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EMBLEM CONTEST

Winner of the Emblem Contest is our President, W7FWB, who submitted the diamond-shaped emblem. Congratulations, Ethel. A cut of the emblem will soon be available to members wishing to use it on QSL cards and letter-heads. It may be obtained from the Secretary. Pins may be ordered thru Secretary's office and are priced as follows: Silver Plated pin without safety catch- 50¢ each. Silver Plated pin with safety catch- 65¢ each.

CONTEST

Don't forget the FTS/YLRL Midsummer Festival being held August 17, 18, 24, and 25. Get on forty meters if possible and meet the gang. Look for details in last month's YL HARMONICS or in your complimentary copy of the FTS bulletin ETHERETTES.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

The following district chairmen were elected for the coming year:

W1GQT Lida King, 170 Homestead, Holyoke, Mass.

W6FO Helen Davy, 1604 Pineola Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.

W5IKC Lou Lacy, Box 794, Phillips, Texas

W8RCX Genevieve Capstaff, 4822 Norwich St., Van Nuys, Calif.

W7HHH Bea Austin, 1137 Federal St., Bend, Ore.

W8PZA Mildred Wildman, 10538 Dupont Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

W9OUD Letha Allendorf, 1015 w. Third St., Joplin, Mo.

VE4WY Micky Turpie, 11235 79th St., Edmonton, Alta., Canada

Chairmen for the second and third districts will be announced next month. I want to thank those members who have worked so faithfully as chairmen during this first year of our existence. Without their help the club could never have progressed as it has. May I also welcome the new chairmen to their offices. Their duties will begin at once, and they will need all the cooperation that you members can give them.

You have chosen these chairmen yourselves, and you may be sure that each will do her best to keep her district well represented in the pages of YL HARMONICS and in the club activities. However, the chairman cannot do it alone. You must cooperate by writing her, at least a post card, the first of each month. The Secretary enjoys hearing from each of you, but you will make her work much easier if you will send your news direct to your district chairman, so that it can be compiled into a report before it reaches the Secretary's office.

DUES

Since last publication dues for one year were received from: 9ZQI, 8TLZ, 6QHN, 6QHC, 1MUP, 9LNT, 9wwp, and 66YL.

DONATIONS

Donations received since last publication: 8PZA 50¢; 5IKC \$1.45; 9wwp - 37¢; 9ZWL 60¢; and 8TFZ \$1.00 for publicity work.

ARRL APPOINTMENTS

Do you belong to the A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps? Are you an Official Relay Station, or Official Phone Station? If not, why not? The ARRL would like to have more of our members holding these appointments, and the YLRL should have ORS and OPS representatives in each state. Letha, 90UD, states that aside from herself, no YLs in Missouri hold any appointments or belong to the Emergency Corps, and the situation is similar in other states.

If you belong to the ARRL and have any interest in traffic-handling you should have an ORS (cw) or OPS (phone) appointment. Write and tell your SCM that you would like such an appointment, or write to your district chairman giving her the name and address of your of your SCM, and she will submit your name to him.

NEW MEMBERS

1MUP	Mary	Pleasant Valley, Conn.
60HC	Vera	Los Gatos, Calif.
8QHN	Virginia	Cleveland, O.
8TLZ	Ruth	Cleveland, O.
9LRT	Julia	Chicago, Ill.
9ZQI	Erma	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
88YL		London, England

Correction: Last month Katherine, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was listed as 9BCN. Katherine's call is 9EEU.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE:--Three Federal anti-capacity switches in new condition, 75¢ each postpaid. Large bargain. William C. Hess, 9HHN, Woburn, N. D. adv 1t

CHATTER

1st district. 10QT Chairman

Lida reports:

FTJ Dot says she raises gladiola and gourds, and also mentioned having wabe charm strings for her friends. Perhaps she will describe how they are made,— she spoke about pine cones. She is going to have with 88UD some morning soon for Kitty's New Hampshire contact. She spoke about the Annual New Hampshire Convention and hamfest being held September 21 at the Hotel Carpenter in Manchester. I hope lots of the YLRL members will be able to attend.

FRO, Alice, had trouble with her boat (the lower gear unit shaft broke) and has been working nights getting it repaired.

MDW, Fran, has been on 80 meter cw for the past few weeks, but hopes to try 40 meters again soon.

KOH, Flo, operates very little during the summer months, but when she does get on the air it is usually on 80 or 20 meter cw.

LEO, Lucy, hasn't been on the cw bands yet as she needs new coils and her husband hasn't found time to wind some up for her yet. The drill is too large for Lucy to tackle herself--at least that's what hubby claims.

Lucy said that WLJTS, in Malden, wants to know if the VL in Manchester, N.H. who gave him a call on her car horn about a month ago belongs to the VLRL. If so, he is sorry he was too busy to stop for a qso, but if she will call him again on his next trip he will be glad to stop.

