

# NINE STATIONS ARE AWARDED 50,000 WATTS

Washington. The Federal Radio Commission has granted nine of the country leading broadcasting stations temporary permission to increase their power to the maximum of 50,000 watts. While the permission is temporary, it is believed that it will be made permanent when the Commission makes formal announcement of the decision.

The decision, which is in accordance with General Order No. 40, as amended, providing that high powered stations can operate only on four channels in each zone, filled nine vacancies. The stations are:

- WOR, Newark, N. J.
- WCAU, Philadelphia, Pa.
- WSM, Nashville, Tenn.
- WSB, Atlanta, Ga.
- WCCO, Minneapolis, Minn.
- WHO-WOC, Des Moines, Ia.
- KOA, Denver, Colo.
- KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- KPO, San Francisco, Calif.

## OR Wins, WJZ Loses

In most instances the Commission sustained the recommendations of Chief Examiner Ellis A. Yost. The examiner had recommended that the assignment in the First Zone be given to WJZ, New York, but the Commission decided to give it to WOR. WJZ is an outlet of the National Broadcasting Company, which company has WEAJ, New York, on 50,000 watts.

Twenty-four applicants have been competing for the nine maximum power assignments available under General Order No. 40. Hearings on the applications were first held in September, 1930, before Chief Examiner Yost, and continued for one month.

After the hearings, in his report to the Commission, Examiner Yost recommended that General Order No. 40 be amended to permit all qualified stations operating on cleared channels to increase their power to the maximum.

## How Ninth Vacancy Arose

The Commission remanded the report and instructed the examiner to select the eight stations which he thought should receive the high power assignments, and subsequently in a supplemental report he recommended eight stations. At that time there were only eight vacancies, the ninth occurring when KNX, Los Angeles, Calif., surrendered its construction permit for a 50,000 watt station.

# Air Teaching Now Reaches 50,000 Schools

Many different educational radio program and special courses of instruction sponsored both by commercial and educational groups will soon begin another school year series, destined to play an important role in the 50,000 schools throughout the Nation now equipped with receiving sets, according to a statement by Dr. C. M. Koon, specialist in education by radio, made orally at the Federal Office of Education.

The Ohio School of the Air will commence its fourth year this Fall with a well rounded out program consisting of current events, civil government for upper grades, and nature study for the fourth and fifth grades. Other programs, arranged definitely and covering specific subjects daily and weekly, will include literature, travelogs, a series in physics, botany, and chemistry for high schools, geography for grades five through eight, health stories, and plays.

On the Pacific Coast, the Standard School Broadcast is also entering its fourth season, sponsored by the Standard Oil Company of California, with an introduction in the form of the history of the foundations of music. Here certain fundamentals in the historical development of music are being broadcast rather than a digest of dates and names. Music is to be presented in its development in the manner that language is presented in its growth.

The Standard Symphony Hour concerts will again be played during the regular symphony season by the entire San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, under guest conductors, Issay Dobrowen, of Russia, and Basil Cameron, of England, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Dr. Artur Rodzinski. These orchestras will alternate week by week.

The American School of the Air, sponsored by the Columbia Broadcasting System, will open its third season this Fall. In 1930, the American School of the Air was broadcast over a chain of 45 stations, and it is understood that many more stations have joined the chain since then. The educational program of this school is not yet ready for publication.

The fourth of the Music Appreciation Series sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company and conducted by Walter Damrosch, is already under way. It is estimated that millions of new listeners have been added to this series.

## Sundry Suggestions for Week Beginning October 18th

- Sunday, Oct. 18:—N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony ..... WABC—3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 19:—James Melton, Tenor ..... WEAJ—8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20:—Don Voorhees Orchestra ..... WJZ—8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21:—Singing Sam ..... WABC ..... 8:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 22:—WEAVer of Dreams ..... WOR—10:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 23:—Jessica Dragonette ..... WEAJ—8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24:—Little Symphony ..... WOR—8:00 p.m.

# BASIS IS CITED IN REGULATING PRICE OF TIME

Washington. The Sta-Shine Products Company, Inc., of Freeport, N. Y., has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to compel a radio broadcasting station to reduce the rates it charges for the "transmission of intelligence for hire in interstate commerce," on the ground that such charges are unreasonable and in violation of the Interstate Commerce Act.

The complaint is against the National Broadcasting Company and WGBB, of Freeport, together with H. H. Carman, proprietor of the station, and alleges that the defendants are engaged in the transmission of intelligence for hire in interstate commerce and therefore subject to the provisions of the law to regulate commerce.

It was claimed that the Sta-Shine Products Co., Inc., which is engaged in the sale of furniture polish, has sent messages via the Freeport radio station to points in Connecticut and has paid for the same, and that while the company still desires to continue sending messages, it is restrained from doing so because the rates are "exorbitant."

## Charges Law Violation

The complaint said that the company had been charged \$146.48 for 15 minutes to transmit the message through one station and \$1,480.49 for "chain transmission," all to the great damage of the complainant. It also said that the National Broadcasting Company had failed to furnish facilities. It was also asserted that the rates charged are "unlawfully discriminatory, because all persons are not accorded similar treatment, all to the great damage of complainant."

It was further charged that the company had violated the law by failing to file tariffs with the Commission and that it has not submitted its properties for valuation nor filed annual reports in compliance with the law.

The Commission was urged to institute an investigation into the charges alleged in the complaint and require the defendants to cease and desist from the violations of the law charged, and that reparation be awarded to the corporation "in such sum as may be determined upon proof adduced by complainant."

## Jurisdiction Accepted

Henry A. Giesler, president of the Sta-Shine Products Company, Inc., signed the complaint.

This is the first time that the question of the Interstate Commerce Commission regulating broadcasting station activities has been brought up for determination, it was said. The case has been formally docketed, assigned a number and will come up for hearing in the same manner as a case involving railroad practices. The Commerce Commission assumed jurisdiction to proceed with the case and will so continue until the defendant questions it.

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