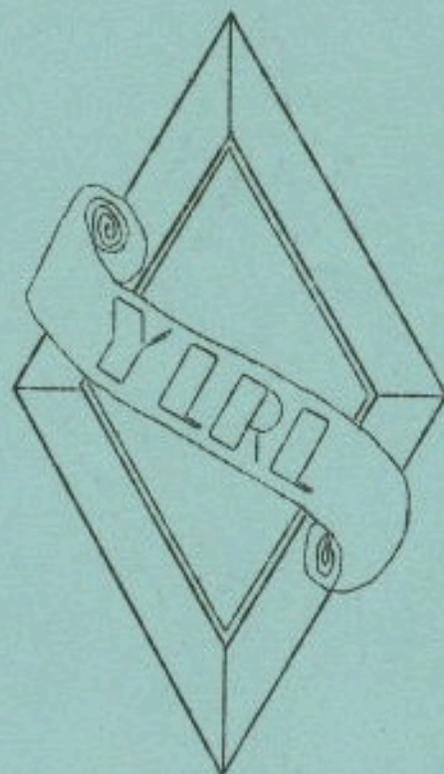


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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VLRL SINCERE HOPES
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PRESIDENT GCARA

(Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Assoc.)

American Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn.
October 29, 1940

Miss Anita Bien, VLRL Publicity Chairman
1062 East 78th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Bien:

Many thanks for sending me your latest copy of VL HARMONICS. We quite agree that W9NBX is doing a fine job of editing.

Our congratulations on the November Anniversary! I shall be glad if you will convey through your publication greetings from the League to all your members.

It is a most noteworthy objective--your plan for banding together all amateur radio VL's for mutual recognition and assistance. In such a fraternity as amateur radio there is a definite place for an organization dedicated exclusively to the interest of VL's. Representing high standards of operating excellence and patriotism, the participation of your members in administrative and operating work is at the same time an example and inspiration to all amateurs.

In closing, may I express the wish that your organization will continue to grow and meet with the best of success.

Most sincerely yours,
(Signed) F.E. Handy

Communications Manager

P.S.: The main message to the VLRL, "Keep up the good work".

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

Bill, W6LBM, is attempting to arrange a sked for VLRL members with Elmer, at KC4USB. This will be on 7220 kcs. All members who can get on or near that frequency and who want to take advantage of this opportunity to work Antarctica should notify the VLRL Secretary as soon as possible. The sked will probably take place around midnight some Saturday in January.

BINDERS FOR HARMONICS

Lizette, W7HDS: "I have a fancy way to bind the VL HARMONICS and the cost is small. Each new copy can be added in order. Perhaps the VLs would like to buy these binders already made up. They would of course have to punch and assemble their copies. I have hand-printed "VL HARMONICS" across the top of mine, with the insignia in blue and silver in the mid-center. The cover is dark blue binders board, and the lettering in silver. There are five holes punched at the left margin (holding both the 8 1/2 x 11 and 8 1/2 x 14 sheets) and silver cord holds pages and sheets together. Could make up about 50 cheaper than single ones. Call letter of each operator could be added in silver."

Sounds pretty ritzy, doesn't it girls. If you're interested, write W7HDS, Lizette Wolf, 3222 Dillon Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

A great deal of enthusiasm has been shown in the membership contest which started last month. However, many of the members feel that it would be more satisfactory if each member could send out the application blanks to her own prospective members. Since that is the case, the contest will be conducted in that way from now on. You may get application blanks from your District Chairman or from the Secretary. Please watch the lists of new members carefully so that you will not be sending out blanks to girls who have already joined.

PERSONALITIES

Contributed by various staff members

W7RWB President and Founder of the VLRL is an active AARS girl and she is also RTC. The crystallization of her idea to band the fems in a VLRL, which at present covers several islands and two continents, is indeed gratifying to her. She scarcely dared dream a year ago of such wide-spread contagion of VL influence, and it's still spreading. Look out! When Ethel had (past tense intended) spare moments, she was interested in wood-carving but now some of the young folk keep her busy preparing them for the R.I.'s exams and several have already passed with flying colors. She is also president of a local radio club. Ethel is not married.

W9NBX Secretary and Treasurer definitely put BO'BELLS, N.D. on the map. If there is such a thing as a brief lawyer's "brief", then the occasional legal typing she has done for her hubby, W9ERR, has put her in good stead as Editor of VL HARMONICS, to condense all the news the obliging District Chairmen gather monthly from their cooperating girls, all of which goes to make up the interesting chatter columns of VL H. How that gal finds time to keep house, do her VLRL work, and keep her AARS, ARRL, and VLRL traffic skeds is a miracle! Being an ex-music-teacher, guess the girl's got rhythm. Is an ORS and keeps the lines buzzing with radiograms, the postman busy with VL mail, and the girls united through their mutual interest in VL HARMONICS news.

W9WTF (We Women Persist) Vice-President and Activities Manager likewise has been instrumental in cementing VL friendship through her various QSO parties and contests. The Nav. cup contest advertised the gals on all the bands! And if anybody asks "WHAT IS THE VLRL" after that, he's just been doing a Rip Van Winkle. Most of Carol's time is devoted to her college work, where she is learning to be a dietician. Some lucky OM will some day get a girl who knows the calorific value of food as well as radio tubes. Carol is also interested in stamp-collecting and in photography.

W8TAY Publicity Chairman, cherishes the hope of all of us that ultimately every state in the Union and all continents will have VLRL representation. There is genuine sincerity in the VLRL publicity which she says was absent from much of the gooey gobs of honey (occasionally seasoned with subtle vitriol) dished out by her some years ago as Dramatic Editor of the Michigan Writer's Guild. Likes outdoor sports, reading, writing, and languages, especially Spanish. Is one bug which W8SSV doesn't try to get out of his shack. Nita has spent (and is spending) many hours of time and effort in VLRL work, and to good effect, as all who read her monthly column of VLRL NEWS in RADIO NEWS magazine well know. She deserves full credit for all the publicity we've been getting, and for the way our publicity fund is swelling.

The winner of our slogan contest was Nita, W8TAY, submitting the slogan "QRV- I AM READY". We feel that it is most appropriate, as each of us is ready and willing to do her part, no matter what may transpire. The slogan has been used on the membership certificates, which will be mailed out early next month. A copy of the VLRL Constitution will also be mailed to each member.

The first two orders of VLRL pins have already been sold, but more will be ordered soon. The pins are silver-plated and trimmed with base enamel. The cost is 65¢ with safety catch, or 50¢ without safety catch. Orders have been coming in for club stationery, and it will be sent out soon. Letterheads are \$1.00 per hundred and envelopes 50¢ per hundred.

