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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with certain trepidation that we launch 1986 for YLRL. High hopes combine with doubts as to ability, stamina, etc., but here we are, and will do the best we can to make it a successful year for YLRL.

First and foremost, the new format for Harmonics. I would like your comments. I had a good many sleepless nights over this, I assure you. It is a more expensive process, but it is highly readable and more in keeping with the high standards of YLRL than our former magazine. We do need ads to help make this new magazine pay for itself, so if you know someone who will be willing to advertise in our pages, please let us know.

We need volunteers! We need someone to take on a column about new members. We need people willing to work in almost any area of YLRL. What would you like to do? We can find a place for almost anyone who has a little time to devote to the organization. I'm open to suggestions. If there is a job you would like to do, tell us about it. We can create a position where none exists at present.

Above all, gals, don't say no if asked to work for YLRL. The officers have an enormous responsibility and cannot possibly do it all alone. We cannot grow by just maintaining the "status-quo". Each year must be an improvement over the last year, and to do this we have to have the membership behind us.

WA4BMC, Bertha, has been sending greetings to YLs on birthdays and anniversaries for some time. I have officially appointed her as "Sunshine Chairman" of YLRL. As long as she is working for us, she deserves to have a title. Bertha volunteered her services for this job. Volunteers are few and far between. Wouldn't you like to be a volunteer? We all have responsibilities outside of YLRL. We have outside jobs, our families, and community affairs which take time. If you can devote one hour per week to YLRL, we can use you. How about it?

In closing, please let me know if there is some area of YLRL which is being neglected. I can't be everywhere at once and know all which is wrong. Only by hearing from you, can I try to be helpful. Let me know what you want from YLRL and I will try to serve you in the best way I can.

33, Kayla Bloom — WØHJL — President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of all YLRL members, I would like to thank Edie, K1EKO for the wonderful job she has done as editor of YL Harmonics. I shall do my best to uphold the high standards of YLH that she has set. To do this, I need your help. Send any news of your activities to your D/C and, by all means, let us know your thoughts on the "new look" of YLH. 33, Peg, K1GSF; Editor, YL Harmonics.

YLCC REPORT

January 15, 1966

Onie Woodward, W1ZEN, Custodian

The following have been issued since November 15, 1965:

CERTIFICATES

K7NCA: June Gfeller
W9CRN: Henry A. Sobb
YO6KBA: Becsek Elek
VE7BNU: Margaret E. Taylor

STICKERS

K6UHI: Betty Coleman
WA6AOE: Maxine Hanberry (3 stickers)
K6TQO: Clare Spencer (Silver)
K4RNS: Marge Campbell
WA2GFW: Richard Goulding

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following CMCs have been or will be issued during December and January:

| 1st District | | 7th District | |
|--------------|----|---------------|----|
| W1HUH | 15 | W7KCU | 25 |
| K10YM | 5 | W7LXQ | 15 |
| W1SVN | 15 | W7ZPS | 10 |
| W1YSC | 5 | | |
| W1ZR | 25 | | |
| 2nd District | | 8th District | |
| K2JYZ | 10 | W8ETT | 5 |
| W2PVS | 20 | W8HAV | 5 |
| W2TBU | 10 | W8HUX | 15 |
| | | W8HWX | 15 |
| | | KK8PNA | 5 |
| | | K8VRH | 10 |
| 3rd District | | 9th District | |
| W3AAU | 10 | W9RTH | 25 |
| W3AKB | 20 | W9UZR | 10 |
| W3URU | 10 | K9ZLB | 5 |
| W3UUG | 25 | | |
| 4th District | | 10th District | |
| K4AAU | 5 | K0BTY | 20 |
| W4HLF | 15 | K0GIC | 10 |
| W4SGD | 15 | | |
| 5th District | | VE District | |
| K5MRU | 15 | VE5DZ | 10 |
| 6th District | | | |
| W6ALL | 5 | | |
| W6NFS | 5 | | |
| W6NZP | 20 | | |
| K6OAI | 10 | | |

RUTH B. SIEGELMAN, W2OWL,
Custodian, Continuous
Membership Certificate

RULES FOR YL/OM CONTEST

TIME:

Phone—Saturday, February 19, 1966, 1300 EST (1800 GMT) until Sunday, February 20, 1966, 2400 EST (0500 GMT—Monday, February 21.)

CW—Saturday, March 5, 1966, 1300 EST (1800 GMT) until Sunday, March 6, 1966, 2400 EST (0500 GMT—Monday, March 7.)

ELIGIBILITY:

All licensed OM, YL and XYL operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

OPERATION:

All bands may be used. Cross-band operation is not permitted. NOTE: This does not mean you cannot work a station in the DX portion of the band. You must use the same band and mode.

PROCEDURE:

OMs call "CQ YL". YLs call "CQ OM".

EXCHANGE:

QSO number, RS or RST report, ARRL section or country. Entries in log should also show band worked at time of contact, time, date, transmitter and power. (ARRL section list available for s.a.s.e. to YLRL V. Pres.)

SCORING:

(a) Phone and cw contacts will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs.

(b) One point is earned for each station worked, YL to OM or OM to YL. A station may be contacted no more than once in each contest for credit.

(c) Multiply the number of QSOs by the number of different ARRL sections and countries worked.

(d) Contestants running 150 watt input or less at all times may multiply the results of (c) by 1.25 (low-power multiplier).

(e) S.S.B. contestants running 300 watts p.e.p. or less at all times may multiply the results of (c) by 1.25 (lower-power multiplier).

LOGS:

Copies of all phone and C.W. logs, showing claimed scores and signed by the operator must be postmarked on later than March 21, 1966, and received no later than April 11, 1966, or they will be disqualified. Please file separate logs for each section of the contest. Send copies of logs to Edie McCracken, K1EKO, P.O. Box 285, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090.

AWARDS:

1st place phone: YL — Cup OM — Cup

1st place c.w.: YL — Cup OM — Cup

The winner of the phone cup is also eligible for the c.w. cup. Certificates will be awarded to high place c.w. and phone winners in each ARRL section and country. No logs will be returned. Be sure it is a copy of your log you send in for confirmation.

DXYL NEWS

Our "round-the-world" with the overseas YL's continues from the last Harmonics.

Let's begin to the south of us in Guadeloupe, French West Indies with Monique, FG7XL, who writes, "I also work on any band, but mostly 20-15 M. phone. My OM, Jean-Pierre is FG7XL too. It is common rule in France, when 2 or 3 members of the same family are operators, they can own the same call-sign, as 1st or 2nd or 3rd Op. Both of us were born in France and we have been living here in Guadeloupe for 9 years now." I hope we can work someday and will be looking for you.

