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EDITOR RESIGNS

After sixteen months as editor of YL HARMONICS, the editor finds it necessary to lay down the literary torch and assume the habiliments of a humble bookkeeper. "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a gley" as the immortal Burns remarked. The unfortunate conjunction of a job with the county treasurer and a probable change of QTH to New Mexico makes it impossible for me to carry on efficiently as secretary. Therefore with no more ado we turn over the reins of office to our successor. Lete, W9PBF, has kindly consented to take over as secretary and editor for the remainder of the current year, and I am sure that you will give her the same fine cooperation that you have given me. Please address all further communications to Lete Bush, W9PBF, 3329 Abner Place, St. Louis, Mo. I have enjoyed watching our organization grow from its unpretentious beginning to the responsible position it now holds in amateur radio, and although I can no longer act as secretary I hope that I may continue to be active in YLRL work for many years to come.

KC4USB SKED

We wish to thank Ed, W4NG/WLMO and Bill, W6LBM/WLMM for their help in arranging our YLRL sked with Antarctica. Through their help and the cooperation of Elmer, (W1LMD) at KC4USB, we had a very successful sked, from midnight to 2:30 a.m. CST Saturday night Feb. 8th. It is regretted that some of the girls missed making contact with Elmer because he had to QRT early but we are pleased that so many of the girls did make a successful contact. Here are some of the comments: W8NAL, "Thanks for sked. Contacted KC4USB one fifteen Sunday morning. Received solid contact with fb results." W6NAZ, "I sat here until Elmer QRT and called him at every QRTZ, and I'm afraid I did a couple of times when I shouldn't have...but the local QMs jammed the frequency here so terrible I had an awful time." W6OWO, "Fortunately I could be on for the KC4USB contact and I was delighted in being able to contact this station at 1:25 a.m. Conditions here on the 40 meter band were very poor. ORN was terrible...The KC4USB signals faded out completely about 15 min after my qso so I felt quite lucky. Many thanks to you all for the trouble you have been to in arranging the sked." W1QQT, "Heard Elmer about rst 459 with terrific qm. Heard him work W8UDA, W2TL, W9NBX, W9WVO, W9PFR, and W1FTJ. Gee, here I sat and no first district station did he work until W1FTJ. Then I sez my luck has changed and the 1st dist stations are coming in down there,--and darned if he didn't sign off after his qso with Dot!...Will have to keep my ear out for W1LMD when he gets home." W9ZWL, "I was very happy to make contact with KC4USB for I really didn't expect to. It surprised me so I forgot what I was going to say to Elmer. Hi."

The following item recently appeared in THE ARC, published monthly at Asheville, N.C. Thanks, Jim, for championing the cause of the YL.

One can occasionally overhear derisive remarks about the ability of YL ops, how, "Oh, she's got a pretty good fist for a YL" sarcastically and grudgingly uttered, or "Phooey, she's a YL." Well, OM, did you know that the same agency that licensed you licensed her, and did you know that, per rate, the percentage of mediocre ops among the OM outnumber the mediocre ops among the YLs by 2627% and that 99.44/100% of OM ops have never seen nor heard a bad YL op? Take a look at your own fist, sometime.

DUES

Since last publication dues were received from the following:
 VE4APA, WANCJ, 6PGE, 8MC, 9HIG, 5FJ, 90UD, 600G, 8SJF, 9GOJ, 9IUM,
 7IJE, 9MRO, 1FTJ, 5H K, 9RNO, 6RXB, and "6TC"/K6

DONATIONS

Since last publication the following donations were received:
 VE4APA-25¢; WANCJ-70¢; 5IKC- 30¢; 1FUI- 30¢; 600G- 10¢; 6TAV-5¢;
 2MEG-50¢; 8SJF- 25¢; 7IJE- 25¢; 1FTJ- 10¢.

