

THE PIONEER DAYSBy Carroll H. Weyrich

Suppose you were to read in a bulletin the following report from BEN FEINSTEIN,

"I am closing my DX season with 617 stations heard and 574 verified. Sure have enjoyed being a member of the club and meeting the folks at the meetings; they made me feel right at home. Also enjoyed my correspondence with several NNRCers. Will be sending in my dues for next season soon and in the meantime want to thank you for the publicity you have given my DXing in the News and in the bulletin." Do you know what year this happened and Ben was a DXer? Believe it or not, this is from the year 1936 - 30 years ago! I wonder if Ben remembers. - -

This is a new page that will appear in each bulletin in the future and we hope to make it interesting as well as bring back memories of the good old days when DX-ing was in its infancy. We like to remember back in the late 20's and 30's when the FCC at that time used to conduct frequency checks monthly. At that time all stations on the frequencies being monitored were required to remain silent while the others came on at 15 minute intervals. During the winter months it was also possible to log and report the Trans-Atlantic stations, the most famous at that time being Poste Parisien in Paris, France.

Volume I, No. 1 of the Newark News Radio Club bulletin was first printed under the date of September 30, 1935. It is interesting to note the following excerpts, "Inaugurating a new policy to bring its members up-to-the minute DX tips and news and information pertaining to the management and activities of the organization, The Newark News Radio Club issues herewith, its first official bulletin weekly to all members in good standing and hereafter the club will have but two columns a week in the Newark Evening News, on Wednesdays and Sundays. In order to defray the additional cost of printing and mailing the bulletin, the Board of Directors has found it necessary to increase dues to \$1.50 per year with the proviso that where man and wife are members the dues will remain as heretofore, \$1 annually.

Did you know that there were only about 856 stations operating on 102 frequencies from 530 to 1550 kcs. and of that number, 335 or 39.1 per cent were more or less interfered with by twelve 24 hour stations? The all night frequencies were: 780, 1010, 1070, 1200, 1210, 1250, 1300, 1310, 1370, 1380, 1420 and 1500 kcs. This was in the year 1935.

With the NNRC Convention coming up on Saturday, June 18 it brings to mind the FIRST annual convention was held on Sunday, July 12, 1936 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Needless to say those who were in attendance that year unanimously agreed their approval and urged that it be made an annual affair. We might make mention of the fact that Baltimoreans headed the out-of-town delegations.

Back in 1936, JAMES J. HART, then Vice-Chairman of the CPC notified members of the new postage rates. Letters were 3 cents, post cards 1 cent to Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Phillipine Islands and Puerto Rico. That same year Barney Ahman of Baltimore was appointed Publicity Director of the Club...

Your comments on this page would be appreciated and any suggestions for the improvement will be welcomed. This is the first stencil typed by me since my last ones for the Broadcast Band as editor of that section. Next month we hope to have more news items from yesteryears which we hope will bring back pleasant memories. We would like to hear from you and if you would like reproductions of some pages from the bulletins of yesteryear, please say so. Every bulletin that has ever been printed is in our files from Vol. 1, No. 1 through the month of May, 1966. That is what these pages will contain each month. Please address all comments to me at: 2411 Cider Mill Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21234.

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As these pages were about to be typed, word was received from Lloyd S. Hahn, 244 Fruitwood Court, Tarpon Springs, Florida of the death of one of the old-time Dxers of the NNRC Arthur Foerster who passed away on June 2. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his bereaved family. For those who would like to send a card or a letter to his widow - her address is Mrs. Martha Foerster, 1427 N. Audobon, in Indianapolis, Indiana 46219.....

With the letter from Lloyd telling us of this sad news, it brings to mind many memories of yesteryear when the Baltimore, Indiana, Brooklyn and Hartford Chapters of the NNRC were organized and friendly competition for BCB-DXing started. In the September 30, 1935 issue of the Bulletin Director Arthur Foerster notified the Board that the Indiana Chapter was again organizing for the season..... Again on October 7, Director Arthur Foerster wrote that the Indiana Chapter was enlarging the scope of its activities to include all DXers in the middle West. Earl Roberts was elected President of the Chapter and Martha Foerster as Treasurer with firelighting Arthur on the sidelines.

