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A MONTH OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS IN ECUADOR



Merry Christmas from HCJB's missionary staff

Anniversaries are happy times. In Ecuador, and at HCJB, December is a month of anniversaries. Let us list four special events that take place during this month.

BIRTHDAY OF QUITO

The first days of December are always exciting in Quito. It was on December 6, 1534 that Sebastián de Benalcázar, an illiterate peasant who rose to prominence as one of Francisco Pizarro's brilliant lieutenants, solemnly founded the 'Villa de San Francisco de Quito' in the presence of 203 Spaniards and two black servants. This year Quito celebrates its 445th year of existence. For days the city lives in an aura of excitement and festivity. HCJB contributes to these festive days by presenting a series of concerts which include songs of Quito, familiar Christmas music, and some of the great musical classics. These concerts draw many thousands of listeners.

BIRTHDAY OF CHRIST

Another important day during December is the 25th. As is done in most countries around the

world, Quito celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ nearly 2000 years ago. History turns around this all-important event when Christ came to this earth to provide for our salvation and to make it possible for us to receive forgiveness for our sins.

BIRTHDAY OF HCJB

HCJB started broadcasting from the city of Quito on December 25, 1931. That means that during this month, HCJB will celebrate its forty-eighth birthday! This is another important event. It will be remembered with various special broadcasts and activities as we look forward to the fiftieth anniversary in 1981.

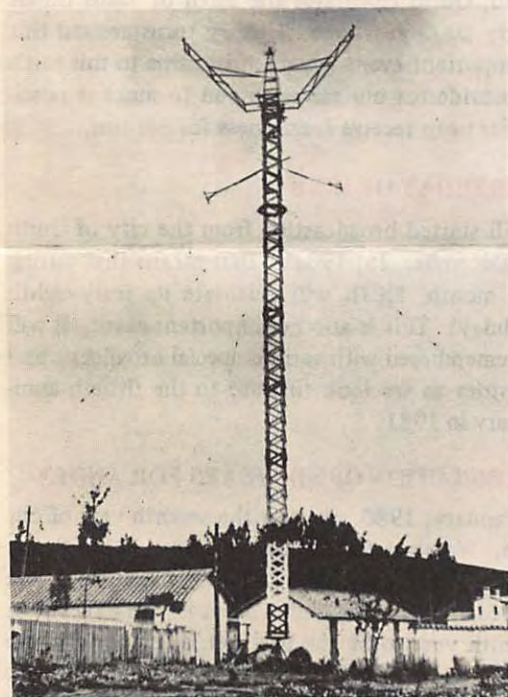
COMPLETION OF SIX YEARS FOR ANDEX

In January, 1980, we start the seventh year of our club. We want to express our appreciation to the many DXers who have joined ANDEX and have helped to make the club what it is. We expect our seventh year to be the best yet, and you can help make it just that. During the early days of 1980 we should easily reach our member No. 3,500. Encourage your friends to join.

HCJB'S HISTORY IN PICTURES



Programs began in 1931 from this converted sheep shed



The world's first quad antenna



Transmitter used during early 1930s



New transmitter building inaugurated in 1940



Sam Rowley tunes an RCA 100 kW transmitter



Soon a 500 kW transmitter will be on the air

In honor of all these special days in December, we are including a number of historical pictures of HCJB and its continual growth.

DXer OF THE MONTH



Don Rhodes with his receiving equipment

This month, let's make a visit to Australia. In the south-eastern part of this large and varied continent is the city of Melbourne, the second largest in the country. During the early 1800s, the residents of Tasmania were seeking new grazing lands. John Batman sailed to the mainland in 1835 and purchased 600,000 acres of land from the natives. He paid for this land with blankets, tomahawks, flour, and other goods. The settlement on this land became the city of Melbourne.

Melbourne is a beautiful city with wide streets. The entire metropolitan area is generously provided with parks and gardens which cover more than 7,000 acres of land. The city has grown to be a center for a variety of industrial activities. It now claims to be the commercial center of Australia. The famous operatic soprano, Nellie Melba, was born near Melbourne. In fact, her real name was Helen Mitchell. She later adopted the name Melba in honor of her birthplace.

Camberwell is located within the metropolitan area of Melbourne. This is the home of Don

Rhodes, our DXer of the Month. He works as an ambulance officer but also enjoys gardening and reading. DXing, of course, is another major occupation. He has been involved with shortwave radio for some twenty years. In addition to being a DXer, he is also a licensed amateur radio operator. His call sign is VK3BMB.

For his shortwave listening Don uses one of the popular DX-160 receivers sold by Radio Shack. His antenna is a 40-meter dipole designed for amateur radio operation. Above the receiver he has a preselector, an antenna tuner, and a crystal calibrator. This combination has given him quite good reception.

Don has been a member of ANDEX for about six months. His membership number is 3314. He is also an active member of one of Australia's leading DX clubs, the Australian Radio DX Club. He listens to his radio for about an hour each day, usually around 0800 GMT or later. He likes to listen to shortwave programs as well as do a bit of DXing. Many hours will find him operating his amateur radio equipment. If you do any DXing on the ham bands, you may hear his voice.

BIRTHDAYS

By Pastor Ron

I don't know about the customs where you live, especially as they relate to birthday celebrations. Here in Latin America, birthdays are very special. I guess, in a way, they are important almost everywhere in the world.

In our family, we have those who look forward to their birthday for weeks, and those who resist admitting that they are having another one. But, for us who wait to celebrate that birthday with and for someone else, we are delighted.

I find that I think a great deal about that person and try to imagine what he or she would like on that special day. Then, if at all possible, and if the cost is not too high, I get it.

This month, we are all able to celebrate a birthday. The birthday of Jesus Christ. What do you plan to give Him this year?

I will tell you what He wants. He wants your LOVE.

WHAT WILL THAT COST YOU?

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