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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

4-11-24

Call Letters WLS

LOCATION. Chicago, Illinois

Name of Licensee: WLS, INC. (AL 3-10-54 EFF: 4-1-54)
WAGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO. (Assign 11-11-28 Reallocation)
x Sears, Roebuck & Company

Transmitter Location: 183rd Street and Route 45, Tinley Park, Illinois (Licensed 11-22-38)
x Tinley Park, Illinois (C.P. 3-1-38).
x 3.5 Miles South of Downer's Grove, Illinois. (WENR-WBCN's Transmitter)
x Dixie Highway, (Just outside Crete) Ill.

Main Studio Location: 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois(BS 12-28-60)
x1230 W. Washington Blvd. Prairie Farmer Publishing Co., Chicago (Renewal 7-7-30
x Sixth Floor, Hotel Sherman, 125 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From	To
577 T.P.	4-21-27	870	5 KW.	Unlimited	not started	
-577	6-1-27	870	5 KW	WCBD	6-1	7-31-27
Rec.date	of previous lic.		deferred	by G.O.15	6-15	8-1-27
B-577	8-8-27	Letter	of Extension		8-15	10-1-27
tended	by G.O. 15				10-15	11-1-27
B-577	10-24-27	Letter	of Extension		11-1	1-1-28
tended	by G.O. 21				1-1	2-1-28
"	" " " 22				2-1	3-1-28
"	" " " 23				3-1	4-1-28
"	" " " 25				4-1	5-1-28
"	" " " 27				5-1	6-1-28
"	" " " 33				6-1	8-1-28
"	" " " 35				8-1	9-1-28
"	" " " 36				9-1	10-1-28
"	" " " 44				10-1	11-11-28
A-B-15	11-10-28	Voluntary Assignment of Lic.				
Reallocation						
R-B-577	11-10-28	870	5 KW	WENR-WBCN	11-11	1-31-29
R-B-577	1-31-29	870	5 KW	ditto	1-31	4-30-29
R-B-577	4-1-29	870	5 KW	ditto	4-30	7-31-29
R-B-577	Extended	by G.O.	69		7-31	10-31-29
R-B-577	10-5-29	870	5 KW	ditto	10-31	1-31-30
T-B-437	10-7-29	870	25KW & 25KW -	ditto Exp.	C.D.	2-5-30
	Cancelled	by granting of		4-ML-B-763	Min.	3-6-31
D-577	1-27-30	870	5 KW	ditto	1-31	Ct.of A.
S-B-577	2-8-30	870	5 KW	WENR-WBCN 1/2 time Court Decision	2-8	4-30-30
P-B-46	2-11-30	Extension of Completion Date			11-5	5-6-30
	Cancelled	by granting of		2-ML-B-763	Min.	3-6-31
-B-577	2-13-30	870	5 KW(1/2 WENR-WBCN)		2-13	4-30-30
Supersedes License issued Feb. 8, 1930						
B-577	2-14-30	870	5 KW	ditto S.H.	2-15	4-30-30
B-577	3-10-30	870	5 KW	WENR-WBCN Divides time equally	3-10	4-30-30
B-577	4-23-30	870	5 KW	ditto	4-30	7-31-30
-76	6-9-30	Extend C.P. (4-P-B437)			11-5	5-6-30
	Cancelled	by granting of		4-ML-B-763		
B-[illegible]	7-7-30	To change Studio Location				
[illegible]	"	870	5 KW	ditto	7-31	10-31-30
B-577	8-20-30	2-[illegible] Communication with [illegible] planes				
[illegible]					8-20	8-28-30

4-S-B-877 CARD No. 2. BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Name of Licensee: AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter Location: ~~-5.5-Miles-South-of-Downers-Grove,-Illinois-(WENR-WBCN's-Transmitter)~~ See Card 1.

Main Studio Location: ~~-1230 N.-Washington Blvd.,-Prairie Farmer Publishing Co.,-Chicago,-Ill.~~ See Card #1.

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(Card 2.)

