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*FROM THE EDITOR*

Happy New Year to All! May you get all you wish for this coming year. Thank you for the many greetings I received for the holidays.

Now for the annual dues reminder for the Jan/Feb issue!

*DUES ARE DUE!!!*

*Please note that the postage rates have been raised. For first class postage for US (required for VE and XE who do not accept US bulk mail) the rate is now \$4.00, bringing the total for dues + postage to \$12.00.*

*For Air Mail for DX (we no longer have surface rates for DX) the rate is now \$8.00, bringing the total for dues + postage to \$16.00.*

**AGAIN** -1 must nag one and all to be sure and let me know of any change of address asap. This is an on-going problem that causes a great deal of wasted expenditure! Come Thanksgiving, I say a special Prayer of Thanks to those few of you who are so very good about notifying YLRL about their changes of address. However, when a copy is returned by the PO marked "forwarding order expired" and YLRL is charged \$1.23 for the return of the copy with the forwarding address shown, I have some quite different words to say,, hi! I then must re-mail it at first class rate of 45 cents. Since it was originally mailed for .084 cents, it has now cost YLRL a total of \$1.764 cents to get your copy to you.

YL vs XYL

In 1941 the term "YL" was adopted by YLRL as the general term denoting "Any licensed amateur feminine operator, regardless of age or marital status". Now, if non-YLRL members wish to relinquish their standing as ladies or young persons simply because they got married, then let it be on their heads; but, can't YLRL members at least remember that they did not cease becoming ladies or became "old" upon attaining the status of a married woman and continue to hold up the tradition that they will always be YLs no matter how old they get or how many times they get married?! Now, I am old (and getting older by the minute) but by darn I am still a lady and as long as I remain a ham; I pray I will always be young-at least at heart!

That same year saw the adoption of "33", meaning "Love sealed with friendship between one YL & another YL". This was originated by Clara-W8KYR, and adopted by YLRL for exclusive YL use. IT IS NEVER PLURALIZED!

I realize it is the modern tendency when a thing has been used erroneously often enough it becomes acceptable by "common usage"; but, that is the refuge of the ignorant who are too lazy to correct themselves!

YL HARMONICS

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**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YLRL MEMBERS  
BETTER PARTICIPATION IN YLRL CONTESTS!**

Please read the letter from an OM, printed below. This is an oft heard criticism. One of the prime activities of YLRL is our Contests. Now, if our members won't participate in them, what is the sense in having them?

It has been suggested that we eliminate some of them (such as the Sprints) due to lack of interest - no participation - no contest. I believe that this year may be the test so it is up to all the members of YLRL as to the continuation of any of our contests.

KA6SOC-Sue forwarded the following letter to me to publish in YLH:

*Dear Sue,*

*I hope I'm writing to the right person. After the 1990 YL-OM Contest, I know I wrote to either yourself or KB6MXH about the lack of YL participation in the contest. One of you wrote back and suggested I subscribe to YL Harmonics, which I did.*

*When I received the Directory issue, I was curious to find out how my YLs worked compared with the YLRL membership roster. So I did my computing and found that of the approximately 1100 US members, I've worked almost 200. Of course, I've worked YLs who are now Silent Keys & not listed in the Directory. The thing that jumps out at me is that there are almost 900 YLRL members I've never worked. I wouldn't expect to hear all of them but if half of those 900 showed up for the YL-OM can you imagine what a joy it would be to work for the YLCC?*

*I see that 27 US YLs turned in logs for the SSB part of the contest while 15 US YLs turned in CW logs. Thats less than 3% of the US YLRL membership which accounts for the lack of YL activity during the contest. By comparison,*

almost 4.5% of the DX YLs (not including VE, KH6 or KL7) turned in logs for the SSB Contest. I can't believe I had better propagation to the East of me than behind me in the West.

Would you believe my lowest % of YLRL members worked... is in 6 & 7 land? I know propagation can be zilch during the year but if I can work you and Leila and two Zitting ladies in Utah, I should be able to hear the West Coast ladies during the Contest.

The numbers all mean nothing except perhaps to reinforce my observation about the lack of YL activity during the YL-OM Contest. I know you personally can't do anything about it but I thought I'd send you this info just to let you know how I see things on the coast. God, what a dream...200 or so YLs in the YL-OM Contest.

73 s/Manuel K2FLG

There you have it ladies. What is YOUR excuse for not participating in the YL-OM Contest? It was always my favorite Contest (its really nice having the OMs actually hunting for YLs for a change, hi!). I was sure I was going to be able to participate in the 1991 but the weather conditions have once again loused us up. The hole is dug for the tower base but it has been well below freezing for some time now and that is NOT the time to pour concrete. I still may try it on 40m SSB with the vertical but I'm afraid that won't reach Manuel in New Jersey!

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## UPCOMING YLRL CONTESTS

EAST MEETS WEST SSB SPRINT: Wed., March 13 @ 1400 UTC to 1800 UTC

DXYL-NAYL: CW - Wed. April 10 @ 1400 UTC to Thur. April 11 @ 1359 UTC

SSB - Wed. April 17 @ 1400 UTC to Thur. April 18 @ 1359 UTC

**Please consult your YLRL Directory (Sept/Oct YLH) for rules**

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## LARGE PRINT READING MATTER NEEDED

Dear Jean,

My mother is almost blind and has poor hearing also. She is not a ham, and is not mechanically inclined. Therefore, this is not really ham-related and may be totally inappropriate for Harmonics. She is a twice-retired, degreed librarian in her middle 80's. I had the large print edition of Readers Digest sent to her this year and she enjoys them immensely, but one magazine a month is not enough, so she reads and re-reads them.

