

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

PAUL SAMPSON, Regina, Saskatchewan....and when you say "Regina" pronounce the "i" as "I" and not as "e" and emphasize the "g"...as for Saskatchewan, get the "Sask" out clearly and then just whistle....however, Paul was born in Regina and has spent most of his life there....and since the city is several hundred miles from any real body of water, you might wonder how Paul came to be known as "The Topsy Sailor"...it seems the first time he took a small sailboat out on a small pond the thing capsized; thus "The Topsy Sailor"...the gob, who is twenty-eight and decidedly single, first heard of the NNRC through WSM, Nashville, when they were broadcasting our Club's tips....Paul joined us as a result of a DX program heard over KOAC in March, 1934....although his first veri came from WCCO and carries the ancient date of 1928, Paul really became active in 1934 when he became an NNRCor....log at present is 570 heard and 420 verified, received on a 1930 Brunswick and a 1934 RCA Victor t2-tubor....reception is best in Regina when the weather is from zero to 30 degrees above; that's in Winter; in Summer, with the thermometer reading 100 in the shade, Paul has had some fine reception, second to none of Winter radio days...."believe it or not"; he says, "it is absolutely true" (Ed. that's amazing for, as you know, the sun absorbs about 70 per cent of radio waves, the reason why DX is customarily a night-time and Winter hobby)...not so amazing is the Sailor's remark that "NNRC bulletins are always welcome here for the letters and friendly fouds give them a feeling of individuality to members lacking in other bulletins. The best \$2 a year ever spent by anybody!...Paul's favorite number-- and his lucky one is "13"... on August 13 one year he sailed a boat numbered 13, walked under a ladder, saw a motion picture titled "Operator 13"...boy, did he take chances!....and do you know what happened?...he found a twenty-five cent piece....further, Paul says that if old Doc Kraemor adopted "13" as his lucky number he might hear that 100 watt Coaster we have all road so much about....but seriously, Paul is a hard-working member, always trying to further the Club's interest....we're fortunate he chose the NNRC as his DX club.

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JOHNNIE SANDERSON, Newark....formerly of Glasgow, Scotland....a typical happy Scotsman....still single....as a kid, Johnnie was interested in signaling and transmitting messages and when in school was in the signal section of the Boy's Brigade (the brigade is an organization somewhat like the Boy Scouts, but composed of older boys)....later, Johnnie enlisted in the local Territorial Battalion, which corresponds to our National Guard, and was assigned to the signal section....he was mobilized in 1914 but was too young to go overseas....the following year he was with the British troops at Gallipoli and celebrated his 18th birthday in a "bombing sap" in the Vineyard....Gallipoli, as you probably do not remember, was officially evacuated by the British and French on January 8, 1916....Johnnie was in the last bunch to go he left there at 2.45 A.M. January 9th, to be exact....still serving in the signal section he campaigned in Egypt and after the fall of Jerusalem went to France where he served until the Armistice....but enough of war and now for radio....Johnnie's first set, naturally enough, was a cat's whisker crystal receiver....later he graduated to a Philco, then an RCA and now he has a Super Skyrider and is he riding high!.. became interested in DXing through reading letters in the Newark News....largely through the efforts of Lou Hahn's CPC, he has brought his log up to 720 heard and 499 verified....Sanderson is also a rabid short wave fan and has heard 187 and VERIFIED 142 SW stations....has 193 ham cards from 82 countries (no communication stations are included in the above)....considers 10BQ and IR5 his best BCB catches..... his most unusual catch was the Eiffel Tower in Paris....Johnnie and a buddy were on duty one night in France tapping wires....suddenly they picked up a message which puzzled them and they both decided to include it in their reports....Johnnie was later notified that it came from the Eiffel Tower- he had picked up the station's ground wave....PKLMX is his best SW catch....Johnnie says that all Scotch jokes are manufactured in Aberdeen....he's different from most Scotchmen in that he is always handing out tips----tips on new short wave stations....but all joking to the contrary, Johnnie's a ret-hot NNRCer and we wish we had a thousand more like him!

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JOHN SANDERSON, assistant executive secretary of The Newark News Radio Club...born in Glasgow way back in --guess we'll have to let it go at that as Scotty as he is known to so many of his fellow members is rather sensitive about that matter...in the first World War, Johnnie fought with valor under General Allenby in Palestine, Egypt and in Gallipoli...later on he fought with the British Army in Franco...he was wounded in the battle of the Tomb of Samuel the Prophet in the battle of the Judean Hills...Scotty came to the United States in 1927...he is currently employed by the Wing Mfg. Co., Newark, which is handling large contracts for the U.S. Navy...he became interested in the NNRC through the Club's column in The Newark Evening News and became one of us back in 1933... Johnnie DXes with a Hallcrafters SX-17 and with it has compiled a really worthwhile log of stations both on the broadcast band and short waves...he is, however, partial to the higher frequencies...at the moment the Hallcrafters is in need of some slight repairs with the result Johnnie's DX style is cramped...he hopes to have the trusty receiver back in working order in the near future at which time a DX reports will have been long overdue...aside from the help he has received in his DX work from his Club membership, Johnnie values it most for the large number of friends he has throughout the organization...his interest in the NNRC and particularly with regard to its continued success have been contributing factors that have led to his annual re-election, without opposition, by his fellow-members.

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JACK SCHNEIDER....who heard a radio for the first time when he listened to a public radio broadcasting the Dempsey-Firpo fight back in 1923....born in Uman, Province of Kiev, Ukraine, some twenty-five years ago....came to this country after the Russian Civil Revolution....graduated from Roselle Park (New Jersey) High School in 1930; has lived in Garwood N.J. for the past decade....bought his first radio in 1925, the then popular five-tube Freshman Masterpiece....with it he logged 425 stations in four years....traded it in for an AC set but since that one could not get much DX, he acquired an Acratone, six-tube super that cost \$21.50 and which he is still using today....has now heard 943 stations and that is very nice going for a \$21.50 investment....Jack first heard of the NNRC through the columns of The Newark Evening News in 1929....he joined right then and has never regretted it....Jack says: "It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with such a swell group that comprises the club membership?...best DX catch is 1OAT, Trail, Brit. Col. a ten-watter....best verified catches are 1OAK, VESEK and WABW....since 1928, Jack has been a helper at his local railroad freight station, a radio wiroman, shoe salesman, radio repairman, shipping clerk, radio coil manufacturing foreman and now salesman of electrical appliances.... Jack is also chairman of our important membership committee and at every meeting of the Board of Directors they're all ready to shout "Here Comes the Revolution" unless Jack has a satisfactory report.

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BILL SCHWEITZER, Newark....employed by the Prudential Insurance Co., Newark..... began to fool around with radio back in 1924 with a one-tube set....is now five times as good a DXer as he was then as he uses a five-tube General Electric (Editor's note- We question that statement)....originally used a set known as the Sunday Call "Four".. Bill has forgotten in what year he joined the NNRC but it was at the time a gent named Irving R. Potts was running for the office of president for the first time, so it was a good many years ago....Bill doesn't DX extensively (you said it, Harry), but manages to get about forty new ones every season with plenty of 100 watters but none on the West Coast (Misory loves company, Doc Kraemer; you two hams ought to get together)....Bill's best catches are 10AK and LRL....verifications total about 300..... his greatest DX thrill was in 1935 when with two mugs by the name of Kraemer and Varrelman, he drove down to Allenwood, N.J. seventeen miles from nowhere, to the temporary abode of one Roy N. Licari, a FORMER Brooklyn DXer....Upon arrival, it was found that Licari's aerial had been blown down; however, inside of two hours, Roy and Bill erected a new antenna (Kraemer and Varrelman looked on, as is customary) and inside of the same two hours Kraemer won 68 cents from Varrelman in a pinochle game (DXors? Phooey)....Though the four went down to Allenwood primarily to hear Australia, that purpose was soon "Gone With the Wind"...the static was gargantuan (Wow!) and they could barely get the West Coast, not 100 watters mind you but those like KFI....was Roy's face red!....and were Bill's hands red!....the former caused by embarrassment and the latter by hard work....Bill says he has made some splendid acquaintances through the NNRC but just whom he means we cannot imagine as every time we see him he is with those Baltimore laggards....seriously though, there is no more conscientious worker in the organization than Bill....he has had a multitude of assignments and has handled each one efficiently- former financial secretary, member of the Board of Directors, bulletin committee, vice-chairman of the membership committee on which he is currently doing an A-1 job; secretary of the convention committee and just recently, was appointed assistant executive secretary, succeeding Al (Stogie) Koempel who resigned....it has gotten so at headquarters now, we don't say "Let George do it"-- we say "Let Bill do it" knowing the job will be done and done right.

