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First of all, sincere thanks to all who remembered us during the Holidays with cards. They are appreciated very much. We hope every one will have a Happy and Healthful Year in 1968 and many more to come.

We continue with musings from the December 1934 issue of The Dialist and these that follow are from "The DXers Corner".....Henry T. Tyndall, Jr., Burlington, Vt. wrote: "The only catches in November were WLXBS, KYW (Philadelphia), XEAF, XEK and COA. COA was plenty tough as there was plenty of interference and a high noise level; was able however, to get his announcements and a number of selections for verification. XEK was fairly good but XEAF was weak and not on 990. I found him to be nearer 1005kcs., and he was pretty close to KYW. Only new veries are from WLLH, WTCN and the short waver, ORK. Tuned in COH at 5:15 PM, November 21; he came in very well."

DXing, according to Carleton Lord, Akron, Ohio, has been spotty for some time now. Carl says he found September and the early part of October most favorable with everything pointing to a good old-fashioned season. However, static and noise level and local interference have increased the last month and his chances of hearing a few Aussies and Zedders were null and void. Despite the QRM, Carl has added 34 new ones since September to bring his log total to 891. Best catches were XEXX, 2BL, XEJ, XEK and XEAF..... Submitting a resume of his DXing activities, Lloyd S. Hahn, Baltimore, Md. states he has added 33 new ones this season including YVLR, LS2, TGW, CKBI, CKGX, XEMO and KFKU. Lloyd's log contains 790 stations of which 650 are verified and 105 are 1,900 milers. Eighty-one of the latter have confirmed his reception.

From "Short Wave Notes" the following was written, "That if you want real Cuban music, listen to COC Havana 6010kcs. every Saturday at 11:30 PM.... that COA, a new Cuban on 9500 kcs. broadcasts nightly from 8 to 10:30....that our old friend Frank Jones (of 6KW) is transmitting under the call of CM6XS from Tunicu, Cuba on 8250 kc= and is being heard from 10 to 10:30 in the evening....that PRADO, Ecuador, is being heard very nicely Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 PM....that KQH, Kahuku, Hawaii changes frequency to 14920kcs....that you SWLs who want to log Russia will find RV15 in Khabarovsk, Siberia on 4250kcs. best from 4 to 9 AM....that RKI and RNE (15040 and 12001 kcs. respectively) are going to test for American SW fans every Saturday between 9 and 11 AM with WQP, Rocky Point on 13901kcs.... that when writing for a verification to Russia address as USSR....that HJ3ABB Bogota, Colombia will send gifts to those reporting reception of advertising programs. They use 7400kcs. and the time of these broadcasts is from 7 to 10:30 PM....that the 49 meter band is now at its best, which of course, is only natural at this time of the year."

Another article "Defining a DX Station" had this to say:"We are asked 'What is a DX Station?' many times during the course of a season by the uninitiated. Some want to know if distance, power or lack of power are requisites to classify a station as a DX catch. We therefore mention the circumstances, or combination of circumstances, whereby any station may be in that category depending upon your geographical location. For example: KFI 640kcs. Los Angeles only a few years back used 5000 watts and was then considered a good catch. Now that it has 50,000 watts, few listeners on this continent consider it such but in South America, Europe, Asia, Australia or New Zealand it is still alluring to the dial twister....Another example: In Omaha is located station WAAW which operates on 660kcs. with 500 watts. To listeners in the western part of the country WAAW is an ordinary catch but in those sections covered by WEAJ assigned to the same frequency, WAAW is very desirable and until several months ago was missing from may logs. The reason? WAAW signs on and signs off while WEAJ is operating its 50,000 watts. Daytime stations outside of their normal coverage area are usually considered to be good catches. Stations that rarely transmit special early morning programs and especially those on crowded channels are good catches. For example KGGC San Francisco on 1420kcs. Summed up and in the final analysis we can answer questioners that a DX catch depends where you live and the conditions.

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Our column this month is from the pages of the February, 1935 issue of "The Dialist". From the "DXers' Corner" we noted that Harold W. Robinson, 310 W. 8th Street, Lansdale, Pa. wrote, "I have followed the doings of NNRC members and DXers with much interest, especially those pulling in the foreign stations which I haven't been able to log yet. The locality in which I live has been very noisy due to a high tension line about 500 yerds distant and a leak has made reception at almost anytime impossible. Listened to Director Lloyd Hahn and the other members of the Baltimore Chapter on WDEL January 20 and enjoyed them very much. They are a mighty fine bunch of DXers. Would be glad to hear from any other club members in Pennsylvania with the view to forming a chapter in our state".

Birely Ross, 2426 Alco Street, Dallas, Texas is a shut-in. DXing is his greatest hobby and all dial twirling is done on the broadcast band. Birely has 500 verifications of reception and considers JOHK, JOAK-1, JOIK, JCBK-2, JOCK-2, IYA, LR-5, TGW and KGU his best catches. He uses and RCA Model RE-73 tuned radio frequency receiver.

One of the leaders of the DXing fraternity in the matter of stations logged and verified, Milton P. Christa, 18092 Fairfield Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, during a recent period received verifications from six different countries. Some of the best were CX-26, HJN, CKOV, W6XAI, XEAA, XEWZ, KNOW completing Texas, WTCN completing Minnesota, WKEU and WPAX. WPAX completed Georgia. Milt's heard stations total 940 and CKOV was the 900th verification. He wrote that he could only say that in DXing the farther he goes the harder they are to get. Milto needs but four W's- WHBI, WDNC, WATR and WLNH and but nine Canadians including CJCB and CHNS.

December 24, 1934 marked the completion of ten years of DXing for Andrew Hill, 14 Worthley Street, Red Bank, N. J. Starting off with a three tube home-made outfit, Andy has since acquired 625 stations of which 102 were added this season. He stated that this is the first year he has been able to log stations overseas. He now has three in France, two Italians, six Germans and one each in Spain and Portugal. To the South he has two in Argentina, one each in Bolivia and Central America and a number in Cuba, Haiti and Mexico. Westward Andy has two Australians. A further achievement has been the reception of six 100 watters all more than 2000 miles from Red Bank.

