

K W L S

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Form BC 126

June 1954

4245

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Eff.

K W L S 2-15-78

x K W N S (4-26-62)

x K P R T

Date first licensed 4-29-63

Call letters

Station location Pratt, Kansas

LESSO, INC. (AL 12-28-77 EFF: 1-1-78)

x O'MALLEY-KIEFFER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (AL 11-20-73 EFF: 11-21-73)

x KWNS, INC. (AL-12-21-64; E F: 1-1-65)

Name of licensee x WILMER E. HUFFMAN

Transmitter location On U.S. Hwy. 54, 2.5 miles E. of Pratt, Kansas (RP 1-3-62)

Main studio location Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BP-12021	1-3-62	1290kc	500w, 5kw-LS DA-2	U	3-3 9-3-62
CP for a new standard broadcast station. (Cond'1)					
BP-12021 (1)	3-14-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-12021) to assign Call Letters.		
BMP-10,459 (2)	8-24-62	Mod. of	CP (BP-12021 as mod) for ext. of completion date to 12-3-62		
BMP-10641 BMP-10642 (3)	12-21-62	Mod. of	CP(BP-12,021 as mod.) to make changes in daytime directional antenna pattern, and for extension of completion date to 2-3-63.		
BMP-10737 (4)	1-16-63	Mod. of	CP(BP-12,021 as mod.) to make changes in daytime directional antenna pattern.		
BL-9897	4-29-63	1290kc	500w-5kw Lic. to cover CP (BP-12,021 as mod) which auth. a new standard b/c station.	U DA-2	4-29 6-1-65
BAL-5296 Eff: 1-1-65	12-21-64	Voluntary assignment of license to KWNS, INC.			
BR-4245	5-28-65	1290kc.	500w, 5kw, S DA-2	Unl	6-1 6-1-68
BR-4245(S)	6-28-66	RENEWAL			6-1-71
BTC-5726 EFF.	2-28-69 4-11-69	Vol. TC			
BR-4245(S)	5-28-71	RENEWAL			6-1-74
EBSA	5-22-72				
BAL-7948 Comtel	11-20-73 4-24-74	VOL AL Markin :		EFF: 11-21-73 Para. 1 only.	
BR-4245(L)	9-16-74	Renewal of License			6-1-77
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June 1975
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STANDARD

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters KWNS

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.
COMTEL	7-21-75	Phases are corrected to read W(#1) Day 90.5°; Night 4.5°, WC(#2) Day minus 134° Night 165.5°. show corrections on next authori zation			
BR-4245(L)	5-10-77	Renewal			6-1-80
BTC-8521	12-28-77	Vol TC	EFF:	1-1-78	
BAL-9193	12-28-77	Vol AL	EFF:	1-1-78	
E B S A	2-15-78	Issued	new Call Letters		
BR800201 YH(L)	5-30-80	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE		6-1-83

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call (4-16-62) K W N S
Letters NEW xK P R TName WILMER E. HUFFMAN
(F.O. - Box 486, Pratt, Kansas)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-12,021 Rec'd Filed	5-18-58 5-20-58 5-20-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 1290kc Power - 1kw-LS 500w, 1kw-LS DA-2 Hours of operation - Unlimited Trans. location - On U.S. Hwy 54; 2.5 miles east of Pratt, Kansas Studio location - Same as transmitter Engr. - Vir N. James, Denver, Colo.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof.	1-3-62
AMENDED Rec'd	5-12-59 5-13-59	Amended to change power from 1kw, 5kw-LS to 500w, 5kw-LS, change type trans. (Gates BC-5p2) and make changes in directional antenna (DA-2)	After Hearing Docket No. 13469 Order Issued.	
BMP-10,459 R. & F.	7-24-62 7-27-62	Mod. of CP(BP-12,021 amended which auth. new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 9-3-62 to 12-3-62.	GRANTED	8-24-62

GATES BC 5P2

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters K W N S

Name WILMER E. HUFFMAN
Pratt, Kansas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-10,641 R. & F.	10-29-62 10-31-62	Mod. of CP (BP-12,021 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for ext. of completion date from 12-3-62 to 2-3-63.	GRANTED (Issued with BMP-10642) to	12-21-62 2-3-63
BMP-10,642 R. & F.	10-6-62 10-10-62	Mod. of CP (BP-12,021 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in Daytime directional antenna pattern. Engr: Vir. James	GRANTED	12-21-62
BMP-10,737 R. & F.	12-29-62 12-31-62	Mod. of CP (BP-12,021 as mod., which auth. a new standard broadcast station) to make chgs in directional antenna pattern daytime.	GRANTED	1-16-63
BL-9897 Rec'd Filed	12-23-62 12-26-62 1-16-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-12,021 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-29-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1290kc

Call
Letters K W N S

KWNS, INC.

