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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

2504

Off. No. 2504

9-25-50

Date first licensed

Call letters WJON
LOCATION: ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

Name of licensee WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 5-31-62, EFF: 6-1-62)
XGRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 522 Lincoln Avenue, S. E., St. Cloud, Minnesota (CP 10-7-49)

56301

Main studio location 522 Lincoln Avenue, S.E., St. Cloud, Minnesota (CP 10-7-49)

FCC-65

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div	Period From- To-
BP-5678	10-7-49	1240	250w	Un	12-7 6-7-50
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.				
BMP-5128	5-17-50	1240	250w	U	12-7 12-7-50
	Mod. of CP(5678) for ext. of completion date.				
BMP-5268	8-23-50	1240	250w	U	12-7 12-7-50
	Mod. of CP(5678 as mod) to install a new T.				
BL-4189	9-25-50	1240	250w	U	9-25 8-1-52
	Lic. to cover CP(BP-5678) which auth. new std. B/C station				
BR-2504	7-2-52	1240kc	250w	Unl.	8-1-52 4-1-53
BS-2504	1-9-53	1240	250w	Un	1-9-53 4-1-53
	Mod. license to correct geog. coordinates				
BR-2504	3-4-53	1240	250w	Un.	4-1 4-1-56
BTC-1991	6-22-55	Vol. trans. of Control to John P. Haerle, J. and 3 others			
EFF:	6-23-55				
BR-2504	3-7-56	1240kc	250w	U	4-1 4-1-59
BR-2504	3-27-57	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-62
BTC-3791	7-26-61	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation from John P. Haerle, Miriam E. Haerle, W.T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock to WJON Broadcasting Company.			
EFF:	7-31-61				
Per Form 323					
BP-12,935	11-2-61	1240kc	250w-1kw-15	Un	1-9 7-9-62
	CP to increase daytime power & install new transmitter (GATTS BC-12) (Cond'1)				
BMP-10,135	3-13-62	Mod. of CP(BP-12,935) to change type trans. (Collins 20V-3) Cond'1			
(1)	3-28-62	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-2504	5-29-62	Renewal of license			5-29 4-1-65
BAPL-259	5-31-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to WJON Broadcasting Company			
EFF:	6-1-62				
Per Form 323					
BL-9319	8-15-62	Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,935 as mod) which auth. incr. in day power and instl. of new trans.			
(1) (Cond'1)					
BTC-4747	3-16-65	Voluntary transfer of negative control of lic. corp. from Hart N. Cardozo, Jr. to Andrew W. Hilger			
Eff:	4-5-65				

Form BC 126 #2
June 1954

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Date first licensed

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Station location St. Cloud, Minnesota

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BR-2504	3-15-65	1240	250w-1kw	U	4-1- 4-1-68
BL-10,944	7-8-65	1240kc	250w	Aux	7-8 4-1-68 Lic to use former Main Trans (Gates 250 C1) as Aux Trans. for Aux purposes only
BZ-5679 (1)	9-21-65 (Main)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BZ-5680 (1)	9-21-65 (Aux)	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power			
BR-2504(L)	3-29-68	Renewal of License & NDBA (Main & Auxiliary)			4-1-71
BZ-7144(1)	3-20-69	Direct Meas. (Main)			
BZ-7145(1)	3-20-69	Direct Meas. (Aux.)			
BR-2504(L)	5-27-71	Renewal of Main & Aux & NDBA			4-1-74
BR-2504(L)	5-27-71	Superseding Authorization to correct Antenna Description (Main & AUX.)			4-1-74
KBSA	5-25-72				
BR-2504(L)	8-22-74	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-77
BZ-8816(1)	5-20-75	Direct Measurement (Main trans.)			4-1-77
BTC-7808	7/29/75	Vol TC EFF: 9/19/75			
BS-2504(1)	6-17-76	ML include DM Aux. trans. 1240khz 250w, 1kw-LS U 250w (Aux)			4-1-77
BZ-9222(L)	10-15-76	Direct Measurement (Main and Auxiliary)			4-1-77
Ltr.	8-9-77	Sparta SS1000A now main, Collins 20V3 former main now used as aux			
BP-20960	2-14-78	1240khz	250w, 1kw-LS U 250w Aux.		2-14-79
		CP chg. ant. sys.			
BR-2504(S)	9-26-78	Renewal (Main & Aux.)			4-1-80
BL-780905A(L)	12-6-78	Lic. to cover BP-20960 for changes (Main and Auxiliary) 1240khz 250w-1kw-LS U			4-1-80

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

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Station Location

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR791129VJ(S)	3-25-80	Renewal of License	4-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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New

Granite City Broadcasting Company

Name ~~MAX H. LAVINE~~~~(PO 305 East Eighth Street, Superior, Wisconsin)~~

413 East St, Germaine St., St. Cloud, Minnesota- Action

(Amend. 9-26-47)
Application for

File No.

