

Ownership Changes . . .

ACTIONS BY FCC

WPXK Phenix City, Ala.; Columbus Ga.—Community Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary acquisition of control by Roy M. Greene through transfer of 25% interest from his father Virgil R. Greene. Roy Greene will now own 53½%; Virgil R. Green will now own 13½%. Granted Jan. 6; announced Jan. 11.

KYOS Merced, Calif.—Merced Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary assignment from corporation to partnership with principals C. O. Chatterton and Glenn E. McCormick each retaining 50% interest. Granted Jan. 6; announced Jan. 11.

WEIM Fitchburg, Mass.—WEIM Fitchburg Inc. granted voluntary transfer of control to Henry G. Molina Jr. through sale of all stock for \$150 and assumption of obligations. Mr. Molina is president and general manager of WEIM. Granted Jan. 12.

WMAS-AM-FM Springfield, Mass.—WMAS Inc. granted voluntary transfer of control from Louise F. Cheney, administratrix of the estate of Albert S. Moffatt, deceased, to corporation through sale of 60% interest for \$16,431. Granted Jan. 12.

WLLH-AM-FM Lowell, Mass.—Merrimack Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary transfer of control from Louise F. Cheney, administratrix of the estate of Albert S. Moffatt, deceased, to corporation through sale of 64% interest for \$8,568. Granted Jan. 12.

WESK Escanaba, Mich.—M & M Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary assignment to Northern Bcstg. Co. for \$20,000. Principals include Pres. Stanley R. Pratt (50%), president-8% stockholder WSOO Saulte Ste. Marie, and vice president-20% stockholder WMIQ Iron Mt., both Michigan; Vice Pres. Ann O. Pratt (33½%), secretary-20% stockholder WSOO; Vice Pres. Russell J. Staffeld (8½%), general manager WMIQ, and Treas. Richard Burnett (8½%), director 0.4% stockholder WSOO. Granted Jan. 12.

WSAM-AM-FM Saginaw, Mich.—Saginaw Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary assignment to WKMH Inc. for \$140,000. WKMH Inc. is operator of WKMH-AM-FM Dearborn and WKMF Flint, both in Michigan. Principals include Pres. Frederick A. Knorr (½); Vice Pres. Harvey H. Hansen (½) and Sec.-Treas. William H. McCoy (½). Principals also have an equal interest in WKHM Jackson, applicant for ch. 10 at Parma, Mich. Granted Jan. 12.

WNNJ Newton, N. J.—Simon Geller, Robert Mensel, Wm. Fairclough & Elizabeth Fairclough d/b as Sussex County Bcstrs. granted voluntary assignment to Robert Mensel, Wm. Fairclough, Simpson C. Wolfe Jr. & Naomi E. Wolfe d/b as Sussex County Bcstrs. Mr. Geller sells his ½ interest for \$13,000 to Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe, local garage owners. Granted Jan. 12.

KTVQ (TV) Oklahoma City, Okla.—Republic Tv & Radio Co. granted transfer of control from John Esau and others to Duke Duvall and John Esau, trustees in bankruptcy. Granted Jan. 4; announced Jan. 11.

KRGA Springfield, Ore.—W. Gordon Allen granted voluntary assignment of license to wholly owned corporation KRGA Inc. Granted Jan. 6; announced Jan. 11.

WMDD Fajardo, P. R.—Jose R. Madrazo & Ruben Diaz Atiles d/b as Madrazo & Diaz granted voluntary assignment to WMDD Inc. through sale of 50% interest by Mr. Atiles to Mr. Madrazo for \$8,500. Mr. Madrazo will now be sole owner. Granted Jan. 12.

KCOH Houston, Tex.—Call of Houston Inc. granted transfer of control to Robert C. Meeker through sale of all stock for \$86,500. Mr. Meeker is president-general manager of station. Granted Jan. 12.

WBKR Christianburg, Va.—Vernon H. Baker tr/as Montgomery Bcstg. Co. granted voluntary assignment of CP to Montgomery Bcstg. Co. No consideration involved as Mr. Baker remains as sole owner. Granted Jan. 12.

