

director of radio-tv U. of Ind.; Vice President J. Emmet Graft (13.35%), engineer WHAS Louisville, Ky., and Secretary Thomas L. Le Vesque (11.10%). Filed Feb. 19.

**KSHE Shreveport, La.**—S. A. Chesley tr/as Shreveport Bcstg. Co. seeks assignment of CP for am station on 1480 kc, 1 kw daytime to Audiocasting Inc. for \$2,924. Principals include President Joe Cudd Monroe (100%), employe KCIJ Shreveport; Vice President Glenn O. Smith, restaurateur; Secretary William M. Cady III, attorney; and Treasurer Milton Pope Burke, accountant. Filed Feb. 24.

**WCLD Cleveland, Miss.**—Cleveland Bcstg. Co. seeks voluntary assignment of license to partnership of C. W. Capps & Lowry Tims d/b as Cleveland Bcstg. Co. No consideration involved as principals retain identical interests. Filed Feb. 26.

**WKXL Concord, N. H.**—Capitol Bcstg. Co. seeks voluntary assignment of license to Capitol Bcstg. Corp. for \$75,000. Principals include President-Treasurer H. Scott Kilgore (100%), vice president-stockholder WGAW Gardner, Mass., and applicant for new am station at Plymouth, Mass.; Secretary Frank J. Sulloway, banking, and Guy A. Swerson Jr. Filed Feb. 24.

## Hearing Cases . . .

### INITIAL DECISION

**Muskogee, Okla.**—New tv, vhf ch. 8. FCC hearing examiner Millard F. French issued initial decision looking toward grant of the application of Tulsa Bcstg. Co. for construction permit for new tv station in Muskogee, Okla., on ch. 8. Action March 3.

### OTHER ACTIONS

**KNGS Hanford, Calif.**—Hanford Bcstg. Co. FCC designated for hearing application to increase power on 620 kc from 1 kw to 5 kw unlimited, directional day and night; made KFRC San Francisco party to the proceeding. Action Feb. 25.

**Jacksonville, Fla.**—FCC Comr. George E. Sterling granted petition of B. F. J. Timm for dismissal without prejudice of his bid for new am station on 1280 kc, 1 kw daytime and removed from hearing docket application of Ray Herbert Guckel Jr. Action March 2.

**Fm Allocation—Effingham, Ill.** FCC in a notice of proposed rule making, proposed to shift fm

ch. 239 from Peoria to Effingham, Ill. Comments may be filed on or before March 26. Action Feb. 25.

**East St. Louis, Ill.**—Broadcast House Inc. FCC by order, (effective upon the vacating of stay order by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the D. C. Circuit), vacated and set aside action of Dec. 17, returning application for CP for new tv station on ch. 11; designated same for hearing in consolidated proceeding with applications of St. Louis Telecast Inc., St. Louis Amusement Co., Columbia Bcstg. System Inc., and 220 Television, Inc., seeking the same channel in St. Louis, Mo., upon issues heretofore specified in Dockets 8809 et al., and upon additional issue to determine, in the light of the fact that Broadcast House is permittee of tv station KSTM-TV operating on ch. 36 in St. Louis, whether, under the provisions of the Communications Act, Commission rules and regulations and policies adopted thereunder, the application of Broadcast House is entitled to comparative consideration with the other applications in this proceeding. Action March 3.

**Lexington, Ky.**—Uhf ch. 18 proceeding. FCC Comr. E. M. Webster granted petition of Bluegrass Bcstg. Co. to dismiss without prejudice its bid for new tv station on uhf ch. 18 and retained in hearing application of Central Ky. Bcstg. Co. Action March 1.

**Bangor, Me.**—Vhf ch. 2 proceeding. FCC Comr. George E. Sterling granted petition of Maine Bcstg. Co. for dismissal without prejudice of its bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 2 and retained in hearing application of Murray Carpenter and Associates. Action March 2.

**WLEW Bad Axe, Mich.**—FCC designated for hearing application to change from 1540 kc, 250 w daytime to 1340 kc, 250 unlimited; made WEXL Royal Oak, and WBBC Flint, Mich., parties to proceeding. Action March 3.

**Las Vegas, Nev.**—Vhf ch. 13 proceeding. FCC Comr. George E. Sterling granted petition of Western Tv Co. for dismissal without prejudice of its bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 13 and retained in hearing bid of Desert Tv Co. Action March 2.

**New Am Ground Conductivity Map Adopted.**—By report and order, the Commission finalized its proposed rule making of August 3, and, effective April 5, deleted map entitled "Ground Conductivity in the U. S. and Canada" designated as Figure 3 in its Standards of Good Engineering Practice Concerning Standard Broadcast Stations and relative text (Part 3) and substituted therefor a new map entitled "Estimated Effective Ground Conductivity in the U. S.," designated as Figure M3 (large size) and R3 (small size); also amended the rules to provide for the issuance of special field test authorizations to operate transmitters for taking am field intensity data. Action Feb. 25.