SW Chatter noted that JVM Nazaki, Ibariki-Pen, Japan 10740kc. can be heard daily from 4:30 to 8 PM, as can JVN 10660kc.; both relay programs of the Japanese BC station JOAK Tokyo. JVF 15620kc. converses with KWU Dixon, Cal. during the evening hours....NIROM(YDA) 6120kc. Bandoeng, Java transmits from 7 to 10 AM EST daily; Fridays to 11 AM and Saturdays to 11:30AM; few announcements are in English but this station signs off with the familiar "Good Night" used as a concluding selection by so many BC stations in this country; English phonograph recordings are broadcast on Fridays between 9:30 and 10 AM and Chinese music from 10 to 11 AM the same day; power is 1500 watts.....that the new station in Pernambuco, Brazil PRA-8, 6030kc. is on from 4-6 PM daily, a bugle call identifies it.....PRF-5, 9505kc. Rio de Janeiro can be heard with an excellent signal between 5:30 and 6 PM EST.....that the Indo-American Chain, composed of YV4RC 6400kc., YV5RMO, 5860kc., HJ3ABD, 7400kc., HJLABB 6450kc. and YNLF, 6800kc. transmits a very interesting program every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 PM EST.

Back in 1926 many stations had slogans which they used to identify themselves as well as with call letters. A few ~~xxxx~~ of these slogans are: AT-9 Fort Bragg, N. C. "The Pioneer Broadcasting Station of the Army"; KDLR Devils Lake, N. D. "North Dakota's Own Station"; KDYL Salt Lake City "The Little Station With the Big Voice"; KFAD Phoenix, Ariz. "The Voice of the Atwater-Kent Radio"; KFGB Phoenix, Arizona "Kind Friends Come Back"; KFDM Beaumont, Texas "Kall For Dependable Magnolene"; KFEY Kellogg, Idaho "The Voice of the Coeur D. Alenes"; KFFP Moberly, Mo. "The Gospel Messenger of the Air"; KFGQ Boone, Iowa "The Daniel Boone Station".

Best wishes for a year of good DXing to all.

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In the Dialist for March, 1935 is an article "The DX Bug" written by William Vornkahl which we are reproducing. We hope it brings back fond memories to the old-timers and that the newer members of the Club will enjoy it.

I know what it means to be bitten by the DX bug for I have been bitten good. I have been dialing for stations ever since the good old days of the crystal set and the three-circuit tuner. I have been on the verge of retiring on numerous occasions but every time I decide to, the old bug takes another bite. Sometimes when I have DXed all night and received nothing but static, I think: "Well, what's the use, the stations won't come in, my set is no good, etc." Then shortly afterwards I note the listing of some good specials in the NNRC schedules and before I know it, I am losing sleep again. I have just about concluded there is no cure for me.

I can still remember FWX, 6KW and one that I haven't heard of since the International Tests, CZE, "City of Zealous Education", Mexico City. Wouldn't it be great to have all stations on this continent remain silent for the Europeans as they did a few years ago? I was up those mornings but all I could get on my three-circuit outfit was a whistle. What I wouldn't do now with my Majestic 130 or Radiola 60! Now, if you haven't at least a couple of Europeans you are not much of a DXer.

The first sets I used were of my own making. I kept a log but I never verified. Oh, how I wish I did! It makes me sick to look at my old lists and see some of the stations I heard but will never hear again. My first ready made set was a Crosley; one of those with the book-type condensers. What a thrill when I heard KFKA Greeley, Colo! WOC Davenport, Iowa was considered distance those days. The next was an RCA16. Soon after getting this set I became ill and had to give up DXing for several years. But as soon as I started to improve the old bug started its work. I would sneak up on the radio in the early evening and before I knew it I was at it again. I was presented with my present Majestic 130 and had to see what it could do in the wee morning hours. One morning while listening, I heard the NNRC mentioned over the air and wrote to find out details about this "little" organization. I joined the club about the middle of February, 1931. I discarded my old logs and started out with a fresh slate February 19, 1931. By the end of the first season I had a log of 279 stations heard and 100 of them verified; 10 were 2000 milers. My best catches were TJW, Bermuda 7½ watts; XETY and KGA.

The 1931-1932 season brought my log up to 582 stations (507 verified) including fifty 2000 milers. I verified every call possible. You can see that I got 407 verifications and that was some job. I verified all the locals in this one season and if I can do, our honorable treasurer ought to be able to do. The best catches this season included RUS, XETA, KFWI, KTAB, KOIN, XEFB and KDB. The latter held out from February until June and I needed this one for the required number of 2000 milers to become a Super Ace. I made it though. The 1932-1933 season was the best I have had since I was bitten by the bug. My log went up to 727 heard and 663 verified, including ninety-one 2000 milers. I received my first verification from Europe and also one I consider my best catch, 10-AT the 25-watter in British Columbia. Others were XEN, KFPY, KID, RUS, KOIN, KFXD, KERN, KPJM, KXO, KFXM, KFBK, Heilsberg-Gleiwitz, Trieste and Poste Parisien. At the beginning of this season I was out of work and how I did DX! Every morning from the first of October to the middle of December. Then I got a job that took up too much of my time to do any intensive DXing and the only time I was at my set was from 2 to 5 AM Saturdays and Sundays. This season also brought my first Australian 4BC Brisbane. Bill goes on and tells of the succeeding seasons in which he logged and verified quality stations some of which were LR5, Radio Normandie, 4QC, Munich, Milan, Toulouse, YV1RC, LS2, TGW, CX26 to bring the 2000 milers verified to 113.

This is about it for this issue, best wishes for good DXing to everyone.

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This issue we go to the Dialist for the month of April, 1935 and in "The DXers Corner we find many interesting experiences.

