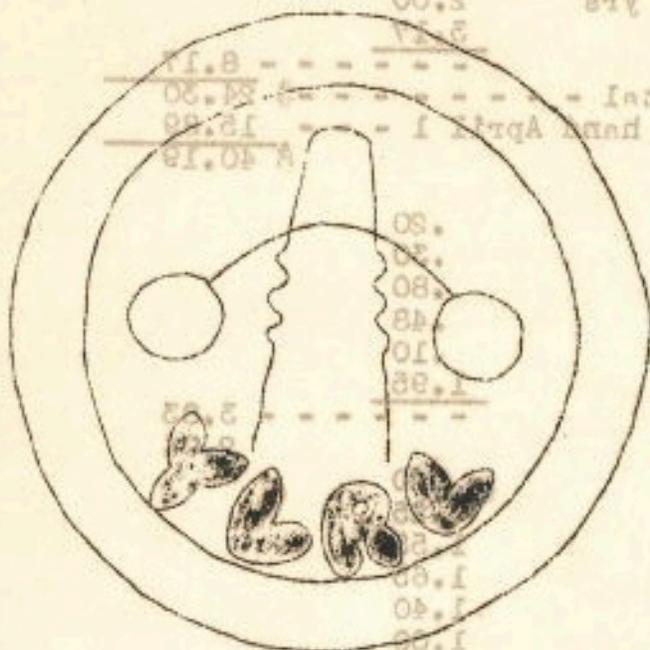


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Entries submitted in the emblem contest were very gratifying. The two emblem pictures above were chosen from the many submitted, and now it is up to you members to decide which of these shall be the official YLRL emblem. In the round emblem, the hair-pin and headphones symbolize women in radio. The diamond-shaped emblem would harmonize with and balance the ARRL emblem, on letter-heads, QSLs, etc. Let the secretary know by post-card whether you prefer the round or the diamond-shaped emblem for the YLRL.

Filing Proof of Citizenship

Official ARRL Message, West Hartford, Conn. June 20, 1940. To All Radio Amateurs: The Federal Communications Commission June 18th adopted Order Number 75 which requires that each commercial and amateur operator must file with the F.C.C. on or before August 15th his response under oath to a questionnaire known as Form 735 which will cover proof of citizenship and require passport type photograph and fingerprint identification. Each existing and new and renewal operator license issued by the F.C.C. must be supplemented by the required data. The commission expects to mail soon to each operator licensee a copy of Order Number 75, the questionnaire form, a card form, and full and explicit instructions and it is quite unnecessary for individual operators to take the initiative until full explanatory material is received from the F.C.C.

Dan, W2PL, reports that only 20 YLRL QSL cards have been received so far for the display at W2USA. All members are urged to send them in without delay as everybody at W2USA wants them. Send them to the attention of Dan, W2PL, Radio Station W2USA, World's Fair at New York, Flushing, L.I., N.Y., marked YLRL.

Letha, W9OUD submits the following idea:

She took four old-fashioned bee-hive insulators; took the screws from the top; turned them upside down; and set the rubber feet of the receiver in the large hole in the bottom of the insulators. This gives the receiver short legs and makes it easy to slide on the desk if desired, and makes it easy to dust under. It also provides a space to clip your log and traffic pad and pencil into. Even a straight key on a thin base might go under there.

YLRL Quarterly Financial Report
for April, May, and June, 1940

Receipts

<u>April</u>	16 one year memberships	\$ 4.00	
	dues for additional yrs	.25	
	donations	3.16	
			7.41
<u>May</u>	15 one year memberships	3.75	
	dues for additional yrs	.25	
	donations	4.72	
			8.72
<u>June</u>	12 one year memberships	3.00	
	dues for additional yrs	2.00	
	donations	3.17	
			8.17

Total - - - - - \$ 24.30
On hand April 1 - - - - - 15.89
\$ 40.19

Expenditures

<u>April</u>	post cards	.20	
	envelopes	.30	
	paper	.80	
	stamps	.43	
	carbon paper	.10	
	stencils	1.95	
			3.83
<u>May</u>	stamps used	.20	
	post cards	.25	
	envelopes	1.55	
	paper	1.65	
	stamps	1.40	
	filing supplies	1.00	
	publicity	.45	
	stencils		6.50
<u>June</u>	stamps used	.20	
	post cards	.50	
	envelopes	.80	
	paper	1.95	
	stamps	2.04	
	stencils		.93