Also on October 7 the following item was written - A few days ago, our estimable director, Lloyd S. Hahn, head of the Baltimore delegation, dropped into headquarters to report on the outlook of his clan for this season. The old "Rooster" was his usual optimistic self and wasn't a bit backward in stating that the Baltimoreans would make Indiana, Brooklyn, Connecticut, etc. look like a hick-town aggregation when it comes to actual results. Art Foerster hints that the Rooster is talking thru his bonnet while Harry Varrelman simply said "Phooey". Ed Obert, just about emerging from a long summer sleep and yodeling about a new receiver declines to comment at this time although he looked skeptical."

From October 21, 1935 we note the following news about NNRC Chapters.. "Our Brooklyn members will hold a chapter meeting at the home of Director Harry E. Varrelman on October 23. Co-incident to the gathering of the clan, Harry issues this defi to Baltimore, Indiana and Connecticut and states they can either take it or leave it. Says Sir Harry: "Is Baltimore still in the NNRC? Brooklyn points with pride to the fact that it has increased its membership something like 40 per cent this year and we're still in first gear. First gear and first place in new members for the club! Brooklyn also points to pride to the fact that even though it hasn't anywhere near the 10 percent of the total membership of the club, it consistently supplies 10 per cent of the total attendance at NNRC monthly meetings. By the way, is Jersey still in the Club? Brooklyn is doing its part to make this "The Greatest Year in NNRC History."..... Art Foerster, head man of our Indiana crew informs us that DX Scalpings, a lively and interesting booklet is being mailed to our members every ten days. Commenting about the activities of his flock, Art says "Have several NNRC prospects lined up and I am still hoping to have some news for you shortly - that the Indiana gang is just about even with the Baltimore Orioles. Old Rooster Lloyd Hahn and his henchmen will have to travel some if they get, as they say they will, three new members to every one of ours. We have six that are just about as good as in and are working on more. By the way how many members are in that Baltimore outfit now?"..With Harry and Art pounding away at Lloyd Hahn it behooves the Rooster to either refute the insinuations or else admit they are better men and we doubt very much if he'll do that. Just watch the smoke from now on. . . .

For the pioneer members who knew Art Foerster and Lloyd Hahn and Harry Varrelman, we thought it appropriate to dedicate this issue to the memory of Arthur Foerster. Back in the early days of the NNRC he did much to stimulate the friendly competitions between the NNRC Chapters.

Future issues will deal with happenings in the NNRC by years - a bit from 30 years ago, a bit from 25 years, a bit from 20 years. This is as a result from some cards and letters received about this page. Until next time, Good DXing. 30

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Since this page was started, letters have been received from two old-timers of the NNRC, Mort Meehan, P. O. Box 107, Van Nuys, California and Frank S. Macolly, Bush House Hotel, Quakertown, Penna. It was nice to hear from them and we hope to hear from many more of the old timers who like to reminisce

THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO:- The first report submitted by Jimmy Hart since joining the club listed the following stations all verified: LRL, LR3, LR4, CPX, Brussels 1, CNR, HJ3ABH, 4YA, Hilversum, KDON, KGB, KJBS, XEAQ, CMKC, CMCQ, and CJIC

JOHN SANDERSON wrote "Listened for HI8Q the morning of July 26 but didn't get him. On 6.23 mcs there is a new Australian Station VK9MI with a woman announcer. The call VLFS is used for ship traffic. COCQ is a new Cuban heard on 9.70 mcs. and with an ID of two gongs or chimes. It relays the programs of CMQ.