From Brazil, a new YL has joined our overseas family, Sonia, PY2SO, and she tells me "Until one year ago YLRL was just a set of letters for me. Then I entered last year's YL/OM contest and when the time came to send the log, I included a short note to Martha, W6QYL, with comments about the contest. I

know what a boring task checking logs can be, as I do the log checking for several of our local contests, and I tried to cheer her up a little bit, hi! A few months later, I received my certificate, together with the rules for the next YL/OM es YLAP, ARRL sections list and a wonderful letter from Martha. From then on I really felt warm towards YLRL, as any organization which has such a nice and thoughtful person for its VP must really be nice to belong to. My husband, PY2CQ, Joe and I like to chase DX, rag-chew and work in contests. Joe enjoys SSB more than CW, and I like CW more, so I think we make a good team, hi!"

From La Serena, Chile, Eliana, CE2JP writes, "I have been a ham operator for six years, and am still very enthusiastic. My husband, who shares this hobby with me, also collects and allaborates semi-precious stones. He is in charge of the Technical University in La Serena, Chile."

From an old friend on the airways, Josephine, OA4GR in Lima, Peru writes, "We have a beautiful Radio Club property of the Club with large garden with all kinds of roses given by OA4JO. The radio shack with the equipments of OA40, the Peruvian Radio Club.

The only letter I have from Kuni, JA1YL in Japan was sent to me by Beth W7NJS. "During Olympics in Tokyo, we were very excited. As a matter of primary concern, even people who were indifferent to sport, they were talking about games what they saw that day. Any way, after Olympics, in Japan. It seems to take a growing interest in many sports. I have operated SSB on 14 MC/s. During winter vacation, I will try to operate again." Thanks again, Beth.

Now let us go down to New Zealand and word from Myrtle, ZL4GR. "I do enjoy the Harmonics. What a wonderful time you girls have all together, and the photos in the Harmonics are great, they all have big 'cheese'

smiles. My OM, Ind, his call is ZL4AM and we both have our own stations with our own calls. I am not allowed to use the OM station as he says I am sure to blow it up. Hi. I am thrilled to tell you that I am real well after the Motor car accident and am able to get around again."

Mollie, ZL3AO wrote a lovely long letter, "I have been a ham for 34 years. My OM George, ZL3FX, has been a ham for 42 years. So you will see we are really old timers. But still active, but mostly on 20 and 80 at the moment. Until becoming a member of YLRL didn't realize there were so many YL's in America. I read Harmonics with great interest. I'm afraid we have a small number of YL's in New Zealand compared to your counting, but we are gradually building up and most of them are very keen but not all members of our YL club (W.A.R.O.) which now has a membership of 26 transmitting and 12 associate members. We have only been going 4 years. I have been President the last two years, so hope to step down from that office in June. We also belong to the Old Timers Club, and branch of N.A.A.R.T. so we are kept busy with all these activities."

Florence ZL1AXP write, "Our ZL club W.A.R.O. had a meeting on the 6th of June awhile we were attending N.Z.A.R.T. convention."

Sylvia, ZL2QZ writes, "I am very pleased to be a member of YLRL and I look forward to getting my copies of the 'Harmonics' Magazine. They are most interesting. I thought the one listing everybody's hobbies was specially interesting. I have quite a lot of other hobbies besides ham radio, some of them are drawing and painting, gardening, animals and outdoor life and I am a do-it-yourself interior decorator."

Bye for now, more on our DXYL friends next issue.

33, Ginny, K1LCI

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26th YLAP RESULTS

| TOP THREE PHONE | | TOP THREE CW | | TOP THREE COMBINED | |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| K6KCI | 10,057.5* | VE3BII | 1,959 * | K5YIB | 10,432.5* |
| K4RNS | 9,660 * | W9MLE | 1,417.5* | WB6CGA | 6,384 * |
| K5YIB | 9,142.5* | K5YIB | 1,290 * | VE3BII | 6,160 * |

DISTRICT AND COUNTRY LEADERS

| PHONE | | CW | | COMBINED SCORES — DX ONLY | |
|--------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| K1IIF | 4,300 | K1UOR | 1,110 * | JA1YL | 4,664.5 * |
| K2KQC | 2,550 * | K2UKQ | 1,235 * | PY2SO | 4,714 |
| WA3ATQ | 3,468 * | WA3AZU | 130 | VE3BII | 6,160.5 * |
| K4RNS | 9,660 * | K5YIB | 1,290 * | VK3KS | 172.5 * |
| K5YIB | 9,142 * | W6A6OE | 800 * | ZL2JO | 955 * |
| K6KCI | 10,057.5 * | K7ADI | 150 | | |
| K7WVT | 5,966.25* | W8WUT | 651 | | |
| K8RZI | 7,236 | W9MLE | 1,417.5 * | | |
| K9LUI | 5,460 | WA0EXX | 352 | | |
| K0EPE | 3,870 | VE3BII | 1,957.5 * | | |
| VE3BII | 4,202.5 * | VE5DZ | 517.75* | | |
| VE6ABP | 3,000 | VE6ABV | 858 | | |
| VE7NW | 4,692 | JA1YL | 392 | | |
| KP4CL | 4,465 | PY2SO | 940 | | |
| KL7FMI | 1,925 | VK3KS | 15 | | |
| KZ5TT | 1,080 | ZL2JO | 30 * | | |
| DJ2YL | 972 | | | | |
| JA1YL | 4,262.5 * | | | | |
| PY2SO | 3,774 | | | | |
| VK3KS | 157.5 * | | | | |
| XE1HHH | 3,219 | | | | |
| ZL2JO | 925 * | | | | |

