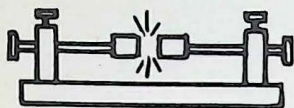
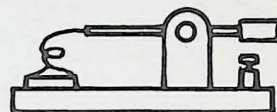


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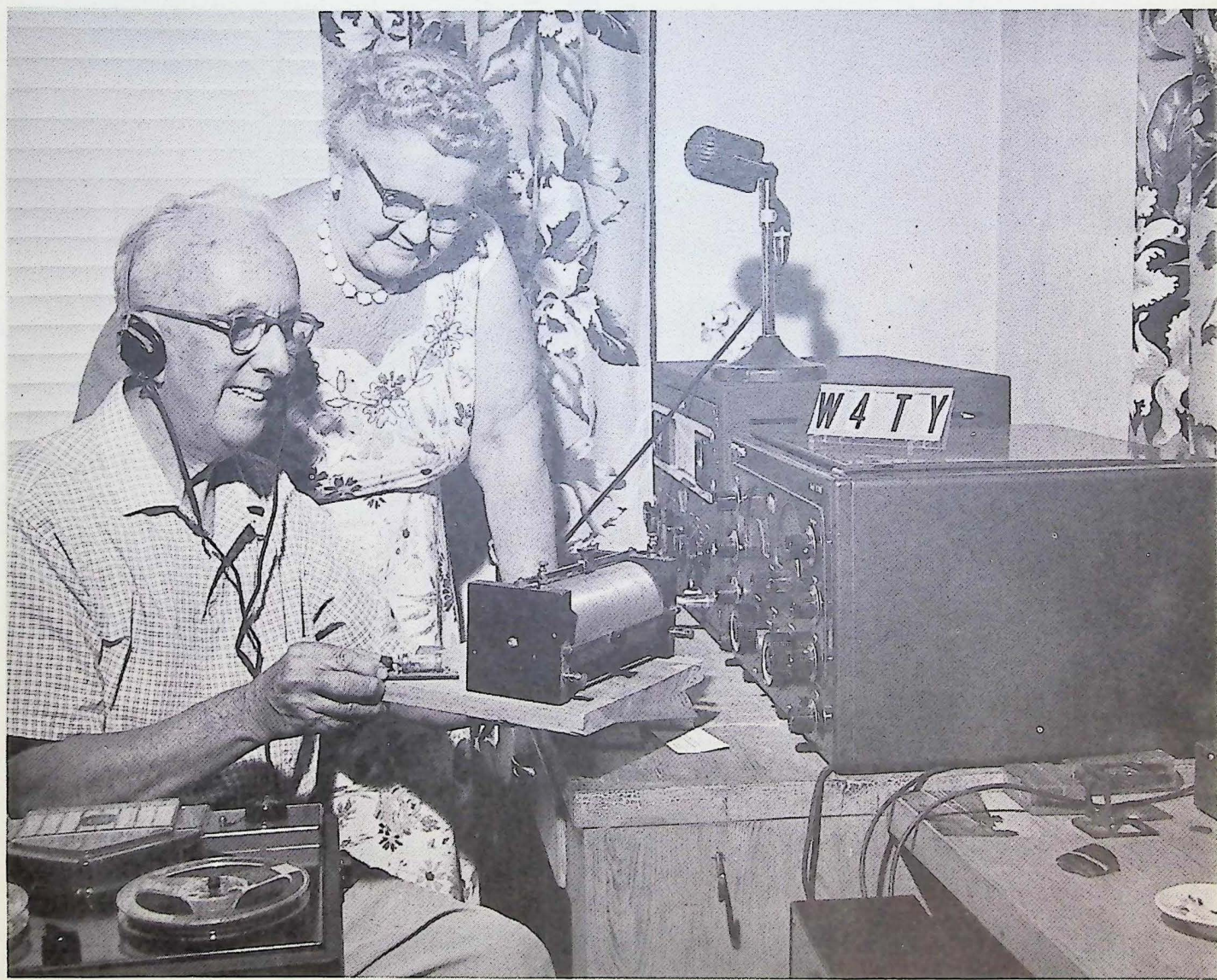
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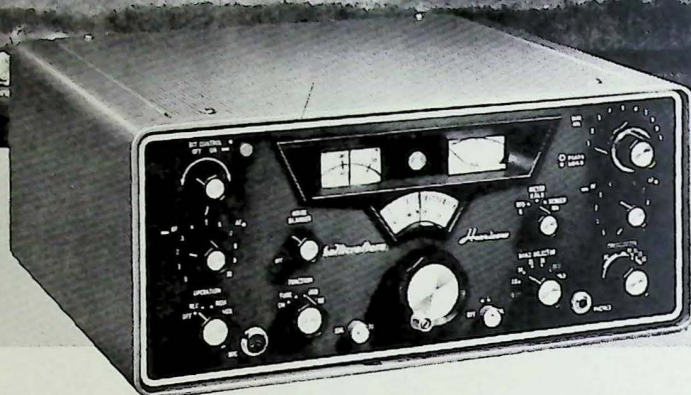
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OUR COVER PICTURE

BOB AND EDWINA FENIMORE, AMATEUR RADIO STATION, W4TY, ST. PETERSBURG,  
FLORIDA, DEMONSTRATE TO VISITORS A 1908 VINTAGE 2 SLIDE WIRELESS  
TUNER, WITH CRYSTAL DETECTOR AND HEAD PHONES AS COMPARED TO A RADIO  
AMATEUR RECEIVER OF 50 YEARS LATER.



## EDITORS OPINION

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A 50 YEAR IDENTIFICATION PIN FOR THE MEMBERS HAS REPORTED THEIR WORK FINISHED AND YOUR PRESIDENT HAS PUT IT IN CIRCULATION AMONG THE DIRECTORS. THIS COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF FRANK SHANNON, W3QR, K4GT; ED RASER, W2ZI; AND ANDY SHAFER, W8TE. THANKS VERY MUCH GENTLEMEN FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND WE ARE SURE SOMETHING SENSIBLE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE DIRECTORS. OUR THANKS ALSO TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO COOPERATED BY SENDING THEIR COMMENTS AND IDEAS TO THE COMMITTEE. AMONG THESE WERE WILLIAM THOMAS, W3RV; KARL KRECH, W3BS; REGINALD CARLES, W1NR; HAROLD DINGER, W3KH; HARTLAND WILDER, VE2SF, AND OTHERS.

YOCB-II REGRETS TO REPORT (BELATEDLY) THAT PAUL G. WATSON, W3BO HAS BECOME A SILENT KEY. PAUL WAS A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR TO "SPARK-GAP TIMES". WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO GET SGT GOING ON A NEW FOREMAT WE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ABOUT HIS TUBE COLLECTION. WE GOT THE MATERIAL FOULED UP BADLY WHICH WAS VERY DISTRESSING TO PAUL. HE CALLED US ON THE LAND-LINE AND WANTED THE ISSUE SQUELCHED BUT IT WAS TOO LATE AS IT HAD BEEN MAILED ALREADY TO THE MEMBERS. PAUL WAS AN ARDENT COLLECTOR OF VACUUM TUBES AND WILLED HIS MARVELLOUS COLLECTION (ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD) TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE. THE ARTICLE ABOUT THE COLLECTION APPEARED IN THE APRIL 1964 ISSUE OF SGT. PAUL WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN FOR HIS COLLECTION IN THE INSTITUTE CARRIES HIS NAME.

OUR FINE SECRETARY HAS BEEN BADGERED AND BESIEGED WITH INQUIRIES ABOUT THE BLUEBOOK. SHE HAS DONE HER BEST TO ANSWER THE MANY MEMBERS BUT THE MATTER IS NOT IN HER HANDS. FIRST LET ME SAY THIS, THAT IF YOU HAVE PAID IN YOUR THREE DOLLARS FOR THE BLUE BOOK YOU WILL EVENTUALLY GET THE BLUEBOOK OR YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED. HAVING BEEN THE BLUEBOOK EDITOR FOR THE FIRST EDITION WHICH WAS PRODUCED IN 1962 AND 1963, YOCB-II KNOWS WHAT A MOUNTAINOUS TASK IT IS TO PRODUCE THE BLUEBOOK. STARTING FROM SCRATCH IT TOOK  $1\frac{1}{2}$  YEARS FOR US TO GET IT OUT AND WE ONLY HAD ABOUT 300 MEMBERS AT THE TIME. YOCB-II WAS STILL THE BLUEBOOK

EDITOR WHEN CLINE, W4PPZ, OUR BELOVED PRESIDENT WENT S.K. IT WAS THEN THAT THE PRESIDENCY, THE "SPARK-GAP TIMES", THE BLUEBOOK WERE ALL IN OUR LAP. REALIZING THAT "SPARK-GAP TIMES" MUST BE CONTINUED AT ANY COST WE ASSUMED THE ACTING EDITORSHIP OF IT TEMPORARILY. INCIDENTALLY WE HAVE NEVER FOUND ANYONE WHO WOULD ASSUME THE EDITORSHIP. OUR TIME BEING CLAIMED BY SPARK-GAP TIMES WE HAD TO LET THE BLUEBOOK SLIDE AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1964 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO FIND ANOTHER BLUEBOOK EDITOR TO TAKE OUR PLACE. YOCB-II MOANED AND GROANED SO MUCH ABOUT THE BLUEBOOK THAT ROB-ROY, W8HR, TOOK PITY ON US AND VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE OVER THE BLUEBOOK. BY THIS TIME THE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH OF OOTC WAS VERY HEAVY AND ROB-ROY NEVER HAS QUITE CAUGHT UP WITH THE GROWTH. ROBIE HAS TO WORK FOR A LIVING AND AS A RESULT JUST HASN'T HAD THE SPARE TIME TO QUITE FILL THE GAP. IT WOULD COST ABOUT \$3000 TO HAVE THE BLUEBOOK DONE BY A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING AGENCY AND WE DOUBT IF THEY COULD DO IT. ROBIE VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT GRATIS, THE EDITING AND THE PRINTING, AND WITH THE 425 INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP, TWO YEARS ISN'T TOO LONG FOR THE JOB. BESIDES WE HAVEN'T \$3000 TO SPEND ON THE BLUEBOOK. IF THE TRUE COST OF THE BLUEBOOK WAS PAID BY MEMBERS, INSTEAD OF \$3.00, IT WOULD BE \$10.00 OR \$12.00 AT TODAY'S PRICES. PLEASE BE PATIENT GENTLEMEN! THE BLUEBOOK IS ON THE FIRE - COOKING - AND IF ANYBODY HAS AN IDEA HE CAN GET IT OUT ANY MORE QUICKLY THAN ROBIE (AND WILL PRINT IT GRATIS) THEN STEP RIGHT UP AND YOU'LL BE PROMPTLY ELECTED BLUEBOOK EDITOR & PUBLISHER SO QUICKLY IT WILL MAKE YOUR HEAD SWIM. YE OLDE COPY BOYE II WAS TOLD THAT THE CLUB HAD BEEN WAITING SOME TWELVE YEARS FOR A BLUEBOOK (AND HAD THREE OR FOUR BLUEBOOK EDITORS) BEFORE HE GOT OUT THE FIRST EDITION. PEACE BE WITH YOU!

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW EUNICE, W1MPP, IS THE FINEST SECRETARY A CLUB EVER HAD. WE THOUGHT EARL WILLIAMS WAS THE FINEST, BUT WE WERE WRONG. EUNICE IS PERFECT, AND WE SAID PERFECT, AND MEANT IT. SHE HAS WHIPPED THE OOTC RECORDS INTO SHAPE AND HER LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH HAS TAKEN LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF HOURS IS THE (CONTINUED)



## EDITOR'S OPINION CONT'D

MOUNTAINOUS TASK OF STRAIGHTENING OUT THE TANGLED RECORDS OF SGT. FURTHERMORE SHE DELIVERED A FINE MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS SHE CALLED IT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WE WERE NOT INCORPORATED. CHARLES MAHONEY, WITN, HAD APPRAISED HER OF THIS FACT. WE IMMEDIATELY WROTE MSGR MAHONEY, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE R.I., MASS., AND SUPREME COURT BARS, TO PROCEED WITH THE INCORPORATION OF OOTC. THIS HE AGREED TO DO AS HE INFORMED YOUR PRESIDENT BY LAND-LINE.

WE TOLD EUNICE SHE IS TOO GOOD FOR US OLD GUYS IN OOTC, TOO METICULOUS, TOO CONSCIENTIOUS. THIS ISN'T TRUE, HOWEVER, AND THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT PUT FORTH BY HER AND KEN IN OUR BEHALF IS DEEPLY, VERY DEEPLY, APPRECIATED. NOTHING IS TOO GOOD FOR THE OOTC.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO MAKE THE JUNE ISSUE, BUT WHILE IT IS A BIT STRONG IN SPOTS IT REPRESENTS THE THINKING OF MANY OF OUR MEMBERS. HARTLAND, WE HOPE YOU HAVE COOLED DOWN A BIT BY NOW! THIS LETTER IS A MASTERPIECE!

YOCB-II - BERT - W4MF

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APRIL 20, 1966

DEAR BERT:

I THOUGHT THE APRIL ISSUE WAS THE BEST YET, BUT I AM MAD, YES DAMN MAD IN FACT GOSH DARNED MAD. WHO WANTS TO WEAR A GOLD PLATED TIN MEDAL THE SIZE OF A HALF DOLLAR. YES AND IT WILL HAVE RED, BLUE OR YELLOW ON IT. ARE WE MEN OR ARE WE CHILDREN, PERHAPS SOME ARE TRYING TO DUPLICATE THE SOUTH AMERICAN DICTATORS WITH THEIR CHEST FULL OF MEDALS AND RIBBONS.

WE WANT SOMETHING SMALL AND IN FACT HARD TO SEE. YOU SHOULD HAVE TO PUT ON YOUR BI-FOCALS TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW OLD, OLD TIMER.

TO ME THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE IS A DOUBLE NEGATIVE, WHICH MAKES IT A POSITIVE. WHY SHOULD IT START WITH No. A BAR WOULD BE A LOT BETTER IN MY THINKING.

THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION. I WAS GOING TO SAY, WHO KNOWS WHAT THE SEAL IS?, BUT I FINALLY FOUND ONE. I AM ENCLOSING TEN BUCKS, BUT IF YOU SEND ME ANYTHING THAT

SIZE, I WILL CUT IT IN HALF AND SEND IT BACK TO YOU. LET US BE PRACTICAL AND EACH SEND EUNICE \$10.00 OR WHAT WE CAN SPARE AND LET HER CHOOSE THE DESERVING CHARITY TO SEND IT TO. MY CHOICE WOULD BE THE SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN. AND YES THIS INCLUDES THE WHOLE 700+ OF US NOT JUST THE 50 YEAR BOYS. EVERYBODY IS ENTITLED TO GET THEIR 50 YEAR PIN BY PROXY BY THIS METHOD.

THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION. YES UNDER MY SYSTEM THE PRICE COULD BE HIGHER. YOU CAN SEND EUNICE A LOT MORE THAN \$10.00. IN FACT, AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TO.

THE FOURTH RECOMMENDATION REALLY GOT MY GOAT. WHAT PIONEERING DID WE DO, MOST OF US DID NOT INVENT ANYTHING. WE JUST FOOLED AROUND WITH EASY TO MAKE APPARATUS AND ENJOYED OURSELVES. THE ENGINEERS OF TODAY IN ELECTRONICS HAVE A LOT MORE DIFFICULT PIONEERING TO DO THAN WE EVER DID.

THE U.S.A. IS OUR WORST CUSTOMER. THE BALANCE OF TRADE IS ALL IN YOUR FAVOR. PERHAPS IF I MAKE YOU MAD ENOUGH YOU WILL CUT US OFF ALL TOGETHER. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT BLESSING FOR THEN WE WOULD GET BUSY AND MAKE OUR OWN REQUIREMENTS AND I AM THE ONE THAT CAN DO IT FOR I AM HALF AMERICAN AND HALF CANADIAN. MY MOTHER CAME FROM HARTLAND, VERMONT. I WILL EVEN ATTEMPT TO MAKE YOU MAD ENOUGH SO YOU WILL TAKE US OVER. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT BLESSING IN SOME RESPECTS.

