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A decade's close is drawing nigh—
Each candle's glow a year gone by;
And now the flickering flames combine
To light our way to 'fifty-nine!

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WAS/YL

Certificate No. 1 for WAS/YL has been issued to Howard S. Bradley, better known as "Howie", W2QHH, the very first person to have this honor. Howie finally added to his list the elusive state of West Virginia by working W8EVR on Oct. 29th. On Oct. 25th, just a year ago, Howie completed WAC/YL! FB, Howie, we of YLRL salute you for proving that persistence wins. Our hearty congratulations to you! (Thanks to Lou, W1MCW, for the details on this.--ed.)

Ten Years Ago
by ENDD, W6UXF

It was just ten years ago that Ethel Smith, W7PWB (now W3MSU), started the ball rolling with her "Letter to the Editor", which was published in QST, stating the wish that the YL's on the air could band together into some sort of organization. I, then W9NBX, was one of the few who answered that letter, and by gathering names and addresses from the other interested girls, we were able to make up a list of prospective members.

In November the first club paper - a single mimeographed sheet - was mailed out, and the response was all we could have hoped for. As Founder, Ethel was made first President and I took over the duties of Secretary-Editor. Carol Witte, W9WVP (now W7WSV), was appointed

Vice-President and Activities Manager. Other charter members who are still active are WLGQT, W6NAZ, W70UA, and VE2HI.

I quote the following from our first publication: "This news sheet, small though it may be in its infancy, ought to be dignified with a name. So what say, members? Send in your suggestions within a month, so that next month's paper will not be nameless." The result of that plea was YL HARMONICS.

CLUB NEWS

Oct. 10, 1949

The San Diego YLRL met Sept. 21, at 7:30 p m, in the Linda Vista Community Center. Plans were completed for the open meeting to be held Oct. 20.

An amateur station, using the YL Club Call, W6FXD, was set up at a Hobby-Craft Show that was held in Balboa Park, San Diego, in September. There were 225 messages handled and "cream of the crop" operators manned the station.---Jean Baptie, W6ZYD.

Nov. 20, 1949

The SD YLRL held its open meeting Oct. 20, with John R. Griggs, W6KW, ARRL Director for the Southwestern Division, as guest speaker. Mr. Griggs had just returned from the special board meeting in Washington, D.C., and had much pertinent and interesting information to relate. Refreshments were served and a prize drawing was held.

The ARRL Convention was held in SD Nov. 12. A "YL" Luncheon took place with 39 girls in attendance. The girls were very happy to have Louisa DeSoto, W7OOH, with them. She addressed the group at an afternoon ham session.

At the Nov. 16 meeting, plans were made for the annual Christmas dinner and party for members and their OM's. It will be held at the home of W6ZYD. The meal will be the traditional "turkey 'n' trimmings" with Neva, W6YXI, in charge of that department!-- Jean Baptie, W6ZYD.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

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| Balance, Sept. 23, 1949 | \$314.34 |
| Receipts | 90.65 |
| | <u>\$404.99</u> |
| Expenditures | 52.50 |
| Balance, Oct. 31, 1949 | <u>\$352.49</u> |

THE YLRL STORY

As we celebrate our tenth anniversary and look forward to better and better years ahead, let us pause a moment in our progress to look backward to the past. Perhaps some of our newer members have not yet heard the story of the beginning of our organization. That we might all know the foundation upon which YLRL is built, Harmonics has, after considerable research, pieced together the following history.

In the May, 1939, issue of QST, there was an ad for the book "Two Hundred Meters and Down", by the late Clint DeSoto, W2IU, OM of our Publicity Chairman, Louisa. A simple ad - the usual sort of thing - but an ad which was to have long-lasting consequences. For among the many hams who saw this ad was one who was greatly impressed, but in a way unforeseen by QST. As a result, the following letter appeared in QST a couple of months later:



W3MSU

Dear YL:-

That book is the nearest thing to a pair of lace gloves that our printer has - and we had to catch your eye some way!

Goodness knows - and you won't tell - how many of you YL key-twitchers there are - but we figure there's a lot of you who should read TWO HUNDRED METERS AND DOWN. The Story of Amateur Radio. What? Come on!

Herbert Hoover says in the dedicatory preface to this book by a note on the flyleaf: "There are no added to the joy of life in literally hundreds of thousands of men, women, boys and girls over the whole nation..." so you can see how important you are in the amateur group. But after that - when you really get into the book - there's hardly any, really, little, practical reason of your interest. TWO HUNDRED METERS AND DOWN simply tells of MAN-POWER! It tells what not did what, and when and how, to make ham radio what it was, is, and will be. Men, men, men!

Of course, dear YL, the trouble is that it tells the story and the darn woman-ignorant who did this thing can see it's downright convincing. And it's an interesting, convincing, fascinating story. Send a dollar and ask for TWO HUNDRED METERS AND DOWN. Direct shipments and money to the -

Yours with 88,

A. R. R. I.

West Hartford, Conn.

"That lace-bordered ad of 'Two Hundred Meters and Down' brought up a point that has had my curiosity aroused for some time! How many 'YL Key-twitchers' are there?"

"Nobody seems to know, but I think we would tell. I should like to have you publish this letter or some kind of a request to have the YL's make themselves known. I'd like to know how many there are, how old they are, how they got interested, whether they're key-twitchers or tonsil-busters, how long they've had their tickets, and what they think we should do about these authors."

"So how about it YL's? Please send all the dope to me. Perhaps we should band ourselves together in a YLRL or something to that effect and make these woman-ignoring authors sit up and take notice."

Ethel, W7FWB

That letter, written by Ethel Smith, now W3MSU, was the seed from which grew our organization. Little did Ethel realize that she was not only starting an active organization, but also naming it in the bargain!

Ten girls answered that letter, and several other interested YL's were soon located. The response was so enthusiastic it was obvious that a YLRL had possibilities. Enid Carter, W9NBX (now Enid Aldwell, W6UXF), was one of the girls who answered Ethel's letter. Enid was the "spark plug" of the group, and soon had a constitution prepared. In October, 1939, the constitution was formally adopted and temporary officers were selected. Ethel, W7FWB, became the first President, Carol Keating, W9WWP (now Carol Witte, W6WSV), was appointed Vice-President and Activities Manager, Enid, W9NBX, took on the difficult job of Secretary and in a short time contacted many additional YL's. A few weeks later Anita Bien, W8TAY (now W4JCR), was appointed Publicity Chairman.

In order to promote the spread of YLRL over the country, the founding officers appointed a District Chairman in each call area. These first D/C's were: Lida King, W1GQT; Dorothy Hall, W2LKY; Mary Le Van, W3PKZ; Mrs. E. F. Sanford, W4DAI; Mary Palmer, W5DEW; Genevieve Capstaff, W6RGX; Ethel Smith, W7FWB; Mary Stocking, W8SBB; Lenore Kingston, W9CHD (now Lenore Conn, W6NAZ).

In November, 1939, Enid began publication of a monthly bulletin. The first issue was a one-page mimeographed affair which contained principally an explanation of YLRL and a plea for members. The paper was named by means of an informal contest among the members. As the first issue said: "This news sheet, small though it may be in

its infancy, ought to be dignified with a name. So what say, members? Send in your suggestions within a month, so that next month's paper will not be nameless." We're not sure who suggested it, but the name with which our paper was duly christened has stuck with us until today - YL HARMONICS.

From such modest beginnings, YLRL grew during its infant year to a total membership of 71. Harmonics had grown, too, with an average of 8 to 10 pages each month. The world was beginning to take notice of this youngster, which had far more than tripled its birth weight in its first year. An article on YLRL appeared in QST in May, 1940. An editorial speculation asked the question: "What is a YL?" Answering its own question, QST said that a YL is "apparently, by the new definition, any feminine radio amateur, regardless of age or marital condition". Thus was our influence being felt - even the OM's were changing their long-standing ideas!

In 1940, our membership included YL's with ages from 13 to 73, as compared to a range from 9 to 83 this year. We wonder how young and old they'll be in another decade! The average age in 1940 was 30, with 39% single. So far as we know there are no accurate figures available for comparison today. Our present emblem was selected in a contest about this time. The successful designer was our first President, Ethel, W7FVB, who chose our colors dark blue and silver. The signal QRV, "I am ready", suggested by Anita Bien, W8TAY, was adopted as the club motto. This motto had meaning, too, since many YL's were serving unselfishly in emergencies from coast to coast. To further the enthusiasm of the girls, a YLRL song was written, with lyrics by Dot Willett, W8UDA, our present 8th D/C. We are printing in this issue the words of this song, which seems to be little known among our ranks these days. An expression we all use also had its inception around 1940. Clara Reger, W8KYR (now W2RUF), is credited with originating the use of 33. Maybe it will answer many questions we've received when we report that the original meaning of 33, as we found it, was: "Love sealed with friendship, between one YL and another YL". It was at this time, too, that our pins and stationery were first made available. Probably due to the increasing interest of YL's in ham radio, many were departing the ranks of the YL's by the old definition (3), to become the XYL's of fellows met via the airwaves. Things got so active in the matrimonial line that QST reported a rumor that "CQ" was the mating call of the amateur species!

The Tenth Anniversary Party has just ended. It seems particularly significant to look back to the first Anniversary Party, which of course took place in 1940. The prize for the contest was the Corcoran Cup, donated by Vice-President Marie Corcoran, W8PTZ. Marie was very interested in YLRL operating activities, being the NCS of a 160-meter net from Maine to Florida. The cup was won that year by Dot Evans, W1FTJ.

YLRL activities were progressing rapidly toward the latter part of 1941 -- the end of a very successful second year. Membership had grown to reach nearly 250, but better still, interest in organized activities was multiplying. For example there were nearly 50 YL's in the 10-meter net alone, under the able control of W8QOJ! We are happy to note that a check of our information on our present 10-meter net shows a total of 52 stations reporting in to date. We then had members in 43 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, and England, with the highest number in California. Following in order were Ohio, New York, Illinois and Missouri. By comparison, the figures for today show California still in the lead with New York, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Washington following.

Amid bustling activity and with many plans for the future, YLRL celebrated its second birthday in October, 1941. As we now know all too well, however, any plans for the future were abruptly invalidated one day early in December when the gathering clouds of World War II burst asunder, and amateur radio operators everywhere turned their efforts and resources toward the cause of a free world.

War did not stop YLRL! Although we were off the air and organized activities were perforce curtailed, our members kept in touch by mail. Harmonics grew steadily bigger and better and was published regularly throughout the war years. Thus, through personal correspondence and our paper, YLRL was held intact. The fact that few large-scale activities were possible did not in any way prevent YLRL and its members from

performing invaluable services during the war. Many YL's became radio instructors, and others joined the women's auxiliaries of the armed forces. Still others put their training to good use in war plants throughout the country. We feel it quite appropriate to quote here from the May, 1942, QST, p. 11:

"As would be expected, the YLRL is highly active in the field of training women by radio. A number of members of this organization have either started local classes, enrolled as AWVS instructors, or are teaching in the Army."

These words are especially significant because they were written by a man who wrote a book - a book called "Two Hundred Meters and Down" - in which he mentioned not a single YL! Yes, that same man wrote the book which inspired the ad which inspired the letter which inspired our girls -- and from which emerged The Young Ladies' Radio League.

Many issues of Harmonics could be - and were - filled with the accomplishments of YL's during the war, but since this is a history of the organization itself, we shall pass on to the post war period when ham radio activities were resumed in full. The return of peace brought to YLRL, as to the whole world, the problems of readjustment. Many members had moved away from their homes to other places where they could be of more service to the country. Some were still too busy to devote much time to ham radio. Still others, having been inactive during the war years, had lost active interest in their hobby or had become absorbed in other hobbies less affected by the war. The inevitable reconstruction period followed, during which the girls gradually got "in the swing of things" again.

