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SOUTHERN COMFORT

"I wish to thank the publisher and editors of the various sections for the fine work they have done in putting out DX NEWS as well as all those who have faithfully supported same by reporting. Let's keep the NRC and DX NEWS on top!

- Alex Bowab - Box 539 - Atmore, Alabama.

D X C A L E N D A R

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|--------------|-----------|------|--------------------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|
| Mon. Dec. 26 | Y N O L | 825 | Managua, Nicaragua | 15,000 | (1) | 12:01 - 1:00 | NNRC |
| Mon. Jan. 9 | C H W E Ø | 1270 | Chilliwack, Brit. Col. | 10,000 | | 4:00 - 4:30 | NNRC |
| Wed. Jan. 11 | K A R E | 1470 | Atchison, Kansas | 5,000 | (2) | 3:00 - 3:30 | NNRC |
| Mon. Jan. 16 | W S A J | 1340 | Grove City, Pennsylvania | 100 | | 3:30 - 4:00 | NNRC |
| Fri. Jan. 27 | W N B T | 1490 | Wellsboro, Pennsylvania | 250 | | 12:45-- 1:30 | NNRC |
| Mon. Jan. 30 | W R A W | 1340 | Reading, Pennsylvania | 250 | | 3:30 - 4:00 | NNRC |
| | Ø C J M T | 1420 | Chicoutimi, Quebec | 1,000 | | 3:30 - 4:00 | NNRC |
| Sat. Feb. 4 | Y N O L | 825 | Managua, Nicaragua | 15,000 | | 6:00 - 7:00 | NZDXRL |
| Mon. Feb. 6 | C F O X | 1470 | Pointe Claire, Quebec | 1,000 | | 3:30 - 4:30 | NNRC |
| | 6 W A Z L | 1490 | Hazleton, Pennsylvania | 250 | | 4:00 - 4:30 | NNRC |

Notes. (1) - This was originally announced as Dec. 25 A.M. It is Mon. Dec. 26th!

(2) - Note time change on this program, 3-3:30 instead of 3-4. Band music.

NRC's CPC is now at work arranging specials for our Club. We will soon have some NRC specials to list here, we trust. Thanks to those who volunteered!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Yes, that glorious, festive, and holy Christmas and Chanukah season, and we wish for every one of you our members, and your families and friends, the most glorious of happiness-filled holidays, and may you have many many more of them!

VERIE SIGNERS

Undoubtedly due to the big 17-inch snowstorm and the usual fouled-up Christmastide mail service, we have but 17 v/s on hand, and rather than list such a small amount of them, they are being held over to the next issue. We imagine that many Musings reports which would have reached us under normal mail and weather conditions are still en route to Brooklyn as we go to press here on Tuesday, 12/13. They will appear in the 12/24/60 issue, of course. Thanks to all for your continued support of our effort.

HEARD SINCE LAST ISSUE

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|------|---------|-------------------|-----|------|---------|----------------------|-----|
| 930 | Ø F B C | Now 10,000 U. | NRC | 1450 | W B S R | Now 1,000/250 U-1 | NRC |
| 1190 | K Z O N | Tolleson, Arizona | NRC | 1520 | W S V L | Shelbyville, Indiana | NRC |
| 1150 | C H S J | Now 10,000 U. | NRC | 1550 | W D L R | Delaware, Ohio | NRC |

DECEMBER 25-26 DX FOR LAs

Many LAs and French Canadian stations broadcast Midnight Mass on the early AM of 12/25 and then stay on later with festive music. This year we may hear some of these stations not only on Christmas Day, but on the December 26 holiday, a Monday, so try!

" DX DOWN THE DIAL "

Send all "TIPS" to Ev. Johnson 504-16th St. Mendota, Ill. (E.S.T. CALL. " MERRY CHRISTMAS " To All. "

- 688 KALB Alexandria La. S/on 06:00- J Schoening-Ill.
- 790 WMPS Memphis Tenn. A.N. Silent MON. -A.Bowab-Ala.
- 790 WQXI Atlanta Ga. A.N. Silent MON.-Bowab-Ala.
- 850 WYDE Birmingham Ala. is A.N. Off SUNDAY 1:30-5:30-Bowab-Ala.
- 860 WSBS Great Barrington Mass. S/on 06:03- A.Fregeau-Conn.
- 910 WJCW Johnson City Tenn. S/on 5:33 Wk Dys- Kraul-Ill.
- WHAY New Britain Conn. S/on 5:40- Wk Dys. A Fregeau-Conn.
- KLCN Blythville Ark. S/on 5:30- Wk Dys, Ev.
- 920 WGST Atlanta Ga. S/on 5:30 Wk Dys. Ev
- 930 WJAX Jacksonville Fla. S/on 5:33 Wk Dys A-Fregeau-Conn.
- 950 WNUE Ft Walton Bch. Fla X-WFBS. R/C 1st FRI. 2:30-2:45- Kraul-
- 960 WJAZ Albany Ga. S/on 06:00 - J Schoening- Ill.
- 1230 WAYX Waycross Ga. is on A.N. inc. MON.- B.Stone-Ont-
- 1230 WWRM Fayetteville N.C. now on A.N. Inc. MON. B.Stone-Ont-
- 1240 WSSV Petersburg Va. S/on Wk Dys. 05:00- Ev.
- 1260 WBNR Beacon N.Y. S/on Wk Dys 05:00 A.Fregeau- Conn.
- 1270 WEIC Charleston Ill. had F/C 12/1-1:20-1:30- R.Northup-Ia.
- 1290 WDEC Americus Ga. had F/C 11/28 4:40-4:55- 4th MON.A Bowab-Ala
- 1360 KRYS Corpus Christi Tex S/off 02:00- J Schoening-Ill.
- 1380 WLOS Ashville N.C. S/on 05:00- J Schoening-Ill-
- 1410 WALA Mobile Ala. has quit A.N. S/on 06:00- Bowab-Ala.
- 1420 WTIM Taylorville Ill. S/on Wk Dys 04:58- B.Stone-Ont.
- 1430 WKCW Warrenton Va. S/on 04:00- S/on SUN.06:00- Ev Per Veri.
- 1440 WBRB Mt Clemens Mich. S/on 05:00- B.Stone-Ont-
- WBIS Bristol Conn. S/on 05:00- A Fregeau-Conn.
- WDOW Dowagiac Mich. F/C TT 1st SAT.1:30- 1:45- R.Northup-Ia.
- 1450 WJLJ Niagara Falls N.Y. had F/C RR 12/3- 4:15-4:30- Northup Ia.-
- WBSR Pensacola Fla. now on 24 hours-Bowab-Ala.
- WOKK Meridian Miss. A.N. Off MON- Bowab, Ala.
- 1460 WOKO Albany N.Y. S/on 5:55- Fregeau-Conn.
- 1470 WPLH Huntington W/Va. S/on 05:00 Wk Dys. B Stone-Ont-
- 1550 WLOA Braddock Pa. S/off Dec. 5.P.M.- J.Brauner-Pa.
- WESN N Augusta S.C. S/on 5:55- S/off 5:18 P.M. J Brauner-Pa.
- WTYN Tryon S.C. S/off 5:15 P.M.- J Brauner- Pa.
- WTCW New Castle Ind. S/on Wk Dys. 5:45- SUN 7:55- J Brauner-Pa.
- WBOP Virginia Bch Va S/on 7:15- S/off 4:15- W. Alcott- Va.
- 1560 WQXR New York N.Y. S/on Wk Dys. 06:01- Fregeau-Conn.
- 1570 WNCA Siler City N.C. S/on 7:15- S/off 5:15 P.M.-
- WYTI Rocky Mount Va S/off 5.P.M.-W Alcott- Va.
- 1580 WJUD St Johns Mich. D/C TT 1st SAT. 3:30-3:45- Northup- Ia.
- 1590 WSWW Platteville Wisc. F/C TT 11/30-1:00-1:15- Northup-Ia.
- 1600 WTYM Longmeadow Mass. S/on 06:02- Fregeau-Conn.
- KNCY Nebraska City Nebr. F/C TT 1:35- Try 1st TUES. Northup-Ia.

