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YL HARMONICS

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YL Harmonics is the monthly publication  
of the Young Ladies' Radio League.

On July 9, the new officers of the YLRL held their first meeting to decide on a plan of action for 1949-50. There was much discussion, many new ideas being presented and hashed over. We won't bring you the details of the meeting but are listing below a general summary of plans in which the officers agreed. In some instances, our by-laws may have to be amended in order to bring about these changes, so it was suggested that we merely present to all members just what plans, ideas, and changes we have in mind ---- and wait for reactions.

Changes in Harmonics

1. Use column form instead of running across page.
2. Have cover with emblem and illustration when possible.
3. Investigate photo-offset process. (Found this to be too expensive since plates have to be made.)
4. Summary report from Secretary monthly with breakdown every three months. Summary reports will include simply: income, expenditures, and balance on hand. Breakdowns will itemize the different sources of income such as dues, Callbooks, donations, and pins, but these will not be listed by individuals as has been done in the past. Expenses will also be itemized and balance on hand reported.
5. Deadline for news to D/C set as 15th of each month - to be sent to editor by the 22nd.

6. Subscription rate of \$1.00 for non-members. This was thought to be a good idea because it will bring money into our treasury and there are many who might be interested in receiving our paper, such as non-licensed XYL's, those studying for their tickets, and OM's who just happen to like us.

YLRL Policy Changes

1. When a member fails to pay her dues, she will not be dropped immediately but will receive two more issues of the paper and a reminder will be sent before her name is removed from the mailing list.
2. It was also felt that we should do away with the quarter system of paying dues and that dues should be \$1.00 per calendar year, regardless of when paid - still to be payable January 1.

*A Message From*  
**OUR PRESIDENT**

The purpose of this article is to help you to realize your individual importance as a member of YLRL. Perhaps you feel that you are quite ordinary and possess no outstanding accomplishments that are of interest or importance to other YLRL members.

The members who donate their time, money, and energy so that YLRL will continue to grow successfully need more than just your membership dues to work with. They need contributions for Harmonics, ideas for club activities, and your cooperation with your D/C to report your operating activities each month.

Since you enjoy being a YLRL member, publicize our organization and encourage other licensed women amateur radio operators to become members of YLRL so that they, too, may enjoy our club privileges and take part in our activities.

Let us collectively continue to set an example for other operators to follow by employing good radio operating procedure, courtesy, understanding, and the willingness to lend assistance gladly when the opportunity presents itself. YLRL will thrive unexcelled and you will have personally contributed to its success!

## THE EDITOR SEZ

Hello, there! —

Perhaps it might be appropriate in this first issue to tell you how it happened - how I got this job. Well, I was pretty disgusted with YLRL, didn't see much point in it - didn't enjoy the paper - didn't even care about working YL's. I was full of criticism and when Helen, 30LY, our new President, called and mentioned a job, I hastily said a firm, flat "NO!" Typical, wasn't it? So many of us are always able to find fault with what's being done - but ask us to help and we suddenly remember another engagement! I'm glad to say the story didn't end there, however. My conscience went to work on me and next thing I knew ----- I was in the newspaper business! Let's hope none of us is sorry - hi! ----- As for qualifications, mine are based more on experience than on education, I'm afraid. The OM and I started the D. C. Notes in 1944 - (Washington Radio Club paper which really branched out after it left our hands under the hard work of 3ECP, Van). At present Dick is editing the community paper here. I try to help him out on that and would never have taken on this job without assurance from him that he will help. He's my official proofreader (before and after stencilling), grammarian, style expert, 'n' everything! He will do our covers and other artistic (!) touches -- plus keeping me in line. I quite often get over-enthusiastic and go off the deep end on certain subjects -- hi! -----

We didn't try too hard to get this issue out at any definite time, - just around the first of August. This issue is extra large because it covers two month's activities and with two D/C reports from almost every district, it took some extensive digging. Incidentally, under District News, you will find the new D/C for each district. To save space, the news below each name is a combination of reports for June-July from new and old D/Cs. Please, all you retiring District Chairmen, fo'give us for not giving credit where due, and thank to all you gals for your FB reports. ----- Please don't be mad if we change your reports, articles, etc. Sometimes those things are necessary. Be as patient

