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SEE CARD 3 FOR NAME

Call Letters **WDZ**

xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER  
AND T. KEITH COLEMAN dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (BAL-12-12-63) EFF: 1-1-64  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Name of Licensee:

- x MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO. (AL 12-20-56; EFF: 1-1-57)
- x W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY (vol. Assign. Lic. & C.P. 12-10-35)
- x James L. Bush

- South of Decatur, Illinois (CP 2-23-49) (Lic. 1-10-50)
- x north of Tuscola, Illinois (Renewal 6-2-39)  
1 mile, 600 feet east of intersection of U.S. Highways 36 & 45, 2 miles  
x No. 45 and 36, Tuscola, Illinois (new designation Let. 1-27-39)
- x Douglas County, on U.S. Highway #45, 2 miles N. of intersection of U.S. Highways

Transmitter x 1 1/2 miles north on U.S. Highway #45, Tuscola, Illinois (MP-B 10-8-35) Lic. 3-27-36  
Location: x Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois (Star Store Bldg.)

- 265 S. Park Street, Decatur, Ill. (Lic. 1-10-50)
- x Corner South Park & North Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois (MP 6-23-49)
- x 2nd Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill (CP 2-23-49)

Main Studio x 101 1/2 North Main St., Tuscola, Ill. (Letter 11-3-45)  
Location: x Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois. (Star Store Bldg.)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD		
					From	To	
1-S-B-600T.P.	4-14-29	1080	100	-	not stated		
"	6-1-27	1080	100	6 to 6 Local T.	6-1	7-31-27	
Effec. date of previous lic. deferred by G.O. 13					6-15	8-15-27	
1-R-B-600	8-8-28	Letter of extension			8-15	10-15-27	
Extended by G.O. 18					10-15	10-31-27	
1-R-B-600	10-24-27	Letter of extension			11-1	1-1-28	
Extended 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	
"	"	"	"	32	6-1	8-1-28	
"	"	"	"	35	8-1	9-1-28	
Extended by Order - Docket No. 71					9-1	10-1-28	
Extended by G.O. 44					10-1	11-11-28	
Allocation					11-11-28		
1-R-B-600	10-31-28	1070	100	Daytime GO 41	11-11	1-31-29	
1-R-B-600	1-22-29	1070	100	" " "	1-31	4-30-29	
1-R-B-600	4-1-29	1070	100	" " "	4-30	7-31-29	
1-R-B-600	License extended by G. O. 69				7-31	10-31-29	
1-R-B-600	10-5-29	1070	100	Daytime GO 41	10-31	1-31-30	
1-R-B-600	1-9-30	1070	100	" " "	1-31	4-30-30	
4-F-B-67	4-19-30	Authority to install DCC					
4-P-B-1105	4-19-30	Make changes in equip.			5-5-	8-5-30	
4-R-B-600	4-25-30	Extended by G. O. 87			4-30	7-31-30	
4-R-B-353	7-25-30	1070	100	Daytime	7-31	10-31-30	
4-R-B-600	10-24-30	1070	100	Day GO 41	10-31	1-31-31	
G.O. 103	1-20-31	Extension of License			1-31	4-30-31	
4-R-B-600	4-26-31	1070	100	Daytime	4-30	8-1-31	
4-R-B-600	7-2-31	1070	100	Daytime	7-31	10-31-31	
4-R-B-600	7-8-32	1070	100	D	8-1	2-1-33	
4-R-B-600	1-13-33	1070	100	D	2-1	8-1-33	
4-R-B-600	7-11-33	1070	100	D	8-1	2-1-34	
4-R-B-600	1-1-34	1070	100	D	2-1	8-1-34	
B 4-R-600	7-18-34	1070	100w	D	8-1	2-1-35	
B 4-R-600	1-23-35	1070	100w	D (H)	2-1	2-1-35	
B 4-R-600	3-14-35	1070	100w	D	3-14	8-1-35	
B 4-P-8	5-28-35	1020 kc. 250w equip. eng.		D	7-28	1-28-36	

Date First

Licensed.....4-5-22.....