ALL SCORES

| | | | | | |
|--------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| K1IIF | 4,300 | K8ITF | 4,240 | WB2PYI | 464 |
| K1GSF | 977.5 * | K8MTZ | 4,224 | WA3AZU | 130 * |
| K2KQC | 2,550 * | K8VCB | 3,825 | W3UTR | 30 |
| WA3ATQ | 3,468.75* | K8PXX | 3,511.25* | K3HZY | 1.25* |
| K3HZY | 2,932.5 * | W8HWX | 3,052.5 * | K5YIB | 1,290 * |
| K3NUF | 2,170 | W8WUT | 2,886 | W6A6OE | 800 * |
| K3TNI | 1,575 * | W8A1Q | 2,520 | WB6CGA | 720 |
| K4RNS | 9,660 * | W8BENW | 2,475 * | K6POC | 285 |
| WA4VKG | 5,643.75* | WBETT | 2,175 | K7ADI | 150 |
| W4ZDK | 4,214 | W8BCXF | 1,500 | W8WUT | 651 |
| K5YIB | 9,142.5 * | W8FSX | 465 | W8BMT | 625 |
| K5OPT | 7,452 | K9LUI | 5,460 | W8BENW | 570 |
| W5NQQ | 6,468.75* | K9AXS | 3,850 | K8ITF | 325 |
| K5LUI | 3,510 | K0EPE | 3,870 | K8PXX | 206.25* |
| K5MIZ | 1,375 * | WA0EXX | 3,478 | W8FSX | 187 |
| K6KCI | 10,057.5 * | W0JUV | 3,293 | K8VFR | 70.75* |
| K6DLL | 7,522.5 * | K0ZPX | 3,006.25* | W8BCXF | 40 |
| WB6CGA | 5,664 | VE7NW | 4,692 | W9MLE | 1,417.5 * |
| WA6PQI | 4,382.5 * | VE3BII | 4,202.5 * | WA9CCP | 688.75* |
| WA6LWE | 3,375 * | VE6ABP | 3,000 | WA9EZX | 162.5 * |
| W6A6OE | 2,975 * | DJ2YL | 972 | WA0EXX | 352 |
| W6EUV | 2,088 | JA1YL | 4,262.5 * | K0GIC | 260 |
| K6UHI | 1,484 | JA1FPB | 1.25* | VE3BII | 1,959.5 * |
| K6POC | 735 | KL7FMI | 1,925 | VE6ABV | 858 |
| K7WVT | 5,966.25* | KP4CL | 4,465 | VE5DZ | 547.75* |
| K7RAM | 5,712 | KZ5TT | 1,080 | JA1YL | 392 |
| K7KSF | 4,687 | PY2SO | 3,774 | JA1FPB | 1.25* |
| WA7EEX | 4,680 | VK3KS | 157.5 * | PY2SO | 940 |
| W7NJS | 3,626 | XE1HHH | 3,219 | VK3KS | 15 * |
| K7ADI | 3,105 * | ZL2JO | 925 * | ZL2JO | 30 * |
| W7GGV | 2,772 | K1UOR | 1,110 | W3CDQ | |
| K7CHA | 990 * | K1IJV | 318.75* | K50PS | |
| K8RZI | 7,236 | K2UKQ | 1,235 * | W6NAZ | |
| W8ARJ | 5,995 * | W2EBW | 640 | W6QYL | |

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

FIRST DISTRICT

Leona Peacor, W1YPH

RFD 1

Dover Foxcroft, Maine

Although belated, Happy and Healthy New Year to you all from the North Country with continued enjoyment in hamming. December was the usual busy month of preparing for the BIG DAY and there seemed to be a lull in the YL's operating, which is understandable as

many take on outside work at this time of year.

Norma, K1WXF worked evenings at department store and had four harmonics to care for daytimes, who all had the mumps at the same time! All this and she took time to act as NCS for the Yankee Lassie.

Onie, W1ZEN has been acting as substitute teacher in the grade schools but this did not keep her from doing her usual Christmas cooking.

Ruth, K1IIF has found a new hobby — birdwatching, which she can do right from the

dining room, so no time lost.

Ginny, K1LCI, as busy as ever, took time out to drive to college to bring son Jeff home for the holidays. Daughter Nancy got a pre-Christmas gift—her driving license. These gals sure grow up.

Evelyn, K1USQ is having rig trouble but listens to the YL nets.

Mary, K1ADY and Dee, W1ZJS are enjoying weekly skeds on 75 meters. We are so glad to see you looking so well, Dee.

Doris, K1UOR's son, K1NWF is in Greece while serving in the Navy and is waiting for his SVØ license to come through so that he can keep skeds with his parents.

Eunice, W1UKR and family have moved to Creve Coeur, Missouri and her call is now WØKEH. New England's loss is Missouri's gain and we sure will miss her. She and Jean, K1IJV keep weekly skeds.

Grace, W1KYT has made not only one but two New Year's resolutions—first, to check into the Yankee Lassie Net and second, to get her driver's license. Good luck, Grace!

Helene, W1YWT had a house full of company over the Holidays, which kept her busy cooking, but she loved every minute of it.

Barb, K1PCZ says that since the OM, Frank has gotten over a bout with the flue, they have been getting up early to get in some extra operating.

Millie, K1WNV has not been active for the past year as she had been working and she misses her operating, especially CW.

Katherine, W1VYD is kept busy as Postmaster (she says Postmistress is not correct! hi) in her vacation spot, yet she manages to get in some operating. Both she and her OM are active members of the Post Office Net.

Eunice, W1MPP has more hobbies than we could count. She is putting in much time as Secretary for the Old, Old Timers Club.

Gladys, K1DGI and her OM, W1AWA left for Florida after the Holidays and will remain there until Spring. He has now retired and our wishes go with them for many years of happiness and good health.

Belle, K1EAV entertained her daughter and grandchildren on Christmas Day.

Ruth, K1RZO and her OM spent a pre-Christmas vacation in Puerto Rico and had a very pleasant visit with Helen, W1HOY/KP4.

Beryl, K1NEI is now Secretary of the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club. Congratulations!

Some folks look strangely at us when they ask us how we like it up in the North Country, thinking that we have moved to the end of the earth, but I can truthfully say that we are very contented in our retirement and have no regrets that we choose this spot. We are on the air, mobile only, but there is a shack being built in the basement. The welcome mat is always out and we hope that any of you coming this way will stop it. 33, Leona, W1YPH.

SECOND DISTRICT NEWS

Camille Hedges, WB2PYI

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A sincere thanks to WA2GPT, Bea, for the fine job she did as Second D/C. Her column was always interesting. YL's, we cannot begin to guess how many unsung members have given of their personal time and service to keep YLRL an interesting organization and Bea is one of them.

K2DKL, Bonnie's big news is that her OM's retirement is scheduled for January and they have sold their home in Corinth, N. Y. and bought one in Guilford, Maine and hope to move in by April. Bonnie is NC for the WRONE CW nest and will continue to be until the OM takes the antenna down. We are sorry to lose you, Bonnie!

K2DNY, Dottie, has acquired an organ and is taking lessons and loving it, but she stresses that it does not interfere with amateur radio. During the Great Blackout, she was on the air from 9:30 until after midnight. One of the lucky gals who had power!

W2EBW, Julie made a flying trip to Seattle last July where the OM had business—their first real vacation in many years, and they packed plenty of sightseeing into a 3-day period. Julie's New Year's resolution is to "dig in" and get those last few "new ones" for DXCC.

W2EEO, Madeline reports that her grand-harmonic score was boosted to six in December with the birth of W2GPK's YL. Madeline and her OM, Art W2LYK paid a visit to W6EI and K6MHU early in January.

K2TXP, Clara and WA2GTP, Bea were awarded certificates of appreciation "in recognition of outstanding service to the USN" for services rendered during OPERATION GOODWILL, handling messages to servicemen. Nice going, gals!

W2IQP, Lil had all six grand-harmonics visiting her over the holidays. A very busy time!

W2JZX, Vi has not been on the air recently as she is very busy with her duties as Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Braille Technical Press.

K2LMS, Alice has a new transmitter and receiver and is reported having a grand time with them.

WA2OGA, Kathie took a trip to Europe and had a wonderful time.

W2OWL, Ruth hasn't been very active recently, but her DX score stands at 170/165!

WA2QGX, Lisa reports that she has passed the Extra Class exam and hopes to be a little more active on the air.

