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NAEB ANNUAL CONVENTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30

The annual fall convention of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters will be held Monday and Tuesday, September 30 and October 1 at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. It may be necessary to have hotel headquarters in Lansing, but convention sessions and many of the other activities will be held on the campus of Michigan State College in East Lansing. Director Bob Coleman of WKAR will be our host. For complete details, watch for the September issue of the News Letter. Action on the dates and site was taken by vote of the Executive Committee.

SCHOOL BROADCAST CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 21, 22, AND 23

The Chicago Radio Council has announced plans for the tenth annual meeting of the School Broadcast Conference for October 21, 22, and 23. Hotel headquarters will be the Continental. Those planning to attend are urged to make early reservations.

HULL NAMED DIRECTOR OF WOI

Richard E. Hull has been named Director of WOI, Iowa State College radio station, it was announced July 8 by Dr. Charles E. Fortley, President of the College.

Hull succeeds W. I. Griffith, who has directed the activities of the station for the last 21 years. Griffith is retiring from administrative duties because of age limitations placed on all administrators by the State Board of Education. He will continue to be a member of the WOI staff serving as Associate Professor or Radio Education, working with educational groups throughout the State as well as on the campus.

Griffith became Director of the College Radio Station after it had been in operation only 3 years. Largely through his efforts the station has become recognized as one of the outstanding educational stations in the nation. He is recognized nationally as an authority on radio education. Currently, he is Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters and has served as President of the group. He is also President of the Iowa Council for Better Education and President of the Iowa Society for Crippled Children and the Disabled. He was graduated from Iowa State College in 1899.

The new director has been associated with Station WOI for the last 7 years, 2 of them as Program Director. He has been affiliated with educational radio stations at Oregon State College, Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota. In the commercial field, he has served with station WOCO, Minneapolis. At the present time he is President of the Iowa
Radio News Editors: Hull was graduated from Iowa State College in 1939. While in college he was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism professional fraternity; Cardinal Key and Cardinal Guild, campus honoraries; and Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic honorary. He is a member of the NAEB Executive Committee.

Kent Leaves New Job in Honolulu

Colonel Harold W. Kent, Director of the Radio Council and Station WBEZ of the Chicago Public Schools is leaving for Honolulu August first to assume the presidency of the Kamehameha Schools. The institution to which Colonel Kent comes as the new head is probably the most heavily endowed private school in the world and has been devoted to the education of Hawaiian blooded youth since 1884. The school occupies a prominent five hundred acre campus astride one of the great ridges that overlooks Honolulu from Diamond Head to Pearl Harbor.

Colonel Kent was a member of the General Staff Corps in Washington, in the office of the Chief of Staff and was in direct charge of the War Department’s plans for Universal Military Training. Prior to his general staff duty he acted as Director of the Editorial Section under Colonel Ed. M. Kirby, Chief of the Radio Branch in the Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon and the Legion of Merit.

Previous to entering the military service Colonel Kent had founded the Radio Council of the Chicago Public Schools and laid the ground work for the installation of Station WBEZ which is the Chicago Board of Education owned station. He was also the leading figure in the organization of the School Broadcast Conference, a national meeting for educators interested in the utilization of radio in education. He was one of the founders and president for the first three years of the Association for Education by Radio. He has served as member of the National Board of Consultants of the CBS American School of the Air and of a similar board for the University of the Air which is a creature of the National Broadcasting Company. George Jennings, at present Assistant Director of the Radio Council and Station WBEZ is slated to succeed Colonel Kent as Director.

381,320 Ohio Pupils Use WOSU

Nearly one school child out of every three in Ohio listened to special children’s programs broadcast over the Ohio State University station, WCSU, last year in its "School of the Air".

The annual report on School of the Air activities, submitted by Mrs. Margaret Tyler, supervisor, shows that more than 381,320 out of Ohio’s 1,200,000 pupils heard at least one of the eight specially-prepared series.

The school’s broadcasts are divided into primary, intermediate, and high school level programs, each adapted by experts for the child’s age level and general vocabulary, skills and abilities.

Two programs were heard by small tots in primary grades. These were "Music Time" and "Story Time", both drawing large mail response from teachers.
For "Music Time," prepared by Miss Cloea Thomas of the WOSU School of Music, a teacher's manual containing words and music of the songs was prepared and sent to 2,000 teachers who requested it. Last year was the sixth consecutive year for the "Music Time" show.

"Story Time", prepared under the direction of Dr. Leland Jacobs, instructor in children's literature, is believed to have the largest listening audience of school programs.

Offerings are most numerous in the intermediate age level where programs such as "Boys and Girls in Bookland", "Science Club", "Once Upon a Time in Ohio", "Time for Music", "News of the Week", and "Art in Living" were offered.

