

KTOE

MINNESOTA VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Studios ... MANKATO NEW ULM ST. PETER
Networks ... ABC - AMERICAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM
ONE THOUSAND WATTS FULL TIME
Key Stations ... GNBS AND DAIRYLAND ... REGIONALS

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January 29th, 1951

TELEPHONE 4537
POST OFFICE BOX 501
MANKATO, MINNESOTA
Elevation 1000 ft

J.W. Brauner
23 Howard Ave.
Williamsville 21, New York

Dear Mr. Brauner,

Glad to receive your report of reception of KTOE at Williamsville.

Sorry I haven't answered your report but I was out of town on the weeks of July 29th thru August 4th and again on the week of Sept 9th thru 15th.

This is to verify that KTOE was on the air the morning of July 28th from 2:43AM CST until 3:11AM CST. The music mentioned undoubtedly was the music played on the morning of July 28th as it would be the type of music I would use for my equipment checks. The ringing of the bell definitely was KTOE as I remember installing a door bell to be used for a time chime. I may have worked on the tuning to increase the antenna current that morning also but I do not remember. KTOE is owned and operated by the Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company of Mankato, Minnesota. KTOE operates on an assigned frequency of 1420KC with a power of 1000 watts. KTOE took to the air on April 26th, 1950. KTOE is also affiliated with KWLM (1340KC, 250W), Willmar, Minnesota and KMHL (1400KC, 250W), Marshall, Minnesota. KTOE operates directional night with a cardioid type pattern with the major lobe at 315 degrees and a minor lobe at 135 degrees, protecting WOC, Davenport, Ia. KTOE was operating NON-DIRECTIONAL on the morning of July 28th. The antenna array consists of 2 radiators 200ft (104 degrees) high and spaced 173ft (90 degrees). Number 2 tower is orientated 315 degrees with respect to tower number 1. Tower number 2 is fed 72 degrees positive with respect to tower number 1. Pattern is a theoretical 100 degrees. KTOE has an application pending for 5KW. We do not schedule frequency checks as our monitoring laboratory is in Minneapolis, 90 miles northeast.

Maybe you would like to know how I got into this screwy business, so I'll tell you. I started my radio career, if you can call it that, at Central Radio and Television Schools in Kansas City, Missouri on January 19th, 1948. Graduated March 4th, 1949. Took my first job at KIVI, Shelby, Montana as a combination man.

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Later worked for KWLM, Willmar, Minnesota and came to KTOE on February 14th, 1950. I've been here almost a year but my days are probably numbered as the Air Force is breathing down my neck. I'm 23, single, veteran and Air Force Reserve.

Hope this meets to your satisfaction and once again I'm sorry I did not answer your report. We probably recieved your report but I cant seem to find it in my files.

Thanks again for your report, I remain

Sincerely,

Don Ranniger
Don Ranniger
Chief Engineer