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FRANK SCOTT, Newark, New Jersey....first saw the light of day in Fair Haven, N.J. many years ago....moved to New York City at an early age....a graduate of the City College of New York, class of 1892, and holds a B.S. degree....went to work for the General Electric Co. in the Summer of that year and was married that Winter.... soon afterwards, Frank left G.E. and went with the Crocker-Wheeler Electrical Mfg. Co. of Ampere (East Orange), N.J. and has been with that firm EVER SINCE (isn't that consistency?)....became interested in radio when WJZ first opened up in Newark and like everybody else in those days, he began building crystal sets (he still has one at home)....such distant catches as WIP and WOO, Philadelphia, and WGY, Schenectady, were heard....came the vacuum tube and set building began in earnest again....Frank made himself a one-tube WD-11 "blooper" which was a dandy for DX in those days of few broadcast channels, and his greatest thrill was logging KHJ on this one-tube baby....when the screen grid tube first burst into being, Frank was fortunate in getting a couple of the first English types and built a receiver with one of them as an RF stage ahead of a three CRT regenerative tuner and according to Frank, this was the best set he ever owned....started writing for varies about 1924, but as the stations to which he wrote were so slow in answering, he gave up the idea and now regrets it as you can well appreciate....in those balmy days, Frank used to throw away his log each Spring and start a new one the following September!!...., he now regrets that idea too....back in 1927 when a call went out from The Newark News for a meeting of DXers, Frank Scott was right on deck and is one of the charter members of the NNRC....was chairman of the Club's DX qualifications committee for many years....likewise, he was one of our vice-presidents for several years until poor health forced him to give up active participation in NNRC affairs....ten years ago when he joined the outfit, Frank began verifying again and now has more than 1,000 varies....his collection of EKKO and AFCC stamps is a marvelous one and one of his greatest treasures....total of stations heard, 1150....Frank's kindly and genial personality have made him a prime favorite with his fellow members and it is no secret that both Frank and Mrs. Scott, who, incidentally, has been with us for several years, are two of the most popular of all NNRCers.

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WALTER JACKSON SEELY of KEW GARDENS, Long Island....despite the imposing "Walter Jackson"; he is known in the Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter as "Jack"...plays an intelligent game of poker and invariably leaves a chapter meeting with plenty of "Jack"... is 25 years old and will have been married one year next Monday; has three children.. employed by The Pharma Co. a large New York chemical concern, as production man..... will probably be transferred to the company's Bayonne N.J. plant next Spring- New Jersey's gain and Brooklyn's loss....has been DXing for 15 years but has no idea how many stations he has heard....has 424 veries and counts only those verified....is a rabid RCA booster and has always used that make set....biggest thrill was logging XEJ, the Mexican 100 watter....has heard Rennes and Bordeaux but since they are not verified, he does not count them....has never logged a TP....Roy Licari of Allenwood, N.J. and Brooklyn, N.Y. insists that when Jack moves it should be to Allenwood so he can get some of those TPs....incidentally, when visiting Jack to get material for this sketch the writer got lost; one side of Quentin Road, on which Jack lives, is in Forest Hills, the other side is Kew Gardens....after three hours we located him....he took pains to show us that he has WAAB verified....belongs to the NNRC and no other radio club...."The best is good enough for me!" says Jack.

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RAY SHAFFAR, Waterloo, Iowa....born 46 years ago in rural southwestern Iowa, and at 13 was riding and breaking many a tough bronc....Also took many a brutal spill....A few years later decided to become a lawyer, and acted as law clerk, trying a few minor cases, all of which he won. Office routine got too irksome after 3 years, and Ray gave up the legal profession....Came the World War, and Ray joined up. He was a reporter on a military newspaper published in camp. After his discharge, photography attracted his attention, and with the air of a battery of high speed cameras, made quite a bit of money. With the mass production of Kodaks, this line fell off a great deal....Shaffar has also had a great many experiments with raising bees, and at one time developed a colony capable of storing up a surplus equal to 4 times that of ordinary bees....After an unprofitable investment in some Wisconsin land, Ray got a job in a logging camp. His record for the first day was astounding, and the foreman told him to slow down -- Ray did just the opposite, and the strain made him muscle-bound for several weeks. In the winters, when logging was slow, Ray used to act as guide for deer and bear hunters. One time he was chasing some game and ended up by hunting on an Indian reservation, unbeknownst to him. Five Indian braves nabbed him and started to take him to the Indian justice, but Ray started gabbing, passed out the smokes, produced some snake-bite remedy, and pretty soon the Injuns and the Great White Father were palsy-walsy. After this the Injuns told him to go ahead and hunt on their land all he pleased! Whatta diplomet! In 1928, Ray became interested in welding, and bought a shop in Iowa . . . but came the depression and gone with the wind went the shop....Is now working with John Deere Tractor Co., and has charge of maintenance on 50,000 machines. Likes the firm very much, and feels that he is with a good outfit. Ray became interested in radio in 1935, when he moved to Waterloo. Bought a 5-tube Philco which he wore out in 6 months. The DX bug took a good bite, and Ray pulled in a lot of stations -- however did not verify until XEPN was heard asking for reports. They sent him a nice verie, and a new verification hound was born. Bought himself a McMurdo-Silver Masterpiece V, which he thinks is the world's best receiver. Worked on the short waves for three years, and then came back to the broadcast band. Now has about 500 veries, and sends an average of 65 reports to stations each month. Sends in very elaborate reports, and several broadcasters have commented that his letters are the most useful ones they have ever received....With the most attractive radio shack in town, Ray has had visitors from many sections of the U.S.A. One day in 1938, a senior from Buenos Aires arrived with the American consul and asked to be shown the receiver Ray used, etc. A SW station in Buenos Aires had mentioned Ray's excellent report, and so the caballero paid him a visit, and since he had just returned from a 3-month's tour of Europe, asked Ray to try and get IRLX. Was home-sick and wanted to hear his favorite station. Program came through fine....One of Ray's correspondents is an Oxford scholar now located in a jungle in South America, 500 miles from a postoffice, and 125 miles from his nearest neighbor. Gets mail twice a year by Indian runner. Ray became interested in the NNRC when he began DXing in earnest, and heard so many programs dedicated to the club. Thinks the NNRC is the best club of its kind in the world, and considers that it covers a wider field than any other such club.

