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Once again we want to thank Jack Horner our Elizabethtown, Pa., CFCer for having secured two more fine dedications for our members, one of which is scheduled to take place this coming Sunday morning, January 31 between 1:00 and 3:00 A.M., E.S.T. from station WSAZ, 1190 kcs., Huntingdon, W. Va. Jack says WSAZ are very anxious to receive reports, as they will be testing their new antenna. It is a shunt fed radiator, and the only one of its kind in the world. Jack suggests that we attempt to get a hold of a complete list of the Canadian stations required to test for the CRC the 19th and 20th of each month. The CRC has never released a complete listing of this type, and it has been necessary to compile this list ourselves on several previous occasions. Therefore if you'll all give us your co-operation in this matter we'll be delighted to print the list in it's entirety.

The other program which Jack has secured for the members of our club will take place Saturday morning, January 30 beginning at 7:00 A.M. E.S.T. from station WDGY, 1180 kcs., Minneapolis, Minn. We are afraid that this may be a bit late for a program of this type to be heard by many of the DXers living along the Eastern seaboard, however for our members residing in the Middle and Far West this should be an excellent catch. Let's all make an effort to hear both of these programs and be sure to send them a report in the event that they are both heard!!!

Ralph Metzger, Jr. sends us word that he has received a verification from Rennes, France and on it they state that they are on every morning for the Bureau of Standards from 1-2:15 A.M. No transmissions of this type occured on Dec. 26 and none will take place Jan. 2, so that if Rennes isn't going to be on this coming Saturday morning, it's altogether likely that LRL, Buenos Aires won't be on either.

Thus far nothing has been heard of, nor has any one reported reception of WFTC, 1200 kcs., Kinston, N. C., who were scheduled to begin testing around Dec. 21st, in order that they could begin their regular schedule of broadcasting activities in time to participate in the celebration of the Christmas Festivities. It may be that their station has come on the air as scheduled and that their tests have been blocked by the all nighters operating on their same frequencies, however we do not believe that they have begun testing as yet, as we are sure that some of our members would have reported hearing them if they had been on. We can only suggest that you keep right on watching their frequency, anticipating some tests from their station in the near future.

We hope that all of our members took advantage of the excellent reception conditions which prevailed last week, in an effort to log some of those European stations who were coming through with such excellent volume. At the present writing reception has bogged down on them, due we suppose to the unseasonable weather that we have experienced during the past four or five days. However we would suggest that you all avail yourselves of every possible opportunity to hear these stations, inasmuch as we are now in the midst of the season during which time these stations are best heard here in these United States and Canada.

Many thanks to all of you for the many fine Xmas Cards which you sent us. It was grand to receive so many of them.

SHORT WAVE SECTION

Edited by Art Johnson

This being the holiday season, DXing reports are scarce and it is to be expected. What with the excitement attached with the holidays, DXers have let up DXing temporarily, but after New Year's Day we will be off to a great start again on the DXing opportunities that are presenting themselves for the New Year. Looking back over 1936 it hasn't been such a bad year at that. (Not attempting to give a resume of Political, Social or Economic doings), but re DX, it has as a whole been very good. We have experienced some good DXing days and some bad ones, stations have been heard more consistently and better transmissions from the various stations have been experienced, so 1936 will long be remembered by many of us as a fair year for Short Wave DXing and we are all looking forward to a still better DXing year in 1937.

Every night for the past week, there has been a station heard on 9950 kcs. and up to the present writing it hasn't been identified. The failure to identify this station is not due to poor modulation, volume or clarity, as the station is being heard very well, and we are of the opinion as are certain others that this station is testing their station in secret. It is quite apparent that the station does not want its identity known as yet, as they want to make their debut to the Short Wave DXers of the world as a surprise. They play numerous American tunes and often repeats them over and over again, and at far intervals they play a Cuban tango. Just as soon as CSW is heard signing off at 7:01 P.M., the newcomer gets his transmitter on the air. At 7:30 P.M. it is going strong. Leaves the air at 9:25 P.M., and is back on the air at 9:55 P.M. just a half hour later. In all this time not a single word was spoken to give us a clue to its identity. Capt. Hall is also unable to identify this one.

