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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: Don Hill, Broken Bow, Neb. wrote that it was rather soon to be writing, but that he owed an apology to our illustrious treasurer, Lester W. Kraemer as shortly after the last letter Don had received word that Les had actually logged a station in Argentine Republic thus taking him out of the class with other officers. Don also stated that he had some success during the December frequency checks, most notable being WLNH as well as WHLB, WEOA, KPND and WAYX.

L. W. Wotring, Allentown, Pa. wrote Les Kraemer that while listening to the LR-1 Buenos Aires broadcast several weeks ago, he suddenly conceived the idea of trying for it on his car radio. So he went to the garage and tuned to 1070kcs. and heard the station ID even though the noise level was quite high.

Joe Lippincott, Tufts College, Mass. advised that he received a letter from the U. S. Bureau of Standards stating that more Trans-Atlantic tests would be made for the purpose of long distance receptions from Brussels, Paris 695kc., 120KW; Nice 1185kc., 60KW and Toulouse 776kc., 120KW. Also Rennes was on daily.

On January 17, 1937, WOR Newark, N. J. staged a special program for the NNRC. Some of the program highlights were Milt Christa of Detroit gave a short talk via CKLW Windsor; Alec Kinghorn gave a talk via COCO Havana, Cuba and the Cuban station stayed with the broadcast for the entire two and one-half hours; LSN2 in Argentina with a message from A. B. Dougall was surprisingly clear. Also, Lloyd Hahn and Barney Ahman of Baltimore were at the station in person to speak to their fellow members. Interviews of the Club Officers and Members by Ed Fitzgerald went over big.

Roy Utter, Succasunna, N. J. wrote, "Here is a report to satisfy you and Louis Hahn that I am still alive away up here in the Styx. The old log now stands at 817 with 707 verified. Best catches last year were LR-1, LR-2 and LR-4. So far in 1937 I have logged only one new one and won't mention it for fear of making Doc Kraemer jealous.

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO: From the columns of Jimmy Hart's High Frequencies came word that the U. S. Navy was getting ready for another venture - the Antarctic Expedition to Little America. The "Mt. Olympus", on its way to the South Pole was transmitting daily using the call NAVE on 15.930 and 17.820mcs. NAVE currently was using 350 w.

Earl Roberts (With the Hams column) received a letter from VE3BFH/4 in Churchill giving interesting data on that Hudson Bay area. Weather is extremely cold for 10 months of the year with the temperature in December, 1946 averaging 15° below zero with winds up to 40mph. Receiving conditions were extremely erratic with black-outs at times. DX can be received from all parts of the world at all times of the day. Truly a DXers paradise.

Jack Schneider, Buffalo, N. Y. wrote that it had been a long time since he had sent in a report. Years ago Jack spent long hours and many dollars on the erection of various types of antennae. Although he never spent more than \$30 on a radio receiver, Jack managed to amass a total of 1300 heard and 1100 verified BCB stations before moving to Buffalo. Since moving to Buffalo Jack had logged a total of 200 BCB stations in 5 countries on a six tube Zenith using a built-in antenna. Most distant stations logged included 3 BBC stations between 1440 and 1540kcs.

Bob Knox, Newton, N. J. reported new stations as follows: WHSC-WNOE-WQQW-WTOK-WNAE-WEEK-WWSR-CMGF-CJSC-TILS-HJCC-TIPG-WLAP-WBAA-WRON-KVSO-WJAG-WRGV-WSGC-WAYS-ZBM-WKNA and KXLW. Verie total was 365 and 519 logged.

Ken Roney, Delhi, Ontario reported the club special from WWCO. Additionally, Ken heard WINR-WWGP-WTSB-WCHA-WMFT-WCMW-WARD-WTOD-WOBC- and WKYB. Ken's log at this writing stood at 730 of which 688 were heard prior to 1942.

Bob Duggan, Del Monte, Calif. reported veries in from KPOA-KWYO-WKY and WKWF. Reports were out to 4QR-CKBI-KGEM-KLIX-KVMV-KSKY-KSRV-KBLF-WSPD-WONT-KANA-KGBX-WTCN-WBEC-KWLM- and WNAX. Stations heard had passed 1000 with 835 verified.

From the September, 1926 issue of Citizens Radio Call Book the schedule of AT-9 the United States Army station at Fort Bragg, N. C. was given as 8-9:55PM on Tues., Thu., Sat., and Sunday. The slogan was "Pioneer Broadcasting Station of the Army!"

"A HAPPY AND HEALTHFUL NEW YEAR"

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It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Lester W. Kraemer on November 18, 1966, and our deepest sympathies are extended to his family. Our pages were written for the two issues before we knew. The Club has lost one of its loyal members and staunchest supporters over the many years of his membership. I can recall back in 1932 when I became a member, Les and I had never met personally, but we had correspondence frequently. When we finally did meet at a Board Meeting it was as though we had known each other for years. Every time we met we jokingly kidded each other about our head of hair and Les was affectionately known as "Curly", not for the heavy suit of hair he possessed, but rather the lack of it, and throughout the years the name always stuck with him. The Club has indeed lost a member who will never be forgotten by those who knew him personally and also those who only had the good fortune to know him through the many letters written to him over the years.