CARD NO. 2

Call

Letters ...WDZ.....

\*STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND AND BEN H. TOWNSEND,  
dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL 2-17-67 EFF: 3-1-67)

\*STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and MORRIS E. KEMPER dba  
PRAIRINLAND BROADCASTERS (AL 4-29-66; 5-23-66)

Name of ( W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY (Vol.Assign.Lic. & C.P. 12-10-35)

Licensee: \*James L. Bush

Transmitter

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Studio

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD**

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD	
					From	To
B4-R-600	7-9-35	1070	100w	D	2-1	2-1-36
B4-MP-226	10-8-35	Mod. C.P. 8	aprov. trans. site & ext. C&C dates		11-7	5-5-36
B4-APL-1	12-10-35	Vol. Assignment of License & C.P. to W.D.Z. BROADCASTING COMPANY				
B4-MP-238	12-10-35	Chg. equip. & ext. C. & C. dates of C.P. 8				1-9 7-7-36
B4-S-600	1-21-36	Oper. without an a/f/m				1-21 2-1-36
B4-R-600	1-21-36	1070	100w	D	2-1	8-1-36
B4-S-600	2-25-36	Ext. oper. without an a/f/m			2-20	3-20-36
B4-L-298	3-27-36	1020	250w	D	3-27	8-1-36
		License to cover C.P. to chg. frequency, power and move trans.; chg. equipment				
B4-R-600	7-17-36	1020	250w	D	8-1	2-1-37
B4-R-600	1-19-37	1020	250w	D	2-1	8-1-37
B4-S-600	4/16/37	Opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 4/16 to 5/15-in order to reach farmers in terr. surrounding W.D.Z. who are in fields during summer mos. at 5 am.				
B4-S-600	5/18/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 5/16 to 6/14 to reach farmers in terr. surrounding W.D.Z. who are in fields by 5 am.				
B4-S-600	6/8/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 6/15 to 7/14 -reach farmers in fields at that time.				
B4-S-600	C.A. 7/24/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 7/15 to 7/31 reach farmers in fields at 5 am.				
B4-S-600	7/30/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 8/1 to 8/30-in order to reach farmers in field by 5 a.m.				
B4-R-600	7-20-37	1020	250w	D	8-1	2-1-38
B4-S-600	C.A. 8/30/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 8/31 to 9/29-reach farms in terr. surrounding W.D.Z. who are in fields by 5 a.m.				
B4-R-600	1-29-38	1020	250w	D	2-1	8-1-38
B4-R-600	7-20-38	1020	250w	D	8-1	2-1-39
B4-P-1928	12-5-38 Eff. 12-12-38	1020	1kw	D	2-12	8-12-39
		Install new trans.; incr. power				

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card No. 3

Date first licensed .....

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X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and REYNOLD FISCHMANN d/b as  
PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (Correction)

X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and REYNOLD FISCHMANN, d/b as  
DECATUR PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL-9-26-63; EFF: 11-1-68)

Name of licensee ~~XXXX~~ **W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Transmitter location **See Card No. 1**

Main studio location **See Card No. 1**



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

See Card #1

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W D Z

Card #4

Name of licensee PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC. (AL 2-27-74 EFF: 2-28-74)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BMP-4800	10-7-49	1050	1kw	Daytime	4-23 12-23-49
	Mod. CP (4761 as mod) for ext. of completion date.				
Letter	10-14-49	Auth. to opr. temporarily with main studios at the transmitter location at South of Decatur, Ill. and waiver of Section 3.30(a) of the Rules during program last period.			
Ltr.	12-12-49	Advising Commission that opr. resumed at regular studios.			
BL-3841	1-10-50	1050	1kw	Daytime	1-10 5-1-51
	Lic. to cover CP (4761 as mod) to install new T and change in T and studio sites.				
BR-600	4-12-51	1050	1 kw.	Daytime	5-1 5-1-54
BR-600	4-21-54	Renewal of license			5-1 12-1-55
BRC-618 (1)	12-29-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 265 South Park Street, Decatur, Illinois			
BTC-1921 EFF:	4-6-55 6-9-55	Vol. trans. of control to Charles C. Caley, Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. and executors of estate of Horace L. Eohnes.			
BR-600	11-9-55	1050	1kw	Daytime	12-1 12-1-58
BAL-2543 EFF:	12-28-56 1-17-57	Voluntary assignment of license to: MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.			
BTC-2617 EFF:	10-23-57 11-22-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Charles C. Caley thru purchase of stock from Frank C. Schroeder, Jr.			
BTC-2794 EFF:	6-26-58 7-21-58	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation to Frank C. Schroeder, Jr.			
BR-600	11-5-58	1050	1 kw	Day	12-1 12-1-61
BR-600	11-1-61	Renewal of license			12-1 12--1-64
BAL-484 EFF:	12-12-61 4-1-64	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman dba Prairieland Broadcasters			

