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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-8-46

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Station location: Bainbridge, Georgia

THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY, CHARLES W. DOWDY and MRS. WINNIE S. VAUGHN
 d/b as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 5-23-51 Eff: 6-1-51)

x THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY AND CHARLES W. DOWDY, d/b as DECATUR
 Name of licensee X S. MARVIN GRIFFIN / B/CING COMPANY (AL 12-27-50 Eff: 2-1-51)

1609 Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Ga. (CP 7-14-54) (Lic. 11-22-54)
 x Hwy. 84, 1.6 mi. E of Courthouse, Bainbridge, Georgia (CP 12-10-51) (Lic. 4-9-52)
 Transmitter location x State Highway #97, approx. 1 1/4 miles S.W. center of Bainbridge, Ga.
 (CP 4-2-46) (Lic. 10-8-46)

1609 Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia (CP 7-14-54) (Lic. 11-22-54)
 x Hwy. 84, 1.6 mi. E of Courthouse, Bainbridge, Georgia (CP 12-10-51) (Lic. 4-9-52)
 x Callahan Bldg., Broad St., Bainbridge, Ga. (Lic. 10-8-46)
 x State Highway #97, approx. 1 1/4 miles S.W. center of Bainbridge, Ga.
 Main studio location x 208 Broad St., Bainbridge, Ga. (C.P. 4-2-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B3-P-3893 Letter	11-28-45 1-8-46 C.P. for new station granted subject to filling MP for approval of T site and antenna	1490	250w	U	
B3-P-3893 B3-MP-1841	4-2-46 Mod.C.P. (P-3893) for changes in transmitting equipment, approval of T site and antenna and change studio location	1490	250w	U	6-2 12-2-46
B3-L-2034 B3-Z-1856	10-8-46 Lic. cover CP(3893 as mod.) for new station, change S site and Determine operating power by direct method.	1490	250w	U	10-8 8-1-48 (Conditional Clause)
BS-1296	7-28-48	Extension of license			8-1 12-1-48
BR-1296	9-29-48	1490	250w	U	9-29 8-1-51
BAL-1108 Eff: 3-1-51	12-27-50	Voluntary assignment of license to THOMAS R. HANSSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY, CHARLES W. DOWDY d/b as DECATUR B/CING COMPANY			
BAL-1168 Eff: —	5-23-51 6-1-51	Vol. AL to T.R. Hanssen, J.A. Dowdy, C.W. Dowdy & Mrs. W.S. Vaughn d/b as Decatur B/c Co.			
BR-1296	7-11-51	1490	250w	U	8-1 4-1-52
BP-8314	12-10-51	CP to chg. T&S sites (COND'L CLAUSE)			2-10 8-10-52
BR-1296	3-19-52	1490	250w	U	4-1 4-1-55
BL-4671	4-9-52	1490	250w	U	4-9 4-1-55 Lic. cover CP(8314) for change in T & S sites (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)
BP-9224	7-14-54	930	5kw	Day	9-14 3-14-55 CP change freq. inc. power, change hours of op., change trans. & studio loc. & type of trans.
BL-5516	11-22-54	930	5kw	Day	11-22-54 4-1-55 Lic. cover CP(9224) to change freq, increase power change hours of operation, change trans. & studio locations and change type transmitter
BR-1296	3-9-55	Renewal of license			4-1 4-1-58
BAL-2021 EFF:	6-28-55 7-14-55	Vol. assignment of license to Thomas R. Hanssen et al. d/b as The Decatur Broadcasting Company.			

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DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (BAL gr 6/30/75 EFF: 1/1/75)

x JOHN A. DOWDY (AL 2-29-56 EFF: 3-29-56)

x THOMAS R. HANSSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY AND WINNIE S. VAUGHN, d/b as THE

Name of licensee .. DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 6-28-55 EFF: 7-14-55)

