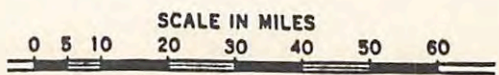
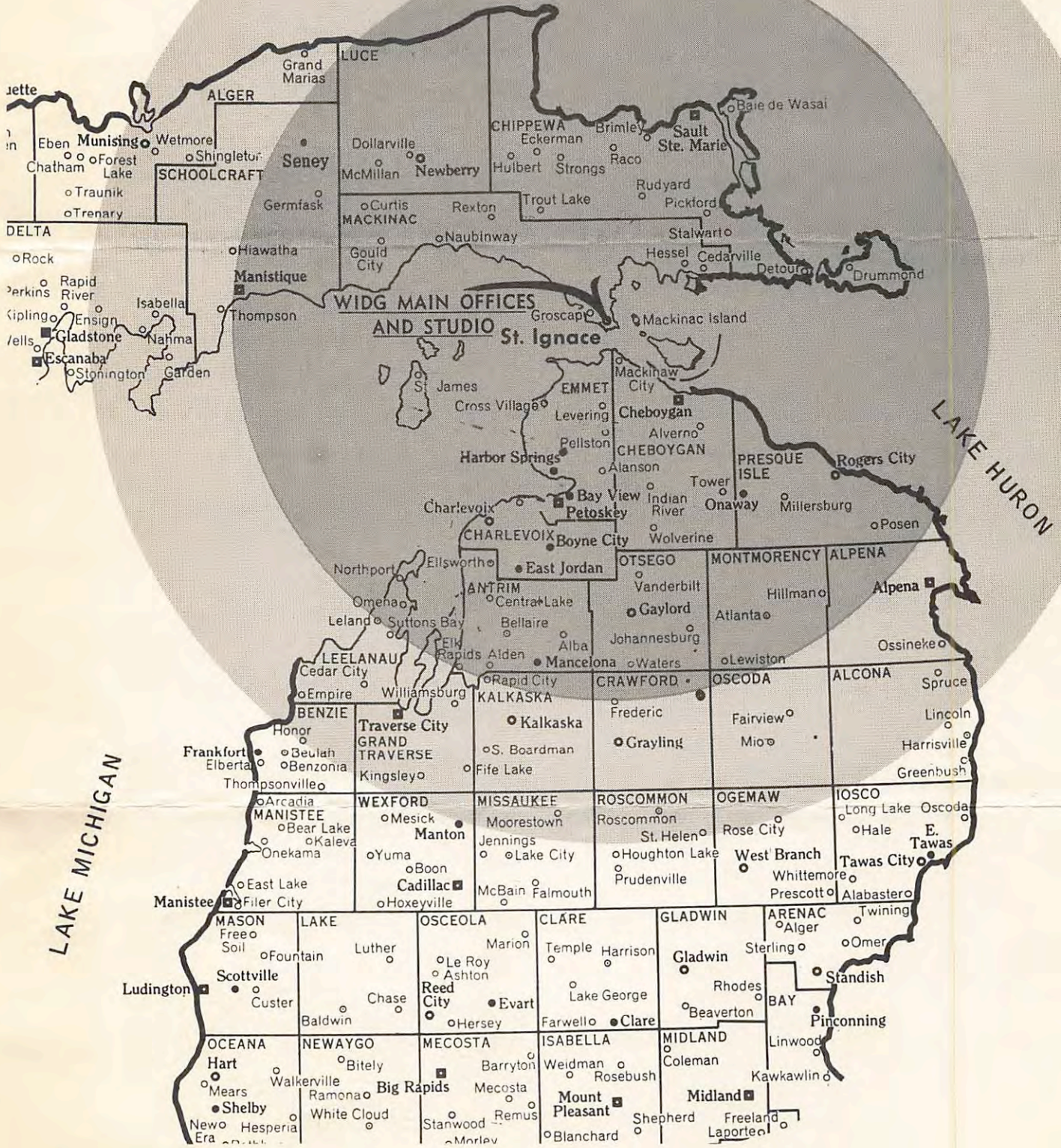


WIDG

AM 940

SERVICE AREA

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Radio Station WIDG
St. Ignace, Michigan

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Congratulations on putting a signal into Brooklyn, N.Y., on Sunday morning sign-on! I was looking specifically for WIDG, acting on a "tip" from fellow National Radio Club member Joseph J. Brauner, of Punxsutawney, Pa., who mentioned in our Club's regular mimeographed bulletin that he heard your station at that hour.

I hope you will be interested in knowing that you made it into the East Coast, and that you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WIDG. Here is what I heard, by way of proving I was listening:

Date: August 25, 1968

Frequency - 940 kilocycles

- 6:00:30 a.m., E.D.T. - Star-Spangled Banner started, no vocal.
6:01 - While the National Anthem was still playing, the announcer came in and spoke a couple of words, before realizing the Anthem was still on. I heard, "Good Morning!" and then he stopped, and at the end of the Anthem, he came back in.
6:01:30 - "Good morning. WIDG now signs on the air to begin its regular broadcast day. WIDG operates ----- 500 watts. WIDG is owned and operated by ----- with studios located at 33---- State (?) Street. The transmitter location was also given, I believe.
6:02 - Prayer heard.
6:04:20 - Slow musical selection with female vocal, sounded something like Mihalía Jackson, and the music sounded religious.

Then WIDG faded out here, as it was rapidly getting daylight here. There was also much interference from adjacent-channelled WPAT, a 5kw. local.

WIDG's signal was very weak on my Hammarlund HQ-180-C, with 18 tubes. The antenna is an indoor tuned loop, but right now, it is not tunable, so I could not "peak" your signal as I could normally have done. WIDG therefore was quite weak. There seemed to be absolutely no interference from any other 940 station, though.

Will WIDG be signing on at 6 a.m. all-year-round on Sunday mornings? If so, a lot of DXers ought to hear your station, as they will be looking for you. I do think WINZ in Miami is on the air at that time, but they were not coming in here. They are very directional away from this area, however, as they must protect Canada.

Return postage is enclosed, sir, and thank you very much for your time and courtesy. I would very much appreciate verification of my reception of WIDG, and would also appreciate a WIDG coverage map, if you can spare me one. I hope to add your letter to the 102 others I have in my collection of verifications from Michigan. I have been DXing since 1932.

It was a real pleasure to tune in on your station, sir, and I hope to hear you again soon. Do you have any early-morning tests or frequency checks scheduled in the near future, perhaps?

Yours DXingly,

Ernest Cooper