LRX of Buenos Aires, Argentina is being heard nightly from 6-8 PM EST relaying LRI-Radio El Mundo. The station has been heard of late very good on 9.66 meg. Plenty of English announcements and beautiful programs make it one of South America's finest stations.

Early morning listeners should not pass by the broadcasts from OLR, Czechoslovakia on 11.87 meg. Around 6 A.M. this station is heard with tremendous volume transmitting programs of the highest caliber. They are heard with by far more volume than any other stations on the air at this time, and are much louder than the German, English, French and Australian stations. In fact they are quite weak against OLR. By the way they are sending out a new verification.

EAQ is heard OK, as long as they are broadcasting music, but as soon as news or any other form of speech is attempted, a heavy battery of code interference is heard and it is impossible to hear EAQ the "Voice of Spain."

Not having any more news this week we will close. A better DXing New Year to you all.

Art Johnson

Douglas Felham, Our London, England member sends us some Short wave schedules which we shall pass along to you at this time. All times indicated are in G.M.T., which is five hours ahead of E.S.T.

VP3MR (British Guiana)

CT1AA (Portugal)

	49.92 meters		31.07 and 25.36 meters
Local time	GMT	Tuesdays	
Sundays	9AM-11:30AM	12:45PM-3:15PM	Thursdays 21:00-24:00 GMT
Weekdays	6PM-10:00PM	9:45PM-1:45AM	Saturdays

TFJ (Iceland)
24.52 meters
Sundays 18:40-19:00 GMT

SPW (Poland)
22 meters

Monday
Wednesday 16:30-17:30 GMT
Friday

EAJ43 (Canary Isles)
28.90 meters

First transmission
19:15 News in Spanish
20:10 News in German
20:20 News in English
20:30 News in French
20:40 News in Portuguese
20:50 European National Anthems
and end of transmission

Second transmission
23:00 announcements in Spanish
23:20 announcements in German
23:30 announcements in English
23:40 announcements in French
23:50 announcements in Portuguese
24:00 European National Anthems
and end of transmission

Third transmission

(Especially for Central America)

00:10 News and musical items
00:45 Announcements in Spanish
01:00 National Anthems of the American States and end of
transmission.

SINGLETON & ELIMINATOR CONTEST

Pat Reilley, 810 N. Main St., Jamestown, N. Y., sends in the following S&E Contest report as of Dec. 27.

Singletons:-

Al Bartholomew (N.Y.) KAST.
Joe Becker (Ohio) KRBC.
Irwin Beitman (Ohio) PRA3, LU2, Berlin.
Art Brackbill (Penna.) KRRV.
Walt Birch (Mass.) CB138, LR0, PRF3, PRH8, RL, Madona, Nice, Marseilles.
Bob Botzum (Penna.) PRA3, PRA6, CMKX, KANS, W2XAL, KOBH, KCKN.
Hal Buttels (Ill.) KPMC.
Carl Forestieri (N.Y.) XEL, KYOS. (629)
Eddie Grant (Nova Scotia) XE1, NN, LN, SN, I1R03, Portuguese Nacional.
Charles Hesterman (Sask) 2AY, 2WL, 2YB, 2ZP, 3DB, 3GL, 3MA, 3UZ, 4AK,
4AY, 4BK, 4BU, 4GR, 4MK, 4RO, 4TO, 7NT, 7UV, FPTT,
YLZ, Bucharest, Monte Cereni, Vienna, JOAG, JOBG,
JOCG, JODG, JOFG, JOKK, JOLK, JONK, JOOK, JOPK, JORK,
JOSK, JOUK.
Ray Lewis (Ohio) CMHD, KFQD, VOWR, EAJ41, LV1, JH1ABA, JFAK, JOBK2.
Carleton Lord (Ohio) CMJC.
Bob Ludwig (Ohio) CX16, TIGPH.
E. L. Peters (Nova Scotia) Lwow, Konigsberg, EAJ8.
Bob Rawstron (Mass.) KZRM, 2XN, 3BO, 5KA, VE9LP, VOGY.

Eliminators:-

Brackbill - Botzum's WEIN.
Buttels - Becker's KEUB.
Bartholomew - Buttels' KXBY, Brackbill's KDAL.
Botzum - Becker's KTEM.

