



# YL HARMONICS

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Gals,

You've been asking for it, so here it is. I hate to take up space in this bull that Enid could so well use, but, since I have been receiving letters from a good many of you suggesting that I put in a column, I'll take this opportunity to get a few things off my chest. I'll start off with the bitter dose concerning dues. It seems that the majority of you have felt from the very first that 25¢ a year wasn't enough; and now that the organization is well under way, it is becoming apparent that you are right. There is a petition under foot now for an amendment to the constitution requiring \$1.00 per year dues. Enid has done a grand job of stretching the pennies, but it costs money to put out a paper and print application blanks and membership certificates and that sort of thing, and the postage is no small item now that we have so many members. It would have been impossible to carry on unless you girls had been so good about sending in donations. So now the logical thing is to raise the dues.

The active operating season is here again, and that means that it is time for us to get our YL nets in full swing. The 40 meter net has been doing a little bit, but the 80 meter net has suffered from summer QRM. Now let's see more members on 3510 and 7220 kc every night of the week. Grind yourself a xtal or crank up the old ECO and take advantage of this opportunity to get acquainted.

We'll be having another contest one of these days and I hope that we can turn in some good scores. You DX hounds may even be able to get a WAS out of it this year. Corky (the OM at W8TPZ) has added an extra incentive in his offer of a cup to the winner. Watch for announcement of the date and be sure to participate.

Will be looking for you on the air.

33,-- Ethel, W7FWB

The following chairmen were elected this month:

Second District: W2IXY, Dorothy Hall, Springfield, L.I., N.Y.

Third District: W3CDQ, Elizabeth Zandonini, Washington, D.C.

All offices are now filled for the coming year, and we are ready to swing into action in full force. Be sure to send some news to your district chairman by the first of each month, so that your district will be represented in YL HARMONICS.

## SLOGAN CONTEST

What ideas do you have for a club slogan or motto? Send your suggestions to your district chairmen (along with some news) before October first. You may submit as many entries as you like. Keep them as short and simple as possible. We have already adopted our emblem, which appears at the top of this page, and our colors, as chosen by the President, are dark blue and silver. We expect to have membership certificates, incorporating all of these, ready for issuance in November when our organization is one year old.

## CONVENTION

The Central Division ARRL Convention is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 28 and 29. Our YLRL Representative at this convention will be W8TPZ, Marie Corcoran, R.R. 5, Box 40, Wyoming, Ohio. If you plan to attend the convention, be sure to contact Marie. All YLs, whether licensed operators or not, are asked to register at the YLRL booth.

Scores for the FTS/YLRL Contest are still coming in and it appears that quite a number of our members took part in it. Logs have not yet been checked, but of the claimed scores, Gladys, W8SJF heads the YLRL list with a claimed score of over 104,000 points. Dot, W1FTJ and Mickey, W9ZTU also rolled up fine scores. Contest winners will be announced next month.

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### PERSONALITIES

Irene, W8TUQ, writes:

Just a line to announce some glad tidings of great joy.-- On Sept. sixteenth I am getting married to W8DOD, Elmer Grabb, of Rochester. We are leaving immediately for a trip to California, driving, and stopping enroute to visit hams we have met on the air. I am so thrilled I hardly know what I am doing, and thought perhaps the YLRL would be interested in the merging of two hams. We met when I went to work as staff pianist of station WHAM, and Elmer was a control operator, in 1936. It was he who acquainted me with "hamming" and I've never been quite the same since. Learning the code while out on dates, I soon found myself spelling out neon signs and store ads in code, with the result that I got my ticket in August 1939. It's a wonderful world, isn't it? Incidentally, Elmer is President of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association and I am President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of that organization. Seeing that there was a necessity for such a group, we girls interested in radio and becoming hams, organized in June, and are now getting under way for this season, having had our first meeting last week. We are having code practice and speakers from the R.A.R.A. during the winter. Let's hope we will see some budding new possibilities for the YLRL from Rochester soon. Guess that's all for now. Hope to see you all on the air after October fifteenth. I expect to get into the YLRL skeds this fall. 33 to everybody.-- Irene Gedney, W8TUQ.

### DUES

Since last publication, dues for one year were received from the following: W1MRC, 8PXE, 9IKS, 9EFW, 5BKG, 6SPX, 6RJV, 7IBH, 7IBO, 7IFO, and 4GER.

### DONATIONS

The following donations were received since last publication: W3FXZ \$1.00; 8PZA 50¢; 9EFW 25¢; 2IXY 16¢; 9JTX 35¢; 2MIY 35¢; 7IBH 75¢; 7IBO 25¢; 1KKO 10¢; 7FWR 24¢; 8SPU 50¢. 9ZTU one ream of typewriter paper.

