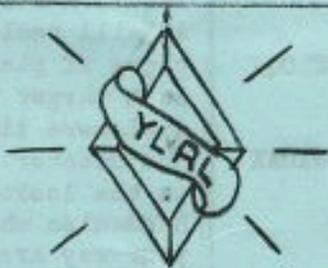


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PUBLICITY

Our Publicity Chairman recently sent a letter to each District Chairman with suggestions for obtaining regional publicity. If the D/C's carry out even half the suggestions she made, they will be mighty busy gals, but they'll get the job done! Louisa also obtained a list of new, modified, and renewed licenses since early 1948. We've sent these to the D/C's together with extra copies of the first and second issues of Harmonics for this season, and a request for them to go "prospectin'". So the poor district chairmen have been deluged with work in the past month. They will receive extra copies of each issue and we will be glad to send an extra gratis to anyone with a prospect in mind.

Don't forget that non-members of YLRL may now subscribe to our paper by sending 10¢ for each copy for the rest of this year and /or \$1.00 for the year 1950. Of course, single issues may be purchased. Send your order to Ann Chandler, W1OAK, Box 108, Barre, Vermont. Please do not include payment for any past issue because we can not guarantee there will be any left.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR
YLRL DIN?

Sorry...

We apologize for the late arrival of this issue, but the delay was unavoidable. With each issue becoming larger as has been the case so far, the task becomes much greater and more difficult to complete. Our next issue will be the big Tenth Anniversary Issue, and if all goes according to plan, it will really be something to see, with pages of pictures, etc. But since it will be a larger issue and one taking a great deal more time, we are going to combine the October and November issues. So, be on the lookout for our Tenth Anniversary Harmonics which we hope to be sending your way around the 15th of November.

W N H

The Concord Brasspounders have announced a WNH certificate to be awarded to any station submitting confirmation of contacts with all ten N.H. counties. These contacts must have been made after October 8, 1949 to be counted. Portable or mobile operation is not permitted. Both stations in each QSO must be fixed. The ten counties are Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, and Sullivan. Mail QSL's to: Concord Brasspounders, P. O. Box 312, Concord, N. H.

NEW PROCESS

We're trying a different reproducing process this month and hoping for better results. This method is slightly more expensive than mimeographing but makes a much better-looking paper. This is a multilith process using paper mats. Our inexperience in typing on mats, however, has us approaching the job with fear and trembling - hi! We shall cress our fingers and hope for the best until we, too, see the finished product. With this process, photographs may be printed at an additional charge. We would appreciate your comments as to which printing method you prefer.

In the June-July issue of Harmonics we inadvertently credited the DX achievements of Marie, ZS6KK, to Mae, ZS6LK. It's Marie who has worked 122 countries and now has 100 confirmed. Pardon the error, gals.

Club News

The Los Angeles YLRL Club installed their new officers on Saturday, Sept. 17, at their first meeting since June. A delicious picnic luncheon was served on the beautiful Santa Monica Palisades overlooking the blue Pacific. Vada, W6CKE, was hostess and many girls attended. A new member, Frances Thompson, W6GAI, was welcomed into the club. Due to great distances of travel out here, we hope to announce soon our new central meeting place.

We spread the welcome mat to all licensed YL's or those interested in becoming operators, in or near LA, to come to our meetings. 33 -- Helene Leonard, W6QCG.

DIRECTORY OF THE YLRL

Ordered your copy? Send one dollar today to our Secretary, W3NHI, to receive this interesting 68-page book containing biographies on the majority of our members plus a complete listing of our membership.

Having already sold sufficient copies to cover cost of publication, the remaining copies, when sold, will mean a true profit to YLRL and enable us to expand our activities. Orders from non-members are welcome.

In order to keep the Directory up to date, new members are urged to send in their own biographical information. Write the Secretary a brief but complete resume of your first attraction to ham radio, your OM's call and occupation, your radio gear and pet frequencies, and any other items of interest about yourself. (Don't be shy!) Members whose biographical information was not received for the first publication also are invited to submit it now. When sufficient material is on hand, a supplement will be printed. Those with changes-of-address or call should report the corrections.

The Directory is a boon to seekers of WAS/YL as well as fascinating reading and a handy accessory for the operating desk. Order your copy immediately!

Support Your YLRL

Get-Togethers

At the Dallas Convention, August 26-28, Anne, W5OTU, called a YLRL meeting and recruited all the attending licensed YL's who were not already members of YLRL.

The new or reinstated members are: W5DEW, DQF, DUR, IXK, JKM, PFU, QIR, TU, and W2QUU/5. Others attending the meeting were: W5HEK, IZL, JCY, IGY, MJU, OQT, and OTU.

Anne is very grateful to the Dallas Amateur Radio Club for giving the YLRL official recognition and a place on the convention program. She also would like to thank all the YLRL officers, especially Enid Aldwell, W6UXF, for responding with materials and suggestions. (This was a wonderful thing for you to undertake, Anne, and we hope more of the D/C's will follow suit and try to have YLRL meetings along with conventions. We'd like very much to have a copy of that YLRL picture for our Anniversary Issue coming up. How about it?--ed.)

Eleanor, W1QON, our W1 D/C, also conducted a YLRL meeting at the New Hampshire ARRL Twelfth Annual Convention held at Manchester on Saturday, September 17.

Those present at the meeting were: W1MNI, H1H, OAK, FTJ, QJY, QJX, MVX, RYJ, OME, NUO, W8UDA, XYL of W3BUX, and W1QON.

Eleanor says it was grand making so many new acquaintances and renewing those made at previous hamfests. She was delighted to meet Dot Willett, W8UDA, who traveled from Michigan to New England with her trusty seeing-eye dog as a companion. The girls were very pleased to have Dot at their meeting. (Any pix taken of this grand group of YL's, Eleanor? Would like to have one for the Anniversary Issue if so.--ed.)

Diana, ZS6GH, mentions the first birthday party of the Johannesburg Group. We'll include it in our next "Get-Togethers" column, Diana, so be sure to send us all the colorful details.

The treasurer, W3NHI, submits the following for her monthly report:

Balance, Aug. 20, 1949	\$326.31
Add Receipts	32.85
	<u>\$359.16</u>
Expenditures	44.82
Balance, Sept. 23, 1949	<u>\$314.34</u>

THE YLRL 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

- DATES:** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 25, 26, and 27, 1949
- HOURS:** Contest begins at 4 a m local time Friday, Nov. 25th, and ends at midnight local time Sunday, Nov. 27th.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Only YLRL members are eligible to compete.
- EXCHANGE:** RST report (CW) or RS report (phone) and name of state (or U.S. Possession), VE district, KH6, KL7, G, etc.
- OPERATING:** Skeds and cross-band operation permitted. Call YLRL. All contacts submitted must be made either on CW only or on phone only. Skeds can be made with either phone or CW stations however. For example a CW operator must do all of her transmitting during the contest on CW but she may sked phone stations and vice versa.
- SCORING:** 10 points for each YLRL member station worked, multiplied by the number of different states (and possessions) worked.
- 5 points for each additional YLRL member station heard, this to be added to total after multiplying.
- 1 point for each non-member station worked during the contest period, this to be added to the total after multiplying. This includes all stations whether OM or YL. Note that report and name of state must be exchanged on those contacts also, but these states cannot be counted twice regardless of what band worked on. All bands may be used. Score sheets must be mailed to W3NNS, Anabel Gifford, 26 Waverly Ave., Morton, Pa., within one week after close of contest.
- PRIZES:** First prize - Cup donated by Lou Littlefield. Cup to be passed on to winner of Anniversary Party each year. A member winning the cup three times gains permanent possession of it.
- Certificate for high score in each district.