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To
MP-B-117	9-5-30	Extend	C.D. (4-MP-B-437)		~~11-5-29 to~~ C.D. 11-6-30
	Cancelled by granting of			4-ML-B-763	
R-B-577	10-9-30	870	5 KW	WENR-WBCN	10-31 1-31-31
MP-B-146	1-6-31	Extend	C.D. (4-MP-B-437)		11-5 2-6-31
	Cancelled by granting of			4-ML-B-763	
R-B-577	Extended by G. O. 103				1-31 4-30-31
ML-B-763	3-6-31	870	50KW-LP	WENR-WBCN	3-6 4-30-31
		WENR-WBCN's Transmitter			
R-B-577	4-20-31	870	50KW-LP	WENR-WBCN	4-30 8-1-31
				Temp. (Decision WTMJ)	
R-B-577	7-7-31	870	50KW-Lp	ditto	8-1 2-1-32
Mod.Renewal 11-17-31		870	50KW-LP	WENR-WBCN	11-17 2-1-32
R-B-577	1-12-32	870	50 KW	WENR-WBCN	2-1 8-1-32
S-B-577	6-24-32	Rebroadcast 2-way communication between			
		Army Planes and WLS			6-22 6-26-32
S-B-577	7-5-32	Rebroadcast 2-way " "			7-2 7-4-32
R-B-577	7-15-32	870	50 KW	WENR-WBCN	8-1 2-1-33
ML-B-1032	8-5-32	Use WENR-WBCN's		Aux. Tr.	8-5 2-1-33
4-R-B-577	1-20-33	870	50 KW	WENR-WBCN	2-1 8-1-33
4-S-B-577	2-14-33	Use aux. tr. of		WENR-WBCN	pending receipt
ard action	on appl.	for renewal license for aux.			8-1-33
4-R-B-577 Aux.	3-3-33	870	50 KW 30 KW	WENR-WBCN Aux.	3-3 8-1-33
4-R-B-577 Aux.	7-11-33	870	50 KW 30 KW	WENR	8-1 2-1-34
4-R-B-577 Aux.	1-26-34	870	50 KW 30 KW	WENR	2-1 8-1-34
S-B-577	7-24-34	to make field measurements using 100			
	watt portable trans. at former site of trans. of				
	WLS from 7-24-34 to 8-1-34.				
B 4-R-577 Aux	7-18-34	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	8-1 2-1-35
B4-R-577 Aux.	1-31-35	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	2-1 8-1-35
B4-R-577 Aux.	7-16-35	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	8-1 2-1-36
4-S-577	1-28-36	Extension of license			2-1 5-1-36
-R-577 x.	2-8-36	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	2-8 8-1-36

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date First Licensed.....

CARD NO. 3

Call Letters W.L.S.

Name of Licensee: Agricultural Broadcasting Co.

Transmitter Location:

Main Studio Location:

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To
B4-R-577 Auxiliary	7-17-36	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	8-1 2-1-37
B4-R-577 Auxiliary	1-12-37	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	2-1 8-1-37
B4-R-577 Auxiliary	7-20-37	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	8-1 2-1-38
B4-S-577	C.A. 8/4/37	Waive reg. sign-off & sign-on announcements during concerts only sponsored jointly by Mayor Kelly & Jas. C. Petrillo - 8 pm period 8/4 to 9/2 prov. proper announcement made immediately before & after concert.			
B4-S-577	Mins. 9/7/37	Opr. 75w test trans. 870 kc. bet. hrs. 12 mid. & 6 am CST purpose determining effectiveness various sites for station location in or nr. Cook Co. 9/7 to 10/6. No opr. during mon. schedule.			
B4-S-577	C.A. 9/1/37	Ext.waive reg. required sign-off & sign-on announcements during concerts only sponsored jointly by Mayor Kelly & Jas. C. Petrillo - 8 pm 9/3 to 9/6 prov.proper announcement made immediately before & after concert.			
B4-S-577	1/17/38	Waive regularly required sign-off & sign-on announcements during prog.by Phila.Symphony Orchestra 8pm Monday nights 1/17/24,31.			
B4-S-577	1/3/38	Waive regularly required sign-off & sign-on announcements during prog.Phila Symphony Orchestra 8pm 1/3,10			
B4-R-577 Auxiliary	1-26-38	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	2-1 8-1-38
B4-S-577	1/26/38	Ext.waive reg.required sign-off and sign-on announcements during prog.Phila.Sym. 8pm EST 2/7,14,21,28; 3/7.			
B4-S-577	2/25/38	Ext.waive regularly required sign-off & sign-on announcements during prog- by Phila.Symphony 8pm EST 3/14,21,28 4/4,11.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card No. 4

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W L S

Name of licensee AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location See Card #1