**Muskogee, Okla.**—Vhf ch. 8 proceeding. FCC Comr. E. M. Webster granted petition of Ashley L. Robison to dismiss without prejudice his bid for new tv station on vhf ch. 8 and retained in hearing bid of Tulsa Bcstg. Co. Action March 1.

**Mercer Bcstg. Co., Trenton, N. J.; Delaware Valley Bcstg. Corp., Morrisville, Pa.**—FCC designated for consolidated hearing applications for new am stations on 1490 kc, 250 w unlimited; made WDAS Philadelphia; Greenwich Bcstg. Corp., Greenwich, Conn.; Atlantic City Bcstg. Co., Atlantic City, N. J.; and Press-Union Pub. Co., Atlantic City, N. J., parties to the proceeding. Action Feb. 25.

**Part 3 of Rules Amended.**—By order, the Commission amended Part 3 of the rules to include Guam in the schedule setting forth the expiration date for am station licenses on geographical basis and, effective immediately, Section 3.34 (a) (16) of the rules is amended to read as follows: "(16) For stations located in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Guam and Hawaii, February 1, 1954." Action Feb. 25.

**Providence, R. I.**—FCC by order, dismissed a petition filed Feb. 16, by Cherry & Webb Bcstg.

Co., permittee of tv station WPRO-TV, ch. 12, Providence, R. I., for a preliminary order staying or setting aside Special Temporary Authorization granted Feb. 3 to ch. 16 of Rhode Island Inc., for interim operation of WNET (TV) on ch. 16 at Providence. Action Feb. 25.

**Reduce Number of Multiple Ownership Filings.**—By order, the Commission amended Sect. 1.343 of its practice and procedure rules so that multiple licensees of broadcast stations need file only one ownership report (FCC Form 323) for such stations in any three year license period. Effective immediately, this does away with the present requirement that each licensee owning more than one am, fm or tv station file an ownership report with each renewal application. Action March 3.

**Tv Allocation—Havana, Fla.** On petition by John H. Phipps, Tallahassee, Fla., filed February 3, the Commission proposed rule making to assign ch. 2 plus to Havana, Fla., a town (a distance of 16 miles from Tallahassee) not now allocated a channel. Comments may be filed on or before March 24. Action Feb. 25.

**Tv Allocation—Petaluma, Calif.** On petition by Delta-Sierra Educational Television Corp., Stockton, Calif., filed Jan. 29, the Commission proposed rule making to assign ch. 68 to Petaluma, Calif., in lieu of ch. 56. Comments may be filed on or before March 24. Action Feb. 25.

## Hearing Calendar . . .

### March 8

**Charlotte, N. C.**—Vhf ch. 9, further hearing conference before Examiner H. Gifford Irton—WSOC, Piedmont Electronics & Fixture Corp., Carolina's Tv Corp.

**South Bend, Ind.**—Uhf ch. 46, further hearing before Examiner Basil P. Cooper—South Bend Bcstg. Corp., Michiana Telecasting Corp.

### March 9

**Norfolk, Va.**—Vhf ch. 10, further hearing before Examiner Charles J. Frederick—Beachview Bcstg. Corp., Portsmouth Radio Corp.

### March 12

**Ft. Worth, Tex.**—Vhf ch. 11, hearing before Examiner Annie N. Hunting—Texas State Network Inc.; W. W. Lechner tr/as Lechner Tv Co.; R. O. Shaffer, Sterling C. Holloway, M. J. Noeley, Arch Rowan, F. Kirk Johnson & C. L. Rowan d/b as Ft. Worth Tv Co.

**Bangor, Me.**—Vhf ch. 2, hearing before Examiner Elizabeth C. Smith—Murray Carpenter & Associates, Maine Bcstg. Co.

**Fayetteville, N. C.**—Vhf ch. 18, hearing before Examiner William G. Butts—Fayetteville Bcstrs. Inc., Ralph E. Hess.

## Routine Roundup . . .

### March 3 Decisions

#### ACTIONS ON MOTIONS

**By Commissioner George E. Sterling**  
**Capitol Bcstg. Co., Raleigh, N. C.**—Granted petition for extension of time to and including March 10, within which oppositions may be filed to petition for clarification or enlargement of issues filed by WPTF Radio Co., re ch. 5 (Docket 10861 and 62).

**By Hearing Examiner William G. Butts**  
 Issued an order to govern course of hearing in re applications of Booth Radio & Television Stations Inc., and Woodward Bcstg. Co., applicants for ch. 50 in Detroit, Mich. (Docket 10660-61); said order to control subsequent course of hearing unless modified in accordance with Commission's rules.

**Paducah Newspapers Inc., Columbia Amusement Co., Paducah, Ky.**—Denied motion of Paducah Newspapers Inc. to strike "that portion

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