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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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VALIER, PA

Oct. 27, 1955

Radio Station WFLW
Monticello, Ky.

Dear Radio Friends:

Last evening, wednesday Oct. 26th I was very much surprised to hear your signal on 1570 Kcs. First, my location is in central-western Pa., About 70 miles N.E. of Pittsburgh, 6 miles southwest of Punxsutawney, and the radio is a Hallicrafters SX-99, aerial is about 40 ft of wire, in the attic. Weather was clear and mild, about 45 degrees.

I had heard Latrobe, Pa. sign off at 5:45 PM, E.S.T. They are our 'local' on 1570. Several other signals, none clear, were then audible. I assumed they were such stations as New Albany, Ind., Grand Rapids, Mich. and others usually heard then, but this was not so.

One of them became quite clear at 5 oclock, the announcer making some kind of closing remarks, not understood very well because of interference. But the signal cleared up briefly just as he named the station and said; "WFLW, central standard time 5:02" (2 minutes past 5) Then you played a part of the old song 'Old Kentucky Home', a few bars of that and then the station announcer closed the station, the signal had allready become less clear, but I managed to make out about 25% of it. He gave the call, city and other remarks about closing for the day, he hesitated momentarily as he said "as authorized by the Federal Communications Commision, he then gave his name, one of his names sounded like 'Roger' or Rogers here. he added "we hope that you have enjoyed our programs, and that you will join us again to-morrow morning at 6 oclock". Then you resumed the playing of 'Old Kentucky Home', this was an instrumental rendition, played very slowly.

I hope that description will be sufficient to permit you to verify that I actually heard WFLW, return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you most sincerely, for the favor.

WFLW showed very fine signal strenght here for only 250 watts, the total strenght on 1570 was about 10 db over S9, and WFLW was the strongest one, by a slight margin, for a time, and was never far from the top during those last 5 minutes. The tone and modulation sounded as good as the best on the air.

After you closed, the strong signals came from Oneonta, Ala. and Ripley, Tenn., with Alton, Ill. in the background, to take over after 6:15 EST. And after they closed, the powerful Mexican, XERF showed up.

I often tune 1570, just dial in and listen to whom may turn up, normally I get a strong signal from CFOR in Canada, but air conditions blocked them completely this time, in many evenings of dialing this is the first time I ever indentified WFLW, and the first time in months, for WTRB, Ripley, Tenn. I hope to hear you often, and best wishes to you all, your closing theme is an old favorite tune to me.

Very truly yours.

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Rechecked 1570 again this evening, thursday, Oct. 27th. The stations heard was practically the same as on the 26th, except that WFLW was not as clear as on that date, and Ripley, Tenn. was not heard at all.

This time I missed your correct time, but I did hear your call 3 times around 5 PM, CST. Heard the city name very plainly but still missed the owners, and announcer's names, I did hear him say he hoped we had enjoyed the programs and that we would listen again to-morrow morning at 6 oclock. His finel words were 'A very pleasent good-evening'. Portions of the 'Old Kentucky Home' came in, but not as well as yesterday.

WOKZ in Alton, Ill. was causing heavy interference, while Oneonta, Ala. was allso quite strong, nearly as strong as WFLW, WOKZ being about 10db over S9.

That is all for now, if I note any reception, much better then these periods, or catch an early morning best, I'll drop you another report.

Many thanks for acknowledging these reports, I do hope they are of enough interest to you, to repay you at least in part, for a reply.

Very truly yours.

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Thank you for your interset.. "e find, with pleasure, that your report is correct. Harold Rogers was the announcer on duty that afternoon. We hope that you will write us as often as you can. Hoping you continued sucess in your radio work.

Sincerely,
Wesley Hoover
Wesley Hoover, Commercial Manager