F/C's Per List.

2nd Thurs.- KMAR-1570- 1st Thurs. KMG-730- 1st FRI-WMEG-920-WBNT-1310- 1st SAT. KSRC-1290- WIGR-1290-WANY-1390-WMAX-1480-2nd MON-KDJI 1270-KURL-730- KBUN-1450-

VOUS- 1480 Kc/s "Voice Of United States" located at Naval Air Station at Argentia, Newfoundland. "Pop 100" 24 hrs Day. 500 watts. Correct QRA is Radio Station VOUS Navy 103- F.P.O. New York.N.Y. V/S Larry Wyrick Prog Dir. Per Veri from Hal Williams-Conn-

We at 504 wish to take tis small Space to send Best Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Properous and HAPPY NEW YEAR 1961. Best DX to all. and 73's. Ev..

Ralph M. Johanns - 11 East Chippewa Street - Buffalo 3, New York

Had a nice visit at Pop Edge's place Friday eve and saw him and Ma Edge in action getting DX NEWS together and ready for mail, teamwork and speedy, as several hundred bulletins have to go out weekly now. Ray sure deserves a pat on the back from all of us, and so does Lefty, Fred and Ev, also Len Kruse for his valuable contributions. All those things togeth makes NRC the most outstanding BCB DX Club anywhere. I saw some beauties among Ray's 2,000 veries and his Scott radio (floor model) beats many a communication type. We had cake and coffee and he showed me some movies taken during his Ojlahoma trip. I listened only a couple short times, but noted reception getting better. 12/2 heard WDLR-1550 TTing till 3:30. They're supposed to be directional, also the earlier WONT call is out. C.R.Taylor is SM and P.O. Box 231, Delaware, O. 1430 has CKFH off AN; WJLJ-1440 now signs weekly at 5:45 a.m., also CHVC-1600, while WCGO does at 5 a.m. and WBLV at 5:03. WINX comes in front at 4:55. On 1570 WFLR signs at 7:29 a.m. and on 910 kc/s. I took KLCN on 6 a.m. to nearly 7 a.m. with terrific signal. WAMP-1320 changed back to old WJAS and s/on 5:30 a.m. 12/1 had WOKE (ex-WHAN) AN on 1340 kc/s. and WIRY signed on at 5:05. WBUY-1440 at 5:33. On 1220 was WKBK Keene N.H. already on RS at 5:48 a.m., but lost 'em when local WNJA-1230 signed at 6. On 540 kc/s WGTO had an ET/M 3:15 etc. 11/27 took WSUX-1280 with f/c-M to 5:33 a.m.; WADO signed off at 4:58 a.m., then WRSA s/on at 5; WSAT at 5:35, WQIK 5:55 followed by CHIQ. 11/29 took CKKW-1320 from 7-7:45 a.m. Received by airmail special (44¢) a coverage map, TV History and KYW history (three pages) besides v/l. Mentions they're in process of moving studios to a new local. All W.B.C. stations marked on letterhead of KYW-1100. Bahamas Broadcasting and TV Commission, ZNS-1540 Nassau, P.O. Box 1347 by H.R.Bethel, GM says recently we've changed to 10 kw. Governmental Commercial statkon and have future plans for TV installation but has no program sked he can send me. From WDOC-1310 Radio in Prestonburg, Ky. a v/l has "The Home of Dewey Lake" and "Jenny Wiley State Park" located in the heart of Eastern Kentucky coal fields, and three-inch green side margin picturing "Wherever you go, there's Radio." Also mentions r/c occurs on the second Saturday (he gave no time). December sked, 5:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., seven days. So 73 and keep Lefty busy with reports.

David E. Roys - 5121 Radnor Road - Indianapolis 26, Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS '62! Hi, all. I have noticed that some of you have been receiving a spurious response of WGN on 840. After investigating this response, I wrote to WGN concerning the matter. They said that the cause of the response was WBBM's re-radiating their signal on 840, as their XRs are only one mile apart. There are 60 kilocycles' difference between 820 and 780, so WBBM re-radiates WGN on 780 plus 60, or 840. WGN said they had a bandpass filter to prevent the reverse from happening. The WGN response on 840 is stronger than the WBBM response on 840, so this might indicate that WBBM's ~~response~~ filter design could be improved. I will write to WBBM soon to find out what can be done. One of the main attractions for Indianapolis '62 would be the Indiana State Fair, the largest in the U.S. It runs for ten days or so and includes everything - even a radio display. Usually they have equipment displayed such as 51-I4s, GPS-90s, SP-600s, HRO-60s, and other such equipment. There is always something of interest in the radio building at the fair grounds, such as remotes, etc. Those of you who have never seen the really big state fairs should be in INDIANAPOLIS '62! We are in the process of rounding up all the members/^{and} interested persons in the area. We have already several experienced people on hand for our committee. We will consider very carefully the choice for Convention HQ after we have thoroughly investigated the rest of the motels and hotels, although a motel would be most convenient, as it would be out of the center of town. More on that later. Now DX. 11/24 sunset, WBEO-780, WOHO-1470. 11/27, WSLV-1520 TT at 3:30; WABG-960 3:45; 4VEH-1037, 7:50 p.m. Cubans on Monday AM of 11/28; logged on 870 920 930 1000, 960. Also WJMC-1240 TT 1 kw. XR, PRH-9-840 in weakly till 3:20 fade out; WGUS-1380 KOing KPOI at 4:02; WIVI-970 a cinch till 4:45; WAPA-680 at 4:45; WCAW-680 at 4:50; YVLW-890 at 5:40. 12/2- YNQ-1105 and YNR-805 in, CFAM-1290 AN, WGHN-1370 f/c, WJUD-1580 TT at 3:40, KRKD-1150 at 3:45 for California #47. Veries in from KHVH KORL KGWW. INDIANAPOLIS '62!

Ev Johnson - 504 16th Street - Mendota, Illinois

Hi gang. Better send in another report. Not much being heard but will send in what I have been hearing at this den. 11/22- I heard the new WIXT-1480 saying Birmingham but CP for Irondale, Ala. They call it "Wixi in Dixie". 11/23- WGEA-1150 f/c (page #4)

(Ev Johnson) 1:30-1:50. Station on 1570 sounded like WIL0 but not sure as Our Friend too strong. 11/24- WDX-1150 s/on at 4:57 but no veri from last season's report. WELM-1410 s/on 5:05. WSJC-1280 s/on 5:12. KMDJ-750 with good signal at twilight. KKSX-730 good at twilight. KEEL-710 with football game. WHB-710, WVOK-690 s/off 6 p. m. 11/26- KREB-1550 for second report. XEMC-1590 topping WAKR. XELZ-1440 AN. WFRX-1300 f/c 4:00-4:15. WPRO-630 on AN. WABG-960 test at 4:30. 11/27- KFDF-1580 test at 1:45. WIXI again. XEMR-1370 topping WSPD, and KBUY-1010 again AN. 11/28- KPIG-1450 s/off Monday at 3:00, then WMFJ, Daytona Beach took over. WCOS-1400 fighting it out with WJQS. KORL-650 weak, ex-KKAA, so hope to log this Monday. WAKY-790 testing under AN WTAR. 12/1- WDSK r/c, also WDSP-1280 r/c. WGTO-540 test at 3:15. 12/3- XEWA-540 s/on at 6:45. CHAB-800 s/on at 6:55, CJBC-860 s/on at 7. WPLO-590 RS at 7 and WACT-1420 s/on at 6. Veries sent since my last report, KUPD-1060 YNOL-325 WFRX-1300 and WMFJ-1450. Also sent the supposedly new WJLP, ex-WTMP-1150 a report of Nov. 20 but letter came back, so sent airmail and said "This used to be WTMP. Letter back today saying "You report correct but wrong call letters, so something funny as Francis also heard them say WJLP, the "New WJLP," so wonder what gives. Some of you Florida DXers check on this, will you? And send to DXDD please. Also finally received a decent veri from KDWB, and my PP card sent to WISK in 1958. Fifty reports sent with 26 veries since Convention. All for now and best DX to all. Thanks for DXDD tips fellows. 73s.