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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: Roy Utter, Succasunna, N. J. wrote, "I promised you a real DX revival in January, so here's a report that will even knock the Baltimore Rooster off his perch. Since my January report, I have added seven new ones to bring my total to 824 with 711 verified and nearly equalled Harry Varrelman's best catch-WAAB, by getting three new ones up in Connecticut. Mrs. Utter and I sure enjoyed the Club's masquerade and dance and enjoyed some pleasant rag chewing with Frank Scott, the Baltimoreans and others."

Under items of interest, a card was received from Lloyd Hahn, the "Bloody but Unbowed Rooster", Baltimore informing us that he was in bed for the first time in twenty years under doctor's orders....The editor's comment was that he was wondering if the DX report of Lloyd's that appeared in the bulletin the week before might have been too much strain on the old fowl. The report referred to listed 59 new stations since November 1 averaging about 1700 miles for each station. Some of the stations reported were 2NR, XEBK, Paris, Marseilles, Belfast, KAST, KFJI, KPFC, 4QN, Bolzano, Italy, CJCJ and Bologna, Italy..... Quite an impressive list.

~~\*\*\*~~ Director Ed Hill, Toronto was lining up a Coronation DX program series for March 28, 1937. Participating stations included CHAB, CFPR, CKOK, CFRB-CFRX, CFLC, CKPR, CFCT, CJAT, CKX, and possibly more stations.

On the recent PRF-3 program of the first 67 reports received by the station, 43 were from members of the NNRC.

In 1937, Harry Varrelman conducted a Who's Who in the NNRC, and the following are excerpts on the late Les Kraemer...Treasurer of the NNRC for many years and a reasonably good DXer...weighs more than 206 pounds...is 41 and don't look over 45... has been married for 15 years and has a son 9 years old....got interested in DX and bought a two-tube Harkness reflex with a crystal detector and back in 1922 when he heard Philadelphia thought it was distance....one time Les thought he heard San Francisco and lost three pounds bragging about his prowess...he lost three more in humility when he discovered that what he actually heard was a Brooklyn station re-broadcasting KPO...ever since Les has been carrying a chip on his shoulder against Brooklyn....On an Eagle neutrodyne set, Les logged and verified his first station, CYJ Mexico City...when he pulled in his first Coaster, he was so pleased that he woke up the entire family and made them listen to the magic words "KGA Spokane".... Good catches include LRL, LR-5, Leipzig, Germany and Poste Parisien, France but no 100 watt West Coast....Les is one of the original fifty-five charter members, having become treasurer eight years ago, succeeding Hubert R. Ede, radio editor of the News.

This is about all for this month and I would like to acknowledge letters from Patrick Martin, Seward, Alaska, Tom Kneitel, Port Washington, L. I. and Richard F. Little, Fort Worth, Texas. In future issues I will try to compile the data wished.

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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: Station WXYZ, Detroit was authorized to test for a period not to exceed three weeks from April 16 from 1 to 6 AM on the following frequencies: 550, 590, 650, 710, 780, 830, 890, 940, 990, 1050, 1100, 1140, 1190, 1240, 1300, 1350, 1400, 1460, 1520, 1550 and 1600 kcs. with 25 watts maximum power.

DON Hill, Broken Bow, Nebraska wrote, "Back again with another report. DXing has not been any too good but not too bad either. Reception was terrible out here on two nights of the Radex contest with static up near summer level. Had pretty fair luck during the February checks landing 16 new ones. In March only landed 7 new ones. These bring the log up to 864 with 697 verifications. I have high hopes of picking up a few of Bill Applegate's Mexicans before I sign off for the season."

Earl Roberts' High Frequencies Column contained the news that a powerful new Spanish station was heard on March 23 on an announced frequency of 9.480mcs., 31.65 meters. An English announcer identified the station as EAQ No. 2, the Voice of Spain in Madrid. It was noted that EAQ on 9.86 mcs. was not on the air at the same time as EAQ2.

Jack Sanderson stated that a new Panama station is expected to take the air soon in the 49 meter band. HP5A, La Voz de la Ismo, will have three times the power of HP5J.

Irv Goodeve was suggested for the week's honor roll for his reception of FT4AG, CN8AA, OZ1Z, and XU8HW in the Eastern time zone. In the Central time zone, Tommy Denny's and Earl Roberts' reception of K5AF and VK6MW. No other zones were represented for ham reception.

Chairman Joe Smith of the DX Qualifications Committee announced the award of Super Ace certificates to Barney Ahman, Baltimore and Silver Ace Certificate 126 to Arthur Foerster.

Certificate totals so far for BCB were: Junior 143; Master 137; Past Master 123; Ace 176; Super Ace 114 and Silver Ace 26. SW Totals were- Traveler 6, Explorer 1.

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO: Chairman Louis Hahn of the DX Qualifications Committee reported the issuance of the following certificates: Ace 199 to Robert Knox, Newton, N. J.; Super Ace 133 to Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Silver Ace No. 44 to Mrs. F. W. Reitz, Neptune, N. J.; Merit No. 41 with 12 bars to William H. Stone, Toronto, Ont. and 1500 Bar of the Merit Certificate to Editor Philip R. Nichols of East Hartford, Conn. Lou made a correction stating that David Thomas of Proctorville, Ohio received the first 2000 bar of the Merit Certificate and Hank Tyndall of Burlington, Vt. received the second of the 2000 bars.

