

THE PIONEER DAYS

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In the February 4, 1952 issue in Carl Lord's "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook, Carl offered a feature titled 'February in DX History' and many of the items were very interesting. They are as follows:

- 1932- The Federal Radio Commission amended a ruling which required stations to announce identity every 15 minutes. Identification now required only at 30-minute intervals.
 A Dixer in New York City reported reception of XEB when it was seized by Mexican Reds who put on a little program of their own.
- 1933- Keith L. Freas elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Buffalo Evening News DX Club succeeding Mrs. M. L. Ellis who had served for several years. A Spanish speaking station on 915 kcs., a subject of much question by DXers, was identified by Earl Roberts of Cambridge, Ohio as CMCD Havana.
- 1934- Clement Van Velsor, Irvington, N. J. bewailed in RADEX: "The NNRC, with over 2000 members, arranges a DX program for a Sunday morning; and then a club with 5 or 10 members arranges with another station on the same frequency at about the same time."
 Short wave listeners report regular reception from the SS Jacob Rupert, which was near the Antarctic ice barrier with the Byrd Expedition.
- 1935- A DXer in Nova Scotia enthuses over BCB TA Reception. In two weeks he logged nine each in England and France, eight in Germany, six in Italy, two each in Poland and Switzerland, and one each in Ireland, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Portugal and Sweden.
 A listener in Rockaway Beach, N. Y. devoted three columns of RADEX to tell why he prefers DX on the Broadcast Band.
- 1936- RADEX sponsors first Mystery DX Contest with 40 stations participating over the week-end. First prize of a Scott 23-tube Scott was won by S. R. Lewis, Toledo, Ohio. Other prizes included a Hallicrafters Super-Seven, and replacement sets of tubes, Trimm Headphones, Lynch antenna system, Candler courses in code, NRI study and reference texts, world globes, Amateur Radio Call Books and subscriptions to RADEX.
 Hank Tyndall agrees with adverse comment on the large number of useless specials which flood the channels. Randolph Hunt suggests cutting the number of specials in half next season.
- 1937- Second (and last) Mystery DX Contest with 36 stations taking part. Floyd Biss, Brittmount, Minn. won first prize of Scott 23-tube receiver. Other prizes: Midwest K-11 receiver, Hallicrafters Sky Buddy, headphones, phone adapters, replacement tubes, antenna kits and subscriptions to RADEX.
 A BCB DXer reported that he started DXing when he was nine years old and didn't intend to stop until he was 90. (Maybe that's what happened to Grand-sire Potts and Rip Van Kraemer.)
- 1938- DXers were kicking around the question of the monitored veries being issued by Carroll Weyrich (Davenport) and Stanley LaRue (ZBW) as well as QRC dime veries from CA and SA stations.
 A couple of DX clubs were slugging it out in print over a question of proper publicity for a courtesy program.

This does it for this issue. A thank you to all sending Holiday Greetings to us.

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To continue the feature titled 'February in DX History' from Carl Lord's 'Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook', we conclude with the following:

- 1939 - DXers were reminded that monthly frequency checks were broadcast by 360 of the smaller stations. In most cases, the frequencies involved were clear of interference, even from the all-nighters.
- 1940 - A U. S. A. listener, serving aboard the freighter S. S. Nemaha, reported thrills of European DXing while he was in port in London. . . A Maine DXer listed schedules for 26 TA's heard and asked help in identifying a French station on 941 and a German on 868.
- 1941 - Radio Toulouse reported as best of the TA's, with Bordeaux showing but a faint signal.
- 1946 - Pete McKenna reports log total creeping toward the 800 mark, with Stuttgart the most interesting catch. Hedley Simmonds hits the 1281 verified mark. Lloyd Hahn actually tried for Algiers on a special, but missed connections.
 - Jimmy Hart reports that Gil Harris doesn't suffer from lack of receiving equipment, which included a National NC-200, an RME DB-20 Pre-Selector, an RME LF-90 Converter, a Motorola FM tuner, and a Hallicrafters S-29 Portable.
- 1947 - Mrs. Annie Y. Stone, West Chester, Pa. re-enrolled for her 18th year in the NNRC. Ben Feinstein proudly reported that he had reached 631 in verifications. Norm Maguire added his 29th country with veries from Rennes-1040 and Lille-1213. Lloyd Hahn reported reception of KTRF and KWEN, the latter running its first equipment test and being heard on his car radio on the way home from work. Dick Daneker reported reception of five BBC stations, lopik, Toulouse-913, Lille-1213, Limoges-648, PRE4, PRA5, PRE6, PRB7, and YV5RQ among others. Grandsire Potts couldn't find the switch to turn on his receiver. Rip Van Kraemer moved North Dakota out between Oregon and Washington and divided KSJB's power by 50 to arrive, so he claimed, at the goal of a 100-watter on the Pacific Coast.
- 1948 - NNRCers reported TA reception to include Limoges-648, Stavenger, Norway-850, Madrid-1022, Linz-1295, Vienna-1312, Turin-1357, and AFRS Frankfurt, Germany 1411. KMVI, KIPA, and KHON in Hawaii were reported.
- 1949 - Pressure of business forced the resignation of Barney Ahman as Assistant BCB Editor. TA reports included Seville-731, BBC-877, BBC-977, Lopik-995, BBC-1050, Parede-1068, Frankfurt-1195, Koscice-1204, Lille-1213, BBC-1384 and Paris- 1393.