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D.H. SHOTLIFF, Cheyenne, Wyoming....born in Neosho, Missouri and just recently celebrated his 46th birthday....married to a red-headed girl and is the father of three red-headed girls (shades of Eddie Cantor!!)....says he also has a dog-house in which he spends considerable time....is baggage agent for the Union Pacific R.R. at Cheyenne...his job is a nightmare at this time of the year, wreat with the heavy Xmas mail traffic...generally takes 16 hours a day to keep on top of it....D.H. has spent practically all his life on a railroad having started in as a telegrapher when he was sixteen....has also worked as station agent, train dispatcher, toworman and almost everything else connected with the movement of trains....Shotty says that Wyoming isn't such a bad state with its beautiful Summers and fairly decent Winter weather until January....in January and February, HOWEVER, the thermometer sometimes hits 40 below zero!....this sounds cold and no doubt it is, but if the wind isn't blowing the cold doesn't seem to penetrate the way it does in a lower or wetter climate....although Cheyenne has a population of above 20,000, plus about 4,000 soldiers quartered at Fort Warren, which is nearby, it has no local radio station..... this is unusual since it is the state capitol....Shotty says the local newspapers are closely connected with the senators and representatives and they have managed to keep a station out....Cheyenne is famous for its frontier days, the outstanding rodeo of the world, held the last week of July in case you might want to take it in next Summer....Shotty DXes with a Scott all-wave set and one of these days he's going to sneak a Skyrider in the back door...DX is none too perfect in Wyoming....the dry winds seem to create lots of static and additionally, there are plenty of thunderstorms during the Summer...the local power company also provides its quota of static....the log stands at 575 heard as Shotty doesn't verify many of his catches....in 1923 he dragged in WLIB on an old battery set which he then thought was a good catch and still thinks so....never belonged to any radio club until he joined the NNRC.... thinks it is a fine club and derives more enjoyment from it than any other connection....he especially likes the bulletin, believing it keeps the membership closely knit....D.H. is our state director for Wyoming and a 100 per cent NNRCer.

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MRS. GRACE L. and FRANK E. SIMPSON, Montclair, N.J....the club's outstanding mother and son DX team....and a grand team it is!....could probably lick the entire Board of Directors with one dial tied behind its back....they have heard 1,400 stations of which 910 are verified....have logged 34 Mexicans, 50 Cubans and 70 Canadians!....Frank first began to DX back in 1929 when his father bought him a nine-tube Silvertone....it was quite an improvement over the one-tube, home-made set he had previously been using....Frank soon logged KNX, Hollywood, and that was his biggest DX thrill....getting the "Coast" when that phrase really meant something....in 1930 Mrs. Simpson became ill and the result was that she became very nervous and upset; she couldn't sleep well, so she would turn on the radio and listen to distant stations....after about an hour of this, she would become composed and her insomnia would vanish- and her log would increase....DXing, with Mrs. Simpson, began as something the doctor ordered and now that she is feeling fit again, sticks to it because as she says "It is so much fun and I would rather DX than go to the best movie!..... Mrs. Simpson and Frank correspond with many stations and Bobby Briggs of KRGV, Texas, once dedicated a fifteen-minute program to Frank....they have been exceptionally active members of the club and their record of attendance at meetings and other NNRC functions is extraordinarily high....Mrs. Simpson adds: "We just snatch the bulletin from the mail box and enjoy the contents thereof, as soon as it arrives!...it makes us very happy to know that the bulletin is so highly valued and we hope the Simpsons will be with us many more years and that they will continue to enjoy reading about their activities and those of their fellow-DXers.

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JOSEPH F. SMITH, East Orange, New Jersey.... "Alderman Joe".... native Jerseyite and has lived in the Garden State for nearly half a century.... recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary.... is the father of twin daughters.... employed by the General Electric Company as a cost accountant.... (incidentally, Joe isn't very patriotic as he uses a Philco radio).... has been a member of the club for eight years but in all that time, Louis Hahn has failed to persuade Joe that he ought to meet and know Ophelia (perhaps it is just as well for Joe that he doesn't evince the slightest interest in that fair damosel).... has been interested in radio since the days of the home-made "cat's whisker" sets.... has veries from every State in the Union.... holds Ace certificate No. 64.... as chairman of the DX Qualifications Committee, Joe has been very active and has done much to stimulate interest in DX certificates.... he is currently head of the Lansdale 1937 NNRC Convention Committee.... has, for several years, been a member of the club's Board of Directors whereon he has shown independence in thought and action, and, while his methods of accomplishing an end have often been open to question and serious discussion, nevertheless, he has a record of battling for those policies which he believes are for the best interests of the club.... Joe says that it is his ambition "To live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to all NNRCers and in fact, to all mankind!"

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JACK V. SODEN, Raleigh, Nawth Carolina....the club's most prolific and verbose pedagogue....first saw the light of day in Newark and has been a night owl ever since....at high school, he was a "four-letter man"- baseball, track, riding and basketball....studied art and foreign languages under a private tutor until "Monotony on the Bounty" got him and he went to work....is now a "four-syllable" man (ask Barney Ahman)....Jack's first job was with a Southern railroad and while the language used by railroad men is called English, still, we have been unable to find it in any respectable dictionary of any language....moyod successively from Wilmington, N.C. to Savannah to Florida to Texas and to Albuquerque (like that old Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance combination)....married a Nebraska girl in Chicago and then moved to Boston....as soon as the Sodens were settled in Boston, they moved to New Haven (always one jump ahead of the sheriff)....all in all, Jack has worked in forty-five of the forty-eight states (if we could only log forty-five of the forty-eight we'd be satisfied, let alone work in them)....is now in the auditing game with a firm of public accountants....enough of Jack's private life, except to say that he is now a widower, is six feet, two-inches tall and weighs 185 (watch your step, Hank Tyndall, this guy packs a mean wallop); likes his coffee black and his liquor straight and his weaknesses are blondes and fried chicken while we personally, can do without the coffee...and now for Jack's DX record- he began dial twisting with a one-tube, home-made set with which he heard WOC, Davonport, and he's been dreaming about that feat ever since....then bought a three-tube Ware which he says "considerably increased my log"...presumably, that means he logged three more stations besides WOC....a Zenith E-11 was Jack's first electric set and it opened up new horizons, while a Zenith P-34 opened up more horizons (paging Les Kraemer and "Lost Horizons"!)....other sets Jack has used include a Fada 22, a Colonial 31, a Stewart-Warner and his present set, a Stromberg-Carlson....greatest DX thrill was logging KGBU, Kotchikan, Alaska, in 1929 at East Orange, N.J. thereby beating the Baltimore Booster to that thrill by seven years....Jack's hobby is compiling logs for advertising purposes and calibrating new sets for dealers....although he didn't say so, his other hobbies might be- 1. Awarding the Iron Cross to the Rooster for a superiority complex; 2- Awarding Big Ben to the Rip Van Winkle of East Hartford, Conn.; 3- Awarding spurs to "Slim" Ahman for eloquence and orthography, etc....all joking aside, Jack seems to lead a very full and amusing life- his witty spirit and originality are a decided tonic to all who have been exposed to it and his stool-shafted pen has punctured good-naturedly, several egotists....to this bon vivant, his highness of Lol-de-la and king of elan, we offer this coronation "Who's Who" and if he ever comes to Brooklyn (Editor's note- Why in goodness' name would Jack ever think of going to Brooklyn unless it might be to enter a home for the aged) we'll personally crown him. (Aside to Jack: "If you know when you're well off, you'll stay in Raleigh).

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GEORGE H. STAMMLER....of the University of Nawth Carolina, suh....at Chapel Hill, Nawth Carolina.....a freshman....throw the man out -- he's a nogood Yankee....Who's a nogood Yankee -- I'm a good Pennsylvania Dutchman....Born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in November, 1921, and at the age of five moved to Bethlehem (Pa., not Asia). He had heard that the steel companies were looking for men, and he moved there to get a job. After he growed up, and was an aged man of 12 or 13, he moved to a good state, and now resides in Summitt, New Joisey....A few months of New Joisey's fair climate braces him up, and he is then able to pursue his studies in that nogood Jack Soden's state... George says he doesn't know yet what he is going to study (you see what N.C. does to you) but thinks mebbe he's like advertising, publicity work, or announcing. Since he's has always been a "radio bug" he will probably, he opines, end up in that field. As Les Kraemer says, "If he's such a good radio bug, he'll end up in the bughouse.".... George says Chapel Hill is a pleasant little town of 2000 people, and despite its size, there's always something doing. Began going after DX in 1933 with a 5-tube Majestic. A year later he bought a 7-tube Fada, and last spring bought an 8-tube Halli-crafter. Does his Chapel Hill DX with the Fada, though naturally this is not as good as the Halli-crafter. Since December, 1939, George has logged 146 stations, and has veries from 72. This is a nice record for two months. Best catches include KFVB, Los Angeles; CBK, Saskatchewan; CJRM, Regina; and KOY, Phoenix, Ariz....W2LAU (Warren Rebell, of Summitt, N.J.) has kept up George's interest in radio, and after reading about those Cincinnati rascals (George Jacobs) in the recent Radex, decided to join the NNRC. George reports that the Mutual Network -- and a very nice network it is -- will carry a program from the University of North Carolina on March 2....Maybe we will find out then what the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of Nawth Car.

