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FCC CHANGES OPERATION RULES

NAEB stations should check now their operating schedules to be sure they are now complying with rule Section 3.71 as modified recently by the Commission. To make sure of interpretation your secretary inquired of the Commission. The reply from Mr. T. J. Slowie, Secretary of the FCC is quoted below:

"Replying to your letter of June 8, the modification of Section 3.71 so as to require operation two-thirds of the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to midnight was not, in fact, considered a modification of the meaning of this rule but rather a clarification. The present rule requires that two-thirds of the total hours that the station is authorized to operate during each broadcast day (both day and night) must be utilized. Day and night are defined as the hours stated above. Under the Section before modification, it was the intention to require operation just as now required by the modified rule.

"It is true that certain stations that are permitted to operate after 6:00 p.m. are required to operate two-thirds of the hours authorized. It is generally considered that these are the most desirable hours and it is not thought any licensee would object to this requirement. If it does, in fact, work a hardship in any case, and if the licensee has not interpreted the previous wording as to require such operation, then upon a showing in any individual case, undoubtedly the Commission would modify the rule as applying in such case so as best to serve the public interest." (Signed) T. J. Slowie

Section 3.71 - Minimum operating schedule - was amended to read as follows:

"Except Sundays, the licensee of each standard broadcast station shall maintain a minimum operating schedule of two-thirds of the total hours that it is authorized to operate between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., local standard time, and two-thirds of the total hours it is authorized to operate between 6 p.m. and midnight, local standard time, except that in an emergency when, due to causes beyond the control of the licensee, it becomes impossible to continue operating, the station may cease operation for a period of not to exceed 10 days, provided that the Commission and the Inspector in Charge shall be notified in writing immediately after the emergency develops."

Early morning broadcast service to many rural sections now denied such service is invited by Federal Communications Commission action

in authorizing daytime and limited-time standard broadcast stations to begin operation at 4 A.M., local standard time.

The new order of the Commission does not change any of the rules and regulations regarding standard broadcast operations which apply to the regular broadcast day, which is defined as that period of time between local sunrise and 12 midnight local standard time. Additional hours are granted during the experimental period which is defined in Section 3.10 of the Commission's rules as that time between midnight and local sunrise; consequently, any interference which may result to standard broadcasting will be experienced chiefly during the "experimental period."

Pending further Order of the Commission or amendment of the Rules and Regulations and effective immediately the FCC has issued Order No. 74 which provides:

"(a) the provisions of Sections 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.23, 3.79 and 3.84 shall not prohibit the operation between four o'clock A.M., local standard time, and local sunrise, of standard broadcast stations licensed to operate during day time hours or limited time hours;

"(b) nothing contained in outstanding instruments of authorization for such stations shall prohibit such operation;

"(c) the period 4:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., local standard time, shall not be included in determining compliance with Sec. 3.71 (as amended June 4, 1940) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations."

STATE RADIO COUNCIL FOR OKLAHOMA

Representatives of every major educational, culture and service group in Oklahoma have been invited to assist in the organization of an Oklahoma State Radio Council in a meeting called for July 11 and 12 at Norman, according to Homer Heck, Director of WNAD. The function of the Council will be to plan and develop radio programs. Action in WNAD participation in the Council has already been approved by the University Board of Regents. Full details will be found in the EXTENSION DIVISION NEWS of the University of Oklahoma. Homer will be glad to send you a copy in case you have missed the article.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RADIO COUNCIL

Harold Engel, WHA, is the author of the main article in EDUCATION BY RADIO, second quarter, 1940, which has just been published. The article relates thoroughly and in typical Engel fashion the complete story of the origin and progress of the council. Don't miss it.

ULTRA-HIGH FOR KENTUCKY

Elmer Sulzer, Director of Radio Activities for the University of Kentucky, says that present plans are to keep the ultra-high education station (42,900 k.c.) at Beattyville on amplitude. As soon as problems at Beattyville are ironed out, the technical staff at WHAS is going to start work on an F.M. transmitter.

WNYC PROGRAMS

The multiplicity of services being offered by WNYC, New York City's

own station, is shown in perusal of the station's daily programs which are made available in mimeographed form to newspapers and radio publications. Looks like Director Novik must be busy this summer, with usual run of programs, plus the special ones from the New York World's Fair.

INDIANA'S RADIO WORK CONFERENCE

Allen Miller, UBC, Chicago, Jim Ebel and Frank Schooley, WILL, were among the NAEB members seen at the North Central Radio Work Conference held on Indiana University campus June 20, and 21. The conference was held under the direction of NAEB's and Indiana's Bob Allen. Major Armstrong was on hand to discuss frequency modulation. There were other highlights, but most of the conference was an open-forum with all in attendance participating in the discussions. Incidentally, plan to see the new building on the Indiana campus which will house the future Indiana U. radio facilities, drama, speech, and public Auditorium. Professor Lee Norvell personally conducted a tour of radio people at the time of the conference.

SYMPOSIUM ON RADIO AND LIBRARIES

The NAEB Executive Secretary participated in a panel discussion on Radio and Libraries at the second annual Library Institute of Washington University, St. Louis, on June 12th. Others on the panel were: Miss Harriet Edwards, Educational director of KMOX; John Tinnea, program director of KWK, and Rudy Dallmeyer, in charge of radio activities, Washington University.

PRESENT LICENSES EXTENDED TO OCTOBER

In order to permit further studies of the frequency assignments to stations under the North American Regional Broadcast Agreement, the Federal Communications Commission has extended standard broadcast station licenses expiring August 1 for an additional two months, to October 1. The Commission will announce at a later date the procedure with respect to the licensing of facilities which will be available under the provisions of this agreement.

The new order applies to all standard broadcast stations, and automatically extends the expiration date of all licenses for which applications for renewals have been filed. Modified licenses to cover the new expiration date will not be issued.

Licensees who have not as yet submitted renewal applications are notified that in order to permit operation after August 1 applications for renewal, based on the present authorized facilities, must be filed. However, if an application for renewal covering the period beyond August 1 has been filed, it will not be necessary to re-file such application under the provisions of the new order.

Licensees are required to post the Commission's order attached to their licenses in accordance with the rules governing posting of licenses.

SOME FCC ACTIONS

KOAC, Oregon State College, has had its petition for rehearing and

request for special relief in the case of the Slat River Valley Broadcasting Co. (KOY), dismissed. KOAC has also been granted special temporary authority to operate specified hours during July instead of unlimited hours as now licensed.

KUSD, University of South Dakota, has been granted permission to remain silent for the period of June 11 to August 1, 1940 in order to observe the University's summer vacation.

REMEMBER ANNUAL CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 6 and 7

The annual convention is scheduled for Chicago, September 6, and 7. Plan to be there. Also, don't fail to let the NAEB president or executive secretary know immediately what you would like to have up for discussion at the meeting.

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