On the High Frequencies by Earl Roberts it was stated that RAN was the call of the Moscow station on 9.52 mcs.; RV96 on 15.18 mcs. and TFM 15.74 mcs. would soon take the air as a commercial station. Also during the month conditions were poor on the 20 meter band and as a consequence, notes for the month were rather short

THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO:- On August 10, 1941 the annual NNRC Convention was held at the grounds of Harold and Mary Robinson in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The program of events included soft ball, volley ball, horseshoes, basketball toss and other fun provoking games.

JACK SCHNEIDER, Garwood, N. J. admitted that a few wholehearted attempts were made at DX during the past season. His catches brought his totals to 1047 heard and 867 verified by card or letter. Jack also expected to do some DXing during the summer to make up laxity for the past few years.....

LEROY WAITE, Ballston Spa, N. Y. stated there was no DX on the high frequencies but cards were in from PMA, ZQI, ZRL, ZRO, TI6HP (and 14 mcs.), OQ2AA, PY9AB, TI2GC, TI2AB, PUS and XMHA.

FRANK PYTLAK and JACK SCHNEIDER started to handle programs for the Club on the FM station of WOR, W7LNY 47.1 mcs. every Saturday from 4:45 to 5 PM EST.

MORT MEEHAN then of Elizabeth, N. J. reported that he was often working over 70 hours a week and by doing so had very little time for DX. However, when the cooler weather sets in he hope to take up where he left off.....

BEN FEINSTEIN, Newark "copper" did a bit of sleighriding himself and by his own admission verified 4 stations, namely WBYN, WCKY, WFPG, and WPAT. Ben's verified list included 654 BCB, 497 hams, 41 police and 42 SW.....

CHARLES ATHERTON asked if he scooped Joe Brauner and Hank Tyndall on a new station WGAA, 1340kcs. Cedartown, Ga. The answer was that he had scooped Joe and Hank, but a Baltimore member, Miss Julia Neilson heard WGAA one day earlier.....

ROGER LEGGE, Binghamton, N. Y. received a reply card from FNLC, French India for 1939 reception. Others received were XU8AM, HSP5, CX3CI, K4HFS, PY2AY, KA6FB, HBQ, CO6BC.

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO:- BOB KNOX reported that he had been DXing only 2-3 days a week but his log had jumped to over 200 with morning and evening stations. Veries received included WBOC, WDOD, WMMN, WWSW, WADC, WKAX, WHAS, WOV, WWJ, WRNL, WHIO, WCCO, WEIM, WBZ, WNHC, WMAN, KFJZ, WIND, WPOR, WNAC, WNBH, CKLW, WTRY, CKEY, WOL, KXLR, WTSB, WTMJ, WFAA, WCKY, WMT, KFEL, WCFL, CBK, WLAR, WPIC, WCPO and KNX. Bob also asked for aid in getting veries from KELO and WHAT.

BOB KOPPELON wrote that he had logged WMFT, WPPA, KRIG, WHGB, KRES, WPIK, WTSB, WTOD, WKXL, WTVL, KSFT, KFFA, WMGR, WMGY, WHEB, WOCB, WSNJ, WNHC, WTEL, WSRR, WEST, WARM, WNAB, WFPG, WBAB, and WSBA. Bob also added that many of these were logged in daylight..

JIMMY HART in his High Frequencies stated that the U. S. S. Appalachian and her radio station NCLG was on her way to take charge of the radio broadcasting facilities over which will be described the Atomic Bomb Tests to be conducted on Bikini Atoll. NCLG operated on 7.695, 7.525, 5.625, 3.080, and 3.805 mcs. Other stations co-operating were KU5Q Guam; NICO the USS McKinley; NIGF; JCKWajalein; WTJ the USS Wisconsin; KEL and KES2 in San Francisco.

About all for now and my best wishes to all for a pleasant summer!

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THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO- CHARLES P. ATHERTON reporting from Marblehead, Mass. stated he had climbed out of bed at an ungodly hour several mornings in search for the frequency checks, but had heard nothing. He discovered that the station lists were in EST and he had DXed four mornings by daylight time! However after five years of vacationing from the dials fourteen reports were sent out including WGNC, KSAM, WLAK, WJBO, WING, KIUN, WMSD, KYSM, WGPC, WSLI, WCAR and KOVC. Reports also sent to WJBW & WBRW.

