

Court Denies Appeal That Media Influenced Trial of Dr. Sheppard

THE U. S. Supreme Court has turned down an appeal alleging that newspaper, radio and tv treatment of the 1954 bludgeon-murder of Marilyn Sheppard "influenced" the judge and jury and prevented Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, her husband, from receiving a fair trial on charges that he committed the crime. Justice Felix Frankfurter issued a memorandum declaring that denial of a review "in nowise implies that this court approves the decision of the lower courts."

Mrs. Sheppard was slain in the Sheppard's Bay Village, Ohio, home in July 1954. Dr. Sheppard was convicted of slaying his wife

and now is serving a 10-year-to-life sentence in the Ohio Penitentiary. His conviction was upheld last May by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Dr. Sheppard's lawyers have argued that the trial should not have been held in Cleveland, that stories circulated there before and during the trial created "the atmosphere of a Roman holiday" and prevented the doctor from receiving a fair trial.

KOMA Sale Application Filed

APPLICATION was filed with the FCC last week seeking approval of the \$342,500 sale of KOMA Oklahoma City by multiple station owner John T. Griffin. Purchasers are Myer Feldman, counsel to the Senate Bank-

ing & Currency Committee; Burton Levine, president-majority stockholder of WROV Roanoke, Va., and others. KOMA, a 50-kw outlet, was founded in 1927 and is affiliated with CBS. Its tv affiliate, KWTW (TV), is not involved in the sale. KOMA's balance sheet as of Sept. 30 showed total assets of \$608,574, of which \$288,027 were current assets; total current liabilities of \$22,097, and a surplus of \$31,816.

Elections Subcommittee Asks Stations For Campaign Data

THE Senate Elections Subcommittee last Friday and Saturday was to have mailed out questionnaires to all am, fm and tv broadcast stations and to the networks seeking amounts spent in behalf of political candidates from Sept. 1-Nov. 5, inclusive, John Moore, counsel, said last week.

Deadline for returns was set at Dec. 7.

Mr. Moore said questionnaires will seek amounts spent on radio and tv time in behalf of candidates for President, Vice President and the Senate. Information also is being asked on amounts spent in behalf of state and local candidates, he said. The subcommittee also is asking for the amounts of "free" time given by broadcasters to the various candidates.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), held hearings in September and October in efforts to determine the costs of political campaigns. The Senate unit reported just prior to the elections [AT DEADLINE, Nov. 7] that, based on actual information and estimates received from the tv networks and 85% of U. S. stations which answered a pre-election questionnaire, a total of \$4,522,000 was being spent in television in behalf of candidates for President, Vice President and Senate.

FCC Authorizes Permits For Five New Radio Outlets

CONSTRUCTION permits for five new am stations were granted by the FCC last week. Cities and permittees:

Evergreen, Ala.—Evergreen Broadcasting Co., 1470 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Sole owner Clayton W. Mapoles also owns WEBY Milton, Fla., and WFNM DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Show Low, Ariz.—Peak Broadcasting Co., 1050 kc, 250 w, daytime. Searcy J. Woodworth, chief engineer, KVNC Winslow, Ariz., is 51% owner of the new facility, and Jack V. Reeder, construction interests, owns 49%.

South Daytona, Fla.—Thomas Carr, 1590 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Mr. Carr formerly owned 35% of WKXV Knoxville, Tenn., and 50% of WSTN St. Augustine, Fla.

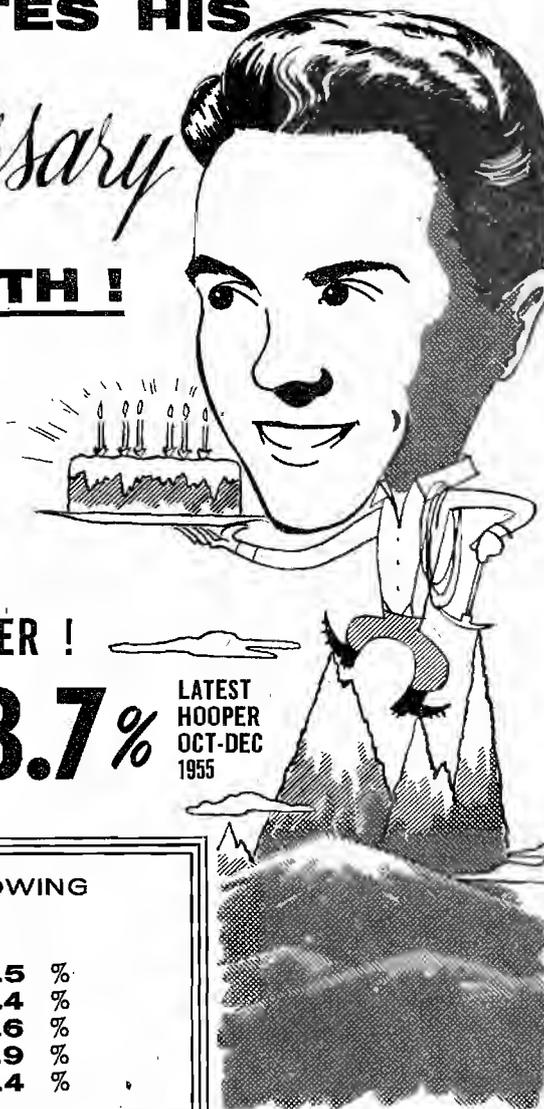
Hancock, Mich.—Copper Country Broadcasting Co., 920 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Ben D. Miller, retail clothing interests, Clifford F. Paulson, glass interests, and Francis S. Locatelli, manager of WTTT Port Huron, Mich., are equal partners.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Radio Saratoga, 1280 kc, 1 kw, daytime. Equal partners are Richard O'Conner, former 22% stockholder, WSPN Saratoga Springs, and Lou Tobier, also former WSPN Stockholder.

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