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ALFRED J. STANSFIELD, Oradell, N.J....brought sunshine into the Stansfield Mansion at Pearl River, N.Y. in 1917....is a graduate of Hackensack grammar and high schools....after which he clerked in a cigar store for a few months, then got a job as a checker in a lumber yard (in this instance, the checker wasn't a part of that well-known game- his job was to see that the right number and correct size of lumber was shipped)....then Al got a job in the "big city" as proof-reader for a linotype outfit....his present job, which he has held for three years, is with Media Records, a firm that sells statistics on advertising lineage....Al reports this to be pleasant work....first became interested in radio in 1929 when he had two battery sets- a five-tube Freshman Masterpiece and a four-tube RCA....used to get a real kick out of earphone reception of KOA and KFI....didn't go after veries especially but got a few by accident, his first being from WBBC, Brooklyn (marvelous DXer, this Stansfield)....during his high school days he met a group of DXers who belonged to the Universal DX Club or the Globe Circlers, both of which had their headquarters in Hackensack, N.J.....Al joined the UDXC in 1933 and unofficially, the high school joined, too....at least the bulletins were run off on the school mimeograph machine....about that time, our hero bought an Atwater Kent 35, six-tuber and then came a five-tube GE....in 1937 he bought an 11-tube Super Skyrider SX11....his present log is 500 heard and 300 verified....best veries are WKAQ, KOY, XFX, KABC and KEVD....has also heard Poste Parisien and LRL....on short waves, Al has about 85 stations but is not particularly interested in the ham bands....when he was with the UDXC, Stansfield at various times had just about every position there was in that club....he was instrumental in having the UDXC merge with The Newark News Radio Club and for the past year has been in complete charge of the NNRC's broadcasting committee, including the W2XJI programs with which he has done splendid work....Al has been responsible for the orderly selection of speakers, etc., and has used excellent judgment in the handling of this assignment and all matters pertaining to it.... (incidentally, Al and his assistant, Art Johnson, are always glad to get additional participants in the W2XJI broadcasts and if you would like to take part in them when they are resumed after the termination of the present football season, get in touch with Al whose address is Soldier Hill Road, Oradell, N.J.)....in addition to his W2XJI work, Al is also a valued member of our board of directors....thinks the annual NNRC conventions at Lansdale, Penna., are very enjoyable occasions and adds: "All in all, The Newark News Radio Club has the best and most to offer DXers!"

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MRS. SAMUEL R. THOMAS, Hokondaugua, Pa....born in Laury, Pa. a town named for her paternal grandfather...married at an early age and moved to Hokondaugua, which is five miles from Laury, and has lived here for forty-three years...the town was once a center of the pig iron industry...Mr. Thomas has always been connected with iron and railroads...they have one child, a daughter, and a grandson, fourteen years old...Mrs. Thomas is active in the community and was chairman of the local Red Cross membership drive...she began DXing about eight years ago and has been an enthusiastic member of the NNRC for SEVEN YEARS now...possesses a Super Ace certificate and is now trying for a Silver Ace...although Mrs. Thomas has heard and verified 750 stations, like our pillow-pounding treasurer, she has never logged a 100 watt West Coaster, but, even though the Doc has given up all hope of ever getting one, Mrs. Thomas is still in there trying, now with a new RCA, model C 13-2...her biggest thrill was logging KLCN, the $7\frac{1}{2}$ watter in Blythville, Ark, while her second greatest thrill was hearing KOA, her first station west of Chicago; incidentally, her first veri came from KOA...Mrs. Thomas is one of our outstanding feminine DX-ers and it has indeed been a pleasure to have her associated with us these past seven years...we hope she will be with us for many more.

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WALTER LESTER TOWNLEY, treasurer of The Newark News Radio Club and a darned good one to boot...Walt has been a member of the Club for more than eight years and the custodian of its funds for nearly four years now...much has been written about this conscientious NNRC official from time to time in our bulletin and every word of it is the gospel truth...since he assumed office the Club's financial condition has improved steadily and for that Walt deserves the lion's share of credit...Walt was born in Newark in the gay nineties and except for a somewhat brief absence from the Jersey metropolis has always called it home...he attended Newark schools and is currently employed by the Public Service Gas and Electric Co. where he has compiled an excellent record of service...in earlier and lush days Walt was some pumpkins as a runner and at once time sang in East Orange Glee Club...he has always been on the bashful side with regard to writing reports of his DX exploits but he is nevertheless a true DXer at heart...Walt became interested in the Newark News Radio Club through Director Bill Fallender...it happened one evening while Walt was visiting the Fallender domicile and Salesman Bill sold Walt the idea...Walt says the idea was good and that Bill is still a good salesman...a genial and likeable chap, Walt has a host of friends in the Club and is ever one of its greatest boosters...says he never has regretted his decision to become one of its adherents and enjoys his NNRC associations more and more every day...aside from that particular fact, the treasurer is the kind of an official who does not consider "good" to be enough; he always wants it to be a little better...and in that respect, it was a fortunate day for the NNRC when he signed up...those of us who know Walt appreciate his friendship and his true worth...we hope that pleasure will eventually come to all NNRCers.

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HENRY T. (HANK) TYNDALL, a transplanted Vermonter temporarily located in East Hartford, Conn. where he has devoted his talents to vital war work ... this one of DXing's truly greats had, before he took a last fond look at the Green Mountains and the expansive bosom of Lake Champlain prior to heading southward for the hamlet made famous by the dialing exploits of that DXing Demon Old Potato Nichols, compiled a formidable log of more than 1,300 broadcast band stations, all verified and that my friends is an achievement of no small proportions ... some wag or was it old Doc Kraemer has figured it out that it will take Hank at least a decade to catch up on all the sleep he lost in those pre-war days of hectic dialing competition ... speaking of the earlier days of radio brings to mind the fond recollections of other DXing headliners- Lucky 13 Milt Christa of Detroit; Bloody But Unbowed Rooster Hahn of Baltimore; Smiling Bill Applegate of Chicago; Louis (Ophelia) Hahn of Rutherford, N.J.; Indianapolis' Fyrelighter Art Foerster; Rotund Roy Xerxes Utter of Succasunna, N.J.; Dora Newcomb, Oxnard, Calif.; Newark's Frank Scott and many others whose inactivity has left a void that just cannot be filled ... this guy Hank is just beyond the half-pint category, not much bigger than Johnny Sanderson, but when he's in the mood he's a human dynamo- or was ... the trouble now is he never seems to be in the mood ... when however, Hank gets the urge he becomes a worthwhile antagonist- horseshoes, baseball, tennis (?), Volley ball and other outdoor endeavors ... those who have seen him perform at NNRC Summer conventions have the utmost respect for his athletic prowess and have labeled him a hard but fair hitter ... except in golf ... just why no one seems to know but when it comes to the ancient Scotch pastime a lot of its devotees forget how to add ... the Squire of Succasunna still maintains that on the occasion when in a weak moment he accepted an invitation to play the Old Potato and Hank up East Hartford way they added his score O.K. and then some but subtracted from their own ... that should be a lesson to other gullible ones in the Club but we are afraid it won't be for our Prexy and Lloyd Hahn have tentatively accepted a bid to be flected by the two Nutmeg Jeronies on whom the odds are already 5 to 1 ... Prexy and the Rooster are free though of one mental hazard the Squire had- they won't have to worry about losing the gold fillings in their teeth ... but to be serious for the moment, Hank is a right guy in every sense of the word and has been a valued member of The Newark News Radio Club for years and years ... and that goes for Mrs. Tyndall, too ... we hope sincerely that when this war has been won and we get back to the normal ways of life that Hank and those many other DX veterans will get back into the harness again ... and regale us with their DXing doings in the NNRC bulletin.