BY THE WAY, I HAVE A SUGGESTION. IN THE BRITISH NAVY DURING WW1 EVERY TIME YOU WERE TORPEDOED OR BLOWN UP YOU WERE ENTITLED TO A CHEVRON FOR YOUR SLEEVE. I WAS ENTITLED TO THREE BUT NEVER SENT IN FOR THEM. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL FARCE. SOME OF THE BOYS HAD CHEVRONS FROM THEIR CUFF TO THEIR ELBOW AND EVEN HIGHER. WELL MY SUGGESTION IS THAT AT 50 YEARS YOU START ADDING CHEVRONS TO YOUR SLEEVE. EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER YOU ADD ANOTHER CHEVRON. I AM SURE THAT SOME OF US WILL END UP WITH CHEVRONS DOWN BOTH ARMS AND ACROSS THE BACK. IS THIS WHAT THE COMMITTEE WANTS. WELL GO TO IT BOYS, BUT LEAVE ME OUT.

I HOPE THIS LETTER MAKES EVEN YOU MAD BERT. I EXPECTED BETTER GUIDANCE FROM OUR PRESIDENT. BE WAITING FOR YOU ON THE BORDER WITH MY BOW AND ARROW. 73,  
HARTLAND WILDER, VE2SF  
364 GLENGARRY AVE., MONTREAL 16, QUE.



## FINANCES

FLASH! SPARK GAP TIMES SHOWS PROMISE OF BREAKING EVEN

A THORO OVERHAUL OF THE SGT MAILING LIST WAS COMPLETED IN MAY. A POST CARD SHOWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION STATUS WAS SENT IN JUNE. REGARDLESS OF STATUS, EVERYONE ON THE LIST IS TO BE SENT THE 8-66 ISSUE.

WITH SILENT KEYS TO KEEP TRACK OF, NEW MEMBERS BEING ADDED EVERY WEEK, MEMBERS MOVING WITHOUT NOTICE, REQUESTS FOR ADDRESS CHANGES, UNDELIVERABLE COPIES COMING BACK EVERY WEEK, THE MAILING LIST FUNCTION HAS BECOME SO COMPLEX THAT SOME FIRM NEW RULES MUST BE MADE.

NO. 1. WHENEVER A COPY COMES BACK MARKED UNDELIVERABLE THAT SUBSCRIBER'S ADDRESS PLATE WILL BE MOVED TO THE IN-ACTIVE SECTION AND SGT WILL STOP.

NO. 2. IF YOU REQUEST YOUR ADDRESS BE CHANGED, REQUIRING THE MAKING OF A NEW PLATE, A FEE OF 50¢ MUST BE SENT.

NO. 3. IF YOU HAVE TWO ADDRESSES, YOU MUST REMIT WITH YOUR NEXT RENEWAL 50¢ ADDITIONAL FOR THE EXTRA PLATE.

COMPLICATIONS ARISE WHERE MEMBERS REQUEST SGT BE MAILED TO VARYING ADDRESSES. AS THE MAILING DATE OF EACH ISSUE CANNOT BE ACCURATELY FORECAST AND AS NO MEMBER CAN BE SURE OF THE PRECISE DATE HE WILL ARRIVE AT OR DEPART FROM A GIVEN ADDRESS, SOME COPIES ARE RETURNED BY THE POST OFFICE 8¢ OR 10¢ COLLECT MARKED UNDELIVERABLE. SUBSCRIBERS SHOULD LEAVE FORWARDING ADDRESS AND MONEY WITH EACH POST OFFICE CONCERNED, TO PREVENT HIS ADDRESS PLATE FROM GOING "INACTIVE".

CANADIANS, OR OTHERS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY SHOULD REMIT IN U.S. FUNDS OF THE EQUIVALENT AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE EXCHANGE RATE AND CHECK COLLECTION CHARGES.

DESPITE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PUBLISHER WHO PRINTS SGT BELOW COST THE MAGAZINE IS ISSUED AT A LOSS. WITH THE ABOVE RULES IN EFFECT AND THE DISTRIBUTION LIMITED TO ACTUAL SUBSCRIBERS THE LOSS GAP WILL BE CLOSED. A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF SUBSCRIBERS ARE PAID YEARS AHEAD BUT THESE PREPAYMENTS, INCLUDED IN THE SURPLUS, ARE ACTUALLY CONTINGENT ASSETS.

FEW MEMBERS APPRECIATE THE SWEAT AND STRAIN EXPENDED TO GET OUT EACH ISSUE. EDITED IN TENNESSEE (OR CALIF), PRINTED IN OHIO, ADDRESSED IN MAINE, SENT BACK TO ANOTHER OHIO PLACE FOR MAILING, HARDLY EVER HAS SO MUCH WORK BEEN DONE BY SO FEW FOR SO MANY. HERE'S THE JUNE DISTRIBUTION:

MAINE	23	MISS.	4	WISC.	5
N.H.	9	LA.	30	MO.	8
VT.	9	TEX.	12	NEB.	2
MASS.	70	OKLA.	2	KANS.	1
R.I.	10	ARK.	3	N.D.	2
CONN.	14	N.M.	2	S.D.	1
N.Y.	71	CALIF	75	IOWA	6
N.J.	41	ARIZ.	5	MINN.	4
PENNA.	25	NEV.	1	COLO.	2
MD.	14	IDA.	1	ALASKA	1
DEL.	5	MONT.	2	P.R.	2
D.C.	9	WASH.	7	MEXICO	3
VA.	8	ORE.	3	CANADA	12
N.C.	3	WYO.	1	ENGLAND	1
GA.	4	OHIO	21	AUSTRIA	1
ALA.	2	MICH.	11	BELGIUM	1
FLA.	37	W.VA.	1	ARGENT.	7
TENN.	7	ILL.	18	INDIA	1
KY.	1	IND.	4	TOTAL	625

THE ROSTER OF MEMBERS? MAILING LIST CORRECTIONS, TAKING PRECEDENCE, TOOK OVER 100 MAN HOURS. ROSTER PRODUCTION WILL TAKE ANOTHER 125 M.H. A COPY WILL BE ENCLOSED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF SGT. IT'S HOPED SPACE IN EACH SUBSEQUENT ISSUE WILL BE DEVOTED TO ROSTER CHANGES. EVEN THEN NEVER EXPECT ACCURACY BETTER THAN 90%. TOO MANY MOVING WITHOUT NOTICE, UNREPORTED S.K.'S., NEW MEMBERS, ETC.

CRITICS MAY SAY: "CENTRALIZE YOUR OPERATIONS!" MOST OF THESE CRITICS ARE LIKELY TO LIVE IN THE POPULOUS STATES OF CALIF., N.Y., MASS., N.J. AND FLA. WITH AN AGGREGATE MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 275 OR 40%. YET MEMBERS IN THAT GROUP OF STATES ARE DOING LESS THEN 2% OF THE WORK. THE REAL VITALITY OF OOTC SPRINGS FROM THE WEAKER STATES. HOW COME? 'NUF SED.



## HOW THEY ARE PAYING DEPARTMENT

Here is the chance to look at ourselves in a figurative mirror. Last year-and a notice was sent to all members showing 60% not paying for Spark Gap Times. People unable to pay were asked to send as little as ten cents as a contribution against the cost of production. No dimes came back, but there was a mighty uprising of subscription money as witness table below:

Paid into 1975 -	1	Paid through 1966	98
Paid into 1973 -	1	Expiring in 1966	82
Paid into 1971 -	3	Expired in 1965	33
Paid into 1970 -	12	No pays	107
Paid into 1969 -	22	Complimentary	16
Paid into 1968 -	45	TOTAL	643
Paid into 1967 -	223	Percent no pay	16.6%

What a formula! Mebbe we ought to ask for more dimes next Christmas.

Now don't get too excited when you see that surplus in the June 30, 1966 Balance Sheet. Of that surplus is \$1300 reserved, representing advance SGT payments. The trend is upward and in a few months will be around \$1500. Exactly that sum is in a bank account earning 5%. So we are "cushioned" in part against future production costs. It is a sort of trust fund. Don't try to tap it.

1965 expirees and "no pays" total 140. We expect half of them to pay. So in theory the circulation will drop by year end to 573. But, about 70 new subscriptions are expected before then. So the circulation should hold around 643. Steady, boys.



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AUGUST 1966

PAUL G. C. MORTON

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OLD TOWN, MISSOURI

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OOTC GETS OUT OF KNEE PANTS

BACK AT SO-CALLED "HEADQUARTERS" A LEDGER CARD, AS ILLUSTRATED IN THIS ISSUE, SHOWS HOW THE SECRETARY KEEPS TRACK OF YOUR REMITTANCES. THIS IS THE NEXT BEST THING TO BEING FINANCIALLY FINGER-PRINTED, BUT NOT QUITE AS SOPHISTICATED AS THE MODERN IBM CARD. WE MAY BE BIG ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY THAT RECORDING TECHNIQUE BY 1980.

BACK IN THE 50's, THE DARK-AGES OF OUR ORGANIZATION, MANY OF THE RECORDS SEEMED TO BE KEPT ON CUFFS OR SCRAPS OF PAPER. THE LAUNDRY AND THE REFUSE COLLECTOR ULTIMATELY TOOK ITS TOLL ON THESE PRIMITIVE POSTINGS, LEADING TO MANY BLIND SPOTS IN OOTC HISTORY.

NEARLY 50% OF REMITTANCES COMING IN FROM MEMBERS HAVE TO BE SPLIT UP AND ALLOCATED TO DIFFERENT PURPOSES. THIS IS QUITE A CHORE, COMPLICATED THE MORE BY SOME REMITTANCES WHICH ARE PART CHECK, PART CURRENCY, PART COINS AND PART STAMPS. WE HAVE YET TO HANDLE THE FIRST SUBWAY SLUG, THANK YOU. SO FAR NOT A SINGLE RUBBER CHECK; AGAIN TNX.

ONE ANGLE HARD TO GET ACROSS; ALTHO WE'VE SAID TIME AND AGAIN "MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE ONLY TO OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB" ABOUT HALF THE CHECKS COME IN MADE OUT TO EUNICE RANDALL THOMPSON. FORTUNATELY WE DEAL WITH A COUNTRY BANK WHICH IS FLEXIBLE ON THESE DEPARTURES FROM THE NICETIES OF FINANCE. WHAT A TESTIMONIAL TO THE INTEGRITY OF THIS OFFICER! OUT OF THE MASS OF CRITICISMS WE COULD EXHIBIT NOT A SINGLE ONE SUGGESTS ANY HINT OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

TO SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE OF TRYING TO BREAK  
THE CODE ON THE LEDGER CARD WE PRINT IT TO  
HELP YOU, AND THE NEXT SECRETARY, OR COURSE.

6A MEMBERSHIP FEE  
6B SGT SUBSCRIPTION  
6C BLUE BOOK  
6D 1913 CALL BOOK  
6E E.I. Co. CALL BOOK  
6F LAPEL PIN

6H STICKERS  
6G LETTERHEADS  
6J AWARD FEE  
6K SGT EXTRAS  
6M DONATION  
6N POSTAGE PAYMT.

WHEN A REMITTANCE COMES IN FOR SPARK GAP  
TIMES IT IS PLUNKED RIGHT DOWN UNDER 6B AND  
THE DATE OF EXPIRATION FOLLOWING THIS PAY-  
MENT, IS POSTED INNEXT TO LAST COLUMN.



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EUNICE R. THOMPSON  
OOTC  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

## EXPENSES

APRIL 7, 1966	WHITING'S, DOVER, N.H. (2 ACCOUNT BOOKS)	\$ 2.50
" 12, "	ROB-ROY (PRINTING APRIL SGT - INCLUDES POSTAGE)	264.76
" 12, "	CARDINAL PRINTING COMPANY (1000 LETTERHEADS - SECRETARY 11.10 1000 SECOND SHEETS 11.90 2 CARD BOARD FILES 8.00 500 #90 ENVELOPES 39.25 TAX 1.90)	49.35
" 30, "	EUNICE R. THOMPSON (TELEPHONE TO DATE 11.25 CBO-WL-PRINTER) NO TAX AVAILABLE (5 MARKET PENS 2.35) (POSTAGE 24.80)	38.40
		<u>\$355.01</u>

APRIL 30, 1966

SOUTH PARIS SAVINGS BANK	\$1010.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	3216.39
INCOME NOT DEPOSITED	<u>46.60</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	\$4272.99

PLAN TO PUT \$1500 IN A 5% 90 DAY NOTICE BANK - HAVE WRITTEN FOR SIGNATURE CARDS.



## LETTERS

MAY 12, 1966

YOCB-11:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE COPY OF DECEMBER 1965 SPARK-GAP TIMES, WHICH I HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

NOR DID I KNOW OF THE ARTICLE ABOUT DR. MAHLON LOOMIS WHICH IT CONTAINS, NOW I AM GLAD THAT I MENTIONED ITS NON-ARRIVAL.

AS USUAL IT IS A BEAUTIFUL EDITION AND AS INTERESTING AS EVER, I WOULD NOT MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, WHERE I GAVE THE TALK AT THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM, OLD TIMERS NIGHT, MAY 7 1966, IN THE (THEIR) THEATRE, ILLUSTRATED WITH SOME 28 LANTERN SLIDES AND AN ATTENDANCE OF SOME 350 RADIO AMATEURS.

WHILE THERE, ON SUNDAY MAY 8TH, THEY DROVE THE MRS. AND MYSELF OVER INTO WINDSOR, CANADA, AND AROUND THROUGH VARIOUS TOWNS FOR A NUMBER OF HOURS. THIS BEING OUR FIRST TRIP TO CANADA WAS ENJOYED VERY MUCH.

DRIVING BACK HOME TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WE ENCOUNTERED 2 INCHES OF SNOW IN EASTERN OHIO AND 3 INCHES IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. THE FIELDS, ROADSIDE, HOUSE TOPS, AND PARKED AUTOMOBILES WERE COVERED WHITE IN A FAIRYLAND OF WINTER ON MAY 9TH, 1966. VERY UNUSUAL WEATHER.

AGAIN, MANY THANKS, BERT, AND MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

VERY SINCERELY,

THOMAS APPLEBY, W3AX

5415 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 15, D. C.

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MAY 18, 1966

YOCB-11:

I AM SORRY FOR MY TARDINESS IN ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE FIFTY YEAR AWARD WHICH JACK DUNN, AWARDS CHAIRMAN OF OOTC, SO KINDLY SENT ME.

JACK SAID HE HOPES IT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY OLDER. WELL, REALLY, IT DOESN'T! I JUST FEEL VERY PROUD.

MY VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FELLOWS FOR THE FINE JOB YOU ARE DOING.

SINCERELY,

BILL HALLIGAN

5TH & KOSTNER AVENUES  
CHICAGO 24, ILLINOIS

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MAY 1, 1966

DEAR BERT:

WELL I ARRIVED BACK HOME AGAIN AFTER TWO WEEKS IN THE EAST. I WENT TO THE ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BOSTON AND THEN UP TO MAINE TO VISIT AN UNCLE LIVING THERE IN CORNISH. BOY YOU CAN HAVE THAT COUNTRY TO LIVE IN. I WOULD NOT LIVE BACK IN THAT NECK OF THE WOODS FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA.

WE HAD A VERY FINE SET-UP AT THE CONVENTION. HAD A NICE BOOTH ALL SET-UP. WALT ROGERS BROUGHT THE BANNER IN AND WE HUNG IT AND THEN WE HAD A REGISTRATION BOOK. GOT ABOUT 150 SIGNATURES THEREIN AND FROM THE LOT WE WILL HAVE ABOUT 15 NEW APPLICATIONS. I SIGNED UP LEO MEYERSON AND GOT HIS CHECK FOR THE MEMBERSHIP FEE. HE IS ELIGIBLE IF YOU COUNT THE TIME HE DID A LITTLE BOOTLEGGING. WANTED TO GET HIS NAME ON AS MEMBER AS WE CAN GET A PAGE AD FROM HIM SAME AS BILL HALLIGAN AND MOSELY. BELIEVE WE CAN GET ENOUGH ADS EVENTUALLY TO PAY FOR THE SGT IN THAT WAY WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO SQUEEZE EVERYONE FOR THE \$2.50 EACH YEAR.