Entered submitted in emblem contest were v...
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official emblem. In the round emblem, the head...
phones... \$19.15
Cash on hand July 1- 20.91
Stamps on hand July 1- 1.13
the diamond emblem for the YLRL. \$40.19

New Appointments

The following appointments have been made by the President for the coming year:

Secretary: W9NBX
Publicity Chairman: W8TAY

Dues

Since last publication, dues for one year were received from: 1LIQT, 9BCN, 8SKZ, 5IZL, 2MQY, 7IEP, 7GLK. Two years: 90IU, 90PX.

Donations

Received since last publication: 1MDW 12¢; 9JTX 4¢; 8SJF 30¢; 5IZL 25¢; 8UHB 25¢; 8PZA 12¢; 5DEW 25¢; 7PWR 24¢; 9DXX 95¢.

Amendment

The Amendment providing for election of district chairmen passed by an over-whelming majority, and has been adopted. Elections are now under-way in each district.

New Members

- W1IQT Gertrude Grafton Center, N.H.
- W2MQY Horatia New York City
- W5IZL Ruth Electra, Texas
- W7GLK Dorothy Ashland, Ore.
- W7IEP Elaine Fort Warren, Wyo.
- W8SKZ Remona Cincinnati, Ohio
- W9BCN Katherine Cedar Falls, Iowa
- W90IU Mildred Taylorville, Ill.
- W90PX Helen Hinsdale, Ill.

Lida reports:

Don't you hate firecrackers? I'd rather see my fireworks than hear 'em. PTJ dot brought in a new member, IQY, in Grafton Center, N.H.

KJL Ellen expects to spend her vacation out west, -- California, Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico. Gave her garden a good weeding, and hopes the weeds won't grow while she is away. (Vain hope, Ellen!)

KEW Fran (1 More Daffy Woman) "I had really begun to think VLs were a minor quantity till I met Dot, MIY. We asked almost daily and have not yet found out of something to talk about. Have also met MMDV. Quite a coincidence our calls coming together as they do. I'd like to meet all of you."

2nd district W2IXY Chairman

MIY Dot has received her A-1 Operator Certificate. Her ability at the key is enviable.

KUG Jennie: "On June 3rd Dot (MIY) and I attended the Sch't'dy Amateur Radio Assoc. spring dinner. There were about 15 VLs and XYLs there, Dot and I being the only licensed VL operators. The door prize, a camera, was won by a VL and Dot drew a new Handbook. As a part of the entertainment for the OMs, they questioned the VLs and XYLs via a loudspeaker, and believe it or not, Dot was mike shy and asked for a key to pound out the answers."

KPG Sally: "At the present time I'm not on the air, due to the remodeling of the entire house."

MAZ Lenore: "I've been hanging around 7230 kcs a lot lately but haven't had much luck with the VLs. Eleanor, 2MZY, and I had one swell QSO tho. Have spoken to her on the phone and she sounds grand. We will get together soon. We go out to W2USA at the wrong time I guess, for we have never met yet. I've been spending Saturdays out there handling megs, and it is fun. The place is an answer to a ham's dream, with all these beautiful rigs and revrs. It is amazing to see how many have drop in there... I'm now doing a weekly series called Honest Abe over CES. It stars Ray Middleton as Lincoln, and I'm having the pleasure of playing Ann Rutledge. Hope they don't let her die too soon."

MOY Horatia: "I'm very much interested in DX, traffic handling, and emergency work. I'd like to know more about the AARS, but at present I only have antenna and coils for the 10 meter band."

3rd district W3FXZ Chairman

Mary reports: Had a nice trip through W. Pa., West Va. and Va. and spent four days camping in the Blue Ridge Mts. of Va., and they are real Mts and beautiful. Will be away again to N.Y. State, and then return to the lovely spot in Va. I wish you could all see it. I met 9NCJ in person, and Beth is nice, and has a swell radio room.