Whether you use
THIS or THIS
GET IN THE CONTEST!!



This is the first YLRL contest this "season" and a big turnout is in order. Many of you are contest veterans - - others newcomers to the contest field. We are sure that members in both categories will find plenty of fun and excitement in the Anniversary Party. Here is a chance to meet your sister ops on the air - a chance you get only when a large number are on at the same time. The rules are self-explanatory and are such that the novice and old timer will be practically on even terms. You have plenty of time, so grease the fist or oil up the tonsils, and let's all go in there to capture top honors. May the best gal win and QRM take the hindmost!

REMEMBER — NOVEMBER 25, 26, & 27

YLRL NETS

As we explained last month, the five nets listed were by no means a complete account of those on the air. They were merely all that Anabel, W3NNS, had information on at that time. Harmonics wants to list all active nets, but can do so only if the information on such nets is sent to the editor or to Anabel, who is in charge of net activities. There is no up-to-date list of nets that we know of, so please, you NC's, send us the dope on your nets.

Band	Day	Time	NCS	Freq.
80CW	Thurs.	11 pm EST	W3AKB	3610
80CW	Wed.	8 pm PST	W6SLT	3610
40CW	Wed.	11 pm EST	W3NHI	7220
20CW	Thurs.	11 pm EST	W3CUL	14100
10F	Tues.	8-9am EST	W3NNS	28900
10F	Tues.	1-3pm EST	W6MBD	28545
10F	Tues.	1-3pm EST Alternate	W3NNS W8ATB	28900 29045

"A YL BY ANY OTHER NAME..."

It's unbelievable! Yes, out of about 275 members in YLRL, we had a GRAND TOTAL of 19 "votes" on the question of a name change for YL's! From the number answering, it is quite evident that on the subject of name changes, the majority of us just don't give a hang! Here are the results, gals:

Unchanged -- 9
 YLA ----- 5
 LYL ----- 2
 YLO (Operator) -- 1
 LLA (Licensed Lady
 Amateur)-- 2

Other suggestions were: LLO for Licensed Lady Operator, AYL for Active Young Lady.

We'll hang on to these and just see what happens. If more come in, we'll print a new total - not that it makes much difference one way or the other, apparently! Thanks to you gals who submitted the new ideas.

How It Happened To W O E B Q

One evening when I was about fifteen years old, my parents decided to visit some friends in a nearby town. They had a daughter who was near my age and I knew her so I decided to go along.

While the girl friend and I were talking, her brother joined us and after we were introduced, he began talking about his hobby--radio. I was completely unfamiliar with the subject and scarcely understood what he was talking about. He showed me his "short wave listening shack" in one corner of the back porch. He sent SWL cards and received many QSL's which he had fastened up on the walls. He boasted that some day he would acquire a ham license and have his own station.

I saw a great deal of this fellow after that. His hobby suffered since school and I monopolized his time. A few years later we were married. More responsibilities came up and due to school work, the arrivals of the junior ops, etc., we could spend little time in thinking of ham radio.

The "head of the house" became a radio technician and was good at his work so advancements came fast. There soon came a transfer, a new job in a new city, a city with a radio club. Some of the members visited my husband and invited him over to the club. The old desire for a ham license burned bright again. He knew the theory, but the obstacle was the code. There were still too many other activities, and he usually came home too tired to study, so the possibility of his obtaining that license looked as far in the dim future as ever.

I felt a little guilty. How could I help him? Inspiration perhaps? That was it -- but how? An idea dawned on me. I announced that I, too, was interested in getting a license. I knew my man well enough to know that he would not allow me to walk off with that coveted license while he had none. That did the trick, and we had lots of fun with that code. But THEN, it really happened----that "Radio Bug" got its claws into me. I had hardly expected to carry on to the finish, but here I am, a full-fledged "woman ham", happy and proud that I am. I am also happy to be the XYL of W0EIN.

(This article is continued

on page 18.)

DISTRICT NEWS

W 1

Eleanor Louise Wilson, W1QON
425 A South Franklin St.
Holbrook, Mass.

MVX - Ruth-takes to 10 fone when she can snatch a few moments from her very full schedule.

NUO - Tisha - hopes to be back on the air soon. Her young daughter is rapidly acquiring her mother's interest in ham radio -- a future member we trust, Tisha.

OAK - Ann - left her OM, W1MMN, in charge of their farm animals and journeyed down from Vermont to Manchester, where she stayed with Charlotte, W1QJX.

QJX - Charlotte - is a member of the New Hampshire Traffic Net - CW, 3685 kc.

QJY - Olga - and her OM, W1KYG, were kept on their toes for many weeks in preparation for the New Hampshire ARRL Convention. Olga was Chairman of Registration and Tickets, while her OM was General Chairman of the whole affair.

QON - Eleanor - conducted a YLRL meeting at the New Hampshire ARRL Convention. She reports that response to appeals for news has been sluggish but those present at the meeting had generous praise for the rejuvenated Harmonics and assured Eleanor of their cooperation in submitting news items. (See more about the meeting under "Get-Togethers"---ed.)

RTB - Nell - will be back on 10 just as soon as the OM eliminates a bit of TVI. She has a new Collins 75A-1 receiver, a three element rotary beam, and runs about 350 watts. She also has a 10-meter mobile rig which she enjoyed using while on a trip to Canada last month. Both Nell and the OM belong to the Red Cross Emergency Corps of Stratford, Conn., and they report to headquarters each Sunday morning from various points with their mobile rig.

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TODAY!

W 2

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

JZX - Vi - is on 75-meter skeds Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8:45 a m, with members of OES. She plays golf five times a week-hi!

KUG - Jennie - is making a converter for her receiver for higher frequencies. Her OM is W2IOF.

MBC - Willy - is enjoying the 32V-1 xmtr. Worked DX and maritime mobile -- and no TVI so far - hi!

NAI - Marge - is QRT due to illness. Hope you get well soon, Marge.

NPR - Helen - operates 20-meter fone in the morning.

NQC - Vi - has rig broken down but expects to build one soon.

OWL - Ruth - met a Chinese ham while visiting W2YQK in New Jersey. She and the OM met many W2's there.

PBI - Jerry - will assist in working for duplicate certificates with her OM's call, W2YYL.

PMA - Lillian - worked W6UHA, Maxine, via Ruth's contact - before sending 32V-1 xmtr for modification.

PUY - Selma- is now Mrs. M. Goldman. Congratulations!

PVS - Betty - has no time for ragchews on 10. She is QRM'd by the Jr. Ops.

QBJ - Hazel - attended the Elmira get-together. There were about 28 XYL's there to lend a little support to QBJ, the only 'YL Ham'.

QGK - Sophie - had DX QSO with an XYL in Lima, Peru. They tried to hold skeds but conditions were not too favorable.

QWL - Mignon - busy visiting her brother who is in poor health. We hope he gets well soon.

RAQ - Catherine - has an added chore now that her Jr. Op., Sonny, has started his first school term.

RNJ - Beryle - has been using her every spare moment to get all the decorations in her new home finished before the cold spell.

—DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)—

W2 - (Cont.)

RUF - Clara - is all set for a busy 80-meter traffic season.

RTZ - Hope - received her A-1 Op certificate. Congrats!