LEROY WAITE, Ballston Spa, N. Y. received KA9AA, 14.140 at 0742 on 9/9; KALCM 14.110; KALCW 14.11; KALFH 14.09 and KALJH 14.10 mcs. OIE, OFE, and OFD were verified through Risto Solanki, Counselor of Legation, Legation of Finland, Washington, D.C. who signed prepared cards and used an official rubber stamp.....

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO- PHIL NICHOLS, the BCB Editor notified all BCB DXers that a new BCB Log to be printed by Arthur Foerster in loose leaf form would be available in October. The pages needing to be revised would be sent to subscribers at about 45-60 day intervals in order to keep the log current.

BOB KNOX, Newton, N. J. reported that he had heard a number of new stations but static is still bad. A new set was ordered and he hoped to have it before the end of the DX season. Bob's log at this time stood at 262 heard, 159 verified and 4 countries heard and verified.

BOB KOPPELON, Newark, N. J. reported that he had received WINR through WKNY, CHOK and CHGB. Veries in from WCMW, WCHA and WLAN. Bob also bought a car and he hoped to take some week-end trips.

JOHN TWEEDIE, Oakhurst, N. J. stated reports out to WDSR, WLEE, WNVA, WENC, WTOD, WDSC, WCNT, WCCP and WEDO. Veries from all but the last five. On June 27, 1946 the arrival of Penelope Tweedie at 9lbs. 4 oz. was announced. John stated this was a reason for not too much DX lately.

MURRAY BUI TEKANT, Brooklyn, N. Y. reported the following: EA1D, F8AH, G6IA, G8AC, D4ANS, PA0JQ, I1FP, W9GRR/F France, XAAM, EL4A, K7BBB/KL7, VE8MR, VO6G, VP2MY, VP5RS, J9LG, PK6TC, VK3LA, VK3BZ, VK3YH, VK4FY, VK4JC, VK2AKR, W6QEE/J9, W9GM/KG6, W9HJW/Saipan and VK4KS.

THE NNRC 15 YEARS AGO- BOB KNOX compiled the STATUS OF MEMBERS' LOGS ON THE BCB and the following was noted: Tyndall had 3320 verified; Thomas, Ohio had 2920; Botzum, Pa. 2762; Koppelon, N. J. 2122; Martin, N. Y. 2070; Weyrich, Md. 2069; Norman, N. J. 2010; Betzendahl, N. J. 1911; Kemp, Conn. 1796; Biss, Calif. 1557; Schrock, Ill. 1497; Atherton, N. H. 1480; Allen, Calif. 1464; Magnuson, R. I. 1411; Lendzioszek, Mass. 1366; Bauer, Md. 1195; McKenna, N. M. 1131; Knox, N. J. 1128; Lloyd Hahn, Md. 1111; Louis Hahn, N. J. 1083; Rosenbaum, W. Va. 1010; Holland, N.Y. 858; Holbrook, Md. 848; Anderson, Va. 841; Conley, Pa. 799; Hotton, Wis. 793; MacGill, Va. 742; Williams, Conn. 736; Montagu, Ohio 352; Favrot, La. 126. Those reporting to the column were asked to list their lowest powered stations verified and the list included WDBX 5w; WMRJ 5w.; WUMS 2w. and 5w.; WISP 1/2w; HIH in the Dominican Republic 15w; VE9EK Montmagny, Que. 10w.; CMCY Havana 15w.; LOAK in Stratford, Ont. 15w.; XEL Saltillo, Mexico 10w.; WNBW 10w.; WHDL 10w.; KFPM 15w.; TJW Hamilton, Bermuda 7 1/2w.; 10BQ Brantford, Ontario 15w.; 10BP Wingham, Ontario 25w.; 10AT Trail, B. C.; 10AB Moose Jaw, Sask. 25w.; AHD Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico 22w.; and the famous 6KW Tuinucu, Cuba operated by Frank Jones back in 1924.