BILL MCKEE, WALT ROGERS, MYSELF AND ABOUT 20 OTHERS HAD A MEETING AND ALL AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A PUBLICITY MAN APPOINTED IN EACH CALL DISTRICT TO SOLICIT ADS FOR THE SGT AND GIVE THE CLUB A LITTLE PUBLICITY. BILL MCKEE WILL WRITE YOU ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CONVENTION SO I WILL NOT GO INTO THAT END.

EUNICE AND KEN THOMPSON DROVE DOWN SUNDAY AND WE HAD A LONG CHAT WITH EUNICE. I WAS GOING UP TO HER PLACE TO VISIT BUT COULD NOT GET TRANSPORTATION FROM PORTLAND, MAINE. SHE IS QUITE A GAL AND IS DOING ONE HECK OF A SWELL JOB AS SEC-TRES. OF THE CLUB. KEN IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIS LEGS AND DOES NOT DRIVE VERY MUCH. EUNICE TOOK CUSTODY OF THE BANNER WHEN WE FOLDED UP THE BOOTH AND  
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IN THAT WAY SHE CAN SEND IT AROUND TO THE OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY MAY WANT TO HAVE AN OOTC BOOTH AT A CONVENTION.

CONTACTED RAY MEYERS THIS A.M. ABOUT THE EDITORSHIP OF SGT AND HE SAYS THAT HE WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT BUT HAD SEVERAL QUERIES ABOUT THE JOB AND WANTED TO CONTACT YOU DIRECT AS I COULD NOT GIVE HIM AN ANSWER TO THEM. PERHAPS YOU CAN CONTACT HIM ON 14.295 SSB IN THE A.M. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO GET ON OR WRITE HIM DIRECT REGARDING THE MATTER. WITH THE NEW SET-UP OF HAVING THE SGT MAILED FROM OHIO IT SHOULD SAVE A LOT OF MONEY IN FREIGHT EXPENSES. I DID NOT GET THE NAME OF WHO WAS GOING TO DO THE MAILING BUT UNDERSTOOD IT WAS SOMEONE NEAR ROB ROY'S PLACE. WE HAD COLD WEATHER AND RAIN ALL THE TIME I WAS EAST AND RAIN UP TO OKLA CITY ON THE WAY BACK. THAT TRIP IS NO GOOD FOR THE OLE FOLKS. MY LEGS WERE AND ARE STILL ALL SWOLLEN UP FROM SITTING TOO MUCH. HAD SNOW ALONG THE ROAD GOING TO SEE MY UNCLE IN CORNISH. HAD TO PERSUADE MY COUSIN TO DRIVE ME UP THERE AS THEY HAVE NO BUS RUNNING THERE. TOOK ALL THE TRAINS OFF AND ALSO THE BUSES. THAT SNOW SCARED ME. I HAD TO ASK MY COUSIN WHAT IT WAS, HI.

FROM MY OBSERVATIONS AT THE CONVENTION THE OOTC BOOTH WAS QUITE A BIG ATTRACTION FOR THE 4500 PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE. WE HAD ERNIE HENDERSON UP TO SIGN THE BOOK AND HE THOUGHT IT REAL NICE. TOOK SOME PIX OF IT. HERB HOOVER GOT HIS NAME DOWN ALSO AND SEVERAL OF THE OTHER BIG-WIGS. WE GOT ED HANDY OF ARRL IN AS AN APPLICANT. SOON WE WILL HAVE ALL THE BIG BRASS OF ARRL AS MEMBERS. QCWA HAD A DESK NEXT TO OUR BOOTH BUT NOT AS MUCH ACTIVITY AS OUR BOOTH. STEARNS POOR WAS THERE BUT HE WAS ACTIVE WITH QCWA AND NOT WITH OOTC.

GUESS THAT IS ABOUT ALL THE NEWS FROM THIS SIDE OF THE BIG HILLS. YOU WILL PROBABLY HEAR FROM BILL MCKEE WITH ALL THE DETAILS OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE MEETING. HOPE YOUR NEW JOB IS GOING OK AND TAKE IT EAZY.

73's,  
J.D.-

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MAY 20, 1966

YOCB-11:

HERE IS THE STORY ON JOE WHICH I THINK YOU WILL ENJOY.

THE MAIN THING I-M TRYING TO POINT OUT, IN ADDITION TO HIS BACKGROUND, IS THAT HE CAN BE WORKED VERY EASILY TODAY FROM ANY PART OF THE UNITED STATES BY ANYONE WITH REASONABLE EQUIPMENT AND THEY WILL ENJOY IT. JOE DOES THIS NOT IN SPITE OF HIS ADVANCED YEARS, BUT BECAUSE OF IT. I THINK HE SETS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US.

SINCERELY,

T. FRANK SMITH, W5VA AND W5AI  
Post Office Box 840  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS  
88's L. MARY

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MAY 7, 1966

DEAR EUNICE:

I HAVE HAD YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 19 FOR SOME TIME TRYING TO GET THE REQUIRED MATERIAL OFF TO YOU. HOPE TO AIR MAIL IT IN A WEEK. SORRY FOR THE DELAY. WANTED TO BE SURE YOU DID NOT THINK I WAS NOT INTERESTED.

ALOHA AND 73,  
FORD KING  
4338 KAHALA AVENUE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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MARCH 9, 1966

W1MPP:

Tnx OOTC SEALS.

HAVE BEEN SO BUSY ON SHERIFF PATROL THAT UNABLE TO DEVOTE REQUIRED TIME TO THE FORTH-COMING EXAM.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT AN APPLICATION BLANK TO MR. FORD KING, I SUGGEST YOU SEND HIM A LETTER AND APPLICATION.

HE WAS AN AMATEUR HERE IN 1906, SIGNED FK YEARS BEFORE THERE WERE IMPOSSIBLE CALL COMBINATIONS.

73's BY THE BASKETFULL,  
DICK J.  
LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA



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MAY 19, 1966

DEAR BERT:

AM MAILING OUT THE LAST OF THE 50-YEAR SEAL AWARDS FOR THE CLASS OF 1916. I ALSO HAVE FIFTEEN OF THE 60-YEAR SEALS TO MAKE UP AND MAIL RIGHT SOON.

I BELIEVE THAT A NOTICE SHOULD BE PUT IN SGT, IT IT HAS NOT ALREADY GONE TO PRINT. "ALL OF THE 50-YEAR SEAL AWARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THOSE ON RECORD. IF ANYONE HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED PLEASE CONTACT THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN, P.B. (JACK) DUNN, 18123 MARILLA ST. NORTHRIDGE, CALIF. 91324, AND YOUR AWARD WILL BE MAILED. SOME OF THE AWARDS AS WELL AS THE SGT ARE RETURNED FOR IMPROPER ADDRESS. IF THESE AWARDS AND THE SPARK GAP TIMES ARE SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO YOU TO BE RECEIVED, PLEASE SEND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. (A 4-CENT POSTCARD WILL DO,) TO THE SECRETARY WITH YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS IN ORDER THAT SHE MAY HAVE A CORRECT RECORD. LACK OF COOPERATION IN SUPPLYING THE SECRETARY WITH YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS PLACES A HEAVY BURDEN OF PAPER WORK ON HER AND SHE HAS A HEAVY LOAD OF WORK AS IT IS NOW. THANK YOU."

WHEN I TALKED TO EUNICE IN BOSTON, MASS. SHE EXPLAINED TO ME WHAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK IS INVOLVED IN GETTING THESE RECORDS FIXED UP SO THAT THERE IS SOME SEMBLANCE OF ORDER TO THEM AND IF A LITTLE FIRE IS BUILT UNDER SOME OF THOSE WHO DO NOT REALIZE THE BIG JOB AND WONDERFUL JOB THAT EUNICE IS DOING, PERHAPS IT MIGHT MAKE HER WORK A LITTLE EASIER.

I HAVE 15 OF THE 60-YEAR AWARDS TO MAIL OUT, AS I SAID BEFORE, AND I WILL GET THOSE OUT JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WEATHER HERE HAS BEEN NICE AFTER THAT COLD-RAINY WEATHER BACK EAST AND I HAD TO GO BACK THERE TO CATCH A BAD COLD. IT IS MUCH BETTER NOW THAT I GOT BACK IN THE SUNSHINE AND BOILED IT OUT.

IF RAY MEYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE EDITOR-S JOB, EUNICE SAYS THERE IS SOMEONE UP IN MAINE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT. SHE DID NOT MENTION WHO IT WAS. BERT, WE HAVE SEVERAL ATTORNEYS IN THE MEMBERSHIP AND I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE APPOINTED AS THE OFFICIAL LEGAL COUNCIL FOR THE ASSOCIATION. SOMEONE OF THEM SHOULD HAVE A FEW MINUTES SPARE

TIME TO GIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP. IT WOULD NOT TAKE HARDLY ANY TIME TO ANSWER A BIT OF CORRESPONDANCE REGARDING QUERIES FROM MEMBERS.

GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW JOB, WHICH APPEARS TO BE A BIG ONE, AND TAKE IT WAY EAZIE.

73,  
JACK DUNN

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FEBRUARY 16, 1966

DEAR BERT:

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 14TH AND FOR THE KIND WORDS ABOUT THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE, AND LITTLE ENOUGH, COMPARED TO YOURSELF AND MANY OTHERS, TO KEEP OUR ILLUSTRIOUS ORGANIZATION GOING.

AFTER REVIEWING SOME OF THE EARLIER WRITINGS IN SGT AND OTHER PLACES RELATIVE TO THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE AND TO PERPETUATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF-PIONEERS IN ALL FIELDS OF WIRELESS AS WELL AS AMATEUR, I HAVE BEGUN TO WONDER IF MAYBE WE HAVE PROPOSED TOO NARROW A NAME BY INSERTING THE NAME AMATEUR. HOWEVER, IF OTHERS FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT IT AND VOICE THEIR OPINION TO THAT EFFECT I WOULD HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THEM.

I THOUGHT BY THIS TIME ROB-ROY WOULD HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH YOU, AND CONVEYED MY COMMENTS. I APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE IN MY POTENTIAL TO DO THE JOB, AND SHALL BE HAPPY AND HONORED TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT. I PRESUME IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT I WOULD PERFORM THE TASK ON THE NEXT ISSUE OF SGT. I AM AVAILABLE FOR IT AND AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING HEALTH THAT YOU EXPECT AT YOUR AGE AND FOR THE STRESS YOU UNDERGO. WE ALL APPRECIATE THE EXTRAORDINARY JOB YOU AND ALL THE OFFICERS ARE DOING.

73,  
ANDREW L. SHAFER, W8TE  
315 N. ADAMS STREET  
NEW CARLISLE, OHIO

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YOCB-11:

THE BOSTON NATIONAL ARRL CONVENTION WENT OFF VERY WELL. IT WAS VERY CROWDED BUT THE HOTEL HANDLED THE 4500 PLUS GUESTS FAIRLY WELL.

WALT ROGERS, W1DFS, WHO IS ONE OF OUR GOOD MEMBERS WHO LIVES NEAR BOSTON, DID A VERY FINE JOB WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR OOTC BOOTH. WE HAD A FEW HUNDRED FREE COPIES OF SPARK GAP TIMES TO GIVE OUT TO THE BETTER PROSPECTS ALONG WITH AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF OUR INTRODUCTORY LETTERS. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST SHOWN BY BOTH YOUNG AND OLD. OUR BOOTH WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE MAIN SECOND FLOOR LOBBY ALONG WITH THE QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION BOOTH AND THE ARRL BOOTH. THE NEW BANNER WAS SET OFF VERY NICELY BY SOME SPECIAL BUNTING FRAMED AROUND IT AND DOWN THE SIDES AND OVER THE TABLE BELOW IT. SOME PICTURES WERE TAKEN AND I AM SURE THEY WILL BE SENT IN FOR THE RECORD. WE ALSO HAD A BIG REGISTER BOOK ON THE TABLE WHICH IS VERY INTERESTING. CHUCK McAULEY, W1KJ, AND VICE PRESIDENT JACK DUNN, W6WPF, DID A VERY FINE JOB KEEPING A VERY CONSTANT WATCH AT OUR BOOTH AND HAD A PLEASANT HANDSHAKE FOR HUNDREDS OF INTERESTED VISITORS.

AT THE OOTC MEETING HELD SUNDAY MORNING THERE WERE ABOUT 30 MEMBERS PRESENT. MANY OTHER MEMBERS SHOULD OR COULD HAVE BEEN THERE BUT THERE WAS A LITTLE CONFUSION ABOUT THE TIME AND PLACE. IT WAS POINTED OUT AT THE MEETING THAT OUR MAIN CURRENT PROBLEM WAS FINANCIAL, SO WE WENT TO WORK WITH A FEW IDEAS. IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE MISSING A GOOD BIT OF PAID ADVERTISING. I TOLD THE GANG THAT WE HAD ALREADY BEEN OFFERED A COUPLE OF PAGES OF ADVERTISING FROM A COUPLE OF PROMINENT MANUFACTURERS WHO HAD VISITED WITH US ON THE PREVIOUS DAY. THESE WOULD BE NEW ACCOUNTS IN ADDITION TO OUR PRESENT STANDBY ACCOUNTS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS ONE ADVERTISING SOLICITOR BE APPOINTED FOR EACH CALL AREA AND THAT THEY WORK THROUGH A VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THIS NEW DEPARTMENT. CALLS COULD BE MADE WITH CONTACTS MADE OVER THE AIR OR IN PERSON. IF WE COULD GET SIX NEW ACCOUNTS AT FIFTY DOLLARS PER PAGE IT WOULD PULL US OUT OF THAT PROBLEM OF COST,

PRINTING UP SPARK GAP TIMES.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE AT THE OOTC MEETING:

1. THAT A NEW CLUB PIN BE DESIGNED MORE LIKE THE EMBLEM ON THE SEALS. THE PRESENT PIN IS NOT TOO SUGGESTIVE OF ANYTHING THAT WOULD CREATE PUBLIC INTEREST.
2. THAT THE NEW PROPOSED QSL CARDS BE MADE AVAILABLE SOON.
3. THAT YEARLY BILLS FOR SPARK GAP TIMES BE SENT OUT IN BILL FORM IN AN ENVELOPE SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED.
4. THAT MORE CURRENT MEMBER INFORMATION AND PICTURES BE USED IN SPARK GAP TIMES. SOME MEMBERS PRESENT THOUGHT THAT WE DEALT TOO MUCH IN ANCIENT HISTORY AND IT MIGHT BE WELL TO MIX IN A LITTLE MORE OF THE CURRENT WORLD.
5. THAT A MEMBER IN EACH CALL AREA BE APPOINTED TO COLLECT NEWS OF THAT AREA WHICH MIGHT PERTAIN TO OOTC MEMBERS AND SEND IN A REPORT FOR EACH ISSUE. MAKE IT OF A PERSONAL INTEREST STORY BASIS SO THAT WE CAN KEEP UP MEMBERSHIP INTEREST.
6. THAT A CONVENTION CHAIRMAN BE APPOINTED TO HANDLE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS OF ANY LARGE FUTURE CONVENTIONS.
7. THAT IF NECESSARY TO DISTRIBUTE THE WORK LOAD OF GETTING SPARK GAP TIMES OUT - PUBLISH THE MAGAZINE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. (IN MY OPINION, THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY IF WE CAN GET THAT PAID ADVERTISING.)

EUNICE THOMPSON, W1MPP, ARRIVED LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON. JACK DUNN AND I TALKED OVER SEVERAL LITTLE PROBLEMS WHICH WE WILL BRING UP AT A LATER DATE AS EUNICE DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH TIME TO SPEND WITH US. IT SEEMS THAT A FEW OF OUR MEMBERSHIP ARE GIVING HER A BAD TIME. WE MADE EUNICE CUSTODIAN OF OUR FINE NEW BANNER.

THE SPIRIT OF THE GROUP HELPED MAKE OUR PART OF THE CONVENTION A BIG SUCCESS AND I WAS VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT. I THINK THAT THIS WAS OUR FIRST BIG TRY AT A NATIONAL CONVENTION AND IN MY OPINION IT GAVE US A GREAT DEAL OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, AND WE GAINED MANY NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

I TRUST THAT ALL IS GOING WELL IN THE NEW JOB.

