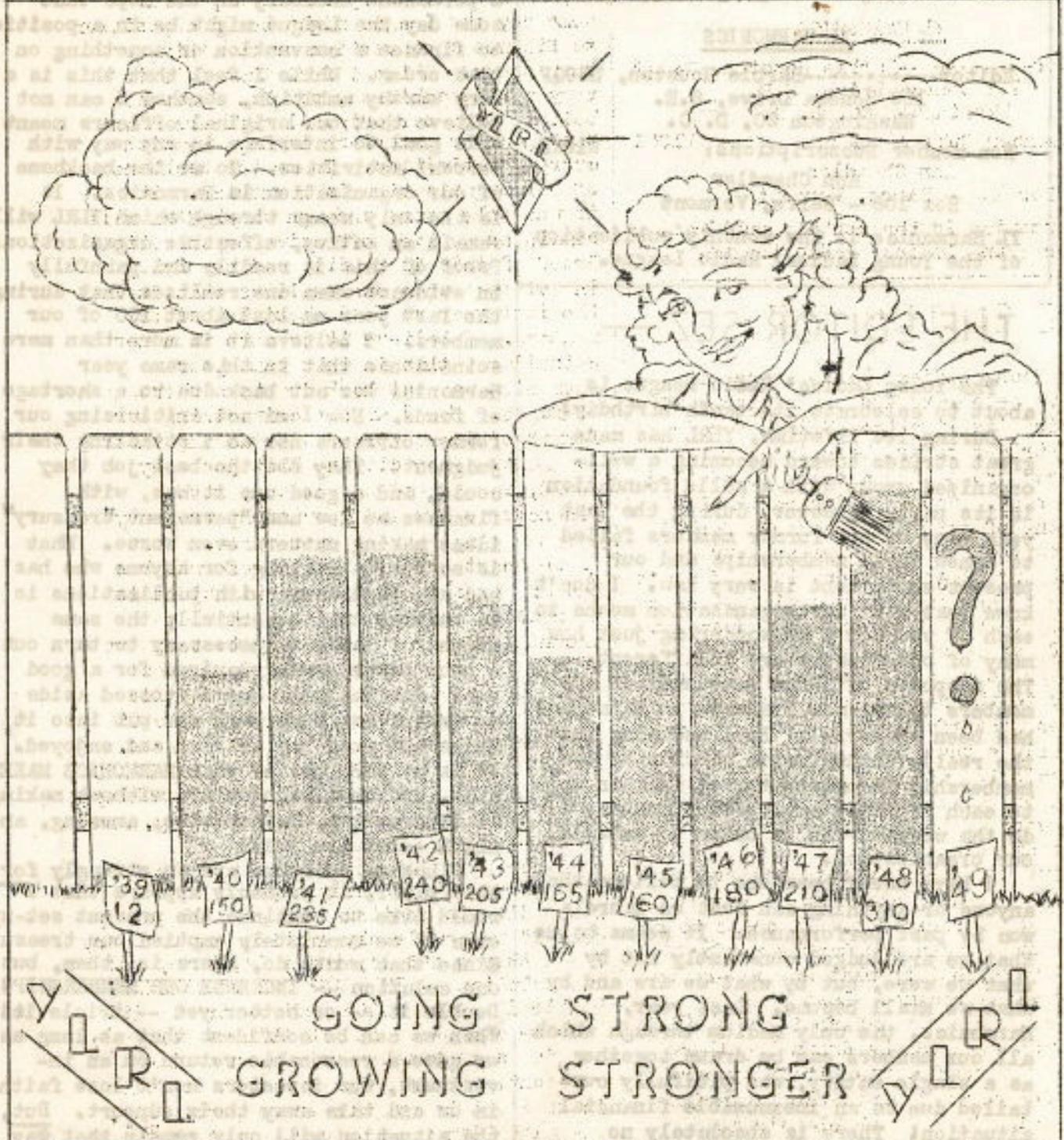


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THE EDITOR SEZ—

The Young Ladies' Radio League is about to celebrate its tenth birthday!

During its lifetime, YLRL has made great strides toward becoming a well-organized group with a solid foundation in its past. However, during the last year many of our former members failed to renew their memberships and our present enrollment is very low. I don't know just what our organization means to each of you but I am wondering just how many of our members are indifferent. The response of about one-tenth of our members to the new features in Harmonics has been wonderful. But, assuming that the really enthusiastic portion of our membership is one-tenth, it is then up to each of those twenty-five members to do the work of ten in order to rebuild our organization.

I have never been one to believe that anyone or anything can rest on laurels won by past performance. It seems to me that we are judged constantly not by what we were, but by what we are and by what we shall become. Last year, Harmonics, the only medium through which all our members can be drawn together as a single entity, was pitifully curtailed due to an inexcusable financial situation! There is absolutely no reason why we cannot have an excellent newspaper - always - and on that I shall insist! With a membership of 500, twice what it is at present, we could

well afford to continue Harmonics as it now appears and what's more, make it much, much better. Think what we can do if we triple our membership!

