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WELL DONE & WELCOME

Well done and welcome...it seems somewhat fitting that as we begin this first edition of DX News from Louisville, we offer some thanks and ask some assistance. The thanks, of course, goes to the fine folks at NJPC who managed to meet the weekly deadlines for publication for the past 111 issues of this magazine. While we in Louisville are just beginning, we realize that getting out such a publication for as long as NJPC has done is no easy task, and we wish to salute the folks in New Jersey who answered the call and did what had to be done for the past few years.

But onward, upward and moving right along, as they say, and that means we're asking for the help and cooperation of every NRC member as we begin what we hope will be as long and as successful a tenure as New Jersey. We ask your patience as we all find our wings for the first few weeks, which may mean overlooking an occasional error or misplaced item. We ask your help in supporting the editors who write the columns which are the bread and butter of the club. We ask those out there who have not contributed in the past to do so now. And, we ask those who have suggestions and comments to send them along to us.

We hope to be responsive to what you, the membership, wants to see in DX News, and at the same time interested in what you find wrong and overdone. It is our goal to see if we can't further expand the NRC to include more interested people in the hobby, while at the same time we hope to better serve our present members.

We realize this all sounds great and you're likely wondering "what do they have in mind?" We have some ideas, but the majority of ideas must come from you, the DXers who are reading this. We are now working on a "reader survey" which will appear in a DX News shortly. We'll be asking for your opinions of present columns and features and we'll ask for comments on things you think we need to add or take out.

While we won't promise to change every little thing, we will use your replies and move from there. But this one survey isn't all we're planning to do--we are also ready to listen and read what you send us in the way of suggestions and comments, and we hope everyone out there will write in. Not only will it keep our secretary busy for the next six weekends and off the streets, but we'll know what you want and what we need to do.

So there it is--the beginning. Where we go from here is up to you, our members. Thank you for your confidence in Louisville--we hope to justify it!

Ed. Louis Mike Jay

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NEWS FLASHES

—LATE TEST—Tuesday, April 12—KDUZ-1260-Hutchinson, Minn. 0200-0230 (EST). Station is 1000 watt-D-1. Expect 1 kHz TT and poss. mx. V-s Darrel Gander, CT, P.O. Box 32, Hutchinson, Minn. 55350. Prepared cards required for QSL. Tests arr.: Neil Zank.

MONDAY, APRIL 18 - 0300-0330 KVOX-1280 Moorhead, Minn. 1000-D GWDXA
 This test will be prerecorded (no phone calls). TT, jingles, IDs and mentions of GWDXA. In event of electrical storm in Fargo-Morehead area or unfavorable cx in atmosphere, test will be resked for 0300-0330 Eastern DAYLIGHT time 4/25.
 V/S Steven Terhaar, CE, 4000 S. 8th Avenue, Moorhead, Minn. 56560.
 Test arr: Michael F. Bischoff.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 - 0015-0030 WATN-1240 Watertown, N.Y. 1000/250-U NRC
 An extension of the r/c. Code IDs, a "key word" and possible distinctive music.
 Veries to WATN, Box 12, Watertown, N.Y. 13601. Test arr: Ken Chatterton.

MONDAY, APRIL 25 - 0200-0230 KBCQ-1020 Roswell, N.M. 50000/10000-U NRC
 May run to 0330. Test format unknown, but will have many "Ds. Will use 50,000 watt day pattern. V/S Mike M. Venditti, CE, KBCQ, Box 670, Roswell, N.M. 88201.
 Test arr: Paul Hart.

THEY'RE SORRY.....

The CE at WDJZ, Bridgeport, Conn. is sorry that he was unable to make the March 28 test. LPC has received an apology from the CE, who assures us a future test date is being arranged.

PLEASE NOTE-----ALL TESTS LISTED HERE ARE GIVEN IN EASTERN LOCAL TIME (ELT)!

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST

....WILL NOT APPEAR THIS WEEK. DUE TO EDITOR ERIC RITTENHOUSE NOT RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE LPC DEADLINE, DDxD WILL RETURN NEXT ISSUE. THOSE WHO REPORTED FOR THIS WEEK'S EDITION, PLEASE STAND BY. THESE REPORTS WILL APPEAR NEXT TIME!



LP Record Hits Listeners

ROCKWELL, Wash. (AP) — A long-playing record on radio station KALL was the thing that woke listeners, who called police after hearing a thumping noise for about 45 minutes.

Station Manager Rod Loudon said police awakened him early Thursday after receiving reports from listeners who feared something had happened to the station's disc jockey.

"The police said, 'Something's wrong with your DJ,' and I said, 'Something's wrong with all my DJ's,'" said Loudon, who accompanied an officer to the radio station.

Disc jockey Chuck Bryson had fallen asleep, ~~as~~ a result on the turntable, Loudon said.

Loudon said Bryson was working his usual midnight-to-6 a.m. shift after a full day of installing equipment at the station's transmitter site. Bryson is also the station engineer, Loudon said.

Bryson was unavailable for comment.

Recording Theft, Recording Theft
 SAN DIEGO (AP) — A recording for the blind was being played by a San Diego radio station KPBS-FM when the music suddenly stopped.
 Somebody stole the tape recorder, and things got worse. The operator returned, found the recorder missing and, with others, went looking for it in the town, production coordinator Mark Galley said.
 "When they returned, they discovered another tape recorder had been taken."

Station WPAP-FM in Panama City, Florida, reports that one day after playing "In the Mood" by the Henhouse Five Plus Too, a rendition of the Glenn Miller classic that is clucked by chickens, they received a phone call from a farmer who said he had been working in the yard with his radio on. His group of German shepherds went berserk when they heard the song, tore down the fence around the man's chicken coop and killed 10 of his 12 chickens.

The station said it was considering dropping the song from its playlist.

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INTERNATIONAL DX DIGEST

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It's "break in the new guys" week. My deadline got pushed up several days all of a sudden so if you aren't here this time, that's why. The next deadline will be April 11 and successive deadlines will always fall on Monday, due to the new publishing sked in effect with the L'ville takeover. And lastly, goodbye to Alan who did such a good job over the years. On to the show.

- 529 ALGERIA Ain Beida in well w/AA pop mx w/male vocal and violins, resembling the Italian tarantella, 2325 3/19. (Connelly)
- 545 DOMINICA Roseau good w/LA mx on piccolo or similar instrument, 0021 3/14. (Connelly)
- 548 ALGERIA Oran fair in slop w/AA chanting and violins, 0020 3/14. AA vocal poor/fair w/heavy CFNB slop, 2329 3/19. (Connelly)
- 647 ENGLAND Daventry BBC strong in EE w/man-woman speaking. WSM slop very troublesome 0520 3/20. (Eckman)
- 648 GAMBIA (tentative) carrier at good level but audio nil, 746 and 764 in at the same time, 0005 3/22. (Connelly)
- 655 EL SALVADOR Good sig 0330 3/16 w/mx by Wagner, Hayden, and Mozart. (George)
- 665 PORTUGAL Lisbon 3/27 at 0330 w/PP anncs, ID, and instrumental mx. Fair w/moderate slop from WNBC. (Giannini) W/soft mx, femme anncr 0105-0200 3/17. 4 pips and garbled ID on the hour. Is now NSP apparently, contrary to the 77 WRTH. (Edmunds) This has been NSP for a good while (CH) Lisboa very good w/lite mx 0206 3/20 w/slow SAH on sig. (Eckman)
- 683 SPAIN/UNID Sevilla quite good w/mx and a prominent SAH cutting up the audio quite well 0207 3/20. If not Yugoslavia then perhaps the West German. (Eckman)
- 701 ANDORRA (tentative) Rock mx here 0016 3/14. (Connelly)
 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun poor w/male AA vocal through slop 0006 3/22. (Connelly)
- 705 ST. VINCENT Kingstown good w/calypso, fading down to fair by ID time, 0059-0100 3/20. (Connelly)
- 719 PORTUGAL Norte fair/good w/PP talk o/WGN slop, 0014 3/14. (Con)
- 725 SURINAM Paramaribo at monster level w/reggae mx, jamming adjacent channels 0013 3/14. Religious sounding song in unfamiliar lang 2337 3/19. Good w/rock 0055 3/20. (Connelly)
- 737 ISRAEL/SPAIN Tuned in here at 0340 3/20 and noted a strong carrier which I took as Barcelona. Stuck with it anyway and at 0341 Israel's FS IS bombed thru all alone on the channel. IS continued to 0345 but became progressively weaker and also suffered from Barcelona QRM which faded up and was eventually dominant on the channel by 0345. Five short and one long time pips did get thru at 0345 from Israel but Barcelona was well on top at the time. An absolutely total surprise for me as it is probably very close to local SR at the transmitter site this time of year. Managed to get the whole thing on tape as well. (Eckman)
- SPAIN Barcelona noted with female SS vocal 0012 3/14. Very loud w/c1 guitar mx 2336 3/19. (Connelly)
- 745 UPPER VOLTA? Tentatively the one here w/bits of FF at 2325 3-26 before WSB slop got too bad. Very weak but bearing seems good, gone 0000. TA cx haven't seemed too good the past week so will try again. (Edmunds) Amen on cx. (CH) Ouagadougou had to be the one here w/man and woman in FF and unid lang, to fair peaks, 0008 3/22; 8 minutes past listed s/off.
- 755 PORTUGAL Lisbon to good peaks w/c1 mx 0010 3/14. Loud w/c1 piano and violin mx 2338 3/19. (Connelly, last 2)
- 764 SENEGAL Dakar good w/chants 2330 3/13. Native mx at weak level 2339 3/19. Poor although fairly clear an hour before local sunset; FF talk and native mx 2213 3/21. (Connelly)
- 783 PORTUGAL/UNID Miramar quite good w/talk by man 0028 3/20 w/prominent SAH on sig as well, presumably from the W. German. (Eckman) Miramar good w/flute mx 0011 3/14. PP talk and jingles