Main studio location See Card #1

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From—	Period To—
B4-P-1966	3-1-38	Move transmitter; install new trans.;change antenna			5-1	11-1-38
B4-MP-673	7-11-38	Mod.C.P.1966 to chg.equip. & ext. C&C dates			8-10	2-6-39
B4-R-577 Auxiliary	7-6-38	870	50kw 30kw	S-WENR	8-1	2-1-39
B4-S-577	11/10/38	tp use present WLS-WENR trans. for aux. purpose during prog. test period, pending action on Application				
B4-L-877 Aux.	11-21-38	870	50kw 50kw	S-WENR	11-21	2-1-39
License to use WENR's aux.trans. as main trans. increasing power of aux. trans. to 50kw.						
B4-L-881	11-22-38	870	50kw	S-WENR	11-22	2-1-39
License to cover C.P.to move trans; install new transmitter and antenna changes.						
B4-L-881	11-22-38	870	50kw	Aux.	11-22	2-1-39
B4-R-577	1-9-39	870	50kw	S-WENR	2-1	8-1-39
B4-R-577	7-12-39	870	50kw	S-WENR	8-1	2-1-40
B4-Z-206	10-30-39	870	50kw	S-WENR	10-30	2-1-40
Mod. License for direct measurement						
B4-R-577	1-29-40	870	50kw	S-WENR	2-1	8-1-40
Order	6/12/40	Extension of License			8/1	10/1/40
B4-S-577	7/11/40	Oper. experimental rec. [illegible] Cnty Police radio system fm 11:45 to 12:15pm on 7/15/40				
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license			10-1	3-29-41
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B4-R-577	3-24-41	890	50kw	S-WENR	3-29	2-1-42
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B4-R-577	3-24-41	890	50kw	S-WENR	3-29	2-1-42
This license supercedes license previously dated 3-24-41 (Corrects antenna resistance)						
S.A.	6-12-41 to opr. spec. lab. transmitter as relay b/c sta. on 37980kc with pw to record on ground & rebroadcast over WLS the human voice & rate of heart beat & other scientific data during free fall in air prior to opening of parachute.6-12-41 to 7-11-41.					

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CARD No. 5

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Name of licensee AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location See Card No. 1

Main studio location See Card No. 1

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From—	Period To—
B4-R-577	1-13-42	890	50 kw	S-WENR	2-1	2-1-44
B4-S-577	11-6-42	890	50kw	S-WENR	12-1	2-1-44
Mod. license accordance Order No. 107						
B4-S-577	12-28-42	890	50kw	S-WENR	12-28	2-1-44
Mod. license to correct antenna current						
B4-R-577	1-25-44	890	50kw	S-WENR	2-1	11-1-46
B4-S-577	7-10-45	890	50kw	S-WENR	10-1	11-1-46
Mod. Lic. Order 107A						
B4-R-577	10-31-46	890	50 kw	S-WENR	11-1	11-1-49
BTC-640	6-18-48	Invol. transfer of control of licensee Corp. from Burridge D. Butler, deceased to Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of the will of Burridge D. Butler, deceased.				
EFF:	7-27-48					
BTC-681	12-8-48	Vol. relinquishment of control of licensee corp. from Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of the Will of Burridge D. Butler, deceased to Ina H. Butler.				
EFF:	12-23-48					
BR-577	10-21-49	890	50kw	S-WENR	11-1	11-1-52
BL-3252	1-15-51	890	50kw	S-WENR	1-15	11-1-52
Authority determine operating power by direct method						
BTC-1123	6-18-51	Vol. acquisition of control thru transfer of 1750 shares of common stock of parent corp.				
EFF:	6-29-51					
BR-577	10-15-52	890kc	50kw	S-WENR	11-1	12-1-52
BR-577	11-26-52	890kc	50kw	S-WENR	12-1	12-1-55
BAL-1725	3-10-54	AL to WLS, INC.				
EFF:	4-1-54					
BS-577	4-16-54	890	50kw	U	4-1	12-1-55
Mod. Lic. for unlimited time accord. grant BAL-1725 and convert obstruction marking						

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Date first licensed .....