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## CLUB NEWS

San Diego Y.L.R.C. met June 15. Elections were held and the following will be the 1949-1950 officers: Pres., Neva Fredenburg, W6YXI; Vice Pres., Eleanor Baldwin, W6AWW; Secy., Shirley Lucks, Associate Member; and Treas., Ellen White, W6YYM. We are planning an Installation Luncheon but a date has not yet been set. We had a grand panel discussion over a local broadcast station, KYOR, about female hams. Taking part in the program were Ellen White, Jean Bapti, Neva Fredenburg, and Eleanor Baldwin. We all had mike fright as we had no scripts. ... As a club we tackled the huge job of Field Day. Due to a limited number of operators, we decided on two transmitters. It was tiring but we all had a wonderful time and will be in their pitching next year. We made over 200 contacts and band conditions from California were very bad. We had a transmitter in a trailer and another in back of a truck. Operators were Blanche, B1E, Neva, YXI, Eleanor, AWW, Jean, ZYD, Ellen, YYM. Mercedes Lawrence and Shirley Lucks were grand cooks and took care of our every need. We competed with three other local clubs on Field Day and did very well considering the number of operators and transmitters. ----- At our July meeting, the date for our Installation Luncheon was set for August 30. We received many QSL cards because of our Field Day activities and have ordered cards for the club call, W6FXD, so that we may QSL 100%. The San Diego County Council of Amateur Radio Clubs is sponsoring a picnic to be held August 21, at Green Valley Falls Picnic Grounds. --Reported by Eleanor, W6AWW.

The Luncheon-Installation meeting of the Young Ladies' Radio Club of L. A. was held on June 25 at the Hilltop Cafe in Long Beach. We were pleased to have as guests three members of the San Diego Club. We all missed Jean Baptie, W6ZYD, who was vacationing with her OM and Jr. Ops. New President, Evelyn Scott, W6M2P, (Scott Radio, Long Beach) is widely known in amateur as well as business circles. She was given a fine write-up in the Long Beach Press-Telegram. (Sorry, do not have info on other officers.--ed.) --Reported by Maxine, W6UHA.

# LET'S GET-TOGETHER

(Here's a new feature for Harmonics - reports on any and all get-togethers where more than one YL is present - hi! Club News will be reported separately but ham-fests, conventions, meetings and just plain gabfests will be reported herein. Send us the news when you "get together".--ed.)

A very pleasant time was had at Ronnie's, W4MLH, in Lexington, Mass. Present were: W1MNI, Eleanor; W1QJX, Charlotte; and W1OAK, Ann, who reports this for us. They all met W4MLH and his XYL from Arlington, Va.

On July 9, your officers met at the home of W3NHI, Marion. We hashed over all sorts of ideas and found there is definitely one thing we have in common -- enthusiasm. Here's hoping we have as much enthusiasm next June as we have now - or is that a joke, Leta? After a bang-up discussion which included lots of subjects other than YLRL (the place was mobbed with hams), we had hamburgers 'n' hot dawgs 'n' all the trimmings'. We all had a grand time. Present were: 30LY, 30NS, 3NHI, 3CUL, 20OH, 3LSX, and 30QF, all YL's. Oh, yes, there were several others present -- OM's I believe they're called!

W5OTU, Anne, and her OM, W5KSW, attended the South Texas Emergency Net Convention in Cuero, Texas, May 28-29. They report a number of licensed YL's there but only remember the calls of W5PTR and W5PTW. Peggy, PTW, copped the prize for being the most recently licensed ham present and her OM got the prize for being the longest licensed amateur there. Out of 20 persons taking the first code exam for their tickets, only one passed - yep, you guessed it, a YL. She is the XYL of W5MRP, congrats, gal!

W3NHI, Marion, attended a picnic sponsored by the Delaware Radio Club at Pennsville, N.J. on July 17. Marion didn't win anything but had the pleasure of meeting Marie, W3MDJ, and Carla, W3PMT, and renewed acquaintances with Adele, W3OCH.

We have info from Diana, ZS6GH, re the Conference at Durban last spring. Baves-dropping on a letter from her to W20OH, we find: "Durban is a big port, a famous seaside resort and one can swim there the whole year 'round. It is 414 miles from

Johannesburg and easily 1,000 miles from Cape Town. Hams from all over ZS went to Durban and we even had several W's there, some M/M stations, VW2PL, and a ZE2. About 12 YL's managed to get down-- ZS6KK, Marie; ZS2AA, Iris; ZS1YL, Mavis; ZS6YL, Toni; ZS6LK, Mae; ZS5DZ, Bee; ZS5DF, Meg; ZS1SA, Joy; ZS5MC, Esme; ZS4AZ, Annie; ZS6BD, Edie; and myself.

