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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed March 10, 1952 (SEE CARD #2)

Call letters W M P A

Station Location: Aberdeen, Miss.

xE.O. RODEN, JAMES E. REESE, W. I. DOVE, AND G. A. PRIBBENOW, d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 7-6-55 EFF: 7-1-55)

x T. A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS AND GRADY IMES, d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 10-9-53 EFF: 11-10-53)

xGRADY IMES, BEN F. HILBUN, T. A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS

Name of licensee a partnership d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmister location Darrecot Road, 1.072 mi. S. of center of Aberdeen, Mississippi (CP 7-10-51) Lic.3-10-52

Main studio location Darrecot Road, 1.072 mi.S of center of Aberdeen, Mississippi (CP 7-10-51) Lic. 3-10-52

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B P-7568	11-14-50	1240	250w	U	
Construction permit for a new Std. B/C station subj. filing MP for approval ant. & T site - Order issued					
BP-7568) BMP-5570)	7-10-51	1240	250w	U	9-10 3-10-52
C.P. for a new standard broadcast station and MP for approval of ant., T&S sites. (COND'L CLAUSE)					
BMP-5804	2-14-52	Mod. CP 7568 as mod., to chg. type of trans. and extend C&C dates (COND'L CLAUSE) 4-14 10-14-52			
BL-4669	3-10-52	1240	250w	U	3-10 6-1-52
(COND'L CLAUSE) Lic. cover CP 7568 as mod., for a new standard broadcast station					
BR-2696	5-21-52	1240 kc	250 w	Unl	6-1-52 6-1-55
(Con Clse)					
BAL-1592 EFF:	10-9-53 11-10-53	Vol. assignment of license to T.A. Richardson, Joe Phillips and Grady Imes, d/b as Prairie Broadcasting Company			
BR-2696	5-11-55	1240kc	250w	U	6-1 6-1-58
BAL-2054 EFF:	7-6-55 7-1-55	Vol. assignment of license to E. O. Roden et al d/b as Prairie Broadcasting Company			
ML-1655	3-7-56	1240kc	250w	S.H.	3-7-56 6-1-58
Mod. of License to change hours of operation to Specified Hours					
BAL-2488 EFF:	12-5-56 12-5-56	Vol. assignment of license to: RAY TOLAR.			
WIRE	11-6-57	OPR. S.H. 60 days pending receipt and action on application			
BML-1739	1-3-58	1240kc	250w	SH	1-3-58 6-1-58
Mod. of license to change specified hours of operation.					
Telegram	5-29-58	Action on renewal application deferred pending further consideration. Continued operation authorized.			
BR-2696	6-26-58	Renewal of license			6-26 6-1-61

Form BC-126
June 1954

CARD #2

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters ....WMPA....

Name of licensee ....RADIO MONROE, INC. (AL: 10-4-79 EFF: 11-1-79
x J.W.FURR(AL-5-20-65;EFF: 6-1-65)
x RAY TOLAR (AL 12-5-56; EFF:12-5-56)....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BR-2696	5-3-61	Renewal of license			6-1 6-1-64
	6-3-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-2696	12-31-64	Renewal of License			12-31 6-1-67
BAL-5417 Eff:	5-20-65 6-1-65	Voluntary assignment of license to J.W. FURR			
BP-16868	1-19-66	1240kc	250w,1kw-LS	SH	9-19 9-19-66
		CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install new transmitter (Gates BC-1F)(Cond'l)			
BL-11,328	6-30-66	1240kc	250w,1kw-LS	SH	6-30 6-1-67
		Lic to cover CP(BP-16,868) which auth increase day ime power and install new tran			
BR-2696	5-22-67	Renewal of License			6-1 6-1-70
BR-2696(S)	5-27-70	Renewal			6-1-73
BZ-7538(1)	7-7-70	Direct Measurement			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-2696(L)	7-31-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			6-1-76
Ltr.	11-5-73	Trans: Gates BC-1H			
BML-2497(1)	4-8-74	ML to chg. hours of operation to Unl.			
BR-2696(L)	10-21-76		RENEWAL		6-1-79
BAL790910GA	10-4-79	VOL. AL		EFF:	11-1-79
BR790124UH(L)	5-18-79	Renewal of License			6-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

WMPA

--New

Name GRADY IMES, BEN F. HILBUN, T. A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS, A Partnership d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P O % Grady Imes, Starkville, Mississippi)

Call Letters .....

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-7568 Rec'd Filed	3-7-50 3-10-50 3-10-50	Construction Permit for new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1240 kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Unlimited. Trans. Location: To be determined, Aberdeen, Mississippi Studio Location: To be determined, Aberdeen, Mississippi Russell Rowell, Atty	GRANTED after hearing subj. filing MP for approval ant. & T site Order issued Issued with MP-5570	~~Docket #9657~~ 11-14-50