### NEW MEMBERS

W1MRC	Ethel	Bridgeport, Conn.
W4GER	Mary Elizabeth	Hixson, Tenn.
W5BKG	Ethel	Corpus Christi, Texas
W6RJV	Octo	South Gate, Calif.
W6SPX	Marie	Fresno, Calif.
W7IBH	Hazel	Missoula, Mont.
W7IBO	Marion	Whitefish, Mont.
W7IFO	Gloria	Bandon, Oregon
W8PXE	Ethel	Cleveland, Ohio
W9EFW	Esther	Fort Wayne, Ind.
9IKS	Edna	Wilmette, Ill.

Marie, W8TPZ, submits the following idea. What do the rest of the members think about it?

"How about having an exchange or Personals column in YL HARMONICS? Some space where we could exchange little personal remarks with each other. For instance, W6QOG talked to a local here and passed along to me her best regards. I in return could acknowledge this in the column. Or we could mention other YLs we hear on the air even if we can't have a QSO. I think this would increase interest and help to get us all better acquainted."-- Marie.

Ethel, W7FVB, suggests:

A little cream nail polish on your xtal holder makes a perfect base to scratch in your frequency. It shows up very well and can easily be removed if you want to change xtals.

If you change QTH, be sure to notify the Secretary of your change of address in plenty of time so that you will get all of your copies of the paper.

## CHAPTER

### First District

Chairman: ~~W1CQT~~, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Lida King, 170 Homestead, Holyoke, Mass.

FTJ- Dot has been elected SCM of N.H. for the next two years. She also has her certificate for 30 wpm in the ARRL Code Copying affair; she took it down in long-hand. Her hubby, (W1RPT) got his for 35 wpm, but did it with a mill. Dot is trying to get a 100% YLRL membership from New Hampshire. She received one of Lenore's (W2NAZ) latest QSL Cards and says it is very attractive.

Dot worked W6SCD, Kitty, one morning recently for Kitty's N.H. contact. Dot participated in the FPS/YLRL affair and got quite a kick out of seeing the girls during the two week-ends. Worked 17 gals in all. Heard W9WUP, Carol, but didn't get a qso with her.

The dinner at the N.H. Convention will be held around 6:30 pm on the 21st of this month "just in case some of the YLRL members can get up in time for it." Tickets are \$1.75. Dot is on the committee, so that should guarantee a swell time for the YLRL members.

FTJ and BFT spent a pleasant time at W1ITF's place in Northwood a few Sundays ago,-- outdoor picnic etc. By the way, Dot is just 5'5" tall and weighs a mere 105 pounds.-- Isn't she slim!

KUI, Ellen, is busy building her 2½ meter outfit, and it looks fb. She is back at school, and says it seems funny to be back teaching after such a lovely vacation, but when payday rolls around everything will be fine.

MCV, Lou, enjoys every issue of VL HARMONICS, thinks the new pins will be grand, and is going to send for hers right away, and sure will be proud of it. Their local hams had a little get-together August 18. Enjoyed a swell clam-bake on the shore, chatting, swimming, boating, games, etc. A 10 meter ham friend W5IRO of Hodge, La., who is vacationing in Maine joined them. There were about 20 there but only two girls with calls. Lou is going to try and get the other one to join the YLRL. Lou has been busy with her flowers this summer, and has been playing lots of tennis.

GOT, Lida: "I spent a very pleasant evening with Ellen, KUI, at her home recently. She has a grand place for her radio shack, and for her photography out over the garage. That's my idea of something pretty special! Her flower garden was very pretty and she gave me a large bouquet of glads. Jim was more interested in the tomatoes tho, hi! And those tomatoes just seemed to fall off into his hand!

Ellen and her Dad came up here one p.m. recently and we went to Westover Field, the new army air base that is being built. Wonders will never cease-- I had a qso with Ellen yesterday and we have started our fall sked-- every Friday at 4 pm. It seemed good to be on the air again as I haven't been on much this summer.

Jim and I spent a very pleasant week-end down with Kitty (2FKA) and Bert, and we surely do have lots of fun with them!"

### Second District

(N.Y.)

Chairman: W2IXY, Dorothy Hall, 186-18 Williamson Ave. Springfield, L.I.