The dues-raising amendment to our constitution did not pass. Many of the members seem to feel that raising the dues from 25¢ to \$1.00 a year was too much of a jump at one time. Consequently, the dues will remain at 25¢ a year, for the present. A new proposal, to raise them to 50¢ a year, may be submitted for a vote in a short time.

Bonnie, W4GEX, writes: "Tx a meg for letting me in your organization, girls, and I will try to be a worthy member. Have sent a copy of code to ARRL and expect a certificate soon stating that I can copy at least 20 wpm longhand."

ANNIVERSARY PARTY HI-LITES

Our First Anniversary Party is now history, and from the reports which have been coming in to the secretary's office, it seems that everyone had a good time. Logs have not been cross-checked as yet, and complete scores will be printed next month. The winner of the cup will also be announced then.

9ZTU: Went DX-ing and snagged my first K6, and also had to QRX for 6 hours during contest for the OM to build new power supply; worked my AARS and KYN ne's, and kept my tlc skeds, and got the house ready for trip and packed all our clothes ready to leave in about 5 hours for Gladys', washed and ironed, and heaven knows what else.

2MIY: Here's my score sheet, and didn't I have just one grand time meeting all the gals. The lil rig got so excited it just gave out around 11 pm Thursday and I still haven't located the trouble.

5IWK: I've been on the air about 18 months now and this VLRL contest is the first I have taken part in, and it was lots of fun. I want to commend the VLRL officers for putting it on because it did more to getting the gals acquainted and letting the OMs know about our organization than anything else could possibly have done.

8TQZ: I worked 160 fone only and had a grand time. I know there aren't many OM's on 160 that don't know the VLRL are on the air.

9DBD: Really thought I'd work the other girls on 20 but missed them.

4GFO: Didn't have much time to spend on the Party, but surely did enjoy the time I did have.

6SGD: Had a good time and enjoyed meeting the VLs that I hadn't known before, as well as the ones I had already met on the air.

9JTX: The Party was more fun. I even managed to hook a K6 in the wee small hours.

3FXZ: I had a very lovely time at our Anniversary Party. I think my two biggest thrills came when I heard K6ROJ on ten; and working Beta, 9DBD, cross band, without any prearranged sked. I just happened to listen across 20 and heard her say she would tune 40. I almost fell over myself in putting the rig on, hi. Great sport and many thrills.

1FTJ: My elbow is sore from the VLRL Party, so don't know how I'll be after this coming week-end with the Sweepstakes coming up. The OM here, 7LBFT, is taking over the housework and cooking for the weekend. He won the SS for NH a year ago, and is giving me a chance at it this year.

3CDQ: Nice contest. QRL here too.

7PEX: Sorry my score isn't higher, but the OM was very sick all during the contest and he took a lot of my time. (We're sorry to hear that, Clerice.)

9EFW: I'm in SS contest and my 10 meter 4 element blew down on the house today--a 36 foot tower. (Hard luck, Esther, but we're glad it waited till the end of our Party!)

8NAL: Sure sorry I forgot about this, and am grateful to SSJF for reminding me. Perhaps could have gotten better score, but not bad for 6 1/2 hours work.

2NAZ: Contest was heaps of fun. I spent hours at it, even if I didn't work all my VL friends. Wish the next contest would allow us to work both fone and cw.

37L: The Party was lots of fun and I hope we have many more. Hope to meet the rest of the gals some day.

K6ROJ: During the contest I worked 41 states in all. All contacts on 10 phone.

8TAY: This ding-busted location made me so mad we went right out to look for a place in the country.

9UTC: Think the next party should have a time limit and multiplying factor for low power as used in the SS contest, to give some of the girls a better chance who can't get on as often as others.

W8JIW, an OM in Madison, N.Y., is really going after V-YL-AS, and with his emergency transmitter of 17 watts, at that. He was on the cw bands all during the party, doing his best to get VL contacts; and from the looks of the score sheets that have come in, he had pretty good success. One of his VLRL calls brought an answer from W8FFK, who was in there looking for VL contacts too. But don't get W8JIW wrong, girls. He isn't trying to crash the club; just doing his best to get W-YL-AS.

HEARD STATIONS

The following list is published so that members active in the Anniversary Party will know where their signals were heard even tho no contact was made.

1FTJ- 8SKZ, 8NCJ, 9ZQI, 7HDS, 9EFW, 8UEZ, 8TPZ, 1FOF, 7FTX
 1GQT- 9DBD, 5IZL, K6ROJ, 7HHH, 6RJV, 5HWK, 8NCJ, 1MCW, 9EFW
 1MCW- 5IPR, 2HXQ, 9DBD, 8NAL, 9ZWL
 1MDW- 9JTX, 9ILH, 9ZTU, 4GFO, 8SJF, 8PZA, 9ZWL, 1MDV
 2NAZ- 6RJV, 6MBD, 2MVY, 9ZWL, 2MIY, 1MDV
 3CDQ- 2NAZ, 5IZL, 9NBX
 3FXZ- 9EFW, 8TPZ, 5HWK, 9ZQI, 5DEW, 5IZL, K6ROJ, 2HXQ, 7HDS, 8UEZ
 4GFO- 2NAZ
 5HWK- 6SPX
 5IKC- K6ROJ, 1MCW, 8ROP, 8NAL
 K6ROJ- 8ROB
 6SGD- 8SKZ, 1GQT, 8NAL, 2NAZ
 7FTX- 8ROP, 9UA, 1JTX, 9ZWL
 7HHH- K4EZR
 8NAL- 8SPU, 8NEX, 7GLK
 8SJF- 8TPZ
 8PZA- 8SPU, 9NBX
 8SKZ- 9EFW, 6RJV, 8SPU, 5DEW
 8TAY- 8IRS, 2HXQ, 8SPU, 9NEX, 8TPZ, 7FTX, 7HHH, 9ZTU, 8NAL, 8SJF,
 8TPZ- 6RJV, 7FTX, K6ROJ, K4EZR, 9DBD, 5DEW, 7HDS (9EFW
 8UDA- 8TPZ, 8UEZ, 9EFW, 7HHH, 9NLW, 1MCW, 7HDS, 8JDJ, 2MIY, 8PZA,
 9DBD- 9EFW, 6QOG (1MDW, 8TAY, 1MDV
 9EFW- 8SPU
 9ILH- 9AFK, 5IKC, 7HDS, 9DBD, 8TPZ
 9JTX- 6RJV, 4GIW, 9UA, 8TLE
 9JWJ- 2HXQ, 3CDQ, 9ZWL, 8SPU, 6SGD, 9EFW
 9NBX- 2NAZ, 3CDQ, 5IKC, 8PZA, 7FTX
 9UTO- 8UEZ, 9EFW, 8SJF, 2HXQ, 8PZA, 9ZWL, 8NAL, 1MDV
 9ZTU- 1MDW, 7HHH, 6RJV
 9ZWL- 1MCW, 5IZL, 6QOG, K6ROJ, 6RJV, 7HDS, 9JWJ, 2NAZ, 9UA, 5HWK,
 (5DEW, 6SPZ, 6RIJ, 8TAY.

