

Earle Godfrey, GXM, 3IF, 3JO, W3JO

Earle Godfrey was born on November 3, 1891, in Tacony, Pennsylvania, his father, Leaming, was 23 and his mother, Julia, was 17. He had one brother and one sister. He died in January 1969 in Margate City, New Jersey, at the age of 77. No known children. (Ancestry.com)

Earle Graduated in the class 1917, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Official (US) Licensing didn't begin until 1912, so any Callsigns before that were "self-assigned."

Godfrey first appears in the June 1910 at his age of 19, in the 2nd Edition of the *Wireless Blue Book* on page 10 with the call, "GXM" (Godfrey eXperiMental, perhaps?) in Atlantic City, N.J., with a 100m wavelength and 2 inch spark gap. So, perhaps not "Licensed," but clearly "Operating" by this time.

Notes:

Before licensing, very few self-assigned calls included (digit) numerals. 99% were simply 2 or 3 letters only, and bore no correlation to personal initials.

The Aug. 1913 3rd Ed. Blue Book, pg. 113 places Godfrey (now 3IF) at 145 St. Charles Place in Atlantic City, NJ with 550w of power capability. 1914 (4th Ed., pg. 9) also qualifies his official "3IF" Callsign.)

Sometime between 1916 and 1920, Godfrey became "3JO". (War gap here.) (Ham Call Notes by Pete Varounis, NL7XM)

Earle first worked as a Lawyer (1920 Census). Later he worked as an Engineer in Broadcasting, at city owned Station "WPG" Atlantic City, NJ. (1930 Census) And still later at Station "WBAB" after "WPG" was closed down. (1942 Draft Registration) And after "WBAB" was sold, he worked at "WFPG" and "WFPG-TV" on the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. (Tom McNally, W2DOX)

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to acknowledge your interesting report of Dec. 25th and to confirm your reception of Station WPG.

We hope that you have enjoyed our programs and appreciate the interest taken by you in correctly reporting your reception of WPG in New-Canaan.

WPG is permanently going out of existence December 31st. The New York station, WOV, has been assigned full time operation on 1100 KC.

Very truly yours,



Earle Godfrey
Chief Engineer



WPG, ATLANTIC CITY—Used its own towers as one of the observation points for describing the Auerbach trophy race around Absecon Island on Memorial Day, the boats racing directly by WPG's transmitter. Photograph shows Chief Engineer Earle Godfrey and Announcer George Foster.

Atlantic City Plans

NORMAN REED, manager of the former WPG, Atlantic City, which goes off the air as of Jan. 1 to be merged to make WOV in New York a fulltime station, will be the manager of the new WBAB, Atlantic City, which is scheduled to begin operating Jan. 15 as a local on 1200 kc. Earl Godfrey, WPG's chief engineer, will be chief engineer of the new station, which will be operated by the publishers of the *Atlantic City Press and Union*, headed by Albert J. Feyl. Collins transmitter equipment and a 205-foot Lehigh radiator are being installed. Associated Press news and NBC *Thesaurus* have been ordered.

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 00011	1. NAME (Print) Earle Godfrey		ORDER NUMBER
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 15 No. Iroquois Ave. Margate City Atlantic N. J.			
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same			
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE 2-0280	5. AGE IN YEARS 50	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Tacony Penna.	
(Exchange)	(Number)	(Town or county) (State or country)	
DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 3 1891			
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS (Mrs) Elizabeth Barrett Godfrey Margate City N. J.			
15 No. Iroquois Ave.			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Press Union Pub. Co. 1900 Atlantic Ave Atlantic City N. J.			
(WBAB) City			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Press Union Pub. Co Absecon Bldg Atlantic Atlantic N. J.			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2	Earle Godfrey (Registrant's signature)

1490 KC.

TELEPHONE 5-1111

RADIO STATION

WBAB

OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE

Press-Union Publishing Co.

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Affiliated with
COLUMBIA
Broadcasting System

Studios
Absecon Boulevard
and
Beach Thorofare

January 7, 1944

Mr. S. R. Morss
R-3, Bradford, Mass.

Dear Mr. Morss:

This will verify your report of reception of
WBAB on December 19, 1943.

Thanking you for your interest, we are

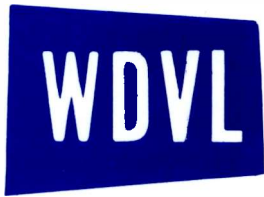
Very truly yours,

RADIO STATION WBAB

Earle Godfrey
Earle Godfrey
Chief Engineer

eg:rs

"The New Sound In Radio"



1270 ON YOUR DIAL

MORT HENDRICKSON
VIVIAN E. HENDRICKSON
JOHN THOMAS JONES, JR.

MAURICE RIVER BOULEVARD

OXFORD 1-7550

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Hermit Greary
RD 2 Box 248
Walnut Port, Pa.

March 31 '59

Dear Mr. Greary:

Thank you very much for your report
2/26/59 3" spm of our test run signals.

This is a new station and as yet not
on the "air" officially. The construction is a
2 Tower directive ^{type} 500 W power, Daytime
operation only.

We are very pleased to verify your reception.
It is hoped we will be ready for regular
scheduled operation by May.

Respectfully,

Earle Godfrey
Eng'g Dept.

OWNER MANAGEMENT