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We Wish You One and All A Very Merry Christmas--Ye Editors

By the time this Bulletin reaches the majority of you, Christmas will be a thing of the past for another year, however we do hope that all of you had the grandest Christmas you've ever had.

Jack Horner our Elizabethtown CFCer sent us word that WSAI, 1330 kcs., Cincinnati, Ohio were to put on a DX program for the members of our club on Wednesday morning, December 23 between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., EST. We hope that some of our members were fortunate enough to hear this broadcast. Unfortunately we received word from WSAI too late to advise more than just a few of you by mail, whom we knew would receive our card in time to make use of the tip.

Floyd Smith another of our fine CFCers, residing in Greenville, Ill., sends us word of another dedication for our club. This one will take place from station WMBI, 1080 kcs., Chicago, Ill. on Saturday morning, January 16 from 1:00 to 2:00 A.M.

During the past week we received word from Dick Cooper our Kittanning, Penna. CFCer that WPAD, 1420 kcs., Paducah, Ky. had changed the date of their scheduled DX program for the members of our club. This broadcast had been scheduled to take place Saturday morning, December 19 but it has now been changed to Sunday morning, January 17. It will be on the air between 2:30 and 3:30 A.M., E.S.T.

Several weeks ago we reported that WNNY, 1420 kcs., Watertown, N. Y., was heard testing, yet last week we learned that testing and construction of this station had been suspended by the F.C.C. We are certain that it was their station that we heard on this test, although at the time the signal strength seemed unusually weak. Could it have been possible that we heard them testing for a transmitter site or something? We would appreciate some definite information on this subject. Last Saturday morning we heard a test program emanating from KLAH, 1210 kcs., Carlsbad, N. M., we do not know whether this was the first in a series of test programs from this station, during which time they contemplate testing their new station, or not, but we would suggest that you all keep a close check on this frequency for some future tests from this particular station.

J. Warren Routzahn our secretary, advises us that he has received a letter from WSAU, 1370 kcs., Wausau, Wis., in which they have advised him that they expect to begin testing their new transmitter sometime around January 15th or February 1st. They state that they hope to be able to advise us of the definite date a bit later.

We received some of the best "news" we've had in a long time this past week, we are in receipt of a letter from Jack Thompson of Bethlehem, Penna. Many of Jack's friends will recall that he has been dangerously ill during the past three years, but has now apparently fully recovered and hopes to return to work soon. We know that this will be welcome news to all our members and we all wish Jack a complete recovery. Jack doesn't say anything about resuming his DXing activities, but no doubt if his health permits he may resume it a bit later on.

A very enjoyable day was spent today with Kermit Geary of Walnutport, Penna., who was spending the day with me here. Plenty of talk re DX and such, but the thing that we discussed was how we were going to get more fellows interested in the tuning of the Short Waves. He brought up many ideas and I myself did likewise with the result that we are to try out the following. A contest is to be run in which various prizes are to be given, and will be announced in the next Bulletin. Listening Post Observers Certificates are to be distributed and we also decided on having Certificates of Short Wave Tuning Merit, details of this also will follow later. Mr. Geary's main purpose in coming here to Fort Hamilton was to get something of this sort started. Now I want each and every DXer to write to me here at 472 - 83rd St., Fort Hamilton, N. Y. and give me your honest opinion as to what you all think of the idea of running a contest, not emphasizing the S & E idea but emphasizing the fact of consistent DX listening and regular reporting of what you are hearing, and the different certificate ideas. I want all of you to write, and give your honest opinion as to the idea, whether they are for or against. We don't mind a few knocks along with the "Ayes". Might also mention that there is still a few openings on the Short Wave Committee, so if you desire to be on this Committee, and so help all the others, please drop me a line. I can assure you that the duties will be light. We want a bigger and better Short Wave section for the NRC, and with the support of each and every one of you, we will get it.

Kermit Geary reports hearing TYE; France on 10450 kcs. on a telephone circuit with WOF in Lawrenceville. He further reports TYA-2 on 9040 kcs. sending music lately at 3 A.M. and says he is hearing LSK-3 contacting GCA at 6-7 P.M.