John Schoenign - 811 Normal Avenue - Normal, Illinois

Merry Christmas to all you guys out there in DX land. It's really going to be a White Christmas if it keeps up as it is. We've had 1/4 inches of snow since Oct. 1st. Last year we had had about six inches by this time. Well, enough of WX talk, now to the DX. The 13th of November netted three reports, RS from KRYS Corpus Christi at 1:00; RS from AN WRR at 1:45 and RS from AN WZOK Jacksonville Fla. On the next morning, the 14th, bagged only one report to 50 kw. KRMG Tulsa. The next two days slipped by without reports but the next, Nov. 17th, bagged four reports, RS from WLOS Asheville, N.C. at 5:00. Heard WFBL Syracuse at 5:10 with a good signal, RS from AN WLCY St. Petersburg, Fla. over KWK, and finally RS from KWFT Wichita Falls Texas at 5:30. The 21st brought KFI Los Angeles for first L.A. station. On the 27th, I pulled in two Miami stations, WINZ-940 at 6:00 a.m. and WQAM-560 under WIND at 4:30. Also WMGR Bainbridge at 6:30 and WJAZ Albany at 6:15, both in Georgia. 11/28 brought WBCM Bay City, Mich. and WOOD Grand Rapids at dusk. 11/30, heard KDNT Denton, Tex. briefly also for a report. The 3rd of December bagged five reports, XEQ Mexico City; AN WAIL Baton Rouge at 2:00 bothered only by KSO. At 2:08, I cut out WTIK with a directional antenna and found KHEY El Paso. 3:20 found KERP El Paso and KQUE Albuquerque fighting it out. Veries in are letters from KRMG Tulsa; WRAJ Anna, Ill.; WRR Dallas (beautiful letterhead); KSD St. Louis; KWFT Wichita Falls, Tex.; WTJS Jackson, Tenn.; KFI Los Angeles; WGGA Hainesville, Ga.; KRYS Corpus Christi; WHLL Wheeling; WLOS Asheville, N.C., WBCM Bay City, Mich. and WOOD Grand Rapids, Mich. One lone QSL from WSGN, Birmingham.

Eric Nelson - 70 Western Street - Sussex, New Brunswick

Hi gang! This is the first report in a long time. DX has been pretty good lately although I haven't been doing much of it. How many of you have received a verie from XERF-1570? All three of us Sussex DXers have! Here are some of my latest catches: WLEU WCB WARK "RADIO SWAN" WK TJ KMOX VOUS CKRB WFYI WPOW WEBR WNTA XEG WHO WILK WRDO and WKBR. KMOX is my first in Missouri and my first positive on 1120; VOUS my second in Newfoundland; WFYI for third on 1520; XEG for the third in Mexico and WHO for my first on 1040. My only vacant channels are 540 and 780 with WBEM a 50 kwer on 780. KMOX-1120 was also my 30th state. I would appreciate if someone could tell me the s/off times for CBK-540 XEWA-540 XEQ-940 and KFI-640. On Nov. 21 I heard WPEN-950 s/off at 2:07 and say they would s/on at 5:30. I also heard an SS on 1220 at 1:50, would this be XEB? On 10/21/60 at 3:32 I received XEG with no interference from WMGM or CHUM although they were in clear earlier. Maybe they signed off. I received CJBC-860 the other night at 5:30 and I've noticed lately that local CFBC-930 announces as 10,000 watts. Does anyone know if these stations ever sign off? WGY WHDH WINS WOR WABC CRRB and CKGM? I'm beginning to see what AN stations are doing to DXing as local CFNB ruins DX on 550 spot, also 540. I need stations in Delaware, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas to fill in the holes in my map of the East half of the U.S. My friend Roy Geldart had his DX cut short by flunking exams, while my own average dropped from 79 to 66 with Geometry dropping from 96 to 52. So 73s and good DX to all.

Glen Kippel - 905 South Second Avenue - Apt. 3 - Sterling, Colorado

Bet I've got something nobody else has got! A 210 foot vertical! Got tired of the poor DX from the apartment, with TVI, etc., so the gear is now out at the KOLR XR site. Didn't even disconnect the feed line from the XR, just clipped a lead on to the terminal. Have a 300-foot wire strung up; kind of low but adequate, but CKDM-730 was 40 db stronger with the vertical! This at 1:45 EST, R-5. Also CMCD on 761 with 70 over S-9 at 1:38, XEN approximately 695 in solid 65 over until 2:00, KIMO-850 was 60 over with slight splatter from XEMO after KOA s/off - and they are usually stronger a couple of hours later. Not much DX available on week nights, though. Usual WLW WGN WSB WJR WCBS XEW KNX KRLD ad nauseam, with perfect readability, just like locals, all of them. Oh, KDKA too, of course. At 9:15, had CBW-990 perfect readability, stronger than KIMN! on this Philco transistor portable that belongs to one of the other guys who shares this pad. Listened to them for an hour before going to work. Other than that, not much in the way of DX. Was down in Denver last weekend, planning on visiting Francis Nittler and Larry Godwin, but man, every time I go down there, we have a snowstorm, and I have to leave early before the roads freeze - usually do anyway, and makes driving pretty hairy, especially at night. Took a little drive yesterday to charge up the battery, was charging around looking for icy spots, deliberately inducing skids. Great fun. Also good practice for when my skid isn't deliberate, then I know what to do. Well, I'd better get back to work. Ugh. Up till 1 last night, up again about 6 to cure XR trouble this morning - ooooh! 73.

Hank Wilkinson - 6620 Beeman Avenue - North Hollywood, California

First, I wish to thank Bill Stone and Bernie Duffy for their notes and other information regarding an inquiry in a recent bulletin. In the bulletin I requested some help on verifying PJC-2-864, Willemstad, Curacao. Both of you gentlemen sent me info on PJC-7-#1-1010, which I verified several years ago at this address. I wish to thank you anyhow for your efforts and also to let you know that I finally received a verie from PJC-2 on December 2, 1960. I mailed a report on November 22 1960 and you can fully realize how I feel about this verie as I have been after this station since the winter of 1954-55. I have mailed them nine reports during this period. They must have had a change of heart. My recent report was sent based on the "tip" that Jim Ernst had received a verie within ten days. I have PJA-5, 1435 kc/s., verified. Now if I can get one out of PJA-10 on 655 kc/s. I'll feel that radio stations are still interested. A recent verie from BED-62, 1000 kc/s., for the morning of October 3, 1960 clears up the Chinese speaking station on this frequency. Does anyone else have him verified? I consider HLKX, BED-22 "Radio Sakhalinsk" and BED-62 my best Asians for the past two seasons. Jury Duty in Los Angeles now definite for one month starting at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 1961. I don't think that I'll be able to DX very much during January due to the above and work, too. Roy Millar and Clarence Freeman (and perhaps Don Reynolds) are always trading info with me and vice versa which makes DXing out here on the West Coast quite nice. Wish there were more West Coast DXers such as back in the '30s and early '40s. Say, is HJAJ, Barranquilla, a difficult station to verify? He has a fine report over six weeks old. Anyone wish to "talk" about his recent verie from this station? Thanks. Don't forget your DX buddies. Send a Christmas card, especially to those who aren't as active as they used to be. 73.

