insofar as it requests immediate grant of application.

December 9 Applications . . .

ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Transfer of Control

KGIL San Fernando, Calif.—Transfer of control from Helen Ruth Allen, executrix of estate of C. P. M. Allen, deceased, to J. G. Paltridge.

License Renewal

License renewal applications filed for following AM stations: WFRP Savannah, Ga.; WIBX Utica, N. Y.; KODL The Dalles, Ore.; WBPZ Lock Haven, Pa.; KPPO Phoenix, Ariz.; KPRL Paso Robles, Calif.; WJBC Bloomington, Ill.; WTCT Tell City, Ind.; KNOE Monroe, La.; KGDE Ferguson Falls, Minn.; KLAS Las Vegas, Nev.; WMOU Berlin, N. H.; WISE Asheville, N. C.; KADA Ada, Okla.; WBBZ Ponca City, Okla.; WBVP Reaver Falls, Pa.; WNOK Columbia, S. C.; WCAT Rapid City, S. D.

License for CP

KIBH Seward, Alaska—License to cover CP new AM station.
WKID Urbana, Ill.—Same.
WKLO Louisville, Ky.—Same.
KELK Elko, Nev.—Same.
KGYN Guyton, Okla.—Same.
WGBS Miami, Fla.—License to cover CP increase power etc.

Modification of License

KSFE Needles, Calif.—Mod. license

to change hours from unl. to specified 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WRMS Ware, Mass.—Mod. license to increase 500 w to 1 kw, operating on 1250 kc D.

Modification of CP

KINE Kingsville, Tex.—Mod. CP new AM station for extension of completion date.

License for CP

WNDB-FM Daytona Beach, Fla.—License to cover CP new FM station.
KEX-FM Portland, Ore.—Same.

License Renewal

License renewal applications filed by following FM stations: KVCJ Chicago, Calif.; KWLK-FM Longview, Wash.

Modification of CP

WSUA-FM Bloomington, Ind.—Mod. CP new FM station for extension of completion date.

WIOC Corydon, Ind.—Same.
WFMU Crawfordsville, Ind.—Same.
WGYW New York—Same.

WKAL-FM Rome, N. Y.—Same.
WSTP-FM Salisbury, N. C.—Same.
WHKC-FM Columbus, Ohio—Same.
WMAN-FM Mansfield, Ohio—Same.
WLOW-FM Norfolk, Va.—Same.
WEHC-FM Erie, Pa.—Same.

WERS Chicago—Mod. CP changes in FM station for extension of completion date.

KGO-TV San Francisco—Mod. CP new commercial TV station for extension of completion date.

WOR-TV New York—Same.
WBKK Chicago—Same.

TENDERED FOR FILING

Modification of CP

WNAG Grenada, Miss.—Mod. CP change from 1490 to 1400 kc.

Modification of License

KXLA Pasadena, Calif.—Mod. license to remove limitations imposed by FCC.

Relinquishment of Control

WHOL Allentown, Pa.—Relinquishment of control through issuance of 150 sh to George D. Gartland.

Transfer of Control

WIBC WIBC-FM Indianapolis—Transfer of control from Indianapolis News Pub. Co. Inc. to Adelaide F. Causey.

CP to Reinstate

WHJB Greensburg, Pa.—CP to reinstate CP increase power etc.

APPLICATION RETURNED

WBHY Appleton, Wis.—RETURNED as incomplete Dec. 7 application for renewal of license.

Uncle Sam's 'Voice'

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dios and transcribed off the line; 211,584 pressings made from masters recorded in the studio.

While producing for NBC Washington in the mid-30's, Mr. Allen got the hunch that many of the scattered government radio activities could be coordinated if a studio could be added to the new Dept. of Interior building. When Secretary Harold L. Ickes found he had saved \$300,000 here and there in erecting the structure, he approved the penthouse studio.

Out of the Allen dream came the elaborate 20x40-foot main studio, fully equipped with everything a broadcast station could want—except for a transmitter. A glassed-in balcony seats 60. Air-conditioning, booms, sound effects machines, Steinway, Novachord, Presto cutting machines, control racks—all were provided at a cost of nearly \$200,000 at depression prices.

