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THE RADIO STATION SOUTHEASTERN IOWA DEPENDS UPON

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Mr. J. W. Brauner,
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Williamsville, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

Well OM, I certainly am getting deeply in debt to you in regard to correspondence. I have three of your letters before me, which haven't been answered, and I'm not sure how many more you have written to me that are unanswered to date. Your reports are all greatly appreciated, in spite of the fact that I didn't answer all of them individually.

I hardly know where to start in, pal, as I'm trying to think of the main points in your last five or six letters.

Well, how is everything over in your neck of the woods by this time? My assistant, Glen Grubbs, was quite pleased to think that you heard your dedication on the morning of April 24th., and also on account of your fine letter reporting on reception of the program. By the way OM, that NNRC program on the 24th. was certainly a mixed up affair. Our chief engineer, Mr. Greer, somehow got the impression that it was KSO which was supposed to participate, and finally when he did get "wised up" and notified me, it was the evening before the test was to go on. The worst part of it was that they had us scheduled to take part in a frolic on 1420 kilocycles; it should have been KWCR instead of us. Anyway, we put the the program on as scheduled, because it was too late for me to take any other action. Naturally, many of the fans waited on 1420 Kc. for WIAS, and just a few of them accidentally tuned up to 1310. I don't understand why the Newark News doesn't have it straight about our frequency change, because I saw several letters in that publication in regard to our trade with KWCR; also they printed a letter from our Mr. Greer which gave the "dope" to all NNRC members about the two IBC stations exchanging frequencies. I intend to write to Mr. McSorley about this matter, and I'll appreciate it if you will contact some of the other officials of the club, so we can get them on the right track. Well, so much for that.

By the way OM, referring to your letter of February 14th., I was surely pleased that you saw fit to take me into your confidence and answer my question about your occupation. Yes, I did guess wrong that time, which goes to prove that you can't always tell what a man's occupation is just judging by his hobby. Hi.

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About Mr. Davis, who was the operator of the former KFJY, I understand that he is still living in Fort Dodge doing a little radio service work. At least that is the last report I had from him --- I never knew him personally.

Now I guess that brings us up to date of March 28th, the morning WIAS and KWCR traded frequencies and tested out on the same. I have your fine two page report on that program before me. I'm trying to cover all these letters, but of course all I can do is just touch the highlights. Probably you would be interested in knowing that among the 200 some letters we received on that test was a fine letter from the operator of 4Z0, of Dunedin, New Zealand, who picked up our program. How is that for DX using 100 watts? Would the Newark News be interested in reprinting this chap's letter, do you think? If so, I'll be glad to loan it to you long enough to accomplish that purpose. As nearly as I've been able to estimate it, Dunedin is some 8500 miles from Ottumwa, U.S.A.

Thanks for the clippings you enclosed in your letter of March 20th.; I am making a scrapbook of all such publicity given WIAS and I'm always glad to get new material for this book.

Well pal, you certainly was right on the job; picking us up both on April 24th. and on the 29th. By the way, that test on the 29th. was for the purpose of a frequency check by Chicago, as my side-kick Glen stated. It was the first time our frequency had been checked since we moved up to 1310, and we were 152 cycles low. We then reajusted our crystal temperature, but it happened to be a crystal cut differently than our former 1420 one, and raising the temperature affected it exactly opposite to the way we had in mind, so two more readings show us to be 171 and 181 cycles low respectively on that same program; toward the latter part. Therefore, we came back on again the morning of April 30th. for another frequency check, and the results were much more satisfactory. On the first reading we were only 69 cycles low. Another reading was to be taken a half hour later, the results of which was to be mailed to us and that hasn't reached us yet. So there is a possibility that we were within the 50 cycle limit on the last reading. I understand that KWCR had the same kind of luck as we did on the frequency test of April 29th. and they also had to repeat the performance on the A.M. of April 30th. Glen and I both were on the job for both of those last two tests; he was chewing the rag at the mike, while I was running the transmitter, playing the records, keeping the logs up to date, besides a few other things. Hi.

I see that the WIAS DX cards which I signed got some nice publicity in the Newark News for April 29th. Whoever is responsible for sending me those nice, large, fat newspapers from New Jersey certainly deserves a vote of thanks. I appreciate them very much; especially since WIAS seems to rate so many stories in them. Thanks very much to you also OM for your many splendid letters to me in regard to WIAS --- I almost feel like we know each other by this time. So long, and write again.

Sincerely yours, *Tom Doonan*