- 4 good 0003 3/20. In at fair level well before local sunset w/PP talk 2215 3/21. (Connelly)
- 818 MOROCCO Rabat at fair level w/emotional talk in AA, possibly a play, 0006 3/20 Good on Realistic TRF 2340 3/13. (Connelly)
- 854 SPAIN Murcia 3/27 at 0415 //683 w/vocal mx and moderate 850 KOA slop. (Gianninni)
- 880 CUBA CMAF 3/21 at 1030 w/Radio Progreso ID's followed by single chime and news. Heard in OC of KRVN. (Lobel)
- 890 ALGERIA Algiers good to excellent and totally alone on the channel w/slow FF male vocal 2220 3/21. WLS SAH appearing under at 2225. (Connelly)
- 935 MOROCCO Agadir at strong level w/male AA chant 2227 3/21. (Con)
- 1016 TURKEY Istanbul xclnt w/OC/TT 0233 3/20. IS began at 0255 and was repeated to 0300 when an anthem was played. Several time pips on the hour and man speaking. Xclnt w/mid-east type mx (sounds AA to me) various times between 0307-0330. (Eckman)
- 1034 PORTUGAL Porto Alto loud w/Queen record, WBZ nulled 0034 3/14.
- 1043 E. GERMANY Dresden supposedly the stn here w/lite mx at xclnt level 0236-0300 at various times. Noted man in GG 0301. New for me; I would have thought that KYW would effectively block reception of this one but apparently not so. (Eckman)(Con-above)
- 1052 UNID Perhaps Start Point was the stn w/some audio rising out of the KYW 1060 splash at 2344 3/19. Not enough to make lang ID though and gone soon afterwards. WRTH lists s/off as 2348.
- 1061 PORTUGAL Norte fair w/soft mx 0033 3/14. Good w/cl mx (Eckman). 2255 and opera at 2355 3/21; best TA above 1000 khz at the time. (Connelly)
- 1088 ENGLAND BBC xclnt throughout evening of 3/19 (3/20 AM UTC) w/EE pgm. WRTH lists this as on to W. Europe from 2115-0445 in EE though I had thought that they weren't on evenings. (Eckman)
- 1106 EGYPT?, presumably this was the one here w/xclnt carrier 2337 3/19. Recheck at 2358 revealed atrong AA mx. Tape across the hour revealed no breaks in the singing so no def ID. Noted again around 0015 3/20 but not later in the evening. Batra is the only reasonable AA-speaking stn on this freq but it's a relatively long path and cx have not been very good prior to this evening which makes me wonder what I received here. Anyone else hear this one? This is Egypt-they have raised power to about 1000 kw, are NSP, and program mainly in AA but some EE. Noted by me last fall with amazing sig-audible w/no selectivity. (CH) Batra possibly the stn here w/male AA chant, unusually strong considering the paucity of other high end TA's at the time, 0030 3/14. (Connelly)
- 1124 YUGOSLAVIA Zagreb presumably the one here w/xclnt sig at same times as 1133 item below 3/19-3/20. Had SAH cutting up sig arnd 2345 3/19 and also probs fm an LA on 1125. (Eckman)
- 1133 YUGOSLAVIA Tovarnik presumably the one here w/xclnt sigs at times between 2336-0000 3/19 and also 0252-0430 3/20. Played oldish type mx and was definitely //1124 when both faded up at the same time. Something was on this freq all evening but it may have been the Spaniard rather than Tovarnik that was here between 0000-0200 3/20. No def ID hrd fm either. (Eckman)
- 1200 VENEZUELA Caracas 3/21 at 0758 w/fair sig, mx till 0800 then Radio Tiempo ID. Suspect WOAI was testing w/hi-lo TT and no ID, was off by 0758 when YVOZ surfaced. Perhaps some of you Texans can tell me if WOAI was indeed on the air testing!
- 1268 W. GERMANY DLF Neumunster fair 2326 3/19 w/mx occasionally audible wedged in between R. Paradise and 1270 domestics. Better at 0336 3/20 w/lite mx. (Lobel, above) (Eckman, this)
- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON FF talk fair in slop, atop het fm 1376 2243 3/21. (Connelly)
- 1385 UNID Fair carrier here 2324-2345 at various times w/no audio discernible. SAH noted also when carrier peaked. This 3/19. (Eckman) Both TA's and LA's here. (CH)
- 1394 ALBANIA Tirana vy strong w/SS pgm w/femlae speaking 2308 3/19. Presumed s/off 2330 as not noted immediately afterwards.
- 1466 MONACO TWR Monte Carlo xclnt w.rlg pgm in EE 2301 3/19. Also vy strong 0440 3/20 w/TWR IS and still potent at 0515 s/off after end of GG pgm. (Eckman, last 2) fair w/rlg mx 2359 3/21.
- 1475 AUSTRIA/UNID Vienna good at times 2307-2359 3/19 (Con, above) w/lite mx; some SAH bothering sig throughout period, perhaps an Iberian stn. (Eckman)

- 1586 W. GERMANY WDR 3/27 from 0450-0500 w/light mx. GG anncr 0500 and ID w/nx. Moderate WAKR slop-this one always easier to hear when WAKR has CBS Mystery Theater. (Gianninni) WDR Langenberg strong w/nx by man 2300 3/19. Usually not in this well at sunset at this location. (Eckman)
- 1602 W. GERMANY, BR Munchen strong w/man in GG 0334 3/20. Eckman)

The reporters for the last two issues..

Bill Bailey	Holden, Mass.	
Mark Connelly	W. Yarmouth, Mass.	R390A, TRF, SM-2, 37 m wire
Ernie Cooper	Provincetown, Mass.	2 HQ180A's, FET loop, SM-2
Richard Eckman	Philadelphia, Pa.	HQ180 modified, Sanserino
Russ Edmunds	Kinnelon, N.J.	HQ150 " ", 4' FET AA loop
Bob Foxworth	New York, N.Y.	HQ150, 4' loop
Charles George	Dallas, Texas	SS:1, SM-2
Roger Gianninni	Belleville, Ill.	R390, 75' wire
Harry Hayes	Gouldsboro, Pa.	R390A
Albert Lobel	San Diego, Ca.	DX150A, Sanserino loop
Randy Seaver	Chula Vista, Ca.	HQ180A, Sanserino loop

Next time- veries, feature stuff, GMT to local time conversions per requests, FBIS letter, etc. And since I have the space here, is there anybody out there who wants to: (1) get rid of pre-1973 DX News, (2) sell same, or (3) let me borrow and xerox what I want? Please get in touch.



from the "Washington newsletter" section of ELECTRONICS, Vol. 50, No.6 - 17 March 1977:

**Tests of a-m stereo
begin in May;
1978 market seen**

In the drive to get Federal Communications Commission standards set for a new consumer market in a-m stereo radio by early 1978, the National a-m Stereophonic Committee will begin six weeks of field tests on May 1. The committee anticipates development of a major market, particularly in auto radios. Test signals will be broadcast over the facilities of three commercial stations—WGMS in Bethesda, Md., WTOF in Washington, D.C., and WBZ in Boston—over periods of four to six hours early on Monday mornings when the stations are usually off the air. Signal measurements will be made by Atlantic Research Laboratories, Alexandria, Va.

At the same time, three a-m stereo systems submitted to the committee by Belair Electronics, Magnavox Co., and Motorola Inc. will undergo laboratory measurements of transmission fidelity through precise signal-encoding-and-decoding equipment and also with specially built a-m stereo radios.

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I have found a new and unusual way of logging some good DX in the daytime hours. Noting how directional the 4' NRC Loop is on sky wave signals at night, I decided to experiment by putting this antenna in my no-longer-used cesspool in the backyard, and connecting to it a rotor control so that it may be directionalized from the DX shack. I found, to my amazement, that this has a remarkable effect on ground wave signals! I could draw very sharp nulls on all my semi-locals, on some of the close locals too. It was great to hear daytime stations from neighboring states roll in on this underground antenna. On some of the graveyard channels, I was able to single out as many as a dozen different stations as I rotated the antenna from inside the house, I heartily recommend this method of daytime DXing to other members who are at home days. I guess my best catch was a 250 watter in Tennessee on 1010, WORM.

JACK KASS - 345 Institution Boulevard - Happy Farms, Arizona - 87654

I've been having a difficult time DXing here, due to the many fluorescent lights, and the many electrical motors on such things as the arm-stretching machines, the brain scanner, the shock chair, and the X-Rays and Lazer beams. I was, however, able to place my SM-1 outside on my windowsill - it just fit through the bars! Also, inside the asylum, I could not use the indoor antenna as this place has aluminum siding and iron bars in the windows. But now, with the window open and the antenna on the sill, I can reach out and manipulate the SM-1 and do almost as well as I could back home. They let me bring in my Hammarlund HQ-180 and DX is very good here. The other morning, I logged such fine catches as KBUZ-1310, WOW-590, WILD-1090, KRAK-1140, KINK-1090, WUPS-1240, KASE-1340, & WUZY-1490. I was also very excited to note much foreign reception of TP's, including KGMB and KORL in Hawaii, and several Chinese and Korean stations. I got one station in Japan, JOIK. I went back to sleep at about 4 a.m. and I was so excited when I woke up I could hardly wait to tell somebody about my excellent DX. My doctor came in, and I told him all about it, and he rejoiced with me at my good fortune. He wouldn't tell me, but I think he is also a DXer, as he seemed to understand what I was talking about. He smiled and nodded, and said, "I know - I know." But, I wonder why he kept patting me on the head all the time? I'm going to have a get-together here in May - my doctor says he's got plenty of room for ALL the members of this great club!

FULLER VITT - 999 Broadway, at 42nd Street - New York, NY - 10000 - Oh!