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Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BP-10143	10-26-55	890kc	5kw	AUX.	12-26-55 6-26-56
	CP to install a new transmitter as an Auxiliary Transmitter.				
BR-577	11-9-55	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-58
BL-6019	2-2-56	890kc	5kw	AUX	2-2-56 12-1-58
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-10,143) to install a new transmitter as an Auxiliary Transmitter.				
BTC-2655 EFF:	11-29-57 12-16-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Agricultural Broadcasting Company to The Prairie Farmer Publishing Company.			
BTC-2857 EFF	8-4-58 6-30-58	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by American Broadcasting-Paramount Theatres, Inc. thru purchase of stock from The Prairie Farmer Publishing Company			
BR-577 (Cond'l)	11-25-58	890kc	5kw 50kw	Aux Un.	12-1 12-1-61 12-1 12-1-61
BP-13200	8-14-59	890kc	50kw	U	10-14 4-1460
	CP to install a new transmitter(General Electric BT-50A).				
BTC-3319 EFF:	12-29-59 3-18-60	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by American Broadcasting-Paramount Theatres, Inc. thru purchase of Prairie Farmer Publishing Co., 50% owner of WLS, Inc.			
BS-577 (1)	12-28-60	Mod. license(BR-577)to change studio location.			
BL-7769 (2)	3-22-61	Lic. to cover cp (BP-13,200) which auth. instl. of a new trans. (main) condl			
BMC-1863 (3)	7-24-61	Mod. of license to operate Main Trans. by remote control. (Cond'l).			
	11-29-61	Action on Renewal of License Deferred.			
BRC-1972 (1)	1-24-62 (Aux.)	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 20 North Wacker Drive, Kemper Insurance Bldg., Chicago, Illinois (W9XB-TV transmitter location)			
TELEG. SENT: NOT ISSUED					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-15988	10-15-63	890kc	5kw	Aux.	12-15 6-15-64
	CP to install an auxiliary transmitter antenna and ground system at 183rd St. & Route 45, Tinley Park, Illinois.				
BR-577 BRC-1861	5-4-64	890kc	50kw	U	5-4 12-1-64
	Renewal of License and Mod. of license to operate Main transmitter by remote control from 20 N. Wacker Drive, Kemper Insurance Bldg., Chicago, Illinois (WBKB-TV Transmitter Location).				
BR-577 BRC-1972	5-4-64	890kc	5kw	Aux.	5-4 12-1-64
	Renewal of License and Mod. of license to operate Auxiliary transmitter by remote control from 20 North Wacker Drive, Kemper Insurance Bldg., Chicago, Illinois (WBKB-TV Transmitter Location).				
BRC-2521 (1)	9-2-64	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (Main Transmitter)			
BRC-2522 (1)	9-2-64	Mod. of license to change studio loc. and remote control point to 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (Auxiliary Transmitter)			
BL-10,572	9-25-64	License to cover CP (BP-15,988) which auth. install an aux. , antenna and ground system, to be used with Auxiliary trans.			9-25 12-1-64
BL-10,572	9-25-64	License to cover CP (BP-15,988) which auth. install an Aux. antenna and ground system to be used with Main Transmitter			9-25 12-1-64
BR-577 AUX	12-3-64	890kc.	50kw 5kw	U to	12-3 12-1-67 12-1-67
BTC-5064	12-21-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic.corp from American Broadcasting Companies, Inc to American Broadcasting Companies, Inc.			
BR-577	11-24-67	Renewal of License Main/Aux.		NDEA	12-1 12-1-70

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location .....

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BP-18,767	5-21-70	890kc	10w 10w	Aux.	1-21-71
	CP to install new aux. trans. Gates, BC-10E and increase power to 10kw Unl. to be used with main & Aux. antennas.				
BR-577(L)	10-6-71	Renewal	of Main	& NDEA(CONDITION)	
		890kc	50kw	U	12-1-73
BL-12,818 BR-577	10-6-71	890kc Renewal	10kw & Mod of	Aux. Aux.(Condl)	12-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BP-19,383 FORFEITED	4-23-73	890khz,	50kw Alt.	M.	4-23-74
	CP to install a new Alt. Main trans. operate by RC from SL.				
BR-577(S)	7-3-74	Renewal	(Main &	Aux.)	12-1-76
BR-577(L)	12-13-76	RENEWAL (MAIN)			12-1-79
BR-577(L)	12-13-76	RENEWAL (AUX.)			12-1-79
BR790801XJ BZ790717AB (L)	11-30-79	RENEWAL & MOD. OF LIC.			12-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#1.

Call Letters WLS

AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO. (Assign. 11-11-28-Reallocation)

Name x Sears, Roebuck & Company

File No.	Date ~~Received~~ d	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
4-S-B-577	4-12-27	Application for station license - Requesting 870 Kc. 5 KW, - Willing to Share with WCBD.	1-Granted 870 Kc. 5 KW. 2-Lic. 6-1-27, 870 Kc. 5 KW, Shares WCBD. 3-General Order #13.	4-21-27 T.P.
4-R-B-577	8-1-27	Renewal of license	1-Letter 8-8-27 2-General Order #18	
4-R-B-577	9-29-27	Renewal of license	1-Letter 10-24-27 2-General Orders 21,22, 23,25,27,33,35,38 & 44.	
4-R-B-577	1-12-28	Renewal of license - Reallocation	Granted 11-11-28, 870 Kc., 5 KW, Shares WENR-WBCN.	
4-A-B-15	10-25-28	Assignment of license to - AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.	Granted 11-11-28 (Reallocation)	
4-P-B-437	12-5-28	C.P. to use as many hours bet. 7 p.m. & 12 p.m. as Commission will grant. Inc. power to 100 KW.	Granted Min.10-7-29. Issued 10-19-29, 25KW with 25 KW add.exp.	
Amended	4-23-29	Increase power from 5 KW to 50 KW		

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Form 94 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#2.