MY, Dottie: "Certainly enjoyed the FPS/YLRL Party, altho I couldn't operate full time. Gee, did I feel out of things perched up there on 7257 kc but a few of the gals and fellers swished up to see me, among them Dot, 1FTJ, and I am hoping she and I can get together now for a rag-chew. Am still skedding Fran, 1MD, Wednesdays and we haven't run out yet. I do hate to miss contacting the rest of the gang, so by the Oct. ORS Party I am hoping to have BCO here, and then just try to keep me away from 3610 and 7220 kcs.

Jennie, 2KUG, is out in Kansas with the OM, 210F, on a vacation. Both their horses are out there and from the card I received they are having a grand trip. Jennie hasn't been on the air since they have moved to Albany. No room for a 160 mtr wire and the OM can't coax her near his 7 Mc key. Wish I could make a brass pounder out of her. Hi!

"Attended the Delaware Valley Hamfest at Trenton, N.J. the 10th of August and had a great time. There I met Kay, W2HXQ, and Nils, W2LSD. Had a fine chew with both." --- Dottie.

### Third District

Chairman: W3CDQ, Elizabeth Zandonini, 3633 N. Everett St., Wash.D.C.

CDQ, Elizabeth: "Eighteen of the Washington hams including several wives and myself attended the Roanoke Division Convention which was held at Old Point Comfort, Va., August 3rd and 4th. We all had a grand time; took club prize for best attendance; 3/4 of us brought home prizes; I won a premax 10m antenna which I shall probably swap for something else. HI. During the lull in convention we drove to Williamsburg, Yorktown, etc., and those places were most interesting. Had just a few speakers, Bailey, the new President, and Budlong, ARRL Secretary. Everything was over Sunday night at 9 pm and we pulled out and drove home that night, getting in Monday at 2 am, and then I had to go to work the next day. Am still sleepy, HI."

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Third District, cont.

BAK, Joan: "I've been operating W1KNP at Rose Hill Girl's Camp at Spofford, N.H., for the past eight weeks. I operated mostly 160 meter phone between our camp and Camp Marquette, W1JKG, which is a boy's camp and located on the same lake, about a quarter of a mile away. I was about 400 miles from home and kept schedules with Dad back home at W3BAK on forty meter cw three times a week. During the entire eight weeks there was only one sked missed. On this sked W3BAK was unable to hear me with my high power, although I heard him."

#### Fourth District

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

GFO- In the last qualifying run for code proficiency sent out by W1AW, I managed to qualify for 25 wpm, which was pushing the pencil pretty fast, hi. However, the OM, 4FCU, got 35 wpm so now he has graduated and I can have the mill, which ought to help.

The OM and I have joined forces and are working as a team handling traffic. He has skeds at night, and I have skeds during the day. Last month we made the Brass Pounders League.

On Sept. 1st we went to the hamfest in Greensboro, N.C. I was the only licensed woman there. I managed to get in a little plug urging women to be hams, not radio-widows; but I felt rather like the prophet crying in the wilderness.

Sorry not to have met more WRL members during the FPS/WRL contest. As far as I can tell, I contacted only three girls and two of them were also FPS.

#### Fifth District

Chairman: Lou Lacy, W5IKC, Box 794, Phillips, Texas.

IPR, Emily: "Have not been able to contact any of the members of the WRL except K6ROJ. Am very anxious to meet the girls and have a chat with them. The OM and I surely enjoy the YL HARMONICS. It is just too bad when it comes because the work or whatever we are doing just stops until it is read. I think I'm going to have to take two so we can both have one to read at the same time. Hi!"

IKC, Lou: "Besides meeting several of the girls in the FPS/WRL contest I believe my biggest thrill was working W2USA. So, I agree with W2NAZ on quarantining W220 kc plus a few kcs each side! How about it Lenore."

#### Sixth District

Chairman: W6RGX, Genevieve Cepstaff, 4822 Norwich St., Van Nuys, Cal.

SGD, Kitty: "Am over the 40 mark now on my states so hope when the better radio weather gets here that I'll be able to hear the states I still lack and get that WAS rot. Still need Maine, Vt., Mass., Va., S. Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Have had Mass. and Florida but they didn't come through with Q cards."

K6ROJ, Ella: "The band hasn't been any too good this summer, nearly all the stations worked were W6's. I'll be glad to hear some of the other districts coming through again. I'm still writing the VK's and VK2ADT and XYL expect a blessed event near Xmas. I'm still on ten meters every day and battling them down. Holonc, W6MBD (6G0Q) is the only WRL member that I have been able to work for a long time."

#### Seventh District

Chairman: W7HHH, Bea Austin, 1137 Federal St., Bend, Oregon.

