

John Carlyle Bell

Born December 30,1902

Became "ham" 1920 call 5GI

Changed call 1925 5ZAS

Had radio repair on 5th Av N in Birmingham,AL

Bell and Dud Connolly started WBRC radio 1926

Bell sold part interest to M.D. Smith (B'ham Tent) 1928

In 1936 WBRC was on 930 KC with 5,000 watts, studios in Bankhead

Hotel. President K.G.Marshall,Asst Mgr John Connolly

Sales Mgr andChief engineer J.C. Bell

By 1940 Stn moved to 960 KC Same personnel except Eloise Hanna was added as Secretary/Treasurer

1942 President was K.G. Marshall, General mgr and chief engr was J.C.Bell

1945 President and GM was J.C.Bell Stn mgr was John Connolly

October 22, 1945 Bell sold his stock to Walter Tison from WFLA Tampa, FL

Majority stock holder at WBRC was Eloise Hanna

1946 Pres & GM at WBRC was W.Walter Tison, Sales Mgr John Connolly

J.C. Bell bought stock of WFOY St Augustine,FL (possible trade w/Tison)

1947 Eloise Smith Hanna was Pres/GM WBRC

1948 Pres/Owner WFOY was John Carlyle Bell

J.C. Bell died Jan 6, 1951 in St Augustine

He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham,Al

We have grave stone picture

Ms J.C. Bell was President of WFOY in 1952

But apparently sold that year, she lived to be 103 years old (b. 1903)

Information is from The Radio Annual and U.S. Department of Commerce