73,  
BILL MCKEE, JR., W1KC  
240 MORELAND STREET  
WORCESTER, MASS.



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APRIL 15, 1966

DEAR KEN & EUNICE:

HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN AGES, BUT I PRESUME YOU ARE BUSY. YOU SURE DO A WONDERFUL JOB ON THE OOT OBLIGATIONS, VICISITUDES AND EMOLUMENTS.

THAT STORY OF "OLD GLORY" IN THE APRIL SGT, BY CHARLIE ELLSWORTH, WAS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO ME. I STOOD RIGHT THERE AND TOOK PICTURES OF THE TAKE-OFF. IT WAS A PECULIAR THING. I HAD A COTTAGE IN OLD ORCHARD, IN FACT I WAS RIGHT THERE WHEN LINBURG VISITED JONE'S AIRPLACE HANGER WITH THE "SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS".

THE STRANGE THING ABOUT THIS OLD GLORY BUSINESS, IS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE VENTURE AND STOOD A LITTLE WAY OFF IN THE CROWD. THEY STARTED THE THING AWAY UPBEYOND PINE POINT. THE QUESTION WAS, COULD THEY GET IT IN THE AIR BEFORE HITTING THE OLD ORCHARD PIER. THEY DID, BUT I WOULD SAY IT WAS LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A MILE AWAY WHEN THEY SUCCEEDED IN RISING UP ENOUGH TO KEEP FROM HITTING IT. WE ALL STOOD THERE WHILE THEY HALFCIRCLED AND HEADED OUT OVER THE OCEAN - TO OBLIVION, AS WE LATER LEARNED.

OF COURSE CHARLIE ELLSWORTH WAS THERE WITH THE MEN BESIDE THE PLANE, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT AND HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS WITHIN A THOUSAND MILES. I HAVE A PICTURE I TOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE IN SGT.

HAROLD CASTNER  
DAMARISCOTTA, MAINE

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APRIL 25, 1966

DEAR EUNICE:

KINDLY ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED BY COL. F. J. SHANNON CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEN AND/OR "PIONEERS", AS THE CASE MAY BE.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE IS ALREADY, OR WE ARE APPROACHING, A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "PIONEERS" AND 50-YEAR MEN, AND THAT, AS THE YEARS PASS,

THIS DIFFERENCE WILL BECOME GREATER.

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, THE STATUS OF "PIONEER" SHOULD BE BASED ON EITHER HAVING OBTAINED A LICENSE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRED IT IN THE YEAR 1912 (AMATEURS LISTED IN THE 1913 GOVERNMENT CALL BOOK, WHICH WAS THE CRITERION USED BY THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT HONORED PIONEERS AT THE TIME OF THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF LICENSING IN 1962) OR SOME ALTERNATE CRITERION THAT WOULD REQUIRE PROOF OF HAVING OWNED AND OPERATED AN AMATEUR WIRELESS SENDING AND RECEIVING SET PRIOR TO 1913 (1910, IF YOU WISH). THE LATTER CRITERION IS SUBJECT TO SOME UNCERTAINTIES AND DIFFICULTIES OF PROOF.

"50 YEAR AMATEURS" WILL BE INCREASING YEAR BY YEAR (EQUIVALENT IN 1966 TO STARTING IN 1916). THEY MIGHT BE CLASSIFIED AS "PIONEERS" BUT I THINK THAT IS STRETCHING A BIT AND CERTAINLY EACH YEAR WILL BE STRETCHING A BIT MORE.

WHY NOT HAVE A DISTINGUISHING EMBLEM FOR "PIONEERS" AND, IF NECESSARY, A DIFFERENT PIN FOR "50 YEAR AMATEURS"? I BELIEVE THE PIONEERS WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE.

AS FOR CALLING THE ORGANIZATION "PIONEERS OF AMATEUR WIRELESS", IN VIEW OF THE 40 YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT, OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE CLASSIFYING PIONEERS AS AMATEURS WHO STARTED IN 1925. I THINK THIS IS A BIT BEYOND THE PERIOD OF "PIONEERING". IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO KEEP THE PRESENT NAME AND HONOR THE PIONEERS BY CALLING THEM THE "PIONEERS OF THE OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB" OR MAKING THEM HONORARY MEMBERS. (I WOULD BE GLAD TO PAY MY DUES EVEN AS AN HONORARY MEMBER.)

SINCERELY YOURS,  
KARL G. KRECH, W3BS  
51-2 REVERE ROAD  
DREXEL HILL, PA

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APRIL 17, 1966

DEAR EUNICE:

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE DELAY BUT HAVE BEEN SO VERY BUSY THAT SOMETIMES AMATEUR RADIO JUST MUST PLAY SECOND FIDDLE.

HOWEVER, DO WISH TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE PACKET AND ALL ITS CONTENTS ARRIVED SAFE (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)



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AND SOUND TOGETHER WITH YOUR LETTER OF WELCOME. MANY THANKS AND I AM INDEED HAPPY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB.

I RECEIVED MY FIRST COPY OF SGT AND WAS VERY PLEASED WITH IT SO NATURALLY AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE ISSUES. I THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION TO WRITE A STORY FOR SGT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE BUT THIS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE PRESSURE OF BUSINESS SUBSIDES TO SOME DEGREE. AS A MATTER OF FACT THIS AFTERNOON IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE HAD THE RIG ON THE AIR SINCE MARCH 12TH AND THAT IS UNUSUAL FOR ME SINCE I AM ALMOST ALWAYS ON EVERY WEEKEND.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT OOTC Round TABLE EACH THURSDAY EVENING AT SIX BUT UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T GET OUT FROM NEW YORK CITY UNTIL AFTER 2400GMT EACH EVENING AND AT THE PRESENT TIME I DO NOT HAVE AN ANTENNA THAT WILL PERMIT OPERATION ON THE 80 METER BAND. IF AS AND WHEN THAT COMES TO PASS AND I CAN MEET THE TIME TABLE I WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO JOIN YOU ALL.

I SURE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING MY COPY OF THE BLUE BOOK, SO MOVE OVER ON THE EDGE OF THAT CHAIR AND MAKE ROOM FOR ME. HI.

THANKS MUCH FOR EVERYTHING.

73,  
ROBERT HEUBERGER, W2NWE  
458 WEAVER STREET  
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK 10538

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APRIL 3, 1966

DEAR BERT:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TWO MEMOS REGARDING THE PICTURES YOU REQUESTED. ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND TWO WHICH YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE, THEY WERE TAKEN A FEW YEARS AGO BUT ARE THE LARGEST ONES OF MYSELF THAT I CAN FIND.

AS YOU KNOW I HAD A STROKE  $4\frac{1}{2}$  YEARS AGO BUT HAVE RECOVERED FAIRLY WELL AND ON THE AIR REGULARLY. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MY NAME HAS ONE "B" (WEBER), HOPE YOU WILL CORRECT SAME. THE TAPE WILL BE SENT (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)

TO YOU AS SOON AS I CAN RECORD IT.

73's AND GOOD LUCK,  
C. W. WEBER, M.D.  
401 STATION AVENUE  
LANGHORNE, PA.

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APRIL 28, 1966

YOCB-11:

TNX FOR PIX SGT RECEIVED 27 APRIL.

WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR YOU WERE IN THIS VICINITY APRIL 3-8. IF I HAD KNOWN IT, I WOULD CERTAINLY MADE A TRIP ACROSS THE BAY TO SAY HELLO AT LEAST.

USED TO DO A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH THE WESIX COMPANY YEARS AGO--WATER HEATERS AND THE LIKE FOR NAVY SHIPS.

SHOULD YOU COME OUT AGAIN PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND WE WILL BE MORE THAN GLAD TO ARRANGE A VISIT. WE ARE 17 MILES NORTH OF S.F. OVER THE GG. BRIDGE. WITH SINCERE BEST WISHES,

73,  
DICK  
LARKSPUR, CALIF.

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APRIL 26, 1966

YOCB-11:

FOLLOWING MY LETTER OF MARCH 27, HERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL VIGNETTE OF HAM'S FOR YOUR POSSIBLE USE.

HAVE SENT YOU, NOW, A TOTAL OF SEVEN, HOPE THEY WILL BE OF USE.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EDIT, LENGTHEN, SHORTEN, BLUE-PENCIL, OR KILL ANY OF THEM, OM.

MY ORIGINAL IDEA OF THE VIGNETTE'S WAS THAT THEY MIGHT CONCEIVEABLY BE OF USE AT TIMES YOU MIGHT RUN SHORT OF MATERIAL FOR SGT.

73,  
M. L. (MIKE) LAMSON, W1GU  
WEST ROCKPORT, MAINE 04865

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APRIL 23, 1966

DEAR EUNICE:

THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE AN EXCELLENT REPORT IN LAST ISSUE OF SGT AND ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NAME OF "PIONEERS OF AMATEUR WIRELESS".

I WAS NOT AN EARLY COMMERCIAL OPERATOR BUT I FEEL THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OOTC IS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE EARLY AMATEURS SO WE SHOULD NOT IN THE NEW NAME INFER THAT OOTC IS MADE UP OF AMATEURS ONLY. FOR THIS REASON, I SUGGEST WE DELETE THE WORD AMATEUR USING, INSTEAD, "WIRELESS PIONEERS" OR "PIONEERS OF WIRELESS".

THE PRESENT NAME OF OOTC DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NAME OF EARLY ACTIVITY SO IS NOT SIGNIFICANT TO THOSE WHO HEAR THE NAME OOTC.

AS THE TERM WIRELESS WAS SUPERCEDED BY RADIO, MANY YEARS AGO, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO USE "EARLY WIRELESS PIONEERS".

BEST 73,  
THORN MOYES, W6AX  
21120 SULLIVAN WAY  
SARATOGA, CLIF.

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MAY 4, 1966

YOCB-11:

"THE WAY TO HELL IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS!" I MEANT TO WRITE YOU LONG AGO, BUT ONE THING OR ANOTHER HAS INTERFERED: I WON'T BORE YOU WITH THE DETAILS!

HAVE JUST RECEIVED 73, FOR MAY AND THOSE FELLOWS SURELY DID A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN SOME OF THE OTHERS, BUT THEY MISSED THE BOAT ON A LOT OF STUFF, WHICH I THOUGHT THEY COULD HAVE USED FOR BUILDING CIRCULATION.

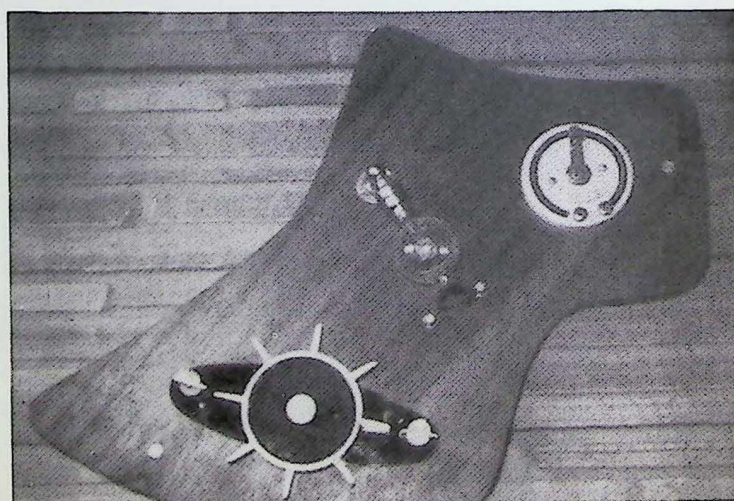
BY THE WAY, SOME OF THE PHOTOS WHICH I SENT TO YOU ARE THE ONLY COPIES I HAVE. WILL YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM AND LET ME HAVE THEM WHEN YOU FINISH WITH THEM.

ON MY LAST VISIT WITH RALPH BARBER, WHO, AS YOU KNOW, IS IN THE HOLLY PATTERSON HOME FOR THE AGED, AT UNIONDALE, L.I., N.Y. I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT, MENTALLY, HE IS VERY MUCH ON THE BALL.

EXCEPT FOR TWO FELLOWS, FROM THE NORTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND, NO ONE HAD VISITED HIM, PRIOR TO MY VISIT. HE IS LUCKY, IN HAVING A PRIVATE ROOM - ONE OF VERY FEW, IF NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THE HOSPITAL, WHICH IT IS, THOUGH MASQUERADING UNDER THE "HOME" NAME. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO WALK AND HE CAN NOT BATHE HIMSELF. HE IS VERY LONESOME. THE DEAL HE MADE WITH THE HOME TAKES HIS PENSION, SOCIAL SECURITY AS WELL AS EVERYTHING ELSE HE MIGHT HAVE, SO HE IS ACTUALLY ALMOST PENNYLESS. I HAVE MENTIONED THIS AT SEVERAL OF THE MEETINGS, DOWN HERE, WHERE I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK. VISITING HOURS ARE 2 - 4 P.M. AND HE SMOKES CAMELS. BY THE WAY, MY VISIT WAS THE DAY BEFORE BILL HARRISON PUT ON HIS BIG SHINDIG, AT WHICH I DID A BIT OF BROADCASTING ABOUT RALPH AS WELL AS OOTC.

I HAD EXPECTED TO DO SOMEWHAT THE SAME THING AT THE BIG ORLANDO "HAMFEST" LAST SATURDAY, BUT EARNED "A" FOR EFFORT. A BUM KNEE HAS KEPT ME IN BED MOST OF THE TIME FOR THE PAST TEN DAYS. A FRIEND, FROM PUNTA GORDA, WA4IYG, MAURY ASH, VOLUNTEERED TO RUN ME UP IN HIS PRIVATE AMBULANCE AND I HAD BORROWED A WHEEL CHAIR FROM LEO HODGEMAN, W4LEU, TO USE UP THERE. YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE THE RECEPTION HE GOT FROM MY "BRIDE", WHEN HE ARRIVED, DRIVING A HEARSE!

73,  
ART H. LYNCH  
2878 VALENCIA WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33901



NICE PLAQUE OF "LES" BENSONS, WØZB. 1916 BUNNELL RHEOSTAT, 6 VOLT DEFOREST AUDION TUBE (1906); 8 STUD BENWOOD ROTOR (1919).



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BUENOS AIRES, FEBRERO 16, 1966

SEÑOR  
PRESIDENTE OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB  
C. BERTRAM OSBORNE, W4MF  
1608 HIXSON PIKE  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37405  
U.S.A.

QUERIDO BERT:

POR LA PRESENTE TENEMOS EL AGRADE DE PRESENTAR A NUESTRO DECANO  
HONORARIO DEL CENTRO DE RADIO VETERANOS DE ARGENTINA, CNEL. ING. RICARDO  
MARAMBIO, LU9BG, DE VIAJE EN LOS E.E.U.U. POR MISION OFICIAL DEL GOBIERNO  
ARGENTINO.

EL CNEL. MARAMBIO ES ADEMAS PRESIDENTE DE VARIAS SOCIEDADES  
RELACIONADAS CON LA RADIO AMATEUR LU Y UNA DE SUS MAS DESTACADAS FIGURAS,  
POR SU LARGA Y BRILLANTE ACTUACION.

MUCHO AGRADECEREMOS CUALQUIER CORTESIA QUE LE PUEDA DISPENSAR  
DURANTE SU ESTADA EN E.E.U.U., SIN OLVIDAR QUE ESTA EN CONDICIONES DE SER  
TAMBIEN MIEMBRO DEL OOTC.

CON LOS MEJORES 73'S LE SALUDAMOS FRATERNALMENTE.

/s/ AUGUSTO E. OSORIO-LU2AO  
SECRETARIO

/s/ GRAL. ESTANISLAO LOPEZ-LU7AB  
PRESIDENTE





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## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

BANGALORE, INDIA  
MAY 10, 1966

BY KIND FAVOR OF T. FRANK SMITH  
W5VA/W5AI OOTC #348  
AND LOVELY MARY.