Kitty, 2FKA, and her husband Bert came up here for a weekend the first for last month. They are swell folks and a lot of fun. The following weekend we went down to their home in River Edge, N.J. We had a grand time down there. Took in the World's Fair and saw W2USA.

Leta, 9DBD, phoned me from Springfield station and we went down and visited with her between trains. She and Shirley, her daughter, are nice.

EUI, Ellen, is back home after her five weeks' tour of the West. She is going to build a portable 2½ meter receiver for her car.

BDN, May, is working portable on 5 meters up on a mountain top, (1300 feet) with good results.

2nd district. W2IXY Chairman

MAZ Lenore: "I try valiantly to work the VLRL sked on 40 meters. I hope those eco OMs give us a break. If not, I'm gonna send out a QST saying '7220 is quarantined!'"

HXQ Kay: "I presented and interviewed W9DBD on my Amateur Radio broadcast over WNYC last Monday, and she very graciously told our audience about the VLRL. I am presenting these Amateur Radio broadcasts every Monday at 3:30 pm from WNYC's New York World Fair studios. Will any of the VLRL's who are coming out to the Fair please drop me a line in advance?"

3rd district. W3FXZ Chairman

CDQ Elizabeth: "Had a nice note from Nelly, G2YL, who writes that she is tickled to death to be a member of the VLRL. Says the wx has been tropical but they are so busy with Red Cross, etc., they have no time to enjoy it...If any of you are in DC I shall be glad to personally show you the town and the hams. HI."

4th district. W4DAI Chairman

GFO Helen: "I am trying to get started on study for my Class B and Class A exams, but I am getting nightmares about it --- dreamed the other night that I couldn't even pass the code exam!"

5th district. W5DEW Chairman

IKQ Lou: "Have my 7220 xtal now and will be on the air either Tuesday or Friday-- hope I can make both."

6th district. W6RGX Chairman

SGD Fitty: "Doug (the OM) has been home nearly two months now and is doing fine. Is planning-- and has started a new rig for himself. It will be about 250 watts. I'm getting more confidence on cw all along so will not be so nervous about contacting you old-timers. HI."

OHC Vera: "I have spent most of my amateur life operating from a bed, as I was in an accident several years ago and have been spending the time since recovering. Just about have the job completed."

7th district. W7HHH Chairman

Boa reports: The Ninth Corps Area Hamfest was held July 19 to 21 at Suttle Lake summer resort just thirty miles from Bend, Ore. There I had the pleasure of meeting our President, Ethel, and also WNH, Nellie. Ethel was accompanied by her charming mother and Nellie by her niece. Also present was 7GLK. I have known Dot personally for more than three years and she gave me the inspiration to get a ham ticket. Including myself, this made up the representation of VL operators, so we were 100% VLRL.

(But what happened when W6LBM showed up with his movie camera? We hear that Ethel suddenly became camera-shy!-- Ed.)

GLK Dot, and the OM camped on Dead Indian Mt. out of Ashland for Fifth Day. Twenty-two persons put in an appearance at one time or another. Their rig was a Meissner Signal Shifter using seven watts.

COX: "No radio here this summer due to qrn. I've never heard so much noise in all my life. Wish things would clear up so I could get on and meet some of the girls."

8th district. WSPZA Chairman

MIL reports: I spent last week-end in Detroit, and was it hot!

CXH Gert, entertained the Cleveland YLRL Club here at her mother's home. She showed us the work she's been doing during summer school, consisting of art-craft. (Some of the figures are taken from a child's book and are VERY clever.) She also has done some gorgeous weaving. She has finished her course now and is back in Dayton. (Gert wants to ultimately set up a crafts shop in Dayton.)

TLZ and QHN both attended the YLRL meeting, and joined the club. We heartily welcome both Ruth and Virginia.

UHB sent an invitation to the Cleveland group to attend a Hamfest given by the South Hills Brass Pounders and Modulators in Pittsburgh. (There were 3 YLRL members present at the hamfest- UHB, TTB, and UDA.)

TLB has a new Jr. op. (John MacCalla Ryder)

TAY Nita, is planning a week's vacation visiting in Southern Ohio, looking up some lost cqs, and chatting with Marie, TPZ.

ODI has a new qth. Ruth writes that one of her cqs from Haiti dropped in on her last week, and brought her a souvenir. A "rather nice hand-carved figure of a native Haitian sitting on and beating a tom-tom, carved out of mahogany." Ruth contacted him in '38, and as she was the first YL he had worked, he wrote. Since then they have kept up the acquaintance, so when he was transferred back, he looked her up.

Next month should see a lot of increased activity on the part of most of the 8th district YLs. Beginning the week of Labor Day practically all nets will be running full force.

