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Now that the majority of the Emergency Flood Broadcasts are a thing of the past, perhaps we will be able to return to our DXing activities in earnest. However we just can't help feeling proud over the fine manner in which "Radio" served the people in the time of this great emergency. We have always feel that too few people really realized the wonderful friend that radio could be to them in time of need.

This might be a good time to take "Stock" as it were, of just what remains for us this season. We have now reached a point where we can soon expect the European reception which we have been experiencing during the past few months, to fade out, inasmuch as reception of these stations is rarely reported after the middle of February. Therefore we would suggest that you all put forth a considerable amount of effort during the next two weeks on these Trans-Atlantic stations, as we doubt that you'll have much luck with them after that time. From that time on we should begin to turn our attention to the Trans-Pacifcics again, inasmuch as they begin to make their re-appearance from the middle of February on up until about the 1st of April. The best time to try for these stations is between 5:00 and 6:30 A.M., E.S.T. If these stations put in any kind of a signal at all this spring, we feel certain that the majority of you should be successful in hearing the more powerful transmitters from down under; such as 1YA, 2YA and 4YA. From what we have been told we believe that 2YA are now using 60 kw., which of course will make them the most powerful station in either Australia or New Zealand, thus this being the case they should be the most dependable of all the Trans-Pacifcics. Then too, don't forget that last week we gave you a list of additions to the regular monthly frequency checks which will be more than worthwhile trying for. Hence if conditions are favorable we should have quite a bit of good DX in store for us between now and the end of the present season.

Another new station has been noted on the air during the past week. We are speaking of WFOY, 1210 kcs., St. Augustine, Fla., who have been testing their new transmitter. We do not know how many tests will be conducted in the early mornings, but we do believe that it would be a good plan to keep a close check on this frequency in anticipation of some future tests from this particular station.

Don't forget the Radex Mystery DX Contest which will take place February 20, 21 and 22. There will be quite a few valuable prizes given to the winners, and besides that the club which has the largest majority of it's members represented in this contest will receive a special prize of some extra space in Radex each month. We'd like to have the honor of winning that prize, so how about entering the contest in an effort to put NRC over the top. If you belong to more than one club and desire to vote for NRC in your choice of clubs, be sure to specify the same on your contest blanks, otherwise the Judges surely won't give our club the credit. We surely hope that the response to this contest will be satisfactory so that Radex will decide to continue with this contest in future years. Remember the future of this contest depends upon your support. For complete details read February issue of Radex where you will find all rules pertaining to the contest available. We also hope that some of the members of our club will be among the prize winners. Last year the winner was a member of our club, let's try to do the same

"CANADA PROMENADES"

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Bill Stone on the fine line-up of stations that he has already secured in connection with this series of broadcasts. During the past week we have received quite a bit of news pertaining to the stations which will take part in this gigantic Canadian DX Party which will be dedicated to the members of our club.

First of all we are in receipt of a letter from Dr. John R. Brinkley, owner of XEAW who operate on 960 kcs., you will recall that several weeks ago, we mentioned the fact that everything depended on whether or not we could get Dr. Brinkley's co-operation, as to whether CHNC and CFRN both operating on the 960 kilocycle frequency would take part in this series of programs. Dr. Brinkley advises us that inasmuch as XEAW are now signing off at 2:00 A.M., E.S.T. that neither of these stations will have to worry about any interference from his station. We have accordingly advised both of these stations, so that we feel certain that both of these stations will now participate as they promised they would under these circumstances. We are also in receipt of a letter from CFCY in Charlottetown, P.E.I. in which they advise us that they will be on between 1:00 and 2:00 A.M., E.S.T. We suggested to them in our letter of inquiry whether they meant E.S.T. or A.S.T. that it might be well for them to change the hour of their broadcast, inasmuch as we felt that they might receive interference from some other station operating on their same frequency at the hour specified in their letter, however they advise us that they are willing to run such a risk and that it is impossible for them to come on at a later hour than that.

