



**NATIONAL RADIO CLUB**  
HEADQUARTERS IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Camilla, Ga.

Dear Radio Friends:

This Sunday morning, Jan. 10th I had the pleasure of hearing WCLB on 1540 with its equipment test. I sure was delighted to locate your signal, for while I may get more such tests, my chances of ever hearing WCLB on regular hours, will be indeed slim.

My location is in western N.Y. state, about 7 miles northeast of the large city, Buffalo, and the radio is an old, large superhetrodyne, with aerial 80 ft long by 20ft high. Weather here was overcast, about 10 above zero, very unsteady air conditions with big differences in tempratures in fairly nearby places, distent signals showing only about half normal Jan. strenght (specially from the south) with static and fading both much worse then usual.

I'd been listening on 1550, and at 3:10 AM, EST (2:10 CST) I moved to 1540 and there you were.

WCLB's carrier strenght varied plenty, a top of R6 and down to, or below the R3 noise level, with very deep and sudden changing fading, signal would be nice for from 30 to 120 seconds, without a fade, then go to the other extreme in a few seconds, The spacing of fades was very irregular, sometimes strenght stayed between R6 & 4 for several minutes, with an ~~entire~~ selection coming in clearly, then the next tune would be only about 30% clearly heard and the average strenght wen't down.

Static bothered quite a bit below R4 and covered everything below R3, of this only about 10% of your transmission was below R3 here, over half being R4 or better at least 20% R5 or above. Tone and modulation sounded very good to me. And for 250 watts, your strenght was as good as that of any southern station heard this morning.

At 2:12 CST I heard your announcer say that; "WCLB will be beginning regular broadcasts sometime between Jan. 15th and 30 th," he added; "We'd like to hear from you where ever you are, Capell in Camilla, Ga. (he spelled the word Camilla) and closed with "Now we continue with our musical program". A piano, or very small piano dominated band then played an old tune, its titel I knew well, but can't recall. At 2:15 CST he said; "This is station WCLB, Capell in Camilla, Ga. conducting equipment tests". Another popular tune followed. At 2:20 he said; "This is station WCLB operating on a frequency of 1540 Kcs. conducting equipment tests" more of the lively piano music followed. At 2:22½ he said; "This is radio station WCLB, Capel, Camilla, Ga. conducting equipment tests"., The pop tune 'Papa Picollino' followed.

I left 1540 for a while then, returning later and noticing a fairly strong carrier but no music on 1540, later, between 4:30 and 5:00 CST I noticed music, but heard no announcing, so dont if this was still WCLB testing, or not.

I hope to hear you again, and wish you every success with your new station. Return postage is enclosed. Would you please drop me a few lines, via letter or QSL card, verifying my reception of WCLB Thanks a million if you will.

Yours truly

*J W Brauner*