One program titled "Footnote People" was offered for junior and senior high schools. This was a social science series, biographical in nature and dealing with little-known contributors to great discoveries and achievements.

**WORLD UNIVERSITY WINS**

By act of Congress, Boston's World University will soon get a daily six-hour chance at the air waves. The State Department, which has had the entire use of WRUL and its four sister transmitters during the war, must relinquish a fourth of the effective time on the air to the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation. The plan for a short-wave university, shared by Harvard, M.I.T., Princeton, Brown, Columbia and Yale, will finally be realized.

This assures that democracy will have a democratic voice. It means that the government broadcasts, which, however will prepared, have been suspect abroad, will be supplemented by independent programs, which will have a far better chance of penetrating the "Iron Curtain" in Europe. It means that the broken peoples can have some of the inspiration and encouragement that John Foster Dulles believes to be almost as essential as food. From Boston will go courage, advice and learning.

All this will cost $150,000 a year, which must be met by the willing contributions of those who would like to see the aims of the Foundation advanced. (The State Department spends $19,000,000 on its programs.) Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard is the chairman of the board.—The Boston Herald.

**SERVICES RENDERED BY WNYC**

Since the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, WNYC has been on the air 16 hours a day, the longest broadcast day in its history. The lengthened broadcast day permitted increased coverage of special events, additional news periods, intensified cooperation with governmental departments and welfare agencies, and last but certainly not least as far as our listeners are concerned, more good music.

WNYC continues to receive critical acclaim for our exclusive complete coverage of all United Nations Security Council and Sub-committee meetings. In toto broadcasts will continue not only of the Security Council sessions,
but also the Social and Economic, Atomic Energy and International Health Subcommittee meetings. Regarding the latter, which are held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, and for which the UN itself has made no broadcast provisions, the Municipal Broadcasting System has offered the use of its facilities to any station desiring to air any or all of the meetings. Thus far this coverage has been exclusively available to WNYC listeners only.

Municipal receptions, patriotic celebrations, civic events account for a sizeable percentage of WNYC's time on the air and of course will continue to do so.

News of the world receives additional time and the new schedule of "five minutes of news five minutes before the hour" has already found favor with our news-conscious listeners, according to Seymour N. Siegel, Director of Programs for WNYC.

Dragoo Named Program Director of KALW

K. O. Dragoo has been named as Program Director of KALW after an absence of three years as a member of the Armed Forces in the Southwest Pacific.

KALW, the frequency modulation station of the San Francisco Board of Education, may be heard daily on 42.1 megacycles. Programs during the summer are of general civic interest and good entertainment. FM programs may be heard from 9 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1 PM to 3 PM daily during the summer. KALW is located at the Samuel Gompers Trades School, 22nd and Bartlett Sts, San Francisco 10, California.

Major Dragoo was commanding officer of the General Headquarters Special Mobile Communications Battalion which handled all communications for General MacArthur's staff during the New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns. As founder and former chief engineer of KALW, Mr. Dragoo returns to KALW to organize educational programs and coordinate KALW program activities. The chief engineer at KALW is Mr. Kenneth Nielsen who has been serving in that capacity for the past three years.

Citizens On the Air - WBAU, Purdue University

The discussion program "The Citizens of Tomorrow Speak" finished on May 9, its second year on the air as part of the Purdue University School of the Air. During the past school year, twenty-nine 30-minute programs were prepared and broadcast by pupils from Lafayette's three senior high schools. Programs were broadcast from 11:15 to 11:45 each Thursday morning with six pupils, two from each high school, taking part in each of the discussions. Questions discussed were based on items used on The Purdue Opinion Poll for Young People, an educational service of the University conducted by Doctors H. H. Remmers and Kenneth Davenport of the Division of Educational Reference of Purdue University.

In the entire year's twenty-nine discussion, fifty-eight different pupils participated - twenty-six from Jefferson High School, five from St. Francis High School, twenty-four from West Lafayette High School, and three from schools outside Lafayette.

The great majority of these pupils took part in two or more discussions;
FEW PARTICIPATED IN ONLY ONE BROADCAST. PUPILS FROM WEST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL WERE SELECTED FROM SPEECH CLASSES, THOSE FROM ST. FRANCIS FROM SOCIOLOGY CLASSES, AND AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE CLASS "CURRENT PROBLEMS". THE STUDY CONTENT OF THIS CLASS AT JEFFERSON WAS BASED ON THE DISCUSSION SUBJECTS USED IN THE PROGRAMS BROADCAST.