Sam A. McLaughlan - P.O. Box 26 - Gatineau, Quebec

Time for another report so here it is. Just got back from a very enjoyable vacation. Went down to Toronto for a few days to start it off. Dropped in on Bill Stone one night and had a very enjoyable chat about DXing. Some of Bill's QSLs are out of this world. Just mention a station and he will produce a verie! Headed over to Buffalo then and spent an enjoyable evening with Ray Edge. Ray has quite a den filled with QSLs and NRC business, hi. Saw the "publishing house" where DX NEWS is turned out, and I am sure everyone will agree with me that Ray does a terrific job. I haven't met too many NRC members but if they are all as hospitable as Bill and Ray we've got quite a Club! From Buffalo I went over to Rochester, N.Y. via New York State Thruway, then down through Elmira, N.Y. and into the beautiful state of Pennsylvania. Stayed down there a few days and came back through Binghamton, Syracuse, and Watertown. DX since arriving back are the following stations: WHCU-870, WATE-620, and WRBL-1420. No sign of CBI DX program for NNRC (which I arranged, incidentally). I'm fairly sure they didn't come on. Anyone disagree? Guess that's all for now. 73.

REMEMBER, EVERYONE WILL WANT TO READ ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS DX SO SEND IN THOSE REPORTS!

Wayne Pierfe - 400 Winans Avenue - Vestal, New York

I've discovered one good thing about the Northern Lights. They seem to knock out the distant stations and allow some of the semi-local, low power stations. I have only received many stations under such conditions. V/1 received from WLSV, Wellsville, N.Y. 790 kc/s., Their coverage map shows that their 1,000 watta covers a 60 mile radius. A nice QSL card from XEG-1050. I thought that with their power they would have a large building. Not so! It's a small place. QSL also received from WVOK, Birmingham, Ala. 690, for Nov. 26 report. They had a terrific signal but their modulation was so bad that the first ID was completely unreadable. Are we to mail f/cs even if they were in the "DX Down the Dial?" If so please tell me as I have a few, but most have already been listed in Ev's fine section. I like the idea of having an NRC or NNRC Log. I'll be glad to help in this if any other members have any ideas. Two of my most wanted stations - received WELM, Elmira, 1410, only 50 miles West, received December 3, 5:00. WJMJ, Philadelphia, Pa., received Nov. 27, 4:43 p.m., for a 50,000 watt station. ~~It~~ It's strange that I haven't heard it before. CHVC, Niagara Falls, Ont. 1600 received today at 4:59 p.m. just seconds before their pattern change. After that only "Doctor Jive" and his Rock 'n' Roll show (in English) on WWRL, New York. He said their Spanish program is from 6 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. 73s.

C. Wayne Alcott - 125 Hill Street - Hampton, Virginia

Not much DXing since last report. On 11/28 found WRIC-540 Virginia after WDMV s/off at 4:45. 11/29 found WBEN-930 New York behind WKSB during the day. WBSC- 5550 South Carolina (twilight), WLOA-1550 Pennsylvania (twilight), WRWJ-1570 Alabama (twilight). 12/4 found WHEN-620 New York behind WMAL (day). WCNC-1240 North Carolina (night). WHHY-1440 Alabama (night). WYTI-1570 Virginia (twilight). WLSC-1570 South Carolina (twilight), WILA-1580 Virginia (twilight), WTYM-1600 Massachusetts (twilight). See DX Down the Dial about WLSC WYTI WILA. I've been DXing for less than a year on my Halli-crafters S-38-E and have found 204 English speaking stations. My antenna is an 80' long wire, 20' high, running NE to SW. Received only one verie this week, which is from KMOX-1120 Missouri (post card). Heard some stations on 12/4 that haven't been heard in a long time. They are WGTM-590 North Carolina, WSUN-620 Florida, WHO-1040 Des Moines, Ia., WPCF-1430 Florida, XERF-1570 Nuevo Laredo. Here are a few regulars too: WGAI-530 North Carolina, WCAO-600 Maryland, WCKR-610 Florida, WSM-650 Tennessee, WNBC-660 New York, WPTF-680 North Carolina, WLW-700 Ohio, WGN-720 Illinois, WSB-750 Georgia, WABC-770 New York, WWL-870 Louisiana, WSES-880 New York, WLS-890 Illinois, WBOC-960 Maryland, WIBG-990 Pennsylvania, WBAL-1090 Maryland, WBT-1110 North Carolina, WWVA-1170 West Virginia, WHAM-1180 New York, WOWO-1190 Indiana, WCAU-1210 Pennsylvania, WLCY-1380 Florida, WNAV-1430 Maryland, WLAC-1510 Tennessee, WKBW-1520 New York, WCKY-1530 Ohio, ZNS-1540 Bahamas, WAKR-1590 Ohio, WKWF-1600 Florida. Since joining the NRC on November '60 I have logged a lot of new stations thanks to the best BCB publication DX NEWS, and I think the \$4.00 is well worth it. 73s and let's have more reports from Virginia!

Stan Morss - R. R. 3 - Bradford, Massachusetts

11/29- Radio Novedades-1440 at 3:00, then KPRO when they s/off. 12/1- WOKE-1340, Charleston, S.C. @ 1:56 a.m., for a new one, after noting WCOS on top of 1400. WOKE faded out to WHHM about 2:05. Verie, WDOS finally after many times, by a PP card, for #3,100, also PP card from WKWS after several f/ups. Better a PP card than nothing, say I, even though they don't help the looks of a collection. 12/3- WRVK-1460 Renfro Valley Ky. TT 3:24. WJUD-1580 St. Johns, Mich. f/c-TT 3:30, a new one. WEZJ-1440 TT 4:00, Williamsburg, Ky., another new one. WJSO-1590, on RS already 4:15. TILX-825 and HRZN-888 in P.M., with LAs good. 12/5- KWCB-1300 Searcy, Ark. musical test 1:25. WCED-1420 DuBois, Pa. AN, Hunters' Special. 1190, AN "Radio Populares"???. Someone in English on 1200 at 2:45 with weather and "Happy Birthday" song. Piano repeating on 1270 3:49-3:58, then military band and s/on in Spanish but WKYR and Brother Rittenhouse covered the signal almost 100%. WFRA-1430 Franklin, Pa. at 4:30 for Hunters' Special. WPCC in Clinton, S.C. 1410 s/on 4:55. WING on at 4:56; WPOP at 4:58. WSTP-1490 Salisbury, N.C. at 5:05, but out by 5:07. WJAB-1440 s/on 5:05 a.m., Verie, WACT.

Terry Liberty - 5318 Glencairn Lane - Indianapolis 26, Indiana

Hi all! Lots of DX had to be passed up lately as school is kinda pressing but we managed to get a few splits and foreign stuff in general so here goes: 11/16- saw HJED-820 Cali come in with an S-9 signal from 7:00 to 7:35 p.m. WFAA changed over to WCAP and left the frequency open just long enough for an ID. HRUC, Tegucigalpa (con'd P.7)

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(Terry Liberty) Honduras was heard on 11/23 at about 10:35 p.m. Oh yeah, it's on 865 kc/s. YNOL-825 verified with a very nice letter and two pamphlets as well as a card. Now to a domestic mystery: KREB-1550, at 5:13 p.m. on 12/8. Where is it and what is the power? (Shreveport, La., 5,000/500 -Ed.) So with that out of the way will proceed. The Vane Jones Log is now at the printer's and will be out soon. Those who have their money in will receive the log as soon as they come out. Say did anyone verify WHIE? They were on for an ET for their new 5 kw. XR and never verified. They asked for reports of the sound but never verified. So with the strains of the beautiful "Huckleback" by that renowned artist Chubby Checker I'll say 73s and INDIANAPOLIS.

