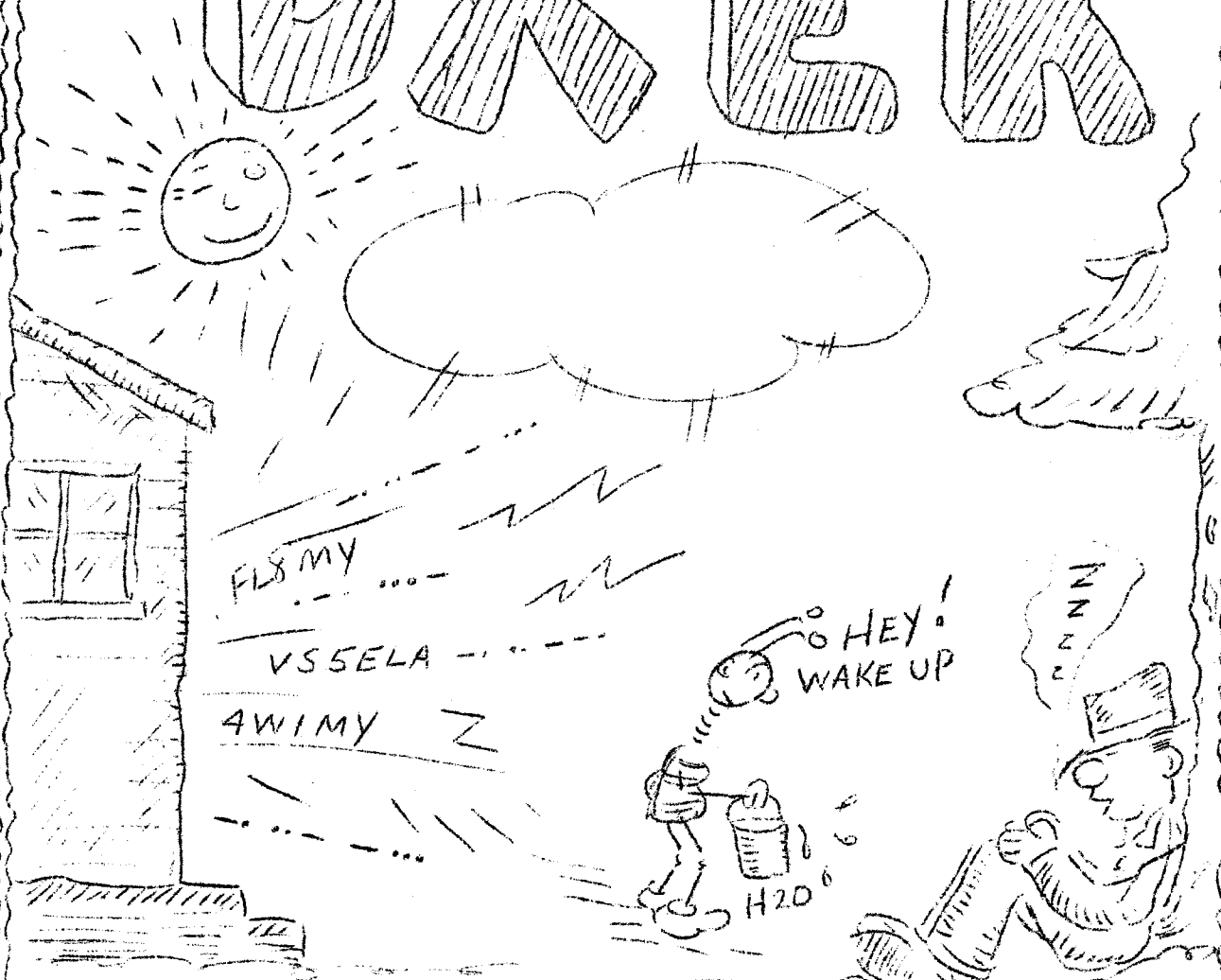


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Hi gang: here we are again, still pounding away on the mill, W6DZZ has asked me to continue as editor of the DX'er so you guys are stuck with me for another six months. With W6DZZ as President and W6NIG as Veep it looks like we are in for a very active period as far as the club is concerned. Eddie has appointed W6TI to be in charge of the Northern California DX Club and Southern California DX Club Conference, to be held in Fresno January 17 - 18, 1953, W6TI has named W6ATO, W6TT, and W6WB as the committee to assist him so it really should be a bang up meeting and we should all start making plans to be there.