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
BAL-2195 EFF:	2-29-56 3-29-56	Vol. assignment of license to John A. Dowdy			
BR-1296	3-19-58	930	5kw	Day	4-1 4-1-61
BP-11866	9-2-59	930	500w-5kw-LS DA-N	U	11-2 5-2-60
CP to change hours of operation to Unlimited using power of 500w-5kwLS; install directional antenna for nighttime use; make changes in antenna(decr. hght) & changes in ground system. (Cond'l).					
BL-7816	6-22-60	930	500w-5kw-LS DA-N	U	6-22-60 4-1-61
Lic. to cover C. P. (BP-11866) which auth. chg. in hrs. of operation, install DA-N, make chgs. in ant. and ground system.					
BR-1296	3-29-61	renewal of license			4-1 4-1-64
BP-15762	11-20-62	930kc	1kw	Aux.	1-20 7-20-63
CP to install new trans. (GATES BC-1J) as 500w main trans. nighttime, and 1kw aux. daytime.					
BP-15762	11-20-62	930kc	500w-5kw-LS DA-N	U	1-20 7-20-63
CP to install new trans. (GATES BC-1J) as 500w main trans. nighttime, and 1kw daytime. (2 MAIN TRANSMITTERS) FORFEITED, Letter 9-26-63.					
BP-16022	12-17-63	930kc	500w-DA-N	Day	2-17 8-17-64
CP to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1J) as 500w main nighttime.					
BP-16022	12-17-63	930kc	1kw	Aux.	2-17 8-17-64
CP to install a new transmitter (GATES BC-1J) as 1kw aux. daytime.					
3-25-64 COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.					
BR-1296	7-28-64	930kc	500,5kw-LS DA-N	U	7-28 4-1-67
BL-10,658	10-30-64	930kc	500,5kw-LS	DA-N U	10-30 4-1-67
Lic to cover CP(BP-16,022) which auth Main-Night trans. (2 Main Transmitter)					
BL-10,658	10-30-64	930kc	1kw	Aux Day	10-30-64
Lic to cover CP(BP-16,022) which auth Aux. Transmitter.					

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Station location

Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BR-1296 TELEGRAM	4-11-67 10-30-67	Renewal of License PSA	500w		4-11-67 4-1-70
NDEA	4-17-68	New NDEA			
BZ-6802 (1)	8-23-68	Direct Meas (Main)			
BZ-6931 (1)	9-9-68	Direct Meas. (Aux.)			
BRC-3288 (2)	10-9-68	Operate RC. (Aux.)			
BR-1296(L)	6-30-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSES (MAIN & AUX.) RENEWAL OF NDEA			4-1-73
BR-1296(L)	4-9-74	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX.			4-1-76
BS-129(1)	6-17-74	ML to describe trans. as Gates BC-5B mod. with P.A. Tube 3CX500H3			4-1-76
BAL-8417	6/30/75	Vol AL EFF: 1-1-75 Consummated 4-29-75			
BS-1296(L)	8-21-75	ML chg antenna monitor (page 2)			
BR-1296(S)	3-30-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			4-1-79
BR78112OUC (S)	3-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name S. MARVIN GRIFFIN

(P.O. - P.O. Box 367, Bainbridge, Ga.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-P-3893	7-20-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1490 kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. Location: To be determined, Bainbridge, Ga. Studio Location: 208 Broad St., Bainbridge, Ga.	Granted 11-28-45 subject to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna Letter 1-8-46 Issued with MP-1841	
Rec'd	7-30-45			
Filed	7-30-45			

GATES RADIO CO. 250-C Transmitter.

W. J. Holey (Atlanta, Ga.). Engr.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
33-MP-1841	1-23-46	Mod. of C.P. (B3-P-3893, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for changes in transmitting equipment, approval of antenna, approval of transmitter location at State Highway No. 97, Bainbridge, Georgia, and to change studio location from 208 Broad Street, Bainbridge, Georgia to State Highway No. 97, Bainbridge, Georgia.	GRANTED	
Rec'd	1-28-46			4-2-46 (CA)
Filed	1-28-46			MIN. 4-8-46

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-L-2034 Rec'd Filed	8-15-46 8-19-46 8-19-46	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-3893, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast station and for change of studio location from: State Highway #97, Bainbridge, Ga. to: Callahan Bldg., Broad Street, Bainbridge, Ga. and	GRANTED Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.60	10-8-46
B3-Z-1856 Rec'd Filed	8-15-46 8-19-46 8-19-46	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power		
BR-1296 Rec'd	4-23-48 4-26-48	Renewal of license	Granted	9-29-48

THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY, CHARLES W. DOWDY AND MRS. WINNIE S. VAUGHN d/b as DECATUR BROADCAST-
 Form A-170 #4 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 5-23-51)

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THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY AND CHARLES W. DOWDY, d/b as
 Name X ... S. MARVIN GRIFFIN / DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY (AL 12-27-50 Eff:)