Since YLRL sponsors Tape Topics, I assume we have a fair number of sight impaired members. Do you suppose any of these members might have other-than-technical large print reading matter they would share or allow me to purchase for my mother? The age of the publication is no factor, and mother is

especially interested in getting pre-1990 issues of the large print Readers Digest, any issue of any year. Sources of such materials to borrow by mail, though returning them might be a problem for her as she has difficulty seeing well enough to write, and has no transportation to get out to get mailers or stamps (we are not in the same city, or even state), or especially sources of where I could purchase such material for her would be greatly appreciated.

So far, I have found no organization in Houston that can help me (though I have not checked the book stores for special ordering, etc.), but surely there is one I just haven't come across.

If you consider it suitable to run such a request in Harmonics, perhaps they should write to me in order that people don't go out of their way and send her 16 copies of the same thing. Not that she or I would mind. It would just be nicer to spread the wealth among others.

If you judge this not suitable for Harmonics, I understand and no hard feelings. It's definitely not ham or YL-related, except that she's the mother of a YL. I just don't know where to turn at this point and am fishing for whatever help I can find. Thanks for your consideration.

Happy Holidays and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

33, Margaret, K5MX0

Any time any of our members needs help for herself or her family, I will use my Editorial Privilege to do what I can. If any of you have any such material for Margaret or any suggestions where she might find it, please drop her a note at:

Margaret Pearre, K5MX0, 7011 Sharpview Dr., Houston, TX 77074

I know she will appreciate it very much.

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### CONDOLENCES

WB5FGM - Myrtle on the loss of her sister-in-law  
VE7YL-Elizabeth on the lost of her OM Reg-VE7BIY

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### UPGRADES

KC4OTI - Rose to General  
KB4SS - Ann to Amateur Extra  
N7EMI - Marlene to General  
KB7IRF - Bobi to Advanced  
N6QPY 7 - Anne-Marie to Amateur Extra

Edna, WA3NVG and OM Dan-KD3UM celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a surprise dinner party given by their children on Sept. 9,1990. There were 72 guests, including those from FL, NC, NJ and DE. It was a lovely occasion.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW YL CC CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| #1055 - Carta Watson, WO6X      | #1061 - Hans-Jurgen Doring, Y59ZF  |
| #1056 - Leila Henderson, KB6MXH | #1062 - Vlad Sannikov, UA9FAR      |
| #1057 - Jack Hermann, W8TSF     | #1063 - Dallas L. Barrett, WA7MEL  |
| #1058 - Fred Kujawa, KOETA      | #1064 - Oscar Frijmersum, PZ1AV    |
| #1059 - Linda Van Doel, N1GRM   | #1065 - Vladimir Pakhorukov, UA9YC |
| #1060 - Aimee Tuband, FY4FC     | #1066 - R. V. Hall, VE5XK          |

### ENDORSEMENT STICKERS

| YLCC # | NAME AND CALL              | TOTAL YLs WORKED |
|--------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 160    | Earl Shobe, W7K0I          | 1,700            |
| 637    | Heinz Buerger, DL1RA       | 1,700            |
| 590    | Ursula Buerger, DL3LS      | 1,650            |
| 663    | Manuel Greco, K2LFG        | 1,200            |
| 220    | Jack Kupp, Jr., W3ARK      | 1,200            |
| 876    | Kurt Bindschedler, KB9MX   | 1,050            |
| 49     | Carl S. Walther, W10PZ     | 850              |
| 1021   | Luise Klein, DL5EA         | 750              |
| 995    | Betty L. Collins, KC9V     | 650              |
| 1037   | Phyllis Davis, KA1JC       | 550              |
| 1040   | Nellie S. De Lazard, XE1CI | 550              |
| 954    | Arnold I. Shatz, N6HC      | 450              |
| 880    | Gennaro Casaburi, I8YRK    | 400              |
| 1005   | Zenda B. Benton, KD5MD     | 300              |
| 1060   | Aimee Tuband, FY4FC        | 150              |

Congratulations to all the above hams who have been working so many of us YLs. Next time you hear one of those mentioned above on the air, congratulate them on a job very well done!!

For YLCC information, send a business-size S.A.S.E. to:  
Laura Zitting-WE7B, P.O. Box 57733, Salt Lake City, UT 84157

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**From Elaine-KASKAK** (I just had room to squeeze this in at the last minute)  
I am attempting to write a Cookbook "TASYL and FRIENDS" for the TASYLS to raise fund for the TASYLS Treasury and Scholarship Fund and hope to sell it later this year. Each recipe will have the contributor's name and call below it. I need OMs too, as I am dedicating a section "Men R Gud Cooks 2". Send your favorite recipe to Elaine Matyjaszek, 1127 Hillcrest Dr., Boon, MI 49618

*DISTRICT ONE**Anne Manna-WBIARU, 614 Webster St., Hanover, MA 02399*

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 Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's Day from 1-land! We have been enjoying rather mild weather so far, quite a contrast with last year. The winter has just begun, so cold and snow are still likely.

