Winnemucca, Nevada

L. W. PEARCE, MANAGER PHONE 400

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Norman L. Maguire Amateur Radio W5NXF Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Norman: (OM)

Your letter of January 10, 1955, reporting reception of K W N A, was very welcome to our entire staff, but especially to me, inasmuch as it was mostly through my efforts, planning and engineering that at last put us on the air.

The times you listed, as well as the announcements made, were checked and found to be 100% correct and we are amazed that we were heard at so distant a point, which, incidentally, is our best DX to date.

We have a 210 foot tower here (guyed) with top loading in the form of several lines fixed to the top of the tower and extending out 50 feet to the first insulator, then to guy wires, which makes an umbrella top. It increased our local signal strength to a remarkable degree as read on a signal strength meter. Our signal strength now exceeds the standard set forth by the FCC.

If you should hear us again at any future date, we would greatly appreciate a report from you. If you should ever visit this city, please drop in to our Studio & Control Room which is located in the town's best hotel, the Sonoma Inn.

Am presently an inactive ham, I was assigned W6BWX in 1932 and worked 40 meter CW for years, then became W7BWX after the war. Was active on 20 and 80 phone, but foolishly allowed my ticket to expire. Will make some effort in the near future to renew it. Maybe we can meet on the air.

In the meantime, thanks again.

Best 73's

Lester W. Pearce

Manager - Chief Engineer