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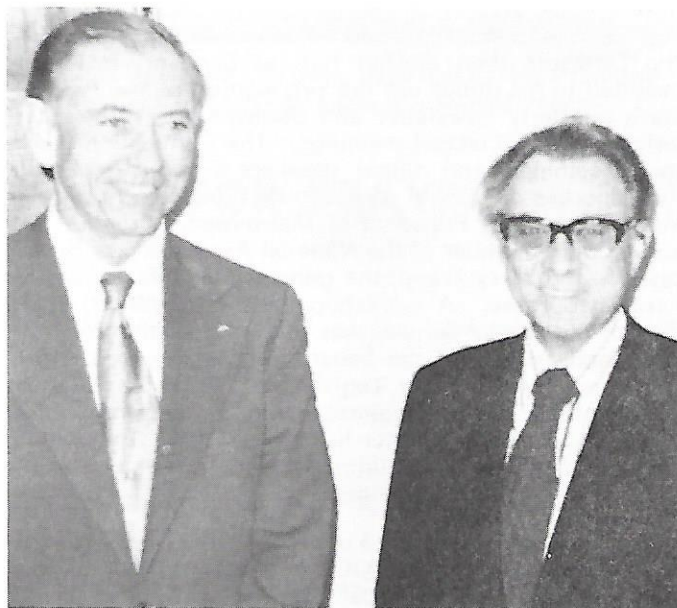
## HEADLINES . . .

### FILING TO BOOST POWER

At the Arctic Broadcasting Association Board of Directors semi-annual meeting in Seattle, August 18, the directors approved the initial filing with the F.C.C. of an application to boost KICY's power from 5,000 to 10,000 watts. A decision was also made to generate KICY's own electricity for the transmitter site in the interest of reducing high electric costs. The decision was based in part on a volunteer study done for KICY by former short term staff member Dave Olson of Anchorage.

There is an urgent need for a qualified diesel mechanic to overhaul the present D-311 Caterpillar generator. Arrangements will be made to take care of transportation costs as well as board and room of a mechanic while on the job, although KICY is not in a position to pay for his services.

The Dawson Covenant Church of Dawson, Minnesota, home church of the Fondells, launched "An Adventure in Faith for KICY" in anticipation of this move to increase power. This "Adventure" consists of pledges by members of the church such as two acres of soy beans, a day's wages, 300 pounds of live hogs, and several cash donations of up to \$50 each. Pastor Tom Anderson says that at present prices this "Adventure in Faith" should net over \$1,700 towards this project. Nearly 10% of this has been pledged by children under 13 years of age!



William Hartman (L) Secretary and Charles Sebastian (R) new President of A.B.A.

### SEBASTIAN A.B.A. PRESIDENT . . .

Charles Sebastian of the Austin Covenant Church in Chicago was elected in April as the new President of the Arctic Broadcasting Association (A.B.A.), the governing body of KICY. He has been on the A.B.A. Board since 1970. Sebastian owns and operates WTAQ Radio in the Chicago suburb of LaGrange. William Hartman of the Hillside Covenant Church of Walnut Creek, California remains the Secretary of the A.B.A. Board.

As a result of the transfer of KICY from Covenant World Mission to Covenant Home Mission last February, a bit of reorganization has taken place in A.B.A. At the 1973 annual meeting of A.B.A. in April in Seattle, new laws were adopted. The Board of Directors voted to include officially a representative from the Alaska District Council of the Assemblies of God as an A.B.A. Director. This invitation has been accepted by the Assemblies. They have chosen their Nome Pastor, Paul Bills, to be their A.B.A. Director and are budgeting \$500 annually for KICY. The American Lutheran Church is now represented on the Board by Rev. Norman Orth of Seattle. The Alaska Yearly Meeting of Friends continue to be represented by Isaac Smith of Noorvik, Alaska. New Covenant Directors are Dean Anderson also of the Hillside Covenant Church and Leo Thompson of the Anchorage, Alaska Covenant Church. Under the new by-laws, the KICY station manager and the Executive Secretary of Covenant Home Mis-



The Don Lindblads and Curt Gustafsons of Dawson, MN. Covenant Church with KICY faith pledge scroll.

