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CQ-YL by Louisa Sando-W5RZJ. Covers all phases of YL participation in Ham Radio. Spiral-bound, soft cover, has over 200 pages and over 600 photos.

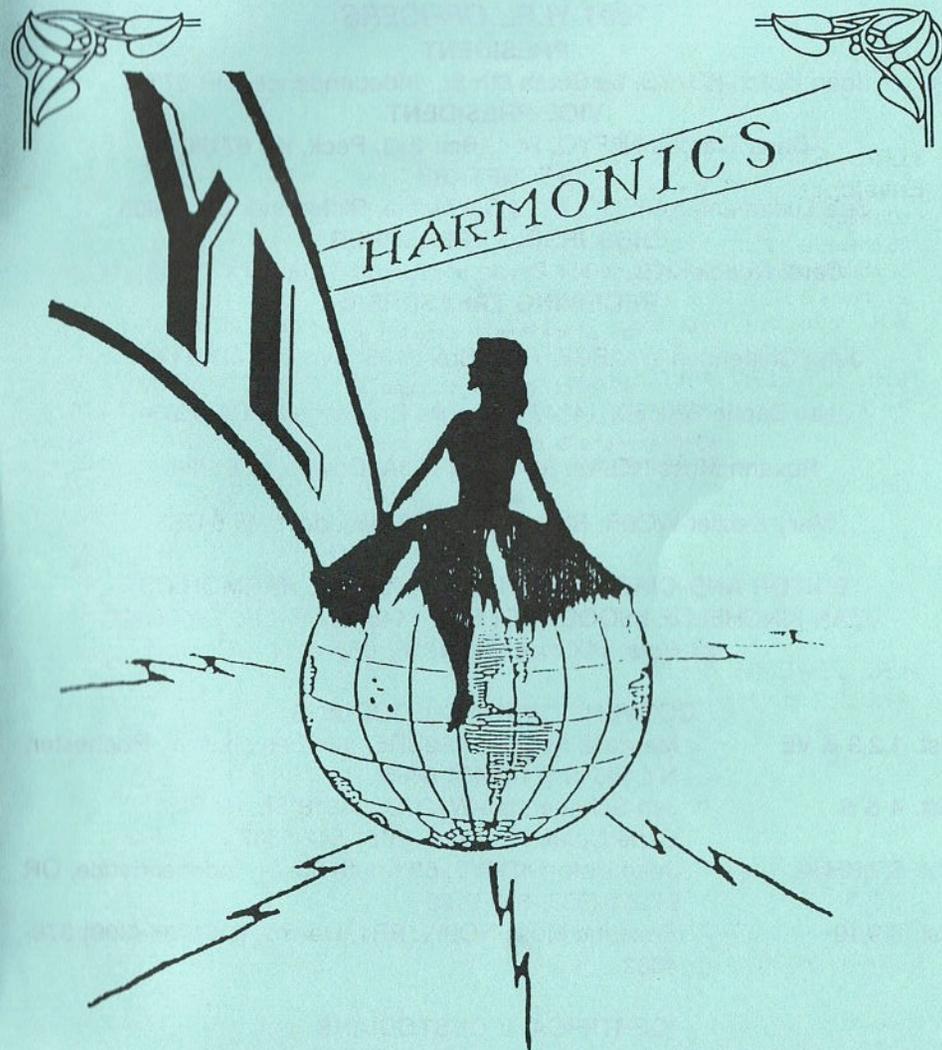
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Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

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May/June, 1991

YL HARMONICS DEADLINES!

It is vital that you get your news to your District Chairman in plenty of time for her to get her news letter written up and in the mail in time for the Editor to receive it by the first of Jan, March, May, July, and Nov. No news in Sept.—that will be the Directory issue. I endeavor to have the finished copy in the printer's hands by the 5th of those same months. Then he has 10 working days to have it ready for me to mail. I run the address labels on the 20th of those same months and it is stuffed, stamped (where necessary), sealed, bundled and taken to the Post Office by the 25th of those same months. This assures you of receiving it as soon as possible after your news is sent in so it doesn't become "olds" instead of "news".

All who work at YLRL jobs do so on a voluntary basis. I, myself, spend a terrific amount of time on YLH—it is almost a daily job what with keeping up with changes to the mailing list. Please help make all that work worthwhile.

In this issue, we have tried to show some of the many facets of amateur radio that there are to be enjoyed. Nobody is expected to be interested in all of them but there is surely something for everyone. Ed.

YL HARMONICS

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UPCOMING YLRL CONTESTS

YL SSB SPRING: Wednesday, August 6 @ 1400 UTC to 1800 UTC

HOWDY DAYS: Wed., Sept. 4 @ 1400 UTC to Thur. Sept. 5 @ 1359 UTC

YL-AP: CW: Wed., Oct 16 @ 1400 UTC to Thur. Oct. 17 @ 1359 UTC
SSB: Wed., Oct 30 @ 1400 UTC to Thur. Oct. 31 @ 1359 UTC

NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS (NAVMARCORMARS)

***** NEEDS YOU!!! *****

by Bob Strack, K6CNB

Are you chewed up from rag chewing? Are you up to here with the DX pile-ups? Do contest (or detest) the contests? Want to bring new meaning into your life?

Then why not join navy-Marine Corps "MARS" which is not just 'another way' of making amateur radio a valuable national resource. It is the only way. (Author's opinion).

The basic requirements for individual membership are as follows:

1. Applicant must be 14 years of age or older;
2. Possess a valid amateur radio license issued by the FCC or other competent U.S. authority which will not expire for a least one year after the date of application for MARS membership (there are restrictions on novice class and probably on the new code free technician class);
3. Not be a member of army or air force MARS;
4. Possess a station capable of operating on at least 2-30 Mhz frequencies assigned to the MARS region in which the station is located;
5. Agree to operate by the regulations governing MARS for a minimum of 18 hours per quarter, 12 of which must be on area or region HF networks.

And now Navy-Marine Corps MARS is better than ever because of the increased interest in the digital modes. We have nets for CW, SSB, RTTY, PACKET, AMTOR and even slow scan TV.

If you enjoy running phone patches there are specialty nets which do only phone patching. This is not only a lot of fun, it is extremely rewarding.

Typical MARS frequencies are 2020, 4040, 7365, 13975, 14385, 20998 Khz, etc. With many of the new rigs which have general coverage on receive, it is a fairly simple modification to make them general coverage transmit also. Your local MARS area coordinator can, in most cases, furnish instructions for the necessary modification.

Another MARS plus is that any of your out-of-pocket expenses including a dedicated rig, or antenna, even a computer is usually tax deductible.

So why not do as I did; write to:
Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Naval Communication unit (Bldg 13), Washington, D.C. 20390-5161 And get all the low-down on how you too can be a MARS operator.—You won't be sorry, I promise.

GRANDMOTHERS' CLUB CERTIFICATE
 CUSTODIAN: Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC
 701 N. Camino del Codorniz, Tucson, AZ 85748
 (602) 298-6450

This award was founded by Mary Meyer, W9RUJ in 1958. When she became a SK, Martha Shirley, W0ZWL became the custodian. Now that Martha is a SK, Phyllis was asked to take over. We are glad to hear that the certificate is still available. Your Editor is the proud holder of certificate #26, issued in December of 1958.

Current rules for earning the award are as follows:

- △ Available to YLs and OMs
- △ Work 10 members holding a certificate and listed with Phyllis as a Grandmother, and send a list giving the following information (no QSL cards):
- △ Name, call, QTH, her certificate number and date of her Grandmother's club membership.
- △ Give your name, call & QTH, date, time & band of QSO.

After receiving the certificate, you may earn a gold seal for working 5 GREAT Grandmothers.

