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DX NEWS

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The length of this issue of our Bulletin remains largely an uncertainty, with all the floods that have been taking place in the Eastern section of these United States, we've gotten little or no mail during the past five days, which of course is due to the fact that it is impossible for trains to get through the flooded areas, so that the Bulletin this week may have to suffer as a consequence, and instead of being the usual six page affair, it may only be four or five, depending upon how much mail comes through by Wednesday.

We might take this opportunity to advise all of you, who might be curious to know, that York was not affected by the flood at all this time. As a matter of fact the Codorus Creek, which passes through our city was in no danger of overflowing at any time. We had enough of that two years ago last August at which time we had the worst flood in the history of York County, but fortunately this time we weren't in difficulty at all.

We feel that it is altogether fitting and proper that we should at this time pause a moment or so to pay tribute to one of man's greatest assets in the time of need...Radio. No doubt many of you, if not all of you have read the many interesting accounts of the flood, so we need not dwell upon that end of it, but what we want to particularly call to your attention is the faithful way and the reliable manner in which radio has served humanity in this great hour of need. All other means of communication with outside civilization had been severed and radio alone, maintained contact with the outside world, directing rescue work, passing words of comfort on to those on the outside world whom were in great anxiety over the safety of friends and relatives whom had been victims of the flood. All night long both amateurs and stations on the broadcast band stood their ground, aiding in as many ways as possible to assist the flood sufferers. Stations in the flooded area kept a constant stream of reports on the progress of the flood on the air, without a single let-up from the time the trouble arose, until it was finally run it's course. In many cases operators worked both day and night without relief in order to carry on the great work. Is it any wonder that we feel that we should pay our tribute to these unsung heroes whom have fought such a wonderful battle against the elements, we can only say, that we are certainly thankful for radio and it's great services in an hour such as this.

Last week we announced the first two acceptances that Bill Stone had received from stations, who intended participating in the Canada Promenades Series of Broadcasts which will take place on Sunday morning, April 19. This week we have quite a few additional programs to announce in regards to this DX Party which Bill is arranging for the members of our club. CFRN, 1260 kcs., Edmonton, Alta, will be on from 4:15 to 5:00 A.M. CKFC, 1410 kcs., Vancouver, British Columbia will be on from 4:00 to 5:00 A.M., as will their short wave station VE9CS. Both CKFC and VE9CS are owned by the Standard Broadcasting Systems, and they have advised Bill that they are reconstructing both stations and that they expect to place a strong signal on the air for these broadcasts. This is fine work, Bill, keep it up! Incidentally speaking of the Canadian stations, Bill advises us that CKY Winnipeg, Manitoba expect to change frequency in the near future, as soon as any of you note this change will you kindly call this fact to our attention, and also advise us, upon what frequency they are then operating. After having put on two splendid DX programs last winter, CJCB, Sydney, Nova Scotia say "no" to any more requests for programs of that type. We wonder why, inasmuch as we are sure that they should have

ALL TIMES REFERENT EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

have had a lot of satisfactory response to both of these broadcasts.

SHORT WAVE DEPARTMENT

By Ed Brandon

CQ QST ! CQ QST ! Clear all channels ! The frantic cry of the radio amateurs flashed from all parts of the East, in attempt to clear the way for distress messages from stricken areas. Highly excited voices, sympathetic replies from co-operating stations, and the steady fist of the brass pounder offered the only possible source of communication when commercial telephone and telegraph lines failed. Outstanding in their efforts were Gerald D. Colman W8FRC of Johnstown, Penna. on 75 meters and Dr. Joseph P. Van Cheri, W8BWH of Punksutauney, Penna. In the first call area amateur radio was integral in almost unlimited instances.

Thrilling, unrehearsed drama filled the short wave trails throughout the week! WFEL 2020 kcs., was in constant contact with NBC engineers spotted at numerous points in the flood area. Listeners, tuned to the Boundbrook cue channel, heard more about the goings on than the regular broadcast listener. While Pittsburgh was in total darkness, KDKA and W8KK were able to return to the air by use of their reserve battery unit. WCAE searched everywhere for a supply of B batteries, which at length placed their transmitter back on the air. As the flood waters of the Connecticut River threw Hartford into darkness, engineers of WTIC set up short wave equipment for communication purposes. Amateurs even called W8RC. W1BVF, the amateur station at WLXBS was always ready to offer its services.

