

# Liberty Broadcasting System

Started: 1947

Original Stations: 42

Liberty was operated by "The Old Scotchman" Gordon McLendon, out of KLIF Dallas. It was best known for baseball broadcasts, about half of which were in-studio re-creations. Before the baseball clubs went to court to assert ownership of broadcast rights, McLendon hired people to attend the games and phone in details, which were used in the re-creations.

Part of the time, McLendon's partner on-air was Dizzy Dean. Others included Lindsay Nelson, Don Wells and Jerry Doggett, who went on to become long time baseball broadcasters.

Liberty went nationwide in October 1950, with 240 affiliates getting 10 hours of programs a day. At its peak, it had 458 affiliated stations.

Liberty folded in 1952, following a \$200,000 out of court settlement with Baseball. .