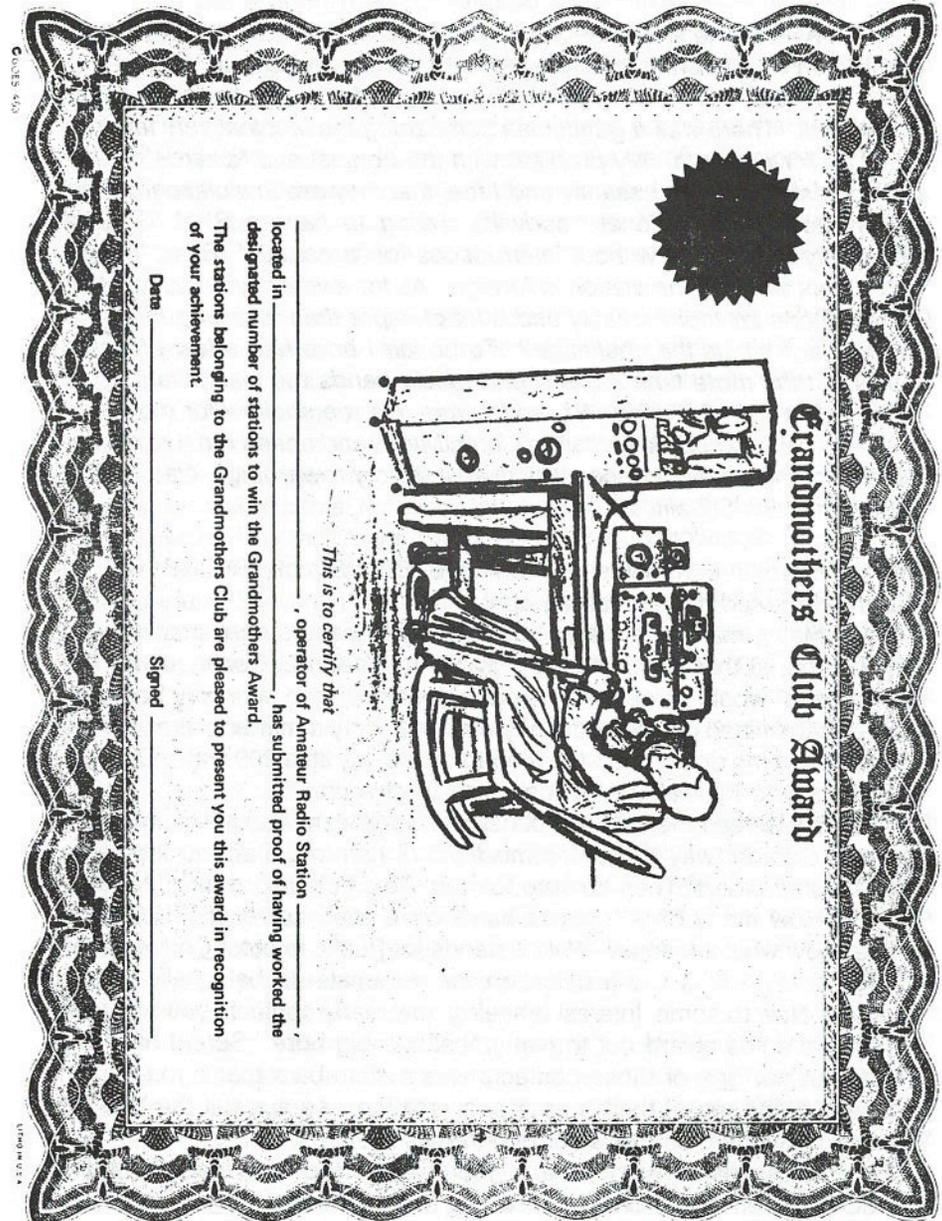
- △ Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application!

If you are yourself a Grandmother you will have a letter "A" with your certificate number. For those not Grandmothers and for the OMs, you will have a letter "B" on your certificate. Those who have the "B" certificates who are now Grandmothers, please let Phyllis know so she can transfer you to the "good for contact" list. Also those who have earned the certificate and are now GREAT Grandmothers, please let Phyllis know so she may put you on that list.

Traditionally, no list of grandmothers is ever published. You find us as we visit--this was to be a friendship certificate. Mary wished to encourage genuine QSOs and this tradition has been preserved.

NOTE: Of the original 39 Charter Members in 1958, all but five are now Silent Keys. I'm not going to tell you who they are--that is up to you to find out, hi!

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A BALLOT ENCLOSED!!!
 PLEASE FILL IT IN AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY
 IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY
 NO LATER THAN JULY 10TH!!**



ANOTHER VIEWPOINT ON CONTESTS

ANON

"ANON" because the letter was not written to the Editor with permission to publish; it was forwarded to me by one of our officers.

...I did have a comment about one of the articles in the last Harmonics. There was a gentleman bemoaning the fact that very few YLs show up for contests. My problem with the contest and "awards" is that the contests go on incessantly and I feel that they are in violation of Part 97--Promoting international goodwill. Trying to have a REAL QSO is practically impossible without interruptions for "a contact" (Read "point") and it gets worse if the station is foreign. As for awards--you can do that by telephone far more reliably and a lot cheaper than investing in all the radio gear. Whats the challenge? To be fair, I have had a few pleasant QSOs but the more time I spend on the low bands the less I want to. If all I get is a call, RST, Rig, WX, and name--it is too shallow for me.

I have joined Navy-Marine Corps MARS and spend most of my on-air time doing something constructive. It is very rewarding! Also having fun on the LEO Sattelites!"

Editor's comments: I am sure Bob Strack, K6CNC will be delighted to read that last paragraph!

Many, many years ago I used to try to have a conversation with VK1YL who, at that time, was the only YL in VK1-land. Consequently the DX "hounds" would be all over the place, trying to grab her away from me. I never transmitted on her frequency but it was only a matter of time before they tracked me down and then tried to drown my little 200 watts CW with their California Kilowatts. We finally had to give up.

If you read the 3rd District news you will learn about a YL who has found a different way to get the most out of ham radio and at the same time helping others. Then be sure to read the article about "Miz Maudie".

How many of you newer hams have even heard of "PICON" let alone know what it means? Well, it stands for Public Interest Convenience Or Necessity. It is the justification for us amateurs being allowed to operate. Now to some, Interest is seeing how many contacts you can rack up toward some award but to many, that is a big bore. Sure, I have my YLCC but not one of those contacts was a slam-bam thank-you-ma'am contact--every one of them was a conversation. As a result the YLs felt more like friends than just a set of numbers.

Those same many, many years ago I too belonged to MARS (AA6OQD)--perhaps its time I took a fling at it again--do I have to use duck talk on MARS?

All of this just goes to prove that of the many facets of ham radio, there is something in it for everyone.

The Merry Heart of Miz Maudie

It was a long road for Kathryn Martin from Ponchatoula, LA to Texas to Nashville to Memphis, but chin-up perseverance was a constant companion along the way. Properly applied, perseverance contributes to a merry heart, and--"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine--."

Early experience in a dental office made her aware that she wanted to teach dental assisting. Kathryn heard that a certification course would be held in New Orleans and she happily enrolled. Then for 1 1/2 years, each night after working all day, she commuted 120 miles round trip to New Orleans. Perseverance paid off--she became a Certified Dental Assistant.

In search of additional education for teaching, she entered Southwestern Louisiana University in 1971 and graduated in December 1974 with a secondary teaching certificate, majoring in education and Spanish. She maintained herself at the University by doing odd jobs: teaching piano and accordion, tutoring Spanish, working in a laboratory, and working as a janitor. Still armed with perseverance, she met each challenge which came her way, graduated with high honors and was recommended by the University for a Fullbright scholarship.