Call Letters WLS

Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated ~~Received~~	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
4-P-B-437 Amended	12-5-28 4-23-29	CONTINUED----------	basis. Divides WENR-WBCN, WLS to use five-sevenths time. Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B-763. Min. 3-6-31.	
4-R-B-577	12-12-28	Renewal of license	Granted	1-31-29
4-R-B-577	3-12-29	Renewal of license	Granted	4-1-29
4-R-B-577	6-25-29	Renewal of license	G.O.69	6-20-29
4-R-B-577	9-25-29	Renewal of license	Granted	10-5-29
4-R-B-577	12-26-29	Renewal of license	1-Granted Awaiting Court Decision 2-Lic. granted 2-8-30, Court Order. 3-Corrected License issued 2-13-30. 4-Mod.Lic.granted 2-14-30 5-Mod.Lic.granted 3-10-30	1-27-30,

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#3.

Call Letters WLS

Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Date ~~Received~~	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
4-MP-B-46	1-7-30	Mod. C.P. (4-P-B-437) To extend completion date	Granted Issued 2-11-30. Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B763 Min. 3-6-31.	Min. 2-3-30
4-R-B-577	3-20-30	Renewal of license	Granted	4-25-30
4-MP-B-78	4-30-30	Mod. C.P. (4-P-B-437) To extend completion date	Granted issued 6-9-30. Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B-763 Min. 3-6-31.	Min. 6-6-30
4-M-B-619	6-26-30	Mod. of lic. to move studio from 125 W. Lake St. to Prairie Farmer Bldg., 1230 W. Washington Blvd.	Issued on Renewal Granted	7-7-30
4-R-B-577	6-26-30	Renewal of license	Granted	7-7-30
4-MP-B-117	8-20-30	Mod. C.P. (4-P-B-437) To extend completion date	Granted Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B-763 Min. 3-6-31.	9-5-30

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

#4.

Call Letters WLS

Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Date d ~~Received~~	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
4-R-B-577	9-29-30	Renewal of license	Granted	10-21-30
4-MP-B-146	10-30-30	Mod. of C.P. (4-P-B-437) To extend Completion date.	Granted Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B-763 Min. 3-6-31.	1-6-31
4-R-B-577	12-26-30	Renewal of license (Superseded by Renewal of 3-27-31).	G.O.103	1-20-31
4-MP-B-177	2-6-31	Mod. of C.P. (4-P-B-437) To extend completion date	Appl. cancelled by granting of 4-ML-B-763 Min. 3-6-31. (See letter of 3-12-31).	
4-ML-B-763	2-16-31	Increase power from 5 KW to 50KW, to be used on WENR-WBCN's Transmitter, on 870 Kc.	Granted	3-6-31
4-R-B-577	3-27-31	Renewal of license	Granted	4-24-31
4-R-B-577 Mod. Renewal	5-27-31	Renewal of license (Hearing Clause) (WTMJ) (Hearing Clause removed - WTMJ Appl. Denied)	Granted Granted	7-7-31 11-17-31

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Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Date d Received	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
4-R-B-577	11-28-31	Renewal of license	Granted	1-12-32
4-R-B-577 Resubmitted	5-28-32	Renewal of license	~~Returned~~ Granted	~~6-24-32~~ 7-15-32
4-ML-B-1032	7-14-32	Use auxiliary of WENR-WBCN for auxiliary purposes of WLS	Granted	8-5-32
4-R-B-577	11-29-32	Renewal of license	Granted	1-20-33
4-R-B-577 Resubmitted	2-13-33 2-20-33	Renewal of license of auxiliary transmitter ~~(1-1b)~~	~~Ret'd~~ Granted	~~2-16-33~~ 3-3-33
4-R-B-577 "	5-29-33 "	Renewal of license " " " (aux. trans.)	Granted	7-11-33
4-R-B-577 "	11-29-33 "	Renewal of license " " " (main transmitter) (aux. transmitter)	Granted	1-26-34
4-R-B-577 Aux.	5-29-34 "	Renewal of License (form not complete, 14c of Renewal of aux. trans. not sat.) auxiliary trans.	Retd.	~~6-13-34~~
Resubmitted	6-15-34	Main & auxiliary	Granted	7-18-34