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EDWARD H. URBAN, Cleveland Heights, Ohio....now 20 years old and single although he thinks he could be just as happy if married....Ed played the drums in his high school band and his school won the National Marching Contest at Des Moines, Iowa.... Ed, of course, played an important and LOUD part in that victory....has had a wide variety of jobs- delivery boy for a delicatessen; nurse maid to the dishes in the school cafeteria; post office clerk, inspector of Japanese beetle traps (for Les Kraemer's information, this latter job has nothing to do with the spy scare; Ed was working for the Dept. of Agriculture)....now employed by the Willard Storage Battery Co., as a blueprinter....hopes to advance in the company but if not, expects to take a Civil Service examination for letter carrier....by the way, Ed's mother worked for the Willard Co., about 15 years ago when they owned station WTAM and when the station only had about four programs a day....the favorite one was the "Coo-Coo Club" which was on Saturday nights and lasted for four hours....Mrs. Urban used to take telephone messages from DX fans and play requested numbers....Ed began DXing back in 1935 after having read a couple issues of Radex....then he visited a friend who had a Stewart-Warner converter, and on it he heard his first foreign broadcast....before long Ed had heard his own foreigner with a veri from VE9GW, Bowmanville, Canada, to prove it.... then an issue of Radex gave a listing of all the radio clubs....Ed scanned it and decided more good DXers were in our Club than in any other and that we had more initiative so he joined the NNRC and very logically so....Ed thinks this was a very sensible move for he has enjoyed his Club association tremendously....feels the NNRC is still moving forward with lots of new ideas even after eleven years....thinks it would be a good idea to hold one of our conventions in Cincinnati or some central point....Ed made the hike from Ohio to Lansdale last year and thought the got-together was a humdinger....would like to see a SWL section in the bulletin and we'll take this up at the next Board meeting....DXes now with a Sky Challenger and while his ECB log isn't very large, he has 102 SWL cards which he has collected in two months' time....expects to take his amateur radio exam in January....aside from radio, his favorite pastime is bowling....hit 206 the other night, and averages 170 which isn't half bad....also likes to skate and dance AND can he pitch horse shoes!....beat the great Irv Potts at the 1938 Lansdale Convention....besides all this, Ed finds the time to play in a dance band on his off-evenings....hi, ho, never a dull moment!

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ROY UTTER, the Succasunna (N.J.) Sunbeam...one of the world's nicest fellows but one of its worst typists; it takes three days to decipher his letters....is 34 and married and has a daughter, Lois, and a son, Roland....Roy built his first radio set back in the dim and dark days of 1922, a WD11, with which he logged 76 stations. and that was quite a feat in those days when there weren't many broadcasters operating....first station heard was WJZ (no comment on that one)....best catches on the WD11 were WSB, WDAJ, PWX and 6KW....built a Reinartz tuner two years later and on this set Roy heard 215 stations....got as far as KOA, Denver, with this one; when he added a 10 to 1 ratio and another tube he brought in his first Coaster, KFI....1926 saw a five-tube Freshman in the Utter household and there was utter joy with this set equipped with, by all that's holy, a LOUDSPEAKER....next came a five-tube Grebe-Synchrophase receiver, which, when the condensers were thrown out of balance and the phones plugged into the speaker outlet, was a grade A DX set....a more 650 stations were captured with this rig, including 40 more than 2,000 miles away and two 100 watters, KFSG and CKWX (Are you listening, Krapmer?)....extra added attractions were RUS and VOAS....about this time, Roy began to read about other DXers in Charlotte Geer's column in The News, so in February, 1928, he mailed in an application for membership in The Newark News DX Club, its correct name in those days, and became one of its first out-of-town members....has never joined any other club as he has enjoyed his NNRC membership and says it fills his DX needs....bought his first electric set in 1934- a Philco 16B, with which he has added more than 100 stations including 1YA, CP4, LRL-2-4-5, CX26, HJN, Poste Parisien and Radio Normandie....biggest thrill was the night of the Dempsey-Firpo fight....he and a friend were splitting a pair of headphones....the set was full of "body capacity" and you had to keep both hands flat on the dials and both feet on the floor or you lost the station....during the bout when Firpo knocked Dempsey out of the ring, Roy gave his pal a hearty slap on the back....of course, you can't slap a guy on the back and keep two hands on the dial at the same time....well, with the slap, away went the station....by the time it was tuned in again they were hearing the decision having missed the knockout by Dempsey....Utter confusion reigned....a real DX thrill for Roy was hearing KFI for the first time; also KOH when he completed his record of having heard all states....Poste Parisien, his first overseas catch, compensated for some lost sleep....hobbies other than DX are tennis, travel, football, ice fishing and raising chickens, you know, the feathered variety....Roy offers the suggestion that our bulletin list once a month "This Month's Changes" as we formerly did in the Dialist....the NNRC is fortunate that Roy selected it for his DX diversion....we're happy indeed that he joined and has continued with us down through the years.

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ROY XERXES UTTER, the Squire of Succasunna...a Jersey hamlet where men are rugged and DXers a rarity...nobody seems to know how or where the burg of Succasunna got its name but it is widely acknowledged to be one of the coldest spots in the Garden State...just about this time of the year the visitor will find its sages parked on the front porch of the village store during the day and around the store's pot stove at night swapping prognostications as to the probable severity of the coming Winter...if the consensus is that the rabbits and squirrels have already begun to don their Hudson Bay seals then it is going to be just too bad for those who converted from oil to coal about a year ago...if, on the other hand, Old Doc Kraemer has been seen taking his daily dip in the nearby and frosty waters of Lake Hopatcong then it is a pretty safe bet that onions won't go above a dollar a pound...Roy, a respected burgher of the town of Succasunna, is employed at the Dover (N.J.) National Bank...back in the days when the dial twisters rolled their own and later when the battery sets and B eliminators were in vogue, the Squire exhibited real ability in hauling in those distant stations...a healthy log and fine collection of verifications attest to his uncanny skill in that direction but like so many other has-beens, he seems content to rest upon his laurels all of which is to be regretted...among his varied accomplishments is an adeptness with the numerous iron and wood implements used in the modern game of golf...Xerxes learned the Scotch game the hard way...whereas Doc Daugherty, Rooster Hahn, Old Potato Nichols and Green Mountain Hank Tyndall have been brought up on golf courses with fairways and greens as smooth as billiard tables, the Squire learned the fundamentals of the game on a layout that at first sight resembles a course but which on closer inspection is a first-class cow pasture...shooting for the pin from behind mushrooms and sagebrush has however, been a blessing in disguise for he is now a dead-eye Dick known as one-putt Utter...about 14 months ago, the Old Potato and Brother Hank insidiously and with malice aforethought, inveigled the unsuspecting Roy to a Connecticut golf course...and by subterfuge and unethical procedure took the trusting Squire to the cleaners; in fact as has been previously mentioned in the bulletin, Roy was lucky to get home with the gold fillings in his teeth still intact...but, there will come another day as the saying goes, and on that occasion with an impartial and fair audience that will see fair play is done, the Squire will have his revonge...at this writing the wise money is stacked high and wide on the Squire and when Johnnie Sanderson is putting up a shilling on Roy's chances you can just about be sure the Jersey champ will come home in a romp...Roy has been a valued member of The Newark News Radio Club for many years now...he has the happy faculty of making and keeping friends and in his modest way has contributed much to the success of "The Pioneer of Radio and DX Clubs"...we're happy indeed that the Squire chose the NNRC as his DX club for two reasons...the Club has been the better organization because Roy's name has been on its roster for more than a decade now and because so many of us have been able to have his firm friendship...take it from us, the Squire is all wool and a yard wide.