When we look back and realize that only four years have passed since the war's end, during which we might overcome these obstacles of reconstruction, we can appreciate more fully how much we have accomplished. **Evennow we are** still climbing out of the post-war slump and regaining as an organization the youthful vigor of our pre-war years. For a short time financial difficulties impeded our progress and forced curtailment of some of our activities. YLRL owes much to the officers who saw us through those difficult times. It was during a year in which our treasury was at a very low ebb that our wonderful YLRL Directory was compiled and made available to us. This booklet has not only proved invaluable in providing a source of revenue but has given us a glimpse into the lives of others who have ventured forth into this mysterious, fascinating, and delightfully crazy world of amateur radio! Our financial problem has been solved for the present and things are really "looking up". Because of expanded activities, a revived Harmonics, and a very aggressive publicity campaign and membership drive, we are now enrolling great numbers of YL's each month. As nearly as we can determine it, the total membership as we go to press is 339.

Our expanded activities include at least one new contest - the YL-OM Contest, which comes off in January. In addition to providing great fun and a chance for some snappy operating for the members, this contest should do much to publicize our organization among hams in general. For some time YLRL has been offering a WAS/YL certificate to any ham working YL's in all 48 states. We have tried to glean information as to the origin of this award but have been unsuccessful. We do know, however, that until this November, no such award had been made - probably because of the difficulty in working a YL in West Virginia. We understand there is an active YL there now - W5EVR - so the recent success of W2QHH should inspire others to renewed efforts toward WAS/YL.

And now we are closing another book of YLRL History and starting afresh on Volume 11 - - our eleventh year has begun. We have one great asset with which to start on our new book - enthusiasm! Officers and members alike seem to be tremendously interested in and aware of the possibilities for our organization. There is no reason why we cannot keep the spark alive and burning brightly for years to come. We have a grand group of gals - eager to work together - able to accomplish much now and in the future for ourselves, our organization, and our hobby - the world's finest - amateur radio!

Candles aglow - knife poised - we wait
To cut our cake and celebrate!
But while we do - let's not forget
Our greatest work's before us yet!

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN 1949-50



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DISTRICT NEWS

W 1

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425 A South Franklin St.
Holbrook, Mass.

BCU - Peg - ex-W6BCU and former treasurer of the San Diego YLRL Club, is now residing in Walpole, Mass. She listens frequently on 10 for her W6 friends, but conditions have not been too favorable for receiving them so far this fall. Four young harmonics keep Peg quite occupied, yet she capably finds time to work European DX, build radio equipment for her OM, Chan, W1MUV, do considerable sewing for the whole family, and to indulge in such an extra-curricular activity as organizing a hot lunch program for the local elementary school. No doubt about it, the gal is a hard worker and her interests are many. We expect to hear a lot more from you, Peg!

BDN - May - deserves a rousing three cheers. Despite her "eighty-two years plus" and recent illness, she is a member in good standing of the club. And just consider that she has been licensed and active since 1920! More power to you, May. May you be licensed and active for another twenty-nine years!

HIE - Rennie - will get more hamming in now that the World Series has been fought to the bitter end. Viewing the games on her TV set had the leading edge on operating 80 CW for a while.

NUO - Tisha - is anxiously waiting for her OM, W1HX, to complete the new rig he has been building for her. Then listen for her signals on both fone and CW.

QJX - Charlotte - and her OM are off on a fall trip to Burlington, Vt., Ottawa, and Quebec. On their way through Vermont they will visit Ann, W1QAK, and her OM, W1MMN. Ann and Charlotte keep regular skeds with each other on 80 CW.

QJY - Olga - finds that getting on the NH net almost every night, reporting in on the First Regional net, and acting as NCS once a week keeps her quite busy. Her 500 watt, 80 CW rig brings her FB reports, too, she is pleased to say.

QON - Eleanor - is happy to report that she has made two strides forward this past month. First -- she has been doing a little more hamming on 10 fone and 80 CW and secondly, she has done considerable communicating with YLRL members. She trusts that the many letters and notes sent will bring results -- especially around the fifteenth of each month!

QUV - "Jekny" (Garnet Harris) - has been elected Secretary of the Hartford County Amateur Radio Association. The first time in twenty-one years that a YL has held that office.

SAJ - Marguerite - and her OM, W1QVC, are still enjoying an extensive trip around the United States. Marguerite is one of our newest members, and we predict that she soon will be one of our most active.

W 2

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

ETB - Jeanne - hope you have recovered from your back injury and are once again enjoying good health.

EXQ - Kay - has a unique radio-piano which operates by radio waves and has a recording unit. It's one of the modern scientific instruments.

IXY - Det - had on display a miniature model of Little America and a lovely colored picture of her shack at the ARRL convention.

JZX - Vi - was interviewed over Station WCBS on Saturday, October 8. She plans to install a 75 meter rig in the Nash. Reports that she likes the Admiral 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " TV set.

MEG - Willy - has to her credit 26 maritime mobile stations. She holds skeds for an XYL whose OM is on a tanker near the Red Sea. Willy has given her the license manual to study and will make a ham out of her yet - hi!

NFR - Helen - does quite a bit of portable-mobile operating.

NQC - Vi - has one of the rarest and oldest collections of musical records - symphonies, operas, etc.

OLB - Amelia - has given the final touch to the interior decorations of her home. She's rushed with new articles for the periodicals. Her latest ones can be found in Nov. Coronet and The Argosy.

OWL - Ruth - received certificate from ROWH. Regardless of fixed beam, she is working DX.

PBI - Jerry - had successful DX spree while OM went on fishing trip. Promised the OM she'd make 10 DX contacts by the time he returned and despite the FCC restrictions, she did! OM reported fishing was good, too!

PCU - Martha - spends part of her lunch hour at 42nd St. and East River Drive watching the progress of the UN Building.

PMA - Lillian - is on the air and the event was celebrated by a get-together of a few hams! Received QSL from W7HHH, Bea, who writes: "I still can't believe it! It was grand and hope the band will be good to us again!". Lillian also was delighted to contact W6NAZ, Lenore, who sends her 33 to the gals.

PUY - Selma - returned from her honeymoon in time for the convention. She is not active on the air.

PVS - Betty - would appreciate an occasional QSO as a respite from the jr. op QRM all day but no can do -- TVI!

QBJ - Hazel - participates with her jr. ops in sports - especially roller skating. They keep her entertained with lots of news - one is in the 7th grade and the other in the first year of high school.

QGB - Anna - was glad to meet the YL's at the convention. She will be leaving for Florida soon.

QGK - Sophie - worked 10 meters with a fixed beam (temporarily). The meter was being repaired.

QJC - Rita - is apartment hunting. She is tired of being a listener and wants to operate.

QJM - Marion - has a CW transmitter for sale. Drop her a line if you're interested.

QPA - Frances - is back in the east after a visit to W6-land.

QWL - Mignon - was active at the convention.

RAQ - Catherine - is proud of jr. op's school record - he tops his classmates. She is looking forward to having her place redecorated.

RNJ - Beryle - has a Guest Book since they are in their own home. They love company and over 70 people from various cities have visited them.

RTZ - Hope - had a swell picture and write-up in the World-Telegram on Oct. 7. She was handling messages at the convention.

(Also nice write-up on Hope in D. C. paper.--ed.) Hope is expected to leave NY for the warmer state of Florida.

RUF - Clara - drove from Buffalo, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p m and reached NYC at 8 a m, got a reservation at the hotel and dashed to the convention. She was delighted to meet PMA and W3CUL-NHI there.

RZW - Edna - recently had the urge to try her hand at sewing. Never had a lesson but is having wonderful results! She's looking around for equipment - especially a receiver.

SEH - Grace - was complimented on her corresponding secy. work for ARRL.

TBU - Kit - ran off with one of the prizes at the convention - an electro-voice mike -the lucky gal!

TTO - Kay - has recovered from a surgery operation and is resting in the country. She will be back on 10 soon.

TWJ - Barbara - works 10 and 20, fene and CW, mobile and fixed, - has the beam up, too.

WBN - Clara - became interested in ham radio because her OM, W2VOW (nice call), seemed to have so much fun with the hams he worked. She writes: "I thought I might like it, too but the more the OM tried to help me, the less I knew! Maybe I have rocks in my head! Anyway, I got my Class B ticket without much help from him and have had my Class A for ever a year."

WCL - Kay - has redecorated her seven room home. The cupboard is filled with over 500 jars of fruits and vegetables.

WOW - Je - enjoyed visit from her sister. She writes: "Jimmie is getting to be quite a man and Gloria Je is a dream -- de I sound like a Proud Mama?". She corresponds with ILMQ, an Italian XYL.

YCX - Carlisle - Secy. of the Lakeland Amateur Radio Assn., Inc.

YTI - Elizabeth - says their car cannot be mistaken for other than a ham's - Call letters W2YTH and W2YTI on rear window and license plate reads VB73.

ZIK - Adele - hopes to get her rig parking soon.

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W 3

Mae Burke, W3CUL
Box 238
Folsom, Pa.

AKB - Fran - has been trying to get the 80-meter net started, but attendance has been at a low ebb. C'mon, gals, let's don't leave Fran talking to herself--hi! The net has picked up a bit recently but let's make it even better. Fran recently made a business trip to Boston - attended meeting of Eastern Massachusetts Radio Society while there and met a number of hams she had worked including Eunice, WLMPP.

CDQ - Liz - had a get-together and farewell party for Helen, W3OLY. Attended the Hudson Division Convention and met NYC YLRL gals and W3CUL-NHI. Liz is checking in on the 40-meter net.

CUL - Mae - attended the Hudson Division Convention and SSN dinner; met traffic gang for first time - what a thrill! Sure glad to meet all the NYC YL's - also W2TYU, Pop, famous traffic man, whose cellar was filling up with messages from the message center, relayed by teletype from the convention. He has a charming XYL. Al and Mae enjoyed a visit from W1USN and XYL from the Brass Hat Net, a QSO net of which they made Mae an honorary member!

NHI - Marion - also attended the Hudson Division Convention and SSN dinner, renewing acquaintances with the gang. She helped in the message center, by sitting in on skeds for relaying, and enjoyed it very much. Marion recently had a visit from W4MLH, Bill - who handles all our YLRL traffic to D. C. - hi!

NMS - Anabel - has lots of surprises in store for us in the contest line. She's really doing a grand job as our Activities Manager and Veep - hi! She is very pleased with the attendance on the 10 fone net. Anabel is anticipating a visit from Mary, F7AH, who expects to be back in the good old USA soon. Anabel's mother is getting along fine now.

OLY - Helen - our president, visited W7LCM, the mayor and boss dog catcher in Huntley, Montana, on way out to her new QTH on west coast. Hope you get settled and on the air soon, Helen. Her new address is: USN Comm. Stn., Bainbridge Island, Port Blakely, Washington.

PJL - Evelyn - is a new member of YLRL and is very happy to be one of us. She and the OM recently returned from a trip to Miami, Florida, with mobile rig, and they met several hams. Evelyn has had her ticket since early spring. She is running 35 watts to a vertical dipole which somewhat limits DX but she hopes to do better soon. The fellows around town have made a big joke of Evelyn's calling the OM to bring home groceries and stuff on his way home - hi! (Sure is convenient, tho, isn't it Evelyn? We do it, too - hi!--ed.) Welcome to YLRL.