Transmitter: RCA BTA-250-L

O. S. Droke, Engr.
Shreveport, La.

FORM A-170 #2

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name GRADY IMES, BEN F. HILBUN, T. A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS a partnership d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters W-M-PA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-5570 Rec'd Filed	5-11-51 5-14-51 5-14-51	Modification of construction permit(BP-7568, which authorized a new standard broadcasting station) for approval of antenna and transmitter and main studio locations as Darrecot Road, 1.072 mi. South of center of Aberdeen, Mississippi. O.S. Droke, Engr. Shreveport, La.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing	7-10-51
BMP-5804 Rec'd Filed	2-8-52 2-11-52 2-11-52	Modification of construction permit (BP-7568, as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcasting station) to change type of transmitter (Gates BC-250-GY).	GRANTED and extended C&C dates Cond'l re blanketing	2-14-52

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FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name GRADY IMES, BEN F. HILBUN, T. A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS a partnership d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call Letters W M P A

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-4669 Rec'd Filed	2-8-52 2-11-52 2-11-52	License to cover construction permit(BP-7568, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing	3-10-52
BR-2696 Rec'd Filed	4-6-52 4-17-52 4-17-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-21-52
BAL-1592 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	12-15-53 2-6-53 7-20-53 7-27-53 7-27-53	Voluntary assignment of license to T. A. Richardson, Joe Phillips and Grady Imes, d/b as Prairie Broadcasting Company.	~~RETURNED 2-13-53 Filed on 215 should have been 216~~ GRANTED EFF:	10-9-53 11-10-53
BR-2696 Rec'd Filed	2-26-66 2-28-55 2-28-55	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-11-55

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FORM A-170 SEE AL-12-5-56 #4 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 9A XE.O. RODEN, JAMES E. REESE, W.I. DOVE AND G.A. PRIBBENOW, d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 7-6-55) Call Letters W.M.P.A.

Name T.A. RICHARDSON, JOE PHILLIPS AND GRADY IMES, d/b as PRAIRIE BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-2054 Rec'd Filed	5-31-55 6-6-55 6-6-55	Voluntary assignment of license to E. O. Roden, James E. Reese, W. I. Dove and G. A. Pribbenow, d/b as Prairie Broadcasting Company. D.F. Prince, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-6-55 7-1-55
BML-1655 Rec'd Filed	1-30-56 2-1-56 2-1-56	Modification of license to change hours of operation from unlimited to Specified Hours. (6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily)	GRANTED	3-7-56
BAL-2488 Rec'd Filed	11-3-56 11-6-56 11-6-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Ray Tolar.	GRANTED EFF:	12-5-56 12-5-56
BML-1739 Rec'd Filed	11-4-57 11-7-57 11-7-57	Modification of license to change specified hours of operation from 6:00am - 6:00pm daily to: Mon - Fri: 6:00am to 8:00pm Saturday: 6:00am to 6:00pm Sunday : 7:00am to 12:30pm.	GRANTED	1-3-58

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FORM BC-121 #5
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KMFA

Name J.W. FURR
× RAY TOLAR
Aberdeen, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-2696 Rec'd. Filed	3-1-58 3-3-58 3-3-58	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	6-26-58
BR-2696 Rec'd&Filed	2-28-61 3-2-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-3-61
BR-2696 R & F	2-29-64 3-5-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-31-64
BAL-5417 R & F	4-5-65 4-8-65	Voluntary assignment of license to J.W. FURR	GRANTED Eff:	5-20-65 6-1-65
BP-16,868 R. & F.	8-12-65 8-16-65	CP to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw; install new transmitter (Gates BC-1F).	GRANTED Cond'l re: 250w Class IV stations. Permittee shall submit with the applic. for lic. antenna resistance measurements.	1-19-66

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

FORM BC-121 #6
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WMPA

Name J. W. FURR
Aberdeen, Mississippi

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-11,328 R & F	5/4/66 5/9/66	License to cover CP (BP-16,868) which auth. incr. daytime power and install new trans.	GRANTED	6-30-66
BR-2696 R & F	3-1-67 3-6-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	5-22-67
BR-2696 R & F #583331 $75 P. N.	2-27-70 3-9-70 3-9-70 3-9-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 5-6-70 re: commercial policy 1970	GRANTED	5-27-70
BZ-7538 R & F DM PRESS	4-10-70 4-16-70 4-27-70 8 JUL 1970	Direct Measurement.	GRANTED	7-7-70
BR-2696 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAR 2 1973	2-12-73 2-15-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 3-8-73 re: Sect. II (date) AMENDED 6-18-73 re: ascert of comm. needs	GRANTED	7-31-73

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

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W M P A

Name J. W. FURR
ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BML-2497 R & F $50-264363 AC-056 PRESS: JAN 23 1974	12-26-73 12-28-73 12-28-73	Modification of license to change hours of operation to Unlimited.	GRANTED	4-8-74
BR-2696 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAR 24 1976	1-23-76 1-26-76 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (See WRBC for petitions) (See WRBC for petition filed 6-11-76) AMENDED 9-1-76 re: EEO	GRANTED Cond'l re: EEO	10-21-76
MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER, adopted 10-21-76, Informal objection filed by the Mississippi State Branch of the NAACP, DENIED.				
BR 790124 UH PRESS MAR 26 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	5-18-79

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

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Call Letters: W M P A

RADIO MONROE, INC.
Name:xJ. W. FURR

Station Location: ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BAL790910GA Form 316 (Also see W H A Y (fm)) PRESS SEP 18 1979	9-6-79	Vol. AL to RADIO MONROE, INC.	GRANTED 10-4-79 EFF: 11-1-79

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.