The Status of Members Logs on the Broadcast Band as compiled by Peter J. McKenna was as follows: These are all verified stations: Tyndall- 2000; Botzum, Pa. 1580; Weyrich, Md. 1561; Nichols, Conn. 1510; Koppelon, N. J. 1394; R. Cooper, Pa. 1250; Atherton, Mass. 1183; Tweedie, N. J. 1159; Maguire, Conn. 1092; L. Hahn, N.J. 1072; Betzendahl, N. J. 1119; Gerrard, Ohio 1058; French, Conn. 1021; Dunnigan, Conn. 960; Hill, Neb. 911; Morris, Mass, 894; Daneker, Pa. 874; McKenna, N. J. 866; Prater, Tenn. 851; Utter, N. J. 719.

On March 10, 1947 a news item heard over KNX stated that a huge sunspot is now active. It is the largest one in years and with proper eye protection could be seen with the naked eyes. This sunspot was disrupting radio communications in general and one was lucky to hear nearby local stations.

Although your editor reads each bulletin and notes the names of many members reporting, it would be nice if you would drop me a card, especially if you have been a member for 15 years and over. Each time this page is prepared, I read the issue from which the information is taken and there are many names I see who have departed and many I know who are no longer members of the club. Please send me a card or letter if you have been a member 15 years or more and I will see if I can locate one of your past reports to place on this page. Thanks and good DXing to all.

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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: Cognizant of his long years of faithful service to the NNRC and his never-failing interest in our shut-in members, Vol. 2, No. 27 of the club bulletin was dedicated to John W. Reichert, charter member and chairman of the good and welfare committee.

Mort Meehan, Elizabeth, N. J. reporting to Earl Roberts' High Frequencies columns found DXing quite good during a downpour of rain on April 6 at 12.35 AM logging amateurs GI5QX Belfast, Northern Ireland; GI6TK also in Belfast; G6PC; G6XR, HCLJW, VK3KA and VP9G.

Carl Lord, Philadelphia, Pa. wrote, "I resent those insinuations in the April 2 bulletin. If I had time to go through my log books, I could claim some 25 new stations this season- which is probably more than you can produce in several seasons. With the exception of the Radex contest, I have not done any listening since moving to Philadelphia. "

THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO: This was during the national emergency and many NNRCers were in the armed forces. Among those were Lloyd J. French with Squadron C, Group 4, Air Corps Replacement Center, Maxwell Field, Alabama and James E. Hill with the RAF in Toronto, Ontario.

Chairman Louis Hahn of the Courtesy Programs Committee reported that the recently created War Censor Board published the statement that one of the regulations promulgated by the Board is to the effect that no radio station in the United States will be permitted to broadcast request programs. This meant the suspension of programs by the CPC until after the war.

Henry (Hank) Bennett, Collingswood, N. J. wrote, "It has been quite a while since I submitted my last report, so I am sending one now along with my \$2 for another year in the NNRC. Most of my listening has centered for the past several months on code stations and I do get a kick listening to them. Some of the best DX can be gotten through CW listening. At times I get the urge to log something on SWBC and that is when I send a report in. "

Hedley Simmonds, Hamilton, Ontario reported a station heard on April 12, 1942 from 8:50 PM to sign-off at 9:10 PM EWT which was evidently an outlaw. The station announced as Station Debunk operating on 7.2 mcs. every night at 7:30 PM CWT. It had a strong signal in Hamilton and is anti-British and anti-Roosevelt.

Director Jack B. Schneider reported that he was scheduled to join the Armed Forces on April 27, 1942.

Frank Pytlak reported that the youngest commercial announcer was said to be Tommy Masterson who is 11 years old. Tommy had a news program on KTSA in San Antonio called the "Kid Reporter".....WSMB New Orleans announced the addition of Betty Nichols, 17 and Ida Matranga 20 to take over control room jobs relinquished by two operators called to the colors.....Peggy Boughter became the first woman control operator at WKST New Castle, Pa.

Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa. wrote that his DXing now stands at 804 verified on BCB with veries from 22 countries and all continents, except Asia. On SW, 178 verifications from 52 countries and all continents. On 20 meters, 10 veries, 10 countries and all continents except Asia.

Lloyd Hahn writing of experiences recalled the special program to be broadcast by WDEL Wilmington on March 3, 1935. Two cars of Baltimoreans made it that eventful night to WDEL in spite of inclement weather, namely snow and icy roads. Arrival time at WDEL was 10 minutes before the stations was scheduled to sign-off, but the program was extended. On the return trip it was much worse. A sheet of ice greeted us at the Delaware-Maryland line and your editor's car overturned with the 5 NNRCers. Fortunately no one was hurt and we arrived home safely from a never-to-be forgotten experience.

I acknowledge, with thanks, a letter from Vince Stasen who has been an NNRCer for about 30 years. Good to hear from you, Vince.. I would like to hear from more.

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THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO: This was the period the United States was going through its darkest days, that of World War II. Not many DX reports due to many members in the Armed Services and curtailment of DX programs due to the emergency. We reproduce here Page 1 of Vol. 7, No. 22 written by our late editor, Irving R. Potts.

With the Club now on Summer schedule, bulletins will be sent out monthly (on the first day of each month) until resumption of activity next Fall.

Much that was entirely unexpected has transpired since the beginning of the 1941-42 DX season, with the result that disciples of the dial have had a great deal to distract their attention from DXing. As a consequence, all radio and DX organizations have been operating under decided handicaps, chief of which has been the dearth of tips, other information and members' reports for publication in their respective bulletins.