This about does it for this time as a new DX season is about to commence. With the high powered European stations now broadcasting, it should be possible for many who have not heard these stations to start tuning the split frequencies. Our best wishes for a most successful season to all and your comments will be welcome.

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THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO: CHARLES P. ATHERTON, Clifton, Mass. received Super Ace Certificate No. 127. At that time he had logged 772 stations and shortly would apply for the Silver Ace Certificate.

Appeals were made to members to apply for the new Merit Certificate. This certificate is arranged in 20 spaced sections to allow for the insertion of gummed bars numbered 100, 200, etc. The Merit Certificate is for verified stations only and bars are issued 100 stations per bar.

JACK SCHNEIDER, Garwood, N. J. wrote that he had recently tried hi hand at DX and although reception seemed very poor, three new stations were logged. A real surprise came on a Sunday in October when WKAT was logged just before 9 PM when it was overriding all other locat stations on 1360kcs..... Editor Potts' comment was that if memory served correctly, the nine o'clock business was somewhat reminiscent of a certain Newark DXer named Kraemer- to be specific Lester Kraemer.

On the High Frequencies LEROY WAITE, Ballston Spa, N. Y. logged KALAT at 0745 and HK6FA at 0730 giving the QRA as Pereira, Colombia.

THE NNRC 20 YEARS AGO: PHILIP R. NICHOLS, BCB Editor reported the Box Score of the FCC as of 9/19/46 was 1319 BCB Stations. CP's issued so far was 413 with 2 deleted, 413 applications on hand with 437 additional in hearing.

In the October, 1946 issue of this bulletin a few tips were given for the newer members of the NNRC. We are going to briefly list them and it would be interesting to know if they still hold good for BCB DXing. For Northwestern US and Canadian reception try CBK on 540kc. and if they are coming in well try the frequencies of CJCA, CJOC, CFCN, CFAC and CFHP. For TA reception tune the split frequencies and if you hear a heterodyne whistle stay with it and you may be rewarded with your TA station. Usually the split frequencies should be tried anytime from 2300 on. During Northern lights or sunspot activity when the band is seemingly dead during the early morning, watch the graveyard frequencies for southern stations, and during the evenings you can hear many South American stations, Mexicans, Central American and Cuban stations topping the US stations. For Trans-Pacific reception if KGU can be heard around 3 am, there is a possibility you may be rewarded with Australian and New Zealand stations reaching their peak around the time just before daylight.

From the columns of High Frequencies by James J. Hart, announcement was made of the discontinuance of the FBIS bulletin. Items appearing in this bulletin were of a restricted nature and could not be published. The items were sent in by the best DXers and many good tips were published. This bulletin was published by the FCC and the War Department.

THE NNRC 15 YEARS AGO: In October, 1951 the Special Features Section "Leaves From A DXer's Scrapbook" edited by Carleton Lord again appeared after an absence of two years and two months. During this period NNRCers were saddened by the deaths of Barney Ahman, Eddie Grant and Alex Keenan... Howard Kemp, Roger Legge and John Maurer received the best wishes of fellow members on their respective marriages. Future NNRC members were recorded in the births of Bette Jane Daneker, Patricia Marie Bataille, Phyllis Aileen Kirk and Richard Perley Maguire....

In the Amateur Section, MURRAY BUI TEKANT received QSL cards from ZD6JL, FP8AW, ZP4BB, JA2OM and CN8ES..... JAMES J. HART received VK9YT, CR7AH, FP8AW and VRLC. LEROY WAITE received cards from OEL3RL, EA6AR, GC2FZ, CS3AB, CT3AC and CT3AN.

This about takes care of this column for this month. Please let me hear from you DXers from the Pioneer Days. Best wishes for a good DX season.

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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: Director Ed Hill wrote that reception has been poor up Toronto way with the TP stations having shown up only one morning so far this season; however Ed added two more 2,000 mile stations- XEBZ and XEMZ, and when one certifies he will be eligible for the Silver Ace Certificate.

