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HCJB BEGINS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



HCJB's 50th Anniversary First Day Cover

By Thomas Fulghum

HCJB is dressed for a celebration. Buildings are painted, the grounds have been groomed, and the personnel are in a festive spirit. Why? Because 1981 is our Jubilee Year. HCJB, known as *THE VOICE OF THE ANDES* and *THE PIONEER MISSIONARY BROADCASTER*, is in its fiftieth year.

We have planned a number of special events in celebration of this great occasion.

The biography of co-founder Clarence W. Jones has been published by Tyndale House Publishers of Carol Stream, Illinois. This book entitled *Come Up to This Mountain*, by Lois Neely, tells the inside story of HCJB's founding, the men and women who were present at that occasion, and the years and events which followed.

A Christmas Musical entitled *Christmas in the Air*,

by Thomas Fulghum, has been published by Back to the Bible Broadcast. This musical will be used by scores of churches as a part of their Christmas program. This is significant because HCJB went on the air on Christmas Day, 1931.

ZUMBA, a nineteen-minute film about the impact of HCJB's ministry in one area of southern Ecuador has been produced in Spanish and in English. This film will be used to celebrate special HCJB Anniversary Sundays and Banquets in churches and cities throughout the United States and Canada.

A special dramatic series of *THE CALL OF THE ANDES* radio broadcast will be aired on many radio stations in the United States as well as on HCJB. This program presents the true stories of individuals whose lives have been changed as a result of the outreach of HCJB radio ministries.

The government of Ecuador has issued three



Even the buildings help celebrate

beautiful stamps in honor of HCJB's 50th Anniversary. We have prepared First Day Covers to add special meaning to these commemorative stamps.

In Ecuador, we began our festivities with four great gala concerts given for the city of Quito in the National Sucre Theater. The program was repeated in various schools and other institutions and was also presented in typical Latin-American fashion as a "Serenade" under the balcony of the Presidential Palace for President Jaime Roldos and his invited guests.

Following these concerts of November 17 to 23, a two-day Open House was held for the residents of Quito. Thousands of well-wishers passed through our facilities on those two days.

The celebration for the staff was inaugurated by a special banquet recognizing our fiftieth Christmas on the air and eightieth birthday of our co-founder, Dr. Clarence W. Jones.

Many other activities are planned for the entire



Preparing the First Day Covers

year of 1981. We hope that you will join us as we express gratitude and praise to God for fifty years of *Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings*.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1981

How do people celebrate the New Year where you live? Customs vary from one part of the world to another. Each area seems to have its own original and fascinating way of welcoming each new year. Here is a bit of folklore from Ecuador.

If you were to walk down almost any street in Ecuador on the afternoon of December 31st, you would find people engaged in setting up stuffed effigies. These usually look like old men, and represent the old year with all that it has held. Some large organizations may even construct large stages with many figures to portray some political activity or situation that took place during the past year. As evening approaches, the streets fill with crowds and there is a spirit of gaiety to be felt everywhere. The climax comes close to midnight when these effigies are burned to indicate that the old year is a thing of the past. The new year can now be started fresh and clean with nothing but a few ashes left of the old. How wonderful it would be if all the mistakes and sorrows of the past could be disposed of as easily as that! However, the burning of the effigies does not change the hearts of the people. On New Year's Day they are still facing the same old problems in their lives.

Only faith in Jesus Christ as Savior can give a person the fresh, clean start that he desires. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

However you celebrate New Year's Day where you

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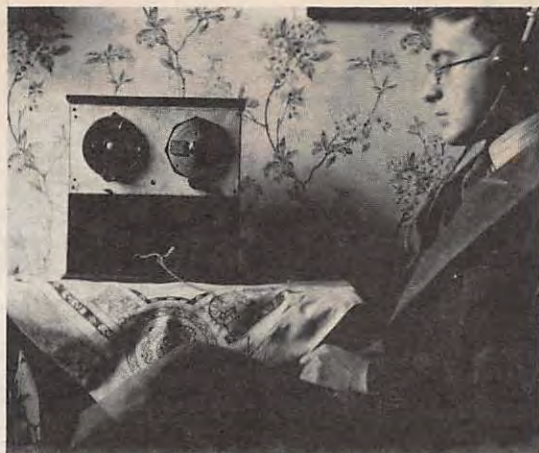
A typical "Old Man" for New Year's Eve

live, ANDEX wants to wish you the very best for 1981. ANDEX has just completed seven years of life so this is a new year for our club, as well. We look forward to our eighth year and expect it to be one of our best ever. HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may the Lord prosper you in every way during 1981!

