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How do you like 1937 by this time, now that the Holiday Season is over, we're hoping that all be able to settle down to do a little bit more work, particularly on our DX activities. Ye Editor has made several resolutions for this year, the first of which is that we are going to strive to put forth even greater efforts to please our members during the coming year, and if the growth in membership warrants it, we hope to also increase the size of our weekly Bulletins, however in order to do just that, we'll have to have the complete co-operation of each and every one of you, if you'll go out and get us about 50 new members until the 1st of March we'll go right ahead and increase the size of the Bulletins accordingly. We also resolved to try to be more prompt in replying to the correspondence which comes to us here at club headquarters, it is only too true that we have been rather lax in that direction during the past year, but the real reason for that is that we've been terribly busy, however we intend to try to give each of our members a bit more personal attention.

Now we want to begin to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Brinkley for his splendid co-operation with our club and the Newark News Radio Club in standing by this past Monday morning in order that we DXers living here in these United States and Canada would have the opportunity to hear the splendid program of an International Goodwill nature from PRF3. Unfortunately here at club headquarters we had a very bad local interference which made it almost impossible for us to identify any selections during the course of this program, however reports that have come from the NPO's have indicated that they did give our club some splendid publicity during our portion of this broadcast. We regret that this station did not come through stronger than it did, for we doubt that it was heard very far West under the circumstances.

We received an air-mail letter from T. R. Grosvenor of Wichita, Kansas on Saturday morning of last week, advising us that the engineers at KANS who are located in that city and operate on 1210 kcs. had been planning to run a test program on Jan. 3 between 2:30 and 3:30 A.M. and that he had secured their promise to dedicate this program to the members of our club, unfortunately, however that particular morning TGW came through here at club headquarters with tremendous volume and it was impossible for us to hear anything of KANS, since they operate on the same frequency as the Guatemalan station.

A card from Bob Botzum of Reading, Penna. advises us that WEEU, 830 kcs., Reading, Penna. has changed the hour of their DX Tip Period which is heard each Saturday afternoon. He says that for the past month this program has been on from 1:15 to 1:30 P.M., instead of the 3:15 to 3:30 period which they had first assigned to this broadcast. He says that WRAW are still on from 7:15 to 7:30 P.M. on Saturdays, as they had first scheduled their Tip program.

We still haven't heard anything of those tests which were to have taken place from WFTC, 1200 kcs., Kinston, N. C. No doubt this station will begin testing any day now, so we would advise all of you to keep a close check on this particular frequency, inasmuch as we believe your efforts will be successfully rewarded. No one has reported reception of any new stations during the past week, so that it is altogether likely that we will have to wait some time before any new ones do test.

Hi-Frequencies

With Art Johnson

The British Broadcasting Corporation has decided that they better discontinue the use of GSP (19.6) in favor of GSB (31.55) during the next few months or transmission five. In spite of the increase of solar activity, it has been found that there is a definite trend towards late night winter conditions. On some nights not only did the 19.6 m channel become inaudible but also the 25 meter channel did likewise, but fading is more likely to be continuous on 19.6 m than any other higher wavelength.

All Wave listeners will be able to tune in the Inaugural Ceremonies of President Roosevelt on January 20, as most all United States stations are preparing to carry the program. Some of the stations plan to broadcast events for several days preceeding the actual inauguration. Stations (SW) carrying the NBC inaugural ceremonies are W3XAL, W9XAA, W9XF, W1XK, W8KAL, W2KAF, W2KAD and W8XK. ---W2XE and W3XAU are carrying the CBS side of it....W1KAL in Boston, the Educational station, is also going to be on the air with it's program. - Pat Reilley

Do you know that the new Japanese stations JZI and JZK are using 50 kilowatts power? Signal is good of late too. Announcements are frequently made in English altho the major portion of the broadcast is in Japanese.

CMA-5 is the Mystery station reported operating on 9950 kcs. without no apparent sign off. It is a commercial station and is located in Cuba.

Notwithstanding other reports station HS8PJ, Bangkok, Siam is operating on their experimental musical programs on 19020 kcs. Mondays from 8 to 10 P.M. with an occasional broadcast that day on 15530 kcs, and on Thursdays at the same hours on 9350 kcs. No broadcast are being transmitted at present on 10955 kcs. HS8PJ's broadcasts are opened with 3 chimes sounded on a gong. Announcements are made in Siamese, English, German and French. The station at times comes in fairly well in the United States.