In the Shortwave Section edited by Henry and Amelia Bennett, tips and reports were received from: Bob Lane, Casper, Wyo., Roger Legge, Scarsdale, N. Y., Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C., John Oskay, New Brunswick, N. J., Morton Schlesinger, New York, N. Y., Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y., Ralph M. Johanns, Buffalo, N. Y., Charles E. McCormick, Baltimore, Md., Donald V. Noyes, Philadelphia, Pa., Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y., Jack Stephenson, Oklahoma City, Okla. and Munroe Carlton, Bath, Maine.

This does it for this issue. May you all have good listening and DXing.

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In the Amateur Section for February, 1952 edited by Sheldon Dunham, the following De-eX DeluX stations were reported:

14.120 CR7SF Mozambique by Jane and Roger Legge, New York
14.330 CS3AC Azores Islands by Jane and Roger Legge
14.370 VQ3CP Tanganyika, East Africa by Bob Hatcher, Virginia
14.370 VQ6WW British Somaliland by Bob Hatcher
14.350 ZS2MI Marion Island by Bob Hatcher
14. --- ZS3V South West Africa by Ed Richmond, Connecticut
28. --- ZD4BF Gold Coast by Al Matas, New York
28. --- ZD4LF Gold Coast by Al Matas

Also in the Amateur Section Members' Reports edited by Roy Waite, the following members contributed: Bill Wells, Hamilton, Ont.; PFC Alfred Rugel, APO 154, c-o PM NY; Alfonso Velasco, Mexico City, D. F.; PFC Morgan W. Godwin, Donaldson AFB, S. C.; Al Matas, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tom Rocheford, St. Michael #26, Barbados; Frank W. Warner, Binghamton, N. Y.; Joe Mauriello, Haskell, N. J.; Sheldon Dunham, Cary, N. C.; James J. Hart, Irvington, N. J.; Morton Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Ed Richmond, Stamford, Conn.; Edgar Whittaker, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; Jane and Roger Legge Scarsdale, N. Y.; Tom McDonald, Stamford, Conn.; Robert W. Lane, Casper, WYO.; Eliot Kaminsky, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Peter E. Thompson, Astoria, L. I., N. Y.; Ben Adams, Jr.; New York, N. Y.; Gus Stellwag, Bronx, N. Y.; L. Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y.; Charles E. McCormick, Baltimore, Md.; Edward L. Lendzioszek, Easthampton, Mass.; James M. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.; John DeMeyer, Lansing, Mich.; and Charles S. Sutton, Toledo, Ohio.

In the March 3, 1952 issue, it was announced that, with regret, the resignation of Sheldon Dunham as the Club's Amateur Editor was to be effective as of March 1. Effective as of that date, LeRoy Waite was appointed as Amateur Editor and in this capacity Roy would have complete charge of that department.

In the Broadcast Band Section for March 3, 1952, some of the Foreign Stations reported were:

1376 ---- Marseilles II, France by Bob Koppelon, Newark, N. J.
1390 LS6 Buenos Aires, Argentina by Stephen Aug, New York, N. Y.
PRE4 Sao Paulo, Brazil by Steve Johnson, Havre de Grace, Md.
1295 VP4RD Port of Spain, Trinidad by Walter Betzendahl, Mt. Holly,
N. J.; and Steve Johnson
1280 PRG3 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil by Steve Johnson
1200 PRB6 Sao Paulo, Brazil by Steve Johnson
1220 PRA9 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil by Steve Johnson and Joseph W. Jones
Santa Ana, Calif.
1000 PRB9 Sao Paulo, Brazil by Walter Betzendahl and Steve Johnson
980 PRE8 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil by Stephen Aug and Steve Johnson
910 4QB Pyalra, Australia by Joseph W. Jones
800 1YZ Rotorua, New Zealand by Randolph Hunt, Leucadia, Calif.
790 4QG Brisbane, Australia by Joseph W. Jones
766 TIWW San Jose, Costa Rica by Steve Johnson
1230 KIFW Sitka, Alaska by Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.

This just about takes care of everything for this issue. We hope everyone has had a pleasant season of DXing and we would appreciate any and all comments regarding this section. The best to everyone.

