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WB4TTJ - Miriam



Lady hams linking delegates to home

By JIM CRAIG
Post Reporter

A group of volunteer lady ham radio operators are seeing to it that some of the 6,000 delegates to the 10th International Cancer Congress here are keeping in contact with their families at home.

The Gaylarks (Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub) are offering a free international message service to the delegates, who represent 70 countries.

The 22 ladies are providing the message link from their courtesy booth in the lobby of the Albert Thomas Center.

Messages are sent with the aid of the Civil Defense short wave radio in the basement of the convention center.

All of the 158 messages sent during the first two days of the convention have been routine, Mrs Deanno Mercusio said.

The ham operator explained that trans-

DEANNA MERCURIO
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mission can take from 12 hours to several days.

The time needed to transmit messages, she said, limits them to routine "I love you, I miss you" type of notes.

Messages to 24 countries and 20 states had been delivered by Tuesday afternoon by linking the transmission from the convention to ham operators in other parts of the world.

Most of the overseas calls are going to South America, said Mrs Nancy Manning, a Gaylark who helps delegates write their messages on radiogram forms.

Due to international agreements on third-party calls (where a message is relayed to a third person), many delegates from countries excluded in the radio link are sadly disappointed, she said.

Most European countries are excluded from the hook-up.

This is the first time the Gaylarks, a unique group in Houston, have offered such a service.



Mrs Alvin Beyer sends messages from basement transmitter

KSPFF

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Audrey Beyer K5PFF
YHRL Vice President 1970



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and WA5CKA Beverly

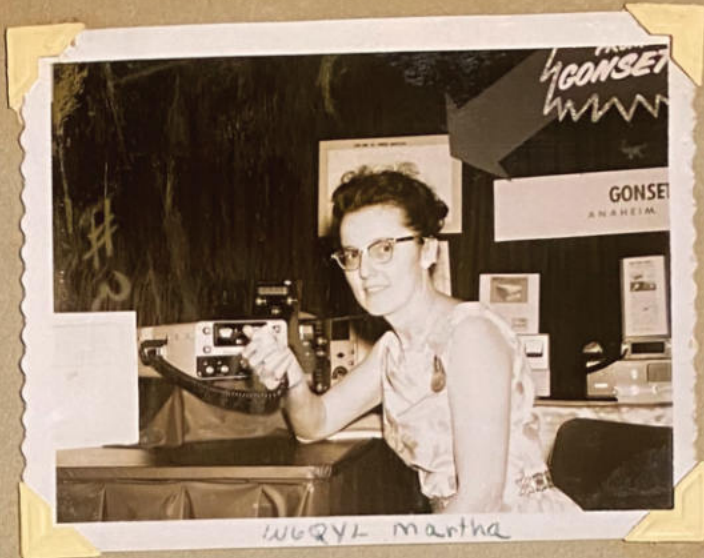
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WQYL Martha



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WAGUBU Esther



QCWA Dinner Honoring QCWA YLS
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Ham on Air

Radio Operators' Conventions Slated

By RAY MEYERS-W6MLZ

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One particular name among the list of members is that of Princess Muna Hussein of Amman, Jordan. Princess Muna is the wife of Prince Faisal.

Many of the ladies are well known to this columnist. Among those listed I find such names as Liz Zandonini, W3CDQ, of Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Old Old Timers' Club and started her amateur activities back in 1922. She is a retired federal employee and served as administrative aide, radiotelegraph activity section of the Bureau of Standards. We have had the pleasure of seeing her during some of the SARCO affairs which are held in Las Vegas each January.

Louis Moreau, W3WRE, a former resident of this area and member of the Ramona Radio Club, is well known



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A full report of this operation will be contained in an upcoming issue of the League's official magazine QST. As a former director ARRL this sort of public relations effort makes me proud of the League's efforts in behalf of the amateur fraternity.



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Maxine, WA6AOE

Ham radio promotes goodwill

This is a time for rereading the letter from Spas, a young Bulgarian student. Neatly written on a single sheet of brown paper, the letter held a piece of cardboard to which he had taped a tiny green and gold charm in the shape of a four-leaf clover.

27th of February, 1954
Sofia, Bulgaria

My Dear YL, Maxine:

Here I enclose one souvenir for you from me. Maybe you don't know what it means. Here is the story. Long, long years before the liberation of our country from Turkish occupation, the people here on first of March each year, as a day of spring and love, is gifting one another—Martenitza, it is the name for health, long life, success, and all best wishes. So now you have been my Martenitza.

73, Most sincerely,
SPAS

The close friendship with this young man has been one of the rewarding results of our mutual interest in the hobby of amateur radio. Settling down at home after World War II meant "getting back on the air," making new friends, renewing acquaintance with those we had known before, venturing forth as a vicarious traveler into a new world of endless delights. We were soon enjoying long chats made possible by using the telegraph key (on code, CW) and more personal contacts by using the microphone. Amateur operators resumed activity in the cities and in the jungles. Stations were set up in the Arctic and the Antarctic, even in those faraway places with the intriguing names—Ulan Bator, Katmandu, and Lhasa, sacred city of Tibet.

Here is a hobby founded on truly democratic principles, open to all ages, and one without any barriers of race, creed, or language. It has been surprising to find that people in almost all parts of the world have an adequate knowledge of the English language. We also make use of International Q Signals: QSO for a contact or conversation; QSL, a card sent to confirm our contact; QRX, please stand by; QSY, please change frequency; DX for a long-distance

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Some QSLs

Here are some of the author's collection of QSLs, cards sent to confirm contacts with amateur radio operators around the world.

contact; 73, best regards, etc. Our "ticket" is the license issued to qualified amateurs by the Federal Communications Commission. Among the fraternity, a male operator is always called OM (old man), but the feminine amateur from the age of nine to ninety is known as a YL (young lady). A wife of an amateur is simply called XYL.

Class distinction is unknown in this hobby. We usually greet each other informally using first names only, or, perhaps, the station calls such as VE3AIU, ZL3BV, G2YL, ZS6GH, JA8AA, UA3DR. It is possible for us to contact approximately 350 countries of the world. Each one is designated by a prefix: VE, Canada; ZL, New Zealand; G, England; ZS, South Africa; JA, Japan; UA, European U.S.S.R., etc. The Radio Amateur Callbook comprises a complete list of station call letters, with names and addresses of operators.

I read with considerable interest a recently published article by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. His "Epidemic of Friendship" is one for which amateur radio enthusiasts began laying the groundwork 18

years ago. Just as the People-to-People program promotes understanding and friendship among the citizens of the world, today there are nearly 400,000 amateur operators dedicated to the same principles. Where communication is possible, misunderstandings do not thrive! In our conversations with people throughout the world, we have the privilege and responsibility of representing our countrymen. Each one of us can be an emissary of unlimited goodwill.

Regular weekly schedules have kept us in touch with families everywhere. We attend holiday celebrations, discuss technical subjects, or, perhaps, exchange ideas on home decorating or the growing of roses. While my neighbors are visiting across the back fence, I may be comparing notes on the latest trend in fashions with Diana in Johannesburg, or with Ethel at the Great Lakes lighthouse where she lives. From the enjoyment of a hobby have emerged other stronger ties which bind human beings together.

Maxine Emmons Willis

Conclusion of this article will appear in the next issue.

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FRANTIC DISASTER VICTIMS cut off from loved ones often are joined together on telephone via ham wireless operators Gene and Evelyn Kinder, 3919 Carlin Ave. Morale builder for homesick service men is the free ham wireless service that reaches to the remotest island stations and even to U.S. ice breakers in the arctic from thousands of man stations all over the country.



ARTISTIC REPLY QSL CARDS from wireless station enthusiasts all over the world, more than 100 of them, cover studio wall at home of Ham Operators Gene and Evelyn Kinder, 3919 Carlin Ave. Seen here are cards from behind the iron curtain, from submarines, ice breakers in the ant-arctic, mission station in South American jungle from Formosa, many other remote and romantic lands to which the Kinders "talk" constantly.

"Trig" Svendsen Photo

Angel of Airways for Overseas Men is Mrs. Evelyn Kinder, Lynwood

Destruction of homes and towns early this spring in the midwest tornadoes caused consternation among the Air Force men on Okinawa, families lived in the disaster areas.

How could the frantic fighting men get news of their loved ones, A commercial call would cost more than they could afford.

They gathered at Radio Station KR6, Okinawa, which station started sending out calls, "CQ CQ stateside". There was an urgent request for phone "patches" (telephone connections).

At 3919 Carlin Ave., Ham operators Gene and Evelyn Kinder got the calls, went on the air with their KWM2 and 500 watt linear amplifier with its 50 foot antenna, and started making contacts. They put through collect calls to disaster victims, some of them in rescue shelters, turned the switch on their set and connected an alarmed serviceman with his family via wireless waves. Taking turns the Kinders worked all night until nearly all the worried service men at KR6 had talked to their folks.

This is just one of the many services rendered generously, without fanfare or publicity, by several hundred hams in this area, and multiplied by thousands all over the United States.

The "wireless ham" is famous for setting up communications when disasters have destroyed them.

The Kinder family, area residents for 19 years, public service award winners from the American Radio Relay League, Inc. are members of the Amateur Emergency Corps, which demonstrated during the 1933 Lynwood-Compton earthquake how communications could be restored.