I have been told that it was the intention of the founders of YLRL to have a permanent treasury in the hope that some day the League might be in a position to finance a convention or something on that order. While I feel that this is a very worthy ambition, somehow I can not believe that our original officers meant this goal to interfere in any way with current activities. To me the backbone of our organization is Harmonics. It is the only means through which YLRL will remain an active, effective organization! Proof of this is readily and painfully in evidence when one realizes that during the last year we lost about 100 of our members. I believe it is more than mere coincidence that in this same year Harmonics was cut back due to a shortage of funds. Now I am not criticizing our former officers nor am I attacking their judgment. They did the best job they could, and a good one it was, with finances so low and "permanent treasury" ideas making matters even worse. What is so heart-breaking for anyone who has had any experience with publications is to realize that essentially the same amount of labor is necessary to turn out a poor paper as is required for a good one. But the poor one is tossed aside no matter how much work was put into it while the good one is read and enjoyed. It is my firm belief that HARMONICS MAKES YLRL, and that without it, without making it interesting, informative, amusing, and ALIVE -- we are SUNK!

Since my opinions are so strongly for this paper, it probably appears that I would like to continue the present set-up even if we completely emptied our treasury. Since that won't do, there is, then, but one solution -- INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP! Double it -- or better yet -- triple it! Then we can be confident that as long as we give a reasonable return on an investment, our investors won't lose faith in us and take away their support. But, the situation will only remain that way as long as Harmonics is alive. If we start cutting corners again, we'll see our membership dwindle.

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YLRL NETS

This column, material for which is prepared by Anabel, W3NNS, will be a regular feature in Harmonics. YLRL nets are one of the limited number of ways our widely-scattered membership has to become better acquainted. Several nets are already scheduled for reactivation. Those on record at present are:

Band	Freq.	Day	Time(EST)	NCS
80CW	3610	Thurs.	11 pm	Fran, W3AKB
40CW	7220	Wed.	11 pm	Marion, W3NHI
20CW	14,100	Thurs.	6:30pm	Mae, W3CUL
10F	28,900	Tues.	8-9 am	Anabel, W3NNS
10F	28,900	Tues.	1-3 pm	Anabel, W3NNS

These nets will be activated the first week in October.

The 10- and 20-meter nets have been planned with the hope that our DX members may join in. If all plans work out, YLRL will have regular skeds which will afford complete coverage of the W and VE districts and other districts which may be able to check in. Such a net would be very useful in passing along information, obtaining membership opinion, collecting late news for Harmonics, etc.

The nets listed all have NCS in the W3 district, since these nets were all that could be arranged in the short time since the new officers took over. No doubt there are other YL nets throughout the country. A report of net skeds and news on each of these would be appreciated. Also any op desiring to be NCS of a net in her area should speak up.

Additional nets are being set up even as Harmonics goes to press. All information on nets will be included in the paper as changes are made or new nets formed.

To reiterate, the purpose of the YLRL nets is to bring our membership closer together for our mutual enjoyment and benefit. Do your part to help. Join a net or even several if you have the time. Talk to your fellow members. Get to know them. Weld our organization into one body with one mind and one goal -- a bigger, better, and more valuable YLRL!

GET-TOGETHERS —

Only one get-together to report this month. That was at the Washington Radio Club Hamboree, August 21. Quite a number of YL's were present, among them W3OLY, W3NNS, W3CDQ, W3AKB, W3LSX W3MSU, W3PUG, and W2OOH. (The YLRL officers, with the exception of W3NHI met the night of the 20th at the home of W3OQP.) The YL's really had a grand time getting together, and shutters clicked thick and fast throughout the day. At least three of the YL's present won prizes, 3CDQ, 3OLY, and 2OOH (although Louisa wasn't there to claim her prize as she had to leave early). It was a real treat to have W3MSU around. Just in case you don't recognize that call, she was formerly W7FWE -- Ethel Smith, founder of YLRL.

The Hamboree started at 1 pm and lasted until about 10 pm, with a delicious buffet dinner served at about 5 pm. Although the weather got quite cold, everyone had a swell time and many YL friendships were rekindled.

From the "Now We Know" Department

Now we know why the purchase of pins, stationery, and perhaps even Callbooks, has been comparatively light. It seems many of our members didn't even know we had stationery for sale, and at least one didn't know about the pins! That will never do, so we hasten to list all information re same below. Harmonics will continue to jog your memories along these lines.

YLRL Stationery (50 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes with YLRL emblem)	\$1.00
YLRL Pins	\$1.05
YLRL Callbook	\$1.00

If you wish to order any or all of these items, you may do so by sending your order and money to Marion, W3NHI, Secy.-Treas., 823 Fairview Road, Swarthmore, Pa. She will be glad to take care of it for you.

NON-MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Effective immediately, YL Harmonics is available by subscription to non-members of YLRL. The subscription rate is \$1.00 per year if the subscription is started in January of any given year. Otherwise, the charge will be 10¢ per copy for the rest of the year.

Your officers feel that by permitting non-members to receive our paper, we can accomplish many things. First we can bring YLRL to the attention of a wider group, thus bringing us much-needed publicity. Gals who aspire to be hams may receive inspiration from reading about activities of YL's and continue plugging away for their tickets. We may, perhaps, bring about a closer YL-OM relationship through the spirit of friendly competition. In addition the extra income will, of course, be helpful in expanding the program of YLRL.

So, here's your chance gals. Tell your friends to subscribe or subscribe for them, and tell those you work that they, too, may now receive YL Harmonics.