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- 21.580 Radio Sweden by Gus Magnuson, Providence, R. I.
17.677 CR5SB Sao Tome by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C. and Ken Focht, Reading, Pa.
15.595 FZI Brazzaville, Fr. Eq. Africa by John Oskay, New Brunsw-
15.380 VUD New Delhi, India by Grady Ferguson //wick, NJ
15.291 CR7BG Lourenco Marques, Mozambique by John Oskay
15.050 ETAA Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by Jane and Roger Legge, Scars-
dale, N. Y. and Grady Ferguson
10.260 Peking, China by Grady Ferguson
11.975 Colombo, Ceylon by Grady Ferguson
11.897 FHE3 Dakar, French West Africa by Gus Magnuson; Grady
Ferguson; and John Oskay
11.674 APK2 Karachi, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson
9.800 Frankfort on Main, Germany testing single side band
station by Kenneth Focht
9.768 OTC Leopoldville, Belgian Congo by Robert Lane, Casper,
Wyo. and Morton Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.
9.699 BFEBS, Singapore by Robert Lane
7.300 SVD2 Athens, Greece by Grady Ferguson
7.265 Kenya East Africa Command by Grady Ferguson
5.885 CR4AA Praia, Cape Verde Islands by Pat Patterson, Thomasv-
4.396 USSR by John Oskay //ille, Ga.

In the March 3, 1952 Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook edited by Carl Lord, March in DX History showed the following:

1932 - A survey showed that 24 stations in the United States had been closed by the FRC during 1931. Licensed stations dropped from a peak of 733 in 1927 to 608.... A couple of soda jerks in Richmond, Ind. reported that they DXed with the fountain radio at an all night drug store. Between concocting banana splits, they logged 469 stations.

1933 - Witch hunters were active in denouncing DXers who reported unusual reception. With many, the attitude was: "If I haven't been able to hear it, you never did either." One of the most vehement critics visited a Pennsylvania listener with a challenge to prove that a two lunger could circle the globe. He came away convinced that the two-tube DXer actually tuned in 4QG, 2BL and 4BH, the latter station, 200 watts. RADEX entered the short wave field with the appointment of Page Taylor as Short Wave Editor.

1934 - TA reception was widespread among Eastern DXers. Ray Lewis reported having heard Poste Parisien, Radio Normandie, Stittgart, Heilsburg, Frankfort, Turin, Horby and Cardiff... To prove that TA reception worked both ways, an English listener reported that he had recorded 74 stations ranging from Canada to Argentina and as far west as California.... WLW began after-midnight testing with 500-KW power under the call W8XO.

1935 - The IDA sponsored a DX contest with the Randolph Hunt trophy as first prize. Donated by Randolph Hunt, this was a golden globe supported by silver columns and surmounted by a figure of victory... DXers were experimenting with unusual aerials and grounds, all of which were reported as sensational.

About all for this issue. It is hoped that everyone is having a good season!

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Continuing "March in DX History" from the pages of the March 3, 1952 issue edited by Carl Lord, we find the following:

1936- Night owls were engaged in the annual debate of how to count stations. Some of the Johnny-Come-Latelies wanted old-timers to drop deleted stations from their logs..... The Bureau of Standards sponsored a series of test broadcasts from European and South American stations.... Carl Foersteri predicted an early doom for DXing as a hobby unless something was done to curb the all-nighters.

1937- Doc Brinkley rated an orchid for having XEAW stand by for a special from PRF-3, which was widely received. Holders of Carroll Weyrich Belfast veries were invited to send the cards to Bernie Duffy, who would forward them to an uncle in Ireland for re-mailing to the owners with an Irish postmark.

1938- Rooster Hahn reported 59 new stations between November 1 and late February. Included were 2NR, Paris FPTT, PRF-3, Belfast, Marseilles FPTT, I-1BZ and Bologna.. Lots of the latter, too... Earl Roberts and Carroll Weyrich compiled for Radex a list of some 34 Spanish-speaking stations most frequently heard in this country.... New stations of the month: WGAU Athens, Ga. and KWEW Hobbs, N. M.

1939- Mexico was balking at ratifying the Havana treaty calling for reallocation of frequencies. It suggested that the border stations had their finger in the pie. .. Several listeners reported excellent reception of the SA's and wondered why more were not being reported... One theory had it that many listeners passed up all Spanish-speaking stations as Cubans or Mexicans... A mysterious French-speaking station finally was identified as WCOU Portland, Maine which has a daily broadcast in that language.

1940- Mexico finally ratified the Havana treaty and reallocations were scheduled for later in the year. It was estimated that 90% of the 814 U. S. stations would get new frequency assignments... The former Radio Normandie at Fecamp, France showed up on 1415 kcys. causing no end of confusion... New U. S. stations: WOV, KWAT, KMYR, WPAB, WATN and WAOV... 1YA, 2YC, 4BH and 4YA heard in the Eastern States.

1941- Two Radexers identified for Hank Bennett the selection played on Canadian networks prior to "God Save The King". It was "O Canada"... Frequency modulation was beginning to receive attention and Radex listed 48 experimental stations on the old 42.6-47.5 mc. band.