The Southeast Radio Club of South Gate, includes many more hams including Jack and Mary Hanley of 4027 Albert who just this month were thankful that they become wire-

less addicts. Because, when Jack was sent with a construction crew 7500 miles away to Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands, it looked like a lonesome period for Mary, until Jack suddenly came in with a "CQ CQ stateside" and told her, "I'm at KX6 BQ, Eniwetok and here are seven other men who want to talk to their families." Mary, whose call letters are WA6 UXD made the "phone patches" and made a lot of families happy.

The Kinders put through an unusual call for a husband, victim of the Alaska quake to his family, victim of a midwest tornado, both of whom were in

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Angel of Airways

(Continued from Page 1) emergency shelters at the time

Mrs. Kinder talked to a boy in Hawaii and never knew he was blind and in a wheel chair until he sent her his picture.

Hams send each other reply cards called QSO cards, some of them very artistic and elaborate

One whole side of the Kinder studio here is covered with the multi-colored cards from far-off lands as well as nearby.

It is an everyday occurrence to talk to Singapore or New Caledonia at the Kinder household.

But disaster times are the busiest, although to patches are being made with Viet Nam as yet.

During the Panama Canal zone uprising, the Kinders were swamped with phone patch requests. The Alaska quake, the midwest tornadoes, the Santo Domingo revolt kept things lively.

Kinder is a quality control engineer at Western Gear and a graduate of University of So-

California. Mrs. Kinder is a member of the PTA council and the Mark Twain PTA, a member of the Women's Radio Club and was a graduate nurse at St. Francis Hospital 18 years ago.

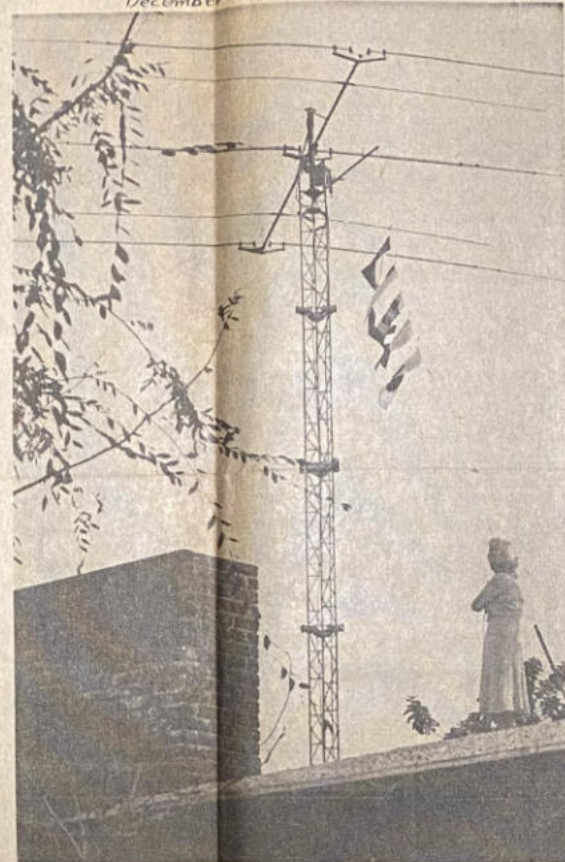
Because women hams are rare, the odds being 200 to 1 favoring males, Mrs. Kinder finds that wireless operators from Hawaii to Siam are delighted to hear a feminine voice coming in.

"The ham service offering free communications to many worried servicemen is a tremendous morale-builder," Mrs. Kinder said. "It is recognized as such by important people, right up to the White House."

December 18, 1966



ABOVE: Mobile set in car of Vada Letcher and husband Al is used en route to and from employment at Douglas Aircraft plant to hold conversations with other amateur radio operators on road. Frequently hams help each other bypass traffic congestion. Mrs. Letcher logs calls. **W6CEE**.



RIGHT: Flags spell station **W6GAI**. Mrs. Radcliffe's call letters in international code. While sailing around world on Flying Enterprise II, captained by Kurt Carlson, also radio operator, officers flew Mrs. Radcliffe's flags beside ship's as bit of fun.



AMONG best-known ham operators in world is veteran radio and television performer Lenore Kingston Jensen. Between making contacts for service men in lonely outposts and their loved ones, she lets Francine Daze 6, listen to short wave bands. Youngster with Christmas list hopes to find ham at North Pole who will call Santa Claus to his rig. **W6NAZ**.

Some People Call Them Hams

STORY AND PICTURES by BETH HUGHES, Women's Staff Member

"I made a bet with my husband that I could do as good a job as he in building some radio equipment," said Mrs. Paul Thompson of Canoga Park, mother of three little girls and leader of a Brownie troop.

And it works," she added triumphantly.

Nell is one of the Valley housewives whose exposure to her husband's sociable hobby of ham radio has intrigued her into adopting it.

They're all "Hams"

A grandmother, an actress, office worker, delineator, technical writer and assembly-line worker, are among some of those who ride the air waves from

their family room or den "hamsacks."

They are a cross-section of Valley women who make up the membership of Los Angeles Young Ladies Radio Club, an affiliate of the International Young Ladies Radio League.

It takes a bit of know-how for these women to follow in their husband's mental footsteps.

Federal Communications Commission laws require a basic ability to communicate by Morse code at 13 words a minute, the equivalent of 30 to 35 words in speech. This earns a novice or technician's license,

which restricts the user to limited bands.

When they receive the general license they are then permitted to use the portion of radio spectrum allotted to amateurs.

Stand by to Help

Some of the employed women on the West Coast, and a portion from Washington state have organized a Thursday night Working Girls Net, when they hold a "rag-chew." The evening opens at 8 o'clock with the roll call by Mrs. Vada Letcher of Reseda, who is a past president of Young Ladies Radio League.

All is not rag-chewing, however, in women's

amateur radio circles. In emergencies they stand by to fill gaps in communication channels.

For instance, a serviceman on shipboard found it necessary to dissuade his wife from traveling to Hawaii from North Carolina to visit with him. A woman ham monitored a phone patch for them.

Among husband and wife teams are Vera Dunsford of Saugus, who is active in an emergency net with her husband Willard. Together they aid in civil defense work.

Vada Letcher and her husband Al operate a mobile unit as well as equipment in

their home. As they were leaving home for the job at Douglas Aircraft one morning they picked up a message from another mobile operator who had witnessed a pickup truck accident. They returned to the house and called the police department for assistance.

Family Participation

An all-family participation is that of Mrs. Ton (Frances) Radcliffe of Studio City, whose call have reached the four points of the compass at sea.

Her daughter Miriam Romans and husband Dr. Robert Romans of Northridge operate gear, and son Ken

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ASSISTANCE with general theory is given Mrs. Walter (Mary Lou) Stockstill, left, by Mrs. Nell Thompson of Canoga Park. Visually handicapped, hard of hearing member takes dictation on Braille

typewriter. Mrs. Thompson holds technician's license and Mrs. Stockstill, mother of two daughters, has novice license. Both are working on theory and code toward general license.

Women Operators Serve in Emergencies

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ny 16, is learning code in anticipation of his amateur ticket.

Mrs. Radcliffe's son Vernon Thompson, a technical engineer at NBC, also has his own station.

Maritime mobiles are Mrs. Radcliffe's specialty

and she was the first amateur operator not working on a ship, to be permitted aboard with her rig. She runs phone patches between the men and their families and contacts submarines, Coast Guard, radar picket, missile tracking ships and aircraft carriers.

Roxanna Griggs of Granada Hills and her husband John operate a mobile unit in addition to their ham station at home. While on a trip their car stalled 30 miles from Blythe. They used their emergency frequency to ask another ham to telephone the California Highway Patrol or sheriff's office.

When no help arrived the radio operator, a complete stranger to them, drove out with a tow chain and truck and brought them in.

Mrs. Griggs is a former

Schaber's cafeteria, Los Angeles, on the second Saturday of each month at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Officers are Mmes. Tom (Myrtle) Cunningham, Robert (Madge) Mason, I. E. (Betty) Eckstrand, Nate (Evelyn) Brightman, Lyle (Esther) Gardner and Al (Vada) Letcher.

Christmas Party

The group holds an annual Christmas party, a Valentine banquet and summer family picnic.

Another member Harryette Barker of Northridge, who shares the hobby with her husband Baron, flew in the 1965 All-Women Transcontinental Air Races (Powder Puff Derby). Their daughter Susan 19, also a club member, teaches code to a group at Pierce College where she is a student.

Among other Valley members who have adopted their husbands' hobby are Mmes. Ray (Clarice) Goodman, A. L. (Gladys) Eastman, Ted (Peggy) Mayer, W. J. (Jerrrie) Stonier, Major (Anita) Gilbert, Duncan (Joann) McDonnell, Don (Jean) Newswanger, Herb (Gwen) Rudolph and Billie Roush.



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THE BELLE IS RINGING HERE'S ONE ACTRESS WHO'S PROUD OF BEING A HAM

BY MARGARET REDFIELD

Actors and actresses are notoriously reluctant to admit to being hams, but Lenore Kingston is one Hollywood ham who glories in the title. In addition to being an actress experienced in nearly every branch of the entertainment medium—vaudeville, radio, motion pictures and television—she is probably the industry's most famous ham radio operator, talking with other hams throughout the world.

