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WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE,
AND SEND YOUR QSL,
'CAUSE IF YOU DON'T,
I HOPE YOU BLOW,
YOUR LITTLE RIG
TO 4XX----

SIGNED:

DX Bug



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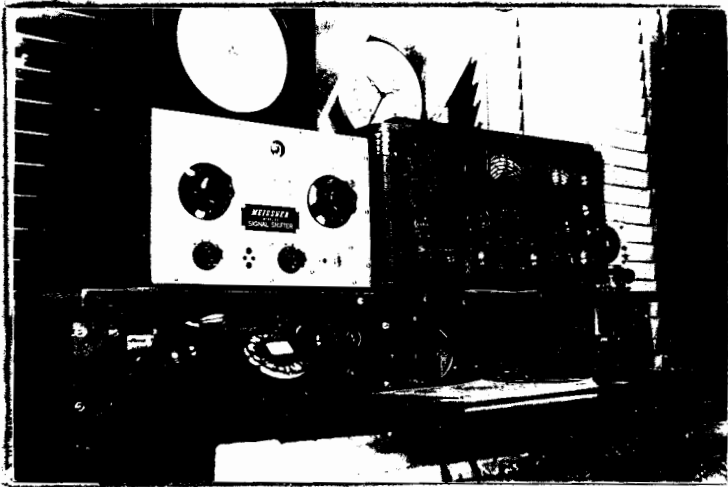
WHEW!!! Its all over. The DX contest we mean. And this year seemed to be the worst for QRM, punko conditions and varied and extraneous noises which persisted in covering up a good share of the DX, but, we wouldn't miss one of these rat races for all the tea in China. Its not only a test of endurance and how much sleep you can go without but also a test of your own self-control, especially when things seem to be going wrong and the little woman sticks her pretty little head in the shack and asks some inane question, then when you gotta really exercise the restraint and not really tell her off.

Ah me. We perhaps didn't do too well this time but look out next year. At that tho', the NCDX gang have nothing of which to be ashamed. True, there were a lot of the fellows who could have gotten into the contest and at least run up a few thousand points but, there were NO multiple operator stations in our group, and we think, with most of us on city lots, our collective scores were not bad. And, with a little better turn out next year, we should go to town.

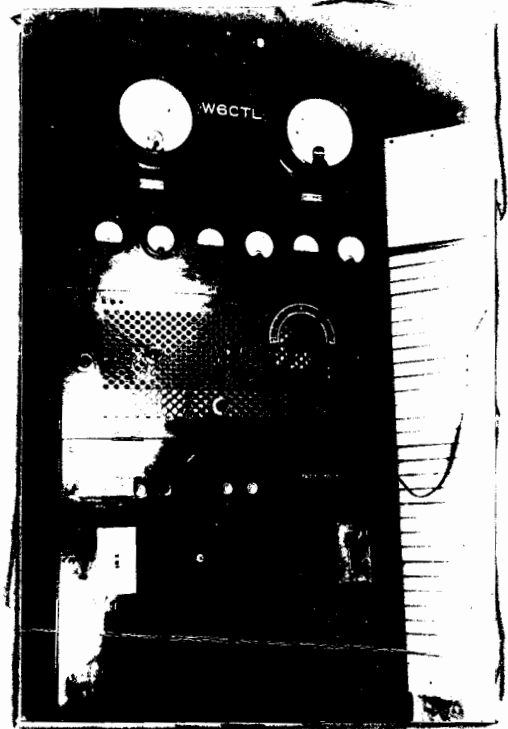
In our area this year, the 80 meter band was a distinct dissapointment, but we hesitate to register any desires of having this band eliminated from future contests as the long range DX predictions show a real opening for this band in the next several years. Eleven meters was a real help to several of the boys as when ten was being monopolized by the Midwest and East Coast stations, we here in the West were able to knock off quite a few countries which would have been greatly increased with a little better occupancy by foreign stations.

All in all it was a lot of fun, even with the hard work involved, but already many of the boys are talking about NEXT YEAR.

W6PB-Editor.



W6CTL - EL CERRITO, CAL.



Located in El Cerrito, Cal, sometimes known as, 'The crossroads of QRN, is the station of Bill Hurd, W6CTL. And it is with this layout running a KW on a normal city lot that CTL has run up an amazing number of countries worked and confirmed. Bill's rig, starting with the receiver, on the left, which is pretty self explanatory, from the picture. The inevitable telephone occupies a real prominent position and is used mostly to call the neighbors to inquire if all their TV sets are functioning normally, never to talk DX to anyone. (BALONEY! CTL's XYL).