NEW MEMBERS

W5FJW Jewel (Judv) L. Caraway, 3609 Gordon Ave., Monroe, La.
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 W7IJE Neale E. Greene, 2367 Liberty St., North Bend, Ore.
 W8MC Helen W. Bellow, 186 Dorsey Road, Rochester, N.Y.
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 W9IUM Janice M. Ownbey, 4119 Tholozen, St. Louis, Mo.
 W9MRO Ruth Miece, Minto, Ill.
 VE4APA Maude D. Phillips, Chancellor, Alberta, Canada
 W6RXB Arolvi Shearer Dale, Box 693, Inglewood, Cf.
 W6TCW/K6 Helen Leola Firth, 2651 Puunui Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii

We are indebted to VI, W2JZX, for the heading and illustrations appearing in VL HARMONICS this month. VI is staff artist for the second corps area AARS bulletin SCARAB and they are lucky to have her on their staff. We hope we may have contributions from her again soon.

NETS

Helen, W600G, writes: "The ten meter net has been getting along pretty well. I have a list of 45 girls who operate there, but of course they are not all on each week, but when the band is good like this 1st Tuesday there were 17 on, but not all checked in thru me. And the contest coming up won't be so good for us girls because of the hours, but we will be trying anyway." We know that this net has been functioning well all winter, although details as to time etc. have not as yet reached the secretary's office. We hope to have more detailed news of the net next month.

While Marie, W8TPZ, was in quarantine, Esther, W9EFV, sent in the following dope on the 160 meter fone net:

We have been having some very nice qso's on the Thursday morning net, and even tho Marie is in quarantine she has been carrying on just as real trouser would. The ninth of Jan. we had one of the greatest turn-outs ever. there were: W8UDA, 9MPO, 9MDS, 4FGR, 8URC, 9UA, 9MOT, 9KSA, 9FIN, 8UEZ, 4GUZ, 8UHB, 9USU, 8TPZ, and 9EFV.

We would like to have more girls show up for the net. We have:
 W9MOT, Mends, who runs her rig on 2 1/2 to 3 watts, and she manages to get her signal out.

W8UDA, Dorothy's doing a swell job on 9 watts if the arm would only leave her alone. Just the same, we always know she is there.

W9IRT, Olive, says it's awfully early to get up but the OM says you'd better get on the nets and work the gals for WAS.

W9JVL, Gertie, how's 40 meters coming along? (fb.)

W9UA, Lorette, has the boys off her freq. on Thursdays and comes thru W9KSA, Herryette. We hear her now and then and surely miss her pleasing voice on the net.

W8MPO, Miriam is on the net and says she really enjoys working the gal W2URC, Marg, happens to be our only N.Y. station and she's a faithful one.

W4FGR, Lois, always reports even though she can't stay on long.

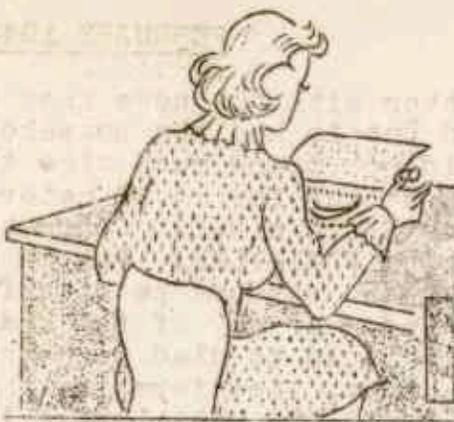
W9FIN, Louise I hear W9CCB in Champaign, Ill. has been calling you for weeks. Better look for him.

W4GUZ, Dean, is another Southern gal we enjoying hearing.

W8UHB, Blondie. The boys say she has one of the loveliest voices on the air, so watch out for Blondie.

W8UEZ, Virginia, poor thing, missed one VLRL net. The OM had the rig down and it nearly broke her heart, but now she is on again.

W8TPZ, Marie. We all take our hats off to her for the way she has been carrying on, even tho it has been hard at times.



DISTRICT REPORTS

First District

Chairmen: W1GQT, Lida King, 170 Homestead, Holyoke, Mass.

FTJ, Dot, has been kept busy at the shop due to her husband going to Boston on active Naval duty. She attended the Nashua Mike and Key Banquet. Is in favor of the girls from this district holding a get-together. One of her pups is named Budget--Leora, 1KKQ suggested it. She said every well-regulated home should have a budget of some kind. Who will name the other puppy?