THE PROGRAM IS PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY JOHN HENDERSON, WBAA'S EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR.

WB K V IS ON THE AIR THRICE WEEKLY.

WBKY IS ON THE AIR EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY NIGHT, FROM SEVEN TO NINE P.M. I HOPE YOU ARE LISTENING REGULARLY. THREE WEEKS AGO THE FIRST POST-WAR FM SETS REACHED THE LEXINGTON MARKET AND WERE QUICKLY SOLD. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE NAMES OF FM SET OWNERS WHO ARE NOT GETTING THE BULLETIN, AND MAY WE HEAR FROM YOU REGARDING OUR STATION SAYS ELMER G. SULZER.

FCC ACTIONS.

THE APPLICATION OF IOWA STATE COLLEGE, AMES, IOWA, FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR A NEW NONCOMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL BROADCAST STATION WAS AMENDED TO CHANGE FREQUENCY TO 91.5 MEGACYCLES, CHANGE TYPE OF TRANSMITTER AND TO MAKE CHANGES IN ANTENNA SYSTEM. APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED FOR FILING ON JULY 10.

THE FCC GRANTED A CONDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO THE PROVIDENCE BIBLE INSTITUTE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, FOR A NEW STATION ON CHANNEL NO. 1 (98.1 MEGACYCLES). ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ON JULY 12.

WCLV, ST. OLAF COLLEGE, NORTHFIELD, WAS GRANTED PETITION TO DISMISS WITHOUT PREJUDICE ITS APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF LICENSE (DOCKET 7532; B-4-ML-1229). ACTION WAS TAKEN BY FCC ON JULY 13.

KUOM, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, WAS GRANTED PETITION TO DISMISS WITHOUT PREJUDICE ITS APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT. ACTION WAS TAKEN ON JULY 13.

THE APPLICATION OF WNYE, BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW YORK CITY FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO SPECIFY FREQUENCY AS CHANNEL 219, 91.7 MEGACYCLES, TO CHANGE POWER TO 10 KW, AND TYPE OF TRANSMITTER AS WELL AS CHANGE IN ANTENNA SYSTEM, WAS ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY THE FCC ON JULY 13.

THE APPLICATION OF WBOE, CLEVELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION, WAS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. APPLICATION REQUESTS CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO SPECIFY 90.1 MEGACYCLES, POWER TO 3 KW, AND CHANGE OF TYPE OF TRANSMITTER AND CHANGE IN ANTENNA SYSTEM. APPLICATION WAS ACCEPTED ON JULY 13.

WWSUI, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO REDUCE HOURS OF OPERATION TO A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) HOURS DAILY IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE UNIVERSITY SUMMER VACATION, AUGUST 7 TO SEPTEMBER 23. ACTION WAS TAKEN ON JULY 17.
The FCC granted construction permits to the Grant Union High School and Technical College, North Sacramento, California and School District No. 4, Lane County, Oregon, Eugene Oregon, for new FM stations on 90.5 and 90.1. Action was taken on July 18.

Applications for an FM station by Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, and the Denver Bible College and Denver Bible Institute, Denver, Colorado, were accepted by the FCC on July 26.

The license of WILL, University of Illinois was renewed for the period ending May 1, 1949. Renewal was granted by the FCC on July 26.

**FCC Legal Staff Appointments**

The Federal Communications Commission recently announced the appointment of Lester W. Spillane as Assistant General Counsel in charge of Safety and Special Services, and of Walter E. James to be Assistant to the General Counsel. They succeed, respectively, Jeremiah Courtney and Norman E. Jergensen who resigned to enter private law practice.

Educated in the public schools of Milwaukie, Oregon, the University of Oregon and Northwestern College of Law of Portland, Mr. Spillane began his government career in 1928 with the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce, continuing with the Federal Radio Commission and its successor, the Federal Communications Commission. For 10 years he worked in radio inspection offices at Seattle and Portland.

Mr. James was born at Montgomery, Alabama, and received his LL.B at George Washington University. He is a member of the Alabama and District of Columbia Bar. First employed as assistant to Commissioner Clifford J. Durr, he later became Assistant Secretary of the Commission and held that position until early 1944 when he entered the Navy. As a Lieutenant, he saw action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and with the Third Fleet in the East China Sea. Returning to the Commission in February of this year, he became special assistant to Chairman Paul A. Poblete and was continued in that capacity by Acting Chairman Charles R. Denny. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. James was special assistant in the Administrative Management Division of the Department of Commerce and, previously, was office manager of the Employment Division of the Federal Works Project Administration. In early life he was employed briefly by the Western Union Telegraph Company at Montgomery, and once pinch hit for two weeks as a Morse operator.

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