

pany of WCHU (TV) Champaign, Ill., both uhfs, for \$750,000. Sale is conditioned that option rights to buy part of WNBC, held by WWLP (TV) (ch. 22) Springfield, Mass. (a William L. Putnam station), cannot be exercised without FCC consent. Plains is owned 50% by H & E Balaban Corp., which has interests in WTVO (TV) Rockford, Ill. (ch. 39), WBMG (TV) Birmingham, Ala. (ch. 42), WMCN (TV) Grand Rapids, Mich. (ch. 23), WIL St. Louis, KBOX Dallas and WRIT Milwaukee. The other 50% of Plains is owned by Transcontinental Properties Inc. (Herbert Scheftel and Alfred Burger, each 44.8%), which owns WFTV (TV) Duluth, Minn. (ch. 38). FCC denied petition by WHYH-TV Springfield, Mass. (ch. 40) that application be designated for hearing. Comr. Bartley dissented. WNBC is on ch. 30 and is NBC-TV affiliate. WKNB is on 840 kc with 1 kw day.

- WKNB New Britain, Conn.: Sold by Plains Tv Corp. (see foregoing) to Beacon Bcstg. Co. (Sheldon Smerling, president) for \$225,000. Comr. Bartley dissented.

- WKDA Nashville, Tenn., and KNOK Ft. Worth, Tex.: Sold by John W. Kluge to Townsend Corp. of America, Short Hills, N. J., and singer Pat Boone

for total \$1,080,000 (\$650,000 for WKDA, \$430,000 for KNOK), including \$240,000 in consultants fees and agreements not to compete. Townsend's holdings include International Growth Fund (mutual fund) and controlling interest in Resort Airlines. It is making its first entry in broadcasting and is interested in buying other radio-tv properties. Mr. Kluge is chairman and president of Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp. (WNEW-AM-FM-TV New York, WTTG [TV] Washington and WHK-AM-FM Cleveland) and owns 90% of WINE-AM-FM Buffalo, N. Y., and Class B stock (37%) of WLOF-TV Orlando. Comr. Bartley dissented. WDKA is on 1240 kc with 250 w. KNOK is on 970 with 1 kw day.

- WSVA-AM-FM Harrisonburg, Va.: 51% sold by Transcontinent Tv Corp. and Hamilton Shea to *Washington Evening Star* (WMAL-AM-FM-TV Washington) for \$700,000 (Mr. Shea will hold 49%). WSVA is 550 kc with 5 kw day, 1 kw night, with NBC affiliation; WSVA-FM is 100.7 mc with 7.2 kw. WSVA-TV is on ch. 3 with 8.2 kw and is affiliated with all three tv networks.

- WEAU-AM-FM Eau Claire, Wis., and WISC-AM-FM Madison, Wis.: Sold by Morgan Murphy-Walter C.

Bridges-Ralph Immell group to William E. Walker and associates for total \$700,000 (\$350,000 each). Mr. Walker owns WBEV Beaver Dam, WOSH Oshkosh and WKTL Sheboygan, all Wisconsin, and WSJM St. Joseph, Mo., and KCLN Clinton, Iowa. WEAU is on 790 kc with 5 kw and is NBC affiliate and WISC is on 1480 kc with 1 kw and is ABC and MBS affiliate. Comr. Bartley dissented.

Oct. 6 date set on Mutual petition

Mutual's petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Act will come up for confirmation on Oct. 6 before U.S. Referee Asa Herzog in New York.

The confirmation of the reorganization plan, which has been accepted by Mutual creditors, has been postponed several times, because of claims by the City of New York against MBS for disputed back taxes. Latest delay was directed by Referee Herzog during a hearing on Sept. 18, at which time he set Oct. 6 as the date for hearing arguments for and against New York City's claims.

Morris L. Heath, counsel for the City of New York, told the court that the city would "much prefer settling this situation through its own tax appeal facilities. The legalities involved in this dispute go beyond the Mutual network and affect all the broadcasting networks in the city."

Benjamin Weintraub, attorney for MBS, argued, however, that "certain legalities" involving assessments and activities on which the city's tax claim is based "merit full hearing before the court."

Referee Herzog, in a related action, issued an injunction, enjoining the Dominican Republic from continuing MBS in a \$750,000 recovery suit now pending in the Federal court in Washington, D.C. Referee Herzog, acting on a motion by Mutual, transferred the Dominican claim to his court, and set Oct. 22 as the date on which he will conduct a trial to determine if the Dominican government has a valid claim against the radio network.

Country dj's to meet

WSM Nashville's eighth annual country music disc jockey festival will be held at Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Nov. 13-14, with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington as opening speaker. Festival coincides with 34th anniversary of WSM's durable *Grand Ole Opry* and delegates will attend birthday performance. Top names and labels in country

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