We are inclined to believe that this condition can be attributed to the War, although there has been for some years now, a slackening of interest, especially in broadcast band DXing. When we have won the War and the Peace, it is quite likely that there will be a revival of interest in dialing for distant stations. In the meantime, however, the radio and DX clubs of this country have a struggle on their hands for existence.

In that connection, The Newark News Radio Club is in the fortunate category, inasmuch as it has a goodly number of members who have already guaranteed its existence throughout the present crisis. We sincerely trust that there will be similar groups of loyal members in other clubs. Loss of any of these organizations can be considered detrimental to the DXing passtime.

At this time, we are making a special appeal to NNRC-members- one for a bit more cooperation from now on. We would like very much to receive an occasional report during the Summer months and we will also appreciate any DX tips or news for publication in the bulletin. Short wave items should be sent to Editor Earl Roberts. Broadcast Band Tips are handled by Vice President Frank Pytlak. All other items are to be forwarded to Club headquarters.

And in conclusion, we trust members will buy to the limit, War Stamps and Bonds. Let's all do our bit to help Uncle Sam clean up this mess conclusively and as quickly as possible.

OFF-SEASON NOTES

Here's an item that will make the boys sit up and take notice. We have an announcement that Roy N. Licari of Huntington, L. I. (now with the country's armed forces) and Miss Mary Draper Burgoon of Washington, D. C., were married in the capital on March 14. Rather belatedly, we wish to extend best wishes to the newlyweds and to voice the hope they will be recipients of only good things in life.

Promising us a DX report in the near future, Gene Francis, formerly of New York City, tells us he is now at 1837 East 29th Street, Baltimore, Md. We have no criticism of Gene's desire (or necessity for that matter) to move, but we cannot understand why, with Newark available, he had to choose the city that boasts of so many has-been DXers, including Rooster Hahn, Barney Ahman, Bill Bauer and Jim Bruns. If it weren't for Miss Julia Neilson and Carroll Weyrich, there would be no one left to uphold the Monumental City's DX prestige.

Quietly and with no fanfare, Director Jack B. Schneider of Garwood, N. J. passed from civilian life recently and is now with our armed forces. We're predicting that Jack will make an A-1 soldier. We of the Club are going to miss him.

RADEX the well known DXer's magazine is no longer being published and is probably a war victim as the cost of publishing a magazine of that type or in fact any type of magazine has skyrocketed with priorities on paper.

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To those who were members during this period, you will remember; to those who are new members, you will glean from this what the DX fraternities were experiencing.

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This issue we are taking excerpts from HIGH FREQUENCIES by Earl Roberts to bring back memories of those frequencies.....Jack Sanderson, Newark has his QSL from YR5AR, Roumania, whose receiver is an O-V-2 and transmitter a Hartley with a Hertz 20-meter antenna; has worked five continents and 45 countries with a power so very low that Jack refuses to let us publish it until he has again confirmed it. Jack has logged HCLJW, K4EPO and VP5PZ on 10-meters and on 20- CT1CV, K6OQE, G2HQ, K6CGK, K6FAZ, K6NTV, SM7YA, ON4US, CELAC, VP2BC, GM6RG, PY3AW, PY1FR, HR2A, YN1PR, EAQ2, and HH3W. Verifications are from HJLABP and YV2RZ. QSLs are from LULDA, VO2N, ON4ZA, PK1MX, K4ENY, and PA0WV. Jack's best catches are ZBLH Island of Malta heard calling "Hello America" several times and playing records; and CP3ANE Villamonte, Bolivia using voice and CW.

Tommy Denny, Indianapolis has added some good ones despite the unusual slump in signal strength lately: TI2KP, VK3ES, PK6CI, HR2A, PY1DW, PY5AQ, LU7AZ, VK5FL, G5QC, VK4JX, PY2BB, G2DL, GM6RG, GIKZ the Transylvania on 4.425mc., LU4AG, G6BW, VK2CI, VK2UC, VK2NY, EA3BQ, CX2AK, LU8AB, CE3DW, TGLAX, PY3BX, PY2LJ, VP5PZ, and K4SA.

Irving Goodeve, Kalamazoo, Michigan has heard a new Greek station SV1kE logged May 24 calling W2IXY; ZS5AB, CX2AK, SM5SV, and TGLAX. QSLs are in from PA0CJ, GI5QX, GM6WD, PA0XF, and ZT6AL.

Brian Hamilton, North Arlington, N.J. reports PY5AQ, LU8AB, YN1HS, VK5GA, VK3ZZ, EI3J, VK3KR, UGT on 2.380mcs., PY2MJ, VP5PZ, PY2CK, HH2PA, VP6GR, HCLJW, SV1BH and a verification from VPD2 Suva, Fiji Islands.

Nick Hock received these frequencies of foreign stations from VK2ABG: PK1GL 14.265; PK1ZZ 14.290; PK4AU 14.384; PK4OG 14.392; XU3GG 14.100; VR2FF Fiji Islands 14.14 VS2AO 14.100; VS2AO 14.210 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya; VS2AK 14.130 in the same city; and VS4CS 14.260 in British North Borneo. VK2ABG's card is blue with a kangaroo in mid-air after one of those mountain-sized leaps carrying a portable radio and a map of Australia in the center. He was using but 9 watts when heard at 2:30 AM- R6-8.