Dated

Nature

Date

BP-5678

1-8-47

Construction Permit for a new standard broad-
cast station to be operated on:

Docket # 8130

Rec'd

1-31-47

Frequency: 1240kc

Granted 10-7-49

Filed

1-31-47

Power: 250w

Order Issued

Hours of operation: Unlimited

Trans. location: 522 Lincoln Avenue S.E.,
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Studio location: Same

(Filed by Joseph F. Zias, Atty.)

AMENDED

9-8-47

AMENDED to change name of applicant from Max
H. Lavine to Granite City Broadcasting Company

Recd.

9-26-47

Filed

10-3-47

Transmitter-RCA BTA-250 L

Charles B. Persons, Engr.
WEBC Building.
Duluth, Minnesota

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W J O NName GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-5128 Rec'd Filed	5-4-50 5-8-50 5-8-50	Mod. of C. P. (BP-5678 which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 6-7-50 to 12-7-50 (Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.)	GRANTED	8-17-50
BMP-5268 Rec'd Filed	8-1-50 8-3-50 8-3-50	Modification of construction permit (BP-5678, as modified, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to install a new transmitter (Gates 250-C-1). Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty. C. B. Persons, Duluth, Minnesota.	GRANTED	8-23-50
BL-4189 Rec'd Filed FTA	9-1-50 9-5-50 9-5-50 9-8-50	License to cover construction permit (BP-5678, as modified) which authorized a new standard broadcast station. Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty. Charles B. Persons, Engr. Duluth, Minnesota.	GRANTED	9-25-50

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	3-29-52 4-25-52 4-25-52	Renewal of license Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED	7-2-52
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-2-52 12-19-52 12-19-52	Renewal of License Filed by Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED	3-4-53
BTC-1991 Rec'd Filed	5-11-55 5-17-55 5-17-55	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Max H. Levine, Frances H. Levine, John M. Levine and Roy H. Westman to John P. Haerle, Jr., Miriam E. Haerle, William T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock. Arthur W. Scharfeld, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-22-55 6-23-55

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.J.O.N.

Name GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-10-55 1-3-56 1-3-56	Renewal of License SCHARFELD & BARON, ATTY'S.	GRANTED	3-7-56
BR-2504 Rec'd & Filed	12-10-58 1-2-59	Renewal of license. Scharfeld & Baron, Attys.	GRANTED	3-25-59
BP-12,935 Rec'd Filed	2-12-59 3-20-59 3-20-59	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter (Gates BC-1T) Atty.- Scharfeld & Baron Engr.- Charles E. Brennan & Assoc. Milwaukee, Wisconsin	GRANTED (Cond'l re accept inter. other 250w, Class IV stations, inc. pwr.) (AFTER HEARING D-13134)	11-8-61

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Letters W J O NName GRANITE CITY BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3791 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	5-24-61 5-29-61 6-21-61 6-26-61 6-26-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from John P. Haerle, Miriam E. Haerle, W. T. Comstock and Mary Leone Comstock to WJON Broadcasting Company. Theodore Baron, Atty.	RETURNED 2 exhibits dated after applr & applr incomplete.	6-5-61
BAPL-259 Rec'd Resub. Rec'd Filed	12-21 1-16-62 2-1-62 2-5-62 2-5-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit and license to WJON Broadcasting Company	RETURNED Not properly dated.	1-22-62
BR-2504 Rec'd Filed	12-27-61 1-2-62 1-2-62	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-29-62

