

Hilliard Gates

1915 - 1996



Hilliard Gates held his first "broadcasting" job at the ripe age of nine when he reported the results of local games to inquiring individuals who called the Muskegon Chronicle. In 1940, Hilliard spotted an ad while reading Broadcaster Magazine for a job at WOWO in Fort Wayne.

Hilliard left WOWO after an offer to help build WKJG. In November of 1947, the station went on the air. But Hilliard's contributions to the Fort Wayne community extended far beyond his executive and sports casting talents as he was a great civic leader.