RZW - Edna - reports that her son flew from California to NYC, where he will spend a couple of weeks before returning to the Oakland Hospital where he practices medicine.

SEH - Grace - has been busy with publicity for the ARRL Convention.

SWL - Lillian - came to the first fall meeting of the NYC Club. She is not active on the air.

TBU - Kit - has had to cancel social activities due to her health. Hope it won't be long before you're active again, Hope.

TTO - Kay - is on 10-meter fone about 7 p m.

WBN - Clara - operates 10 and 75 and does a lot of listening. She writes: "My next door neighbor said recently - 'We hear you all over our kitchen and we haven't a radio on!' The OM rushed over, listened while I transmitted, and sure enuf my sig was coming out of the stove! . . . The OM moved the grates a little and the signal disappeared!" ---(Hummum, dare we ask: "What's cookin', Clara?"-- ed.)

WOW - Jo - has the DX sked in as a treat between chores - hi!

YTI - Elizabeth - operates 2-meter mobile when 10 mobile is not too active.

OOPS!

No comments as yet, so we wonder how many readers caught the slip on page 5 of the August issue. In column one we introduced to the world a new radio character, "The Long Ranger"! Maybe we were thinking of Long John Silver---or is that a horse? Oh, nuts-- who knows?!

Anabel, W3NNS, requests that all YL's who can do so get on the air in the mornings and look for our members outside the USA. There are several YL's in Mexico who should be contacted, and also KZ5AC and KZ5LM, to mention only a few who are interested.

W 3

Mae Burke, W3CUL
Box 238
Folsom, Pa.

CDQ - Liz - won an HT-17 xmtr at the Washington Radio Club "Hamboree", the lucky gal! She is teaching code at the club.

CUL - Mae - has a 7 a m traffic sked which has helped her make BPL again, but "it's kinda ruff getting the OM's breakfast, too!" She worked her first DX of the season on 10-meter CW. Her Collins rig is fine with no TVI troubles so far. Mae hopes the gals will join her on 14,100, net time 11 p m, EST, (Change).

FKZ - Mary - has been very busy and the summer has passed quickly. They visited the shore, Poconos, and good ole New England. She likes the new Harmonics. It was nice hearing from you, Mary.

LSX - Kay - has enrolled in a sewing course and sez she feels she is more talented with a soldering iron. Kay is also teaching code at the Washington Radio Club and is on the air very little.

NHI - Marion - visited W1QJY, Olga, and W1QJX, Charlotte, and renewed acquaintances with members of the Swing Shift Net while in New England. Sez Marion, "Mae and her OM, Al, W3VR, have come to my rescue with a 50 watt rig, and I am now in business again at the same old stand."

NNS - Anabel - informs us that her mother has just had a major operation. We hope she will be fine and dandy real soon. Anabel talked to Mary, ex-D4ATR, now F7AH, who expects to be home around the first of November. She visited W3OIT and XYL, W3OBO, and many other hams in Pittsburgh.

OLY - Helen - Have not had word from Helen recently, but know she is QRL what with her moving and presidential duties. By the time you gals read this, Helen and the family will probably be getting settled in the state of Washington and adding /7 to the OLY and MKS.

OQP - Barbie - uses the OM's call, W3MAX, on the high end of 10 meters and would like the gals to listen for her.

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W 4

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

LKM - Annette - is not yet settled satisfactorily in Ft. Lauderdale because the present abode is a poor location for ham radio. A great deal of listening is being done but few contacts are made using the folded dipole in the attic. She and the OM hope to get this problem solved soon.

MDM - Margaret - writes that she knows of only four licensed YL's in North Carolina. Her OM, W4LPL, is earnestly acquiring, buying and searching the catalogs for the parts for a new rig they hope to build in the very near future. Margaret is secretary to the Chief of Civilian Personnel Branch, Fort Bragg.

NMS - Ola Mae - is trying to get a rig on 40 meters and does a lot of listening on that band when she has time for ham radio. At present her rig is on 10, but it needs a bit of working over to get it right up to snuff, she tells us.

Thanx

On behalf of YLRL we extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Walter Bourgeotte, father of Lenore, W8NAZ, for working so hard on the Callbook. Lenore tells us that he assembled the last 200 practically single-handed. Your editor can certainly sympathize with him on that job! You can be proud, though, Mr. Bourgeotte, that you had a hand in such a wonderful project. The girls are constantly praising our Callbook.

Thanks go to Dot Evans, W1FTJ, for addressing labels from our mailing list this month. Ambitious Dot, busy as she is, just kept the list and is starting another batch for next month. We sure do thank you, Dot, it helps a lot.

Remember the Anniversary Party

W 5

Anne Maring, W5OTU
Route 1, Box 590
Brownsville, Texas

DEW - Mary - Welcome back to YLRL, Mary! She was the third YL in Texas to receive her license, and has worked for seven years as control operator for KOLE in Port Arthur, Texas. During the war she helped teach code at Port Arthur College. Mary has been licensed since 1931 and prefers 20 meters. Here's her story: "Years ago ... the OM promised me if I got my ticket he would do the dishes every time. Also, I thought if all the fellows who came to the house could get their tickets, so could I." Mary had a wonderful time at the Dallas Convention and although she has been inactive, it has given her the urge to get on the air and keep the "Dew Drop in Texas" going as she used to. (Wonder if her OM, W5BUZ, still washes the dishes every time?)

DQF - Madie - has the honor of being the Fourth licensed YL in Texas. She became an amateur in 1933 through an agreement with the OM that he would take up bridge in exchange. Her OM, W5AMK, owns the Eidson Electronic Co., Temple, Texas. (How's that for a plug?) Besides being official bookkeeper for Eidson Electronic and a housewife and mother, Madie finds time for bridge and Girl Scouts and she says her special interest is shoes. You can find Madie on all bands 10 to 80, fone and CW. She is an honorary member of the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club and has earned WAC on 40-meter CW.

DUR - Bruce - "doesn't understand radio" but we believe that's a dirty, ugly rumor - hi! She has the distinction of being the 5th licensed woman operator in Texas. She has been licensed since 1933, and is a member of ARRL and ROWH. She is off the air at present but prefers 40 CW. Since 1932, she has missed only two conventions. Two of her three sons took the FCC exam at Dallas so Bruce says her family will see to it that she gets back on the air. Her OM, "Soupy", W5NW, is West Gulf

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W5 - (Cont.)

Director of ARRL. They met at SMU and Soupy had always said his wife would learn the code. Rumor has it that Bruce had to promise to get a ham ticket before he would get the marriage license. Welcome to YLRL, W5DUR!

HEK - Fan - We're glad to have you as a member of YLRL. She has held her Class A ticket since 1938 and has the 30 wpm CP award. She is a member of ROWH. Her OM is W5HEJ and they got their licenses together. Fan tells it this way: "The Bug bit the OM and me on Christmas Day, 1937 in El Dorado, Ark., at W5GDB's. We bought a license manual and key and had code for breakfast, dinner and supper for a couple of months!" Fan is employed as a service clerk and another of her hobbies is fishing. She works all bands.

IZK - Vivian - was licensed in 1940. She is a Registered Nurse and her OM is W5CFQ. She was one of the hostesses at the West Gulf Division Convention in Dallas. Welcome to YLRL, Vivian!