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HARRY E. VARRBELMAN, our assistant editor....born and bred in Brooklyn and still lives there, strange to say....is 23 years old and for a young feller, has had a varied and hectic business life- publishing, manufacturing, merchandising, advertising and now real estate in which field of endeavor he is assistant to the president of Clement E. Merowit and Co., New York City, supervising personnel relations....favorite outdoor sport is baseball (which he prefers to take sitting down)....favorite indoor sport- poker, and the boys take him to the cleaners with monotonous regularity... still single and maybe it's a good thing....has been a member of the NNRC for seven years and during that time has compiled a log of 503 stations, which, to our way of thinking, makes Harry "soft picking" for those Baltimore Bruisers....contrary to the general idea, Harry's best catch is NOT WAAB....he says it gives him a headache to try to think which station is but after serious deliberation decides that it is the A.B. Dougall station, LR5, Buenos Aires, which he contends is good DX for Brooklyn....his biggest DX thrill was hearing KFI at 3 A.M. a year after he joined the club when he awoke the family to tell them he had California and was at once informed that he had bats in his belfry....has written several hundred radio scripts, including several for NNRC programs....was formerly short wave editor for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle....organizer of our Brooklyn Chapter, Harry has always been a thorn in the sides of the Baltimoreans, and while admitting that Brooklyn usually comes out second best whenever it comes to grips with the boys down along Chesapeake Bay, says that without the Brooklynites constantly prodding them, well, the Boosters wouldn't be nearly so active....Harry has been a member of the Board of Directors for four years now and has distinguished himself by rendering conspicuous service to the club by heading several of our most important committees....although he performs many an important duty about which there is little or no publicity, his fellow officers and directors are fully cognizant of his value to the NNRC and we know they will endorse our statement on many occasions, that Harry is one of our most valued officials.

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KEN VETTER first saw the light of day twenty-two years ago at 964 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, Ill. (twenty miles north of the Windy City). Still lives in the same city, same house...Employed as a cost accountant by a public utility...Has been DXing since the Winter of 1930...Started the hobby when his father wanted to hear a Shriner's broadcast from KMOX (the first meeting ever presented on the air) and the station issued a special verification card...That was No. 1 in Ken's collection...To-day he has more than 800...Uses an RCA Model 42, seven tubes...Has heard one Transatlantic station, Stuttgart...Ken is a member of our Courtesy Programs Committee and a mighty good one too...He says: "It was through Dick Thormeyer that I joined the NNRC and I've always been glad that I did. The club has added 100 per cent to my interest in DXing!"

(H.E.V.)

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WILLIAM VORNKAHL, WESTPORT, CONN.....first saw the light of day July 1, 1901 and by process of deduction he is now "sweet" thirty-five....continued to live in New York City until 1916 when he moved to Westport where he has lived ever since....married and has three children....painter by trade....is a rabid Giant baseball fan and also roots for the Ranger hockey team....used to play semi-pro baseball but now sticks to bowling and softball....has been a DXer since the days of the home-made crystal sets and has the same sad story as many of the old timers- he didn't verify back in the early days....if he had done so, some of our present big shots like Hank Tyndall would have to duck- at least Bill says so....ill health caused him to give up DXing from 1928 to 1931....early in 1931, Bill heard a special program dedicated to the NNRC and decided to join the club; has been a member ever since and even induced his wife to join....present log is 950 heard, 878 verified and 139 2,000 milers.... that is very fine DX business....greatest thrill was logging 10AT, the 15 watter in Trail, B.C....says Bill: "I am not kidding when I say they came in as good here as any 100 watter within 100 miles of Westport that I have ever heard"...the veri that pleased him most was from Berlin....uses a Majestic No. 130, seven-tube receiver and it has a very low noise level....Bill gives it credit for getting him third prize in last year's Radex contest....he is especially proud of his Silver Ace certificate No. 8 because other Connecticut Silver Aces are further down the list- Berte Obert being No. 13 and Phil Nichols No. 16....this seems to be pretty conclusive evidence as to who is Connecticut's champion DXer (Milford and Hartford papers, please copy).

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STUART (STU) WALMSLEY, Los Angeles, one of our most enthusiastic West Coast DX-ers....a native son of California....has lived in Los Angeles all his twenty-five years and concedes the climate is swell....single and happy....holds a Civil Service position and is radio editor of The Los Angeles County Employees' Association newspaper....Stu first began DXing early in 1930, using a six-tube Philco and managed to log and verify 325 broadcast band stations in three years....then he became interested in short waves and bought a Patterson PR-10....aerial is 35 feet long and 40 feet high....now has 107 verified short wavers in 42 different countries and is eligible for one of the club's new SW certificates....Stu's two greatest thrills were logging ZFJ and OPL....besides radio, his main hobby, Stu is quite a manipulator of the piano keyboard and while he is not yet ready to give a Paderewski performance, derives a great deal of pleasure serenading the four walls (don't tell us you haven't as yet serenaded Ginger Rogers, Stu)....his favorite outdoor sport is football and his favorite team the U.S.C. Trojans (our president is a red-hot Notre Dame rooster and something will come of this Saturday when the two teams meet)....Stu joined the NNRC in 1931 and he says: "Have surely enjoyed my affiliation with the club and have made some splendid acquaintances in it, several being my best friends!"

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EDWARD J. (EDDIE) WALZER... 230 pound shadow of his former self, lives down along the Jersey Coast in pleasant and peaceful surroundings called Spring Lake Heights... he's been there so long we thought he would be mayor of the burg by this time but his thoughts aren't apparently, directed to politics-- or DX for that matter... the Walzer estate seems to have become a haven for broken-down DX-ers who from time to time congregate there to dwell upon their exploits in the good old days... we have in mind such has-beens as Pete McKenna, Johnny Sanderson, Bill Fallender, Al (Stogie) Koempel and Walt Weber with Prexy Potts doing his level best to show them the error of their ways but with little result... in fairness to Walt however, this DX stuff is all Greek to him as it is to the host... Eddie was born in the Down Neck section of Newark... without attempting to be specific about his age we'll just say that he arrived in this troublesome world long before Teddie Roosevelt had any ideas about charging up San Juan Hill... Ed attended schools in Newark and in Irvington, N.J. where his family subsequently moved and where he resided for a number of years prior to hibernating to Monmouth County... in his pre-muscle-bound and brittle bones era, Eddie was a pretty good athlete... baseball, basketball and pulchritude were his long suits... now he just sits on the side lines with his memories... Ed has been a first-rate bowler, too, and still follows that pastime after a fashion... when he saw he was losing the hop on his fast one he took up pinoche as a side line and you can take it from us that game doesn't owe him a thin dime... he is partial to the social functions and conventions the Club used to sponsor in days before Pearl Harbor and always managed to cop a prize or two at those enjoyable outings at Harold Robinson's place in Lansdale, Penna... the better-half of the Walzer family, Linda, is the tops... she appears to be just about ready to capitulate to the high pressure salesmanship methods of which she has been the victim and join the NNRC... Ed. Jr. is fighting with the Ninth Army in Germany at present... one son-in-law is out there in the Pacific with the Army and another is serving with the Coast Guard... the Walzer clan is in there pitching for Uncle Sam all right... Pop (we'll soon be calling him Grandpappy) Walzer is affiliated with the Jersey Central Power and Light Co... he has been with them for nigh on to 25 years now... those who know him say he's a right guy... here's hoping more of his follow-members will have that pleasurable opportunity.

