

WEEI Salutes Farm Broadcasters

FARM EDITOR Louis A. Webster of WEEI Boston got up early Ground Hog Day and worked well into the night, but his job was not trailing the four-legged weather forecaster. His Feb. 2 assignment was to tell the story of Massachusetts agriculture on Farm Broadcasting Day, as designated by Mass. Governor Foster Furcolo in cooperation with the National Assn. of Tv & Radio Farm Directors [B•T, Feb. 4]. Mr. Webster and state farm leaders were before WEEI microphones with salutes to local agriculture from 5 a.m. (opening time of Mr. Webster's *Country Journal* for more than 20 years) until 11 that night. Noting the \$200,982,000 agricultural business done in the WEEI service area, the farm editor and his guests appeared on various shows around the station schedule.

'You Don't Know Beans' About It

"YOU don't know BEANS until you come to Boston," says an oversized picture postcard being sent out by the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. Boston Conference Committee. It goes on to say, "Sure you know your beans, and you know your public service programming . . . but, you'll know a lot more about both if you attend the Boston Conference on Local Public Service Programming." The card, first in a series, is being mailed to invite broadcasters to the WBC Feb. 27-March 1 meeting. It urges them to make reservations now and tells them of the opportunities they'll have to hear nationally known speakers, attend "thought-provoking" panel discussions, see practical demonstrations, interesting exhibits and to tour the historical city of Boston.

WPIX Promotes 'Whirlybirds'

PREPARATORY to launching *Whirlybirds*, tv film adventure series centering around helicopters, on WPIX (TV) New York last Thursday, CBS-TV Film Sales held a press luncheon on Tuesday at the Newark airport and invited newsmen to fly in a helicopter. The series, produced by Desilu Productions in association with CBS-TV Film Sales, reportedly has been sold in 110 markets throughout the country.

Station Authorizations, Applications
(As Compiled by B•T)

January 31 through February 6

Includes data on new stations, changes in existing stations, ownership changes, hearing cases, rules & standards changes and routine roundup.

Abbreviations:

DA—directional antenna. cp—construction permit. ERP—effective radiated power. vhf—very high frequency. uhf—ultra high frequency. ant.—antenna. aur.—aural. vis.—visual. kw—kilowatts. w—watt. mc—megacycles. D—day, N—

night. LS—local sunset. mod.—modification. trans.—transmitter. unl.—unlimited hours. kc—kilocycles. SCA—subsidiary communications authorizations. SSA—special service authorization. STA—special temporary authorization. *—educ.

Am-Fm Summary through Feb. 6

	On Air	Licensed	Cps	Appls. Pending	In Hearing
Am	3,016	2,991	170	356	143
Fm	538	516	48	48	0

Tv Summary through Feb. 6

Total Operating Stations in U. S.:			
	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial	379	91	470*
Noncomm. Educational	17	5	22*

FCC Commercial Station Authorizations
As of December 31, 1956*

	Am	Fm	Tv
Licensed (all on air)	2,971	516	265
Cps on air	37	14	246
Cps not on air	117	24	120
Total authorized	3,125	554	631
Applications in hearing	164	2	109
New station requests	291	5	59
New station bids in hearing	114	0	72
Facilities change requests	154	6	45
Total applications pending	917	86	386
Licenses deleted in December	2	0	0
Cps deleted in December	1	0	2

*Based on official FCC monthly reports. These are not always exactly current since the FCC must await formal notifications of stations going on the air, ceasing operations, surrendering licenses or grants, etc. These figures do not include noncommercial, educational fm and tv stations. For current status of am and fm stations see "Am and Fm Summary," above, and for tv stations see "Tv Summary," next column.