Here in the Heart of the Big City, DX continues superb. On New Year's morning @ 12:01, I landed WISL, WHAM, WHEE, & KLING. They were transmitting shrill whistles and had screaming crowds. It was a cold morning, and a funny thing happened - after I closed the window, I couldn't hear these stations any more! But, the next morning, I was able to draw a null on local WABC and logged 2 kilowatt DWHL, in Olongapo, Philippines! However, they have not verified - anybody have the signer there? It was difficult to null WABC with its 50kw beamed into NYC with its noisy rock music, and I had no luck tilting my altazimuth loop. I even tried tilting the receiver, to no avail - but I found that if I put one hand on the antenna and a finger of my other hand in the electric light socket, I could no longer hear WABC! This is how I made this great logging. I don't know how they were able to make it with KOB on, but this is just a fantastic DX location! Only thing, when I went to bed, I couldn't sleep, because my teeth kept lighting up the room! Way up here on the 89th floor, I don't get WWRL-1600 above a whisper, because they are beamed to the Harlem area where the buildings are not so tall, so they go right under me. I managed to log 16 different stations on 1600 at SSS on Arpil 8th, truly a Good Friday! I may have to leave this city soon - it has the N.Y. Mets, the N.Y. Jets, the N.Y. Nets, and the N.Y. Sets - but I can't stand the N.Y. Debts! C U N 365!

Jim Critchett, who recently moved, says, "It takes a while for a DXer to get oriented - particularly if he is not Chinese."

Some DXers seem forever to be getting colds and flu. But, Bill and Nancy are always Hardy.

Seems we really DO need "color radio" - to pick up places like Blue Earth White Plains, Black Mountain, Green Bay, Brownsville, Golden Valley, Red Bluff - and Blue Grass Music.

Get Thinkin Lin@ln



So it's barely past Easter and still seven weeks or so to Memorial Day, but what have YOU got planned for Labor Day Weekend?

If you said Lincoln and the NRC Convention, you're on the right track, because the folks out there in Nebraska really know how to throw a heck of a party, and rumor has it that they're already well into the planning stages of what should be the biggest and best convention ever. So, as they say in places where they say things, make plans now and be there!

WHEN: Labor Day Weekend--Sept. 2-3-4, 1977.

WHERE: The Villager Motel-Convention Center; 5200 "O" Street (US Highway 34), Lincoln, Nebraska.
"O" Street is Lincoln's main east-west thoroughfare.

WHAT: The best NRC convention ever. The convention will feature tours, speakers, (both technical and non-technical types), social sessions, prizes, an auction and many surprises.

There's also going to be a buffet-banquet at the hotel on Saturday evening, September 3.

HOW: Not the Indian type how, but the how you should take part. The answer is simple--be there! Remember to bring your auction items, too, or at least send them with a friend or mail them pre-paid to the official convention address:

%Neil G. Zank
2445 "F" Street, Apt. 6
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

That's also the place to write for a registration and to get answers to any questions you happen to have about the convention. Information concerning registration fee (including costs of meeting rooms, hospitality room, refreshments and banquet) in addition to the room rates at the hotel will be printed here shortly.

WHO: Who are the folks responsible for all this planning and hard work this year you ask? Your hard-core convention committee hosts are: Bob McCoy, Neil Zank, Skip Babelstein, Rob Keeney, Rolland Lindblade and Ernie Wesolowski.

HOW TO GET THERE:

By Car: From east or west--Interstate 80, US 6 and US 34.
From north or south--US 77.

By Air: Lincoln is served by United, Frontier and Air Wisconsin.

By Bus/Train: Greyhound and Continental Trailways Bus companies serve Lincoln. AMTRAK also has trains in and out, however trains arrive from Chicago and Denver in the wee hours of the morning local time.

ABOUT THE AREA: Anybody who says there's nothing to see or do here, obviously hasn't visited. Lincoln is Nebraska's capital city with population of nearly 175,000. Located in southeast Nebraska about 60 miles from Omaha, there is always plenty going on for fun in the area.

Points of interest include the unique capitol building, the University of Nebraska (home of the Big Red), acres of parks and a children's zoo (so bring the family if you have one!) There's also the Nebraska State Fair (which will be on during the convention weekend), auto racing, lots of fine shopping and plenty of theatres here.

If all that's not enough, you can visit the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum and the University of Nebraska State Museum to learn about this area, and to see the relics from this Midwestern area.

REMEMBER---IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKIN' LINCOLN!!



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MUSINGS OF THE MEMBERS

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual members, and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, the publishers, or the National Radio Club.

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I must add on my own comments to what Walt Breville said about the AN situation in a recent Musing, specifically that this is the cause of the fewer number of Musers. I had the RX on last night, 3/14, & was very discouraged by the CX of the band on a MM. The natural CX were just great, but the number of ANs was terrible. Most of the regionals sound like GYs with those between 910 and 980 being about the worst. In addition to this most of the ETers seldom ID any more. I may have a strong imagination or poor memory but it sure seemed to me that seven years ago when I started DXing you could tune in on any MM and find most of the channels, including regionals and GYs quite empty. Also it seemed that you had at least a 50% chance of having the ETer ID. Could all this change take place in seven years? Some DX: 2/28- 12:27am, Albania-1394 in well w/trumpet IS at this time. 1:50, WHLS-1450 MI briefly in clutter. 3/4- 1:38am, CHVD-1230 dominating frequency. 7:20pm, WFOA-870 P.R. w/rr. 8:15, Algeria-529 fair signal w/AA talk & chanting. Strong het against 530 beacon. UnID-665 w/"Beep" pips @ 9pm. 11:40pm, the 780 Cuban noted around 785 and noted drifting from side to side on following evenings, terrible audio. 3/5- 12:05, unID-863 noted w/chanting and woman announcer. 12:20, unID-1562 running low TT here or could have been two carriers. 6:30pm, WRXO-1430 NC w/s/off. WCPC-940 MS & WVOK-690 AL in @ 6:50pm with much weaker signal than from previous years. 3/7- WBRN-1460 MI noted weakly on their r/c @ 12:25am. 1:50, unID-773 w/SS, tentative Spain. 3/10- 2am, WSRF-1580 on ET, strong. 3/11- WQIN-1290 PA tentative w/mention of Millersburg, @ 5:50pm. 6, WCCO-1290 CT s/off. 3/14- XEMO-860 Mexico in well w/opera mx. 4am, CKVL-850 PQ alone on channel. 4:20, WOKY-920 WI on ET, weak, u/CKCY & tentative WMLF. 73.

NEIL ZANK - 2445 "E" Street - Apt. 6 - LINCOLN, NE - 68510

I guess I have never Mused a rundown on DX Statistics for my DX career, so here goes. 1,031 logged, 478 verified, 9/9 provinces, 46/45 states. I need ME, DE, NH, & AK. I need NJ verified - I don't think WJIC-1510 verified anyone West of the Mississippi, hi. Verie return is running about 66% for this season, 9/1 to date. Some good quality loggings have been added this season from the 2,000' S.E. Nebraska Beverave including KFLP-900 Floydada, TX, KJJK-910 Phoenix, KANS-1510 Larned, KN, & KCRC-1390 Enid, OK, all @ SSS. I hope to take some sawn shots at DUS here in the weeks to come. I need some warmer than Winter WX to stay out there for an extended period of time. Other DX down the dial: 2/3- WLSI-900 r/c 2/5- WSWV-1570 r/c. 2/9- KTYN-1430 r/c. 2/13- KFAY-1250 Fayetteville, AR ET/TT/OC 5:20-5:45. 2/14- WKXO-TEST weak u/KSTP w/bagpipe mx, partial VID & CID; KKOA-1390 Minot, ND w/rr into s/off @ 1:58. 2/16- WDSM-710, Superior, WI fair @ SSS. 2/21- KYMN-1080-TEST very good @ lkw plus lower powers. 2/22- WKOR-980 yp for s/off o/KMBZ @ SSS. 2/26- WLPO-1220 La Salle, IL s/on. 3/7- KYME-740-TEST w/CIDs only through QRM & WKIS; KMTX-950 Helena, MT fair on r/c. WLBH-1170 Mattoon, IL @ MM s/on. 3/9 & 3/10, CJJD-1280 noted w/rr & many IDs 2-3:30 various times. 3/13- WOAY-860 Oak Hill, WV noted weak but clear @ SM s/on u/CJEC. MM 3/14 I noted bits of KENR-1070, Houston, w/c/w 5am-plus, but lost to WDIA QRM. I have noted quite a few unID ETers w/OC only on various frequencies in the past ten days, but it seems I don't have the patience to wait out IDs. I guess I am losing my DX Fever for this season, hi. Official news on the '77 NRC LINCOLN Convention is coming soon, reverse the dates of 9/2-3-4 for this annual gathering. Remember, the number to call is ER-549.

DAVE SCHMIDT - 42 Chelwynne Road - Castle Hills - New Castle, DE - 19720

Another double spaced delight for Mr. C! Firstly, not much DX to speak of, to wit: 3/6- WPCF-1430 1:03-1:06am ending NX, then s/off, way atop. 3/7, on a phone tip from Gary Siegel, WCWA-1230 1:25-1:52am w/Pop, couple of IDs made it weakly. 3/10- WDDL-1490, ex-WGAL, 4:45-5pm w/NXbeat program, still w/NBC net. 3/17- WEXM-1520 5:17-5:32pm w/instrumental mx, school lunch menus, NX, etc., completes the Delmarva Peninsula for me. 3/19- WHJB-620 5:1-5:30pm w/rr, never did verify for report over ten years back so another shot at them. F/up to WZY-1370.

Verie total is up to 875 w/the following added: v/1- CHIC-790, WGTW-1580 w/station info (mentions power of 4,155w), WKCY-1300, WBLT-1330, & KVSH-940 w/station info & DMS. V.f from CKOC-1150 w/SC, WSDL-1560-TEST & KYMN-1080-TEST. WPCF-1430 scribbled a line on my report & shipped it back. What-Do-Ya-Do Dep't.: As a result of a f/up to WCBG-1590, it drew a very nice letter from the commercial director mentioning my report was correct but she could not verify it herself, and that the report was given to the CE. Being that WCBG is sort of a tough one to get an answer from, then I think it's countable, no? I received a card from outlaw WCPR-1620 mentioning they would let me know what happened to them if I wrote to a Brooklyn address, so I wrote and still nothing back. It was signed by John Doe, evidently a fake name, hi!. (No! -ERC) Locally, another joins the ranks of the nothingness MM programs on 1380, WAMS went NSP, about the first week in February. Still, even though they're just eight miles away WTVR & the others are readable o/them w/the loop. Being that Dr. Pepper has gotten in such an undemanded state in this area, I am unable to send Stan Morss his bottle for hearing WWWD-1240. In its place, a bottle of Moxie! Thanks to the NJPC for a job well done & I wish the LADS mucho suceso! Until we gather upon this humble spot again, may I wish ye 73's!