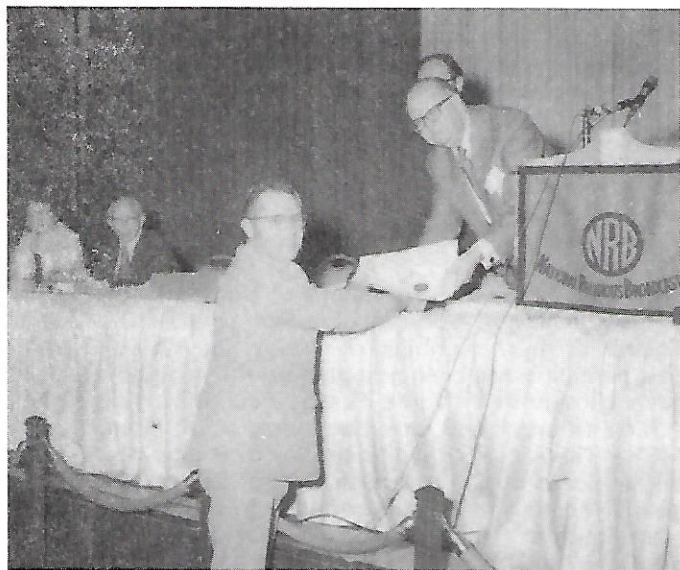


sion are automatically on the A.B.A. Board. Thus Ralph Fondell is a new Director and Rev. Paul Anderson continues on the Board. Martin Olson of the Golovin, Alaska Covenant Church also continues as an A.B.A. Director. The new A.B.A. by-laws call for two regular meetings of Directors each year. The second meeting for 1973 was held in August in Seattle. The next Directors meeting will be held January 12, 1974 in Nome.

## SUMMERS SEC.-TREAS. AK. BROADCASTERS

The 1973 Annual Convention of the Alaska Broadcasters Association was held in Anchorage and at the Mt. Alyeska Resort (south of Anchorage) in June. Stan Summers and Dave DeVries represented KICY at the two-day convention. Stan was elected by the membership to a one year term on the Association's Board of Directors. The Directors then elected him as Secretary-Treasurer. Included in his duties are the preparation of the Association's quarterly newsletter and participation in the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The Convention workshops, seminars and dinner speakers brought to Alaska the expertise of several well known broadcasters such as Mark Evans, Vice President of Metro-Media Broadcasting and a Board Member of the National Association of Broadcasters, and Jerry Trapp, the general News Editor of the Associated Press. A workshop with Terry Miller, President of the Alaska Senate, was very informative for both the Broadcasters and the Senator, especially as to news coverage of the Alaska Legislature. Perhaps the high light of the Convention was a concentrated three hour course in developing better listening habits. The course, developed by Xerox, is supposed to double the listening skills of those who participate.

Last January, while on a one year furlough, Ralph and Gert Fondell represented KICY at the National Religious Broadcasters (N.R.B.) Annual Convention held in Washington, D.C. The Convention gives an opportunity to share ideas with other religious broadcasters from the United States and around the World. The Workshop participants discussed such diversified topics as: "Automation for the Christian Station", "Follow-up", "Program Funding", and "Evangelism Explosion". Special Convention guests included Billy Graham, Pat Boone, Stephen Olford and Clement Stone.



Ralph Fondell receiving KICY's 1973 membership certificate from N.R.B. President Eugene Bertermann.



KICY's Stan Summers (2nd from L) new Secretary-Treasurer of Alaska Broadcasters, with other board members.

## SIBERIAN ESKIMOS LISTEN . . .

In a meeting between Siberian and Alaskan Eskimos on the Bering Sea ice last May, we were given assurance that the people on the Siberian coast are regular listeners to KICY's programming in their dialect. We have recently acquired an additional 15 minute Russian language religious program, CANAAN OF THE AIR, produced in West Germany by the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary (Lutheran). We have also found a Bible Reading program using the Living Bible translated into the Russian language and are now auditioning it for possible use 15 minutes a day.

It seems a great deal of time is spent weekly on public service type programs which the staff feels are important in serving and keeping a regular listening audience. KICY has a daily interview program called THE FACE OF OUR TOWN of special interest to Nome people, as well as a daily VILLAGE NEWS program which includes telephone conversations with the small villages in the area, written news reports, fish and game reports and interviews with the local native organization leaders. We have been broadcasting the local city council and school board meetings for some time, and have just started broadcasting the utility board meetings which are of particular interest because of the many problems the city has had of late with the water and sewer and power systems. KICY had extensive coverage of the recent visit to Nome by the Secretary of Interior Rogers C. B. Morton. We also broadcast the Nome portion of the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission D-2 Land Hearings held to determine feelings on the use of Federal Lands in Alaska set aside for possible inclusion as National Parks, Refuges, Forests or Wild and Scenic Rivers.