KKQ, Leora, had charge of decorations and entertainment at the Third Annual Nashua Mike and Key Club banquet, and Dot tells me that Leora did one swell job.

KUI, Ellen, said her shack out over the garage is plenty cold these days! Has taken up bowling and can boast of a 93 - mostly in the 70's. The 2 1/2 meter rig has developed some kinks, and it is lots of fun trying to straighten it out.

MDV, Louise, stopped in to see WOMIX and W1GQT on her way back from a funeral in Vermont. Had a marvelous time visiting Dot and me. Would like to meet more of the members so is all for having a get-together. She has a poor location for ham radio during the day as the Raytheon factory is near her home and uses some sort of a machine which causes terrible motor interference. Entered the FWS/VLRL contest and contacted ten girls. Tried 20 meter fone with good results.

LUV, Norma, wishes the 80 meter net would meet earlier in the evening. She likes to hunt, fish (especially ice-fishing) ski, and swim. She got her legs frozen on her first skiing of this winter and had to let them recuperate. Hopes the VLs have the get-together, and suggests a sleigh-ride or some out door activity. What say, girls? She attended the Manchester Radio Club meeting and was elected Secretary. Just received a receiver,--a belated Christmas present! Been on several sleigh-rides. Is on N.H. net every night. Will be on 40 meters shortly as just got 40 meter coils.

NVI, Eleanor, just joined the ARRL. Would like a qsl card from Helen, W4GFO. QSOed both WAR and NAA and received a qsl card from NAA. Would like to have the 80 meter net meet at an earlier hour. Is located up in the White Mountains. Enjoys reading the Harmonics each month.

GOT, Lida, had a very pleasant visit with Louise, 1MDV. Have been on 80 meters again.--Seemed good to be back there for a change. Would like to hear from the girls about the get-together. What place, date, etc. Also would appreciate having the 80 meter net at an earlier hour. Please send news in by the 5th of the month.

33, Lida.

Second District

(L.I., N.Y.)

Chairmen: W2IXY, Dorothy Hall, 186-18 Williamson Ave., Springfield, MQX(Horatia) phoned that her new QTH is 58 West 58 St., N.Y.C. and just as soon as she has the rig set up she will be "rarin'" to go. Horatia said she had a QSO with NIN(Violet) and that NIN is a wee bit active on 40 cw. (Violet has not sent in any report--what say, Violet?)

FEG(Sally) has been kept on the hop taking a course with the American Women Hospital Reserve Corps. Therefore her "hamming" has to suffer!

NJO(Anita) attended a hamfest in Kerney, N.J. and said she enjoyed every minute of it. "Met so many hams, I can't remember their calls--got home at 5 a.m.!! (By the way, this was Anita's first hamfest!) NJO is still looking for a new QTH.

KUG(Jennie) does want the 20 meter phone net to look for her. "Loyt and I are operating the new 2 1/2 meter transiever out on the ice to contact the Administration Building during the Schenectady Winter Carnival. This is a drill for the A.E.C. Will tell you more about it later as it is scheduled for the week-end of Feb.1-2."

FKA(Vitty) has been kept busy with the OM in bed with the flu and then Kitty joined them! But late news is "all better". "I do hope to be active in the VLRL contest--by the way, I vote 'yes' on raising the dues!"

MY (Dottie) kindly wrote a real newsy letter with the news that her mother had "caught up" with the OM FLU--and Dottie had the household responsibilities on her shoulders. "I could not spend much time in the ARRL member party but did 'bag' two new states for my 80 meter VAS. May I make a correction--ENY is 2 : AARS for Eastern N.Y. Contacted K4HEB on 80 and 40 and have started skeds with KBAY-LXM. Put me on the list to QSO Little America. Have started to save my pennies for the Chicago Convention over Labor Day.--I wonder if any of the 2nd district gang are planning to make the trip. "ould be glad to have company on that trip of trips!" (Don't rush, boys, line forms on the right! Hi!)(Maybe, Dottie, Maybe--)"had a swell QSO with Louise, 1MDU and her OM. Also worked Gladys, 8SJF." Dottie sure is "going to town" with her VL contacts.