Ann, W1OAK, has offered to handle non-member subscriptions. All payments should be sent to Ann along with name and mailing address (including postal zone number, if any). Ann will keep the editor advised of all new subscribers and will send the money along to the Treasurer. Remember, then, the address for non-member subscriptions is

Ann Chandler, W1OAK
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Barre, Vermont

Continuation of editorial:

What can you do about all this? I'll tell you -- GET BUSY! Talk YLRL, write YLRL, to OM's and YL's, on the air and off. Play it up - point it up - pep it up! Call those friends of yours that you just know are members - ten chances to one you'll find they just didn't bother to renew their memberships this year. C'mon gals, let's get on the ball -- a little teamwork goes a long way and YLRL hangs in the balance. Let's give it all we've got, and make YLRL the TOPIC OF THE DAY IN ALL HAMDOM!

VOICE OF AMERICA —

Your YLRL is becoming truly international -- we're going to be heard all over the world on the Voice of America!

On Saturday, August 20, President W3OLY held a meeting at her QTH of most of the D.C. area YL's, at which a recording for Voice of America was made. This event was arranged by our P/C W2OOH. An interview-type program, it included a description of YLRL's inception, its aims, and its benefits, given by Pres. W3OLY, Vice President W3NNS, and YLRL founder W7FWB (now W3MSU). The "supporting cast" included W3CDQ, W3AKB, W3LSX, W3PUG (ex-KP4HR), W4IKA, W4MZE, and W2OOH.

The program will be aired over the Voice of America on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. On Saturday the broadcast is scheduled for 3:45 pm Eastern Standard Time, and will be beamed to Europe on the 15, 16, 19, and 25 meter bands. BEC will relay on the 25 and 31 meter bands. Probably the best spots for U. S. reception will be in the 19 and 25 meter bands, according to a V. of A. official.

On Sunday, September 11, the re-broadcast will be beamed to the Orient and Latin America at 9:00 am, Eastern Standard Time. The Far East service is on the 9, 11, and 15 megacycle bands, and the transmission to Latin America will be "all over the band" (from 22 transmitters!).

A question has been raised by one of our members regarding our plan to eliminate mention of donations received. The YL feels that it is such a nice thing for the girls to make donations that they should be listed in Harmonics. We agree and appreciate this viewpoint but still feel that the amount of the donation is of no consequence. Therefore, unless we hear more on this subject we shall happily change our plans - list donors in the future - but make no mention of the amount donated. Hope this meets with everyone's approval.

HOW IT HAPPENED TO

W3OEY

When the OM first got on the air on ten fone shortly after the war, I decided I should go after a ticket. I enjoyed so much talking to our many friends all over the country when Si was home and on the air.

In March of 1947, Si underwent an emergency operation and was in the hospital for months, so I had lots of time on my hands. Most nights I would get the four harmonics off to bed early and then copy WLAW, listen around the band (40), and spend time on the License Manual and the Handbook.

One slight problem was the fact that "The Long Ranger" came on at the same time WLAW sent practice at a speed I could copy. Usually the kids hiked for their bedroom and their own BC receiver.

In September of '47, I decided to take a try at the examination. The kids were excited because if I made it, they wouldn't have to tolerate WLAW any more. When I walked into the examining office and heard the code machine start up, I got scared and shook so badly I couldn't even hold the pencil.

All the way home I cried and "cussed" myself, but I was determined to get that ticket if it took years.

In November I went down for the second time, passed the code and failed the theory. About this time the kids and Si were losing faith in me, but I was still determined.

For the next several months, along with visiting Si and taking care of the youngsters and the house, I drew reams of diagrams and studied until I seemingly knew even more than the OM.

In April of '48, I went down to the examiner's office again. By this time the boys knew me well. I got through the code and when I got my exam questions, I drew all the diagrams on the work sheet. During the examination I often referred to the diagrams. I got my call a week later and aside from my family, I can't think of anything I'd trade my ticket for. It proves "the best things in life are free".

I recently made WAS on 10 fone, and as soon as the kids go back to school I plan to study for Class A and spend more time on 40. It is just a coincidence that my license arrived on the OM's birthday and the WAS certificate was dated on our 13th anniversary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

QSO PARTY

We have been requested to announce the N. H. QSO Party, sponsored by the Concord Brasspounders. All amateurs are eligible to participate in the contest, which runs from 6 pm EST on Saturday, October 8, to 6 pm EST on Sunday, October 9. There are no time limits or power restrictions.

N.H. stations get 5 points for each N.H. contact and 1 point for each outside contact. Stations outside N.H. get 5 points for each N.H. contact. Both "insiders" and "outsiders" multiply the total points so gained by the number of N.H. counties worked (10 maximum).

Entries are accepted in three categories: CW, phone, and mixed CW and phone. The general call is CQ NH on CW and CQ N.H. QSO Party on phone. The information to be transmitted on each contact is the report and QTH (including county of N.H. stations). Logs and scores must be received not later than Oct. 30. Mail to Concord Brasspounders; Box 312; Concord, N.H.

The same station may be counted more than one time if worked on different bands. The following frequencies have been suggested as "gathering places": 1810, 3550, 3685, 3915, 7200, 14100, 14250, 27000, 28100, and 29200 kc; 51, 145, and 221 mc. A suggested time sked for these frequencies will be mailed on request.

A WNH (Worked N.H.) certificate will be awarded to a station working all ten N.H. counties. More details on this certificate next month.

CONVENTION

The 1949 Hudson Division Convention will be held October 7, 8, and 9 at the Ninth Regiment Armory, 125 West 14th St., N.Y.C. Tickets before Oct. 1 are \$1.25, later \$1.75. Write for your tickets to:

Registration Chairman
P.O.Box 1198, Church Street Station
New York 7, N.Y.

