

Changing Hands

The beginning and the end of station transfers:
from proposal by principals to approval by FCC

Proposed

- **KNUS(FM) Dallas:** Sold by McLendon Corp. to SJR Communications Inc. for \$3,750,000. Seller is principally owned by Gordon McLendon and his father, Barton R. McLendon. This is the last of their broadcast properties; since 1972 company has sold KOST(FM) Los Angeles; KCND-TV Pembina, N.D.; KABL-AM-FM Oakland-San Francisco; WYSL-AM-FM Buffalo, N.Y., and www(FM) Detroit. Buyer is subsidiary of publicly traded San Juan Racing Association. Its principal stockholders include Hyman N. Glickstein, (chairman and president), Bernard S. Needle, Sidney E. Cohn and Harry L. Gilman. SJR owns and operates 10 radio stations: WUST(AM)-WJMD(FM) Washington, WKLS-AM-FM Atlanta, WTMI(FM) Miami, WQAL(FM) Cleveland, WYSP(FM) Philadelphia, WJIT(AM)-WKTU(FM) New York and KRLY(FM) Houston. KNUS is on 98.7 mhz with 10 kw and antenna 520 feet above average terrain. Broker: Blackburn & Co.
- **KBBQ(AM)-KBBY(FM) Ventura, Calif.:** Sold by Tri-Counties Public Service Inc. to

Forrest Broadcasting Co. for \$1,200,000. Seller is principally owned by William Rea, president; Marjorie and Annabelle Rea, wife and daughter, respectively, of Mr. Rea; Andy Corliss, station's vice president and general manager, and Mike Thomas, former manager. They have no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Robert A. Forrest, who also owns KDON-AM-FM Salinas and KZOZ(FM) San Luis Obispo, both California. KBBQ is on 1590 khz with 5 kw full time. KBBY is on 95.1 mhz with 28 kw and antenna 314 feet above terrain. Broker: Blackburn & Co.

- **WQRC(FM) Barnstable, Mass.:** Positive control of Cape Cod Broadcasting Co., licensee, sold by Richard D. Walsh and eight others to Donald P. Moore and others for \$369,000. Selling group, led by Mr. Walsh, owns 56%; it is transferring stock to company president, Mr. Moore, who, after approval, will own 91% of stock (he now owns 39%). Marguerite Cooper will retain 5% interest. Another 4% will be owned by John W. Miller, station manager. Mr. Moore is applicant for new AM at Middleborough, Mass. Neither of other

principals has other broadcast interests. WQRC is on 99.9 mhz with 50 kw and antenna 330 feet above average terrain.

- **WVCF(AM) Ocoee, Fla.:** Sold by American Homes Stations of Florida Inc. to James S. Beattie for \$250,000. Seller is owned by Louis G. Christensen (president), W.C. Logue, Dr. Paul Kessler, William Self, Ralph Roser and seven others. None has other broadcast interests. Buyer also owns WEXY(AM) Oakland Park and WETO(AM) De Land, both Florida. WVCF is 1 kw daytimer on 1480 khz.

- **WABJ(AM)-WQTE(FM) Adrian, Mich.:** Controlling interest in Metrocom Inc., licensee, sold by Robert G. Liggett to Allan C. Graybiel and others for \$210,050 plus \$5,000 bonus and \$1,000 covenant not to compete. Mr. Liggett is removing himself from corporation by selling his interest (50.25%) to other stockholders, led by Mr. Graybiel. They are local businessmen with no other broadcast interests. WABJ is on 1490 khz with 1 kw day, 250 w night. WQTE is on 95.3 mhz with 3 kw and antenna 300 feet above average terrain.

- Other station sales announced last week included WMCW(AM) Harvard, Ill., and WSKV(FM) Stanton, Ky. (see "For the Record," page 70).

Approved

- **WPHL-TV Philadelphia:** Sold by AVC Corp. to Colony Broadcasting Inc. for \$10 million plus 10-year consulting and non-competition agreement, contingent upon earnings, that could result in additional \$5 million. Seller is hardware and textile manufacturer with no other broadcast interests. Buyer is wholly owned by Providence (R.I.) Journal Co., publisher of *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, licensee of WEAN(AM)-WPJB-FM Providence and owner of cable TV systems in five states. WPHL-TV is independent on channel 17 with 2,450 kw visual, 368 kw aural and antenna 1,080 feet above average terrain.

- Other station sales approved last week included: WDEV(AM) Waterbury, Vt. (see "For the Record," page 71).

FCC renews U's with little local programing

Commission OK's renewal though WEZF-TV and WUTR proposed less than 5% guideline; cited are stations' staffing, money problems

Two UHF television stations that failed to meet the percentage guidelines the FCC sets for license renewals were nonetheless renewed by the commission.

The stations—WUTR(TV) Utica, N.Y., and WEZF-TV Burlington, Vt.—had proposed less than the 5% local programing from 6 a.m. to midnight that the commission uses as a standard to determine whether a television license can be renewed by the staff without review by the commissioners.

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