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Name Agricultural Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
		FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECORDS:		
B4-R-577	11-30-34	Renewal of license	Granted	1-31-35
"	"	" " " for auxiliary	Granted	1-31-35
B4-R-577	5-29-35	Renewal of license	Granted	7-16-35
"	"	" " " for auxiliary	"	"
B4-R-577	11-29-35	Renewal of license	Granted	2-8-36
"	T "	" " " for auxiliary	"	"
B4-R-577	5-29-36	Renewal of license	Returned	~~6-18-36~~
"	"	" " " for auxiliary (Signature) "	----"----	----"----
Resubmitted 6-24-36			Granted	7-17-36
B4-R-577	11-27-36	Renewal of license	Granted	1-12-37
"	"	" " " Aux. Trans	"	"

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Name Agricultural Broadcasting Company

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B4-R-577	5-28-37	Renewal of license	Granted	7-20-37
"	"	" " " Aux. Trans.	"	"
B4-P-1966	10-15-37	Construction permit to install a new transmitter, make changes in vertical antenna and move transmitter from 22.5 miles air line from State and Madison Sts., Chicago, Illinois; 3.5 miles south of Downers Grove, Illinois to Tinley Park, Illinois	~~Returned--Jurat~~	~~1-18-37~~
Resubmitted	10-20-37		Granted	3-1-38

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Name Agricultural Broadcasting Company

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-R-577	11-29-37	Renewal of license (Main)	Granted	1-26-38
"	"	" " " (Aux.Trans.)	"	"
B4-R-577	5-27-38	Renewal of license	Granted	7-6-38
"	"	" " " Aux. Trans.	"	"
B4-MP-673	6-16-38	Modification of construction permit (B4-P-1966) to make changes in authorized equipment, and extend commencement and completion dates from 5-1-38 and 11-1-38 respectively to 30 days after grant and 180 days thereafter.	Granted	7-11-38

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Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-L-877	11-4-38	License to use WENR'S transmitter,(RCA 150-B-1 as auxiliary, for emergency purposes only.	Granted	11-21-38
B4-L-881	11-10-38	License to cover C.P.(B4-P-1966) as modified, for new transmitter, antenna changes and move of transmitter.	Granted	11-22-38
B4-R-577	11-29-38	Renewal of license	Granted	1-9-39
B4- R-577	5-24-39	Renewalof license	Granted	7-12-39

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FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B4-Z-206	9-27-39	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Granted	10-30-39
B4-R-577	11-25-39	Renewal oflicense	Granted	1-29-40
B4-R-577	5/27/40	Renewal of license	Granted 890kc, 50kw, S-WENR	3-24-41
B4-R-577	11-24-41	Renewal of license, Atty. will submit Forms 335	Granted	1-13-42
B4-R-577 Rec'd	11-19-43 11-23-43	Renewal of license Filed by Philip Loucks attorney	Granted	1-25-44

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-R-577 Rec'd	8-23-46 8-28-46	Renewal of license Filed by Verne Young atty.	Granted	10-31-46
BTC-640 Rec'd Filed	4-28-48 4-29-48 4-29-48	Involuntary Transfer of Control of licensee corporation from Burridge D.Butler, deceased to Thomas E.Murphy and James E.Edwards, co-executors of the will of Burridge D.Butler, deceased. 3500 shares of capital stock-70% Verne R.Young, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-18-48 7-27-48

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Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-681 Rec'd Filed	8-16-48 9-8-48 9-8-48	Voluntary Relinquishment of control of licensee corporation from Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of the Will of Burridge D. Butler, deceased to Ina H. Butler. 1,750 shares of common stock-35% (Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.)	GRANTED EFF:	12-8-48 12-23-48
BR-577 Rec'd	8-26-49 8-30-49	Renewal of license. (Verne R. Young, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-21-49
PETITION FILED BY YOUNG ON BEHALF OF WLS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND DESIGNATE FOR HEARING BP-7751 STATION WRFD - LETTER 8-29-50.				
BZ-3252 Rec'd. Filed	1-2-51 1-4-51 1-4-51	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Verne R. Young, Atty. Raymond. E. Rorer, Engr.	GRANTED	1-15-51

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Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-1123 Rec'd Filed	5-18-51 5-21-51 5-21-51	Voluntary acquisition of control of The Prairie Farmer Publiching Company (Parent corporation of Station WLS) by Gus A. Holt, Fred W. Orlemann, James E. Edwards, George R. Cook, Thomas E. Murphy and Arthur C. Page, individually and as trustees of the Burridge D. Butler Memorial Trust of Chicago, Illinois thru transfer of 1750 shares of common stock from Thomas E. Murphy and James E. Edwards, co-executors of the Will of Burridge D. Butler, deceased. Joseph Zias, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-18-51 6-29-51