The comedies, tragedies and human predicaments that she has encountered in her years of amateur short wave radio operation surpass any that could be devised by a script writer. She has been the subject of a "This Is Your Life" show, and the walls of her Sherman Oaks home ("It's the little house with the big antenna") are crowded with pictures, plaques, letters and souvenirs attesting to the fact that she has been "involved in mankind" via amateur radio for most of her adult life.

Amateur short wave radio is not a hobby for the antisocial. "C Q — meaning 'I want to talk to anybody' has been called the mating call of the ham," says Lenore. Once the call goes out on the airwaves, "anybody" may turn out to be a ham operator in Japan, a scientist in the Antarctic or a serviceman on a hospital ship homeward bound from Viet Nam.

Like every hobby, amateur radio has its own idiom. "O.M. you have a fine business fist," one ham may say to another. "Thanks, the answer may come back, "but I'm a Y.L." Translation: "Old Man, (male ham) you have an excellent hand for sending code." "Thanks, but I'm a Young Lady (female ham)." The organization of women amateur radio opera-

tors is The Young Ladies Radio League, and in this business, says Lenore, "you're a Young Lady whether you're nineteen or ninety."

When I arrived at her valley home, she called out to me to "Come in! I'll be with you as soon as I finish this phone patch for Maritime Mobile." — which was about as comprehensible to a layman as a greeting in Swahili. It turned out that she was "patching" a call through her station from a seaman aboard a ship near the International Dateline, to Los Angeles, so that he could talk with his wife, who had recently undergone surgery.

Phone patching is an important and often dramatic part of the ham's work, and is conceded by the military to be one of the greatest morale builders extant. If, for example, a serviceman overseas wants to talk with his family here in the States, he may ask a ham operator at a military club station to contact a ham in the vicinity of his home. Through the Stateside ham, the serviceman may then talk directly to his family, by telephone and radio.

"You get so emotionally involved in this work," says Lenore, "that you can't function as a mere bystander. For example, who can sit by, dry-eyed, listening to a young wife in the hospital describing the beauties of their new-born son to her serviceman husband, thousands of miles away?"

She admits that her deepest personal involvement comes via the phone patches she does every weekend for the Hollywood and Los Angeles USO. The call is sent out on the air for "anybody who will help the USO," and when a ham answers, servicemen with families in that area can talk directly to them. Nine times out of ten, the

burden of the conversation will be, "I called to tell you I'm going over to Viet Nam." "Many times," Lenore confesses, "I've sat here with the tears running down my cheeks, as the goodbyes are said."

Conversations between husbands and wives range from "I love you and miss you" to such mundane matters as "the transmission on the car gave out today. Can you send some extra money to pay for it?" Or, "I can't do a thing with Johnny. I want you to talk to him." Somehow a parental dressing-down delivered from a distance of several thousand miles has a settling effect.

Lenore has been a bystander during some "Dear John" calls, as well as a varied collection of lover's quarrels and reconciliations. She isn't above getting into the act herself when the occasion demands it, as in the case of a wife who always launched into a stream of criticism and complaints when her husband talked to her via phone patch, from his base on a remote Ice Island. "One day," Lenore recalls, "I just threw the switch so her husband couldn't hear me, and I told the wife, 'Your husband is lonely and unhappy. Unless you are going to stop complaining, and try to cheer him up, I won't let you talk on my ham station!'" It turned out to be a bit of patch-work that mended a tattered marriage.

Among the letters of commendation she has accumulated is one from a Colonel in the Aleutians, expressing appreciation for "your efforts and the many hours of your time that have contributed so much to our group." Another is "from your friends who are scientists and U.S. Naval personnel, spending the first year of occupation at the geographical South Pole."

A plaque from Greenland is in-

scribed "Eternal Gratitude, from the men of Sondrestom for three years of phone patch service," and another from Fletcher's Ice Island certifies that "Lenore Kingston is a lifetime member of the Polar Bear and Seal-watching Society, and shall always be entitled to a seat on the first plane home from any ice island in the Antarctic."

"I think love is one of the key words in this work," she says thoughtfully, "a love of people, and a desire to communicate with the whole world." There are no monetary rewards, but the intangible returns are limitless. And there is of course one reward reserved especially for women hams — in what other field of endeavor does a woman remain officially a "Young Lady," whether she's nineteen or ninety!

MOVIE TENNIS MATCH

All actors and actresses interested in tennis are urged to sign up for the 33rd Annual Motion Picture Tennis Tournament, for the benefit of the Motion Picture Relief Fund, April 20 to 23 inclusive at the Woodland Hills Tennis Club. Those interested should call Vi Peable of the Tennis Committee at 867-0280.

Serving on the committee in charge of the tournament are Charlton Heston, Efram Zimbalist, Jim Brown, Voltaire Perkins, Phillip Reed, Reed Hadley, Dinah Shore, Janet Leigh, Barbara Parkins, Connie Hines, Sandra Giles, Diane McBain.

Others who are also expected to participate are Richard Egan, Hugh O'Brien, James Franciscus, Richard Anderson, Jack Ging, Cornel Wilde, Jack Warden and Jerry Van Dyke.



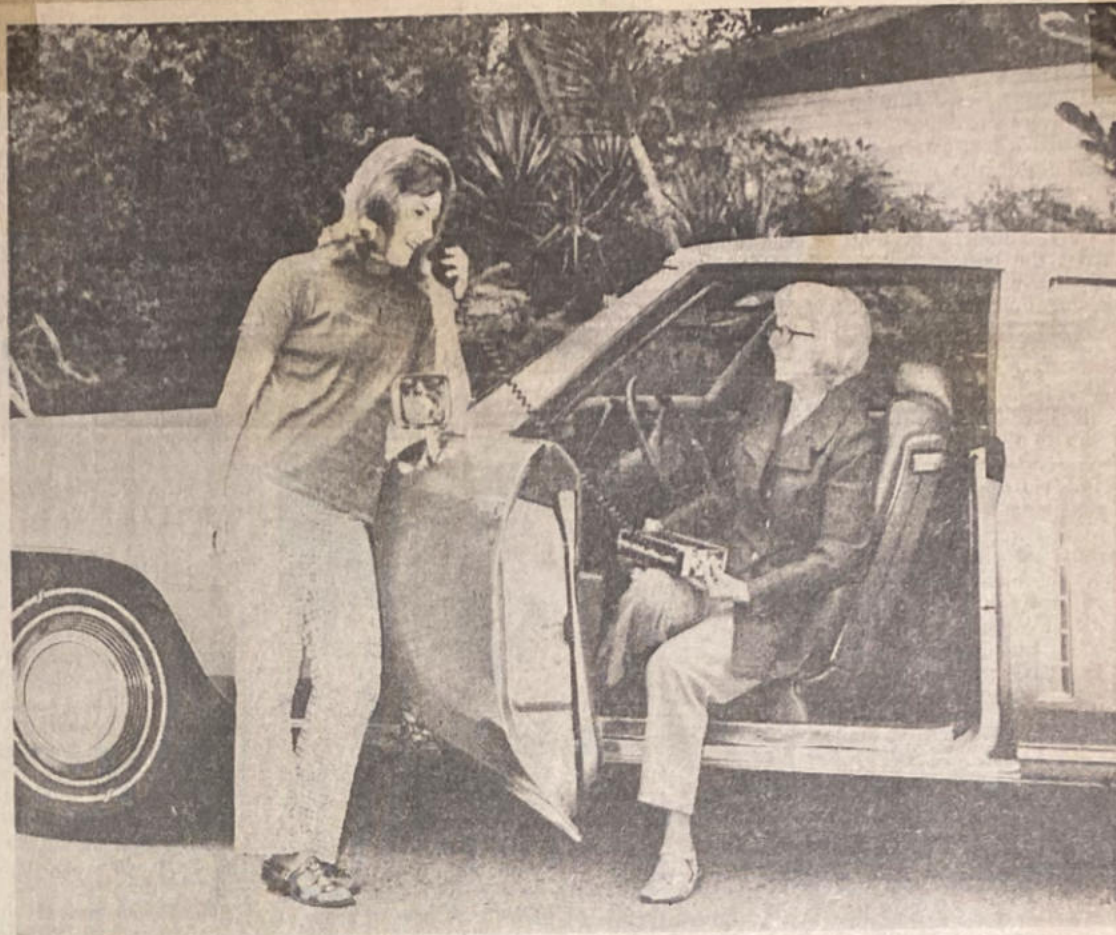
SAG Member Lenore Kingston (left), famous "ham" radio operator, connects Ricardo Rubeiz, economic advisor to the Mayor of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, and Mrs. Rubeiz with their folks back home.

SCREEN ACTOR

MARCH-APRIL, 1967



W6YKU Jackie



MEMBERS of Young Ladies Radio League, Sharon Leighty, left, and Gwendolyn Rudolph, take dry run with equipment before going to Long Beach

for annual international convention. Event is scheduled for three days, tomorrow through Sunday, in Long Beach.

The News photo by Beth Hughes

From Around the Globe

They'll Gather in Southland

By BETH HUGHES, The News Correspondent

Areas from South America to Alaska will be represented when the Young Ladies Radio League holds its 33rd birthday celebration and sixth international convention tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Edgewater Hyatt House in Long Beach.

Even the moon will get into the picture. There'll be color slides of the astronauts and splashdown shots of Apollos 16 and 10 photographed by Sherman Oaks resident Bob Jensen who captured the historic activities on film while on an NBC assignment in the South Pacific.