PMT - Carla - writes that she expects to be on the air soon and intends checking in on the 7220-ke net. "Eight months a ham and haven't had a chance to be on long enough to meet one. First step 40 and 80 meters. Ah!, for the country and those outdoor antennas - been using 100 watts with an indoor antenna and it ain't so hot! Particularly when my son climbs atop piano and pulls it down for me! Now have four acres and starting our antenna farm. Anxious to get established in that shack (22' x 17') and start building transmitters for every band; what with a lab and workshop, you'd never guess we are rabid hams - would you?" Carla's OM is W9ERS, and they have two jr. ops, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and 8 months. Mae send along her thanks to the gals who have sent in news and hopes to hear from more of you next time.

W 4

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

HWR - Hilda - has been operating as W9HWU from Scott Field, Illinois, but has now moved to Tampa, Florida. She really gets around the world with her OM, who is in the service. She was on the air in Germany just after the war ended. Hear tell, too, that Hilda was very active in the Anniversary Party.

IKA - Dell - was in Blakely, Georgia, with her parents for six weeks this summer. Dell's one year old son, "Mac", is taking all her time and at present she isn't on the air. Hope you get back on 80 CW with your 100 watts soon, Dell.

LKM - Annette - asks that any girl who knows of a licensed YL who is not a member of YLRL, please send the name to her so that she can get in touch with the prospective member.

MDM - Margaret - and her OM, W4LPL, recently returned from a wonderful three weeks vacation into Canada. They operated mobile along the way and met quite a few hams personally, including Dot and Carl Evans. Margaret won a bronze fluorescent table lamp -- the first thing she can remember ever having won -- at the North Carolina Floating Hamfest in Charlotte, Sunday, Sept. 22. Holly, W4LSB, and Frances, W4KYI, were also there, so the OM's had some competition in the gabfest that prevailed. Margaret and her OM just ache to get back on the air when they hear the DX rolling in and hope it will be soon.

NOX - Nina - is a member whose name has not as yet appeared in print. She runs 120 watts on 40 and 20 CW. Congratulations on the 40 meter WAS, Nina! She lives in Pensacola and has a Class C ticket. Since that area has recently been made Class B, Nina will be going up for an exam soon. She expects to try for Class A and we surely do wish you luck, Nina! This summer she spent ten days in Ohio, but had to leave the rig at home! However, she visited several hams in W3-land.

PNA - Marguerite (Miggs) - is a new member of YLRL. We are very glad to have you in our organization, Miggs. A very interesting letter tells that "the OM, W4PMZ, has always dabbled in ham radio and I could almost foresee what would happen to me, and by that I mean twiddling my thumbs, and constantly causing QRM in the household". Naturally this wouldn't do, so now Miggs has a Class C ticket, says they have a wonderful time together and doesn't know of a hobby that could be more interesting. In three months on the air, she has an impressive total of 43 states and 30 countries. There are three jr. ops in the family and they live in the country south of Jacksonville, Fla. Miggs says she has been able to sandwich some housework in between ham radio contacts-- and don't we all know what she means!

PPQ - Kitty (ex-2FKA) - comes to the fourth district from River Edge, N.J. Welcome, Kitty, and we hope you are going to like living in Tampa, Fla. Kitty is one

of the early members of YLRL, having joined the first year it was organized. After having signed W2FKA for sixteen years, it must be difficult to get used to the new call. Kitty and the OM are living in a trailer and a little 20 watt rig and the HQ129X is all the ham equipment they have room for. She has been getting out quite well on 20 CW.

W 5

Anne Maring, W5OTU
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JCY - Bertha - had a nice write-up in a local paper recently. (Actually one of the few of such newspaper stories that are correctly presented. The press somehow constantly confuses the public in most amateur radio articles. If you were responsible for the way this one was written, Bertha, here's one person anyway who sez, "Thank ye!"--ed.)

JYD - Pat - reports that the Texas nets did a swell job during a recent storm period. No casualties but many messages were handled assuring relatives of safety of their folks. Pat stood by on 80 meters. On Oct. 9, a large picnic was enjoyed by 47 hams and their families; 12 prospective hams also attended. Pat is working with W5EV, Dan, on a hamfest to be held in early spring. This will be held at the Evangeline Park in St. Martinville, La. 125 hams and their families are expected. (Don't forget a YLRL Meeting, Pat)

IGY - Helen - enjoyed a QSO with Barbie, W3OQF, recently. Helen is on 28,854 Tuesdays, 12 to 2 p.m. She reports: "No receiver for eight weeks. It came back damaged in transit. Took it back and got it fixed - it worked one hour and is out again. ... Have had two messages from W7KCU through W5GZU. Be seeing you soon on 40, Marty, as I'm getting my Hertz antenna put up in a better location."

OTU - Anne - reports that her OM has a new Collins 175-A! (Sorry to hear you'd been ill, Anne, and hope you are all ok now.--ed.)

PTW - Peggy - also had some newspaper publicity recently.

QFT - Elizabeth ("Bobby") - Welcome to the Ham Radio World and to YLRL. Bobby has

only been a ham for a short time and was made one of us through the endorsement of Annette, W4LKM. Bobby has only an operator's license at the present time but is working on the station call of her own. QFT is the OM's call. Since he is in the Navy and they live at the naval station, there seems to be a bit of red tape to cut through before station licenses may be procured. Bobby profited from her OM's experience by asking for an operator's license only -- and now she operates to her heart's content while she waits for action to be taken on her application for station license. Smart gal, that! (We've worked her twice, too!--ed.)

W 6

Maxine Willis, W6UHA
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Los Angeles, Calif.

AVF - Mary - has been enjoying frequent skeds with a new friend, VE3AUJ, on ten fone.

AWW - Eleanor - has been very busy with her duties as Vice-President of the San Diego YLRL Club and as Treasurer of her local P.-T.A. She is getting ready for a blessed event around Christmas time. Nice present for your two harmonics, Eleanor.

BIS - Ida - will soon be active on the 160-meter band after having been off the air for a long time.

BLF - Blanche - has been quite active in her local P.-T. A. organization. She and the OM are making plans for a new home on recently purchased three acres near Mt. Helix, east of San Diego.

CBA - Violet - is an accomplished musician and had a featured spot on the program at the San Diego Convention where she played several accordion solos.

CEE - Vada - is now the proud possessor of a new ten-meter beam. Will be looking for YL contacts and DX after 5:30 p m PST. She was unlucky enough to have her '47 Plymouth stolen last month, but she and the OM, W6HVM, have acquired a nice new Chevrolet in which they are installing mobile gear.

EHA - Genevieve - has been meeting quite a few of the YL's on the 10 fone net and

enjoys every minute of it. She and the OM, W6EHB, attended the San Diego Convention where Genevieve held two winning tickets and came home with a couple of good chassis on which she can put the OM to work.

EKX - Beth - enjoyed having Rosemary, PJJ, and family spend a week-end with her in Oakland. The girls and their harmonics had a fine time seeing sights in San Francisco's famed Golden Gate Park, especially the zoo.

FEA - Gertrude - and her OM, W6WJF, had a wonderful time at the Reno convention. Just before making the trip they had installed a TBS-50A (30-40 watt) rig in the car and enjoyed mobile operation while enroute to Reno.

GQZ - Iva - reports her activities as equally divided between fone and CW and she has been spending her time operating two, ten and forty meters. She especially enjoys the YLRL net on 3710 kc Friday nights with PJJ as NCS.

MWO - Helen - drove to Reno with NZP, Evelyn, for the Oct. 29 Convention. Current reports indicate that they had a wonderful time. What did they bring back for souvenirs - not the ham gear you might expect -- but pictures of Rearing 80's mining camps and gambling joints, even a few chunks of quartz from Virginia City reputed to contain GOLD!

NZP - Evelyn - also attended the San Diego Convention as well as the one reported above. Had FB time at both affairs. She expects to be active on 10 and 20 fone in the near future. Will be using beams designed and built by W6LEE, OM of Naomi, W6YZU.

PJJ - Rosemary - is now NCS for the 80 CW net. She has wasted no time but organized the net quickly and efficiently. The following girls have already expressed their desire to join the net: TCN, GQZ, KCU, EKX, AAL. On Nov. 13, Rosemary was hostess for a small hamfest at her QTH. Guests were EKX, Beth, with her OM, VNI, also MYL, Jim. Counting the OM, INP, Rosemary had five hams for dinner. Did you served baked ham to even the score - hi?

PVV - Jean - informs us that there are five or six XYL's attending the code and theory classes sponsored by the San Bruno Radio Club. Thanks, Jean. Will you let us know when these girls qualify as YLRL members? PVV holds a weekly sked with W7KGE, Fern, and also a daily 10-meter sked with Jeanne, KL7RN.

QOG - Helene - drove to San Diego with E.J. Kroger, K6BF, and family on the week-end of November 12th. She enjoyed the convention very much - especially the luncheon for YL's and XYL's which was held at Hospitality House in Balboa Park. Helene and Ellen, YYM, participated in the contest designated as QLF (sending code with the left foot). QOG had a lot of fun in this contest, but reports that she is now suffering from "glass leg" - hi! Helen has increased a creditable list of DX contacts on fene with VQ8AX, Zone 39. She is now collecting cuff links and wonders if any of you girls happen to have a few unusual or interesting ones to add to her collection.

UHA - Maxine - wishes to extend congratulations to a very dear friend and prospective YLRL member, Ethel Williamson, XYL of VE3TW. On Nov. 8, Ethel passed the examination and will possess a ticket of her own just any day now.

Guess we are all agreed that there are not many experiences more thrilling than that of becoming a full-fledged "ham".

YXI - Neva - assisted in operating an amateur station set up at the San Diego Hobby Show. She is busy with plans for the annual Christmas dinner and party to be given by the San Diego YLRL Club. She and her OM are looking forward to making a long trip next Spring. They now own a nice trailer equipped with lots of good ham gear.

YYM - Ellen - is attending classes at the San Diego Vocational School and studying, you know what! Radiol! She is also teaching two new YL's amateur radio and they hope to be licensed by the first of the year.

YZU - Naomi - and her OM, W6LEE, attended the San Diego Convention as well as the one held in Reno on Oct. 29th. These two DX-ers seldom miss a convention or ham get-together.

ZTJ - Kay - was recently recovering from a broken ankle. Sorry to hear about the accident, Kay. Your San Mateo QTH should be a most desirable spot in which to live. We have been told that the San Mateo bridgejoys frequent QSO's with YL's but frowns is the location from which one can actually work the world with a mobile rig. What about it, Kay?

ZYD - Jean - was very happy to have as her house guest Louisa, W7OOH, during the week-end of the ARRL Convention, November 12. Congratulations, Jean, on holding a lucky number and winning a bug. We know how hard you worked to make the convention a successful one, and have heard words of praise from all who attended. Jean and members of the San Diego YLRL Club were hostesses for a lovely luncheon held at Hospitality House in Balboa Park. Thirty-nine YL's and XYL's enjoyed the luncheon meeting followed by an afternoon of cards and movies. Of special interest was a talk by Louisa, W7OOH. Please accept my thanks, Jean, for your FB work in reporting the news about the San Diego YL's.

KH6UR/W6 - Margaret - has recently settled in our fair city along with her husband, KH6NE/W6, and young daughter aged seven months. Our surprise meeting took place at Henry Radio where the OM's were both on a shopping spree. Margaret and I recognized each other from pictures in Louisa's column in CQ. She attended the Oct. 22 luncheon meeting of the L.A. YL's and will soon be active on 10 with a 50-watt mobile rig.

XYL of W6SFS - Jane Jackson - has been a member of our L.A. Club for approximately one year and has enjoyed attending the meetings. She expresses appreciation for the encouragement given her by the other YL's in the club, especially Helene, QOG, and promises that she will have her own ticket very soon.