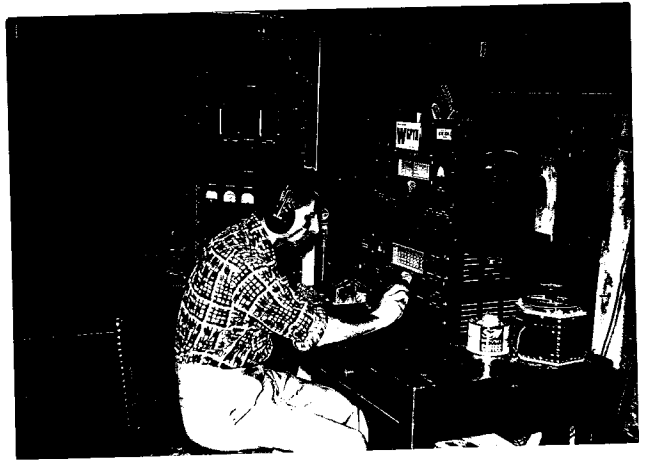
W6PYH is now official photographer for the DX'er and is this guy aggressive, the first thing he did was to get W6PB to help him and they invaded Contra Costa County and shot pictures of W6MHB, W6DYP, and W6LW, then Pete took one of his own layout, so we suddenly find ourselves in the very unusual position of not only having a picture for this issue, but for three to come. We are putting the picture of W6PYH's rig in this issue as we have no descriptions of the other three.

The next meeting of the Northern California DX Club will be at the Hotel Coit in Oakland on Thursday, August 14th. The hotel has taken over the dining room and asked us to return. They have promised us a FB dinner so after a poll of many members it was decided to take a look see. Please remember we sit down to eat at 7:00 pm. Also don't forget that W6AM will give us the low down on his trip to Europe.

The summer DX conditions have been good this year in spite of the usual high summer noise level. With the various unusual DX coming through, FL8, VS5, ZC2, etc. the gang has been kept busy and the summer DX slump has not been as bad as usual. Usually this is the time of the year that we start getting ready for the contest season, try out new antennas, chase down that last bit of TVI, etc. but due to the unusual active conditions of the bands we are afraid that some of this work will not be finished by the time contest time comes around. Anyway take time to check things over so you will be ready when the Sweepstakes, CQ - and ARRL DX contests roll around.

W6PYH would like those that have not had their station picture in the DX'er to get in touch with him and he will come out and take it. Pete is doing a FB job and any cooperation that the gang will give him will be appreciated.

Well Gang; that is all for now. Will see you at the meeting.



W6PYH Peter A. Folini, Jr., 8040 Crest Ave., Oakland, Calif.

This issue we have a picture of our new official photographer operating his FB set up. Pete became interested in DX in 1946 and up to two years ago ran low power, at that time the high power bug bit him and the usual rebuilding cycles followed ending last year just before the DX contest with the present set up. Pete has the only flashlight erected antennas in the area. During the rebuilding of the transmitter not much thought was given to antennas with the result that the last few nights before the DX contest were spent putting up antennas with the aid of flashlights, W6GIZ, and W6CGG.

The transmitter starts out with a Collins 310B1 exciter, followed by a pair of 4-250As in Push-pull. Both phone and CW are used with a pair of 304TTLs doing the modulating. High and low level speech clipping are used to get that most out of the rig without splattering up the band. The final is completely shielded including the meters and the windows for observing the tubes. All the usual precautions are used and the rig is completely TVI proofed. The receiver is a 75A1 followed by an audio filter which is very seldom used. The antenna farm consists of a three element semi wide spaced beam for 20, a 40 meter ground plane, a two element 10 meter beam, and a 75 meter doublet. Pete now has 130 countries confirmed so is doing ok.

Twenty five members of the Richmond Fire department were recently given special written and oral examinations with the results that four of them were give appointments as Captains. Heading the list was one of our members W6LMZ. Congratulations Nels.

W6TI gave us the following:

CR5UP cards are being handled by W4PJU. Gratton H. George, P.O. Box 1253, Clewiston, Fla. He has the CR5UP log.

ZM6AC has been heard 14,145 at 10 pm.

VR1B on about 14,130 phone, poor quality.

VR1F will go to VR7 soon.

W6NZ finally hooked zone 39, he worked VK1PN on Heard Island. This gives Syd his forty zones, now all he needs is that ONE card for WAZ.

We hear that W6CIS has been transferred to Sacramento. Ur QTH Ken?

Don, W6AM has returned from his trip to Europe and has sent us the following items. Don visited 11 countries and managed to find time to visit DX stations in seven of them. At the August meeting of the Northern California DX Club, Don will give us the dope on the trip and will show colored slides.