She then attended the Stephen Austin State University in TX where she graduated in May, 1976. Out of desperation, a weakened physical condition from improper diet and living accommodations, and a life of loneliness, she walked one Sunday into a Nazarene church. There she was met with love and friendliness--the right medicine for strength and a permanent change in direction in her life. It was at this church that, for the first time, she dressed up like a little old lady.

After graduation in Texas, she went to Tennessee to serve as coordinator and assistant professor of the dental assisting program at Volunteer State Community College at Gallatin. While teaching at Volunteer State, Kathryn she worked with the Tennessee Dental Assistants Assoc, and eventually became its president. A major project of her administration was to gain enforceable legislation to prevent dental assistants from doing illegal operations on an unsuspecting public--this for the protection of the public, the dental assistants, and the dentists.

While at Volunteer State, she was asked for the first time to speak at church on Easter Sunday morning. Another important invitation came at Gallatin, an invitation to a senior adult party at the church. Kathryn decided to "crash" it dressed as a little old lady. She was introduced as Miz McClerkie and her best friends didn't recognize her. She then entered a talent show at Volunteer State as the college's oldest returning woman student. She became "Maudie Mae McClerkie" (Maude was her mother's old gray mare), and again was not recognized by friends or the college

president. From this successful characterization and performance, invitations blossomed and Maudie Mae soon became "Miz Maudie."

Miz Maudie did a benefit performance at Volunteer State, the proceeds going to establish a "Miz Maudie Returning Women's Scholarship" to aid others over 30 years of age who have hardships in finishing college.

Miz Maudie's attire is always the same--an old black dress covered with sailboats, underskirt two inches too long, bobby socks too big and protruding in wrinkles from bright blue tennis shoes. All this is topped with absence of teeth, small glasses resting low on her nose, and gray locks in random waves and directions.

A Miz Maudie performance is always humorous, philosophical, and inspirational, as she takes her audience back down memory lane, gives them direction for today and hope for tomorrow. Her conclusion is always scriptural.

Minnie Pearl soon learned of Miz Maudie and invited Kathryn to her home. After seeing the Miz Maudie routine, Minnie Pearl said, "Kathryn, I think you've got talent--you're following in my footsteps. The Lord is opening doors and I think you need to walk through them." When Kathryn replied that Miz Maudie was a ministry rather than entertainment alone, Minnie Pearl picked up a stack of fan mail and stated that these people are asking for love and attention. "If there ever was a day your ministry is needed, it's today, Get out there. This whole world is starving for love!"

She went home excited. She did shows once a month, not letting Miz Maudie interfere with her college teaching. Although she has spoken at churches, banquets, retreats, and colleges (her favorite mode), to keep her identity, is a Miz Maudie show on Saturday night followed by Rev. Martin from a Sunday morning pulpit. Kathryn realized life's change in direction. With the dental assisting program on solid ground with good co-workers to follow, Kathryn felt free to move on. So Rev. Martin moved to Memphis to serve as full-time associate pastor of the Whitehaven Church of the Nazarene. For the first time in her life she felt that she had a home, and she says, "I'm happier than I've ever been in my life." Kathryn has found complete contentment in serving the needs of others. Throughout life, Miz Maudie's message will be: "God loves you. Miz Maudie loves you, 'cause she does!"

In case you have never heard of this remarkable lady, she is Rev. Kathryn J. Martin, C.D.A., B.A., M.A. and N4USW. She received her Extra Class license in December, 1990, passing the exam 100% and she is a member of YLRL. If any of you would like to contact her, the phone # in Memphis, TN is (901) 346-1638. She is sometimes away on tour but she has a friend, Rev. Mrs. Jacklyn Shockley, who will answer the phone.

THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS

by Evelyn-N6DEJ re Irma-K6KCI

Every morning my rather compulsive sister takes a walk. Not only is she compulsive about the walk but she is an environmentalist and is compulsive about picking up what is recyclable. One morning, after a night of heavy rainfall, she still took her walk. The sky was threatening but that did not deter her. She went fearlessly forward as the drops fell. Her booty for the recycler was only an empty beer bottle she found along the road. She slipped it into her raincoat pocket, continued along only to meet rain and disaster! Kerplunk, she fell; her hip and her hand hit hard; the pain was excruciating; she couldn't move, just moaned and cried with pain. Her cries brought out the men who ran a nursery nearby. They were accustomed to seeing her on her daily walk and ran toward her with great concern. Quickly someone was dispatched to call the emergency 911 number. It was 8:00 AM but a sympathetic crowd was standing by, consoling and sympathizing. Before long the ambulance arrived. They removed her raincoat; felt the bones; asked whether she could move her limbs and since she apparently could, decided to move her to the hospital. Now came the questions. The Paramedic started out with asking her whether she had been drinking! Even though she was in pain, she was indignant. How insulting can you get? Why would anyone ask such a question of a little lady taking a walk in the early morning? She looked at the Paramedic completely flabbergasted and answered "Why?" He replied, "You had an empty beer bottle in your pocket". So my sister, who is practically a teetotaler, had a question as to her sobriety at 8:00 AM as she writhed in pain, having slipped on the wet pavement of the road. Is there a moral to the story? Who knows. Maybe she should just stick to soft drink containers. Incidentally, she never saw that beer bottle again!

We understand that when Irma was getting dressed that morning her slacks felt uncomfortable. Upon closer observation she found that she had donned them backside to front! Then when she put on her sweat shirt, it too felt uncomfortable. Sure enough--it was also on backwards! Perhaps Irma should have taken the hint and "just stood in bed"!

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DIRECTORY ISSUE

The Sept/Oct will once again be the Directory Issue. Please be sure to send me any changes in your listing as shown in the 1990 Directory. Like the 1990 Directory, this one will be just names, addresses and phone numbers--no personal, biographical information.

**From Alta KB6CGP
Somewhere in Papua New Guinea**

This is a different culture and there are many things to learn. I feel I am fitting in very comfortable and I feel loved and appreciated just for being here and joining in the activities. I have been given a project which fits my background. It has to do with the needs of the women's and children's classes as well as the men's Melanesian Bible College (organizing educational materials)... Children and adults stop often outside my door to feed the small kangaroo, the birds, and guinea pigs. You can see I am not alone very much, although I do have hours at night and early morning for reading, studying, sewing. Thanks to each and all of you who helped me make this trip to do my bit; who have written and prayed for me; or who are just there for me.

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from Judi, N0IDR of Garland, Texas

You sometimes have to get up pretty early in the morning to get the full benefits of amateur radio. One Saturday morning as I was sleeping in, I got a call from Mary, WO9R (RT#4-DX), in Mondovi, WI. As soon as she said there was a DX YL in my area, my feet hit the floor; I found a pad and pencil; and my brain began to churn with the details.

The YL was Tuulikki-OH7XX of Kuopio, Finland. She was visiting friends in Dallas and was only going to be there for the weekend. I called her to see when she might have some time for visiting with YLs. I made arrangements to pick her up for lunch. I then called Connie-KB5LES in Denton, TX, who called some of the YL Roses members. Unfortunately, none of the other YLs were available.

At lunch Tuulikki told us about Finland, about the OHYLS (OH Young Ladies Society), her travels, and her amateur operations. We were glad she could speak English, because neither of us spoke Finnish--or any other language.

It was an unexpected thrill to have an "eyelash" QSO with a Finnish YL and if I had not been a YLRL member, Mary would not have known to call me.

Tuulikki is a DX member of YLRL. This was her first trip to the U.S. She said they originally planned to come next year. She and her OM Pekka-OH7NNH, were planning to go to Morocco to celebrate his fiftieth birthday, but due to the war, their tickets were canceled. So, they came to the U.S.

Tuulikki would like to work U.S. YLs. I told her about our Activity Days on the 6th of each month at 1500 or 1600 UTC on 28.688 MHz or at 1515 or 1615 UTC on 21.288 Mhz.