GEOFFREY L. PARRISH - 6211 Malloch Drive - Memphis, TN - 38138

This season has been extremely hectic, with lots of new stations thanks to the new location, as well as some pretty spectacular WC loggings, WC loggings have been very good the last month. Total here is 983 heard, pushing hard for 1,000, & 387 verified as of 3/17. I sent out a total of 163 reports in February alone, plus 55 more so far in March. It's a race between the CX turning worse & my running out of postage, hi. I finally got all 48 continental states verified, as I heard and verified f/c from WKVT-1490 VT on 2/22; v/s enclosed for whenever it's run. Some of what's been heard: F/cs from KCCO-TX, WTLC-KY, KFPW-AR, WKVT above, WCVS-IL, KMBL-TX, WINU-IL u/WLAC, thanks to Joe Fela for his great list. Also TESTS CJJOY, WCKMY (?? -ERC) CJGX, WOI heard, per CE WVVX-TEST was heard well on WC. Also heard unsked f/c from KBRT-740 CA. Four other new CAS have been heard here on RS, also KING-1090, CKLG-730, KOCK-970, KUPD-1060. Locals are also very good here lately: WBFP-1230 AL, KCON-AR, KWNO-MN (reports sent to all of these); 1240- KELK NV, WJMC-WI, WINN-KY, WIST-NC. 1340- KDEB-OC u/local WLOK. 1400- WUHO-AL, KEKY-MN, KLIN-NE, KSPD-ID. 1450- KEST-CA, KMBL-TX, WSTU/WBSR-FL, WCVS-IL, KAYC-TX, KENA-AR. 1490- KOJO-WY, WKVT-VT, as many as 15 newies on local frequencies. As you can see, I've been busy, hi. Thanks to JE et al for a great job. I hope the LADS can do as well. That's all for now, 73s.

KEN CHATTERTON - R.D. 2 - Mannsville, NY - 13661

Greetings from the Snow Capital of the Northeast. Since the first snow fell last October we have had an official snowfall of 395.5 inches, as of 3/21. I'll be at Ernie's GTG on April 2. I hope you don't have snow there in Provincetown. (It's snowing a bit right now as I type this on 3/24 -ERC) On to DX: 2/21- WKXO-1500-TEST, in poor, 3:56am WKWK-1400 surfaced with NX, WX, IDs, good signal. 3/7- KYME-740-TEST surfaced briefly @ 3:06 w/ID, test very poor u/SS. 3/14- WSGW-790 w/ET @ 2-2:30 L&C, folo by r/c of KFGC-790 2:30-2:45. Then @ 3 an ET from WVOV-1000 noted very poorly. 3/21, WAKE-1500-TEST noted very poorly way u/KSTP & SS. At 2:30 on 1550, an ID for a f/c heard way u/loud unID SS. Call sounded like KGMO but I haven't had time to replay tape yet. Local WATN-1240 will TEST 12:15-12:30 after f/c 3/20. I hope y'all survived Winter.73

BRUCE BOOMER - 108 Norma Avenue - Nutter Fort, WV - 26301

1977 had been an extremely slow year for DX until a really super TA opening came along in early March. First, I found a bunch of hets & unID stations: 3/4, someone on 638 w/six time pips @ 11pm which would be wrong for Spain or Czechoslovakia. Signal was too weak to ID the language. Then @ 11:15-11:30 I heard a TT on 746. Does Holland come on early and run TTs? 3/5- UnID w/Pop mx on 692 @ 11:05pm. 3/6- Switzerland-764 was in good in FF @ 12:04am & again about an hour later. Being Sunday, Senegal didn't come on until about 1:58am with its IS. At 12:15am the German was in briefly with vocal pop mx & GG announcer on 575. At 12:30 I got my first new country of the opening, Belgium-926, w/a DJ in Dutch playing "When You're Smiling" & on w/Flemish pop mx & Muzak. I found a bootleg about 1612 @ 12:47 w/old rr but didn't have time to check it out. Then in the evening, the long awaited Ireland-566 made a weak appearance @ 6:39pm u/cl mx, NX, very weak in EE @ 6:45 & an apparent s/off by a woman & an anthem @ 6:50, although an OI seemed to continue on for a while. The later evening provided mainly good signals from station heard before like the lowband Spanish & Portuguese powerhouses. Finally

10 I took a report on BBC-647 which is almost my easiest heard TA any more. At 11:11pm once again I heard unID foreign pop mx on 692 before a quick f/o. (fade out?? -ERC) I also heard again a TT on 746 @ 11:15. At 11:29 I had some AA mx on 539 approximately, & @ 11:36 AA mx on 548 which must have been Algeria for another new country. Then I went to bed, hoping to get up for the KYME TEST but didn't hear the alarm go off. Sigh. After an otherwise successful weekend of DX I could not be too unhappy about that. Now, I'll just wait to see if the QSL conditions pick up. 73.

J. W. BRAUNER - R.D. #1 - Box 153 - Punxsutawney, PA - 15767

Just a shorty this time. Note new address, Post Office is playing with box numbers again, due they say to "suburban development". DX is kinda slow & first signs of static are showing up. A few interesting exceptions: 2/26- KIML-1270 very weak on r/c, new. 3/3- WPMC-1530 @ 5:15pm, unkn. WTTN-1580, 7pm s/off, unkn, but first sign of 1580 opening up this year, CBJ weak for once. Since then, WESY, KFDF, KPGR, WBBA & KTGR have all been heard on 1580 'tween 7 & 7:30pm. At least a few times, KFDF off @ 7:30, KTGR was long needed. A real try for KYME TEST on 740 but no go, all WKIS & Marabaibo, latter on top much of time. A few very brief TT bursts heard @ 3:14-3:16 but no sign of CIDs or audio, so I suspect one of the usual ETs from Oklahoma. I didn't expect to hear KAAA-TEST, & did not. Lots of TT on 1230 during WCWA TEST, but nothing definite heard. 3/7- WKBW off @ 3:15 w/strong SS there. WGOR ID heard @ 3:30, may have been OC TEST as no audio noted despite clear ID. Two call changes added - Cal. made it on 1020 @ 2:30 on 3/14, and Pittsburgh's outlet on 860 (ex-WAMO) noted using what sounds like WYJZ on 3/15, leaning towards NN-Soul-religion features, few IDs. On 3/19 a rare tester was WGR-1550, NY, w/good signal 3-3:16 w/TT. Real old-style v/l from WLKE & a v/f from WBDL-TEST. I goofed in last Muse w/CBO on 910, I noted Ont. WX back of WGBI at time when CBC usually gives WX; I "guessed" wrong - it must have been CKLY. Even after 50 years of experience, guessing IDs doesn't work too well!

ERIC FADER - 23-35 Bell Boulevard - Bayside, NY - 11360

Greetings. Re the WAWZ/WBNX sked business - I haven't wasted much time listening to an insipid local pest and an inaudible supposed-local go on and off, so all I know about their skeds is what was in the Log. The "log change" I mentioned for Sunday was just that, regardless of how long that sked has been in operation. I rest my case, hi. AT-40 updates: 3/20- Add KFJZ-1270 TX, which should mean a deletion for KLIF-1190 unless they (like NIS) are considering Dallas and Fort Worth different markets. "Re-add" CKBI-900 Sask. Here's a puzzler: WZWX or similar, Kokomo, IN, was mentioned on the show. This smells like a call change to me. No, I am NOT a T-40 fan. 73. AS THEY ARE SAYING IN DULUTH, MN, "WWJC,"-850. "WONDERFUL WORK, JERSEY COMMITTEE!"

JIM CRITCHETT - 1635 Walbridge Street - Red Bluff, CA - 96080

I had better report what has been heard between 3/8 & 3/18 before it gets too old, & while I have the time. Between 3:33 & 4:05 EST on 880 & 890 I had some foreign language stations. WCBS was very strong, but I heard a woman talking w/a heavy accent, and playing "Love Walked In" @ 3:47, gone by 4:03. On 890, WLS was also strong, but another had a man, then a woman talking, 5AN? HLKB? JOHK? At 9 one used three pips and one higher pitch on 880, but another also used pips at the same time. TPs also on 890, 840, 835, 830, 820, two on 700, two on 660, one on 655, one on 650 and two on 1040. TPs are there. Who? At 10 on 560 I heard KMOM w/Al NX, then IMN NX; & @ 10:30 I finally heard an ID by KPQ u/KSFO, but fading. Wed. 3/9 @ 5:58 on 1560, WQXR used mx, then an ID, & SSB. "Good Morning" was the salutation by WDXR @ 6 at s/on. KAAA came on late @ 6:01. WDXR is not AN; Callarman should be able to get their s/off. At 6:30 on 1480, KVAN IDed, testing. Thurs. 3/10 on 1420 there was a Tter from 4:38 to 5:25, without ID, probably KSTN, nearby. Fri. 3/11 @ 6:56 after the SSB, KNEW, Hobbs, NM s/on w/Mutual & UPI NX u/KWIZ; no KGDX to 7:30. Sat. night & SM KFRE was on at 940, so no CJGX heard then. MM @ 5:20 WIRE-1430 IDed after WIL; no KARM/KLC. I tried for KRGI again; the OC came on @ 5:29, then the TT to 5:44:30 off, no ID unless by code. At 6:30 on 640 KFI was there, so no possibility of hearing WOI. At 7:38 on 1530 "Radio Onda" was IDed, & @ 7:45 by XEUR; no KGBT. KOMO-1000 on @ 8. Nothing new until Fri. 3/18, then @ 10:28 KIRV-1510, Fresno said "Serving the Beautiful San Joaquin Valley". KBLF looped but no KTIM yet. Come on, you WC DXers, listen and report to Ernie for us

11 DR. TOM WILLIAMSON - 43 Forest Hill Drive - Guelph, Ontario

Well, I guess it's about time again for a Muse - only about a year has gone by since my last one! That provoked a reply against QSL Black Lists from Jerry Starr, and on reflection I'm sure he is right. I did not intend anything more than a list of "difficult-to-verify" stations but even this could backfire on us all. Also as many have said recently, most stations do QSL at some time or other. While on the subject I must say my returns are way down to about 50% now, not as good as a year ago, but still some interesting loggings especially of AU type around the latter half of October. Well by now the CJOY-TEST is history, & to say the least it was NOT a roaring success. I received two phone calls, from Imprescia & Buehler, who I thank very much for taking the trouble. Letters were received from Dave Legler & Alex Jones at the station, & I believe they were QSLed by the CE. If anyone sent a report I did not get a reply let me know. The TEST went out on D/A to comply with engineering needs, so only about 500-750w were going S into the U.S. This has been a good season for me on TESTS, having logged WNBW, WPHB, WATZ, WCWC, WDCR, WGSW, WECO, WNNW, KOKO, WBRB, WBUC, WYNS, WVVX, WRBJ, WXKO, WIVS, WBBO, WDUZ, KYMN, CJGX, and best of all, (unbelievable!) KYME. All these have QSLed except WBBO & WBUC (anyone get a reply from these?) and still waiting for CJGX, KYME. 73 to all & anyone wanting to call, the phone is 519-824-5395, & please note my address above - error in Membership List. House number is FORTY-THREE.