Only YL to send news this month is GUC, Betty, of Whitefish, Mont. Betty says she enjoyed the contest but that the QRN was terrible. She worked several new states, several YLs, and K4KD, her first Porto Rico contact. Her frequency is 3590 on 80 meters and doubled to 40. Also, Betty had an swl-qs1 from Dot, VE4V0, telling her that she, Betty, was the first WRL member she had heard. Betty tells me she has joined the AARS net. Vy FB, Betty.

According to EL TORO (Army Net bulletin) Ethel, F7B got blisters walking from the lodge to the site of the AARS Hamfest at Suttle Lake last month. That's something we didn't hear about, Ethel.

See by OST that K7ENU is working in the broadcasting station in Nemo.

HHH, yo scribe, Bo, attended ARRL Northwestern Division Convention at Belle Mead, Wash. August 24 and 25. Had a grand time. Only other YL operator present was W7GX1, Marjorie, of Ford, Wash. HHH is studying cw (sending)--tried for ARRL code proficiency certificate at 15 wpm August 31st. Got a card saying station was mentioned in Oct. issue of RADIO WE S. Must buy a copy!

Have to take it all back. Just got news from W7FWR, Mary, from Olympia Wn., with a contribution of 24¢. WRL thanks you, Mary. Mary says they were too busy to attend the ARRL convention this year. She has been working 40 meters--worked Vermont, making WAS--has worked AC several times (in the good old days)--is still at beach cottage--Olympic Radio Club meets there twice a month (lucky club).

(Each member will receive a complete new membership list next month.

-- The Secretary.)

### Eighth District

Chairman: WPZA, Mil Wildman, 10538 Dupont Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

The 8th district net is now operating on 7220 kcs every Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All those who can are urged to be on.

The Cleveland VLRL Club met at TLZ for the August meeting. Since Ruth's summer address is Euclid Beach, the girls and their families made it a picnic lunch, and took in all the rides. The Cleveland Club would like to know if there are any other towns organized?

ODI, Ruth, who recently moved, is among the "missing". Mail forwarded to the address she left has been returned. Has anybody seen Ruth?

SPU, Helen, writes that she feels like a black sheep. She has never met a VL op. Her two children interrupt her QSOs, but she is planning on joining the net. She will be in Cleveland in Oct. and hopes to meet the Cleveland group.

UCY, Carol, has her vacation this month and is spending it at her former home in Pa. Hope she looks up some of the VLs there. The next meeting of the Cleveland VLRL will be at her home.

We hear that MCJ, Beth, has been heard on the air. She was off for most of the hot weather, just vacationing.

PXE, Ethel Clarke, and SKZ, Ramona Eberhart, are the two newest members in this district. Ethel has two children who keep her well occupied, but still has time for some radio activity. We hear Ramona's OM is in the broadcasting end of radio.

TAY, Mita, just returned from a short vacation. She and Marie,

TPZ, looked up a few of their contacts. Mita says there are a lot of "fossils" down Cincinnati way. Wonder if she means rocks?

PZA, Mildred, has just been appointed Alternate District Control Station for OH-1, AARS.

Hope to see the girls on the various nets throughout the week. There are nets on every band, so you'll be sure of meeting some other VLs, no matter which one you are on.

Any of the girls outside of Cleveland who plan on being there and would like to attend a meeting, write to any of the Cleveland members.

That seems to be everything this month. Please have your news in by the first of the month so it can be forwarded to the Secretary.

33,-- "Mil", WPZA.

### Ninth District

Chairman: WOUD, Letha Allendorf, 1015 W. Third St., Joplin, Mo.

ILH is due for congratulations on her election as SCM for Illinois. It's a hard job but a great life and Carrie will do it with vigor and vim.

She met Carol, WVP, and some other VLs at the Hamfester's picnic in Chicago--and now her OM is pondering on rebuilding the rig.

JWJ and her MCA were at the picnic but left before meeting the other girls. Joanne is embroidering her own jacket with ham signatures.

ZTU has a lot of celebrating to do as the OM has been promoted to Master Sergeant, soooo-- they are to buy a new car about the middle of Sept. when the 1941 models come out, and then make the Indianapolis ARL Convention Sept 28 and 29, and end up with a brief visit to Gladys, WSSJP.

OMQ received her code proficiency certificate for 20 wpm and is intending to improve and get the additional stickers.

DEB has applied for membership in the AEC. Leta has an xtal on 7115 and cannot seem to raise the girls farther down the band--so how about

EPW is a new member. Esther is on 10 and 160 fone.

LRT is another new VLRL-er. Her name is Julia and she does radio repairing in a radio factory, and spends 80 percent of her hamming on 20 meters.