MEG (Willy). A little bird told me that Willy was at the Keary hamfest looking in the pink of health. Willy's report mentions working 7HHH; W7BAV; and K6ROJ (Ella) and KB4HBX at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands--all on 10 meters. "ould like to have a sked with K6ROJ as she is a friend on some of my local friends who lived in Hilo, Hawaii."

JZX (Viola). "Not much time for operating and in the little spare time have been busy knitting for the Red Cross (aren't we all). Met with a great deal of success in Roll Call work of which I took an active part. I'm returning to 75 meters and hope to do some cross band operating in VLRL contest. I'm in favor of raising the dues."

NAZ (Lenore) "Still am hopefully looking for the vls on Tuesday nights--10 pm EST on 7220 kc--how about it, gals? I'd like to join the 80 meter net but xtal is 3714 kc--so will somebody tune up there for me. I feel these nets are the strongest tie our organization can have and that through them we will progress. I am hoping conditions are just right for the "40 VL net" cuz I sho do miss those grand QSOs with Mamie, Mickey, et al."

IXY (Dot). There is not much of real news except a little bit of "gossip". K4POW (Jennie) "dropped" in to town and came out here for a personal qso. She wrote in my autograph book "To the first W2 XYL I ever met" etc. Jennie is taking a course in beauty culture and will be here till June. W2TO and W2VY were in the party and we had a "baby hamfest". Her QTH is: 78 West 94 St., N.Y.C. Is my face red! I have been signing all cards, letters, etc. with 33--thinking it meant I was a member of the VLRL,--and then I read in HARMONICS what it really meant! And am I being razed by the boys! I received a letter from G*OH, who was eavesdropping on a QSO I was having with W4DSY. He writes, "Heard you mention a membership 'drive' for the VLs. Where are you going to drive them to? Or is it to drive the mere males crazy?" My little 10 meter rig was on the sick list, suffering with an attack of "lung" trouble. This was the first trouble I had had with it and when replacements arrived from Taylor,-- it was on the air in no time with renewed "wigor". W2VY suggested to me that when the VLRL holds the next contest, for each VL to pass on her age with the report--whoa----! It might be a good way to clear the bands of QRM as the QMs would all be listening! Only a suggestion gals, and NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY--I HOPE*I HOPE! HI!

Third District

Chairman: W3CDQ, Elizabeth Zandonini, 3633 N.W. Everett St., Wash.D.C. CEO, Elizabeth, had nice vacation in Miami, Fla. and Nassau where she saw the Duke of Windsor. New antenna which is temporary is not working out--old antenna had to be taken down due to building on lot where it stood. Had a grand time in VLRL party but didn't get much of a score--Called KCAUSB till the cows came home but no soap, and heard him working all the VLs--what a break!(You weren't the only disappointed one, Eliz., if that makes you feel any better!-Ed.)

PKZ, Mary. Last month's 3rd district column was swell, and tnx a meg for writing it up. Was on for the ORS-ARRL party and for the VLRL/PTC etc. Been busy skating and skiing.

HGA, Marie. Marie took herself to Fla. last month and from her card she is having a grand time. She is now on 7 mc so look for her.

Will the rest of my section please send me some news for the next month's column? Tnx.

QSL cards with the VLRL emblem on them may now be obtained from FRITZ'S, 455 Mason Avenue, Joliet, Ill. He has made a small cut of our emblem, the same size as the ARRL emblem, and it shows up very well on the cards.

Fourth District

Chairman: W4GFO, Helen Davy, 1604 Pineola Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.
 GEX, Bonnie, has the distinction--as far as we know--of being the first and only licensed y1 in South Carolina. She and her OM (who is W4DAMI) are off 160 meters for awhile because of BCL trouble. Bonnie says the flu got them all there--and also they are having quite a mad-dog scare. She herself was bitten and is having to take the shots. We certainly hope nothing serious develops, Bonnie.

