

WHO'S WHO IN THE NNRC --- By Harry Varrelman

FRANK S. MACOLLY....From the City of Brotherly Love....Born in Norristown, Pa., 47 years ago. Married at age of 25, and now has a 19-year-old daughter....Employed for the past 16 years by Lee, of Conshohocken -- tire manufacturers....Hobbies are drawing and DX. Got a kick out of winning an art prize when in school -- first one from his alma mater to win in 15 years....Has been a DX and radio bug for the past 18 years, and has never gotten tired of the game. First became interested when a couple of neighbors started bringing in the Coast, and showing verification cards. That he has been a diligent DXer is evidenced by his log: 1151 broadcast band stations. Has heard all-states, and at one time had 21 states in which he had heard-all-stations. of the current 531 "W" stations, has heard 432. Of the current 330 "K" stations, has heard 204. Among his foreign broadcast band catches are England, France, Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, and Argentina -- all these heard on the loud-speaker (Frank never uses ear-phones)....Has had several sets throughout the years, running from a single circuit #6, to Westinghouse 3-tuber; Garod Neutrodyne 4-tuber; Bosch All-American 7; and is currently DXing with a Philco All-Wave 11-tuber. Likes the Philco best of all, as it runs from 550 meters straight down to 16 meters. Incidentally, Frank has heard 5400 amateurs in 87 countries....Has been an NNRC member since September, 1933. Biggest DX thrill was hearing Pitcairn Island....One of the first 100 to hear the station, and the #1 listener in Philadelphia area. Highly prizes their verification....Is proud possessor of Super-Ace Certificate No. 53....Mr. Macolly makes the following suggestions for improving our DX service -- give location and frequency of Coast Guard and Police stations....Considers the NNRC the one and only DX club....has been to 3 meetings and has always had a good time....Likes the Bulletins, and says he considers Earl Roberts the best short wave editor in the country.....

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TED Y. MATSON of Jamestown, N.Y....flash, flash, flash- the "Y" stands for- of all things- "YNGVE"- no, Isabel, that isn't the call of a station- that's a good old Swedish name (ay bane better go home now)....anyway, Yngve was born in Ronneby, Sweden, 27 years ago....came to this country at the tender age of two....took a trip back to the old country about a decade ago....is married and has a boy 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old.. Ted is a member of the Eagles, the International Typographical Union and the YMCA.... (we're a fellow Y man, Ted, and we play handball, too)....the Swede is a six-footer and accordingly carries his 200 pounds with something akin to grace; we sure would hate to forget to duck when he throw a punch....likes to play baseball and also to watch it except when it concerns the Brooklyn Dodgers....also likes football and does a lot of hunting and fishing....Ted is quite a bear as a hunter and one time he was hunting mountain lions when he came across a pasture where a bossy cow was contentedly chowing her cud....well, she evidently didn't like Ted's looks so she signalled him to take it on the lam and when he didn't scare she made a charge for him....in his haste to get home (Ted suddenly remembered he wanted to talk to his wife), he faw down and go boom, knocking out two teeth....the gun went off and bing went his eye-brows....also, in the commotion he also grabbed himself a black eye....fearless hunter? phooie!....the New Yorker's only redeeming feature is that he is fairly good as a soft ball pitcher and first baseman....incidentally, Ted has offered to pitch for the Baltimoreans if they ever need a good pitcher (that sounds like a pun as the Baltimoreans ALWAYS need a good pitcher. Didn't you see that box score of the last Convention ball game when Newark and Brooklyn slammed the clam diggers wacky by the score of 16 to 2?)...Ted did a lot of DXing back in 1926 and 1927 but didn't verify at that time; estimating conservatively, he says he heard about 300 stations at that time....log total is now over the 500 mark on the BCB....during all this dial twisting he consumed four barrels of beer and lost 1,932 hours of sleep.... and that's ample proof that Ted doesn't sleep at the dial like that other Jamestown, N.Y. hot shot, Reilley, docs....Ted's best catch is LRL; next best is KVOX (when will Foerster ever get KVOX?)....has had no luck with the TPs. for it seems the 12-tube Crosley just won't pull them in....Ted was associate editor of the "Owl News"...during working hours he is the linotype operator of the Jamestown Post, which may be a good newspaper for all we know....Ted is one of our most colorful members....and it goes without saying that it is a real pleasure to have him associated with us.

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JOSEPH L. MATTHEWS....New Brunswick, N.J....who doesn't work very hard at being a good DXer, but does work diligently running the New Brunswick plant of the Mack Manufacturing Corporation....The next time you need a truck, a bus, or some fire apparatus, get in touch with member Matthews, and he'll see that you get a good bulldog Mack....Mr. Matthews has two listening posts -- one at New Brunswick, and the other on the New Jersey seacoast, at Sea Girt -- and in both of them has 25-tube Scotts. Likes these sets very much. The Jersey Power & Light Company thinks they're swell, too. Despite the fact that it would take a Bulldog Mack (free adv.) to draw from Mr. Matthew the size of his log, he admits spending a great deal of time at the radio. Likes especially to bring in the European SW stations with war bull-etins. Joined the NNRC through the efforts of the executive who is one reason why WOR is such an efficient station -- Jack Poppelle. Mr. Matthews echoes our sentiments when he says, "Mr. Poppelle, in addition to being a mighty good fellow, has done a most excellent job of perfecting broadcasting to its present high standard, and he has much of which to be proud." With those 25-tube Scotts, Mr. Matthews should certainly bring in lots of good DX, and we're going to haunt him until we receive a complete report on his activities. Haunt....haunt.....

