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We want to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to Floyd Biss, Brittmount, Minn., upon his good fortune to be the winner of the first prize in the Radex Mystery DX Contest which was conducted by that magazine during the month of February. We are proud to have such real dyed-in-the-wool DXers as Floyd as members of our club. Last year the first prize winner was also a member of our club, we are speaking of our good friend Ray Lewis of Toledo, Ohio. We also note that several other prizes were awarded to other members of our club. We are delighted to see that the members of our club have again done so well in the final standings of this contest.

Jack Horner, Elizabethtown, Penna., who has done such excellent work for us during the past season on our CFC, advises us that he is in receipt of a letter from KLRA, 1390 kcs., Little Rock, Ark. in which they have advised him that they expect to conduct several test programs this week beginning around 2 A.M., E.S.T. for the purpose of testing their new 5 Kw transmitter. Jack says he feels certain that these programs will be dedicated to the members of our club. Thanks for this information Jack!

Pat Reilley our Jamestown, N. Y. member advises us that during the past week he has heard W3XBS, Camden, N. J. operating on 590 kcs. on the air between 3:30 and 4:30 A.M. several mornings. He says they announced that they were using 1000 watts power. Pat says that the Radio Amateur Call Book lists them as a portable of the (W3XF), Atlantic City Police. Pat also says he understands that WJTN, his hometown station are going to join the Blue network of the NBC, but no confirmation has been forthcoming from the station as yet.

KUSD, 890 kcs., Vermillion, S. D., dropped us a card during the past week, advising us that they contemplate putting on a test program on Saturday morning, May 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 A.M., E.S.T. They are anxious to receive reports on the reception of this broadcast.

Reception conditions during the past week have been rather poor, due as we predicted to the warm weather which we experienced for several days last week, and also due to the storms which we have had since that time. Conditions may clear up a bit after the weather once again becomes settled, but we honestly believe that if it does, that will be about the last opportunity that you will have to do any amount of serious DXing this season, for summer static is soon due to put in it's appearance and when and if, it does, it means that we might just as well say "adios" to DXing for the summer months.

Reviewing the season through which we have just passed and which comes to a close with this issue of our Bulletin we find the following: The season started off in one of the grandest ganners we have ever seen. Reception conditions during the months of September and October were quite fine and DX so far as the American stations was concerned was excellent. We believe that KGU was heard stronger all over the United States during those months than they had ever before been heard. KHBC the newcomer on 1400 kcs., and KGLB on 1320 kcs., were also reported quite frequently. November found reception conditions beginning to get very poor. Very little Trans-Pacific reception was noted this year in comparison with that of other years. December found the TA stations beginning to come

through, although reception of these stations for the most part during the month of December was very spotted. The first two weeks in January provided quite a few thrills so far as the European stations were concerned, for it was during those weeks that we experienced the best reception of those stations. They faded out after that time, not to make any further appearances for this season. From the latter part of January until the middle of March conditions were again very poor, as attested by the poor results obtained by the majority of the DXers in the Mystery DX Contest this season. Conditions during the frequency checks during the month of March and April were almost ideal and the morning of April 10th stands out as one of the finest mornings for DXing that any of us have ever experienced. Since that time reception conditions have again bogged down until we find at the present time that it will soon be impossible for us to do any more satisfactory DXing this season. While it is true that the signals in general were quite a bit weaker this season, we did have several spots, during which time it seemed almost possible to hear anything that happened to be on the air at that time. One of the deadliest enemies that we DXers have had to face this season was a terrific high noise level, which at times made DXing completely impossible. This leads us to believe that the best thing to do in such a case is to fight for an Anti-Radio Interference Ordinance in our various communities, for in doing this, we shall at the same time be doing a good service for the other owners of radio sets in your Community. The all night broadcaster did not present quite so serious a problem this season as in last season, which may be the "tip-off" that this fad is not quite as popular as it was, and may be ready to die out completely.

In bringing this season to a close it is your editor's wish that he could personally thank each and every one of you whom have cooperated with him during this past season in making the season the fine success that it was. He wishes to extend his thanks to all the officers of the club for their fine spirit of co-operation. The Courtesy Programs Committee is certainly to be congratulated and thanked for the splendid amount of work that they have accomplished during the past season, under the able guiding hand of Arthur H. Brackbill and Walter C. Birch. We have discovered several excellent Committeemen this season and we hope that we can count on their continued support for next year. We want to thank Kermit Geary and Art Johnson for the fine manner in which they handled the Short Wave Department of our club this season. Also many thanks to Al Oppel for his aid in editing the Bulletins and for the many fine items of interest that he sent in from time to time. Most of all, however, ye editor wants to thank those of you who have sent in your NPO reports to him each week, or as often as you had something of interest to report. We believe that this has been an extremely popular feature of our Bulletins, which would not have been at all possible without the splendid co-operation of those of you who have sent us your reports throughout this past season.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the Publicity Department under the fine leadership of John Kalmbach, Jr. and George L. Brode for the fine work that they accomplished in behalf of our club this season. We know that they have gained some very valuable outlets for our club which will prove their worth in time to come. We also want to thank all the magazines, newspapers and radio stations that have co-operated with us in making this past season the grand success that it has been. We want to thank those stations with whom your editor has been in constant contact with each week which have served as tip outlets for our club. We also want to thank all those stations that have co-operated with us by presenting one or more DX programs for the members of our club during the past season. All of these various organizations and committees have been necessary to make the success of our club this