FIFTY YEARS OF DXING

HCJB is beginning its fiftieth year of broadcasting from the Andes Mountains in Ecuador. Not too many ANDEX members were in the land of the living when that first broadcast went on the air back in 1931. There are some exceptions, however, and one of them is an ANDEX member who lives in Burnley, Lancashire, England. The shortwave listening career of Kenneth Prior extends over the same period of years during which HCJB has been transmitting. As a matter of history, we felt it would be interesting to feature Kenneth in this issue to let you see what DXing was like fifty years ago.

Kenneth Prior built his own receiver in those early days. How would you like to do your DXing on the set he built? It used two tubes of 1927 vintage with homemade coils. One tube was a regenerative detector and the other provided audio amplification. Not a very impressive set



Kenneth Prior's first shortwave receiver



Inside the homemade receiver

by today's standards, but very typical half a century ago. Of course all the power was provided by batteries. There weren't many manufactured sets around in those days and numerous shortwave fans got their start on similar equipment!

After World War II Kenneth built a superhet receiver with one shortwave band. This covered from 19 to 49 meters. It wasn't until 1966 that he decided to take the hobby more seriously and built a Codor CR45 receiver. This was still a very simple set. It used a regenerative detector with two stages of audio amplification and plug-in coils. This receiver served well for fourteen years. It helped him identify stations in eighty countries including HCJB's 100-watt transmitter on 26,020 kHz! The biggest problem with the CR45 was that it required three hands for ease of operation!

In April of 1980 Kenneth was very happy when he heard his wife say, "Why don't you buy a modern set and listen to the programs on shortwave in comfort?" It wasn't very long before he was using one of the very popular FRG-7 communications



Kenneth, fifty years later

sets. He is limited to eighteen feet of wire in his listening room for an antenna. Reception from HCJB is good and he enjoys DX Party Line. "The Tips for Real Living and the final thought always give a feeling of belonging and comfort," he writes. Kenneth is member No. 3751. He joined ANDEX soon after buying his first modern receiver.

Kenneth Prior is now retired from his work as a pharmacist so has plenty of time to enjoy his shortwave hobby. He also enjoys photography and working with color transparencies. Our congratulations to a DXer who has spent fifty years in the hobby. Our desire for Kenneth is that he will have many more years of good listening!

DXer OF THE MONTH

This month we'd like our members to meet a DXer who lives in New York. To many people New York means New York City. Actually, the state of New York has a very wide variety of scenic situations. It is one of the leading industrial and financial states. Our DXer of the Month, Miss Carol Margeson, lives in Elmira Heights which is located in the central part of the state. Not very far to the north are the fabulous Finger Lakes and the region has numerous rocky gorges and waterfalls. Watkins Glen, one of the most famous, is considered to be among the outstanding scenic wonders of America. It is only about twenty-five miles north of Carol's home. A few miles to the west is the city of Corning, famous for its glass industry.

Carol has been interested in shortwave radio for a number of years. She heard HCJB for the first time about seven years ago. She uses a simple Sanyo RP-8700 receiver. This radio has two shortwave bands in addition to others for AM, FM, and



Carol and her Sanyo receiver

CB. She has recently added an outdoor antenna so finds reception much improved over what it was with the built-in whip. She enjoys listening to HCJB and spends an hour or so a day with her Sanyo receiver.

When Carol joined ANDEX she became member No. 2777. This was a little more than two years ago. She has not joined any other DX clubs. Other hobbies include ceramics, collecting souvenirs, painting, and needlepoint. She enjoys corresponding with other Christian DXers. Carol has loved the Lord as her Savior since she was nine years old. This is one of the reasons why she enjoys the programming from HCJB.

Our congratulations to Carol Margeson and may 1981 bring her many happy hours of shortwave listening!

A SCIENTIST'S BELIEFS

The following thoughts were written by Dr. Elmer W. Engstrom during the time when he was president of the Radio Corporation of America, RCA.

I believe:

- That the power of God is complete,
- That the authority of God is absolute and final,
- That God is both Creator and Redeemer,
- That in his providence, God is in control of his creation, and that he rules in the affairs of men, and that for this, Christ is his instrument and our contact,
- That God is just (yet I do not always understand),
- That God is loving, for he has provided a way through Jesus Christ so that by commitment to him we may meet God's requirements and be acceptable to him,
- That the Bible, as the revealed Word of God, is the supreme authority for my faith and life.