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WALTER W. WEBER, or "Web" as he is familiarly known....a TTT (tried, true and trusted) resident of dear old Newark for more than 42 years....strange, but as a matter of fact, our hero is 42 years old....as some of you Newarkers may remember, our Mr. Weber was the pride and joy of old Hamburg Place School....after lending his distinguished presence to that seat of learning, he got a real job--also sitting down--with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Co. whose paint, we are told, covers the earth..... Walt sat down in a can of paint one day and Sherwin-Williams not only covered the earth but Mr. Weber also....he got disgusted, took a Civil Service examination for fireman....came the War!....Walt was appointed to the Newark Fire Department but in the meantime had signed up with the 335th Light Field Artillery and instead of donning rubber boots, rubber coat and helmet he boarded the boat with his regiment and landed in Liverpool where they stayed for a few days....then to France where Walt stayed for eight months, serving also with the Chemical Warfare Division....in between battles, Walter captained the 87th Division championship basketball team..... unlike his dad who was a great bowler, Walt is a mediocre one and is almost as good as Proxy Potts and the writer....another quaint Weber hobby is bending elbows with the raucous Fyreltzer from Indianapolis (you know the big hombre we mean) who gently slides under the table after the second round....Walt and Sophie (Mrs. Weber) have been active members of the NNRC especially on the social end....and with all due respect for Mr. Weber's various qualifications, unlike the prez and the writer, he's a putrid DXer, almost as bad as Doc Kraemer....says WWW: "Soph and I are proud to be affiliated with such a fine organization and aside from the many fine friendships we have made, we derive much pleasure in taking part in the Club's activities!....we know that all NNRCers will join with us in expressing sincere hope for a complete recovery from the injuries Walt sustained about a month ago when he and several of the members of his fire company were caught in an explosion while fighting a fire in Newark.

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CARROLL H. WEYRICH, Baltimore....of the famed Baltimore Gang, but a nice fellow nevertheless....twenty-six years old and married to Ruth Wherloy....has been employed by a large Baltimore bank for the past three years....first began DXing in 1923 with a one-tube home-made set; then secured a Crosley XJ, which he found fairly good except that it had too many gadgets to suit him, so he traded it in for a Crosley Tri-dyno....really went after DX in a big way in 1925....Carroll's first verification was from KOA, Denver, which was then using 1500 watts on 333 motors....much to his subsequent sorrow, Carroll verified Canadians, Mexicans and Cubans in those days but did not bother with the U.S. stations....in 1928 he began a 100 per cent verification system....heard a station broadcasting an NNRC special program in 1932 and wrote for confirmation....the station suggested he join the NNRC and told him to contact Les Kraemer....Carroll did, Les sold him the idea and he joined (a good bargain all around)...shortly afterwards, Carroll purchased an Atwater-Kent No. 55 and with it logged his first two trans-Atlantic stations- Poste Parisien and Radio Normandie....now uses a 12-tube, all wave deluxe Scott and has BCB verifications from three Australians, one New Zealander, two Japs, eighteen Europeans and fourteen South Americans....veries total 900....holds Super Ace certificate and also Silver Ace and is possessor of S.I certificate No. 2....has been a member of our CPC for four years and has done outstanding work on this important committee....Carroll is indeed, a valued member of the club.

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HENRY (HANK WILKINSON, Baltimore, Md...there's no one with such endurance as the man who sells insurance...yes sir, Hank is the enduring kind- an insurance agent, "aged 28 and father of the nicest year-and-a-half daughter...Hank's wife comes from one of the finest towns in the world in our opinion--Newark--Newark, Ohio...Hank's dad was an Army man for 30 years and Hank lived with his folks on Correigidor Island from 1925-27 when it was being fortified...he has also lived in Guam, China and Japan and can tell lots of stories about that part of the world...DX however, is his only hobby...it was back in 1932 at Fort Howard, Md. that he started DXing with an 11-tube Philco combination BCB-SW set...located right on the shores of Chesapeake Bay and with favorable reception conditions, he achieved good results...Hank is a BCB DXer exclusively...in 1934 he bought a 12-tube Zenith with which he got remarkable reception, pulling in plenty of TAs and TPs at loudspeaker volume...unfortunately, he blew up the set when he tried to equip it for earphones...Hank claims that these custom-built jobs were the best sets then built...He moved to Florida in 1936 and stayed there a year but didn't DX because of poor reception.. Later he returned to a suburb of Baltimore and with a Montgomery-Ward special set had fine results...with it he brought in 12 South American BCB stations in one night with R9 loudspeaker volume!!...is currently DXing with a 16-tube Hallicrafters SX-26 which is powerful, selective and sensitive, all at the same time...Hank recommends this set highly...as accessories he has two grounds connected together and an efficient antenna set-up...Hank believes the dual grounds are essential if the maximum of performance is to be secured from this receiver...Hank does not keep a log and restricts his dialing to the tough stuff- foreign DX...among his catches this year are TIPG, Costa Rica, 625 kcs....OAX4A, Lima, Peru, on 854...HJQZ, Bogota, Colombia, on 1040 and HJCR, also in Bogota but on 1200 kcs....WIAC, San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently verified...Among his other verifications are LRL, LS2, CX26, CP4, LR5, LR8, YV1RC, Radio Normandie, Poste Parisien, Radio Heilsberg, Trieste, Turan, Milan, VK4Qg, VK4RK, WKAQ, VK3AR, WPRR, WNEL, HIX, HHK, TGW, ZNS, VE9EK, 10BQ, 10BP and 10AB...Hank joined the NNRC through his friendship with the Pride of Sparrows Point- Lou McVey- with an assist thrown in by our Baltimore Blushing Violet, Rooster Hahn...Friend Wilkenson appears to be an excellent DXer and we certainly are happy to have him as a member...We join with him in looking forward to the day when, in peacetime, we shall be able to meet him and all other NNRCers at a Club convention.

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HENRY (HANK) WILKINSON, Jr., of Baltimore...first saw the light of day in the New Hampshire city of Portsmouth on February 1, 1916 (this bulletin incidentally, is issued on the 29th anniversary of that auspicious date and we accordingly are dedicating it to Brother Hank with every good wish for health, happiness and success down through the years)...Hank received his schooling in Newcastle, N.H., in the Philippine Islands (we'll bet he is one happy individual to see the efficient and great General Douglas MacArthur employing with great success the method of elimination on the thousands of Japs in that section of the world) and at Sparrows Point, Md....Hank is an insurance agent and a good one you may be sure...he is likewise a darned good DXer having first become interested in the pastime back in 1932...during his dial twirling career he has used a 12-tube Philco and a 12-tube Zenith while he is currently using a 16-tube Hallicrafters SX-28 (maybe we wouldn't like to have one of those Hallicrafters!)...his antenna is an inverted "L," is 38 feet long and 40 feet high...Hank has never kept a log of stations heard and has gone in for quality rather than quantity insofar as verifications are concerned...he has 56 and all are from foreign BCB stations...he lists Radio Heilsberg, Germany, as his best catch...others deserving honorable mention are TIEP, VK4RK, VK3AR, VK4QG and three BBC broadcast band stations...Hank, in common with so many other DXers, is quite optimistic about the future of radio and DX in the post-war days...he adds: "A foreign verifications (BCB) department should be created in the Club. All members should have their foreign BCB verifications published occasionally in the NNRC bulletin. Each member to be given a point for each veri (outside of the U.S., Canada, Cuba and Mexico) now in their respective files and a point for each one as received and reported. There should be from eight to ten districts created to show how each group of DXers in certain designated states are doing. Each district to have a manager who would compile all such information in his group of states (district) for publication in our bulletin"...Hank and his family will leave Baltimore on February 17 to become residents of San Francisco, all of which means that the Monumental City will be without a real DXer to represent it...how times have changed!...a few years back the Crowing Baltimore Roosters headed by the then chipper, but now subdued Lloyd Sampson Hahn...the "Sampson" part of that monicker is now assuredly a misnomer if connected with DXing or golf...to Hank and his family we say "Bon voyage and good luck out there on the West Coast!...at the same time we cannot help but insinuate Hank will miss that fine DX location he had in Baltimore...Hank hasn't been a member of the NNRC for so long but during the time he has been with us has clearly demonstrated his DXing ability and has contributed much valuable material for publication in the bulletin...we sincerely hope that much-advertised West Coast climate won't be conducive to a life of DXease, a virulent malady that has so seriously affected a large number of our "once-upon-a-time explorers of the air waves!"

