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A CHILD'S WONDERLAND

DISNEYLAND, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

If you've been wondering why you do not hear our new member, W3KLL, Walt, on the air lately, it is because he had to go to Disneyland to do some repair work on the boat that runs through the park. The following is a letter we received from him on November 1st.

Dear Frankie:

I have been here over two weeks and have had enough. When I first got here we were working outside at 110 degrees but it has cooled off a little since. We are in the park every day but it's like being back stage. We hear all the sounds but don't see what's going on. It's just a job.

A couple of times, at noon, we did walk through the park itself. It would cost a fortune to do everything. It's more fun to watch the kids. To them it's the most real thing in the world.

I'll be glad to get back to the hum-drum normal life at home.

The night before I left to come out here, I was all set to call in on the 2 meter net when I burned out a bleeder resistor and couldn't get it fixed in time. You will be hearing from me shortly after I get home.

73,
Walt Cleary

(Remarks) I think that Walt does have an excusable absence from the nets and meetings. After all California is a little west of Philadelphia, although he could hop a Jet and be here in time and back to work in the morning. (Hi hi.)

We heard from W3AJF, Horace, that W3GML, Doc Sharp's XYL was badly injured in an automobile accident. She is in the Chestnut Hill Hospital. We got the report on October 13th, and at that time she had been in the hospital for three weeks. I called Doc on the phone to get further information, and found that she has nine broken ribs, a broken pelvis and internal injuries, plus head lacerations. At the time I spoke to Doc he said that she would be in the hospital for another month. The automobile was struck by a trolley car on Germantown Avenue just two blocks from her home, and she was thrown through the windshield. Most of you remember Doc from the York Road Radio Club.

My reason for not putting this in RAT SQUEAL is that I have a little follow-up that was printed in the JOHNSVILLE REFLECTOR of October 13th. Perhaps this will stike home to some parents, and to others to apply WFIL's slogan, "Hitch horse sense to horse power." I know it has nothing to do with radio, but most of us do drive cars.

"A FATHER'S PLEA"

(From Safety Review) Recently my daughter, who is 7 year old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark-blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes

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and wore blue gloves. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is Coot, sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved goodby and started off to the hall of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her, the girl with yellow curls, and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher, who has eyes in the back of her head, and about the trees in the schoolyard, and about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things -- tremendously vital, unimportant things; and then we studied spelling, reading, arithmetic -- and then to bed.

She's back there -- back in the nursery, sound asleep, with "Princess Elizabeth" (That's a doll) cuddled in her right arm.

You guys wouldn't hurt her -- would you? You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut or her head gets bumped, I can fix it -- but when she starts to school, when she walks across the street, then she's in your hands.

She's a nice kid. She can run like a deer and dart about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons. But I can't be with her all the time; I have to work to pay for her clothes and education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive slowly past the schools and intersections, -- and please remember that children run from behind parked cars.

Please don't run over my little girl.



KIT WIRING SERVICE

Fellow Amateurs:

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 675 FROM ARRL HDQS.
WEST HARTFORD CONN. OCTOBER 16, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

With the change to standard time effective October 26, the ARRL Headquarters Station returns to its fall and winter schedule. Amateurs in areas already on Standard Time should look for WIAW transmissions one hour later starting October 26. The complete schedule for WIAW standard time operation, including information on general contact, bulletin and code practice transmissions, appear on pages 89 & 90 of November QST.

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Having become a victim of lay-offs and unemployment I have started a "Kit Wiring Service" available to our Ham fraternity. With the influx of new blood to our amateur ranks has brought with it an era of transmitter and receiver construction and kit sales.

It's true of the statement "Experience is the best teacher". All too true and many times too late has the newcomer, novice and even the Old Timer found a perfectly good, yet costly kit ruined through lack of experience and know-how. Having a back-log of over 15 years in electronics, I offer my services to the membership of your Amateur Radio organization.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 676 FROM ARRL HDQS.
WEST HARTFORD CONN. OCTOBER 23, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Amateurs are invited to participate in the twenty fifth ARRL Sweepstakes to be held the week ends of November 8 and 9 and 15 and 16. Awards will go to the leading phone and cw operator in each ARRL section and to club winners. A certificate will also be issued to the highest scoring Novice in sections from three or more valid entries are received. See full rules for the 1958 Sweepstakes on page 48 of November QST.

AR

Enclosed please find a rate sheet listing most of the more common kits on the market today. Information on kits not listed can be furnished on request. May we wish the inspired and continued success of your organization and hope to be of service to its membership.

73,
Allen Breiner
W3ZRQ

FROM THE MAIL BAG

The following is a letter received from the Editor of "COAL DUST" W3ZRQ, Al Breiner, 212 Race Street, Tamaqua, Pa.

All kits will be assembled, wired, tuned and tested before shipped to you. Satisfaction guaranteed. Kits should be sent to Al, preferably from the manufacturer. The rates do not include shipping charges to or from us. Our workmanship is guaranteed for 90 days. Materials and parts will retain the kit manufacturer's warranty.

As was reported in the September issue, Frankie and I visited Al during our vacation and saw his shack and the type of
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work that he does. (Time out for a sneezing spell) Frankis has the price list for wiring Heath Kit, World Radio Lab Kits, and Johnson Viking Equipment. We suggest that if you order any of the above equipment, and would like to have it assembled, contact Frankie for the cost.

