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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-6-59

Call letters WPNC Eff. 4-11-56
XWPLN
LOCATION: PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA

Name of licensee RALPH D. EPPERSON(AL-5-20-64 EFF: 5-31-64)
X HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.

Transmister location U.S. Hwy. 64, approx, 1.5 miles S. of the Plymouth business district
X On highway 64, approx..1 mile south of Plymouth, North Carolina

Main studio location U.S. Hwy. 64, approx, 1.5 miles S. of the Plymouth business district
X Water Street, Plymouth, North Carolina

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
		CP for a new standard B/C station (RC)			
BP-10922	5-1-57	1470	1kw	Day	7-1-57/ 1-1-58
BMP-7985 (1)	12-26-57	Mod. of CP (BP-10,922) for extension of completion date to April 30, 1958			
BMP-8098 (2)	4-11-58	Mod. of CP(BP-10922 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 8-30-58.			
BMP-8212 (3)	8-13-58	Mod. of CP(BP-10,922) for extension of completion date to 12-1-58.			
BMP-8313 (4)	11-20-58	Mod. of CP(BP-10,922) for extension of completion date to 2-15-59.			
BMP-8388 (5)	2-5-59	Mod of CP (BP-10922) for extension of completion date to April 15, 1959.			
BMP-8461 (6)	5-25-59	Mod. of CP(BP-10,922) for extension of completion date to June 15, 1959.			
BMP-8475 (7)	5-25-59	Mod. of CP(BP-10,922 as mod.) to change studio location, make changes in antenna system (decrease height) and change type trans. (COLLINS 20-V)			
BMP-8568 (8)	7-16-59	Mod. of CP (BP-10,922 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 7-30-59.			
BMP-8639 (9)	8-12-59	Mod. of CP(BP-10,922, as mod.) for extension of completion date to 8-31-59.			
BL-7610	11-6-59	1470kc	1kw	Day	11-6 12-1-60
		Lic. to cover CP (BP-10,922 as mod.) for a new standard broadcast station.			
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3797	12-28-61	Renewal of license			12-28 12-1-63
	11-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BR-3797	3-25-64	Renewal of License			3-25 12-1-66
BAL-4864 Eff:	5-20-64 5-31-64	Voluntary assignment of license to Ralph D. Epperson			
BR-3797	3-20-67	1470kc Renewal	1kw of NDEA	Day	3-20 12-1-69 12-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee RALPH D. EFFERSON

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BR-3797 (S)	12-11-69	Renewal & NDEA			12-1-72
EBSA	5=25-72				
BR-3797(S)	1-21-74	RENEWAL	Cond'l		12-1-75
BZ-8933(1)	10-28-75	Direct Measurement			12-1-75
BR-3797(L)	11-19-75		RENEWAL		12-1-78
BP-20555	9-27-78	1470khz	5kw	Day	9-27-79
	CP inc power & chg. trans.				
BMP790926AI (1)	2-15-80	MP (BP-20555) for ext of			time to: 6-30-80
BMP800124AH (2)	3-18-80	MP (BP-20555) for ext of			time to: 9-15-80
BP800929BG (L)	11-6-80	CP to replace expired permit (BP-20555, as mod.)			4-30-81

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.
(P.O. - Ararat, Virginia)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-10,922 Rec'd Filed	11-9-56 11-14-56 11-14-56	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1470kc Power - 1kw Hours of operation - Daytime Transmitter location - On Highway 64, approx. .1 mi S of Plymouth, North Carolina Studio location - Water Street, Plymouth, North Carolina Remote Control Point - Same as studio. Atty. - A.L. Stein Engr. - Harry A. Epperson, Jr. Petersburg, Va.	GRANTED	5-1-57

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

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HARRY A. MPPERSON, SR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-7985 Rec'd Filed	12-6-57 12-10-57 12-10-57	Modification of construction permit (BP-10,922 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 1-1-58 to 4-30-58. Atty: A.L. Stein	GRANTED	12-26-57
BMP-8098 Rec'd Filed	3-25-58 3-26-58 3-26-58	Modification of construction permit (BP-10,922 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-30-58 to 8-30-58. Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED	4-11-58

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.P.M.C.