**NEW GENEALOGY NET
from Kim Danielsen, KB7IMC**

Kim is NCS of the Genealogy Net, a new net devoted to genealogy, or family history research. Her initial query in QST resulted in enthusiastic responses from about 50 hams across the U.S. They have been on the air now for approximately 6 months, but check-ins have been sporadic. In order to keep the net on the air, we must have not only interest, but participation! Kim has found YLs to be a bit more "faithful" to their interests than men, so if there are any YLs out there who would like to combine the hobbies of ham radio and genealogy, please contact her at: P.O. Box 1656, Yuma, AZ 85366.

The purpose of the Genealogy Net is the informal exchange of information relating to family history research: how-to hints, sharing information on common ancestors, exchange of research services, relating interesting stories, computerized genealogy programs, etc. Most members are interested in researching their ancestors, but we have one or two who are looking for (and finding) living relatives too--using much the same methods! Kim keeps a list of surnames being researched by everyone--now about 400 names.

THE GENEALOGY NET--FALL/WINTER SKED

CW--Slow speed (under 13 wpm)	7.140	Tues @ 6:pm AZ time Wed. @ 0100 Zulu time
CW--13-18 wpm	7.140	Tues.@ 7:pm AZ time Wed. @ 0200 Zulu time
SSB--40 mtrs	7.273	Thur.@ 7:pm AZ time Fri. @ 0200 Zulu time
SSB--10 mtrs	28.335	Sun. @ 1:pm AZ time Sun. 2000 Zulu time

NOTE: For QRM--CW freq. is up 2 perpetually, SSB is up 3.
I.E. if 7.273 (40 mtr SSB) is busy, try 7.276, then 7.279, etc.

VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE !
(This is called "subliminal advertising" !)

DX-YL CERTIFICATES ISSUED*Phyllis Davis, KA1JC, Custodian*

Congratulations to the following YLs on their recently earned Certificates:

- #272 Joyce Tomanek, KA4EEO, GA
- #273 Gladys Keller, WB2OQY, NY
- #274 Toni Bull, N2CYL, NJ
- #275 Carla Watson, WO6X, CA
- #276 Nadine Collart, ON5KI, Belgium
- #277 Aimee Tuband, FY4FC, French Guiana
- #278 Leila Henderson, KB6MXH, CA
- #279 Miriam Lamb, KB2AUR, NY
- #280 Dawn Young, ZL2AGX, New Zealand

Also Christa Elksnat-DJ1TE DX-YL #166 for the most endorsement stickers. She now has 62 stickers for a total of 645 YLs confirmed to date. She is followed by Nellie Lazard-XE1CI DX-YL #269 who has 53 stickers for a total of 555 YLs confirmed to date.

Congratulations to all these YLs who have been working so hard and have presented such neat logs. Remember this when you hear any of them on the air.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES*Jeanette Ellis, NP2C, Custodian*

March 1, 1991 to April 30, 1991

- 30 YEARS: WA6ISY and K7KHU
- 25 YEARS: JA1YL
- 20 YEARS: WA6EJP, W6UAJ, K7MRX, KR7O, WB8DDC, W8WRJ, K9VIP, KØ1Q, VE3MRS and HB9ARC
- 15 YEARS: WA2BGE, WA4LWB, W5MWK, WB5SKQ, KT5Y, W6FFS, WB6FOA, WB9RUS, WBØAZR, WAØTIZ, KG6QI, G4ESR, G4EZI, JH3SQN and PT2TF
- 10 YEARS: N1BDQ, WA1S, KA2AFL, WA2ICE, NY4H, KU5L, K6MQS, KB7TW, N8BFI, N8CGM, KA8KAK, N9CCF, KDØCO, VK5ANW and ZL1AJL
- 5 YEARS: KC3PV, KA5VUD, N6KAU, KA7OFM, WB7SUQ, KA7YOO, W8KLZ, KEØFL, NØHZC, NH6UN, CL3YBV, DL4NAN, EL2M, G1UOX, G4VFC, GØBIR, JAØCYL, JR6XIX, VU2MYL & ZL2BOV

VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE**DISTRICT NEWS****CONDOLENCES**

To the family of Gladys, W1FTA ex W9MYC and W9ZUZ

To Ruth-KA1FXI on the loss of her OM Charlie-KA1FXH

To Philly-N1HJI who lost her father and father-in-law

To Doris-K4AOH on the loss of her OM Don-W4WIY

To Elsa-W6JZA on the loss of her brother

To Karen-KA9ZZW on the loss of her father

To Tom-VE3GZV and Mary-VE3COH whose mother passed away Feb. 16th

CONGRATULATIONS

To Carla-WO6X and OM Ed, on their 43rd Wedding Anniversary

ZL1ALE-Aola and OM Dave-ZL1AMN, on their 44th Wedding Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS ON UPGRADES

N1GRM-Linda, who recently upgraded to Extra, has a new call WM1Q

KB2AUR-Miriam to Extra (new call has not arrived yet)

KC6IBU-Betty to Technician

KA7YGE-Carolyn to Advanced

KB8IDM-Lesley to Technician

N8NFX-Kathie, 9-year old daughter of WD8MEV, to Technician

MORE ON PBBS

Le-KB6MXH informs us that she has changed her PBBS to:
N6IIU.#NOCAL.CA.U.S.A.NA

DISTRICT ONE

Anne Manna-WB1ARU, 614 Webster St., Hanover, MA 02399

Spring is here! As I write this, we are in the midst of April showers with a vengeance - a Northeaster. We need rain since it was a dry winter, but we don't need it all at once.

WRONE has its Spring Luncheon on May 4th in Plymouth, MA, providing a chance for longtime and new friends to get together. W4GXZ-Blanche and OM W4COW-Wes will be back from Florida in time to attend. Unfortunately, the big Flea Market at Deerfield, NH is the same day as the luncheon - too bad to have two events on the same weekend!

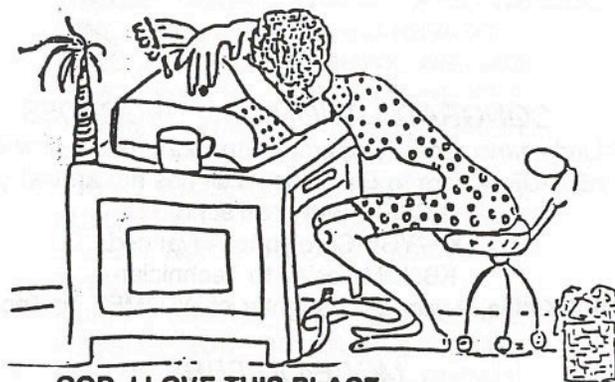
W1TVT-Jean is recovering at home from gall bladder surgery and feeling quite well. Unfortunately, she will not be able to make the luncheon.

WB1ARU-Anne headed up communications again this year for the Good Friday Walk in Hingham, MA. The walk covers a 20 mile route with 9 rest stops, some without a telephone. The radio operators link the rest stops and provide mobile communication for drivers who patrol the route. The funds raised go to self-help programs in the rural South.

WA1JYO-Vera sounded great on the Yankee Lassies Net recently. She enjoys the spring weather that gives her the chance to get out and plant her garden.

WA1YFG-Cy had eye surgery during the winter and is doing fine. I didn't hear from too many - hope there is more news next time.

33, Anne



GOD, I LOVE THIS PLACE.....

**Please be patient, I only work here
because I'm too old for a paper route—
too young for Social Security
and too tired to have an affair**

DISTRICT TWO

Miriam Lamb, KB2AUR, Drury Lane, Highland Falls, NY 10928

By the time this appears in print, Western New York's ice storm of 1991 will be just a bad memory. It created havoc for many, including amateurs who lost all sorts of antennas. Lia-WA2NFY, reported their beam down. It is to be hoped all is repaired by now.