CDQ Elizabeth is employed at the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. and in her spare time is playing tennis and bowling when it is too warm for tennis. She for a Vermont contact from 1MKM whose xyl has just taken the exam to get her ticket.

4th district W4DAI Chairman

Evo reports: After what seems like years both our transmitters are on the air again, 40 and 80 cw, with a Kw on those bands. I hope to get going again in a big way. My inactivity has been due to my husband's illness. Always did want to be a nurse, and now I feel as if I'd completed several courses in that line, hi!

At our Hamfest I met Mary Elizabeth Morrison, W4GER and Mary Helen Morrison, W4GES. These girls are sisters and their names have me daffy. They are from Hixon, Tenn, and gave me the following dope:

"Studied radio at vocational school. Mary Helen built a 4 tube revr. Elizabeth built a two tube set. After learning everything for exams the principal gave the radio teacher the der off to take us to Atlanta for exams. We both built xtal controlled 6L6 rigs. Like most beginners we wanted nothing less than a Kw, but ended up with 15 watts on bread-board operating on 40 and 80 meters. W4GES is taking a Radio Engineering course with ICS. This is a scholarship which was given her a year ago."

GFO Helen: "We are going to Asheville N.C. where the Asheville Amateur Radio Club will be host to the N.C. Floating Club. This Hamfest is always a huge affair, and the gang puts on a good program as well as interesting papers and special meetings. My OM, 4PCT, is in charge of the traffic meeting; and I have been asked to give a speech to the ladies."

W8PZA, Mill, sends out "welcome" cards to each new member as her name appears in VL HARMONICS, to make her feel more at home in the club. A fine idea, Mill, and I hope some of the others will follow your lead.

5th district W5DEW Chairman

DEW Mary's OM, W5BUZ, makes this contribution:

Here I sit all broken-hearted. Me and the Dew Drop has parted. One of us had to go-- Either me or ham radio. Feller, I didn't have a chance. Now you see who wears the pants!

IKC Lou: "About a block from us there is a gasoline plant that gives me lots of trouble; so am building a noise silencer for the Sky Buddy. Maybe it will help."

IZL Ruth: "Our older son is W5FYZ. We are WAS WAC and RCC under his call. I operated under his call as 2nd op for the past three years; also as 2nd op to the OM in 1928 when he was W5AWQ. I operate the OM's rig W5HPS on 10 fone and 40. Have kept regular skeds with the son at Texas Tech for the past three years, on 40. In looking over the list of VLS I see that I have worked several of them. One of them is the best friend I have in the world, and ham radio made that friendship possible, so you can see what our wonderful hobby has meant to me."

6th district W6RGX Chairman

Peggy reports: Welcome to OEJ. We're certainly glad to have you with us Louise. Just over the list here and it looks to us as though in this district the gals prefer cw 3 to 1. RGX finally arrived in New York and it sure is swell to see the old gang. We went down to the World's Fair and dropped in at W2USA. Like a dope, forgot the ticket, so had to use ten meter fone via a swell chap whose call I've forgotten. However, the OM, Cap, sent my ticket to me, so I'll go down again and take advantage of the offer "to come in and use the rig". Wanted to meet 2HXQ, but Kay wasn't around when we were there. Looks as though we're on FTS via W2USA. We're heading for Vermont this month and hope to be able to stop in and see Lida, 1GQT, on the way up. We never did get that sked working, did we Lida?

EK Flora's up on 80 now, pushing a key. (Don't tell me that rig is finally rebuilt!-Ed.)

SGD Kitty, and Louise OEJ, are going between 40 and 80 cw according to their desires.

RIJ Eva, is still down on 40 while Ella, K6ROJ, and Helen, QOG, are on 10 meter fone. Say, we ought to be able to do some swell rag-chewing with contributions like that. 73 girls, Peggy, 6RGX

7th district W7FWB Chairman

Ethel reports: I've been kinda convention-minded lately. Went to the AARS picnic at Olympia the middle of last month. Am going to the Yakima-Wenatchee picnic on Blewett Pass, and then after that the big Corps Area convention of the AARS at Suttle Lake, Oregon. Haven't been doing anything exciting otherwise. I'm going to break down and buy a bug tho. That's real news around this shack because I always swore I WOULDN'T have one of the durn things in the place. I guarantee to slow down the dots on the animal tho, and practice a long time before I ask anyone to read it.