W8SP, Harrisburg, Pa., W8GC, Albany, N. Y., W8P-W8PEW, Mass., were especially active during the emergency.

Station Notes: CO8RQ works with HI2K and HI9I. CO8RQ may be heard during the early evening on 20 meters with an R9 plus signal. HI5K on 20 meters has been heard at 5:30 PM. EST. with equal volume. "The Voice of The Tropics" at San Jose has been accused of broadcasting false information about revolutionary activities in Honduras, where all is said to be peaceful. TI2AV in Costa Rica works first call area stations in the United States on 20 meters during the early evening. ZLU, Wellington, New Zealand is reported on the air at 6 AM. EST on 10,990 kcs., ZU6P may be heard during the afternoon. The latter operates on 20 meters with an approximate wave of 14,070 kcs.

Carl Heitschel, P. O. Box 182, R.F.D. 9, Fairfield, Conn. an ardent DX fan who is interested in our club writes: "I certainly would like to join the National Radio Club and give you reports on different short wave stations. I am sending you my first report from Germany: March 13, 1936, DJB the German Short Wave station usually heard till 11:30 AM. now signs off at 11:05 AM. An R9 signal was heard.

Arthur B. Johnson, 472 - 83rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. who tells us that he has received his veri from LRX and with that report he sends this information: "TGM was heard here 3/15/36 at 2:30 AM broadcasting a program. English announcements were given also some American tunes played. HAN as usual on Sunday P.M.'s is pounding in with its 'American Appreciation Hour'. TIGPH every evening R9 signal. They must have increased their power or else they are using more efficient equipment because they seem to be coming through better. PHI is R9 on its Sunday evening broadcasts and they should be complimented on their venture of Broadcasting for American listeners in the evening. HJ3ABD, "Columbia Broadcasting" at Bogota, Colombia heard here on 6050 kcs. 3/8/36 at 11:45-12:00 Mid. They were broadcasting American Records and came thru real fine... HIT "T" for Texas was heard here 3/11/36 at 8:35 PM an R8. They are as yet

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 only experimental but soon will be on regular bc (as per announcement)
 They announce their address as P. O. Box 1105 Ciudad Trujillo, D. R. and
 promise to verify all reports....Ibague (HJ4ABC) heard here 3/11/36 at
 9:15 P.M., with a very fine signal. VK's were very fine last week and
 now that the spring season is approaching, we can expect still better
 reception.

CTIAA was heard on March 7, 1936 signing off at 5:17 P.M. very ab-
 ruptly because the announcer said they were having transmitter trouble.

TGW Guatamala City, Guatamala was heard here March 8, 1936 at 2:30
 -2:52 A.M. Although most station lists list them as TG2W they definite-
 ly announce their call as TGW. The signal was R9 and the reception was
 perfect.

FCJ Holland was heard here this evening March 8, 1936 at 7:15-7:50
 F.M. The signal was the loudest I have ever heard from the Dutch stati-
 ons. It was just as loud and clear as W3XAU is during the day time.

XECR Mexico City, Mex. was heard this evening on a special dedicat-
 ed program. The station celebrated its 1st anniversary, having broad-
 cast 52 consecutive Sundays. (Mar. 8, 1936 at 7:30-7:50 PM).

Some of our members in the East should try to go to the ARRL State
 Convention at Bridgeport, Conn. on Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5th. The
 celebration will take place at the Stratfield Hotel...and what a celebra-
 tion! Among the many speakers will be the well known flier, Frank Hawks.
 Come one, come all!

DX CHATTER (EST) SW's

By A. W. Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that we recommend the following skeds: HI3U, 6.38, Santi-
 ago de los Caballeros, D.R., daily 10:40 A.M. to 1:40 P.M. and 4:40 to
 9:40 P.M. HJ4ABC, 6:45, Ibague, Colombia, 11 A.M. to noon and from 8-11
 P.M., using 200 watts; HJ3ABX (?), 6.12, Bogota, Colombia, is best heard
 from 7-8 P.M.; HIT, 6.63, Trujillo, D.R., to 1 A.M.; HJU, 9:50, Buenaveh-
 tura, Colombia, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8-11 P.M.; Radio-
 Philips-Iberica, Madrid, 6.74, 6-7 P.M.; FIU, 5.60, Island of Madagascar,
 daily from 10-10:45 A.M.; HRV, 6.24, Ca Ceiba, Honduras, until 11 P.M;
 HCJB, 8.90, Quito, Ecuador, daily excepting Monday from 7:30 to as late
 as 11:30 P.M.?

