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HCJB MEMBERSHIP ELECTS A NEW PRESIDENT



Rev. & Mrs. Ron Cline, Dr. & Mrs. Abe Van Der Puy

April 2, 1981, was an important day for HCJB. The membership of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., the corporation that operates HCJB, met in Quito to elect a new president. Dr. Abe Van Der Puy has served in this office for the past twenty years. He took the responsibility in 1962 from Dr. Clarence W. Jones, co-founder of the radio station. Dr. Van Der Puy felt that he should not continue as president, but he will be very active in other areas of the radio ministry.

Under the leadership of Dr. Van Der Puy, many important advancements have been made at HCJB. In 1965 our hydroelectric plant was inaugurated which continues to provide cheap power to operate our shortwave transmitters. In 1967, he and his wife made an extended tour in order to survey Christian radio in the southern part of South America. During the 1970s our Project Outreach was successfully completed. This added three 100-kW shortwave transmitters to our growing facilities. As a fitting climax during our 50th Anniversary Year, the new 500-kW transmitter has been completed and is now in operation. Dr. Van Der Puy has also seen the largest

single project ever attempted by HCJB off to a good start. This is the construction of a second, larger hydroelectric plant to supply the enormous power demands of the 500-kW super-power transmitter.

The new president-elect is Rev. Ronald Cline. Ron joined the HCJB staff about five years ago and has served as pastor of the English Fellowship Church in Quito. He has been much appreciated as a pastor and under his guidance the church has grown rapidly. He is an outstanding speaker who has travelled extensively. Two years ago he was elected to the HCJB Board of Trustees. Now, by a large majority, he has been elected to the office of president. Since this is our 50th Anniversary Year, it was felt only proper that Dr. Van Der Puy should remain in office until the completion of the year. Rev. Cline will assume the responsibilities of this important office on January 1, 1982.

ANDEX would like to express appreciation for the dedicated and God-directed leadership that Dr. Van Der Puy has provided for HCJB during the past twenty years. They have been years filled with blessing and service to many people around the world. We look forward to a continuation of this same spiritual leadership in the coming years. We all feel that Rev. Ronald Cline is God's choice to take over the reins of office at this time. Our sincere congratulations to Dr. Van Der Puy for a job well done and to Rev. Cline for the job we know he will do under God's leading and direction.

ANDEX MEMBER 4000

Another milestone has been reached by our ANDEX membership. Recently we have been watching and counting the new applications as they have arrived in Quito to see who would be-

come member No. 4000. Now we are able to make the important announcement. The special application form has arrived.

Our honored member, who will receive membership certificate No. 4000, is none other than Mr. Jesse R. Bruner who resides in Longmont, Colorado, in the United States. Jesse is an engineering technician and has been interested in shortwave radio for more than twenty-five years. He heard HCJB for the first time in 1955, so he is an old-timer to the hobby in spite of being a newcomer to ANDEX. Other interests include coin and stamp collecting as well as camping.

We are sorry we do not have a picture of Jesse and his excellent receiving equipment. He uses two fine receivers, a Collins R-390-A and a Drake R-4C. His antenna is a multi-band dipole. It is a real pleasure to welcome Jesse Bruner as our ANDEX member No. 4000. In recognition of this honor, we will be sending him a special prize in addition to the congratulations included in this issue of ANDEX International. We wish Jesse every success in his DXing hobby.

ANDEX CHANGES

This is the last issue of ANDEX International to be edited by Clayton and Helen Howard. In late July we will be leaving Quito to spend a year's furlough in the United States. We have enjoyed preparing this bulletin, and handling other ANDEX matters, during the past years. We appreciate the cooperation of each of the club members who have made ANDEX a reality. Greetings to each one of you! Perhaps we will see some of you during this coming year. We sincerely hope so. Good-bye for now!

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DXer OF THE MONTH



Harold reads his latest club bulletin

This month we have chosen a retired art teacher to present to our ANDEX membership. Our selection is Harold Ringgenberg who now lives in an apartment a few miles north of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the United States. For the past three years Harold has been a shut-in with physical problems. He has taken up shortwave listening and finds it an excellent way to pass the time. He joined ANDEX a little more than a year ago and is member No. 3621.

Harold uses two shortwave receivers. One is a Realistic DX-160 and the other a Sony ICF-6700-W. Living in an apartment limits the possibilities for a good outside antenna, so he has to make do with the whip on the Sony radio and a short wire around the wall of his room for the DX-160. He spends from one to several hours each day listening to the world, mostly during the evening hours between 0000 and 0400 GMT. He also finds a Sony cassette recorder a helpful addition to the two receivers.

In addition to ANDEX, Harold has joined some other DX clubs. These include the North American Short Wave Association, National Radio Club, Miami Valley DX Club, and Radio Communications Monitoring Association. He makes this comment about ANDEX. "I belong to several clubs that have larger bulletins, but they sometimes lack these items of personal and religious interest which are important to me. I have also made some interesting contacts, resulting from the pen-pal list of other DXers who wish to correspond."