In with the DX Tips and News, XEP 1160kcs. was reported on every Sunday morning 0300-0500 with an "Owl Club" program and would verify for return postage. KGDY 1340 Huron, S. D. announced tests for the FCC the first Sunday 0410-0430. Jamestown Bestg. Co., Jamestown, N. Y. testing their new transmitter on 1210kcs. and call changed from WOCL to WJTN.

JOHN TWEEDIE, Oakhurst, N. J. writes "Usually, at this time of the season, I have at least 15 new stations but this year have only one. During the summer I received veries from Lyons, Stuttgart, Copenhagen, KIEM and CMCB." This year John had been an NNRCer for four years.

HANK TYNDALL, BURLINGTON, VERMONT reported that during the summer he gathered in a few overdue verifications bringing the verified total to 1323. Those receiving a hearty welcome were Strasbourg, WRGO and KVSQ, the latter coming through nearly a year after reporting. Reception the past fall has been poor

LOUIS HAHN, Rutherford, N. J. wrote "Here I am again with a DX report but I am rather ashamed since I have only one new station to report, WAPO testing on Nov. 8. I seem to have fallen a victim to that DX plague snooseritis which has blighted such old-time DXers as Al Koempel, , Lloyd Hahn, Howard Kain, Roy Utter, Warren Carpenter, Harry Paugh, Milt Christa, Ed Obert and others too numerous to mention. However, I promise to do better from now on. By the way, you remember Ophelia? She returned home the other day from a world cruise and is boarding at my house. She is anxious to meet you NNRCers".

THE NNRC 25 YEARS AGO: During this period, FM was in its infancy and an interesting article from Broadcasting was titled "Born With FM". The article states that as an experiment in the relaxing quality of music during child-birth, music via FM selected by the patient was broadcast into an operating room at Chicago's Henrotin Hospital recently by special arrangement with W51C, FM station of Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago. The therapeutic program was broadcast during a successful Caesarian operation by Dr. Edward L. Cornell, friend of Comdr. Eugene F. MacDonald, president of Zenith. Special ear receivers were designed for the mother who listened to a broadcast of Tschaiowsky's Concerto in B Flat Minor while giving birth to a five pound boy.

DICK DANEKER, Lansdale, Pa. wrote " I am still among the living, also among the DXers I hope. Have been up nine times during the last three weeks and have gathered in a few new ones. Heard CHAB, WCOP, WEIM, WISR, XEMC, KGMB, CHLN, CJIC and CKRC for new ones. I had hoped my veries would total 800 in order to get the Silver Ace before applying for the Merit Certificate but I am four short. More than likely I will apply for it soon."

On the High Frequencies edited by Earl Roberts stations reported included VLG6 Melbourne, Australia; SBT Stockholm, Sweden; 2RO Rome, Italy; COCY Havana, Cuba; GRG London, England; OAX5C Lima, Peru; FGA Radio Dakar, Senegal; VLQ9 Sydney, Australia; MTCY Hsinking, Manchukuo; CBFW Montreal; TIWS Puntarenas, Costa Rica; KHDEM PCA Douglas DC-3 ship #290; KDXP S. S. Amazon; KJIF S. S. E. C. Pope; KJQL S. S. Frank Billings; WPBC S. S. Amasa Stone; KFEG S. S. Diamond Alkali and WFWY S. S. Simon J. Murphy. All of the ships were in contact with WMI Lorain, Ohio. Reporters were Earl Roberts, Roger Legge, Charles Leboeuf.

During this period in 1941 the NNRC bulletins were on a weekly basis consisting of five to seven pages each issue. This is in comparison with the once a month issue consisting of numerous pages of reading matter and tips.

This is about all for this month. We had to do this page hurriedly because of a two week vacation commencing October 8. We hope you will excuse any typographical errors and would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please send all comments to me at 2411 Cider Mill Road, Baltimore, Md. 21234. They will be more than welcome Best wishes for a good DX season to everyone.