TEK STOUT - 9720 Thor Avenue - Louisville, KY - 40229

DX seems to keep rolling in around here. (Being at the dials most of the day and night doesn't hurt any). My totals are up to 432 heard, eight verified, 17 countries. V/l from WVMI said they are 5kw day & 1 night w/four towers of 400'. WTNK's CE wants DXers to send him reception reports of their tests (second Thursday). Other stations are: 3/9- WATM-1590 Atmore, AL 2:13am test w/mx; WAUD-1230 AL 3:13 test; WAMI 860 AL 5am test. 3/10- WTNK-1390 MS 2:10am test; WANB-1500 PA 6:30am s/on; WPGG-1580 MD 6:35am, WROM-710 GA 6:45, WJBY-930 AL 7:05am c/w; WHIN-1010 TN 7:09; WLDS-1180 IL 7:18 u/WHAM; WVMI-570 MS 6:50pm; Barbados-900 7:08pm w/NX from around the West Indies; WGAD-1350 AL 7:50pm w/rr; CMJL-740 8:04, //-SS-640. 3/11- WUNI-1410 AL 1:10am rr; WKRG-710 AL 1:30am test; WBNS-1460 OH 2:37am.

BOB LAZAR - 406 Ogg West - Madison, WI - 53706

I've been in NRC for about a year now but this is my first Muse. As an intro, I'm 20 and a student in Civil Engineering here at the University of Wisconsin. Most DXing is done in my home town of Port Washington, WI during breaks from school. I've heard 866 stations from Port and about 300 from Madison. Unfortunately I don't have much time for DX here in Madison because of school. Reception is also often hampered by the fact that I live in a high rise steel reinforced-dorm that does a pretty good job of blocking distant signals unless the radio is right next to the window. Because of this it is impossible to null anything and slop from locals is quite a problem especially from NSP super pest WISM-1480. I do try to DX at least an hour every MM & have had fairly good results especially with TESTS such as the recent KHIL-1250 & KYME-740 TESTS. KHIL was heard quite well on both 5 & 1kw powers & KYME was weak but it made it in for one VID & lots of CIDs. Also heard while looking for KYME was KBRT -740 @ 3:06 3/7 w/an ID on a test. These were all heard on the Realistic TRF. I also have a Heathkit GR-78 & an SM-2 back in Port Washington. I've been DXing for about four years & some of my better catches include HCMY2-870 Ecuador, KKIS-990, CBNM-740, CKWX-1130, ZBVI-780, R. Jumbo-1150 & 545, WHEB-750, WVID-1340, WPUT-1510 50w TEST, KVI-570, KUPD-1060, and KYME-740. I'm also an IRCA member & I edit their verie signers' column. Despite that fact, I'm sending in my v/s to ERC, helping the competition, hi. By the way I have 475 veries. I've heard 46 states & 18 countries. Per a verie from them, WIBU's (1240) sked is now 0630 (0700 Sat-Sun)-0007 daily. They dropped NIS & are now MoR w/regular NBC NX. KAAA-1560 is now AN only on Sat. & SM so that frequency is open five nights a week. 73. (Hi and Welcome, Bob, and we hope your words'll be in here often! -ERC)

BOB WESSOLOWSKI - 1933 South 33rd Street - Milwaukee, WI - 53215

Hello again. Not really much new on the dials, with the exception of some semi-semi-locals I bagged Sat. AM 3/5: WCVL-1550 w/a quick ID @ 6:59 while looking for the elusive WYQM, WCSI-1010 7:14 w/a spot for the Columbus bank; WUPY-970 w/local NX & spots; WDXP-810 w/Community Bulletin Board. Does anyone know if CHUM-1050 has changed their pattern or something? They came in clear @ 11:55 3/17 w/rr & a super-live DJ who sounded like some of the T-40 stations of the 1960's. Never

12 made it here before; usually the WHN null nets only Mexico or CKSB or CJIC. I have noticed a lot of interest lately in the Mothball Memories and in reading over some of past "moths" I have noticed a lot of mention of the meaning behind the call letters. This has always been an interest of mine, but only for the local and semi-locals here. If others are interested, send me a listing of some of the calls you know the meaning behind & I'll compile and forward to the LADS for a fill-in article (if they want it, hi). Some of Milwaukee's are: WYLO-540 "Way Low" on the dial; WTMJ-620 The Milwaukee Journal; WNOV-860 - this is the reverse of WVON, Chicago & stands for Voice of the Negroes. WOKY-920, word play: "Woky in Milwaukee". WISN-1130 "Wisconsin News, which I believe was an old newspaper they used to be owned by. WERN-1250 has offices in the EM-Fire Building. WANA-1590 West Allis, West Allis is its city of license (NO, Norman Lear doesn't own it, hi). I'll let you know in a month or two if there's any interest in this strange sideline. Bye!

JUERGEN TROCHIMCZYK - 8144 15th Avenue #4 - Hyattsville, MD - 20783
I'm still typing f/ups, out of recent 48, already ten have verified. No recent DX because of a bad cold. I logged 2/26 3:20-4:20am WORG-1580 (mixing w/WCLS) w/XR test (seemed to be on all night long) plus VID "WORG, Orangeburg, SC, operating on 1580 kHz with a power of approximately 1,000w, on the air for testing purposes only." Reporting to WORD (a result of copying ID badly) Don Crane gave me a ring at the office to tell me is was WORG. WCLS-1580 already verified! On a trip on Skyline/Blue Ridge I logged 3/5 tentatively WAGE-1290, WKGW-1420, WCHV-1260, WBRG-1050. I'd tried to catch WFTR-1450 from many directions and distances before without success, & even in the area I had to get close to XR location for a readable signal. 73s and good DX.

THOMAS R. SUNDSTROM - WB2AYA - Box 205 - Willingboro, NJ - 08046
As NJPC is closing out a successful tenure, I want to say thanks to Edmunds, Taylor, Stonier, & Sampson for a job well done. The NRC has certainly grown over these past years which is a credit to the work these DXers have done. I'm sure, from all that I've heard, that the LADS will carry on in good style. On another front, things have been slow here. I'm no longer at Salem Community College so those needing WJIC veries will have to try on their own; I am not in a position to intervene. In the months since I last Mused, I've upgraded my amateur license to Extra Class & you can find me wandering around the noyom end of 40 meters during the late afternoon-early evening hours. I will be filing for a 1x2 call July 1. Merriman & I have more or less been meeting SMs around 8:45 on 3895k & the NRC net has been meeting on about the same frequency at 11pm. By default, W9BG, Ross Hansch, has been acting as Al upgrades, we'll probably move back to 3850k where it is a little quieter. On the DX-ing front, the season has been uninteresting. A veri has been received from Cayman-1555, & WKXO-1500 Berea, KY TEST was taped. The best catch has been KYME-740, Boise, caught with three CIDs in its TEST of 3/7; a report is out. I have been doing a bit of writing. An article on SWLING appeared in the Philadelphia Enquirer in December, and Ham Radio Horizons has taken two articles so far (with two more pending). I'm also helping to re-edit the book "Better SW Reception" by Cowan/Orr as a prelude to probably helping write a new text later this year or next year. No equipment changes, although I did add an Autek QF-1 filter which I like very much (contrary to the recently published report decrying its performance). Oh yes, Foxworth & I have been having weekly skeds on 2 meters (I've horse-traded around for a better rig); look for us Sunday nights at 11:30pm on WR2AHU-147.36m or WR2ACS-146.625m. 73.

CARL MANN - 5777 Ridgeview Drive #711 - Cedar Rapids, IA - 52404
More notes on signal-snatching in Eastern Iowa. Loggings back to 2/11 - R. Melodia-735 in weak to fair to 12:56 s/off for first Ecuador. WNRI-1580 CIDs in TEST came through nicely for first RI ever. 2/14 - WIVS-850-TEST in very good for whole TEST. WRMF-1060 Titusville, FL testing 2:L) O?WNOE when looped right. Two Venezuela loggings: YVLH-650 R. Vision s/on 3:59, & R. Rumbos-YVLL-670 4:20. I then ran across split on 1375, looped E in FF, 4kw St. Pierre et Miquelon morning show @ 4:51. I've been paying very little attention to GYs since moving here, but accidentally taped CFPD-1230 Thunder Bay 2/28 2:06 for a start - I probably will go after more later in season. 3/7 - K ME-740-TEST in fair immediately after KCBS' s/off, KBRT also testing but caused no problems; first ID logging from Midwest for me. I'm still trying to ID a Canadian on 860 that s/off @ 2 o/XEMO in FF following a freaky jazz s/pw. s/off announcements by a

13 f hard to read. It's too weak to be CJBC, Toronto. Seems like Eastern IA used to be a hub of DXers, in fact one of the Conventions in the 60's was here in Cedar Rapids. Now the membership list shows hardly anyone in Iowa at all. Where'd everyone go, Ernie? (I wish I knew, Carl -ERC) I'm making plans now for LINCOLN. My last was Denver, '63. ERC's doing it without tape is no surprise; we all started out that way in the pre-60's & it worked fine then. I don't go after veries, just taped IDs (I move around too much), so ERC's doing it the other way around seems logical. With totals like that, who can criticize? (Anyone!, hi - ERC) A few more weeks in the DX season, then I'll start work on a new loop. Thanks to Hutton, Decatur, GA for help on unID SSers. Gotta play the tape for Papa Juan, my bartender, to be sure now.

