

K R F O



REMOVABLE LABEL GUIDE

Cat. No. 4550L

Patent No. 1390199



Date first licensed 12-18-50

K R F O (4-13-56, Eff.  
Call letters ~~x K O B K~~ 5-1-56)

LOCATION: OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

Name of licensee OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location On State Aid Rd. #4, 5/8 mi. east of city limits of Owatonna, Minn.

(MP 9-13-50)

204 1/2 East Pearl St., Owatonna, Minn. (Ltr. 11-3-69)

x 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minnesota (BEC-961)

x On State Aid Rd. #4, 5/8 mi. E of city limits of Owatonna, Minnesota

Main studio location x 109 1/2 North Cedar, Owatonna, Minn. (MP 9-13-50)

/MP 12-18-50)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.                                 | Date<br>Issued                 | Freq  | Power | Time<br>Div. | Period<br>From- To-  |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-------|--------------|--|
| MP-7347                                      | 5-12-50<br>Ltr. 5-18-50.       | 1390  | 500w  | Day          | CP for a new station granted subj. to filing MP for approval of site & antenna.    |
| BTC-970<br>EFF: 9-6-50                       | 9-6-50                         | Voluntary transfer of control of permit-tee corp. from Nicholas, Victor, J., Albert S. and Antonio Tedesco to William F. Johns, Jr.   |       |              |  |
| MP-7347<br>MP-5229<br>Cond. C1)              | 9-13-50<br>Mod. CP(BP-7347)    | 1390  | 500w  | Daytime      | By 11-13-50 to 5-13-51 for appr. site & ant. & specify location                    |
| BMP-9410                                     | 12-18-50                       | 1390  | 500w  | Daytime      | 11-13 5-13-51 Mod. CP(7347, as mod.) to chg. studio location (Conds)               |
| BL-4264                                      | 12-18-50                       | 1390  | 500w  | Daytime      | 12-18 11-1-53 Lic. cover CP(7347, as mod.) which auth. new std B/C station (Conds) |
| BTC-1290<br>EFF 7-11-52<br>Telegram 10-29-53 | 6-11-52<br>7-11-52<br>10-29-53 | Transfer of control from WM.F. JOHNS, JR. to MYLES H. JOHNS<br>Action on renewal deferred 10-28-53 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal. |       |              |  |
| BR-2543                                      | 12-2-53                        | 1390  | 500w  | Day          | 12-2 4-1-56  |
| BTC-1881<br>EFF: 3-26-55                     | 2-23-55<br>3-26-55             | Vol. trans. of control to Harry Bulow, Jr.  |       |              |  |
| BR-2548                                      | 3-28-56                        | Renewal of License  |       |              | 4-1 4-1-59   |
| BTC-2179<br>EFF: 5-1-56                      | 4-4-56<br>5-1-56               | Vol. transfer of control to Robert W. Behling, Gerald J. Boos & Duane Allen   |       |              |  |
| BRC-961<br>1                                 | 5-11-56                        | Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minn.   |       |              |  |
| WIRE   | 5-21-57                        | SIGN OFF 7 PM CST to 8-31-57  |       |              |  |
| WIRE   | 5-28-58                        | SIGN OFF 6 PM CST for period ending 9/30/58   |       |              |  |
| BR-2548                                      | 3-25-59                        | 1390  | 500w  | Day (Re/     | 4-1 4-1-62   |
| BR-2548                                      | 3-23-62                        | Renewal of license  |       |              | 4-1 4-1-65   |
| BR-2548                                      | 3-12-65                        | Renewal of license  |       |              | 4-1 4-1-68   |
| BS-2548<br>(1)                               | 8-2-66                         | Mod. of lic to chg coordinates (Memo)   |       |              |  |