IZL - Ruth - We're proud to have your name on our membership rolls, Ruth! Girls, look at her record! -- A-1 Op, WAS, WAC, 35 wpm CP award, RCC, and Public Service Certificate. That's an enviable list of accomplishments. Ruth operates 10, 20 and 40 VFO and has been licensed since 1926. Her occupation is advertising and another hobby is photography. The OM, W5AWQ, is a newspaperman. Ruth is not new to YLRL, in fact she is past 5th D/C. Read more about her in the FB YLRL Callbook.

JCY - Bertha - is an old member of YLRL and has been an operator for 9 years. She is on 10 fone Mondays and Tuesdays. She has worked all countries though all are not confirmed, and lacks 6 states for WAS at her present location. Her ambition is to work WAS/YL -- more power to you, Bertha, and no pun intended, hi! The OM, W5ERY, is a BC operator. Bertha raises parakeets as another hobby. Ask her about the possibility of her town (Moore, Okla.) having the next West Gulf Convention!

W5 - (Cont.)

JKM - Bernice - has been licensed since 1940 and holds a Class A ticket. She and her OM, W5AJG, run the QSL Bureau out of Dallas. Bernice likes all bands but likes 6 and 10 especially and has worked Europe on 6. Through the OM, she became interested in amateur radio, especially in high frequency work. We enjoyed meeting Bernice at the Dallas Convention and she tells us that in 19 years of being married to a ham, it's the first convention she has attended. We're glad to have you in YLRL, Bernice, and we'll see you at the next convention!

IGY - Helen - sent us a card saying she would see us at the Dallas Convention. We looked and looked for her but no luck. Afterwards, we received a card saying: -- "While you took your beauty nap, I saw the convention. I met some very nice YL's (non-hams)." (She must have had a preview of the YLRL picture to know that yours truly needed a beauty nap - hi! But no foolin', there was some tall "cramming" going on for the Class A exam whenever there was a breathing spell between convention events and chats with other YL's.) Helen, you should have stayed. There were 16 licensed YL's at the convention all wanting to meet you and we definitely needed you at the YLRL meeting and in the picture. Helen reports periodically to the D/C without any urging for which we say "Thanx". You lucky Class A gals can work Helen on 75 and for more info about her, read the nice write-up in the Callbook.

LVT - Virginia ("Jimmy") - This YL from Texarkana holds a Class C license and can be heard on 10 fone. Lots of DX is her main interest. Her brother, Joe, of Lavender Radio Supply, told us about LVT when we met him in Dallas. He is W5CEO. We want you in YLRL, Jimmy, and we'll look forward to hearing you on 10.

MJU - Pauline - is an old member of YLRL and holds an enviable record in radio work. She has been a Class A operator since Feb., 1948, has earned a public award, is a member of the emergency net in Oklahoma, and has handled traffic to Europe and to

SEND IN YOUR NEWS

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W5 - (Cont.)

the Pacific islands for GI's overseas. She is on 10 and works her share of DX. Her special interest is working YL's on all bands and she is trying for WAS/YL. She became interested in mobile operation first and has a 40-watt mobile rig. Her OM is W5JHA. Pauline has attended conventions in Oklahoma City, Houston and Dallas and at our YLRL meeting in Dallas, she made the following suggestions: That at our meeting in San Antonio next year, we have a YLRL Breakfast or Tea, that our contest rules be made available to new YLRL members either through Harmonics or by separate copy, and that LLA (Legal Licensed Amateur) might be a good title for us. Pauline says she had a marvelous time at the convention and meeting and she hopes to see us all on 10 this fall and winter.

NXH - Myrtle - Due to a change in QTH, Myrtle is temporarily off the air and is busily putting up new antennas and making some changes in her rig. She hopes to see the girls on 40 or 20 CW, or 20 fone soon. She writes: "You should have seen the excitement in the neighborhood when my brother, W5KMV, and I took down our antennas. Folks in the old neighborhood were used to us after 12 years, and came over to help us, but the folks in our new location just stop and stare and can't imagine why we are tacking wires and pipes all around and on top of the house, too. Hi!"

OQT - Sue - returned home from the Dallas Convention to find her Class A ticket waiting for her. Congratulations, Sue! In 30 minutes she was on 75 and her first contact was Sparky, W5JBZ, Editor of Stenscope. He was her first 80 CW contact, too. Sue says, "Poor Sparky", but we disagree. We met Sue in Dallas and she was a great help in the YLRL meeting. She has been licensed since June, 1948, and has helped the OM in Woodward and Texas City emergencies. She became interested in amateur radio through the OM, W5DRE, and is VFO on 10 and 160. Her other interests are photography and hand-work.

W5 - (Cont.)

OTU - Anne - has been licensed since July, 1948. She prefers 10 meter fone but is eager to get on 75. She is Secretary of the Rio Grande International Radio Club. Besides teaching school, keeping house, and taking care of her two little girls, Anne enjoys singing, poetry, rock collecting, and club work. She was exposed to ham radio ever since she and the OM were college classmates, but the bug did no more than nibble until one Christmas, a little short of "pin" money, she promised the OM, W5KSW, she would get a ham ticket instead of giving him a gift. He held her to it, helping her with the code, and Anne is happy to share this hobby with the OM. Her ambition is to work Norway and talk to her relatives over there. She also hopes to get WAS/YL when she has more time on the air. Anne loves conventions - she, the OM, and the little harmonics have attended five!

PFU - Johnibel - can be heard on 40 CW. She has held a license since 1948, and does electronics drafting for aircraft radio and radar. It was through 6 years of this work that she became interested in ham radio and she studied during her lunch hour. Her other hobbies are square dancing and sketching. Welcome to YLRL, Johnny!

QIR - Kay - was the YL at the Dallas YLRL Meeting with the most recently issued license, August, 1949! Congrats on the new ticket Kay and welcome into YLRL. She became interested through her OM, W5PCC. They have a baby boy all of 8 months old.

W2QUU/5 - Faye - was licensed in 1942 and holds a Class B ticket. Her OM is W2SKT but they will soon have W5 calls. Listen for Faye on 10 meters. Welcome to W5 territory and to YLRL, Faye!

TU - Rose - has the coveted distinction of holding a two-letter call. Also, she was a ham before she married Joe, W5CWP, who says he married her to keep the two-letter call in the family. Rose and the OM came to Texas from New York where they

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W 6

Maxine Willis, W6UHA
11260 Brookhaven Ave.
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AVF - Mary - another of our YL's who is young and single, had a good time when she visited "Section 8" recently. Mary says that "Section 8" is not exactly a radio club, but is a group of congenial hams and their YL's and XYL's, who meet at members' homes every two weeks for a pleasant evening. W6CEA, Violet, is another enthusiastic member of the same group.

GAI - Frances - has joined our L. A. Club and we're really pleased to have her for our most recently acquired member. Frances is the wife of an orthopedic doctor and mother of a ham, W6ZJU, Vernon. She received her ticket last April and is quite active on 10 using a transmitter she built herself. She is a YL with a lively wit. What do you think of her phonetic spelling of GAI - Got Amateur Itch?

MWO - Helen - was present at our Sept. 17 club meeting and wanted to pass along congratulations to the new officers for the wonderful job they are doing. She also expressed her appreciation for the hospitality extended to our group by Vada, W6CEE. The picnic-meeting was grand, Vada, and we all enjoyed the informal get-together on the Santa Monica Palisades.

MAZ - Lenore - was delighted to work KL7PJ and discover that his XYL, Marge, now holds a call of her own and is interested in joining YLRL. Lenore's television program "Mailbag of Tricks" is now being seen in San Francisco on Station KFO-TV.