Carl Forestieri (The Bronx Owl), New York City reports his verifications now total 770 of which 104 are in the 2,000 mile category. In six months Carl has acquired 96 confirmations of reception and he considers XEE, Durango, Mexico, a 20-watter his best catch of the season. Since February 20 he has added IYA, W8XAR, CPX, KJBS, CHCK, KLO to complete his forty-first state- Utah; CP-4, HHK, KYW, WMFJ, WAIM, WATR, CKCW, WMFF and WIRE. Veries have been received from Rennes, France; CX-26, CT-1GL; XFX, KJBS, XEE, XELO, XEI, CRCW, W8XAR, KLCN, WHIO, W3XDD, KFRO, WMEX, CHCK, KLO, KYW, WFIL, KABN, CHMI and WMFF who answered in four days. Carl found it necessary to use the double post card method to procure verifications from KLCN, WMEX, WFIL, KFRO, KABN and WHIO.

At the beginning of the present DX season last September, Perry L. Hoskins of Spring Brook, Wisconsin set a goal of 100 verifications. To date he has received 89 of that number with several more to come in. He lists HHK, TGW, LR-5 and CJLS as his best catches this year. Perry asks how many have logged the new call of KSO Des Moines on 1320 kcs., KRMT. They sign on at 0700.

According to Ray Everly, Newton, Illinois, KXA Seattle, Washington is on the air daily from 0100 to 0400 EST. KPCB Seattle transmits from 0930 to 0600 the following day. Ray also adds that CRCV, Vancouver, B. C. is now using 500 watts and broadcasts daily until 0100 EST.

To Milt Christa, Detroit goes the honor of being the first DXer to report logging of every active W station in the United States. That feat occurred Sunday morning, April 6, when he heard WHBI with a special broadcast for the NNRC. Milt also has forty states completely verified.

Robert Base, Baltimore, Md. reports three additions for March- CFJC, CHCK and the short waver HJ-LABA. New ones so far this month are KTW, WMFF, KGVO, WIRE, KABR and KIUJ.

Short Wave Notes reported the following: the new station DJQ recently put into operation by the Reichsrundfunkgesellschaft on 19.63 meters is now operating on regular schedule with programs for Asia. The signal of DJQ is concentrated on Asia by means of a new directional antenna system.

HAS-3 at Budapest, Hungary broadcasts each Sunday from 0900 to 1000 on 19.52 meters and HAT-4, also in that city, broadcasts from 1800 to 1900 the same day. These two stations appreciate reports of reception and will answer all communications.

The American Hour, a program of familiar music with announcements in English, is broadcast through I2RO Rome, Italy, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1800 to 1930 EST on 49.30 meters. All communications will be answered.

The short wave DXer should be on the lookout for W2XAD, 19.5 meters, as they sometimes broadcast special tests with South America and Australia. W2XAD is operated by the General Eceltric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

From Australia comes the information that the programs of the National Broadcasting Service are being relayed through 3LR, 9850 kcs. This station uses 600 watts output and is on the air from 2315 to 0330.

If while tuning your favorite short wave set, you should chance to hear an announcement sounding phonetically like this: "Akee Say doess Aah Hotah en Ponta Delgada Akorrays", you are tuned in on CT-2AJ San Miguel, Azores. This station is using 50 watts output on 83 meters but may soon shift to 3500kcs. They are on the air every Wednesday and Saturday from 1700 to 1900. Their announcements are in Portuguese.

This about takes care of it for this issue and we wish everyone good DXing for the remainder of this season. Good luck in adding new ones to your logs. We would like to hear from some of you old-timers in order that we may go through our old issues and reprint some of your past experiences.

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This issue we go back to the NNRC Bulletins of 1937. It was during this year Director Peter J. McKenna offered to reproduce snapshots of club members for a club record and also to send a reproduction to each member of the club with their bulletin in each issue until a complete set of members' pictures was had by everyone. The one stipulation was that the snapshot be good in detail that it could be reproduced. Also a thumbnail sketch of the member would be printed on the reverse side.

This was also the year that the various chapters of the NNRC were vying with one another for DXing prowess and other things in general. From "Dishing It Out" our Editor, Irving R. Potts, wrote as follows: "We have heard on good authority that the Baltimore Boosters (the Indiana Firelighter insists that it is 'Boasters') aren't a bit backward in predicting that they will again repeat this year at the convention in Lansdale and romp off with the lion's share of the prizes as they did in 1936. Well, we have a hunch that the opposition is going to be keener this year and there may be some surprises in store for the chumps (pardon, we should have said champs). However, we learn that Lou McVey of Sparrows Point, Md. who used to be a pretty fair DXer, can be seen most every evening out behind the barn, practising diligently with the quoits he is bringing to Lansdale, determined to bring home a chicken and the questionable honor of being the NNRC's best slinger. And they tell me that Tom Kelley, the pride of Dundalk, who once upon a time was a fair ball player, that is before Dan Cupid hit him with a high fast one on the inside corner, is undergoing torture trying to reduce the size and scope of his bay window so that if he should accidentally get a hit he will be able to get to first base without being carried there. Gotcher Hat On Barney Ahman (ask the Rooster the reason for the nom de plume) the mighty bulwark of the Baltimoreans, has been training strenuously at the lady's game of duck pins (none of the Marylanders bowl big pins because the balls are too heavy) for some time now for two sinister reasons. First and foremost, to gain a sylph-like figure to impress a certain fair Nawth Ca'lina weakness he has and secondly, the herculean task of carrying those eight other palookas who have a crazy idea that they can play baseball. Of course we refer to that Baltimore Chapter ball club and we should have mentioned before this that the results of Barney's training are a bowling score of a 125 game and a 77 the next. Now then, judge for yourself what a great bunch of ball players those Boosters are.

All of this reminds us that Indiana, which is to be represented by several officers and members at the Convention, including Art Foerster and Earl Roberts, has been non-committal about its athletic intentions. But that is to be expected as the Firelighter has aged tremendously the last few months and that means that Newark will have to carry the burden of extinguishing those upstarts from down along the Chesapeake. Looks like Grandpa Foerster will umpire from a wheel chair and if Earl is able to, why he can be the water boy with the other Indians his assistants.