Bob is a radio ham in his own right and the husband of MARS (Military Amateur Radio Service) operator Lenore Kingston Jensen, who will be mistress of ceremonies at the birthday celebration.

"YLS are wives, mothers and grandmothers from all professions and walks of life," member Gwendolyn Rudolph of Van Nuys explains. "And as is true of our male counterparts we do our share in emergency communication when the phone lines are down—in fires, floods, and last, but not least—earthquakes."

Gwen, who has an Army MARS license, has arranged phone patches (radio-telephone connections) between servicemen in Vietnam and their families in the United States.

"Even when a call cannot be completed," she says, "the men overseas tell us that the feminine voices of phone patch operators from home are a welcome change from those of their COs (company commanders.)"

For the majority of YLS at the convention this will be the first "eyelash" conversation (face to face)

they have had with friends made across the air waves. Also featured will be a "pic-swap," an exchange of photographs with those who share the exciting hobby and public service.

Irma Weber of Thousand Oaks reminds women radio hams to take their Federal Communications licenses and QSL (conversation acknowledgment cards) to the conclave.

"Because," says Sharon Leighty of Canoga Park, "a ham station will be set up at the hotel. Instead of sending the usual postcards reading 'having a wonderful time, wish you were here,' the girls will be sending QSOs (voice messages) to their families and friends."

Special events have been planned for OMs (male escorts). One will be a tour of an electronics plant in Oceanside.

Universal Studios back lot tours, Disneyland, the SS Queen Mary and other Southland spots of interest will be listed on a bulletin board for convention-goers.

Lenore, a television actress as well as MARS operator, will be mistress of ceremonies. An air wave hobbyist from New York, Darleen Souigny, will tell of her "Adventures in DX-Land" during the Luau Banquet, and Chris Haycock who is a doctor, colonel and professor of medicine, will show slides of her activities.

Los Angeles YLRs are assisting chairman Roxanna Griggs with arrangements and Mae Hipp of Sparks, Nev., will preside. Hostesses will be Evie

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For his public service tapes on behalf of Amateur Radio, Dick Van Dyke accepts a plaque from ARRL and receives congratulations from his partner and director, Byron Paul, WA6RNG, who made the recordings. Presenter was PRA

Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ. Photo taken by Bob Jensen, W6VGQ, on set during filming of a Kodak commercial. See page 5 for more award presentations.



SERGEANT GETS GLAD NEWS

Mrs. Virginia Nylund of 1323 Olive St. tells the glad news to her husband, Air Force S/Sgt. Richard Nylund, stationed in Vietnam. Needless to say, it concerns Richard Jr., snuggled in her arms. The radiophone call was arranged from the obstetrics ward of the Goleta Valley Community Hospital by a local radio ham operator, Mrs. Irma Weber, a friend of the Nylunds. Richard, the Nylund's second child, was born just before midnight Tuesday.

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'THANK YOU' FROM OVERSEAS

A carved teakwood elephant with ivory eyes and tusks was sent by American servicemen in Thailand to Mrs. Louis Weber, ham radio operator at 762 Juanita Ave., in appreciation of the free telephone-radio service she has provided GIs and their families back home. The tapestry on which the elephant rests was also a gift from another military group in southeast Asia. Mrs. Weber and her husband relay an average of 400 calls a month from Vietnam and Thailand to all parts of the U.S. and Canada.

R6KCI

—News-Press photo

Radio Hams Connect Servicemen, Families

Because of the work of Louis and Irma Weber, 762 Juanita Ave., many relatives of men in Vietnam are hearing from their soldiers, sailors and Marines over phone patches and radio hookups of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS).

Mr. and Mrs. Weber are radio hams, operating AFA6GHU and AFA6KCI from their home. Last December they started setting up phone patches for servicemen in Vietnam.

A "patch" is a radio-telephone link-up.

A month ago they started running the patches from Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines, and thus far they have run close to 400 patches for servicemen. Last Sunday they completed 26 calls.

and if communications fail, they must wait until the next day to attempt a patch.

"We can work here from about 3 to 7 p.m.," Weber said.

EMERGENCIES

Both pointed out the necessity of calls being originated by the servicemen rather than by relatives here.

"In emergencies, calls may sometimes be originated in the states, but in many instances it is impossible to find the man called, so all MARS amateurs ask that men in the Far East originate the calls," Louis said.

Mrs. Weber has several letters from servicemen in Vietnam thanking her for her help in getting through to relatives at home.

According to Weber, the calls should be originated by the servicemen. They can go to a MARS station in their area which lists the man and party to be called.

The call is put through to the United States, and some radio ham on the proper band picks up the call, phones collect to the serviceman's party, then by radio patches in to the phone call and lets them talk.

BASES

Mrs. Weber said most of the bases are handling MARS calls, but private ham stations also are handling such calls. MARS stations operate at Vandenberg AFB, Mather, Port Hueneme, and Hamilton, McClelland and George Air Force bases, plus a number of other installations.

"Radio amateurs, and the military, are providing such calls, and also emergency messages for military personnel," Mrs. Weber said, adding that she had handled one call from Vietnam to Montreal, Canada.

"We had one request from Thailand to Nova Scotia," she said.

The Webers spend about three hours a day on the MARS setup. Communications are in for a 12-hour period from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bands fade after that time,

The Webers have been radio amateurs for about 12 years, and a son at Berkeley also is in radio, so instead of writing letters, father, mother and son get together on the air.

"It is very rewarding when you are able to complete a call for a soldier," Mrs. Weber said. "It makes you feel wonderful when you hear a child talk to his father so far away."

WAGLWE/NØRAG

Ham Operator Provides Link With Home for Men in Service

By MIKE STOVER
Staff Writer

The serviceman in your family is no farther away than 5616 N. Noel, Temple City, thanks to Mrs. Horace Mason and the United States Navy's Military Affiliate Radio Service (MARS).

The highly honored Temple City amateur radio operator monthly logs hundreds of messages for American servicemen throughout the world, or for their relatives in Southern California.

Messages from overseas military bases are transmitted to gateway stations in the United States, Mrs. Mason said.

Gateway Stations

Southern California gateway stations located in Naval of Marine Corps bases at Camp Pendleton, El Toro, Point Magu, Port Hueneme, Barstow, and Twenty-Nine Palms relay the messages to the over 400 MARS operators in the Eleventh Naval District, which encompasses all of Southern California.

MARS volunteers like Mrs. Mason pick up the communications from the gateway stations and they, then, either relay them to other MARS operators or deliver the messages, in person, to the intended parties in their communities.

For instance, Mrs. Mason delivers messages to San Gabriel Valley residents living within her telephone calling area by either phone or mail.

Time To Call

Persons desiring to contact relatives in the armed services may do so by calling Mrs. Mason at 287-6458 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

Due to the immense volume of traffic (one gateway station recently handled over 30,000 pieces of traffic in a single month), messages should be no longer than 25 words.

To conform with MARS regulations, messages must include the full mailing address, including APO or FPO number, of the intended serviceman.

However, messages are not accepted for men stationed aboard naval vessels with the exception that communications can be de-



SURROUNDED BY HER sending and receiving equipment, Mrs. Horace Mason of Temple City, describes the message service she provides for area servicemen and their families.

livered to the personnel or patients aboard the U.S. Hospital Ship Repose, which is currently operating off the coast of Vietnam.

Although Mrs. Mason is not equipped for radio-telephone hook-ups with military bases, many MARS operators provide this service.

Unlike the teletype communications service, phone "patches" are usually made from military bases

to American communities, not the reverse.

Although the teletype messages are classified as privileged communications, Mrs. Mason noted that most messages are in the forms of servicemen assuring their families that they are in good health, or assuring their girl friend that they still love her, or acknowledging the receipt of packages from home.

She said she receives a nice feeling from being able to bring happiness—in the form of messages—into the lives of American servicemen and their families.

Amateur radio operators willing to devote at least one hour a week to the MARS program should apply to: MARS, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Long active in ham radio, Mrs. Mason is vice president of the Ramona Radio Club, and is president-elect of the Los Angeles Young Ladies Radio Club.

She was recently named the outstanding 1966-1967 operator in the Eleventh Navy MARS district for maintaining a very high degree of performance on the MARS Nets and "at all times displaying a kind and helpful attitude."

Valentine Party Held by Ladies

By RAY MEYERS

After paying a surprise visit to the Inglewood Amateur Radio Club, American Radio Relay League's General Manager John Huntoon, W1LVQ of East Hartford, Conn., and league directors Harry J. Dannals, W2TUK of Huntington, N.Y., Phillip E. Haller, W9HPG of Chicago, Ill., and John Griggs, W6KW of Granada Hills, California representing the Hudson, Central and Southwestern Division, were guests of Vada Letcher, W6CEE president of the Los Angeles Young Ladies Radio Club at its annual Valentine party.

Vada, and her husband, W.A. "Al" Letcher, W6HWM, of Reseda, are both widely known Southland radio amateur operators. Both have been active in the Los Angeles County RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) for a number of years.

First licensed in 1948, Vada, who holds the advanced class license, has been active in amateur affairs and is a member of the ARRL and the YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) as well as the local Los Angeles organization of the fair sex.

An accountant with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation at Santa Monica, Vada has found time to participate in several hobbies such as photography, coin collecting and sewing. None of these appear to curtail

her operating time in the amateur radio service and one may find her signals on any of the authorized amateur bands from 10 to 75 meters.