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Bill Benz, St. Louis writes that when he reported to CMHJ on their final DX program of the season he gave them 45 musical selections. Incidentally, the NNRC shared in the dedication of the broadcast. Bill's latest veries are from WJTN, KMAC, WMFJ, WMFR, CMBD, KPLT, and KCKN to give him a total of 82 for the season and a grand total of 857.

Mort Meehan, Elizabeth, N. J. volunteers that WQXR 1550kcs. New York began testing June 10 to continue until the 17th from 3:30 to 8 AM. and that he has a letter from Bill Smart of WTOG 1260kcs. Savannah, Ga. advising that they will be on the air the first day of every month from 3 to 4 AM.

Joe Brauner writes that KAND 1310kcs. Corsicana, Texas had their first test on May 15; that WBHP Huntsville, Ala. were testing May 19 through heavy interference; that KSAL Salina, Kansas were testing until 5 AM on 1500kcs. May 27 knocking WJBK right out of the picture with an R8 signal, compared to WJBK's R4-5, and that WGR Buffalo with a new vertical antenna is using 5KW during the daytime.

Verifying the fact that WAIR tests the second Monday 5:20-5:40 AM, Clermont Zimmerman, Sunbury, Pa. adds that veries from KHBC and KEEN have boosted his total to a modest 1037. A mighty fine DX record, says we; one that ought to be an incentive to such procrastinators as Lou Hanh, Phil Nichols, Art Foerster, Bill Schweitzer and a few others we have in mind.

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This is about all for now and we would like to hear from you indicating what you would like to see in these columns. Best wishes and good DXing.

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During the summer months, Dxing is usually at a standstill, so in lieu of typing excerpts from past bulletins we found our copies of "The Dialist" and we are writing from Vol. 1, No. 1 dated June, 1934. Many of the old-timers will remember "The Story of the May 5th Meeting".

Guests and members started arriving as early as 6:45PM, although the entertainment was not scheduled to get under way until 8:15. Crowds surged through the doors with every passing moment and two elevators, running without interruption, were taxed to capacity to lift the eager ones to the auditorium on the ninth floor of the News Building..... At 7:30 PM, every seat was filled with standing room at a premium and it finally became necessary to refuse admission to any more because of the fire laws. Over 1,000 members and their friends were jammed into the auditorium which is equipped to handle about 800 persons..... Members and their guests came from Maryland, Connecticut, upper New York, Massachusetts, eastern and western Pennsylvania and from all sections of the Metropolitan area; five people from Illinois attended this gala affair.....It became necessary to call police reserves to handle the crowd that milled about in front of the entrance to the building. Naturally, many were disappointed. It was estimated that over 1000 were turned away, much to our sorrow.

Was it any wonder that there was such a turnout when such stars as Rudy Vallee, Lanny Ross of Showboat fame; Arthur Allen, one of the Stebbins Boys; Betty Barthell of CBS; Morton Downey; Rosemary Lane of Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians; Bob Taplinger of CBS; Milton Kaye; Pauline Alpert, Jimmy Brierly, Anna Reichl, Marie Mulcahy, Al Bernie, the Hertz Brothers, and Gay Nell, dancer, paid homage to the NNRC?

Of course no affair of this kind would be complete without the presence of Arthur J. Sinnott, editor of the Newark Evening News; Hubert R. Ede, radio editor; Charlotte Geer, radio critic; Jack Poppele and David Casem of WOR. Roger Bower of WOR's staff was our master of ceremonies.....The show lasted over three hours and the artists found that which is usual at Newark News Radio Club entertainments, a most appreciative audience. Dancing and refreshments followed and the club's most successful get-together finally broke up in the wee small hours of Sunday Morning.

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Also from the pages of the first Dialist, Walter E. Doty, New York City had this to say about the growth of the NNRC, "As the present DX season draws to a close, I look back to the time when I joined the NNRC and have to admire the progress it has made in so short a time. The membership then was something like 250 while today it is close to 2000. In 1929 I received my Past Master Certificate No. 10 and at the present time, some member holds Super-Ace certificate almost eight times that number! In those days, if twenty or thirty courtesy programs were broadcast during the season it was considered great. This season they exceeded 500 in number. We now receive the finest co-operation from stations large and small in all sections of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres....In a large measure this success is due to the faithful and untiring efforts of our present and past officers and committeemen who have endeavored to bring added radio enjoyment to members and DXers everywhere while at the same time steadily making The Newark News Radio Club the largest and finest of its kind.....I am proud to have been one of the first from New York City to join the club and take this means of extending to the NNRC my very best wishes for lots of good luck and success with our new radio magazine".

DX Chatter of June, 1934- WRAM changed call letters to WDNC and moved from Wilmington to Durham, N. C. and changed to 1500 kcs....A new station in operation in Havana, Cuba with the call COD is using 690kcs. and aspiring to 1,000,000 watts!

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All for now and a pleasant summer to everyone!

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We are continuing pages from "The Dialist" of June, 1934 with Frank Scott's article "The Story of a Dxer". Frank was Vice President of the NNRC at that time.

I wonder how many would be interested in the story of a DXer who started in the days when crystal sets were all the rage?...My first set was a homemade outfit, consisting of a few turns of wire on an oatmeal box, a galena detector with a cat-whisker and a pair of headphones....With this outfit we used to listen to programs from WJY, WJZ and WEAJ and on particularly good nights could hear WGY (then 500w) and once in a while, WOO, Philadelphia. This was used until 1924 when a WD-11 tube was purchased and used with a single circuit tuner. This set was splendid in those days of few radios and few stations. One of my biggest thrills was receiving KHJ one Xmas morning and hearing the magic words "This is radio station KHJ, Los Angeles, Calif." I might say that the first DX station heard was WHAS, Louisville.