WBNX BCB station in New York is constructing an experimental SW transmitter and is to operate four Ultra high frequencies. The call letters will be W2XIS and will have 200 watts power in their antenna.

Our good friend Floyd M. Murphy of Illinois, now Ass't. SW Ed. of the GCDXC, sent me an excellent report of his activities in the last month which will follow. DZH, 14.46m; DZE, 12.13m; DZC, 10.29m; DZA, 9.67 were all heard with excellent volume with a special program. KIO, Dec. 16 also a special program. VP3MR on Dec. 22 with an QSA4 R7, QSB-7 signal. Floyd says that they don't come to his listening post very often and thus it was coming thru with an unusually good signal that day at 6:38 P.M....HJ4ABH, 9.51 me on Dec. 30 at 8 AM. Says it was the first time it has been heard at this time of the day as it usually doesn't operate mornings. At night they put in a good signal. They make many English announcements too. Newest 20 meter ham catches of Floyd are: FY4AK, VU2CQ, ZL1CD, LU1CX, VK2JU, ON4ZA, ZCLD, G16XS, VK3CO, VF3BG, VP2DA, YN1OP, VP6TR, ZELJR; and we must comment that that sure is fine 20 metre DX. Thanks Floyd.

Got my verie of W1OXDA and not by mail either. The W2OJ transmitter and operator are right up the street from my QRA about 4 blocks.

Hi.

RADIO GOSSIP

By A. W. Oppel

KGMB, Honolulu, Hawaii, is the latest station to join the Mutual Broadcasting System chain...WTIC, Hartford, Conn., is now making money for the first time in its career...WIRE, Indianapolis, Ind., has been sold. It is possible a change of call letters may result from the shift of ownership...It is possible that Santa Barbara, Cal., will receive a new 500-watt unlimited time station on 1220 kilocycles. A federal radio examiner has approved of the application.

DX CHATTER SW's

DID YOU KNOW...that the following are being heard: ELIA, Liberia, East Africa, on about 7.24 megs., from 2:45-3:20 A.M.; XE3AN, 7.30 megs., Merida, Yucatan, at 1:20 A.M.; XE2AC, 7.18 megs., Chihuahua, at 12:35 A.M.; XE2CH, 7.03 megs., at 11:50 A.M...XEL, 1100 kcs., Mexico, D. F., will DX January 10 from 12:01-4 A.M..

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DO YOU KNOW...that KLAC, 1370 kcs., San Antonio, Texas, will test every Tuesday and Saturday from 5:30-6 A.M., until further notice...KTEM, 1370 kc s., Temple, Texas, will DX from 4-5 A.M., on these dates; January 22 and 29; February 5, 19 and 26; March 5, 19 and 26; April 2, 23 and 30...WATR, 1190 kcs., Waterbury, Conn., has received permission to change to 1290 kcs., and operate on unlimited time.

We have been advised that KGVO, 1260 kcs., Missoula, Mont., will again celebrate their birthday anniversary with another of their fine annual DX program which will run until 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. In their letter to Joe Becker they promised that they would dedicate a portion of this program to the members of our club. They will probably be very anxious to receive a lot of reports on this broadcast, as we believe it is the first program of this nature that they have transmitted since they changed their frequency about a year ago. Although it is true that they do have a monthly frequency check on this frequency.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

A. W. Oppel, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116X - Bad buzzing noise here on January 4 for reception of PRF3. Consequently, PRF3 was not heard from 1:50-2:30 A.M.

