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We had a lot of bright ideas for an editorial ealier in the Month but with the cold light of day these all seemed pretty petty. As far as the Club is concerned it is no joking matter and will certainly knock quite a few thousand points off our score. We are of course speaking of those nasty little pink things so many of the boys have received from the FCC, Bless 'em.

There must have been a lot of work involved with lots of the unwelcome QSL's sent out as the time involved in sending and receiving same was a muvh longer than anyone supposed. Instead of being an oddity in not receiving a 'Pinky' its the other way around. If you didn't get one you are one of the very few.

And Boy oh Boy were they cutting it close. There were a bunch of citations issued for 200 and 300 cycles low. Thats cutting it mighty fine we think. Of course if the band says 14,000 its 14,000 and we shouldn't be out the 200 cycles but then who will want to give up 3 KC just to be sure. In the heat of battle and the rush to get a new multiplier, haste sometimes accounts for the above mentioned violation.

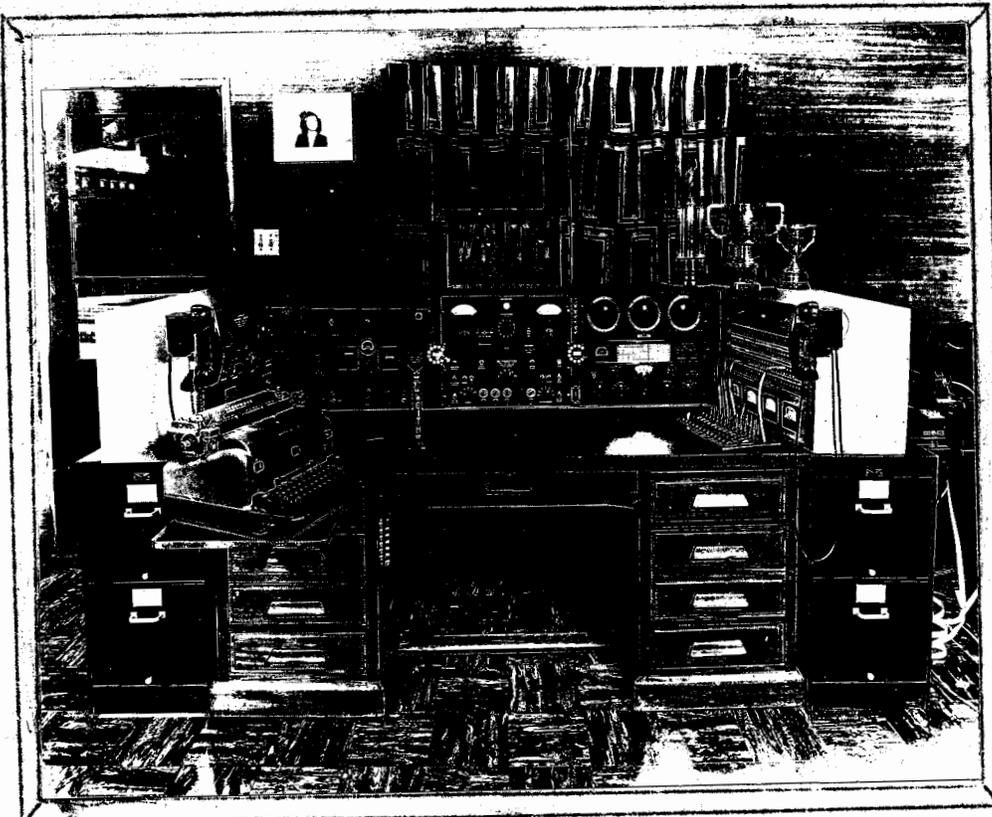
We have no quarrel with the FCC and if they are going to get that technical ( and they are certainly within their rights) it behooves each and everyone of us to stay in the band even if we have to sit in 2 or 3 K.C to make sure.

So, again we say: Watch us next year. Our only consolation, if you could call it that is the fact that there are a lot of other stations in the same boat throughout the country. They say that misery loves company but in this case we all hate to see so many of the prominent DX'ers get caught out of the bands.

It was good experience though and believe me the edges of all the bands are going to be very empty next year as far as the NCDX Club is concerned. Once burned, twice cautious we say. So to all the gang that received the 'Pinkies' our deepest condolences. You Boys will have to be more careful next year. Don't get so careless around the edges gang.

Oh yes. Forgot to mention that your Ed got one of the nasty things too. Whoa is me.

W6PB-EDITOR.



W 6 I T H-D.Reg. Tibbetts- MORAGA, CALIFORNIA.