The members of the YLRL presented a basket of flowers to the Deputy Mayoress (just before the Conference dinner), our new president, ZS6BD, our vice president, ZS2AA, and myself, as past president. The Secretary, ZS5DZ, received a clock, and Muriel, ZSL5L, (listener) received a box of chocolates as she had organized everything. It was a lovely surprise. ... A mob of us stayed at a hotel... The Durban Club put up a wonderful programme of events. A boat trip around the bay was first on Good Friday. Hams of all shapes and sizes went around in two boats and I am sure they talked so much they never looked at the view! Next was "High Tea" at 5 p m at Ye Olde Playhouse, a typical English Inn (Tudor Style). In the evening we did a shack crawl. Saturday was devoted to the business of the Annual General Meeting and in the evening the dinner was held. Over 200 people were present... Sunday we spent at Brighton Beach. In the afternoon a magician entertained us on the lawn, many hams helping him with his tricks. I broke the 100 yd. record when he asked me to hold a white mouse. Someone photographed that famous dash by Galloping Ham! On top of it all, I sang "Daisy, Daisy" with him in a T4 note! On Monday morning a bus ride was arranged and we stopped at the SABC to look at the transmitters. The final event was morning tea at Athlone Gardens. The Durban Club paid all the expenses of entertaining us and all we had to find was money for the hotel bills." (Whew! - we're breathless! Couldn't help it, Diana, just had to print the whole thing. The way you described it sure made us wish we'd been there!--ed.)

Eleanor, W6ANW, reported that three of the San Diego Club members attended the installation luncheon at Long Beach given by the Los Angeles YLRL.

YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE

Financial Report

July 1, 1948 - June 30, 1949

July 1, 1948 - Cash in Bank . . . . . \$ 265.96

Add Receipts July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949:

Membership Dues . . . . .	\$ 248.25	
Donations . . . . .	108.85	
Donation Foreign Dues . . . . .	17.63	
YLRL Pins Sold . . . . .	8.25	
YLRL Stationery Sold . . . . .	15.00	
W2RVF-ARRL Membership . . . . .	4.00	
YLRL Directories Sold . . . . .	124.60	526.58

\$ 792.54

Deduct Expenses July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949:

Railway Express . . . . .	\$ 8.72	
Harmonics Printing and Mailing . . . . .	267.66	
Printing YLRL Directory . . . . .	140.48	
Printing YLRL Membership Cards . . . . .	7.00	
Printing YLRL Stationery . . . . .	17.00	
W2RVF-ARRL Membership . . . . .	4.00	
Secy., Editor and Publicity Chmn Expense . . . . .	27.32	
Bank Service Charges . . . . .	5.55	477.73

June 30, 1949 - Cash in Bank . . . . . \$ 314.81

Submitted by:

Carrie Jones - W9ILH

(Thanks to all who have been so patient. I have enjoyed working with you. Please excuse if I did not answer all letters but keeping house, putting out YL Harmonics, and the regular duties as Secy.-Treas. combined became more than a full time job. --Carrie.)

In connection with publicizing the YLRL and increasing our membership, we are requesting that the D/C's send copies of Harmonics to non-members who are licensed YL's. We will send you a list of newly-licensed YL's in your district and ten extra copies each month. Will you oblige by sending a copy to ten of the names on your list, accompanied by a short personal note? The paper alone won't accomplish half so much as that little "personal touch". We realize that this places an extra burden on the D/C's but we believe that a little extra effort along these lines may greatly increase our membership. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. Also, if you know of any YL who is not yet a member of our organization, regardless of when she became licensed, send her name to the proper D/C so that "propaganda" may be sent her way. Thank!

It has long been felt by many licensed women operators that the term "YL or XYL" has not been sufficient or entirely suitable identification. The abbreviation "YLA", Young Lady Amateur, has been suggested. Comments on this or suggestions for another suitable abbreviation would be appreciated.--W3NNS.