Name HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8212 Rec'd Filed	7-29-58 8-1-58 8-1-58	Modification of c.p. (BP-10,922 as mod., which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-30-58 to 11-30-58. Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED to	8-13-58 12-1-58
BMP-8313 Rec'd Filed	11-4-58 11-5-58 11-5-58	Modification of c.p. (BP-10,922 as mod., which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 12-1-58 to 2-15-59.	GRANTED to	11-20-58 2-15-59
BMP-8388 R & F	1-14-59 1-20-59	Mod. of C.P. (BP-10,922 as modified which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 2-15-59 to 4-15-59. Filed by A. L. Stein	GRANTED	2-5-59 to 4-15-59

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Name HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8461 Rec'd Filed Amended R & F	3-24-59 3-26-59 3-26-59 5-6-59 5-8-59	Modification of c.p. (BP-10,922 as mod., which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) for extension of completion date from 4-15-59 to 5-15-59. Amended to extend completion date to 6-15-59. A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED to	5-25-59 6-15-59
BMP-8475 Rec'd Filed	3-24-59 3-30-59 3-30-59	Modification of c.p. (BP-10,922 as mod., which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) to change studio location from Water Street, Plymouth, N.C. to U.S. Hwy. 64, approx. 1.5 miles S. of the Plymouth business district, Plymouth, N.C.; make changes in antenna system (decrease height) and change type trans. (Collins 20-V). A. L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED	5-25-59

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8568 Rec'd & Filed	6-4-59 6-8-59	Modification of c.p.(BP-10,922 as modified which authorized a new standard broadcasting station) for extension of completion date from 6-15-59 to ~~6-30-59.~~ A.L. Stein, Atty.	GRANTED to 7-30-59	7-16-59
AMENDED Rec'd & Filed	6-19-59 6-24-59	Amended to extend completion date to 7-30-59.		
BMP-8639 R. & F.	7-20-59 7-23-59	Modification of CP (BP-10,922 as mod. which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 7-30-59 to 8-12-59.	GRANTED to	8-12-59 8-31-59
BMP-8665 R & F	8-7-59 8-10-59	Modification of C. P. (BP-10922 as modified which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 8-31-59 to 9-15-59	DISMISSED Unnecessary	8-25-59

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name RALPH D. EPPERSON
HARRY A. EPPERSON, SR.
PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-7610 R & F	6-8-59 9-12-59	License to cover C. P. (BP-10922) for a new standard B/C Station Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED	11-6-59
BR-3797 Rec'd Filed	8-31-60 9-6-60 9-6-60	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-28-61
BAL-4864 Rec'd Filed	7-15-63 7-30-63 7-30-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Ralph D. Epperson. Attyp A. L. Stein	GRANTED Eff:	5-20-64 5-31-64
BR-3797 Rec'd Filed	9-7-63 9-10-63 9-10-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-25-64
BR-3797 R & F	8/31/66 9/6/66	Renewal of license Atty: A. L. Stein	GRANTED	3-20-67

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

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Name RALPH D. EPPERSON
Plymouth, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3797 R & F #53883$75. PRESS	8-30-69 9-4-69 9-4-69 OCT 15 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 12-2-69 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	12-11-69
BR-3797 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 17 1972	9-5-72 9-12-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED (Cond'l)	1-21-74
BR-3797 R ecd. PN Recd. FILED PRESS	7-31-75 8-1-75 " 8-6-75 SEP 9 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE R.L.Brown,Atty.	GRANTED	11-19-75

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

1470khz

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Name RALPH D. EPPERSON
Plymouth, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-8933 R & F DM PRESS	7-19-75 8-6-75 9-17-75	Direct Measurement Atty: Richard L. Brown	GRANTED	10-28-75
BP-20,555 Recd 586739 $400	6-28-76 6-30-76 7-1-76	CP increase power to 5kw and change transmitter to RCA BTA-5T1. Atty: Miller & Fields Engr: Serge Bergen	GRANTED	9-27-78
PN filed	7-19-76			
MAY 25 1978				(OVER)
BR780801XV PRESS	7-28-78 SEP 8 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (BR810804UN) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 8-4-81 as an amendment to pending renewal application. PRESS:		

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BP-20,555
AMENDED 8-28-78 re showing of different applics filed
by station WPNC

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING
1470KHz.

Call Letters: W P N C

Name: RALPH D. EPPERSON

Station Location: PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP790926AI PRESS (0)	NOV 2 1979	MP (BP-20,555) For Extension of Time to: 1-31-80 (FOR CHANGES)	G A T D R N E 2-15-80
BMP-800124AH (0) PRESS:	FEB 29 198	MP(BP-20,555, as mod.) for extension of completion date. Atty: Jerrold Miller	G R A N T E D 3-18-80
BP800929BG PRESS (0)	NOV 3 1980	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BP-20,555, as Mod.)	GRANTED 11-6-80

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W P N C

Name: RALPH D. EPPERSON

Station Location: Plymouth, North Carolina

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BMP-810429AI PRESS: (O)	MAY 21 1981	MP(BP-800929BG) as reinstated & mod.) for extension of time to: 8-30-81(FOR CHGS.) Ayty - Mark Fields	

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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.