Possibly the neatest and most accessible operating position in California, and the World for that matter is the above layout of W6ITH.

A brief description of the gear shows: from left to right; the oscillator(built by Reg) for use with his G.R. Primary Frequency standard, underneath that is a W.E. 124B Amplifier. Next in line is a Super-Pro Receiver above which is a Speech Amplifier with built-in compression and clipper circuits. The next two units shown above are, G.R Type 1931A Amplifier and Modulation Monitor. Underneath is a Multiband Exciter for precision frequency control for any frequency. Above the Collins 75A Receiver are three spkrs which may be used on any of the gear. On the extreme right is the Telephone control switchboard wherein all lines from the various units terminate in 500 Ohms for various patchings. Just visible in the extreme right hand corner of the picture is the Radio Tele-type equipment.

The SIX (yes we said SIX) Transmitters not shown are all duplicates each one covering one band and they all end up in a pair of 4-250-A tubes. There are Five Rhombic Antennas which will work on any of the ham bands and are so situated that any given part of the globe may be covered. These Rhombics are selected from the operating position by a switch and are all terminated Rhombics. All the transmitters are new and have been put into operation since the war.

The three cups shown on the right are, ARRL Permanent Trophy given for 'Operating Supremacy', which was won by being the TOP station in the USA Two years in a row. Next cup is the Foreign Station Award of the Radio Club of Argentina, for the foreign winner of the Argentine DX Contest. The third Cup was the Sacramento Radio Club Award for the outstanding Sixth District Top DX Contest station. Barely visible in front of the middle Cup is the 'DX HOUND' given by the NCDX Club for 100 stations worked on two way phone.

If that isn't enough there is enough other equipment which seems to go on endlessly. Being the Chief Engineer for the United Press Association, Reg is also the President of Cyclotron Specialties Company which is engaged in the production of Radiation Detection Apparatus. This work was done during the war and the past fourteen years preceeding the war.

Additional equipment also not shown(As we are not publishing an illustrated book-HI) are four relay racks of Radio Teletype apparatus and single sideband equipment.

Reg's past records include TOP man Nationally in the S.S. Phone contest for SEVEN years in a row. However pressure of business and other radio activities has kept Reg pretty much off the air of late but occassionally you can hear him banging away. However, time off the air was no deterrent in Reg copping another FIRST. That was the FIRST two-way teletype radio contact transoceanic between W6ITH and J3RO in Nagoya, Japan. This was accomplished the first time on 11 meters on March 25, 1949. Since then Reg and Lt. W.C.Wiley, J3RO have handled thousands of words of messages and W6ITH has made the B.P.L. BY AMATUER RADIO TELETYPE!!!

Reg is one of the Charter members of the NCDX Club and when pressure of business permits makes it down to the club. However if there is ever a letup in business we will hear more of W6ITH on the air as one of our outstanding DX'ers.

Balearic Islands.

EA6AZ seems to be coming thru but we have no info on the time of day. The frequency is XTAL and is 14060. However there is a B.L. on signing the same call but is VFO. It is the opinion that the XTAL guy is the legit one. If any one of the gang have any further info please give us the dope.

At the present time there is NO activity on FP8 and anyone qsoed signing FP8 in the bast is a Bootlegger!!!!

French Indo China.

According to word received from FI8ZZ there are now two others on there signing FI8AB and FI8AE-- Hope they QSL, at least better than FI8ZZ has in the past.

There are now three UL stns on the air namely: UL7BS, UL7AC and UL7KAA. Better work any you hear as any station in Russia with KAA, KAB etc, after the call is a club station and you might get an operator that doesn't QSL.

Look for UP2AB as well as UP2AA --2AA 14100-14135-Evenings-T9

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

A lot of the good DX dope in this issue is through the courtesy of the the S.C.DX Club in L.A. and we sure appreciate same.

PX1A-Andorra.

His former XE QTH is now out. QSL now via:Radio Andorra.

USSR PHONE INFO

The following phone stations are active: UA1BE, UA1AB, UA3KAA, UB5BG, UA9KCA and UAØFG.

New Prefixes???

Whether these will ever be issued for general Ham use we don't know but here they are anyways:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 2A-2Z-England | 3Y-Norway         |
| 3A-Monaco     | 3Z-Poland         |
| 3B-Canada     | 4A-Mexico         |
| 3G-Chile      | 4D-Phillipines    |
| 3H-China      | 4M-Venezuela      |
| 4J-USSR       | 4P-Eng.Colonies   |
| 4N-Yugoslavia | 4U-United Nations |
| 4T-Peru       | 4W-Yemen          |
| 4V-Haiti      |                   |
| 3V-France     |                   |

These are probably blocks of call letters issued for the above countries for commercial use-We hope!