1946- Mrs. Annie Y. Stone reported that an early-Fall snow storm broke her antenna lead-in, and she had been unable to find anyone to repair it. She was disturbed at the thought of the stations she was missing... Verie totals: Fyre-lighter, 1046; Old Potato, 1279; Pete McKenna, 746; Dick Daneker, 800; Carroll Weyrich, 1320; Jimmy Dunigan, 790.

Chairman Louis Hahn, Rutherford, N. J. of the DX Qualifications Committee reported the issuance of the 1900 bar of the Merit Certificate to Norman L. Maguire Albuquerque, N. M. and the 1300 bar to Ralph Johanns of Buffalo, N. Y.

All for now and our very best to all for good DXing on all bands.

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1947- The Squire of Succasunna, Roy Utter, devoted 14 lines of the Bulletin to report two new catches-- WNBC and WCBS... March of Progress: Phil Nichols veries now total 1516, Jimmy Dunigan 960, and Carroll Weyrich 1561. Current Song Hit: "Sun Spots Is A Comin'." There'll be static tonight, etc. . . Porter Atherton slept through two alarm clocks which had been set to awaken him in time to meet Bob Martin at the station. He finally awoke in time to answer a knock on the door. After wandering around Clifton for an hour, Bob had finally located the Atherton domicile.

1948- Bob Koppelon reported a visit to an NNRC Board meeting, where of all places' - - he found a few DXers present. . . .Abe Cohen, Gene Allen and Glenn Goodwater were the most distant listeners to a special from KJAY..... California went on daylight saving time because of a power shortage. Station sign-offs were moved forward an hour, and local DXers hoped for a better shot at stations in other states.

Chairman Louis Hahn of the DX Qualifications Committee reported that letters of authorization to change certificates had been issued to the following members: S. R. Morss, Bradford, Mass., Master No. 168, Past Master 172, Ace 200 and Super Ace 134; Robert W. Botzum, Reading Pa., Junior 137, Master 132, Past Master 141, Ace 171, Super Ace 101 and Silver Ace 25; Robert S. Knox, Sparta, N. J., Master 167, Past Master 170 and Ace 199; J. Kenneth Focht, Reading, Pa., Traveler No. 31.

In the Broadcast Band Section for April 7, 1952 some of the stations reported were:

- 590 ---- A Japanese Station by Joseph W. Jones, Santa Ana, Calif.
- 625 TIPG San Jose, Costa Rica by David Dary, Manhattan, Kansas
- 710 HJCZ Bogota, Colombia by Walter Betzendahl, Mt. Holly, N. J.
- 900 PRB7 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil by Walter Betzendahl
- 995 TIFC San Jose, Costa Rica by George Cox, Ft. McClellan, Ala. and David Dary
- 1075 YSEB San Salvador, El Salvador by David Dary
- 1100 YSABC San Salvador, El Salvador by David Dary
- 1130 JOKI Japan by Joseph W. Jones
- 1180 PRE3 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. by Gus Magnuson, Providence, R. I.
- 1250 AFRS Japan by Joseph W. Jones

From the April 7, 1952 issue and "April in DX History" edited by Carl Lord, we find the following:

1932- A mysterious station, reported as GZ7 on 635 keys. in Detroit, was identified as belonging to the Michigan National Guard in that city... XER was reported to be planning a power increase to 150-KW, an event to which DXers were not looking forward.

1933- The manager of CKPR reported that he had received many reports after the date on which a special broadcast had been scheduled, most of them commenting favorably on signal strength and clarity. The only rub was that the program had been cancelled at the last minute.

All for now and may everyone have a pleasant summer!

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From the April 7, 1952 issue "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carl Lord it was noted that Pittsburgh apparently had the dubious honor of having the country's first all night television station. On March 17, Station WDTV, Channel 3, commenced a 24-hour schedule on Monday through Friday.

Also, from the same pages, April In DX History noted the following:

1934 The old FRC was concentrating on Texas outlaw stations and obtained convictions of unlicensed operators at Abilene and Temple.... The NRC took over the membership of the ARC and CDXC.... The IRA, GCDXC, AARS, NARC and GCRC merged to form the GCRDXC.... Station Data: Frequency- KFQD from 1230 to 600. Power- KTAR, 500 to 1000; WGBI, 250 to 500; WCAZ, 50 to 100.... Call Letters: WOBU to WCHS; WKBC to WSGN.... Location- WRAM, Wilmington to Durham, N. C. New- WKAV, Laconia, N. H.

1935 After 23 months of DXing, Mort Meehan had brought his log to 450 heard and 289 verified.... A Canadian DXer wished listeners would stop arguing about how to count stations and pay more attention to DXing itself.... West Coast hams came in for some well-deserved orchids for the manner in which they handled emergency communications after the Macon plunged into the Pacific.