The transmitter is housed in a mammoth steel cabinet which was obtained on the surplus Mart for practically nothing, including those two large meters at the top. The final runs a KW and uses a pair of VT127-A's in push pull. The Signal Shifter drives a single 829-B which is the only other stage besides the final.

The antennas are: 10 over 20 beam, folded dipole for 40 and another for 80 meters. W6CTL is strictly from CW and is one of the few ops who can open up the bug and still be copied. There are numerous other gadgets around the shack to help out in snaring the elusive DX (and we don't mean Ma Bell's Pride) such as a filter etc.

Soon this picture will be partially obsolete as W6CTL is planning on a new receiver to eliminate the SX-28A and the addition of several new finals to make the DX contest a little easier next year. Bill is DXCC, WAC, WAS, WBE, etc., etc. WAZ except for a couple confirmed.

DX CONTEST FOR NEXT YEAR.

This year we missed hearing the calls of W6SQ, W6WP and W6BUY. We sure hope that these guys start working on the rigs and antennas right now and give us all a hand in running up a few thousand more points.

All those in the club who participated bettered their scores of the previous year and made a fine showing.

W6KEK and 11 Meters.

Did anyone hear KEK on 11 during part of the contest? We have it on good authority that Frank, realizing that anything goes on this band, including a modulated oscillator, stuck an electric alarm clock in front of the NBFM unit, turned her on and keyed the thing. Believe it or not he hooked HClKP with this method. But what a horrible jingling note KEK had.

FBSXX Strictly a PHONEY!!!

From our Southern California brethren via ZSLFD, it is claimed that FBSXX is definitely not Kergulein but is located on Adelle Land and the reason for the FBS prefix is due to the French Government at Madagascar having some sort of jurisdiction over this part of the country. (Why not make ADELIE LAND a new country? No sillier than some of the new ones which have been added-Ed.)

Some QTH fm WGTI.

WJSS-PO Box A9
Port Au Prince
Haiti.

WJWP-D.C. Piccirillo,
Radio Officer,
Posts and Telegraphs,
Port Harcourt, NIGERIA.

VP5BF-K.H. Penchoen
c/o P.A.A. Communications,
South Caicos Islands,
B.W.I.

EA6AF-Bartolome Pina,
Box 135
Palma De Mallorca,
Balearic Islands.

F9QV/FC (Corsica)
QSL VIA R.E.F.

VQ3SS-P.O. Box 457,
Dar Es Salaam,
Tanganyika.

CT3AV-F.O. Tovaes
Beco Do Chao Da Loba,
5 Funchal,
MADEIRA ISLANDS.

MD2PJ-Box 66, TRIPOLI.

SV1VS/MM-VIA RSGB.

Looking for the Carolines (PHONE?)

From Universalite we learn that W6ATB/KC6 will be there on phone and maybe CW. 0800/1300 GMT and name is 'Pete' Peters. Ex-W4DNY and supposed to be OK for a QSL. (Quiet Big shots-There may be a few who need a KC6)

Ford, DL4ND still contemplating that TRIP to CZ-land.

We had the dope right from the horse's mouth (wotta expression) only to have our good friend W6MX almost scoop us on this one. Ford has made two trips to that area and the last report from him was to the effect that the head man in Monaco who would sign the OKAY for the license was at the U.N. but was expected back soon. All the redtape has been cut and it is now just a matter of time until the magic signature is obtained.

It now looks like the first of July when Ford will be on there for about a week or perhaps two which should give everyone a shot at a new country.

It will be a 3V prefix and may end with the letters: ND a la DL4ND but don't worry. The cat will be outa the bag the first guy we hear calling him. Then the phones will start ringing.

Mick, ON4QF has been trying to get lined up with either that same prefix or possibly a PX call but thus far Mick thinks cond DX for the USA have been too punko.

Would that some hardy II stations would get on when conditions are good in that rare little burg known as San Marino. There are a lot of us who could use that one!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I need pix for this sheet,
So why not kick thru?
W6PB.

KX6BA

Guess most of you know its our old Berkeley Pal W6PZ. He is now starting to ship out QSL's via Horace. This isn't too hot news but wait.... Fred is attempting arrangements to operate from VR1 land which should wipe the nasty tastes outa our mouths after that screwball VK4SI/VR1 episode.

F O R S A L E .

Ten Bux takes my nearly new, first class A #1 condition BeeBee NBFM Unit. Reason: now got a new P.M. Unit. See W6PB

ADD SOME MORE QTH's.