I know the rest of you must have been as thrilled as I was, to hear the activity during the Party, particularly on our VLRL frequencies. A year ago, there were no such designated frequencies, and our organization was in its infancy. As individual operators, we were no less interested in amateur radio, but we lacked any united effort to make ourselves known. A year ago, how many other VL ops did you know? I'll bet most of you could count them on the fingers of one hand. And how many of the OMs realized that there were VLs on the air--good operators with a sincere interest in ham radio,--handling traffic, doing emergency work, experimenting, and carrying on intelligent conversations. If they knew of one or two, they thought it was an exceptional case, and forgot about it. Now we are proving that it is not the exception, but the rule.

There is absolutely no reason why a VL can't be just as good an op as an OM. Yet many of us have been confronted with such remarks as, "You're doing fine, for a VL", or, "Say, you have a pretty good fist,--for a VL". It is up to us to change that attitude, and I believe that it has already changed considerably during the past year.

"Radio widows" will soon be a thing of the past (although radio-widowers seem to be increasing in number!). More than one XYL, who was resigned to being a radio widow, has been encouraged to tackle the mysteries of ham radio herself, after hearing about us.

Space does not permit giving a complete history of our organization here, or a detailed account of the activities of our members. However, you can find an article giving all these things in the May 1940 issue of QST. Pictures, personal items, and news of club activities may also be found each month in RADIO NEWS magazine.

VL HARMONICS has grown from a small hectographed sheet to its present form, and we hope that it will keep pace with the progress of the club in the future. It is your bulletin, girls, and suggestions and ideas for its improvement are always welcome. Let's have them.

During our first year we have built up an organization to be proud of, and at our present rate of progress, we will go far. Long live the VLRL!

H A M E R I C K S

By Enid's Sister

I've just been assigned the sweet job
Of "dishing the dirt" on this mob--

So I'll take the blame
(Since you don't know my name)
If these bring you a chuckle or sob.



District Chairmen

1. Now here in a snapshot I see
A lass who is cute as can be.
I'd say she's a gal
Who would make a good pal--
It's Lida, our 1GQT.

2 For contacts this lass wins a crown;
Her phone work has won her renown.
It's SIXY
Who now meets my eye--
Honey, don't let that code get you down!

3. Elizabeth knows lots of hams,
And if ever they get into jams
With the FCC, why
To her they will fly--
For she knows all the big shot "I am's"!

4. To Tennessee now we will go
To meet Helen-- she's 4GFO.
A cw fan,
All the country she'll span,
And her ON's a ham too, you know.



5 To Lou, down in Texas, I'll say,
My kid sister's all right in her way--
So don't let her bluff--
She isn't so tough!
I've been "awed" by her too, in my day!

6 Now here is a sad situation--
Our Peggy went east on vacation;
And since then, not a word
From this lass have we heard--
You know 6RGX is her station.



7. And now, way out west, we find Bea--
A newspaper columnist, she,
But I've nothing to guide me,
(No picture beside me)
So I cannot describe her, you see.

8. Now what is a Radio Aide?
That term's got me stumped, I'm afraid.
But our 8PZA
(Her name's Mil, by the way)
Is a rely a good-looking maid!



9 Our Letha has something about her;
She's efficient, and no-one can rout her!
She's made many a friend;
While her arm's on the mend
Oh what will the nets do without her?

10 And again, now, no picture have I
Of VE4WY.
Due to war, off the air--
But we'll join in a prayer
That Micky'll be back bye and bye.

President

Our 7RWB,
Known as Ethel to you and to me,
Keeps all the lads working
To keep her rig "perking"--
And our own YL "prexy" is she.



Vice President

To Carol we can't say "hello"
Until home on vacation she'll go,
For she's now off at college
To garner some knowledge
Of something besides radio!

Publicity Chairman

Now Nita must be about dizzy--
With her job and her housework she's busy,
And the VLRL
There in Cleveland as well--
Just to think of it makes my brain "fizzy"!



Secretary-Treasurer

At the risk of creating a riot--
For you all may rise up and deny it--
I'm telling you this,
That Enid, my sis,
Was considered, back home, very quiet!

Net Control Stations

160 meter phone

Marie has a "local" club too --
In Cincy -- or maybe you knew.
A "home body", she,
Is 8TPZ
And a real phone ham it is true.



80 meter cw

Carrie's a "speed fiend" they say,
And a traffic "G-Man", by the way--
But her snap shows her smiling
In manner beguiling--
She looks very merry and gay!



40 meter cw

'Way down in "Kaintuck" there's a "Mick"
Who is really a cute little trick.
In the old "Dogpatch" way,--
Our own "Daisy Mae"
Calls you "honey" and makes you feel slick!

20 meter cw

She's charming and sweet and serene--
I'm sure that you know who I mean;
She has talked everywhere
In her years on the air--
It's Mamie-- "Our Wonderful Queen"!

CHAPTER

First District.

Chairman: WIGOT, 170 Homestead, Holyoke, Mass. FTJ, Dot, and her OM attended the Rutland Convention, and met Louise (WIMDU's) OM (WIKKJ) there. Saw a marble exhibit at Proctor, Vermont, and enjoyed it a whole lot. Dot is entering the SS contest. Received a YL cocker spaniel "dawg" from her OM as a birthday present. He calls the pup "Toots" but Dot doesn't like that name and would like to have the club members help her select an appropriate name for the puppy. VSTAY, Nita, suggests "Full Time Job" as a slogan for Dot's call.

KUI, Ellen has just heard from a Chinese classmate from college days. Hadn't heard from her in over ten years. The girl and her son just arrived in California from China. Her husband is still over there... Ellen suggests that the first district girls hold a get-together at a convenient spot. What say?