Each year the national membership of the YLRL holds an annual convention along the lines of those sponsored by ARRL and Mrs. Letcher had the honor of serving as the first national president of the YLRL. This, she says, was the most satisfying experience since becoming a licensed radio amateur.

In relating some of her most exciting operations she states "one of the most interesting was during one of those Malibu fires several years ago when (her husband) and I belonged to the Los Angeles County RACES. We were used to operate on 2-meters between Malibu Sheriff's Sub-Station and Point Dume and, because it had been declared a disaster area, we handled routine Sheriff's communications."

Probably the most recent work performed by the amateurs took place during the recent heavy rain storms which caused various California communities to be declared disaster areas. The Red Cross and Public-Safety agencies have been most laudatory as to the work by the radio amateurs in providing emergency communications.



MIKE ESTHER BETH
W6KHM - W6BDE - W7NJS
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BETH MARCIA THELMA
W7NJS - K6DLL - ZL2JO
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BAYLARC' mermaids assembled beneath club's call sign at 18th birthday celebration, October 1972.

Left to Right:

Seated 1st row: W6KHM, WA6GQC, WA6PKP, WA6LIZ

2nd row: W7NJS, K6USC, Rose, WB6GID, W6NLM

3rd row: WB6PJL, WA6UAH, W6BDE, WA6JGR,
W6PCN & W6PCR



Ham Radio Operators

They Like To Talk, But It Goes Beyond 'The Strictly Chitchat Part'

By June Peters
Bee Staff Writer

Remember Perry Como's old theme song: "You are never far away from me"? It keeps running through your head when you visit Jan O'Brien of Rio Linda.

Jan and her husband, Jay, are ham radio operators. So are their two children.

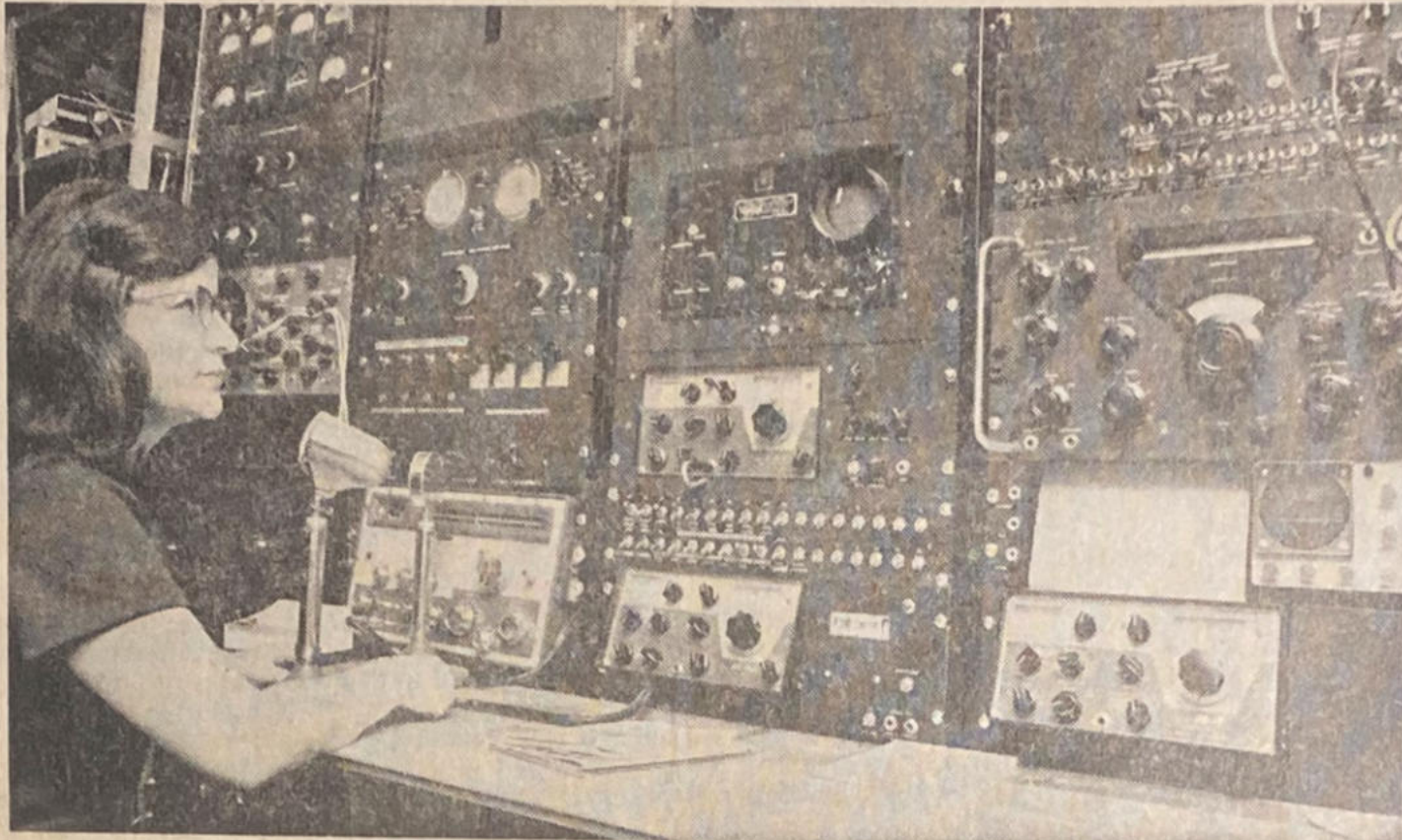
A back room of their home is furnished with wall-to-wall, not to mention floor-to-ceiling, radio equipment.

Jan also has a remote monitor in the kitchen so she can listen in most of the day. Jay is within speaking distance during working hours; he has radio equipment in his car. And if Jan is away from home, the communications continue; she has a ham radio in her car, too.

Even in the O'Brien bedroom you are never far away from friendly voices. Jay has set up equipment which monitors the frequency on which his parents, Mildred and John H. O'Brien, broadcast from their mobile home near Roseville.

Jan O'Brien told us there are more than 300 thousand ham radio operators in the nation, only 10,000 of them women.

But the air waves are a woman's world on most weekdays, or so it seemed when we visited Jan



Jan O'Brien, better known as K6HHD, chats with her far-flung friends.

Bee Photo

O'Brien one recent morning.

"Please use our call letters," she said. "You become so identified with your call letters that they become 'you.' And other hams may not even know us by our names."

So K6HHD (Jan O'Brien) tuned us in on a three-way chat with W6YKU (Jackie van de

Kamp of Chico) and K6DLL (Marcia Rast of Fair Oaks).

All three are housewives who usually turn the sets over to their husbands in the evening. But during the day, sitting in a comfortable chair indoors certainly beats leaning over the neighbor's fence when you are in the mood to chat.

Mrs. van de Kamp's voice came in: "Jan was my first radio contact with another woman. We've been carrying on for 12 years now and we try to keep a weekly schedule — we sit here every Wednesday and talk for an hour and a half. We discuss sewing, cooking, gardening, pets."

She inserts a demonstration:

"Oh, Jan, our cat's been to the vet. She got in a fight and was all chewed up. And a new pet arrived yesterday — an owl. He seems to have something wrong with him. We've got him in a cage, but he isn't moving around much."

Mrs. Rast: "When men get on, they talk about radios, parts and the building of same. When we women are on, we talk about our families, our homes, what we've been knitting or not knitting."

"And we have a lot of business these days to discuss about our convention."

All three are officers of

the Young Ladies Radio League which has 900 members, mostly in the US, but some living in such places as Johannesburg, South Africa, and Verona, Italy.

The YLRL convention will be held in Long Beach in May.

Mrs. Rast is newly elected as chairman of this district. Mmes. van de Kamp and O'Brien, both re-elected, are the receiving and disbursing treasurers, respectively.

Jan O'Brien, thanks to her remote monitor in the kitchen, is the most avid of the threesome. She figures "a conservative guess would be four hours a day when I'm at least listening in and available for calls."

Mrs. Rast, who has four

children, manages to "average eight to 10 hours a week."

Mrs. van de Kamp, who has a grown son, plus a teen-ager at home, only ekes out "about two hours" from her weekly schedule, explaining she has had to pare down on radio time because she is now a fulltime college student and also does book-keeping for her church.

Mrs. van de Kamp's reason for choosing her hobby is unanimous among the three: "My husband was a ham, and if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Mrs. Rast adds: "I spend a lot of time contracting other countries — I travel by radio." But all emphasize that it goes beyond "the strictly chitchat part of it."

They are involved in such service projects as MARS (Military Affiliated Radio System), which calls on amateur operators to relay calls through "phone patches" so servicemen overseas can talk to their families at home. Jan O'Brien, whose mother-in-law is MARS civilian director at McClellan Air Force Base, says the traffic in phone patches has not slowed yet in spite of the wind-down in Vietnam.

She also recalled last year's Los Angeles earthquake as a sample of the emergency services which the amateurs provide. Her own experience included "a young airman here whose parents and in-laws were living in the prime quake area. By trying around, I found a station in that area, the ham operator there was able to get ahold of the families and send word back that they were okay."

PUBLIC RELATIONS



"ASK NOT WHAT AMATEUR RADIO CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT. . ."