We are also in receipt of an Air-Mail letter from WPRP, 1420 kcs., Ponce, P. R., in which they advise us that they are going to put on their first DX program Saturday morning, May 1st. This program will actually begin Friday evening at 11 P.M., E.S.T. and run until 4 A.M., E.S.T. They are very anxious to receive reports on this broadcast. They say they will dedicate a portion of this program to the members of our club, if we will notify them advising them that we want them to do this for our club, we are this day advising them accordingly.

DX CHATTER-SW's

By Al Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that the following calls have been assigned to: KADV, municipal police, Eugene, Ore; WATB (relays WIRE,) Indianapolis, Ind; WATC (relays WAVE), Louisville, Ky; WATD (relays WSBT), South Bend, Ind; WSKD, high frequency broadcast station, North Grapevine, Texas. Licenses have been issued to: WQPG, Sterling and WQPM, Macomb, Ill., both using 1000 watts on 1610 kilocycles...according to the N. Y. Sun, W3XKA, Philadelphia, is again on the air. This time using a new frequency of 31.60 megacycles. W3XKA broadcasts KYW (1020 kcs.) daily between 10 A.M. and 11 P.M...England's short-wave stations at Daventry will use a power of 50,000 watts, when completed. This, then, outranks Germany's stations at Zeesen by 10 kilowatts...foreign residents of Japan have been notified by the government, through respective consulates, that hereafter operation of short-wave receivers is absolutely forbidden...at the recent A.R.R.L. Kansas convention an amateur radio announcing program was held over broadcast band station KANS. Three of the twelve contestants, who chatter day and night over their own mikes, "froze up" and had to be relieved by the station announcer!

DX CHATTER

By Al Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that A. Frank Katzentine, Miami Beach, Fla., was granted a construction permit to erect a new station to operate on 1500 kcs., using 100 watts unlimited time...WCOA, Pensacola, Fla. will increase power from 500 to 1000 watts.

John C. Kalmbach, Jr., our publicity Director announces that he has awarded honorable mention to George L. Brode, 1st Ass't. Publicity Director of the NRC for his outstanding work as an official of the Publicity Department.

The officials of the publicity department express a vote of thanks to all the organizations who co-operated with us during the past few months.

There is one group that we want to particularly thank for their splendid co-operation with our club during the past season. We are speaking now of those radio clubs who published our tips and aided us wherever they possibly could. We are especially indebted to those clubs who were members of the Inter-Club Co-Operation Plan and to Miss Emily Griswold for the fine work that she did as Chairman of the Clearing House.

Al Bartholomew, Bradford, N. Y., who has co-operated with us so splendidly all season advises us that he has heard that KAWM, 1500 kcs., Gallup, N. M., are now on the air. He says they were reported as testing on the morning of April 6th. We suggest that all of you keep a close check on this frequency in an effort to hear some future tests from this particular station. He also says that a friend of his in California has advised him that KGGC, 1420 kcs., San Francisco, Calif. have applied for broadcast hours, and that if such are granted, in all probability this station without a great deal of trouble.

Very erratic reception conditions were experienced during the last few days. Strong Eastern winds and a heavily overcast sky, with storms along the Atlantic Seaboard, resulted in some of the worst conditions imaginable. On Sunday, April 25, at 12:00 noon, E.S.T., SW reception was completely 'blanketed'. The only stations that filtered through with weak signals were GAU, GAS, and GAB, along with a few local phone and CW stations. At 12:20 P.M. reception opened up a bit and some of the stronger foreign CW signals began to come through. Several 4th district amateurs began to be heard on 20-meters and they also remarked about this strange phenomenon. Conditions gradually improved, but North-South reception was greatly superior to East-West reception.

Throughout the entire evening, Monday, April 26, East-West reception was completely nil, while the Southern stations came through fairly well. Even the big German and English stations were inaudible on their America-beamed transmissions. At 5 P.M., an unusually short skip on 20-meters brought in only 1st district signals, stations about 200 miles distant. However, later on around 7 P.M., Argentine and Chilean stations, together with other Latin and South Americans, began to come through very well.

A new station in Caracas, Venezuela, has taken the air. It is YV5RJ, heard with a very fine signal on an announced frequency of 6250 kc. This station was reported by Mr. John J. Oskay and was also heard by ye Ed.

Mr. Oskay's weekly report continues:

CR7BH, Mozambique, on 11718 kc., broadcasts on the following schedule: 6:45 to 7:30 A.M.; 10:30 to 12:30 P.M.; and 1:30 to 5 P.M., E.S.T.