MCW, Lou and her OM attended the Boston Convention and had a good time. Met Dot, FTJ, and her OM there. The second highest prize, an RMB 99 was won by WIMOW, a fellow who accompanied them down. Lou missed KC4USC and K7HAR, Fairbanks, Alaska, about two weeks ago on 10 meter phone, and was very thrilled over both QSOs. She said the VLRL net on ten meter phone is working out grand with eight or nine girls on every Tuesday.

GQT, Lida. Have been off the air for about a week, due to the OM changing our antenna. The old one went above a roof of a new building, and although the people were willing to leave it there, Jim decided a "stitch in time saves nine" etc. (Or maybe "a switch in time saves bel trouble" huh?- Ed) So when the neighbors move into their new home we will still be friends, hi. Ellen, KUI, came up one Saturday morning to see why she hadn't heard me on our skeds. It was due to conditions tho, as I heard her fb. The following Saturday she and a girl friend of hers came up and the three of us went on a picnic and hike.-- Needless to say we all enjoyed ourselves immensely, and boy, how we ate! She brought us some beautiful chrysanthemums from her garden.

FTJ, Dot and her OM stopped in to see us on their way to a Radio Jobbers Meeting in Springfield last Sunday. The only trouble was that the meeting started too soon to suit me,-- and I didn't get nearly enough time to visit with them.

If more of you girls don't send in news about yourselves for this column, I guess I'll have to start making up items-- such as -- "Josie, WICOW went to see so and so, etc." How about it?

33, Lida.

Second District

Chairman: W2IXY, 186-18 Williamson Ave., Springfield, L.I., N.Y. MJS (Emma) received her Class A ticket on October 25- and went on 20 meter phone. Contacted Lizette and Frank (W7HDS) Congratulations.

FKA (Kitty) writes, "After reading QST and YL HARMONICS, I'm beginning to feel as tho I am asleep at the switch. I'll have to take a week off, close the shack door, and stay there until I can copy at least 25 wpm on the mill. Will watch 7220 kc. My freq is 7256 kc. Recently visited behind the scenes at NBC and was amazed at the size and amount of equipment."

NAZ (Lenore), Shirley (W2LMI) and Lenore, and Eleanore (W2MVE) were interviewed by Kay (W2HXQ) over WNYC on Kay's "HAM PROGRAM". Lenore adds "Have set up a sked with Helen (W4GFO) on 20 meter cw. When- what day- and what frequency, Lenore?"

KBG (Sally) checked in but is still in the inactive stage. But a "little bird" told me that her neighbor's daughter had an addition, and Sally is very busy over there!

MOY (Horatia) sent for a 20 wpm certificate on ARRL test, and is waiting with fingers crossed! Horatia is planning on going on 20 meter cw, but would prefer 40 because she knows she would like traffic handling. Is still carrying on midnight cw skeds with W2IXY, and has worked Lenore and Anita (W2NGO). Horatia postcarded this, "I hope every member of the VLRL who has not already done so will register in the AEC, as the ARRL is very anxious that every amateur should be registered whether they have emergency power or not. If any YL operating in Manhattan, regardless of what band, will drop me a card, giving me name and qth, I will be glad to send them application blanks. What say? Here is a chance to show your willingness to cooperate and let the FCC know that we are ready, and so help keep the frequencies open for the amateurs."

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Second District continued.

HXQ (Kay), is working on 40 and 20 meters, cw, about 90% of her operating time. Wants to "sell out" and take a "dive" into amateur television experimental work,-- or FM. Expects to carry on her "HAM PROGRAM", 3:30 pm, over WNYC, after the Fair closed. Kay has been busy outlining a Radio Group program for Girl Scouts. She writes, "I am starting a Code Practice and Code Instruction program on W2XVP (Ultra-hi station of WNYC)...26.1 mc...at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and will continue them each Monday and Tuesday evening at the same time. In January I am commencing a new series on WNYC. If you have nothing more interesting to do, I'll appreciate if you will lend an ear, and I assure you I will appreciate any criticism or suggestions."

KUG (Jenny) writes, "My ham activities all add up to zero. I talked to Dot (W2MTY) and she is the one who does all the work up here. At the Schenectady Hamfest she won ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ first prize (an antenna relay) for copying the code the neatest and most accurately. I am sure we should all be proud of her." We sure are, and congratulations, Dot.

NGO (Anita). A rather impromptu second district VLRL round table did not work out any too well. Well, it was held the closing night of the World's Fair,-- just too keen competition, hi. That first cw qso that Anita had with Horatia must have been a wow! Anita confesses that she just could not send without holding the mike in her left hand! To get a real laugh, get hold of Anita and get the story from her own lips, or fingers! (P.S. Sure, I want a cw contact, Anita, so what say? 2IXY)

IXY (Dot). I went over to the World's Fair on closing day, and met Kay, who very kindly took me into W2USA's Television Studio,-- which was perfectly wonderful. Before I knew it, I was under the 1000 watt light and "my face" was going out on the air! It was very exciting and an experience I shall not forget in a long while. Thank you, Kay. Can you imagine my surprise when I received from the ARRL a tie pin-- "Winner of the 12 ARRL DX Contest for 1940!" Yep-- I had the highest score for N.Y. and L.I.-- AND I WAS NOT OFFICIALLY IN THE CONTEST. Only sent in my log so the boys I worked would get credit for this state!...The 20 meter skeds will be going strong very soon, but my one and only aunt was taken very ill, and I have been going to the hospital.

Third District

Chairmen: W3CDQ, 3633 N.W. Everett St., Washington, D.C.

CDQ - Elizabeth is now on 7220 kc - on Tuesday night net, and has worked many VLS. Has 25 wpm certificate (ARRL) (pencil copy). Has worked NAA with John Reinartz at key, and was she thrilled. VL Anniversary Party was a huge success. Lots of fun working the VLS. On for SS party.

FXZ - Mary has two skeds and contacted 4 new ones. Worked many VLS in Anniversary Party. On Tuesday night 7 mc net.

HGA - Marie has contacted Lida (W1GOT) and Kitty (W6SGD). Has a fine collection of hooked rugs, and is very interested in ham radio. Has her own xmtr, but call is her OM's.

Fourth District

Chairman: W4GFO, 1604 Pineola Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.

A hearty welcome to Agnes, W9FHK, who has moved into the Fourth District. Very glad it was this district you came to, Agnes, and the Ninth District's loss is our gain. She writes, "I haven't had my call changed as yet. Sure sorry I can't get in on the Anniversary Party, cuz I would like to try for that cup, but the rig is stored with the furniture and I am having a heck of a time trying to find a house." Hope your luck has changed by now.