After 1924 a swell time was had by everyone making and trying new hook-ups as published in the New York papers. We would get these papers Saturday afternoons, rush to the nearest parts store to get the necessary pieces of apparatus to build these wonderful affairs, work feverishly for hours and then spend the night trying to make them work. There was one of these hook-ups that had considerable merit and with it the writer was able to log and verify 2BD and 2LO during the international tests of 1924, when the American stations stood by for one hour so that the British stations could be heard. This set consisted of two 201-A tubes, a regenerative detector, one stage of radio and one stage of audio that was reflexed on the radio tube. This set was very sensitive and gave a powerful signal but was very broad in tuning in those days. However, this was not a serious drawback as there were not many stations on the air and those that were operating went to bed much earlier in the evening than they do now. There were no such thing then as a "twenty-four hour nuisance."

Next, I decided to build a neutrodyne using all 199 tubes and with it I had some wonderful luck (both good and bad). I might mention one incident in passing. While making some adjustments the screw driver slipped. There was a momentary brightening of four tubes, then darkness, and an all-gone feeling in my stomach when I thought of those four tubes at \$3 per. From 1924 to 1928 it was my practise to make up a log of stations heard from September to June and then when the year was ended, throw the log away and start another one the next year. What a nice lot of veries I would have had now if I had kept and verified them! It makes me sad when I think of it now.

I have used so many types of receivers during the past three or four years. The Federal was one of the best DX sets I ever operated, but unfortunately it would not cover the broadcast band of today. Now, I have an RCA 80 and a home-made DX set. The latter consists of three tubes, a regenerative detector, one stage of tuned radio and one stage of audio. With it, I do practically all of my DXing from my summer place at Fairhaven, N. J., and from this location have logged and verified stations all over the United States, Canada and Mexico, besides stations in Hawaii, France, Australia and New Zealand. The past season has not been an ideal one for DXing as there has been too much static both of the terrestrial and celestial varieties, caused no doubt by the abnormal weather conditions of the past winter. In spite of this I believe all DXers have had a successful season thanks to the many programs arranged by our Courtesy Programs Committee.

Of fifty stations added this season, forty were the result of the specials arranged by our CPC. Outstanding catches were KVOS, CJOC, LR-5, CMJH, FQN, Radio Normandie, CFJC, CHAB, VOAS, KGDM and 2BL. My log now stands as follows: Stations heard, 956; verified to date, 840, with six reports still out.

We hope you enjoy this article by Frank Scott from the "Pioneer Days".



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Continuing with excerpts from the June, 1934 issue of the Dialist, we bring you this month experiences of those days "With the DXers".

"I have been DXing for three years and have a 'heard log' of 616 stations and 495 verifications," writes Margaret Bossett, Irvington, N. J. "I have at least one verification from every state and Canadian province, three from Europe and three from South America. My best catches in the United States are KXRO, a 100-watter on the West Coast; KFVD and KXA both 250 watts, and WHBC and WNBW, 10 watters. I have ten Mexican verifications with XES being the best catch. I operate a Scott all wave standard receiver which is two years old. My aerial is about sixty-five feet long with a twenty-five foot lead-in. It is single strand ship aerial wire and runs from East to West."

Vice President Fred W. Janssen says: "Heard a new Mexican station for the first time April 16. It was XEAF 990kcs. and located in Nogales, Sonora. They announced in Spanish and English. This was their English announcement: 'This is radio station XEAF, The Voice of Western Mexico!' Heard them until 9:50 PM PST. Radex states XEAF is located in the Hotel Central, Nogales."

With a record of 714 stations heard and 582 verified, of which 52 are 2,000 milers, Roy X. Utter, Succasunna, N. J. signs off for the season to devote his time to fishing. Spare time that is.

Summarizing results of his DX activities, Milton Fleischman, South Orange, N. J. has 191 verifications of which three are 2,000 milers. Milton is awaiting replies to his letters to thirty six stations and of that number, fourteen are in the 2,000 mile category. His best catches are LR5, 10BQ, WKAQ, CJRM, KMPC. Four Cubans, one Mexican, thirteen Canadians and fifty-four 100 watters have been verified.

Referring to his DX accomplishments, James E. Good, Linden, N. J., says: "After eight years of dial twisting about all I can boast of is an abundance of patience and persistence., vital factors in success is to be achieved in search of those elusive Ks, Ws and other distant stations. Despite the fact that this past Winter has been very noisy, signal strength has been amazing at times and I feel well compensated for my efforts and loss of sleep. European reception was coming along nicely until the shake-up over there in January. Since then, many of the stations that could be heard are not now so easily received with the exception of Poste Parisien; however, I believe that next Winter we will hear plenty about them in our column. I am very optimistic.....A summary of my verifications shows that I have 516 in the United States, forty-one Canadians, sixteen Mexicans, eighteen Cubans, one in Central America, one in Newfoundland, three South Americans, two in Germany, two in France, and one each in Puerto Rico, Haiti, Miquelon Island and the Dominican Republic. Fifty three of my stations are 2,000 miles or more distant from my location. My total of stations logged is 604 with a few more to hear from."