Due to a very unfortunate fire in her home, Clara, W2RUF is temporarily residing at a motel in Buffalo. We are very sorry to hear about this, Clara, and hope you will be settled in a new QTH before too long.

K2TDG, Peggy is doing welfare work, but tries to operate in the Breakfast Club and keeps skeds with her mother, K2IYT.

K2TXM, Joan has a brand new SSB rig. She hopes to be on 40 meters soon, but has only a 75 meter antenna up at present.

K2UKQ, Kay is a DX-chaser and just treated herself to a new transceiver and is now going to try for DXCC-SSB, but don't let that fool you — Kay's first and lasting love is CW for which she has kept the old gear. Her DX SSB score is 65/1 and DXCC CW is 295/285 — WOW!

W2UXM, Sallie and her OM spent a month's vacation in Florida and a week in the Bahamas.

K2UXW, Trudy's OM traded her transmitter in for a new one as an anniversary gift. She has been working mostly 20 SSB the past year and is still waiting patiently (?) for a QSL from the YL in Tokyo that she OSeed.

W2VMQ, Carolyn usually gets on the air in the early P.M. and her most interesting recent DX was Rhodesia, ZE2JJ.

W2YCX, Carlie is an electrical engineer and is designing special test equipment for the electrical part of missiles. She is also a member of the Morris Radio Club.

WB2HTA, Adele, her OM Bill, WA2ZQQ, and some non-hams got together for a New Year's party held at WA2NQU, Helene's. Adele has been lazing along on 2 meters and has made a New Year's resolution to get on more often.

PLEASE NOTE: "Ladies of Two Lands" meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. on or about 3915. WA2UAB, Mabel is chairman of the

group and issues a standing invitation to "come on in."

Hope all of you make a concentrated effort to fill up the log book in '66! 33, Camille, WB2PYI.

THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

Liz Zandonini, W3CDQ

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We have very sad news to report — Fran, W3AKB, a long time member of YLRL, passed away in December.

Betty, W3SLS was glad to have her OM, Ray, W3DVO home for the holidays — he has been traveling a great deal.

Brooke is now WA3EER and is on 40 C.W. early in the A.M.

Betty, W3UXU and family spent the holidays with her folks in Texas.

Christl, DJ1TE, the Waylarc adoptee, had a daughter, named Regina, in December. Congratulations!

The Penn-Jersey YL Officers for 1966 are: President, Carolyn, W3GTC; V. Pres., Floss, W3SRS; Secretary, Irene, WA3DNQ; and Treasurer, Fran, W3SBE. Congratulations to all!

WA3ATQ, Harriet is a member of the Delaware Valley Eye Bank net and also is assistant N/C of the Eastern Penna. Emer-

Applicant's Call

Date

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership in the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. I am willing to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the League and such rules as shall be promulgated by the organization from time to time. I am a Licensed Woman Amateur Radio Operator.

Name..... Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

Endorsed by..... Call.....

— Name of member — or Treasurer may endorse —

Enclosed is \$..... in payment of: Dues to

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Your first copy of YL Harmonics should be received in two months. Please notify treasurer promptly of any future change in mailing address.

Amateur License: Advanced..... General..... Technical..... Novice.....

Year of first license..... License expires..... Are you a new member?..... Reinstated?.....

Frequency usually operated.....

Please mail card and remittance to Treasurer.....

Your membership card will be sent to you as promptly as records are entered.

Are you a member of the American Radio Relay League?..... If not, kindly notify secretary when you join.

Married?..... Occupation..... Date of birth.....

OM's call..... Any other hams in family?.....

Additional information about yourself or station is welcome. Please give former calls if any.

Dues \$3.00 per year, pro-rated quarterly from March 1st.

agency Phone and Traffic Net. Besides these two jobs, she also keeps skeds with KC4, KG4 and KP4 stations for phone patches!

W3PUD, Lillian is quite active in CAP work.

W3SRS, Floss and her OM have bought a home and she has not had much time for hamming.

W3SBE, Fran has been on 6 meters most of the time, but she and her OM are looking for a good SSB rig. Maybe that will make one more PJYL to contact for our certificate!

WA3PDA, Mary and her OM are hoping to get their general licenses soon, as they have a daughter in Venezuela who is a ham.

W3GTC, Carolyn is still plugging along with the Powder Puff Derby. Actually, things are coming along quite well. She expects to be at the finish line in Florida for the Derby.

Would appreciate receiving news from all the W3-YL's before the next issue of YL 33, Liz, W3CDQ.

FOURTH DISTRICT NEWS

Cathy H. Soehl, W4BAV

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Greetings, gals! 1965 is just a memory now, but I hope it is one of fond memories to "ya'll" and may 1966 be a bigger, better and healthier year. As I sit typing my first con-

tribution to YLH, I get "kinda" weak in the knees, so bear with me and remember YOU can nominate and elect someone more experienced for next year. Any volunteers? Furthermore, you can each be active and assist by sending in news. Come on, gals, let's strive to show an active 4th District!

A "Hammy" Wedding: W4BAV, Cathy became the bride of W2HJM, Bill in November. W4PUE, Rev. Theo. "Andy" Anderson performed the ceremony and W4WPD, Shirley and Joe, W4DUI were their attendants. The Soehl's are residing in Sarasota, Fla., and the welcome mat is out for all hams!

SPARCYLS held their annual Christmas party at the QTH of K4WXS, Lee. Those present were W4HRC, Little Bo and Sister, Marie (SPARCYLS' mascot); W4BIL, Fran; K4RCQ, Elsie; W4BWR, Ruth; W4WPD, Shirley; W4BAV, Cathy; W4KYA, Vivian; W4EDL, Nancy; K4CSC, Edna; W4TDK, Naomi; WA4EEZ, Leslie and K4WXS, Lee. The afternoon was spent yaking, taking pictures, eating the goodies and an exchange of gifts.

WAYLARC Christmas party was held at the Flagship in Washington, and was a huge success, thanks to the planning and preparations by Vi, K4EAM. Those gals present were W3RXJ, Irene and her OM, Frosty, W3PTS; W3UXU, Betty and OM Whit, W3UFV; W4TVT, Claire and OM Jack W4RHC; K4RXO,

NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE FORM

I, accept/decline the nomination of
(Name and Call) (Office)

of YLRL for the year 19.....

I have been a member of YLRL since.....

I have been a licensed radio amateur operator since.....

My family consists of OM..... and..... Jr. ops.
(Name and Call)

My club affiliation is..... and I have held the following offices:

I belong to the following YL nets and round tables:.....

Name and Call.....
Address.....
City, State and Zip Code.....

We, the undersigned members of YLRL, nominate the above named
as a candidate for the office of..... YLRL for the year 19

(Name and Call)

CLUB

REMEMBER THE APRIL 15th DEADLINE. THIS MUST REACH THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BY THAT DATE.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Alice A. Hanney WOU MO, 6800 Granada Lane, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208.