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

Balance on hand, 6/30/49--	\$314.81
Income thru July 25-----	28.05
Balance, July 25-----	\$342.86

ORDER YOUR CALLBOOK  
= TODAY =

## How Did It Happen To You?

Here's another new feature we'd like to start. Its continuance depends upon the response we get. We believe there are many unusual and amusing stories of how we YL's got into this ham game. Because mine is the only story I know at this writing, I'll start it off. But do write, and tell us -- How did it happen to you?

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It was way back in 1943. I had joined the AWVS, taken their radio course, received a restricted third-class license, and was told that soon I would be a member of the War Emergency Radio Service. I had visions of beautiful radio stations with sound-proof rooms, etc., and dozens of those strange and glamorous people called "hams" doing their bit for the war effort. Was I fooled! The radio stations turned out to be pretty punk corners of police and fire stations. But regardless of the unglamorous surroundings, I soon realized that these guys were doing a great thing for the war effort and were prepared to do much more if war ever came to our own land. I must admit, however, that I was more impressed by the hams than by anything else!

Soon I was giving more time to WERS than to AWVS, so I resigned to give all my time to this new and fascinating stuff called radio. The complete awe I felt over the mysteries of ham radio amuses me now - but then I sure felt important mingling with hams! The next step was joining the Washington Radio Club and starting in a code class. My first code instructor was W4GPW, a guy named Dick Houston, from Alabama. That was in May, 1944. In October, 1945, I married the code instructor - and funny thing, I still didn't have that ticket! Four tries later, I made it! Took four trips to the FCC - but that fourth one got me over the hump. That CW bugaboo really had me stumped for a while. Decided last July that if I was ever going to get that ticket, I'd better get busy before the junior op who was on the way changed my plans permanently! Must have been the inspiration I needed. Never knew a prouder moment than when I called the OM and said -- "Hey, you're talkin' to a ham!"

The junior op arrived last November 7. We call him Ricky. His name is Richard after his daddy, W3MAX, and Wayne, after a very swelegant guy, W3KBE, whom some of you may know.

To bring this up to date, we are on 10 fone usually but lately I decided I'd conquer that fear of CW, so at present we are on 40. We are xtal-controlled. Usually hang around 7150 on 40 and 28,960 on 10. Some sweet day we'll have a beam and a VFO and all those other things we want in our shack. Sure puts me to shame to read about all the contacts most of you gals have made. I have WAC the - Worked A Country! Yep, called CQ DX one day with 60 watts and a haywire antenna on the low end of a very crowded band. Nearly fell off the chair when a G came back to me - hi!

Our main interest in amateur radio seems to be the social side. We love to meet hams and when we travel are always looking for antennas and banging on doors with the question, "Is there a ham in the house?" Have made lots of friends that way. Operating takes second place, of necessity really, since we have so little time for it. Dick edits another paper as I mentioned elsewhere, and we have umpteen other hobbies among which are photography, music, writing, poetry, contesting, and foreign languages -- that last being Dick's love, not mine!

We are both looking forward to this year of association with YLRL and to making lotsa friends among YL's. Wud love to make a sked wid some of you gals on 40 CW if you think you could stand it - hi! Actually, for someone who likes to talk as much as yours truly, 10 fone is much more practical!

But that's enough about me ----say,  
HOW DID IT HAPPEN TO YOU?

33,  
WY 300 Q F

# DISTRICT NEWS

## W1

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

OAK - Ann - is quite busy and happy in her new home in Orange, Vt. She enjoyed her duties as D/C and wishes QOM lotsa luck. Ann has reported in the Vermont Net and finds it very fascinating. Her brother, Joe, W1KRV, is also on the net from Rochester, Vt. (Only way for Ann to QSO him - hi!)

QJX - Charlotte - has a new 100-watt rig and new ECO. Sure enjoying QSO's with the new gear.

QJY - Olga - has been busy with the OM at their new golf range, but getting on the air more now.

RTB - Nell - enjoyed her trip to Texas, meeting many old friends. On 40 and 20 CW. From Dec., '48 to April, '49, worked 46 countries on 10 fone - not all confirmed, however.

SAJ - Marguerite Bourell - of 20 Sycamore Road, Baintree, Mass. -- welcome, thrice welcome to this new member of YLRL! Her OM, W1QUC, is busily engaged in getting their fine rig back on the air. We anticipate hearing a lot from Marguerite.