Additional notes from Maxine: Have certainly enjoyed the QSO's with YL's on our 10-meter fene net. At last, met Editor, Barbie, operating W3MAX. There she was chatting gaily away while her young son played in a desk drawer - of all places! (But not for long, Maxine - hi! --ed.) There is plenty of activity among the W and VE YL's on the net. Wonder why some of the ZS YL's don't join us. ZS6B, Edgar, gave us an interesting account of the 1st anniversary party held by the ZS YLRL organization. Edgar, a bachelor, en- with disapproval upon OM-YL mergers. I did my best of convince ZS6B that the happy home is the one where the "hand that rocks the cradle can also pound brass". Edgar

made color pictures of the YLRL party in Jehamesburg and has promised to send up a few of the best pictures. He described a beautiful cake decorated with a miniature beam. Bet that was Diana's, ZS6GH, idea. Thanks to ZS6B for the fine bit of reporting. I suspect him of having thoroughly enjoyed the ZS YLRL Anniversary Party.

W 7

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EIU - Violet - reports that she has a Collins xmtr and expects to get on 10 or 20 as soon as she gets crystals for it. Will run about 100 watts, and is looking forward to making many YL contacts. She is expecting her parents from Minnesota and they will spend the winter at White Salmon, where, according to Vi and the Chamber, the weather ain't too wet or too dry.

FTX - Clarice - is a member of the Montana U.A.P. Net. She is greatly interested in YLRL doings, and especially in the YL-OM Contest coming up. She includes a message for Lou, WIMCW. Please tell DL4DD Clarice is trying her best to contact him. Her main freqs. are 28,600, 29,200, and 29,600 kcs. (Hope you read the 7th column, Lou.)

GXI - Marge - one of the charter members of YLRL, visited in Everett last month. She works 160 fone, 80 CW and should be on 10 and 6 before too long. Marge is an ardent amateur whenever she can find time away from the apple orchard.

GSR - Frances - one of the pre-war 160 clan attended the Everett Hamfest, Oct. 2nd.

HHH - Bea - writes that she is doing a bit of operating on 10 these days, and adding new YL contacts to her list. One nice QSO was with KZ5LM, Lois, in the Canal Zone. Bea is having contacts again with Jeanne, KL7RN. The new confirmed YL contacts are with 3PVE, 8DJR, 8YHD, and 9CIR. (Shucks, Bea, didn't I send that QSL? ... Well, I will soon! --ed.)

IHK - Jessie - is too busy for much ham radio, and it's not because she's in her kitchen all the time. We understand she works with her OM in the dental business.

Both of them attended the Everett Hamfest. JFB - Miriam - is still betwixt and between, not moved yet. Should be in the new QTH by Nov. 10. Address will be Box 111, Mukilteo, Washington. Enjoyed meeting five other YL's at the recent hamfest. They were: IHK, GSR, KI7AX, LCS, and LCG. Because I was waving wildly at Teddy, LCS, as we were rolling up to the Hamfest building, I nearly caught myself and my friend's car on fire. Had to dash home and change my dress, the return trip being made without further mishap. Had the jitters the rest of the day, tho.

KCU - Marty - originating heaps of messages for Washington Section Net. Her notes to JFB via the tfo net never seem to include any personal news, tho, darn it.

LCS - Teddy - back to skule again, taking adult courses at one of the Seattle Schools, folk dancing being one of her studies. Teddy and Bill visited the JFB family recently - (wetta nite, Teddy!). They also were present at the Hamfest.

KL7AX - Verna - and her OM are stateside. She was one of the six gals at the hamfest and everyone was thrilled that she won the beam given away there.

KL7RN - Jeanne - putting a FB sig down into the states. Heard her yesterday and wished I still had the 10 meter antenna up so that a QSO might have been possible. She sounds viddy interesting.

W 3

Dorothy Ann Willett, W8UDA
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Flint 5, Michigan

UDA - Dettie - wants to thank all the gals for sending in news each month. Even though she is unable to answer each of you individually she sincerely appreciates your efforts and will try to answer all letters as soon as possible. She would love hearing from some of the brand new members in the district.

WUT - Avis - worked a maritime mobile station in Istanbul, Turkey - but she sure wishes it had been on land instead of water! Look for her at 29,425 kcs on the 10 meter net, girls.

YGD - Viola - and her OM spent two weeks at Bay Lake in Minn. this summer, but she is back now teaching, and doing the house work, and operating 10 fone when she finds time. She had the thrill of being televised on WEWS this summer - also won a watch on a TV show.

ZGT - Lillian - and the OM, W3ZGS, have a three-element beam for 20 fone, and she has been keeping skeds with W4DCN, who lives next door to her mother and dad in Clewiston, Fla., so she talks directly to them. She says it brings back memories of the time her father had his own station in Columbia, S.A.

W 9

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

EFW - Esther - reports that during Fire Prevention Week, the Radio Club in Ft. Wayne had an elaborate demonstration of the usefulness of radio in aircraft and fire-fighting. The girls in Ft. Wayne have an XYL Club and are chartered, being the Alpha Chapter. The club in South Bend is forming with them, so the Ft. Wayne girls would like to have more clubs join with them. For further information write to Mrs. Ruby Pembleton, 2155 Westbrook Drive, Ft. Wayne 5, Indiana. The club will be 10 years old this coming May and they are planning a special program for this event. Esther attends a class in photography. She has a new Crown Graphic "45" and is open for all suggestions as to how to get the most out of it. Esther, her OM and daughter flew to Chicago to see the last three days of the Railroad Fair and enjoyed it very much. The OM is trying to persuade her to take up flying as they have their own plane, but so far Esther is content to leave the controls to her daughter and OM, as she has plenty of other things to keep her busy. She will be a grand-mother for the third time in the Spring, and hopes this time it will be a boy as she has two lovely little grand-daughters already. Thanks a million for all the news, Esther.

JPT - Helen - is busy trying to get out letters and application blanks for the membership campaign. She and the OM participated in a Simulated Emergency Test conducted by the AEC on a nationwide basis during the week-end of Oct. 15-16. "Such activity around here is well worthwhile," says Helen, "as we have

quite a few occasions for mobile emergency work in this part of the country. Both of us belong to the Mobile Emergency Corps of Greater St. Louis, an organization which proved its worth during the tornado which struck the Wood River area early this spring."

LRT - Julia - met W5PTW at the Indiana Radio Council's picnic at Tippecanoe Indiana State Park, and had a nice visit with Peggy.

Helen adds a suggestion: "How about giving a subscription to Harmonics as a Christmas gift to a friend interested in ham radio. Just something to think about. Thank for all the news and let have some more.-- Helen."

W 0

Alice-May Stewart, W0GOJ
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OCB - Josephine - is temporarily off the air while receiver is being repaired. There's been a lot of celebrating at OCB's QTH recently with both Jo and the OM having birthdays and also their 14th wedding anniversary. Jo has been ill with Virus X and we sure hope she has whipped it by now.

SHF - Dalcyce - and her OM made a trip through the Black Hills during vacation time and to Yellowstone, and into Utah, Colorado, and Oregon. They stopped by to see Bob, W7IGM, and Manila, W7JWC, in Seattle, Washington. Reports that they are simply wonderful people. Thanks to Annette, W4LKM, for this news of Dalcyce - hope I can return the favor some day.

TAB - Ruby - recently attended two ham picnics -- the 75 fone Missouri Emergency Net at Camden, Mo., and the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club picnic at Springfield. Ruby would like to contact a YL in W. Va. She has 25 states confirmed for WAS/YL. She would like Carrie, W9ILH, to know that she expects her to look them up when they come down in the Ozarks for fishing. Ruby's OM is W0HDK and she has one jr. op, aged 4.

GOJ as PFO - Alice-May and Marie - have been up to their ears in getting out notices for a swell get-together of the St. Louis Area Radio Club Council, Nov. 16. Also, on Nov. 7, they visited Hadley Technical School to see their radio equipment. Alice-May adds that she wants to thank all the gals for their wonderful newsy letters -- "they're a big help to me, so keep 'em coming. Love having something in my mailbox when I get home."

VE-LAND

Mary Snell, VE1ZM
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Nova Scotia

VE1ZM - Mary - worked VK-land for the first time with new 3-element beam. Had swell QSO with Joyce, VK2AMJ, who is interested in joining YLRL.

VE6MP - Maude - has a new Collins 32V-1 transmitter and panadapter and is all set for a nice long pleasant winter. She was visiting in the states recently and had the opportunity to visit two members of YLRL.

Mary also sends along this W9 info:

W9AYX - Jackie - has a FB outfit - also a TV set that Hallicrafter presented to her for the fine work she did during the Gatti-Hallicrafter expedition in Africa.

W9RCM - Ella - has a lovely summer home at Silver Lake.

G-LAND

Margaret Mills, G3ACC
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G8LY - Constance - reports little hamming activity for her but she did have a QSO with W3NNS on 28 mcs on Oct. 18, giving Anabel her first G-YL contact. She has also been accused of causing TVI when she wasn't on the air!!!

G2YL - Nell - and Meg, G3ACC, went to Radio Olympia together and had a grand day. Met many hams from all over the country. All the 2-meter boys were talking about the wonderful conditions on the VHF bands the previous night (the night of the eclipse of the moon incidentally). They heard lots of French stations coming in loud and clear. Nell and Meg also went to the South Eastern Regional Meeting (luncheon, tea, and talks by members of RSGB Council) held at Brighton - a good time was had by all.

Meg adds that her case of whooping cough proved more troublesome than imagined and she is still on sick leave. Sure sorry you're having such a rough time of it, Meg.

G-Land - (Cont'd.)

and hope you will find the road to a rapid recovery very soon. She has sent her 100 QSL's for DXCC claim and is keeping her fingers crossed. Has no surplus cards as yet although she has worked 113 countries. Her 100th card was ZD9AA!

VK LAND

Had a very nice and newsy letter from Gwen, VK3US, which we shall quote in part. "I'm afraid I can't pass along any dope about the other girls out here, except for Clarice, VK3VB. She recently got quite a write-up in one of the local papers. She is busy looking after her small children and acting as her husband's secretary. I think she is on 10 meters, you may hear her or Stan, 3VE. I am off the air until we finish our new home and get settled in, then I'll be looking for the girls on 10 and 20 fene. Rex and I are very busy these days. We are starting poultry farming and our chicks keep us on the run. Our new house is waiting for some kind of roofing." She goes on to say that they have a lot of space for putting up antennas. "The house is planned around the shack (a room 12' x 14', complete with fireplace, on the back perch) and the view, which is glorious! ... You asked for info on how come the call signs? Well, I married Rex in 1942, not taking much notice of the earbashing on radio that I got when he was on leave. Rex has been fooling around with radio since he was in short pants, but never got around to sitting for his ticket. After the war, we visited VK3SE, an old friend, and Stan got me to call CQ. My first go at the mike and I didn't stop to take a breath. ZL came back and that really started me. Then another ham ... didn't think I could pass the exams. Then came the news of Rex's incurable eye troubles, so we both decided to sit for our tickets." Seems that Rex passed the exam on the first try but Gwen had to take another crack at it. Her first QSO was on 8 meters, and since she has worked 30, 40, 20, 10 and 6. Plans to work on 144 mcs. Gwen is very anxious to meet the gals and extends an invitation for any of us out VK-way to visit them. (Be right over, Gwen! Thanks a million for your letter.--ed.)