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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BZ-5219	5-13-64	1050kc	1kw	Day (RC)	5-13 12-1-64
		Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-600	11-16-66	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BAL-5742	4-29-66	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	5-23-66	Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Morris E. Kemper dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS			
BAL-5964	2-17-67	Voluntary assignment of license to			
EFF:	3-1-67	Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend and Ben H. Townsend, dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS.			
BR-600	1-18-68	1050kc	1kw	Day	1-18 12-1-70
BAL-6460	9-26-68	VOL. AL			
EFF:	11-1-68				
PSA	11-23-70		500 watts		
BR-600	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			12-1-73
BZ-7854(1)	8-20-71	Direct Measurement			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-600(2)	3-25-72	to correct name			
BR-600(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BAL-8091	2-27-74	VOL AL	EFF:	2-28-74	
Ltr.	10-21-75	Trans. now being installed GATES MW-1 (Main)			
BR-600(L)	1-19-77	Renewal of license			12-1-79
Ltr.	7-12-79	Chg. to only to 260 E. Wood St., Dauter			
BR790801WY(L)	12-31-79	Renewal of License			12-1-82

## STATION APPLICATION RECORD

No. 1.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 watts.

Requested: 1080 Kc. 100 watts

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

FILE NO. 4-S-B-600 DATED 3-28-27  
T.P. issued 4-14-27 for 1080 Kc.  
100 watts.

ACTION:  
Lic. 6-1-27 for 1080 Kc. 100 w.  
6 to 6 pm Local Time - Per.  
6-1-27 to 7-31-27.

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 7-29-27

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time

Requested: Renewal

ACTION: 8-8-27 letter of  
extension - 8-15-27 to 10-15-27

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 9-29-27

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time

Requested: Renewal

ACTION: 10-24-27 letter of  
extension - 11-1-27 to 1-1-28

No. 2.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
Present  
Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 1-9-28  
Lic. 10-31-28 for 1070 Kc. 100  
watts. Daytime only-G.O. 41  
ACTION: Period 11-11-28 to 1-31-29

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
Present  
Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts Daytime  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 12-6-28  
Lic. 1-22-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w.  
Daytime G.O. 41. Period 1-31-29  
ACTION: to 4-30-29.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois,  
Present  
Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts - Daytime  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: **WDZ**

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 3-20-29  
Lic. 4-1-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w.  
Daytime G.O. #41. Period 4-30-29  
ACTION: to 7-31-29

No. 3.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
Present  
Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts - Daytime hours  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 6-10-29

ACTION: G.O. #69, period 7-31-29  
to 10-31-29.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois.  
Present  
Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. - Daytime hours  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 9-25-29  
Lic. 10-5-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w.  
Daytime Hours..Period 10-31-29  
ACTION: to 1-31-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
(Star Store Bldg.)  
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
Present  
Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. - Daytime hours  
Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 12-18-29  
Lic. 1-9-30 for 1070 Kc. 100 w.  
daytime hours. Period 1-31-30  
ACTION: to 4-30-30

## STATION APPLICATION RECORD

No. 4.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
 (Star Store Bldg.)  
 ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
 Present  
 Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime hours  
 Requested: Authority to make some changes in equipment.