On the 14th of April, Betty-W2PVS, ran a splendid training session for new MARS members at the Zone 1/2 luncheon in Newburgh.

I'm very happy to report that not only did Trudy-K2UXW, get on the air as promised in the last issue, but I was lucky enough to be one of those she contacted on the YLISSB system!

Carli-WB1BTJ/1 reports that she is a new Army MARS member. In addition, she was busy helping Elsie-KA2ESQ, prepare for the SAYLARC luncheon held April 20th in Amsterdam.

Elsie and Carli certainly did a great job because the luncheon was a tremendous success. The following were in attendance in addition to those two: Lois-WA2RXO; Minerva-WB2JNL; Barbara-NC2Q; Betty-W2PVS; Roberts-WB2BHS; Bernice-W2UGY; Sandy-N2FPX; Gladys-WB2RWT; Pat-WA2DDD and Vivian-WA2PUU. Vivian's presence was a wonderful surprise. She had been in Albany for 2 days working on preparation for the Empire Games for this summer and was wending her way home when she reached Amsterdam and saw the restaurant where we were meeting. "Aha," she thought, "I do believe that's where SAYLARC is holding the luncheon today." So she whipped in on the off chance that her memory served her correctly and there we were!!! Wasn't that nice?

Occasionally someone will write to me and say, "Gee, I feel funny writing about myself." Well, don't feel that way. How else am I to get news? But, if you really can't bring yourself to write about yourself, how about a friend? It should be radio-related news, but most of us have at least something we could share. Please do.

33 to all - Miriam

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HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR BALLOT INTO SUE, KA6SOC, YET. WELL, WHY HAVEN'T YOU? WON'T YOU PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION OF THE WORK THESE YLs DO BY CASTING YOUR VOTE? IT IS VERY DISCOURAGING WHEN YLs DON'T CARE ENOUGH TO BOTHER TO RETURNING THEIR BALLOT!!

DISTRICT THREE

Bertha Kenas-W3TNP, 2823 Old Welsh Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090

This month will feature Harriet Creighton-WA3ATQ. I'd like to share with our YLRL members a few of Harriet's radio activities and acquaint our new members with the many facets of message handling.

Harriet passed her Gen. class exam in '64, Advance in '66, joined YLRL in '65, was 3rd DC in the '60s. She received "The Chapel of Four Chaplains Award" Feb. '67 as the result of her Eye Bank activity helping Philadelphia Eye Bank secure eyes for Corneal Transplants, then checking in on the Eye Bank Net-morning & evening; received the Freedoms Fndtion award from Valley Forge, PA as the result of completing over 5,000 phone patches from 1966-71, from the Marine Corps Stn. KG4AM, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; held daily schedules at 10:30 AM for the marines to their families; patched one of the marines into the hospital so his wife could tell him the news about the birth of their 1st baby; Harriet ran patches for the hospital ship SS Hope from '66-'73 while the ship was stationed in Nicaragua, Cartagena, Columbia, SA, Jamaica, Natal and Maceo Brazil; completed 100s of patches for the doctors, nurses and personnel. In '66 she sent Holiday greeting messages to the boys in Vietnam; in Jan. '66 she made contact with the Carrier CVA-66 in the Mediterranean for phone patches; in '66 she received a letter of commendation from the Maj. Gen. of the Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, NC for sending Mothers' Day greetings. Harriet is a member of the WomanMarine Assoc. (she served as a Marine in WW2); was Public Relations officer for the Assoc. She sent birthday greetings to all members in the name of the Nat'l Pres. for 8 years; was awarded BPL every month for 4 years, handling over 300 message a month. In July '65 Harriet made contact with the USS Wasp - W5RKR, the Gemini GT-4 recovery ship for Astronauts White and McDevitt. The boys sent QSL card signed 73-88-99 with a PS saying 99s means love only 11 degrees hotter, hi hi. On 10/11/68 made contact with USS Essex CVS-9-W1NTH/MM Region 2, the Apollo 7 US Navy Recovery Force; Nov. 12 '69 contacted USS Hornet CUS-12, Apollo 12 recovery ship of 1st astronauts on the moon; she has a coveted QSL card and Man-on-Moon stamp. Operator was Dick-WB2ZPV; completed a phone patch to Dick's sister, a nurse in a Philadelphia hospital. She also ran patches for KC4USN, South Pole on a regular basis. Harriet made many friends through these operations and has 2 scrap books filled with all kinds of letters and pictures thanking her for her assistance. The above spanned 15 years of constant operating and since 1980 Harriet slowed down a bit. She and OM Harry-K3YJK do quite a bit of traveling.

I'd like to welcome 2 new YLRL members, Josie-KA3LVP & Linda-N3IOF.

33, Bertha

DISTRICT FOUR

Joyce Tomanek-K4EEO, Rt 6 Box 6338, Clarksville, GA 30523

As so often happens, no news has been sent to this QTH. Until this afternoon, I thought I was going to again be trying to write something out of nothing. That isn't easy, ladies! Fortunately there were a couple of 4th area check-ins on YL Open House.

Helen, W4DEV delighted us with the tale of how she verified the fact that she had been licensed since 1948. She needed it for QCWW. She did not have her original license or even early logs, for they were lost in a house fire. But Helen has kept in touch all these years with the OM who was her first contact. He is Rudy-WØNST, originally W9NLZ. He was able to supply the evidence she needed. Isn't lasting friendship one of the greatest benefits of ham radio?

Rose-KC4OTI and her OM were in Tampa when the space shuttle was being flown in atop a 747. They hadn't known it was going to be there, for they were there to shop at the commissary. They bought a little camera and took pictures. She reports they were even on TV. The reporters must have looked for the most excited and animated people there...and lo and behold, there was our Rose. Rose is also excited about her grandchildren visiting in June. Nine people packed into a three room house. (A couple of the kids will sleep in the camper.) She is elated. I'd probably be hysterical, or frantic. But Rose sounds like the resilient kind.

I've been on the radio more in recent months than I've been for years, thanks to finding just the right net for me. The BFN (Bible Fellowship Net) starts gathering at 5:45 am Eastern Time...4:45 Central. I won't go on from there--the times only get worse as we head west. We meet Monday thru Friday, and one hour later on Sundays to study God's word and to pray. If anyone is interested, I'll be glad to send them the frequency and more information.

I'm looking forward to the Greenville Hamfest, and plan to have a table there with YLRL information. Hope I'll meet some of you YLs there and also that we'll stir up interest in YLRL among other licensed YLs.

Is there a YL out there who likes to write and who has time to get on the air and ragchew with other YLs? I will not be able to run for 4th DC next time due to my husband's deteriorating health and some other personal factors. It would be great if someone OFFERED to run. It would be super if there were TWO or THREE names of willing YLs to place on the ballot. Please give this some serious thought.

33, de Joyce

Ed's note: If there are no candidates listed for 4th DC on the enclosed ballot, please write to Dana NØFYQ who will have to appoint a 4th DC.

DISTRICT FIVE

Joyce Kepler-W5MWK, 1010 Southwood Dr., De Soto, TX 75115

Spring is definitely upon us. Where have all the YL's done?

KB5LES-Connie went to Hockaday, a private girls' school in Dallas to talk about amateur radio--in particular, about being a YL in amateur radio. What an opportunity! These young ladies were in a physics class taught by Dr. David Koch-W8LNJ. They had been studying for their Novice license. Connie has since learned that the majority of these girls passed their test and are waiting for their ticket in the mail. Connie gave each of them a brochure on YLRL. Tnx Connie.

