

NAEB NEWS LETTER

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STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

With this issue of the News Letter we'll go to monthly editions until Fall. For the past few minutes we've been running through the file of issues for the past six months. Result? It just occurs to your secretary that with college or university or school out for a few months, you might have a little time to check on yourselves. So at the cost of being repetitious, I'm going to repeat some earlier questions and reminders:

1. Have you voted on the place for the Fall convention?
2. Remember the dates, September 5 and 6. Plan to be there.
3. Have you compiled and forwarded list of transcriptions and transcription services to Exec. Sec?
4. Have you paid your 1941 dues?
5. What have you done on promoting National Defense?
6. What co-operative programs have you worked out with libraries?
7. What have you done about rebroadcasting International Shortwave station programs?
8. What else do you know that should be published in the News Letter?

FCC DECISION ON NAEB REQUESTS

Secretary T. J. Slowie of the Federal Communications Commission has sent the following letter to the Executive Secretary:

"Further reference is made to your letter dated February 15, 1941, and telegram dated March 31, 1941, requesting modification be made in Sections 3.71 and 3.93 (now Section 3.407 (e)) of the Rules and Regulations so as to waive the requirement relative to minimum hours of operation for noncommercial stations, and to change the requirements relative to the announcement of records.

"Very careful consideration has been given to these proposed changes,

as a result of which it has been concluded that change in rules in either case would not be in the public interest. However, a request made by any individual licensee of a noncommercial station to remain silent or reduce hours of operation during certain periods under Section 1.365, supported by appropriate showing for the need therefor, will be given due consideration. Such request may be made in letter form.

"With respect to modification of the requirements relative to the announcement of records, the Commission has on several occasions in recent months reviewed this subject, and while in some cases the existing requirement may make for awkward announcements, other reasons are considered to outweigh this objection."

Do you have any comments? Any advice to give your Executive Committee, or Executive Secretary?

NEW PROGRAMS AT KENTUCKY

All of the wealth, tradition, and color of the Kentucky mountains and its people will be revealed in a new series of weekly thirty-minute broadcasts over the coast-to-coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System, to be presented on Saturdays, 1.00 to 1.30 p.m., CDST starting June 7.

The series, entitled "From the Kentucky Mountains" will be a presentation of the University of Kentucky radio studios in Lexington, which will originate the program through Mutual's Lexington affiliate, WLAP.

Combating the more spectacular impressions of the Kentucky hills, which have been pictured as a rendezvous of moonshiners, snake-worshippers, child marriages, and feuds, the "From the Kentucky Mountains" broadcasts will picture this area as it really is. Performances will be made of the traditional ballads, many of them of direct Scotch, Irish, Welsh and English origin; dramatizations will be produced of the typical writings of mountain authors; and the other numerous contributions of the southern Appalachian area to the culture of the country as a whole, will be illustrated. Interesting mountain people will be invited to participate and talk to the "outside world."

The series will be directed by Ben Russek, formerly of New York City, who has produced the "Story Behind the Ballad" series and other University of Kentucky network shows.

The role of a modern state university in national defense activity will be graphically portrayed by the University of Kentucky in a series of weekly thirty-minute broadcasts on Saturdays, 12.00 to 12.30 p.m., also starting June 7. The programs will originate on the U.K. campus in Lexington and will be broadcast by WHA, Louisville.

FCC ACTIONS

Chicago Board of Education has applied for construction permit for a

1 KW FM non-commercial educational broadcast station.

WCAT, South Dakota State School of Mines, was granted special permission to remain silent from June 1 to September 15 in order to observe summer vacation. (5/15/41)

WCAL, St. Olaf College, applied for permission to determine operating power by direct method. (5/21/41).

-- Frank E. Schooley
Executive Secretary

P.S. -BULLETIN:

The Radio Council of the Chicago Public Schools will be glad to have transcriptions or outstanding programs done by educational stations or groups for demonstration purposes in its summer session workshop. If you have one or two such records, send them express collect to - George Jennings, Program Director, Radio Council, 228 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, so as to arrive on or before July 1st. These disks will be returned in late August.

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