RADIO GOSSIP

By A. W. Oppel

WSUN, St. Petersburg, Fla., has for eight years shown a loss totaling \$95,000. Under new managerialship the station showed a profit of \$14,323 last year for a change!...WNEW, New York City, will broadcast all games of the Newark International League baseball games next season with Earl Harper at the mike. You may recollect, some of you in this area the fine job Earl does at this job...There is small chance of

Radio Gossip (Continued)

WJBK, Detroit, giving up its twenty-four hour schedule. Station WJBK, which recently closed its first year of all night operation, showed a profit and received 68% of its old sponsors back on commercials.

DX CHATTER

By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that the new station CRCY, 1420 kcs., Toronto, Ont., tests the nineteenth of every month from 3:02-3:09 A.M...CKSO, 780 kcs., Sudbury, Ont., tests the 19 and 20th of every month from 3:11-3:19 A.M...EHS and WKBI, 1420 kcs., Cicero, Ill., both have been deleted, we are informed...due to legal battles WHIP, 1480 kcs., Hammond, Ind., also has given up the ghost (at least temporarily)...the call of the new municipal police station at Natchez, Miss., is WAMJ...CKX, 1120 kcs., Brandon, Manitoba, will increase power to 1000 watts (from 100) and change frequency. (Latter not determined yet)...KVL, 1370 kcs., Seattle, Wash. has changed call letters to KEEN...WBRY are the new call letters of WKBS, Waterbury, Conn. (Erronously reported as WRBY last week.)

Recently from time to time, there has appeared in this Bulletin mention of changes in the monthly frequency checks. So that you may not be confused we are compiling a list with the stations in the proper sequence of tests:

Second Monday:

WAS,	1210 kcs.,	White Plains, N. Y.	3:50-4:10	A.M.
WLAK,	1310 "	Lakeland, Fla.	4:50-5:10	"
KOHC,	1420 "	Texarkana, Ark.	4:50-5:10	"

Second Tuesday:

KDAL,	1500 "	Duluth, Minn.	3:00-3:20	"
KCKN,	1310 "	Kansas City, Kans.	3:20-3:40	"
WSAY,	1210 "	Rochester, N. Y.	5:00-5:20	"

Second Wednesday:

WJNO,	1200 "	West Palm Beach, Fla.	4:00-4:20	"
WJRD,	1200 "	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	4:40-5:00	"
KPDN,	1310 "	Pampa, Texas	5:10-5:30	"
WJYK,	1200 "	Waycross, Ga.	5:30-5:50	"

Second Thursday

WJTN,	1210 "	Jamestown, N. Y.	2:30-2:50	"
KFGQ,	1370 "	Boone, Iowa.	4:50-5:10	"
KTRB,	740 "	Modesto, Calif.	5:10-5:30	"

Second Friday

WABI,	1200 "	Bangor, Maine	3:00-3:20	"
WTHT,	1200 "	Hartford, Conn.	4:00-4:20	"
WNLC,	1500 "	New London, Conn.	4:10-4:30	"
WEMP,	1310 "	Milwaukee, Wisc.	4:40-5:00	"

Second Saturday

WGRC,	1370 "	New Albany, Ind.	2:50-3:10	"
KRLC,	1390 "	Lewiston, Idaho.	4:20-4:40	"

We wish everybody in the NRC a Very HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.!!
and GOOD DXING!

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

DOUGLAS L. PELHAM, London, England - Conditions on the Short Waves here during November have been fairly good. The American broadcasters were picked up usually at good strength especially W2XAD and W2XAF which averaged about R-6-7. W2XE, (Wayne) on the 13, 19, and 25 metre bands was heard very well although only 1 KW power is used. W8XK and W3XAL on all their wavelengths were picked up fairly well and W8XAL was usually good especially COCQ (R8) and COCD (R7). Buenos Aires improved in strength towards the end of the month and the HJ's have also been good.