Last, we hear from our new W1 D/C - QOM - Eleanor - who sez: "My sincere thanx to the girls in the New England area for selecting me as their D/C. I shall sincerely endeavor to aid the interests of YLRL as much as I can. Incidentally, I was delighted with the Callbook. The girls who worked to make it possible certainly did a splendid job!"

Anabel, W3MNS, our Vice President, would appreciate hearing from you girls on new ideas for contests.

## W2

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

LXY - Dot - the lucky gal, has a neighbor who will keep the TV set off while Dot does her operating!

MEG - Willy - has sent her Collins 32V1 xmtr back to the factory to be made TVI-proof. 'Til its return, she'll be using the OM's rig or operating mobile.

NPR - Helen - and OM are motoring to Canada. Have a mobile rig with which they hope to have many interesting QSO's enroute.

QLB - Amelia - and OM have finished decorating their two-story house (with balcony and garden) and enjoy the peaceful hours for writing.

OOH - Louisa - how that gal gets around! Went home for a visit with her family so was unable to attend the final NYC YLRL meeting before summer adjournment. Met 8 XYL's at N.H. Hamfest and met another group in Maine. Attended first get-together of new YLRL officers at home of W3NHI, Marion, on July 9.

OWL - Ruth - and daughter are spending a vacation at the Catskill Mountains Hotel. Ruth is feeling better now. Worked W1MCW, Lou, on short skip recently and enjoyed QSO immensely. Expects to get rotator for beam soon. Has worked 43 states and 41 countries to date.

PBI - Jerry - has sent her cards in for DXCC. Is at camp in Conn. with Jr. Op, where she serves as counsellor.

PVS - Betty - congratulations on birth of a son, June 22! Has he started on the code yet, Betty?

QBT - Hazel - and OM are very busy with the FCC new regulation forms for two-way communication stations in the PD cars, taxis, sheriffs' cars, utilities' vehicles, mobile and base stations, etc.

— DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.) —

W2 - (Cont.)

Q GK - Sophie - goal is to get WAS certificate. She's keeping plenty busy with plans for Hudson Division Convention in October.

QJC - Rita - had to get away from QRM contributed by workers on the UN buildings - riveting and welding all day! The rest on a Pennsylvania farm is most welcome!

RAQ - Catherine - congrats on 12th wedding anniversary June 21.

RNJ - Beryle - and OM are enjoying camping again.

RTZ - Hope - participated in Field Day activities in Amityville, L.I. Active in L.I.C. Net. She is now vacationing in W1-land.

RUF - Clara - received A-1 Op appointment. Has new car and is driving to Canada. Expects to stop in Maine.

SEH - Grace - active as Corresponding Secretary for Hudson Division Convention.

TBU - Kit - attending summer school. Also on committee of Hudson Division Convention.

TTO - Kay - has the beam working and is on the air occasionally.

And,

FMA - Lillian - our new W2 D/C, who sez: "Thank to all of the gals for the honor of being D/C. Congrats to all of the new officers and here's wishing them a successful term."

W B

Mae Burke, W3CUL  
Box 238  
Folsom, Pa.

INL - Jean - has been active on 2 meters. She and the OM attended the hamfest and picnic at Pennsville, N.J. recently. They had a little mishap with their car and skidded into a bank but got home under their own power.

NHI - Marion - operated 10, 20, 40, and 80 on Field Day with the Delaware Radio Club. (Incidentally, 40 meters was top scoring band this year.) Marion is a real traffic hound and MCS for ESN traffic net. Working under difficulties now with only an HT18 with 4 watts output. Waiting for the maintenance man to rebuild the final - hi!

W3 - (Cont.)

NNS - Anabel - visited Nantucket Island and Pittsburgh hams and enjoyed a visit from W3PMT, a new member of YLRL. She still does all her operating on 10. Worrying now whether she will have to count the contest logs since she has been made our new VP.

OLY - Helen - our new President, is sure some 10 fone gal. You can hear her getting in a QSO between tubs and rinses on Mondays and between mending socks and ironing shirts on Tuesdays. Don't know about the rest of the week because short skip is rather infrequent.

And, our new W3 D/C,

CUL - Mae - sez: "Been working skeds on 40 all summer and snagged a few new countries on 10. Hope they QSL. Ready for the CD party on all bands. Fone operation has been QRT since the OM has been in sick bay but he is improving and will be back on fone soon. Cards and letters requesting info PULERZE have been sent to all 3rd District members. Your news is what makes a paper good reading so send it along or make a sked with me on any band at 'most any time. I need your help to do a good job."