There will be special prizes for YL's - so hurry gals and order your tickets early!

YOUR CALLBOOK
IS WAITING

City street for desert sand.

TVI for plain.

Louisa's off for 7-land-

2's loss is 7's gain.

By the time you read this, your P/C will be well on the way to Arizona to claim a W7 call -- W7OOH, I hope. Will continue to conduct the YL's Frequency in CQ and do what other publicity I can for YLRL -- and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you YL's out there in the west. After September 1, the address will be: Louisa DeSoto, W2OOH/7; Verde Valley School; Sedona, Arizona.

33,
W2OOH

A Suggestion for D/C's

An old, well-worn vaudeville gag goes like this: "Say, I lost my watch -- I wonder how I will ever find it." ---- "Well, I'll tell you - once I lost my watch. I said to myself, 'Now if I were a watch, where would I go?' -- I went there -- and I found it!"

Yes, there are much better jokes, we're sure. But the idea behind the little story could prove useful to the many D/C's who have reported that news is hard to gather. Many of the same D/C's also said that they really should not gripe because they were negligent about sending news to the previous D/C's. Now, there's the point gals. If you were not D/C's, just what could the D/C's do to persuade you to send in news? Put yourselves in their shoes -- would you report if you received a post card reminder - or maybe a radiogram? What would convince you?

"Once I wanted some news.. I said to myself, 'Now if I were news, what could one do to lure me out into the open?' -- I did it --- and there was the news!"
Catch?

Some of the girls have been asking for a Swap Column. QRU?

FCC Regulations

We are indebted to Annette, W4LKM, for several pieces of information regarding forthcoming FCC rule changes. We feel, however, that most of this material will appear in other publications, and its inclusion in Harmonics would be unwarranted duplication. We thank Annette for her thoughtfulness and hope she will understand.

We would like to pass along one part of Annette's contribution. She writes that the latest revision of FCC regs is dated Nov. 18, 1948, but that several amendments have been made since then. You may receive a copy of the regs by sending 15¢ (check, money order, postal note, or cash at sender's risk) to:

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Ask for Part 12 of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission Governing Amateur Radio Service.

You will be furnished a form by the Printing Office, which, when filled out and sent to FCC, will entitle you to receive copies of all future amendments until the next complete revision is printed.

NEW FEATURE

We think a very entertaining feature for our paper would be a column entitled "It Could Only Happen in Ham Radio", relating amusing, exciting, and otherwise interesting incidents which have at one time or another occurred to us all -- simply because we're hams! See write-up under W1QON in District News for the type of thing we mean. Send in your anecdotes for publication and share some of the laughs ham radio has brought your way!

Shucks, 'twarn't nuthin'!

We have received many very wonderful and gratifying letters, cards, messages, etc. commenting on our first issue of Harmonics. Thanks so much to all of you who took the time to write and if you haven't received an answer yet, please be patient -- you will eventually!--ed.)

DISTRICT NEWS

W:1

Eleanor Louise Wilson, W1QOM
425 A South Franklin St.
Holbrook, Mass.

FTJ - Dot - is hoping that many of the girls in the New England area will be on hand for the Manchester Hamfest, Sept. 17. These affairs are always fun, and a large turnout would be gratifying. Dot certainly is a busy gal, but happily she finds time to get on the air quite a bit.

OAK - Ann - and her OM, W1MGN, are enjoying their newly-acquired "farm". They have a grand location up in them thar hills, and Vermont is such a sought-after state on any band. Those who work Ann on 80 or 40 CW will have the pleasure of listening to some beautiful code. She's generous with her QSO's, too.

QON - Eleanor - and her OM, W1OLP, recently returned from a wonderful vacation in Nova Scotia. Spent some delightful hours visiting VELTR, Eric, and his XYL. Since returning they have had several skeds with them on 75 fone. Eleanor tells us of an amusing incident which occurred on the trip: - "We had the dubious pleasure of being flagged down by the local chief of Police in Liverpool. ... We quickly stopped but to our relieved amusement we learned that the chief spotted the whip antenna ... and simply wanted us to meet his good friend VELUS, Armand. ... Later we met them both at the Town Hall and spent the rest of the afternoon "hamming" at Armand's home QTH! What else but ham radio could create such a situation?" (See "New Feature" on page 6.--ed.)

SAJ - Marguerite - and her OM, W1GVC, are making plans for their forthcoming vacation in the west and midwest. Just think of the many beams and antennas you'll spot while driving along, Marguerite. We're envious!

Watch for announcement in the next issue of our first YLRL contest for this year--the Anniversary Party!

W:2

Lillian Ruocco, W2PMA
1630 Undercliff Ave.
New York 53, N. Y.

FKA - Kitty - is expecting a W4 call. A card from her reads - "You're welcome at 'Trailer Village', 11650 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa 4, Fla."

JZX - Vi - was on TV in the Tex and Jinx show, Aug. 29. She is pianist for the U. N. Choral Group which appeared on the program.

MEG - Willy - is waiting patiently for the 32V1 xmr.

NFR - Helen - "Home Sweet Home" with memories of a pleasant motor trip to Canada. Listen on 20 meter fone.

OLB - Amelia - attended the yacht races at Marblehead, Mass.

OWL - Ruth - celebrated her 20th anniversary. Our felicitations and hope all your wishes are fulfilled.

