

DELETIONS

WMAR Among Approvals

DELETION of construction permit for WMAR Baltimore, 1 kw full-time on 850 kc, was granted by FCC last week to A. S. Abell Co., operator-owner of WMAR-TV and WMAR-FM Baltimore.

Publisher of the Sunpapers, A. S. Abell Co. indicated it has been concentrating on development of TV and FM and now feels it is unwise to continue with a third facility at this time [BROADCASTING, Nov. 29].

W. Albert Lee, licensee of KLEE Houston, Tex., and permittee of KLEE-TV there, was granted deletion of his permit for KLEE-FM by the Commission. Mr. Lee told the FCC he wished to devote his time to AM and TV. The video outlet plans to commence operation this month.

Meanwhile the Commission also has approved deletion of seven other FM authorizations and three standard station authorizations. These include the following:

KONG (FM) Alameda, Calif.—Granted deletion at request of permittee, Abraham and Sara F. Kofman doing business as Times Star Pub. Co. FCC said cancellation was asked "due to tremendous losses in the operation of the station." KONG was established as a Class A FM outlet in September 1947.

KSMO-FM San Mateo, Calif.—Granted deletion at request of Amphlett Printing Co., licensee of AM station KSMO there. Permit for FM was cancelled. FCC said, "due to serious economic problems confronting the permittee at this time." Authorization was for Class B outlet.

WIPR-FM Rio Piedras, P.R.—Granted deletion at request of Puerto Rico Communications Authority because of limited budget for FM after revision to meet current expenses. [BROADCASTING, Nov. 22]. Corporation operates WIPR there. Authorization was for Class B FM outlet.

WFLE-FM Fayetteville, N. C.—Granted deletion of Class B permit at request of Fayetteville Broadcasters Inc. because of "unexpected limitations at the present time." Firm is licensee WFLE that city.

WTNS-FM Coshocton, Ohio—Granted deletion of Class A permit at request of Coshocton Broadcasting Co. Licensee of WTNS there, firm said it decided to surrender the FM permit "after long and careful consideration



AN ADJUSTMENT is made on a new 10 kw FM station, employing Serrasoid Modulator [BROADCASTING, Dec. 6, Oct. 4], by J. R. Day, Serrasoid inventor, during the Serrasoid Soiree held by Radio Engineering Labs., developer of the equipment, in Washington Nov. 30. Inspecting the equipment (l to r) are Frank A. Gunther, REL vice president; C. R. Runyon Jr., REL president; Maj. Edwin H. Armstrong, FM inventor, and FCC Chairman Wayne Coy.

of all problems" involved in proceeding with station construction.

KYNG Idaho Falls, Idaho—Granted deletion of AM station at request of permittee, Idaho Falls Broadcasting Co. KYNG was assigned 250 w fulltime on 1230 kc.

WGRO Ansonia, Conn.—Forfeited AM permit for failure to file modification

for extension of construction deadline. Permittee was Naugatuck Valley Broadcasting Corp. Authorization was for 1 kw daytime on 690 kc.

WVSC Barnwell, S. C.—Forfeited permit for failure to complete construction within specified time. Permittee was Edisto Broadcasting Co. Authorization covered 250 w fulltime on 1240 kc.

LOCAL 802

THE DEFEATED faction of the New York Local 802 of American Federation of Musicians, AFL, at week's end was analyzing the 10,704 votes cast in the organization's recent neck-and-neck election before protesting the results.

In the balloting, the incumbent administration was returned to office with Richard McCann re-elected president by 89 votes over Al Manuti, executive board member. Mr. McCann polled 5,325 while Mr. Manuti tallied 5,236.

Mr. Manuti charged that "hundreds of votes" were cast by persons who had no right to ballot. Scrutiny of all the ballots is being made by his "unity coalition" ticket to see if unauthorized persons voted. The balloting itself was conducted under the supervision of the Honest Ballot Assn.

The administration or "blue ticket" asserted the election was beyond dispute and said its victory represented a complete rout of the "pro-Communist opposition."

Non-Communist Affidavits

Mr. Manuti denied that his ticket had any "red complexion" and stated that as required by union rules every member of the slate had taken a non-Communist affidavit. He charged that the opposition was backed largely by part-time musicians who spent most of their working days in other jobs. He claimed most of the fulltime musicians supported the unity ticket.

Among the issues in the election were recent radio agreements, the catering situation and the conduct of meetings by the administration.

The unity ticket claimed the recent three-year agreements with radio networks reached by the ad-

Musicians' Election Evokes Strife

ministration hurt musicians because no provision was made for requiring a minimum number of men in network orchestras and because the agreements substantially froze the status quo for the next three years. On the catering issue, the opposition claimed that the administration did little about preventing musicians from buying rights to play at catered establishments.

VA. RADIO TAX

AN ORDINANCE to tax radio stations at the rate of 11¢ per \$100 of gross business annually has been proposed by the Arlington County (Va.) Board of County Commissioners.

Another move in a growing wave of attempts to impose local taxes on stations, the plan was opposed by Frank U. Fletcher, Washington radio attorney and half owner of WARL Arlington, Va., in a public hearing before the Commissioners last Monday.

WARL and WEAM Arlington would be affected by the levy, proposed as a business privilege tax.

The levy would also impose a 1% tax on telephone company business but would specifically exempt inter-state messages. Although the courts have held radio to be an inter-state operation, the proposal would make no such distinction in the case of stations.

Mr. Fletcher maintained that such a tax would violate the princi-

WVNJ STARTS

Jersey Outlet Begins

WITHOUT fanfare, WVNJ Newark went on the air at 1 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 7) for the first time. With 5 kw at 620 on the dial, it is the state's most powerful outlet.

A five-tower antenna beams the station's signal from Livingston, N. J., across Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson and Union counties in New Jersey, and Manhattan, Richmond, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, New York. Studios are in Newark.

The station started with a program schedule designed to provide variety entertainment combined with extensive coverage of local, national and international news. Its broadcasting day is from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following morning.

WMTR BEGINS

Joe Porter Heads Staff

WMTR Morristown, N. J., newest Jersey outlet owned by the Morristown Broadcasting Co., was to have bowed on the airlines yesterday (Sunday, Dec. 12). With a power of 500 w, on 1250 kc, the station is a daytime operation.

Joe Porter, formerly of WOR and WJZ, both New York, will head the staff as general manager. Jack Potts, former program director of WCTC New Brunswick, is program director.

Excellent local support for the new station is already evidenced by a list of 18 contract sponsors.

Elections in Texas

COLLECTIVE bargaining elections are to be held by Dec. 22 among radio engineers at the transmitters of three Corpus Christi, Tex., stations, KSIX (Corpus Christi Broadcasting Co.), KRIS (Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co.) and KEYS (Nueces Broadcasting Co.).

Ordinance Proposed In Arlington

★ ples of the basic court decision on the subject, the Supreme Court decision in the Fishers Blend case. He also noted the extent to which other governmental units in Virginia have undertaken such levies, citing the cities of Norfolk, Charlottesville, Roanoke, Winchester and Alexandria.

The Arlington County move coincides with what appears to be the opening of a nation-wide movement by cities and towns to impose local taxes on stations, as suggested to the 13th annual conference of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers [BROADCASTING, Dec. 6]. NAB has pledged opposition.



AMONG WINNERS in men's cake baking contest at Rhode Island Food Show were two WPJB (FM) Providence staffers, Richmond Patterson (l), librarian, and Raphael Sjoberg, announcer. Janet Brent (center), WPJB women's commentator, gave station's listeners a report on the show.