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-P-B-1105 DATED: 1-20-30  
 C.P. granted Min. 4-14-30, issued  
 4-19-30 to make certain changes  
 ACTION: in equipment.  
 Completion date 8-5-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
 (Star Store Bldg.)  
 ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
 Present  
 Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime hours  
 Requested: Authority to install Automatic Frequency Control.

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-F-B-67 DATED: 3-1-30  
 Granted Min. 4-11-30, ~~xxx~~  
 ACTION: Letter of Authority  
 issued 4-19-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush  
 (Star Store Bldg.)  
 ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois  
 Present  
 Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime G.O. No. 41  
 Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 3-21-30  
 Renewal Lic. extended by  
 G. O. 87 4-25-30  
 ACTION: Per: 4-30 to 7-31-30

No. 5.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: JAMES L. BUSH CALL LETTERS: WDZ  
 ADDRESS: Star Store Bldg., Tuscola, Illinois FILE NO: 4-LP-B-85 DATED: 5/29/30  
 Present Assignment: 1070 kc. 100 W. Daytime Retired to files as per FRC  
 ACTION: letter 7-22-30  
 Requested: Mod. of C.P. to make changes in equip. and incr. max. power of equip.

APPLICANT: JAMES L. BUSH CALL LETTERS: WDZ  
 ADDRESS: Same FILE NO: 4-L-B-353 DATED: 6/18/30  
 Present Assignment: 1070 kc. 100 W. Daytime  
 (100 watts maximum power equipment)  
 Requested: License to cover 4-P-B-1105 issued 4/19/30.  
 ACTION: change of equipment. Also serves as renewal, (see below)  
 Period 7-31-30 to 10-31-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush CALL LETTERS: WDZ  
 ADDRESS: Same FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 6-18-30  
 Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 W, Daytime G. O. 41 Covered by issuance of  
 ACTION: 4-L-B-353 above.  
 Requested: Renewal



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
4-R-B-600	9-23-30	Renewal of license	Granted	10-24-30
4-R-B-600	12-10-30	Renewal of license	G.O. 103	1-20-31
		Granted 4-24-31	term 4-30	8-1-31
4-ML-B-779	3-11-31	Daytime simultaneous operation with WCAZ	Withdrawn	4-10-31
4-R-B-600	5-22-31	Renewal of license	Granted	7-7-31
4-R-B-600	11-12-31	Renewal of license	Granted	1-12-32
4-R-B-600	5-20-32	Renewal of license	Granted	7-8-32
4-R-B-600	11-26-32	Renewal of license	Granted	1-13-33
4-R-B-600	5-24-33	Renewal of license	Granted	7-11-33
4-R-B-600	11-18-33	Renewal of license	Granted	1-16-34
4-R-B-600	5-15-34	Renewal of License	Granted	7-18-34
4-ML-B-135	5-5-34	Modification of license to change frequency from 1070 kc. to 1020 kc. upon removal of NYW to Philadelphia, Pa.	Returned	12-12-34
			Repetition of application	

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Letters WDZName James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
<del>4-P-B-3320</del> See Resubmitted	7-2-34	Construction permit to make change in equipment and increase power from 100w to 250w Consideration under Rule 6 (g)	<del>Ret.</del>	<del>7-10-34 - first incomplete</del>
B4-P-8 Resubmitted	7-13-34	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION <del>Amended</del>		
Amended	11-21-34	Requesting change of freq. from 1070 kc to 1020 kc. when KYW moves to Philadelphia	Granted	5-28-35
Amended	2-14-35	Re: Changes in equipment		
Amended	2-4-35	Re: Equip. T-site to be deter.		
B4-R-600	11-22-34	Renewal of license (H)	Granted	1-29-35
			Order of Grant	3-12-35
B4-R-600	5-21-35	Renewal of license	Granted	7-9-35