KB5LES-Connie had her first DX Eyelash QSO on March 23rd. She and NØIDR-Judi met OH7XX-Tuulikki for lunch. Instead of exchanging QSL cards, Connie & Tuulikki exchanged necklaces. Connie received a silver OHYL's emblem. It's a rose in a diamond shape, similar to the YLRL emblem. The chain came from Greece. Tuulikki was given a one-of-a-kind ohm-made piece made by Teresa Hogue-N5IXW. It simulated a southwest look made with electronic parts. Connie feels very international when she wears her necklace.

N5RAX-Linda Godwin, 1st YL in space is scheduled to speak at the YL National Convention in Arlington, TX at HAM-COM on June 7,8,& 9th.

W5MWK-Joyce and W5MWO-Jim journeyed to Jacksonville, FL to meet their new Grandson Christopher Stayton Kepler. Real cute little fellow. They were able to visit both sons and their families.

K7YGV-Beth has gone to FL also.

WD5FQX-Darleen and OM Joe traveled to North Dakota and took a plane ride with their daughter Diane as the pilot.

K5ECP-Helen was on Open House after a long absence--she had been vacationing in Corpus Christi, TX.

W5ZXE-Jean, WB5YLI-Billie, N5DSY-Evelyn; and WB5DVA-Mary have been making all the Ham-Fests around Arkansas.

TYLRUN ladies will be going to Alma, AR Sept 27 and 28 for the Annual Birthday Party. TYLRUN was 36 years young in Feb. You'll plan to be at HAM-COM in June and at the TYLRUN PARTY in Sept. WE HAVE LOADS OF FUN.

W5ZPD-Cindy and W5MWK-Joyce had an Eyelash QSO at their local bank recently. Cindy is running for her fourth term as Mayor Pro-tem.

KK5L-Carol, YLRL Disbursing Treasurer is scheduled as heading up the Ladies' Forum at the Baton Rouge ARC on May 4th. Her topic will be "Women and Amateur Radio". The Capital City Women's Radio Club (who are also sponsoring Carol's appearance) will have an information table at the hamfest.

33, Joyce

DISTRICT SIX

Le Henderson-KB6MXH, 857 Tamarack Lane, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Hello from 6-land. I hope all of you are enjoying the nice weather and at the same time continuing to conserve water. Worked the DX YL-NA YL contest but made very few contacts.

WA6MVD-Diane sure enjoys amateur radio. She is Certificate Manager for a 10-10 chapter in So. Calif. and runs a 3 port BBS for the Chapter. She likes to chase paper and has 3000 10-10 numbers. The youngest ham she has worked was 5 years old. Diane likes to make antennas and is also experimenting with 9600 baud on 439.000 Mhz as well as operating ATV, 10 meter and 2 meter packet.

N6OHK-Mina is a lucky gall!!! She won the grand prize at HRO's Icom Day. She is sporting a brand new IC-24AT. Congratulations Mina.

K6KCI-Irma had a fall while on her daily walk. Ask her to tell you about the incident--you'll laugh yourself silly! Please see Page 5.

KA6SOC-Sue and her OM Bill will be heading for Sweden the first week of June. At long last Sue will have an eyeball QSO with SM5AGI-Ben with whom she has had a regular sked for the past 8 years. After traveling the country with Ben and his XYL, it's off to the YL World '91 in Stockholm.

WO6X-Carla will be doing some traveling through Europe--she will attend the gathering in Stockholm. Her DX-YL adoptee DL2FCA-Rosel will also be attending.

KB6MXH-Le & OM Cliff-KB6MAA are traveling to CO, stopping along the way to visit ham friends. Daughter Betty-KC6IBU should have fun operating from their QTH while they are gone as using their beam will work better than the long wire she has to use at her apartment.

WA6WZN-Sandi and OM Fried-WA6WZO are featured in an article in the May issue of Worldradio, written by W6NAZ-Lenore. It's a most interesting article about their collection of Amateur Radio special issue stamps from around the world.

LARA is holding their installation of officers and potluck meeting on June 1st at the QTH of N6JDE-Louise. They provided their adopted family with gifts at Easter, a project headed by Kathy-KA6NLP and Sandra-KA6WAH.

YLRC-LA had their last meeting at the QTH of K6BUS-Midge. Their next meeting will be May 11th at the Winery; the June 15th meeting will be hosted by Irma-K6KCI at her QTH.

Following YLs attended the 15-YL luncheon in Willows in April: Jean-K6OQD and OM Bill; Jackie-W6YKU and OM Van; Elizabeth-KA6NZK and OM Milt; Vada-W6CEE and OM Lee; Ruth-W7LXL; Sue-KA6SOC; Elaine-K6SZT; Jane-K6RLR; Jean-KB6COH and Pat-K6HOI. Not as many as usual but the food was excellent and they had a ball.

33, Le

DISTRICT SEVEN

Patsy Barmore-KA7MZZ, PO Box 459, Sandy, OR 97055

Hello from Oregon. I'm sorry I didn't get my article in before cut-off time for the last issue so part of this will include news that is still timely from my last report.

W2GLB-Phyllis sent me news from the Cactus Keys. At their spring meeting in Tucson, Mary Jane-K7LSW brought a visitor, ex-KN7IAX-Harriet and her OM. They helped Mary Jane get started in ham radio in 1959.

New officers for Cactus Keys: Pres. Phyllis-W2GLB; VP Reeva-K8DMU; Sect. Norma-N7SLQ; Treas. Leanna-KB8RT; Directors Beth-KA7AKK and Louise-N7NAD. Best wishes for the coming year.

Cactus Keys is putting together an Amateur Call Quilt for the ARRL Southwest Convention.

Beth-KA7AKK was in charge of the YL table at Scottsdale swap meet in April

Phyllis-W2GLB told about her meeting Deb-N1CCA on a yacht in the middle of ice bergs on her recent trip to the Antarctic.

Patsy-KA7MZZ had been told that YLRL would have a table at Rickreall for the annual swap meet but as it turned out, they didn't get one as someone sold all the tables! Soooo Patsy got to visit with KD7YB-Joan, NX7V-Lois, KB7FHU-Yolanda, NM7N-Mary Lou; W7QPG-Mary and KA7ITT-Cynthia. Patsy bought a copy of Cynthia's new book "Hostage in the Woods". We are looking forward to 'SEA-PAC' where we DO have a table to represent YLRL. Mary-WB7SUQ has said she will help run the booth this year as she did last year. This year our club "HOODVIEW AMATEUR RC" has been asked to provide security for SEA-PAC and Patsy-KA7MZZ, OM KE7CR and other club members will officiate.

During the Rose Festival and the SeaPac, the Hoodview club, WB7QIW will be hosting members from our sister club, the Sapporo Amateur Radio Club JA8YAB from Japan. There will be six visitors from there.

We are very sorry to hear that Ruby-W7QME has been very ill. We all send her our best wishes.

Well this is all for now. I only received one letter this time--thanks to Phyllis as she writes every month! Come on gals, there has to be some news out there so lets hear from you.

33, Patsy

From the Editor: You know, there is more to the 7th District than Oregon, Washington and Arizona! How about you YLs in Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Montana? (I know very well Clarice is always up to something, hi! She is a very lively lady!)

DISTRICT EIGHT

Carol Hall-WD8DQG, 4651 Cardinal Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

WZ8C-Nancy Kott, Chairman of the Special Event Station at the 1991 ARRL National Convention to be held in Saginaw, MI the weekend of Aug. 23 and 24, is looking for YLs interested in operating. She would appreciate hearing from any as soon as possible.

Her address is: PO Box 47 Hadley, MI 48440-0047

Recently elected officers of TASYLs are: Pres: KA8OGS-Jean Bringman; V.P: KA8KAK-Elaine Matyjaszek; Secty: WA8VXE-Rosemary Davidson; Treas: K8ILN-Myriam Gregg.