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June 1954 #2

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.<br>No.   | Date<br>Issued | Freq.   | Power                | Time<br>Div.    | Period<br>From.. To. |
|----------------|----------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 32-6377<br>(1) | 4-13-67        | Auth. to determine operating power by<br>direct meas. of antenna power. |                      |                 |                      |
| TELEGRAM       | 10-17-67       | PSA   | 500w                 |                 |                      |
| BR-2548(L)     | 3-29-68        | Renewal of License  |                      |                 | 4-1-71               |
| Tr.            | 11-3-69        | Studio:   | 204 1/2 E. Pearl St. | Owatonna, Minn. |                      |
|                |                | Also RC:  |                      |                 |                      |
| BR-2548(L)     | 3-25-71        |   | RENEWAL              |                 | 4-1-74               |
| EBSA           | 6-12-72        |   |                      |                 |                      |
|                |                |   |                      |                 |                      |
| BR-2548(s)     | 5-3-74         |   | RENEWAL              |                 | 4-1-77               |
| BR-2548(L)     | 3-15-77        |   | RENEWAL              |                 | 4-1-80               |
| BR791203VM(S)  | 3-25-80        | Renewal of License  |                      |                 | 4-1-83               |



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

 Call K O B K  
 Letters xNew
Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY(PO ~~% Victor J. Tedesco, 498 North Street, St. Paul, Minnesota~~)William F. Johns, Jr., 1391-W 1st Nat. Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. (Ltr. ~~2-7-50~~ Act 50)

| File No. | Dated  | Application for                               | Nature                  | Date          |
|----------|--------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| BP-7347  | 9-3-49 | Construction permit for a new standard broad- | Docket 9529             |               |
| Rec'd    | 9-8-49 | cast station to be operated on                | GRANTED                 | 5-12-50 after |
| Filed    | 9-8-49 | Frequency: 1390kc.                            | being rec'd fr. hearing |               |
|          |        | Power: 500w                                   | subj. to filing MP for  |               |
|          |        | Hours of operation: Daytime                   | approval of site and    |               |
|          |        | Trans. location: To be determined-            | antenna.                |               |
|          |        | Owatonna, Minnesota                           | Ltr. 5-12-50            |               |
|          |        | Studio location: To be determined-            |                         |               |
|          |        | Owatonna, Minnesota                           |                         |               |



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Nathan Williams, Engr.  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K O B K

Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No.                   | Dated                        | Application for  | Action   |         |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---------|
|                            |                              |  | Nature   | Date    |
| BMP-5229<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 7-8-50<br>7-10-50<br>7-10-50 | Mod. of C. P. (BP-7347 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for approval of antenna and transmitter location as 5/8 mile east of Owatonna city limits on State Aid Road #4, Minnesota, and specify studio location as 109½ North Cedar, Owatonna, Minn., and change type of transmitter (Collins 20V). | GRANTED<br>Subj. cond. prior to commencement program tests permittee submit results measurements showing T meets requirements - Sec. 12 of Rules | 9-13-50 |
|                            |                              |  |  |         |



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Letters K O B KName OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No.                  | Dated                            | Application for  | Action            |                     |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|
|                           |                                  |  | Nature            | Date                |
| BTC-970<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 7-10-50<br>7-19-50<br>7-19-50    | Voluntary transfer of control of permittee corporation from Nicholas Tedesco, Victor J. Tedesco, Albert S. Tedesco and Antonio Tedesco to William F. Johns, Jr. (400 shares - 40%)<br>(Contingent on grant of BTC-971) | GRANTED<br>EFF:   | 9-6-50<br>9-6-50    |
| BL-4264<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 10-24-50<br>10-25-50<br>10-25-50 | License to cover construction permit (BP-7347 as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.<br><br>Nathan Williams, Engr.<br>Oshkosh, Wisconsin  | GRANTED<br>Waiver | 12-18-50<br>3.30(a) |
|                           |                                  |  |                   |                     |



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Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

| File No.   | Dated  | Application for   | Action  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
|  |  |   | Nature  | Date   |
| BMP-5410<br>Rec'd<br>Filed   | 11-17-50<br>11-20-50<br>11-20-50                       | Modification of construction permit (BP -7347, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change the main studio location from 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Cedar, Owatonna, Minnesota to On State Aid Road #4, 5/8 mile east of city limits of Owatonna, Minnesota. | GRANTED<br>subj. cond. prior commencement program tests permittee submit results measurements showing T meets requirements - Sec. 12 of Rules. Waiver | 12-18-50<br><u>3.30(a)</u>                           |
| BTC-1290<br>Rec'd<br>Filed   | 3-28-52<br>4-7-52<br>4-7-52                            | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Wm. F. Johns, Jr., to Myles H. Johns (510 shares).   | GRANTED<br>EFF  | 6-11-52<br>7-11-52                                   |
| BR-2548<br>Rec'd<br>Resub.<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                           | 9-28-53<br>10-7-53<br>10-23-53<br>10-26-53<br>10-26-53 | Renewal of license  | <del>RETURNED</del><br><del>Ex. 4 dated after Sec. 1</del><br>GRANTED   | <del>10-7-53</del><br><del>10-23-53</del><br>12-2-53 |
| WELCH, MOTT & MORGAN retained to represent KOBK per ltr. dtd. 11-16-53 |  |   |   |  |