DEAR EUNICE:

WHEN I LEFT ON VACATION TO THE HILLS OF SOUTH INDIA, ON APRIL 14TH, I CARRIED WITH ME A VERY BEAUTIFUL TOKEN OF REMEMBRANCE. IT WAS INDEED EXTREMELY KIND OF YOU TO HAVE TAKEN SPECIAL TROUBLE AND THOUGHT, THAT THE GREAT BIG NEWS OF MY MEMBERSHIP TO THE OLD OLD TIMERS' CLUB, WOULD ALSO COINCIDE WITH MY 68TH BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 11TH 1966. THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR YOUR CONGRATULATORY TELEFAX VIA WESTERN UNION (I THANK W5VA, PER ERT) - AND YOUR FOLLOW-UP LETTER OF GREETINGS OF APRIL 12TH.

I HAD A BIG BUNCH OF LETTERS AWAITING ME ON MY RETURN FROM MY BIG-HEARTED BUDDY T. FRANK SMITH AND HIS SECRETARY LOVELY MARY. IT WAS SENSATIONAL NEWS FOR ME, WHEN YOU FLASHED THE HAPPY TIDINGS OF MY TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO YOUR WORLD FAMOUS ORGANIZATION THE OLD OLD TIMERS' CLUB. I WILL BE ITS ONLY MEMBER IN INDIA! THIS SIGNAL HONOR WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE BUT FOR THE UNSTINTED HELP FROM MY GOOD FRIEND AND PAL - FRANK SMITH. IT NEVER DID OCCUR TO ME THAT I WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP, IF IT WERE NOT FOR FRANK'S KINDNESS. WE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING REGULAR WIRELESS SCHEDULES, TWICE DAILY, GOING ON TO TWO YEARS NOW, WITH VERY FEW MISSES. FRANK CERTAINLY RADIATES A BIG SIGNAL INTO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WITH HIS 6-ELEMENT TELREX "MONARCH".

KINDLY THANK PRESIDENT C. BERTRAM OSBORNE, W4MF FOR APPROVING MY APPLICATION AND FOR SIGNING MY DIPLOMA TO OOTC No. 695. PLEASE ALSO CONVEY MY GRATEFUL THANKS TO VICE-PRESIDENT AND AWARDS CHAIRMAN JACK DUNN, W6WPF, FOR THE 50 YEAR AWARD. IT ONLY NOW REMAINS TO CEREMONIOUSLY UNVEIL THE DIPLOMA, AND 50 YEAR STICKER ON VU2JA SHACK WALL, TO REST THERE AND ADMIRE, UNTIL GOD WILLS OTHERWISE. . THE OOTC LAPEL PIN IS CERTAINLY A VERY ATTRACTIVE SET-UP. IT IS GOING TO CAUSE

SOME RAISED EYE-BROWS AT THE NEXT LOCAL HAM GET-TO-GETHER!

THANK YOU FOR MY FIRST ISSUE OF SPARK GAP TIMES, OF APRIL 1966. THE STORIES IN IT BRING BACK HAPPY MEMORIES OF THOSE OLD OLD SPARK DAYS. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS A FEELING OF SADNESS FOR THOSE PIONEERS OF AMATEUR WIRELESS, WHO HAVE PASSED ON BEFORE US, BUT THEIR GOOD DEEDS, FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR WIRELESS, WILL LIVE FOREVER.

LONG LIVE THE OOTC - LONG LIVE SGT.  
WITH KIND REGARDS TO YOU ALL.

SINCERELY,  
JOE A. FAITHFUL  
VU2JA

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FORD KING, 4338 KAHALA AVENUE, HONOLULU,  
HAWAII - 96815.

BORN OCTOBER 3, 1890. RETIRED FROM TIDEWATER OIL COMPANY AT HONOLULU IN 1955. FIRST WIRELESS TELEGRAPH SIGNALS RECEIVED 1905 AT SAN FRANCISCO FROM MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD - "TG" - 23 MILES. DETECTOR - NEEDLE ACROSS TWO SHARPENED MOTOR BRUSHES. SHORT TRANSMISSION PERIOD AROUND SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WITH SPARK COIL IN 1908. CALL FK. THEREAFTER UNTIL PRESENT - 61 - YEARS - A "LISTENER" ON ALL VOICE SHORT WAVE BANDS.

IN 1908 RECEIVED SIGNALS AT SAN FRANCISCO FROM "HU" - SHIP TO SHORE STATION ON OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - 2392 MILES - WORKING ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY OIL TANKER ROSECRANS - "BM" - 800 MILES OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO ON ELECTROLYTIC DETECTOR.

PRIOR TO 1912 THERE WAS ACTIVITY ON THE PACIFIC COAST BY A GROUP LED BY A PARTY NAMED ELWELL AND USING THE POULSEN ARC TRANSMITTER AND "TICKER" RECEIVER. STATIONS AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, AND ON THE GREAT HIGHWAY AT THE SAN FRANCISCO OCEAN BEACH, 70 MILES APART, WERE USED IN THE EARLY EXPERIMENTS. THE STATIONS WERE STRONGLY FENCED IN AND GREAT SECRECY PREVAILED. NONE OF THE VERY FEW "WIRELESS" BOYS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BAY AREA - A SMALL "FRATERNITY" - WERE WELCOME AND THIS ATTITUDE DID NOT SET WELL WITH THEM.  
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THE GROUP DEVELOPED INTO THE FEDERAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY AND LATER MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY - ITT WORLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FEDERAL BUILT STATIONS AT PORTLAND AND CENTRAL POINT, OREGON, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND PHOENIX, ARIZONA. LATER AT HEEIA, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

THE TICKER RECEIVER SECRET LEAKED OUT THROUGH ONE OF THE PERSONNEL AT THE EARLY SAN FRANCISCO STATION. THE TICKER WAS A SMALL INDUCTION MOTOR WITH A 3/16" THICK BRASS DISC MOUNTED ON THE SHAFT WITH A V SHAPED GROOVE CUT INTO THE EDGE. THE ENDS OF TWO SPRING WIRES (AS TWO LEADS) RODE IN THIS GROOVE AS IN INTERRUPTER.

NOW DECEASED ARE RALPH WILEY - "RW" - THEN CHIEF OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY AND CHARLIE KELLOGG - "CM" - AN OPERATOR AT THE AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH (ADT ALARM SYSTEM). THEY HAD ASSEMBLED A TICKER AND I MET WITH THEM IN THE EVENING AT KELLOGG'S HOME. AT MID-NIGHT WE GAVE UP - NO RESULTS - AND I TOOK THE TICKER HOME TO KEEP ON TRYING. IN ADDITION TO THE TICKER AS THE RECEIVER PLENTY OF INDUCTANCE (FINE INSULATED WIRE #22 ON AN 8 INCH CARDBOARD CYLINDER) WAS REQUIRED AND A LEAD WITH TWO PIN OR PROBE TERMINALS TO "SEARCH" FOR THE PROPER VERY LONG WAVE "TUNE".

I SOON WORKED OUT THE PROBLEM AND THEN PLACED THE TICKER IN THE CLOTHES CLOSET ALONGSIDE BY WIRELESS TABLE, LED OUT THE LEADS, AND LOCKED THE DOOR. MEMBERS OF OUR FRATERNITY WERE WELCOME TO COME TO MY HOUSE AND "LISTEN" BUT THE SECRET OF THE TICKER WAS STILL NOT RELEASED.

INAUGURATION DAY FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU (HEEIA) SEPTEMBER 1912 WAS COMING UP BUT HOW COULD ACTUAL OPERATION OR SIGNALS BE MONITORED BY THOSE ON THE OUTSIDE. WORD GOT AROUND THAT KING WAS RECEIVING FEDERAL'S SIGNALS AND THE LOCAL MANAGER OF THE GREAT MARCONI COMPANY - LATER RCA - (JUST IMAGINE) ASKED ME IF HE COULD SEND TWO OPERATORS OUT TO MY HOUSE TO MONITOR THE INAUGURATION FOR TWO DAYS. INSTEAD OF READING THE STORY IN THE NEWSPAPERS THEY WERE "IN" ON THE WHOLE SHOW.

I ALSO RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE LOCAL

MANAGER OF THE GREAT WESTERN UNION (AGAIN JUST IMAGINE) ASKING WHAT THE VOLUME WAS ON FEDERAL'S TRAFFIC.

A SIDE LIGHT ON THESE EARLY FEDERAL DAYS WAS A HORSE RACE - BOOKMAKER ANGLE WHICH DEVELOPED. A PERSON IN AN ELEVATED POSITION WITH FIELD GLASSES OUTSIDE THE TRACK AT CENTRAL POINT DETERMINED THE WINNER OF A RACE, QUICKLY FILED THE MESSAGE TO SAN FRANCISCO AT FEDERAL'S OFFICE WHERE IT NATURALLY RECEIVED FAST SERVICE AND PROMPTLY REACHED THE CONFEDERATE WAITING FOR IT IN FEDERAL'S SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. HE IN TURN GOT A BET DOWN AT THE BOOKMAKERS BEFORE WESTERN UNION'S NORMAL OR SLOWER TRANSMISSION REACHED THE BOOKIES. IT WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST. THE VICTIMS SOON GOT WISE.

"NAR" - THE U. S. NAVY'S STATION AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ABOUT 3000 MILES FROM SAN FRANCISCO, COULD NOT BE HEARD AT SAN FRANCISCO EVEN AT NIGHT UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS. SHIP OPERATORS BOUND UP THE PACIFIC COAST FROM THE PANAMA CANAL COULD READ HIM BUT THE SIGNALS WERE LOST OFF OF LOWER CALIFORNIA. TWIN PEAKS - ELEVATION 910 FEET - IN SAN FRANCISCO IS KNOWN FOR ITS WEST WIND AND FOG. IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET NAR I BUILT TWO 7 FOOT "KING" KITES (COMBINATION BOX AND FLAT) WHICH WERE VERY RELIABLE FLYERS.

WE USED THESE IN TANDEM TO PUT UP 1500 FEET OF HEAVY CORD TO WHICH WAS SECURED APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LENGTH OF #18 COPPER WIRE SECURED TO THE LINE WITH TIES ABOUT EVERY 25 FEET. THESE WERE LAUNCHED LATE AT NIGHT TO GET MAXIMUM SIGNAL STRENGTH CONDITIONS - THE KITES GOING UP AND OUT OF SIGHT IN THE THICK FOG - BUT NEVER FAILING TO MAINTAIN A STEADY ATTITUDE AND ELEVATION. WE HEARD READABLE SIGNALS FROM "NAR".

IN THESE EARLY YEARS OF WIRELESS I LIVED IN THE THIRD STORY "FLAT" AT 163 BELVEDERE STREET, BETWEEN FREDERICK AND WALLER, AN EXCEPTIONALLY LONG BLOCK. MOST OF THE BUILDINGS WERE THREE STORY FLATS - WALL TO WALL - ON 25 FOOT WIDE LOTS. I DECIDED TO PUT UP A REALLY LONG AERIAL BUT HOW COULD THIS BE DONE WITHIN YOUR OWN PROPERTY AREA. IT COULDN'T. OUR MOTTO IN THOSE DAYS WERE HEIGHT AND LENGTH.

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## FORD KING CONT'D

IN THE MIDDLE FLAT BELOW OUR FAMILY LIVED ARTHUR STREET WHO WAS A VERY EARLY STARTER IN "WIRELESS" AND WHO STARTED ME. WE MADE FRIENDS WITH THE FAMILY IN THE MIDDLE BUILDING OF A SOLID LINE OF 17 HOUSES. ONE OF US WENT TO THE ROOF OF THIS MIDDLE BUILDING AND THE OTHER SHOT A CORD OR LINE WITH A BOW AND ARROW FROM THE ROOF OF OUR FLAT AT 163 TO THE MIDDLE HOUSE. THEN ONE OF US WENT TO THE LAST HOUSE AT WALLER STREET (ALSO FRIENDS) AND THE PROCEDURE WAS REPEATED FROM THE MIDDLE HOUSE. THEN WE USED THE CORD OR LINE TO PULL A WIRE - #12 - STRANDED - PHOSPHOR BRONZE - OR THE AERIAL OVER THE 17 HOUSES OR FLATS. IT WAS 375 FEET LONG. ONLY THE FAMILY IN THE MIDDLE HOUSE KNEW THE WIRE WAS OVER THEM AND IT RESULTED IN SOME VERY GOOD RECEPTION (PARTICULARLY FROM THE SOUTH) QUITE A LONG TIME. SUCH A LONG AERIAL WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY ON A FARM BUT IN A BIG CITY WE CONSIDERED IT QUITE A FEAT.

EACH DAY AT NOON IN THESE EARLY YEARS THE NAVY'S STATION AT POINT ARGUELLO, CALIFORNIA - "TK" - SENT A "TIME TICK" TO THE NAVY'S STATION ON THE FARALLON ISLANDS - "TH" - ABOUT 28 MILES OFF SAN FRANCISCO. THIS TRANSMISSION WAS 240 MILES OVER OPEN SEA AND WAS POSSIBLE IN DAYLIGHT BUT IT COULD NOT BE HEARD IN SAN FRANCISCO UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS IN DAYLIGHT. THE LONG WIRE AERIAL OUT OF 163 AND THE DIRECTIONAL SOUTH FEATURE PERMITTED US TO PICK UP THESE SIGNALS.

LOOKING BACK ON THE DAYS OF LONG AGO AND RECEPTION IT IS AN INTERESTING REALIZATION THAT AT THAT TIME ALL WERE ON THE SAME BASIS OR "CUT DOWN TO SIZE". A DETECTOR, TUNING INDUCTANCE AND A PAIR OF PHONES - NO AMPLIFICATION. INCIDENTLY I WAS THE PACIFIC COAST AGENT FOR BRANDES HEAD PHONES IN THOSE EARLY DAYS.

ON THIS BASIS I COULD AT TIMES READ THE POSITION REPORT OF A VESSEL ON ITS LAST NIGHT OUT OF THE ORIENT AT ABOUT 4 A.M. - PACIFIC COAST TIME - WORKING "KPH" AT DALY CITY (SAN FRANCISCO) WITH ITS ADVANTAGE OF A 250 FOOT AERIAL. THE DISTANCE WAS PROBABLY OVER 5000 MILES.

NOTE: I HAVE USED TIME REFERENCES IN YEARS - NO MONTHS OR DAYS - AND SOME OF THESE MAY BE A LITTLE

OUT OF LINE. WHEN I CAME TO HONOLULU FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN 1922 I LEFT BEHIND MY RECORDS OF THE EARLY YEARS AT THE FAMILY HOME AND THEY WERE LATER DESTROYED.

HONOLULU, HAWAII  
MAY 9, 1966

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## VU2JA, ONE IN FOUR HUNDRED MILLION

THAT'S MY GOOD PAL, JOE FAITHFUL, VU2JA NOW RETIRED IN BANGALORE, INDIA, AND HE'S ANXIOUS TO USE HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO BECOME GOOD FRIENDS WITH ALL OF US OVER THE AIR. JOE IS AN OLD, OLD TIMER QUALIFIED FOR HIS FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP. HE IS AN ACTIVE AMATEUR AND IS NOT AT ALL A "HAS BEEN".

JOE FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL IN CALCUTTA AT THE END OF 1912, LEARNED THE CODE AND JUMPED HOME IN 1914 ABOARD A HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE SHIP BOUND FOR HAMBURG ONLY TO BE TAKEN PRISONER OF WAR BY THE GERMANS IN THE SAME YEAR AND WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK IN THE IRON ORE MINES NEAR KASSEL. HE ESCAPED IN 1919, REPORTED TO THE BRITISH WHO GAVE HIM A HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUND (MONEY) GRANT, AND SENT HIM THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY WHERE HE OBTAINED A FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY.

IN 1921, HE WAS STATIONED IN KARACHI AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE PERSIAN GULF AREA GAINING EXPERIENCE WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT. HE BECAME INTERESTED IN DEFOREST AUDIONS AND USED THEM TO COPY NEWS FROM GBR ON LONG WAVE LENGTHS. HE SAYS DX IN 1921 TO 1927 FROM THE GULF AREA WAS CONFINED TO BRITISH SHIPS WHO WERE AS KEEN AS HE WAS TO REPORT HIS SIGNALS FROM A FORD COIL DRIVEN BY BATTERIES AT DISTANCES OVER ONE HUNDRED MILES.