OOH - Louisa - motoring to Arizona, W7-TAND. We'll miss you, gal, and we do mean you! Good luck go with you always.

FBI - Jerry - received the DXCC Certificate and is now working for the British Certificate.

PLA - Lillian - got wind that W4PMA is on 10 fone so finally hooked up with him and found out it was W4PMA - hi! Had FB QSO.

PVS - Betty - peeved over TVI conditions. Keeps her from operating rig in her free time.

QBJ - Hazel - operates 75 and would like to work some YL's.

QGE - Anna - enjoying Canadian climate.

QGX - Sophie - worked roundtable with Louisa, W2OOH, on 10 fone.

RAQ - Catherine - playing hostess to her niece, who is enjoying the big city and trips on the sightseeing boats around Manhattan Isle.

RNJ - Beryle - is busy and very happy in her new home at RFD #3, Bainbridge, N.Y.

RUF - Clara - on the job with NYS Net.

RTZ - Hope - is staying in Quogue, L.I. She is busy handling traffic.

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W2 - (Cont.)

SEH - Grace - visited her 80-year old aunt, a nun, who is living in Kentucky.
TBU - Kit - had guests from Oklahoma. They enjoyed seeing the big city sights.
TTO - Kay - on 10 fone. Hope you're feeling better, Kay.

WCL - Kay - enjoyed initial QSO with W2FMA.

WOW - Jo - has DX mail from Italy after every QSO. She answers in English, DX writes in Italian. Jo can read foreign languages - hi! (Love that call! --ed.)

YTI - Elizabeth - operates 10 and 2 meter fone - both mobile! Has two antennas at rear bumper and one above the windshield for BC set - hi!

W 3

Mae Burke, W3CUL
Box 238
Folsom, Pa.

CDQ - Liz - has covered her beat with news from Washington. Just elected corresponding secretary of the Washington Radio Club. After all these years, she has made a new first. Worked IER after 25 years of trying for such a sked. This happened on the hottest day of the year, Liz reports.

CUL - Mae - finally made BPL. The hot weather and hot transmitter finally paid off. A Collins 32V1 xmtr has arrived and she hopes it will end some of the TVI troubles. At least it conforms with FCC regs and is backed by Collins, so the situation looks hopeful.

INL - Jean - just returned from a wonderful trip. Visited W9ONT in Chicago and W8RLT, the big DX man from Michigan. The itinerary included Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, and Quebec. The OM, Fritz, and Junior Op also went along. They are now dusting off the two and ten meter rigs for fall activity.

LSX - Kay - is the new treasurer for the Washington Radio Club and is now a Class A gal. FB, Kay, on your accomplishments.

W3 - (Cont.)

NHI - Marion - is still using her four watts. The weather has held up the new rig. She is in Brookton, Mass. for a few weeks to see the folks. Her brother, whom she hasn't seen for several years, is also making the trip.

NNS - Anabel - our VP, is still traveling around. She is busy as a bee trying to organize YLRL nets for the coming season on as many bands as possible. Contests are being discussed and an announcement will no doubt emanate from our Vice President very soon. She attended the Washington Radio Club Hamboree and was on the Voice of America program.

OOH - Adele - is moving to Connecticut. Now the shoe is on the other foot and she's trying to work Delaware - hit

OQF - Barbie - our editor is doing a grand job and from Lou, W2OOH, I gather she writes quite a letter. We in the third district certainly enjoyed your first effort in Harmonics. (Chee, tanx! --ed.)

PSE - PLEASE write your chairman with news, questions, or what have you. We cannot print what you do not write. Make your column cover all the gals by writing about yourself.

W 4

Annette Thompson, W4LKM
P. O. Box 187
Pt. Lauderdale, Fla.

LKM - Annette - was in Winter Haven, Fla. for three weeks while the OM was taking summer military training. A DXCC Certificate is now proudly displayed in the shack of W4CWV, Annette's OM. They both use his call and she tells us that they have never used more than 90 watts to a pair of 6L6's!

MDM - Margaret - is off the air now except for the 10 meter mobile rig, which will be very much in use when they go on vacation in September. They plan to visit Canada and look up many friends they have met on the air but have never met in person

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W4 - (Cont.)

MZE - Dot - and her OM, W4WU, are studying for 1st Class Radiotelephone licenses for boat installations. They have been spending quite a bit of time painting and fixing up their boat. NMS - Ola Mae - has not been active on the air lately. Sickness in the family, helping out in the OM's shop, and kitchen and garden chores have kept her busy.

W 5

Anne Maring, W5OTU
Route 1, Box 590
Brownsville, Texas

JYD - Frances - is a practical nurse and at present has a patient in New Orleans. She says, "Not many YLA's in La." Also reports that she was sorry she didn't get to meet W3OLY when she was in Washington on vacation. She is on 75 fone and hopes soon to be on 20 and 10.

IGY - Helen - is on 3880 at present and has spent her time lately just rag-chewing. Can't get her 40 meter VFO working. She attended the Dallas Convention. Besides hamming, Helen keeps busy typing and interior decorating.

OTU - Anne - was on vacation when the last Harmonics went to press and thanks the W5 gals for electing her. She has signed a teaching contract this year, so plans to take that Class A exam at the Dallas Convention instead of in September. Anne is pretty new in ham radio, but she is certainly in it with both feet! She is a member of the Royal Order of Wouff Hong, The South Texas Emergency Net, the Brownsville Hum Drum Net Roundtable, and is Secretary of the local radio club! (She's quite a poet, too! See her poem elsewhere in this issue.--ed.)