Doctors Hart and Varrelman will be on hand with ice pails and liniment to take care of all sprained ankles, etc. while Joe Smith will probably be evicted from the ball park before the third inning for umpire baiting. Considering all these facts, it looks as though we are in for a really interesting day on July 11. Come early, ladies and gents and see Newark knock those Orioles for a historical fare thee well, that is with the help of California, Chicago, Indiana, Connecticut and Brooklyn. Get this straight- Brooklyn volunteered to help."

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The foregoing was taken for everyone to read and try to attend our Convention this coming June. While we do not have the many chapters now as we did years ago, all those who attend have a wonderful time meeting those with who you correspond and those with their many DXing experiences. Try to attend this year.

This takes care of this month. Best wishes for a pleasant summer to all.

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From the July 1, 1942 issue of the NNRC Bulletin our editor, Irving R. Potts, mentioned that at this time of the year with the great outdoors beckoning, DXing was placed as a matter of secondary importance. Members' attention was called to the fact that listening to foreign stations was a patriotic duty today, inasmuch as the Federal Communications Commission at Washington solicited the Club's cooperation to acquire all possible information pertaining to the calls, frequencies and other data pertaining to SW stations broadcasting in other countries, particularly those arrayed against the United Nations. All such reports were to be sent to SW Editor, Earl R. Roberts, Indianapolis who would forward the information to the FCC.

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO: Comment was made by Charles Paulmer, Brooklyn, N. Y. that the NNRC SW Log by Messrs. Williams and Hart was the best and most comprehensive that he had ever seen and the bulletins had enabled him to log several new foreign stations already.

Bob Koppelon, Newark, N. J. reported that he had logged 29 new stations during April making it the best month for an otherwise poor season. Some of the better catches were KQRS, KRAL, KASH, KIMA, KOLT, KGLU and KTTR. Four new ones were logged during the late afternoon: WFGN, WXRA, WCPA and WOBS. New stations were logged in 45 of the 48 states with Nevada, Utah and Colorado missing. Verified total of log at 1738 with 52 reports out.

Norman Maguire, Albuquerque, N. M. wrote that he did little DXing on the BCB and that he had started amateur band dial twisting losing less sleep. Verifications still coming in included KDWT, KBYE, WABZ, WORA, KFRM, KSCO, WAVL, KRPL, KVLH, KFKU, KODY, WXLT, KRKO, WMID, WPTW, WCOM, KSYC, HHGM, and Radio Trinidad. Over the 1400 mark in veries with 20 reports still out.

In Jimmy Hart's Short Wave Section, G. M. Kosalapoff, Dayton, Ohio stated that for the DXer there were two important features in a receiver- usable sensitivity and selectivity. Of all receivers that he had tried the following was the best for DX- the well known BC-348 surplus receiver using a BC-453-B as a double conversion unit. The 348 has excellent stability and sensitivity after the slight modifications that were described in detail in QST. The band spread on the 348 was better than any other except the Collins.

From the Amateur Section "With the Hams" by Gail Beyer, Murray Buitekant of Brooklyn, N. Y. reported some of the better calls heard recently and they included KH6KH/KB6; J2RWR, J2GIL, J2NZR, J5LZQ, J9ATT, J9ABO, J5AIR, J2BNR, W6AOB/Aircraft, ZC6LA, J2HYS, J2GHQ, J2NZK, J5LQK, HA4AB, OZ3JA, OZ5FY, J9ABL, VK9GW, W7JED/KG6, ZS6LW, ZS6U, ZS6Z, CPLJR, ZD4AH, ZS6JI, J2ROC, ZSiB, and ZS5G.

Leroy Waite, Ballston Spa, N. Y. reported that the months of February and March had paid off with 8 new countries on the amateur bands and 6 new ones on SWBC. On 10 meters the latest DX: M05KW, ZB1KQ, LA3Y, D2JY, ZB1AH, OH2OK, CT1PJ, VE8OI on Baffin Island, VQ4ASC, ZS1DM, ZS5D, KP4ABI/MM, W7RNT/MM 1600 miles NE of New York, W2SFY/MM logged on the first transmission from Cuba, W0SQS/Iwo Jima, FF8FB, ST2JF, SV1GY, HLLWH, SM8AWA/MM S. S. O Ocean off French Guiana during his first phone contact, VE8NB, KG6AAF, CN8MI, VQ5BPD, and YI1B Iraq (14.31)

Johr DeMyer, Lansing, Mich. reported the latest rare ones heard included: VQ8AE, YI1B Erbil, Iraq, and a card from VU7JU siad that he was leaving Bahrein Island in February and that VU7BR and VU7AB had already left and that apparently no amateurs were left in the islands now.

 This about does it for this issue and until the next time, good DXing if you so do during the warmer months, and a pleasant summer to all.

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This issue we are going back to the year of 1942 and we glean that Roger Legge of Binghamton, N. Y. was employed by the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service of the FCC in Washington, D. C. Roger was one of the recognized successful dialers on the higher frequencies.....Also a card received from Jack Schneider, Garwood, N. J. stated that Jack was leaving Fort Dix, N. J. for an unknown destination.

Al (Stogie) Koempel, now on the limmed-out Atlantic Coast in Asbury Park, N.J. wrote that he went fishing recently in the Manasquan River and caught three fluke, one a four-pounder. Al further stated that he had quite a tussle.

Roy N. Licari, now a lieutenant in the army, was at Camp Lee, Va. serving as a Quartermaster Corps Officer and Roy stated that he was expecting overseas duty soon.

In DX tips edited by Frank Pytlak it was stated that Alaska's four standard broadcast band stations were under direct control of the War Department. The stations are KGBU, KFQD, KFAR and KINY. Both KFAR and KINY were recently granted permission to increase power to 5000 watts from 1000.

Earl Roberts in his High Frequencies column stated that short wave reports had dropped to an all time low in spite of our president's request for more and more reports. Even though many were working overtime, Earl asked that we should spare a few hours each week to DX for information which the FCC needed and to report them.