National Post Observer Reports (Continued)

D.L.R. - Other stations that were received at good strength were JVH and JVM (R7), VUB (R6), VK2ME (R6), VK3LR (R5), FMN (R8) and PFP and YDC (R-6-7). The European broadcasters were heard at their usual good strength and Asia was also prominent. The 20 metre Amateur band was very good at the beginning of the month but since the 15th the band seems to have been dead. QRM on the 40 metre band (which is not unusual) was so bad that only local stations were heard. Douglas says that on the broadcast band in the early mornings when conditions are good he receives some of the American stations and also quite a number of South American stations. The receiver he uses is an O-V-2 with a 20 foot dipole aerial about 25 feet high.

A. W. OPPEL, Irvington, N. J. - Philco 116X - Heard WBRY for a new one on Dec. 22. On Dec. 27 reception very good between 3-4:15 A.M. Rennes, KGMB, KHBC, WPAR, CFLC, WAPO and WLAK all heard. The latter was a new catch. KEP also was heard a positive R-8-9.

RALPH METZGER, Jr. Brooklyn, N. Y. - Reports reception good. Logged KIRO on the 25th, CMBZ on the 26th. XEK being heard every morning.

G. E. JACQUES, Hornell, N. Y. - Says that during our British Columbia on Parade series of broadcasts he was successful in pulling CJAT through in spite of interference from XENT, he says he tuned slightly towards 920 and heard CJAT announce one call. He also says that he has heard LRL on every one of their recent tests for the National Bureau of Standards.

J. B. "PAT" REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Philco 16. Dec. 21st. Radio Normandie at 2:55. KGU at 3:06, WAPO at 3:52 and lots of regulars. Dec. 22nd. LRL at 2:30 very weak. WAPO at 2:55. WLAP at 3:13 sign off. WTIC at 3:25. Dec. 23rd FFFT on 695 at 3. Fecamp at 2:40. WSAI at 3:14. WAPO at 3:50. Dec. 24th. An unidentified Spanish speaking station on 810 at 2:12. FFFT at 2:07. Marseilles at 2:10. Fecamp at 2:20. XEBG signed at 2:08. LRL at 2:45. WLAP at 3:50. Dec. 25th. KGCK at 3:42. KIEM at 3:45. WTLV at 3:30. WCBM all night. WJEJ all night. CMCB at 4. KGU from 2:59 until after 5 A.M. very strong. KFBI at 4:50 and dozens of other stations on air. Dec. 26th. KFRO at 3:10. LRL was not heard and KJBS on 1070. KGU at 3:48. Pat says that Xmas morning was a fine day for KGU as they came in there for about 2 1/2 hours and sometimes as strong as a local or a Pacific Coaster. Pat says he is hearing that French station on 1450 kcs. which he believes to be Eiffel Tower but he says as yet it has been too weak to identify. Pat also says that station on 7200 kcs. which he mentioned hearing last week has turned out to be located somewhere in San Sebastian. This may be the station that Art Johnson mentioned in last week's Bulltin.

ALBERT J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Reception fair past week with decided decrease in TA signal strength. Paris; Normandie; Rennes and Bordeaux quite consistent. Morning of the 23 KOCA testing after 2:55 A.M. above TA FB. Marseilles and Nice just audible. Mystery Spick on 980 signed off at 2. Dec. 24th, mystery Spick on 1060 with call XEA? and signed off at 2:45, who are they? KOVC sent a beauty card verif.

CLIFFORD VAN TRESSEL, Youngsville, N. Y. - Dec. 22. failed to hear Lisbon special. Coast not so good but LRL heard on 4 tube Detrola R5. Dec. 24th; Rennes and Normandie heard again. Dec. 25th. Heard Paris (695) for another new TA. That was the Spick on 630 which signed off at 3? CMCB R9. Logged KGCK now on 1450 kcs. with 1 KW, at 4:20. Dec. 26th. Did not hear any TA's but reception great from the West. Logged CMBZ. Dec. 28th freakish reception here this morning. WAAB and other "locals" hardly audible, yet had WEL on the Detrola midget and KMA heard as late as ~~XX~~ 7:40 A.M.

ERNEST R. COOPER, Brooklyn, N. Y. - Gives us a report of his DXing activities for Christmas morning. CKSO until 1:15. XELO R9 until 2. CMCB on until after 4. KFEC at 1:45. Someone, presumably KOAC on 550 at 3:45.