Is this what
 the public thinks
 a Female Radio
 Operator looks like?



REASON

January 1941
 Violet Grossman, W2ZPX
 East Rockaway, N.Y.
 Dear Sir--
 Thank you for your radiogram,
 would you accept following answer.
 To Mrs. Chas. Jones, etc. etc.

into radio and I guess old age will take me out of it, hi." Dean is 5 feet 5 inches tall, slender, weighs 116 pounds, has blue eyes and light brown curly hair (which didn't come from the 5 & 10, either, hi). She collects stamps, does photographic work, likes to hike, hunt, fish, ride her bike, and listen to string music. But radio comes first. She is going to try to be on the air for VLRL net, Thursdays, so look for her, girls. She is usually on 160 fone,--and when you hear W4GUZ, you will know that is Dean Lovely. Luck and 33 to you all, Helen.

Fifth District

Chairman: W5IKC, Lou Lacy, Box 794, Phillips, Texas.
 BKJ, Ethel: "Throwing together 3 meals a day, taking care of four children and keeping books for our radio sales and service shop have kept me from doing any opping for some time. Surely miss being on the air. I'm going to try to be on 40 meters for the VLRL/FTS friendship tournament if possible. Certainly have enjoyed VL HARMONICS since becoming a member. I think it is something the VLS have needed for a long time.

GVT (Great White Throne) Gladys, has been on 160 meter fone lately and will soon be on 10 meters also. We are sorry to hear that Gladys is having to have her tonsils removed, but hope she will feel much better afterward, and will be able to be on the air oftener.

GFO, Helen: "Well, the flu got us all finally--the OM and two Jr ops went down just as I got up, hi. We are all OK now tho. I am running daily skeds with W4DUG, the Florida State Fair station in Tampa--and looks as if the W4FCU/GFO combination will make BPL again, hi."

Another VLRL member who will probably be way up there as far as traffic is concerned is FJR, Lola, who meets numerous traffic skeds and nets every day. While Lola lived in West Florida, she held the following appointments: RM, ORS, OES, AARS, EC, A1-OP, and RCC.. It is a pleasure to copy traffic from her. She has her 30 wpm code proficiency certificate, and is out to get the 35 wpm now. Luck to you Lola.

This month's "biography" from the fourth district gives you the dope on a sister Tennessean. Girls, meet Dean Lovely, W4GUZ, of Eagan, Tenn. Dean first got interested in radio when she and her brother found some "junk" while playing in the garage, and rigged themselves up an outfit and sent code to each other. They also hooked up a toy mike to an old receiver, and played music thru it. They had never heard of Amateur Radio--but the big day came when an interested friend told them about it, got them a license manual and a real key--and they went at it. But their ambition died down, and the brother gave up the whole idea. However, during the winter of 1938-Dean went at it again, and came thru with her license. As Dean says "It was childish play that got me

CAF "Going After Frank" (that isn't his name tho, hi!) or "Going After Forty" (on cw). Mary says she is a secretary and stays quite busy. Not as much time for ham radio as she would like. Works cw on 7255 kc and fone on 29,116 kc. Also has her first "L" contact to make on 40 yet. (How about kinda keeping an ear out for Mary on 7255 and giving her a buzz around 5 pm or on Sat. afternoons.) Hopes to contact Hovy, "8JI", this next week for his Miss. "L".

HVK (Hardly North Killing!) Jessie: "I managed to crawl out of bed in the early a.m. last week and meet with "STPZ on her 160 meter phone net, and it surely was interesting, and fun, to hear so many "Ls at one time, and if the ole alarm clock continues to function, I plan to be present at this sked each week from now on. Have my 20 wpm certificate and expect to raise the ante five points on the next run. Have planned to begin work on the lil 2-tube Superhet 5-mhs receiver and portable wobble transmitter shown in Feb. QST and try it out in my car. This, together with studying for class A ticket should keep me from playing too much bridge for a while at least. Would like very much to contact Vivian/5IZK on 160, and will tune up on her freq. from here on, now that I know where she perches. I enjoy every line of the HARMONICS and think we have a swell-elegant bunch of officers working."