FWR Mary took part in a field day contest at Athena Beach recently. She sent a clever little poem that I got quite a kick out of--being a strictly cw hound:

Sweeter than the southern breezes wafted from the balmy south
Are the tintinabulations of my automatic mouth
How I love its giddy gurgle
How I love its rhythmic flow
How I love to wind my mouth up--
How I love to hear it go.

The state of Vermont has 100% VLRL membership now. Can any other state come anywhere near claiming that?

HHH Bea says that the garden, lodge, etc. are keeping her busy during the summer.

GUG Betty has been working 40 meters altogether; says the 80 meter QRN is just too much for her. The K6's and K7's and an occasional K5 have been pushing their way into her receiver, but she hasn't had any luck at raising them.

EIU Vi has been running around to hamfests again. She has a new job working at the post office now. It is only part time work, so she expects to hook some of the girls on 75 phone now that she has more time.

33, Ethel.

(We hear that Nell, 7NH, has acquired a taste for buttermilk, but that she is particular what kind of cow it comes from! Nell has quite a recipe for curing a headache, in case any of you are interested. How about it, Nell?-- Ed.)

FTX Clarice: "I will be looking for the 80 meter net on Thursday nites. My freq is 3608 kcs; close enough I hope. Will also look for the gang on 160 fone. My frogs are 1804 and 1883 kcs. I hope to go to our hamfest at Glacier Park."

WVW Elaine: "I have an unusual family, I think. My father is W8QUL, in Toledo, O. My brother in Columbus, O. is W8QWR. My older brother is W8QV and my mother has just taken her class B exam. My only sister is W8QZ and has no interest in radio! The OM is ex-W7HCG and an uncle in Green Bay, Wis. is W9ZDY. We have what we call the "Halloway Net" (Halloway's maiden name) and we keep up with the family news that way. The OM is an Army officer and we move frequently, and therefore we're very dependent on radio."

W7HUT Verna: "We just got down from our trapping cabin a week ago (June 15th). Had been there since last Sept. first and it's about 50 miles from the P.O. At our trapping cabin we are located on a big ridge with lots of pretty mountains all around, and one that smokes. We have a dog-team, five dogs. Have a big sled and a small ski sled. The dogs eat dried fish so when the salmon are running we have to put up our own winter's dog-food. We had 1000 on our fish rack drying at one time last summer. Radio is a God-send for us here."

8th district WBPZA Temporary Chairman

Mil reports: I suppose most of the girls are wither getting ready to go on vacations, or recovering.

The Cleveland YLRL Club had a nice turn-out for the June meeting. Had seven attend: CKH, from Dayton, SBB, ODI, TAY, UCY, TLZ, and PZA. The next meeting will be held with CKH, on July 19th.

UCY Carol has been taking an active interest in the Boystown Radio Station. She had been working nights, but they changed it back to days.

CKH Gertrude reports that her youngest (9 mo old) has cut a new tooth.

ODI Ruth adopted a new kitten and named it "Blitzkrieg".

SBB Mary is taking a summer school course in art.

TAY Nita just took her vacation, catching up on things.

TLZ The General, is off the air, being away for a few weeks.

PZA Marie was in Cleveland for a few days over the Fourth, visiting with Nita, TAY.

At the Field Day, the YLRL was well represented in Ohio. UCY, YLRL and I reported. ODI was with another unit, under the call of W8AQ.

UHB Blondie is single, 21, has blonde hair and blue eyes, and likes to pound brass and travel. She was editor for Jr Hi and Sr Hi school paper, and attended Greer Business College. Her sister is studying for license too.

LL-33, Mil, WBPZA

UHB writes: "I would be very glad to receive fotos from any other YLRL in the YLRL. Will be glad to send one of my own in return. At present I am down on 2 1/2 and 5 meters. I use 600 on 5 and the input is about 15 watts. I'll be back on 40 cw to resume my activities soon with a new rig, the QSL Push-Pull, with 100 watts."