GORDON L. ANDERSON - 7706 Berchman Drive - Dayton, OH - 45424
3/18. Hello fellow NRCers, I thought I'd better Muse so you all know I didn't freeze. I'll quickly run new stations since beginning of year, then other interests. 1/3- WRRO-970 4:52pm.

(Anderson) WNRV-990 5pm. WCAZ-990 6:02 s/off. 1/7- 8:05am, WZAP 690, verie sent for. 2/17- 4:12pm, WWCN-1130. 2/18- 7:05pm, KGYN-1210, verie sent for. 2/27- WERT-1220 2pm, verie sent for. 3/6- 6 pm, WREM-1000. 7:06, I think CPER-900 in FF w/r. 3:30am, I think HJXJ-650 in SS, had what sounded like ID & said Colombia (Not R. Vision or R. Girardot). 3/17- 7:30am, WVJS-1420. 8, WIEL-1400. 3/18 - 10:29am, WBAT-1400. Other veries sent for: WCSI-1010, WERK-990, KMOX-1120, WBEM-780, WCFL-1000 for second try. Totals received, 575. Dayton area only, 483. QSLs sent for, 105. Received, 77. ERC, I guess I got a ways to go, hi. About some with "black-listing" ideas, stations can change their minds about reports. We NRCers should 'kindly' urge them to answer, like maybe enclosing a flyer as in Vol. 44, #12, P. 11, in which I have ordered myself. If nice reports are sent there will be better returns also. Not to boast myself, but I sent KEX-1190 a report of possibly receiving their station, I wasn't sure. I was wrong, but the PD sent a letter saying I didn't receive them; he listed some possibilities, & even returned my stamp! With more stations going NSP, what about getting all the U.S. & Canadians to be silent for a night or a few nights during a week sometime this coming winter, say late December? The way I suggest it to have local NRCers contact these NSPs in their area, asking kindly for them to be silent on a certain date(s). Then reports would be sent to someone to compile a listing of the stations to be published. I'd hope for a certain week, space the silent periods such that one could receive it at some distance. Like pick up Delaware in the west or such. I'd be willing to help. As they say in CB (Yes, I'm a nut) KIQ-1945 Alpha Control, clear and 10-7.

ELLIOT B. FOLLOCK - 3014 West Greenleaf Avenue - Wilmette, IL - 60091
It is really unfortunate I've been an NRC member since last September & haven't written one Muse, so here it is - my first. Let me introduce myself. I am a student from a suburb of Chicago who has been DXing for about three years. I use a Hallcrafters S-120 (tube type) & an Elco 640 K-11 antenna. Thus far, I have logged 311 stations, in 44 states & four provinces, & three Mexicans. Some of my better DXes have been KFI in L.A., KPFC in San Francisco, & KGAY in Salem, OR. I don't have a great deal of time to spend DXing, but I try to keep up with all the TESTs. My latest "good confirmation" was from KING, Seattle which I got under very freaky CX, but there's AM propagation for you! I am also a member of the Golden West DX Ass'n. which is base out West. It was truly unfortunate about the WGMY TEST - I hope that Del Dayton, CE, feels better after his bout with pneumonia. Well, anyway I hope to be writing much more frequently, now that my course load in school has dropped considerably, allowing a greater amount of time for DX & the like. Meanwhile, I hope all your reports get verified, 73, best of DX & all the other crap that CEs write on confirmations. I wish to thank each & every NRCer who read the above Museing - you have good taste! (Hello, and welcome to Musings, Elliot, and please keep up the good Musings!-ERC)

WARREN E. GREENBERG - 145 Cottage Road - West Roxbury, MA - 02132
I received two QSLs in the last week, WGMG and WCKY (which was reported in 12/27/76 from St. Pete Beach, FL). DX has been slow because during the last snowstorm the snow took my antenna down, & I didn't get a chance to get it back up. I was going

14 to string it up again tomorrow (3/19) but the snow we got today put a stop to those plans. Maybe with luck I will get around to putting it up next Saturday, and while I am at it I will be putting up a second. This will be strung N/S, 100' long, while the original was strung E/W, with a length of 100' also. I am still planning on coming to the GTG at ERC's on 4/2/77, & will most likely bring another Musing with me.

NEW PROVINCETOWN DEADLINES WILL BE TUESDAYS. PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE!

ANDREW F. RUGG - 668 De Gaspe - Apt. 408 - Ile des Soeurs, P.Q. H3E 1H9

Here is a Musing to help christen Louisville's first issue! New veries are WBBO-780-TEST & WNCR-1440. In this punk location, I actually logged some respectable DX! On 2/21, I fiddled with three different radios, seeking the WBBO-780-TEST. Although WBEM was very strong, they squeaked through on my clock radio. Twice, I heard the "Monty Python Theme", Sousa's "Liberty Bell" march. I sent a tentative & received a most specific verie. On 3/14 I bought a TRF, which was on sale for \$30. The clerk made a mistake and charged me only \$20. I didn't protest. On 3/20, I finally unpacked the "Realistic TRF" & decided to try for WVN-1110 @ SSS. It nabbed them right away, an LPC. On 3/21 the TRF pulled in two more new ones, WAKE-1500-TEST was in & out (mainly in) from 1:02-1:28am. Then I reported CHTN-1190 from 1:52-2:27, despite pesky WOWO TT. I think I heard needed WDEE-1500 s/off @ 1:30, but can't be sure. Based on one MM session, I am very pleased with the TRF. Unfortunately, this apartment building is a poor DX location, especially when the TV's go on. My "second round" NRC Logs dribbled in in February. After 17 years of on-and-off BEB DX, my totals are 1445/1520, a return of over 95%. Most of the non-replies are LA's. With all its economic and political turmoil, Quebec remains an exciting place. Meanwhile, Toronto is up to its old tricks. Their new BE team, the Blue Jays, cannot serve beer at the ballpark. The team is owned by Labatt's Breweries. The name "Blue Jays" was meant as a plug for Labatt's "Blue" brand of beer. It didn't work out; everyone calls them the Jays. On 3/22 I am flying SW for a vacation in L.A., Las Vegas & Arizona. A big THANK YOU to NJPC for four years' performance! 73.

TED FLEISCHAKER - 3023 Tremont Drive - Louisville, KY - 40205

It's getting onward to busy time around here in Louisville these days, but no matter what, I hope to continue to find time to contribute to Musings regularly. I finally found the time to get to the radio (It's been so long I almost forgot what the thing is for, hi) and had a great MM 3/21 with 11 loggings - my personal high for this season in one morning and just three below my best of 14, which was heard a couple of MMs last season. Best catch was KSDN-930 Aberdeen, S.D. @ 3:25am just as I was getting set to go to bed. I also managed a couple of f/cs on 3/23 to come up with a decent March after what I thought was going to be a total flop of a month DX-wise. I've been noticing a lot more noise of late in the old radio & since it's not a tube problem, I guess the season's close is fast approaching along with the Springtime WX. I have noted WLAC-1510 Nashville off several MMs in a row, & maybe that will be a permanent feature so Spokane will be heard in Louisville again. I did hear WMEX the last couple MMs, which is new one for me & one which I guess ERC & his pals wish would give up and go off. Does anybody, speaking of WMEX, know if they are NBC? The NRC Log shows no NBC stations on 1510, yet there has been NBC NX there last two MMs. Any help would be appreciated. (Yes, Ted. WMEX carries NBC NX on the hour! -ERC) Well, I see I have a line or two of allotted space, but I'd better leave it for others as I have a pile of mail to answer & other stuff to get to, not to mention the radio - 73s & good DX to all - please Muse early & often, too!

GARY ATKINS - 2200 West Burnett Avenue - Louisville, KY - 40210

Not much DX here in the last two months as the interest just hasn't been there. Big news here is the veri I received from WDCR-1340 Hanover, NH for the taped report I sent. That confirms my 49th state heard, but I have varied only 41. I still lack veries from RI, NV, DE, MT, NJ, OR, ID & VT. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Louisville member Tex Stout to the NRC. Hopefully, he'll make it to our next get-together & get acquainted with all the area DXers. Only additions to the log recently are: 2/14- WIVS-850 @

(Atkins) 1:40 w/TEST. 2/21- KYMN-1080 2:30 w/TEST. 3/3- WCPM-1280 1:10am w/f/c. This was first Thursday rather than third Thursday as per f/c list. 3/4- WHBG-1360 12:05am r.c and WWBZ-1360 12:15, r/c. 3/21- WAKE-1500 1:15 w/TEST. Log total now stands at 1,481 and at the rate I'm going I won't reach 1,500 until mid-October. As Lowell Thomas would say, So Long.