WILLIAM H. STONE, Toronto, Ont. - Conditions during the week were very poor. Static very high. 12/29 - KXBY R7 2-2:15; CKCL R9 on daily broadcast. 12/30 - CFPL R7 from 6-6:30. 1/2 - WHFC 1:40-2 R7. WEST R7 2-2:13. WMAX 3-3:30 R9. KFRO R4-6 3:13-3:30. KFVB R5-7 3:35-4. XELO at 4 A.M., on 590 kcs. WWJ at 4:20 P.M. R9. WTNJ 4:25 PM R9. 1/3/37 WSAZ R9 at 1:35. WICC 1:45-2 R7-8. KTRH 2:15-3 R7-9. WTMV 2:30 R5. WABY 2:57 R8. WNBR 3:10 R7. KFVB 3:10-3:30 R8. WAFO 2:35 R6. WOI 3:20 R9. KNX 3:30 R9. TJBO 4:50 R5-6. WGST 4-4:20 R9. WAWZ 4:15 R6. Bill also advises us that KVI 570 kcs., Tacoma, Wash. have advised him that they are putting on a DX program on January 9 from 3-5 A.M. Bill says that he is contemplating a series of broadcasts to be known as "Canada Promenades" which he is going to arrange for our club to take the air during the month of February. We'll advise you later, just which stations will take part in this series of broadcasts.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - No DX to report during the past week and added nary a new one. TAs very poor with only Fecamp audible. Received small veries back this past week from 4BK-2NR and 4AK. 2NR sent me a six-pence piece as souvenir, and 4BK a nice letter along with veri card inclosed. Stated they only use 500-watts of power. Is one of my most prized veries. Monday morn. January 4th. Caught PRF3 FB QSA4 R5 with some fading logged 2:01-2:59 A.M. They gave NRC plenty of public-

ART BRACKBILL, Lancaster, Penna. - Heard PTFZ on January 4, but static very bad. Hard to report them as all titles were Spanish. Gave the NRC very good mention.

EDDIE GRANT, North Sydney, N. S. - Dec. 27th - European reception very good, best this season. Radio Athlone heard R8, best since antenna beam- ed on E. Europe late 1935. All French stations good, especially Lyons PTT 1393 kcs. All BBC stations perfect, with Belfast interfering with WBZ. The only Italian available was IRO with a heavy QRM from WOR. The Portuguese were not audible at all.

J. B. PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Dec. 27 - WPAR at 2:00. WMIN off at 2:02. CFLC badly QRMed by KROW. 1370 kcs., all QRMed up. TGW at 4:25. KGMB at 4 FB. Dec. 28, KARK at 2:30. KRE at 3:55 - terrible noise that was not steady, good for 30 minutes and then rotten for the next 30, all morning. Dec. 29. Too noisy to DX but it cleared up after 4 A.M. KFJB at 4:45 then got noisy again. Dec. 30. Very heavy rain. WSUI at 2:15. WOSC at 2:17. WMBQ at 2:40. WNAD at 3:05. XELO on 590 kcs. WIL, WJBW and WJYX having a free for all on 1200 at 4:50. very heavy static. Dec. 31 - LRI at 2:50. KRLD at 2:55. XELO again on 590 kcs. WTIC at 3:30. WJAP at 3:40. CMBZ at 3:50. Very bad rainstorm and quite noisy. Jan. 1. Too many stations on the air to DX. Reception quite good. WCAU testing auxillary transmitter for 5 minutes from 4:08-4:12½. Jan. 2. No DX at all, this was the first morning in over a year that I didn't DX. "That's some record Pat". Jan. 3. Very noisy again, in fact it was so bad that there was no DX on the broadcast band. WJBO at 3:50. KTUL at 4:04. WGST at 4:10. 20 meters was open for first time in a month or more. Heard the following after 3:30 A.M. ON4OU, G2XV, VK4BD, G5PP, LU7EP, G6LK, ~~EEK~~ G5BJ, LA1G, and only one U. S. ham, W6ITH. Pat says this has been the worst week of the whole season thus far for him. Pat also tells us of a rather amusing incident which we believe worthwhile passing on to you. Pat says he went up to one of the local electric stores in James- town on business, and while he was there he heard some one talking, a voice that he thought he recognized. Upon investigation Pat found this to be an old friend of his from Warren, Pa. who has just recently been put in charge of the radio department. Naturally Pat and he got to chat- ting and the manager of the store came along. Pat was introduced to him by his friend, and he told the manager that he had heard stations from all over the World. The manager thought they meant on Short Wave and when Pat told him that he meant on the broadcast band the manager was quite astonished. Pat happened to have quite a few of his foreign verifs with him, inasmuch as he had intended taking them to some other fellow to look over. The manager became quite interested in Pat's verifs, which of course included some from the West Indies, Central America, South America, France, Hawaii and New Zealand and Australia. The manag- er was so enthused about it that he asked Pat if he'd mind letting him put them on display in the window at that store. No doubt this exper- ience has occurred among many of our members, but we thought it was rat- her amusing to note how surprised the store manager became when Pat showed him what could really be accomplished on the broadcast band.