Len Kruse - 816 Euclid Street - Dubuque, Iowa

The Christmas Rush is just beginning at the local Post Office, so my DX activities will be somewhat limited for the next two weeks. Only two new loggings the past week. On 12/3 Station WHUT-1470 Anderson, Ind. was heard with its s/on and RS from 5-5:30 a. m. in back of AN WMBD in Peoria, Ill., but still plenty for a good report. Then on 12/6 Station KNCY-1600 Nebraska City, Nebr. was heard with a "maintenance test" from 1:34-1:41 a.m. with QRM from the RS of KATZ. Now I have only one more station to be heard in Nebraska to complete the state, and that is KHUB-1340 in Fremont, a 100 watter. Only two v/l's arrived this past week, letters from WSHE and WHUT, to bring my total to 3,456. My thanks to Bob Foxworth for personally visiting WSHE in Raleigh to check on my overdue report of last season. Mr. John E. Karr, GM of WHUT, Anderson, Ind. states "The WERX calls which the FCC approved in August last were never used on the air. We went from WCBC to WHUT." Here's wishing all NRC members and their families a Happy Holiday Season.

Joe Brauner - R. D. #1 - Swicksburg, Pennsylvania

DX improving and a lot of interesting stuff coming through, but as usual very few make new loggings here. Thanks to some tips in DX NEWS and a little luck in DXing we've added these new calls. 11/27- WIXI-1480 on ET, had pleasure of hearing Hal Williams' phone call acknowledged. 12/6- WCTW-1550, New Castle, Ind. signed on at 5:45 with what seemed to be RS. Missed first part, heard him give Sunday s/on as 7:55, uses good until 5:55 when mixed QRM took over. 12/7- Tried for more of WCTW on 1550, no sign, only Cuban to 5:55 when WESN signed on for another new call, stopped by CBE/WTTC at 6:00. 12/8- WHHT-1440 on ET to 3:25 for another new call and in the evening, tried 1550 with fair luck. WLOA (local) off RS at 5:00. WPEG, Winston-Salem, N.C. signed off at 5:15 for another new call here, WTYN off a minute after this, not needed, then a little more data on WESN who left the air about 5:18, seemed to be another Carolina station in this huddle, not sure as CBE was pushing them hard and took over completely before the 5:30 breaks. Only new veries are a letter from WFCT and a typed card from WETT. Experimenting with the loop again, following DX Horizons' plan, but still won't work satisfactorily; plenty of pickup but no directional effect worth using, even with a shielded lead from the loop to the BX-99, Can't figure why as the loop I used back in the late 20s was very directional. It was of the same general design as this one except that it fed a regenerative circuit working as an RF stage ahead of a super-het hookup. Would try building another like it if the parts used in it were obtainable. It had too many images and reports on the dial to be of much use on today's congested band. 73.

Bob Kalish - 2214 Avenue T - Brooklyn 29, New York

DX has suddenly taken a turn for the best. First of all local WBNX has now gone AN on 1380 with a DJ called Cha Cha-yeesh! I don't know if they are on Mondays or not; weren't on 12/5. Don't know how long it can keep up. They have a terrible signal (WLCY audible below them) and worse programming. Well, Monday 12/5 I did net one, namely KMIN-980 in Grants, N.M. on its r/c. On 12/6 logged WKOP-1360 on AN sked above WKAT for four minutes. Friday 12/9 was sensational, with KFI in like a local along with KNBC and KNX. I was thrilled to log one I have been trying for for ages, XEAK-690 in Tijuana, logged with fabulous signal 1:30-2:45. I also got two other goodeis, the f/s of KDSN-1580 in Denison, Ia. and WANK-1570 Kendallville, Ind. There were other TTs too but either unID or buried by ANs. The Situation of ANs is getting worse, natch. The ones that are fairly new noted 12/5 were WELM-1410 KTOE-1420 WTAR-790. Veries have been only letters from WAUB-1590 WLAD-800 WMS-730 and card from WTJH-1260. The SSers have been blasting in this week but very little notice taken. Did get off reports to YNW-935, XEIQ-960. I believe the one heard below WDAK 12/8 was KFMB in San Diego but no ID gotten. Did hear mention of Agua Caliente though, so taped report off. 73.

Francis H. Nittler - 2634 South Josephine Street - Denver 10, Colorado

I have a little DX to report from the snowy Mile-High city. We had some 14 inches of snow this week and down to 7 below one morning. Monday 12/5 first took a log on XEP-1300 Ciudad Juarez which is on until 3:00 daily but I hadn't bothered reporting them before. WTJH-1260 East Point, Ga. heard on RS 4:47-5:03 a.m. with strong signal. Then heard s/on of WPRA-990 Mayaguez at 5:05 with loud and clear signal until 5:30 when WHOO had s/on. Also, WGAP-1400 Maryville, Tenn. heard with good signal from 5:23-5:36 so report sent as they didn't verify for me back in 1955. 1400 kc/s. is completely clear in the West on Mondays now with KBYG off AN sked. 12/7 found XEEW-1420 Matamoros, Tams. in with good signal from 1:36 to 2:00 a.m. s/off. That's the DX from here for this week. Three veries received. First a letter from KONI-1450 for 8/31 report and v/s Sterling Bricker formerly worked at three of the local radio stations. Nice letter in from KORL-650 and a PP card from XECF-1410 for total of 1,916. Noted XERF getting on late a couple of evenings lately so maybe they are due for another major breakdown. Last evening they didn't get on until 3:30 and heard s/off of KACE and KCVR on 1570 at 7:45 but neither needed. I chase a Sser on 1310 for a couple of evenings thinking it was a Mexican but found it was unneeded KUBO San Antonio in Spanish. Glen, I tried getting KOLR through semi-local KBOL the other night but instead heard KKAN, Phillipsburg, Kans. with a good signal for a couple of minutes. Glad to see so many reports in the bulletin. 73s.

Hal Williams - 50 Third Avenue - Seymour, Connecticut

A great BIG thank you to the Hamilton, Ont. NRCers, Jim Morrow and Mike Silbert, for sending me that huge copy of the Hamilton Spectator. It was much appreciated. On Nov. 13 I logged and reported VOUS-1480 on what seemed to be a special program. Report was airmailed to Fort Pepperrell, St. Johns, Nfld. On 12/6 I received a letter from a USAF Captain (a ham) informing me that the Fort Pepperrell base was "phased out" about April 1, 1960 and VOUS de-commissioned and that the Commander of the "clean-up" force at Pepperrell had turned my report over to him. The Captain informed me that the Navy was operating a station at the Naval Air Base at Argentia and he knew it operated on the same frequency (1480) and believed it used the same call (VOUS). He also informed me that he had relayed the report to Argentia with the request that it be verified, if correct. On 12/8 I received the BEST BSC verification I have ever received, taking power into consideration. A positive verie from the PD of VOUS (Voice Of the United States) 1480 kc/s., 50 watts, operating 24 hours daily from the Naval Air Base at Argentia, Nfld. Argentia has a total population of 100 people, according to his letter. All reports to Radio Station VOUS, Navy 103, FPO, New York, N.Y. A second surprise was a nice v/l from WKCW-1420 for a 3/28/60 report without a f/up. New CE is trying to answer all unanswered mail he finds in the WKCW files. No new loggings but perhaps this weekend as I will be home. To all NRCers everywhere, a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year and above all may you enjoy good health