There are also two more additions to the list which has already been reported to you. Bill reports that CJ CJ, 690 kcs., Calgary, Alta., will be on Sunday morning, February 21 from 3:30 to 4:30 A.M., E.S.T. and that ~~CKCV, 1310 kcs., Quebec, Que., will be on Sunday morning, February 28 from 4:00 to 5:00 A.M., E.S.T.~~ You will all recall that last year this station put on their first real DX program and received over 1300 reports as a result. Let's all shower them with reports again, inasmuch as we know this is one station that is still missing in many of our logs. We hope that all of you will make an effort to report on as many of these Canadian programs as you possibly can, inasmuch as in the past the response to some of these stations has been rather discouraging, and the number of future DXes that they will present, will depend on the response they get on these broadcasts for our club. Let's show these stations that we do appreciate their efforts by sending them a report, or at least a "Thank You" card, in appreciation of their splendid co-operation.

A card from Floyd Smith, our Greenville, Ill., CFCer advises us that KTSM, 1310 kcs., El Paso, Texas will dedicate their February frequency check to the members of our club. This broadcast will be on the air on the 13th between 4:20 and 4:40 A.M., E.S.T.

Last week we reported some recent additions to the National Bureau of Standards tests which have been conducted each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the months of November, December and January. We also mentioned that there was a likelihood of these tests being extended into February. However nothing was heard of any of these stations on Tuesday morning, February 2. We would suggest however, that you keep a rather close watch for these stations, as conditions may have been against them on this particular morning. It will take a week or so until we can determine one way or the other definitely whether these tests have been extended or not. We hope they have, inasmuch as those additions will make good catches for us to try our skill at.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce my resignation as Short Wave Editor of the National Radio Club. To say that I have enjoyed being the Short Wave Editor of this splendid club, is putting it mildly. I am forced to resign because of the fact that my health has been failing, and I will have to take a complete rest from everything, my job, my hobbies and my pleasures, and in a few days I am leaving for my family's farm in Connecticut. I have given Bob Weaver, our able president ample time to appoint a new short wave editor although at the present writing, I don't know who he is, but whoever he appoints, I wish him all the success in the world and if he will write me at my QRA at 472 - 83rd St., Fort Hamilton, N. Y., I will give him all of my references, SW DX, Corrie reporters and other sources of information. All letters will be forwarded to me in Connecticut.

Today, Monday the 1st, I have received some very good news that I am sure all of you Short Wave Tuners will cheerish. I have received a letter from the "Norsk Rikskringkasting" (Norwegian Broadcasting Co.) to the fact that they will put on a special program dedicated to the members of the National Radio Club, and other USA listeners who tune in. The special program that I have arranged will take place on Wednesday morning, February 19, 1937 at 6-7 A.M., GMT or 1 - 2 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, from station LKJ1. They state that they will be operating on 9530 kilocycles or 31.48 meters and will use increased power. Announcements will be in English and American tunes, and Norwegian Folk tunes will be featured. LKJ1 has prepared a special verification card and reports are welcomed. I wish that all you DXers would inform all of your DXing friends to tune in this station. It will have a clear channel as W2KAF will be off the air and ZBW will not as yet be on the air when the program takes place. I have informed newspapers and radio clubs of this first special program from this elusive catch and we are looking for a successful number of reports to this program. We all thank the Norsk Ringskringkasting for putting on this program for us, and may this lead to more specials from this station and other Short Wave stations. There is a very big demand for DX programs from Short Waves stations.

We wish to praise the Amateur Radio Operators who in this flood out in the middle west have done such much great work in the rescuing of refugees, directing relief agencies, handling of messages, etc. Space does not permit the listing the innumerable number of Amateurs who have done such excellent work there. This present flood emphasizes more and more the need for these Amateur Radio Stations and it just goes to heap more and more laurels on the Amateur Radio Fraternity.

HH2R Port-au-Prince, Haiti is operating just above COCH (9.42) although they are extremely weak and operate only irregularly.

Verifications from EAQ Madrid are again coming through and EAQ has a new novel card printed. They change the design of their verie card quite often it seems.

Jack Hyde of Elmwood, Conn., writes that he has heard the Afriaan phone station ZT6AL Johannesburg, South Africa on 14 megs. The QRA of this one is supposed to be Box 49, Durban, Natal Afráca. The call book does not give its location as Johannesburg, although this may be his new QRA.