WD8KZX-Karen Beaudrie received the Michigan Amateur Woman of the year award.

N8GFK-Barbara has received her DXCC Certificate, having worked 112 DX countries, all Canadian Provinces and all Continents--confirmed. Congratulations!

WA8YPY-Ruth has also received her DXCC. Congratulations! Ruth enjoys spending time on 10 mtr CW. Her OM is building a 160 mtr antenna to put in their attic.

Buckeye Belles celebrated their 30th Anniversary at the annual meeting April 7th. Please see the March/April 1991 issue for rules for their special Anniversary Certificate. The Belles signed up 30 new members in the past year. K8ITF-Marge, W8RZN-Dottie, W8VWL-Ruth and W8LGY-Ruth were honored for their 30 years as members.

KB8IDM-Lesley won a handie talkie 2S AT and because of a bet with her OM up-graded to Tech a week later. She also served as chairperson of the Exhibitor's lounge at the Dayton Hamvention.

WA8EBS-Eila writes that her great granddaughter, Kora Van Blaircum, is a communications operator in the 316th Med. Det-Operation Desert Storm. Since they are a medical unit, she expects they should be at "semi-top of the list to go home." We pray that by the time you are reading this, Kora is home, safe and sound. She was expected home about May 15th.

Over eighty YLs from 21 states, Germany, Switzerland, England, Japan, Mexico and three Canadian Provinces signed in at the YLRL table at Dayton Hamvention. We signed up five new members who paid their dues, took two renewals and gave out over thirty applications. One of the new members is GØNRX, Sandy Godbold of England. I certainly enjoyed visiting with everyone who stopped by and a big thanks to those who sat in for me so I could take in some of the convention. I especially want to thank N8EEG-Sally, President of the Buckeye Belles and her OM for sharing the responsibilities.

33, Carol

DISTRICT NINE

Karen Crull, 1824 Hoover Dr., Normal, IL 61761-2246

Hi from 9-land! It appears that spring is finally here. I don't know about you but I sure am glad that it is warmer out.

KC7ET-Evelyn attended the Webfoot Net dinner while in Texas this March. She has been on 15 meters on Wed. at 3:30 with KM4EJ and some other OMs from Arizona and New Mexico. Evelyn is now back in the Bloomington, Illinois area and we are all glad to see her.

KD9DU-Barb wrote to tell me that the Indiana net is at 1330 and not 1130. Sorry for the error!

WB9NCT-Dorothy has quite a ham family. Her mother N4ZWA-Evelyn recently went after her ticket. In a few short months, she passed novice, technician and the theory part of her general and is number 7 ham in the family. Other hams are Dad W9BVB-Doug White who has been a ham since 1939; brother Don White-WB9PRI; aunt Dorothy White-WB9TVZ; daughter Cathy KD9WO and her husband, Mel Strommen-K9GB. Her son Dave just recently returned from Saudi Arabia. We are all glad that he is home after 7 1/2 months over there. Dorothy and OM Ken have recently built a new house on the edge of a cornfield on a hill in the middle of 40 acres. Hopefully, the antennas will be up soon.

N9ALC-Dot and her OM, W9LNQ are ready to open up the lake place and start the summer activities. Dot is ready to get her next year's Christmas projects done and the OM has his fishing gear all ready to go.

Thank you to all those who wrote a few lines. It sure helps me a lot and I do appreciate all the news.

33, Karen

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DISTRICT TEN

Harriet Micensky-WBØZQZ, 3621 S. Dublin Rd., Hibbing, MN 55746

Hello to all from the 10th District. I had a nice letter from WD5FQX-Darleen. She and OM Joe-WD5HIL visited daughter Diane-KG5CS/Ø at the U of ND, Grand Forks for Parents' Day. Diane was named to the Dean's list for the first semester and is being inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta - National Scholastic Honor Society. While there, Diane took them up in a Piper Cadet plane with Diane at the controls. We are proud that Diane is a member of YLRL and a portable Ø!

Another note came from NØALM-Betty of Eden Prairie, MN. She is President of WITCARS - of the Winnebago Itasca Travelers. Their Grand National Rally is scheduled for week of June 17th and Betty urges all YLs and spouses who are Winnebago-Itasca RV operators to join them at Forest City, IA for a grand time! You can also meet Betty on the air Sunday, 7:30 AM on 14.255 - the WITCARS net. She adds that her youngest son attends UMD, Duluth and they do get up North occasionally. Betty questioned whether we are Zeros or 10s in this section - I recall KØEPE-Marte's answer to that a few years ago. She said, referring to Bo Derek's being rated as a "10", that as YLs we should also be "10s"!

NØFWF-Jan just returned from Montana where she had to contend with five feet of snow to visit her son and family in Helena. While there she spent some time observing the Montana Legislature where her son is a State Senator. She said she's going to pay more attention to our Minnesota Legislature from now on!

As a final note, I must mention that Helen-NMØE, has had a most wondrous and eventful Spring. In March Helen donated one of her kidneys to her brother who is a pediatrician in Minneapolis. After a short recuperation, she flew out to Orem Utah where her daughter presented her with the second Grandson, born April 2, 1991. Helen's OM Bodo will drive out next week to meet the new baby boy, then Bodo and Helen will head for home.

33, Harriet

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NEWS FROM CANADA

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I'm afraid that I have little info on the VE girls at the moment. Golf started in February which means I can't check into the CLARA net on a Tuesday and that was one way I would catch up with the girls. Do have some very 'old' news that Thelma-VE3CLT sent me and it will show that we all still alive and well north of the border!!

VE4ST-Bubbles went away to Acapulco in late December with her niece. They celebrated New Years with a party on the ocean front and the lights of the ships in the background made a lovely backdrop. She was glad of two escorts when she went into the ocean as the waves seemed to pull her back into the water. A great experience she says and one of the best holidays she has ever taken.

VE3IRS-Irene's OM John had a massive stroke late last year. He spent 3 months in Providence Villa getting therapy and is able to walk with a cane and some assistance. Unfortunately his speech is still affected.

VE3DXZ-Dorothy complete 30 years and as YLRL member. Congratulations!

VE3CLT-Thelma welcomed her 9th Great Grandchild on Feb. 5th. She has just returned from another Carribean Cruise - this one aboard the newly renovated MS Westerdam.

VE7YL-Elizabeth is going to England in June and to the YL convention in Stockholm on June 20th. Am Looking forward to meeting many old friends there, making new ones and, of course, looking forward to meeting Diana-G4EZI for the first time.

CLARA will be holding their 25th Anniversary Convention in Toronto sometime in August.

33, Elizabeth

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Let's have a little fun, shall we?
Can anyone (including the subject in the photo) identify the YL pictured here? I'll give you a hint--the picture is over 30 years old! If she is correctly identified, I shall announce it (or give you another clue in the July/Aug. issue.)



DX NEWS

Mary Ketzler-WO9R, Rt 1, Box 194AA, Mondovi, WI 54755

INTRODUCING NEW DX YLS

G8BID-Mary Adams has held a B license since 1980 and plans to take the test in April for A class license. She has bought a rig as an incentive and looks forward to operating HF. She has been active in BYLARA, helping at the rallies with Anne-GØBIT and other members. Her OM John, though not an amateur, is very supportive. He prefers gardening and they share hobbies of ballroom dancing and camping. Mary is a health worker in the community, but expects to retire in a couple years. She has four children, two of them married, and three grandchildren. She is sponsored by KAØVWP.