Radio Centre, Moscow sends us the following schedule for their broadcasts:

RNE on exactly 50 meters
Sunday and Wednesday 6-7 A.M., E.S.T.
Sunday from 10-11 A.M., E.S.T.
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4-5 P.M., E.S.T.
RAN on 31.25 meters
Every day at 7-8 P.M., E.S.T.
Comiterne on 17.44 meters.
Daily 4-5 P.M., E.S.T.

A station, CO9JO was heard here on 8665 kcs. Their schedule is supposed to be 3-9 P.M.

COKG hasn't been heard for some while now, so I guess that they have discontinued operation, at least temporarily. Have written to Cuba for information about why it is off the air. They haven't changed frequencies, or else we would have found them somewheres.

Oxrieder's weekly report follows: YN1GG "La Voz de Lagos is now down around 6533 kcs. They moved December 3rd. Their location is Managua. They used to be on 6575 kcs, you know.

A new station is being heard on 9520 kcs. They have a strong carrier, but the modulation is pretty rough and they just don't give an understandable announcement. Believe it is a Mexican though. More about it later.

A new Mexican is being heard on 6200 kcs., who is announcing KE2H- and KEK- part of the time. Not positively identified as yet but try for him, as he is there.

Short Waves (Continued)

A fellow announcing Radio San Sebastian on 7200 kcs. quite often. Broadcasts until around 9 to 9:30 P.M. and then phones for a while. He is one of the Espana por Espana stations. Have listened for him a number of times and have decided that he has no call letters - or if he has, he uses them very seldom.

We close by wishing you one and all a very merry Christmas, and a very good DXing NEW YEAR.

73,

Ye Editor

Arthur B. Johnson

DX CHATTER SW's

By A. W. Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that a new station in Labrador, on 8.63 megacycles is being heard. The call is VOWQ, in Northwest River. CZ5K, 8.63 megs., Quebec City, and VOWQ hold two-way traffic from 7:10-7:15 and also at 8 P.M. This information from The Globe Circular...police station WAMA, Urbana, Ill., has changed call to WAGR...a new Cuban, CMA5, on an announced frequency of 10.96 megs., has been heard calling LSX, Buenos Aires, in Spanish...Mexico adds a new station in XECW, 6.04 megs., Mexico City...RAN (9.60), Moscow, U.S.S.R., which came in so well at 7 P.M. now starts broadcasting at 5, and continues to 6 P.M.

RADIO GOSSIP

It is expected Indianapolis will shortly receive its third station, if one believes the rumors existing. Application has been made for a new station on 1050 kcs., using 1000 watts...There is a move on foot to sever WBZ-WBZA, making them separate broadcast entities...December 29 nine new stations will become affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting System, bringing the total to thirty-two. WOR is the key, with WHB, WLP, KOIL, KFOR, KFEL, KHJ, KPRC, KGB, WGN, WSAI, CKLW, WAAB, WEAN, WICC, WHTT, WFEA, WJAR, WSPR, WNBH, WLLH, KSO, KWK, WKBS, WCAE, WOL, WGAR, WEAL, WFIL, WSL, WRVA and KDB in the chain.

DX CHATTER

DO YOU KNOW...that KLAH, Carlsbad, N.M., is now on regular schedule. We'll soon give you their frequency check time...KGDY, 1340 kcs., Huron, S.D., tests the first Sunday of each month from 4-4:30 A.M...a Texan correspondent informs us definitely the station which has puzzled so many on 1270 kilocycles is XEMX, Mexico City...WPAY, 1370 kcs., Portsmouth, O., will be on Christmas Day from 5-5:30 A.M...WSYR, 570 kcs., Syracuse, N. Y., is now using their new power of 1000 watts...WBEN, Buffalo, N. Y., will increase power to 5000 watts...KYCA are the call letters assigned to the Southwest Broadcasting Corp., Prescott, Ariz...KSRO, the call assigned the Press Democrat Publishing Co., Santa Rosa, Calif...KRRV, Sherman, Texas to increase day power from 100 to 250 watts...KLRA, Little Rock, Ark. to increase day power from 2500 to 5000 watts...WBIG, Greensboro, N. C. to increase night power from 500 to 1000 watts.