W6RBQ-Bill Ladley-S.F.

We wre all certainly very shocked indeed to hear of Bill's illness but we understand he is now on the mend but it will be a sort of slow process. The whole Club wishes RBQ the best of luck and heres hoping to hear hi m on the air knocking off some rare ones.

ZD8B--Ascension Island.

We haven't heard him at his usual spot 14022 at the usual time 11.30 p.m. to midnight but he is probably still around.

However we did hear that a QSL card card was received by W9TJ from him for a contact in the 1948 DX contest. That card was received just two weeks ago. So don't give up boys if it takes a while to get his card.

More Radiotelephone Information.

According to W6TT the floowing are on CW but will change over to phone if you ask them. They all have modulators of a sort:

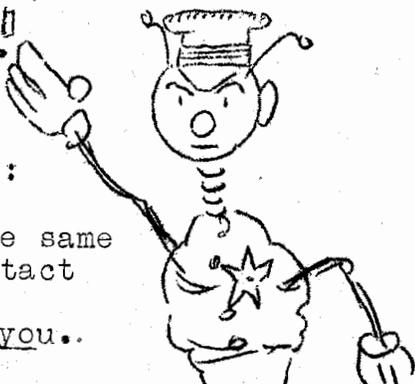
- UI8KAA-14100
- UR2KAA-14100
- UJ8AC-14100
- UA3AW-14185
- UA3KAA-14185
- UB5BG-14300
- UQ2AB-14170
- UA1BE-14315
- UG6BA-14155
- UB5KAG-14155
- UA1KEZ-14395 and 14110.

More Phone Info fm W6TT

- AR8AB-14400
- AR8BM-14328
- YK1AB-14325
- XZ2SS-14325
- AR8BC-14390-14400
- AR8BK-14343
- WT3AE-14320

WANTED!

THE QTH OF:  
W3ZHG  
If you have same  
please contact  
W6TT.....  
Thankyou..



- UL7KAA-14080
- GC3ZU-14070
- ZB1AY-14002
- FI8ZZ-14040
- ZC4AC-14030
- AP2F-14010
- MB9BJ-14080
- HZ1AB-14050
- VK9NR-14090
- VU4AA-14110
- ZS9B-14025
- VU7AF-14040
- FD8RG-14040
- MD7RCS-14050
- ZC2AA-14160
- EA6AZ-14060
- LZ3SD-14040
- AC4RF-14020
- PK5HL-14055
- ZC4AC-14030
- ZP2A-14060 and 14080
- EA4LQ-14007

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The following are all PHONE:

- EA4FC-14350
- MI2FU-28350 & 14390
- YU3B-14170
- W5AXI/EA8-28240
- MT2E-28420
- YS2AG-14325
- AR8AB-14405
- EA4LA-14340
- AG2AB-28358 (Pakistan??)
- EA3CR-14410
- EA8CO-14190
- MF2AC-14312
- VR1B-28110
- XZ2DY-14317
- XZ2KN-14315
- ZC1AZ-14348
- ZD6SC-14322
- CT2AB-14335

All above phone dope from W6TT.

SOME QTH THAT MIGHT HELP.

OX3BC-Niilo Koski, c/O Artic Section, U.S. Weather Bureau, 24th and M Sts., Washington, 25, D.C.

TA3AA-Julius Wenglore, C/O American Mission for Aid To Turkey, APO 206, C/O P.M., New York City.

KZ5IP-Box 64, Diablo Heights, Canal Zone.

DK4AU- QSL Via W1NW.

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KZ5CN- Box 812, COCOLI, Canal Zone.

HH2MF-Melvin Ferguson, C/O Standard Fruit and S.S. Co., Port Au Prince, Haiti.

VK1VU and VK1FE-Via W.I.A. But don't get excited as NO QSL will be sent until sometime in 1950 when they return.

EA5BE-P.O.Box 220, Madrid, Spain.

TA3GVU-Fred J. Elser-Via ARRL.

KC6WA-Bill O. Dawson, Civild Unite Navy 3054, C/O FPO, S.F.

NOTE: For the Info on QSL to AUSTRIA get in touch with W6TI.

MORE ON SP5BA, POLAND

Last issue we mentioned that a card to W5KC (who was supposed to handle SP5BA cards brought forth the info that 5KC had no info on the SP. However, since that time 5KC has been thinking it over and thinks that the SP may be one of his prewar SP pals operating undercover. So, 5KC has written to the SP friend of his and we should know if SP5BA is a phoney or the real McCoy.