FOR MANY YEARS DURING HIS LIFE AS A COMMERCIAL OPERATOR, JOE WAS STATIONED AT BAHRAIN ISLAND AS CHIEF OPERATOR CONTINUING HIS AMATEUR EXPERIMENTS. HE HAS A VERY LOVELY WIFE HILDRED, AND THEY ARE NOW ENJOYING THEIR RETIREMENT IN BANGALORE, INDIA WHERE HIS AMATEUR RADIO KEEPS HIM HAPPY AND CONTENTED IN HIS OLD AGE (SIXTY-EIGHT). BOTH ARE INDIAN CITIZENS, ENGLISH (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)



## VU2JA, ONE IN FOUR HUNDRED MILLION CONT'D

IS THEIR MOTHER TONGUE, AND THEY BELONG TO THE MINORITY ANGLO-INDIAN COMMUNITY.

SINCE 1932, JOE HAS HELD THE FOLLOWING AMATEUR CALLS: VS8AA, VU7AA, VU2BX AND MP4BAF.

VU2JA IS WELL KNOWN THOUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR HIS FINE DX WORK WITH VERY LOW POWER. HE USES A VERY EFFICIENT QUAD ANTENNA HE BUILT HIMSELF, AND MOST OF THE YEAR HE CAN BE HEARD IN THIS COUNTRY BOTH EARLY MORNING AND EARLY EVENING PREFERRED



DRAKE TR-4, DRAKE R4, HAMMERLUND SP 600, RTTY CONVERTER; VIKING 500 W1ZE (IRVING'S OLD TRANS.) SWAN MARK 1, 2000 WATTS PEP.

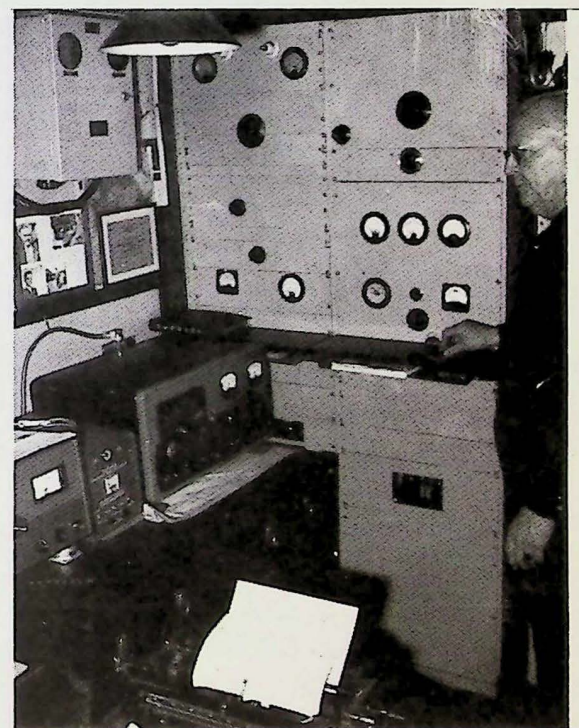


RTTY SET UP

COLLINS 51J4 RECEIVER. HOWARD MODEL "L" CONVERTER; MODEL 28 PRINTER; MODEL 15 PRINTER.

A ROCKBOUND FREQUENCY OF 14068. CONFIRMING THE EFFICIENCY OF HIS EQUIPMENT AND THE PROFICIENCY OF HIS OPERATING TECHNIQUES GAINED THROUGH HIS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HE HAS WORKED THIS STATION ALONE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED TIMES IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS. JOE HAS HELPED MANY YOUNG INDIAN AMATEURS WORK THEIR FIRST "W" STATION, AND ANY OLD, OLD TIMER WHO WILL MONITOR 14068 EARLY MORNING AND EVENING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HEAR JOE'S FINE OLD SPARK FIST WHICH HE STILL HAS WITH HIS STRAIGHT KEY. IF YOU WILL CALL HIM YOU WILL ENJOY A GOOD FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH A FINE MAN WHO IS PROUD TO REPRESENT HIS HUGE COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE OOTC.

--T. FRANK SMITH, W5VA AND W5AI

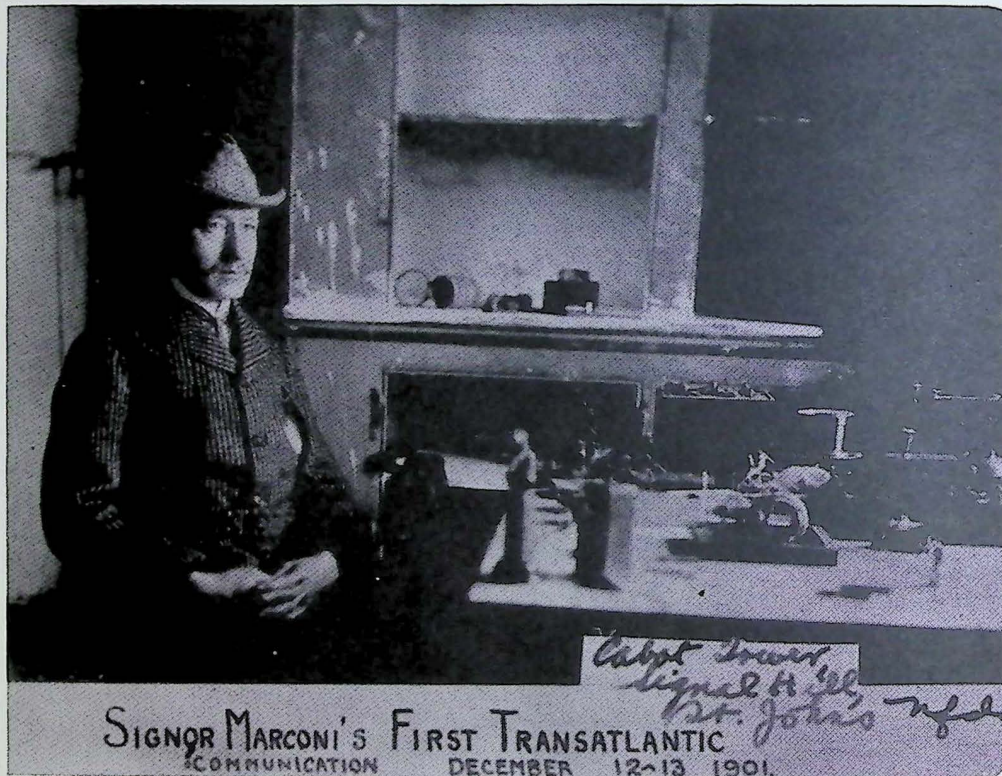


THESE THREE PICS SHOW DIRECTOR CHAS. McAULEY, W1KJ, AND HIS FINE STATION. THIS VIEW SHOWS 1 KW A.M. RIG BUILT INTO WALL OF SHACK--ALSO FULL VIEW OF IRVING'S (W1ZE) JOHNSON ON DESK.



## MARCONI - THE FATHER OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

MARCHESE GUGLIELMO MARCONI was born at Bologna, Italy on April 25, 1874, the youngest son of an Italian father and an Irish mother. As a boy he showed a very keen interest in electrical science. In 1895 he became convinced that telegraphy through space could be accomplished by means of electromagnetic waves since it had been seen mathematically by scientists such as Maxwell, Hertz, Lodge and others as early as 1864.



Marconi was the first to devise the practical means by which electromagnetic waves could be made to provide wireless telegraphy communication. In 1895 Marconi conducted a number of experiments near Bologna and in this year wireless messages were transmitted over distances in excess of a mile.

In 1896 Marconi went to England to demonstrate his invention. These demonstrations were first carried out on the roof of the General Post Office, St. Martin's - le Grand, London. Later experiments for the Post Office were carried out on Salisbury plain and across the Bristol channel from Penarth to Breandown, near Weston-super-Mare, ranges first of two, then of four, and afterwards of nine miles were obtained. In June 1897, at the invitation of the Italian Government, Marconi went to Spezia, where a land station was erected and communication with Italian warships



## Marconi - The Father of Wireless Telegraphy (Cont'd)

was established up to a distance of 12 miles. He was then invited to demonstrate his apparatus in Rome, where successful tests were carried out in the presence of the late King Humbert and Queen Margherita. Other tests also took place at the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

The time was now almost ripe for wireless telegraphy to be applied to commercial and utilitarian purposes and in July 1897 a company was formed in London to acquire patents and organize a communication system which was to include both ships and land stations. This company was called the Wireless Telegraph and Signal Co., Ltd., which in 1900 changed its name to that of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd. For some time the Company's efforts were confined to furthering Marconi's pioneer work. A number of interesting tests and demonstrations were undertaken round the the coasts of the British Isles and abroad. Permanent stations were erected at Alum Bay in the Isle of Wight and at Bournemouth, this station being subsequently removed to Poole.

In 1898 wireless telegraphy had become employed as a means of communication between British Light ships and the shore, a distance sometimes of 12 miles. In this year Marconi also established communication across the English Channel, a distance of approximately 20 miles.

By the year 1900 Marconi had covered distances up to 200 miles with his great invention.

The accompanying picture shows Marconi on December 12, 1901 as he made his most exciting and successful attempt at transmitting and receiving wireless signals across the Atlantic Ocean from St. John's, Newfoundland to Poldhu in Cornwall, England.

Marconi enjoyed greater and greater success with each passing year, more patents, greater spans of miles, many contributions to World War I, serving in both the Italian Army and the Italian Navy. He was awarded many medals and prizes among which were the Nobel Prize for Physics(1909) the Albert Medal of the Royal Society Arts, together with the Franklin and John Fritz medals in the United States.

Marconi lived to be about 63 years of age. He died in Rome, July 20. 1937.

NOTE: Historical data and picture submitted by WLAMP.



## ARTICLES

### QRX FOR A NEW O.W.

By IRVING VERMILYA, 1ZE \* SILENT KEY.

SUBMITTED BY: FRED ELSE, W6FB. FROM JULY 1921 QST.

"SQUEEK, SCRATCH, PICK, PUTTER, PFOOF, SPIFF AWAWK----" "WHAT THE HEXX IS THIS," THOT OLD 1HAA, AS HE TUNED AROUND TRYING TO GET A LINE ON ITS DECREMENT. "SOMETHING NEW MOVED INTO THIS LITTLE OLD BURG OF MARION, I'LL BET, OR ELSE THAT SIXTY CYCLE STUFF IS RUNNING LOOSE UP IN SOME TREE TOP."

ALL QUITE, NOT A PEEP OR SCRATCH, AND VN BREATHED EASIER. BUT WE SPEAK TOO SOON, FOR SUDDENLY THE AIR WAS AGAIN RENT ASUNDER, WORSE THAN EVER, WITH THE DARNDDEST SCRATCHING AND SPUTTERING AND UP-AND-DOWN SHIMMY TONES EVER HEARD. "SURE ENOUGH, THAT'S A FORD SPARK COIL OR I'M A BOOB," SAID VN.

MAD CLEAR THRU, HE THREW THE JUICE ON HIS OLD STONE-CRUSHER AND WITH THE BUG KEY GAVE A SNAPPY QUICK "QRA?" AND LISTENED. NOT A SCRATCH TO BE HEARD. THE USUAL 2's, 3's, AND 8's WERE POUNDING IN BUT NOT A SOUND FROM THE QRM-ER. "JUST AS I THOUGHT," SAID VERMILYA; THAT BIRD IS SITTING THERE WAITING FOR ME TO GET BUSY WITH SOMEONE OUT IN OHIO BEFORE HE MURDERS ME WITH HIS COIL." BUT AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR BOTH THE BIG DX STATION AND THE NEW-BORN "FRIEND", VN LOOKED IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS MESSAGE HOOK AND REALIZED THERE WAS LOTS OF WORK TO BE DONE. SO HE STARTED IN TO CLEAR THE HOOK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

NO MORE WAS HEARD FROM THE NEW-COMER SO THE NIGHT PROGRESSED WELL FOR DX WORK. THE NEXT DAY, TRY AS HE MIGHT, VAN COULD NOT FORGET THAT NEW NOISE. MARION IS SO FAR FROM CIVILIZATION THAT ONE COIL IS A BIG MATTER, ESPECIALLY WHERE HUNDREDS OF MESSAGES ARE HANDLED EACH MONTH AND A GOOD CLEAR PATH IS ESSENTIAL. WELL DID 1HAA REALIZE THAT HE ALREADY HAD HIS HANDS FULL WITH THE CONTINUAL QRM HE GETS FROM THE HIGH POWER STATION NOT A MILE AWAY FROM HIS SHACK RADIATING FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY AMPERES. EVENTUALLY HE GOT TO THINKING THAT PERHAPS HE HAD IMAGINED A LOT OF IT, BUT WAS CERTAIN WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IT WAS HAD A PRETTY BROAD BAND OF WAVES.

NEXT NIGHT AS HE SAT IN AT HIS TUNER,

LONG BEFORE TOUCHING HIS KEY, SURE ENOUGH THAT WAS THE SAME OLD BOY AT IT AGAIN.

"SCRATCH, SCRATCH, SCRATCH," ON AND ON IT WENT. "DOGGONE IT," SAID VN, "SOMEONE'S EITHER GOING TO GET A LICENSE NOW OR PIPE DOWN OR I'M GOING TO FIND THE REASON WHY. I'LL JUST TAKE A LISTEN TO THIS AND SEE IF OLD KILLJOY WILL HANG HIMSELF IF I GIVE HIM PLENTY OF ROPE." ON WENT THE SCRATCH---- "SPUTT, STITCH, FUTZ, BUTT, FUERER, THUMP, WEE, ZIPP." "GOOD NIGHT," THOT VN, WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?"

FINALLY ALL DIED DOWN AGAIN AND ONCE MORE VAN PUT THE JUICE ON THE OLD SINK GAP, AND THEN JUST ...- ...- AND A LISTEN. "THAT OUGHT TO DO FOR BAIT," THOUGHT HE. MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE HE HEARD A VERY CRIPPLED CALL: "1HAA 1HAA ER."

"THERE NOW, FOR THE LOVE OF MUD, WE DO KNOW THAT HE WANTS TO CALL HIMSELF 'ER'". SO BACK HE WENT AFTER MR. ER. HE REALIZED IT WOULD BE USELESS TO GIVE THIS NEWCOMER A SHOW OF SPEED FOR SURELY IT WOULD NOT BE APPRECIATED, SO HE SPELLED OUT AS SLOWLY AS EVER HE SENT, "WHO IS ER PLEASE." A LONG SILENCE, AND THEN, SOFT AND SWEET THIS TIME, JUST THE SIMPLE WORD "WHAT?" SO AGAIN: "WHO ARE YOU PLEASE?" "THERE, THAT OUGHT TO FETCH HIM," VAN THOUGHT. AND SURE ENOUGH, LIKE A LONG SLOW FUNERAL PROCESSION CAME THE FOLLOWING: "THIS IS A LITTLE GIRL IN MATTAPoisett AND I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT."

"Wow", SAID VERMILYA TO HIMSELF. "THIS IS THE LITTLE INNOCENT CHICK I'VE BEEN WANTING TO HANG OR KILL OR SOMETHING. WONDER IF SHE KNOWS I'M MARRIED." A MILLION OTHER THOUGHTS RAN THRU HIS MIND, BUT HE BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THIS LITTLE LADY PROBABLY WANTED AN ANSWER OF SOME SORT, SO HE PUT THE SWITCH DOWN, AND AGAIN VERY SLOWLY: "I-M MARRIED." THE ANSWER CAME BACK A-FLYING THIS TIME: THAT IS, THE REPLY WAS QUICK EVEN THO THE SENDING WAS NOT: "HOW WE SUFFER, BUT MY HEART IS NOT IN MY HAND; I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT JUST THE SAME."

"OK, HAVE YOUR OWN WAY."

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## QRX FOR A NEW O.W. CONT'D

THUS ENDED THE CONVERSATION AND NO FURTHER SCRATCHING WAS HEARD. BUT UPSET! SAY, VN WAS PURELY AND SIMPLY LICKED. HERE HE WAS GOING TO "MAKE" SOMEONE GET A LICENSE AND THE FIRST THING HE KNEW A LITTLE GIRL HAD COME ALONG AND HE HAD PASSED OUT LIKE A LITTLE BOY SENT TO BED WITHOUT HIS SUPPER. "DARN HER ANYWAY. GEE SHE'S FRESH, TELLING ME SHE IS GOING TO SEE ME TOMORROW NIGHT. I'LL BE DARNED IF SHE WILL. I'M GOING OUT TO A DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT AND I'LL LOCK THIS OLD COOP UP TIGHTER THAN A DRUM."