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1108	11-13-50	Voluntary assignment of license from S. Marvin Griffin to Thomas R. Hansen, John A. Dowdy, Charles W. Dowdy d/b as Decatur Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED	12-27-50
Rec'd	11-16-50		Eff: 2-1-51	
Filed	11-16-50			
BAL-1168	3-20-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Thomas R. Hansen, John A. Dowdy and Charles W. Dowdy d/b as Decatur Broadcasting Company to Thomas R. Hansen, John A. Dowdy, Charles W. Dowdy and Mrs. Winnie S. Vaughn d/b as Decatur Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED	5-23-51
Rec'd	3-22-51		EFF:	6-1-51
Filed	3-22-51			

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THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY, CHARLES W. DOWDY AND MRS. WINTIE S. VAUGHN d/b as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

(AL 5-23-51) BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-8099	5-7-51	Construction Permit to change frequency from 1490kw to 610kc; increase power from 250w to 500w, change hours of operation from Unlimited to Daytime, Install a new transmitter (Collins 20-V), change transmitter location from State Highway #97, Approx. 1 1/4 miles S.W. Center of Bainbridge, Georgia to 1.6 miles East of Bainbridge courthouse on U.S. Highway 84, Bainbridge, Ga., and change studio location from Callahan Bldg. Broad St., Bainbridge, Ga. to 1.6 miles East of Bainbridge courthouse on US Highway 84, Bainbridge Ga. Contingent on grant of BAL-1168 Claude M. Gray, Engr. Birmingham, Ala.	Docket No. 10010	
Rec'd	5-9-51		DISMISSED	8-23-51 with-
Filed	5-9-51		out prejudice request of applicant	ORDER ISSUED

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 FORM A-170 APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY
 FORMERLY FCC FORM 94 #6 Call (AL 5-23-51)
 Letters

Name **x THOMAS R. HANSSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY AND CHARLES W. DOWDY**
 d/b as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY W M G R

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1296 Rec'd	6-1-51 6-6-51	Renewal of License	Granted	7-11-51
BP-8314 Rec'd Filed	11-10-51 11-14-51 11-14-51	Construction permit to change transmitter location from State Hwy. #97, Approx. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. S. W. Center of Bainbridge, Georgia to Hwy. #84, 1.6 mi. East of Courthouse, Bainbridge, Georgia and change main studio location from Callahan Bldg., Broad St., Bainbridge, Georgia to Hwy. #84, 1.6 mi. East of Courthouse, Bainbridge, Georgia. Robert L. Irwin, Atty. George M. Lohnes, Engr.	GRANTED Cond'l re blanketing	12-10-51

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 Name MRS. WINNIE S. VAUGHN, d/b as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1296	1-3-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-19-52
Rec'd	1-15-52			
Filed	1-15-52	Thomas H. Hall, atty.		
BL-4671	2-23-52	License to cover construction permit (BP-8314)	GRANTED Conditional re blanketing	4-9-52
Rec'd	2-25-52	which authorized change in studio and transmitter locations.		
Filed	2-25-52	Robert L. Irwin, atty.		

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 Name WINNIE S. VAUGHN db/as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 9224 Rec'd Filed	3-11-54 3-17-54 3-17-54	Construction permit to change frequency from 1490kc to 930kc; increase power from 250w to 5kw; change hours of operation from unlimited to daytime; change transmitter and studio location from Hwy. 84, 1.6 miles East of Court-House, Bainbridge, Ga. to 1609 Shotwell St., Bainbridge and change type of transmitter (GATES BC-5B). George C. Davis, Engr.	GRANTED	7-14-54
BL-5516 Rec'd Filed	10-28-54 11-1-54 11-1-54	License to cover construction permit (BP-9224) which authorized change frequency; increase power; change hours of operation; change trans. and studio location and change type transmitter.	GRANTED	11-22-54

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JOHN A. DOWDY (AL 2-29-56) EFF: 3-29-56 Call