VK1VU and VK1FE

These boys are both on the same Island and will only count as ONE country. That is, they will count when CQ and ARRL make it official.

F O R S A L E.

One brand new VM4 Modulation Transformer-In original Box. If you are interested please see W6LDD.....

MP4BAC-----OMAN

Look for this new one who, now th t MP4BAB has left is using BAB's old rig. We mean the one with the T5 note.

NICOBAR ISLAND.

For those that worked VU2PB on Andaman Island and have his QSL read no further. But if you need the above which counts the same as Andaman Island, keep your ears peeled for: VU4AA, 14100 KC.

HONEY SUGAR ONE SUGAR SUGAR.

Ole HS1SS back on in the a.m. and has been heard about 14090- Usually must be worked before 8 a.m. at the latest as he folds about that time.

Some odd openings on 20.

If you can get on 20 around 5 to 7.00 point the beam at Africa and look for such stuff as OQ5, FE8 and other stuff in that general direction.

EA8MC-Canary Islands.

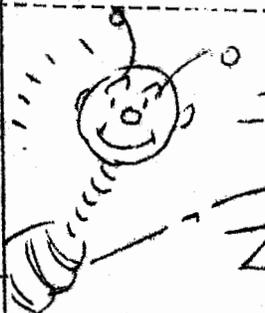
Still in there all the way fro from 14055 to 14095. T7 note. If you don't get him 2 kc low, try 2 kc high. His QTH as follows:  
Manuel Cenalor,  
Sol 'y Ortega 23,  
Laguna, Tenerife,  
Canary Islands.

VK1VU

If you are consistently missing him in the early a.m. try the short path at 6.00 p.m.

FF8GP

QSL via REF, and look for him about 10.30 p.m. at 14065.

 THOSE WELCOME  
CARDS FROM  
ZP3AW  
ARRIVED AT THE  
W6 QSL BUREAU!

Propagation Predictions for Month of April, 1949.

Through the courtesy of Radio Magazines Inc and in particular it's Assistant Editor, Perry Ferrell, we are fortunate to receive advance notice of these predictions. They appear in April CQ but are here tabulated in what is believed to be a more useable form. W6UZX.

San Francisco:TO:	Band	Opening	Remarks
Middle East:	7 Mc	Maybe about 1800 PST	Not dependable
	14 Mc	(1430 to 2030)Peak 1730	
	28 Mc	None predictable	Max. MUF 24 Mcs
Europe:	7 Mc	(1815-2130)Peak 1930	Noise high here
	14 Mc	(1315-1515)Peak 1430-1515	Phones Doubt.
	28 Mc	None predictable	Max. MUF 25Mcs
South Africa:	7 Mc	(1815-2045)	High Noise level
	24 Mc	(1400-2330)	Phones: 1700-2200
	28	(0700-1500)	Good opening
South East Asia:	7 Mc	(0245-0630)Peak 0500	High Noise Level
	14 Mc	(0000-1000)	Fadeout 0430-0500
	28 Mc	(1745-2015)	Good opening
South America:	7 Mc	(1730-0230)	Good Sigs
	14 Mc	(1500-0500)	Phone after 1645
	28 Mc	(0700-1615)	May close 1545
Japan:	7 Mc	(2315-0800)Peak 0200-0515	
	14 Mc	(1900-1000)	Good Sigs
	28 Mc	(1345-2015)	Good Sigs
Australasia:	7 Mc	(2230-0715)Peak 0330-0630	May open later
	14 Mc	14-Mc (2000-0700)Peak 0300-0600	phone after 2230-Good
	28 Mc	(1130-2100) Peak 1800-2100	Good Sigs

Perry Ferrell's present predictions are only for the direct paths to the points indicated.

It is difficult to imagine that the present good conditions for Europe on 14 Mcs from 2000 to 2400, and even later, will suddenly disappear in April, however, he doesn't mention them. The Ten meter Band is showing definite signs of collapse towards Europe with an occasional flareup which usually doesn't last long. Ten is excellent for South America in the mornings right now. Also quite a number of Africans, mostly ZS. Some West Africans, EL and CN8 of late, but probably wont last much longer. It looks as if the beam will be more productive towards ASIA on 14 Mcs these mornings. XZ, VU, and VS7 are becoming more prevalent. ZD9AA is much louder now that he is coming the long way around.

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Northern-California DX Club Inc-Roster Postwar Countries worked.