BOB BOLTZUM, Reading, Penna. - Reception here during the past week has not been so good, high noise level, etc. Cubans good in the early P.M. Received verie from Frankfurt in English and Paris PTT (695 kc.) veri- fied by 2 page letter and enclosed 2 fine photos of their station 6x8 inches. No sign of Belfast during the Holidays.

LLOYD REES, Ridgewood, N. J. - WBCL was on with NBC during a New Year program until 5 A.M. on January 1st. Lloyd would like to know whether they have just joined the network? An unknown Spaniard on 1340 kcs.

JULIAN SCRAFFER, Cleveland, Ohio - Says after a recess of 3 weeks he's tracking down those DX catches once more. Here is a list of stations heard during the past week: Dec. 28 W3YR using their old call. Dec.

Julian Schaefer - 29 WJBY, KXBY, KPIC, CMCA, CMCB, Dec. 30. WAYX, KELO 590 kcs. KCKN. Dec. 31. WJBW, WBRV. Jan. 1. KTEM, WFIL, CMCH. Jan. 2. WEAN, KEK, XEBG, KNOV and WACO. Beside these Julian says he's heard from 20 to 30 Cubans almost nightly. Even got enough for a report to CMCW behind WJR in Detroit. He says however, that static has been almost as bad for him as it is during the summer time.

ELDON ADDY, Marcus, R. D. 2, Iowa - Reports that our Bulletins have been of big help to him in his DXing activities during the past year. Eldon says he's just purchased a new Hallicrafter set and will endeavor to pass along any information to us which he feels will be of interest to the other members. Eldon also says that he'd be delighted to correspond with any one in the club, who'd care to correspond with him. Here's a chance for some of you to add a very fine correspondent to your list of carries.

JOHN E. OTT, Sanborn, Iowa - Reporting for the week ending Dec. 26. John says that he tried to get down to business during that week as it was the first week of his vacation. John says that old man weather has seen fit to send us only foggy, rainy weather however, and in spite of these adverse conditions he has added five new catches to his log. John says that no TA reception has been experienced. He says his primary desire at the present time is to be able to pick up a TA. Dec. 21 - received KOCA as they came on for their first test program at 4:50. Also heard KYA for the first time and KXBY with their new call. KWJJ came through exceptionally strong, Dec. 22. KRLD tested at 5:23, KMAC at 5:37, WACO at 5:45, KMA at 5:50, CMCB at 6:05, WHIO at 6:07, KBIX at 6:10, WWJ at 6:20, WIBW at 6:30. Heard unknown Spanish speaking station on 1290 kcs., at 6 A.M. (This probably was WHEL as this station comes on the air every morning at 5:30 to begin their broadcasting activities for the day.) Dec. 23 WSAI testing at 3:40. during the course of their dedication to our club. WAPO at 3:48, KOK at 3:50, WEVD at 3:55, WLL at 3:56, KARK testing at 5. WLV at 5:02. Heard WCAL at 10:50 A.M. here in Sanborn. Dec. 25 KTFI very strong, heard CMPC and XEBG for first time. KADA testing at 3, KONO at 3:05. Dec. 26. Heard KMO from 1:15-2:30 in trying for CMKW. KWJJ and KJBS very strong. WMAL heard for the first time at sign off 2 A.M. Am hearing KSL at noon lately.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your splendid co-operation with our club during the past year. All of you have in some manner or other contributed to the success of our club and we surely do appreciate all the fine efforts that have been put forth by you. We hope that we can count on your continued support during the year which lies before us, we assure you that we in turn will do all in our power to put out the newiest, most up to the minute Bulletin that we've ever had. We feel that with your support the National Radio Club will progress in even greater strides than has been the case in the past. We certainly want to congratulate our fine Courtesy Programs Committee on the fine work that they have already accomplished this year and it is our hope that their good work will continue. Last but not least, we want to thank all the other clubs that have co-operated with us in publicizing our tips, or in aiding us in clearing channels so that there would not be any programs of a conflicting nature. We surely do appreciate your splendid co-operation during the past year and assure you that we shall continue to do all in our power to continue this co-operation with your clubs during the year which has just begun.