WRONE met in Connecticut on Nov. 3. Thirty-eight YLs and several OMs enjoyed a beautiful, warm, Fall day. All six states plus Virginia and New Jersey were represented. It was wonderful to have several new members present, and equally wonderful to see some longtime members who haven't been able to attend recently. WIVOS-Marje, attended. Although she is unable to speak, she showed some recognition of old friends. The snowbirds, including W4GXZ-Blanche, had already flown south before the get-together. The Spring Luncheon will be held in Massachusetts, probably south of Boston. WBIARU-Anne, will be the hostess.

WRONE has elected new officers: Pres., WAIJKV-Betty; Vice President, KIJVN-Henny; Secty, WAIS-Ann; Treas., WAIWQM-Kit; Net and Membership, N1 FJR-Eleanor; Hospitality KITQY-Dawn. We welcome these YLs to their new or continuing positions.

SMYLS sent out a newsletter marking their first year of publication. This time it included a list of the members along with news from around the state of Maine. SMYLS held their Fall Luncheon in Waterville with 40 present. They had a great time visiting and everyone went home with prizes or gifts (or both) which had been donated by members and local businesses.

I guess everyone has been busy as I didn't receive any direct communication about activities. I was able to check in on the Yankee Lassies net the day after Christmas, but the conditions did not stay favorable for long. Perhaps, as the winter months set in, some of you gals will put pen to paper (of fingers to keyboard, as the case may be) and let me know some news. Please try to get something to me by Feb. 21, so I can make my deadline of March 1.

I hope I'll be on, Feb. 9 and 10 for the YL-OM Contest - hear you there!

33, Anne, WB1ARU

Anne failed to report that Santa Claus brought her a nice new NEC-6300 printer for Christmas! Ed.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YLRL MEMBERS  
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DISTRICT THREE

*Bertha Kenas-W3TNP, 2823 Old Welsh Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090*

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The weather in the Philadelphia area has been mild so far and hopefully we won't have too much ice and snow in the upcoming months.

The Penn-Jersey YL's Holiday Luncheon was held Dec. 5 at the Valley Inn Restaurant in Huntingdon Valley, PA. Attending were W3SLF and OM W3GXT, WA3NGV and OM KD3UM, W3TNP, K3ZDN and OM. Guests were WB3IRB and W3SXA and their wives. A good time was had by all.

Penn-Jersey President, W3SLF-Sylvania, took us down memory lane with a nostalgic review of the club's radio activities in the past years. Her remarks were so appropriate I deemed them worth repeating.

*// start with the forming of the club in 1956 with 18 YLs which soon grew to 25 members. The club participated in many events. The year we won the Almos Radio award, we exhibited a red bulb attached to a WWII civil defense helmet, wired to a key. When the key was activated the bulb lit up to reflect dots and dashes. That June we entered Field Day at the Lukoff QTH, using a gasoline powered generator, running out to fill the generator in pouring rain, operating several rigs at one time-a full 24 hours. We came in first in the YL category. We had to be first, we were the only YL club that participated! We were younger then and could climb trees to put up antennas. Our part in operating K3UN in the window of Gimbel's Dept, store in Philadelphia was the week when rumors were flying fast about the Cuban build-up. How proud we were to help W3GTC-Carolyn in her annual Powder Puff Derby communications. We entertained and visited the WAYLARCS and they in turn entertained us in Washington, DC.; the Holiday Luncheons when we took turns celebrating at our QTHs with all members bringing their favorite dish; hosting a luncheon for the YLs of BARC members attending a convention in July, 1976 in center city at the Ben Franklin Hotel. We dressed in colonial costumes and had three members of the famous Ferko String Band as entertainers. We held classes within the club so members could upgrade their licenses. We also hosted the 40th year convention of YLRL. We have been consistently affiliated with YLRL and have supported many worthy organizations. Another busy Field Day activity was held at WA3ATQ-Harriett's at Lake Watawga in June, 1969, running four transmitters, 11 operators. Harriet climbed trees and put up antennas with the help of several OMs. This time we had good weather and it was a wonderful experience. We had a total of 535 contacts. I'm hoping that we can participate in another Field Day activity as a club.*

The club will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary in 1991 and we hope to contact former members to join us in our celebration party.

I'd like to hear from the gals in West Philly, also from the YLs in Western PA. Please mail your news to me by Jan. 20th. I'll be leaving for Florida around Jan. 25th.

*DISTRICT FOUR*

*Joyce Tomanek-K4EEO, Rt 6 Box 6338, Clarksville, GA 30523*

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 Once again I have not heard from any of you YLs. This is such a busy time of year though, that I'll forgive you this time...IF you make and KEEP a New Year's Resolution to send in news when you have some.

I was able to attend the Stone Mountain Hamfest in Lawrenceville, GA. Had a pleasant eyelash with KA4DDQ-Ginny. Believe it's the first time we'd met. She is President of MALARC which is listed as Tape Topics Librarian for the Eastern section. I'd wondered just what Tape Topics was; if there were topics regarding radio which were available on tapes or what. NO. I learned a lot from her about Tape Topics, and suspect you will be hearing more about the subject from her.

The MALARC was working on making and stuffing little Teddy bears to be given to "Our House", a day care center open only to children whose families are living in a shelter or who are in transition housing. The home or center is a tremendous service to the community, providing not only day care but some health services to the children who need them provided by a regularly scheduled public health nurse.