NZP - Evelyn - has just returned from a vacation trip through the Pacific Northwest. She and her OM especially enjoyed their visit to the Electronic Show in SF.

W5 - (Cont.)

are very well known in the amateur world, especially on 10. She is a former member of the NY YLRL Club and knows many of our YLRL officials. We are proud to have you reinstated in YLRL, Rose. (After all this news, Anne, all we can say is "Whew!"--ed.)

W6 - (Cont.)

PJF - Rosemary - has been quite active this month on four bands - two, ten, forty, and eighty. She just recently put the 10-meter rig on the air and is looking forward to having many nice chats this season with the girls who are on 10. Rosemary and her family spent Sunday, Sept. 4, with Beth, W6EKX, and family in Oakland, and writes us that they all had a wonderful day together. She and Beth are keeping regular skeds on 40 now. Congrats, Rosemary, on your FB work in the Field Day Contest and on being listed among the fifteen finalists.

QOG - Helene - has been inactive during the summer months but is looking forward to lots of YL contacts. She now has QSL's confirming 120 countries - all on fone.

TDL - Clara - and her OM spent their vacation at Lake Tahoe, one of California's most beautiful resort spots. They stopped in Stockton and had a most enjoyable visit with Rosemary, W6PJF.

UHA - Maxine - was thrilled about receiving three certificates during the past month -- RSGB's WEE certificates - one for fone and one for CW, also the WAZ certificate. The latter, so long awaited, arrived for my birthday. What a nice surprise that was! Another birthday gift which will be greatly treasured came from the Aunt of ZL1FB, Frank. It is a beautiful linen handkerchief with some of Auntie's fine tating which won first prize in a competition in Auckland, New Zealand.

UXF - Enid - writes us that her hamming lately has been confined to a few evening hours on 80 each week - when QRN hasn't been too high. She is the proud possessor of a new Wurlitzer electric organ and having had piano training, Enid is not encountering many difficulties in learning to play the electric organ. (Suggestion for a club meeting sometime -- how about a YL musicale? There are several talented musicians in our Los Angeles Club.)

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DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W 7

WS - (Cont.)

WQK - Ruth - and her OM, W6VRC, enjoyed a six weeks' sojourn in the middle-western states this summer. They visited relatives and friends and also spent some time in Yellowstone Park where they called on one of Hank's 75-meter cronies. Ruth has recently volunteered for the post of school nurse at the Salem School in Glendale, where her young daughter, Jerlyn, aged 3 1/2 years, has enrolled in the pre-kindergarten class. Ruth is still enthusiastic about her hobby, and expects to be active on 10 this year when she is not too busy with the school health program.

WSV - Carol - has been attending night classes at USC. Although she has her Master's Degree, Carol is signed up for some education courses for general secondary credentials. Don't know of any YL who is better qualified for a successful teaching career.

Maxine adds - "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the WS YL's for sending in their news items. This is your column, girls. I will welcome suggestions and criticisms, and am anxious to have any items or stories you may wish to read in Harmonics. W6PJF and W6GQZ, your newsy letters sent so promptly each month have been greatly appreciated. Let's hear from the San Diego girls, too, next time."

KH6TI - Dell - in a recent letter mentioned her work with the Community Theatre. The play they are currently rehearsing, for presentation in October, is called "Light Up The Sky", and the group has been fortunate in securing the help of a New York director. The play is by Moss Hart, who was sued by Eleanor Holm and Billy Rose, about whom it was written. With her work in the play and the 10-meter band opening, Dell keeps pretty busy. (W5DRA, Teev, thought the gals might find this bit of news interesting. She adds that we are not to be alarmed if we hear her working Dell and they refer to each other as "Sister Skunk". To members of the Black-Eyed Pea Net, it is quite permissible!!)

Miriam Brown, W7JFB
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HHH - Bea - attended Hamfest at Mt. Shasta City on Sept. 10 and 11 and had a grand time. Other YL's attending were W7GLK, Dot, and W7NNT, Lydia, who had just received her ticket. Missus Austin will be on the air more frequently now that the frost is on the punkin and canning operations nearly completed.

JFB - Miriam - is soon to change QTH to Mukilteo, nearby. After 14 years in one place, you gals can imagine what a job it will be, especially dismantling the shack with accumulated equipment and periodicals. The new shack will leave much to be desired, since this present one has been ideal for my purposes. Will advise on new mail address later. Any gals interested in the Wednesday night roundtables on 3610 kc please listen for W6SLT, Edna, whom I am asking to take over as NC. Like the other NW gals, I am happy to learn that our YLRL president, Helen, is to live in the Puget Sound area. Too bad they didn't come in spring or summer when the Northwest is at its loveliest.

KCU - Marty - has accomplished a fine mission in behalf of YLRL. She has contacted 45 YL's in the interest of building up our membership. Reports that her OM has fixed the rig for break-in. Also, her Siamese cat's recent indisposition was diagnosed as bronchitis, by a vet who came down with the same affliction. (If misery loves company, that highbrow pussy should be a bit happier.)

KEU - Laura - writes that she has a new HT-19 xmtr. W7IYV, Toddy's OM, and W7MEU put up a folded dipole antenna for 10 and she has been getting out in great shape. Also expects to work 40, 20, and 15-meter CW. She has been very busy with other activities which have forced ham radio to take a back seat. Incidentally, Laura is doing her part in organized amateur radio, being treasurer of the N.E. Seattle Radio Club. (W7 District News cont. next page.)

COMING: YL=OM CONTEST

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W 3

Dorothy Ann Willett, W8UDA
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Flint 5, Michigan

ATB - Esther - will be on 29,045 kc
looking for the YL's again this year.

BFQ - Margaret - contacted W4HHK in Tenn.
for her 15th state on 2-meters. She talks
to her brother, W4BCT, in Reliance, Va.,
nearly every night on 2, also.

DJR - Norma - says she is very pleased
with Harmonics but is too busy at present
studying for her Class A ticket to do
much hamming.

UDA - Dottie - just returned home from a
trip to New England where she visited
both relatives and hams. Her trip was
high-lighted by attending the New Hampshire
Convention where she met several hams she
had talked with previously. She was
thrilled to see so many licensed YL's in
one group. Dottie had a wonderful time
and marvels at the New England hospitality
which was accorded her.

WUT - Avis - has worked thirty-one KP4's
and is aiming at fifty. She also worked
the Virgin Islands for another new country.

W7 - (Cont.)

LCS - Toddy - was one of the representa-
tives of the West Seattle Radio Club at
the White Center Mardi Gras recently.
She was first CW op on duty at the station
set up there which handled over 1000
messages. On one night, she left her key
and took mike in hand on 75 fone. Toddy
attended the Vanalta Convention in
Vancouver, B.C., and met among others the
creator of CQ Mag's cartoons, a guy with
the handle of "Connie". (Toddy and yours
truly can vouch for it, he ain't no lady,
but he is a gentleman, very interesting
and versatile.)

NLM - Beulah H. Barrick of Spokane, Wash.
is a new amateur desirous of joining YLRL.
We hope she will be a full-fledged member
in short order.

W 9

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

BBQ - Ruth - and her OM, W9OEJ, are the
very proud parents of a baby son, Stephen
Earl. The little stranger made his debut
into the land of ham radio on Aug. 27.
Ruth is still off the air and plans on
being quite busy for some time to come.
Congratulations to you both and do try
to get back on the air soon, Ruth.