YL-OM CONTEST



- DATES:** PHONE: January 21 & 22, 1950
CW: January 28 & 29, 1950
- HOURS:** PHONE: 7 am CST January 21 to 12 pm CST January 22
CW: 80 and 40 meters -
7 pm CST January 28 to 7 am CST January 29
20 and 10 meters-
7 am CST January 28 to 7 pm CST January 29
- FREQUENCIES:** PHONE: 75-, 20-, and 10-meter phone bands
CW: 3600 to 3700 kc; 7100 to 7200 kc; 14,050 to 14,150 kc; and 28,000 to 28,100 kc.
- ELIGIBILITY:** YL's must be members of YIYL. OM's - any licensed OM.
- OPERATING:** PHONE: Call "CQ YL-OM Contest".
Exchange QSO number, time, and location.
CW: YL's call "CQ OM". OM's call "CQ YL".
Exchange QSO number, time, and location.
- SCORING:** One point for each contact. Multiply total points by total number of states, territories, countries, and VE provinces worked.
Each state, country, etc. shall count only once in the multiplier even if worked on two or more bands.
A contestant may operate any bands he or she chooses, but must submit separate score sheets for PHONE and CW.
Logs must be mailed not later than February 5, 1950 to

Anabel Gifford, W3NNS
26 Waverly Avenue
Morton, Pennsylvania

Copies of the contest rules are available from Anabel upon receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope. You will find a sample log form on page 31.



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YLRL NETS

The YL Nets are well into their fall season, some of them getting off to a flying start, some building up slowly. So far, the Phone YL's are way out in front, but we know the CW Gals are going to do something about that soon.

The question has been asked: "How do I check in on a net?" For those of you who are not familiar with net operation, this is how it works. The NCS will call "CQ YLRL" on the frequency listed for her. On a Phone Net, she will specify the portion of the band she is tuning. If she is busy with another station, call "CQ YLRL" yourself. If you are VFO, QSY near the Net Frequency. It is suggested that if you are crystal controlled, you list your frequency with your NCS so that she will know where to find you.

NET CONTESTS

A certificate will be awarded to each member of the CW Net having the most participants for the season. A station may be counted once each net period.

For the YL being most active on the 10-meter Phone Net, a certificate will be awarded. A station may be counted once each Tuesday.

Both of these contests will start as of December 1 and run until further notice. Make sure you are reported on the air during Net time, either directly to your NCS or by way of another station, so that you will receive credit.

STATIONS REPORTING

The following stations have reported in since the Nets were activated the first of October.

10 Phone: W1--QUV, MCW, FTJ; W2--WEN, PMA; W3--NHI, CUL, CVT, NXU, MAX, NNS; W4--PMA, CWV, NFD; W5--OVH, IZL, PTW, MJU, NWR, NES, PTI, DRA, LGY, QLN, QFT; W6--UHA, MBD, EHA, GAI, HHD, CIC, SKW; W7--KAE, HHH, OOH, FTX; W8--ATB, DJR, WUT, WIS, DQO; W9--CIR, LRT; W0--TAB, QCB, SHF; DX--F7AH, KH6TI, VE6MP, G8LY, KZ5AC and KZ5LM.

20 CW: None

40 CW: W5--CUL, NHI, and NCJ.

80 CW: W1--QJY; W3--CUL, AKB.

So far there have been no reports from the CW Nets in the West and Middle West. (This article is continued on page 28.)

how it happened to

W2WOW

This is how it happened to me -- I was tricked into it! Yes, believe it or not, I was tricked into it, but am now very happy that I was, for I have a very novel set of call letters for a YL and enjoy ham radio very much.

Here is how it all came about. My OM was not licensed when we were married, but became very interested in listening to short wave after we bought a large 12-tube console, and used to sit by the hour tuning in short wave broadcast stations all over the world. Then there came a day when the BC set would not function any more and had to be taken to a repairman. That is how my OM met Johnny Mulligan, W2RTW, service manager for a large wholesale electrical company at the time. The OM told Johnny of his interest in short wave radio and he said, "Why don't you study radio theory and the code? Then you can get your amateur radio license and talk to those people in all those far away places!". Johnny offered to let the OM take a set of code records and shortly thereafter, he was the proud possessor of his own call -- W2TXB!

While he was a member of the Elmira Amateur Radio Assn., Elmira, N.Y. (our home before the war), the club decided to sponsor an NYA Radio School. Now Johnny had been trying to interest his XYL, Hazel, in his hobby but she was only "luke-warm" about it and the same was true of me. So the OM's got their heads together and decided to "trick" us into going to the school. I was told -- "Hazel would like to go to the NYA School but doesn't want to be the only woman there. She'll go if you'll go along just to keep her company." Hazel was told a similar story. As a result, of course, we started going to radio school and learned the code and theory. I went up to Buffalo and took the exam in July, 1941, and passed it all ok. Received the call W2WOW. Hazel took the exam during the war. She received her operator's license and after the war was over, she was given the call letters W2QBJ. My call was changed to W2WOW after the war.

I will never forget those days and weeks of waiting for the license to come. It was a long time coming, too! After a couple of weeks had passed, I received a letter asking for proof that the person named in the Birth Certificate and in the application were one (Cont'd. on page 28.)

Anniversary Greetings

GREETINGS TO THE YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE ON THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

I am very happy to extend greetings to the Young Ladies' Radio League on their Tenth Anniversary. The fact that you have survived ten years speaks well for the interest and growth of the Organization. No longer do the OM's have a monopoly on the amateur radio channels and the privileges of attending the "ham" club meetings. By establishing your own radio stations you have broken the OM's monopoly on claims for special privileges in the house. No longer can the "old man" claim that the radio shack is the "inner sanatorium" where YL's should not tread even to dust or sweep the floor. You have deflated his ego and robbed him of all opportunity of boasting about the mysteries and complications of radio that he thinks only man is capable of understanding. I imagine that you have made him green with envy when he sees how well an amateur station can be organized and maintained. Carry on, YL's, and may the best gal win in the YLRL Tenth Anniversary Party!--GEORGE E. STERLING, W3DF, COMMISSIONER, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Nov. 15, 1949.

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NA 592 DL PD - WUX NEWYORK NY 11 525 P -- BARBARA A HOUSTON - 109 SEMECA DR SE WASHDC -- AS ONE WHO HAS LONG FOLLOWED WITH MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICA'S AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN THE FIELD OF WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY. I AM SURE YOUR EFFORTS ARE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DOMESTIC PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO FURTHERING THE CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL. KINDEST REGARDS -- WILLIAM S. PALEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.

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We OM's have long since stopped considering a YL in amateur radio unusual. They have more than earned the respect and friendship of their fellow hobbyists. On the air, in club and public service activities, the YL's are making outstanding contributions. To the YLRL, the group that has done more than any other to encourage and develop participation by women in amateur radio for the past decade, my sincere congratulations on your Tenth Anniversary. In the years to come, I hope the enthusiasm of the YLRL spreads contagiously so women can, in increasing numbers, enrich our hobby.--LARRY LEKASHEAN, W2IOP.

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It is a distinct pleasure for me to extend warm and sincere congratulations to the Young Ladies' Radio League on the occasion of its Tenth Anniversary. The invaluable service rendered by women during the recent war has well established their place in the field of practical communications. The U. S. Air Force, endeavoring jointly with the U. S. Army to support amateur radio activities among U. S. military personnel throughout the world, envisions a future in which ... members of the Young Ladies' Radio League may also become members of the Military Amateur Radio System.--F. L. ANKENBRANDT, MAJOR GENERAL, USAF, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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SCRATCHI SEZ:

Peenix, Ariz.

Dear Hon. Barbie,

Goodness to saki, I are understanding that the Young Ladies' Radio League are about to celebrating their tenth anniversary. Scratchi are finding this out when I going over to house of XYL-to-be, Lil Watanabe. Lil and I are having heavy date that evening. She not quite ready, so I sitting down and looking for something to read -- some little thing that not taking more than hour or so to read.

I are finishing first book I pick up, and Lil still not ready, so searching further I finding magazine called Harmonics. Being sooper-expert on Harmonics (no amateur having more than Scratchi) I natchurly grabbing it up to seeing if it rate high technically.

Hokendoke!! Magazine not being about harmonics at all, being about ladies. This are not causing Scratchi any disappointment, on acct. are also being expert on women. On reading further, are finding out that these ladies are amateurs. Who would be thinking this -- all these nice YL's on air all waiting to be worked by Scratchi.

All can saying at this juncture are that I are not knowing what I are missing for last ten years. So, am enclosing monies, so please sending me post-hasty your directory so can hooking up with some of these luscious peeples.

Yours respectively,
Hashafisti Scratchi

Thanking you, friend Scratchi, but you no enclosing monies after all. If you reely wanting directory, Marion, W3NHI, will gladly taking your order. YLRL are thanking you for letter you are writing on this standing-out occasion.

Yours I am being truly,
Hon. Ed.*

*Ed. - that are being nickname for Ediot!

I put my vertical way up high

And went in and called another guy!
When he came back, all I heard him say
Was "Please turn your antenna around
this way"!

Hobby Trading Post

Hitch
Yours



WANTED: To trade envelope cancellations for Jutons - old, new, overall, metal, or any kind you have. Some of my cancellations are old. What have you? -Helen, W5LGY. (This is the first such item to come our way -- the idea being originated by W.LGY. Send in yours!--ed.)

XYL

Clara Reger, W2RUF, sends along an interesting bit of information concerning the origination of the term XYL. She reports that the wife of Dr. Burton Simpson, W3CPC, didn't like being referred to as the OW. Dr. Simpson was very active on 10 fone and his wife insisted he use the term XYL instead. The term was brought up later at a Buffalo Hamfest and has since been used the world over.

FOR THE BLIND

For the past year or more several amateurs have been searching for subscribers to a magazine, similar in content to QST and CQ, to be published in BRAILLE. In order to publish this magazine, it is necessary to have about two hundred subscribers. So far, with much effort and patience, about one hundred subscribers have been contacted. If you know of anyone who would enjoy such a magazine, please tell him about it.

Further information may be secured from
Robert Gunderson, W2J10
American Foundation for the Blind, Inc.
15 W. 16th St.
New York 11, N.Y.

My rig now runs a gallon,
With arrays of every sort -
So why does DX work that guy
Who's running but a quart??

JUST A REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE JANUARY 1. PLEASE GET YOURS IN TO THE SECRETARY-TREASURER AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!

Survival of the Fittest!

or
how it happened to

W4GKX

For the past few issues of Harmonics, I have been reading articles by YL's telling why they became amateur radio operators. This definitely does not follow their line of thinking -- becoming a ham because of "love at first sight" of ham radio. Indeed not -- I became a ham for radically different reasons. So different in fact, that I have hesitated to put it into print. But here goes -----.

When the OM and I were married some sixteen years ago (that dates me!), he was already an ardent ham - not only a ham for hobby and pleasure but a radio engineer by profession. I heard radio all hours of the day and night. How I used to love the squeaks and squawks from his CW operation at 2 a.m., when I was trying to sleep! Most of our acquaintances were hams and sometimes I felt like screaming from boredom. If I invited friends in for a bridge game, the OM sat and scowled all evening because I had ruined a schedule. After all, thought I, what earthly importance could a schedule be? When we looked for a house it not only had to have the usual living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and bedrooms --- it had to have a radio room! As a result we ended up living in places built before Noah's Ark, because there was that extra room. Of course, it made no difference if the kitchen floor slanted precariously from age! Then there was the matter of balancing the budget in those depression days. Every dollar counted but let the OM get near a radio shop -- and poof! - there goes the budget! Many a hot argument ensued. Last but not least was the matter of coming to meals on time. I could not get the OM to the dinner table while dinner was hot. He was always "just signing off", but glory be -- it would take him ten minutes to do it.

