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WMRP Radio Station

History Note:

WMRP (Methodist Radio Parish) was founded in Flint, Michigan by Rev. William H. Morford in 1945, at the end of World War II. Their application to the Federal Communications Commission was accepted in 1946. Their first radio tower collapsed in a strong wind and a heavier replacement tower was delivered. The original application called for a 250 watt transmitter on 1510 kilocycles for daytime operation. The station went on the air on 11 November 1946 at 7 a.m. as WMRP. It was the second radio station in Flint. The station broadcast a variety of programs: 47% religious (18% Methodist, 29% other) and 35% non-religious music, with other programming including speeches, dramatics, and live talent. WMRP was the only radio station of the United Methodist Church in North America. The radio station closed on 4 December 1971.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, this collection features correspondence, schedules, legal documents, photographs, and Federal Communications Commission information.

Extent:

0.4 linear feet (ca. 800 pages)

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

Restrictions on Use:

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