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Name AGRICULTURAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-577 Rec'd Filed	7-28-52 7-31-52 7-31-52	Renewal of License Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-52
BR-577 Rec'd Filed	10-27-52 10-29-52 10-29-52	Renewal of License (Informal request) Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	11-26-52
BAL-1725 Rec'd Filed	2-10-54 2-11-54 2-11-54	Voluntary assignment of license to WLS, Inc. Filed by Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	3-10-54 4-1-54
BR-577 Recd Filed	8-25-55 8-26-55 8-26-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55

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FORM BC-121
FORMERLY FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name W.L.S. Inc.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-10,143 Rec'd Filed	10-14-55 10-17-55 10-17-55	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-5E), as an auxiliary transmitter at 183rd St. & Route 45, Tinley Park, Ill. (present location of the main transmitter) to be operated on 890kc with power of 5kw for auxiliary purposes only. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	10-26-55
BL-6019 Rec'd Filed	12-16-55 12-27-55 12-27-55	License to cover construction permit(BP-10143) which authorized the installation of a new transmitter (Gates BC-5E), as an auxiliary transmitter at 183rd St. & Route 45, Tinley Park, Ill. (present location of the main transmitter) to be operated on 890kc with power of 5kw for Aux. purposes only. Verne R. Young, Atty.	GRANTED	2-2-56

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLS

Name WLS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-2655 Rec'd Filed	11-6-57 11-7-57 11-7-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Agricultural Broadcasting Company to The Prairie Farmer Publishing Company. Philip G. Loucks, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	11-29-57 12-16-57
BTC-2857 Rec'd Filed	7-22-58 7-23-58 7-23-58	Voluntary acquisition of negative control of licensee corporation by American Broadcasting-Paramount Theatres, Inc. thru purchase of stock from The Prairie Farmer Publishing Company. James A. McKenna, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	8-4-58 6-30-58
BR-577 Rec'd Filed	8-14-58 8-21-58 8-21-58	Renewal of License. (Main & Auxiliary) Philip G. Loucks, Atty.	GRANTED (Cond'l)	11-25-58

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLS

Name WLS, INC.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-13200 R & Filed	7-24-59 7-27-59	Construction permit to install a new transmitter (General Electric BT-50A) Atty's: Loucks, Zias & Jansky	GRANTED	8-14-59
BTC-3319 Rec'd Filed	12-3-59 12-8-59 12-8-59	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation By American Broadcasting-Paramount Theatres, Inc. thru purchase of Prairie Farmer Publishing Co., 50% owner of WLS, Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	12-29-59 3-18-60
BL-7769 Rec'd Filed	12-10-59 12-15-59 12-15-59	License to cover construction permit (BP-13,200) which authorized installation of a new transmitter. (Main) Loucks, Zias & Jansky, Attys.	GRANTED	3-22-61

(granted 3-8-61 action rescinded & appli. regranted with cond re network study determ. & compliance with 317 of Comm. Act & related matters.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W L S

Name WLS, INC.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-1861 Rec'd Filed	5-16-61 5-22-61 5-22-61	Modification of license to operate MAIN transmitter by Remote Control from 20 North Wacker Drive, Kemper Insurance Bldg., Chicago, Illinois. (WBKB-TV TRANSMITTER LOCATION)	GRANTED ~~GRANTED~~ Cond'l re: Compliance with 317 of Comm. Act, Network study determ. & related matters.	5-4-64 ~~7-24-61~~
BR-577 Rec'd Filed	8-25-61 9-5-61 9-5-61	Renewal of License (Main and Auxiliary) McKenna & Wilkinson, Attys.	GRANTED (Issued with BRC-1861 & BRC-1972)	5-4-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name .....WLS, INC.....
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-1972 Rec'd Filed	12-28-61 1-3-62 1-3-62	Modification of license to operate AUXILIARY transmitter by remote control from 20 North Wacker Drive, Kemper Insurance Bldg., Chicago, Illinois (WBKB-TV TRANSMITTER LOCATION)	GRANTED ~~GRANTED~~ ISSUED:	5-4-64 ~~1-24-62~~ WITH RENEWAL
BP-15,988 R & F	8-21-63 8-27-63	CP to install an auxiliary transmitter, antenna and ground system at 183rd St. & Route 45, Tinley Park, Ill. Engr. Kear & Kennedy Requests waiver of lighting	GRANTED	10-15-63
BL-10,572 Rec'd Filed	3-31-64 4-3-64 4-3-64	License to cover CP(BP-15,988) which auth. the installation of an auxiliary [illegible], antenna, and ground system.	GRANTED	9-25-64

