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Mr. Pat J. Scully,  
Radio Station WKFI,  
Greenville, Miss:

Dear Radio Friend:-

I heard your station this morning, Oct. 25, 1932. between 6:02 and 6:25 A.M. Eastern time. To tell the truth reception was very, very poor but then the weather was very bad for DX and quite a few of the 5th. dist. stations who are usually heard with QSA5 R9 volume, were down around QSA2 or 3 and R4 to 6. Static was bad too and everybody faded plenty, it was rather warm here, more like Mid-September <sup>then</sup> late Oct. partly cloudy, with a south wind and a barometer reading 29.98 and falling, rain west of us is now arriving here. It was very damp, the sidewalks were wet as tho a light rain had fallen but it was only condensation of warm humid air on the relatively cold cement. My location is 4 miles northeast of Buffalo, N.Y.

For some odd reason, stations in "The old Magholia State" dont come in here very good, right now there are three more stations there which I have never heard and it was four before I heard your program, or rather a few portions of it. I have heard and been able to verify (which is more then I can do with this reception of WKFI) every station in the entire 4th. inspection zone except the new one, WHET. When KTSL was at Shreveport, La. (I have La. 100% verified) I could get him on pretty near every one of his DX tests but since he moved to Laurel, Miss. and tagged W on his call he has been never better then QSA0 minus for me. In other words nothing at all, one morning he was on with a test and while he was on according to a fellow DXer living down that way, I heard and verified KFBK out in Calif, without noting a trace of WTSL QRM on the coast station. I explain this to show you the odds are all against you, in reaching my pile of junk, otherwise known as a Silver-Marshall # 714 super-het, a 10 tube all AC rig.

Here is what I heard, Tuning in at 6:03 I heard a Military band in a march, that number is a popular one and I know the titel but I can't think of it right now, then at 6:04 the announcer was heard saying "You are listening to a program coming from station WKFI" I presume the QRA followed but I couldn't catch it, neither could I get the titel of the next selection. I stuck to your 1210 channel but could not catch another announcement, the program continued with mostly band music. At 6:20 E.S.T. (5:20 C.S.T.) I heard the band playing a selection whose tune was exactly like "Maryland, My Maryland" it was either that or some other tune just like it. This may have been part of a medley of band tunes but it seemed too long to be that. Another march followed at 6:25 E.S.T. The announcer was heard faintly at 5:27 C.S.T. and after that only the carrier wave was audible, no further trace of music.

It was becoming daylight here and 6:00 A.M., E.S.T. marks the end of good DX reception this time of year. Your signal showed very good tone quality and the modulation seemed OK too, The carrier had a nice steady "feel" no flopping around or any sound at all except the soft steady missing sound, I think there was someone else, far away on there too because at times I noted a trace of that very low pitched "fluttering" interference which comes when two stations are almost exactly synchronized on a wave. The static was very bad and between it and fading I could only hear about 10% of your program clearly. But WKFI did not fade a partical worse then other DX stations did. I heard your old WRBQ on April 16, 1931 when you were using 17 watts and did better then this, so here is hoping for better luck next time. Very best wishes es 73 to you OM.

Hoping to Hre UAGN I am,

Sincerely,

J W Brauner