

## VS&A GIVES UP ON PALMER STATIONS

**V**S&A Communications Partners L.P. has decided not to appeal a recent court decision that ended its \$70.2 million attempt to buy from Palmer Communications WHO-AM-TV and KLYF(FM), all Des Moines, and KFOR-TV Oklahoma City. VS&A had asked the court to force Palmer to resume negotiations toward a definitive contract. Those negotiations had fallen apart last April. But the chancellor in New Castle (Delaware) County Court decided that although both parties had agreed to some material terms, they had not agreed to bind themselves to those terms. The agreement letter between Palmer and VS&A, Chancellor Allen wrote, did not require Palmer to give up its "right as a property owner to change its mind concerning the disposition of its property prior to the time it agrees to bind itself legally to a sale." Bill Ryan, president and chief executive officer, Palmer Communications, said the stations have shown improved performance and the company now has no intention of selling them.

Sold by Tri-Group Inc. to Pilot Communications of Augusta Inc. for \$950,000. **Seller** is headed by Michael G. Ferrel and has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by James L. Leven, who also owns WAQX-FM Manlius, N.Y. WMME(AM) is fulltimer with CHR format on 1400 khz with 1 kw. WMME-FM has CHR format on 92.3 mhz with 50 kw and antenna 500 feet above average terrain. *Broker: Media Services Group.*

**WMMQ(FM) Charlotte, Mich.** □ Sold by Ottaway Communications Inc. to Goodrich Broadcasting Inc. for \$900,000. **Seller** is headed by Robert F. Ottaway and has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by Robert F. Goodrich, and currently has attributable interest in station through time brokerage agreement (see WMRR(FM) Muskegon Heights, Mich., below). WMMQ has classic rock format on 92.7 mhz with 1.5 kw and ant. 466 ft.

**KHAR(AM)-KBRJ(FM) Anchorage** □ Sold by Sourdough Broadcasters Inc. to Alaska Broadcast Communications for \$800,000. **Seller** is headed by Patricia Harpel and has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by Roy Paschal and also owns three AM's and four FM's in Alaska. KHAR is fulltimer with MOR format on 590 khz with 5 kw. KBRJ has AC format on 104.1 mhz with 55 kw and antenna 61 feet above average terrain. *Broker: American Radio Brokers Inc./SFO.*

**WVMX(FM) Stowe, Vt.** □ Sold by Sage Broadcasting Corporation of Vermont to Vermont Communications Systems Inc. for \$750,000. **Seller** is subsidiary of SBC Technologies, which is licensee of one AM and one FM. **Buyer** is headed by Ronald L. Shaffer, and recently purchased KRKY(AM)-KRKM(FM) Granby-Kremmling, Colo. (see

"Changing Hands," Jan. 4). It is subsidiary of American Broadcasting Systems, licensee of two AM's and two FM's. WVMX has AC, CHR format on 101.7 mhz with 43 w and ant. 2,653 ft.

**WCNA(AM) Clearwater, S.C.** □ Sold by Wafar Communications Inc. to GHB of Clearwater Inc. for \$750,000. **Seller** is headed by Wayne P. Farmer and has no other broadcast interests. **Buyer** is headed by George H. Buck Jr., who recently sold WTOO(AM) Asheville, N.C. ("Changing Hands," Sept. 7, 1992). He is also licensee of 13 AM's and two FM's. WCNA has beautiful music format on 98.3 mhz with 2.8 kw and antenna 484 feet. *Broker: Michael J. Bergner*

**KGAL-FM Brownsville, Ore.** □ CP sold by Eads Broadcasting Corp. to C & C Broadcasting Inc. for \$725,000. **Seller** is headed by Richard B. Eads, and is also licensee of KSHO(AM) Lebanon, Ore. **Buyer** is headed by Charles Chackel, who has 35% interest in Combined Communications Corp., licensee of KUGN-AM-FM Eugene, Ore. KGAL-FM has oldies format on 102.3 mhz with 6 kw and antenna 961 feet.

**WMRR(FM) Muskegon Heights, Mich.** □ CP sold by Pathfinder Communications Corp. to Goodrich Broadcasting Inc. for \$625,000. **Seller** is headed by John F. Dille III, and is also licensee of six AM's and five FM's. **Buyer** is headed by Robert E. Goodrich, and has attributable interests in station as well as in WMMQ(FM) Charlotte, Mich. (see above). It recently sold WUBU(FM) South Bend, Ind. ("Changing Hands," Nov. 30, 1992). It is also licensee of three AM's and four FM's. WMRR has easy listening format on 101.7 mhz with 3 kw and ant. 300 feet.

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