JPT - has just returned from a wonderful
vacation through the Northwest where she
had a grand time, met lots of W7's, and
also acquired more calls and names to
embroider on her jacket. One of the
highlights of the trip was meeting and
spending several hours with Bea, W7HHH,
and her OM, Carl, W7ARZ. Upon visiting
her sister, Helen and her OM, W9UZU, were
surprised to find the next door neighbor
was also a ham, W7MYQ. Had a wonderful
stay at the beach in Ocean Park, Wash.
and on the return trip visited with Tom,
W7KWG, and his XYL, Dorothy, and Jr. Ops
Tommy and Johnny, way up in the mountains
at Mt. Emily Lumber Camp near La Grande, Ore.
Helen adds: "Please, girls, I certainly
would appreciate hearing from all of you.
Surely every one of you must have some item
of news that would be of interest to the
girls. Let's all get on the ball and help
Barbie and all of our officers carry out
their plans and really make a step forward
that will never be forgotten in YLRL.
(Thanx, Helen, and may we add: "Amen and
hallelujah!"--ed.)

W7 - (Cont.)

NQG - Elsie Mae - is a new member of
YLRL. A letter from her tells us that
she became interested by attending meetings
of the local radio club in Casa Grande,
Arizona, and received her ticket on July
17, 1949. She has worked 27 states with
21 confirmed toward WAS certificate. She
is on 10 fone at present although she prefers
CW. Her OM is W7KAG.

DISTRICT NEWS (CONT.)

W O

Alice-May Stewart, W0G0J
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PFO - Marie - It is with deep regret that I have to write this news. September 15 marked the passing of W0WJ, Herman Van Aller. He had been home ill for about 3 weeks. Rusty and I had been friends with Herm and Marie for several years and Herm had helped both of us study radio. Herm was quite well-known about St. Louis and on 20 meters also. He started the first radio instruction class in the USA for a group of blind Boy Scouts and through this help, one of the boys is able to run his own radio repair shop today. Herm was one of the engineers at the BC station KXLW. He had worlds of friends and floral pieces were received from all over the country. Marie and I have been close friends for a long time, but this shared loss has brought us even closer, because through my experience I have tried to comfort and help her. Marie has gone back to work at Van Sickle Radio Co. and she is going to stay at the same address. After a while she will be on 20 meters, so if any of you YL's hear W0PFO calling, be sure and give her a shout. She has stood up bravely under this blow and has really been a good soldier. -- Marie wants me to pass along her congratulations to the new officers for the changes in Harmonics and I would like to add mine, too.

GOJ - Alice-May - I am back on 10 now - had a bare wire making a dead short. So will be looking for a call from any of you that hear me on. I've found a wonderful job as Secretary to Wired Music, Inc., a firm that furnishes music by telephone lines to various places of business. So I work to music all day long. I'll get to use a little of my radio knowledge, too, when I start inventory on the radio supplies. No other YL's heard from so no more news to report. (Offered Alice-May a job as my secretary, but she decided it was a bit too far to commute - hi!--ed.)

VE - LAND

Mary Snell, VE1ZM
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VE3BVJ - Jean - who received her license in January, 1948, is a radio operator for the Department of Lands and Forests. She writes: "Although I have only been here a month, I love it. It is just like hamming all the time -- and getting paid for it - hi! ... It all happened when I was a very little gal about eight or nine, and my Pop was having fun tinkering around with a code oscillator. The squawks and squeals that came from that mass of tubes and wires fascinated me no end. That, combined with hours of listening to the fellows ragchew on 75, kept pricking a little bug inside me. A local ham, spurred by the idea of having another ham in the community, assured me he would see that I got on the air, if I got a ticket. That was all I needed, and all of you know what I suffered the next few months --- code, code, code! Then the war came and cancellation of all tickets. I was really disappointed, as I was still ticketless. Thanx to the patience of several of the London amateurs and a course at night school in electricity (in which I was the only female, and to the disgust of the boys topped the class), I went with quaking knees to the RI's office. I think I was the most surprised ... to find that my dream had come true!"

VE1ZM - Mary -thanks Jean for her very nice letter. She also requests that we correct a statement made in the June-July issue of Harmonics. There are only two YL's on Cape Breton Island. We said there were only two YL's in Nova Scotia and Mary says: "...hope the gals in Nova Scotia don't go after my scalp. Hi!"

ARE YOU SPREADING THE
WORD ABOUT YLRL TO
EVERYBODY YOU WORK?

'ROUND THE WORLD

ENGLAND

Margaret Mills, G3ACC
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G2YL - Nell - as reported in the last issue erected a beam for 144 mc/s, with the help of 8LY. Confidentially, we hear that they used as a mast the pole from Nell's mother's garden umbrella!

G3ACC - Meg - writes us a very nice letter which starts out: "...but I've been so silly!! I've had whooping cough!!" She's getting better now though she must rest for another month. She has 99 cards toward DXCC and eagerly awaits the postman every day. The Three G's, 2YL, 8LY, and 3ACC, had a chance to get together at the Bognor and District Ham Party held on the beach, Sept. 13. It was called a bucket and spade party and there were about 30 present. Meg says it is not often three G YL's ever get together! She also asks: "Do any of you gals know a lad, W2MK? In March, 1947, he asked me to send him some stamps (unused) in exchange for nylons! I sent 20 shillings in stamps but have never had a word or line from him. If he can not send the nylons, he might at least write and say so. I have written three times ... but so far no reply. I'm still hoping - hi!"

CANAL ZONE

KZ5AC - "Angie" - has just joined YLRL. A newspaper clipping tells us of her fame as the first YL in the Canal Zone. Angie studied along with her OM. They attended code and theory classes at the school sponsored by the Canal Zone Amateur Radio Assn. aboard the S.S. Barracuda at Diablo. Angie didn't think she'd ever really go ahead and get her license but she did, and became quite well-known as a result with her pickur in the paper 'n' everythin'. Her OM, KZ5PG, got his ticket in June and she received hers in July. The radio club offered a VHF152 to the first YL or XYL to become licensed - and Angie is it! (We hear she's got some company now, tho, in Lois, KZ5LM.) We're glad to have the Canal Zone represented in YLRL, Angie!

AFRICA

ZE1JE - Molly - sister of ZE2JE and ZS6QA, can be heard on 20 meters. She lives in Salisbury, Sthn. Rhodesia.

ZS2AA - Iris - Her daughter, Rusty, has returned to ZS-land, after a swell trip to England, Europe, Canada, and the USA.

ZS5KG - Muriel - is on 20 CW.

ZS6GH - Diana - worked Maxine, W6UHA, on 20 CW. She writes: "I contacted her one Sunday morning through W6VFR, Marvin, whom I also met in W6-land. I got Maxine out at 6:30 a m, as I did not look at the time. Was absolutely thrilled to work her at last from my own rig. Please ask the girls to look out for me - freq. approx. 14,034. I keep skeds with Maxine now."

ZS6JJ - Sue - who lives in an apartment, had her antenna stolen. It was about 80' of 300 ohm line and it was just out away from its moorings. She has not yet discovered the culprit.

ZS6KK - Marie - will be on 10 fone now that her OM has put up a 10-meter beam, so look out for her, girls. She was sponsored for the "First Class Operators Club" (a G club) by Meg, G3ACC and four other hams in Europe. She is the first S. A. member.

ZS6YL - Toni - hopes to be active on 20 and 40 soon. Her OM, ZS6SB, has a cubical quad on 20, which also works on 10.

