WMCW

REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

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Patent No. 1390199

B-S- 3094

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 2-17-55

Call letters W M C W

Station Location: Harvard, Illinois

Name of licensee OBED S. BORGEN (AL 2-27-79 EFF: 3-15-79
x ESTHER BLODGETT

Transmitter location West Side of U.S. Highway 14, 1 mile north of Harvard, Illinois (CP 7-28-54)
(L 2-17-55)

Main studio location West Side of U.S. Highway 14, 1 mile north of Harvard, Illinois (CP 7-28-54)
(L 2-17-55)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued		Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-8579	7-28-54	1600kc	500w	Day	9-28-54 3-28-55
	CP for new standard b/c station				
BMP-6767 (1)	1-28-55	Mod. of	CP (BP-8579) to chg. type Trans.		
BL-5621	2-17-55	1600	500w	Day	2-17 12-1-55
	Lic. cover CP (BP-8579, as mod.) for a new station.				
TELEGRAM	11-30-55	No action taken on renewal application. Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal			
BR-3094	2-8-56	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1 12-1-58
BR-3094	3-25-59	Renewal of License			3-25 12-1-61
No action taken on late filed Renewal Application.					
BR-3094	2-23-66	Renewal of License			2-23 4-1-67 SHORT TERM
BR-3094	3-3-67	Renewal of license			4-1 12-1-67
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BR-3094(S)	8-7-68	RENEWAL			8-1-71
BR-3094(S)	8-7-68	Supersed to correct exp. date to 12-1-70			
BR-3094(I)	5-27-71	Renewal			12-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-3094(S)	7-31-74	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BR-3094	(S) 7-25-78	REN. OF LIC.			12-1-79
BAL781114EE	2-27-79	VOL. AL		EFF:	
EBSA	3-15-79	revised form			
BR790801 (I)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82

FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMCW New

Name ESTHER BLODGETT
PO 205 E. Brainard Street, Harvard, Ill.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-8579 Rec'd Filed	8-1-52 8-13-52 8-13-52	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1600kc Power: 500w Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: ~~To be determined~~ Harvard, Ill. Studio Location: ~~To be determined~~ Harvard, Ill. Eugene L. Burke, Atty. Walter F. Kean, Engr.	GRANTED	7-28-54
Amend Rec'd Filed	3-20-53 3-23-53 3-23-53	AMENDED to specify Transmitter and Studio locations as: West side of U.S. Highway 14, 1 mile North of Harvard, Illinois		

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FORM A-170
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMCW

Name ESTHER BLODGETT

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-6767 Rec'd Filed	1-26-55 1-27-55 1-27-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-8579 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to change type transmitter (Collins 550A-1). Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	1-28-55
BL-5621 Rec'd Filed	1-21-55 1-25-55 1-25-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-8579 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	2-17-55
BR-3094 Recd Filed	11-23-55 11-29-55 11-29-55	Renewal of license Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	2-8-56
BR-3094 Rec'd Filed	8-29-58 11-26-59 11-26-59	Renewal of License Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	3-25-59

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 #3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMCW

Name ESTHER BLODGETT
Harvard, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3094 Rec'd Filed Amended R & F	11-30-61 12-4-61 12-4-61 2/12/65 2/15/65	Renewal of license Supplemental application filed. Atty. Eugene Burke	GRANTED	2-23-66
BR-3094 R & F	12-31-66 1-17-67	Renewal of license (SHORT TERM) Atty- Eugene L. Burke	GRANTED	# 3-3-67
BR-3094 R & F	8-17-67 9-5-67	Renewal of license Atty- Eugene L. Burke	GRANTED	8-7-68

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10-25-67. ORDERED Forfeiture $25. (Sect. 1.539(b) Rules).

The Commission by letter adopted 8-7-68 ordered WMCW, Harvard, Illinois, held apparently liable for $500 forfeiture.

5-28-69. By Memorandum Opinion and Order. Apparently Liable for $500.00 Forfeiture for repeated Rule violations.

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Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMCW

Name OBED S. BORGEN
× ESTHER BLODGETT
~~Harvard, Illinois~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3094 R & F PN Press NOV 13 1970	8-25-70 9-2-70 9-10-70	Renewal of license 11-6-70 Exhibits filed Atty- Eugene L. Burke AMENDED 5-14-71 re: programming	GRANTED	5-27-71
BR-3094 R & F PN PRESS NOV 20 1973	11-9-73 11-15-73 11-15-73	Renewal of License Atty: Eugene L. Burke	GRANTED	7-31-74
BR-3094 R & Fn PN Recd. PRESS DEC 2 1976	11-24-76 11-29-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Eugene L. Burke, Atty.	GRANTED	7-25-78
BAL781114EE PRESS DEC 1 1978 Form 314 PN FILED	2-13-79	Vol AL to OBED S. BORGEN (for assignor) Atty Eugene L. Burke (Falls Church, Va) Atty for assignee - T.W. Fletcher	GRANTED EFF:	2-27-79 3-15-79

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

BR-3094 called atty 11-16-73 re: Trans. Logs

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APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W M C W

Name: OBED S. BORGEN

Station Location: HARVARD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790801 ZU PRESS OCT 11 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE Thos. W. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTED 11-30-79

Form BC-121
March 1979

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.