W 4

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

NZE - Dot - hasn't been on 80 meters much lately - distracted by a newly-acquired TV set. Her JM is building a small 10-meter rig for their 22-foot motor boat - about ten watts - so they can call "CQ" as they go "bruising down the river".

LKM - Annette - our new W4 D/C was unable to get more news to us this time altho she sent out some hasty distress sigs. She has moved to Ft. Lauderdale and is hoping to work gals in the nearby states this summer for YL WAS. She will be shouting CQ on Tuesdays at net time just in case some of the other girls may be listening. Sez Annette: "I'd like to extend congratulations and best wishes



—DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)—

W6 - (Cont.)

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WOL - Alice - has been renewing acquaintance with friends in California, after having spent last winter visiting relatives in Boston and traveling abroad--British Isles, France, Italy, and Switzerland. Lucky gal - guess we all dream of just such a trip to visit our choice DX friends. Alice would like very much to meet some Boston YL's.

YRL - Sandy - with WAZ is hearing lots of thank-you's and compliments on the Call-book these days.

YXI - Neva - active on 20 and 75 fone for FD. Her trailer made things less rugged! New President of San Diego radio club.

ZTJ - Kay - was in charge of YL, XYL, and children's games at San Mateo xmttr hunt and picnic. Congrats on the fine job, Kay! 6PJF and 6GQZ had pleasure of meeting Kay in person--swell gal!

ZYD - Jean - very active on 10 fone for FD. Has three harmonics home for vacation.

KH6QI - Ellen - is busy with her disc Jockey and announcing job at KYOR. Also very active on 80 CW on FD. Ellen has her old call back so will be henceforth referred to as W6YYM.

Rosemary, W6PJF, also reports: "ZYD, AWW, YXI, and YYM were on an open panel about the feminine ham. Swell, gals, and hope you made 'em see that we are quite normal and sane - hi!" (Who's she kiddin'?--ed.)

And here are comments from

UHA - Maxine - our new W6 D/C, who has been vacationing in San Francisco and Yosemite. She, too, praises the new Call-book and sends to Lenore and Sandy a hearty "Well Done!" Maxine forgets herself momentarily, or that is, forgets W6-land - but we'll let her tell you about it: --

"More words of praise for you girls from Diana, ZS6GH, speaking for the South African members. Diana has been appointed YL Editor to Radio ZS. What an emissary of good will she proved to be! She sent up several issues of Radio ZS, in which were most interesting accounts of her travels in the States and Canada. She had many nice things to say about YLRL members and was so appreciative of the hospitality extended to her. Just received a note from ZS7B, formerly ZS6GV, but now operating in Swaziland. He had heard of us through Diana.

Was pleasantly surprised to receive a fone call from Rusty Hayes, daughter of Iris, ZS2AA. She was just ready to leave our fair city so I did not have an opportunity to meet the young lady in person, but she had that delightful South African accent. VU2DF wrote me last spring requesting news of YL's in this country. Also asked for snapshots to put in the amateur radio magazine of India. Sent him some group pix made during the ARRL Southwest Division Convention last fall. He promised to send us the issue in which they appear. -- Also, here's a DX tip before I QRT. If you are interested in meeting a Russian YL, be on the lookout for Marie, URSA-328-545, operating on 20 CW from UA3KAA, which is a club station." Maxine will be looking for news from you 6th District gals.

W 7

Miriam Brown, W7JFB  
Route 5, Box 859  
Everett, Washington

ENU - Mary - joined the 3610 Wed. night roundtable recently. Come in again and stay longer. Sorry things were disorganized that night, Mary.

FTX - Clarice - as always the busy gal. Frequently heard late evenings on 75 fone, with guys waiting in line for a word with her.

FWR - Mary Ann - please continue sending news. Still hope you will join the Wed. night YL roundtable some time.

HDS - Lizette - The Voice of Cheyenne - long time no news of you.

HHH - Bea - came forth with a nice letter. Among other things, she sez - "OEN had a picnic here and the only other licensed YL op present was Mary Edith Roden, 7GPO. I wanted to get in some short skip work this summer but I've just been too busy."

HIQ - Jean - so sorry we haven't heard you trying to break the 80-meter roundtable. There will be more careful listening hereafter, so please try again.