We are happy for the recent addition of a second daily ABC Network newscast at 6 P.M. sponsored by a local department store. Gertrude Fondell has taken on a new responsibility working "on the air" from 9:40 to 11:45 A.M. Monday through Friday. Gert's schedule of programs, music and news will be geared to the women in our audience. As in the past, KICY is planning a full sports schedule for the fall and winter season with area high school basketball, and snowmobile and sled dog race coverage, the World Series, several post season football games and this year the season football games of Southern California (dropping Washington) and Notre Dame. Program Director Stan Summers reports that he is considering many possible program and schedule changes. We appreciate your prayers as we continually evaluate and change our programming to best fit the needs of the people of Northwest Alaska.



## FULL TIME STAFF THIS FALL . . .

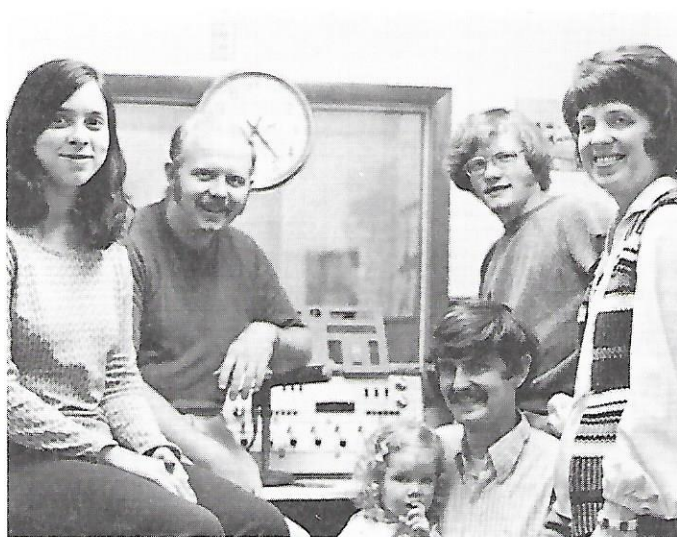
Under the Covenant Home Mission Dept. KICY staff families now have the option of a one month "vacation" each year or a two month vacation after two years. We are operating the station this fall with a full staff of 5 men for the first time with the return of Station Manager Ralph Fondell in June. We are excited with the possibilities of more work in the areas of local programming and training. Sales and promotion will now be the main responsibility of Assistant Manager Dave DeVries.

Ralph, Gert, Steve and John Fondell have returned to their home in Nome. Becky will be attending North Park College this fall, and Dan will be studying this year at Loyola University in Rome, Italy, majoring in the Classics. Their daughter Kathy and her husband, Jim Congdon, are residing in Alaska where he is a building contractor.

Jim, Lola, Brad, Brent and Karna Engwall were on vacation to Hawaii and the "lower 48" during June and July with an additional week spent at Twin Lakes Bible Camp in Iowa.

Chip Swanson spent much of his two month vacation traveling to villages in Western Alaska followed by a trip to his home state of Minnesota.

We continue to praise God for a great group of volunteer helpers at KICY. Here for the summer months were Dave and Karen Spear and 2 year old daughter Mandy of Palmer, Alaska. Dave, who taught school in Nome last year, helped with the announcing and building maintenance while Karen served as cook for the volunteer crew . . . Don Johnson of Crescent City, California, a former short term staff member, returned to install a



KICY Summer Volunteers by new control board. (L-R) Diana Day, Don Johnson, Mandy and Dave Spear, Tim Carlson and Karen Spear.

very versatile solid state control board in Studio B which he built as his senior project at California Polytechnical University. Don also helped with announcing, served as engineer in Chip's absence, and was one of the speakers at the Nome Covenant Bible Camp . . . Our first woman volunteer announcer, Diana Day who came to us from Burnsville, Minnesota, is a graduate of Mankato State College in Minnesota. She also is to be commended for her many hours spent updating the KICY record file . . . Tim Carlson of South Bend, Indiana, a student at North Park College, came to help in the area of building maintenance. He proved to be not only an able carpenter and painter but did a good job of radio announcing and helped with the youth work in the Nome Covenant Church.