Members: Edith A. Bennett K7PEE, 14500 S.E. Wildrose, Milwaukee, Oregon 97222.

Roberta Lemon W8ARJ, 708 Eifert Road, Mason, Michigan 48854.

Fannie; WA4FEY, Ruth and OM Vern, WA4FEZ; WA4TVZ, Vivian and OM Bill; W3UTR, Meg; W3CDQ, Liz; K4LMB, Ethel and OM Tex, plus several guests. There were door prizes and an exchange of gifts.

FLORIDORA Net meets every Tuesday, 9 A.M. on 3.933kcs. and every Friday at 11:00 P.M. on 3.90kcs.

The Orlando Hamfest, where the Floridas hold their annual birthday party and business meeting will be held April 30th and May 1st.

Our deepest sympathy goes to W4JCR, Anita in the passing of her OM, Frank, W4JCS in December.

K4EAM, Vi was happy to have her whole family home for Christmas.

WA4FEY, Ruth has completed the Novice Class and the boys were awaiting their tickets for Christmas. Nice going, Ruth.

WA4KYA, Vivian and OM Pic, WA4ILY are having "a ball" with their new RTTY.

K4LMB, Ethel's ham activities keep her busy, as she is President of the Washington Mobile Club and Northern Virginia head of the AREC.

W4TDK, Naomi, has been re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club.

W4TVT, Claire's OM Jack, W4RHC was aboard a plane at Rochester N. Y. airport the moment the blackout descended, but was delayed an hour in getting back to Virginia. Claire and Jack celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve. May you have many, many more, Folks!

WA4UWK, Maxine and family went to Lake Ariel, Pa. to visit K3TNL for Thanksgiving dinner and then on up to Boston, Mass. to visit daughter, Sandy.

W4WPD, Shirley and OM Earl, W4UFR had a Really Merry Christmas as son, Russell was home — he was in Viet Nam last year!

K1IIZT/W4GXZ, Blanche and OM Wes, K1HTK/W4COW visited Blanche's mother in Tampa over the holidays.

G2YL, Nell, from England, visited Washington, D.C. where she was the house guest of W3CDQ, Liz, who feted her at a reception on Nov. 1st at her home. The WAYLARC's were invited and those attending were, WA4UWK, W4DEE, W3OOLY, K4LMB, W3UTR, K3SQX, WA3EER and WA4FEY. The girls all enjoyed getting to know a real DX YL first hand. After Nell did some sight-seeing around the Capitol and was entertained at dinner by K4LMB and W4TE — with many other YL's dropping in during the evening — she bade farewell and left for New York before returning to Merry Old England.

Until next issue, 33, Cathy, W4BAV.

FIFTH DISTRICT NEWS

Ruth Jank, K5OPT

100 N. Winston Lane San Antonio, Texas

The 11th Annual TYLRUN Party was held at Camp YO-WO-CHI-A and thanks to those "Hostesses with the Mostess", a good time was had by all. Those attending were Mary Jo, K5DJS; Anne K5JKV; Bea K5BNH; Opal,

W5WXW (from Wink, Texas — it is on the map, gals!); K5MTF, Estelle; K5JFJ, Julia; K5MPI, Mary — who traveled all the way from Arkansas; and W5JCY, Bertha and Doris, K5BNQ from Oklahoma, who will be hostesses for the 1966 Party.

W5RYX, Lyn and her OM have built a sail boat and are enjoying learning to sail it.

New officers of TYLRUN for 1966 are: K5YFC, Helen, President; W5COT, Pearl, Vice President; K5JFJ, Julia, Secretary; and K5TZU, Irma, Publicity Chairman.

The Texas YL Roundup Net meets each Thursday on 3.880 at 1400 GMT and on 7.235 at 1630 GMT. If you have a few minutes on Thursdays join in and visit with the gals.

5-land has a new YL, WA5NVY, Pat. She lives on a ranch in Baird, Texas with her OM and 3 children.

I was indeed honored that the 5-land YL's chose me for their Chairman and I hope I can do the job justice, with all of your help. Drop me a line with some news of yourself or your YLYR friends! This will not only make my job easier, but it will make this column more enjoyable reading for 1966. 33, Ruth.

SIXTH DISTRICT NEWS

Betty Kuegeman, K6UTO

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Congratulations to this year's officers and a big thanks for the fine job done by the gals last year.

Not having received much news from any of the California YL Clubs, I will try and remember some things that happened, so at least we will have a spot in Harmonics.

First in mind is our loss and Florida's gain — thought sure Betty, K6UHI would come up with a WB4 call when they moved to the sun state, but the latest information is that she is now W4EHN, living at St. Cloud, Florida. Good luck to you and Clem.

Understand from the LAYLRC that Martha, W6QYL is moving to Washington, but they forgot to say if it is state or D.C. If it is state, we will see you there as we will be moving to Orcas Island in June.

My OM and I have an adopted son, JA2AEV, Taki and now we also have a daughter as he was married in November and according to the pictures received, the wedding was a very large affair.

Congratulations to Ida, W6BLS and her new husband Everett. May you have a long and happy marriage.

Visited Lory, W6WBH and Tom K6VAF in Azusa for a few days between Christmas and New Year's and really enjoyed Tom's present — a color TV set.

News from L.A. just arrived and understand they had a very nice Christmas party at the home of Myrtle, W6ISY. Guests included Marge, KL7BLL and Lou, KØWEN. There were 30 YL's present and a pot luck supper was served and an exchange of gifts was held.

Due to the rush of present hiding, etc., around the month of December, the SDYLRC has decided to hold their party on the 29th of January at the home of Rawlins, WA6MOC.

Iss, K6CAL and OM Paul have moved to the Great Lakes area and are now "enjoying" the cold weather.

Sure wish the gals would remember to make out the right kind of QSL's — I have about 10 of them that I cannot use for YLCC because they are not made out with the information that should confirm a contact. Please, let's show that we appreciate our contacts . . . 33, Betty.

SEVENTH DISTRICT NEWS

Edith Bennett, K7PEE

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Greetings and Happy New Year from 7-land. By this time, I'm sure that all of us have sufficiently recuperated from the holidays and are thinking about what the new year will hold for us. I hope that one and all had a nice Christmas and that Santa was good to all.

First off, our hats are off to Edith, W7LIZ who did a grand job as 7 D/C this year and I hope that I can do half as well this year. She is feeling better after her lengthy illness and is getting back the "urge to ham" a bit.

Fran, K7MRX is also improving after her illness. She had to cut down her working hours, however. On January 7, she and Doc left by train for Las Vegas with a stop in Los Angeles to visit friends.