Alice, K4EZR, is on the air again-- on 10 and 20 meter phone, and 20 cw-- after having been off for about three months while building a new home. She says, "I am about settled now, and I extend my invitation to all the girls to pay me a visit when they decide to come this way." Many thanks, Alice, and I can't imagine anything nicer than a trip to Puerto Rico to see you. How about it girls? Alice has also received her Class A ticket, so she has been busy indeed. Congratulations to you, and we will all be on the lookout for you.

Helen, W4GFO. When I recently became a member of the AARS, one OM sent me "What is the army coming to". Hi. Surely did enjoy meeting the girls in the Anniversary Party, and hope to see you all again soon. Thanks for your letters and cards, girls, and thanks to Dottie (W2MTY) for a funny ham tale cleverly sent in form of two messages. 33, Helen.

Fifth District

Chairman: WSIKC, Box 794, Phillips, Texas

IZL, Ruth, says nothing very exciting has been going on around her place lately, although she has been giving the ole ten meter fone rig a good work-out the last two or three weeks.

IKC, Lou: Enjoyed every contact during the VLRL Anniversary Party. Heaps of fun, and very exciting, too. Wish we could have more of them.

Sixth District

Chairman: W6RGX, 4822 Norwich St., Van Nuys, Cf.

RGX- Home at last! It was a grand vacation. We haven't got either the 160 fone or the 40 cw rig going yet, but hope to be on within the next week. We'll be looking for you.

QXL- We'll be welcoming Min into the VLRL soon. Min operates on 10 meter fone and 160 meter fone, -- "110 or more watts input on both bands using same equipment, -- a four element rotary beam on 10 and a quarter wave and counterpoise on 160 meters". Min's address is 855 No. Woods Ave., Fullerton, Calif.

SFX- Marie's feeling pretty proud of herself and with a reason. She was on 10 meter fone for only 3 days and in that time worked 15 states. Says she's after WAS on 10 fone, but feels pretty badly because she hasn't contacted a VLRL member. Marie also has a rig on 160 phone. The rig on 160 is running 150 watts input and gets out with a real bang. Marie is interested in contacting members on 160 fone outside of the 6th district. All you have to do is "drop me a line".

33, Peggy.

Seventh District

Chairman: W7HHH, 1137 Federal St., Bend, Ore.

GXI, Marjorie: "Hubby, daughter and myself ran off with five blue ribbons at the Lincoln Co. Fair. Spent vacation at coast canning salmon and clams."

HIS, Lizette: "Spent a week's vacation in Chicago. -- Worked VLRL sked from 9ZIR's swell station in Berwyn. Spent second week hunting. Working 20 and practicing copying code for more speed. Suggestion: Number pages of HARMONICS, also month and year."

JHK, Jessie: "I'll have new rig soon. Thinking about joining AARS."

FTX, Clarice: "Having lots of fun in First Anniversary VLRL Party."

HHH, Bea: "VLRL Contest now history. Had lots of fun, but 10 meters was not a bit good out here. Didn't hear any second, third, or fourth district stations during the whole contest. Had a grand qso with 7FTX, our first, on 160. Have loads of names to send application blanks to. Hear K4BZR often. Wish she would listen up on my frequency sometime. Don't hear much DX out here."

Well, girls, if you want your name in this you'll have to write to me. Maybe you were all too busy with the contest. Hope that's the reason anyway.

Vy 33,

Bea

Eighth District

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

This month we want to introduce Martha Lee Bishop of Akron, Ohio, who has just received the call of W8VFL. Martha is well-known around Ohio for the reportorial work she has done on the Akron Beacon-Journal. She writes a column devoted to amateur radio every Sunday, and is now addigned to a daily column. Probably she is best known for the monthly paper she edits, known as the "Amateur Sentinel". She was awarded the first prize in a contest sponsored by the Akron Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for creating a job for herself by publishing a paper. The prize was a scholarship offered by McKim Technical School. She intends to thoroughly learn the technical end of radio. Martha Lee can be proud of her record, as she is just 15 years old. She can be heard on 40 afternoons and evenings near the VLRL frequency.

TPZ, Marie, has been down on 40, practicing up on her cw. Hope you made enough points in the Party to keep the cup in the family!

SPU, Helen, attended a convention of Eastern Stars in Cleveland. She met a few of the gals, and took away some "moon" pictures with her. She announced that her "AS certificate was on its way to her. By the way, Helen is out after the "new member" contest, so the rest of you gals take notice.

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The Cleveland VRL Club had it's Oct. meeting with TLE, near Chagrin Falls. Sylvia has a ham shack you dream about. And a location that is perfect. The November meeting will be with PXE, 14002 Northfield Ave. TAY will have charge of the Dec. meeting and is planning it in the form of a Christmas party, with invitations out to the girls learning the code with the CRA, a radio club in Cleveland. The date will be Dec. 13, and any VL who can make it is urged to come. Out of town girls write any Cleve. member for information.

UHB, Blondie, writes that she has been on 40 for several weeks, and is getting out in fine shape. Her freq is just 3 kcs off the regular spot, so she shouldn't have trouble in contacting the 40 meter girls.

UEZ, Giney, has that long-looked-for sked with a V6 for her VAS on 160. 6SPX from Calif saw her item last month, and arranged a sked. It will be VAS for both of them.

SJF promised a write-up on her impressions of the Indianapolis convention, but it failed to arrive. Red played hostess to Mickey, W9ZTU, recently, and enjoyed it a lot. Gladys, tell us your secret of getting the VIs to come visiting. We'd like to meet a lot of 'em.

The Cincinnati VRL Club is progressing rapidly, meeting every month. How about the Cleve club and the Cincy club arranging a private membership drive?

UCY, our nurse, has had to miss most of the qso's. She has been on call in Surgery.

ODI is located in Columbus, now. We miss you, Ruth. How about getting up on 80 on Tuesdays? The 8th district is meeting there every week.

A power line leak has gamed all reception at PZA for over a week, and schedules had to be dropped. It completely ruined the contest prospects! Drop us a card on the first.

33, Mil, WSPZA

Ninth District

Chairman: W9QUD, 1015 W. 3rd St., Joplin, Mo.