Volunteer Secretary-Receptionist Edna Raszler left in July and was replaced by another short term volunteer, Chris Chamberlain of Laconia, New Hampshire. We are happy to have Fred Savok back at the KICY microphone. Fred, who serves as Eskimo language consultant for KICY, is volunteering his services two nights each week. Other volunteers this fall will include Dennis Gustafson of Bellingham, Washington and James Hendershot of San Luis Obispo, California for announcing and Mrs. Enoch (Janet) Peterson of Litchfield, Minnesota for secretary, cook and other "extras".

The staff enjoyed Tuesday evenings together throughout the summer, alternating business meetings with social get-togethers such as picnics by the Bering Sea, volleyball, etc. Good fellowship was also enjoyed with the large crew of volunteers from California, Minnesota and Illinois who helped with the building of our new Covenant Parsonage.

We remind you to write to KICY or the Home Mission Department in Chicago if you are interested in short-term volunteer service.



KICY's new Secretary, Chris Chamberlain.



## KICY OBSERVES 13th BIRTHDAY . . .

KICY began broadcasting on Easter Sunday 1960. This year for our birthday month we offered large ball-point pens to any of our listeners who wrote in. We were glad for the comments and helpful suggestions of the approximately 150 letters received. The following are excerpts from some of the letters:

### From Shishmaref . . .

"I'm glad that KICY is a place to listen thru radio at Shishmaref to spread the Word of God to all over Alaska's peoples. We have no complaints. May God bless all the staff of KICY."

### From Nome . . .

"I would like to have a pin. I like to listen to you guys. Thank you. I am 7."

### From Mountain Village . . .

"Your station has brought many a day of enjoyment to a great number of us. I surely can't find another broadcasting station in our vicinity that brings us programs like: HOUR OF DECISION, NIGHTWATCH, POWER LINE, MASTER CONTROL, ESKIMO HOUR, SHOWERS OF BLESSING, MORNING CHAPEL HOUR, IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD, LUTHERAN VESPERS, CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR, and all the other wonderful stories we hear. All the helpful hints come in handy, the music for listening pleasure and the countless programs you have are so we couldn't ask for anything better."

### From Emmonak . . .

"Thank you for bringing the Gospel broadcasts into our home. We do so appreciate it. The children especially enjoy the stories but enjoy the music and all, too. We decided to send our offering to KICY from our small group of believers here in Emmonak. Find enclosed check. . ."

### From Shageluk . . .

"We sure like Nome station . . . We stay alone and we get so lonesome sometimes. That's why we like to leave radio on till Nome station sign off. My two little girls open the radio soon as they wake up. They start singing along with the radio sometimes. They learn lots from Nome station."

### From White Mountain . . .

"Thank you for bringing the Eskimo Lutheran Conference to us by way of radio and it seems a blessing to hear the Gospel of Christ reaching the village through KICY. Will this be continued in the future?"

### From Unalakleet . . .

"Having spent most of my 1st winter here indoors, I listened to the radio constantly . . . your programs have helped me complete what I had thought was a fairly good religious education and I have reaffirmed my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior. Your programming is very good, especially some of the local ones and offers something for every age and taste and most important, Jesus Christ."

### From Wales . . .

"Please find my name as your regular KICY radio listener. That is where I always tune in my radio on KICY. Most of the program scheduled on KICY is appreciated. Your special messages are very helpful to me. Your informations on "airlines advisory" are very helpful also. The Gospel songs and Eskimo Hour programs are very good."

### From Shishmaref . . .

"Thank you for everything you have done to us mostly when we have message to send to our families at home. You are always ready to help. Keep up the good work you have done so many years now. We all like your messages like Eskimo hours and other good news."

### From St. Mary's . . .

"Our children especially enjoy CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR, BIG JOHN AND SPARKY, AND SAILOR SAM. A special thanks for MORNING CHAPEL HOUR, BACK TO THE BIBLE and all your church services on Sunday. We as a family sit down and listen to the First Covenant Church of Minnesota as there are no protestant churches here. Again we say thank you for your station which gives us spiritual encouragement."

### From Gambell . . .

"Many thanks to you for your response to our popcorn overtures. Such responses we feel are the stuff of that which comprises KICY's unique contribution to the people of the area. Public relations of the type you accomplish pave the way for Christ's message which is your most unique contribution. We hope this doesn't change."