SJF is still making plans for a 20 meter cw net. Those interested in joining this net should contact Gladys.

TPZ Marie: "We have had two grand days here, Field Day. This is the first year Cincy has gone in for it in a big way. We had a large open field and put up five 40 ft masts, nine antennas, three tents, and had plenty of portable power, 5 Kw. Had a rig on each band, plenty of ops, and lots of fun... Sunday pm it started to pour. The sky just opened up and down she came. All equipment was safe, but the men still had wires, generators, masts, etc. to clean up. After the rain they went to work. The grass was about a foot high and in places the water was standing in puddles. You should have seen them when they got home, --dirty, wet, sunburned, clothes torn, tired-- but all planning what they would do next year. I guess that's the way with real hams."

9th district W9WWP Temporary Chairman

Carol reports: That YLRL article in QST certainly was wide-read. I got 21 French stamps from a French SWL. I returned him some for a collection, and would give a lot to know if my envelope ever reached him. This SWL said he noted in the YLRL article that I too was a stamp-collector... I'd like to have any of the girls listen for me on 7195 kcs on Tues and Thurs nites at 9:00 CDST. I can't operate after 10:00 pm.

ZTU Micky: "I've been breaking my neck getting home to be on hand for the 40 meter YLRL skeds and then no one shows up, except maybe an OM trying to crash into the net to work his first YL. Unless more gals take an interest in them in the next few weeks, the skeds will be discontinued. They are Tuesdays at 10:00 pm CST and Fridays at 3:30 pm CST on 7220 kcs." (On the last two evening skeds, 9ZTU, 2NAZ, and 9NBX have had a good rag-chew. How about some more of you joining us?-Ed.)

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More Chatter
9th district continued.

ODU Letha: "I think all the girls are doing swell work and I like 8KYR's 33. We might use something like this for a motto--"Friendship and Science Conquer Space"-- with some improvements. Personally, I am in favor of the new regulations, because I think each ham should be responsible to the FCC for his actions, and the whole gang should not be punished for individual misdemeanors. I was watching some girls on bicycles the other day and heard a man say, I suppose to his wife, "It took years for women to start wearing sensible clothes." And she replied, "Yes, and now they've stopped wearing them." "

DBD Leta: "The YL skeds on Thursday on 20 meters have been a lot of fun, although sometimes we can't all hear each other. I can usually hear W7HDS and V2IXY, and each time a few others get in on one side or another. (This net meets at 4 pm EST, on 14,244 kcs.--Ed.) I thought the YL article in QST was good, and now I hear RADIO NEWS is going to run something. Are we to send in our own dope, or is it to be handled from YLRL headquarters? (Send all dope and pix direct to YLRL secretary.--Ed.) I am going to the Fair in N.Y. and have been talking quite a bit to Kay 2HXQ up there. I intend to visit Montreal and Niagara while I am up there.

JWJ Joanna is having a white jacket autographed with ham calls and her mother is embroidering it in different colors to suit each ham who writes his call on it.

33, Carol, W9WWP

Joanna finally got an N.Dak. contact for WAS thru a sked with NBX on YLRL net frequency on 40 meters.

OIU Mildred: "I am 29 years of age, and have two boys, one 6 and one 16 months. I have been married to 9LIV for 9 years and before that worked on a newspaper. Have QSOed W1FTJ way over in Manchester around seven years ago."

JTX Louise: "Everything is going nicely here, and for 25 watts I'm doing fine. I worked all but 2 districts on 80 meters in about 6 weeks with 15 watts and have worked 13 states and K7ENA on 40 meters in five days with 25 watts. I've had the good fortune to work Leta, 9DBD on 160 fone, Nita, 8TAY on 80, and Mary, 9JJZ on 40."