1936 Count DeVeries was busy checking entries in the first mystery DX contest. A Texas DXer thought reception was pretty bad. All he had been able to hear was Cologne, Munich, Strasbourg, Poste Parisien, Toulouse, KGMB, KGU, 1YA, 4YA, 6WF, JOAK-2, JOBK-2, JOCK-2, JOGK and XGOA. Tough!.... Eight experimental stations were testing on ultra-high frequencies, where it was predicted that the maximum range would be 25 miles. Frequencies in use were 31.6, 35.6, 41.0, 55.5 and 60.5 mcs. In addition two stations were authorized to operate between 86.0 and 400.0 megacycles.

1937 Speculation continued on when television might come around that well known corner..... Ray Lewis, who had been the target of witch hunters after he had reported verifying all but two active U. S. stations, explained in RADEX how he had done it. To doubters who claimed his feat impossible, he suggested that it would be more accurate to say that they had been unable to do it themselves..... The Rooster received a veri from KFQD and also reached his goal of (1) having BCB veries from every continent, (2) verifying 25 countries, and (3) having veries from Japan, China, Australia and New Zealand.

1938 A California listener rated Carroll Weyrich next to Earl Roberts as the best DXer who ever turned a dial.... The completed season saw 12 NNRC specials from Mexican stations. Bill Applegate arranged six before leaving Chicago on business, and the Barnes-Gorsuch duo took over and arranged six more,..... The monthly frequency check schedule included 355 stations.

1939 Sign of the times. Popular communications receivers were selling as follows: HQ-120X, \$129; SX-17, \$149.50; NC-100-X, \$129; RME-69, \$152.88..... Ray Edge and John Klambach organized a Buffalo chapter of the NNRC..... Don Reynolds was enthusiastic about SA reception which had included CP4, LR1, LR5, LR6, LR10, LS2, LS4, LS7, LS11, OAX4A, PRA8; PRA9, PRE8, TGW, YV1RF and YV5RQ.... Station Data: New- WMOB, 1200 Mobile, Ala.; WINN, 1210 Louisville, Ky.; WGBR, 1370 Goldsboro, N. C. Frequency: CBM, 1050 to 960; WGNV, 1210 to 1220; WHBF, 1210 to 1240; CBY, 960 to 1420.; Call Letters- WBLV to WLOK.

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1940 RADEX Supremacy Listings showed Warren Reichardt, Danvers, Mass. leading in four groups: Countries Verified, 55; TP's Verified, 84; TA's verified, 158; and SA's Verified, 35. Rochester, N. Y. police had a cozy time while cruising in radio patrol cars. WPDR, the police station, broadcast on 2422 kcs., only two kilocycles above the harmonic of WSAY on 1210. When WPDR was not broadcasting, WSAY provided interim entertainment. The European situation was confusing DXers able to hear TA's. French stations occasionally broadcast in German, while the German stations came back with announcements in French. Joe Stokes, former MC of the KDKA broadcasts, joined the ranks for the newlyweds and thought he might be able to resume his DX activities. Hank Bennett (what's he doing on the BCB?) reported midnight sign-offs for WELI and WPEN.

In the Short Wave Section edited by Henry and Amelia Bennett it was reported that the Swiss Short Wave Service had 10 rhombic antennas to beam the Swiss Short Wave Service to distant countries. The antennas could be reversed so that a beam fixed on Sydney could be reversed for South America; and one on Winnipeg could also be used for North East Africa. The antennas were beamed as follows:

- 1 on Winnipeg 1 on Melbourne
3 on New York 1 on Tokyo
2 on South America 1 on Sydney

Some of the stations reported in the Short Wave Section edited by Henry and Amelia Bennett were as follows:

- 19.800 -- Radio Chilena, Santiago, Chile by Carl F. Glick, Hope,
17.900 KUH27 Kahuku, Hawaii by Henry Bennett // Ind.
17.677 CR5SB Sao Tome by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C.
15.300 DZH8 Manila, Philippines by Del Green, Salt Lake City, Utah
15.190 VUD New Delhi, India by Grady C. Ferguson
15.145 ZYK2 Recife, Brazil by Pat Patterson, Thomasville, Ga.
15.120 Radio Warsaw, Poland by Gus Magnuson, Providence, RI
15.060 Radio Peking by David Dary, Manhattan, Kans.
15.047 ETAA Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by George Starry, Latrobe, Pa.
11.915 Damascus, Syria by Grady Ferguson & Pat Patterson
11.897 FHE3 Dakar, Senegal by Pat Patterson
11.860 CR6-- Radio Clube de Angola by Pat Patterson & Grady Fergu-
11.674 APK2 Karachi, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson // son
9.785 ---- Radio Monaco, Monte Carlo by Robert Lane, Casper, Wyo.
9.768 OTC Leopoldville, Belgian Congo by Del Green
9.770 --- Johannesburg, South Africa by Frank Warner, Binghamp-
9.745 --- Saigon, S. Vietnam by Del Green // ton, N. Y.
9.700 ----- Radio Sofia, Bulgaria by Robert Lane
9.699 ----- Singapore, Malaya by Del Green
9.515 TAT Ankara, Turkey by Stephen Clapp, Jersey City, N. J.
8.230 ZNB Mafeking, Bechuanaland by Radio & TV News
7.444 FG7AH Basse Terre, Guadeloupe by Grady Ferguson
7.270 YDB3 Djakarta, Indonesia by Del Green
7.280 VLT7 Port Moresby, New Guinea by David Dary
7.270 VOA Tangiers by Grady Ferguson
7.265 --- Nairobi, Kenya by John Oskay, New Brunswick, N. J.