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JOHN W. MAY, Wilkinsburg, Pa....33 years old, married and has an eight-year old son....the boy however, is not very promising DX material as he much prefers the stamps on dad's QSL cards to the cards themselves....John is employed by Westinghouse Electric and has been with them eleven years now....as a matter of fact, this is his first and only job since graduating from Washington State College....works in the switchgear engineering department developing and designing air breakers, network protectors, etc....received his Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the U. of Pittsburgh in 1932 and Professional Degree in M.E. from Washington State in 1933.. principal hobby, other than radio, is woodworking....a colonial four-poster twin-bed he constructed ~~won~~ 1st prize at the Westinghouse Hobby Exhibit last year....has eight dining room chairs which have been partly finished for two years....Mrs. May is threatening to break up the present suite of furniture in order to force John to complete the job on them....he'd rather DX, though....his interest in radio began back in 1920 when he tuned in KPI, Seattle (he was only eight miles away at the time, of course)....the set consisted of a couple pieces of tinfoil on each side of a piece of glass, some turns of wire around the proverbial oatmeal box, a crystal detector and a desk telephone receiver....never bought a set until 1934--was always building his own....with his first SW converter (1930), he brought in G5SW, Chelmsford, England but the radio bug didn't bite real hard until 1934....in that year, John bought a Westinghouse (free advertisement) 10-tube, all-waver....logged HBL.... they verified in a month....logged RNE--they finally verified....VK2ME came in--they verified in due course....during the following year, John wrote to 150 SW broadcast stations....began listening to 20 meters in 1937 and it was at that time he realized there was a veritable Utopia awaiting the persistent listener....because good DX SW broadcast stations are rare, John stays pretty close to 10 and 20 meter foreign phone....he has four antennae, each directional to various parts of the world.... sends out about 60 reports a month and averages from 40 to 50 replies....always gives a frank statement of actual reception together with comparison of the ham's signals with other hams in his country at the same time....John fills his cards with plenty of data, encloses a self-addressed, stamped envelope and the fact that the hams appreciate his comprehensive reports is evidenced by the 1300 QSL cards he now has....total of countries heard is 122....John has heard 74 stations in Asia and 86 in Africa....best catches are PK4JD, Sumatra; XU8RB and XU6TL in China; VI2BA, Iraq; VS2AE, Malaya, and PK6HI, Celebes....Mr. May has been a member of various radio clubs in the past but now belongs to JUST ONE other and The Newark News Radio Club... says he: "The NNRC is unbeatable for fast, quick service on hot tips!...take a bow Ear Roberts, and take a bow yourself, Mr. John W. May for your very fine ham DXing!

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MRS. C. P. (FANNIE) McGUIRE, Birmingham, Ala....claims there's no fool like an old fool....and her neighbors insist that DXing is a foolish hobby....all of which shows what fools Mrs. McGuire's neighbors are....she admits she is over twenty-one, as obviously she must be to have been married thirty-two years and to have a son old enough to vote....became interested in radio when her son secured a crystal set..... since young Mr. McGuire was mechanically inclined, he soon built some battery sets and these aroused the McGuire family's interest in radio sufficiently to spur it to purchase a Silver-Marshall....this was followed by a Crosley and two Philcos...Mrs. McGuire's present receiver is a 16B Philco which she says is giving wonderful service....early in her radio life, she came across the term "DX" and decided to find out what it was all about....she joined the late lamented Chicago Daily News DX Club and subsequently heard of the NNRC which she joined, as any sensible person would do....has been a member for six years now....her present log, which she started two years ago, contains 470 verifications of which thirty-seven are West Coasters....off the record, Mrs. McGuire seems to think that the hot climate might be the reason why there is lack of enthusiasm for DX in the South....her greatest DX thrill was logging KFI many years ago when it was a low-power station....never since has she gotten as great a kick out of radio as that night when she awoke her family to tell them to listen to The Coast....in between several phrases which the postal authorities insist that we delete, Mr. McGuire told her he didn't blankety-blank care if she had Japan....yes indeed, that was an eventful night for Mrs. McGuire....incidentally, her other hobby is genealogy and for the special benefit of Jack Soden and the Baltimoreans, genealogy has nothing whatsoever to do with the earth's structure....it is the study of those years their ancestors spent in the hoosogow.

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PETER J. (Call me Pete) MC KENNA...18 Congressional Parkway, Livingston, New Jersey....that imposing address deserves some consideration....Livingston Center consists of three houses and two barns and is about two miles from Livingston, which, in turn, is about fifteen miles from nowhere....Congressional Parkway is devoid of asphalt but not of ruts....Pete has an especially constructed puddle-hopper automobile to navigate it....31 years old is Pete, a native Newarker and doesn't seem to mind it....married to Mrs. Peter J. McKonna and Marie is one swell guy....she has been behind the eight-ball a lot recently, what with one illness after another but such a gallant spirit as is hors can't be downed for long....Pete is employed by the Federal Shipyard in Kearny, N.J. where he is in charge of the stationery and printing department....his favorite outdoor sports are golf and baseball (hello Baltimore!) and his indoor diversions are DXing and taking Proxy Potts and Lou Hahn over the hurdles at pinocle....Pete joined the Club in January, 1930, after having read the Club Notes in The Newark Evening News for some time....best \$2 bet he ever made, says Pete....been printing Club stationery for members for the past seven years....co-designer (Barney Ahman did yoman's work on it) and printer of the new masthead of page 1 of this bulletin....originated the idea of members' pictures on cards, with a short biography on the reverse side, which are being sent out with each issue of the bulletin (by the way, Pete wants still more members' pictures; why not send yours in if you haven't already done so?)....owns a Philco 80 which is the only set he has ever used for DXing....has every state verified....best catch is XEU, the 101-watter in Pueblo, Mexico....his only transatlantic catch is Poste Parisien which he picked up when they were broadcasting one of their famous cricket matches....Pete has performed many an unheralded service for the Club and has long been an active member of the Board of Directors....his election to the post of executive secretary by a unanimous vote, is a testimonial to his popularity and good work in the past....Pete has the very large footprints of faithful Jimmy Hart to follow in, but we are sure Pete will be equal to it....good luck, Pete!

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DON MCLACHLIN...short wave courtesy programs committeeman in charge of African stations...born on the balmy and scenic Canadian Pacific Coast 28 years ago...now lives in Toronto...is single but admits there are plenty of inducements to be otherwise what with the quintuplets and famous Miller million dollar stork derby...works for a large American banana importing company as cashier, and that's no banana oil...became interested in DXing back in the old peanut tube, one-lunger days...WBAP, WFAA and KFI were distant catches then, reception of which provided something to talk about for some time...Don's biggest thrills were tuning in WKAQ, San Juan; 6KW, Tuinucu, Cuba, and CYL, Mexico City...first heard of the NNRC through a special program from TIPG, San Jose, Costa Rica...now uses a 1936 RCA-Victor 8 tube all-wave set and confines his DXing entirely to the SW bands...has about 40 veries...does not have as much time to spend at the dial as he would like to because he always finds it "an absorbing and interesting pastime"...likes to travel via the ether waves and also in person...has been to New York several times and has even been to the home of that great baseball team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, once. (And once is enough).

