Subject(s): S. W. Cooper, WAAP Radio

Wichita Eagle
Wednesday, July 5, 1922
page 9. Photograph of Wichita’s broadcasting station, WAAP; the station took to the air the first time the evening of July 4th. Details.

Wichita Eagle
Friday, July 7, 1922
page 7. Advertisement with photograph of radio station WAAP, located in a large alfalfa field between Central avenue and the S. W. Cooper residence on North Roosevelt avenue.

Wichita Beacon
Saturday, May 28, 1938
page 1. Federal Communications Commission examiner in Washington today recommended that radio station KFBI be permitted to move from Abilene to Wichita. Article says the station was originally built and operated on College Hill in Wichita by S. W. Cooper in the early 1920s and later was purchased by Dr. J. W. Brinkley and moved.

Wichita Beacon
Sunday, April 21, 1940
page Special section Special Section announcing the opening of radio station KFBI, 1050 kilocycles, in Wichita, after moving from Abilene. Opening in Wichita is today. Article on page two gives history, refers to it as Kansas’ pioneer radio station – says it was founded as a non-commercial station in Wichita on College Hill as WAAP by Wilbur Cooper in July 1923. Cooper and his associates sold the station in 1925 and it was moved to Milford, Kansas as KFKB. The Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita bought it in January 1931 and moved the studios to Abilene under call letters KFBI on July 10, 1932. Remote studios were opened in Salina in August 1935. Drawing on page 1 of the new transmitting station at 42nd and North Broadway. Architects were Overend and Boucher. Power is 5000 watts. Studios are on fifth floor of Farmers and Banker Insurance Company building at 1st and Market. Photos.