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W7 - (Cont.)

KCU - Marty - should have worn out several keys by now with so much traffic handling. Congrats on making BPL!  
KEU - Laura - is another one we have a hard time catching.  
LCS - Toddy - now can sit back and let someone else worry about garnering news. One of the faithfuls on 80 and 40 CW, she is now delving into the whys and wherefores of VHF, a 2-meter converter and indoor folded dipole being the latest acquisitions.

And, our new W7 D/C -

JFB - Miriam - sez: "Greetings, gals, and thanx for honoring me. Will do my best to keep the... news rolling in to our new editor. Whether it rolls or trickles in depends largely on the response from each of you. Your cooperation in sending in even a small item each month will be greatly appreciated. ... With at least 27 of you listed in the handy-dandy new YIRL Directory, we should make a fair showing in Harmonics. More important, our publication provides us the opportunity of keeping in touch with each other. Too often circumstances preclude QSO's, but through the medium of Harmonics, we can find out a little concerning the activities of our sisters of the air. I am especially appealing for news from you girls in Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, who may feel a detachment from others of us in the Pacific Northwest. My warmest regards to all the 7th District gals."

W 8

Dorothy Ann Willett, WSUDA  
3513 Fleming Road  
Flint 5, Michigan

ATB - Esther - enjoyed a visit from Clara, W2WBN, and her OM, during the week end of June 26. They all attended the ham picnic at Grand Rapids, Mich.  
DKU - Lura - is a new member of YIRL, and may be found on 40 meters while her OM talks on 75 fone. She lives in Middle-

W8 - (Cont.)

ville, Michigan and has three junior ops but finds time to operate during the day.

SJF - Gladys - now has more time for QSO's since the nets have closed and can be found on 80 during the evening.

WUT - Avis - wishes to thank all the W8 girls for their splendid cooperation during her reign as D/C and sincerely hopes you will continue the good work by cooperating with Dottie 100%. She has been having a lot of fun on short skip and has been on the lookout for some W2 YL's in N.Y. and N.J.

And, our new W8 D/C -

UDA - Dottie - hopes the girls will please remember to send in their news each month. She has been busy since her father has been ill, but manages to hold a few skeds, and can still be found on 80 and 40 during the evening.

W 9

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

BBQ - Ruth - off the air at present - landlord troubles. Hoped to do some operating while she and OM were on vacation in Indiana recently. How did it work out, Ruth? Thinks Callbook is very FB. (Sorry this didn't get in the June issue as you wished, Ella. However, here 'tis and thanx. We didn't receive a report from our new W9 D/C, Helen, - but that just means we'll surely receive a double helping for next month's issue! --ed.)

Attention D/C's

Will you please report your news in the form shown below, listing calls alphabetically. It would surely be a help and if you each do it once, we won't have to do it twelve times! Thanxi--ed.

WXABC - First name . . . . .  
WXBCD - First name . . . . .  
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DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

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Alice-May Stewart, WGOJ  
3718 Blow Street  
St. Louis 16, Missouri

DBD - Leta - has been vacationing in Indiana.

PFO - Marie - is up to her ears in work on the Activities Committee for the Hamfest at Swansea Park, July 31.

And, our new WØ D/C -

GOJ - Alice-May - sez: "I would like to thank everyone for electing me. I have been at loose ends since Rusty passed away and I welcome something to help the evenings pass. Haven't been back on 10 fone yet, but will get on one of these days. Send the news my way all you 10th District YL's so I can relay it to the editor."

VE - LAND

Mary Snell, VE1ZM  
Astley St., Cape Breton  
Box 648, Sydney Mines  
Nova Scotia

VE1ZM - Mary - writes us as follows:

"...was very pleased to see my name listed among the new officers in the May issue of Harmonics. There are only two licensed YL's, I believe, in Nova Scotia. When I get the opportunity, I will visit VE1YK, Mrs. E. M. Townsend, whose QTH is about 30 miles from here. Regarding suggestions for Harmonics, I think that all members should report as often as possible the station activities, plans, suggestions, other hobbies, family, etc." (Amen!--ed.) "In that way, every member would contribute to make the paper more interesting reading. My hobbies are collecting recipes and chasing DX on 14 mc. Hope to have some news next month on station activities."

Louisa, W200H, our Publicity Chairman, would appreciate receiving any ideas from you girls on ways and means of publicizing YLRL.