KOMO-TV Seattle, Wash.—Fisher's Blend Station Inc. granted assignment to subsidiary corporation Fisher's Tv Co. Granted Jan. 4; announced Jan. 11.

WRCO Richland Center, Wis.—Richland Bcstg. Corp. granted voluntary transfer of control to Hala B. Peebles through sale of all stock for \$75,000. Hala B. Peebles is employe for local A. H. Krouskop Co. Granted Jan. 12.

APPLICATIONS

WFMH-AM-FM Cullman, Ala.—B. C. Eddins, W. N. Eddins, John Q. Eddins & L. E. Duffey d/b as The Voice of Cullman seek assignment of license to B. C. Eddins, W. N. Eddins & John Q. Eddins d/b as The Voice of Cullman through sale of 10% interest by Mr. Duffey to B. C. Eddins for \$5,000. Filed Jan. 4.

KOLD Yuma, Ariz.—Maricopa Bcstrs. Inc. seeks voluntary assignment to Broadcasters Inc. for \$50,000. Principals include Pres. W. J. Hawthorne (25.6%), ½ partner H-K Productions, Hollywood tv film firm; Vice Pres. Van C. Newkirk (23.1%), 30% stockholder KSDA Redding, Calif.; Vice Pres. Norman H. Rogers (15.4%), ½ owner KRNO San Bernardino; Sec. Lyle L. Perkins (20.5%), technician KFBK Sacramento, and Treas. George W. Brock (15.4%), 30% owner KRNO. Filed Jan. 6.

El Dorado, Ark.—James A. West Sr., James A. West Jr., & Paul E. Norton d/b as El Dorado Bcstg. Co. seeks voluntary assignment of license to James A. West Sr. and James A. West Jr. d/b as El Dorado Bcstg. Co. through purchase of ½ interest of Mr. Norton for \$5,000. Filed Jan. 10.

WPFA Pensacola, Fla.—Charles W. Lamar Jr., John Burk, G. C. Barnard & F. E. Busby d/b as WPFA Bcstg. Co. seeks voluntary assignment of CP to Charles Lamar Jr. through purchase of 32% interest for \$120. Mr. Lamar will now be sole owner. Filed Jan. 4.

WSBT-AM-TV South Bend, Ind.—The South Bend Tribune seeks involuntary transfer of control to Franklin D. Schurz, executor of the estate of F. A. Miller (52.3%), deceased. Filed Jan. 8.

WARE Ware, Mass.—Central Bcstg. Corp. seeks voluntary transfer of control from H. Scott Killgore to wholly owned company Tele-Broadcasters Inc. Filed Jan. 6.

WKXL Concord, N. H.—Capitol Bcstg. Corp. seeks voluntary transfer of control from H. Scott Killgore to wholly owned company Tele-Broadcasters Inc. Filed Jan. 6.

WOAI-AM-TV San Antonio, Tex.—Southland Industries Inc. seeks voluntary transfer of control to Hugh A. L. Half and others through transfer of 93.7% interest under will of G. A. C. Half, deceased. Mr. Hugh Half will now own 14% and as trustee for Hugh A. L. Half 46.8%. Five other stockholders will each own 7.8% interest. Filed Jan. 7.

Other Actions . . .

FINAL DECISION

Providence, R. I.—Ch. 12. The Commission announced its decision making effective immediately its Sept. 3, 1953, grant to Cherry & Webb Bcstg. Co. for a new tv station on ch. 12 in Providence, R. I., and its Sept. 23, 1953, grant of special temporary authority for that station to operate on an interim basis and terminated its Oct. 7, 1953, stay of those grants as a result of protest by ch. 16 of Rhode Island Inc., WNET (TV) Providence. Comr. Bartley dissented. Action Jan. 5.

INITIAL DECISIONS

Hastings, Neb.—New tv ch. 5. FCC Hearing Examiner Charles J. Frederick issued initial decision looking toward grant of the application of The Seaton Pub. Co. for a construction permit for new tv station on ch. 5 in Hastings, Neb. Action Jan. 6.