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MORTON D. MEEHAN, Elizabeth, N.J.....the DXer who has more nicknames than President Irv. Potts has 2,000 milers....holler "Irish"; "Chick"; "Dinny" or "Hey You" and Mort comes arunning....he's twenty years old....single....and happy-go-lucky....hobbies, other than BCB DXing are SWling, baseball (boy, what we did to Baltimore!) and roller skating....Mort modestly admits he's a king pin when it comes to doing fancy tricks on skates....on the other hand, he's a putrid bowler....likes to swim in the Wintertime and work out in the gym during the Summer....seems to have his seasons mixed up....fortunately, he DXes in the customary Wintertime....Mort has had nearly as many jobs as the assistant editor- when he was still in grammar school, he had a job on Saturdays working as an assistant bakery salesman doing the driving- driving horses, of course, not an automobile....Mort was such a pee-wee that when the customers needed bread, they'd buy a small loaf instead of a large one so that "the poor boy wouldn't have to strain himself"....this as you can readily perceive, made him popular with the bakery company....another "differont" job Mort had was rowing a boat from barge to barge, or from barge to shore, for a New York contractor....he carried everything from human cargo to tobacco for some small-time foremen....this work was pretty dangerous as you never knew just what would happen next; however, it built him up physically....when this job ended, and with a nice physique, Mort landed a position as soda clerk in a Newark ice cream emporium....his work there was never finished before 1 or 2 A.M. and he got home at an ideal time to DX....later, to the great disappointment of 3,000 or more Newark girls, he left to take up a clerical position....Now about radio....in 1932, Mort purchased a 5-tube midget set and one morning around 5 he happened to tune in old WOOD when they were asking for reports....he thought a 100 watt station, 100 MILES AWAY was terrific and so he sent in a report....they verified and he decided to become a DXer....biggest thrills were hearing HJN, Bogota, Colombia and KFIO, Spokane, both on the 5-tuber....late in 1934, Mort bought a Philco 16B which gave him good service....in April of this year he got a Super Sky Rider and says the only good thing about it is the name....last season, Mort was one of our most active CPCors....Says our Mr. Meehan: "I joined the NNRC three years ago and have never regretted it. I have met many swell people through the Club and have had some fine times at meetings, broadcasts, entertainments and at the conventions. The bulletin is the tops- it not only contains the latest DX dope but it is really interesting to read

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Miss Julia M. Neilson, born and bred in Baltimore, Md., one of the recent additions to our ranks....51 years young....Received her B.S. degree from the University of Maryland four years ago....Note: Miss Neilson is at Eastern High School (all girls) and it is fine and beautiful -- the building, we mean....Considers the Monumental City a little bit of a "hick" town, but believes the people are all right down in their hearts....Thinks teaching is the grandest profession in the world, and feels that the bitter pill of education should be a sugar-coated one. She is convinced learning should be an interesting, pleasant experience, and after all, it is a mighty important job giving our youngsters a broad view of life, and making them see that living is the big adventure....In the fall of 1938, Miss Neilson was stricken with pneumonia, and was home ill for two months. She was too weak to do anything but just sit, and she soon was tired of reading, and more than tired of the silly, moronic stories broadcast during the daytime hours....She happened to glance through a radio magazine, and came across an article about DX. Since she had an RCA set, capable of getting short waves, she decided to try this. Brought in London, and was immensely thrilled (the first time). Then came Paris, Rome, and Guatemala (my, we get around, don't we?)....She wrote to the magazine and asked "What are these veries that she heard about?" and back came a prompt explanation. First heard of the NNRC on one of George Jacobs broadcasts from WCKY, and as a result of her report on this program, she became a member of our organization....After reading about the verified logs some of our Ace DXers have -- such as Hank Tyndall -- she is a little bit ashamed of her log, and is setting a definite goal for herself: a verie from every state in the U.S. Incidentally, Miss Neilson issuch a good DX fan that she recently addressed 600 of her students on the DX hobby, and they have now formed a small group of which she is the patron. Miss Neilson is one of the most ardent female DXers to come to light in quite some time, and we are looking forward to receiving many reports from her.... We trust that the NNRC will prove helpful to her, in furthering her DX success.....

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PHIL NICHOLS, The Old Potato, East Hartford, Conn....born on Groundhog Day in 1900, which makes him 38 and he's still afraid to look at his shadow....by some freak of luck, or some unknown miracle, Phil graduated from Dartmouth, class of '22 (he and Milt Fleischman are our Dartmouthers)....after the tremendous mental strain of graduating, the Old Potato betook himself on a trip through France, Switzerland, what was until a short time ago, Austria, and Germany...he returned to the States to teach French in a Hartford high school and did so well that we now have Lloyd Jefferson FRENCH enrolled in the Club...Mais, oui!....And, as the French so charmingly put it, cherchez la femme!....so, one day when Phil was strolling through the school corridor cherchez-ing, whom should he happen to meet but Mrs. Nichols....of course, that wasn't her name then but the old rascal soon took care of that....after Phil gave up teaching, he worked in a bank....then sold flivvers....then refrigerators....then graduated to working in a gas station and is now in the office of a cookie company....the reason he likes his present job is that he can take home cookies to his two youngsters, Barbara and Billy....Phil heard HIX broadcasting a Club program in 1932 and got all hix-ed up about it with the result he forked over two bucks and became an NNRCer....incidentally, HIX was Phil's first "foreigner" and he says it still ranks as his best catch and many of his best catches are quite rank....prior to HIX, Phil had verified only a few Coasters but after HIX he began to verify in earnest....the Old Potato is one of the game's most consistent DXers and has all but five of the W stations verified....also has between 28 and 30 states verified completely, 28 TAs, 3 TPs and quite a few SAs....WOW!....total of verified stations is 930....has 154 2,000 milers and is the proud owner of Silver Ace certificate No. 16....Phil has done his DXing on a No. 95 Philco and Silvertone, currently using the latter but is thinking of going back to the Philco....the Potato served on the CPC for a couple of seasons and did a lot of good work which he says he enjoyed, particularly the occasion when he spoke over WBOQ (WABC's sister-station)....more than 300 of his fellow-members heard the Old Vegetable and wrote WBOQ to that effect....Philip Nichols, class of '22, thinks the NNRC is the best Club there is and that the bulletin is the best and neatest, by far, that he has ever seen...and best of all, he likes the many friends he has made through the Club....says he can out-tennis Jeff French....can out-DX any Newark official of the Club, but cannot out-eat old man Kraemer....you can always count on Phil to be 100 per cent NNRC....and he's a 100 per cent, all-right guy....and a swell DXer....and a swell Yankee to have for a friend....now, if he could only grow potatoes!