From Universalite we have the following:

CN8EW-Navy 214, Box M-1, c/O
F.P.O., New York, N.Y.

FF3CN-P.O. Box 566, Dakar,
French West Africa.

HH5V-Plantation Dauphin, Cape
Haitien, Haiti.

KG6SF-426 East 18th Street,
National City, Calif.

KR6CI-Lt. C.G. Engle, 13th Comm.
Sgdn., 20th A.F., APO 239,
c/o P.M., San Francisco,
Calif.

KP4FU/KV4-P.O. Box 114,
Christiansted,
St. Croix, Virgin Isle

MD4AR-P.O. Box 386, Mogadishu,
Italian Somaliland,
East Africa.

ZD4AC-P.O. Box 933, ACCRA,
British West Africa.

CONDITIONS DX PHONE.

In the second half of the phone ARRL DX Contest it had been predicted that a 'blackout' would take place and early Sunday morning it sure did. The band for all purposes, that is 10 and 20 went to pot for fair which certainly won't help out the club's total. But then that's just something we have to put up with. Just like the weather. Everybody talks about it but no one ever does anything about it.

OUR APOLOGIES.

Altho' this is labelled the February Issue, the info which is contained is current. Sorry but your Ed has been very QRL and we should catch up with the March and April issues of the DX'er. Next Issue will be in a couple of weeks and tho' a slim issue will at least bring us back on the beam.

M A D A G A S C A R.

At last we have something of a concrete nature to report on this situation and it is all good news. From Syd Fass, W6NZ, we learn that F9ET is bound for Madagascar with some several hundred pounds of radio gear including both phone and cw equipment. He should be there by the end of March and F9ET claims that by the first of April all hams in Madagascar will be legally licensed and should finally add this country to our totals.

F9ET will of course be signing an FB8 call and will have about 500 watts of power.

The QSL situation? Simply wonderful account all cards are to be handled by W6NZ and he will also send out the cards from the log of F9ET/FB8. So Syd better get out those cards in a hurry once we work the FB8 or we will gang up on him. HI.

W 6 A M

Our Postbox number is 73, Oakland, Cal and altho' the club pays for this box for the use of the members, it looks as tho' we might just as well send the monthly bill to Don as the only cards which have been pouring thru the box is for W6AM.

FN8AD.

A whole mess of cards came thru from this guy to Horace so it should make a lot of the boys happy. We can get 'em at the meeting.

VP7NN.

Will qsl 100% and asks the gang to be a little patient. All cards are being shipped out via the various bureaus and will be on the way shortly.

W 6 R B Q.

We heard Bill in there a couple of times in the past week and hope to see him at another meeting again SOON.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB INC.....COUNTRIES WORKED POSTWAR.

CALL	WORKED (CW)	CONFIRMED	WORKED (PH.)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	205	195	111	109	X/ph	X
W6AED			123		X/PH	37
W6AJF						
W6ATO	130	119	9	6	X	40
W6BUY	142	117			X	40
W6CIS	178	148			X	X
W6CTL	172	150			X	40
W6DUB	132	123			X	39
W6DZZ	203	187			X	X
W6EJA	90	74				37
W6GIZ	101					38
W6IDY			142			
W6IKQ			124	124	X/PH	36
W6ITH			114	114	X/PH	36
W6JK	160	136			X	40
W6KEK	143	111			X	40
W6LDD	156	138	24		X	X
W6LMZ	115					37
W6MFK	224	212			X	X
W6MHB	153	133			X	X
W6MLY	153				X	X
W6MVQ	206	187			X	X
W6MX	218	202			X	X
W6NZ	107					38
W6OMC	202	192			X	X
W6PB	203	182			X	X
W6PWR	151	115	146	115	X/PH	
W6QDE	108	74				38
W6QLH						
W6RBQ	195	190			X	X
W6RCC	118	93				40
W6RM	203	186	110		X	X
W6RRG	109		84	59		39
W6SC	203				X	X
W6SQ	72					20
W6SR	161	137			X	39
W6TT	214	204	137		X/PH	X
W6TI	185	168			X	X
W6UPV			76	76		31
W6UYX	130		123			37
W6UZX	176	158	123	112	X/PH	X
W6WB	204				X	X
W6WP	76					34
W6WJX	128	115			X	
W6YI			106			34
W6ZCY	210				X	X
W6ZUI	132	102			X	39
W7HXG	115					39
G5LI	208				X	40

There she stands-Any corrections or additions please give at the meeting or drop me a penny postcard. W6PB.