NOT DARING TO MENTION HIS EXPERIENCE ON THE AIR TO A SOUL, NEXT NIGHT VN WENT OFF TO A DANCE IN A NEIGHBORING TOWN. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS WERE THERE; ALL SEEMED QUIET AND EVERYTHING WAS GOING ALONG IN FINE SHAPE; THE MUSIC WAS GOOD AND SO WERE THE DANCERS. NOW IN THESE SMALL COUNTRY PLACES STRANGERS ARE EASILY SPOTTED, AND IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE VAN NOTICED TWO VERY TALL PEOPLE ENTER THE HALL--A FELLOW AND A GIRL, LOOKING MUCH LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER. BUT AS THEY STOPPED TO SPEAK TO BRAD CLEVELAND, AN OLD FRIEND OF VAN'S, HE DECIDED THEY BELONGED THERE AND THAT HE HAD JUST NEVER NOTICED THEM BEFORE. A LITTLE WHILE LATER VN WAS SITTING ALONGSIDE OF BRAD AND IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION HE ASKED BRAD WHO THAT TALL COUPLE WAS THAT HAD COME IN A SHORT WHILE BEFORE. YOU COULD HAVE KNOCKED HIM OVER WITH A FEATHER WHEN HE WAS TOLD THEIR NAME WAS RANDALL AND THAT THE GIRL WAS IN THE WIRELESS BUSINESS SOMEWHERE UP BOSTON WAY. "HOLY SMOKE," THOT VN, "I'LL BET MY LAST NICKEL THAT THAT'S THE ONE I HAD ON THE AIR!" HERE SHE CAME, MAKING FOOT-PRINTS OVER THEIR WAY AND UP JUMPED BRAD SAYING "VERMILYA, I WANT YOU TO MEET MISS EUNICE RANDALL. SHE IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN WIRELESS AND WORKS UP IN THE AMERICAN RADIO & RESEARCH LABORATORIES AT MEDFORD HILLSIDE." VN TRIED HIS BEST TO SAY SOMETHING BUT THE BEST HE COULD DO WAS A SOUND THAT RESEMBLED "MO". "No," SAID MISS RANDALL, "YOU WON'T NEED YOUR DIRECTION FINDER NOW; YOU CAN PUT IT AWAY. I HAVE FOUND YOU AND MET YOU AS I PROMISED I WOULD DO LAST NIGHT. I'VE HEARD ABOUT ENOUGH ABOUT 1HAA WITHOUT KNOWING HIM, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT MY HOME

IS IN MATTAPOISETT, ONLY ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM YOUR STATION. WHILE I DON'T LIVE THERE DURING THE WEEK, I MANAGE TO GET DOWN WEEK-ENDS ONCE IN A WHILE. I AM WORKING UP IN THE AMRAD PLACE AS DRAFTLADY AND NOW, TO BE TRUTHFUL WITH YOU, I WANT TO LEARN THE CODE AND THEORY OF RADIO SO I CAN BE 'ONE OF THE BOYS'".

"LOOK HERE, MISS RANDALL, IF YOU ARE IN EARNEST AND REALLY WANT TO LEARN THE CODE AND ALL ABOUT RADIO FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER I WILL HELP YOU ALL I CAN. BUT IF YOU JUST WANT AN ADVENTURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE PLAIN OUTTA LUCK. NOW WHICH IS IT?"

"I TELL YOU I AM REALLY INTERESTED AND IF YOU HAD SEEN ME SHINNING UP A TREE PUTTING MY AERIAL IN PLACE YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME A LADY OF MY WORD".

"VERY WELL," SAID VN, "I'LL GIVE YOU A NOTE TO A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE WHO RUNS A RADIO SCHOOL IN BOSTON, WHERE YOU CAN LEARN IN A GOOD THORO MANNER ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF RADIO, AS WELL AS CODE. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A MIGHTY HARD STRUGGLE, I CAN WARN YOU, AND BEING A GIRL YOUR TRIALS WILL BE MANY AND HARD, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I ADMIRE YOUR GRIT AND NERVE AND I CAN SEE RIGHT NOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SUCCEED. WHEN YOU COME OUT, BRING A FIRST GRAD COMMERCIAL LICENSE WITH YOU AND THEN IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY LET ME KNOW HOW YOU LIKED IT ALL AND WHETHER YOU THINK THAT AFTER GETTING THAT FAR AND BEING THOROLY BITTEN BY THE LITTLE RADIO BUG YOU WILL EVER WASTE ANY MORE TIME THINKING OF THE THINGS THAT MOST OTHER GIRLS THINK ABOUT. YOU'RE ONE IN A HUNDRED FOR THE PICK YOU ARE TAKING AND I WANT TO WISH YOU SUCCESS. BUT MEANWHILE PLEASE DON'T OPEN UP ON THAT SQUEAK BOX AGAIN UNTIL YOU CAN HANDLE AT LEAST FIFTEEN WORDS PER MINUTE. BY THAT TIME YOU WILL BE AN HONEST DYED-IN-THE-WOOL O.W., AND BELIEVE ME IF YOU MAKE GOOD I'LL SEE THAT YOU HAVE A STATION THAT WILL PUT MATTAPOISETT ON THE MAP."

"GOSH," THOT VN, "SHE ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL. IN FACT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY HAT OFF TO HER. SHE HAS THE PROPER SPIRIT FOR A REAL HONEST TO GOODNESS SHEMALE RADIO BUG. OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BOASTING AN O.W. LONG ENOUGH, BY HECK; WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE OF OUR OWN UP HERE NOW."

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## QRX FOR A NEW O.W. CONT'D

SO WATCH YOUR STEP, BOYS, FOR ALREADY SHE IS ON THE JOB AT 1XE EVERY NIGHT THEY HAVE THE RADIO-PHONE CONCERTS-YES, SHE'S THE ASSISTANT OPERATOR AT 1XE. AND ON THREE OTHER NIGHTS A WEEK SHE'S PLUGGING AWAY AT CODE AT A BOSTON SCHOOL WHERE REPORTS SAY SHE IS ALREADY DOING BETTER THAN SOME OF THE FELLOWS THAT HAVE BEEN THERE SIX WEEKS LONGER THAN SHE. AND IT WON'T BE LONG NOW BEFORE YOU'LL HEAR ANOTHER REAL DX STATION ON THE AIR AND THE OPERATOR IS GOING TO BE MISS EUNICE RANDALL.

AS A WORD OF WARNING, DON'T TRY TO FLIRT WITH HER, FOR SHE HASN'T TIME AND BESIDES, AS SHE HAS ALREADY ASSERTED, SHE "DOES NOT CARRY HER HEART ON HER HAND." TREAT HER AS ONE OF US, A SISTER OPERATOR. IF YOU CAN LEND HER ENCOURAGEMENT BY ALL MEANS DO SO AS SHE'S THE JOLLIEST GIRL YOU EVER WANT TO MEET OR TALK WITH OVER THE AIR. BUT DON'T EXPECT TO FIND A "LITTLE" GIRL, FOR MISS RANDALL IS OVER SIX FEET TALL.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE NEW FIRST DISTRICT O.W.!

(HI EUNICE! --YOCB-11)

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CANADIAN - MARCONI Co.

63 YEARS YOUNG - 46 YEARS IN COMMUNICATIONS

## CYP FERLAND RETIRES

CYPRIEN FERLAND KNOWN AS "CYP", #14 OF A FAMILY OF 18 (16 PLUS 2 ADOPTED ONES) WAS BORN AT ST. JEAN CHRYSOSTOME LEVIS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH 1899. AFTER LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HIS HOME TOWN, ATTENDED LEVIS COLLEGE UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1916, THEN LEARNED TELEGRAPHY AND BEGAN WORKING FOR THE GREAT NORTH WESTERN (G.N.W.) AS EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMERCIAL LAND-LINE TELEGRAPHIST AT GROSSE ISLE IN OCTOBER 1916. DURING THE WINTER, LEARNED THE WIRELESS UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MR. L.J.A. CHEVRON. HAVING SUCH A CAPABLE INSTRUCTOR, PROGRESS WAS RAPID AND ALTHOUGH UNDERAGED, BUT DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF WIRELESS OPERATORS CAUSED BY THE WAR, WAS ENGAGED BY MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF CANADA AND ASSIGNED TO GROSSE ISLE STATION.

THE EQUIPMENT IN THOSE DAYS CONSISTED IN A ONE-CYLINDER VERTICAL ENGINE WITH A COOLING TANK ON TOP, TO CHARGE TWO BANKS OF OPEN JAR ELECTROLITE BATTERIES, A TWELVE-INCH RUHMKOFF INDUCTION COIL FOR TRANSMISSION AND A MAGNETIC DETECTOR AS THE RECEIVER, WITH A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTY MILES.

ON HIS VERY FIRST NIGHT DUTY ON THAT STATION HE TELLS US, HE CONTACTED THE SS CASSANDRA (MED) 90 MILES DISTANT. HE WAS CALLED ALL SORTS OF NAMES THE FOLLOWING MORNING FOR HAVING DONE WHAT WAS THEN CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE, FORTUNATELY FOR HIM, THE FEAT WAS DUPLICATED AND EVEN SURPASSED IN THE FOLLOWING FEW DAYS, SO HIS "FIRST" WAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN.

A FEW WEEKS LATER, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO FATHER-POINT (VCF) AT WHICH STATION HE RECEIVED HIS FIRST SOS FROM THE SS SINGAPORE, BADLY ASHORE AT METIS-POINT. THAT INCIDENT HAPPENED ON A SUNDAY WHEN THE OFFICER IN CHARGE WAS ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES SO THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY WAS CAST UPON CYP WHO HANDLED THE SITUATION LIKE A VETERAN AND WITHIN TWO HOURS, FIVE SHIPS WERE STANDING BY.

IN THE FALL OF 1919, CYP GOT HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT AS A SHIP'S OPERATOR, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SS CANADIAN RECRUIT ON HER ILL-FATED VOYAGE IN DECEMBER WHEN SHE WAS CAUGHT IN THE TREACHEROUS ST. LAWRENCE ICE PACKS AND WRECKED AT VACHE-POINT. THE DISTRESS CALLS WERE SENT AND CYP REMAINED AT HIS POST, COMMUNICATING WITH VCF VCC AND THE SS CANADIAN SPINNER. AFTER THE ENGINE (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)



## CYP FERLAND RETIRES CONT'D

ROOM WAS FLOODED AND DYNAMO STOPPED, HE REMAINED AT HIS POST, UNABLE TO TRANSMIT BUT STILL LISTENING FOR IMPORTANT DESPATCHES FROM THE COAST STATIONS. FINALLY THE SKIPPER SENT FOR HIM, AND THEN EMBARKED INTO THE LAST LIFE BOAT FROM THE SINKING SHIP. ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE ABANDONED BUT THE ENTIRE CREW WAS SAVED, LANDED AT VACHE-POINT AND RESCUED BY TADOUSAC PEOPLE. THREE DAYS LATER, PICKED UP BY THE ICE-BREAKER LADY GREY AND TAKEN TO QUEBEC.

AFTER SIGNING OFF, CYP WAS SENT BACK TO GROSSE-ISLE UNTIL AUGUST 1920 THEN APPOINTED IN CHARGE OF HEATH-POINT ANTICOSTI (VCI), THE MOST IMPORTANT AND THE BUSIEST GOLF STATION, COMMUNICATING WITH FAME-POINT, POINT-RICH, HARRINGTON, CAPE-RAY, CAPE-BEAR, GRINDSTONE, NORTH-SYDNEY AND ALL SHIPS AND ALL SHIPS WITHIN RANGE, DOING RELAY WORK TO AND FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATIONS AND SHIPS. ON THAT STATION, HIS MAIN WORRY WAS TO KEEP HARMONY AMONG THE STAFF MEMBERS, OPERATOR W. R. STURTON (GYP THE BLOOD), OPERATOR S. R. REID AND COOK W. BRYSON. THEY ALL HAD BEEN STRANDED ON THE ISLAND THE PREVIOUS WINTER HALF STARVED AND READY FOR MUTINY. MANY HAVE HEARD OF "GYP-THE BLOOD", HIS BULLDOG, HIS SNAKES, FROGS, TOADS, HIS RIFLES, REVOLVERS AND KNIVES. IT REQUIRED A LOT OF TACT TO KEEP THOSE FELLOWS UNDER CONTROL BUT CYP DID IT.

AFTER HEATH-POINT (VCI) FOLLOWED A SERIES OF SHIP ASSIGNMENTS, SS SABLE-ISLAND SS MAPLEDAWN, SS LORD STRATHCONA, SS CANADIAN RANGER, SS ROSE-CASTLE, THE FLAGSHIP OF THE DOMINION COAL COMPANY AND THE SS CANADIAN SQUATTER.

HE HAD ANOTHER TRAGIC EXPERIENCE ON THE CANADIAN SQUATTER, THE SHIP SPRUNG A LEAK FIVE-HUNDRED MILES EAST OF CAPE-RACE, PUMPS COULD HARDLY KEEP UP. THE CARGO OF APPLES, FLOUR AND A DECK CARGO OF LUMBER HAD TO BE JETTISONED TO LIGHTEN THE SHIP AND RAISE THE DAMAGED PART ABOVE THE WATER LINE.

THE NEIGHBORING SHIPS WERE KEPT ON THE ALERT FOR ASSISTANCE, FORTUNATELY THE SHIP WAS ABLE TO MAKE PORT AND AFTER A MONTH AT MOUNT STUART DRYDOCK IN CARDIFF FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS, THE SHIP WAS ABLE TO RESUME HER NORMAL RUN.

## MARCONI VETERAN STAN W. BRAZILL CELEBRATES HIS GOLDEN WEDDING 1912-1962

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THE DAILY NEWS - ST. JOHNS NFLD.

SPANIARD'S BAY - STANLEY W. BRAZILL AND LAVINA (LILLY) MYLES WERE UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY AT TERRENCEVILLE, FORTUNE BAY, ON OCTOBER 12TH 1912. THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE REV. A. T. TULK.

TODAY, MR. AND MRS. STANLEY (STAN) W. BRAZILL ARE CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT SPANIARD'S BAY WHERE THEY ARE LIVING IN THEIR HOME, APPROPRIATELY NAMED "BATTLEDOR", A DERIVATION OF BATTLE HARBOUR, LABRADOR.

STAN WAS JUST A YOUNG MAN WHEN HE MET AND MARRIED LILLY MYLES AT TERRENCEVILLE, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO WORK IN THE POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE IN 1912, HAVING HAD BY THEN SIX YEARS WITH THE POST AND TELEGRAPHS IN TWO OTHER PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS AT EP-WORTH (BURIN), SOUND ISLAND, P.B.

SHORTLY AFTER HIS MARRIAGE AND IN THE SAME YEAR, MR. BRAZILL RESIGNED HIS POSITION WITH THE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND JOINED THE CANADIAN MARCONI CO. AT ST. JOHNS AND WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO FOGO TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE COMPANY'S OPERATIONS THERE.

THE NEXT SUMMER MR. BRAZILL WAS POSTED FARTHER NORTH, AND WHEN THE SS KYLE MADE HER MAIDEN VOYAGE WITH CAPTAIN JOHN PARSONS AT THE WHEEL ON JUNE 2ND, 1913, HE WENT TO HOLTON, LABRADOR, WHERE HE SPENT THE SUMMER. THAT FALL MR. BRAZILL WAS TRANSFERRED TO BATTLE HARBOUR, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY TOOK UP RESIDENCE AND WHERE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CONTROLLING STATION FOR THE NINE OTHERS OPERATED BY THE CANADIAN MARCONI COMPANY. HIS APPOINTMENT THERE LASTED THIRTY-TWO YEARS, AND IN 1945, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ST. JOHNS WHERE HE WAS RADIO TECHNICIAN IN CHARGE OF LABRADOR STATIONS.