(presented to the Pacific Division, ARRL Convention, 16 October 1977 in San Mateo, California, by Lenore Kingston Jensen, W6NAZ)

We've borrowed a phrase — "Ask not what Amateur Radio can do for you, but what you can do for Amateur Radio" — because for us, too, the time is critical. That's why the theme of this convention is so apt . . . "Keeping Amateur Radio Strong."

Before we know it, WARC will be here. But for us, the important moment is right now. We're anxious to preserve our frequencies and perhaps gain a few. We need all the friends we can find, here and abroad.

Most of all, we need each other. We need to form a tremendous chain of amateurs, with each link equally important. One weak link might be devastating in our future.

We must strengthen our identity to the public and maintain a strong public service availability.

Happily, you amateurs who attend conventions usually are dedicated operators. You truly care about our hobby, better called the Amateur Service.

Apparently you feel that the ticket you earned from the FCC is not a free lifetime ride on the frequency of your choice. You expect to pay your way, as it were, as you go along, to give back something to the service which provides us with such a wonderful opportunity for fun, for learning and for helping our fellow man.

Apparently you joined ARRL because you feel we need a national focal point, a voice to represent all of us — even though it, like every human, is not absolutely perfect. (That's why they make erasers!) When it isn't, we know it's our responsibility to advise and consent, to offer better and practical suggestions.

Your support of the League makes possible so much opportunity for all

licensed amateurs, including the free-loaders who enjoy the dividends but loudly scorn their benefactors.

Like our federal and state governments, the League can work properly for us only if each member is active and concerned. The League is Us, not Them. We must investigate, nominate, vote — then participate. Volunteer is a beautiful nine-letter word.

So thank you, you who are here, for participating and for your frequent volunteering. No need for you to ask what you can do for Amateur Radio — except this:

Will you please be an emissary, to spread the word to all those thousands of other hams the necessity to **keep Amateur Radio strong?**

These ideas are not all mine. I speak as a reporter after listening to a great many dedicated hams, including many here.

We've inherited a wonderful legacy from those early experimenters who started not only our hobby but the enormous industry of broadcasting, as well. To them, it was exciting to copy, "The rig here is. . .," or to send, "Rig here runs 15 watts to a pair of 210s. . .," because the success of a breadboard circuit was a thrill, a technical achievement!

But now, a comparatively few of our fraternity represent true experimenters, that elite group of which we're very proud. Now, with the exciting array of commercial gear available, the main problem has become when to push the button on the mike and what to say into it.

And that's all right; we don't build our own automobiles anymore, either. But with this shift in focus comes a great responsibility to make our transmissions worth the precious frequencies they occupy.

Last week, at the Southwest Division convention, we enjoyed hearing Charlie Higginbotham of the FCC. He suggested amateurs might wish to re-evaluate the official purposes of Amateur Radio. Food for serious thought. Remember, work is being done on the rewriting of the Communications Act. We must pay strict attention and help — we don't want a scary surprise.

Who's We? All of us, including those others to whom you're going to relay the convention theme.

Inspire them to join a club or form one of their own — and hopefully affiliate. Clubs are our strength. Sit in the front row, volunteer to run for office, provide a program, be on a committee.

Those committee jobs offer great opportunities. First off, there should be a Community Service Chairman, or some such title. That individual can forge a link to the entire community and other services, making certain the club is well involved with the SEC or EC, ARES, Red Cross and other disaster preparations.

Your division's splendid work at the Marble-Cone fire proved your own worth.



Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ

Let's hope other areas will be as ready-to-act.

Clubs will need local public service teams, trained before need, to serve walk-a-thons or Operations Santa, or even regularly assisting the police and fire departments.

Encourage other groups, including repeater users, to ask themselves: Do they know exactly how to spring into action, where they would operate, handle messages efficiently and get relief operators if an earthquake hit tomorrow? Or tonight? Are we all truly ready or is it wishful thinking? Would we be a help instead of a

hindrance? Have we taken advantage of the League's plans? Or worked out our own?

Could your chairman form a council of preparedness with other chairmen for instant coordination, as the Red Cross representative suggested yesterday?

Of course the club will have a training chairman, with all the splendid training courses available from the League. We are told that our population must increase if WARC is to respect our need for frequencies.

But once the Novice passes his test and gets that precious ticket he — or she —

will need help to get on the air. Be an Elmer, a rewarding way to pay back for the privilege of one's own license!

Recently I met a pair of bright 15-year-olds who had earned Advance licenses without much outside help. I was sorry to hear they feel left-out, that it's been difficult to find old-timers willing to teach them the practical things the books don't give. I hope that is an exception.

Then, a club might give Brownie points to members who report they've answered nervous CW QSOs. Remember your first QSO and the sweaty-palms? Who helped you?

The training chairman would encourage upgrading. After all, we are dedicated to providing the nation with technical talent in time of need.

And that brings us to the important committee of R & D. What could be more important than research and development, our legacy from those who built this very service for us to enjoy? We owe it to those pioneers to continuously improve the state of the art. The technical ideas promoted here yesterday are fine examples. In the Southwest, we're particularly proud of the JPL Club.

How about a club project to encourage self-regulation, which, like charity, should begin at home. We need high standards of operating, setting good examples for newcomers. The book of etiquette says never discuss politics or religion in public. Even 80 meters can be worldwide public. Offending a WARC representative in another country is no way to win frequencies, nor to keep our good local image. They say our transmissions are being taped by other services. Let's urge everyone to be the attractive, not the ugly Americans.

Remember the rewriting of the Communications Act, encourage others to be sure our use of phone patch and autopatch is always justified, remembering the non-pecuniary interest rule. And every one should understand third-party limitations. Foreign governments are strict about this.

Self-regulation gets a mighty challenge from jammers. They are a frightening threat to our service. Clubs should provide direction-finding teams to locate these sick minds. But once located, what to do? The FCC says it's really our problem, but last week the Chief of Special Services, Charlie Higginbotham, invited us to send him directly in Washington the names of jammers who have been correctly identified. It's worth a try. Do support the HAPPY Flyers — they're really trying!

We might remember Edmund Burke's statement! "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing."

As I've listened to so many dedicated amateurs discuss the state of our union, another idea comes up again and again: diversify!

Suggest to others: "If you're a ragchewer only, try traffic for some rewarding fun and training, in case that big earthquake arrives.

If you're deep into traffic, add a bit of DX for that feeling of good international goodwill.

If you're only for DX pile-ups, try 220 for the interest of your family and neighbors, or teletype, or slow scan.

If you're a builder and shy at the mike, try writing an article.

And learn about OSCAR in that wonderful world up there!

CW or phone, DX or gigahertz, we're so lucky to have such choices! Let's try them all. Perhaps the grass really is greener on the other side of the fence.

But whatever you favor, add emergency preparedness. It's our obligation. Yes, our obligation. Remember the reward, as well. Dr. Schweitzer said, "The interior joy we feel when we have done a good

deed, when we feel we have been needed somewhere and have lent a helping hand... is the nourishment the soul requires!"

Does your club have a sort of government liaison chairman to make friends with local authorities, before we need them — to keep abreast of FCC actions and legislative possibilities and explain them to the rest of us so we may understand them and respond?

I've heard that remarkably few amateurs send their responses to the FCC dockets, but plenty complain about them later on the air.

Naturally we should always promptly provide the ARRL with our suggestions for their presentations. Mind reading isn't efficient as yet.

It was interesting to hear the representative of the FCC tell us to "blow our own horn" when we provide important emergency communications so that people in high places, who make decisions, will be reminded of the particular abilities we have.

Now we're on my favorite subject, public relations. Be sure your club has an active PR chairman. Not that your good deeds are performed with thanks, but our survival may depend on letting the world know. We must maintain our identity. PR means good relations with the entire community, not just for print or broadcast.

The League provides excellent publicity kits for anyone willing to ask for them. Publicity for one amateur is publicity for all of us.

It's important that good relations are established with the media *before* our big moments, so that we'll know whom to notify in a hurry when an amateur saves a life or a club swings into action in an emergency. As you think in terms of publicity, remember this: Amateur Radio itself isn't news, but the effect of Amateur Radio on other people *is* news.

Take photographs of amateurs in action; identify your cars or your hand-held rigs; wear an armpatch or adorn the portable station with a sign showing those two important words: Amateur Radio, in case it might be confused with another service.

Help us to find radio stations to broadcast our public service announcements recorded by three generous stars — Bob Hope, Dick Van Dyke and Edgar Bergen. (*Ed. note* — see WRN, November 1977.)

And now we have two filmed spots for

television. Dave Bell has produced for the League 20- and 30-second filmed announcements featuring the success of your division's great work at the recent fire. These will be distributed nationally in a couple of weeks. If you have a personal contact at a TV station, help us get them aired.

We need bookings for our 12-minute film "Moving Up to Amateur Radio." Can you ask program chairmen of service clubs or schools to show it? You might go along as the one to answer questions.

Or, do something special that will certainly get your club in the paper — and in a paper overseas. Help amateurs in an under-developed country get their hands on some gear suitable for working through OSCAR. Can you see it now? The presentation through a government official over there? Talk about Brownie points! And then later imagine your own QSO with such an amateur and realize you helped make the new friendship possible.

Speaking of friendships, we need to put out a friendly hand-shake to the many thousands of serious Citizen Service operators who man their emergency channels. They are different from the popular concept that many amateurs hold about some Cbers or boot-leggers.