DXX Alice: "Have been off the air since the first of the year, due to building new shack and moving into it. The new location (25 miles south of Chicago) is a veritable ham-heaven. I seem to be able to work everyone I call, and reception conditions are ideal-- not a bit of auto QRM. I still pinch myself to believe that this is true! The power company erected two 60-foot poles for me, which were to have cleared the trees. One does, the second is about 10 feet below the tree-tops. Now we are in a huddle whether to add a section to the pole, or have it yanked out and substitute an 80 foot pole." Alice is operating on 40 meters with 570 watts input, on 7160 kcs.

NBX Enid: "I'm still waiting for my Class A ticket, but don't know what I'll do with it when it does arrive-- my operating time is so filled with skeds on 40 and 80 meter cw. My folks have been visiting here for a couple of weeks, and after two days in this "ham atmosphere" my Dad began exploring the mysteries of the Handbook and License Manual. I displayed my collection of QSL cards in the Hobby department at our County Fair, and darned if I didn't win a prize on them!"

How to get a Ladder by W8TAY

Just after midnight, one moonlight night last summer, I had entered my bedroom, adjoining the shack, preparatory to getting some much needed "shut-eye". I heard a dull thud outside the high window beside the fireplace and not glancing up to the pane, to avoid suspicion, I hastened back to the radio room to tell my husband, W8SVV, that I thought someone must be outside the house, and to hurry.

He dashed out onto the porch and peered over the railing, and was startled to see a man jump from a ladder set against the house. Hubby leaped the porch rail in pursuit while I rushed back into the shack. Found switches in the dark, and went on the air (I was afraid to turn on lights, fearing I might be watched) to call "CQ Local to anyone with a telephone".

Our QTH at that time was in an isolated well-wooded district on the outskirts of town (ideal for radio, however). W8PKK, an alert commercial operator and ham detected a note of alarm and wasted no time in answering my request for the police. They promptly arrived but too late to catch the intruder who had disappeared into the woods. He did leave the ladder which we use at our new QTH to fix up different antennas. I couldn't sleep that night, especially after the police found ladder marks at other windows, which seemed to indicate that the moron had made a habit of peeking in the windows. I think you'd have wanted to move too, after that, especially when I had to be left alone quite often.

AUG. 18 AND 25 * DEDICATED TO THE WESTERN FTS STATIONS

The YLRL has accepted an invitation from the Forty Traffic System to participate in their Midsummer Festival. Although this contest is primarily for forty meter operation, YLRL members may operate on any amateur band. However, skeds and cross band contacts are not allowed, so get on forty meters if possible, in order to meet the FTS gang, and make as many contacts as possible.

Publication has been delayed this month, in order to include the correct and detailed information on this contest. Here it is:

All that must be exchanged between stations is:

- 1-A. FOR FTS OPERATORS - A six digit figure, the first three numbers representing the rst report, and the last three their FTS number.
- 1-B. FOR YLRL OPERATORS - RST report followed by "YLRL!"
- 2 - State in which you are located.

Points will be allowed as follows: Five points for each different FTS/YLRL station contacted. No points for repeat contacts unless made on different weekends, and if so, ONE point for each different contact made. No points for message handling but any FTS station refusing to handle legitimate messages regardless of how many, will be disqualified. Any station calling before or after hours specified will also be disqualified. The committee as well as several other stations will monitor the band and report any stations heard calling outside of hours.

OPERATING PERIODS FOR ALL FOUR DAYS ARE:

	EDST	CDST	MDST	PDST
START	2100	2000	1900	1800
END	0100	2400	2300	2200

Saturday Aug. 17, Sunday Aug. 18, Saturday Aug. 24, Sunday Aug. 25.

FTS uses the 24-hour day system, local time. It is very simple and all one needs to remember is to add 12 hours to any pm time. 8:00 am is the same as 0800 and 8:00 pm is the same as 2000. Note that 5 min. past midnight is correctly 0005. (You will note that the contest periods are each four hours long, each beginning at 9 pm EDST, 8 pm CDST, 7 pm MDST or 6 pm PDST. All times listed are daylight saving, so if your community does not use DS time, be sure to make the proper adjustment.) In sending in score sheets, please cooperate with the FTS by using their system in counting time.

SCORING: The following method of scoring is meant to give more importance to the number of states worked, and increased importance is given to the number of licensing districts worked, the nine U.S. districts, plus K4 and K6, and prospects of K7 and NY1. Since this will be an important multiplier, '6's and '7's have a good advantage in being so close to K6 and 7.