Dick Cooper sends us some information pertaining to the frequency checks. These are his observations and we judge that they are changes that have been recently made. Dick says that KFGQ, 1370 kcs., Boone, Iowa were heard for the second consecutive month on the second Thursday from 4:50 to 5:10 and KCMC were heard on Monday from 4:50 to 5:10 instead of Saturday from 4:40 to 5:00 A.M. We suggest that you all watch for these special changes during the January checks, and if they again ~~take~~ place at the same time, undoubtedly they are new times for these particular tests. Dick also says a nice letter from WSWA stated that their DX for our club was very successful and that they received many letters from the states and Canada. He also says a nice verif from WJAG indicated a huge success with their annual DX program.

A. I. OFFEL, Irvington, N. J. Philco 116X - Reception Dec. 17 at 1:30 A.M. good. Cuba was all over the dial, with CMBC, CMCG, CMCW, CMQ, CMX, CMBY, CMBZ, CMCY, CLBG, CMCO, CMCB and CMQ heard up to 1:45 A.M. on a chain broadcast of national importance. Belfast on 977 heard weakly up to 2:15 A.M. Coast stations very poor, however. Dec. 18 KPNC heard R-7, with regular coast stations coming thru much better.

J. B. PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Dec. 15 KVL off at 4:22. WNEL came on the air at 5:30 for daily program. LRI at 3 but weak. Temp. 36 degrees. Dec. 16 Fecamp at 3. WBAX at 2:42. KOH signs off at 3. XEMO testing at 3:10. WFMD at 3:30. KJR until 5. KIUL at 4:15 on 1170 kcs. (Note that KIUL was testing on a new frequency at that time.) KGMB FB at 4:20. WEDC at 4:25. Temp. 38 degrees. Dec. 17 LRI QRM'd by KJBS badly at 3. WEOA at 3:10. XEBG in Tiajuana at 3:22 until after 4. KGMB FB after 4:30. KWLC at 4:35. KIUP at 4:40. Temp. 32 degrees. Dec. 18 FPTT at 2:57 to 3:10. WCBM at 3:20. WEXL at 4:30 test. Temp. 25 degrees. Dec. 19 FPTT at 3 but weak. CRCY on 1420, Toronto at 3:02 to 3:09. Suppose this is their monthly test period for the Canadian Radio Commission. We understand that this station has been recently put on the air to replace CKGB. WESD off at 3:05. CKSO test at 3:10. CJIC test at 3:32 to 3:45. WJBK was not on the air. WACE at 5:10 (20 degrees). Dec. 20 CMQ at 2:10 on. 1455 had a weak Frenchman at 2:55. WFMD on DX after 2. KMO off at 3 A.M. CJCA at 3:05 but faded bad. XEBK all QRM'd on their DX for our club. Bordeaux on 1077 quite faint and faded bad. XEP at 3:13. WFBG at 3:20. WSD at 3:22. CJIC at 3:25 and signed off at 3:30. CKWA faint at 3:40. KXA at 3:45. TGW at 4:37 came in like a local. 38 degrees and raining. Pat reports that WRBY are the new call letters of WLXBS, you will recall that a week or two ago the other three high fidelity experimental stations changed calls, and at that time we presumed that WLXBS would do likewise. Pat would also like to know the identity of the Italian station on about 7,190 or 7,200 kcs. They come on the air at 3:30 A.M. daily with a march, then a woman gives the news until about 4 A.M. and then they play another march and sign off about 4:03 A.M. Pat says no English is spoken at all.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Asks, "Who said we were not having a good TA season? Al says this past week has been one of the best ever experienced. However before going into his NFO report, Al tells us that a correspondent of his wrote him to the effect that KELW will probably be debted soon and all time taken over by KEHE. Those needing KELW had better hurry up. Al says they are on every morning from 2-3 A.M. Al says that those persons who write to KVOE for verification, should take note of the following information: "The director stated definite information during announcements or on sign-off would be necessary for a veri. They do not keep a record of musical selections played only when presenting a DX program. Now for Al's NFO report. Dec. 15. Added Eiffel Tower an R5-6. Dec. 17. KOVC on special program came thru WJBK FB. All coasters unusually strong this morning and could have easily verified KDON, KXL, KVL, KRE, KXA, KGU and KHBC and heard both 1YA and 4YA at 5:30 A.M. about R4 for first time in nearly two months. Dec. 18. was a banner one with Rennes, -Normandie-Paris, Marsielles, Muret and Lille-Nord in France R-5-7. Pick Paris on 695 to report and sent an hours report. Marsielles had disappeared by three, Muret heard a while after three but did not have enough data. Paris was still audible after four. Bologna (Radio Marconi) on 1222 was added at 1:45-2:05 A.M. an R5-6. KLAH was also added testing after four A.M. an R5. Dec. 19 Marconi even stronger than previous morn until after 2:30 also heard the Italian on 1140 kcs. weakly. Which is it? Turin or Trieste. KLAH again testing after two. Lille-Nord an R6 until nearly three. Paris also an R4-5 along with Rennes and Normandie very strong. Heard Nice-Corse on 1185 for first time and had copied about twenty minutes when a local on adjacent channel threw on a peak whistle and ruined all. Marsielles and Muret not audible. Note that majority of French now come