During 1942 Dr. J. R. Brinkley passed away. Many DXers will recall that the many years Dr. Brinkley was on the air he was of interest to DXers. His radio stations were XERA and XEAW. Many times when most stations were off the air, XERA and XEAW were on the air with their sales talks on the treatments at his hospital. XERA itself was a wonder. It announced as "The World's Most Powerful Broadcasting Station" It was reported using up to 500kw, although they actually used 180kw. When XERA was on 840kc. they easily overrode CBL in Toronto on the same frequency. XEAW was also comparable to many 50kw stations. They usually had the same programs which were on most of the border stations using superpower--XERA, XEAW, XENT and XEPN which burned down.

From the June, 1948 issue we note in the amateur section Charles McCormick stated that DXing on the Ham Bands has been very good. Charlie added two more countries with KB6 and KW6. On 20 meter fone 11TB, J2ASV, LX2FN, MB9BA, OZ9AB, VK3IG, VK3DH, VK3GK, VK3VL, VK5ZR, W6ZNT/KW6, ZS1FQ, VK4TD and VK4KH.

Murray Buitekant, Brooklyn, N. Y. stated there was not too much to report in the DX line. Catches included J5AIR, J2BNR, J2AHA, J2NZI, J2SCS, LX2FN, HLLAB, FASWH, FQ8FL, CN8MZ, VPLAP, ZS1KH, OQ5CH, HPLA, ZELJB and ZS2CY.

Phone DX DeLuxe showed the following catches:

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| ARLPC | Beirut, Lebanon by Jack Siring, Ohio | |
| FQ8FL | Brazzaville, Fr. Eq. Africa by Murray Buitekant, N. Y. | |
| HP1LS | Panama City, Panama by Roy Waite | |
| HZ1AC | Arabia by Per Friis, Denmark | On CW all by Per Friis, Denmark: |
| KM6AH | Midway Island by S. Dunham, N. C. | UF6KAB Georgian SSR |
| RV2 | Society Islands by Jack Siring | UG6AB Armenia |
| ZCLAZ | Transjordan by Per Friis | UJ8AD Tadzhik |
| ZM6AF | Western Samoa by Steve Mann, N. Y. | UL7BS Kazakh |
| ZS8A | Bautoland by Sheldon, Dunham, N. C. | UR2AD Estonia |
| | | CR6AN Angola |

We would appreciate hearing from you 'Old-Timers' at anytime. During the many years we have been associated with the NNRC you kind of lose track of those who used to report but now sit back and take it easy. When we go through the old bulletins, it is not possible to know who is still a member and who is not. We like to run the stories of those who are still members and the only way we can is by hearing from you.

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From the July 15, 1939 pages of the NNRC bulletin it was suggested that Summer is an excellent time to get missing Club certificates. Thirty years later, we can also suggest the same thing as DXing kind of slows down. It is also an excellent time to follow-up on stations that have been written previously and try to get their confirmation before the start of another DX season.

In Summer Gleanings of this issue, Mrs. Mary Page, Tulsa, Okla. forwarded a newspaper clipping stating that KOCW, Tulsa's third radio station, a 250-watt and named in honor of the "Oil Capital of the World, would go on the air on 1310 kcs. and operate daytime only.....Secretary John Sanderson, Newark, N. J. had a new QSL card whereon the NNRC is given conspicuous mention.

On High Frequencies edited by Earl R. Roberts, Roger Legge, Jr., Binghamton, N. Y. reported his best catch of the month as VS2AE, Federated Malay States heard at 5:30 AM for the 118th country.....Earl also wrote that he with Tom Denny and Art Foerster had the pleasure of meeting John May and his family from Wilkinsburg, Pa. as they stopped by after a four weeks vacation in the State of Washington. John had a collection of more than 1,000 QSL cards from all parts of the world. The card that stood out as the most picturesque was that received from XZ2EZ, Burma with ZL2BI a close second. John's system of logging stations and QSLs was the neatest and most compact ever seen. Approximately 1400 logged and more than 1000 verified were kept in a small note book about 4x6 inches with a minimum number of pages.

Ken Brink, Montreal, used a unique method to get another copy of the July 15 bulletin when his was accidentally destroyed. VE2NT Montreal, contacted W2KYT Hollis, L. I. (William Nielsen, Jr.) who kindly sent the message to headquarters.

In the July, 1948 issue in BCB Members Reports and Comments edited by Barney Ahman, Porter Atherton of Boston, Mass. wrote "Have received a few new veries since writing last fall. Some that I remember are VOCM, KSMO, KOKX, WOOK, WGBS, WORA, WTHI, WSID, WAYN, WPWA and CFRN. Nothing startling, but with the other calls I can't remember, the total is now 1339. I wonder how the boys made out with the hold-outs: WHAL, WHAR, WGLN, WBOB, WGBT, VOUS, WKNY, WKVM, KOCS, etc. I was happy to get WAYN after such a long time and particularly CJBC after almost a two year wait.....Editor's Note: Oh, well, even though the above is not a DX report, it is at least 122 more words than Prexy Potts has reported this year.....Bob Koppelon, Newark, N. J. stated that he had reported a French station on 1393kc. and today received a confirmation. RDF did not say which station I heard, but listed 5 stations on 1393 as follows: Bordeaux 40kw; Nice II 25kw; Grenoble I 15kw; Montpellier 15kw; and Rouen Louvetot 5KW. They also mentioned that while the above stations were broadcasting at that time, the stations now on 1393 are the same except Rouen Louvetot which has closed down. Also the following new ones are now broadcasting on the same frequency: Strasbourg 10kw; Rennes II 24kw; and Dijon II 20kw. From the location and power it was probably Bordeaux I that I heard.....Bob Gilchrist, Chatham, N. J. stated that this had been a dull month for DXing and that he had been on vacation and too lazy to get up in the early morning. Bob also raised a question on counting verifications from different locations which has been referred to the Board of Directors for an answer as your editor felt that club policy should be restated on this for members before appearing in Members Comments.....Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash. commented that last summer he would have said that those DXers who paced their sets away in mothballs were foolish. He now agrees as Seattle is on Daylight Time and so far it is no boon to DXing. He also received veries from KAUS, KDAC, KDKA, KSPA, KSUH, KVGB, KWEI, KXLL, WBIR, WIND, WJJM, WMT.

