From the editor...

I am in receipt of a January 24 postcard from Herman T. Adams, in which he has resigned as Musings editor and expresses his "apologies to the NRC membership for failure to keep up the tradition." Thanks for what you were able to accomplish, Herman, and I'm sorry that it didn't work out, during what was a difficult time for you. Effective immediately all Musings should be forwarded to Mike and Sue at HQ, and of course, unless they want to keep the job, the Musings editorship is now vacant, and I am accepting typed applications for this most important post.

Milestones ... Jerry Starr has noted that this issue's "AM Switch" is his 200th, and perhaps it's time that we recognized the efforts of several individuals who are currently active in the NRC and have been for over a decade. Chuck Hutton has been typing up DXD since the May 1, 1977 issue, which also marked the first issue from the Louisville Publishing Committee, of which Dick Truax, our current treasurer, was a member. Ron Musco's tenure as Membership Chairman goes back to the days of the New Jersey Publishing committee, whose chairman, R~~~ has revived a question-and-answer column. Ken Chatterton has quietly continued distributing NRC reprints since his work with the NJPC, and current editors Bill Hale and John Bowker have written various columns and remained active over the years. Others (including some whom I've surely forgotten) continue to contribute to the success of the NRC in other ways, from sending in clippings and logos to encouraging new members in their DX endeavors ... you don't have to have your name in each issue to contribute to the success of the NRC, you know.

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DX Tests...

February ... Two tests are tentatives for this month, according to Dave Schneller: WCBA-1350, Corning, NY, will test on one MM early in the month with 1,000 ND, and WHVW-950, Hyde Park, NY will test in mid-February either SM or MM on the 16th or 18th or possibly the following week. Dave promises more details on these and more tests.
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AM Switch

Jerry Starr
C/O WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

A long overdue return to DDXD-E is paid to us by George Santulli. Welcome back! And... Ray Arruda, of GTG fame, checks in with some loggings from Acushnet. Keep 'em comin', Gents.

Along with Ed Mitsuk's loggings was a note that he's heard 222 stations in just under 4 years at his North Carolina location. 1000 is just around the corner, Ed.

As promised last week, I have compiled the loggings for all of East Tennessee's WRHN's; they are very impressive. Some impressive catches they are, indeed. I have only included the ones where I am confident the station exists; if anyone knows where the hock Caspian is, let me know. OK? Maybe Rod O'Connor? Thanks.

I know it's only February, but it's time to 'tune into DDXD-E Headquarters for the Annual April Fool's Loggings. We'll hear you in early, ah...ch...April.

From Eric Buenee...WGST has sold its 920 facility to Dr James Dobson. This is to prepare for the WGST's move to 940. However, KXX is still Georgia's link to California.

Besides my receiving his DX via letter, Rick Dau phoned in some last-minute catchings on Saturday morning, right before the go-to-press deadline. He bought a new radio, and his second 500 stations heard will probably be reported before the end of this month!..* Radio Station: 1922. WFBK-AM went on the air a few months before WSTR-AM. These were previously the only two stations until 1940.

I've often wondered...do they really sell any Zamfir albums? WANTED!!! DXers. Especially from Florida, Upper New England, West Virgina, Mississippi, Nebraska, Kentucky, Tennessee, overseas, and anywhere you are. We rarely hear from those stations, C'mon, share your catches with the membership. We are an Equal Opportunity DX Club.

SPECIAL

960 WJLS

W BECKLEY - yeti (a) in today from 6/28 report! Very fancy card - this might be a good time to get a reception report...not seen in V/S in a long time; QSL not signed, so I have no leads - may be from somewhere west to CE (RJ-NC)

1150 WJBE OH

Cuyahoga Falls: daytime XR site has been dismantled, all their operations now are from their six-tower night facility, powers are 1000/300 and antenna now is U1.

1150 WJWL FL

Easton: more members report this station still on this frequency so the reported move to 1530 kHz was indeed spurious.

1400 WJAX X

Alpharetta: station was silent, then back on the air, then silent again 12-25, is now back ON THE air again as of 1-13, all in obvious plot to keep Don Possey alert. By the way, if you always wanted your own station, this one is available for lease/purchase for $10,000 a month!

App NH

Marlborough: application listed in 9th edition Log was DENIED when WTJ-1400 Roxbury, NH was granted, cross it off.

FCC NOTES

Another slowdown of FCC info can be anticipated for the next few weeks as their offices were closed not only for Martin Luther King Day but also for Inauguration Day. All of you got Inauguration Day off, didn't you? Ah, the joy of working for the Feds. Since there is no Inauguration next year, do you think they might take off for Groundhog Day?