And cordial cooperation with fine groups such as CAP, RACES and MARS — we're all users of frequencies, wondering what the future will bring. And we'll need each other in a disaster, should it come.

A super public relations activity for a club is the RFI/TVI team, which we hope they have. Nothing could be more helpful. Ask others, "Is your own TV set clean?" Solving our own interference problems promptly is essential. And if we assist those dedicated REACT operators with theirs, it's an opportunity to make even more friends.

Support of the Personal Communications Foundation will help all of us avoid devastating expensive legal entanglements in the future. And let's hope our clubs will take great interest in AMSAT. By the way, have you personally introduced yourself to OSCAR?

What a wide world this Amateur Radio is! We know what it can do for us and it's obvious what everyone *should* do for it. Get involved. Pay back. Be prepared.

Through our clubs, and with individual pride, we can all link together to keep our

service very, very strong. But please, go much further! Relay the message of urgency to others. Our chain must have no weak links! Ask the question:

What legacy will we have to future generations of amateurs? □



K7RAM - Bobbie Field Day 1965



W7LIZ - Edith
D/c - 7th District 1965



Dinner - Portland Rosis for G2YL 1965
L to R around table - WA6AE, Maxine; W7NJS, Beth; W7DIO, Bessie;
W7HHI, Bea; W7BFE, Joan; W7RVM, Helen; G2YK, Nell; W7GQK, Al;
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K7BII, Mary; K7VFC, Cece



W7NJS - Beth



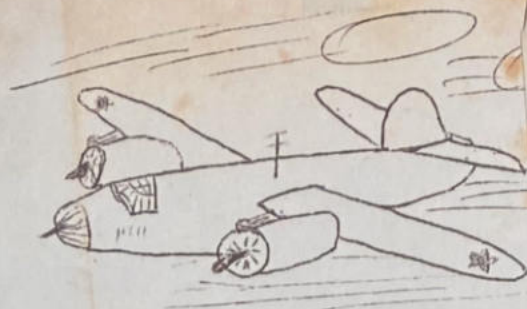
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1969 has been pretty much "this type" of year for us. We stayed "quietly at home" through the 1968-69 winter, and it was a REAL one! Cold weather, freezing, snow, temperatures hovering around zero, and the last of December, 1968--January 1969, made the thought of Hawaii attractive, but it was probably better to have us here, keeping an eye on things. Portland, just north of us, lay in a glaze of ice; many businesses closed, waiting for the ice and snow to let it get back to normal. Here, we were warm and comfortable, had power most of the time, and enough food supplies in the house.

We had three main projects this summer: Bill's tobacco crop; my trip to Western Europe; Bill's trip to Washington, D.C., and to Florida.

About twenty years ago, Bill raised a successful tobacco crop in North Portland, and thought he'd like to try it again. He could find no seed locally, so "imported" some from the tobacco country. His crop was nursed through several crises, but ended up with good healthy plants and he's now learning more about leaf treatment following their gathering.

I had NEVER expected to visit Europe, had always thought of it as one of those things that people along the east coast might consider doing. This year a Seattle travel firm offered, to Oregon teachers and their families, a Polar Flight by jet from the Sea-Tac (Seattle-Tacoma) Airfield to London, return 45 days later, from Amsterdam, both charter flights, with the intervening time to be spent doing the things you wanted to do! Bill was not interested--I was. Frances Gregg, of Eugene, Oregon, and I, planned to make the trip together. We've known each other since 1921, neither of us has taught recently, but we both still have teaching certificates, and would qualify.

We left Portland at 6 a.m., July 10th; reached our London hotel 26½ hours later, after some delays!

Frances had our itinerary all worked out, reservations made, and things proceeded well. The weather co-operated, with a very few minor exceptions---like the fog that hid the view from Land's End, in England; the fine rain that we had during our hour's trip on Scotland's Loch Lomond; the thunderstorm during our time in the Zurich museum. But generally, the weather was sunny, clear, perfect; strikes and labor troubles came to cities we visited, at some other time!

We spent three weeks in England, Wales, and Scotland. Eighteen days of this were with a group of 26 from South Africa, Australia, Canada, and the U.S., on a Southdown Coach tour, which provided all for those 18 days, and acquainted us with much of the past, present, and future of the country. Our day started with tea served in our hotel room at 7; a very substantial breakfast at 8 in the dining room; and we usually left about 9:15 to cover our moderate mileage for the day. This was not a hurried type trip, and much of it followed old, narrow roads that took us places many would miss. "Wally", our driver and courier, knew the country well, was a good driver, and had done enough photography to know the exact best picture-taking spots. My place was the window seat, left side of the coach, back row. With this strange habit the English have of driving on the left-hand side of the road--everything was in my favor, for seeing what we passed by, and Frances was helpful, answering my questions and explaining about things I was not sure of, visually. Wally's comments and explanations were easily heard, as he spoke clearly, and had the P.A. speaker in the back of the coach adjusted correctly. Besides FACTS, he had a supply of good stories, appropriate to the places we passed. We visited the Royal Pavilion, at Brighton; many old cathedrals, whose beautiful stained-glass had been removed and stored, during the war--later, re-set; old castles and fortresses; many beautiful formal gardens; the English Lake Country; Glenco; Stratford-on-Avon; etc. We drove past the Welsh castle used for the Investiture; among the buildings of Oxford; past the castle where Hess was confined; through the Lorna Doone country and the Scott country; went through the old Roman structure at Bath and its museum. Always interesting things to see!

We were pleasantly surprised at the quality of English cooking. We tried things like steak-and-kidney pie, Cornish pastry. Their roast meats are tender and good; fish was

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on the menu for all three meals. Both lunch and dinner would be considered substantial dinners, here, and late-afternoon tea had with it small sandwiches, or scones or a fancy bread, and a variety of cakes. Coffee and tea were made strong, both here and on the continent, and served with hot milk or hot water. They were always served after the meal, at noon and evening, and in another room. Cold water was hard to come by, to drink. Usually toast was not HOT, and butter not really COLD. Back in London, August 1st, we flew to Switzerland the 2nd. Too soon--we boarded the Nederland that evening, for our four-day trip down the Rhine to Rotterdam. Locks, vineyards, castles, sunshine, much river traffic on the lower Rhine. By train to Paris, from which we visited the Versailles palace and formal garden, and took a four-day tour through Normandy, Brittany, the Loire Valley, and the chateau country. In Paris we rode the Metro, as we had the Tube in London; visited the Louvre and saw many of Paris' famous "spots". Then on to Brussels, by train. There for several days, seeing it and neighboring cities, all with their echoes of the past.

On to Amsterdam, again by train. One of the things I particularly enjoyed was meeting and visiting with radio "hams" and here we were entertained in the home of a "ham" couple; had visited with a Scotch YL ham in Edinburgh; and a "ham" couple from West Germany visited us at the home of this Dutch dentist and his wife. I had known these women hams for several years, but had met only one of them, so there was a real thrill in meeting and visiting with them.

After being royally entertained, we were off for home, August 24th. A long trip again, 21 hours from the time we reported-in at the airport, until we reached Portland, with a stop in Iceland, and a final bus trip, as parts of it. I mailed home from Brussels, about 12 pounds of "printed matter" I'd collected; brought home a series of picture postcards, more than 150, showing much we'd seen, and a collection of small, light-weight things, like Brussels lace hankies, Broton lace gloves, some leather bookmarks, etc. This trip still doesn't seem quite like something I've done!

Bill's daughter and her family had been living in Maryland, next door to Washington, D.C., and were about to move to Florida, near Tampa. Bill flew back, United, on July 15th. The weather was warm, and humid, though the air-conditioned houses were comfortable. He had not been in that Washington before, so enjoyed seeing things, especially the hours spent in the Smithsonian Institute.

They drove to Florida, so he saw their new home, dipped his feet in that warm Gulf of Mexico, and flew back to Portland on July 31st.

Home looked good to us both. We've had a warmer, drier fall here than our usual one. We'll be here this winter. So far our time has been well filled, catching up on things.

Our best wishes to you all for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Bill Taylor -- W7PPG

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Richland Grandmother Leads Way

Radio Operators Play 'Good Samaritans'

By JINI DALEN
Herald Staff Writer

In a 10-by-12 foot room in Richland, a youthful grandmother can play Good Samaritan to the whole world.

Anarctica, South Africa, England — they're just minutes away.

Mrs. William Shanks, 74 McMurray St., is one of a burgeoning number of amateur radio operators.

In recent weeks, she and her fellow Tri-City "hams" have:

- Aided search and rescue operations for lost hunters;
- Arranged medical help for mountain climbers;
- Set up a police escort for a patient traveling from Kadlec Hospital to University Hospital, Seattle;
- Got word to the parents of a Lima, Peru, exchange student to let her know how they fared in a recent earthquake;
- Helped a member of the Italian Michelangelo di Firenze orchestra performing here learn about the safety of his family after the floods in Florence.

Mrs. Shanks, a licensed operator for seven years, spends part of every day at her elaborate radio equipment.

On a typical day this week she had been at the radio from 7:15 a.m. till 2 p.m.

"Of course I wasn't talking all that time," she explained.

"I do my ironing and write letters waiting for something interesting to come on."

CONTACTS

Some of the conversations may sound inane, Mrs. Shanks noted, "but in an emergency I know which people in a given area can receive messages and pass them on.

"The only way we can know who is where is by keeping contacts open."