We are pleased to advise you of the latest list of Costa Rican short
 wave stations, sent through the courtesy of our old friend Joe Stokes--
 KDKA DX Commentator:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>SLOGAN</u>	<u>MEGS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TI5HH	La Voz de San Ramon	5.50	San Ramon
TIGPH	Alma Tica	5.82	San Jose
TIPG	La Voz de la Victor	6.41	San Jose
TIYN	La Voz Nicaraguense	6.90	San Jose
TI8WS	Ecos Del Pacifico	7.55	Puntarenas
TI4WX	La Voz de la Patria	8.00	Heredia

HERE and THERE

Especially commendable was the fine work done by "hams" in, and
 near, the flooded areas of this country. Anyone with an allwave receiver
 had a "front seat", and while all this proved very interesting it made
 one sympathize and realize the terrible conditions prevalent in the
 flooded sections. The writer had the opportunity to witness the damage
 done to the surrounding area by the rampaging Delaware River. While this
 in no way compared with other flooded sections, it gave one a fine idea
 of what raging waters do. We saw several houses washed down the raging
 flood, along with smaller debris.

The British Broadcasting Corporation advise their tentative date
 for the opening of the Alexandra Palace Television Station is July 1.

Within two months advance experimental tests will be made.

French radio now has a patron saint. The radio patron is "Notre Dame de Bonne Nouvelle" (Our Lady of Good News), and this follows the Latin custom of having patron saints for all professions, from cab drivers to fisherman.

The Brooklyn 1400-kilocycle "battle" is still raging, with the end not yet in sight. Latest news is that WBBC, Brooklyn, applied to the F.C.C. for full time on that frequency. The case has again been postponed--this time to May 7.

Hearst Radio, Inc. (Hearst newspapers), is expected to purchase three more stations in the Southwest Broadcasting System. The three are: KTAT, Ft. Worth; WACE, Waco and KOMA, Oklahoma City.

CJRM, Regina-Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada, are to erect a new \$20000 400-foot vertical antennae this Summer, James Richardson & Sons, advise. Their recently acquired CJGX is also planning a new 350-foot tower about the same time. As previously mentioned in this bulletin, CJRC and CJGX are scheduled to switch cities and locations, soon.

DX CHAPTER (EST).

By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that these Argentine stations are coming thru well: LS4 (670) to 1:30; LR3 (830) to 3; LR4 (990) to 1:45; LR8 (1150) to 3; LS8 (1230) to 3 A.M....some DXers claim the mystery "Spanish-speaking" station on 1050 kilocycles is HET, City of Trujillo, D.R....CMKX, the new station on 1190 kcs., Santiago, Cuba, utilizes 100 watts power...CJAT, 910 kcs., Trail, B. C., have been granted permission to increase power to 1000 watts on present frequency...KEUB, are the call letters assigned to the Eastern Utah Broadcasting Co., station at Price, Utah, and KTEP, are the call letters assigned to Dorrance D. Roderick's station in El Paso, Texas...The Northside Broadcasting Corp., New Albany, Ind., have been granted permission to construct a 250 watt daytime station on 1370 kilocycles. The license, however, also covers operation from midnight to 2 A.M., and broadcasting is expected about June 1st...WHN's recent increase to 5000 watts was for daytime power only, using 1000 nights...WDBJ, 930 kcs., Roanoke, Va., increases day power to 5000 watts, nights remaining at 1000...the license of KWBG, Hutchison, Kansas, has been transferred and a call-letter change is possible...San Luis Obispo, Cal., will probably receive a new station on 1200 kcs., using 250 watts power, daytime...KARK, 890 kcs., Little Rock, Ark., increase their day power to 1000 watts...RR, 1280 kcs., Dallas, Texas, DX every Tuesday from 1-2 A.M.?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at club headquarters on Monday evening, March 23. All directors were present for this meeting as per our plea in last week's Bulletin. Reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Under the discussion of old business, plans were gotten under-way for our Annual Get-Together which by the approval of the Board will be held in York on June 21. It was decided that some sort of appropriate souvenirs would be given to all who attended this event this year. It was suggested that each member try to make it his business to be here for we are really planning a day which will long be remembered. Discussion also centered on the formation of Local Chapters by members of our club, the Board put it's stamp of approval on this idea, with the thought in mind that these members could also hold monthly meetings and topics brought up for discussion at that time, could be brought to the attention of the Board at it's next session. Any one desiring to form these chapters, please get in

contact immediately with club headquarters, for particulars about such chapters.