CRD7N - Nellie - will be off the air this month as the Mozambique Government has framed its Amateur Radio Regulations and aliens are not allowed to operate. Nellie and her OM are both South African citizens. The same regulation also applies to South Africa and so far, no reciprocal arrangements have been made.

CR7AT - had a baby recently, but have no more news as I do not hear her very often. (And Diana, for us she must be nameless cuz you forgot to give us her name. But thanks a million to Diana Tuck, ZS6GH, for all this grand ZS news. We'll look forward to hearing from you often.--ed.)

AUSTRALIA

VK3US - Gwen - is watching her new home being built and might even be putting up the curtains by now! (Thanx to W6NAZ for this item.--ed.)

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN ON HAM RADIO!

Marty, W7KCU, relates an exciting experience. On the WSN, the SCM, W7ACF was sending to her when suddenly, in the middle of a message, he speeded up, sent "Lightning struck", --- and was heard from no more!

Marty sat there stunned - wondering if the section had an SCM any more. The Net Director, W7ZU, finally came in and told her the message would probably not be finished. Later that night, however, Marty heard the SCM on the air, and gave him a call. After completing the message, he volunteered an explanation. Lightning had struck the antenna and put him off the air. Another ham in the room jumped about 3 feet into the air when the bolt hit, and naturally the family was considerably frightened. Marty sez: "It wouldn't have been so funny if it had been anyone else, but the SCM and Net Officers are so strict about all net members being perfect in sending messages. But I think I got my biggest thrill in net work to date when I heard W7ACF and was sure we still had our SCM!"

Hey! C'mon gals, send in some items for "It Could Only Happen in Ham Radio!"

ZS Contests

In a recent issue we asked for information about the Iris Hayes Cup, an award for a ZS contest. Diana Tuck, ZS6GH, has been kind enough to send along a complete report on ZS contests and we are happy to pass it along to you.

ZS YL contests are always held on 40 meters, on Saturday afternoon, and for three hours duration. They are open to members of ZS YLRL who are also members of SARL. These contests are conducted by SARL with the exception of the "Friendly Christmas Party", during which verses are exchanged. (Clever idea, that!--ed.)

Three cups have been presented to the YLRL as floating trophies -- the Bee Trophy, the Iris Hayes Cup, and the Diana Trophy. Bee is ZS5DZ, the cup being presented by Edie, ZS6BD, in Bee's name. Iris is ZS2AA, and Diana is ZS6GH. The Diana Trophy is the only CW cup, the other two being presented for combination phone and CW work. Competition for the Bee Trophy was held for the second time on September 24, 1949.

HELP WANTED?

For several months during the early part of 1949, your editor frantically called CQ Austin, Texas. She wanted to give some friends of hers in Washington an opportunity to talk to their daughter, who is now living in Austin. But --- as often happens, she just couldn't get hold of a ham in Austin. The other day she was just listening around on 10, heard W5PYK in Austin, and gave her a call. W5PYK happens to be a very nice YL of name of Bea, who at that time had applied for membership in YLRL but had not heard from it as yet. The result of the contact was a very nice QSO, plus arrangements for the sked your ed. has been hoping for so long.

This brought to mind the idea that through Harmonics the members of YLRL might save themselves a lot of trouble and have some interesting contacts, too, by listing their desires along such lines as "contacting friends in Prairie Junction", or "having the next-door neighbor in to talk to Aunt Susie back home". There are those of us who enjoy having visitors in the shack and who enjoy calling someone on the phone and passing along 73. So how about writing in, gals. Maybe Harmonics can be the medium through which you can renew many acquaintances while making new ones.

I'll start the ball rolling with this one: Barbie, W3OQF, would like to contact some amiable ham in the San Francisco area. The object would be for her to talk to a friend of hers now working in San Francisco. She has only been there since June. A phone patch would do fine, especially for the "hello, how are you contact", but since Millie is pretty much alone there - and away from home and family for the first time in her life - and, although she knows nothing about it, is fascinated by amateur radio, I know she would thoroughly enjoy visiting the shack. If any of you reading this are so equipped and willing to help out on a sked of this type, please contact W3OQF. Thanks.

PASS THIS COPY ALONG
TO A PROSPECTIVE YLRL
MEMBER

WE'LL REPLACE IT!

Altered by the Altar

We sigh when we think of the shack of perfection
Surrounded by rhombics and dipoles and beams,
For on the inside was a massive collection
Of gear that would rival a ham's fondest dreams.

The shack was a thing of electrical beauty --
An engineered dream of a well-designed rig.
And just to attest that each part did it's duty
Were many reports of an excellent sig.

The log book was filled with the names of the
stations
From far distant lands they had answered his
calls,
And proving that fact were the card confirmations
That covered the ceiling and papered the walls.

Ah, yes, 'twas a beauty -- a shining example --
Conceived and constructed with marvelous skill,
But only a glance at that room would be ample
To all but a ham to deliver a chill.

The chokes from the side of the chassis were
swinging;
The meters were hung from a nail on the wall;
Suspended by wire the condensers were hanging;
A breadboard foundation supported them all.

The windows were draped with spaghetti and cable;
The power supply spread all over the floor;
The soldering iron had burned holes through the
table;
Not even a burglar could get through the door.

But in spite of the haywire the rig was a wonder.
Electrons would cruise through the circuits with
ease.

The emitted HF tore receivers asunder
Among the XU's and the CR's and G's.

And then came the day that the ham was a
bridegroom
And radio suffered a terrible blow.
The bride, when she found that the shack was
their bedroom,
Directly announced that the haywire must go.

She skirted the rig with a fluffy pink valance;
She painted the panels a bright baby blue,
And then, to continue with artistic balance,
She painted the dials a similar hue.

With ribbons and bows then adorning the feeders --
A vase of sweet williams enhancing the top --
They were beautiful things - all these signal
impeders,
The rig was a total electrical flop.