### From Dillingham . . .

"Some of the people here listen almost exclusively to KICY, but I do not have the equipment at my house to bring it in very often."

### From Aniak . . .

"I have been listening to your station ever since it first started, and would like to take this opportunity to thank both KICY and the Christian Businessmen's Committee of Anchorage for presenting the Pacific Garden Mission program UNSHACKLED. I enjoy listening to the program and believe it to be one of the best "witnessing" programs on radio."

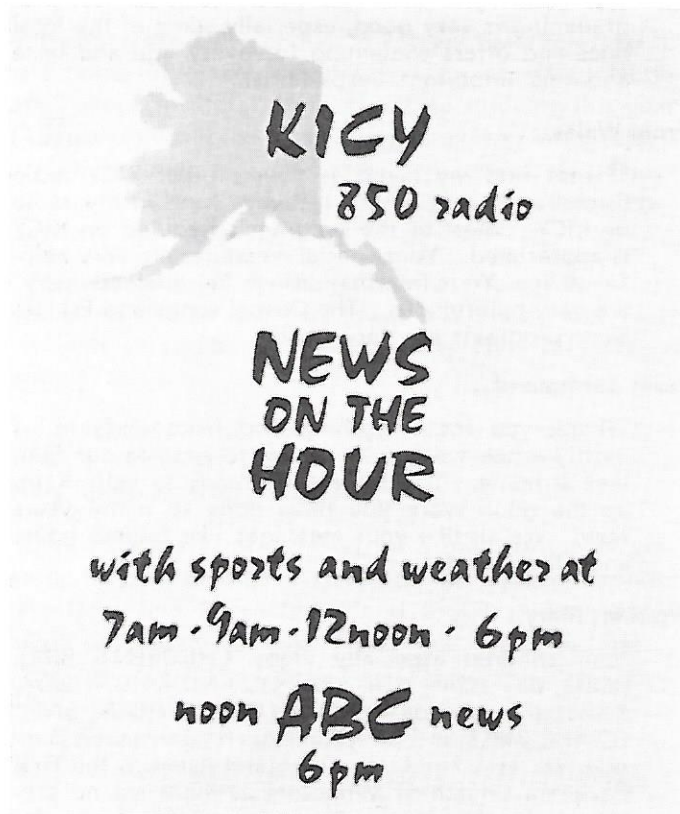
Approximately \$1,200 in gifts have been received at KICY from Western Alaska so far this year, most of it



Wall goes up on new Covenant Parsonage. Crew chief, Bob Bergstrom of Minneapolis, in foreground.



at the time of "KICY Sunday", April 29, 1973, when area churches and individuals were encouraged to contribute toward the ministry of KICY. The KICY listening area does not have the economic base needed to keep a station on the air. You, too, can have a vital part in helping KICY continue serving Western Alaska and Eastern Siberia with your financial help. Gifts may be designated for specific programs or equipment if you so desire. KICY is a non-profit organization and all gifts to the station are tax deductible. Only eternity will tell the value of our time and money spent to broadcast the Good News over KICY.



New promotional poster in a Nome tourist hotel.



Volunteer Don Johnson working on new control board he donated to KICY.



KICY's new Crew Cab being decorated by Diana Day and Tim Carlson for Midnight Sun Festival Parade.

## PAUSE FOR PRAYER . . .

### PRAISE . . .

- . . . for a much needed Ampex tape recorder recently donated to KICY.
- . . . for a full staff at KICY this winter, plus four qualified volunteers.
- . . . for the new studio console built and given to KICY by Don Johnson.
- . . . for a second ABC Network newscast each day on KICY and the news that the Russian language programs are being heard.
- . . . for a new "Crew Cab" vehicle for station use.
- . . . for the safety of the young people riding in the KICY Carryall when it rolled off a narrow road during a youth group outing.

### PETITION . . .

- . . . for guidance in planning and conducting an audience survey.
- . . . for wisdom to carry out a radio workshop for interested local volunteers.
- . . . for the extension of the Eskimo language Bible Reading programs in various dialects.
- . . . that the Russian language Bible Readings will soon be a reality.
- . . . for local Eskimo Christians to serve as short term volunteers at KICY.
- . . . that formal F.C.C. approval will be obtained as we proceed with a possible power increase.

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