To those DXing, we hope you have a fine session and many stations.

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In the April, 1952 issue of the Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite, reports were received from Irving R. Potts, Union, N. J.; Bill Wells, Hamilton, Ontario; John DeMyer, Lansing, Mich.; Daryl Sebastian, Jackson, Mich.; Ralph Kastner, New Braunfels, Texas; Robert W. Lane, Casper, Wyo.; August Stellwag, Bronx, N. Y.; PFC Morgan W. Godwin, Greenville, S. C.; L. Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y.; Robert S. Montemurro, Rouyn, Quebec; Don Martinez, San Francisco, Cal.; Gus A. Magnuson, Providence, R. I.; James M. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.; Anson Boice, New Britain, Conn.; Eliot Kaminsky, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Murray Buitekant, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harold G. Graeme, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; Daniel J. Scherer, New York, N. Y.; Elwood W. Deibert, Walnutport, Pa.; Edmund Richmond, Stamford, Conn.; Pat Paterson, Thomasville, Ga.; Mitchell L. Lathrop, Glendale, Cal.; Harold E. Schrock, Paxton, Ill.; Edward L. Lendzioszek, Easthampton, Mass.; Morton L. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Herbert Campbell, Athens, Pa.; Tom Rocheford, Barbados, B. W. I.; Al Matas, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Amelia & Henry Bennett, Collingswood, N. J.; Peter E. Thompson, Astoria, L. I., N. Y.; Sheldon Dunham, Cary, N. C.; Robert Hampton, Des Moines, Iowa; Charles E. McCormick, Baltimore, Md.; Frances M. Spafford, Fitchburg, Miss.; Frank W. Warner, Binghamton, N. Y.; Charles S. Sutton, Toledo, Ohio; PFC Alfred Rugel, APO-46, N. Y.; Robert Hatcher, Richmond, Va.; LeRoy Waite, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; and Daryl Sebastian, Jackson, Mich.

As a result of the Annual Election of April 15, 1952, the following officers were elected for terms of two years each:

President, Irving R. Potts; Canadian Vice President, G. Dudley Clarke; Treasurer, Walter L. Townley; Executive Secretary, Albert J. Sauerbier; Assistant Executive Secretary, Benjamin Feinstein; all of whom were unopposed.

The successful candidates for Vice President were: Peter J. McKenna; Henry T. Tyndall; Louis Hahn; Roger Legge, Jr.; Harold W. Robinson; Abe Cohen; Charles S. Sutton; Eugene S. Allen; Charles P. Atherton; Earl R. Roberts; Sheldon Dunham; and Harold S. Williams.

The Members' Reports and Comments Section of the Broadcast Band Section had reports from Dudley Clarke, Verdun, Que.; Ben Patch, Winnetka, Ill.; Frank A. Wilson, Dunedin, New Zealand; William Montagu, Cleveland, Ohio; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Eric A. Bristow, Paris, Ill.; Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn.; Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; and Charles J. Martin, Brooklyn, N. Y. The editor for this section was Ernest Norman.

In "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carleton Lord, it was stated that the press had recently reported that FCC monitors have been trying to locate unlicensed stations which have been heard on the West Coast. All were believed to be outside of the United States, and a fix indicated that at least one was aboard a vessel off the coast of California. It's been a long time since DXers pulled in RXKR aboard the "S. S. City of Panama". We wonder if this new station has been heard by NNRCers. As there are indications of subversive broadcasts, detailed reports on this station are desired.

In the May 5, 1952 issue, reporters to the Broadcast Band Section included: Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; Joe Enz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Randolph Hunt, Leucadia, Cal.; Charles J. Martin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Montagu, Cleveland, Ohio; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.; William B. Whitman, Jr., Evanston, Ill.; and Harold S. Williams, Seymour Conn.

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In the May 5, 1952 issue in "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carl Lord, May in DX History was noted as follows:

1932 Among the trick aeri-als being tried by DXers was the so-called "filtered aerial". This consisted of 60 feet of insulated wire, grounded at each end, around which was wound another wire which was connected to the receiver. The manufacturer claimed that it worked on the transformer principle and amplified weak signals.