At this time we wish to welcome Jack Horner, N. Market St., Elizabethtown, Penna. as a member of our organization and we trust that he will find our Bulletins of great benefit to him in his DXing activities. Jack is only 14 years old and to our knowledge, is our youngest member at the present time. He has sent us a summary of his DX work so far and we can only say that we certainly do congratulate him upon his efforts and trust that the next year will add many new stations to his already fine log.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS.

J. WARREN ROUTZAHN, York, Penna. (Silver-Marshall 724) March 17. Reception strong but heavy static. WJBY 1210 kcs., at 3:15 R8. WEXL at 3:16 R8 and KIUL at 3:30 R7. March 18. Reception good. WIL R8, WKOK R7 at 3:28 with flood broadcasts. WRAK R9 at 3:30 also with flood news. KGB R5, WEXL R8. March 19. Reception very good. The following heard with flood broadcasts. WVA R9 at 2:50. WRAK R9 at 2:53. WKOK R8 at 2:59. WMBF R8 at 3. WPAR R9, at 3:10. WKBW heard R9. March 20. Flood news from the following: WRAK R9. WWVA at 1 AM R9. WSAZ R9 at 1:06. WBRE 1:09 was R9. WKBW R9, WKOK R8 at 1:22. WIMN R8 at 1:28. Heard regular broadcasts from WLKBS R9 and W9XBY R9. CKSO heard on frequency check R8. March 23. WHIS R9 at 1:07. WRAK R8 at 1:18. WAZL R9 at 1:29. KSTP R8, WVL R8. General reception poor.

A. W. OPPEL, Irvington, N. J. (Philco 116X) Reception on SW's March 17 between 6 and 8 P.M., FE. Especially good was the 20 meter band, with hams all over the U.S., Canada Costa Rica, Bermuda, Newfoundland, etc., discussing flood conditions in Western Pennsylvania. TI--V, a ham on 20 meters, using 140 watts, located in Costa Rica, said he'd be on again at 5 P.M., March 21. Also heard VOLL, St. Johns, Newfoundland, on 20 meters, at 6:45 P.M. EAQ, GSB, 2RO, GSC, DJC, GSB, COOH, and South American stations R-7-8. Reception on BCB at 5 A.M. March 18 noisy. WRAK at 4:58 giving flood conditions. 1YA starting to come in fairly well at 5:15, but too much noise in evidence. March 18, at 5:30-6:30 P.M. DX again good on 20 meters. CO7CX and CO2RA in Cuba, R-8. NY2AE in Cocosola (?), Panama, R-9.

WALTER C. BIRCH, East Lynn, Mass. (RCA-Victor R-90) Reporting on the PRF-4 dedication for NRC which took place on Saturday evening, March 14. Unfortunately, that evening the stations on adjacent channels, especially CMX, were too strong for clear continuous reception, and the fact that CHNS moved back to 930 kcs., that evening did not help the situation either. They started off with a fine opening dedication in English to the club, and for the next 15 minutes the program was very clear; the musical numbers being by the PRF4 Grand Orchestra and Chorus. The last half hour was devoted to American recordings, mostly those of Rudy Vallée who seems to be the favorite American entertainer down there. Thanks for this report Walt, we're glad you were able to pick them up. Walt says that we are to advise all of you to be on the lookout for the South Americans after 1 A.M. on Sunday mornings. He says that while LR3 was the only one I could hear last Sunday morning, he's sure that the others will make their appearance again. He says that LR9 has been heard twice after CKLV signed off, staying on until about 3.

HERBIE GARY, ALNUTPORT, Penna.-- March 7. 3 PM., PAORP, CT1CB, EI2J, 25FT heard on 20-meter phone. March 9 broadcast band conditions poor.