David E. RAYS - 5121 Radnor Road - Indianapolis 26, Indiana

Greetings. After calling the power company I finally got rid of my power line leakage, for a while, anyway. I have noticed a fluorescent light on AN probably a store light, but there are none for a mile or so so I'll just have to take the car out and start looking, hi. It wasn't very strong though, as last Monday AM netted KPOI-1380 in with a good signal and JOBK-670 I'm quite sure. It wasn't a spurious response, as I tuned the whole BCB on another radio. Anyway my HQ-180 has a spurious response rejection of 60 db, and about 80 db's worth of image rejection. They went into a slow deep fade, characteristic of Asians. Of course it had to fade at 5:00 ID. Oh well, I'll just keep trying for an ID although I have enough for a tentative, as they had a strong signal on fadein. Stronger than PRH-9-840 but not as strong as CX-28 as they were really booming in on 12/5. WSM's OC seems to be off every Monday AM till about 4:00 or so and KORL never fails. This past fall I have noticed many solar eruptions, which have interrupted BCB DX. These eruptions occur most frequently after a sunspot peak which has recently occurred, so that would seem to explain it. Now CX are fair, as some TPs and SAs have made it here. I am watching for some TAs, like Monte Carlo, but no show yet. Now to DX. 12/3- KHEN-1590 at 7 p.m., CMOA-1590 at 9:35 p.m., TISM-1125 at 9:30 easy. 12/5- KPOI-1380, WDOB-1370 TT @ 4:00. 12/10- WANE-1450 @ 3:00. Veries from KHVH-1040 KORL-650 KDWB-630 KGWV-630 WIVI-970 bringing my countries verified total to 23. Reports are out to Brazil, Argentina, Haiti, Dominican Republic for new countries Recent reports out to TGXA-1040 4VEH-1037 PRH-9-840 XEBX-610 KPOI-1380 KULA-690 (P. 9)

(Dave Roys) JOBK-670 HOJ-2-1040 KOAM-860 KGNC-710 KATL-1380 KCBF-1590 KENN-1590 KRAC-1270 KMIN-980. Hop on your Armadillo and Head for Amarillo! Amarillo '61! Indianapolis '62! Experience courts! Vote for Indianapolis '62! The preceding has been a paid political announcement. Have a nip in Naptown on Labor Day '62! For a Convention treat, Indianapolis cannot be beat! Those who are in the know --will go - for Indianapolis '62! 73s from INDIANAPOLIS - CONVENTION CITY '62!

Ernest J. Wesolowski - 1416 Pasadena Avenue - Omaha 7, Nebraska

Hi-Ho again! Only DX this week is Station WKIN-1320 in Kingsport, Tenn., heard with a strong S-9 signal at 4:31 a.m. on the 5th of December. Then today, 12/8, received much needed KQRC-1140 in Mineral Wells, Texas, using 250 watts around 6:09 p.m. Much interference from KLPR, Oklahoma City. Noted KSEO-750, Durant, Okla. just before sunset and s/off at 6:15 p.m. WNOE-1060 was heard with a 5 db over 9 signal with 50 kw. and only S-5 when they changed to 5 kw. and DA at 6 p.m. KHEY-690 is heard at least an S-9 every morning in Omaha. Hope to meet many members at the Holliday Inn in Wichita, Kansas, over New Years. Now, man I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and the most Happy New Year. That's about it from this area, except to say that the Omaha area December s/off is 6 p.m. EST. In January it will be at 6:15. So 73s and good DX on 1050 on New Years' Eve.

John T. Tweedie - Box 103 - Oakhurst, New Jersey

Just a note to give you all the info that Radio Station KARE, 1470 kilocycles, in Atchison, Kansas will transmit a Special DX for the NNRC on January 11, 1961 between the hours of 3 a.m. to 3:30 a.m., EST. Frequent announcements will be given and march music will be played. Only new stations here lately are WPEG-1550 on ET 11/12 and KYND-1580 on ET 12/4, WJAZ-960 12/4 on RS at s/on. The DX from YNOL as per letter to me from Mr. David Solt CE and Co-ordinator will be on Christmas Night December 25th running into Monday morning Dec. 26th until 5:00 a.m. I have advised him to play as much march music as possible and also some organ music. Address for KARE is 5th and Kansas Avenue, Atchison, Kansas. The station on 1035 is not 4VEC as some list, but 4VEH. The Mexican on 1440 is XELZ "Radio Novedades," Mexico City. Someone asked for address on CMK. CMK, Radio Deportes, Centro Filmico, Havana, Cuba. Not much more to say so will close with very best regards to all.

CHANGES IN STATION DATA - F. C. C.

NEW STATIONS

980 Hamilton, Montana 1,000 D-1 1270 Mauston, Wisconsin 500 D-1

FACILITIES

1230 W T S V Claremont, New Hampshire, to 1,000/250 U-1, from 250 U-1, same channel.
 1340 W H O U Houlton, Maine, to 1,000/250 U-1, from 250 U-1, same channel.
 W L A V Grand Rapids, Michigan, to 1,000/250 U-1, from 250 U-1, same channel.
 1450 K F L W Klamath Falls, Oregon, to 500/250 U-1, from 250 U-1, same channel.
 1510 W N L C New London, Connecticut, to 5,000 U-4, from 1490 kc/s., 250 U-1.
 1570 W C L W Mansfield, Ohio, to 1,000 D-3, from 250 D-3, same channel.
 1590 W S M N Nashua, New Hampshire, to 5,000 U-3, from 5,000 D-3, same channel.

CANADA ADOPTS NEW MAP OF GROUND CONDUCTIVITIES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1961

The Canadian Government has adopted a revised map of ground conductivities for Canada. Effective Jan. 1, 1961, this map will supersede Appendix H to the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, Washington D.C., 1950, for use in transborder interference calculations involving Canada.

Requests for the new map should be addressed to Director, Tele-communications and Electronics Branch, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Single copies are priced at \$5.00 (one copy consists of two sheets). Remittance should be by check or money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

Do not address orders to the Federal Communications Commission.

FCC.

This is everything received here through Monday, 12/12. A 17-inch blanket of snow at present covers New York City, and consequently the mails have been delayed considerably. This, coupled with the usual Christmas rush, of course. So if your report appears beyond this page, we received it on Tuesday, 12/13. We hope you will continue to keep sending in your Musings reports, which are the heart of DX NEWS, and remember to limit yourself to 30 lines of DX NEWS space, and please be kind enough to double space

Alex Bowab - Box 539 - Atmore, Alabama

Only veries are QSL cards from WIVI-970 and KOMO-1000. AN WYDE-850 has changed their silent period from Sunday to Monday which helps a little. Now I get WEAT-850 then but they are pitifully weak. Chuck Engdahl, add WKAB-840 to your Jimmy Fiddler list. I can't get Swan any more due to the SS which Lefty mentioned. They, as well as another SS on 860 have been very strong for the past month. Could it be that Fidel is jamming 1160 to block Swan's anti-Castro programming? DX. 11/28- Someone in English very weak on 640 after KFI s/off 3:05, possibly a CD test or CBN - sure hope it was the latter! Anyone know who? I know I was not imagining things as Willis Lewis heard it too. WDEC-1290 Americus, Ga. f/c-M with Atlanta monitor, 4:42-4:54 atop WIRL. 12/5- If WCED-1420 was on, KTOE didn't give them a chance. No dice on CBI. WBSR-1-50 increased power to 1 kw. Dec. 9 and recently went AN too. The middle of this month marks the end of my first year in the NRC and words cannot express how much I have enjoyed it and I certainly look forward to being a member for many more. I wish to thank the publisher and editors of the various sections for the fine work they have done in putting out DX NEWS as well as all those who have faithfully supported same by reporting. Let's keep the NRC and DX NEWS on top! Thanks to the Hamilton boys for the paper. It's HAMILTON all the way for '62!