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THE NNRC 30 YEARS AGO: ANDY HILL, Red Bank, N. J. logged PTT, Lille 1213kc., PTT Rennes 1040kc. and Bordeaux 1070kc. all in France with his new RCA the morning of November 27, 1936.

JOHN SANDERSON, Newark, N. J. reported veries from G5PB, PY2AK, VOLI, XEWI, TPA4, DJL, ORK, and HAT4 and needed only one more veri to qualify for the club's new SW certificate "The Traveler".

EARL ROBERTS, Indianapolis, Ind. reported a number of U. S. S. R. stations heard with best reception from RIO, 10.170mc. Bakou at midnight; RVV Vladivostok, Siberia 10.370mc.; RKI, 15.040mc. Moscow; ROU, 14.970mc. Omsk; RIM, 15.250mc. Tashkent, Turkestan and an unidentified phone on 17.600mc.

From the December 14, 1936 Issue our late editor, Irving R. Potts wrote, "Nine years ago this month, fifty-five enthusiastic radio listeners met and organized the Newark News Radio Club. Since then many important changes have occurred in the world of radio. Some have been beneficial to the pastime of DXing and some have contributed to the elimination of the glamor of the days of the 'pioneers' who rolled their own, did their fishing without advance DX schedules and prepared months in advance of the week of the Transatlantic tests when stations all over the country shut down at midnight. Ah, those were the days. Mention them to an old-timer and you will see that reminiscent gleam in his eye. However, progress will not be denied, and for it is the contention that with the present day sets DXers have been able to broaden their scope of activity and get out to many parts of the universe hitherto unexplored by the dialer. Embarking upon another club year, your officers and directors pledge themselves to leave nothing undone to foster the welfare of the club and to devote their efforts for every possible service to members to the end that the NNRC will continue to lead the field DXingly, not forgetting its social activities and interest in its shut-in adherents that have earned for it the title of "The Friendly CLUB".

E. L. PETERS, Westport, Nova Scotia reported the Trans-Atlantic stations while heard show no pep in signal strength. Records of the past four years indicate that this year was the worst slump in European ECB Dxing. During the slump, the long-wave TA stations have been heard regularly including Radio Luxembourg, Moscow No. 1, Motala, Sweden, Warsaw, Poland and Reykjavik, Iceland.

MORT MEEHAN, Elizabeth, N. J. wrote that after waiting 275 days he finally received his verification from KOH Reno giving him the 48th state verified. Also November 10 Mort heard YV1RF 1120kc. testing between 0250 and 0420 with volume equal to KHJ, KROW and other West Coast Stations.

CARLETON LORD, Akron, Ohio added 29 new verifications in November to bring his total up to 924.

BILL BAUER, Baltimore wrote that he can verify the fact that Lloyd Hahn is not a snoozer as he had been up with Lloyd until 2, 3 and 4 AM.

JOHN SANDERSON, Newark, N. J. volunteered the following tip to lessen QRM: Run a dummy antenna below your present antenna and run a lead-in to the ground. Place a variable condenser in series with the lead-in and tune to the approximate resonance of the noise level. The dummy lead to be kept between the antenna lead-in and the house right up to the point of entrance of the lead-in to your set, the dummy going to the ground.

LES KRAEMER, Newark, N. J. reported, "Have DXed a bit lately with LR-1 the best catch. Heard the club's program over HC2RL- that is my idea of an NNRC special - plenty of publicity for the club and the arranger, Mort Meehan. Heard Don McLachlin do a swell job for the Toronto Chapter on CFRB and happened upon KDKA with the NNRC mentioned frequently. The heckling having abated somewhat, due to my inability to log a 100 watt West Coaster, another form of insidious propaganda has appeared in the form of a card with a black border, bearing a poem and a wilted sun-flower bemoaning my loss of five bucks to our president when I bet on Landon. Inasmuch as the card came from the direction of Vermont, I suspect Hank Tyndall is the perpetrator."..... Good DXing to all for this season and our Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthful New Year to all.