YV1RG is again being heard and they are now being heard with better volume. This is "Radio Valera" and should not be confused with YV1RH who operates close by, and whose slogan is "Emissora Philco".

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That's all I have to say here at this end, so I will have to close, let me wish you all lots of success in your DXing in the future, success to the new Short Wave Editor, I shall be following his work with interest. 73

Art Johnson

Short Wave Editor

As yet we have not located anyone to replace Art, we have contacted one member thus far with reference to this important position and he found that he would not have the time to devote to it, we are contacting another well versed SWL today with regards to the job and it is our hope that he will be able to take care of it for us. At any rate we hope to be able to announce the name of our new SWE next week. To Art we say, "Many thanks for the fine job you did for us, and we hope that your recovery will be speedy and that you will soon be able to work for our club again, you see Art has volunteered to work with the Short Wave Committee just as soon as he has sufficiently recovered.

DX CHATTER

By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that WMCA, 570 kcs., New York, has been authorized to start using 1000 watts all times...action is starting once again on the WMFN construction permit. Ownership of the permit has been changed, and this will probably mean a definite start of the construction of the station...KRNR, 1500 kcs., Roseburg, Ore., will increase day power to 250 watts...CFCT, 1450 kcs., Victoria, B. C., is on daily from 3:30 to 5 A.M., and from 4 to 6 A.M., Sundays...WFHR, recently granted permission to move from Petersburg to Richmond, Va., will change call letters to WRNL...WRTD are the call letters assigned to the Times Dispatch Publishing Co., station in Richmond, Va...KRMC, 1310 kcs., Jamestown, N. D., to increase day power from 100 to 250 watts...Gulf Coast Broadcasting Co., will erect new station at Corpus Christi, Texas to operate on 1330 kcs., 250 watts night, ~~500 watts day, enjoying unlimited time privileges~~...C.A. Rowley, Ashtabula, Ohio granted construction permit to erect new station on 940 kcs., 250 watts, daytime...The Southwest Broadcasting Co., La Junta, Colo. granted Construction Permit for new station on 1370 kcs., with 100 watts unlimited...the Commission dismissed the application for renewal of license of the New Furniture Co., Greenville, Texas using 15 watts power, this no doubt will be the last heard of this station, it is almost two years since this now famous station has been deleted.

Pat Reilly, Jamestown, N. Y. sends us the following information: "Divorce of radio and newspapers is the object of a bill to be introduced in Congress by Senator Wheeler, who maintains that control of radio stations by newspaper owners is undesirable." "Following unsuccessful efforts over the past year to obtain from the Federal Communications Commission authority to establish a radio station at Los Angeles, organized labor of that city and Southern California have completed arrangements for the use of time on station XEBG, located just over the border in Mexico, a few miles from Tia Juana. At present the labor program will be heard nightly from 10:30 to 11, but plans are in the making for daylight broadcasting from 9 to 10 A.M. This station operates on 820 kcs. The reception accorded this venture may have some influence upon the final disposition of the application pending for a licensed radio station at Los Angeles." WJTN, 1210 kcs., Jamestown, N. Y., will increase power from 50 to 100 watts nights, using 250 days. They will also move their transmitter site and studio to 634 Hallock St., of that city.

Joe Becker our active Vice-President advises us that WPAX, Thomasville, Ga., extended their series of 15 minute daily dedications to our club until January 30. They were first scheduled to stop January 27.

A. W. OFFEL, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116X - Reception during past week poor, with graveyard channels blocked by flood broadcast stations. However, WFOY testing Feb. 1 at 1:15 A.M., with a R-8 signal.

Frank FIELD, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Says they have had summer weather during the month of January, only one day being below freezing, flowers in bloom, trees beginning to burst forth with foliage. This together with all the flood reports during the past ten days has made DXing almost impossible. Logged eight new stations during January in spite of all the adverse reception conditions. Jan. 8, WEMP and WTHT. Jan. 10, KEL. Jan. 19, KGLO and WDWS. Jan. 21, KWOS and Belfast. Jan. 23, WSAU. Belfast came through fine before 3 A.M. On 20 meters have heard the following countries recently. Labrador, Newfoundland, Peru, Barbados, Belgium, France, England, British India, Venezuela, Portugal, Spain, Bermuda and many northwestern Canadian stations. Heard WFOY on Feb. 1.