Met KC4OTI-Rose on YL Open House. She had just upgraded to general and plunged in like an old timer. It seems that she and her OM had both started studying many years ago. He stuck with it and got his license. She was busy with other things at the time. But she's lived with a ham for years, listened to him, watched him...and now can do her own things. Her middle name should be "Enthusiasm". Congratulations, Rose.

The SPARC (Southern Piedmont ARC), a co-ed club, had their annual Christmas Party and dinner in Cornelia, GA. Yours truly was the only YLRL member attending, but there were at least five potential YLRL members EACH OF WHOM HAD TO LISTEN TO MY "YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING WHEN YOU DON'T BELONG TO THE YLRL" spiel, and one I'd classify as enthusiastic about YLRL after having a chance to learn about it. ARE YOU A YLRL BOOSTER?

I'm so glad that someone bothered to ask me "Are you a member of YLRL?" then followed with "Do you want me to send you some information about YLRL?" I only regret that I let my membership lapse once, but have promised myself not to let that happen again.

To each of you goes my wish, my hope, my prayer for health and joy and peace in this New Year.

33, Joyce

In line with Joyce's "promotional spiel" above, if anyone would like an information sheet/application form for YLRL, please write to our Membership Chairman Sylvia Soble-W3SLF, 9357 Hoff St., Philadelphia, PA 19115. She will be most happy to accomodate you. Ed.

### DISTRICT FIVE

*Joyce Kepler-W5MWK, 1010 Southwood Dr., De Soto, TX 75115*

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The New Year always holds so many surprises. I would not trade yesteryears memories, would you?

WA5WZF-Lillian reports she is very much alive. Someone reported her to be a Silent Key. W5MXO-Margaret writes she just had a long tone QSO with Lillian, who had just returned from a grocery shopping trip.

WD5FQX-Darleen's recent house guests were HB9ARC-Greta and her OM HB9AJL-Arno from Frauenfeld, Switzerland. Darien and Greta were the first two YLs to operate from HBO-land back in 1971. NM7N-Mary Lou was also a guest of Darien. On Nov. 14 a luncheon honoring Greta, Arno and Mary Lou was hosted by Hot Springs and held at the La Hacienda Restaurant in Hot Springs, AR. A crystal necklace was presented to Greta; Whetstone set to Mary Lou and Harryette-W6QGX/5 presented Greta with a beautiful hand cross-stitched "Girl-on-the-Globe ham call sign. YLRL members attending were: KU5L, KG5CU, W6QGX/5, WB5DVA, KE5UO, KB5HPH, WD5FQX, HB9ARC and NM7N. Mary Lou presented a program with slides of her Soviet Union trip along with a small group from Western Washington DX Club. KE5ZI-Barbara and OM N5JRE drove from Higden for the Hot Springs Club meeting with Mary Lou. Darleen's daughter Diane will fly home (she is a pilot) for the holidays. She loves college and makes good grades.

KE5ZI-Barbara and OM N5JRE-Rick made a trip to ZL-land with 2 meter hand held, mag. mount antenna and speaker mike. They utilized their rental car's 12V battery for power and had a wonderful time while visiting the ZL hams. Fantastic sights and friendly folk made the trip so wonderful. They met ZL1 BRX-Eileen and OM ZLISP-Fred, ZL3AFT-Chris, ZL3DJ-Murry, and ZL3TAJ-Isabel. Chris started calling them on the radio when they were still 200 miles away. Isabel served a really fantastic dinner-was really hard to say good-byes.

YL Yellow Roses of Texas RC held their annual Christmas Party with OMs and Harmonics present. Lovely time was had by all.

WD5AHE-Dorothy says she misses her SUPER HOBBY; at present works five days+ with a 24-hour talk format, BRN, etc. AM & FM radio stations that are keeping her very busy. Burglars had a BROAD DAYLIGHT field day at Dorothy's, taking satellite parts, jewelry, etc. Thank goodness she wasn't home and her German shepherd dog was not hurt. GOOD WATCH DOG? He watched them take everything, hi, hi!

1991 NET MANAGER FOR TYLRUN IS W5MWK - JOYCE KEPLER I I 1

*DISTRICT SIX*

*Le Henderson-KB6MXH, 857 Tamarack Lane, Sunnyvale, CA 94086*

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I hope you had a lovely holiday season and I wish you health, happiness, prosperity and peace in 1991.

To continue with the saga of our TVI problem, this rig checked out clean, our antenna bending neighbor apparently moved before the TVI Committee came to check things out. However, they did check for TVI on another lady's TV set (she also lives in the apartment house next to us) and did not see anything suspect while the OM was operating CW on all bands. Since the original complaint was over 18 months old, we assume it was when the linear was in operation. We took it out of the shack over a year ago. So, I guess the moral of the story is to keep our power at 100 watts and continue to have fun on the bands.

W6JZA-Elsa and her OM moved to San Diego the middle of December. Hopefully she will have an antenna up soon so that she can get back on the Ironing Board Net. We sure miss her voice.

W6CBA-Vi has retired for the second time and is looking forward to enjoying her leisure time. She participated in Operation Santa Claus at two hospitals, providing communications to Santa Claus for the patients.