THOMAS R. HANSEN, JOHN A. DOWDY, ~~CHARLES N. DOWDY,~~

Letters

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Name AND MRS. WINNIE S. VAUGHN d/b as DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1296 Rec'd Filed	12-31-54 1-3-55 1-3-55	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-9-55
BAL-2021 Rec'd Filed	4-28-55 5-2-55 5-2-55	Voluntary assignment of license to Thomas R. Hansen, John A. Dowdy and Winnie S. Vaughn, d/b as The Decatur Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED EFF:	6-28-55 7-14-55
BAL-2195 Rec'd Filed	11-4-55 12-19-55 12-19-55	Voluntary assignment of license to John A. Dowdy and James D. O'Steen d/b as Decatur Broadcasting Company.	GRANTED EFF:	2-29-56 3-29-56
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	2-6-56 2-9-56 2-9-56	AMENDED to change name of assignee to John A. Dowdy.		
BR-1296 Rec'd & Filed	12-16-57 12-19-57	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	3-19-58

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APPLICATION RECORD : BROADCASTING

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Name JOHN A. DOWDY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,866	2-15-58	Construction permit to change hours of operation from Daytime to Unlimited using power of 500w-5kwLS; install directional antenna for nighttime use; make changes in antenna(decr.hght) and changes in ground system.	GRANTED	9-2-59 Cond'l re: Phase Mon.; Field meas. equip.; DA & non-DA proof
Rec'd	2-20-58			
Filed	2-20-58			
AMENDMENT	4-11-59	Engr. - L.C. McCall, Palatka, Fla.		
R & F	4-15-59	AMENDED to make changes in DA-N system(decr.hght)		
BL-7816	1-25-60	License to cover construction permit (BP-11866) which authorized change in hours of operation, installation of DA-N, make changes in antenna and ground system.	GRANTED	6-22-60
Rec'd	1-27-60			
Filed	1-27-60			
BR-1296	1-12-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-29-61
Rec'd & Filed	1-16-61			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W M G R

Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia 31717

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-15,762 R. & F.	10-25-62 10-29-62	CP to install new trans. (Gates BC 1J) as 500w main nighttime, and 1kw aux. daytime.	GRANTED Forfeited Letter 9-26-63.	11-20-62
BP-16,022 R. & F.	10-4-63 10-7-63	CP to install a new trans. (Gates BC-1J) as 500w main nighttime, and 1kw aux. daytime.	GRANTED	12-17-63
BR-1296 Rec'd Filed	12-30-63 1-3-64 1-3-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-28-64
HL-10,658 R. & F.	5-11-64 5-15-64	Lic to cover CP(BP-16,022) which auth Aux-Day and Main-Night trans (2 Main Transmitters)	GRANTED	10-30-64
BR-1296 R & F	12/27/66 12/30/66	Renewal of license (2 Main trans. and Aux.)	GRANTED	4-11-67
BZ-6802 R & F #414186 Refunded	3/18/68 3/22/68 3/22/68 4/12/68	Direct Meas. (Main)	GRANTED	8-23-68

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Name JOHN A. DOWDY
Bainbridge, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6931 Rec'd	3/29/68 4/2/68	Direct Meas. (Aux.)	RETURNED -incomplete	4/12/68
#418291 \$30 Refunded	4/2/68 4/12/68		GRANTED	9-9-68
RESUB Rec'd Amended Filed LM over fee	4/17/68 4/24/68 5/15/68 5/15/68 8/21/68			
SEP 4 1968				
BRC-3288 R & F #462937 \$30 OCT 9 1968	9-23-68 10-2-68 10-2-68	Modification of license to operate auxiliary transmitter by remote control from 1609 Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, Georgia.	GRANTED	10-9-68

Fee: \$30 paid 5/15/68 #428586

refunded 8/30/68

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DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

xJOHN A. DOWDY

Name

Bainbridge, Georgia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1296 R & F #568154 \$75. #568155 \$30. PN PRESS FEB 25 1970	12-29-69 1-5-70 1-5-70(M) 1-5-70 (A) 1-5-70	Renewal of license (Main & Aux.)	GRANTED	6-30-70
BR-1296 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 30 1973	12-29-72 1-2-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) AMENDED 3-27-73 re: community survey AMENDED 2-15-74 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	4-9-74
BAL-8417 Red FEE ED \$50 #134644 CODE 017 and \$50 440100 FILED (FORM 316 ((ALSO SEE FM) JUN 30 1975	5-26-75 5-29-75 6-17-75	Voluntary assignment of license DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.	GRANTED Consummated EFF: 1-1-75 No gr fee req	6/30/75 4-29-75

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Name DECATUR BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1296 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-24-75 11-28-75 " JAN 23 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY)	GRANTED	3-30-76
BR781120UC PRESS JAN 31 1979		Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	3-30-79

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.