Call	CW/Phone	Phone	Zones	DXCC	WAZ	Remarks
W6AM	183	103	40 (35)	X	X	
W6AED		121	37	X		
W6AJF						Hon Mem
W6ATO	100		38			
W6BUY	106		37	X		
W6CTL	126		39	X		
W6CIS	161			X		
W6DUB	128		39	X		
W6DZZ	177		40	X	X	
W6EJA	83		37			
W6GIZ	91		32			
W6IDY		142				
W6ITH						
W6IKQ	122	120	36	X(X)		Both Pre and Post
W6JK	121		39			
W6KEK	116		39			
W6LDD	132		40	X		
W6LMZ	89		36			
W6MEK	201		40	X	X	
W6MVQ	194		40	X	X	
W6MHB	115		39			
W6MLY	153		40	X	X	
W6MX	203		40	X	X	
W6NZ	97		38			
W6OMC	182		40	X	X	
W6PB	183		40	X	X	
W6PWR		92	32			
W6QDE	85		35			
W6QLH						
W6RBQ	186		40	X	X	
W6RCC	99		38			
W6RM	184		40	X	X	
W6RRG	80		39			
W6SC	189		40	X	X	
W6SQ						
W6SR	134		39			
W6TE	157		40	X	X	
W6TQ	195	126	40	X	X	Also PHONE DXCC
W6UPV		71	31			
W6UZX	158	103	40	X	X	
W6WB	190		40	X		
W6WP	65					
W6WJX	121		40	X		
W6YI		54	27			
W6ZDY	199		40	X	X	
W6ZHT	107		38			
W7TIG	120		34			

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Another nice gain gang with now over half the club the proud possessors of DXCC and the other half hot on the heels of DXCC.

We are coming right along and with 20 getting better at night it should help out a lot.

F8NE-C O R S I C A.

We were in receipt of a nice letter from Jean, F8NE who has now returned to France.

Among other things, Jean was surprised that so many W's did not receive his QSL card and as he is most anxious to QSL 100% he asks that any of the gang that did not receive his Corsica QSL card to write him at the address listed at the bottom and he will see the card is sent.

Also Jean asked us to put in the DX'er that, and we quote: 'F8NE? Corsica has sent his QSL via REF/ARRL for every Corsica QSO, so if by the end of MARCH, some one of them have not received my QSL they must write to me and I will send directly my card. Also please tell the gang that F8NE has not qso'ed W6JKH, W6LDJ, W6DUC and W4JBF also ZS1CN; certainly some pirate was using my call. From Corsica my freq. was always and only 14040 Kcs.' End of quote.

So there you are gang. Here is Jean's home QTH:  
G.C.R.  
Rue Marechal Reille,  
Antibes, FRANCE.

Have you worked YM 4 AW ??

If you haven't worked him and hear this choice call, don't bust a blood vessel as the guy altho' being in Danzig it will now only count as Germany. However the card looks good and might just give a visitor a little bit of a thrill. His QSL QTH is as follows:

Walter Schlichting,  
85 Park Ave.,  
Amityville.,  
Long Island, N.Y.

HAVE YOU ANYTHING FOR SALE OR TRADE ? IF SO, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR AND HAVE THE ARTICLE LISTED IN THE DX'ER.

STILL FOR SALE BY W 6 K E K..

One Bc 1335 complete.

We also received a nice letter from Larry Le Kashman, W2IOP in regards to our 'Editorial' in the March DX'er and as we are always receptive to ideas we will print parts of Larry's letter. You will remember that the Editorial in question dealt in part with our ideas of leaving out the 80 meter band as far as the DX contest goes.

Larry is inclined to agree that, as far as National scores are concerned the East Coast boys have the edge, but Larry also feels that if 80 is abandoned in the DX Test then the band will be lost as a DX band and he feels that if the boys would give the band a chance it

As a further idea Larry suggests that the high national man be more

played down and other sections ~~played up~~ played up.

Many of the gang in the club will agree heartily with this.

As an East Coast Man, W2IOP, feels that there is not much of a chance for comparison anyways as one ham may have a superb location and then just poop along and not make much of a score while a ham with a mediocre location may due to good operating ability get a much higher score.

2IOP also feels that perhaps some sort of a multiplier handicap could be worked out but he still feels that to abandon the 80 meter band should not be done.

Larry closes his letter as follows:

'We DX men on the East Coast realize that it is a big advantage and I, for one, would be perfectly willing to concede some of this advantage to the West Coast gang but I would hate to see the band (80) removed from competition.'

SAY GANG:

PLEASE SEND SOME MORE DOPE FOR THE DX'ER BY THE FIRST OF MONTH - WE ALSO NEED PICTURES! SEND ME THE NEGATIVES - W6PB EDITOR