KA6QQH-Gertie reports that she and her OM enjoyed a trip to Europe, but the big news is that she is a Grandma!!

N6LFJ-Marilyn sent a note saying that she traveled to Florida to attend her son's wedding and that she has finally received confirmation of her DXCC. Congrats!

W6BDE-Esther, retiring QCWA Director, was honored with a special award for her outstanding dedication and exceptional service during her seven years on the QCWA Board. The award was presented at the QCWA Annual Convention in Kansas City by President Harry Dannals-W2HD. In addition, she received a beautiful desk clock with pen from the Board members with whom she had served.

BAYLARC members had a most enjoyable holiday luncheon at the QTH of AG6C-Betty-a most charming and gracious hostess. Betty had her home tastefully decorated for the season with a musical revolving stand for the beautifully decorated tree, Xmas decor in every room. Even the TP had holly on it. The luncheon was beautifully arranged and delicious. Santa had a gift for each of the 15 members attending.

LARA, in addition to having their Christmas party, provided gift baskets of food, clothes and toys to four needy families.

YLRC LA Christmas party was held at the QTH of KF6GW-Kay with 18 YLs attending, including W6QGX-Harryette and her daughter Nancy.

K6OQD-Jean is relaxing after daughter's wedding and the Western YL Roundup in Reno. Now she is "plotting" out the next 1-5 YL Luncheon. How does the last Saturday in April or first Saturday in May sound?

*DISTRICT SEVEN*

*Patsy Barmore-KA7MZZ, P.O. Box 459, Sandy, OR 97055*

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Hello from cold and snowy Oregon. The snow came and doesn't want to go away. I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas, I know I did. My OM got me a bread making machine and I am having a grand time with it. I will take this time to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The best news is that our honorable Prez, Joan-KD7YB has come through her surgery (cholecystectomy) in fine fettle and hopes to have her full strength back by the time you are reading this. Seems the largest stone was 1 1/4" in diameter! Wow! That was no stone--that was a boulder!

N6QPY had knee surgery in Oct. and is feeling pretty spunky, I hear. When she upgraded, she became the V.E. team leader.

KB9RT/7-Lee visited Parker, AZ on an official trip for the Arizona State Library for the Statewide Teleconference for Librarians. While there she went to Arby's for lunch and who should she meet but K7YGV-Beth and her OM-small world, hi!

W2GLB-Phyllis writes that a total of eleven Cactus Keys met at her home to visit with Mary Lou-NM7N and to see her slides of Hawaii and Wallis and Fiji Islands. We enjoyed and appreciated her commentary.

KA7MZZ-Patsy and OM just put Packet Radio in the shack this last month, and we have really enjoyed having it. Oh, I almost forgot to say my OM just had surgery on his left arm and is doing very well. (If I live through it I will be lucky, Hi, Hi).

That is about all for now. I hope everyone is well and happy and will see you net time.

33, Patsy, KA7MZZ

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This might be a good place to report some of the vagaries of the Postal Service!

Patsy's letter was postmarked in Oregon on Dec. 31st and received by me in Magalia, CA on January 7th. In the same mail I also received the following:

- From Long Island, New York, a letter postmarked Jan. 2nd
- From Boon, Michigan, a letter postmarked Jan. 3rd
- From Chico, California (25 miles away), a letter postmarked Jan. 2nd
- From Hartford, Connecticut, a letter postmarked Jan. 3rd and
- From Bourne, England via Air Mail, a letter postmarked Dec. 27th

I have heard it said that it takes longer for a letter to cross the San Francisco Bay than it does to go across the U.S.A. continent! So when writing to the Harmonics Editor, please be sure to keep this in mind and allow plenty of time for the material to reach me.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Carol Hall-WD8DQG, 4651 Cardinal Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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We are very sorry that Doris-WD8IKC is unable to continue as 8th District Chairman due to the growth of other obligations. She has done an excellent job and we hope her absence will be temporary.

I am honored that she felt I could fill her shoes. I would appreciate any news you have, relevant to Amateur Radio. Thank you, Carol-WD8DQG.

K8DHK-Carol won a Yaesu hand-held at the Cincinnati Hamfest. Congratulations! Carol is also an NCS for the OH-KY-IN ARS "Tech Talk" sessions.

WD8DLB-Kay and NT8Y-Anna are back in Florida for the winter and we hope to hear them on the nets.

KM8E-June says her rig has been fixed, and we are happy to hear her back on the nets.

N8EEG-Sally has a new A-35 Cushcraft Beam for 20, 15, 10 meters.

WD8IKC-Doris enjoyed talking on 2 meters to N8CGM-Susie and WD9HDZ-Brad when they were in Canton, Ohio. Brad was in a Barbershop Quartet competition. They were able to join the Canton ARC for Saturday morning breakfast.

KD8KU-Julie is very active handling traffic on the OSSBN.

WA8VTS-Ann is Activities Chairman for the Silvercreek ARA.

The Michigan TASYLS are rotating NCS on their Monday evening net (7:30 pm 3.995) and their Thursday morning net (9: am 3.950).

From the OH-KY-IN "Q-Fiver": re-elected at their December, 1990 meeting were YLRL members K8DHK-Carol as Corresponding Secretary and N8CGM-Susie as Recording Secretary. Kgns, gals. Susie is also Editor of the "Q-Fiver" and a fine job she does.