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Name W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY  
 James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-MP-226	9-10-35	Modification of construction permit (B4-P-8) for approval of antenna and transmitter site at 1½ Mi. N. of Tuscola on U.S. 45 and 1 Mi. 600 ft., RFD, Tuscola, Illinois and extend commencement date to 30 das. after grant and completion date to 180 days thereafter.	Granted	10-8-35
B4-Mp-238	10-12-35	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-8) as modified, for equip. changes, change freq. from 1070 to 1020 kc, increase power from 100w to 250w, move trans. from Star Store Bldg. Tuscola, Ill. to 1½ mi. N. of Tuscola, on U.S. 45, & 1 mi. 600 ft. RFD, Tuscola, Ill. to further request change in equip. and extend commencement date 30 days after grant and completion date 180 days thereafter. (Filed under name of W D Z BROADCASTING Company). Contingent upon granting of B4-APL-1. re: change equipment.	Granted	12-10-35
Amended	10-23-35			

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W D ZW D Z Brdcstg. Co. (Vol. Assign. Lic. 12-10-35)Name x James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-APL-1	10-12-35	Voluntary assignment of permit and license from JAMES L. BUSH to W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY.	Granted	12-10-35
B4-R-600 66	11-25-35	Renewal of license (Filed in old name)	Returned	2-5-36
B4-R-600	1-3-36	Renewal of License	Granted	1-21-36
B4-L-298	3-2-36	License to cover C.P. (B4-P-8) as modified for change in freq. equip. and move of trans.	Granted	3-27-36
B4-R-600 Resubmitted "	6-1-36	Renewal of license (Signature)	<del>Returned</del> Granted	<del>6-13-36</del> 7-17-36
B4-R-600	110-7-36	Renewal of license	Granted	1-19-37

## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Call letters WDZName WDZ Broadcasting Company

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B4-P-1812	6-1-37	Construction permit to move transmitter from 1½ miles north on U.S. Highway No. 45 Tuscola, Illinois to Site to be determined, Decatur, Illinois and studio from Star Store Bldg., Tuscola, Illinois to Site to be determined, Decatur, Illinois	ORDER OF DISMISSAL Request of Applicant Min. 8-18-37	
B4-A-600	6-5-37	Renewal of license	Granted	7-20-37

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Letters W D ZName WDZ BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-P-1928	8-21-37	C.P. to install new transmitter and increase power from 250w to 1kw.	Ex.Rept. 1-611 Dock. 4866 GRANTED Effective 12-12-38	Min. 12-5-38
B4-R-600 Resubmitted	11-12-37 "	Renewal of license (3b-incomplete) " " "	Returned Granted	-12-14-37 1-29-38
B4-R-600 Resubmitted	5-31-38 6-21-38	Renewal of license (3b, 18c, 19g, 182 - 4-22)	Returned Granted	-6-15-38 7-20-38
B4-R-600	11-25-38	Renewal of license	Granted	1-24-39
B4-MP-768	3-1-39	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-1928) to install new trans. and extend completion date 180 days after grant.	Granted	4-10-39

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B4-L-943	4-27-39	License to cover C.P.(B4-P-1928) as modified, to install new transmitter and increase power.	Granted	5-22-39
<sup>T</sup> B4-R-600	5-26-39	Renewal of license (old basis) (Unnecessary)	Returned	7-29-39
B4-R-600	6-2-39	Renewal of license (new basis)	Granted	7-12-39
B4-R-600	11-29-39	Renewal of license	Granted	1-29-40
B4-Z-326	2-1-40	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Granted	2-16-40
B4-MI-969	2-22-40	Mod. of license to change hours of operation from Daytime to 5:00 a.m. to Local Sunset.	Returned Request of Attorney	3-29-40
B4-R-600	5/30/40	Renewal of license	Granted	3-24-41 1050kc, 1kw, D

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Action
				Date
B4-Z-839 rec'd	4-14-41 4-16-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement.	Granted	5-1-41
B4-R-600	11-21-41	Renewal of license and Forms 335	Granted	2-10-42
B4-R-600 Rec'd	1-20-44 2-1-44	Renewal of license Filed by Robert Irwin atty.	Granted	3-28-44
B4-R-600 Rec'd	2-15-45 3-1-45	Renewal of license Filed by Fred Albertson atty. Program material filed 8-17-45	Granted	10-10-45