CALL FREQ	LOCATION	PRO. TO CLUB	CALL FREQ	LOCATION	FROM TO CLUB
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.					
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.					
WJNO 1200	W. Palm Beach	1-3	KTEM 1370	Temple	4-6 NNRC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.					
CMKW 1330	Santiago	1-2	WFOR 1370	Hattiesburg	3:30-4 NNRC
NGL 1370	Ft. Wayne NNRC	2-2:30	KTEM 1370	Temple NNRC	4-4:30
KIUP 1370	Durango	2:30-3	NNRC KGDY 1340	Huron	4-4:30
KFRO 1370	Longview NNRC	3-3:30	KEEN 1370	Seattle NNRC	4:30-5:30
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.					
WSAZ 1190	Huntingdon	1-3	NRC KFBB 1280	Great Falls	2-5
IJBO 1420	Baton Rouge	2-4	XEP 1160	Juarez	3-5
MONDAY, JANUARY 4.					
KEFW 1310	Tampico	1-2	NNRC PRF3 960	San Paulo NNRC	2:30-3:30
PRF3 960	San Paulo NRC	1:30-2:30	WRAW 1310	Reading	5:30-6
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.					
-----	660 Jerusalem IDA	1-1:30	WFBC 1300	Greenville	3-3:30
-----	1040 Rennes	1-2:15	KMAC 1370	San Antonio	5:30-6 NNRC
LRL 1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30	KBIX 1500	Muskogee NNRC	6-6:30
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.					
WMBQ 1370	Memphis	2:30-3	NNRC WOOD 1270	G. Rapids NNRC	6:15-6:30
WASH 1270	G. Rapids NNRC	6-6:15	KWBG 1420	Hutchison	6:30-7
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.					
-----	1040 Rennes	1-2:15	LRL 1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30
-----	977 Belfast	1:30-3	CJOR 600	Vancouver	3-4
OMHJ 1160	Cienfuegos	2-3	R.N.		
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.					
KFXM 1210	S. B'dino	3-4	NRC KPOF 880	Denver	2:15-2:45
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.					
CMKW 1330	Santiago	1-2	WSOC 1210	Charlotte NRC	2:20-2:40
-----	1040 Rennes	1-2:15	KMTR 570	Hollywood R.N.	4-4:30
LRL 1070	Buenos Aires	2:15-3:30	KTSM 1310	El Paso NRC	4:20-4:40
WTJS 1310	Jackson NRC	2:30-2:50	KMAC 1370	S. Antonio	5:30-6 NNRC
CFCH 930	North Bay	3-4	NNRC KBIX 1500	Muskogee NNRC	6-6:30
WAML 1310	Laurel NRC	3:30-3:50			
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.					
KEFW 1310	Tampico	1-2	NNRC WMBD 1440	Peoria	3:30-5 NRC
WEEU 830	Reading	3-5	NRC & WNBC 1380	New Britain	4-6 NNRC

National Post Observer Reports (Continued)

E.R.C.- On 630, on 1150, 1110, 1340 and 1350 kcs. Mr. Cooper says his receiver is a Scott 23 Tube.

JACK HORNER, Elizabethtown, Penna. - Reports reception of KOCA on Dec. 23. He says he only heard three stations out of the list that were scheduled by the UDXC two weeks ago, KGER, KVI and KMPC. He too has been hearing Eiffel Tower on 1450 but can't identify anything for a verification.

HORACE E. COOPER, Cabot, Pa. - Reports on his DXing activities with his one tube receiver. New catches on the broadcast band include: WDAE, KRLL, KKKH, WKY, WTAG, WVFW, WJAX, WFLA, KTRH, KPO, WAPO and XEB. New catches on 20 meters are CE2BW, VP7NA, HJ1GK, VE5KY, and COLJ. Also HI7G and COLL. Also reports reception of WNEL.

We have received several cards advising us that the members did not receive their Bulletins during the past week or two. We regret this very much, but they evidently became lost in the Christmas rush. Unfortunately we do not have any duplicates at hand to send them.

Two more new members this week: Walter Synder, 1401 Logan St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. and Philip J. Montesano, Box 638, 749 Loring Ave., Crockett, Calif. We welcome both of them and wish them good DXing.