Name * WILMER E. HUFFMAN
Pratt, Kansas

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-5296 R & F	11-18-64 11-19-64	Voluntary assignment of license to KWNS, INC. (Request waiver of Section 1.597 of Rules) Atty. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson	GRANTED Eff:	12-21-64 1-1-65
BR-4245 R & F	2/25/65 3/1/65	Renewal of license Atty. Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED	5-28-65
BR-4245 R. & F. #409991 MAR 28 1968	2-26-68 3-4-68 3-4-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Attys-Dow, Lohnes & Albertson (L. Adrian Roberts) AMENDED 6-12-68 re: commercial practices AMENDED 6-17-68 re: engineering	GRANTED	6-28-68

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1290ke

Call
Letters K W N S

O'MALLEY-KIEFFER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Name XKWS, Inc.
Pratt, Kansas 67124

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-5726 R & F FEE PD: \$30 Form 316 SEP 12 1968	9-3-68 9-4-68 #456644 (SEE OVER)	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Wilmer E. Huffman to William J. Young Atty - Dow, Lohnes & Albertson	GRANTED EFF.	2-28-69 4-11-69
BR-4245 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAR 5 1971	2-13-71 2-26-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE J.A. Roberts, Atty. (Dow, Lohnes, Albertson)	GRANTED	5-28-71
BAL-7948 R & F FEE PD: \$1000 CODE 047 (ALSO AUG 10 1973 Pub. notice filed 8-10-73	7-23-73 7-25-73 #218114 SEE FM)	Voluntary assignment of license to O'MALLEY-KIEFFER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY Atty - Koteen & Burt	GRANTED Req. Grant Fee EFF: Fee: \$4,840.00 paid 063,12-18-73.W261299 Letter 10-11-74 req. additional \$240.00	11-20-73 \$ 5,080.00 11-21-73 (INCLUDE FM)

RE:BTC-5726 - Bank ltr re loan filed 9-30-68 (transferee)
Ltr re loan - filed 10-31-68
Bank ltr re loan filed 11-9-73

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September 1969
6-63

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1290 kc
Call **K W L S**
Letters **X K W N S**

LESSO, INC.
Name **O'MALLEY-KIEFFER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**
PRATT, KANSAS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4245 R & f PN Recd. PRESS	2-20-74 3-4-74 " 12 MAR 1974	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-16-74
BR-4245 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	1-26-77 1-31-77 " MAR 2 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 5-2-77 re: programming	GRANTED	5-10-77
BTC-8521 R & F FORM 315 (ALSO SEE FM) PN REC'D PN filed	10-20-77 10-27-77 12-8-77 NOV 21 1977 11/14/77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Donald J. O'Malley and George D. Kieffer to Lesso, Inc. Over Atty for transferor - Koteen & Burt for transferee - Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED EFF:	12-28-77 1-1-78
BAL-9193 R & F FORM 316 (ALSO SEE FM) PN REC'D IN	10-15-77 10-27-77 NOV 23 1977 12-8-77	Voluntary assignment of license to LESSO, INC. (contingent on grant of above TC -8521) Atty - Miller & Schroeder P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED EFF:	12-28-77 1-1-78

RE: BTC-8521 - Signature Page with both transferor's sig
filed 10/31/77

Correction re: financial totals on agreement (transferee)
filed 11/8/77

RE: Amended 11-21-77 Correction re financing (re non-compe
update re B/C & busl int covenants)

AMENDED 12-12-77 fin & pr6g. data

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APPLICATION RECORD BROADCASTING

1290 kc

Call Letters: K W L S

Name: LESSO, INC.

Station Location: PRATT, KANSAS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 800201 YH PRESS APR 8	1980	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Roderick K. Porter, Atty.	GRANTED 5-30-80

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 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.

