

WLSCHICAGO 60

A FEW FACTS ABOUT WLS/CHICAGO

In April, 1924, WLS began broadcasting under the ownership of Sears, Roebuck and Co. The call letters WLS were chosen by Sears to represent the "World's Largest Store."

WLS
HEARD ON
DEC 21 1969
FREQ. 890 KC
POWER 50KW
RS P SPEC D
RCPN #JF-36

The station's initial prominence came from its agriculturally oriented programming which included the world famous National Barn Dance and launched such stars as Gene Autry, Red Foley and George Gobel.

In May, 1960, WLS became a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. The current WLS programming is geared to serve the metropolitan as well as the agricultural market. With this format WLS offers balanced musical entertainment, news and information service features as well as public service and community action elements.

Interwoven with programs from the American Contemporary Network, WLS' broadcasting reaches out to involve civic leaders in all walks of public life to incorporate the myriad activities in entertainment and services that hallmark WLS as personality radio in Chicago.

At 890 kilocycles,
WLS is centered on every
radio dial, broadcasting
full-time with 50,000
watts on one of the
few remaining
unduplicated 1-A clear
channel stations.