1933 Mystery stations of the month were AR3, DR3, DN3 and DC3, all having been heard on 760 kcys... The Canadian Radio Commission, in the process of setting up its own network, took over the operation of the Canadian National Railway stations at Ottawa, Ont., Moncton, N. B. and Vancouver, B. C.

1934 West Coast DXers reported excellent TP reception... Thanks were in order to the sponsor of the Night Owl program on KGFJ for arranging to remain silent for 30 minutes during a special from YV3BC... XER was reported being dismantled.

1935 Murray Buitekant was listed as 1st Vice President of the GCDXC... A Pennsylvania DXer, who had thought it impossible to log overseas stations, suddenly was able to report reception of CT1GL, CX26, LR5 and KGMB... Station Data: New- KINY 610, Juneau, Alaska; WFMD 900, Frederick, Md.; KIUO 1210, Ardmore, Okla.; WTAL 1310, Tallahassee, Fla.; KROC 1310, Rochester, Minn.; KIUM 1420, Pecos, Texas; KWBG 1420, Hutchinson, Kans.; KPLC 1500, Lake Charles, La.; Deleted: WISC Milwaukee, Wisc.; KFPM Greenville, Texas; KSO Des Moines, Iowa. Call Letters: WMFP to WCMI; WHBD to WPAY; WKBF to WIRE.

1936 Ray Lewis was announced as the winner of the 1st Mystery DX Contest. His prize- a 23-tube Scott Imperial... The appearance of many receivers with a long-wave band had DXers speculating on the possibility of picking up the low-frequency TA's which broadcast between 150 and 300 kcys.... The FCC ordered WEDC to discontinue after mid-night programs for a period of 30 days. The significance of this order was unknown, but DXers had their fingers crossed... A member of the GCDXC listed 11 reasons why he liked his club. First: "Interesting and pertinent editorials by one who really DXes, William Wheatley, the president."

1937 The Foerster-Applegate contest slowed down to a crawl, as far as DX was concerned, but the air was full of brickbats.... Verie totals: Frank Hoxie, 402; Jack Schneide r , 790; Al Koempel, 803; Art Foerster, 815; Bill Vornkahl, 912. The chief announcer at WCOP reported that, out of the thousands of DX reports which he had seen, the good ones---those that meant something to the station--- could be counted on the fingers of two hands... An Iowa listener wisely concluded that a DX-er's success at getting veries depended upon the quality of his report and the chance that it would not be misplaced by the station.

1938 KGW and WIND received FCC permission to make facsimile transmissions between midnight and 6 a. m., local time... Many listeners had reached the conclusion that CPC's, in a mad race for club prestige, were forgetting the prime purpose of their activities; that of making it possible for a DXer to log and verify needed stations.... A season's end summary of TP reception showed that Eastern DXers had heard 1YA, 2BL, 2CR, 2HD, 2KO, 2KY, 2NR, 2YA, 2ZB, 3GI, 3KZ, 3WV, 4MK, 4QN, 4TO and 4YA.... Count DeVeries and the future Countess discovered that they had many common interests.

THE PIONEER DAYS

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Continuing from the May 5, 1952 issue "Leaves From A Dixer's Scrapbook" edited by Carl Lord we find in DX history for May:

1939 The NNRC Chapter in Baltimore had nearly 40 members, more than could be counted by many entire clubs..... RADEX carried a picture of a TV image from London which had been received at Riverhead, Long Island. The picture had been transmitted on 45mcs., and the receiving antenna was a rhombic 800 feet long and 150 feet wide..... PRF3 received 96 correct reports from North American listeners who heard its DX program.... The FCC denied WLW's application for an extension of authority to operate with 500 KW power... Station Data, Deleted KGCI Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Location- WOCB Barnstable to Hyannis, Mass. Call Letters- KGAR to KTUC.

1940 KGIR's verification was printed on a sheet of copper which had been rolled as thin as a sheet of paper..... Standings in the RADEX Supremacy Contest: Most Veries- Botzum, 1130; Most Verified Countries- Reichardt, 55; Most Veries - by Listeners who have been DXing less than two years- Mustoe, 576; Most States Completely Verified- Botzum, 40; Oldest Dated Verie- Tear, July, 1930.... Among the non-verifiers were KPLC, KUTA, KWEW, WJIM, WNEL and WROL.... Fecamp, Droitwich (long wave), Saarbrucken, Luxembourg (LW), Warsaw (LW), and Katowice were casualties of the war..... Mystery station of the month, believed by the British to be at Dusseldorf, was heard on 7.210, 6.270 and 6.040 mcs. with announcements in English and French. The station pretended to be in France, broadcast pleas for peace, and signed off with "Vive La France" and the French National Anthem.... The monthly frequency check schedule included 363 stations.