The Portland Roses had their Christmas party at the home of K7PEE and this year they were not plagued with water problems. As you may recall, last year's party was to be held at K7PEE's, but with 24 inches of water in the basement and no heat, it was changed at the last minute to the home of Cece, K7VFC! Those present this year were: Beth, W7NJS; Lil, W7GRC; Bette, K7BED; Phyllis, W7ZMN; Pat, W7NOK; Donna, W7QKU; Dorthie, W7REU; Helen, W7RVM; Cece, K7VFC, Bessie, W7DIC and Edith, K7PEE. A gift exchange was held and all enjoyed Christmas cookies and cakes. The January meeting of the Portland Roses was a luncheon held at the Town Crier. Those attending were K7BED, W7RVM, W7NOK, W7ZYK, W7NJS, K7BII and W7ZMN.

Phyllis, W7ZMN checked into the Honey Bee Net and received good signal reports.

Donna, W7QKU is working 3 or 4 days a week and in her spare time makes dance costumes for her daughter and chases DX.

Ruth, K7ADI is working at Portland Radio.

Another YL who keeps busy is Phyllis, K7KSF. She keeps books for several businesses, does Red Cross work and has an interest in Esperanto.

In a letter from Edith, W7LIZ we learned that many of the MINOWS were active in the YLAP.

Jessie, W7TWQ has returned from a trip to Alaska.

Bobbie, K7RAM is busy with a flower arranging class.

Phyllis, K7CPB spent two weeks in the Rogers Pass Country in Canada and had a wonderful time.

Laura (ex-W7KEU) is now in Seattle and

has the call W7CMH. She is not active at present, but hopes to be soon.

Bertha, K7CHA, from Harlowton, Montana, whose OM is Harry, W7RZY, is keeping busy with her one year old daughter, Etha.

From Millie, K7QMG comes some information on the gals in the Seattle area. K7YDO, Gerry is working mostly 20 meter SSB and handles a great deal of traffic. She and OM K7VTR operate a blueberry farm.

Beth, W7NJS, flew to Seattle with her OM for the holidays and had a very enjoyable trip. She keeps busy on 20, 40 and 75 meters and has supplied us with a wealth of information about the gals in 7-land. Don't know what we would do without her!

This seems to be it for this time, gals. Now that the busy holiday season is over, I hope that many of you will find a few moments to drop me a line and let me know what is going on in your area. I seldom hear Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah YL's on the air and would especially like to hear from the gals in those states. So until next time . . . 33, Edith, K7PEE.

EIGHTH DISTRICT NEWS

Roberta (Bobby) Lemon, WA8ARJ

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Mason, Michigan

The holiday season is over now and we hope everyone is ready to settle down and relax and do some hamming.

Thanks to Marge, K8ITF for the fine job she did last year as D/C and I hope that I will be able to do just half as good a job.

It sure has been nice hearing some of the old familiar calls back on the YL Welcome Net. Hope more of the out of state YL's will take the opportunity and join us.

Esther, W8ATB and OM John are wintering in Florida. Have a good time, folks and we will be listening for you on 20 meters.

The Michigan gals have formed a club known as "TASYL's" (The Auto State Young Ladies). The officers are President WA8ENW, Thelma; Vice President, K8VCB, Betty; Secretary, WA8CTE, Mary; Treas., WA8ARJ, Bobby. The club is for ALL Michigan YLs holding an amateur radio license and there are 16 charter members. "TASYL" Net meets Thursday at 0130 GMT on 3,900 kcs.

Lillian, W8HWX, Thelma, K8TVX and Dottie, W8RZN spent a nice time showing Doris, K2YMJ and her daughters the sights of Toledo over the holidays.

Pat, K8YTK was a good girl during 1965 and Santa brought her a new transmitter.

Betty, K8VCB has been collecting DX QSL's.

Myriam, K8ILN and her OM enjoyed the Christmas party at the home of Joanie, WA8FSV. Joan did a fine job as hostess for the Pictured Rocks Radio Club.

Faye, K8PNA and her OM are in Florida for the winter.

Jane, K8SRO was completely thrilled when her son Tom got his first deer this past season.

VI, W8JXJ is still busy preparing for the March of Dimes telethon — all of our gals do a fine job on this worthy project.

Muriel, K8SUP is having a ball with a new snow sled. The whole family gets into the act and we hear that it takes the place of a new refrigerator!?

Merle, K8TGX spent Christmas with her twin, K8SUP, Muriel and family.

WA8ARJ's son Robby got his deer this year — via the car! Luckily no one was hurt and the deer really tasted good.

That's all the news for this time, but we hope to hear from more of you girls next time . . . 33, Bobby, WA8ARJ.

NINTH DISTRICT NEWS

Mildred Bovee, K9ZLB

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Until the mail arrived this morning, bringing the Nov.-Dec. issue of Harmonics, this new and inexperienced chairman felt very smug because last evening the first reporting assignment was completed, signed, sealed — but fortunately not delivered. Now I have found that much of our news is "old hat", so here goes again!

Late news on Diane, K9TRP's antenna: After a 3 month period of silence — after being struck by lightning — and much hard work, Diane finally did get back on the air on a limited basis. However, during a heavy wind storm on Christmas Eve the temporary antenna came down! Undaunted, Diane and her OM, Don, K9PDT will get the antenna up again (permanently, we hope!) just as soon as the weather permits. We all wish to express our hearty thanks to Diane for the fine job she did during the past year as 9th D/C.

As part of a promotion for the movie "The Bedford Incident", YL, WA9CCP and Pauline, WA9CNV were involved in a TV broadcast demonstrating the services and activities of an amateur radio station. They relayed messages via W9AA, but they never did get to see the TV newscast as it was shown in New York and not in Chicago!

There is no letup in activities for the LARK's as they prepare for their biggest project of the year, the 15th Midwest YL Convention, May 13-15 at the Flying Carpet Motor Inn in Chicago. They are looking forward to eyeball OSO's with many old and new friends. Convention Chairman is Bernice, W9SJR.

K9BZU, the memorial station of the Hoosier Amateur Women's Klub has a new QSL card. You can find the club station on Hawk Roost on Saturday's at 1400 GMT on 3.910 kcs. This is a good time to work for the HAWK certificate — Fran K9ILK is NC and certificate custodian.

HAWK President Adah, W9RTH has been in the hospital, but is now recuperating at her home. She has also recently been blessed with her 12th grandchild.

Roberta, K9IVG is the new S.C.M. for Indiana. Congratulations!

Mary Alice, K9BWJ is busy making plans for her daughter's wedding.

K9ZLB, Mildred was very pleased to receive Holiday Greetings from her DX adoptee, Molly, ZE1JE from Salisbury .

Received no news from the Wisconsin YL's and would sure appreciate hearing from them and all 9-land gals before the next issue of YLH.

May I urge that we all consider ourselves on the membership committee, let's get our own dues in early and then talk YLRL on the air and to our YL friends. Let's get behind our new officers by getting one new member, which will fulfill our goal of doubling membership in 1966.

Hope to see you at Midwest YL Convention in May . . . 33, Mildred, K9ZLB.