TAY: "QST and VL HARMONICS came same mail. Fine! Each of us had something interesting to read and didn't have to fight over the VL HARMONICS"

ROP Ruth: "Have worked 70 countries and like to stay up nights looking for DX. Pot Peeve-- Hams who won't send qsl cards!"

9th district. W9WWP Temporary Chairman

Carol reports: The Hamfester's Radio Club Picnic, which is held annually in the Chicago district came off Sunday Aug. 4th, and it really was a big affair. Had about 4000 people there. I met Carrie, ILH almost immediately, and then we two met TLJ. Later we decided to send out a call over the PA system, for all licensed gals to meet at the Registration desk for a picture. Lo and behold, the call brought forth six more licensed girls HTR, LRT, UPF, QV, EPW, and IKS. (JWJ, RBP, and MRC were also registered but evidently had left earlier in the day.)

EVT Caroline: "Would like to meet more of the girls on 10 fone, 160 fon and 40 cw. I'm the only YL op in town, so have to meet 'em on the air."

EEU Katherine: "I have become so much more interested in operating since joining the YLRL, and I would like to get in on some of the nets if the girls will be patient with my rusty cw!"

EXMF Frenchy: "Went to a couple of hamfests and convention at Milwaukee, but so far have not met any of the YLRL. The Kenettes Radio Club has adjourned for the summer, after having paid a visit to W9XAO in Milwaukee, where something was learned concerning frequency modulation. I wish I had their location. Height is what I lack!"

DBD Lete: "During July I am going to go to NY and Canada, and will be in the World's Fair. Am going to try and see W2IXY, W1GOT, W1ZR, and W2HXO, -- the gals I have been contacting on 20 fone on Thursdays."

UA Lorotte: "I have hardly had time to think radio lately. Mother has been seriously ill since the first of June, and is now slightly improved. W933P is attending school at Pittsburg, Kan. and I keep two skeds only."

OND Lethe: "They say my call means O U Darling, - Dear, - Duck, - Dame, - or Dumbell, according to the point of view. Hi!"

NLM Jean: "Am very glad to be home from school and on the air. I am usually on 7170 kcs and hope this freq is not too far off the net to get in a few qsoes with the other YLRL members."

JXP Mona: "Had a nice qso with the YL at W9ZKL, in Minot, N.D. on 40 cw. (Myrt, W9AFK) The OM here is a Congregation-1 minister and has three church in his parish. We have been married just 11 mo. so we are still busy getting the house the way we want it, etc. I do expect to be on more this winter, and hope to work the gals on 160 phone or 10 phone."

CHB Flo: "I haven't been very active on the air due mainly to travel, illness, and assisting the OM with construction of a new rig."

J J Joanna: "We've been visiting in Chicago during July, and intend to stay until the first week in August. Dad, W9MCA, is on a fishing trip in Wisconsin. I will be a Jr. in Harris Teachers' College in St. Louis, in the fall. I've had my ticket two years in Oct. -- Class A since last Oct. Just worked all states with the help of Enid, W9NBX, but will have to sked W9FUB if the Washington card doesn't come thru pretty soon."

ZVL Marthe: "I've been trying to get in on the net, but guess my 3609 xtal is too far away. In June my kid sister decided to take the final step and get hooked up, so I tried to give her a nice wedding. Boy, that's the most work I ever got into! After that I took myself out to the Black Hills to our cabin. Upon my arrival, I saw where my brother had started to make an ice house out of an old mining hole, so I went to work with some rough lumber and in a few days I had it completed. Yes, I can saw a board straight and am getting to be quite a carpenter."

HIG Jerry, visited NBX for a few days and had the time of her life working 40 meter cw. (You should have seen the two of them trying to change a tire out on a country road one hot afternoon!) Jerry is making a "ham" blouse, embroidered all over with handles of hams she has worked. The YLRL emblem is right in the middle of the back.

NBX Enid: "After months of hoping, I finally made a New Hampshire contact, with Dot, W1FTJ. Had a nice chat one night with Beth, W8NCJ, too. Hope to meet many more of the girls in the FTS contest."

10th district, Canada

VE4VO Dot: "The first three weeks in June I spent in Mission City, B.C. It's right in the fruit area and the scenery was magnificent. We lived 2 1/2 miles from town, right in the woods, and it really was a treat to see trees and mountains instead of bald-headed prairie and street-cars. The last week in June I went to Vancouver and had a grand time. Incidentally, that was the first time I have ever been on a train, and also my first glimpse of the ocean. It was surely thrilling and doubly so because I had W95AEX to show me the city. I used to sked him two or three nights a week, and at last I have met him. A funny incident happened on the train coming back. I was unconsciously whistling a qg, and when the conductor came past he stopped and introduced himself as W9ESMY. So we had a nice personal qso. It made the journey quite interesting, as we really talked over the old days."

Printing the paper this month was an experiment, and next month long white mimeograph paper will again be used. 33, The Secretary.