QUD, Letha, had the misfortune of breaking her right arm a short time ago. Consequently, she is unable to take care of the Ninth District Chairmanship until she is a little better able to run a mill. Mickey, ZTU, has agreed to help her out for awhile, so please send your news to her next month: Mickey Helland, Hdq. Co. 13 Armd. Regt., Fort Knox, Ky. This month your Secretary, NBX, is taking care of this column as best she can. Letha is staying with her nets, operating left-handed, and doing a fine job at it, too. It takes more than a "bad break" like that to keep a good op off the air.

KRF, Frenchy: "Kenoettes Radio Club is in full swing again. Two of the female members are trying for their tickets in November. I have joined the AARS 1887 kc net and am busy handling messages. I'd appreciate information on the 160 net. Am on 1873 kcs consistently now, with 100 watts input. Congrats to NBX and ZTU for getting 30 wpm certificates."

ZTU, Mickey: "Spending three days with Gladys (8SJF), holding a Jr. hamfest at her place Sunday, Nov. 10th. Will return from furlough on Nov. 22. My eco will not be finished in time for the Party, darn it." (We hear that Mickey got a valentine from the FCC for not signing her call quite often enough during a QSO with Howard, at KC4USB. Tsk, tsk, Mickey. You shouldn't get so "het up" over a contact with the frozen southland, even if Howard is single.)

BXX, Alice: "I am sure you will be grieved to learn of the death of my dear, dear OM. He was buried last Monday (Nov. 4) and no words are adequate enough to tell how much I miss him. We had been married a long time, were the best and closest of pals, and all wrapped up in each other. The only ray of sunshine connected with his passing is the fact that he had a peaceful and painless end-- a just reward for the blameless, exemplary life which he had led. He died of pneumonia ten days after he entered the hospital. I never operated at night (except on AARS night) because I did not like to leave Ted sitting alone. Now, however, I am looking to night operating to keep me from thinking about myself--and him. I wish you would make my excuses in HARMONICS for my delay in acknowledging and exchanging fotos of other members which are piled up on my desk. Will get at them as soon as possible." You have our sincerest sympathy, Alice.

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Ninth District continued.

DBD, Leta: "The 20 fone net is still functioning. W7HDS could not be heard one Thursday, but she was visiting someplace in the ninth district, so she listened in and heard W2IXY talking to me, anyway. Have been busy studying for 1st Telephone Commercial. The exam is over, and I think I almost passed it. Element three was so hard tho, I'm afraid I didn't even make 2nd Tel."

WWP, Carol: "I'm swamped with school work. This semester has cost me weight and worry, my subjects are so tough. Swallowed a stomach tube for 2½ hours the other day, for a gastric analysis experiment in BioChemistry Lab.-- My innards still feel as tho I had run a lawnmower up and down between my stomach and my esophagus."

IILH, Carrie, is one of the busiest girls on the air, between TLG, MTL, AARS and VLRL skeds. But if you ever find her with a few minutes to spare, you will find that she is a most interesting conversationalist. She shot her first duck the other day, and is still thrilled about it.

HIG, Jerry, (the Highly Intelligent Girl) has been off the air for awhile, but is back on now with about 50 watts on 3525 kcs. She goes to high school, you know, and got a laugh when one of her teachers (a married man, at that) gave her 88 on an exam paper. Right now Jerry is going around in a daze from having contacted KC4USB on 40 m.

JMI, Clara: "Right now I am very angry. The terrific storm blew down my antenna and the OM is a railroad man and won't be home for a couple of days to fix it. Boo hoo."

JPT, Helen: "I am interested in VL nets, but I have various reasons for not being active at times.--Antenna always falling down, or OM tears up rig, hi hi. Perhaps you can pass along a remedy?"

NBX, Enid: Have had some bad luck--buffer went hay-wire, blew up two power supplies, etc. But I replaced my old 6L6 buffer with an 807, got some new filter condensers and tubes, and everything is level again. In fact, my 100 watts has grown to 150, and my eco note sounds so purty I can hardly believe it. I'm apt to pop up 'most anywhere on 80 or 40 meters at any time.-- ask Red, 8SJF.

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DUES

Since last publication, dues for one year were received from the following: 6SLT, 1MUW, 6SOK, 7GXI, 2NGO, 9JPT, 8JDJ, 5IZK, 4GEX, 6BLX, 9JMI, 8ROB, 2MEG, 9KSA, 9NAM, 8UUG, 6ZA, and 2LKB, and 8UBC.

DONATIONS

The following donations have been received since last publication: W7FWB- 22¢; 8SJF- 35¢; 7GXI- 20¢; 3HGA- 65¢; 2NGO- 75¢; 9DBD- 35¢; 7FTX- 15¢; 8ROB- 15¢; 2MEG- 40¢.

Also, two hundred VLRL Membership Certificates have been donated "by one who wants one"! Sorry we can't really make you a member, OM, as we appreciate your sincere interest in the progress of our club.

NEW MEMBERS

W1MUW	Norma	Manchester, N.H.
W2MEG	Wilhelmina	Guttenberg, N.J.
W2LKB	Bess	New York City
W2NGO	Anita	New York City
W4GEX	Bonnie	Greenville, S.C.
W5IZK	Vivian	Fort Smith, Ark.
W5ZA	Eunice	Roswell, New Mexico
W6BLX	Virginia	Sacramento, Cf.
W6SLT	Susie	Los Altos, Cf.
W6SOK	Diana	Los Angeles, Cf.
W7GXI	Marjorie	Ford, Wn.
W8JDJ	Mary	Shadyside, Ohio
W8ROB	Ann	Wilkinsburg, Pa.
W8UBC	Marge	Cortland, N.Y.
W8UUG	Miriam	Ingomar, Pa.
W9JMI	Clara	Willmar, Minn.
W9JPT	Helen	Edwardsville, Ill.
W9KSA	Harryette	North Kansas City, Mo.
W9NAM	Marguerite	Lincoln, Nebr.

SCHEDULE OF VLRL NETS

160 fone	W8TPZ	NCS	1890 kc	Thursday	6 a.m. to 7 a.m. EST
	W8UEZ	ALT			
80 cw	W9ILH	NCS	3610 kc	Thursday	10:30 p.m. CST
	W8SJF	ALT			
40 cw	W9ZTU	NCS	7220 kc	Tuesday	9:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. CST
				Friday	3:30 p.m. CST
20 cw	W9OWO	NCS	14340 kc	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. CST
	W8SJF	ALT			
20 fone	W2IXY	NCS	14244 kc	Thursday	4:00 p.m. EST
	W9DBD	ALT			
10 fone	W6QOG	NCS		Tuesday	
	W1MCW	ALT			

The 160 meter net has been working out very well. W8UEZ is now the Alternate Net Control Station. October 24th we had 9UA, 9EFW, 8UEZ, 9MDS, and 8TPZ. The week before we had the above and also 9JTX and 9KSA. It is very hard to pick them up over the entire band, so we have selected 1890 kcs as our net frequency. November 7th we had 9EFW, 9UA, 8UEZ, 9KSA, and 8TPZ. We also had 1MCW just before the net, but she faded out by 6 a.m. At other net skeds we have had 9LDN, 1MXH, 4GDV, and 9JWL. The net meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m. EST.