A.J.B. - on at 2:00 A.M. and believe the following carry the same program for first half-hour making it almost necessary to send in an hours report when reporting to each. So all one has time for is one a morning. The stations are: Lille-Nord; Paris 695; Toulouse-Muret; Nice-Corse; ~~Paris~~ Eiffel Tower and Marseilles. Have noted though, that this is not so after 2:30 and before three. Dec. 20. XEBK caught OK with severe interference at times from KFVD. Sure gave NRC a nice send off. Also caught HJ4ABN who were on until after 3:30 A.M. an R4-5, located in Armenia, Colombia on 1066 kcs. No TA's audible. Dec. 21. Reception conditions poor, Rennes and Fecamp good and Marseilles, Paris and Lille about R3-4. Wind of high velocity here.

FRANK FIELD, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Conditions recently have ranged from good to very good. Signals tend to be strong but at times there has been a good bit of noise even when reception, otherwise has been good. Cubans have been coming in with tremendous power, especially on Dec. 17 and 18. Picked CMKF out in early evening for a new station. Far westerns have been excellent at times. On Dec. 18 KNX was coming in fine at 9:30 P.M. That morning was excellent with the following identifications; KFSD, KFRC, KGU, KLX, KXL and KGA in addition to ones often heard. KKL is the best of these, being a 100 watter in Portland, Ore. VOOM was not heard because of CMBZ, KFVD and KQW. (Note: according to recent NNRC Bulletin VOOM came on Sunday morning instead of Saturday as scheduled.) Dec. 20. XEBK was in a spot almost as bad but it did manage to get through at times for about an R6. The following have been heard testing; Dec. 14 WEEU, CMOX, WNBC, WEED. Dec. 16 KNEL. Dec. 17 CMBY, Dec. 18 WHER, WCBM. Dec. 20 KIUL WMSD and CKWX which came through splendidly. New stations heard in Dec. 3-WBLY. 4-KTEM, 5-XEAF. 11-KANS. 12-WGRC. 18-CMKF. 19-KLAH (a new one on the air, also heard Dec. 20.) Dec. 20. XEBK. Nothing heard of the TA's despite the fine reception otherwise. Mr. Field also reports that on Dec. 21 he heard KOCA, 1210 kcs., Kilgore, Texas on the air with their initial test program.

DICK COOPER, Kittanning, Penna. - Reports that this month's frequency checks served to swell his log considerably. KUJ was the best catch and KVL was heard clearly but he did not get enough to warrant a verif. Among the highlights were KLEM, KNEL, KWYO, KGFF, KFRO, KBIX, KMLB, KCMC, KABC, KGKL, KDAL, KCKN and KGMB. Dick tells us that he has a letter at hand from KEUB, 1420 kcs., Price, Utah in which they have advised him that a small staff prevents their being able to present any DX programs as requested, however they advise that they will monitor for the FCC but state that they have not been assigned a time as yet. They ask that the DXers be content with this opportunity to try for them.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many fine expressions of Christmas Cheer which you have so kindly sent us. It makes us feel very happy to know that so many of you are thinking of us at this season of the year. Now we want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. In bringing this old year to a close, we look back and review our activities and we only hope that our efforts during that time have pleased you. We are greatly indebted to each and every one of you who has contributed anything towards our club, regardless of how big or little that contribution may have been and whether it was actual working for the club on one of the Various Committees, or whether it was in the form of some news item which enabled us to pass a bit of information along to the rest of our members. We are also greatly indebted to those members who have so kindly sent us a report on their DXing activities each week, we published these under the heading of National Post Observer Reports. We hope to have your continued support during the coming year, and be sure to let us have more of your reports, we'll do our level best to print each and every one of them.

