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Dear Radio Friends.

This letter is prompted by your snow emergency program heard this morning. It is my first report to your station.

Have been a "DXER" since 1926 and presently live 6 miles south of Punxsutawney, Pa. along Rt. 119. Radio is a ten year old communications type, formerly sold by Allied Radio as their model A-2515, A 3 X 1 foot loop is used.

1590, as you know, is a crowded spot. Here Akron, O. dominates much of the time with Chambersburg not far behind. The Pittsburgh suburban station is a weak third, Mt. Carmel & Honesdale can be heard momentarily now and then at sunset. During low modulation periods at Chambersburg.

Years back I caught WHPA on a Sunday morning at 6:30 AM with a weather forecast and never did hear it again. About a year ago WAEN was heard a few times at sunset with such items as you local sponsors ads, Wayne Co. news, etc. Four or five times never for more than about 30 seconds. Your WAEN DX test was missed here due to being away from home.

Then this morning at 12:10 I heard the new WDNH announcing that you were on by special authority, because of Gov. Shapp's declaration of a state of emergency. By FCC permission. For the first time ever I heard the announcer give the number of the rule from FCC rules & regulations which permits this, He did so many times. **NUMBER**

He said you'd be on as long as needed to give whatever aid you could in snow emergency. Giving school closings, etc. Between announcements you played what I'd call "easy listening" instrumental music.

During the first 20 minutes WDNH topped 1590 at all times, the Akron interference was serious. After 12:30 you were in and out, (about 60% out) with Akron on top. Heard you until about 2:03- when I retired.

Radio is a valuable aid in times like these and the rule allowing daytime stations to operate then is a very good one. Congratulations on your willingness to make that extra effort to help.

Your signal quality seemed excellent on all counts. Interference prevented a real check. Signals were far above the noise level.

Acknowledgment of this report would be appreciated, Return postage enclosed. With best wishes to the success of Pa's northeastern station I remain.

Sincerely yours.

J.W. Brauner

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