Ralph M. Johanns - 11 East Chippewa Street - Buffalo 3, New York

Sunday AM 12/11 and 2 below zero for a Buffalo-low record for this date. I did a 'Pat Reilley! - no DX, but back to bed. Received from the old 1925 KFVS-960 kc/s., Hirsch Broadcasting Co., 324 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Mo. the TV and AM programs, the night and the day coverage maps and interesting folder for their new TV Ch-12 now in operation from the World's Tallest Tower, 1,676 feet, besides being on an 810-foot hill, covering a 30,000 square mile area. AM sked is 7 a.m. (Sunday 7:30* - 1 a.m. EST. They passed my report letter all around and want me to visit. This I no-can-do, for "Hamilton in '62. V/1 and coverage map by WJAK-1460 (Alex B., he did), Jackson Broadcasting Co., 416 Poplar St., f/c as listed, fourth Wed. 2:45-3 a.m., RS is 7 a.m. to SS. WATO-1290, Radio-Active in Oak Ridge, Tenn. gave this info. WATO-1490 Oak Ridge operated through 1-18-59; so did WOKE-1290, then 1/19/59 became WATO-call on 1290 kc/s. as WOKE ceased operations. Shortly after, Harry Weaver, former WOKE manager got the WOKE call letters for replacing his WHAN-1340 in Charleston, S.C. RS for WATO is 5:30 a.m. (Sunday 8)- midnight and the f/c is first Thursday 4:15-4:30 a.m. EST. To Larry Godwin: Please check my Musings for f/cs, I don't keep a separate list. CKFH-1430 is back to AN and a new one heard, WHBQ-560. They did same when they were 1400 kc/s. FVV listed ten AN stations in South America for Christmas in his 12/12/59 column, you'd better check. Heard 12/10 were CHNS-960 AN RS, then a used car marathoh AN by CHSJ on 1150 kc/s. (Hello, Eric Nelson). Their new 10 kw. has a lot of pep. WCEN had a f/c-TT there till 3:15 a.m. with faint SS station on side, then CHSJ took over, and after 5 a.m. WHUN was there. WLOK-1480 signed at 5 but WRDW held the fort. On 1490 was WMOA Marietta O. going good at 5:07 a.m. 12/9 on 960 kc/s. was WHAK Rogers City, Mich. going strong at 6:55 a.m., then WTCH Shawano Wisc. signed at 7 a.m.; WTOP-1500 was nice at 5:20 a.m. and even after KSTP signed on at 5:59. 12/8 had WHBQ AN-560, CBA was topping 1070 kc/s. using AST at 5 a.m.; WKOW on RS got in after 6 a.m. and fought with KHMO after 6:30 a.m. 12/6- Many Ontario stations gave ERs and Toronto most likely'll have movies on Sundays now. On 570 kc/s. was a clock ticking, then at 4:58, "Esta Circuito CMW" signed and gave a half dozen other station calls also. 12/5: WOKE +1340 AN. 1420 had WCED special Hunters' AN with QRM, while WFRA-1430 with same Hunters' Special AN was strong here. They most likely got an FCC permit for their 500 watts day in Franklin Pa. To all, Merry Christmas and the best for a Happy New Year.

Lefty Cooper - 438 East 21 Street - Brooklyn 26, New York

A surprise verie in from WKCW-1420 and a card sent as a thank-you, which was someone's idea in DX NEWS a few weeks back, and an idea I shall try to follow myself, and recommend others do it too for goodwill purposes. Every little helps! I doubled my intake of new stations this week over last with a tremendous total of two! 12/9- For the last three Fridays I've added a new one, and this week it was WRIP-980 on f/c-TT, very low in pitch; almost a buzz, 4:00-4:15 with Northern Lights CX prevailing still, and consequently over WTRY/CKGM/CFPL. 12/10, heard the f/c-TT of WFST-600, Caribou, Me. under 100 and over anSS for a most-wanted new one, and on a tip from my pal Kalish. Don't get, Thursday evening, 12/28, local boys, please come to my abode for a DX get-together - please let me know by card if you're coming so I'll know what to get in

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INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF XERF

* By Jim O'Brien and Lefty Cooper.

Note: During the Saturday evening business meeting, on a pre-arranged signal from Lefty, Jim O'Brien slipped out of the meeting and donned a Mexican-type shawl and a sombrero and then his wife Evelyn came up to the speakers' table, whispered in Lefty's ear, who got up, went to the banquet room doors, and welcomed - Jim O'Brien, clad as a Mexican, and introduced him, as follows, and interviewed him: E-Editor; X-XERF's "CE"

- E. How about a nice hard for the Chief Engineer of XEFF! (applause and laughter)
- X. Hello there. It is good to visit here in our primary coverage area. (He spoke with a delightful Mexican accent.)
- E. Primary Coverage Area - White Plains?
- X. Si.
- E. Just what comprises your primary coverage area?
- X. The United States and Canada.
- E. The whole United States and Canada?
- X. Except the Yukon Territory.
- E. What do I call you?
- X. Pancho.
- E. OK. Pancho - tell me - is this your first visit to New York?
- X. Si - I don't travel very much - except for an occasional visit to a mail box in Del Rio, Texas.
- E. Oh. And how did you happen to come to New York?
- X. Senor, I wanted to brush up on my Spanish. Senor, while I am here, I may arrange with your Meester Edge to put on a DX program from XERF.
- E. He isn't here, Pancho - he's in the hospital on leave from the Police Department.
- X. Senor Edge is a policeman?
- E. Yes.
- X. I theenk we had better forget the whole theeng.
- E. Does XERF have any network affiliation, Pancho?
- X. Come again, please?
- E. Network connections.
- X. Si - we belong to the Fidel Castro Pan American Network. Every chance we get we pan American. Ha ha - Mexican joke, senor. (goes into loud laughter)
- E. Control yourself, Pancho.
- X. I get so tired of jokes about Mexico like fair today and hot tomale, and the drunk who was known as the souse of the bordar, and stuff.
- E. Tell me, Pancho - is XERF directional?
- X. Si.
- E. Which way?
- X. Oh, senor - in many ways.
- E. Tell me - let's put it this way - which direction does XERF protect?
- X. Oh - we protect Mexico.
- E. From what?
- X. About ten thousand commercials. Oh senor - we have a problem.
- E. Oh - may we help you with it?
- X. We received a report in Spanish the other day.
- E. So what's the problem?
- X. Nobody at XERF can read it.
- E. But you seem to have a Spanish accent - how about you?
- X. Ho ho senor - I cannot read!
- E. Tell me now Pancho - what's the furthest XERF has been heard?
- X. Well the other day we got a letter signed by the Devil himself!

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- E. You got a letter from the Devil?
- X. Si. He said we had a Hell of a signal.
- E. Tell me seriously now - do many people listen to XERF regularly?
- X. They listen to us every night here in the Westchester County Mental Hospital.
- E. Do they enjoy your programs, senor?
- X. Si; they are crazy about them.
- E. About your all night announcer.
- X. Si?
- E. You know, the one who yells, "Send \$2.98 today to XERF, Del Rio, Texas?"
- X. Si.
- E. The guy who sells the shot guns -
- X. Si.
- E. And the urine analysis -
- X. Si.
- E. He's pretty good. What's his name?
- X. Cy.
- E. Cy?
- X. Si.
- E. Tell these people, Pancho, what your frequency is.
- X. What is my frequency?
- E. Yes.
- X. (laughing) Oh senor, no one has asked me that since Professor Kinsey passed our way twelve years ago.
- E. Now tell us, Pancho - don't you fellows ever get a new sponsor?
- X. Oh si - we have a new one this week - a Cuban Drug Company - they make Castro Oil. But we are very much annoyed at some of your Gringo American stations that use our 1570 spot.
- E. Oh?
- X. Si; some of them come on with those silly frequency checks with those high-pitched ~~XXXX~~ whistles while we are trying to sell shot guns and bibles and things.
- E. You know about this?
- X. So - some of our listeners hear that whistle and thknk we are selling peanuts.
- E. Oh come now, PAUNCHO. (tickââs his stomach)
- X. That's PANCHO!
- E. Sorry - natural mistake.
- X. Si, they think we are selling peanuts. You see, some of our listeners are not too smart.
- E. I can readily understand that.
- X. We even got a letter from Ernest GOOBER in Brooklyn.
- E. But where are most of your listeners located?
- X. We have so many listeners in Texas we are going to start using the slogan, "Forget the Alamo."
- E. Where have you gotten some of your better DX reports from?
- X. Senor, we got one the other day from an Irishman in Jamestown.
- E. Oh really?
- X. No - Reilly. And we got a letter from a Jiminy Crickets in San Diego.
- E. (laughs) And who else?
- X. We got one from a Rods Royce in Indianapolis.
- E. Are you sure that wasn't from our own David Roys? Better get his name straight or maybe he won't like you.
- X. I got news for you, Gringo - he don't like us anyhow. I like his friend there much better. As your Patrick Henry once said, "Gimme Liberty."
- E. Have you ever heard from a fellow by the name of Larry Godwin?
- X. Oh si - that's the guy who went all the way to Alaska to get away from our signal. Ha - but we still came in loud and clear!