Also YLRL members participating in the OH-KY-IN Holiday Message Booth at the Northgate Mall were N8CGM and KD8KU. The booth handled 303 messages over a 2-day stint.

33, Carol

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PT2TF-Terezinha wrote that she has thought of starting a YL net on 15 meters and would like to know what anyone else thinks of the idea. She reports that she has good signals after 1900 UTC. Terezinha checks into the Interamerican Net 21.389 to help patch US and Brasilia.

Any of you who think this might be worth the try, please drop a line to:

Terezinha Cardoso-PT2TF  
Shin QI 14 Conj 5 c/23  
Brasilia DF-71500, Brazil

*DISTRICT NINE*

*Karen Crull, 1824 Hoover Dr., Normal, IL 61761-2246*

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 Greetings from 9-land! The weather is very cold in Illinois. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

KC7ET-Evelyn has become a snowbird and moved to Pharr, TX for the cold months. She has been checking in on a daily 2 meter net at 146.76 about once a week. She attended an antenna program over at the Harlingen Club recently. She has also checked into the Displaced Peorians net that is held on a daily basis.

33, Karen

Gee Gal's, can't you at least drop Karen a post card and let her know you are still alive? It must be mighty discouraging to a District Chairman when nobody sends her any news of their ham activities. Ed.

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G8LY        30 (ini 987, inadvertently left off report)

The following Charter members have received the first 50-year certificates for the years 1939 to 1989: W1GQT, K4LMB, W6NAZ, ex W8UA, W9NLW and KH6IHW.

The following received 50-year certificates for the years 1940 to 1990: K4IHW, W6QGX and KP4CL

Congratulations to all de Jeanette Ellis, NP2C, Custodian

*DISTRICT TEN*

*Harriet Micensky-WBOZQZ, 3621 S. Dublin Rd., Hibbing, MN 55746*

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Greetings to all from the YLs of 10-land. We're having an old fashioned winter - lots of snow and cold. Most of us are leaving any antenna work till Spring! I received a very interesting newsletter from the Colorado YLs. WOHEM-Elaine and OM Rich-WOHEP will be sponsoring a visit to the US by LY2BKW-Gintas Sakenas from Villinius, Lithuania. For some time they have had weekly skeds with Gintas, who uses the radio club station, LY2WW, sponsored by the electronics factory where he works. There is also a possibility of a return visit by WOHEP in 1992.

Several other Colorado YLs, including KORXX-Lola are also members of a new ham club called High Altitude Modulators (HAM). It consists of hams living above the 8500' level - mainly for emergency communiques. Our thanks to WBOHUC-Marie for the Colorado YL news.

Several 0-land YLs are still getting together on the 80 meter Pico net each morning about 9: am. New YLs join in right along and any who aren't YLRL members are invited to join that as well!! KBOBRN-Beverly and KA9YON-Willamae are two of the newer ones.

An interesting bit of info came to light when I gave KDOCB-Lea a New Years call... both her son John and Helen's son Andy-NMOE are into astrophysics--Andy working with the Hubble telescope and John with the Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC. John is also scheduled to go to South America to do some work at a special observatory in Chile.

As a final note - our Minnesotan Gwen-WDOAKS gave Chugiak, AK Shari-AL7FJ a call to compare notes on temperature etc. only to learn that Chugiak, AK was 50 degrees warmer than Northern Minnesota!

33, Harriet, WBOZQZ

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*HAWAII*

*Tuddy Lake-KH6PI, P.O. Box 2136, Kamuela, HI 96743*

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Aloha from Hawaii,

Just when I thought I had no news to print, I ran into Sandy Gilliard, NH6DQ. Sandy lives a stone's throw from my QTH and being both busy, our paths have not crossed since 88; we were both at the same bank, needless to say we caught up with each other's lives. Sandy and her OM Tom are in the Sales and Distribution of Satellites. They are the only ones here in the Islands. They both worked on installing a Satellite on the new Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Sandy told me that her QTH will be packed with friends for the coming eclipse.

This island is buzzing already with projects. The observatories on Mauna Kea Mountain are now taking tours and giving lectures on the coming eclipse. If any of the friends are visiting the Big Island now, they can phone Canada France Observatories for details.

Will say goodbye for now. Aloha and 33, Tuddy



## CANADA

*Elizabeth Anderson-VE7YL, 11211 #3 Rd. Richmond, BC, W7Z 1X3*

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 VE1BWP - Jeannine is now nicely settled into her new QTH in Edmonston, New Brunswick. Her beam is up and is putting out a good signal on 20 meters. She hopes for a few days of nice weather so that the antenna for 40 and 80 meters can be put up. Jeannine has to try and take life "easy" in order to keep her blood pressure under control.

VE1VCH - Marge and Rus bought a new automobile in late summer and will give it a good tryout as they are heading down to Florida the end of November until the end of March. Marge hopes to be operating from the trailer park in Florida. They are looking forward to their granddaughter's wedding in Ontario in early May.

VE2JZ - Jeanne keeps busy being net control station for the 40 and 80 meter CLARA nets as well as getting ready to take over as President for CLARA in 1991. Took an evening off and went to see the movie POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE and supper at the Red Lobster. Jeanne also is a "nanny" two days a week - a new experience for me and one that really keeps me on my toes!