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PHILIP R. NICHOLS of East Hartford, Conn...a DXer of the old school who has remained constant to his first and only true love- the broadcast band...Phil, or the Old Potato as he is often referred to by his fellow-NNRC members, was born in the Nutmeg State and in his more youthful days attended and graduated from Dartmouth College...while a student at the Hanover (N.H.) seat of learning the Spud was considered to be the real McCoy as a tennis player and retained that reputation until the middle 1930s when an aggregation of Jersey racquetcoers journeyed to that hamlet situated on the Connecticut River and demonstrated how the lob and love game really should be played...incidentally, Lt. Lloyd J. French, now serving with the U.S. Air Force in Europe, was Brother Nichols' partner on that memorable occasion...both have since been reluctant to discuss the debacle...in fact, the Old Potato immediately thereafter sold his tennis equipment and with the proceeds bought himself a complete golfing outfit, even to a sand blaster...and for some time now, Phil and the ageing Hank Cyrus Tyndall, a transplanted Vermonter, have been doing a pretty efficient job of divot digging on their local golf courses...they have finally reached the stage where they consider themselves formidable opposition...for the duration their widely-flung challenges will have to remain status quo but that unfinished business will be undertaken by Proxy Potts, Iron Man Lloyd Hahn, Doc Daugherty, et. al. just as soon as the Nazis have been properly taken care of by Uncle Sam and his Allies and after the Japs have been shown that their sneaky stuff doesn't pay off...for some years the Old Potato acquired quite a DXing reputation and log with a Philco...later on he got hold of a Hammarlund receiver and with it is really going places...Phil is quite enthusiastic about this set and his log of 1153 verified stations seems ample testimony as to its distance-getting ability...his goal of 1200 verifications before conclusion of the 1944-45 DX season should be reached without undue difficulty...Mrs. Nichols (whose New England dinners are a criterion), a daughter Barbara who is a cadet nurse in a New London hospital and a son, Bobby, now a high school junior, comprise the remainder of the Nichols family...and in conclusion we might mention that it only through the co-operative efforts of such members as Old Potato Nichols that The Newark News Radio Club has continued to thrive during its nearly 17 years of existence.

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BERT S. NORDGREN, Scarsdale, New York...36 years of age and admits having a charming wife and an equally charming daughter. (We'll be right up to see your radio, Mr. Nordgren.) Of the "charming" section of the family, there is no interest in radio except to register awe when Father Bert succeeds in producing some particularly hair-raising squeals from the loudspeaker. He is considering forming his own company to sell bottled squeals to bald men which will help them raise hair. Until that gets under way, he is superintendent on a private estate, and his one hobby outside of radio is raising flowers. Although he had an active interest in radio for many years, did not get down to serious DXing until early in 1939, when he bought a Hallicrafter SX-16. Has experimented with many antennas, but feels that the halfwave doublets tuned to a particular band to be received, are as good as any. Since SW is the only phase of DX which interests Mr. Nordgren, he picked a rather bad time to start his hobby as of course the war cut out the amateurs of many countries. Has now heard 107 countries of which 76 have verified. Has heard all continents 7 times. Among his catches are: VP2SA, St. Vincent; VP2LC, St. Lucia; K7HCK, Alaska; PZH, Surinam; PJ61, Curacao; ZP14, Paraguay; HS8PJ, Thailand; ZEP, Singapore; PK4KS, Sumatra; MTCY, Manchoukuo; KZIB, Philippines; and ZRK, South Africa. Biggest DX thrill was logging KC4USC, the Byrd Expedition, Little America, near South Pole, on March 1, at 9:30 P.M., on approximately 14.245 mgs. Like Les Kramer, Mr. Nordgren is strictly a daytime DXer, and listens between 6 A.M. and 10 P.M. (which gives him one hour more at night than Doc). We are glad to know that Mr. Nordgren finds the tips in our Bulletins very helpful, and he further points out that since we have a weekly publication, our tips are much more timely than those published in the monthly magazines.....

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ERNEST NORMAN, Newfoundland (not Canada), New Jersey....we'll admit we never heard of the place previously; it's a new-found-land to us....anyway, Ernie is 26 and during his young life emigrated from his birthplace, Hackensack, N.J. to Newfoundland....is still single....likes all sports; in fact, he's an all-around good sport... at the Lansdale Convention last year, Ernie witnessed some very good baseball-playing by the Newark-Brooklyn-Connecticut aggregation and some very putrid playing by the boys from "down under"...Maryland my Maryland....phooie!....started to DX back in 1924 on a 4-tube DeForest of the old crystal variety....WREO, Lansing, Mich. was his best catch with that set....then came a Zenith, RCA Radiola, Garod, a Philco 1931 and now Ernie is using an 11-tube Philco....first Coaster was KFOX, Long Beach, Cal., which he heard on the Garod....never thought of collecting veries until he heard an NNRC broadcast over WOR back in 1929....when Ernie moved to Newfoundland in 1930, he found that two of his neighbors were NNRCers and they ganged up on him and made him join the Club....and he is now willing to admit they did him a real favor....Ernie says the NNRC is the only DX club to which he belongs and he intends to remain a member forever....that's the old stick-to-it spirit!!!....says our Mr. Norman; "It's a great gang, even though hot air does blow from time to time. It's ALIVE!!...Ernie's log now totals 728 which is not too bad; in fact, to us with 501, it's darn good.... greatest DX to the East, South and West are Munich, LR5 and KHBC....his biggest thrill- and will this burn up our ex-treasurer- was logging a dozen 100 watt West Coasters in three mornings....hiah, Stoopnagle Kraemer?....And a guy from Newfoundland, New Joisey had to show you up!

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WILLIAM G. ODENWALDER, New York City....26 years old....born at Highland Falls, N.Y....came to New York City when he was seven, but as the old saying goes: "You can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of the boy"...Bill still likes the farm country and gives up many of his weekends of DX so he can be out in the wide open spaces....since Bill lived very close to West Point, he naturally came in contact with many of the cadets and saw enough of the parades to last the average man a lifetime but Bill is always ready to see JUST one more....is now employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company...has been with that company for 12 years now which, to the writer who averages about 6 jobs a month, that is a pretty consistent record....Bill's big ambition at the moment is to get a ham license....he has just completed a two-year course in electricity and telephone transmission at the A.T. & T. School....intends to enter another school which concentrates on radio theory and telegraphy...hobbies, besides radio, are stamp-collecting and international correspondence, with a slight interest in photography...favorite sport is ice hockey and his next favorite sport is also ice hockey which leaves no doubt that ice hockey is his favorite sport....biggest DX thrill was logging the old XER-XEF coming through like the proverbial ton of bricks....prior to that reception and like all good New Yorkers, Bill considered Newark DX and as for Indianapolis and Connecticut, why they were impossible....Bill started DXing with a five-tube RCA back in 1933; two years later he graduated to a ten-tube RCA the set he now uses....with it he soon logged Radio Normandie and Fecamp, his first ECB TA....Bill is a little superstitious and won't count his stations for, in the past it seemed that every time he added them up the new ones stopped coming through....taking this as an omen, Bill just dials away and his total is a deep, dark secret...first heard of the NNRC at a poker game in Brooklyn, sponsored by a rival DX club...and while Bill didn't join the Club immediately, he did some time later on and has had no regrets....says Bill: "I've been a member of almost every major radio or DX club in North America but my final choice was the NNRC"....derives a great deal of pleasure serving on the NNRC CPC and believes it is helping him in business correspondence....Bill has been one of the most valued members of the committee and has arranged many fine special programs....one of these days he and Les Kraemor are going to have that long-overdue tennis match but if Les can't even log a 100-watt Coaster how can he possibly beat Bill at ping pong....Bill likes our "WHO'S WHO" section in the bulletin and especially the one on "Ophelia" Hahn....the only trouble is, the Lieutenant wouldn't speak to us for three weeks after that one.