W5 - (Cont.)

PTW - Peggy - is quite a "fresh" ham having received her license last March 27. We are glad to have you in YLRL, Peggy. She has 44 states confirmed for WAS -- all obtained between March 27 and June 25! She is a member of RCC and of the Brownsville Hum Drum Net Roundtable, and already has scads of DX to her credit! Congratulations, Peggy, you certainly waste no time! On vacation this summer, Peggy writes that she "visited many hams, in fact spent most of my time seeing hams and stations in Indiana and Michigan. My main objective was to visit my folks in South Bend, but I had a whole month so there was plenty of time for hams - hi!" Thanx for all the info, Peggy.

W 6

Maxine Willis, W6UHA
11260 Brookhaven Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

CEE - Vada - new secretary of the L. A. Club, will entertain our group on the third Saturday of September.

GQZ - Iva - has been enjoying frequent two-meter skeds with W6PJJ, and W6ZTJ, also keeping skeds for her OM, W6EXH, who has had an infected eye. She has been taking lots of traffic from the station at the Stanislaus District Fair in Turlock, Calif., taking it on two and clearing it on forty. She keeps a close watch for six-meter openings, and is concerned about the absence of YL's on that band. Iva writes that she was not aware of the availability of YLRL stationery and suggests a write-up in Harmonics on the subject. (No sooner said than done -- see article elsewhere in this issue.--ed.)

—DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)—

W6 - (Cont.)

NAZ - Lenore - is on the air now from her hillside QTH. She was very surprised and pleased to have as recent visitors Jean, W6PVV, and her OM, Sandy, W6IUZ. Lenore's new address is 14867 Round Valley Drive, Sherman Oaks, Calif. She is always glad to fill Callbook orders received via W3NHI.

NZP - Evelyn - has been vacationing with her OM, driving up toward W7-land. Expects to be home about Sept. 1, and will undoubtedly have formulated some interesting plans for winter meetings of our YLRC of Los Angeles.

PJF - Rosemary - and family recently went on a wonderful motor trip through Nevada, Oregon, Washington and into Canada. Worked Toddy, W7LCS, for first time and stopped to see her. Tried to see Miriam, W7JFB, but no luck. They did manage a nice visit with the Tatro family, Mary Ann, W7FWR, her OM, W7FWD, and their son, W7EKV. ('Scuse revision or your report, Maxine, but a very nice letter from Rosemary contained later info on the trip.--ed.)

PVV - Jean - has been vacationing with her OM. Ten was open briefly recently and VE3AIW was looking for his San Bruno girl-friend. Get that "maintenance man" busy, Jean! It was a lot of fun having Jean and Sandy in the W6TS-W6UHA shack. Hope you enjoyed your vacation to the utmost.

QOG - Helene - and OM, W6MED, journeyed to Santa Barbara for the fiesta (week end of August 6) and, of course, visited old friend, B. J. Kroger, now KSBF. How nice it was of B.J. to release his former call, XE1KE, to a YL, Jean Eliot of Mexico City.

HEY! -- What's happened to our Club News this month? Let's have more and better reports on various club activities, girls. We'd like very much to publish a list of all the established YL Clubs. How about sending us the dope for the next issue - purty please?

W6 - (Cont.)

UHA - Maxine - had a wonderful time visiting hams around Oakland and San Francisco. Had lunch with DXers W6TT and W6PB and visited the stations of several W6's. The OM, W6TS, and Maxine really appreciated the hospitality extended to them. They especially enjoyed the day spent in San Bruno and a visit to the home of W6PVV. They had high hopes of visiting W6PJF but the hot weather was too much for 'em. Sorry to have missed her but surely enjoyed their stay in the High Sierras, especially at Tamarack Lodge in the Mammoth Lakes country. Wished for a mobile rig up there at 10,000 ft. elevation.

UXF - Enid - has been quite a busy girl this summer with oil painting and gardening. (The girls in our L. A. Club will never forget those delicious home-grown strawberries, Enid, and Clara's, W6TDL, FB shortcake. Who says YL ops are not good cooks?) Enid expects to be active on eighty this fall.

YZU - Naomi - is the newly-elected Treasurer of the L. A. Club. We are all proud of her DX record. To the best of my knowledge she is the only YL who has been awarded the WAZ certificate as well DXCC.

ZTJ - Kay - recently spent two weeks in Lexington, Mass. with her parents, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Maxine adds the following comments for our information: "YL's...you will be pleased to know that we have a friend and champion at the W6 QSL Bureau. She is Mrs. P. H. Greer, mother of Horace, W6TI. Our visit to the bureau was one of the highlights of our vacation. There we found a QSL from UA/VB, the long-awaited card from Zone 18 which should give us WAZ. Mrs. Greer found a few DX cards for the OM and then brought forth for me UD6AH, UR2KAE, UC2CB, UP2AA, and OELAD. Mrs. G. seemed quite interested in YL activities and really talks our language even though she doesn't hold a call of her own. By all means pay her a visit if and when you are in Oakland.

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W7 - (Cont.)

W 7

Miriam Brown, W7JFB
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FWR - Mary Ann - writes that her radio activity has been almost nil this summer, due to gardening, canning, and enjoying a few picnics. She met Marty, W7KCU, at the WSN picnic, and was very much impressed with Washington's number one traffic lassie. Also reports that her ten-meter beam is now mounted on a 50-foot tower and about ready for testing.

