Changing hands

ANNOUNCED • The following sales of station interests were announced last week, subject to FCC approval:

• KDAL-AM-TV Duluth, Minn.: Sold by Red River Broadcasting Co. to WGN Inc. (Chicago Tribune—WGN-AM-TV) for $3.3 million (CLOSED CIRCUIT, Aug. 15). Sellers are the estate of Dalton LeMasurier (who was killed in an airplane accident in 1957), which owns 77.7%, and Odin S. Ramsland and Robert A. Dettman, each owning 11.1%. The transaction also includes five uhf translators in Minnesota. No change in personnel is contemplated; it was announced; Mr. Ramsland will remain as general manager and Mr. Dettman, as chief engineer. WGN Inc. has common ownership with WPIX (TV) New York (New York Daily News). KDAL was founded in 1936 and operates on 610 kc with 5 kw. KDAL-TV went on the air in 1954.

• KTVE (TV) El Dorado, Ark. (Monroe, La.): 80% sold by William H. Simons, widower of former FCC Commissioner Frieda B. Hennock, to Veterans Broadcasting Co. (WVET-AM-TV Rochester, N.Y.) for $347,000, plus $50,000 compensation over five years, plus agreement to have licensee repay $134,000 personal loan to Mr. Simons.

Mr. Simons bought ch. 10, NBC-affiliated station for $1.1 million (AT DEADLINE, July 11). He sold minority 48.9% to Veterans during past three weeks, and application for 31.7% sale to same buyer was filed last week. Present licensee, Home Broadcasting Co., still owes $850,000 on purchase, payable over number of years.

• WBOF and WYFI (FM) Norfolk, Va.: Sold by J. Leo Hoarty Jr. and associates to Washington attorney Temple W. Seay for $260,000. Mr. Seay is associated with Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, Washington, and plans to retire from law practice to devote full time to his broadcasting interests. Mr. Hoarty, president and general manager of both stations, will remain as general manager of both stations; he also will be a 20% stockholder of the new ownership. WBOF, assigned to Virginia Beach, operates on 1550 kc with 3 kw daytime; WYFI uses 11.5 kw on 99.7 mc. Broker was Howard S. Frazier Inc.

• WMMW Meriden, Conn.: Sold by C.A. Schultz and associates to Meriden Radio Inc. for $125,000. Meriden Radio comprises Ralph N. Weil, Arnold Hartley and Edward Connolly. Same three have interests in KATZ St. Louis and have bought KCOR San Antonio, Tex. (CHANGING HANDS, Aug. 1.) Gus Kruttschnitt, now general manager of WMMW, remains as executive vice president. WMMW is 1 kw daytime on 1470 kc. Mr. Weil heads group applying for North White Plains and Poughkeepsie, both New York.

Sacramento fm group

The six independently programmed fm stations of Sacramento, Calif., have formed a group to be called the Sacramento Valley Fm Broadcasters. Members are stations are KCRA-FM, KEKR (FM), KHIQ (FM), KJML (FM),