Churches have been one of his favorite subjects for painting, and he has reproduced many of them



Dixon church as painted from the parsonage porch in oils or water colors. One church that has a sentimental attraction for him is a small Methodist church in Dixon, Ohio. His father preached for five years in this church. This was during Harold's younger days and he spent his holidays and summer vacations in this tiny village. Dixon's main road is right on the state line. Half of the village is in Ohio and the other half in Indiana. The Methodist church is on the Indiana side while the parsonage is across the road in Ohio. Harold based the thesis for his master's degree on some of his experiences there. In this rather isolated spot there was very little to do except to sketch and paint pictures. His father drove him around some of the time but he often walked to and from the locations where he did his painting. The Dixon church was his favorite subject. It is interesting to note that Helen Howard's father was also a preacher. For a number of years, while she was in school, he was the pastor of a small Baptist church near Wren, Ohio. This is also very close to the Indiana line and is situated no more than ten miles south of Dixon.

We are happy to have Harold Ringgenberg as a member of ANDEX and to know that he finds the shortwave hobby interesting and entertaining. We trust he will have many more years of enjoyment. We are also glad to know that he has taken advantage of the opportunity to correspond with

some other members. We trust many more will follow his example.



*Ray Violette, of Lewiston, Maine,
enjoys a chat with his receiver!*

Ray is ANDEX member No. 3745

HEAR THOSE STATIONS

By Don Jensen

What sort of listener are you? Do you randomly tune across a shortwave band, stopping to listen to whatever station catches your fancy as you dial around? Do you have old favorites, the same six, or ten or twenty, broadcasters whose programs you've come to enjoy and tune to regularly? Maybe you're the sort of person who is always looking for something new and different in your SWLing?

We all like to listen to our own favorite stations, like HCJB. But many SWLs also like to hunt for stations that are harder to hear, those not logged before. What's the best way to go about it? The best way is with planning.

Rare is the experienced DXer who doesn't have a "want list." This is a collection of background information about those most-wanted stations, broadcasters the listener hasn't yet tuned, but hopes to hear soon. Draw up a list of about ten stations you really want to hear. Compile a book on each station in your "want list." Use data you gather from listening to the various DX programs and from radio club bulletins. If you aren't a member of a DX-hobby club, join one. Read the club's bulletins for tips from other listeners as to where and when to tune for the various stations. Exchange tips by letter with other listeners. Use the telephone if your SWLing contacts live in your own home town.

Minimum information for each station, of course, is the frequency on which it operates and the time when others are hearing it, or when it should be heard optimally in your part of the country. Add to your data bank any other information that can help you to hear the station, or equally important, to identify it once you've pulled in the signal. The chances are that many of these stations will not be broadcasting in English. You'll need all the identification help you can get! Can you obtain any information about the station's schedule, its sign on and sign off times, or languages used at various times? Is there an especially favorable time window when other stations on the same, or adjoining, frequencies are off the air, minimizing possible interference?

Do you know what sort of programs you could expect to hear on each station included in your list? Are they likely to use popular music, classical music, hymns, news, or political commentaries? Did you know, for instance, that American country and western music is popular in Papua New Guinea and can often be heard on the domestic shortwave stations from this Pacific nation? Radio Difusora Nacional in Colombia, not following the typical Latin American programming style, can frequently be heard with classical music? The more you know about the stations you want to hear, the more background data you have collected in advance, the easier it will be to locate and identify those stations when reception conditions are favorable.

As a shortwave listener, you know that reception conditions do vary a great deal. A station that cannot be heard at all on one day may be generally intelligible the next day, the next week, or the next month. The harder-to-hear stations are just that, harder to hear, because they aren't there just waiting to be picked up by the SWL every day. These are the challenging shortwave catches. The more time you spend listening for your most wanted stations, the better the chances that you will be tuned in to the frequency when reception conditions are favorable. Tune as often as you can for your ten most-wanted stations. Try for them seven times a week, which is better than six tries weekly. Six shots at them improve your odds over five tries per week. Make the odds work in your favor!

When you manage to hear one of your ten most-wanted stations, as you surely will if you con-

centrate your efforts with planning and preparation, then replace it on your "want list" with some other target station that you'd very much like to hear for the first time. This way you will have at all times a specific list of broadcasters to track down when you tune your short-wave receiver.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT ?

What is life really all about? Why are we here? Questions like these are being asked by many people. Here are the answers given by a couple of university students.

"I had tried a lot of solutions to the riddle of 'Where am I going?' and 'Why am I here?' Good grades, accumulated social activities, and beaux were insufficient. In the last two years I have found that the claims and promises of Jesus Christ to his followers are the only answer to life. Instead of that war inside between what I knew I should do and what I did, there is a new unity and harmony at the center of my life. Instead of running away from or falling under those daily problems that arise, I have a new strength that enables me to meet and go through any obstacles. Jesus said that he came to bring us an abundant life, and he does just that." This was written by Virginia Grose when she was a senior student at Smith College.

Here is the answer written by James Wagner, an honor graduate in physics from Wesleyan University. At the time he wrote this he was pursuing doctoral studies in meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Although I had gone to church and Sunday School all my life, I did not experience a real, living relationship with God until I invited Jesus Christ into my heart. Since then my trust in God has increased as I have studied the Bible and pursued scientific studies and research. I am now fully convinced both in my heart and in my mind that a personal trust in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin and the Giver of a new life which begins in this world and continues in the next is the only hope for individuals and for the world today. I have found that science students are looking for something which is not only reasonable, but which works. They want something that can be tested and proven in the laboratory of life. I recommend a careful consideration of the claims and promises of Christ to any and every student of science."