G - LAND

Margaret Mills, G3ACC  
59 Upland Road, East Dulwich  
London, S. E. 22

2YL - Nell - held her annual ham party at her home recently. News of this event will appear shortly.

8LY - Constance - has apparently been having a battle royal with an obstinate 832 and after some months' warfare, she seems to be coming out on top on 2 meters. She also hopes to work into the 28.8 mc/s net in the fall.

And, from G-land, here's -

3ACC - Meg - who sends congratulations from the "G" gals to the new YLRL officers. Reports she is in better health but still taking things easy. Spending the month of August in sunny Devonshire with her family. If the sun forgets to shine, she'll be all prepared for chatting with the local boys on 80 meters with a 6-watt "baby" xmtr and a new receiver she just finished building. Has now worked 110 countries - 95 confirmed - and 34 zones - all on CW. Meg sez "puleeze gals keep an ear pinned back for me on CW most evenings about 1900 to 2030 GMT, on the LF end of 15 mc/s".

ZS - LAND

6KK - Marie - who lives in Johannesburg, won the Iris Hayes Contest in March. (OK so I am stoopid but I'm sorta new at this game, gals. Anybody know what this contest is? How about shooting some facts my way? --ed.)

6LK - Mae - had a QSO with W4LKM, who told her about the YLRL contest. Mae has worked 122 countries - 93 confirmed - and she has 44 states to her credit. She has no beam but spends lots of time DXing. (The above info was gleaned from a letter to W200H from Diana, ZS6GH. More news about Diana and ZS activities under Get-Together. ---ed.)

GET YOUR NEWS TO YOUR D/C BY THE 15TH!!

# ODDS 'N' ENDS

Heard some comments recently by a YL regarding our stationery. Seems she didn't like it much because the emblem was too big, took up too much space. What do you think of having two sizes, girls? The large size for those who like it for business letters and a smaller size - perhaps with names and addresses - for personal correspondence. We notice from the Treasurer's report for last year that only a few members bought stationery - about 5% as we figure it. There must be a reason for this. Anybody have any ideas on this subject?

## The Editor Sez (Cont.)

with us as you can but if we do something you don't like, f'hevvin's sake write and tell us off - we can take it and t'will clear the air. Makes folks feel better to let off steam sometimes - hi!

You may not recognize Harmonics with the changes we have made, but we hope you like it. We are going to try to give you a good paper - with interesting and informative articles and an occasional bit of humor. We welcome your criticism, comments, suggestions, articles, ideas, ANYTHING! -- It's your paper - so let's have a wonderful year - working together!

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*Barbie*

W3QQF

P.S. Let me hasten to say that my attitude toward YLRL and YL's has completely reversed since I became ye hon. ed. This is an entirely YL-conscious household now. Dick even considers himself an honorary YL!

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CALL CHANGE: Ellen, KH6QI now has her old call back - W6YYM.

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(Continuation from Column two)

It matters not if others prate,  
For what we do sets us apart.  
The task is ours! The challenge great!  
HAM RADIO -- HOBBY WITH A HEART!

Any of you gals who have mills and would like to do a good deed for YLRL, lemme know. We have a typed mailing list and gummed labels which we must type each month. It has been suggested that we have stencils made on the mailing list, but a little work from several YL's would certainly save us money. So how about it -- any volunteers?--ed.

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We, the newly-elected officers of the YLRL, wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express our appreciation for the confidence shown in us through our election to office. We pledge our loyal support to YLRL and its purposes and will do our best to promote and carry forward the aims of our organization.

## CONJUNCTUS

Out of the QRM that covers me  
(Deep as the snow in VE-land!),  
I thank the guys of the FCC  
For the hams I hear on every band.

In conversation of misguided souls  
We are oft maligned - good works forgot.  
BC and TV are the common goals  
With no noise, please, from that ham  
crackpot!

And yet, what better way can we  
Unite the peoples of each race  
Than with QSO's on phone or key?  
True friends we make though we see  
no face!

Too busy for prejudice and hate -  
Too busy getting that message through -  
Too busy to sleep though it oft gets  
late -  
Too busy to wonder if you're white, too!

Who cares what color the other op?  
Or his job -be it banker or soda-jerk!  
There are very few QSO's that flop,  
For we learn so much from the guys  
we work.