Marie, W8TPZ, NCS

The first regular meeting of the ten meter net took place on Sept. 3, with six girls participating: W9IRT (Olive), W8ROB (Ann), W6RJV (Octa), W9FRR (Mell), and W6QOG (Helene). On Sept. 10th the net met again, and W2NAZ (Lenore), W6RJV, W1MCW (Lou), and W6QOG took part. (Conditionousy!) Helene appointed Lou to take over then, for a month, as Helene was going on a vacation. On Oct. 29th, W6QOG was back on the air net and worked W9EFW and W1MCW. Lou reported good net activity during her period as NCS. Details about the net may be obtained from any of these girls.

W ' S J F
Gladys Nichols... Wapakoneta, Ohio.

(Reprinted from THE SPIDER)

In our opinion, Gladys is entirely too modest. After spending an evening questioning her, and a little research into other files, we finally come up with these facts. (No, fellers, we spent the aforesaid evening over the air). She says she showed some interest in ham radio when her OM, who was a ham and had let his license expire, said he would go back on the air if and when she got a license. So, delving into all the available sources of material on how to become a ham in ten easy lessons, she started studying along about February 1938, and in the early part of July was the proud possessor of an Amateur Radio Operators License.

She has been on the air ever since and one doesn't have to spend much time listening among the traffic bands to hear her familiar fist. She says the AARS attracted her attention from the very first and after applying for membership, she didn't have the nerve to get on. Eventually the urge to operate overcame the lack of nerve and she found out what a swell bunch of ops we have in the AARS, (with the exception of those Indiana Hoosiers who chase VLs.)

She seldom, if ever, misses a drill, is a consistent BPL contributor and takes it on the chin a plenty, and from what we have been able to gather, she can hold her own and then some with the best of them. She is also a member of two trunk lines, NCS for the twenty meter VLRL net, in addition to belonging to AEC, FTS, and ORS. She enjoys a good rag now but with a schedule like that we wonder where in heck she gets the time!

Gladys is five foot one, weighs one eighteen, and has red hair and green eyes, yep, that's right, green eyes.

So there you have our candid camera shot of one of our gals that has been a little overlooked. Step up and take a bow, Gladys.

W8ODL, Ruth, writes from Columbus, Ohio: "I visited the Army Stations W4R and W4Z here and talk about QRM, wow. Sounded like the 40 meter band with everyone on at one time and all with R9 sigs. They certainly have some swell equipment there. The tape punching machines etc. were what interested me the most. Some of the cw comes in as high as 500 wpm

Greetings to each and all you YLRL'ers!

"Tempus fugit". And boy, it surely does "fugit". Here we are, figuratively eating our birthday cake, properly decorated with one lone candle, and the number of celebrants far surpasses the members expected would be in attendance at this anniversary gathering. Thanks to each of you individually and wholly. Why even the boys want to adopt feminine names and get into the swing of things.

When Ethel, our worthy President, appointed me as Publicity Chairman, I went into a huddle with our Secretary, Enid, and together we tried to frame a campaign of action in such a manner as it would do the most good. (And let me take off my hat to that lady for her patience and cooperation. Many times she'd ask me to slow down when I was driven to writing in desperation rather than inspiration but emergency measures frequently precluded other action.) But for her kindness - and the lady has waded thru reams of papers sent her by WSTAY - there were times when I felt like the well-known centipede and that would have been fatal. Ever hear the story?

"The centipede was happy quite,
Until a toad in fun,
Said 'Pray, which leg goes after which?'
That worked her mind to such a pitch,
She lay distracted in a ditch,
Considering how to run."

Well, there were times when I wondered "What shall it be today - the column, the articles, answer letters (96 have confronted me on occasion awaiting reply)". Enid's been in the same boat. I've made some mistakes and been chided for my tardiness in answering some letters but come out with new resolutions and new hopes. Additional suggestions welcome tho.

"How come, Nita, some gals get so many writeups and others you never hear about?", I've been asked. The answer simply is: "We never hear from a number of you - either directly or indirectly soon - how can we write about you unless we fabricate something and that might prove too painful". Loosen up - come on and tell us about yourselves. We will not think your statements egotistical. We'll be grateful. Volunteer information at any time. We need pictures too. Personality sketches, human interest stories, narratives, humorous anecdotes, etc. At first there were sporadic responses when we asked those essential reportorial interrogations: "what", "why", "when", "how", "where", and "who" but now since many of the girls understand that the money derived from columns, articles, etc., goes into the publicity fund to promote YLRL interests, we haven't experienced so much hesitancy as heretofore. Write your President, Vice President, District Chairmen, Secretary, and, of course, don't forget to save something for me too - hi.

Whatever each gives to the club, so shall she receive from it --- just a matter of reciprocity --- so let's make our Case Book complete.

33 de WSTAY - Nita

One evening last spring WSOIU's OM, WSLIV, was QSOing W6EK. When Flora heard the QTH--Taylorville, Ill, she asked him if he could locate her husband's two sisters whom he had not seen for 16 years. The girls had been reared in different families and he did not know their married names. In the summer, 6EK and her father visited OJU and LIV, and Flora was directed to her husband's sisters, and sent the OM a message about the reunion, via W9ILH.

One night I was listening around on 40 meters during an ORS party, and heard a fellow discussing hunting. I do not know who he was but he had a peculiar signal so I listened to see who he was--but he was using bk in so I still don't know; but this is what he said: "I was out shooting all afternoon. Do you hunt? I like to go shooting but there isn't much small game around here this year. I prefer to shoot golfers! GOLFERS is what he said! Maybe he meant gophers--and maybe he meant golfers, hi.

--- W9OUD

by XYL

(Reprinted from the Nov. 1940 issue of THE ARC, published monthly at Asheville, N.C., James W. Harrison, W4FSE, Editor.)

Gets all pepped-up with the idea of getting a ticket, from XYL who is a ham, and from reading war news stating that even men, women and children will be needed in defence.