Ida C. Henninger, Allentown, Pa. has a log of 860 stations of which 742 are verified. DXing since March 1, 1930, Miss Henninger has acquired verifications from 206 K stations and 408 W stations in this country. The remainder are 65 Canadians, 22 Mexicans and 25 Cubans. Others are LR-5; 4QG Australia; HJN Colombia; HIX Dominican Republic; 2 Francs; Berlin, Germany; KGU-KGMB Hawaii; Miquelon Island; VOAS-VONF Newfoundland; 2YA New Zealand; 1 in Puerto Rico; CX-26 Uruguay and YV1BC Venezuela. One of the club's Super-Aces, Miss Henninger, has heard 115- 2000 mile stations and verified an even 100. Since September 7, 1933, she has received 99 confirmations. The difference in the heard and verified log is accounted for by thirty four stations that have been heard but not verified and eighty-four, now deleted, that were listed but not confirmed.

For the benefit of those members not familiar with the Dialist, back in 1934 this was the official publication of the NNRC. It was in printed magazine form and the first issue was dated June, 1934. The second issue was published in September. After 5 issues it was discontinued and the present bulletin was adopted.

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This month we present "The Station's View Point" by A. L. McKee, Manager of Radio Station WHBU Anderson, Indiana from the November, 1934 issue of "The Dialist". Mr. McKee was a real friend of the DXer in those days and well I recall the checks that station WHBU had for the FCC each month. The Brooklyn, Indiana, Connecticut and Baltimore Chapters would vie with each other to see which one sent the most reports to WHBU.

"How does a DX fan feel towards a broadcasting station and how does the station feel towards the DX fan? Perhaps I am not qualified to answer fully the first half of that question, but I do believe I can present the broadcasters opinions.

Many, many moons have come and gone since I first read the Newark News Radio Club flashes and you may be sure that I have had ample opportunity to witness the hammerings of DX fans desiring verifications of reception. Apparently no station manager, has so far, had the nerve or opportunity to speak from the other side of the fence, but as I have been invited to express my ideas, I shall be glad to do so.

Believe it or not, we at the radio stations are human and we want to help DXers in every way possible, but there are some things we cannot do. When we receive a letter asking for a dedicatory DX program, we would like to comply and take time out to broadcast for the one who requested it but there are so many such requests, that it just cannot be done.

When we do go on with a DX broadcast during the wee hours of the morning, we wonder who is listening in and where. Then we wait prepared to acknowledge and verify reports. In about two days a flock of postal cards roll in. Some of them say: "I heard your program at such and such a time; you played such and such a record. Please verify." Still others say: "Thanks for the program; please verify." Remember they are postal cards and during our program we suggested that postage be included for verifications. Yet we get the cards.

We have had a heck of a time keeping our heads above water what with trying to comply with all the rules and regulations and endeavoring to pay the rent, salaries and other expenses. Still there are the letters and postal cards and the big question is what to do with them. If the previous month has been good and we have a \$1.50 in the bank, we usually buy postal cards and acknowledge these reports; or perhaps, we use a printed form. Then we feel that we have satisfied the DXers, but shortly afterwards we receive some of the hottest letters that Uncle Sam ever let come through the mail. This of course is because there has been some delay in our answers but we have spent the \$1.50 and we have to take it.

Then the second batch of mail comes in. These reports are generally in the form of return postal cards, nicely printed and all we have to do is sign them if correct. The fellow who invented that postal card system may not know it, but you can believe me he is a friend to every station manager in America and it tickles us pink to sign those cards and mail them out. Postage is 90 per cent of the cost of our DX programs and this Fall The Newark News Radio Club will have a much easier time persuading stations to put on DX programs if club rules require return postal cards for verifications.

The third class of reports included letters some of which are just "thank you's" for the program and they include postage. However, the writers do not give us any more information than a hog knows about Sunday, but they expect us to verify. It just isn't in the book and, of course, we see our names again in the columns."

(Continued Next Month)

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We conclude "The Station's View Point" as told to us by Mr. A. L. McKee, Manager of Station WHBU, Anderson, Indiana as written in the Dialist in 1934.

"Then there is the DX fan who takes the time to give you the exact title and time you played a selection- not only one but oftentimes five and even a complete program. That's the kind of a report we like to receive because it contains not only information about the program but weather conditions, strength of our signals, whether we fade and in fact, the complete dope. We receive about four or five such reports every DX program and how our engineering department fights for those letters! This type of fan also encloses return postage or a return postal card. He's a pal!

After DX programs we let our mail accumulate a few days and then my secretary has the job of acknowledging and it is a mess! Eventually all of it is taken care of and we feel happy to think that we ran the program. Then some bird writes in about six or eight weeks later and wants a verification. He probably saw one his friend had and wants to get one himself even though he was asleep during the broadcast. So I ask you, DX fan what would you do? Well, that's just what we did.

Of course, we are only a small station out here in Indiana but if the trials and tribulations of a DX program are ten times worse than ours on a 10,000 watt station, I certainly sympathize with you 10,000 watters.

Think it over, DXers. Get a return postal card from the post office, fill it out when you want a verification, send it in and 95 per cent of your verification troubles will be permanently over."

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Dave Thomas, formerly of Proctorville, Ohio and now residing in Tampa, Florida comments as follows: "The October issue mentioned Mr. A. L. McKee and WHBU. I remember the station well. It started out as a 15-watter, and the reason I know all this is when I read your article it rang a bell so I went to the files and there it was No. 1, Vol. 1 WHBU first program and station booklet. This booklet was released about December, 1930 and had a 1/8th page picture of Mr. McKee on the last page as manager of the station." I will look forward to the balance of the article next month and like this old column very, very much. Keep it up!"