Also in the July, 1948 Amateur Section of Earl Roberts, De-eX DeLux Phone included the following stations reported: CT3MN, Madeira Is. by Shelton Dunham; D4AVL/MD7 Nicosia, Cyprus by Roy Waite; TA3FAS Ankara, Turkey by Dunham; VK9BC Lae, New Guinea by Roy Waite; VQ5GHE Uganda (Gatti-Hallicrafters Exp.) by Sheldon Dunham; VR2AR Fiji Islands by Harold Graeme; VR5PL Tonga Islands by Earl Roberts; and ZD3A Gambia by Bob Knox.....Stations to watch for included PO5TS Eastern Borneo; FI3AF, SP1T, CR5AA, CR6RA, CR7AD and VQ8AE all on 20m phone.

 This about does it for this issue and we wish everyone a pleasant summer and good vacationing. Please let us hear from you with your comments and remarks.

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From the pages of the August, 1948 BCB section it was noted that the FCC had given power to the Secretary of the FCC to grant requests for voluntary cancellations of AM and FM permits. Many stations had filed for a permit, but many also were asking that they be granted the right to cancel the request.....Some stations that requested the deletion of their permits included KSJC 1340 Las Vegas, Nev.; WCSR 1420 Cobleskill, N. Y.; KSWR 1340 Rawlins, Wyo.; WIHL 730 Hammond, La.; and KUKH 1400 Ukiah, Calif. All were due to expiration of the original permit or by request.

From the Amateur Section by Earl Roberts the following were listed under De-eX DeLux Phone: FQ8SN Brazzaville, E. E. A. by Sheldon Dunham, N. C.; KB6AG Canton Is. by Steve Mann, N. Y.; W4DGW/KJ6 Johnston Is. by Jimmy Hart, N.J.; ZC6XY Jerusalem, Palestine by Hart, N.J.; ZC6LA Tel Aviv, Israel by John DeMyer, Mich.; ZD3A Bathurst, Gambia by Steve Mann; ZM6AF Apia, W. Samoa by John DeRosa, N. Y. On C. W. SP1V Poland by Dunham, N.C; VS2CB Malaya by Matty Williams, N. J.; VS4JH Labuan Is. by Williams, N.J.; and VS9AB Aden by Williams.

QSL's were received from YI2AM, EL6A, CT1AC, VS6AC, CR9AN, MI3ZJ, KH6FN, KV4AA, KZ5CG, CPlAT and ZL4FO by Matty Williams..... From Jimmy Hart- recent QSLs were received from LA3G; F3OB; ST2FU, MD5PS, ZELJH,..... From Murray Buitekant- J2BNR, J5LQK, J2SCS, J9ATT, LA3G, ZS6Z, SM5SI, HRLKV.....New cards received from John DeMyer ZL4GS, VQ5PBD, W3LYK/Antactica, ZL1HJ, ZS3G, MB9AD, MF2AA, OH6NQ, MI3ZJ, EA7BA, ZD2KC, HA4AB, HA5VV, CQM4 and VP2MY.

From the pages of the September 15, 1938 bulletin Russell Johnson wrote that the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. was erecting a new transmitter at Watrous, Sask. which is half-way between Saskatoon and Regina. The town of Watrous is close by the mineral Lake Manitou. Russell also stated that he had been able to log and send for a verification to ZRK Klipheval, South Africa.....Frank Pytlak, Clifton, N. J. reported the following new catches: WFLA, WLAW, KTEM, WMT, KSCJ, CMJK, KRIS, KWNO, WCLO, WELI, KDAL, WTAW, KRMD, WSAU, WREC, KSD, CMKW, WKEU, WCOC, WNLC, WTHT, KARK, KFBB.

Director John Reichert returned from a motor trip through Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D. C. Joh stated that after October 1 he will be at 50- 38th St., Irvington, N. J.

Back in Swptember, 1938 the following short wave stations were reported through the High Frequencies Column- HBH Geneva, Switzerland; HJY Bogota, Colombia; I2R06 Rome, Italy; PHI Huizen, Holland; ITK Mogadiscio, Italian Somaliland; DZG Zeesen, Germany; OLR5B Prague, Czechoslovakia; DJB, DJL, DJP, DJD all in Zeesen, Germany; OZH Skamlebach, Denmark; SM5SX Stockholm, Sweden; HVJ Vatican City; SP19 Warsaw, Poland; RTZ Irkutsk, Siberia; MTT Hsinking, Manchukuo; CR6AA Lobito, Angola; OLR4A Prague, Czechoslovakia; OFE Lahti Finland; XTJ Hankow, China; PLQ Bandoeng, Java and JIB Taihoku, Taiwan. Also reported were XGW Shanghai, China; JVO and JZO Nazaki, Japan; JDY Darien, Kwantung; EQC Teheran, Iran; ZHP Singapore, Straits Settlements; and CSW Lisbon, Portugal.

New Countries to look for on the amateur bands included CNLAF Tangier, International Zone, North Africa; VK9XX Rabaul, New Guinea; VQ2HC N'Kana, Northern Rhodesia; CR7MF Mozambique and FI8AC in Indo-China.....M. W. Soplop, Allegany, N. Y. reported a very rare catch VK4HN in Papua.....John May reported reception of a rare station XZ2DY in Burma.....Roger Legge, Binghamton, N. Y. received perhaps the best QSL of the month in OM2BC Guam for his 109th country. Other cards received by Roger includedSULRK;ZT6Y; EA8AB and VK7RZ Tasmania.

This about take care of this month's page and we sincerely hope that it brings back many memories. Good DXing for the coming season to everyone.

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During the past month letters were received from two NNRCers commenting on the Pioneer Days and they are appreciated. The first letter was received from Eric Bristow now residing in Room 314, Sebring Hotel, P. O. Box 273, Sebring, Florida 33870 and Eric states that he will be in New Orleans to attend a meeting of WW#1 Vets. He also comments that his first set was a Scott #33 with 15 tubes in 1934. Other sets included a National RME, an Atwater Kent and a homemade set....Nice to hear from you, Eric and hope you enjoy the column.