GARY SIEGEL - 2728 106th Street - Toledo, OH - 43611

I didn't expect to get a TEST out of my radio employer WCWA so fast as was requested by a few fellow NRCers but in talking with the engineer when I was working there a couple of Saturdays ago he informed me a PoP was upcoming the MM after, 3/7. He was quite interested in getting reports & has done some DX on the side. In fact he's thinking of taking his Hammarlund to the WCWA antenna site and hooking up the rig to the tower - can only imagine what might be heard if he does, whew! The 3/7 test began shortly after lam unfortunately IDs were not too frequent but I hope the next time will be different. I hope those who knew of the TEST were not fooled into thinking the 1230 TT before I was WCWA because it wasn't - but I do not know who it was. does anyone? I did get WHOP-1230 KY before I for a new station so at least I was able to take advantage of the rare 1230 opening. I talked to CE Danny Moon & he had a couple of reports lying around which he will answer but as could be expected due to the nature of what WCWA was sending out not much detail could be logged. I noticed the problem in going over the couple of reports. Hopefully the next time WCWA can provide more in the way of IDable features to the next TEST. Charles Hutton of GA sent a few WCWA CIDs which should help. I would have suggested them but I didn't think Mr. Moon would want to send that type of ID (some CEs won't do it for varying reasons one I think being the FCC doesn't like it). Another WCWA PoP is coming in short order & I'll keep you posted. I'll see if Mr. Moon will play some marches etc. I think CIDs look good. I have also gotten CHIC-790 Ont. as my other newie in March. So far only ten on the year, one of the penalties one pays for having 2,333 heard I guess. DEE, someone told me there is a law in Riverside, CA that a citizen may not carry a lunch pail on the public streets - is that true? It sounds like a law designed to get tough on Toyland West operations, hi! Mr. Moon is planning on getting some very nice v/qs printed. He's wanted to do it for a long time but has never gotten around to it. Perhaps a flood of accurate reports will help. The next TEST should be before May, I believe - stay tuned. 73s.

MIKE HARDESTER - Box 2723 - USNAVREGMEDCEN - FPO, Seattle WA 98778

Greetings! Regarding Harry Helms' review of the FRG -7, I would like to point out modification plans are available via Ralph Sanserino, 8422 Crane Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646; cost is 25¢ in coin or stamps, or four IRCs overseas. My FRG-7 is Unmodified, & while I do not feel it is comparable to my SPR-4, as far as splits go, the FRG-7 does a fair job utilizing a Sanserino Loop. The recent influx of new RXes or re-designed RXes is quite important, for as I'm sure many will recall only a few years ago, new RXes aimed at DXers/SWlers, etc. were few & far between. Possibly the newer units coming on the market aren't ideal in every aspect, but at least there are new RXes. Further, as the faults are noted by our more technically minded fellow DXers modifications will become available. Another comment is simply to point out its excellent sensitivity which, I feel is near comparable to my modified SPR-4. This will appear after the planned TEST from CJGX. From my experience, it has never verified, so I hope many of you logged it & will get a verie from the TEST! The NRBA item in the 3/14 DX NEWS was quite interesting and LOGICAL, so most likely it won't be heeded. Best of DX to all. NEXT MUSINGS DEADLINE IN PROVINCETOWN WILL BE MONDAY, April 11.

BOB HLIVAK - 1468 South Carpenter Road - #345 - Brunswick, OH - 44212

Greetings. Sorry to see the reasons for the YAD postponement. Although time is at a premium here for me on that weekend, I was planning to attend to meet * and all the gang. For as many times as I have visited HWB at home (hello to all the girls) & at work, it really amazes me not to have met more of the YAD crew. Big news here in Cleveland area is the completion of two Altaz loops by Al Micohn & myself (finally) working seperately. We had a real interesting GTG a

16 few weeks ago at Al's comparing loops, RXes, & ELK's magic fingers. DXers are great folks, hi. Future plans here call for a rework of the FET loop pre-amp, even though the current one (a la GPN) works well enough to overwhelm my skills at the dials. Most time here is spent on tinkering which is what I enjoy. Immediate efforts are being directed toward the audio end of things. Good breadboard results have been obtained using info presented by Geffe in Electronics, 11/11/76, in an article titled "How to Build High-Quality Filters out of Low-Quality Parts." I've also got some audio compressor circuits that I've yet to build. I would like to talk with anyone who has used a TFT model 7610 Telemetry System. I'd like to use one at work, but haven't been satisfied with the info I have. Send a daytime phone & I will call, prepaid, from work. I became interested in radio the same shocking way as Chris Bobbitt did, and at about the same time, hi. Not using a tape recorder must really make you hungry at the dials ERC! What a way to sharpen your skills. Phone here is 216-225-7617, NSP especially if Alaska is coming in in Middleburg Heights. Kudos to the NJPC for a job well done. 73s.

PHILIP BOERSMA - 15570 Cleveland Street - Spring Lake, MI - 49456

Hello again. First off, I'd like to correct my last Musing; the WOI-640-TEST did not use SIDs (singing IDs), but rather, the IDs were spoken. I thought that "SID" meant spoken ID, thus, the use of the wrong abbreviation. A salute and tip o' the hat goes to NJPC for a super job on DX NEWS. And a welcome to the LADS publishing committee, I'm sure they will keep DX NEWS the quality magazine it has always been! Re the NRBA filing reproduced in the 3/14 DX NEWS: I hope the FCC heeds it. Extending the ECB would be foolish, not only for the reasons that are pointed out by them, but also because any radio station operating above 1600k would have its groundwave severely limited, simply due to the higher frequency. A station here in West Michigan on, say, 1720k w/5,000w might have a hard time getting out 20 miles. Our low ground conductivity (2 mmoHs) would make any station above 1600 a poor investment, & a waste of electricity. Even WTRU-1600, which is 5,000w ND during the day, cannot be heard in Grand Rapids, 35 miles from their XR! So any stations about 1600 would surely have a hard time! No DX this week, so 73s.

CHARLES GEORGE - 6407 Howard - Dallas, TX - 75227

My latest veries are a v/l from KSEO, & v/c from WCKY. I now have a new piece of equipment for DXing - an SM-2. I do not know how well it is going to work but at 10:30pm ELT I heard mx on 655 from R. Nacional, El Salvador. I had never heard this station before. On the same night, the 15th, I heard WNBC, with a very strong signal @ 1:50am. The NRBA report in DX NEWS interested me. I think part of the financial loss to radio stations is due to poor management and a lack of creativity. For example: KFJZ & KFJZ-FM have the same format & type announcers. I think it shows a lack of creativity; I think it is a waste of the radio spectrum; I think if the owners can't do better they should sell one of the stations. The real reason for my DXing is because I like jazz, classical, folk mx, which are not found in Dallas at least, not in the past, and may not be in the future.

REMEMBER OUR NEW DEADLINE DATE IN PROVINCETOWN WILL BE MONDAYS FROM NOW ON. THE NEXT DEADLINE WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 11, AND THE NEXT AFTER THAT WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 25th. BE SURE TO GET YOUR MUSINGS IN!

RANDY TOMER - 19951 Phoenix Lake Road - Sonora, CA - 95370

Michael Coughlin's Muse in the 3/21 DX NEWS re the Realistic TRF got me thinking, which is no easy feat, hi. An interesting project for an electronics whiz possibly could be the following: take a TRF, remove it from its original case, add an outboard IF strip w/ Collins mechanical filter & FET booster, hook up a three-digit electronic frequency readout, stick it in a new case, and for around \$200 you might just have a super-fine MW RX! A lo-buck version could be made with ceramic ladder filters in the IF instead of the Collins filter. High gain in the IF would compensate for the extra filters and could improve the Realistic's lowband sensitivity, which is lacking. Of course, most DXers know that placing their TRF near a loop jacks up the signal enormously. For Yaseu FRG-7 lovers who don't know about it yet, the Feb. '77 Speedx had an article on improvements for that RX. Reprints can be had from Ralph Sanserino, 8422 Crane Circle, Huntington Beach, CA, 92646. I just added two Vernitron emitter bypass ceramic filters to my FRG-7. They are supposed to improve skirt selectivity and caused a noticeable improvement in mine. ^{soon} I hope

17 to add a sharper 455 IF filter and retain the original wide filter, & by using diode switching between the two I'll get a choice of sharp or wide selectivity. I tried to get the Murata ladder filter but Murata never answered my inquiry; Gilfer has them but won't sell them for home installation so I'm hoping to get the Vernitron 4kHz (10kHz @ 60dB) through Ralph. One of the best things you can do to the FRG-7 is to loosen the main tuning mechanism and move the dial as close as possible to the front panel. This reduces parallax and really saves the ol' eyeballs. The dial works better with a calibrator; I use the \$10 El Cheapo from Radio Shack (Science Fair Kit) & it works fine. Other improvements are described in the Speedx reprint. 73.

(no name or address; marked "second Muse")

Hi everyone. It's stopped snowing up here and rain has come in its place for the time being. Two things I have noticed this season. One is a decrease in the percentage of returns although things have been picking up lately. The other thing is that most of my veries have been v/l or v/f instead of mainly v/q. I reached my first milestone a few weeks ago when I picked up #500. The station was KQWB-1550 in Fargo on the air w/rr for their ET. It was also my first from ND which gives me 39 states so far. I'd like to thank all of the CFCes for taking the time to try and arrange TESTS for us all. I wasn't quite sure how to go about doing it so I wrote to Jerry Starr & he sent me the info. My top four areas are Ont. 66, NY 58, PA 42, & Ohio 40. Hopefully this Summer I'll be able to catch up on my letter writing this Summer & verify about 50% of my total stations. Right now I have a 38.2% with around 100 that I could easily write to. A few weeks ago, CHUM played a tape of their station that they received from Sweden. They said his name but I didn't get it down in time. My apologies if you're a member. It was one of their top stories & they said they were sending him a ton of stuff for his tape so any of you are reading this up there & you haven't written them, it might be worth your while if you can get them. Anybody interested can call me here at 416-787-7164. One ring maximum if after eleven. As Jeff Kay mentioned earlier, if you have any trouble verifying a Toronto area station, let one of know & we'll get on it. That's about it. 73s.