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R.B. OXRIEDER, currently with the 11th Engineers in Corozal, Canal Zone, Central America....born in Midnapore, India 36 years ago....lived there for seven years and then came to the U.S. for a few years....then back to India and back again to the U.S....was in Ohio when he got his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point which he attended for the regulation four years and was then commissioned in the Engineers Corps....his first station was Fort Humphreys, Va., and shortly after arriving there bought a three-tube set after which he became somewhat interested in BCB DX....then came a five-tuber and still more interest....came a transfer to Ithaca, N.Y. and while there got a seven-tube Metrodyne and later built himself an eight-tube Silver-Marshall (note that the Captain kept increasing the number of tubes).... while in Ithaca he received his first veri- WBBM - which came as a matter of accident as the Captain sent the station a thank-you card regarding a series of programs which he enjoyed and he didn't expect an answer....R.B. didn't start collecting veries in a big way until several years later; in fact, he didn't even attempt to count the stations but only noted them in a log book....the Army then shifted him to Fort Humphreys again and he continued his radio hobby while doing some experimental work with antennae....then he was transferred to Alaska (this fellow Oxrieder certainly gets around) where he continued to DX-- in fact, you had to DX to get anything and it wasn't at all unusual to get a complete "black-out"; however, quite a few TPs came through as did some of the larger U.S. stations....it was in Alaska that R.B. began to fool around with short waves via the old converters they had in those days....and somewhere about that time, the Captain betook unto himself a wife and now he has two sons, one 12 and the other 3....in 1932 he was transferred back to the U.S. proper and landed at Fort Dupont, Delaware....there he used a Brunswick 7-tuber for BCB and an SM726SW for DX work....did a little fooling around with SW but didn't get too interested....then in 1934 he was assigned to State College, Pa., and to celebrate the event, bought himself a McMurdo Silver Masterpiece IV....this set soon had R.B. interested in short waves in earnest....immediately, he noticed it was possible to calibrate his receiver quite accurately and he further noticed that the usual SW log was pretty terrible in that it didn't properly show where stations were....in other words, he realized that much of his previous trouble finding and identifying stations had been due to the inaccurate log books that were published....gradually through correspondence, R.B. became interested in the various SW clubs and at one time or another belonged to most of them and subscribed to the majority of magazines covering this phase of radio....eventually, he got started on the subject of correcting various SW logs and sending in data to magazines and club bulletins as to where stations were really operating....when R.B. started, most of the editors thought he was a crank and pretty moist as to his information, but before long they began to realize that his reports were correct and a number of them began to use the Captain's figures....through this phase of Captain Oxrieder's work, he has been of inestimable service to the DXing fraternity, especially on short waves....by reason of his constant DXing, he got to the point where he was authentically well-informed as to what was going on in the SW spectrum and he felt he could best help his fellow-fans by sending in accurate reports on new stations, changes etc....R.B. has always tried to aid others identifying stations, calibrating their receivers, etc., and needless to say, these activities have kept him plenty busy....naturally, though, he derives a certain satisfaction knowing he is being of service to the SW fraternity....now with regard to his log-- he has VIC and VAC eleven or twelve times with enough requests out to boost both totals if the veries comes through....the Captain joined the NNRC through the efforts of Floyd Murphy and Ray Everly....at the time we didn't devote much space to SW but now this eminent authority ranks the NNRC just about the tops in the SW field....he says: "Earl Roberts is doing and has been doing for some time, an excellent job"....before being sent to the Canal Zone, R.B. was able to attend the 1938 Convention at Lansdale and meet personally, a goodly number of officers and members that he felt he already knew....he had such an enjoyable day that he is looking forward to the time when he can attend another....also collects SWL cards and now has 52 countries represented in his collection....and here is an odd point--you might think off-hand, that the Canal Zone would be a bad spot for DX, as it is near the equator....but, even with a makoshift antenna, R.B. says it is pretty good-- much better than State Colloge which was rank....we give you Captain R.B. Oxrieder, a valued and respected member who has served DXers faithfully and well!!!

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ARTHUR J. PARFITT, Cleveland....born in McKeesport, Penna., 33 years ago.... soon after, the family moved back to Virginia where Art lived until he graduated from high school in 1924....then he moved to Cleveland and has lived there (on and off) ever since....is employed by the General Electric Company, the same outfit for which our DX qualifications committee chairman, Joe Smith, works and about which Joe never tires praising at Board of Directors meetings....Art is married and has a ten-year old daughter....thinks Cleveland is a pretty progressive city and ranks it right after Roanoke as the ideal city (Ed. note- Cleveland IS a good city; best in the world after Brooklyn)....A.J. is a philatelist but not of the rabid variety....likes to QSL and welcomes cards from anywhere....incidentally, Art has a right neat card himself....at present, is studying fidelity and reception characteristics of receiving antennae....feels much of his success in logging low-power and foreign broadcasters is due to his experiments with various types of aerials....WJR gets credit for having introduced Art to verification of his catches....heard a program one night when the announcer said a DXer in Detroit had logged and reported to 250 stations on the broadcast band (it must have been Milt Christa)....Mrs. Parfitt suggested that Art write a few stations to see what happened....so, he wrote the first one he logged- XER, and Doc Brinkley sent him a veri and right there and then the verification bug had another victim....Art's first set was a Dayton, six-tube AC on which he logged 125 stations including KDB at 8.30 P.M., right through WWSW but has never heard that station since....in 1932, Art was postmaster at Villamont, Virginia....in 1934 he purchased a five-tube midget Air Castle on which he received HHK, LRL and KFPM, the 15-watter in Greenville, Texas....is now using an 11-tube Air Castle....has tested many radios and likes the Philco and Air Castle best....Art has 905 verified BCB stations and has heard 917, two now being off the air....first heard of the NNRC through Radex and joined at the instigation of Ray Wood of Weptunka, Alabama....Art reports that he gets more pleasure out of his hobby of DX than any other diversion he has ever tried....also says he has found the NNRC a very friendly club and feels it compares favorably with other radio organizations....he thinks that most of the gang should send in news and tips and calls upon members to forward to the bulletin whatever information they gather during their dial trips....he admonishes that a tip which may not be of interest to you, may be just the station that a lot of others are after....for a dyed-in-wool DX fan, we give you the "Buckeye Observer" Art Parfitt!

