

NAEB NEWS LETTER

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URGE CRANE FOR FCC VACANCY

The Executive Committee of NAEB and the association in Convention at Chicago not only endorsed Dr. Arthur G. Crane for the appointment to fill the present vacancy on the FCC, but also have urged active assistance by the NAEB members. Many have already responded. To NAEB, President Crane writes: "Please express my appreciation to NAEB for its help." Don't let the campaign lag, however.

STATEMENT FROM ASCAP

On December 23rd, Mr. Gene Buck, President of ASCAP, issued the following statement:

"ASCAP has always given a completely free license for use of the works copyrighted by its members on all non-sponsored, non-commercial programs broadcast by religious, educational and federal agencies. It has no intention whatever of departing from that policy. Our members have always been, and are still, glad to contribute the entirely free use of all of their copyrighted musical compositions to the purpose of religion, education and the government. Not only this, but we have in mind that nothing should interfere with the primary requisite of broadcasting franchises, and that is that stations shall be operated 'in the public interest, convenience and necessity.' Therefore, it may be stated as our official position that any religious, educational or federal entity, broadcasting non-commercial programs over stations which have contributed the free use of their time for that purpose will, upon application to our Society, receive an absolutely free license granting the use of all of the music of all of our members on such programs."

BMI CLAIMS 95% OF INDUSTRY

On the same day as the statement regarding use of music for educational purposes was issued by Mr. Buck, BMI claimed more than 95 per cent of the radio broadcasting industry, including more than two-thirds of the independent stations in the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ORDERS PROCEEDINGS

Three days after the ASCAP and BMI statements, Attorney General

Jackson issued one in Washington. He ordered the beginning of criminal proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust law against ASCAP, BMI, CBS, and NBC. The Justice department announced that Jackson had ordered Thurman Arnold, anti-trust chief, to file charges after the first of the year.

WNAD SEEKS MORE POWER AND LONGER HOURS

The Extension Division News of the University of Oklahoma reports that "Plans are being made to increase both the broadcasting range and time of WNAD, university radio station. This will mean an increased service to the state by the Extension Division.

"Dr. E. L. Wardell, assistant to the president, announced that application has been made to the federal communications commission to change the frequency of the station from 1010 to 640 kilocycles.

"In seeking an increase in the effectiveness of WNAD, Wardell said the application presented to the FCC called for a full daytime broadcast for the station. The station now broadcasts on an average of 14 hours each week. The increased time would permit more extensive service to the citizens of Oklahoma."

NAEB PACKET

The current packet contains material from

1. University of Kentucky.
2. University of Michigan.
3. WOI, Iowa State College.

If your institution is not represented, it's because I didn't receive any dope from you. For most members, that statement goes for the packet or NEWS LETTER content.

FCC ACTIONS

KOAC, Oregon State College, was given permission to remain silent on Christmas. (12/18/40)

WBAA, Purdue University, was given special permission to operate certain night hours during January in order to carry basketball games. (12/18/40)

WOSU, Ohio State University, was given permission to operate late on December 30th in order to carry a basketball game. (12/18/40)

WNYC, City of New York, was given authority to operate certain late hours in order to broadcast official information to draft boards and registrants. (12/23/40)

WILL, University of Illinois, was given permission to operate certain night hours during January in order to carry basketball games (12/23/40)

WSUI, State University of Iowa, was given permission to operate with power of 5,000 watts for basketball games played during January. (12/23/40)

WTAW, Texas A & M., was given permission to remain silent from December 22 to 29, in order to observe holidays. (12/23/40)

KFDY, South Dakota State College, was given permission to remain silent on December 25 and January 1. (12/26/40)

WLBL, State of Wisconsin, was also given permission to remain silent on December 25. (12/26/40)

WNYE, Board of Education, New York City, was given special permission to operate on 41,100 during January, pending application for change to 42,100. (12/31/40)

---Frank E. Schooley

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