Come on boys, let's give a fellow HAM a hand.

CQ CHESTER COUNTY

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Hallicrafters S-40 Receiver -- external speaker, tuning meter. Good condx. \$45.00
2 832-A tubes. New never used; \$12.00 for the pair. Weston DC Voltmeter #931 0-750 volts. Lab type meter with leather case. No reasonable offer refused. Heath VFO -- converted to 6 m. with no circuit modifications. Instruction book. \$18.00
Elliott Marcus, W3GWQ 620 W. Cobbs Creek Blvd. Yeadon Pa. MADison 6-5263

Well, boys, the above is only a sample of articles for sale or trade published in their paper. If you will read each page carefully, you will note that there is no technical information or articles for sale or trade in it from our members. Many of you have promised information, but few have been received. A paper cannot continue without information.

PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

The Bell Telephone Company has changed the Willow Grove exchange to Oldsfield 9. The following are the new numbers of our members in the Willow Grove area.

W3KKN - Ernie- Ol. 9-3485
W3VIR - Bill - Ol. 9-7736
W3IHT - Doc Stewart - Ol. 9-2080 Or Ol. 9-2616.

I have also received a correction on the phone number of W3AJF, Horace. It is Vi. 3-1808.

Please make the above changes on your membership list.

Past Events

At our meeting of October 15th Joe Welch, from the FCC, gave a very interesting talk on the indiscriminate use of the Phone Patch. According to their rules it is illegal to phone patch any conversation without the express permission of the party involved. W3GXB, Bob, a visitor at the meeting, and an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, Communications

Department, gave the Phone Company's view on phone patches. They are positively illegal. If you have a phone patch and are causing TVI, BCI or interrupting service on a party line, the Phone Co. will remove the instrument from your house and you cannot have it replaced. Joe was very glad to have the Phone Co.'s view on the matter, and stated that he would give it to the FCC office.

From the comments heard on the air, all who attended the meeting enjoyed hearing the views of the FCC and the Telephone Company on Phone Patches.

W3ZRR, Ray, and K2UWV, Bill, were voted in as new members. Congratulations, Ray and Bill. K2UWV, Bill lives in Salem New Jersey. We will be looking for you, Bill, at a meeting in the near future so that the boys will get to meet you.

Coming Events

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday evening November 19th at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Streets, Mt. Airy, at 8:00 P.M.

Our speaker for the evening will be one of our members; W3IXL, Ellis Hersh, who will give a talk on the construction of a staple VFO.

Applications for membership will also be voted upon.

An addition to new members voted in at the last meeting.
W3KLL Walt Cleary. Sorry I left you out in PAST EVENTS, Walt.

RAT
SQUEAL
By
W3SAO



Thanks to W3AYG, John, for taking over the 2 meter net on October 20th, even though he had a cold. Frankie wasn't home, but I listened in.

Horace, W3AJF, it sure was good to hear you in on the net.

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Hey Harry, W3CL, I notice that you are a little lower in frequency than the other fellows on 2 meters. (Helen)

W3OZP, Bill is trying to figure how to work an Arg 5 into a VFO. Hope you can figure it out. (Coil to coil; get a Toni)

W3CFS cut short a QSO to get in on our six meter net. Thanks, Ed.

Hear, through the grape vine, that Europe is coming through on six in the early hours of the morning.

On October 15th we had the largest number of stations to call in on the six meter net. 24 stations.

W3JSD, John. W3CFS, Ed, is looking for you on the air for a special contact.

Good to hear W4ZCG, Burt, W3TDF, Ray and W3TAC on the six meter net. Welcome aboard.

K3CIV, Ralph, had a grand time at the North Penn Radio Club, where he showed the pictures of our Ham Fest. P.S. He also won a door prize. We were represented by K3CIV, W3CL and W3FSC. The members of North Penn were glad to have PACK RATS at their meeting.

W3AYG, John, rates a gold star for being the 122 net control when W3AJF, Horace, made his first appearance on the 2 meter net.

Doc, W3IHT, has a new member in his family. A monkey. Please give it a name.

We are sorry to announce that W3UBH, Earl Pysen, of Penn Argyle, had a heart attack and is in the Easton Hospital, Room 337.

Sorry to hear that W3FOZ's mother had a stroke, but glad to hear she is doing fine.

Congratulations to W3ZRR, Ray and his XYL on their 32nd Wedding Anniversary. Thanks to Ray, I can now tell whether I am coming or going.

W3ZRR, Ray is now back in business with his 4 element, six meter beam due to the efforts of K3CRU, K3BEF and W3SAO.

JUST THROWN IN

If your tisker, (on your wrist) is out of whack, see Ray, W3ZRR for a good repair job.

If your old, or new crate (car) is wheesey, see Charlie, W3FOZ for an A-1 repair job.

Before you buy a suit, let Dave, W3MVF feel the goods. He won't let you get stuck with burlap.

If you need a six meter converter, see Dick, W3FQD.

I will probably be shot for putting this in, so if you don't see, or hear from me later on, you will know what happened.

Frankie was the recipient of a Superior Achievement Award for services rendered beyond his normal duties at work.

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