MIKE TUGGLE - 909 Moores Mill Road - Bel Air, MD - 21014

As a new member, an intro is in order; all my DXing is done with a crystal set - no RF/AF amps. The rig is a homebrew, the result of over two years' development, fed by a longwire. Crystal DX is a whole different ball game - my DX is your NSP slop! But it's not all 50kw & clear channels; since 2/76 I've logged 205 stations in 27 states & DC & three provinces as well as Cuba, Dominican Republic, and of course, Bonaire. I'm still looking for a Mexican. Some of the

(Tuggle) nicer domestic goodies logged recently include CFOS-560, WHLO-640, WHJB-620, WLCY-1380, WGBF-1280 & CJEM-570. So, why crystal? I guess it's the sporting aspect - like shark fishing with ten lb. line, or mountain climbing without a belay - only the consequences of failure are not quite as severe. Anyone else out there interested in this fascinating aspect of the hobby? I would be interested in hearing from you. 73s. (Welcome to the NRC & Musings, Mike! I also use a crystal set - a Hammarlund HQ-180-C, hi! -ERC)

JIM CRITCHETT - 1635 Walbridge Street - Red Bluff, CA - 96080

To keep a record of reporting at some time during each week, here is what has been heard recently. Sat. 3/19 @ 5:16 on 1440 CFGO, Ottawa, IDed & gave the time. SM 3/20 on 1440 from 7:15 to 7:37 KEWI & XEAI were the only IDs heard. CFCP only has their OC on; no programs, SMS. That leaves 1440 with none nearby, after KPRO s/off. MM 3/21 I tried for listed r/c of KXXL-1450, 3:45-3:55, but no ID and no TT. KEST & KONE only ones IDable. From 4:17 to 5, 710 was clear of nearby stations. No KIRO, and KMPC said testing on 710, @ 4:30. But at 4:29 someone said "Radio 71" and an FM station. I missed the ID. Could be KGNC? There was mx, talk in EE, in/out, & even a foreign language talker for a while. I will try in two weeks, when KIRO is off. At 5:06 on 1520, KYXI said 24 hours, so not off. I tried for CHED-630 w/KOH off @ 4:08 (on @ 8) but only KHOW IDed, SSB with WCKY-1530 again, but too weak, I'm wondering if it's KGBB; @ 6. I quote: "I just can't stop DXing" - not a single new station ID on SM or MM but I keep trying. Many thanks to the NJPC, and very best

18 wishes to the LADS. Ernie just keeps going along, and wants more reports, keep him busy. 73s. (Yeah, Jim - I keep wearing out one publishing crew after another, hi - ERC)

WAYNE HEINEN - 2603 Paseo Road - Colorado Springs, CO - 80907
"The Pike's Peak DXer". Well, here I sit with the TV on upstairs wishing TVI didn't exist. I am attempting to visit all the stations people have written me about in local area. Don't despair, guys, I'm trying! Only DX was KHIL-1250-TEST which hasn't verified yet so I assume my report never arrived there! Verifies in of late: v/q- KORL-650 (state #49), CHAB-800 KTWO-1030 & KELI-1430. v/f- WSDL-1560-TEST. v/1- KXYZ-1320 & KRLN-1400. Many f/ups will go out this season as a result of 60% return this year. Worst return I've had since I started (including 1964 which was pre-NRC & I sent post-card reports!) I'm getting ready to begin my 13th year in the NRC. Seems like only yesterday! 73s, all.

CHICAGO CUBS' RADIO NETWORK

(From Ken Onyschuk, who says it is "95% complete".)

720	W G N	Chicago	1300	W A A C	Terre Haute, IN
980	W I T Y	Danville, IL d	1340	K R O S	Clinton, IA
1050	W D Z	Decatur, IL d	1400	W B A T	Marion, IN
1220	W L P O	La Salle, IL d	1420	W V J S	Owensboro, KY
1230	W S A L	Logansport, IN	1440	W G E M	Goincy, IL
1250	W G L	Fort Wayne, IN	1460	W K A M	Goshen, IN
1240	W T A X	Springfield, IL	1540	W B N L	Doonville, IN d
1290	W R E Y	New Albany, IN d	1580	W C R R	Urbana, IL d

(The info was obtained by Ken as a result of a phone call to WGN)

We have three fine contributions for Mothball Memories here, two from Ron Schiller, and one from Frank Wheeler. We'll run Ron's next issue and then give you Frank's, and then, Ron's second. We also have some more poems by Carroll Seth and one by John Callarman, but we still are in the market for more Mothballing by you who have been in the hobby over the years. How about some of you who NEVER Muse contributing instead a Mothball Memory for all of us to read and enjoy? -ERC

M O T H B A L L M E M O R I E S

CHAPTER XLVIII - IN MEMORIAM - BERNIE DUFFY.

Your Editor received a phone call from ex-NRCer Pete Clarius on March 18, with the sad news that another well-known ex-NRCer, Bernie Duffy, had passed away at 4:30 a.m. on that date. Bernie had contracted a fatal kidney infection about two weeks' previous to this, and was in the hospital (St. Vincent's). Bernie was believed to be 66 years old at the time of his demise. He started DX-ing around 1930, and he had over 3,000 verifications in his collection, many of which are truly collectors' items, like a 15 watt station in the Dominican Republic, and a 7½ watt in Cuba, plus stations like old 15-watt KFPM-1310, in Greenville, Texas, a prime DX target of the 30's. I can't recall the year I first met Bernie at his house in Staten Island, but I think it was shortly after World War II. Another DXer who has gone on, Erick Johnson and I, often would journey over to Bernie's in Staten Island for smallish DX get-togethers. Any time an out-of-town DXer would arrive in town for a visit, we'd generally take him to Bernie Duffy's for a DX ragchew. You see, Bernie was confined to a wheelchair ever since he was eight years old, when he was victimized by polio. He never wanted sympathy or special favors, but since he could not get around, we had most of our N.Y.C. area GTGs at his place. It was there I once met the "Old Guard" of the Newark News Radio Club, including their late President, Irving R. Potts. But Bernie did not have the most modern and powerful of receivers - he had an old Hallcrafters (SX-22, I believe, but I am not sure) and it was not a sharply-tuning instrument, so when the modern wave of all-nighters came along to change completely the DXing hobby, Bernie was at a loss, for locals swarmed all over the dial and made DXing virtually impossible. For many years, he stayed in the Club, but about two years ago, he dropped out. He concerned himself with the local and the national political scene, and belonged to several Conservative organizations. Bernie was well-educated, spoke well, and always had a cheery smile for everyone. Erick, Bernie & I often called one another on the phone to exchange tips and talk DX. Perhaps now they are together "over there". Bernie was deeply religious in the Catholic Faith. He managed to attend several NRC Conventions, being

19 brought to them by Pete Clarius and others. Those who knew him were refreshed by his attitude in spite of his handicap, and we all reiterate, "Requescat in Pace" and "Dominus Vobiscum." er.
NEXT WEEK: We'll go on another jaunt down Memory Lane with Ron Schill-

ERNIE COOPER - 5 Anthony Street - Provincetown, MA - 02657
"The Cape Tip DXer". Verifies in from WGOR-1520, WNDE-1260, KKA-1560, "RBI"-1043 (East Germany), WGEE-1360, jumping the total now to 4,038. Not much new is being heard, but like Jim Critchett, I keep digging. Sat. 3/19- WFXV-1560 logged on ET/MoR & reported for a call change. After he went off, someone was still there playing hymns noted first @ 1:43, then MoR stuff to 2:06, then OC ad infinitum, hi. MM 3/21- WOR-710 was on OC this AM again. TT noted u/ WPEN-950 @ 12:58am, unID. WVAM-1430 seemed AN today w/rr, giving CKFH fits. Unn WAKE-1500-TEST was very weak here. TT noted on 610 @ 1:57. WKNY-1490 noted in the pile @ 2:37 w/rr. Local WHET-1330 was ANING today with teletalk. WWWE-1100 was noted silent in passing at 2:31, but back by 3. And, last unID TTer on this AM was on 740 @ 3:26 & on. 3/22- TT on 580 @ 1:51, loud, could have been WTAG. TT u/WSAR-1480 also around 2:35-2:45. WKBW-1520 was off, & there were two rr's on 1370, one WFEA. 3/23- CHIC-790 w/rr giving WEAN a real battle. WHET is going off @ 2 every day but MMs it seems when they're AN. I heard WTIC acknowledge a call from Montreal, where they were being interfered with by WFLI-1070. 3/24- 12:51am, unn CBEF-540 way atop w/ polkas. TT-1260 1:29 & on. 3/25- Wind at gale force through here, & TT-1420 @ 2:01, & WGBS-710 fighting it out w/WOR today, odd. On 1120, R. Antilla was solid o/KMOX, ANING. Who has Jepko on 740? C U N 14.

WNUS sues NBC for terminating its NIS contract

Massachusetts station asks \$1 million in damages because it cannot fulfill its obligation to use the news service

WNUS(AM) Springfield, Mass., has sued NBC for \$1 million in damages, plus triple damages under the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, in the projected termination of the NBC News and Information Service (NIS).

The suit accuses NBC of "deceptive trade practices, breach of contract and deceit." Jeffrey Levitan, president of the station, said WNUS attorneys are also exploring the possibilities of a class action suit on behalf of other NIS subscriber-stations, some of which he said had already expressed interest. He said he was not at liberty to identify them, however.

An NBC statement following WNUS's filing of the suit in Hampden County Superior Court in Springfield on Feb. 25 said NBC had worked closely with NIS stations to make the transition as smooth as possible and "believes the suit by WNUS has no merit."

The spokesperson said NBC "regrets that WNUS has taken this course, particularly since the station has not paid any of its subscriber fees since the first two months after joining NIS in January 1976. We intend to defend the suit vigorously."

Jordan Ring, Boston attorney for WNUS, said in response to the claim of nonpayment that WNUS was told at first to put the fee into advertising and promotion and that later WNUS learned other stations in comparable markets were being charged different rates. In any case, he said, NIS made no demand for payment until after WNUS filed its suit, at which time NIS also threatened to cut off service immediately.

As a result, he said, WNUS obtained a temporary restraining order from the Springfield court last Wednesday barring termination of NIS service to WNUS pending a hearing this week.

WNUS claimed it bought WTKL(AM) in November 1975 conditioned on plans to operate the station using the NIS service; that NBC represented that the NIS service would not be terminated during the initial two-year period of service and that it therefore must continue furnishing service until Jan. 1, 1978. In its termination announcement last fall, NBC said NIS would be shut down as of May 29, 1977.

WNUS President Levitan said the station will continue to operate as an all-news outlet. He said it is a founding member of the News and Information Radio Association set up by NIS subscribers last month (BROADCASTING, Feb. 21) and has also signed with AP Radio and expects to take on other news material sources.

NBC had no immediate comment on WNUS's claim that there had been no demand for payment until after the suit was filed, or on the temporary restraining order issued last week against termination of NIS service to WNUS.