ZOI is surprised to find how many girls are on the air since she has never worked one on 40 or 20 cw in over 4 years and only a few on 20 fone. Erma is now in the midst of a 6000 mile--one month's--tour of the west, during which she expects to visit V5ZA.

HIG starts to high school this month. Jerry has been on 160 but is not all set for the AARS season with 30 watts on 3525 kcs.

NBX worked W4USB, on 40 cw. Bet Enid had to get a bigger hat this fall, hi. She has a new Route Manager appointment and has been doing a very fine job with the summer AARS skeds.

JTX--or "WHAT HAPPENED TO LOUISE DURING THE FTS/VLRL CONTEST"-- quote--"It's a long story, but here it is: Session #1. Freq. 7220 kcs. Too much QRM es speed; 6L6 finally went south. Session #2. Made 3 QSOs (tnx to Agnes, 9FHK). Session #3. Freq 7250 kcs; power transformer went up in smoke and had to be replaced. Session #4. I was ready for the finals when the OM (accidentally) knocked my rig on the floor!-- result--broken 5Z3 but there never was a faster replacement by the OM. I got on the air for the last part of the contest and ended with 15 contacts. With all this bad luck I won't mention that it's HAV'N EVER time. I'll just say when is the next contest?" That's the ole ham spirit! WOUD is trying to learn to use a bug left-handed--she should learn to use it right-handed first--but it might come in handy for tlc work and also is a good alibi when people criticize keying, hi.

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Ninth District cont.

Letha is now actual AARS state net control instead of alternate and is also forming a new ARRL tlc net for the boys who want net experience and know nothing about the procedure. Would like to have some girls in this new gang if any are interested. The freq will be 3605 so if any of the VL netters feel inclined, do drop in. That's all just now, girls, but let's have more news next time and also your ideas, desires, suggestions and what not. 33,-- Letha, "90UD.

OF AN EX-HAM

By W80GK es W80DI

The night was dark and dreary, and he faltered weak and weary  
at the key of his beloved ten watt rig.  
The frantically he'd call, he'd worked no one at all,  
What the devil was the matter with his sig?

Ah! The idea of the hour, what this thing needs is power,  
He'd add to it, a kilowatt (or two).  
That'd make this junk respond, and get him 'cross the pond,  
He'd work a nice VK, even a "U".

So this hopeful bought and blundered, connived, chiseled, stole,  
and plundered,  
To obtain the soup to get him out of town.  
He burnt the midnight oils, wiring stages, winding coils,  
And he tried to really do the job up brown.

As this fantastic nightmare blossomed forth with royal fanfare,  
His household vowed they'd put him in a zoo.  
His eyes were always glazed, as into space he raptly gazed,  
And the awful heap of junk before him grew.

His friends tried to dissuade him, his folks they did upbraid him,  
But our hopeful paid no heed to them at all.  
He rushed on with no discretion, to complete his great obsession,  
'Till the last imposing part he did install.

What hol the thing was finished, and his pride was not diminished,  
As he pushed the fateful switch, upon the wall,  
The meters shook and shuddered, while our hero moaned and muttered,  
And Papa gazed in horror from the hall.

Lo! COs he sent a-crashing, while the RF was a-flashing,  
But the skywire couplers took most of it all.  
His ground wave was terrific, said the neighbors most specific,  
As they watched for him with shotguns, one and all.

No answers apprehended, as the power bill ascended,  
And our hero sank to depths of dark despair.  
He pounded out each call, 'till exhausted he did fall,  
In agony he pulled and tore his hair.

Now he cuts out paper dolls, as in a padded cell he lolls,  
Ham radio has left this lasting mark.  
Take heed ye budding ham, and take it on the lam,  
Before they find YOU wandering in the park.

Now our hero didn't blunder, when he built his mammoth wonder,  
But the thing he had forgotten through it all  
Was the awful, awful blunder, of the skywire rent asunder,  
And the far end dangling, grounded by a fall.

Several orders for pins have been received by the Secretary. These pins are silver plated and enamelled in blue. They cost 50¢ each without safety catch or 65¢ with safety catch.

STATIONERY

Club letterheads and envelopes will soon be available to members at the following prices, postpaid:

100 letterheads -- \$1.00. These are printed in blue ink on a good grade of bond paper and have both the VLRL and ARRL emblems on them.

100 envelopes -- .50. These are small sized envelopes having the VLRL emblem stamped on the end.

These supplies are being printed for the convenience of the members and orders should be placed with the Secretary, W9NBX, Bowbells, N.Dak.