Got Navy Gear

During the war the penthouse inherited costly equipment from the Navy, monitoring devices from the FCC, voice-distorting gadgets built for the Public Health Service's venereal disease programs and similar bequests. Remaining also are stacks of aluminum-base blanks, of which the armed forces had an ample supply during the war while private broadcasters got along with glass-base discs.

Secretary Ickes used the studios to record regular talks, sent to stations like press releases, after the department solicitor had ruled he had the right to use general administrative funds to disseminate information by the most economical and efficient means.

Actually the Interior Dept. budgeted funds only for a director and secretary-receptionist plus a couple of engineers—\$22,000 a year in salaries. Otherwise the operation was completely reimbursable, collecting \$15,000 and up per year from other government agencies.

Besides the main studio are a large reception room with Chinese red lacquered furniture, concealed lighting, plush carpets, fancy birch trim, offices, supply room and a whole nest of corridors and cubby-holes packed with equipment. Everything is in working order, new tubes having been installed some months ago.

"Voice" operations in the penthouse are just getting underway. They will be in full swing by Jan. 1. Even with these elaborate facilities a heavy share of the programming will still originate in New York. Details, however, have not yet been worked out.

The designers even had television in mind when they drew their plans a decade ago. And perhaps before another decade Uncle Sam's "Voice" will be seen as well as heard in the farthest corners of the earth.

FCC BOX SCORE

Summary of Authorizations, Applications, New Station Requests, Ownership

SUMMARY TO DECEMBER 9

Class	Licensed	CPs	Cond'l Grants	Applications Pending	In Hearing
AM STATIONS	1,839	273 1		536	289
FM STATIONS	196	724 2	58 3	86	31
TV STATIONS	7	116 4		311	182

¹ 49 are on air; ² 478 are on air; ³ 16 are on air; ⁴ 41 are on air. All licensed stations also are operating.

AM APPLICATIONS

Longmont, Col.—Longmont Broadcasting Co., 1050 kc, 250 w, daytime. Partners: K. L. McConchie, 20% owner; KTAE Taylor, Tex., 30% owner; Kenneth Gillis, Conolee, manager and 40% owner KTAE, 20% owner; Killis Campbell Jr., 50% owner Taylor Motor Co., Taylor, Tex., 30% owner; Jack Dubberly, KTAE assistant manager, 20% owner. Mr. McConchie holds other 30% in Taylor Motor Co. Estimated cost \$18,101. Filed Dec. 7.

McAlester, Okla.—Pittsburg County Broadcasting Co., 1460 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Co-partnership: Ray Van Hooser, assistant manager and program director of KBOA Kennett, Mo.; Trus Stout, Kennett retail grocer; William Tedrick, manager of KWOC Poplar Bluff, Mo.; James Ross, student at U. of Missouri who was assistant engineer at KBOA during summer of 1948; Phil Reed, rancher and commercial radio script writer. Filed Dec. 9.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Western Broadcasting Co., 860 kc, 250 w, daytime. Principals: Frank P. Redfield, announcer

at KOY Phoenix, president; J. W. Estes, Yuma Sanitation Service, Yuma, Ariz., vice president; Dr. Henry J. J. Steffens Jr., vice president; H. Walker Harrison, service station operator, Glendale, Ariz., vice president; Edgar Plod, with KRUX Glendale, secretary-treasurer. Each holds 20% interest. Filed Dec. 2.

Raleigh, N. C.—Wake Broadcasting Co., 1390 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Co-partnership: H. W. Anderson, Joel Lawton, C. E. Leeper, N. V. Pieler and W. T. Williams, all equal partners in Wilson Radio Co., licensee WVOT Wilson, N. C. Filed Dec. 8.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—James H. Sligar, 860 kc, 250 w, daytime. Applicant is independent oil producer. He formerly was head of radio division of Hardin College. Filed Dec. 7.

FM APPLICATIONS

Fort Worth, Tex.—North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Channel 201 (88.1 mc), ERP 10 w. Estimated cost \$805. Filed Dec. 9.

Louisville, Ky.—Board of Trustees, Free Public Library, Channel 201 (88.1 mc), ERP 10 w. Filed Dec. 3.