TV Bellingham, Wash.

Robert Benson, news director, WLS-AM-FM Chicago, joins KGO-AM-FM San Francisco in same capacity. Both are ABC-owned stations.

Bill Vance, city editor, WBBM-TV Chicago, joins KYW-TV Philadelphia as assistant news director.

Robert J. Cohen, assistant executive secretary to former Mayor Joseph M. Barr of Pittsburgh, joins WTAE-TV there as news assignments editor.

James E. Maddox, with KCBS-AM-FM San Francisco, joins WLS-AM-FM Chicago as newsmen.

Promotion

Mary Nell Sherman York named director of Office of Communications of 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Office handles public information and publicity for conference which is held every ten years with current sessions to run through 1971.

Mrs. York will be on loan from Peace Corps where she has been radio-TV director.

Gilbert A. Robinson, president, Gilbert A. Robinson Inc., New York PR firm, joins Gulf & Western Industries as head of company's corporate communications department, responsible for G&W's corporate PR and advertising programs.

Hugh V. Guidi, formerly with WTOP-AM-TV Washington, joins U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, as radio-television specialist in news department. Mr. Guidi, known professionally for many years as Lew Martin, will report to the chamber's news department manager, Joseph Gambatese. Post is newly created and regarded as added recognition of broadcast media's importance ("Closed Circuit," March 23).

Deaths

Ruth C. Woodman, 75, radio-TV writer, died April 2 in Santa Monica hospital, Santa Monica, Calif., after brief illness. She was creator of and wrote over 700 scripts for Death Valley Days radio series and also wrote for TV series of same name. She is survived by son and daughter.

Kirby Hawkes, 67, director of radio-televison for Republican Congressional Committee, died of stroke March 30 at Manor Care nursing home, Adelphi, Md. He began career with Benton and Bowles, New York. He is survived by sister in England.

Byron Fouger, 70, movie and television actor, died April 4 of heart malfunction in Los Angeles. Actor for 50 years, his last role was in TV series Petticoat Junction. He is survived by wife, actress Dorothy Adams, and daughter.

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Abbreviations: Ann.-announced, ant.—antenna, aur.—aural, CATV—community antenna television, CR.—critical hours, CP—construction permit, D-day—Directional antennas, ERP—effective radiated power, ke—kiloevolts, kw—kilowatts, LS—local sun set, mc—megacycles, mod.—modification, N—night, PSA—presurinse service authority, SCA—subsidary communications authorization, SH—specified hours, SSA—special service authorization, STA—special temporary authorization, trans.—transmitter, UHF—ultra high frequency, U—unlimited hours, VHF—very high frequency, vis.—visual, w—watts. *—educational.

New TV stations

**Application**


Other actions


Call letter action

+ Big Chief Television Co., Winona, Minn. Granted KWWH(TV).

Existing TV stations

Final actions

* KNBC-TV Los Angeles—FCC certified joint petition for approval of agreement, filed Feb. 13 by NBC and Voice of Los Angeles Inc. involving dismissal of Voice's mutually exclusive application for CP to operate on same channel as NBC's KNBC-TV, ch. 4, in return for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Voice in preparation and prosecution of application for determination to commission by review board (Docs. 19602, 19603). If agreement wins commission approval, NBC will reimburse Voice for itemized and substantiated expenditures amounting to $103,460.94. Action April 6.

* WOGG-TV Ocala, Fla.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change ERP to 775 kw vis. 115 kw aur.; change type ant.; ant. height 940 ft.; granted mod. of CP to extend completion date to Sept. 30. Action March 31.

* WQTV(TV) Athens, Ga.—Broadcast Bureau granted license covering changes. Action April 1.

* WJHL-TV Atlanta — Broadcast Bureau granted mod. of license covering change in name to Turner Communications Corp. Action April 6.

* WVIX-TV Newport, Ky.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change studio location to Woodlawn Industrial Park, 10400 Taconic Terrace, Cincinnati. Action March 31.

* KTV(TV) Springfield, Mo.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change type trans. Action April 6.

* WECT(TV) Wilmington, N. C.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change studio location to Woodlawn Industrial Park, 10400 Taconic Terrace, Cincinnati. Action March 31.


* WVT(TV) Youngstown, Ohio—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change alternate trans. Action March 27.

* WXTV(TV) Laredo, Tex.—Broadcast Bureau granted CP to change alternate trans. Action March 31.

* WTAR(TV) Norfolk, Va.—FCC dismissed petition by Hampton Roads Television Corp., Norfolk, for reconsideration of order (Jan. 27) designating for hearing renewal appli-