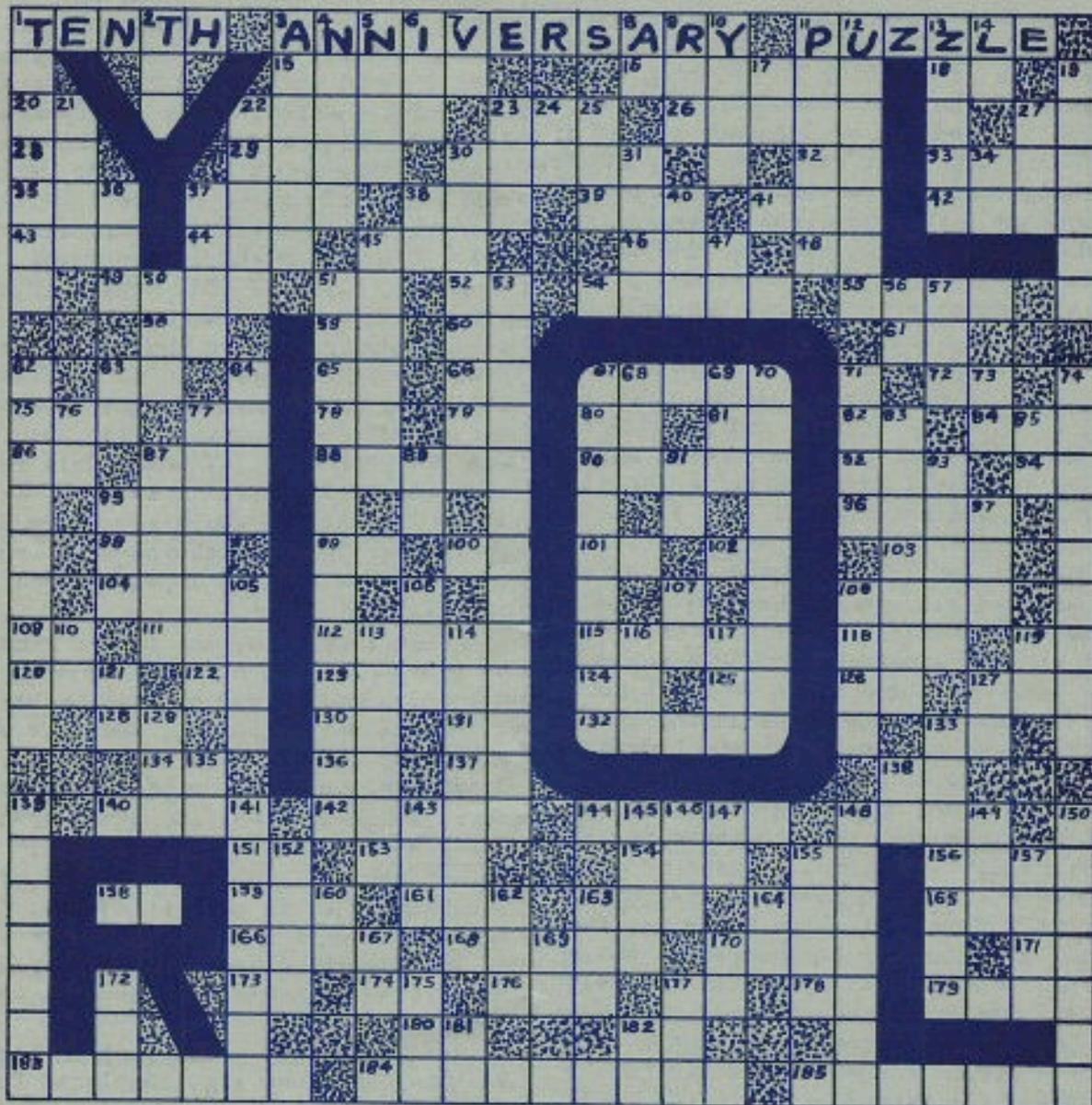
All these things began building up in my mind until they took on the proportions of mountains. Through my mind a question kept repeating itself - "Which is more important to him - ham radio or me?" I didn't dare ask him, though, for fear of

what the answer would be! But I'm a stubborn individual and I decided I would not let "ham radio" destroy my peace of mind. What could this terrific attraction be that kept my OM closeted in the radio room many whole evenings away from me? I had to find out and at his insistent suggestion, I started studying. The OM spent many evenings giving me code practice and breaking down the theory so that even I could understand it. He was a wonderful teacher. For four years I labored - with a few minor distractions interrupting me at times. For instance, our baby girl arrived before I really got started. Pat was three years old when we moved from an island in the Puget Sound to Miami, Florida. Six months after our arrival there, our son was born. I had been studying so hard and taking code practice so regularly -- do you know that child was born complete with head phones - and his first sound was CQ! When he was one year old, I finally felt ready to try for my license. I swore if I failed I was through and would never try again. My teacher had been thorough, however, and much to my surprise, I passed with flying colors!

About this time, the OM was sent away on a trip for two months. We held weekly schedules and it was so good to hear his voice. I was beginning, then, to understand why schedules were important. Gradually, as I got on the air more and more, ham radio cast its spell upon me. I prodded the OM to go to the radio shops to buy new equipment. I refused bridge luncheon dates to meet schedules. We made many friends on the air - and now it was we in everything concerning ham radio. I had licked the demon by becoming one of its own.

The OM - W4GEB - has just finished building me a new rig, completed for the Anniversary Party. On the first morning of the contest, I rose early to try my luck. The OM, bless him, brought me my breakfast so that I wouldn't lose any time. I worked on the contest all day and the OM and junior ops prepared dinner. I must confess that I was on the trail of a new state and was at least ten minutes late for dinner. But the OM understood and gave me no dirty looks as I used to give him years ago. As to the caption on my article, I have survived - I have licked ham radio by becoming a ham!--33, Inez.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



B

Here it is, girls, so far as we know, the first YLR crossword puzzle. We have worked into this puzzle a lot of facts about our members, their names, and calls, with the thought that you might enjoy getting acquainted - even if from your easy chair - if the information were presented in a novel and entertaining way. If enough interest is shown, we will try to arrange for publication of the answer to the puzzle in a future Harmonics. Since Christmas is near, we'll play Santa Claus and give you 1, 3, and 11 across - you take it from there! Sharpen your pencils and your wits and do what you can alone. Then refer to our YLR Directory (oh, yes, you have one, don't you?), articles in this issue, and perhaps to the OM for those words that still have you stumped. Good luck!

CROSSWORD

DEFINITIONS

Across

- 15 QRN
 16 Frequency selective circuit
 18 Power equals _____
 20 Sodium
 22 Well-known cartoonist
 23 "Teev", W5____, sez, "Don't run away!"
 26 French Soldier of World War I
 27 The traffic nets chief competitor!
 28 All before
 29 His parents also raised Cain!
 30 You can TUCK this one away in a hurry -- ZS6GH
 32 Guatemala
 33 Sky juice
 35 She probably has "dit fits"-W7HHH!
 37 Produces a given state (suffix)
 38 A dash after this one will give you W1FTJ.
 39 Net boss
 41 Nil hr
 42 Prefix - usually followed these days by a freeze
 43 Letter
 44 Ten db
 45 Our first Publicity Chairman - W4____
 46 Move hurriedly
 48 Afghanistan
 49 Wire that's all wound up
 51 Ham traffic cop
 52 Old-timer
 54 Nasty looks
 55 Our gang
 58 Siam
 59 A Latin-American continent
 60 Terbium
 61 Cuba (CW prefix)
 63 Sweden
 65 French Morocco
 66 Hungary
 67 She originated "33".
 72 Prefix of a station in Addis Ababa
 75 Donated the cup for the Anniversary Party
 77 Common abbreviation for output voltage
 78 Within
 79 Half an em
 80 Austria
 81 Yugoslavia
 82 XL?
 84 KH6OI
 86 Spain
 87 Slow (CW abbr.)
 88 Religious leaders in AC4-land

Down

- 1 Adjustable in Frequency
 2 Intermediate connection on a coil
 3 Our hard-working Activities Manager
 4 Necessary adjunct to an interesting QSO
 5 To be unwilling
 6 Equal (prefix)
 7 Our neighbor to the north
 8 Whaddya hear?
 9 Let 'er _____ - Rest in peace
 10 Contest coming up
 11 Furs
 12 CX-land
 13 Jailbird donkey
 14 Libya
 17 Costa Rica
 19 W1MPP
 21 To encourage
 22 A 10-meter gal - W2QBJ
 23 Code character
 24 Sun God - the boss of the "E" layer?
 25 In Vermont there is one oak.
 27 At least on CW, brevity is the soul of _____.
 30 W2ZPY
 31 What we'd all like to have for our antennas.
 34 Designation of much surplus equipment
 36 A popular surplus item - _____-5
 37 A wading bird
 38 Y1RL officer
 40 A recent Class A op - W5OQT
 45 She's a poet - W6JWJ
 47 First element in message
 50 Unit of electrical resistance - or there's no place like '____'.
 51 Versatile measuring instruments
 53 In a contest, we should avoid long _____.
 56 Important ratio in the final tank
 57 Well known type of communications receiver
 62 Our Peruvian member - OA4D
 63 Egyptian station
 64 An instrument used in construction - that's swll!
 67 G8LY has been licensed since 1936.
 68 You've seen this guy's face in many ads - W6GFQ
 69 River in GM-land
 70 Home of VK3US
 71 W9JFX/1 - a W9 in yankee land!
 73 Iceland - we have no members here - YET!
 74 W2WOW - love that YL's call!
 76 Station in Peru
 77 First D/C

Crossword Puzzle Definitions (Cont'd.)

| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u> |
|--|---|
| 90 Points of current or voltage minimum | 83 WØUA, first YL to "cross the Pacific". |
| 92 At this time | 85 A Bulgarian |
| 94 South Africa | 87 W6YRL - co-author with Lenore, W6NAZ, of our FB Callbook. |
| 95 Resident of GM Highlands | 89 Milliamperes |
| 96 Descriptive of a part of SU-land | 91 From |
| 98 Girl's name | 93 Stuff with which connections are made |
| 99 Old Boy | 95 Give (Scot. Dial.) |
| 100 Call of Northern Ireland | 97 Mary, the dew drop of Texas, W5 |
| 101 That | 105 W2QGB - another of our members from the big city |
| 102 End of message | 106 Pounds/square inch (abbr.) |
| 103 B4 | 107 Operator |
| 104 W6SLT or W2KZW | 108 Land of HS's |
| 108 Everything's in it - us too! | 110 Office of W3OQF (abbr.) |
| 109 Chile | 113 Curved |
| 111 Yonder | 114 Engrossed - are you? |
| 112 Houses (Spanish) | 116 A measure for cloth, or wet th' ____! |
| 115 Country in Central Asia | 117 Tool for hollowing out logs |
| 118 Neuter possessive pronoun | 119 Good Night |
| 119 They used to call him "doughboy" | 121 Add is and you have W8WUT. QSO her and you've worked a Miracle! |
| 120 One of our foreign members-CFLAJ | 127 Not any |
| 122 Jeanne is KL7 | 129 A ham since 1931 - W8GQZ. |
| 123 African Antelope | 133 W8ZGT - Shurr, and I believe she must be Irish! |
| 124 Signing off | 135 Oh, NUTS! The only definition we can think of is Brazil. |
| 125 Prefix meaning two commonly followed by a pole | 138 I'm laffink! |
| 126 All after | 139 W7OOK, a member from the Mormon State |
| 127 One of our members in Commerce, Okla. | 141 W6AWW, active in the San Diego YLRL |
| 128 ZS2ER | 143 Army reserve corps |
| 130 Office of Louisa, W7OOH | 145 Canadian reporter, VE1ZM |
| 131 Therefore | 146 W2UBC and 120 across both have the same name. |
| 132 Girl's name | 147 Initials of W8AQU |
| 133 Local oscillator | 148 W4EDI hails from "Jaw'ja". |
| 134 Principal office of 3 down | 149 93 down are frequently soldered to this |
| 136 Watsa? | 150 W5NES - Her Ma-in-law's a ham, too-W5NWR. |
| 137 Belgium | 152 W2RTZ is also known as "CP". |
| 138 A Charter Member, VE2 | 155 W4NOX, located in Pensacola, Florida |
| 140 Recently moved to W5-land - W2QUU/5 | 157 QTH of a mobile in motion |
| 142 What comes before Roebuck? | 160 Nova Scotia - no soap! |
| 144 W9EXN | 162 Number of years we've been in business. |
| 148 Typewriter | 163 I do not agree with your number of words. |
| 151 Left hand | 164 There's a very active YLRL club here. |
| 153 To put additional material on a recording | 167 And |
| 154 High quality transformer manufacturer | 169 QTH of Sylvia, WØVQK (abbr.) |
| 155 Ampere turns | 170 Blocking oscillator - or even your best friends won't tell you. |
| 156 W8YKU | 172 Supplied with grub or RF |
| 158 A Rose of Texas, W5 | 175 Grace is a Brooklynite - W2 |
| 159 Age | 177 Helen is a D/C - W9 |
| 161 What the neighbors call your rig | 181 Go ahead |
| 163 The name of my station is | 182 QTH of 25 down |
| 164 Our 2nd D/C | |
| 165 Hero of an opera by Borodin | |
| 166 A projecting part of a church | |