VE2UJE - Patricia has a good signal operating from DA2CF, Lahr, Germany. She is there until January 15th. She had a trip to Belgium the end of October and operated the special events station ON4CLM (Canadian Liberation March) and had many contacts. She is hoping to go to Morocco for Christmas and hopes to be able to get on the air.

VE3CLT - Thelma is the first YL to be inducted into the CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME. (We would like to hear more details about that honor. ED)

VE3LQA - Pauline became a grandmother for the second time in the summer and does babysitting from time to time. She tries to go to BINGO weekly and once in a while makes a trip to the bank with her winnings!

VE7YL - Elizabeth - a great big thanks and a hug from me to all those who wrote or phoned after hearing that my OM Reg had become a Silent Key in August. Thank you all for caring. I plan on going to Sweden for the YL Convention in June and am looking forward to meeting Diana-G4EZI, who lost her OM Richard in August too. Did take part in the YL contests and enjoyed.

33, Elizabeth

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YLRL MEMBERS  
 GREATER PARTICIPATION IN YLRL CONTESTS**

## DX

*Mary Ketzler-WO9R, Rt 1 Box 194AA, Mondovi, WI 54755*

I have had so many wonderful cards and greetings from the DX YLs that I am very thankful for. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the YL World 1991 in Sweden June 20-23 and at Friedrichshafen Hamfest June 27-30. I have also an invitation to the National Institute of Amateur Radio convention in India - at Hyderabad, Feb. 9 and 10, 1991. As I am a working gal now I cannot possibly get off work nor have I the funds for such a trip, but I'm sure any of you YLs would be welcomed in my place. Do let me know if you would like to attend.

Special greetings for the holidays, many thanks and wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year are sent to the officers and members of YLRL by the following YLs:

|        |           |        |        |        |       |
|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| BZ4AYL | Chen      | DJ9SB  | Renata | DK1HH  | Anita |
| OE7YHA | Margit    | DL2FCA | Rosel  | PA3CEB | Dieuw |
| G8LY   | Constance | SV3AGQ | Sitsa  |        |       |

## NEWS FROM DX YLs:

DK1 HH-Anita is again on the air with beam up again after the storms took it down last summer.

DF2BL-Anny has met WA2NFY-Lia on 28.444 on Mondays at 1430 UTC and hopes to make it more often. Other DL YLs come on as well as I5UNA-Lina and WO6X-Carla.

DL3YBV-Karin has her new beam up on her new house in Borken and needs only the time to get on the air. A new black Chow dog named Igor keeps her company.

G8LY-Constance will be on the air more this winter as she discovered the culprit producing horrible QRM was a faulty suppressor in the central heating boiler. This is becoming so common a problem that the authorities will not help with locating it. A new element on her tribander should also help with DXing.

GOCCI-Angie wrote from Germany where she was "spending a few days with her parents, enjoying the pre-Christmas atmosphere - the craft markets, the smell of German Christmas cookies, stalls selling mulled wine, homes illuminated by candles - a certain magic about it all which even the hustle and bustle of modern times has not been able to dispel". A magic more special to her because of her childhood spent in Germany. Angie will be in Germany for her mother's 60th birthday celebration the 6th of June and then return to Friedrichshafen the last week-end in June for the hamfest, where she serves as an official helper. She doesn't know if she can squeeze in a third trip and go to the YL meet in Stockholm.

JEINWB-Yumiko sent a picture of her daughter Keiko-JNIBZB, a very beautiful bride last March. In October Yumiko came to the U.S. and spent five days in Minneapolis and drove to Wisconsin where she saw the lovely fall colors of madles around the lake.

JIVLV-Nana is still QRV in CW on 20, 15,10 meters. She has become active in Gira Scouts and would be interested to hear from a Gira Scout ham in the U.S.

PA3CEB-Dieuw had a serious illness last year which kept her from her radio hobby. Twice she had to go to the hospital for tests and finally a procedure to clear a blocked artery to the heart. Her illness was a total surprise and hard on her family, too. Her OM Win-PEIDAD, had hands "stuck together" during her illness, he was so worried, but now that she feels fine he has "two right hands" and makes her home shine like a castle inside and out.

SMOHNV-Raija is looking forward to the YL meet in Sweden in June - YL World 1991. She went to France last July and met some friends she has a sked with and to Germany in August to Bad-Bentheim meeting. There she met many YLs from Holland and Germany. She was planning a trip to Madeira in December with its longer daylight hours and beauty. (She has been twice before).

SV3AGQ-Sitsa is working again - for a couple months - helping as secretary for her brother-in-law who is a fruit exporter. They export oranges to Europe. She tries to check into the Smookies net on 21.335 between 1600-1700 UTC.

When QSLing to Germany, the new country is "Federal Republic of Germany. In addressing your QSLs please follow these examples:

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## **VACATION IN PARADISE** **by Margrit Massi, HB9CYH ex S79CYH**

I would like to tell how my family of three happened to take a vacation on an exotic island.

Interesting posters from our friend Kurt, KB9MX, who had already visited the Seychelles several times, led us ultimately to buy a travel guide on these islands. Later, when we saw a video on the Seychelles we decided we must see this paradise for ourselves. Thanks to timely plans we were able to arrange a travel date that coincided with a new trip of Kurt's. Of course we thought about radio operating. Already in February I sent off my application for a license. Many decisions had to be made - purpose of the expedition, place, equipment to use, antennas, power supply, modes of operation. The fee for the license is fairly high - \$50.