Floyd Smith of Greenville, Ill. writes that in some manner or other we became mixed up in the date of KRLD's frequency check dedication to our club in December. He asks that all our members report on this point at our association for their co-operation.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.

KPOF 880 Denver 2:15-2:45 KFXM 1210 S. B'dino 3-4 NRC
Note: - KFXM are running this program in honor of our club and Joe Beck-
er's birthday.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.

CMKW 1330 Santiago 1-2 WAML 1310 Laurel NRC 3:30-3:50
----- 1040 Rennes 1-2:15 KVI 570 Tacoma 3-5
LRL 1070 B. Aires 2:15-3:30 KMTR 570 Hollywood R.N. 4-4:30
WSOC 1210 Charlotte NRC 2:20-2:40 KTSM 1310 El Paso NRC 4:20-4:40
WTJS 1310 Jackson NRC 2:30-2:50 KMAC 1370 S. Antonio 5:30-6 NNRC
CFCH 930 North Bay 3-4 NNRC KBIX 1500 Muskogee NNRC 6-6:30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

KEL 1100 Mexico City 12-4 NNRC XEP 1160 Juarez 3-5
KEFW 1310 Tampico 1-2 NNRC WMBD 1440 Peoria 3:30-5 NRC
WEEU 830 Reading 3-5 NRC & WNBC 1380 New Britain 4-6 NNRC

MONDAY, JANUARY 11.

WHEF 1500 Kosciusko 1-2 KIEM 1450 Eureka R.N. 5-5:30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.

----- 1040 Rennes 1-2:15 KCOS 1200 Marshfield NRC 4-4:20
LRL 1070 B. Aires 2:15-3:30 KRMD 1310 Shreveport NRC 4:20-4:40
WFBG 1310 Altoona NRC 2:30-2:50 KMAC 1370 S. Antonio 5:30-6 NNRC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.

CMCX 1320 Havana 3-6 NNRC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.

----- 1040 Rennes 1-2:15 LRL 1070 B. Aires 2:15-3:30
----- 977 Belfast 1:30-3 CJOR 600 Vancouver 3-4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

----- 660 Jerusalem IDA 1-1:30 KGFV 1310 Kearney 6-6:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

CMKW 1330 Santiago 1-2 LRL 1070 B. Aires 2:15-3:30
WRJN 1370 Racine 1-2 NNRC KVOA 1260 Tucson 3-4 URDXC
WMBI 1080 Chicago 1-2 NRC KGKL 1370 San Angelo 3-4 NNRC
----- 1040 Rennes 1-2:15 KGFQ 1370 Boone 4-5 NNRC
WEOA 1370 Evansville NNRC 2-2:30 KIEV 850 Glendale R.N. 4-9
XECZ 1375 San Luis Potosi 2-3 NNRC KMAC 1370 S. Antonio 5:30-6 NNRC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17.

KEBK 1000 N. Laredo 2-3 NNRC WPAD 1420 Paducah NRC 2:30-3:30
WOR 710 Newark NNRC 2-4:30 XEP 1160 Juarez 3-5

Arthur L. Robb, Topeka, Kansas sends us a bit of information which we are sure will be of interest to a great many of our members. He says that WPRO, 630 kcs., Providence, R. I., are on from 6:00 to 7:00 A.M., in the mornings during which time they have a cleared channel, inasmuch as WMAL and KFRU do not come on until 7:00 A.M. He suggests that this would be an excellent opportunity for those of you, who have never heard a station in Rhode Island to try for one, especially while the mornings are long. Thanks for this tip, Art, we know many of our members will undoubtedly want to take advantage of this opportunity to hear WPRO.

Don't forget to tune in the WORK DX Club broadcasts which are on the air each Thursday night from 8:45 to 9:00 P.M., E.S.T. for the latest up to the minute news for the DXers. Ye editor would appreciate it if you'd all send in a report on this broadcast to the station every once in a while, inasmuch as it would show not only he, but the management of the station as well that you appreciated their courtesy in donating this time to us. We believe that each and every one of you can do this much for us, for we want to really show our appreciation to the station for their splendid co-operation. Until next week, 73 and lots