UA4CAH-Irina Novikova, got her amateur license in 1987. She is a student of foreign languages and literature at the University. She also works as laboratory assistant in the department of sociology. She is 18 and lives in Saratov with her mother, father and grandmother. She likes to listen to music, both modern and classical, to read books, to dance, and to write and receive letters. She uses a homebrew transceiver with 15 watts output and delta loop for 80m. She is a member of the Zilan DX Club and handles QSLing for WA3HUP and WB3CQN. She and her father UA4CX get on the air at 3-5 UTC on 14.272 to meet with their sister club. The first weekend of August there will be an International Hamfest in Leningrad and she would love to meet YLs from the U.S.A. there. (for info write to 10 Convin Suite 33, Kirkland, Quebec, H9H 4S4, Canada.) Irina is sponsored by NM7N.

3DAØBX-Christine Shaw was first licensed in 1981 in England and has held calls G6CRH, G4ONU, ZS6CAI, H5AF as well. She has been active on the AFRIKANER net and ANZA. Her OM Paul is 3DAØBW and son Steven back in UK is awaiting his first call sign. Please see the article Christine wrote following this column. Christine is sponsored by KD5MD.

NEWS FROM DX MEMBERS

DF5VW-Marlies and Elfy-N6DOC finally got together on the air recently at 28.800, the Sauerkrautnet! Carla, WO6X was there too. Marlies operated as DLØXYL. They hope to meet at the hamfest at Friedrichshafen in June. Marlies' daughter Judith is working on getting her ham license and would like to correspond with a young lady in the U.S. to improve her English, which she has been studying in school for about a year. Judith loves music and plays piano and guitar, sings solos at church and for marriages. Her address: Judith Dauster, P.O. Box 1012 Bahnweg 5, D-6839 Siersburg, FRG.

DF8XU-Margret has made many DX contacts from their home up north, nicknamed "Haspel Castle", since her OM brought a W3DZZ and groundplane up with them. She operates SSB and has heard only OMs

from the U.S. - as yet no YLs. She and OM Hugo enjoy nature immensely. Hugo spent some time studying the wild bees and wrote a report for their conservation magazine. In December she had several hams from Borken to a ham and sauerkraut dinner there, including Karin-DL3YBV and he OM and Erika-DF7XJ and he OM, and Alfred, DL3YBU and his wife.

GØAEC-Esde has accepted a job for the RSGB compiling a sample examination question and answer book for the novices who are coming to the end of their practical course for the first exam in June. Of course, she has to work on it while her little grandchild is sleeping - as she is babysitting 8: to 6: each day so that her daughter may work and save money toward a dream house. She is looking forward to exchanging counted crossstitch ideas with her sponsor, Le, KB6MXH and perhaps eventually meet on the air.

GM4MYM-Christina worked the YL-OM contest but found the new rules very confusing - wonders if others did, and if they could not be made the same as for other contests.

I5ICY-Clelia writes that this was a wonderful year for her for DXing. She has contacted now 318 countries on SSB, needs only two confirmations and she has 272 countries on RTTY. She knows 3 or 4 YLs in Italy on RTTY. Perhaps some of you YLs that operate RTTY could let her know?

ZL1ALE-Aola celebrated her 44th wedding anniversary with OM Dave-ZL1AMN, by vacationing on Norfolk Island. Aola still is experiencing pain in one arm, the source of which is eluding the doctors. But it didn't keep her from enjoying the trip and a first effort at Videotaping. Aola was the first ZL YL to earn a place on the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll, having worked 320 countries.

ZL1UKG-Gwen had a hip replacement operation and is due for another soon, feeling like "a new woman" already. She has had a problem with arthritis for years. Gwen was re-elected Secretary of their local Radio Branch and Treasurer of the C.W.T.

33, Mary

From Christine Shaw-4DØBX

I first became interested in radio through CB in the States in 1980. After returning to England, we saw a Ham Radio Demo Caravan recruiting students for the R.A.E. course. We enrolled even though I couldn't understand why one should need to pass a City & Guilds exam to press a microphone and speak to people! I soon found out - to my HORROR, that there was a lot more to electricity and radio than the on/off switch and a socket in the wall!!! Those three legged monsters called transistors haunted me day and night for month! I struggled, but I passed - and to my astonishment, with two credits.

This was May, 1981 - CLASS B LICENCE, G6CRH. Then came the MORSE!! CLASS A LICENCE, G4ONU. An extremely mike-shy G4, hardly making use of the call sign, except for very limited 2 m contacts.

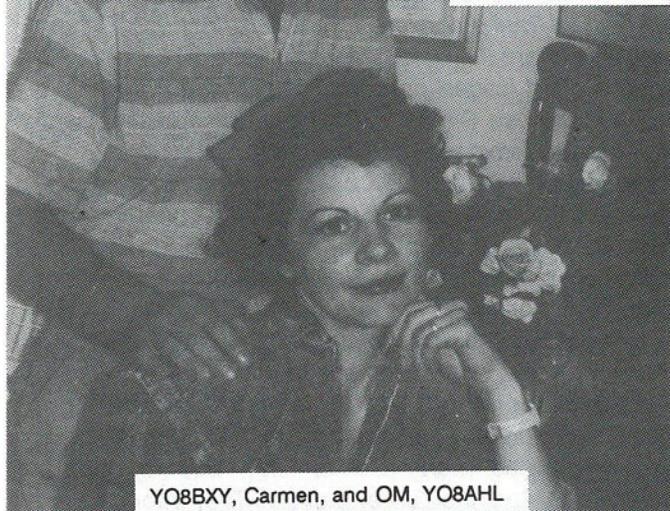
We emigrated to South Africa in Sept. 1982. I received reciprocal license, ZS6CAI. Once again very little activity. Moved to BOPHUTHATSWANA in June 1983. Reciprocal Licence H5AF. Now I decided that I was going to go on the radio, alas, I was totally bewildered, the first time I called "CQ" what sounded like half the world came back to me. I put the mike down and fled the shack! I had experienced my first pile-up! I didn't operate again until late 1989, after OM Paul discovered "THE AFRIKANER NET" and then only when Paul was there to help. January 1990 we moved to SWAZILAND, call signs are not issued here until Residence Permits are issued. Meanwhile, one could use G4ONU/3DAØ - but decided that was too much of a mouthful for an inexperienced operator, so I waited...

September 1990 - I was issued with 3DAØBX call sign. Remembering my scare in Bophuthatswana, I trod very carefully at first, only operating with Paul alongside, but with the help and encouragement from Zenda and Jim, and the other net controllers on the Afrikaner Net, I got braver and gained more confidence. They didn't mind if I made a mess of a contact, we'd just start over again. Nor did it matter if it took 2 or 22 attempts at getting a call-sign correct; everyone was so patient and helpful. I used to listen round the bands a lot and respond to CQ-DX calls and then duck! I got caught out one night chasing Turkey. I just couldn't get him, then the guys started calling me. I responded "sorry Gentlemen - this is not my frequency, and I would like to work the Turkey station". They informed me he had gone QRT - guess who inherited an instant pile-up?!! I had 38 contacts in 41 minutes.

I've learnt a bit about pile-ups; if I can't hear them, I can't work them and when after saying QRZ, there's nothing but one solid noise, I just wait and listen; everyone has to take a breath sometime - even the most ardent DXers! and usually 50% of them will take a breath at the same time - and then I can pick out a few stations and work it from there. I have worked 106 countries from 3DAØ, not all confirmed as I don't have an Int'l Call Book. I hope to work all States and all Counties - I guess Counties will take a little longer having seen the BOOK of counties that Zenda has sent me!!! QSL to PO Box 57, Big Bend, Swaziland and PLEASE enclose a S.A.E. to take a card 15cm X 10cm or a self-addressed sticky label. I don't ask this because of the envelopes, that's no problem. What is the problem is having to discard the small SAE and re-write all the addresses. I have just opened 100 cards and out of these only 25 have enclosed a label or correct size envelope. I DO QSL 100%. Assistance with postage is greatly appreciated where possible.



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