TENTH DISTRICT NEWS

Alyce Hanney, W0UMO

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Hi, gals, and a Happy New Year. I would like to wish birthday greetings to the following gals: WA0BJC, Wilma; K0BOF, Anne; K0EPE, Marte; K0GIC, Dottie; K0GZO, Ginny; K0IKL, Joyce; K0JFO, Cleo; W0JUV, Emma; K0QHD, Evelyn; K0RGU, Tillie; W0VA, Loretta; K0WEN, Lou and K0WGL, Helen.

I wish to thank all the gals for the news and hope you keep it coming throughout the year.

W0AYL is one gal who leads a very busy life. Aside from teaching, she is active on the air and is responsible for the JARS Radio Club Christmas get-together. The evening was spent listening to music provided by Radio Amateurs of JARS and a good time was had by all.

Emma, W0JUV and OM George have re-decorated the ham shack. She checks into TYLRUN, Jay Hawks Net and several MARS nets. They received two lovely ceramic coffee mugs with their calls on them for Christmas.

K0GZO, Ginny and Kirk are home after a prolonged vacation on the Island of Bonaire.

Libby, K0MAS sends a note saying she is keeping busy and she received third prize for a Lady Slipper orchid at the Orchid Society Show.

W0RAW, Bertha and OM Stan have a new car and are planning a vacation. They hope to get in some hamming while they are away.

Joyce K0IKL's rig has been torn down for six months and now the operating bug seems to have left her.

K0WEN, Lou is in California and is using a mobile rig.

K0GIC, Dottie is so busy working and taking care of her home that she rarely has time to ham, but I'll bet you will hear her in the CW YL-OM contest!

Alyce, W0UMO and family spent New Year's Eve at the home of Clara, WA0KLY and had a grand time.

Estelle, W0ESD sends the following news from the Colorado YL's: Their Christmas party was a very festive affair, well planned by Elaine, W0HEM. The YL's enjoyed a lovely dinner and gift exchange.

The new SYLver DOLLar Certificate custodian is Betty, WA0EXX.

Tillie, K0RGU is the newly elected president of CHC for 1966.

Pat, WAØEMQ received a new rig from her OM Bob (a non-ham!) for Christmas.

Celia, WØBJL spent Christmas vacation with Grace, W5VBE in Oklahoma. Celia says she is so strictly CW that she doesn't even own a mike!

For this time, it has been pleasant visiting you all and don't forget to send your news to me. 33, Alyce, WØUMO.

KH6 NEWS

Hattie Bloomer, KH6DUM

155 Plum St. Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

The KH6 YL's extend greetings and aloha to all.

Dell, KH6TI had our Christmas party at her QTH and she really decorated the house — Christmas was everywhere! The ladies looked beautiful, the food was great and, of course, the OM's added a bit of their special charm to the gathering. Dell is quite an organist and we were much impressed with her music. She has also taken up painting in oils — just talented, no doubt!

The Weather being so nice, Jeanette, KH6AFN is getting ready to paint her house — mind you, this is January! What she has lined up for the rest of the year is anybody's guess! She has kept her garden in lovely shape, flowers all blooming like crazy—the only thing not doing too well is that tower—it just won't grow!

When I called Luika, KH6AFL, she was in the midst of making a very complicated Italian dish and had her hands all gummed up with dough — and her on a strict diet! She is not on the air too much but does report that her two grandchildren have learned the code.

The KH6 YL's stand in reflected glory — when Herbert Hoover, Jr., W6ZH was here on vacation, he very graciously took time to attend a dinner with our various radio groups. He spoke to them, had a question period and was presented with a lei in the old traditional Hawaiian style, by our own Hazel, KH6AFC. Hazel and her OM Jim KH6KS are now retired, but their plans are still uncertain. We hope all good things come to them. She has taken a course in hotel/motel managing, with an eye to the future!

Not too much doing with Hattie, KH6DUM. She worked into New Jersey on 10 meters — 5/9 both ways, but hasn't been on since!

Running over these items makes one wonder, whatever has become of the happy, lazy Hawaiian?

So for now, it's "33" from Hawaii.

Hattie, KH6DUM

KL7 NEWS

Sue Nash, KL7FMI

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Hi, gals. With Christmas and all I almost forgot I was the new KL7 D/C. Did get some news, not much, but hope to have more in the next issue.

Mary, KL7BJD is quite busy getting ready to move to her new QTH. Her OM, KL7CAH, Sandy is retiring after 44 years with the railroad. I know they are going to enjoy just doing

nothing. Mary will be off 20 until late summer, so the next time you talk to her, she will be in her new home in Big Lake.

KL7FAM, in Fairbanks, has been on quite a bit lately, since it's too cold to do anything else! With the temperature down around 30 to 40 below, what else can you do. She hopes to get her rig on soon so she can get on 75.

As for me, KL7FMI, I'm hibernating! This is my first winter in Alaska and at least Anchorage is not as cold as Fairbanks! Have really enjoyed the 6 months that we have been here — camping, hunting and now skiing. Have been taking skiing lessons and finished the beginners class and haven't broken anything yet. Hi!

Guess this is it for now. Best to all in '66 . . . 33, Sue, KL7FMI.

VE NEWS

Eva Green, VE7BBB

528 McMartin St. New Westminster, B. C., Canada

A big welcome to VE1AQI — a wonderful CW operator. Her name and QTH is Mildred Graham, 4 Clement St., Dartmouth, N.S., located across the harbor from Halifax.

Ethel, VEHI, our Founding Member, is QTR because all her antennas are down and she needs some helping hands equipped with strong muscles and good climbers! The weather in the Montreal area is a little too cold to do any pole work.

Jan, VE3BII says Santa treated her to a SSB rig and she has been on that mode since the first of the year. She was happy to learn that she tied in the Howdy Days, and was very surprised that CQ asked for a picture to go in their YLAP results. She regretfully admitted to putting on weight — but then did we not all do the same, dining lavishly on all those Christmas goodies?

Dot, VEZDX sure has not been the cause of QRM lately — warm up the rig, Dot, there is lots of choice DX on 20 meters these days!

Now for the Trilliums report: The first issue of Totopics will be off the press the week of January 17. The nominating committee is busy preparing for the March elections. The social convener, Doreen, VE3FUR has been in the hospital. Lorraine, VE3AYV, sold the winning ticket on a painting done by a talented TOT member — the winner was a non-ham XYL in Port Credit.

Doree, VE3EUV, last year's D/C, is QRT — all the gear has been sold, as no antennas are permitted at their apartment.

Bert, VE7ADR and her OM Charlie, VE7ADF, have been shoveling snow like mad. They had to clear 3 feet of that white stuff off their roof! In between bouts of shoveling, she has snagged a bit of DX.

The school bazaar, which Eva, VE7BBB, convened was very successful. Now she is busy with the International Esperanto Convention to be held in the Royal City, July 22-24. Eva was in the hospital briefly in December, but is home now and coming along fine. Her studies and teaching have left very little hamming time.