RADIO TUNKIS, approximately 7265 kc., is being heard shortly after 7 P.M.

W9XAA, Chicago, will increase power to 20 Kw.

Finland will soon have a 20 Kw. short wave station in operation.

VUB, Bombay, India, on 9565 kc., has discontinued broadcasting.

On Sunday, April 25, at 5 P.M. PPQ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 11670 kc., was heard calling and phoning station PQW8, located in Bahia, Brazil. Occasional music was also sent. The Bahia station's frequency was not learned, but it is suggested that you watch for further tests between these two stations.

LSK5 is the new call of LSQ, 19500 kc., Buenos Aires.

Mr. Earl G. De Haven, Los Angeles, Calif., advises us that he has just inaugurated a Special Saturday DX Tip Broadcast over W6XKG, 25950 kc., particularly for the National Radio Club. It goes on the air every Saturday at 6 P.M., E.S.T. and runs for 30 minutes. Mr. De Haven is especially anxious to learn if this time is suitable and whether W6XKG's signals afford fine reception at 6 P.M. We suggest you listen to this broadcast next Saturday, then write to Mr. De Haven and tell him how W6XKG came through. As this is a Special NRC DX Tip Period, he wants to hear from all our members. The address is: Earl G. De Haven, 3542 W. 58th Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

With this column we conclude our weekly chats for this season. It has been a most interesting and profitable one during the last few months

and I hope that you have found it satisfactory. Please let me hear from you, reports and comments are invited: QRA: R.F.D. #2, Walnutport, Penna. So, until June,

Very best 73 and DX,  
Kermit Geary

#### NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

JOHN J. OSKAY, New Brunswick, N. J. - Hallicrafters-Sky-Chief. Short Wave Report. Sunday April 18th---17,760 to 17790 k.C. 7 to 9 A.M. WX: Pt. Cloudy/ Tem. 50/ Hum. 48/ Bar. 30.00.--DJE R6, PHI R8, W3XAL R9, GSG R6. 11,040 to 12,300 kc. Between 5 to 7 P.M. WX at 6 P.M. Pt Cloudy/ Tem. 63/ Hum. 50/ Bar. 29.88 falling, with thunder storm at 7 P.M. had to shut down. CSW R5, COCX R6, TPA4 R6, CJRX R5, GSD R8, DJD R9, W8XK R3, TPA3 R6, CB615 R3. Mrl Oskay reports that he has picked up 607 stations on the broadcast band from Dec. 20th until April 1st, located in 48 states, 3 continents, 13 countries. For short waves have 142 broadcast stations, located in all continents and 33 countries. This surely is splendid work in a period of 4 months.

FRANK FIELDS, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Says that they set their goal at 50 new stations for this season, and that to date 49 of these have been heard. He says they were heard in this order: September WSAY and WLAK; October, CJCA, KOVC, KPDN, WHLB, WJRD, KEBZ; November, KXRO, WAPO, WAYK, BLY; December, CKKF, KANS, KLAH, KOCA, KTEM, WGRG, WHBC, KEAF, XEBK, FPTT Paris, Marseilles; January KGLO, KYOS, WDWS, WEMP, WSAU, JTHH, KEL, Belfast; February, KEUB, KPLT, KRRV, WFOY, WFTC, WMIN; March, KBST, KFIO, KRBC, KRMC, KVGB, XEBG; April, CRCV, KGGC, KORE, KRNR, WEAU. He says that as was the case last year, April has again been one of the best months of the year. He says they have had some good TP reception this month for the first time since last fall. West coast stations have been unusually fine, especially the small ones as is shown by the new catches. CRCV on April 22, was unusually clear for a 5000 watt station. The Oregon stations were logged on the frequency checks easily, although never heard before.

ALBERT J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Reports that he has done very little DXing since the April FCC checks. He says he caught KYOS and KTOK on the April checks and both veries are now back. The only new one heard since is KEAC heard testing on 980 kc. morning of the 22nd. Added 75 new veries for the season, with 11 reports still outstanding. KGGC is the only unverified in California, unless KVCV is active, which Al says he does not believe to be the case. Al says that he's afraid that it will be almost impossible to hear anything of CHWK in the East as late as May, however he assures us that he will write to the station anyhow and thank them, and at the same time ask them for a continuation of these DX programs again next season, that's fine, Al, we hope the rest of the members will also do likewise.

That's all the information we have at hand here this week, so, we'll have to content ourselves by putting out another five page Bulletin such as we did last week, for the same reason.

We suggest that all CPCmen having postage accounts send them in to us at the earliest possible moment so that we can settle these accounts as soon as possible.

This will be the last Bulletin until that one which will be put out around June 1st. In the meanwhile we hope that all of you will avail yourselves of whatever amount of good reception conditions present themselves until the end of the season, and don't forget that big Annual Get-Together which will be held at club headquarters in June. Until June,