Since it was primarily a needed family vacation and my OM is not a ham, we

planned only a limited time for radio operating. With a pile of luggage we waited for a long time in a long line at the passport control gate, then were able quickly to pass through customs upon presenting our license. The first day in the Seychelles we needed sleep to recover from the long flight. But then we went for a tour of the nearby area. The street life was as everywhere except the streets were almost empty. Just as we expected, the climate was very pleasant. Frequent breezes and small clouds kept the heat from ever becoming oppressive. Soon, we understood why the vegetation was such a brilliant green. During our three week stay there were frequent short continuous rain showers that were felt to be very pleasing. The Seychelles include over 100 islands and coral reefs. They are strewn over an area of ocean that is far greater than the size of Germany. Most of the islands are uninhabited.

After two days we spoke to the hotel manager about putting up an antenna. We knew that a week before an OM from Austria had stayed at the hotel and had operated radio. The manager forbade us to put up an antenna, with the hindsight that he should have dealt likewise with the Austrian guest. We decided then after dark to stretch a dipole, that had already been constructed for 15 meters, from the balcony to a nearby palm tree. About midnight the antenna would be drawn back to the balcony, leaving only a thin nylon hoisting cord hanging till the next night. With these activities my husband made his contribution to the radio operation. I was pleasantly surprised that so many calls came from Europe and the U.S.A., in spite of the weak antenna.

For the second week we had booked a five day visit to the neighboring island of Praslin. Excited over the good and enjoyable radio contacts we'd been having till now, we did not spare any effort to take the station to Praslin with us. In the small aircraft the weight limit is 10 kg. Besides the transmitter and receiver we could only take the most necessary items. On Praslin, which because of its originality can indeed be described as a paradise, we installed the station in the customary manner. Also from this location would be made many contacts in the evening hours. The days were filled with swimming in the crystal clear, warm sea, getting acquainted with the island and visiting the Valles de Mai, a nature reserve where trees over 1000 years old still stand. Only there grows the Coco de Mer, the female coconut tree, which produces the largest fruit in the world.

A guide brought us for a one day flight to the island of La Digue. There one sees neither cars nor streets, only oxen carts and occasional bicycles, which move slowly down natural paths. The creoles performed all daily activities with a pleasant ease and peacefulness. Twice on Thursday evening I checked into the European YL DX net. The objective was to give YLs a rare call sign to record in their logs. Unfortunately only 30 YLs made use of the opportunity.

In all we made almost 1000 QSOs which, reflecting on all the circumstances, brought us much pleasure and fun.

We came back from vacation renewed and with many experiences and impressions to remember. It is hardly an exaggeration to call the Seychelles a paradise. I would like to thank Kurt ever so much for his patient help in building antennas and for all his support which contributed so much to the happy outcome of this vacation.

## YL WORLD 91 - STOCKHOLM

June 20-21-22

The programme for YL 91 has now been agreed and will be as follows:-

**Thursday June 20th**-Arrival day. People check into Hotel Bromma, or the nearby camping site. Afternoon free. In the evening a get together with possibly a YL DX-pedition experience.

**Friday 21st**-A Midsummer fiesta at Norra Angby. Norra Angby about 20 minutes walk or two Underground stops. After sampling the local celebrations we return to the hotel for a traditional Swedish Midsummer meal of herring, new potatoes with sour cream, "snaps" and meatballs, ending with strawberries and cream. Later the raffle and a singalong.

**Saturday 22nd**-Bus to the Technical Museum for a meeting at 11:00. This will be informal as we are not an organisation but it will be an opportunity to discuss YL ham radio in Europe, YL clubs and future conventions. After the meeting we go on a sight-seeing tour by bus of the Stockholm area and a stop for lunch. Evening will be free.

**Sunday 23rd**—Being known as the Venice of the North, we shall take a boat trip in Archipeligo and/or on Lake Malaren, taking about two hours with the rest of the day free for sightseeing.

Now for prices in Kroner, currently 10.7 to the pound sterling (Jan 5th quote for American dollars was .1936 Kroner to the U.S. dollar).

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S - 722 42 VASTERAS  
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We hope you will support this first European YL Convention and look forward to meeting you in Sweden in June.

33 s/Sheila Gabriel G3HCQ

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For the benefit of the American YLs your Editor called the Bank of America to get what information I could. I was told the following: The current rate of exchange (Jan. 5th) is .1936. This means, for example, that the hotel at 810 SEK would cost you \$156.82 American at this time but remember to check with your bank as the rate changes daily.

I was told that the easiest and least expensive way to handle the funds is to go to B of A (the only bank in the USA that is licensed by our government to handle foreign exchange-all other banks work through them) and purchase an International Money Order **in US dollars** in an amount equivalent to the number of Swedish Kroner you wish. You can probably go to your own bank (if it is NOT B of A) and do that same thing but there will be a charge there also. Bank of America charges \$10. for the money order.

When you write to Kerstin for your registration form, she will tell you to whom you make the money order payable and where to send it.

The Bank suggests that you do not try to buy Swedish Kroner as that is a much more expensive transaction.

Air Mail to and from Europe is pretty fast but I suggest you "get with it" as the saying goes because time flies even faster than Air Mail, hi!

33, Jean, K6OQD

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