WJW not heard. On 20-meter phone VKYXL of Tasmania was R7 at 4:30 A.M. March 12. Conditions fair, stations coming through but intelligibility greatly lowered by static. KXO heard R6 through the static; CKGB was R9 at 2 AM. March 13 (Friday) although considered unlucky, was the best morning I've seen in several weeks; there was some static, but the stations certainly came through. Every station on FCC check, except WNRI and

CALL	FREQ	LOCATION	FROM	TO	CLUB	CALL	FREQ	LOCATION	FROM	TO	CLUB
FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 27.											
WCMCY	1030	Havana	1-2	B		WLLH	1370	Lowell	1-1:15		
WKPRC	920	Houston	1-1:15			WCSH	940	Portland	2:15	2:30	
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 28.											
WKAQ	1240	San Juan	4-5	B		7HO	820	Hobart	5-6		D
SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 29.											
WPAR	1420	Parkersburg	12-3	C		WOI	640	Aimes	3-4		C
CMBX	1060	Havana	1-5	A		CKWX	1010	Vancouver	3-4		
KXYZ	1440	Houston	1-3			CKOV	630	Kelowna	3-4:30		
KOY	1390	Phoenix	2-3	A		FQN	609	St. Pierre	4-5		A
WTRH	1290	Houston	B 1-7:30			CJCU	1210	Aklavik	4-5		C
MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 30.											
WALA	1380	Mobile	5:15-5:45								
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 31.											
WCKBI	1210	Pr. Albert	3:30-5	B							
WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1.											
WBR	1310	Buffalo	C 2-2:30			WIRE	1400	Indianapolis	3-5		B
THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 2.											
KVOE	1500	Santa Ana	B 3-3:15								
SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 4.											
CKNX	1200	Wingham	C 4:30-5:30								
SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 5.											
CMBX	1060	Havana	1-5	C		XEFL	1150	Tiajuana	3-4		G
CJLS	1310	Yarmouth	2-3	B		CFCT	1450	Victoria	3-5		C
WJBO	1420	Baton Rouge	2-4			CJCU	1210	Aklavik	4-5		C
CHAB	1200	Moose Jaw	3-4	C							

Again we are repeating the code system, which we are using to identify to which clubs the various programs are to be dedicated. A- National Radio Club; B- Newark News Radio Club; C- Canadian DX Relay; D- International DXers Alliance; E- Globe Circlers DX Club; F- Universal DX Club; G- Universal Radio DX Club. Let us have your comments on this system, do you think it makes the tips more comprehensive?

National Post Observer Reports continued -
 KIUL, was heard strong and easily intelligible, including KICA, KIUI, KIUP, KIUN, KGEK, etc. WTEL tests 2:40 to 3 Friday instead of Thursday. KGEK said they would verify reports on the frequency check program. KIUP, Durango, says "just send us 20¢, 2 dimes", for a verification. Who was the Spanish-speaking station, poor quality heard all morning near 1355? Sat. March 14. DCB reception poor, heavy static. On the SW, an amateur QSO contest is in progress; 20-meter CW is jammed with VK and ZL signals contacting US amateurs. March 16. Amateur contest still going strong on 20 meters; I logged 20 VK CW signals in 30 minutes. The VK's all seem to be on CW just now so as to have a better chance in the contest. The star station heard this morning was JVM, R8 at 6 A.M. Heavy thunder-storm here from 6 to 9 PM.

CARL FORESTIERI, Bronx, N. Y. - Reports that during the past two weeks he has done very little DXing, due to the fact that he has moved. His new address is 2354 Cambreleng Ave., The morning of the 22nd he heard CJLS on at 4:30 and WLW and WGY on with flood news. (Atwater Kent 711)
 PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - March 17. Almost too noisy to DX, until 3 A.M. after which he heard WJBY, WIBA, KIEM until 5 and WJW. March 18. Worst snow storm of the winter, about 28 inches since day before. Reception wonderful. WJBY, WRAK-WKOK-WNBF-WTBO with flood news. KIEM from 3-5 March 19. DX fine again - KIEM from 3:30-5. Heard about a dozen stations with flood news. March 20. Quite noisy. More flood news. Ditto the 21st. March 22. Plenty of noise. CMBX on 1070. KEHE heard with new call. TGW fine all A.M. TAL at 3:15. CMBX at 4:45. WJES at 4:50. 20 meters FB.