Until next time . . . 33, Eva, VE7BBB.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE RIG WON'T WORK—OR—WHAT DID THE OLD MAN DO NOW?

BY NOEL EDWARDS, W6RDQ (OM OF MARTHA, W6QYL)

What can be more aggravating than having a sked due in a short time and finding the rig uncooperative? Possibly the spare rig is not working either, even if you are lucky enough to have one. But all is not lost, gals, if you try a few of the ideas outlined below. We don't claim they are cure-alls(but if this ever happens to you, do as the Boy Scouts do, "Be Prepared." In carrying out these ideas, I am needing you to become familiar ahead of time with the power fuse setup, and where the OM hid those spare tubes and fuses. Do a little prior reading on the design of your rig from the Manufacturer's Instruction Book. If your OM built it from scratch, con him into acquainting you with its design and layout. Don't know if you have heard the technical writer's (they write instruction books) sarcasm before, but it goes like this: "When all else fails, READ the Instruction Book." Pick out the heading that suits your symptoms and make your sked.

A. Power will not come.

1. Plug not inserted in power outlet. It has happened to me.
2. Fuse blown in rig. Find out now, while the OM is home, where they are located and where the spares are kept. Might be a good idea to get the hang of checking fuses with an ohmmeter before the big crisis.
3. Fuse blown or breaker opened in the power to the station. The location of main house wiring or locally furnished these should also be noted and labeled ahead of time, but you and I know no one ever does.
4. Fuse blows when replacing. Now gals, don't give up, providing the OM hasn't been fooling around with the rig the night before. There have been several harried phone calls at work from Martha, along the line of: "What did you do and what did you do and what do I do now?" Then comes the dawn, and I remember that I had been trying a new idea from QST or CQ, and had forgotten to put the rig back to normal. I know your OM never would do a thing like that. Anyhow, try replacing the rectifier tubes. They have a habit of shorting sometimes. This is not a problem with new rigs of modern design which have solid-state power supplies. They are making rectifier tubes obsolete and give much less trouble.
5. Last, but not least, about fuses. Please check that you have replaced the fuse with the manufacturer's recommended value. Smaller values will blow again the equipment, wreck the budget and larger ones can cause damage to the OM's tempter. Some of the newer store-bought rigs require a short tune-up time, usually less than thirty seconds. They will blow a fuse if you take

too long to dip the final plate at the proper load setting.

B. Portions of rig won't work.

1. Rig won't load after carefully checking procedures in instruction book.
 - a. We all know that you have looked outside to see that the antenna is still up. Guy wires fall in the wind sometimes.
 - b. Check to see antenna is connected to rig. If you have several, be sure you are using the correct one for the band you are on.
 - c. If you are using an antenna change-over-relay, find out if power is getting to it on transmit and the relay is actually switching.

IN STEPS BELOW BE SURE TO REPLACE TUBES OF THE SAME TYPE AS OF THOSE REMOVED.

- d. Turn off rig and pull power plug. Open cover and feel tubes for warmth. (DON'T TOUCH OPEN WIRING AS CAPACITORS IN RIG COULD SHOCK YOU.) If you find a cold one, the filament may be open. Replace with a spare tube of the same type. Be careful though, some of the tubes may be warm enough to burn fingers. If you find one that is much warmer than normal, you might try replacing it also, especially if it is part of the malfunctioning section as ascertained from the instruction book. This warmer than normal is determined by checking how warm they are when the rig is functioning normally. Some tubes get very hot, in fact, but may be OK.
- e. Plug rig back into the power outlet and turn on power. Open cover (some rigs have interlocks on the covers; in this case, if you defeat it, keep FINGERS OUT, as contact with high voltage can kill). Try to operate rig and observe if any tube plates are running red or a blue glow within the glass envelope (gassy tube), not just on the inner surface of the glass, which is normal in some cases. Check all the glass tubes for burning filaments. If you find a dark glass tube (you can't see filaments in metal tubes, of course), plate running red or a blue glow within the glass envelope, replace affected tubes. Remember though some types of vapor rectifiers and voltage regulator tubes glow when operating normally. If, after replacing tubes, the same symptom appears, close down and when the OM comes home, ask his help because other defective parts in the rig can also cause these tubes to act this way. Discovering these

other defective parts is beyond the scope of this piece, but could be gone into at a later date.

C. No modulation or keying on CW.

1. Be sure the function switch (may be called other names by some manufacturers) is in the AM, SSB or CW position for you finger communicators, depending on the type of emission you plan to use.
2. I wonder if you plugged the microphone or key plug all the way into the jack? One YL I know had this problem and of course, the electrons didn't go where she wanted them.
3. Check for loose wire or wires on the mic. or key connector. Some connectors have wires attached by screws. Be sure the outside braid or shield goes to the pin that is grounded, such as the sleeve on the phone plug.

Don't forget in servicing electronics, it is always the last thing you checked that was defective. I hope that some of these ideas may help you check the last thing sooner, and that you kept the sked on time . . . 73, 88 and 33, Noel, W6RDQ.



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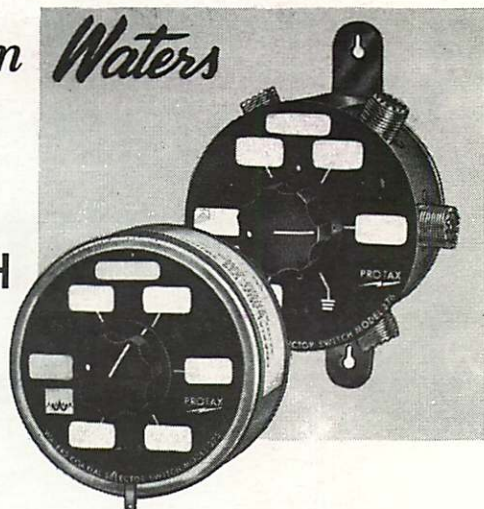
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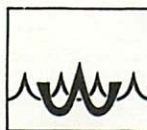
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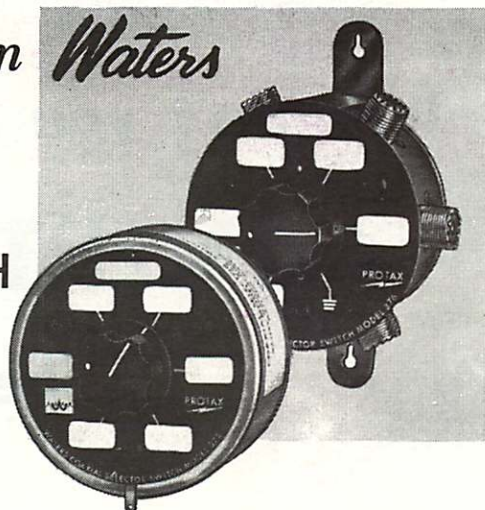
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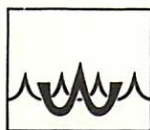
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