While still with "Leaves From A Dixer's Scrapbook", in the June 9, 1952 issue Carl had the following in reference to "Tourist Verifications":
It has never been considered ethical to include in a DX log any stations that were heard while traveling away from home. The reasons for such a rule are obvious, and there is no quarrel with the principle of counting only the stations that were heard at your home. However, the thought persists that it is a shame to ignore all the nice little stations that you can hear while on an automobile trip. As there can be no objection to a tourist collecting post cards or other souvenirs of a trip, why not get veries of the stations which were heard on the same trip? Of course, the stations should understand that you logged them while traveling and not at your home location. Also, such veries would be listed separately and would not be listed in the total of veries for reception at home. The next step would be to make up a special report form to take along on trips and would be similar to a standard report, except that there would be a few changes to identify it as a "tourist report". After the usual salutation, the report might start off as follows:

"This will report reception of Station-----on ---- keys. at ---AM-PM EST on -----, 19--. At this time I was travelling on (Route #) -----miles East-West-North-South of (City, State), and the following program was heard:

Give Program and Reception Details

As a remembrance of this trip, I would appreciate a verification of this reception of your station. If this report checks with your station log, will you kindly send a card or letter of verification to my home address listed above? Postage for your reply is enclosed."

This seems to be intriguing and you should give it a whirl while you are resting or parked off the road. Naturally it would be confined to stations not heard at home.

This about does it for this issue and we wish everyone good DXing.

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In the Broadcast Band Section for June 9, 1952 it was noted that stations observing their 30th anniversary of Broadcasting included KGU Honolulu, Hawaii; KGNC Amarillo, Texas and WCAO Baltimore, Maryland.

The Broadcast Band Members' Reports edited by Ernest Norman included reports from Richard T. Coales, Southsea, England; Abe Cohen, Seattle, Wash.; Eric A. Bristow, Paris, Ill.; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Harold S. Williams, Seymour, Conn.; William B. Whitman, Evanston, Ill.; and John T. Tweedie, Oakhurst, N. J.

In the Short Wave Section edited by Henry and Amelia Bennett some of the stations reported were:

- 15.700 WFK95 Hicksville, N. Y. by Jack Stephenson, Oklahoma City.
- 15.435 BFEBS Singapore, Malaya by Grady Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C.
- 15.290 VUD New Delhi, India by Grady Ferguson
- 15.165 TAU Ankara, Turkey by Gus Magnuson, Providence, R. I. and Grady Ferguson.
- 15.120 Warsaw, Poland by George Starry, Latrobe, Pa.
- 15.100 EPB Teheran, Iran by Grady Ferguson
- 15.050 Peking, China by Grady Ferguson
- 15.042 ETAA Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by Grady Ferguson
- 14.585 ABA Seattle, Wash. by James Moore, San Francisco, Cal.
- 11.915 Damascus, Syria by Robert Lane, Thermopolis, Wyo. and Gus Magnuson
- 11.728 BED Taipei, Taiwan by Grady Ferguson
- 11.724 Radio Baghdad, Iraq by Ken Focht, Reading, Pa.; and Radio & TV News
- 11.090 CSA92 Ponta Delgada, Azores by Grady Ferguson
- 9.515 TAT Ankara, Turkey by Jack Stephenson
- 9.484 APK3 Karachi, Pakistan by Grady Ferguson
- 9.010 Tel Aviv, Israel by Grady Ferguson
- 7.852 Radio Tirana, Albania by Radio & TV News
- 7.666 Sofia, Bulgaria by Grady Ferguson
- 7.160 VOA Tangiers by Grady Ferguson
- 4.895 SABC Johannesburg, South Africa by Robert Lane
- 2.142 WA9641 Portable-Mobile No. 101 aboard SS "United States" on trial run off Virginia by Charles McCormick, Baltimore

In the Amateur Section edited by LeRoy Waite reports for the 5 Best DX Catches. Heard were from: Bob Russell, Tamarunui, New Zealand; John DeMyer, Lansing, Michigan; Robert Hatcher, Richmond, Va.; Eugene S. Allen, Vallejo, Cal.; Cpl. Alfred Rugel, APO696, New York; Charles E. McCormick, Baltimore, Md.; James M. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.; A/C3 Morgan W. Godwin, Greenville, S. C.; Robert W. Lane, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Daryl Sebastian, Jackson, Mich.; Edmund Richmond, Stamford, Conn.; Stephen M. Aug, New York, N. Y.; L. Charles Gerran, Jamestown, N. Y.; Peter E. Thompson, Astoria, N. Y.; Frank W. Warner, Bunghamton, N. Y.; Al Matas, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Morton H. Schlesinger, New York, N. Y.; Ben Adams, New York, New York; Elwood Deibert, Walnutport, Pa.; Tod Geisel, Wheeling, W. Va.; Charles R. Dutrow, Washington, D. C. and Editor LeRoy Waite, Ballston, Spa, N. Y.

On June 22, 1952 the Club held its annual Convention in Green Lane, Pa. at Sportsmen's Grove. This was possible through the good offices of Harold and Mary Robinson who have been hosting these gatherings since their inception back in 1935

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