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BOB and BARBARA PARISH, Manchester, Connecticut...and don't let anyone tell you differently, Barbara is the real DXer of the family...she was born in Butte, Montana just a few years ago (women being women, we'll have to skip the specific date)...received her schooling in Helena and Washington...has lived at various times in mining camps, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and of course, now in Connecticut...first heard of the NNRC through special programs from KSL and KVOO and joined as a result of these broadcasts...Barbara's biggest DX thrill was logging WNEW when she lived in California, right after she became an NNRCer...she won a prize for being the first Californian to report reception of this station...while her log total is only 300 now, it is due primarily to the fact that she scrapped her entire log when she moved from the West Coast to the East and started all over again...Barbara's set is an eleven-tube Philco...as for the other half of the Parish family- Bob - he is an Iowan...graduate of the University of Iowa...was at one time professor of German...later, became principal of a high school...still later became the owner of a Ford agency and general contractor and now is a specialist in termite extermination...his hobbies are baseball, football and poker...and let us tell you that Barbara is no mean poker player...when we asked Bob and Barbara who is the best DXer in Connecticut, they replied with emphasis "We're all good!"...Teh, teh, what modesty:

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FRANK PYTLAK, Wallington, N.J., born at Ludlow, Mass., and is 29 years old.... lived in and near Chicopee, Mass., until 1929 and then moved to New Britain, Conn.... eventually, Frank moved to Passaic, N.J., where his family were located and in the ensuing four years worked at Garfield, N.J., White Plains, N.Y.; Cold Spring, N.Y., back to dear old Chicopee and Holyoke, Mass., and finally returned to New Jersey where he landed a job with the U.S. Rubber Co., which he still has....not only has Frank lived in many towns, he has had many jobs and has done just about everything there is to do....used to be quite an athlete- a marathon runner and a boxer....he boxed as a simon-pure amateur for three years in New England, had 81 fights and won 39 by KOs....as a pro, Frank fought 70 battles within two years and after an up-and-down career decided to retire when he discovered that his several managers were rushing him too fast and using him for a meal ticket....married in September of 1934 to whom he claims is the nicest gal in the world....(that's not quite right, Frank; Mrs. Pytlak is the second nicest--the gal I go with is the first)....the Pytlaks have a six-months' old daughter....Frank first became interested in radio back in 1923 and one of his biggest thrills was tuning in his first station on a home-made crystal set and an old telephone headpiece....was very enthusiastic about radio in those days and built all kinds of sets....then when he went into the ring his interest in radio lagged temporarily....in 1933 he decided to see how many stations he could log on his girl friend's radio (sounds like a good idea--DX all night at the girl friend's- no 9 o'clock DX then)....then Frank bought a 1934 Midwest and began to DX seriously....often heard the NNRC mentioned on special programs and was a steady listener to the Club period over WAAT on Saturday afternoons....when he wrote WAAT for a veri, they sent him info about the NNRC and an application blank....he joined in February, 1934, and has never regretted it....Frank's log is now 712 with 135 verified....believes in logging them first and verifying at his leisure....doesn't care for SW DX to any great extent....only SW veri is from PRG2, Sao Paulo, Brazil....biggest thrill was logging LR7 when he thought he had WTAM; also his first Hawaiian, KHBC, and hearing a number dedicated to him on a recent WWSW frequency check....now uses a Philco 116X.. Frank has a lot of kind words to say about the 1938 convention at Lansdale and thinks Harold Robinson is an all-right guy...Frank also says that the officers and members of the NNRC are a grand bunch of fellows....to which we must reply by saying that Frank is a darned good skate himself.

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LAWRENCE C. REED, of Dupont-town, otherwise known as Wilmington, Delaware....born in dear old Brooklyn, New York, 38 years ago, and has just learned how to speak English.Besides Brooklynese he can also speak many other languages....Attended Erasmus Hall High School (as did his biographer) and Columbia (as also did his biographer).... is assistant treasurer of one of the DuPont subsidiaries, and thinks very highly of the DuPont organization -- especially on pay days....Is married and happy, and hopes to continue this amazing state of marital life....Larry likes Wilmington, and likes his wife -- but he likes Brooklyn better. (We mean he likes Brooklyn better than Wilmington, not better than his wife.) Hobbies besides radio are stamp collecting, and to a certain extent, coin collecting. (You collect as much as you can, you mean?) His ambitions are to log each of the 48 states, get KOH before December 31, and pick up an 1856 penny. Also would like to be president of the DuPont companies. Santa Claus, hark! hark! From a DX standpoint, Mr. Reed admits being a novice. Up until a year ago used radio purely as an entertainment medium. Then in December, 1958, heard WCAM, Camden, N.J., (almost as good as WAAB, Boston), and sent them a report, which they promptly verified. In one year of DX he has picked up 250 stations with 200 verified. On the short waves has logged 145 stations and verified 100. Biggest DX thrill was hearing the Kansas City Night Hawks on WDAF back in 1921 with a one-tuber. Best catch was Tahiti (XO8AA) but they didn't come through with a verie....Biggest surprise was reporting on the NNRC program over WKRC and telling them reception was lousy, power poor and George Jacobs came right back and said that's the kind of report he wanted to seean honest report....also asked Mr. Reed to join the NNRC....This seemed like such an unusual reply that Jacobs knocked The Wilmington Whirlwind for a loop and while he was still groggy he said, "Yes, I'll join the NNRC." Reed has used the following receivers: David Grimes, 4-tube battery set; Atwater Kent; and the four he still uses: Philco, Scott, Hammarlund Super-Pro 1939, and an RCA automobile radio. Mrs. Reed uses the Scott, and he uses the Hammarlund. Says he likes the good fellowship of the NNRC, and the splendid spirit of co-operation. Thinks the club members should send more "thank-you" cards to stations dedicating programs to the club. The broadcasters who work with us are good eggs and deserve these cards of appreciation. Besides the NNRC, Mr. Reed belongs to the Radex Club, Experimenter's Club, International Short Wave Club, a Costa Rica organization, and the Spatari Radio Language League.....

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JOHN W. REICHERT....born in Newark more than half a century ago and now living in Irvington, N.J....has had varied occupations ranging all the way from butcher boy to actor, with intermediate stops at painting and packing....now employed by a utility company in a clerical capacity....married twenty-two years and has two grown daughters....John has been chairman of our good and welfare committee for nine years and has done much good writing and visiting our sick and shut-in members....two of our most valued members, Bernard Duffy and George Trisdorfer, have been recipients of regular visits from John....thinks the social angle is just as important in the NNRC as DXing and believes both can be greatly expanded....John's greatest DX thrill was logging KDKA on his first crystal set....most recent DX thrill was logging a Japanese amateur contacting a Spanish ham on the 14 meter band--two-way conversation..... had a log of more than 600 stations but lost it in moving last year and since then has not kept one....DXes for his own amusement and only until 11 P.M. due to health.. John Reichert is one of the club's pioneers....one of the original fifty-five....has been active for many years as a member of our Board of Directors....but most of all, John will be remembered for his untiring efforts on the committee with which his name is synonymous---the good and welfare committee.