The second communication was received from Joe Mauriello (WPE2AJS) of 46 Fifth Ave., Haskell, N. J. 07420. Joe listed many amateur catches made during the year 1938 and included were ZC6AQ Palestine; PKLAI Batavia, Java; U3DZ Moscow; ZALCG Tirana, Albania; KALZL Manila; LUDC South Pole Expedition; VR4AD Solomon Islands; XU8XS Shanghai, China; XU8RB Shanghai; UØNG Vercnendski and PK4AU Sumatra. Joe has been an SWL since 1938. Nice to hear from you, Joe and happy to know you like the column.

 Going back to October, 1938 in the Ham Section another new country to try for was St. Lucia, B.W.I represented by VP2LB. This station was reported by John May and Earl Roberts. Another good catch reported by John May was YU7AY, Yugoslavia. Others included XU8RB; FA8CF; ZS6DY; PAØKG; ZL4FK; ZL2BI; ZELJR and CN8AV. John reported that the ZLs and VKs peaked around 1930 and the Zs best at 1300.

Also in October, 1938 it was reported that Director John J. Baxter, London, England was working on indexes for the three volumes of our bulletins issued. He sent to headquarters that of Volume No. 2. John was commended for this undertaking and it was a valuable reference to the Club's records.

During this year at the Cairo Conference certain frequencies were set aside as "tropical frequencies" for use in tropical countries, i. e., all the area lying between 30° North and 30° South of the Equator, except Mexico and including all of South America. These would cover 2.300-2.500 mcs. except in the Antilles where the band only covers 2.300-2.400 mcs., 3.300-3.500 mcs. and 4.770-4.965 mcs. Several of the Columbian stations are already using the latter band.

During this month the NNRC was on the air every Tuesday at 8 and every Friday at midnight over W2XJI the experimental station of WOR. The frequency was 26.3 mcs. Art Foerster, Indianapolis, Ind. reported that KPAB 1500kc. in Laredo, Texas has a commercial check from 0200-0230 the first Wednesday of the month in addition to their regular frequency check/.....A. Murphy, Quebec City stated that CRCK 950kcs. of that city changed call to CBV and that a new 100 watter CHGB, 1200kcs. is located in Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Quebec.....Harvey Avery, Pittsburgh, Pa. stated that the frequency checks of WWSW, 1500 kcs. would be dedicated to the NNRC throughout the 1938-1939 season on the 2nd Wednesday 0320-0335.

Vincent Stasen, Philadelphia, Pa. wrote that he finished BCB DX last season with a log of 457 stations heard and 102 verified. Some of the veries were KOL, KID, KPO, KNX, KCRJ, KSL, KGCX, KFI, KOA, CMHJ, CMGE, CMBC, CMBY, CMCD, CMCM, CHLT, WNEL, WPRP, WPAX, WEED, WBCM, and WGL. Vince also stated that he swapped SWL cards.....John L. Tate of Petersburg, Va. started BCB Dx about August, 1937 and SW DXing in September, 1936. Best BCB catches were TGW, KABR, KCRJ, CKCH, KDLR, KWTN, and KXRO. DX received on SW included K5AH, VP9R, YVLAQ, VP7NE, EI2G, CN8AV, SULCH and SULSG.....Bob Botzum, Reading, Pa. reported the following TP stations of the season 1YA, 2YA and 2BL and one on 700 believed to be 2NR. The Hawaiians have put in their appearance with KGMB the weakest. Bob also states that as a result of a New England flood he was able to verify WBZA Springfield, Mass. separately.

 As this is the start of a new DX season, my best wishes to all for a successful effort at the dials. Please write your comments, they are appreciated.

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From the November, 1938 DX Tips and News, Joe Brauner of Williamsville, N. Y. reported that WPIC 780kcs. Sharon, Pa. transmitted its first regular broadcast on October 25, 1938 and that WKST 1250 kcs., New Castle, Pa. likewise is now on regular schedule. Both stations use 250 watts and put in a fine signal in western New York all day long. Other tips by Joe are that LR-6 870 kcs. Buenos Aires has been on the air the past two Tuesday mornings until its signal faded out at 0400.

Joe Goodwill, Toronto wrote that local station CRCY changed call to CBY at midnight on October 31, 1938. CBY "Canadian Broadcasting York" will continue to operate on 960 kcs. with 100 watts power.

Notes on High Frequencies included Commerce Bulletin stating that a new telephone and telegraph station would be constructed in Kotka, Finland.....W3XAL was given authority to transmit on 21.630 mcs. with 35 KW as well as on 9.670 mcs..... A new lighthouse station is WWEX 3,410 mcs., 25 watts, Handkerchief Lightship, Mass..... A complete call change is being made in the call letters of the ultra-high police and forestry stations; all Western stations are being assigned calls beginning with KQ-- while the Easterners will change to calls beginning with WQ--; the experimental calls will be dropped. As these run out, others are being assigned, i. e., KA--, KB--, etc.

Nick Hock, Newark reported VP4TK, ZS6S, ZS6EW, ZS6AJ, K5AH, ILNT all on 14 mcs. On 28 mcs.: PA0FB, TI3AV, CN8AV, ZS6DW, and GW5KJ.....Charles Leboeuf, Webster, Mass. admitted reception has not been too good but he has heard VO2C, VP7NC, TI2EV, YV4AF and KV2AHE for new ones.....John May, Wilkinsburg, Pa. advised that 10 meters has been most active and new ones have been added to his log as follows: ZL2UJ, for the 22nd ZL heard on fone; VK3EH; ZS2AF, ILGW, and a fine one from the Aleutian Islands, K7GTP, Unalaska using 30 watts.