HHH - Bea - very much elated over the improved version of Harmonics and congratulates the girls on their achievement. She has finally received a QSL from her one and only South American contact and now rates WAC certificate on ten fone. Recently celebrated the OM's birthday and their 15th hitching anniversary with a lawn supper.

JFB - Miriam - disappointed no end over missing W6PJF, who looked us up on her return trip from up Canada way. The Brown family happened to be on a boat outing at the time. Finally have the kitchen remote control perking right; certainly dispenses with galloping from the stove to the shack during certain net periods which the menfolks always schedule for their leisure hours and housewives busiest times. It is regrettable that there has not been more response with news. The D/C can't dream it up, gals. Please GIVE, more of you. And may we remind you all of the Hamfest to be held in Everett on Sunday, the second day of October?

KCU - Marty - attended the WSN get-together July 24 at Steele Lake and enjoyed it immensely. (How these brass-pounders do get around!) From a reliable source your reporter learned why Marty is so punctual for skeds. The Colfax YL is, among other things, a collector of antique clocks, having at least twenty vintage tick-tooks around the McVay abode.

LCS - Toddy - has earned her 30 WPM code proficiency certificate; expects to try soon for 35. Toddy has recently been getting initiated on fone on two meters. Her first contacts nearly knocked her out from nervousness and the excitement of it all. Think nothing of it, T., old G., lots of us went through the same thing when we first mitted a mike. (Just can't understand it - the dern key gets me! Anybody can talk - especially yours truly --yakity, yak!--ed.) Toddy is planning to take in the Everett Hamfest and hopes to see lots of gals there. Recently had the pleasure of meeting W6PJF, Rosemary, and her OM, W6INP, who stopped in Seattle enroute to Canada.

W 3

Dorothy Ann Willett, W8UDA
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Flint 5, Michigan

ATB - Esther - and her OM visited relatives in Minnesota, and while there met some W6's they had worked. They contacted Michigan (their home state) from Minnesota on their seventy-five-meter mobile rig.

BFQ - Margaret - got on two meters just in time for the ARRL VHF QSO party. She scored 576 points from 9 sections on two meters only, and has fourteen states and VE3 on two meters. She will be back on ten soon with 94 countries confirmed from 101 contacts.

UDA - Dottie - reports that Red, W8AUT, found a new way for her to set her main tuning dial accurately for using the band spread dial. This method may be useful for other blind operators. Four holes were drilled in the metal front near the main tuning dial. Then through the celluloid dial, a small hole was drilled for each mark corresponding with 80, 40, 20, and 10. By holding a small instrument such as an allen wrench through the holes in the metal and twirling the dial until the hole in the celluloid lines up, it is possible to set the dial accurately and saves minutes in hunting around for the correct band setting through listening.

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W8 - (Cont.)

WUT - Avis - worked into Costa Rica for a new country, and has 53 toward her DXCC certificate now. Avis is also the very proud auntie of a new little niece, Barbara Ellen, born to Margaret, WB9BL.

W 9

Helen Thompson, W9JPT
R. R. #1
Edwardsville, Illinois

EFW - Esther - writes that she has an infected thumb and isn't able to do much writing but will send some news our way as soon as the thumb recuperates.

Since she wasn't included in our last issue, let us properly introduce -

JPT - Helen - our new W9 D/C, who writes us: "I wish to ask the cooperation of all of you 9th district girls. Barbie is doing a grand job so let's back her up and send her loads of news. Send your news to me and I'll relay it on. The OM, W9UZU, and I have attended two hamfests in the past several weeks. I saw some of the girls that I used to see so often, Leta, W9DBD, and Marie, W9PFO, for example. Helped Marie with ladies' and children's contests at the hamfest given by the St. Louis Amateur Radio Council at Swansea Park. I'm also looking forward to meeting Bea, W7HHH, in person as we leave August 31 for Corvallis, Oregon, to visit my sister and family. Also hope to look up some other W7's we have met on 10. The OM and I had the good luck to meet up with an old friend of ours who is here on a visit. He is DL4AC, formerly W9SNE of East Alton, Ill. ... Sure glad to see that Del, KH6TI, is a member of YLRL -- always enjoy talking to Del on 10. Will be glad when the band opens so that we can QSO again." (Thank for all the news, Helen, and keep plugging at those W9's. --ed.)

W 9

Alice-May Stewart, W9GOJ
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St. Louis 16, Missouri

DBD - Leta - attended the hamfest at Swansea Park given by the St. Louis Amateur Radio Council. (Thanks for your card, Leta. Your approval means a lot! --ed.)

JWJ - Joanna - is indefinitely off the air as the arrival of another harmonic turned the ham shack into a nursery by necessity. If the beam is handy, she may be using it for an extra clothesline -- hi!

OCB - Josephine - is looking forward to working YL's on 10 this winter. She has been on the air since 1938. The OM, W9OCC, is working on the beam and the receiver and making an ECO so they will be all prepared for catching DX. The whole family, including two Junior Ops, just returned from a vacation at their cabin, where they enjoyed the fishing, eating, and sleeping.

PFO - Marie - also attended the hamfest at Swansea Park. She was in charge of games and prizes for women and children. Helen, W9JPT, gave her a hand with the program. Marie was appointed Assistant Midwest Director of the ARRL by Len Collett as soon as he learned he would not be stationed in St. Louis. She is also the President of the St. Louis Area Radio Club Council so she really has her hands full!