On returning from the trip Don found two of his antennas were down (the guy only has 120 acres of them) it didn't take him long to get them up and get on the air and add a few new ones.

Don tells us that the new officers of the Southern California DX Club are: Pres. W6BUD, Secretary W6AOA, and Roving Committeeman W6AM. (Boy, does that guy rove).

W6AM received his card from ZC2MAC - this makes 235 confirmed for Don. Don worked ZC2MAC again on July 19th at which time he told Don he was returning to VS7 in ten days thence to G.

W6AM worked FR7ZA, one way phone July 19th, FR7ZA said his modulator was nearly finished so a two way fone QSO is anticipated and hoped for soon.

VP5BF, South Caicos, Turks Island told W6AM he burned out his audio interstage transformer UTC PA233 and would be back on phone when he could get one.

KG1AF told Don that he heard ZA3KAA QSO W8BHW 14080 Kc. 1600 PSDT, T6 with a 5 Kc. drift.

WANTED - One standard 77" deluxe model enclosed relay rack. Any of you guys having the above item and wanting to get it off your hands see Joe, W6GPB.

DIPLOMA DO MUNDO PORTUGUES D.M.P. (Worked Portuguese World - W.P.W.) Here is another award for you wall - paper collectors.

RULES:

- 1) The DMP-WPW is available to all amateurs of any nationality belonging to member associations of the I.A.R.U.
- 2) The D.M.P. will be awarded to the amateurs who can prove at least one contact with any of the following stations: CT1-Portugal; CT2-Azores - Archipelago; CT3-Madeira Archipelago; CR1-Cape Vert Archipelago; CR5-Portuguese Guinea or St. Tome & Principe - Islands; CR6-Angola (Portuguese West-

Africa); CR7-Mozambique (Portugese East Africa); CR8-Portuguese India (Goa-Damos-Diu); CR9-Macau; CR10-Portuguese Timor

- 30 In order to obtain this award it is necessary to present to the R.E.P. the QSL cards referring to each contact made. The R.E.P. will return these cards together with the award, as soon as they have been duly checked.
- 40 The R.E.P. will pay for all expenses made with posting the QSL cards and AWARD.
- 5) Only communications effected after July 29, 1947 will be valid.
- 6) The only entity qualified to grant this award is the R.E.P. which will authenticate it with the signatures of its president and first secretary and with the respective blanc seal.
- 7) All amateurs who win the award may use the initials DMP-WPW in their correspondence and QSL cards.
- 8) For granting the DMP-WPW communications in telegraphy or telephony will be considered indiscriminately.
- 9) In case of disagreement, decisions of the REP will prevail.

The following items were sent in by Horace, W6TI:

W6IKQ sends his 73 to the gang and hopes to become active again soon. He is sorry to have missed meetings of late but he has been QRL landscaping the new home in Orinda. His old tower is for sale \$100.00 and his small tower plus 10 meter beam for \$50.00.

A number of the club members worked W6MLY signing LW1MY from Yemen on July 11th. QSL via HZ1MY, OK in new Call - Book.

VS6CM Box 541, Hong Kong, Asia

Was VR1AF, Solomon Islands (VK2QZ) mobile or not? He was on a ship but said he was not in motion, maybe his Xmtr was on shore but don't count too heavy on this one.

MI3LK Box 374 Asmara, Eritrea

OD5AB (old AR8AB) in Lebanon may have his wish granted. It looks like the FCC might OK this one now anytime.

ZC2MAC comes through from time to time and many of the club members have now worked him.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AND STUFF DONATED BY Pee Bee

DX and Predictions.....

Seems that despite the general predictions here and there that DX has been pretty good on 14 mcs. Seems that if the stations are on we can hear and work them. Surely this year has been a lot better than last year so mebbe we have hit the bottom of the cycle on 14 mcs and DX will be looking up.

ZC2MAC

Gone but not forgotten! Too bad he wasn't on the air more so that more of us could have had a crack at him. However, the latest poop via the grapevine is that there is supposed to be another ZC2 perhaps signing ZC2CB.

VS5ELA

Guess we will have to wait to get the complete story on this if same is ever printed in QST. ELA didn't get to VS4 or Sarawak. There are all kinds of rumors floating around, however, we will just have to wait and see.

For the first time in several months we heard W6SC in there calling VS5ELA. Wherinell you been Tom OM. We have missed your smiling face at the meetings lo these many moons so why not drop in to the next meeting?