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WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name Granite City Broadcasting Company
 St. Cloud, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,135 Rec'd Resubm'd Filed	1-27-62 2-1-62 2-9-62 2-12-62	Mod of CP (BP-12935 which auth incr day power and install new trans) to chg type trans (Collins 20V-3).	RETURNED as applicable name wrong & signed by gen manager GRANTED	2-6-62 3-13-62 3-13-62
BL-9319 R. & F.	4-13-62 4-17-62	Lic to cover CP (BP-12,935 as mod) which auth incr in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter.	GRANTED	8-15-62 re: accept interference
AMENDMENT R & F	8-8-62 8-10-62	AMENDED to change name to "WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY" (BAPL-259 gr 5-31-62)		
BP- Rec'd	9-23-64 9-28-64	CP to install former trans. (GATES 250-C1) as an auxiliary trans.	RETURNED	11-16-64 as unnecessary
ETC-4747 R & F	1-15-65 1-18-65	Voluntary transfer of negative control of licensee corp. from Hart N. Cardozo, Jr. to Andrew W. Hilger	GRANTED	3-16-65 Eff: 4-5-65

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Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2504 R & F	1/4/65 1/11/65	Renewal of license Atty. Scharfeld, Bechhoefer, Baron & Stambler	GRANTED	3-15-65
BL-10,944 Rec'd Filed	3-24-65 3-29-65 4-1-65	License to use former Main transmitter (Gates 250-C1) as Auxiliary transmitter for Auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	7-8-65
BZ-5679 R & F	7/19/65 7/21/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Main)	GRANTED	9-21-65
BZ-5680 R & F APPROVED	7/19/65 7/21/65	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. (Aux.)	GRANTED	9-21-65
BR-2504 R & F FEB 9 1968	12-29-67 1-2-68	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-29-68

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240kc

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Letters W J O N

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-7144 Rec'd	2/24/69	Direct Meas. (Main)	RETURNED	2/4/69-no
#487748 \$30	1/31/69	Refunded 2/4/69	Sectr-I	
RESUB: R & F	1/31/69		GRANTED	3-20-69
DM	2/27/69			
MAR 19 1969	3/6/69			
BZ-7145 Rec'd	2/24/69	Direct Meas. (Aux.)	RETURNED	2/4/69-no
RESUB: R&F	1/31/69		Sectr-I	
DM	2/27/69		GRANTED	3-20-69
MAR 19 1969	3/6/69			
BR-2504	12-30-70	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	5-27-71
R & F	1-4-71	AMENDED 4-14-71 re: commercial policy		
P.N.	1-4-71			
PRESS				
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ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2504 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	12-29-73 1-2-74 1-21-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 3-15-74 re: EEO	GRANTED	8-22-74
BZ-8816 R & F DM \$100 returned - not necessary PRESS APR 18 1975	3-4-75 3-12-75 4-8-75 4-17-75	Direct Measurement(Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	5-20-75
BTC-7808 R & F FEE PD: \$200 #1419416 (INCLUDES FM WJJO) CODED (FORM 316) JUL 25 1975	6-30-75 7-14-75 #1419416 JUL 25 1975	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic corp by Andrew W. Hilger thru sale of stock by Richard K. Power to the licensee corporation Atty - Dempsey & Koplovitz(F. Walton, Jr.)	GRANTED EFF:	7/29/75 9/19/75

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240khz

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Call
Letters W J O N

Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-9222 R & F DM PRESS SEP 20 1976	8-11-76 8-16-76 9-9-76	Direct Measurement Atty: Frederick H. Walton, Jr.	GRANTED	10-15-76
BR-2504 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 17 1977	11-24-76 11-29-76 11-29-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 4-15-77 re: programming & commercial matter	GRANTED	9-26-78
BP-20,960 R & F PRESS DEC 5 1977	5-20-77 5-31-77	CP to install new tower, increase nighttime radiation efficiency Atty. Frederick H. Walton, Jr. MAJOR ENVIORMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF COMMUISSION RULES	GRANTED Condl re PT	2-14-78

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1240khz

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Letters W J O N

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Name WJON BROADCASTING COMPANY
St. Cloud, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-780905AL R & F PTA PRESS	9-5-78 9-14-78 OCT 25 1978	Lic. to cover BP-20960 for changes Atty: Christopher J. Reynolds(Dempsey & Koplovitz)	GRANTED	12-6-78
BR791129VJ PRESS JAN 22 1980		RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) Atty. Frederick H. Walton, Jr. (Dempsey & Koplovitz)	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 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.