STAN GREW UP WITH RADIO. IN 1921 HE PURCHASED AND BEGAN TO OPERATE THE FIRST AMATEUR RADIO RECEIVER AND TRANSMITTER IN LABRADOR, AND IN 1928 HE COMMENCED OPERATING FOR THE CANADIAN MARCONI THE FIRST BROADCASTING STATION THERE. STUDIOS WERE NOT QUITE AS ELABORATE THEN AS THEY NOW ARE, NOR WERE THE STATIONS ON THE AIR TWENTY HOURS (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)



## STAN W. BRAZILL CONT'D

A DAY. MR. BRAZILL'S BROADCAST PERIOD LASTED THIRTY MINUTES AT A TIME WHEN HE READ THE NEWS, LOCAL AND FOREIGN, AND GAVE THE WEATHER AND ICE REPORTS. THIS WAS A NECESSARY AND AN IMPORTANT SERVICE, OF COURSE, BUT DRAB; SO TO BRIGHTEN UP THE PERIOD AND TO FILL IN HIS AIRTIME, HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY PUT ON A BIT OF LIVELY MUSIC BY PLAYING THEMSELVES THE ACCORDIAN AND THE FIDDLE, TOGETHER WITH A FEW JOKES.

IN HIS YEARS AT BATTLE HARBOUR, AND INDEED BEFORE THAT PERIOD AND SINCE THE BRAZILLS HAVE MET PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND OF MANY NATIONALITIES, AND MANY ARE THE INTERESTING TALES WHICH HE CAN TELL. HAVING SERVED FORTY-FIVE YEARS WITH THE CANADIAN MARCONI COMPANY (THE BEST PEOPLE UNDER HEAVEN TO WORK FOR, HE SAYS) HE WAS RETIRED ON JANUARY 1ST, 1957, WHEN THE STATIONS OF THE COMPANY WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT. SINCE HIS RETIREMENT HE HAS BEEN OPERATING A GENERAL STORE IN SPANIARD'S BAY.

MR. AND MRS. BRAZILL HAVE FIVE SONS AND FOUR DAUGHTERS; EARL, THE ELDEST, IS RADIO OPERATOR WITH THE DOT AT SEVEN-ISLANDS; STAN JR. HOLDS A SIMILAR POST WITH THE DOT AT GANDER; HARRY, CLIFFORD, AND HOGARTH LIVE IN SPANIARD'S BAY; MAY (MRS. HAYWARD PIKE), THE ELDEST GIRL, LIVES IN ST. JOHNS; JUANITA (MRS. LEO WALSH) LIVES IN ST. JOHNS; GRETTA (MRS. FRANK DURANO) LIVES IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND MAUD (MRS. NORMAN O'ROURKE) IN FLORIDA. THEY HAVE TWENTY-FIVE GRAND-CHILDREN.

WE ARE INDEED HAPPY TO JOIN WITH THEIR HOSTS OF FRIENDS EVERYWHERE IN EXTENDING TO THIS GRANS COUPLE CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY AND TO OFFER THEM WARM AND SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY YEARS OF CONTENTMENT, HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH.

## NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

1921

ONE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THAT YEAR AS REGARDS WIRELESS MATTERS HAS BEEN NOT SO MUCH THE DISCOVERY OF NEW METHODS OR APPARATUS AS THE REFINEMENT IN THE DESIGN OF EXISTING FORMS OF WIRELESS APPARATUS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF METHODS OF MEASUREMENT. ACCURATE MEASUREMENT BEING THE BASIS OF ALL USEFUL SCIENTIFIC WORK, IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS DIRECTION HAVE HELPED AND ARE STILL HELPING FORWARD THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND UTILISATION OF THE DISCOVERIES AND DEVELOPMENTS EFFECTED DURING THE WARTIME PERIOD.

## NOTICE

"IF YOU CONTACT ANY MEMBERS WHO DO A LITTLE DX PLEASE ASK THEM TO LOOK OUT FOR ME AS I GET A KICK OUT OF MEETING MEMBERS ON THE AIR. AM NOW ACTIVE ON 14 AND 7 CW. WA6UNF AND I HAVE COMPLETED OUR 500TH CONTACT SINCE '63 SO YOU SEE I AM REASONABLY ACTIVE."

TREV.  
VK2NS

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## THE MOST UNUSUAL EVENT OF MY WIRELESS CAREER

BY C. FERLAND

AFTER THE ERECTION OF A NEW AND MORE MODERN WIRELESS STATION AT GROSSE-ISLE QUE, (THE QUARANTINE STATION) IN 1920 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS, AND WHILE TESTING THE MARCONI  $\frac{1}{2}$  KW TRANSMITTER, SOS SIGNALS WERE SENT, FOLLOWED BY THE LETTERS MTN WHICH WAS THE "RMS TUNISIAN'S" CALL SIGN.

ALTHOUGH THE AERIAL AND GROUND WERE DISCONNECTED FROM THE NEW TRANSMITTER, THE SIGNALS WERE PICKED UP BY OPERATOR O. HAMEL ON DUTY AT THE OLD STATION, 2000 YARDS AWAY.

THE TUNESIAN HAD PASSED GROSSE-ISLE OUTWARDS THE PREVIOUS NIGHT, THEREFORE WAS (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE.)



## THE MOST UNUSUAL EVENT CONT'D

NORMALLY STILL IN CONTACT WITH THAT STATION.

WITHIN THREE MINUTES, THE WHOLE ISLAND WAS IN A TURMOIL, THE SIRENS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENT STEAMERS WERE BLOWING CONSTANTLY, CALLING THE MEMBERS OF THE CREWS WHO WERE ON SHORE, BOYS CLIMBED TELEPHONE POLES, MEN AND WOMEN ON HOUSE-TOPS WITH BINOCULARS SEARCHED THE RIVER.

MR. H. COADE (THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR) AND MYSELF, NOTICING THE EXCITEMENT, DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE.

WE STOPPED THE GAS ENGINE AND PROCEEDED TO THE OLD STATION. ON THE WAY, WE WERE TOLD THAT A BIG PASSENGER SHIP WAS SINKING AND THAT THE LOSS OF LIVES WAS HEAVY.

UPON OUR ARRIVAL AT THE STATION, WE SAW ABOUT A HUNDRED PEOPLE OUTSIDE WAITING FOR NEWS AND MR. A. CHEVRON, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE WHO HAD TAKEN OVER FROM OPERATOR HAMEL, WAS TRYING DESPERATELY TO CONTACT THE "TUNESIAN". ONLY THEN, DID WE REALIZE THAT WE WERE THE CAUSE OF ALL THE EXCITE-

MENT AND PROMPTLY ADVISED THE AUTHORITIES OF THE MISTAKE WHICH HAD OCCURRED.

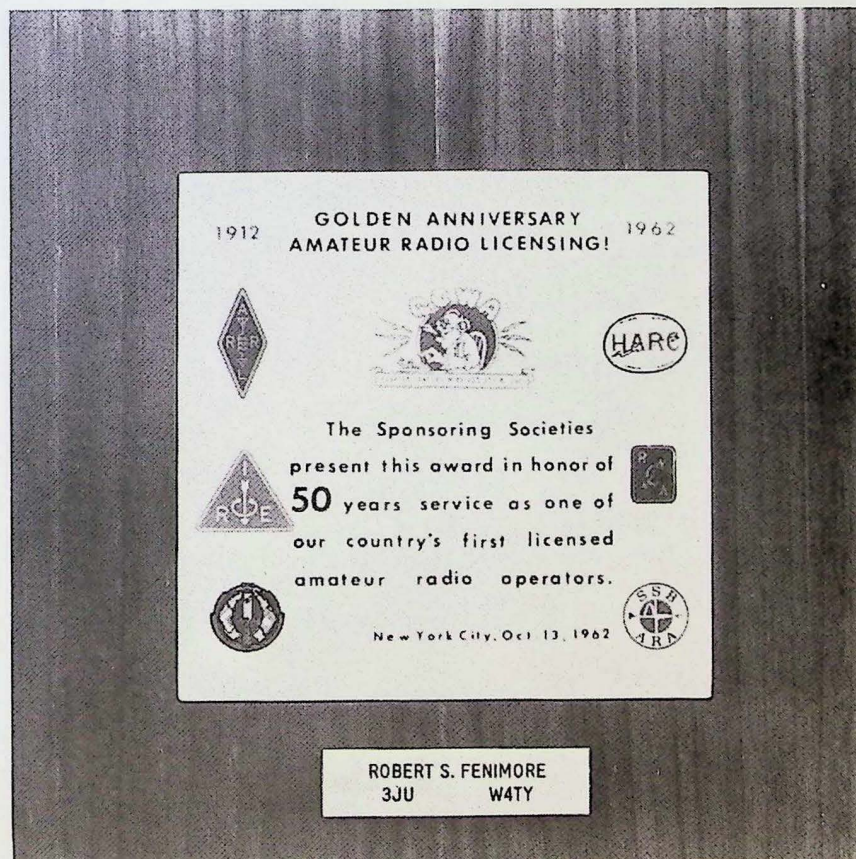
THERE WERE HEAVY PENALTIES FOR SENDING FALSE DISTRESS SIGNALS AND THE INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME VERY BAD REPERCUSSIONS, BUT, FORTUNATELY FOR ME, THE WHOLE MATTER WAS HUSHED UP SOME MONTHS LATER AFTER A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN MADE BY THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

## NOTE

C. FERLAND WORKED AS A COAST AND SHIP OPERATOR FOR CANADIAN MARCONI COMPANY FROM APRIL 1ST 1917 TO APRIL 1ST 1950, THEN WAS TAKEN OVER BY CANADIAN OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATION CORPORATION, ENGAGED IN TRANS-OCEANIC CABLE AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AS TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT ON SEPTEMBER 30TH 1962 AFTER 46½ YEARS IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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## STORIES

### VIGNETTE OF HAM

DID YOU HAVE EQUALLY GOOD FORTUNE????

IT WAS 1920, AND OUR HAM WAS THE PROUD POSSESSOR OF A BRAND NEW FIRST-CLASS TICKET AND WAS ABOUT TO MAKE HIS FIRST VOYAGE AT SEA.

NOBODY ELSE IN HIS FAMILY HAD EVER BEEN TO SEA: HE'D BEEN WARNED ABOUT THE PERILS OF SEASICKNESS, BUT HAD DISMISSED THE IDEA OF BEING SICK UNTIL THE DAY OF HIS FIRST DEPARTURE - - THEN HE WONDERED!

THE VESSEL WAS THE SS NORTHLAND OF THE EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, AND WAS SAILING FROM BOSTON AT FIVE PM, FOR AN OVERNIGHT TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY, AND, IT WAS MAKING THE TRIP WITHOUT CARGO, WITHOUT PASSENGERS.

NOW, THE SS NORTHLAND WAS JUST ABOUT THE DIAMETRIC OPPOSITE OF ANY GIVEN ICEBERG - THE NORTHLAND WAS NORMALLY AND ROUGHLY ABOUT NINE-TENTHS OUT OF WATER....

BUT THE NORTHLAND DOCKED IN N.Y.C. ABOUT EIGHT A.M. THE NEXT DAY, AFTER A MIGHTY ROUGH TRIP, GOING AROUND CAPE COD INSTEAD OF THRU THE CANAL - - AND OUR HAM, WHO WAS THE JUNIOR OP WITH THE MID-WATCH WAS ELEVATED! NOT EVEN A HINT OF SEASICKNESS HAD BEEN EXPERIENCED....AND....IN SOME FIFTEEN YEARS OF SEA VOYAGES, HE WAS NEVER SEASICK. INFACT, THE ROUGHER THE SAILING, THE BETTER HE LIKED IT.

WELL - THERE WAS A REASON FOR HIS GOOD START. BEFORE LEAVING BOSTON HIS CHIEF OPERATOR WISELY AND THOUGHTFULLY TOLD HIM: "IF YOU BEGIN YOUR FIRST VOYAGE WITH A FULL STOMACH, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW SEASICKNESS. GO ON DOWN TO THE SALON AND HAVE YOURSELF A FEAST! OUR HAM DID JUST THAT - INDULGING IN A WHOPPING BIG STEAK, WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S.

HOPE ALL OOTC ANCIENT MARINERS HAD EQUALLY GOOD LUCK!

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LET'S REMINISCE A BIT - AND SIGH WITH NOSTALGIC REVERENCE!!!!

IT'S IN THE EARLY TWENTIES....

AND WE'LL MENTION TWO CALLS: VCE, CAPE RACE; AND PCH, ROTTERDAM. 'MEMBER THEM????

TAKE A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT, MID-ATLANTIC, SHIPS AROUND POSSIBLY IN TROUBLE, YOUR CHAIR BRACED AGAINST THE SHIP'S PITCHING AND ROLLING, THE OVERHEAD LIGHT OFF AND JUST A DESK LAMP OVER THE OPERATING POSITION, WHEN - -

VCE COMES ON THE AIR WITH A CQ, LISTING TRAFFIC....AND HOW VCE DID COME ON THE AIR! 'MEMBER, HONESTLY? HIS SIGNAL STARTED WITH A QSA-1 HIGH-PITCHED NOTE, SO THAT IT SOUNDED DOWNRIGHT WEIRD. THEN WITH CONTINUED KEYING, IT WOULD GRADUALLY COME DOWN TO ABOUT A 500-CYCLE NOTE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY INCREASING TO A GOOD QSA-5. THE EFFECT WAS ALMOST SUPERNATURAL....

AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE SCALE WAS PCH. SAILING THRU THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, YOU'D HEAR A SERIES OF HIGH-PITCHED ENGLISH AND FRENCH STATIONS ALONG THE COASTS, AND THEN UP WOULD OPEN PCH! MY, MY, HIS NOTE WAS WAY DOWN CELLAR AND STAYED THERE. IT WAS A CROSS BETWEEN A MULE TAKING HIS FOOT OUT OF THE MUD - AND A BRONX CHEER.

WHAT A TREAT IT WOULD BE TO HEAR VCE AND PCH TODAY.....

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### NOTICE

"I'M TRYING TO LOCATE AN OLD FRIEND - HAROLD D. HAYES - AND I WONDER IF HE MIGHT BE MENTIONED IN THE BLUEBOOK. WOULD YOU LOOK IN YOURS EUNICE, AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY MENTION OF HIM. ALTHOUGH I PAID FOR THE BLUEBOOK I HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT AS YET. IF NO MENTION THERE, COULD A LITTLE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BE PRINTED IN SGT? HAYES WORKED FOR OLD UNITED WIRELESS WHEN I DID IN 1911 & 1912 AND THEN HE QUIT AND OPENED UP A RADIO SCHOOL AT THE YMCA IN LOS ANGELES. HE AND I ROOMED TOGETHER IN SAN PEDRO. I SAW HIM IN JUNE 1917 AND HE WAS A LT. J.G. IN NAVY AND THEN I LOST TRACK OF HIM. HE INSTALLED A COMPLETE MARCONI 2 KW 240 CYCLE SHIP JOB AT THE LA YMCA AND I HAVE A KNOCK-OUT PICTURE OF IT - WOULD IT MAYBE OF INTEREST TO PUBLISH IT? "GS CORPE WOLM



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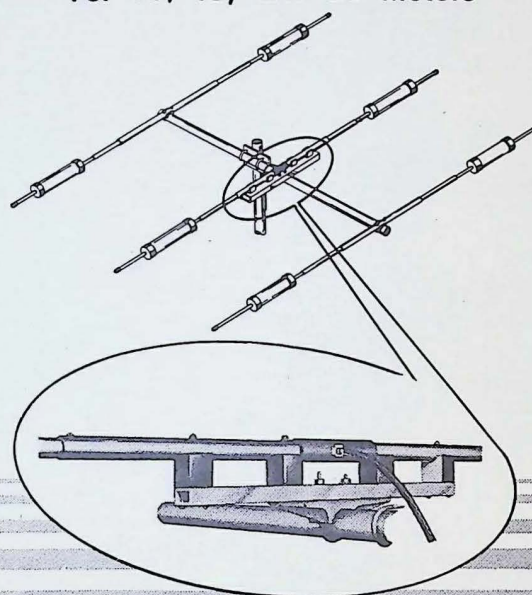
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