Knoxville, Tenn.—New tv, ch. 10. FCC Hearing Examiner Herbert Sharfman issued initial decision looking toward grant of the application of WBIR for a construction permit for a new tv station on ch. 10 in Knoxville, Tenn., and denial of the competing applications of Scripps-Howard Radio Inc., and Tennessee Television Inc., for the same facilities. Action Jan. 10.

Routine Roundup . . .

January 6 Decisions

ACTIONS ON MOTIONS

By Commissioner Robert E. Lee on Jan. 4

Chief Broadcast Bureau—Granted petition for an extension of time to Jan. 5 to file a response to a "Petition for Leave to Dismiss" filed by Sherwood J. Tarlow, Newburyport, Mass., on Dec. 21 (Docket 11142, BP-9120).

By Hearing Examiner Basil P. Cooper on Jan. 4

KAMQ Amarillo, Tex., Top of Texas Bcstg. Co.—Granted motion for continuance of hearing in Docket 11100, BP-9139 from Jan. 11 until 30 days after the Commission has acted on the petition for reconsideration and grant without hearing filed Dec. 20.

By Hearing Examiner J. D. Bond on Jan. 5

Ordered prehearing conference on Jan. 19 at 4:00 p.m. for the consideration of applications of Harold M. Gade, Eatontown, N. J. (Docket 11124, BP-9096) and Monmouth County Bcstrs., Long Branch, N. J. (Docket 11125, BP-9231).

By Hearing Examiner James D. Cunningham Jan. 4

WWBZ Vineland, N. J., Community Bcstg. Service Inc. Chief Broadcast Bureau—Granted amended petition of WWBZ and request of the Chief Broadcast Bureau for corrections in various respects to the transcript of hearing in re application for Renewal of License of WWBZ (Docket 10133; BR-1435).

By Hearing Examiner Herbert Sharfman on Jan. 3

WICU (TV) Erie, Pa., Dispatch Inc.—Granted oral request for continuance of hearing re application for renewal of license of WICU from Jan. 4 to Jan. 18 (Docket 11048; BRCT-42).

By Hearing Examiner Annie Neal Hunting Jan. 3

Ordered prehearing conference on Jan. 20 at 10:00 a.m. for the consideration of applications of Border Bcstrs. Inc., Laredo, Tex., John F. Thorwald, Harlingen, Tex., Hale Schaleben & Van N. Culpepper, Raymondville, Tex. (Dockets 11119 to 11121; BP-8947, 9042, 9166).

January 7 Decisions

ACTIONS ON MOTIONS

By Commissioner Robert E. Lee

KBIG Avalon, Calif., John Poole Bcstg. Co.—Granted petition for an extension of time to and including Jan. 13 within which replies may be filed to petition of Chief Broadcast Bureau re his comments filed Dec. 27 (Docket 10536). Action Jan. 5.

Chief Broadcast Bureau—Granted petition for an extension of time to and including Jan. 17 within which exceptions may be filed to Initial Decision in re applications of The Brush-Moore Newspapers Inc., et al. for ch. 29 in Canton, Ohio (Dockets 10272, et al.). Action Jan. 6.

By Hearing Examiner William G. Butts

Paducah, Ky., Columbia Amusement Co.; Paducah Newspapers Inc.—Granted joint motion for extension of time to Jan. 20 to file proposed findings in its direct case; adverse findings concerning competing applicant's case and conclusions of law not later than Feb. 10, and replies to proposed findings not later than Feb. 25. The Broadcast Bureau has leave to file appropriate findings and replies within the time specified, re applications for ch. 6 (Dockets 10875-76). Action Jan. 5.

Mildred V. Ernst, Thermopolis Bcstg. Co. Thermopolis, Wyo.—Ordered that a conference shall be held Jan. 14 for the purpose of considering the matters specified in Sec. 1.813 of the Commission's rules, and that the parties and their attorneys shall appear at the time and place specified re am applications (Dockets 11126-27). Action Jan. 6.

By Hearing Examiner Isadore A. Honig on Jan. 6

Omaha, Neb., KFAB Bcstg. Co.; Herald Corp.—Granted motion of KFAB for extension of time from Jan. 10 to Jan. 14 in which to file proposed findings re ch. 7 (Dockets 9009, 10909), and the time for all parties to file replies is extended

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