Grants since July 11, 1952:

(When FCC began processing applications after tv freeze)

	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial	342	321	663*
Noncomm. Educational	25	21	46*

Applications filed since April 14, 1952:

(When FCC began processing applications after tv freeze)

	New	Amend.	Vhf	Uhf	Total
Commercial	1,059	337	827	568	1,396*
Noncomm. Educ.	64	37	27	27	64*

Total 1,123 337 864 595 1,460*

- * 176 cps (33 vhf, 143 uhf) have been deleted.
- * One educational uhf has been deleted.
- * One applicant did not specify channel.
- * Includes 44 already granted.
- * Includes 710 already granted.

New Tv Stations . . .
APPLICATIONS

Amarillo, Tex.—Kenyon Brown, vhf ch. 7 (174-180 mc); ERP 16.8 kw vis., 9.12 kw aur.; ant. height above average terrain 655 ft., above ground 674 ft. Estimated construction cost \$202,500, first year operating cost \$275,000, revenue \$425,000. P. O. address Box 420, Wichita Falls, Tex. Studio location 1014 W. Seventh St., Amarillo. Trans. location 9 mi. north of Amarillo. Geographic coordinates 35° 18' 27" N. Lat., 101° 51' 03" W. Long. Trans. and ant. GE. Legal counsel Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Washington, D. C. Consulting engineer J. Wesley Koch, St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Brown is owner of KWFY Wichita Falls, KLYN Amarillo, 25% owner of KFEQ-AM-TV St. Joseph, Mo. and 20% KGLC Miami, Okla. Announced Feb. 5.

Ogden, Utah—Granite District Radio Bestg. Co. vhf ch. 9 (186-192 mc); ERP 1.7 kw vis., .79 kw aur.; ant. height above average terrain -301 ft., above ground 200 ft. Estimated construction cost \$78,280, first year operating cost \$126,000, revenue \$138,000. P. O. address Box 1476, Salt Lake City,

Utah. Studio location Ogden, Utah. Trans. location Weber County, Utah. Geographic coordinates 41° 12' 55" N. Lat., 112° 0' 16" W. Long. Trans. Gates, ant. Prodelin. Legal counsel Norman E. Jorgensen, Washington, D. C. Consulting engineer Howard D. Johnson, Salt Lake City. Applicant is licensee of KNAK Salt Lake City and KBLI Blackfoot, Idaho. Announced Feb. 4.

Existing Tv Stations . . .
ACTIONS BY FCC

CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED

KHUM-TV Eureka, Calif.—Carroll R. Hauser, ch. 13.

KPRT (TV) San Francisco, Calif.—Plaza Radio & Tv Co., ch. 26.

KTCA-TV St. Paul, Minn.—Twin City Area Education Television Corp., non-commercial educational ch. 2. Changed from KTCA (TV).

KRTV (TV) Walla Walla, Wash.—Walla Walla Tv Co., ch. 8. Changed from KWAB (TV).

APPLICATIONS

WFGA-TV Jacksonville, Fla.—Seeks mod. of cp (which authorized new tv) for new trans. and ant. and make other equipment changes. Announced Feb. 4.

WINR-TV Binghamton, N. Y.—Seeks mod. of cp to change ERP to 589 kw vis., 295 kw aur., and install new ant.-trans. system. Announced Jan. 31.

WCYB-TV Bristol, Va.—Seeks mod. of cp to change ERP to 85.1 kw vis., 42.6 kw aur., and specify studio location as 511-13 Cumberland St., Bristol. Announced Feb. 1.

KONA (TV) Honolulu, Hawaii—Seeks mod. of cp to change ERP to 60 kw vis., 30 kw aur., make changes in ant. system and other equipment. Announced Feb. 5.

Translators . . .

APPLICATIONS

Show Low, Ariz.—Show Low Tv Inc., ch. 80 (866-872 mc) to rebroadcast ch. 9 KDWI-TV Tucson, Ariz. P. O. address Box 325, Show Low. Trans. output 10 w. ERP to community 640 w. Estimated population to be served 2,500. Estimated construction cost \$4,900, first year operating cost \$600. Announced Feb. 1.


Claremont, N. H.—Springfield Television Corp., ch. 79 (860-866 mc) to rebroadcast ch. 58 WRLP

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