HOWARD SCHLOCH, Brooklyn, N. Y. - Sends us his initial report for this season. Howard says that college work has been so strenuous that he's had very little time for DXing, but in spite of everything managed to log the following new ones since the first of October. WAAB, XEP, WMFR, KSCJ, WSVA, CJCS, WAPO, WFMD, WPLY, WEST, WAYX, WCMI, WFOY and KXBY. WFOY heard on Jan. 31. Howard says he intends to enter the Radex Contest, we're glad to hear that Howard, and hope that many other members will do likewise.

PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Says he doesn't have any NPO report this week because of floods and because Pat had the "flu" from Sunday until last Thursday. Pat says their local emergency unit (WANC) was called out by the Army last week and 9 men went with them for duty in the flood stricken area. Pat says their frequency is 2726 or 3190 kcs. Pat also reports reception of WFOY on Feb. 1, whom he says signed off at 3:01 A.M. EGLO, WSAU and FPPT are recent verifs received.

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallicrafters/Sky Chief. BCB report. Jan. 30th. Reception from West very good. Light QRN, some QRM from flood stations. KPWB 1:30 R3, KJR 1:45 R-6, KEX 1:53 R3, KFBK 1:57 R4, KPO 2:25 R3, LRI 2:45 R6, XENT 5:25 R8, KFI 1:35 R5, KNX 1:48 R7, KGER 1:54 R5, KPMC 2:00 R3, KHQ 2:30 R2, KFAC 5:20 R3, XERA 5:30 R8, KOA 1:40 R-3, KSL 1:50 R8, KGA 1:56 R3, KHJ 2:16 R3, CMQ 2:40 R7, XELO 5:23 R7, XEPN 5:35 R6. No TA reception this morning. SW report Jan. 31 All times P.M. W3XAL 3:30 R8, W8XK 3:42 R3, TPA3 3:50 R7, DJD 4:00 R6, 2R03-4:00 R6, W2XAF 4:25 R8, YV4RB 4:35 R6, COCO 5:00 R6, W3XAL 6:13 R8, YV5RP 6:19 R7, DJA 6:22 R7, TPA4 6:27 R3, W2XAD 3:35 R2, GSF 3:45 R8, W9XAA 3:52 R3, CJRX 4:05 R5, W3XAU 4:17 R8, GSB 4:28 R6, CRCX 4:40 R8, YV5RC 6:10 R7, COCD 6:15 R7, HIH 6:20 R6, DJN 6:23 R6, GSD 6:28 R8, W2XE 3:40 R2, DJL 3:47 R5, DJP 3:48 R3, WLXAL 3:55 R3, EAQ 4:10 R7, COCQ 4:12 R5, GSC 4:20 R6, W1XK 4:22 R7, COCH 4:30 R7, WLXAL 4:50 R8, DJC 6:12 R6, YV5RD 6:17 R7, HAT4 6:21 R6, LRX 6:24 R5, GSW 6:25 R6, DJD 6:30 R8.

BENJAMIN GENUNG, Spring City, Penna. - Reports reception of WFOY on Jan. 31, also WEW and WGH. Ben says he's hoping that he'll find time to enter the Radex Contest. We sure hope you will, Ben!

CARL FORESTIERI, Bronx, N. Y. - This is Carl's first report in a long time and we're sure glad to hear from him again. Carl reports that there is a Brazilian on 1220 kcs., testing with 22 kw power. The call of which has been positively identified as PRA9. Address is Rua Mayrink Viega 17, Rio de Janeiro. He says they come in with R9 plus volume but fade very badly. This station has been testing quite a bit recently between 1 and 3 A.M. Suggests that all of you try for them around that time. Thanks!!