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From London, England, John J. Baxter, a member of the Board wrote, "The Eiffel Tower station is to cease broadcasting....that Lima, Peru now has what is claimed to be the most powerful short wave station in South America- 20kw. on 38.36 meters.... that broadcasting in Esthonia is soon to be nationalized... that there will be no transmissions from Sottens, (Radio Suisse Romande) for the first few months of 1935 but they are boosting power to 50KW....that there is talk of introducing licenses for listeners in Holland...."Pay what you can afford, when you can afford it, and if you cannot pay, well then they will say 'forget it', says the London New Chronicle... that British Broadcasting Corporation adult education talks have been reduced to 3 a week....that Rome's power is going to a new high very soon- 150KW after which listeners in North America should be able to receive it....that all New Zealand stations are scheduled to increase power....that the new Lahti transmitter, 150 to 200KW is going up soon.... that Radio-Rennes, France will be on the air with 40KW shortly and that Poland has equipped its long distance trains with radio."

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It is gratifying to me to learn that so many are interested in this column about the Pioneer Days and my sincere thanks to all who have written expressing their views. We hope to be able to bring many interesting experiences and articles concerning these by-gone days. I would appreciate a card or a letter from all those members who have been with the Club from 15 years and over. It would aid me in searching my copies of the Dialist and Bulletins for their names and comments of those days. Some of you may have forgotten your experiences from those days and this column will bring back some memories of those good old days. In the meantime, best wishes for a successful DX season to everyone.

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This issue we go back to the Dialist of December, 1934 as it seems most appropriate due to the reception of the Trans-Atlantic stations this month.

"The present DX season has been unusual in that listeners along the Atlantic Coast and even in sections farther inland have been hearing consistently, a number of European broadcasters, including Post Parisien 959kcs., Paris and Toulouse, 914 kcs., all in France, during the late afternoon. Last year Poste Parisien and Radio Normandie, 1458kcs., Fecamps, France were logged on early morning programs by thousands of DXers. It will be remembered that the former rebroadcast Australian cricket matches received by telegraph direct from 'down under'. Here and there reports of reception of European stations were received but these were confined chiefly to the New England States and Maritime Provinces of Canada.

The 1934-1935 season had hardly gotten under way when headquarters of the NNRC was deluged with listeners' mail and in almost every instance the writers were amazed at the signal strength and clarity of the signals of our friends across the Atlantic. Among our regulars this year are Poste Parisien, Radio Normandie, Radio Toulouse and Radio Strasbourg, all in France. The latter is assigned to 859 kcs. The Germans too, are frequent visitors to these shores. Best bets in that country are Cologne 660kcs., Munich, 745; Hamburg, 904; and Frankfurt, 1195 kcs. HAL, 545kcs. Budapest, Hungary is also being reported although not as regularly as the others. Another infrequent one is Radio Beromunster, 555kcs., Switzerland.

Copenhagen, Denmark 1178kcs. has been logged on various occasions while IlTO, Turin, Italy 1140kcs. and Trieste, also in Italy and on 1223kcs. might be classed with the regulars. The scarcity of reports of European reception from DXers in the middle and far west is causing quite some comment as to the eccentricities of Trans-Atlantic reception inasmuch as the signal strength of stations in Europe has been exceptionally good along the eastern seaboard. Various reasons have been advanced for this phenomena but it is safe to say that in most instances it is by reason of the use of super-power which seems to be in vogue with the broadcasters in all sections of the world. European stations are in most cases, quite prompt in answering listeners letters and in verifying correct reports of reception."

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NNRC HAM NOTES: Although a recent addition to the club, William E. Mays, Linden, N. J. is an old timer on the ham frequencies where he is known as W2CEJ. Bill acquired his call back in '28, is mostly CW on 80 and 20 meters, likes to chew the rag and never lets a QSP go by. Two rigs of low and medium poer are used, both crystal controlled..... Our eminent Jersey City DXer, Charles M. O'Brien, owns two amateur calls W2EQS and W3DPY. Charlie has relayed important traffic, has worked sixes and sevens, likes rag chews and thinks ham radio is a great game and a swell hobby. W2EQS will soon burst forth with a new crystal controlled rig working fone on 160 and CW on 80, 40 and 20 meters..... Howard Beidelman, the club's technical advisor, has long owned a ham license and the call W2FHC. Howard, believe it or not, likes hi rag chews and can be found near the low frequency end of the 80 meter band with an M.O.P.A. using a pair of hard-pushed 'tens in the final. Class A fone is contemplated when the depression is over.

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Did you know that in September of 1926 the city of Chicago had more stations than Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware and the District of Columbia combined? The Chicago stations of that date were KYW, WAAF, WBBM, WBBZ, WBCN, WDBY, WEBH, WENR, WFKB, WGES, WGN, WGO, WHBL, WHBM, WHT, WIBJ, WIBL, WIBM, WIBO, WJAZ, WLIB, WLS, WLTS, WMAQ, WMBB, WOK, WPCC, WQJ, WSAX and WSBC.

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In a future issue the names of the editors of the NNRC will be listed together with their years of service. These will be compiled from our bulletins commencing with VOL. 1, No. 1. Best wishes for a great DX season to all.