Bob Botzum, Reading, Pa. reported the following good catches: LR6, LT1, HJLABR, PRG2 and 3WV. HJLABR was heard with a good R7 signal until 0204 sign-off on 1400 kcs. PRG2 was also logged on the same morning after 0300 with a poor signal on 1040 kcs. Bill Goff, Rutherford, N. J. reported the following new catches on his Sky rider: XEAC, PRG2, KWOC, KGKL, KRGV, KTOK, WGIL, WIBM, WHLS, KJBS, KYOS, KPLT, KHJ, KFNB and a lot of locals. Dick Daneker, Lansdale, Pa. wrote that he joined the Club on October 8, 1938 and since he began to DX in February, 1936 logged 841 stations and verified 565 in 37 countries, all continents, all states and territories of the U. S. except Alaska. Dick operated a 1936, 6 tube Grunow receiver, working alternately and inverted 'L' antenna N-S and an inverted 'L' running E-W. As of this report date Dick had not heard a TA or a TP on the broadcast band.

The efficacy of radio is demonstrated in an article forwarded by S. C. Kellenberger, Riverside, Illinois. Taken from the Chicago Tribune of November 7, 1938, it tells how the son of a woman dangerously ill in Chicago, was found by ham radio in time to make a 4,500 mile trip from Alaska and to reach the sick bed through cooperation of the United States Coast Guard whose cutters then transported him to Oakland, Calif., from where he flew to Chicago by plane. Those Chicago hams who accomplished this feat are most certainly worthy of commendation.

Bill Bauer, Baltimore admitted verifying the sum of 13 stations last season, including ZNS. Bill added that the Short Waves had gotten him...To which the editor added that it is apparent that something worse than short waves have gotten old William. Further, he had better do a right-about-face before he is classed with the two Hahn- Looie and Lloydie, and several other backsliders we have in mind.

About all for this time and hope you all enjoy reading about past experiences. Best wishes to everyone for a good season of DXing!

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Back in the latter part of 1938, Mrs. William J. Fallendar, Chatham, N. J., wrote "I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the privilege of being one of those NNRC members who talked over the initial broadcast of the Club over W2XJI at midnight, Friday, November 11. I certainly enjoyed being there and wish especially to thank Jack R. Poppele for the splendid cooperation he accorded us in showing us around the station and explaining the complicated-looking gadgets, lights, etc. and which were most interesting. I do hope that all members who listened in will write and give their comments regarding the Club's programs. And with ideal DXing conditions here in Chatham, Bill and I hope to do some real DXing this season. Some one of these days we will send in a report that will quiet all sagacious crevices regarding the Fallendar Family's DXing.".....To which Editor Potts commented- we hope so, but if there is any DXing done at the Fallendar homestead, we're convinced that you will be the one to do it and not Wearie Willie..

Pat Reilley, Jamestown, N. Y. wrote that he has his veri from CMKE, 1310kc., 200 watts, Manzanillo, Oriente, Cuba. The owner is Cesar Monteju Saez, who is postmaster of Manzanillo. Pat also mentioned that this station was not yet listed in Radex. CMX Havana tested November 22 on 880kcs. CKMO, 100 watts, has a 'Midnight Prowl' daily from 0300 to 0500 EST and in their letter they said they would have an NNRC program on November 24, but no time given. Pat also heard YV1RF at 0306 on November 18....

On High Frequencies, David Thomas, Proctorville, Ohio reported cards in from VR6AY, CN1AF, VK7CL, HPLA, and one of the nicest cards seen, that of CE2BX. Fred Satterthwaite, Toledo, Ohio received a card from VR6AY, making 90 countries verified and reports hearing CN1AF at 0030 consistently. M. W. Soplop, Allegany, N. Y. reports one of the best 20-meter catches of the week in VQ2PL heard regularly at 2300-2315 and located in Northern Rhodesia. Mike also reported that reception of ZS6DJ made an even 50 South Africans heard on 10 and 20 meters.....A card from Vince Stasen, Philadelphia, Pa. listed the following logged: VP5BR, CE3DW, VOLY, VO6J, ZS2N, ZS6DW, LULDJ, VP4LO, PY2AK, CN1AF, K5AF, VP6FO, VP6LN, K4FAY, K4ENT, HI7I, TG9AA, VP7NS, G2AV, G5ML, VP9L, XE1Q, VP1BA, CN8AV, CN8MU, YV1AA and CO2LY.

On the editorial page of the December 5, 1938 issue, Editor Potts mentioned, "If our memory serves us at all well, it was stated in a recent bulletin that the DXing Fallenders were going places this season. That may be, BUT has anyone seen a report from the Chatham, N. J. DX representatives?"

Frank Pytlak, Wallington, N. J. wrote that due to a series of unforeseen and unfortunate incidents he did not get started DXingly until October 9. However, by November 1 Frank had logged the following: KFJZ, WMBH, KADA, CMJI, WJNO, WRDW, KGER, WPAY, WMBC, WCLE, KALB, KELD, KWUC, WPAX, WPRP, KPLC, KFIZ, WJAG, KGKO, KATE, WHLB, KIUN, KFJB, CHLT, WBEO, WEBQ, WCAT, KFXJ, KGBX, WGAN, KWKH, WPIC, WDAN and XEL.

On High Frequencies, Al Bartholomew, Bradford, N. Y. tuned in HS8PJ, 9.510 mcs. Bangkok, Siam on Thanksgiving day. Al also added Radio Hanoi; FZR3 Saigon; ORK in Brussels; and the first reports we have had for a year or more, G6IA, and HVJ. A veri from ZHP Singapore is Al's 39th country verified.....Frank Macolly, Philadelphia reports his new ones heard: VE9ET, YV4AE, CO2LM, CN1AF, GI8UW, G5JO, G2MV, K5AF, XE3BC, K6FAC, ZS4H, SULAX, HK1AH and WWNQ on 3.210 mcs. FM8AM Martinique was heard on 14.180mc.

Joe Brauner, Williamsville, N. Y. advises that KBND 1310kc. Bend, Ore. expects to begin equipment tests December 16 between 0400 and 0900 EST. The tests will be for three mornings. Additionally, Joe says that WJHL 1200kc. Johnson City, Tenn. transmitted their first program on December 5th, 1938.

 A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHFUL NEW YEAR