Alarm clock rings early, gets up, gets Jr Op's breakfast, then sends him to school. Gets baby dressed, gets another breakfast ready for baby. Snatches few minutes to glance at morning paper and plan meals; has about five minutes to review questions studied yesterday such as "What does AR mean? QSY?"

The OM, who works half the night, gets up, which means another breakfast. OM reads the paper and XYL grabs the License Manual. XYL asks OM: "How do you determine when your transmitter is radiating harmonics?" OM tears himself away from "Popeye" and grunts "huh?" and answers, "I'd get Durham or Lee or somebody to listen for my signal on the harmonics of my frequency." Satisfied with that because she does know what a harmonic is and why a signal shouldn't be emitted on the harmonic, she delves further to learn what to do if her transmitter (if she had one) was radiating harmonics.

Leaves the third set of dishes and warms up the oscillator for code practice. Looks for OM to press him into service of sending some code. (Must get my spacing better!) OM answers thru face full of lather, "Practice on that 'Mr. Greco of 139 E. 66th St. drove a dakr horse down the alley, arriving at the pier at noon' for a few minutes and I'll be right with you."

OM listens while he shaves, correcting spacing by a word instead of with his fist. XYL decides to make beds and get ready to start to begin to fix lunch while OM dresses and gets ready for work. Wonders what is a grid, never did see one. (What's a plate? Must get OM to show me if I can get him still long enough.) Glances at diagram in Handbook and makes plans to prowl in OM's shack during the afternoon.

Phone rings. Talks to XYL for half an hour, but couldn't say enough words to fill half a minute into a mike.

Neighbor comes in, wants to know what in the world is that thing (pointing to code practice oscillator). Tries to explain, but neighbor doesn't take it in, as her "What good is it?" indicates. Neighbor wants to use 'phone, can't find telephone number. "Will you look this up for me? I can't see numbers without my glasses."

Neighbor finally leaves. XYL starts to pounding brass again when doorbell rings. Answers door to tell man don't need any collards or apples today. OM pecks at cheek and starts to work. Such as this goes on ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

Jr Op comes home from school, XYL sets another lunch. Tries to see that a hungry boy eats the right food, then veers toward the oscillator again as if drawn by a magnet. Jr Op finishes his lunch, starts plying with questions; the baby parrots Jr Op and a wrangle begins; XYL wonders if it wouldn't be better if she studied a text in psychology instead of trying to draw a diagram showing a grid-return connection to the center tap of a filament heating transformer.

Jr Op sneaks out with his bike; XYL realizes she forgot to admonish him to study his lessons and practice his piano. "Oh well", she thinks "At least I can study some with just one little boy bothering me." Then OM comes home from work. Barely inside the room, OM says, "Hi, there my heart's last beat. Where is that letter from the bank I had a week ago?"

Leaves book on table and moves to hunt letter. OM joins in hunt, finally finding letter in his pocket. OM says, "What you need is a sked and a partitioning of your time," then proceeds to pound out some practice code, knowing full well that it might be thirty days before he'll find time again. (After all, it was a pretty good practice period, -If I could just have such every day.....)

Soon the OM yalls eats. XYL prepares supper, OM returns to work.

Dishes washed, children put to bed. A wind whistles in the trees, otherwise quiet and solitude reign. (Now I can study in peace.) Gets Handbook from shelf, but the baby chooses this moment to wake up with the croup. Makes way to children's room, turning over in the mind the relative merits of Syrup Ipecac and Calcidin. Hour later the little fellow is asleep again. XYL succumbs to tired nerves and utter weariness. Falls asleep and dreams of operating in a traffic net. A buzzing like a clicking key wakes her; rouses self, swats a mosquito, and falls asleep once more with high hopes...and a new determination to master all this which is becoming less strange to her. Her last waking thought is "Wonder what my call letters will be?"

CINCY CLUB

At last the gals from around Greater Cincinnati have gotten together, namely, W8TPZ, of Wyoming, Ohio, - W8SKZ, Ramona Eberhart of Cincinnati, - Ruth Seilkop, a young XYL working for her ticket, and Mary Ann Knapp, W9UTO, of Covington, Ky., and have formed a club. So far, the club name has not been chosen, but nevertheless the club has been formed, and the first meeting was held at W8TPZ's. We are also in hopes that Gertrude Roddy, W8CKH, from Dayton, Ohio (only 55 miles north of Cincy) can attend meetings. The club meets the first Sunday of each month at four PM, EST. We will meet at one another's houses to chat and plan for new ideas, then have a luncheon; and by the way, the OMs will be along too, for the lunch, of course. We are now scouting around for new members, those that have tickets, and those working for one, as we want this club to really grow.

Mary Ann, W9UTO

WILL A SECRETARY GO TO HEAVEN?

(Through courtesy of Garden Club of Ohio's July "GARDEN GREETINGS")

- If a secretary writes a letter, it's too long.
- If she sends a postal, it's too short.
- If she doesn't send a notice, she is lazy.
- If she attends a committee meeting, she is butting in.
- If she stays away, she is a shirker.
- If she duns the members for dues, she is insulting.
- If she fails to collect the dues, she is slipping.
- If she asks for advice, she is incompetent.
- If she does not, she is a bull-head.
- If she writes her reports complete, they are too long.
- If she condenses them, they are incomplete.
- If she talks on a subject, she is trying to run things.
- If she remains quiet, she has lost interest in the meeting.

"Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust,"
If others won't do it,
The secretary must!

Mickey, W9ZTU

(Reprinted from THE SPIDER)

Mickey, W9ZTU, writes that she is 22, five feet tall, weighs 96 pounds, has brown hair and hazel eyes, and is a jitterbug. Got ticket in June, 1939. Handled her first msg when the Knox soldiers went on maneuvers in Louisiana and Texas in May, clearing 734 of them. She's been knocking the BPL for a loop, and sent in a report recently that said 1,000 messages handled during the month.

Says she wishes she had a nickel for every time her lesser half (that's Elmer) has bin called "honey" over the air, the other ops thinking it was Mickey. Shief dislikes of the VL op: Women's hats, onions, fellers who sing in your ear when you dance with them, and fellers who sling tfe at you 30 wpm when they know you can do 30, but that you hafta sweat blood to get it solid on paper.

On November 28th, W9HIG, our youngest member, put in an appearance on the 80 meter cw net, and the other netters were very pleased to meet her. W9ILH, Carrie, and W7COX, Fran were two new states for Jerry, so kick through with those cards, girls.

'Twixt optimist and pessimist
The difference is quite droll.
The optimist, the doughnut sees;
The pessimist, the hole.