IZK, Vivian: "Have not been able to be on VRL nets 160 or 10 due to having a patient here at home and xmtr being located just off the patient's room. We have increased the power to 500 watts now and the OM has been getting swell reports in all directions. Wanted to enter in the contest but under the circumstances could not. Maybe one of these days I can enter into things as I would like to, anyway here's hoping. Have heard many nice comments on the VRL. The OMs seem to think the "Ls are getting to be as good operators as they think (hi) they are!"

IZL, Ruth: "Ernie and the OM completed my rotating mechanism for the ten meter beam and it swings like a merry-go-round at the touch of a finger, but now the band is practically dead, hi. Worked KD4GYM on 20 cw last week and hope he won't forget to QSL. Took Ernie back to Lubbock on New Years Day and spent the night, and had a fine time visiting the various hams and working the rigs. We called cq on 10, from 5HQD, and ten fones all over Lubbock called us to see when we would be by to see them, so we made the rounds and added one or two hams to our party at every stop. Would like to get in on VRL square table Tuesdays, but my sked with Ernie prevents that. He will graduate in June, tho, so maybe after that I can meet some of the girls."

ZA, Eunice: "I have had to be cook, nurse, and general manager at the store all at once. Louis (the OM) fought a bad case of flu on his feet instead of in bed as he should and ended in the hospital for over a week. Have hardly looked at the transmitter for nearly a month. Am on 20 meter fone now. When I get Lou back on his feet once more, I'm going on a "hem spree" and operate the ole xmtr until I'm too hoarse to talk."

IKC, Lou. Enjoying the contest every minute that I can work at it. Haven't made as many contacts as would like, but having heaps of fun. Fuller with a weak heart, wouldn't have a weak heart very long, would they, with all the excitement and what-not going on during a VI party. I'm really proud of you 5th district girls coming through with news. You did this time. Thanks a million.

33, Lou

Sixth District

Chairman: "6RGX, Genevieve Capstaff, 4829 Norwich St., Van Nuys, Cf. 6RGX. Peggy's going to up her power from 2 watts input to 150 watts input. Has a few eastern skeds to keep and the 2 watts--well, to say the least, you can't always depend on them. Playing lots of ping pong and doing a bit of horse-back riding these days. 6CHC. Vera reports hard luck for the contest. Her half Kw transmitter pulled after her first contact and she finished the contact with 10 watts. Vera says she's not too active these days, but still manages to keep her "5 sked. Vera's on 10 meters you know. Was checking her guest book the other day and sends in the following list of hams entertained. You'll find some of your old friends here: 4PQT, 6OPK, 6BPT, 6RRP, 5KG, 6LFD, KA1JZ, 6DHV, 6PBW, 6NX, 6NZ, 6LNS, 6ACV, 6PLB, 6QLN, KA1CS, 6EGQ, 6PIB, 6PPLT, 4EEM, 6QLP, 6SLP, 6RUO, 6TAN, 6MPS, 9EW, 67PQ, 6QUD, 6TCW, 6TRK, 6NIM. Lots of our friends have gotten around to see Vera. She entertained "4GOQ/5 (exK6DV) over Christmas Eve. Vera wants up to pass along her best wishes for the New Year to all of you.

BLX. Virginia's had her ticket since May 1939, and is down on 10 meter phone along with the OM. Virginia and Elwood spend their time usually on the air or in it. Elwood is a private flier and their favorite past-time is warming up the machine and covering the country for miles around. Virginia has a series of swell hobbies, golf being first, followed by badminton, ice and roller-skating, horse-back riding, and biking around Lake Tahoe.

She also is a bridge fiend and goes in for clay modeling. Elwood and Virginia have two Irish Setters. One is modestly called Patsy, but the other's name is Terrific Scarlett O'Hare O'Toole! Can you top it?

May the coming year bring you every good wish and an r9 on every contact.

73, Peggy, 6RCX

Seventh District

Chairman: W7HHH, Bea Austin, 1137 Federal St., Bend, Oregon.