Two of her regular check points are the Civil Defense Network and the Eye-Bank Network.

Started by an ophthalmologist, who also is a ham, the eye network is used to match up donors for corneal transplants with victims who need them.

If an eye donor card is filed or if permission is received by the next of kin, corneas can be



Logging a message that a Tri-City sailor arrived safely at the San Diego Training Station was Mrs. William Shanks, Richland, an amateur radio operator for seven years. Active at her microphone during floods and earthquakes throughout

the world, she noted that "in an emergency, it's easier to get a message out of a stricken area than to send one in. Priority is given to the people who need the help, not the ones interested in learning their health and welfare."

transplanted within 48 hours of death or can be frozen for research.

EMERGENCY

The radio operators serve two types of need: "emergency" when someone is blinded in a sudden accident and "urgent" when the patient is waiting in the hospital for a cornea to become available.

Mrs. Shanks is eager to see an eye-bank established in the Tri-Cities.

What is needed, she said, is sponsorship by a responsible civic group, endorsement by a local hospital and guidance of an ophthalmologist practicing in the community.

Necessary equipment is mini-

mal, she said. It includes an enucleating instrument kit, like those used by eye surgeons; eye shipping containers; round the-clock telephone service, eye pledge forms and a filing system.

DONOR

In an emergency, though, Tri-Citians can use the network to find a donor if one is requested by a practicing ophthalmologist.

To Mrs. Shanks' knowledge, this has never been done.

The nearest official collecting and distributing agency listed by the Eye-Bank Association of America is Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

In the past three years, more

than 1,500 eyes have been shipped from one place to another.

Helping with the work were members of the Richland and Twin-City (Pasco-Kennewick) Amateur Radio Clubs.

To be licensed, radio operators must learn Morse Code and radio theory. A background in electronics is helpful.

First they pass a novice test, then the Federal Communications Commission examination for a general license, which takes "lots of work," Mrs. Shanks recalled.

Her son Tom, now a junior in high school, earned his novice license at 9 and his general license at 13.

At one time there were five licensed radio operators living

under one roof: Mr. and Mrs. Shanks and their three children.

RUSSIANS

Adorning one wall of the Shanks' radio room are postcards received from "hams" all over the world with whom they have made radio contact . . . including one from Barry Goldwater, another from a man who earned his license after being confined to an iron lung and a Russian.

"The Russians," Mrs. Shanks said, "are very limited in what they can say over the air. They are permitted to give only their first names and signal reports."

She has never conversed with anyone who didn't "speak enough English to exchange his signal reports."



Mrs. Jack D. Canady, left, talked to her son, Ron, in Vietnam, thanks to a phone patch arranged by Mrs. Stanford Johnson, shown at her ham radio set.—Times staff photos by Vic Conditto.

'Hi, Mom,' Says Voice in Da Nang

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'Ham' Operator Unites Family by Phone

By DON HANNULA

Mrs. Jack D. Canady nervously awaited a phone call at Sea-Way Marine, Inc., 3801 30th Av. S. W., where she works. Then it came. A voice on the line said: "I've got Ron for you."

From 7,000 miles away, in Da Nang, Vietnam, Ron Canady, 19, an electronics technician with the Navy, began a ten-minute conversation with his mother.

The third voice on the line was that of Mrs. Stanford Johnson, 1802 N. 205th St., a tireless ham radio operator and member of the Navy MARS (Military Affiliated Radio System)—one of 5,500 throughout the country and 350 in this state.

Throughout the nation, Navy MARS members moved 19,700 messages to Vietnam, other overseas points and cities and towns in the continental United States in July, August and September, for example.

In the same period, Navy MARS members arranged 4,400 direct phone-radio conversations, known as "phone patches," between servicemen in Vietnam and their families.

WHEN MRS. CANADY TALKED with her son in Vietnam this past week, it was the second phone patch arranged for her by Mrs. Johnson.

"After the first one I just sat there bawling, I was so happy," Mrs. Canady said.

Mrs. Canady, 620 S. W. 135th St., received some disappointing news from her son. She had hoped he could take his rest-and-recuperation leave in Honolulu, her original home, where the family planned to meet him.

Ron told her "R&R" leave applications for Honolulu were filled clear into March. It was out.

But Mrs. Canady was relieved to hear her son's voice with a familiar "Hi, Mom." It was a relief to hear him say he was "just fine."

Mrs. Canady said, "He sounded so grown up."

It was a typical conversation between a mother and a son in a war zone.

"Your father wishes you all the luck in the world . . ."

"We're thinking of you and love you very, very much."

Interspersing the conversation with the standard radio communications "Over," Mrs. Canady and Ron talked about

his brother, Richard, 18, the last package of brownie cookies sent overseas, a sportscoat Ron had sent home from Vietnam and Ron's plans to buy an automobile when he returns home.

Mrs. Canady ended it with: "Good-bye and bless you; whatever you do be careful . . ."

WITHOUT THE MARS phone patch it would have been impossible for Mrs. Canady to get a call through to her son in Vietnam.

Navy MARS, which has counterparts in other branches of the service, provides the service free.

The ham operators are set up to furnish emergency communications in a disaster. Handling messages and "phone patches" for servicemen is a public-service side line.

Mrs. Johnson has been handling an average of about ten phone-patches a day with Vietnam. She handles Navy MARS traffic seven days a week, averaging six to seven hours a day.

Charles Kirby, Navy chief who just retired as director of the 13th Naval District MARS system, said:

"Mrs. Johnson has a strong interest in the fellows in Vietnam. She feels as though they're her boys. She and the two other Navy MARS operators who have the facilities to handle phone patches from the Northwest are dedicated to public service."

The others are L. M. Hill, retired Navy captain, 100 110th St. N. E., Kirkland, and Dave Ronk, Eugene, Ore.

HUNDREDS OF OTHERS donate their time moving radio messages to Vietnam.

Navy MARS is offering a free service for families who wish to send Christmas messages of about 25 words to servicemen in Vietnam.

Kirby said Navy MARS can only guarantee getting the message to the man's military outfit, usually in about a day, beating air mail by two days. "We can't guarantee delivery to the man personally," he said.

Persons wishing to send messages to Vietnam should telephone Hill at VA 2-7093 or Richard Bendicksen at SA 4-6552. Kirby said senders must have the complete name, rank, serial number, branch of service and complete official address, including zip code, of the serviceman.



'Fanny Fancy's Garters'

The international president of the 1,000 member Young Ladies Radio League, Inc. is a retired school teacher who is committed to the motto, "Happiness is serving others through the radio." She is Beth Newlin who taught three years in Lyford and 30 years in Rosedale and who loves to tell people she spent 33 years in the first grade.

Mrs. Newlin now spends her winters in Tucson, Arizona and her summers in Rosedale.

In ham radio jargon, "YL" is young lady and a woman remains that until the day she dies or gets married, regardless of her age. Mrs. Newlin is the widow of Hubbard Newlin. When Mr. Newlin died in 1965, she became interested in ham radio. She says her husband was on the air all the time and she would sit and knit. After he died, she said she just couldn't let the equipment go and with the help of a friend, went on the air. She adds that many of the "YL's" on the air are retired schoolteachers like herself.

In 1966, with the help of the Old Pueblo Radio Club in Arizona, Mrs. Newlin had her husband's 200-watt Collins rig clamped down to the 75 watts that her novice ticket allowed her to operate. She went on the air with the call letters WA7FFG. To strangers she'll say that FFG's "phonetics" are "Frank, Frank, George." After she gets to know a person better, it's "Fanny Fancy's Garters." In Rosedale her call letters are WB9SJD.

Every day Mrs. Newlin signs in at 6 a.m. on the intercontinental network. She seats herself in front of Hubb's old equipment (once again running at 200-watts), straightens her shoulders, carefully switches on the microphone and raising her voice calls out "This is WA7FFG. . .". The network controller responds with a friendly "Come on in Beth."

As the day wears on she answers roll call on the handicappers' network, then the veterans, the American Council for the Blind, the Masonic Network and the West Coast

Amateur veterans, the American Council for the Blind, the Masonic Network and the West Coast Amateur Radio Service. She signs off about 7 p.m., but still listens in case someone wants something. Tuesday nights she shuts down altogether because her signal interferes with the sound system in a nearby bingo game in Tucson.

On Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. the Young Ladies Radio League meets on the air and she estimates about 60 manage to get to their sets. The league was founded in 1939 and now lists members on every continent. Its principal purposes are to "create and pass along good fellowship," to improve the skill of its members and keep their equipment operating at peak proficiency. The league has many contests throughout the year, Howdy Days, Overseas Days and anniversary parties. Participants check the clarity of each other signals and their ability to keep good records.

Mrs. Newlin says she has been a "YL" ever since she could "talk," meaning since she could send 13 words a minute in Morse Code. That entitled her to her general ticket and then, on August 15, 1969, to her ham radio license.

The first person she called was an old friend of her husband's in Denver and when she gave her call letters and identified herself, they "had a good cry." The Denver friend told her, "This would have been one of the proudest days of Hubb's life."

Beth Newlin, the indefatigable president of the Young Ladies' Radio League, was honored Friday at a dinner at Levy's. A laminated scroll, made in New York, was presented to Newlin, who took up "ham" radio after her husband's death. She has spent a busy year as international president — responsibilities included writing more than 500 letters last summer. And she rattles off call letters as if they were her middle name.



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