Speaking of meetings reminds us that again we take up our abode at the Coit Hotel in Oakland. The food problem has been solved inasmuch as the Hotel management has taken back the catering to the dining room so we have been promised a real meal like we used to get there several years ago.

Dick McKercher, HZ1MY, 4W1MY, FL8MY, will be going on another jaunt real soon, this time to British Somaliland. Supposed to be there about August 26th. Heres hoping that Dick not only makes it but that we also have good 20 meter conditions that week-end.

Dicks method of operating has been excellent with a maximum of contacts with a minimum of fuss.

Attention you Phone Men....

If you want a red hot buy on a brand new VM-4 modulation transformer contact W6LDD. This has never been used and you can pick it up for a paltry 25 bucks.

REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN:

W6SR used to teach wireless code to newcomers?

W1FH only had 180 confirmed.

We used to get Russian QSL's.

The Reinartz tuner was the very last word in sensitive gadgets.

DX contest in this area could be won with a score of 50,000 measly little points.

6UF and 6HB had that DX shack on top the S.F. hills and used to knock off the DX.

We used to de-base the little 5 watters(UV202) invert them in a jar of castor oil and merrily run 50 watts input.

All CW notes were T-1

CONGRATULATIONS:

To W6LMZ who will now be known in the Richmond Fire Department as CAPTAIN Nelsn! Nels won his promotion as the result of a competitive examination recently held in which he finished highest.

W6IDY

Dom is just completing a new bandswitching final using 4-250-A in a Pi-network setup and thus far is plenty pleased with the results so we should be hearing more from W6IDY. Incidentally, Dom's young son is no longer a novice having just recently passed his examination for General class and is now signing W6BXE.

OUR OWN DX'ER QUIZ!!!!!!

A sez B has key k1x all over the band but C sez he has a new TV set. However D denies everything. Who is right and why?

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CALL	WORKED (CW)	CONFIRMED	WORKED (PHONE)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	237	235	185	184	X/P	X
W6ARD	-	-	123	120	X/P	37
W6AJF		(Honorary Member)				
W6ATO	165	155	47	41	X	X
W6BAX	213	192	-	-	X	X
W6BUY	164	116	-	-	X	X
W6CEM	166	150	-	-	X	X
W6CIS	189	161	-	-	X	X
W6CTL	181	169	-	-	X	40
W6CZQ	130	112	-	-	X	39
W6DUB	142	140	-	-	X	X
W6DYP	232	178	-	-	X	X
W6DZZ	227	224	-	-	X	X
W6EJA	109	98	-	-	-	37
W6GIZ	120	101	-	-	X	38
W6GFB	156	148	35	35	X	40
W6GTI	175	150	-	-	X	38
W6IDY	-	-	142	90	-	-
W6IKQ	-	-	155	148	X/P	36
W6ITH	-	-	115	115	X/P	36
W6JK	172	162	-	-	X	X
W6KEK	157	153	-	-	X	40
W6KEV	190	156	-	-	X	X
W6LW	165	133	-	-	X	-
W6LDD	180	168	45	25	X	X
W6LMZ	165	140	-	-	X	37
W6MEK	240	233	-	-	X	X
W6MHB	177	168	-	-	X	X
W6MUF	137	113	-	-	X	40
W6MVQ	228	212	-	-	X	X
W6MX	232	226	-	-	X	X
W6NIG	167	145	135	128	X/P	38
W6NZ	145	130	-	-	X	40
W6OMC	203	199	-	-	X	X
W6PB	217	206	-	-	X	X
W6PYH	169	130	81	62	-	-
W6QDE	146	123	-	-	X	38
W6RBQ	203	191	-	-	X	X
W6ROC	131	112	-	-	X	40
W6RRG	129	112	91	83	X	39
W6SC	209	190	-	-	X	X
W6SR	195	170	-	-	X	X
W6TI	210	203	-	-	X	X
W6TFT	229	221	142	133	X/P	X
W6UPV	-	-	76	76	-	31
W6UYX	151	115	140	130	X/P	37
W6UZX	187	171	128	120	X/P	X
W6VE	212	200	-	-	X	X
W6WB	218	188	90	50	X	X
W6WP	76	60	-	-	-	-
W6WJX	140	130	69	60	X	40
W6ZCY	213	199	-	-	X	X
W6ZUI	161	154	-	-	X	39
W7DXG	150	120	42	35	X	40
G5LLI	208	190	-	-	X	40

Please correct at next meeting

Totals		
DXCC	49 (CW)	8 (Phone)
WAZ	28	
Members	55	