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XERF INTERVIEW WITH "CE" (3)

- E. I take it then that he's not exactly an XERF Fan Club member.
- X. I don't teenk so - he even suggested we change our frequency.
- E. To what?
- X. 150 kilocycles.
- E. Say - once in a while we note XERF not on the air during the early morning hours. What's the trouble when this happens?
- X. Some months we do not make too much money and we cannot pay the electric bill.
- E. Like they say, who's minding the store while you're away?
- X. Vot? (with a Jewish accent).
- E. Don't step out of character now, Pancho - we're almost finished. I mean, who's running XERF while you're on vacation?
- X. Oh - now I have you. Fidel Castro.
- E. Fidel Castro?
- X. Si; he's the only one with as much power as we have.
- E. Tell us about your antenna.
- X. It is two towers, senor - 300 feet tall.
- E. Where did you get them - from Collins, or RCA, or Truscan, or where?
- X. It was quite simple, senor - we saved green stamps. They are usually guarded by two wild Chihuahua dogs.
- E. (laughs) Wild Chichuahua dogs? What makes 'em wild?
- X. We feed them some of the stuff we advertise over XERF.
- E. Is there much crime in Mexico, Pancho?
- X. No more than anywhere else. We had a big bank robbery the other day before I came up here. They are looking for a bank teller who is five feet eight inches tall and three thousand pesos short.
- E. What is the big national holiday in Mexico, senor?
- X. Pancho Villa Day - not his birthday, you understand, but the anniversary of his first stick-up. We have a big fiesta - you know - a fiesta - that's a bazaar with hot peppers. He and ten cabaleros attacked a railroad station and got 100 centavos, a used time table, and ten cases of Doctor Peppers.
- E. Well now, that's about all the time we have, senor, so won't you tell us, in closing, what you think of the National Radio Club?
- X. What I teenk of the National Radáo Club?
- E. Uh Huh.
- X. That is easy, senor - (gives loud razberry).
- E. And thank you so much, Senor Pancho, Chief Engineer of XERF!

"POST ROAD" NOTES (from Pat Reilley)

Stanbury was not in attendance this year. It was too far to come by Buffalo.

Pat Reilley refrained from talking about tall corn this year as he couldn't compare the size as he went East instead of West.

When Reilley arrived home, he spent 15 hours in bed, too late hours in White Plains and too early getting up. Burned candle at both ends.

Sunday night, the management put the DXers in a big soundproof room cans and all.

In spite of Larry Godwin's riding horseback to get verie from KOIL, he didn't get it.

Felt sorry for Stan Morss. No Dr. Pepper in or around White Plains this year.

Neither Seth nor Reilley got any sleep on the NYCentral trains, as both talked each other awake.

Lefty Cooper was all out of breath. He came in short pants.

Because of mail slowness and no stencils in from Fred, an sending out what I have here. The following with apology to Lefty.

GRANTS FOR NEW AM STATIONS

From ELECTRONIC NEWS

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| 980 | _____ | Winnsboro, So Car - 500-D-DA - Robert H. Epperson |
| 1250 | _____ | Winnsboro, So Car - 500-D - Fairfield Broadcasting Co Inc |
| 1250 | _____ | Twentynine Palms, Calif - 1000-D - Hi-Desert Brdg Corp |
| 1250 | _____ | Ogden, Utah 1000-D - Executive Broadcasting Co |
| 1290 | _____ | Port Angeles, Wash- 1000-D-DA Port Angeles Radio Inc. |
| 1300 | _____ | Laredo, Texas 500-D Southwestern Operating Co |
| 1350 | _____ | Blackshear, Georgia 500-D Collins Corp of Georgia |
| 1480 | _____ | Watertown, So Dak 1000-D Paul D. Bernards |
| 1550 | _____ | Yauco, Puerto Rico 250-ULtd Ponce Broadcasting Corp |
| 1580 | _____ | Hammonton, N.J. 250-D Hammonton Broadcasting Co |
| 1600 | _____ | Columbia, Miss 500-D Fortenberry Enterprises. |

- 950 CKBB Barrie Ont evidently now using their power increase as they are now topping everything on that freq here (Edge-NY)
- 1230 KANA Anaconda, Mont Auth to S/off at 2130 till 1/30/60 (Brdg)
- 1290 WGLI Babylon, N Y went 24 hours as of 12/12/60 (Broadcasting)
- 1590 WGTC Greenville, No Car now ULTD 5Kw-D & 1KW-N (Broadcasting)

Here is a Box Score of AM Stations as published in Brdg 12/12/60

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| AM Stations, licensed, all on the air | 3483 |
| AM Stations, CPs only, ON the air | 43 |
| AM Stations, CPs ONLY, NOT on the air | 106 |
| Total AM Stations authorized | 3632 |

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| Applications for new AM Stations in hearing. | 186 |
| Applications for new AM Stations NOT in hearing | 621 |
| Total applications for NEW AM Stations | 807 |

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Well the "Ole Has Been" finally took time out for a little DXing. On 12/12 landed 3. KTOE-1420 on AN Mon show; WRRR-1330 on F/C which was announced as reg monthly and heard 0330-0400 and finally Radio Trinidad on 730. Then on 12/15 it was WKLZ-1470 on listed F/C; KTOC-920 also on listed F/C. WTR0-1330 on an ET. Then in PM of the 14th caught CKBB-950 topping everything including the usual WWJ both days and nights. Also on same evening tuned to 1280 and founf CJMS topping everything there even WVET-CHIQ and WADO. Only trouble there was, everything in French. Wonder if WDAK-540 is still an AN as I heard then on with F/C on 12/12 and after they had finished CBK was un-molested, this from 0130-0145. 12/12 KFDF-1580 was hrd on F/C but weak and only one ID heard so will try again next month, this was from 0145-200. Still loads of easier ones to be reported and expect to get more in the next couple weeks while I am still on vacation. The 1939 - 23 tube Scott is still working awfully good, for example during daylight hours can tune in Owen Sound, Ont on 560 kcs with our local WGR blasting away on 550 kcs. My only complaint is that I am inclined to believe that our 50Kw WKBW at times does some over modulating. To me the "XERF" of the US. By the way here are some F/Cs heard as listed but not needed here; 2nd MON WHTC-1450 and WGGO-1590, both TT; 2nd WED WKLZ-1550 and KTOC-920, these latter reported. Tø Godwin. Still no reply from my card to KVMA asking their F/C sked, so do not know if it was a reg or not. Well thats it for this time and dont forget to listen both the AMs of the 25th and 26th for those French and Latin American stations who seem to broadcast religious programs.