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L. T. WOTRING, Allentown, Pa. one of our retired DXers was active from 1926 to 1929 but has been resting upon his laurels ever since Bachelor, ... thirty-one years old employed by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. as secretary to one of the executives has been with them fifteen years main hobby is traveling has covered 40,000 miles in the past six years on trips, none longer than two weeks in duration last July, he drove out to Vancouver, B.C. and back again - a distance of 7,912 miles - in fifteen days incidentally, Mr. Wotring recently picked up IRI on his automobile radio that is good DX any day of the week biggest DX thrill, though, was logging KGA in 1928 at a time when they were reading, over the air, his report of reception of a previous KGA broadcast biggest disappointment was his supposed reception of 4RK, Australia, which later turned out to be Paris rebroadcasting an Australian cricket match at present is using a GE H-30, and has heard ten Europeans with it, all on regular programs; two or three years ago, the Europeans were received with good volume at about sunset, but lately, they seem to have disappeared has never logged a TP but has hopes as mentioned before, Mr. Wotring practically ceased DXing in 1930 and now confines himself to an occasional try for TAs his affiliation with the NNRC is more or less for the purpose of keeping in contact with a group whose efforts and achievements he appreciates when he gave up active DXing, his log stood at 469 of which twenty-one were verified; however, all the veries were from the Pacific Coast and only two of the stations had 5,000 watts, while two were 100 watters - KEWC, Pomona, and KGER, Long Beach, both Californians most distant station was KEWO on Catalina Island also has a veri from KLCN, the 7½ watter in Blythesville, Ark. while the above record seems mild compared to present-day DX, still, in 1930 it was remarkable and Mr. Wotring was the champ DXer of his neck of the woods we feel sure that one of these days, the DX bug, which now lies dormant, will get to work on our Allentown representative when we will welcome him back into the inner sanctum in the interim, though, we are pleased to have him with us as a silent partner and "official observer".

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DONALD S. WRIGHT, State College, Pa....the town of State College, in case you're not familiar with the geography of Pennsylvania, is the location of Penn State College and is 15 miles from the exact center of the state....Don admits its nothing but a college town and the world's worst location for DX....Don is 26, holds B.A. and M. A. degrees from State College and is now working for a doctor's degree....is presently teaching chemistry and physics in State College High School....has also taught in Doylestown and Connellsville....still single but a good looking blonde has him a little groggy and if he's not careful he's due for a kayo punch next June....although Captain Oxrieder collected a very nice log at State College, Don still insists the town is terrible for DX....incidentally, the Captain's log is a tremendous credit to him and his DX ability when everything else was against him....one night Don heard sixty fades in a minute on WCAU and not a single het either....believes this excessive fading may be due to the iron in the soil (Andrew Carnegie got his start in iron just ten miles from State College)....also, being on the Lakes-to-Sea Highway doesn't help 10 meter DX either....other hobbies are photography and teaching his students how to drive an automobile....he has a two-steering wheel Studebaker with complete dual control....naturally, his pupils make better drivers than those who learn to drive by "just picking it up"....got started in radio in 1933 by fooling around, building receivers....after reading Captain Oxrieder's reports in a radio magazine and finding he lived in the same town, Don looked the Captain up and asked for help....the Captain started Don off on the right foot....built a six-tube superhot during a Summer vacation....heard Berlin the first time he turned it on....pretty good guesswork in setting the trimmers, say we....logged 40 countries with this set and then traded it in for his present one- a National NC-100....heard SVLKE fifteen minutes after hooking it up....now has 60 countries verified....best catch- VR6AY....other prizes are CNSAV, JDY, VUD, JIB, SULSG and VBW....best catch of last week was ZS4H....Don uses a Peak pre-selector which Captain Oxrieder bequeathed to him and an inverted L antenna....hopes to erect a spider web soon....Don has also constructed a very accurate vernier for dividing each division on the NC-100 dial into ten parts....with it, he can read within 3 kes. on 19 meters and better than 2 kes. on 49 meters....has calibration graphs for all SW broadcast bands....Don feels the NNRC is definitely O.K., and thinks we have a nice esprit de corps that makes everyone feel as though they belong....gets some very valuable tips on hams, too, from our various contributors....suggests that perhaps a list of non-QSL ham stations and SW broadcast stations would be helpful....another idea is that we might run a singleton contest for SW verities....biggest ambition in life is to hear a K7 and to meet some of the Club's members....that should be easy- we suggest that Don attend the 1939 convention at Lansdale next Summer....further, we are referring his worthwhile suggestions to Short Wave Editor Earl R. Roberts.

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CLERMONT M. ZIMMERMAN, Sunbury, Penna....a native son....born there 28 years ago....graduate of Sunbury High School....and in case that isn't reason enough for Sunbury being an important community, take Zim's word for it, Sunbury is the birthplace of electric lighting....it was at the City Hotel, now Hotel Edison, that Thomas A. Edison established the world's first three-wire system....Sunbury also had the first electric trolley line (Sunbury may have been the first but Brooklyn has the most; in fact, Brooklynites in days of yore had to dodge so many trolley cars they became known as "The Dodgers" That is the true reason why the Brooklyn Ball Club is nicknamed "The Dodgers")....Sunbury still has that original trolley but radio fans wish they didn't have it as it is a statical nightmare for those living along its right of way....Sunbury is also the home of WKOK, tried and true friend of the NNRC... just to make everything sunny, Clormont married a Sunbury girl and he is now the proud poppa of Miss Marilyn Jano....agod 1....Clom has a Summer hobby- and a right interesting one, too- photographing locomotives and railroad scenes....Guy A. Vaughan, Club member, is nationally famous for his hand-made, miniature replicas of famous locomotives....although we're not famous for it, we too, get a big kick out of railroads and we'd rather travel on a train than by bus, steamer or plane....long live the railroads!....by the way, Clom is employed as a motion picture projectionist in the Strand Theatre, Sunbury....he began to DX back in 1929 with a 3-tube home-made regenerative set....he really got started though, when he heard KLCN, the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ watt in Blythoville, Ark. asking for reports....and as a veri they sent him a photograph- veri of their station....that was verification No. 1....now he has 1090....wow!.... since 1930 he has DXed with an Erla 224, TRF, 8-tube set with Western Electric headphones....aerial is 125 feet long in the form of an inverted L....uses ordinary water pipe ground....all states and Canadian provinces are verified....every continent except Asia hoard....has 34 Europeans, 17 South Americans, 1 African....first 100 watt- or on the Coast was CHWK, logged December 25, 1931 (no Clom, we never hoard of Doc Kraemer; who is he?)....has been Pennsylvania state director since 1934....thinks the conventions are great fun and hasn't missed one yet....glad of the opportunity it gives him to meet in person the officers and members whom he would otherwise know only through their letters and radio broadcasts....thinks the Club has a splendid spirit of neighborliness....onjoys talking DX, especially to such peerless DXers as I.R.P. and L.W.K....when we asked Zim what he could suggest to improve the Club, he shouted "nothing" I like everything about the NNRC as it is. and I DON'T MEAN MAYBE!! O.K. O.K. Clom, don't yell....we just wanted to know.