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JOHN W. REICHERT, our faithful Good and Welfare Committee chairman, a post he has held for more than a decade now...first saw the light of day in Newark in 1883...is married and has two charming daughters...each of John's sons-in-law has been in the Army for over two years now...knowing John as a quiet and easy-going person, we were astounded to learn that in his early youth he was often a dark villain, heartily hissed by many people who saw him...on other occasions, he assumed a different character and was surrounded by swooning, beautiful damsels and received the plaudits of the multitude...in other words, he was an actor...the difficulty with that job was that the company put on a new show each week, so you can imagine the work he had studying and memorizing new scripts...eventually, John gave up the show business and went into the advertising game, a line of endeavor he pursued for 17 years...during those years he traveled all over this continent and South America...now, instead of his former accommodations of boats and trains, he does his traveling via the ether waves (at present, John feels he is considerably safer on the ether waves than on a boat)...for the past quarter-century, John has been employed by a utility company...he is one of the "original 55" founders of THE NEWARK NEWS RADIO CLUB...he was particularly interested in constructing receivers back in those early days of radio...and he met many kindred souls at that first Club meeting, all of whom had the spirit of helping one another with their radio problems.. immediatly upon formation of the Club, John was appointed to the committee concerning itself with members' set-building problems...he was subsequently appointed a member of the Executive Committee (now designated the Board of Directors)...that occurred in 1928 and he now has the longest service record of any director...although John has never kept a log, John has logged several hundred stations, all of which were received on the following home-made receivers: coher and decoher set (this is the type that preceded the cat's whisker radio and it had one great drawback and many small ones- you had to knock off the iron filings every time you wanted to tune in another station...then came a crystal set, of course...two and three-tube regenerative sets, a reflex set, neutrodyne and super regenerative receivers...the first set John bought was a Ware three-tuber, followed by a five-tube Emerson, then a Philco 6 and an RCA all-wave, nine-tube radio...he also has a Raco job which tunes from 2½ meters to 550 kilocycles by changing coils...this set currently needs a new oscillator control...our honorary president, Jack R. Poppele, will be interested to know that John heard his Irvington (N.J.) short wave outfit back in 1923...radio is John Reichert's only hobby and the NNRG his only radio club.

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JOSEPH BENSON MICHAEL (PAT) REILLEY....a good old honest Irish name....Pat was born in Warren, Pa. 43 years ago....moved to Jamestown, N.Y. in 1920 and was married three months after arriving there....that's fast work, mate....occupation is that of a make-up man on the Jamestown Morning Post. (for the benefit of those Baltimoreans, make-up men do not go around patching up quarrels- nor, for John V. Soden, do they come under the classification of Hollywood make-up men--in other words, as we say in Brooklyn, Pat's a printer)....his favorite sports are softball and roller skating.... has a medal or two to show for his fancy and graceful skating....also has a couple of black and blue marks to show for his not-so-fancy skating....radio, of course, is Pat's main hobby but stamp-collecting is second in his hobbies and he trades his duplicates with twenty carries....uses an 11-tube Philco superhot; with it, a Philco 98 and a TRF 8-tuber he has heard and verified 933 stations (he doesn't count a station unless it is verified)....first became interested in DX back in 1926....he came home from work one morning around 2 o'clock, sat down before the radio and happened to tune in WNRC, Greensboro, N.C....the station asked for reports....Pat obliged....they sent him a veri and thus another Injun was bitten by the DX bug....at first the infection wasn't serious but in 1931 it became virulent and he started to verify all his catches; now it doesn't look as though there were any chance of recovery....one of Pat's best catches is KFFM, Greenville, Texas, a 10-watter, heard in mid-Summer.... also heard XETF when they were using 12 watts....hearing 2BL and Focamp, France, gave him a thrill that compensated for many hours spent at the dials....incidentally, Pat is one of our most consistent DXers- you can find him DXing ALMOST EVERY MORNING from 2.30 to 5 A.M....says Pat, a recent addition to our ranks: "The NNRC is composed of a nice bunch of DXers and the bulletins are always cheerful!....he likes the razzing and impersonal sarcasm of our various members and it makes him happy....is willing to bet ten postage stamps to one that Les Kraemer can't get a 100-watt West Coaster on any given night and two to one that he NEVER gets one....Pat tells us he was born the day Barnum and Bailey's circus first played Warren....he also says that the Warren State Insane Hospital is about a mile from his home....there is of course, no connection between these two items....seriously, Pat is a credit to the pastime of DXing and at present is working diligently to establish an NNRC chapter in the vicinity of Jamestown; with such an outstanding dial twister to head it, we have no doubt but that it is destined to be a success....and also a target for the Chicago, Indianapolis, Baltimore and Brooklyn aggregations to fire at....so, good luck Pat, and let us know when we begin hostilities.