JACK HORNER, Elizabethtown, Pa. - Reports reception of WFOY on Sunday morning but says they came through very poor. Also heard KBTM, WOPI and CMCD for new ones. Jack says his verification from KGDY states that their tests are held the first Sunday of each month from 4-4:30 instead of the first Saturday. XEL very faint on Sunday. He says WJNO weren't on for us as scheduled due to seasonal weather, however they have promised us another dedication at 2:15 P.M. on Feb. 10.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.					
WACO	1420	Waco	1:45-2:15	KTEM 1370	Temple 4-6
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	KASA 1210	Elk City 3:30-3:50
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.					
XEL	1100	Mexico City	12-4	NNRC KGDY 1340	Huron 4-4:30
WJBO	1420	Baton Rouge	2-4	R.N. KGBU 900	Ketchikan 4-5 URDXC
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.					
WMFF	1310	Plattsburg NRC	3:30-3:50	WTAL 1310	Tallahassee NRC 5:10-5:30
WLAK	1310	Lakeland NRC	4:50-5:10	KGMB 1320	Honolulu NNRC 5:30-6:30
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.					
KPAC	1260	Port Arthur	12-12:30	WBRE 1310	W. Barre NRC 4-4:20
CFCH	930	North Bay	3-4	NNRC WGH 1310	N. News 4:40-5 NRC
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.					
KVOL	1310	Lafayette NRC	2:20-2:40	WTRC 1310	Elkhart NRC 5-5:20
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.					
-----	746	Marseilles	1:30-2:30	CJOR 600	Vancouver 3-4 NRC
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.					
WMFG	1210	Hibbing NRC	4:20-4:40	KANS 1210	Wichita NRC 5:50-6:10
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.					
CMKW	1330	Santiago	1-2	WROL 1310	Knoxville NRC 2:50-3:10
KECZ	1370	S. Luis Fotosi	2-4	NNRC KTSM 1310	El Paso NRC 4:20-4:40
WMFR	1200	High Point NRC	2-2:20	KEEN 1370	Seattle NNRC 4:30-5:30
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14.					
XEL	1100	Mexico City	12-4	XEU 1010	Veracruz NNRC 2:30-3:30
KRRV	1310	Sherman	2-3	NNRC CFJC 880	Kamloops 3-4 NRC
CJCA	730	Edmonton	2-3	NRC WEEU 830	Reading 3-5 NRC&
WRGA	1500	Rome	2-3	NNRC XEP 1160	Juarez 3-5
FLASH:- Sat. Feb. 6. - WEST 1200 kcs., Easton, Pa. - 2:00-2:15 NRC					

National Post Observer Reports (Continued)

he has just received word that WEST, Easton, Pa. will present a DX program to be dedicated to our members on Feb. 6 from 2 to 2:15 A.M.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Advises us that the Belfast verifications, sent out through Nichols and Weyrich, will be issued as soon as the cards are back from the printers. Al says that he too has had a case of "la grippe" during the past week which has prevented him from doing any DXing.

HARRY M. GORDON, Erie, Pa. - Says that he heard XEMX on 1280 kcs., five different times in the past six weeks, in spite of the fact that the Mexican government told Al Oppel that there is no such station. A reply from this station has been received from Harry, in which they state they have increased power from 12 to 100 watts. Harry says that he thinks the government made a mistake and that it was XEMZ who are deleted.

TED GROSVENOR, Wichita, Kans. - Advises us that he anticipates announcing the frequency check of KANS this month and if so, that he will dedicate the same to our members. Ted also advises us that KTEM gave us a dedication the first of the month through his efforts, but notice received too late to let us know. KFJH didn't DX on Jan. 29 as per arrangement.

JOE J. BECKER, Sr. Hamilton, Ohio - Advises us that he heard WSAU for a new station last week. He says he has heard parts of the WPAX dedications but that there was some other station which interfered badly. He says they did not have any trouble with floods in Hamilton but that conditions in Cincinnati were horrible.

We want to take this opportunity to welcome the following gentlemen as new members in our club; Herbert Tucker, 57 Kenilworth Drive, Akron, Ohio and S. A. Long, Radio Editor, Wichita Beacon, Wichita, Kans. Letter gotten through Ted Grosvenor. Welcome to both of you.