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
54-P-4761 Rec'd Filed	3-18-46 3-21-46 5-2-46	C.P. to change transmitter and studio locations from 4 miles North, 1 mile 600 feet East of the intersection of U.S. Highway 26 and 45, Tuscola, Ill. and 101 1/2 North Main St., Decatur, Ill. respectively to <del>4 1/2 miles</del> <u>determined</u> , Decatur, Illinois. (Filed by Paul A. O'Bryan, Atty.)	Docket # 774S granted 2-23-49 after hearing. Decision and order Issued	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	2-5-47 2-6-47 2-14-47	AMENDED to specify transmitter location as South of Decatur, Ill. and studio location as 2nd Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-600 Rec'd.	2-20-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license (Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.)	GRANTED	4-8-48
BMP-4639 Rec'd Filed	5-26-49 6-3-49 6-3-49	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4761, which authorized change transmitter and studio locations) to change type of transmitter (GATES BC-1F) and change <sup>main</sup> studio location from: 2nd. Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill. to: Corner South Park and North Franklin Sts. Decatur, Illinois.  (Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.)	GRANTED	<del>6-23-49</del>

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4776 Rec'd Filed	8-31-49 9-14-49 9-14-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-4761, as modified, which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations) to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited time, install a directional antenna for <del>night use</del> and change power from lkw day to lkw day and night.  Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.	Docket #9548 DENIED Order Issued.	5-8-53
(See amendment Card 16A)				
BMP-4800 Rec'd Filed	9-23-49 9-28-49 9-28-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-4761, as mod., which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations) for extension of completion date from: 10-23-49 to: 12-23-49.  (John P. Carr, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-7-49

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-4776	(cont. from Card #16)		See card	16 for action
AMENDED	12-17-49	AMENDED to change frequency from 1050kc to 610kc; change from using DA at night only to use DA both day and night (DA-1) and change DA pattern; make change in ground system and change transmitter location from: South of Decatur, Illinois, to: Hickory Point Township 6 miles NW of Decatur, Illinois. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys. Craven, Lohnes & Culver, Engrs.		
Recd.	12-19-49			
Filed	12-19-49			
AMEND.	1-19-50	AMENDED to make changes in DA pattern (DA-1)		
Recd.	1-20-50			
Filed	1-27-50			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3841 Rec'd Filed	10-10-49 10-12-49 10-12-49	License to cover construction permit (EP-4761, as modified) which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations.  Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED	1-10-50
BR-600 Rec'd	2-20-51 2-26-51	Renewal of license, filed by John P. Carr, Attn'y.	GRANTED	4-12-51
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	1-4-54 1-14-54 1-14-54	Renewal of License Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	Granted	4-21-54
BRC-618 Rec'd Filed	12-9-54 12-23-54 12-23-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 265 South Park Street, Decatur, Illinois.  Alfred C. Cordon, Atty.	GRANTED	12-29-54

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MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO. (AL 12-28-56; EFF:

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1921 Rec'd Filed	3-2-55 3-2-55 3-2-55	Involuntary transfer of licensee corporation from Charles C. Caley, H. Dale Morgan, and Horace L. Lohnes (original stockholders) to Charles C. Caley, Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. and Estate of Horace L. Lohnes, deceased (Executors: Meredith M. Daubin, Raymond B. Harding, Thomas L. Schroyer and The Munsey Trust Company.)  Thomas Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: On 5-23-55 time within which to consummate ext. to 6-20-55	4-6-55 6-9-55
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	8-17-55 8-23-55 8-23-55	Renewal of license Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	11-9-55
BAL-2543 Rec'd Filed	12-6-56 12-20-56 12-20-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Mid-States Broadcasting Co.  Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-28-56 1-14-57

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ETC-2617 Rec'd Filed	10-10-57 10-11-57 10-11-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Charles C. Caley thru purchase of stock from Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. (3%)  Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	10-23-57 11-22-57
BTC-2794 Rec'd Filed	5-20-58 5-22-58 5-22-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Charles C. Caley and Harry E. Witherell to Frank C. Schroeder, Jr.  Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-26-58 7-31-58
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	8-16-58 8-26-58 8-26-58	Renewal of license Robert E. Hodson, attorney	GRANTED	11-5-58

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STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS

E. KEMPER AND T. KEITH COLEMAN dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

Name  MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15,040 Rec'd Filed	8-14-61 8-14-61 8-14-61	Construction Permit to increase <del>daytime</del> power from 1kw to 5kw, install new transmitter (GATES BC-5P-2), and install directional antenna for daytime use(DA-D).  Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd Engr: Lohnes and Culver	DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE  Order-Docket No. 15003	5-29-63
BR-600 R & F	8-25-61 8-25-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-1-61
BAL-4811 R & F	6-19-63 6-24-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman dba Prairieland Broadcasters  Atty for assignee - Arnold, Fortas & Porter " " assignor - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED OFF:	12-12-63 1-1-64



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Name Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper  
and T. Keith Coleman d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS  
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-5219 Rec'd Resub R. & F.	2-17-64 4-22-64 4-24-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	<del>RETURNED</del> <del>not-DATED</del> GRANTED	5-16-64 - 5-17-64
BA-600 Rec'd Filed	8-27-64 8-31-64 8-31-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-16-64
BA-5742 R & F (Form 316)	3-10-66 4-7-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Morris E. Kemper dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66
BA-5964 R & F (Form 316)	1-11-67 1-19-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend and Ben H. Townsend dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS  Atty - Putbrese & Fisher	GRANTED EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67

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1050kc

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND AND BEN H. TOWNSEND, d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

*Decatur, Ill*

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-600	7-28-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-18-68
R & F	8-17-67			
<b>OCT 4 1967</b>				
BAL-6460	8-20-68	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Reynold Fischmann, dba DECATUR PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED	9-26-68
R & F	8-22-68			
FEE PD:\$30 -#453251 (Form 316)				
<b>SEP 8 1968</b>				

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND AND REYNOLD FISHMANN, d/b as ~~DECATUR~~ PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS  
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
ER-600 R & F P.N. PRESS SEP 28 1970	8-24-70 9-2-70 9-2-70	Renewal of License  Atty: Robert W. Healy AMENDED: 9-17-70 re: Ownership  AMENDED 11-30-70 re: commercial matter AMENDED 1-15-71 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	1-29-71
----- Annual filing fee \$104.00 paid 11-6-70 #642633. -----				
B2-7854 R & F #1 01968250 AC-067 DM Amended PRESS	7-19-71 7-26-71 7-26-71 8-2-71 8-13-71 AUG 19 1971	Direct Measurement  Refunded  re: lic. name	GRANTED	8-20-71

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PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC.

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REYNOLD FISHMANN, D/B AS PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-600 R & F PN PRESS	8-16-73 8-28-73 8-28-73 17 SEP 1973	Renewal of License  Atty: Keith E. Putbrese AMENDED 8-30-73 re: Trans. logs submitted	GRANTED	11-28-73
BAL-8091 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #277312 CODE 047 (Form 316)	1-21-74 2-7-74	Voluntary assignment of license to PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC.  Atty - Keith Putbrese	GRANTED EFF:	2-27-74 2-28-74
BR-600 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-16-76 7-29-76 " SEP 24 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Ltr. 12-7-76 re: prog. logs Richard F. Kennedy, Atty. AMENDED 12-10-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	1-19-77

## APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Name: PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC.

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Station Location: DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790801 WY PRESS OCT 1 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE David M. Hunsaker, Atty.	GRANTED 12-31-79

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION WDZ  
 X MID-STATE BROADCASTING CO.

X W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY

Licensee X James L. Bush

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
4-P-B-2527	3-16-32	New	Walter A. Sommers, Prophetstown, Ill	To erect new station on 1070 kc. 5 watts, facilities of WDZ and WCAZ.	Returned 4-13-32 Unsat.Tr. and Rule 116.
B4-P-246	11-22-34	W C A Z	Superior Broadcasting Service, Inc. Carthage, Ill.	C.P. equip. changes, change power from 100w to 250w (daytime) Re- questing fac. of WDZ.	Dismissed 12-12-35

Renewal  
Requested

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for Hearing

Reason

Remarks

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Licensee

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition





## 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.