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EARL R. ROBERTS, our esteemed short wave editor and vice-president....born in Newark, Ohio (what, is there another Newark?) 27 years ago....moved to Indianapolis at the tender age of three....still single, Earl works for the Indianapolis Electro-type Co. and prefers architectural drafting as a vocation....would also like to have a ham license as would many other SW listeners....radio is Earl's big hobby but he is also interested in stamps, insofar as having them on QSLs but he does not go in for wholesale collecting....favorite sport is baseball; dislikes football, and thinks basketball is just so and so (at least we agree on our sports)....admits the Brooklyn Dodgers will win the 1938 world series....Earl also derives much pleasure raising and selling gold fish; has four pools of them in the Summer....started DXing in 1924 with a one-tube Westinghouse and with it and a nondescript antenna, he logged 344 stations, including five Californians, 6KW and PWX, in Cuba....WK4Q, Puerto Rica, was another nice catch....biggest thrill was logging KNX for his first coaster....built an 8-tube superhet in 1926; used this home-made set for nine years....with it he logged more than 1,000 ECB stations....countries heard include Sweden, Switzerland, Argentina, Australia, France, New Zealand and Germany....among Earl's other low-power ECB catches are CMCN, 15 watts; LOAT, Trail, British Columbia, 25 watts; VE9EK, 10 watter of Quebec; KPPC, Pasadena, Calif. 50 watts, and 4BC, Australia, 600 watts....bought a Hallierafters Super-Seven model in 1935 and this set practically ruined a swell ECB DXer....since this radio tuned from 15 to 550 meters, Earl became an ardent SW fan....currently, he is using a 13-tube, 1938 Super Skyrider, equipped with an RCA spiderweb antenna, 48 foot high, running North and South; a 20 meter doublet, 33 foot per side, also running North and South, and a 122-foot inverted "L" pointing North-east....Earl's best catches on SW road like a list of the world's most difficult-to-get stations and we haven't the heart to begin to list them....coming from the Hoosier State and having to associate with Vice-President Art Foerster, Earl naturally puts in a good word for the Fyrellyter....he says: "Art used to claim his ping pong was as good as his DXing. Was he embarrassed when I beat him at his own game in straight sets; he has yet to win a game from me. And what I do to him in ping pong is likewise what I do to him DXing. Boy, is he a loud-talking, four-flushing DXer. It's a wonder he doesn't move to Newark with the rest of the has-beens and never-wases?...That, for Mr. Roberts' information is known as leading with your chin....it is nice work, though, if you can get it....Earl has made two trips East to NNRC conventions and has had a swell time on both occasions although on one visit, he says the slaughter of those foul ball Baltimoreans by the Newarkers, made him sick to his stomach....what slaughter, do you ask?....have you forgotten that 16 to 2 shollacking the clam diggers took last Summer?....and they were even lucky to get the 2....in all seriousness, though, Earl Roberts is doing a heck of a swell job with the SW chapter of the Club....and the newsy, informative and SW DX chatter you will find in this and every other issue of the NNRC bulletin is a direct result of Earl's hard work and initiative....ladies and gentleman, I give you the best whort wave oditor in the business---Earl R. Roberts!

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CHARLES M. ROBINSON, the Listening Postman...way out there in the land of the Tall Corn....Waterloo, Iowa....40 years old, married, and has two daughters....has been a postman for 12 years....Though New York has for its banks the Hudson River, and Guarantee Trust Company, Waterloo has the Cedar River....Home of 56,000 persons. Two biggest outfits are Deere Tractor Company, and Rath Packing....Town one time known as Prairie Rapids Crossing, but in 1851 when first postoffice was established, name was changed to Waterloo. Mr. Robinson has been interested in radio since the early days of broadcasting. First receiver was a 5-tube Fada neudrodyne (1924), which was followed by an RCA and a Philco. Now uses RME-70 with DB-20 pre-selector, which he considers the best set he ever had. Uses two antennas -- a W8JK beam, and a Taco all-wave. Feels that the extended long wire antenna is best for all-around DXing. First verification was from WBRC, Birmingham, Ala., which then used 50 watts. Most valued verie was from FWX on 750 kcs., with its famed alarm clock for easy identification by DXers....Liked to listen to the Kansas City Night Hawks, as did many another radio fan. At the present time is concentrating on the 10 and 20-meter bands. Has 63 countries verified.... Biggest SW thrill was hearing 12AA, Addis Abeda, with a program of native music, if it could be called music. Robinson reports the Philippine Island stations are the most co-operative in verifying, and has the most trouble with the West Indies. Believes the NNRC to be the best club of its kind in existence because its Bulletins are weekly; because of Earl Roberts' A-1 SW section; and the social characteristics of the Bulletin as a whole. Mr. Robinson would like us to do him one favor -- cover up those sun spots so DX will come through again....We'll refer that to a Special Committee.... Glad to have you with us!.....

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HAROLD W. ROBINSON, Lansdale, Pa....at whose 11-acre estate the NNRC holds its annual conventions....Harold is foreman in a silk-throwing plant, connected with a large Lansdale hosiery mill....he looks more like 30 than 40, the age he professes to be....Mrs. Robinson, the Club's official hostess, has a lot of fun raising poultry and inducing the hens to lay eggs....Harold began DXing with a crystal set and later bought an Atwater-Kent....since then he has been a pretty good customer for Lansdale radio shops, having purchased the following receivers- a Freshman, Freed-Eisemann, Majestic, Silver-Marshall, a Philco and now another Philco, a 16L....with these sets, he has logged 700 stations; about 500 are verified....considers KFXM, the California 100-watt-er, his best catch (are you listenin' Les Kraemer?)...LR5 gave Harold his biggest DX thrill....our courtesy programs committee will be interested in this- Harold first heard of the NNRC in 1928 when a station was on with a special test and mentioned the Club....two years later, as a result of this and similar broadcasts, he became a member he belongs to the NNRC and to no other club....though he was rather inactive, DXingly, last season, due to too much work around his home, Harold hopes this year, to make some DX records that will make even Joe Brauner pick up his ears and make President Potts do the well-known ostrich act....Says Harold: "Hope to see the fellows and girls again, soon. They sure are a fine bunch and we will certainly enjoy having them drop in on us anytime!"

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BIRELEY ROSS, Austin, Texas....one of our shut-in members....thirty years old and has been confined to his bed for the past thirteen years....his principal occupation is DXing, at which Bireley is exceptionally good....first became interested in radio back in 1925 when he had an oatmeal box crystal set....later constructed a one-tube regenerative set to which he eventually added two stages of audio with an old phonograph horn connected to the earphones; this contraption made Bireley the talk--- and envy---of dear old Dallas....has continually experimented with and built radio sets....now uses a Philco 116X which he says "is a poor excuse for radio" claiming that the distributors ignore his cry for service....Bireley's log (all verified) totals 925 BCB stations with three TAs, forty-three TPs (wow!) and three Hawaiians..... his first really good catch was LR5 which he picked up on an NNRC special....this whetted his appetite and he began trying for the TPs, with which, you will note, he has been signally successful....since September, 1936, has heard and verified ninety-four short wavers....Bireley's biggest radio thrill occurred some time ago....he had been using a regenerative set with all its howls and squeals; then he had to go to the hospital....when the doctors finished cutting him up he came home and there was Mr. Ross, senior, with a kit of parts for a five-tube Fada neutrodyne and a Brandes speaker....while Bireley did the directing, dad did the wiring and soldering and when the job was finished and the batteries connected, WGY came booming in on the speaker---minus the howls and squeals....that was Bireley's great radio thrill....regarding DX below the Mason-Dixon line, with its warmer weather, Bireley says it is best between February and April, even then, not consistently good as it only averages about four good nights a month (be thankful, you Northerners)....the West Coast stations come in much better than those in the East---WEEI, WLP and WJAR never get through....Bireley hopes that the CPC will line up some of these stations for DX programs and give the middle-West and far-West a break....he derives great enjoyment from DX and from the club's bulletin and believes that our work is worthwhile when we brighten lives such as his....we feel quite sure that our officers and committeemen will be glad to know that their efforts are helping to make light the burden that Bireley carries.