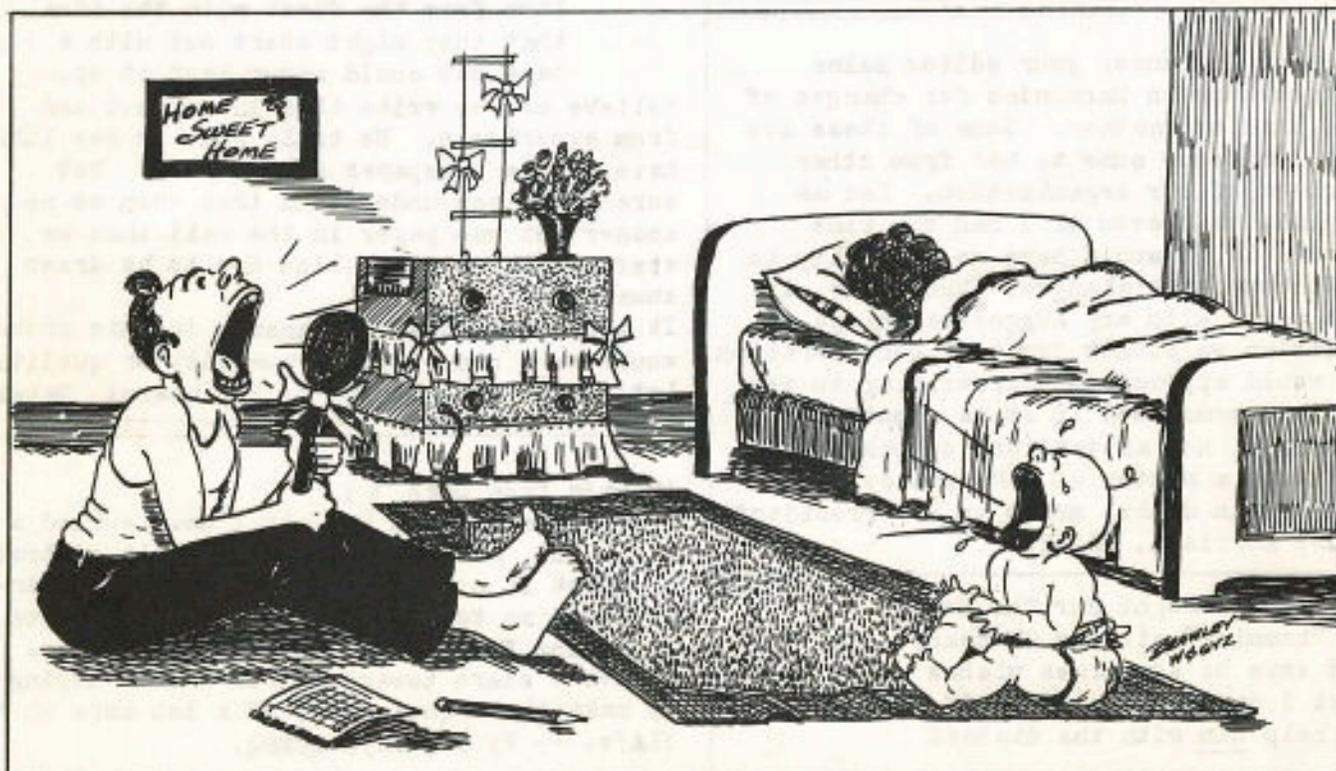
Ah, let them write songs about love's sweet
surrender,
And let them speak softly of marital bliss,
But let there be one who remains a contender
That marriage can lead to a plight such as this:

For now in that room where a ham reigned completely,
Where signals that circled the world came to life,
The meters and tubes have been camouflaged neatly,
Condensed and concealed by an aesthetic wife.

All the "soup" that he has now is served with a
ladle.
His dipoles are folded with three cornered seams.
The only harmonics are those in the cradle,
And laundry is hung from the rhombics and beams!

- by -

Joanna Brewley, WJWJ and John Brewley, WJGYZ



A Message from MARS!

Marty, W7KCU, relayed to Harmonics an interesting exchange of communication with the Honorable Harry P. Cain, senator from Washington. Marty sent the senator the following message:

"How you do get around. Thank you for your interest and tireless efforts in our beautiful state and country. Enjoy all your broadcasts."

She received this cordial reply:

"I was greatly surprised but with considerable pleasure to find in my mail your most kind message as relayed to me by the Director of Communications, War Department. I am enclosing the communication so you may see how it was handled. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much."

The envelope in which the message was delivered to Sen. Cain bore the return address "Director of Communications, War Department, Headquarters, Army Air Force, Washington 25, D.C.", since K4AF, an MARS station, delivered the message. Marty reports that the Washington gang was greatly amused to learn that their message had been delivered to the senator by the War Department!

In many instances your editor makes suggestions in Harmonics for changes of one kind or another. Some of these are her own, some come to her from other members of our organization. Let me say now that even if I had the time available, I would have no authority to institute such changes. Therefore, if you agree with any suggested change or addition we submit for your consideration, we would appreciate your writing to the officer concerned if it is a matter of contests, net activities, or publicity. If it is a matter of YLRL policy, or if you are in doubt, write to the President, Helen Morrison, W3OLY.

Thought For The Month

My "hamming" airs my OM bears
But says he sometimes wishes
That I could spare time off the air ---
To help him with the dishes!

S. P. L. E.

Here at the Houston Publishing House, we're thinking of starting a new organization called the S. P. L. E. -- Society for the Promotion of Longevity in Editors!

Seriously, we would like to make a suggestion that may be taken for "retreating under fire" or just plain letting down. However, we feel that is not the case and that the idea, if adopted, would have no ill effects on the organization as a whole. We are speaking of the possibility of having six issues of Harmonics per year - each issue covering a two-month period starting with the June-July issue as we did this year and ending with the April-May issue.

Here are some of the reasons why we make this suggestion:

1. It would greatly relieve the editor in giving her more time to plan each issue and check her information.
2. It would eliminate six mailings a year thus giving the editor more time to keep up an accurate mailing list, to say nothing of the postage it would save.
3. It would encourage future editors to take the time to present six issues of worthwhile, interesting reading material rather than frighten them from the first with the idea that they might start out with a bang but could never keep it up.

Believe me, we write this in earnest and from experience. We truly want to see YLRL have a fine newspaper continually. But surely you can understand that when we no sooner get one paper in the mail than we start on the next, a line has to be drawn somewhere.

It would seem that the answer to this problem would be a reduction of quantity or quality. Let's make it quantity by all means! Watsa?

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Since getting on the air, I have worked a little DX, and I have handled a bit of traffic. My first YL contact was W7HHH, Bea, who introduced me to YLRL. I am very hopeful of obtaining WAS, having only 12 more to go. I have a start toward WAS/YL and am hoping to make the acquaintance of a lot more of the YLA's. -- Vy 33, May, W0EBQ.

Financial Report

June 30, 1949 through Sept. 23, 1949

June 30, 1949 - Cash in Bank	\$314.81
Add receipts	
Membership Dues	\$26.00
Donations	6.30
YLRL Stationery Sold.	9.00
YLRL Pins Sold.	6.15
YLRL Directories Sold	26.00
Non-membership subscriptions to Harmonics.	1.50
	74.95
	\$389.76
Deduct expenses	
Harmonics Printing and Mailing. . . .	\$75.42
	75.42
September 23, 1949 - Cash in Bank	\$314.34

Submitted by:

Marion Kurtzner, W3NHI
Secy.-Treasurer, YLRL

Several members have written us about stationery. Seems that most of us like our present stock for business letters within the organization, etc., but we feel that something a little more feminine - a smaller size paper with a smaller emblem, perhaps - would be nicer for personal letters. The editor's OM came up with a brilliant suggestion and if enough of the girls are interested, maybe we can do something about it. Since we all have our own preferences as to size, and grade of paper on our personal stationery, why not sell out of the emblem, in a small size, for us to use in any way we wish? Let us know what you think of this idea.

We have been asked by the Secretary to inform members that we are temporarily out of YLRL pins. Orders are still being accepted, however, since more pins are on the way. Sooooo, if you would like one, send your request to Marion Kurtzner, W3NHI, 823 Fairview Rd., Swarthmore, Pa., enclosing \$1.05. 'Nuff sed.

Here's a bit submitted by Olga, W1QJY, via Kleanor, W1QON - and thanx to you both! A certain master of controls lists these 10 steps to guide a gent through the shoals of romance:

If your girl eats too much, reducer; if she is wrong, rectifier; if she talks too much, interrupter; if she's narrow in her views, amplifier; if she can't stand radio, converter; if she wants a date, meter; if you think she's going out with others, detector; if she wants to call, receiver; if she wants an escort, conductor; if she flirts, eliminator; if your fears were wrong, compensator!

Marty, W7KCU, comes up with a nice suggestion. She had two ARRL pins which she took to the jewelers and had made into ear rings. She's very proud of her beautiful and novel jewelry and is considering having ear rings made from YLRL pins next. Not a bad idea, that, is it gals?

Anabel, W3NNS, is working out details of the coming YL/OM contest. She would appreciate receiving scoring suggestions.