Total points multiplied by NUMBER OF DIFFERENT STATES AND POSSESSIONS CONTACTED (K4 etc), MULTIPLIED BY NUMBER OF U.S. AND POSSESSION LICENSING DISTRICTS CONTACTED (W1,2,3,etc, K4,6,etc.)

The general contest call will be "FTS/YLRL FTS/YLRL FTS/YLRL DE ----"

Score sheets should be sent to W9LPA 1116 East Camden Ave., Omaha, Nebr., within two weeks after end of contest. These will be carefully checked and operators are urged to list everything carefully. Score sheets should list: DATE, TIME, STATION WORKED, STATE, REPORT RECEIVED, and NUMBER OF NEW STATIONS, STATES, AND DISTRICTS AS WORKED.

Word has just been received from Ray/9KBL that Mr. J.B. Snyder of LAFAYETTE RADIO, 901 WEST JACKSON BLVD, CHICAGO, ILL. has promised the FTS/YLRL participants in this contest a number of prizes consisting of merchandise cards which could be used when purchasing any amateur radio equipment listed in their catalogue from any of their branches located at CHICAGO, ATLANTA, BOSTON, or NEW YORK CITY. Regretfully, complete details have not been received, but the donation is substantial and as Rod says "really worth competing for". This generous offer will no doubt be appreciated by all FTS and YLRL members and their appreciating shown by patronizing LAFAYETTE RADIO when the occasion arises.

In awarding the prizes the following system has been worked out:

The country will be divided into three districts, having approximately equal numbers of FTS stations, as follows:

- District # 1 - All W 1 states and the states of New Jersey and New York.
- # 2 - States of Delaware, Penna, Virginia, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, and District of Columbia.
- # 3 - All W4, 5, 6, 7, states, K4, 6, 7, NY 1, and the states of Iowa, Missouri, Ill, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, S.Dak, N.Dak, Colorado, and all other states not mentioned.

Three identical sets of prizes will be awarded, one set per district. Thus an approximately equal number of stations will be competing for each set of prizes. VLRL members will compete for prizes on an equal basis with FTS operators. FTS certificates will be given to stations having made at least 10 contacts. There may be a special prize to highest traffic handler during contest.

K4KD, Santurco, P.R. will participate in the contest. He will operate on 7190 kcs if FTS xtal can not be secured. In the contest his FTS number will be #500.

All right, girls, let's go! Here is our chance to meet the FTS gang, and to show them how active our organization is. Most FTS activity is between 7200 kcs and 7250 kcs, so our best chance for making contacts will be within that area. However, contestants will be tuning the entire band, so everyone should have a chance. Let's make this a real contest.

Helen, W8SPU, tells the story of how the following poem came to be written: "During one of our worst cold snaps last winter, my rotary beam contracted something like a bad case of sore throat, and no amount of coaxing could induce the doctor (W8QOV) to climb the pole. We put the rig on 75 and there we have been until a friend ham felt sorry for me and came over for a consultation. Since two heads are better than one; and after several hours of climbing, retuning, and readjusting, the rig was on 20 phone with the usual power output of 650 watts. Friend ham's XYL spent the afternoon and evening with my two children, and upon leaving, left the following for me to digest:

Query to the Hostess

Singapore and Kalamazoo,
Sanzabar and Timbuctoo,
Looking over the band, calling CQ
(Helen and Milt are on the air)

We can't play games-- makes too much noise,
We can't tell stories, girls and boys,
Somehow we're tired of all our toys,
(The evening is not so fair).

Ah, me-- the excitement fails--
The voice grows hoarse, the faces pale,
And two stout hearts begin to quail
(They're cross as a couple of bears.)

Ah, this is a serious thing, my dears,
"We need the doctor to calm our fears,
(I'd like to give them a couple of years)
But I think I had better beware.

Not that I really give two D--s
But why, I ask, do they call them "hams"?
When it's plain to one as dense as I am
That they ought to be labeled--TUNTS.

Respectfully? -- M.R.