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **K O B K**

Name Owatonna Broadcasting Company

| File No.                   | Dated                         | Application for   | Action          |                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
|                            |                               |   | Nature          | Date               |
| BTC-1881<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 1-11-55<br>1-12-55<br>1-12-55 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Myles Johns to Harry Bulow, Jr.  | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 2-23-55<br>3-26-55 |
| BR-2548<br>Rec'd<br>Filed  | 1-27-56<br>2-6-56<br>2-6-56   | Renewal of license<br><br>Wheeler & Wheeler, Atty's.  | GRANTED         | 3-28-56            |
| BTC-2179<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 2-18-56<br>2-27-56<br>2-27-56 | Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Harry Bulow, Jr., Robert Balance and John Pegg to Robert W. Behling, Gerald J. Boos and Duane Allen. | GRANTED<br>EFF: | 4-4-56<br>5-1-55   |
| BRC-961<br>Rec'd<br>Filed  | 5-4-56<br>5-7-56<br>5-7-56    | Modification of license to operate transmitter by Remote Control from 301 North Cedar Street, Owatonna, Minnesota.  | GRANTED         | 5-11-56            |



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Letters K.R.F.O.

Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY  
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

| File No.                                    | Dated   | Application for  | Action   |                                   |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |   |  | Nature   | Date                              |
| BR-2548<br>Rec'd<br>Resub<br>Rec'd<br>Filed | 1-15-59<br>1-16-59<br>1-15-59<br>2-20-59<br>2-20-59 | Renewal of License   | <del>RETURNED</del><br><del>Improperly notarized.</del><br>GRANTED | <del>2-17-59</del><br><br>3-25-59 |
| BR-2548<br>Rec'd<br>Filed                   | 12-28-61<br>1-2-62<br>1-2-62                        | Renewal of license   | GRANTED  | 3-23-62                           |
| BR-2548<br>R & F                            | 1/2/65<br>1/4/65                                    | Renewal of license   | GRANTED  | 3-12-65                           |
| BZ-6377<br>R & F                            | 3/13/67<br>3/15/67                                  | Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. | GRANTED  | 4-13-67                           |
| BR-2548<br>R & F                            | 12-22-67<br>12-26-67                                | Renewal of license   | GRANTED  | 3-29-68                           |

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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters K..R..F..Q.....

Name OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Owatonna, Minnesota

| File No.   | Dated                            | Application for  | Action  |         |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|
|  |                                  |  | Nature  | Date    |
| BR-2548<br>R & F<br>P.N.<br>PRESS<br><br>JAN 14 1971     | 12-23-70<br>12-28-70<br>12-28-70 | Renewal of License   | GRANTED | 3-25-71 |
| BR-2548<br>R & F<br>PN<br>PRESS<br><br>14 JAN 1974       | 12-24-73<br>12-28-73<br>12-28-73 | Renewal of License<br>AMENDED 3-1-74 re: ascertainment of comm. needs;<br>composition of area; EEO<br>AMENDED 3-4-74 re: ascertainment of comm. needs<br>AMENDED 4-15-74 re: EEO | GRANTED | 5-3-74  |
| BR-2548<br>R & F<br>PN Recd.<br>PRESS<br><br>FEB 14 1977 | 11-23-76<br>11-29-76<br>"        | RENEWAL OF LICENSE   | GRANTED | 3-15-77 |



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## APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

Call Letters: K R F O

Name: OWATONNA BROADCASTING COMPANY

Station Location: Owatonna, Minnesota

| File No.            | Date        | Description                                   | Action and Date |
|---------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|
| BR791203VM<br>PRESS | JAN 23 1980 | Renewal of License<br>Atty.: Leonard S. Joyce | GRANTED 3-25-80 |



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 one set is known to 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.