FTX, Clarice: Had a very bad time contacting FTS last week-end. Could call CQ FTS and stations would come back to me and say "I would like a QSL from Montana." Hi, I worked 15 stations and only 5 were in the contest. I guess the OMs couldn't read my CQ FTS YLRL. Hi! I will be on 80 and 40 cw each net night. My frequencies are 7188 and 3608 kcs. I tried to check in with the girls on 160-1883 kcs but no go. Heard 4FGR and 9EF and several others about three weeks ago. May try again sometime.

INU, Jessie: Had quite a bad fire in my transmitter. Been off the air about a week.

BHH, Bea: Checked in two mornings ago on 160 meter net at 3 a.m. but guess I can't any more as the OM loses too much sleep. The operating room is right off the bedroom. Have had real good luck contacting YLs. Have QSLs from 36 girls in 24 states and Hawaii. Have about four more states and several more cards promised. Don't let me down, girls. Had a nice qso with W7IO in Kellogg, Idaho, the other morning. Wish 8RST, whom I worked on 160 would send me her card, as the call book I have, that call is listed to an OM. Expect to be on 40 any day now, so if you can put up with a "lid" I will try to check in on the net sometime.

IRO, Gloria: Attended Anniversary Party at 7CZJ's at Gold Hill. Busy with school work. On 160 once in a while. (Gloria is just 16.)

Eighth District

Chairman: W8PZA, Mill Wildman, 10538 Dupont Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

We are sorry to report that SPU (Helen's) father passed away in January. During his short illness, ODI, Ruth, who lives in Columbus, kept schedules with Helen to keep her informed. It's that kind of cooperation that makes us proud of our organization. Helen says Ruth is operating 75 fone now, and thinks it might be a good idea to have round tables on 75. She (Helen) is getting quite a collection of ham photos.

UHR, Blondie, writes that she's been very blue. Her modulation transformer and filter choke both blew, but she's getting repairs and will probably be back on shortly. She celebrated her first ham anniversary on the 5th of Jan. and had a swell time. Had several hams over and they "gabbed" on 40 and 160 fone. She says she received a lot of radio parts that will be useful, besides a bunch of qsl cards. Now, that's what I call a nice birthday party. Hi!

TPZ, Marie, dropped us a card to let us know that her home is out of quarantine now, and the family is all ok. Marie is one of the mainstays of the 8th district, and has done much to getting the 8th district as organized as we are.

The Cincy YLRL Club missed its monthly meeting in Jan. due to the illness of some of the girls. 9UTTO, club secretary, reported via 40 letters this month.

Nita, WAY installed a fone this last month. (Telephone) Bet her bosses see more of her now, Hi! With so many of us calling her, she used to be kept pretty busy.

We've heard WVR, Clara, nearly every night on the air. She's been on at the same time our AARS State net drills, so no contacts as yet.

MAL, The General, has taken over Wednesday nights as PCS, AARS. Seems natural to hear her taking charge again. We've been reporting in to her nearly every season for the last five years.

The Cleveland YLRL Club had its monthly meeting as scheduled. We were fortunate in having two out of town guests. Leta, 9DEB from way out in St. Louis came here for it, and BVFL, Martha Lee in Akron, drove up over night. Leta is organizing a YLRL local in St. Louis, and dropped in on us to see how we were doing. (Hope she doesn't judge all our meetings by that one.) The meeting turned into a ping-pong tournament, and photograph bee, relaxed by Leta and Martha Lee and Nita having an all night talk-fest. Leta and PZA developed film the next day, and all had a luncheon together before the two out of towners left. We surely enjoyed their visits, and hope they weren't too tired out after it.

We took part in the FTS/YLRL party the last week-end, and heard a great many girls. Hope they all had as much fun as I did. I wish we could get together more often. And did you notice that the best fists that were frequenting 7220 kcs belonged to the YLRL? I finally worked UDA,--and what a smooth fist she has! 9UPO came out from under all that terrific QRM the last five minutes of the contest.