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YLRL SONG

"CRAZY" QUILT

Here are the words to that song we told you about. We had quite a time getting them - it really makes quite a story in itself. When we discovered that Dottie Willett, W8UDA, had written such a song we thought it would be very nice to include in this anniversary issue. There wasn't time for letter-writing although we found in the long run, a letter would have taken much less time - hi! We sent two messages Dottie's way (via amateur radio) but neither was received for some still unexplained reason. Finally, a long distance call and a 40-meter sked did the trick -hi! We called Dottie thinking we'd get on 40 CW and copy the words from her. Just as the connection was made and Dottie's cheery "hello" was heard ----- we remembered that our 40-meter antenna had blown down some time ago! Hasty arrangements were made, however, and thanks to the persistence of Jim, W30PO, and Dottie, W8UDA, in battling terrific QRM, the song was ours. And here 'tis:

Tune: Cornell University Alma Mater

First Verse:

Silver are the stars that shine
Over blue ocean waters
With these our colors we'll remain
United air-lane daughters.

Chorus:

YLRL all our praises we send forth to thee,
Ever loyal to thy purpose will the YL's be!

Second Verse:

If we are needed on the air
Whenever it may be
We will always keep in mind
Our motto "QRV".

Third Verse:

Come join our world-wide friendship band
YL's from every nation.
May our signals echo far
To meet each YL station.

Julia, W8LRT, of Bourbon, Indiana, is working on a novel project in connection with ham radio. Many of you may be familiar with the story of Julia's "quilt" but for the benefit of those who are not, we'll pass along the information.

The project, too, like YLRL, started about ten years ago. After an ARRL Convent' on in Chicago, Julia found herself in possession of a display of beautiful badges. There the idea was born that a quilt made from pieces of material with YL's calls on them would be fun to make and a wonderful memento of the girls. Julia started on her idea and received two patches - one from W8MBD, and one from W6RJV. Unfortunately, no further progress was made on the quilt until about a year ago when Julia moved to Bourbon and found more time available for ham radio activities.

She now has about 85 patches of all colors, shapes, and sizes from YL's and OM's. Some of these are very elaborate and some rather plain but they are all beautiful and add a little something more to the amateur radio hobby for Julia. She has even received one patch from an SWL in England - a man 76 years old.

The quilt is now about four-fifths completed, and a photograph will be made available to Harmonics upon its completion. The quilt was displayed at the Chicago Hamfest-Picnic on August 21. Julia did not know until a month later that she and her quilt were televised at that time - hi!

Nine districts have responded to Julia's "plea for patches" - the "missing link" being the W3's - tch, toh! (Let's us W3's get busy and show Julia we don't wanna be left out!--ed.)

The quilt will be made available to YLRL groups to display at Hamfests and Conventions. It is already "booked" for a showing to the California girls and will be mailed when completed to W8QOG. It will also be sent to W5NWR to display at the ARRL West Gulf Convention in San Antonio next August.

We feel that this is a terrific undertaking and although it has no doubt afforded Julia much added pleasure, she is to be commended for sticking with it and for so generously offering it to YLRL for display purposes. It will certainly be an added attraction, Julia, and one of interest to YL's and OM's alike!

DUE IT NOW!

New And Reinstated YLRL Members

Our mailing list has been growing rapidly with names of new and reinstated members. These are naturally not in our Callbook so for your information we are listing the names and addresses of those added to our mailing list since June, 1949. A supplement to the YLRL Directory may be published if these and others not written up in the Directory will send information about themselves to the Secretary. We are sorry we were unable to put these into district and alphabetical order and ask your pardon in advance for any names that may be on this list in error.--ed.

W1LPP, Eunice Randall Thompson, Christian Hill Road, Lovell, Maine
W1SAJ, Marguerite Bourell, 20 Sycamore Rd., Baintree 84, Massachusetts
W2TWJ, Barbara L. Lakey, 88-47 Abingdon Rd., Kew Gardens, L.I., New York
W2ZRO, Mary Torpey, 22 Browns Avenue, Scottsville, New York
W1LIM/3, Leonore M. Gooding, Roosevelt Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland
W3MSU, Ethel Smith, 127 Joliet Street, S. W., Washington 20, D. C.
W4PMA, Marguerite Perdue, Box 259P, Route 6, Jacksonville 7, Florida
W5DEW, Mary G. Palmer, 3109-14th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
W5DQF, Madie Eidson, 1309 N. 2nd, Temple, Texas
W5DUR, Bruce Groves, 1406 W. 12th, Odessa, Texas
W5HEK, Fan Wells, 205 Circle Street, West Monroe, Louisiana
W5IZK, Vivian Hug, 1221 Maywood Avenue, Dallas 16, Texas
W5JKM, Bernice May, 9428 Hobart Street, Dallas, Texas
W5OQT, Sue Snarr, 2020 N. E. 18, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
W5PFU, Johnibe Spencer, 2615 College, Ft. Worth, Texas
W5PYK, Martha Faubion, 1008 East 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street, Austin, Texas
W5QIR, Kay Vandervoort, Route 10, Box 183-B, Ft. Worth, Texas
W2QUU/5, Faye McFarland, 6117 Kenwick, Ft. Worth, Texas
W5TU, Rose Reiffin, 6005 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tremont Street, Dallas 14, Texas
W6EHA, Genevieve Malette, 1617 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California
WYNQG, Elsie Holt, 505 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Morrison Avenue, Box 1128, Casa Grande, Arizona
W8EFL, Mildred La Morder, 542 Thirty-third N. W., Canton 9, Ohio
W9FLU, Mary Eloise Rhein, RFD #1, Carmi, Illinois
W9FZX, Clara Rhein, RFD #1, Carmi, Illinois
W9GME, Grace Ryden, 2054 No. Lincoln Ave., Chicago 14, Illinois
W2NQC, Violet Villar, 362 Wadsworth Avenue, New York 33, New York
W2WDL, Coralie R. Groves, 51 Old Short Hills Road, Short Hills, New Jersey
W21CX, Carlisle Hull, Old Powerville Rd., Boonton, New Jersey
W2ZPR, Lillian Longley, Slingerlands, New York
W2ZTS, Irene Wawryski, 59 Henry Avenue, Babylon, L.I., New York
W5OWT, Martha Porter Ritchey, Box 230, Marathon, Texas
W5OVH, Amelia E. Aldrich, 4318 Hastings, El Paso, Texas
WYKOY, Gertrude M. Pond, 1415 N. 25th Street, Phoenix, Arizona
W7NJS, Elizabeth H. McKay, Ritter, Oregon
W8EIR, Alvine B. Eastman, 520 W. Lake Street, Alpena, Michigan
W8EMB, Martha A. Robinson, 331 E. Broadway, Granville, Ohio
W6GUS, Marie Carson White, 617 6th Street, San Bernardino, California
W2BNC, Helen Bates Law, 1608 Lexington Parkway, Schenectady, New York
- - Elizabeth K. Slagle, EMH 89, U.S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas
W2ZIK, Adele Shulim, 1003 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York
W6GAI, Frances E. Thompson, 860 So. Hudson Avenue, Los Angeles 5, California
W7HGQ, Maxine M. Hurt, 1104 11th Street, So. Nampa, Idaho
W2BTE, Jeanne W. Walker, Mott Road, Fayetteville, R. D., New York
W2HXQ, Kay I. Kibling, 336 Oakland Beach Avenue, Rye, New York
W2QPA, Frances Mayer, 221 East 72nd Street, New York 21, New York

NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS (CONT'D.)

WSUHB, Adelaide Szelagowski, 714 Talbot Avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania
- - Gloria Ann Mellon, 50 W. 96th Street, New York, New York
WESPI, Dorothy B. Miller, 66 Rowe Avenue, Lynbrook, New York
W2QVM, Marion R. Hart, 11 East 73rd Street, New York 21, New York
W2PCU, Martha Truman, 48 Hearst Street, Yonkers 2, New York
WSDAK, Libbie Simons, School Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas
WLPFG, Edith G. Clifford, 56 Forest Street, Reading, Massachusetts
W3PJL, Evelyn B. Ruckert, 4416 Buena Vista Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
W1BCU, Margaret K. Wells, 343 Fisher Street, Walpole, Massachusetts
W5PWN, Emma Linda Hawkins, 1406 Bell Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma
W0ISU, Frances E. Brown, 110 N. Commercial, Windsor, Missouri
W2TTO, C. Catherine Wallach, 501 West 139th Street, New York 33, New York
W5PFE, Julia S. Kemker, 404 Park Boulevard, New Orleans 14, Louisiana
W5PYE, Dorothy C. McClain, Box 393, Moscow, Texas
W0RAW, Bertha E. Bland, 3523 E. 56th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri
W0YEF, Lois E. Unruh, South Pine, Box 108, Harper, Kansas
W0YHD, Genevieve Lukenbill, 722 North Center Street, Willow Springs, Missouri
W7BKJ, Darlene Cox, Box 447, Shelley, Idaho
W7ITZ, Ruth E. Booth, 200 Dowell Road, Grants Pass, Oregon
W7LUD, Maude A. Armstrong, 909 East Third, Moscow, Idaho
W7NOB, Gwen C. Jackson, 1711 Washington Avenue, La Grande, Oregon

VE3BTE, Rose Hallifax, 38 Head St. Hamilton, Ontario
KZ5LM, Lois Wagner, Box 373, Margarita, Canal Zone
KZ5AC, Angela M. Combs, Box "O", Ancon, Canal Zone
KL7YG, Marjorie Sappah, Box 560, Anchorage, Alaska
KL7ZQ, Lucille M. Spargo, 375th Recon. Sqdn., Box 78, APO 937, Seattle, Washington
KL7ZR, Rose N. Cowles, Box 790, Fairbanks, Alaska
KH6AAK, Beatrice M. Bells, Apt. 4-1, USNCS, #66, c/o FPO San Francisco, California
ZS6KK, Marie Kramer, Box 7944, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Recent address changes not heretofore mentioned:

W4PPQ, Kitty LePine, Trailer Village, 11650 Nebraska Ave., Box 9148, Tampa,
Florida - (Formerly W2FKA)
W3OLY/7, Helen Morrison, USN Comm. Station, Bainbridge Island, Port Blakely,
Washington
W3PUG, Helen Wilson, 3164 17th Street, N. W., Washington 10, D.C. (Formerly KP4HR)
W4HWR, Hilda B. Andrew, 3907 Lynwood Avenue, Tampa 9, Florida
W9JTX, Louise Baker Beringer, 2301 North Forestbrook Road, South Bend, 17,
Indiana - (Formerly W0PTQ)

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The editor's records show the total membership as of December 7, 1949, to be
339 - 295 of these in the United States. The foreign countries and U. S.
possessions are represented as follows: Africa 10, Canada 9, England 6, Alaska 4,
Hawaii 4, Australia 2, Czechoslovakia 2, Canal Zone 2, Puerto Rico 1, Mexico 1,
New Zealand 1, Chile 1, and Peru 1.

