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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-24-61

Call letters WKPR

Station location Kalamazoo, Michigan

Name of licensee KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., (AP 11-30-60; EFF: 1-1-61)
x WILLIAM KUIPER AND WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER, d/b as
KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 0.5 mi. W. of city limits on Ravine Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan (BP 6-8-60)

Main studio location 0.5 mi. W. of city limits on Ravine Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan (BP 6-8-60)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-11022	6-8-60	1420kc	1kw-DA-Day		8-8 2-8-61
	CP for new standard broadcast station (Cond'l).				
BP-11022 (2)	8-5-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11022) to assigned Call Letters.			
BMP-9026 (1)	7-20-60	Mod. of CP(BP-11022) to change type transmitter (COLLINS Radio-20V) and make changes in transmitting equipment.			
BAP-505 EFF:	11-30-60 1-1-61	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Kalamazoo Broadcasting Company/ Inc			
BL-3165	1-24-61	1420kc	1kw DA- Day		1-24 10-1-61
	Lic. to cover cp (BP-11,022 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station.				
BR-3952	2-5-62	Renewal of license			2-5 10-1-64
BR-3952	9-14-64	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-67
BR-3952	9-8-67	1420kc	1kw	Day	10-1 10-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
Memo 11-22-68	chr. phase monitor Nems-Clarke 108-E.				
BS-3952(L) (Memo)	6-20-69	Mod. of lic. to chg. antenna base current and phase monitor sample current ratios for SW (#2) tower and change 59° monitor point. 6-20 10-1-70			
BR-3952(S)	9-30-70	Renewal of License			10-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BS-3952(L)	11-22-72	ML for changes			10-1-73
BR-3952(S)	9-27-73	RENEWAL			10-1-76
BTC-7368	3-28-74	VOL TC	EFF: 4-18-74		
BS-3952(L)	12-10-74	Mod of Lic. to chg ant sys (p/2)			
BR-3952(S)	9-15-76	Renewal of license			10-1-79
BR-790601BZ	9-21-79	(S) RENEWAL			10-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name WILLIAM KUIPER and WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER, d/b as KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY
(P.O. - c/o William Kuiper, Radio Station WFUR, Grand Rapids, Michigan)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-11,022 Rec'd Filed	1-4-57 1-8-57 1-8-57	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1420kc Power - 1kw DA-D Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - 0.5 mi. west of city limits on Ravine Rd. Kalamazoo, Mich. Studio location - Same as transmitter. Atty. - Harry J. Daly Engr. - Gautney & Jones	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon.; Field meas. equip.; DA & non-DA proof. After Hearing Docket No. 12301 Order issued.	6-8-60
BMP-9026 R & F	6-20-60 6-21-60	Modification of C. P. (BP-11022 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins-Radio-20V-2) and make changes in transmitting equipment Atty's: Daly & Ehrig	GRANTED	7-20-60

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W K P R

KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name* WILLIAM KUIPER AND WILLIAM EUGENE KUIPER d/b as KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAP-505 Rec'd Filed	11-11-60 11-14-60 11-14-60	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Kalamazoo Broadcasting Company, Inc. Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-30-60 1-1-61
BL-8165 R & F	10-7-60 10-10-60	License to cover C. P. (BP-11022, as modified) which auth. a new standard broadcast station. Atty's: Daly & Ehrig	GRANTED	1-24-61
AMENDMENT R & F	12-8-60 12-13-60	AMENDED to change permittee name to KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. as auth by BAP-505 gr 11-30-60.		
BR-3952 Rec'd&Filed	7-14-61 7-24-61	Renewal of License Leonard S. Joyce, atty.	GRANTED	2-5-62
BR-3952 Rec'd Filed	7-3-64 7-6-64 7-6-64	Renewal of license Atty. Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	9-14-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP* Rec'd	9-3-65 9-14-65	CP to increase power from 1kw to 5kw, make changes in the directional antenna system (add two towers), and install new transmitter (Collins 21E). Requests Waiver of Sec. 73.37 filed 9-24-65 Atty: Daly and Joyce Engr: Ralph J. Bitzer	Returned per Sec.	3-28-67 73.37(a)

PETITION TO DENY filed 8-1-66 by Robert B. Lubic for Regional Broadcasters of Michigan, Inc.

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME filed 8-24-66 by Daly & Joyce.

ADDENDUM TO COMMENTS CONCERNING PETITION TO DENY AND REQUEST TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON PETITION AND THE APPLICATION PENDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDMENT filed 12-1-66 by Daly & Joyce.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W K P R

Name: KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3952 R & F	6-26-67 6-30-67	Renewal of license. Atty: Daly & Joyce	GRANTED	9-8-67
8-20-69. By Notice of Apparent Liability, Commission, liable for $1,500 Forfeiture.				
BR-3952 R & F #612185 $75. P.N.	6-23-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 6-30-70 JUL 15 1970	Renewal of License Atty: Leonard S. Joyce	GRANTED	9-30-70
7-22-70 Commission on 7-22-70 Reduced forfeiture to $1,000. 10-2-70 Annual fee $21.00 deducted from $75.00 Renewal filing fee. Credit $54.00 to 1971.				
BR-3952 R & F P.N. PRESS JUL 19 1973	6-23-73 7-3-73 7-3-73	Renewal of License Atty.: Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr.	GRANTED	9-27-73

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1420kHz

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Name KALAMAZOO BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Kalamazoo, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-7368 R & F BEE PD: $250 #284537 CODE 047 (Form 316)	2-22-74 2-28-74	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from William Kuiper and William E. Kuiper (50% each) to William E. Kuiper (100%) Atty - G.R. Borsari, Jr.	GRANTED EFF:	3-28-74 4-18-74
BR-3952 R & F PN PRESS	5-27-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 JUL 28 1976	Renewal of license Atty- John A. Borsari	GRANTED	9-15-76
BR 790601 BZ PRESS	AUG 2 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE L.S.Joyce,Atty.	GRANTED	9-21-79

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About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.