Martha Lee, VFL, says she thinks YL HARMONICS is the best paper she has ever read. (Enid, take a bow), and promises to send in contributions regularly. She is very busy working on the Akron Beacon Journal and going to school too. Her own paper has been named "The Amateur Sentinel" and is issued each month to about 500 hams. (Any of you wanting issues contact her). She spoke to a group at the NVA to create interest in ham radio to a greater extent. (Martha Lee is only 15, and look at her activities!) By the way, Martha Lee is VERY fond of cake.

The 8th District PO meter net has been too QRM'd to have very successful contacts, but TLB seems to be doing better than most of us in getting through.

Mite says she hopes all the YLs who have autographed my sweater send me one to do, hi!

33, Nil, W8PZA

8th District

Chairman: W9OUD, Letha Allendorf, 1015 W. Third St., Joplin, Mo.

The girls have been doing lots of things lately. For instance--- DED went to Cincinnati (whoops, I think you mean Cleveland, Letha.-Ed) for a visit with the YLs up there and had a grand time with STAY and the rest. Letha started a YL club in St. Louis,--object: code practice, technical study, and rag chewing. JTX who is secretary sums it up briefly thus: YL club of Greater St. Louis met Jan 10 at W9JTX's. Had some code practice and theory. Members present were: DED GOJ ILH JPT LOM PFO XV and ZIH. The second meeting was at GOJ's on Jan 21 and the roll was the same with the addition of ONW and JWJ. A photographer took the group picture and a news write-up will follow. Alice May, GOJ, has an ideal shack and a swell rig. ILH and JTX made a sked and Carrie obligingly put her transmitter on 40 meters--and Louise, also being obliging, put hers on 80. Result no QSO. Louise's rig does not appear to like contests. Just before the VLRL/ETS party it went up in smoke during a QSO with Frenchy before Frenchy knew she was not talking to an OM. JPT will remember her first YL club meeting. Helen had a flat tire on the way home but fortunately a Ham came along and fixed it for her. JWJ wore her jacket with Ham calls embroidered on it to meeting and gave the girls a pattern of it. Joanne is busy with college. Work kept ONW from the first meeting but she enjoyed the one at GOJ's. Anne Marie's brother is also a Ham. PFO, XV, and ZIH plan to be on C' soon. Marie, Helen, and Virginia will probably give 40 meters a fling.

OPE has not been active since she became Mrs. GVQ last October but ILL and Ted are working on Ted's rig and it will soon be on the air. ILL's brother is RLH.

OMG is having rig trouble. Mamie tried to rebuild her transmitter for SW break-in and it got contrar. She says to tell the girls she will be back on soon and not to forget her--she need not worry about that! This is news by courtesy SIKC, Lou)

TRI operates 10 and 160 meters and is very happy to be a VLRL member. She collects what-nots from everywhere and salt and pepper shakers from all lines--how do you get them, Lou? She says tell the girls she will have QSL cards soon--and a bigger house, too.

ZNI must have something--she is not only teaching some girl friends code but some OM fone ops have asked for code practice. Whatta personality, hi. Martha--Mickey to you--has worked VAR and NAA. She is enthusiastic about the VLRL stationery and pin.

DX is being very busy in AARS as well as VLRL and other things. Notice that Enid is alternate state net control but gets most of the work. (I did the sore thing for two or three years hi) And she does it just as well as she does the VLRL job.

WH--that's ours truly--worked VAR last week on about the third call and the op was W9RSO from Webb City whom I have known quite awhile. Was a pleasant surprise as didn't know he was in the army. Aside from my usual AARS and ARRL work I have been pretty active but it was mostly in a passive way. To wit--The last of October I broke my arm, which meant 3 weeks and 40 bucks. After the cast was off I had an operation on my left eye--to relieve a soft cataract--wasn't bad--abt five minutes work--and it is doing fine. Should be completely absorbed in a few more weeks--here's hoping. Then my mother and I had flu--fairly mild but uncomfortable. Last week--to keep in practice--I burned my hand with rf--made a small hole in my thumb and a scar on my palm--not serious but you know how a sore thumb sticks out, hi.

That's all, girls, and thanks for all the swell news. 33, see you next month.

Letha