From our records we also estimate 35 non-member subscribers to YL Harmonics.

**WE'RE GOING STRONG!—
LET'S MAKE IT STRONGER!**

How It Happened To W2WOW - (Cont'd.)

and the same since the birth certificate was in my maiden name! I sent proof of that - and waited another two weeks! Along came another letter from the FCC stating that they had discovered that I was married to WBTXB and asking if I were aware that if issued a license I could not use my call letters on the OM's rig and vice-versa. We assured them that we both had separate transmitters, and thennnnnn --- that coveted license arrived!

I was on 40 CW during the short time between the arrival of my ticket, Oct. 16, and Pearl Harbor. I will never forget my first QSO. The day the license came, the OM told me I'd have to break it in right away. I suggested that he call some one and then let me talk to him but he said, "No, it's your ticket and you will have to break it in yourself!". So I sat down at the rig and called CQ, hoping all the time that no one would come back to me - hi! But some one did, and my hand was shaking so that I could hardly answer him when he stood by. But we had a nice QSO, and he was very considerate of me. I was always grateful to him for giving me, a new ham, such a good start with my hobby. My first QSO was with W3UGZ in St. Joseph, Michigan.

After the war we rebuilt the rig, and I have been using an 813 running 250 watts on 10 meter fone. I also have an ARC-5 on 40 CW running about 50 watts. On 10 meters I am crystal controlled at 29,050 kc, and would like to have more of the YLRL members look for me there.

This is the story of how one YL was "tricked" into becoming a ham! Best of luck to you all and 33, "Jo", W2WOW.

YLRL Nets (Cont'd.)

So far this season the 10 fone net has shown the most activity. There are several DX YL's who are looking forward to QSO's with us during net time so don't neglect the DX portion of the band. Some of these are: Z36KK, 28300 WFO; VE6MP, 28450 WFO; KH6TI, WFO; KZ5AC, 29100; KZ5LM, 28900; G8LY; G2YL; and KL7RN.

All licensed YL's are welcome in the Nets, the purpose being to give us an opportunity to get to know our "Sister Hams". So get on the air. Call "CQ YLRL". You will enjoy your QSO's!--Anabel.

— W 5 N M D —

We deeply regret to report the passing of one of our members, Mildred Coulter, W5NMD, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who recently joined the Silent Keys.

Mildred received her Class A ticket last May and had just recently completed a new transmitter. She got her ticket in 1947, after her oldest son had enlisted in the Navy and suggested that they keep in touch by radio. Her OM is not a ham but encouraged her in her hobby and helped with the antenna problem.

Mildred had many friends in the amateur world and she will be greatly missed. We content ourselves, however, with the thought that where she is now the signals are surely loud and clear and QRM a thing unknown.

YLRL extends sincere sympathy to the family of W5NMD.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS (Cont'd.)- - - -

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Young Ladies' Radio League, the staff of the areas and national headquarters of the American Red Cross join me in extending to you our hearty congratulations on your group's past performance and our best wishes for your continued success. Whenever needed, particularly during major catastrophes, the Red Cross has always been able to turn to your association and other related groups for assistance, and we look forward to the continuance of this fine cooperative relationship.--Sincerely yours, HOWARD BONEHAM, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS, THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS.

TRAFFIC MAN'S NIGHTMARE

From seven to midnight I sit and copy
All kinds of fists, some good - some sloppy;
Messages from here, messages from there -
Messages - messages to 'most everywhere!
They must be taken, relayed and sent on
To destinations all over hither and yon.
Deliveries by phone - deliveries by mail -
Speed is important - we must not fail!
Conditions are terrible - QRM very bad -
Oh, brother, stop me - I'm going MAD!
But wait, just a minute, do I hear right?
Come the words QRU QNX and goodnight.

By Clara Reger, W2RUF - Manager, NYS Net.

A PERSONAL LETTER

It is going to be doubly difficult for me to write this letter - you see, I just finished writing what I hope was an inspiring ending to The YLRL Story. It inspired me, anyway (hi), and made me dread even more this task before me. But it must be done, so here goes.

I sincerely regret that with this issue I must resign as Editor of Harmonics. My reasons are entirely personal and have to do with my own health and happiness and the well-being of my family. The job is really a lot of fun and something I have thoroughly enjoyed doing. But when it conflicts with other things - thing to which I owe first allegiance - there is nothing in the world I can do but humbly admit I am unable to handle it any longer.

It hurts me very much to resign in the middle of my term. I know the papers I have been able to put out have helped considerably in stimulating interest - your letters have told me that. I would hate to think that my resignation could in any way affect that interest and the growth that has been so evident in the past months. But then I tell myself that such an idea is foolish - that no one is indispensable and that no matter how much I feel that I am "letting you down", I just gotta do it.

All I can add is that I will help any one with any job at any time. I will gladly get out bulletins such as the one recently sent out on the Anniversary Party. Any odd job that I can do on an unscheduled basis, just ask me and I'll do it gladly. But I must escape from deadlines. For six months the M and I have been jointly editing two monthly newspapers. Life has been heck-tic. We must have rest and a vacation from outside activities or something will explode! Please believe that I am extremely interested in and enthusiastic about YLRL and will still keep shouting for those 500 active members. I'll do my best to try to keep "her coming in.

Now don't get me wrong. I haven't died or anything - don't think I'm even on the verge! But my activity will of necessity be on a smaller scale for a while. Some day - give me ten years or so when my kids are grown up and in school - I might even run for President! Maybe by that time

Continuation of Crossword Definitions

Across

- 168 God
170 Group of frequencies
171 Syria
173 North East
174 Recent ARRL contest
176 ARRL is to hams as _____ is to broadcasters.
177 A girl who could be hard to see through, W2QQH
178 Argon
179 Rare (prefix)
180 For example
182 Prefix for British West Indies
183 Directive characteristic of antenna
184 Sister W7MUT
185 Obdurate - okay so I yam stubborn!

The photograph of Alice-May Stewart, W0G0J, was taken at Alton, Illinois, on Field Day, by a photographer from the St. Louis Star-Times.

We are having six hundred copies of this Anniversary Issue printed so that extras will be available. No price has been set for them and we have no authority to quote a price at this time. However, we will pass along the information here that this issue is costing YLRL close to \$100.00.

I heard a gal in Parkstitch*
And gave her a call when she threw the switch.
She answered me in her voice of gold,
"I'm a he-male boy, fourteen years old!"

*It is understood that the FCC no longer permits communication with this country.

(Submitted by Annette, W4LKM.)

PERSONALS COLYUM?

Ellen, W6YYM, asks us to pass along her regards to the W2 gals. Says she is sorry there just isn't time to write but she thinks of them often.

this faux pas will have been forgotten to the extent that my name will at least be allowed to appear on the ballot - hi!

Enough of this chatter - let me close on a serious note and simply say --- "I'm sorry". Vy 38 to you all, Barbie.

To a Junior Op
From an OM—
At Christmas



You ask me, son, if there's a Santa Claus. Well, let's see if we can find an answer to that for you. Here, let's turn on the rig and the receiver. Now I'll tune across the band. Hear that? Usually, I'd say, "the QRM is terrific today" -- but not this time. No, we won't think of it as QRM today because it may illustrate for you the answer to your question.

You don't understand me, son? Well, listen closely now and I'll try to make it clear. Do you know what those sounds are that you hear as I turn this knob? Each of those code signals and each of those voices represents a real, live person - somewhere in the world - sitting in his shack as we sit here in ours. And what are they doing? Why, son, they are extending the hand of friendship around the world! Every time one of those hundreds of hams throws the switch, he's saying, "Here I am - I'd like to talk to you for a while. Let's find out what interests we have in common and perhaps become good friends." Or there is the fellow like that one we just heard, who likes to send messages and unite families through the magic of radio. Why he creates more real happiness for himself and others every day than most folks have on Christmas Day itself! He gives himself, his time, and his equipment for whatever service he can perform for others anywhere in the world. Just as I would throw that switch there in a minute if I heard a CQ directed to our town. That would mean there was a message for someone here - and delivering it would be my privilege.

Remember the girl down the street who was new here and who was so homesick for her folks? Yes, that's right, we put her in touch with a fella' who has made it possible for her to talk with them often. She is more content now and so grateful - but she needn't be - the ham isn't doing anything special - just indulging in his chosen hobby and enjoying it.

That's not all, son. If suddenly there were some emergency - some reason why we should all get off the air in a hurry, I'll bet the emergency portion of this band would be clean as a whistle in very short order. But there'd be dozens of hams just standing by - in case they could be of help. Soon networks would be set up - efficiently dispatching messages - requesting aid - reassuring anxious relatives - operating for hours without thought of letting up. And the amazing part of all that, son, is that when it was all over, the hams would resume their carefree chats - thinking nothing of the fact that they'd done something really fine - glad only that they'd been there to lend a hand.

And so it goes, son. Every day - all around the clock - somewhere a ham is on the air - extending friendship, comradeship - displaying a genuine interest in those around him. He's chatty and humorous when there is time - brisk and efficient when the occasion demands.

Son, Santa Claus is a jolly old fella' - friendly - interested in people - and eager to do what he can to bring them happiness. So, in answer to your question, I say of course there is a Santa Claus and there will be as long as people are friendly and fun-loving - kind and considerate - and interested in helping one another. As for the hams - why they play the part of Santa Claus 365 days a year and have fun doing it; for hams are the spirit of Jolly Old Saint Nick, Laugh and the World Laughs With You, It Shall Be Done, and Love Thy Neighbor - all rolled into one! And there's one more thing I'll betcha, son. On 364 days a year, when Santa's not busy working on toys for you kids, I'll bet he's right in there with the rest of us - calling CQ! That kind of a guy would just hafta be a ham! - - - But say, we'd better get to bed. It's nearly time for him to be paying us a visit. Good night, son, see you in the morning, - - - and -

Merry Christmas

YLRL NETS

| <u>BAND</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>NCS</u> | <u>FREQ.</u> |
|-------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| 80 CW | Thursday | 11:00 PM EST | W3AKB | 3610 |
| 80 CW | Wednesday | 8:00 PM PST | W6SLT | 3610 |
| 80 CW | Friday | 8:00 PM PST | W6PJF | 3710 |
| 40 CW* | Tuesday | 8:30 to 9:30 PM PST | W7FWR | 7061 |
| 40 CW | Wednesday | 11:00 PM EST | W3NHI | 7220 |
| 20 CW | Thursday | 11:00 PM EST | W3CUL | 14100 |
| 10 F | Tuesday | 1-3:00 PM EST | W3KNS | 28900 |
| 10 F | Tuesday | 1-3:00 PM EST | W3ATB | 29045 |
| 10 F | Tuesday | 1-3:00 PM EST | W6GAI | 29030 |

*Net Identification GALM -- GAL NET.

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LOG FORM FOR YL-QM CONTEST

| Phone or CW _____ | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Station _____ | | | Power _____ | | |
| <u>QSO No.</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Station Worked</u> | <u>His QSO No.</u> | <u>Frequency Band</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| No. Different Stations Worked _____ | | | Multiplier _____ | | |
| Final Score _____ | | | Signature _____ | | |
| | | | QTH _____ | | |