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WLS, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRC-2521 Rec'd Filed	8-13-64 8-17-64 8-17-64	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (Main Transmitter)	GRANTED	9-2-64
BRC-2522 Rec'd Filed	8-13-64 8-17-64 8-17-64	Modification of license to change studio location and remote control point to 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (Auxiliary Transmitter)	GRANTED	9-2-64
BR-577 Rec'd Filed	8-28-64 9-2-64 9-2-64	Renewal of license (MAIN & AUXILIARY) McKenna & Wilkinson, Attys.	GRANTED	12-3-64
BTC-5064 R & F	3-31-66 3-31-66	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. to American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. Atty - McKenna & Wilkinson Atty for IT&T. [illegible]	GRANTED	12-21-66

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WLS

Name WLS, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-577 R & F SEP 14 1967	8-24-67 9-1-67	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: David S. Stevens	GRANTED	11-24-67
BP-18,767 R & F #597035 $30 MAY 21 1970	4-23-70 4-28-70 4-28-70	CP to install new Auxiliary transmitter GATES, BC-10E and increase power to 10kw, Unl, to be used with Main & Auxiliary antennas.	GRANTED	5-21-70

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Name WLS, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-577 R & F P.N. PRESS SEP 10 1970	8-20-70 8-31-70 8-31-70	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Robert W. Coll AMENDED 10-1-70 re: Exhibit I (litigations) AMENDED 3-4-71 re: policy statement re: Petition to Deny PETITION TO DENY RENEWAL OF BROADCAST LICENSES filed 11-17-70 by the Taskforce for Community Broadcasting, the Illinois Citizens Committee for Broadcasting, the Better Broadcasting Council, Inc. (WLS-TV & WLS-AM)	GRANTED Condition re: pending civil antitrust action	10-6-71
BL-12,818 R & F #644054 $50. AC-067 PTA PRESS DEC 18 1970	11-11-70 11-16-70 11-16-70 12-2-70	Lic.(BP-18,767) for Auxiliary Transmitter to be used with Main Antenna. RC.	GRANTED Condition re anti-trust	10-6-71

Annual filing fee $1,716.00 paid 12-1-70 #647094.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WLS, INC.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-19,383 R & F $50-170478 AC-606 APR 16 1973	3-29-73 4-3-73 4-3-73	Construction permit to install a new Alternate Main transmitter GATES MW-50, with 50kw Unl. and to be operated by remote control. Atty: Vernon L. Wilkinson	GRANTED FORFEITED ltr. 4-26-74	4-23-73
BR-577 R & F PN PRESS	8-23-73 9-4-73 9-4-73 17 SEP 1973	Renewal of License(Main & Auxiliary) Atty: Robert W. Coll	GRANTED	7-3-74

PETITION TO DENY filed 11-1-73 by Dubuque Communications Corp., permittee of Television Station KDUB-TV, Dubuque, Iowa
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 11-13-73 by James A. McKenns, Jr., on behalf of WLS

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Name WLS, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP- Rec'd Filed $100-412023 AC-056	3-31-75 4-9-75 4-9-75	Construction permit to change antenna transmitter location to Grace St. and Fullerton Ave., Addison, Illinois and install new transmitter Continental 317-C. 41° 55' 05" 88° 00' 19" Atty: Vernon L. Wilkinson	RETURNED request of atty.	1-30-76
Informal objection to grant of above application filed 4-25-75 by Groble & Broble, Chicago, Ill for Kopis Machine Co.				
ENGINEERING OBJECTION filed 7-11-75 by James E. Greeley on behalf of RAdio Station WCFL				
BR-577 R & F P.N. Press	7-27-76 8-2-76 8-2-76 SEP 16 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty: Robert W. Coll (McKenna, Wilkinson & Kittner) AMENDED 11-17-76 re: commercial policies	GRANTED Cond'l re: anti-trust action	12-13-76

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May 1976

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Call Letters W L S

Name WLS, INC.
Chicago, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-780728AR PRESS:	SEP 25 1978	CP to chg. TL to: On Lies Rd., Marton & Kuhn Rds., West Chicago, Illinois; install new Trans. (HARRIW MW-50A) 41° 55' 53" 88° 08' 50" MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 COMMISSION RULES Atty:THomas N. Frohock (McKenna, Wilkinson, etc.) Engr:----	DISMISSED Req. of Applicant)	5-21-79
BR790801XI PRESS	OCT 3 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) Atty. Robert W. Coll (McKenna,Wilkinson & Kittner)	GRANTED	11-30-79 (OVER)
BZ-790717AB R & F DM PRESS OCT 30 1979	7-17-79 7-23-79	Direct Measurement Atty: Steven A. Lerman(McKenna, Wilkinson, etc)	GRANTED	11-30-79

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

(BR790801XJ) STIPULATION AND ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT
filed 11-26-80

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.