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<u>A MERRY XMAS</u>						
<u>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25. EVERY ONE.</u>						
WLWL	1100	New York City	12-1:30	WJAY	1370	Portsmouth 4:30-6
WCBD	1030	Vaukegan, Ill.	3-5	GCDXC		
<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.</u>						
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KFRO	1370	Longview 3-4 NNRC
----	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	WTRC	1310	Elkhart 6-7 NRC
LRI	1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30			
<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.</u>						
WKEFW	1310	Tampico	1-2	NNRC	CFLC	930 Prescott 2-5 NRC&
WKNEL	1500	Brady	2-3	NNRC	WJPO	1420 Chattanooga 3-4 NRC
<u>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.</u>						
WHEC	1430	Rochester	5:30-5:45	LRI	1070	Buenos Aires 2:15-3:30
----	1040	Rennes	1-2:15			
<u>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.</u>						
WSUI	830	Iowa City	1:30-2:30	WKBG	1400	Hilo 3-4 NNRC
WVSGN	1310	Birmingham	2-3	WJYX	1200	Waycross 3:30-4 URDXC
WJHBQ	1370	Memphis	2:30-3	NNRC		
<u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.</u>						
WJJOR	600	Vancouver	3-4	WFLA	620	Clearwater 5-5:30
----	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	LRI	1070	Buenos Aires 2:15-3:30
----	977	Belfast	1:30-3			
<u>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</u>						
WJNO	1200	W. Palm Beach	1-3			
<u>SENDERDAY, JANUARY 2.</u>						
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KFRO	1370	Longview NNRC 3-3:30
----	1040	Rennes	1-2:15	WFOR	1370	Hattiesburg 3:30-4 NNRC
WGL	1370	Ft. Wayne NNRC	2-2:30	KTEM	1370	Temple NNRC 4-4:30
LRI	1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30	WVLA	1370	Seattle NNRC 4:30-5:30
KIUP	1370	Durango	2:30-3	NNRC		
<u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.</u>						
WJBO	1420	Baton Rouge	2-4	WJEP	1160	Juarez 3-5

We want to take this opportunity to welcome two more new members in our club. They are: Harry H. Gordon, 317 East 10th St., Erie, Penna. and G. D. Luther, 1622 E. Helen St., Tucson, Ariz. We hope that our efforts will please both of these gentlemen as much as we are pleased to have the opportunity to be of service to them.

"In a recent letter Art Crackbill, chairman of our GPC, received from Wilbur T. Golson, Engineer and DX announcer of WJBO in Baton Rouge, La. Mr. Golson states that he is verifying all reports of reception at his expense and on his own time, as the management is not interested in DX programs. However starting with their January DX program he requests that all wishing verifications send a one cent stamp." Mr. Golson probably goes to more trouble in presenting a DX program, than anyone we know of. He does everything in his power to satisfy all the DXers. He asks that when you report your reception of WJBO, you mention the signal strength, quality, fading, local weather conditions, etc. He is also interested in knowing what selections you would like to hear, what type of programs you prefer, etc. WJBO broadcasts the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 A.M., E.S.T. From 2-3 they broadcast from LSU, send greetings to relatives of people in distant cities, orchestra music, etc. 3-3:30 they broadcast pick-ups over the town and 3:30-4 they broadcast letters received from DXers, give talks on radio clubs and their doings, and have talks by DXers themselves. We suggest that everyone tune in WJBO's monthly DX programs and send Mr. Golson a fine report of his station in return for all the time he spends trying to entertain we DXers.

WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!