GOJ - Alice-May - tells us: "Doc, W9UYH, took my tonsils out last month and when I regained my senses, he laughed at my tightly clamped mouth and said, 'Well, I guess I shut you up for awhile!' Now that I can talk again, the final transformer decided to smoke. So I'm off the air temporarily. Just returned from ten days at Lake Taneycomo with my folks. It's the seventh year we'd all been down there together and we missed Rusty. I was

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W - (Cont.)

unanimously elected Secretary of the St. Louis Area Radio Club Council as the men are allergic to secretarial duties. But it's good practice for me as I'll soon be pounding the pavements for a secretarial position that pays. I want to thank W/OCB, Josephine, for responding so promptly to my call for news. How about the rest of the 10th district YL's --cat got your tongue?"

VE - LAND

Mary Snell, VE1ZM
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VE1ZM - Mary - recently worked her first Israel station.

VE3AYL - Gwen - is one member of a real ham family. Her OM is VE3GK, and her daughter is VE3DYL. Corine, DYL, just received her license last year at the age of 20. They are on 20 fone and are mighty proud of being 100% hams.

G - LAND

Margaret Mills, G3ACC
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2LY - Nell - tells us of the simply wonderful time she had on board the USS Missouri in Portsmouth. She was invited by Commander Conklin, W3VQ, and Meg, 3AOC, writes "she positively made my mouth water with her description of the lucious hams, turkeys, vast quantities of roast beef, and really creamy ices they had! Maybe you gals think it queer discussing food like this but oh, what joy it is to hear of some-one having a wonderful "spread". Our meat rations are still very meagre." Nell had a swell time and thinks the US Navy is wonderful! All the radio and radar gear was locked up during the

G-Land - (Cont.)

party, but Nell (lucky gal!) had a private view after the crowds (all 1500 of 'em) had gone.

8LY - Constance - stayed with 2YL for 10 days in July and between them they erected a 4-element rotary beam for 144 mc. So now it looks as though 8LY Constance will probably be infected with that contagious "two" bug!

3ACC - Meg - is in Devonshire on sick leave but has had a small rig with her and been working a few of the locals.

ZL - LAND

ZL4GR - Myrt - will soon have a new ten-meter beam up and is looking forward to meeting a lot of the American YL's next season. She and the OM, ZL4AM, have finally found a house to rent in Dunedin, the OM having been transferred there from Omakau, N.Z. Myrt writes: "... We have been on eighty but will be on ten very soon. I do want to express my appreciation for the copies of Harmonics and YLRL news. ... I especially enjoy the part about your having afternoon tea together." Myrt is a gal with a keen sense of humor and a QSO with ZL4-GorgeousRedheads is really fun! (Thanx to Maxine, W5UHA, for this info.)

ZS - LAND

ZS6GH - Diana - reports that her rig was working on ten one week end, but the next time she turned it on - no drive. Diana is YL Editor for a page in "Radio ZS", the SARL magazine. The ZS girls' next contest is to be on 40 CW, lasting for three hours for the Diana Trophy. (Thanx to Annette, W4LKM, for this info.)

We notice that in the past a mimeographed form has been available to D/C's so that they could more conveniently report on their districts. This form also makes it easier for your editor to compile Harmonics. We shall be issuing some revised sheets in the near future and will send a supply to each D/C for her convenience.

'Til The Tubes Are Twisted And Dried

When the evening meal has been eaten,
And the dishes are washed and dried;
When the oldest "harmonics" are
 sleeping
And the youngest have burped and cried,
We shall ham and faith we shall love it.
Just ham for an hour or two
'Til the thrill of our brand new hobby
Shall make us feel like new!

Yes, we Lady Hams should be happy
As we sit in front of the rig,
The whole world is before us --
We're playing with something Big!
We can find real friends to talk to
In countries both near and far.
We can find new fields to conquer
Or be content with things as they are.

And only the OM will praise us,
And only the FCC shall blame!
"And no one shall work for money
And no one shall work for fame",
But each for the joy of Hamming
And each in her separate shack
Shall have some inspiring QSO's
'Til her housework calls her back!

Submitted by W5OTU, with apologies to
Kipling.

I'm-gonna-get-fired Note.

Thought the first issue was long. Told
myself it covered two months. - - -
Response to pleas for material was over-
whelming!
How do I explain this one?

Treasurer, W3NHI, reports the following
for the month of August:

Balance July 25, 1949	\$342.86
Receipts	14.05
	<u>\$356.91</u>
Expenditures	30.60
Balance August 20, 1949	\$326.31

TELL YOUR
— FRIENDS
ABOUT —
Y L R L

A YL BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD BE AS SWEET!

As we mentioned in the last issue, there has been much thought on the part of some YL ops toward finding a new name or term which will definitely mean "the YL is licensed". YIA and LYL have been suggested. At a recent meeting, your officers hashed this over and decided that we should submit the idea for a vote. If you feel strongly either for or against a change, here is your opportunity to do something about it. Fill in the following blank at once and mail to: Editor, Harmonics; 109 Seneca Drive., S.E., Washington 20, D.C. Results will be published next month.

In the question of a name for licensed women amateur radio operators, my opinion is that the name should be (mark one only):

1. YIA (Young Lady Amateur) _____
2. LYL (Licensed Young Lady) _____
3. Other Suggestion: _____
4. Unchanged _____

Comments: _____

Signature _____

Call _____