THANKS to members Eric Buenee and Wayne Reinen for this contributions.

MILEPOST: This is our 200th edition of AM Switch since we took over this column about seven years ago.

73 and Good DX,

Jerry Starr & Buffalo X. Fonnum

DOMESTIC DX DIGEST - EAST

William Hale
2160 Farm to Market Road
Johnson City, NY 13790

DX Catches in the Eastern U.S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ERT

UNIDS AND UNIDS 1Dd

810 UNIDS ??

1-19 1892-1894 fair under KCMO with OLD (Dave Clark, Brian Hyland) then something coming up at 5, meaning NOT; maybe KM4, Santa Fe?; any other guesses? 180-1A

DX/EQUIPMENT TESTS

1010 WAKC AL

ATHENS - 1/8 not noted; only KRLD & WDJX heard; makes me 3 for 5 (.600) this season (EB-9A) (A percentage Dale Murphy long for-WRHI)

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1400 WBET M

BROCKTON - 1/2 0101 fairByPrimaryKey on DX with Clida; 1 VID noted later (EB-IL)

WBET M

BROCKTON - 1/2 0105 with 1000 Hz TT, then annex mentioned WBET 0106 fairByPrimaryKey (WPT-DC)
If you are in the Mountain or Pacific time zones send your DX notes to DX Digest-West. Deadlines are Saturdays.

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT

740 KJF-CA AVALON - 1/2 fair in KSSS null 1952, “Talk From the Heart.” (JT)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY

540 KBX-SD WATROSA - 5/14 0658 QST Koma and into CBC News. (W-CO)

600 GJJS-NE WJF - 1/14 1131 surprise to hear this at this time of day. NS #9. (JT-CO)

690 KGDF-NE COFFYVILLE - 1/2 on 0358 over wld clocker. (W-CO) (7/4-27-NE)

920 KOLO-NE RENO - 1/5 0659 local news & spots. Call sure sound like KOLO instead of logbooks KOLC. US West Info days Kolo also. (W-CO)

1010 KFPL-CA THOUSAND PALMS - 5/14 0300, to return at 0800. (W-CO)

1045 CBM-CA CALGARY - 1/14 0728 wth on Ch Canada & QSO into net of relay, on W-VE. (W-CO)

1020 KRAD-CA PERRY - 1/14 0645 mixed with KQN & KTWQ with “Family News in Focus.” (W-CO)

1110 KPAE-NE OHIO - 1/14 0313, “K-P-A-B has been off for routine maintenance.” (JT-CO)

1100 KHCQ-NE COUNTRY - 1/14 0259, (JT-CO)

1200 WQAI-NE SAN ANTONIO - 1/14 0330 off leaving un CKJX and Cuba. Returned to air at 0529 and straight to news. (W-CO)

1350 WLP-IL LASALLE - 1/14 0249 as for 1st National Bank of Ottawa. Talk. (JT-CO)

1230 KJMR-UT MURRAY - 1/14 0446 “We’re Magic 101 FM, KMXJ” (JT-CO)

1240 KRR-SD MONTEREY - 1/14 1017 solid above regular KFQD comes out of weather. “right now it’s” (?) degrees on Canyon Rowy. and into sports. (IL-HI)

1300 KDFO-CO SANDADO - 1/14 0956 elk report for Wolf Creek & Purgatory. (JT)

1340 KIDJ-CA SPRING - 1/14 0729 ad for South Park Mall & Ashton Dodge. (JT-CO)

1350 KMTY-CA WATSONVILLE - 1/14 0518 in the news mentioning Monterey as well as Watsonville, then into KFQD, College & KQXQ before Mutual News on the hour. Somewhat stronger an hour later with morning show. (CT-HI)

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1400 KDFX-CA BELMAR - 1/14 1016 slogan “K-Delta.” (JT-CO)

1500 KJIN-SD LINCOLN - Noted AN ad 001/6/2 with King dominant at 0406 with local weather. (OK-HO)

1530 KCHS-NE LINCOLN CITY - 1/14 0729 atop KFXL, the regular powerhouse, with 40’s & 50’s style vocals a la Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney. Sounded in Roy Drusin’s “Cryin” too. (IL-HI)

1450 KFPM-SD ELLICE POUCHIE - 1/15 0207. (JT-CO)

1460 KTTM-CA INGLEWOOD - 1/15 0526 very weak (presumably 50w) with a string of local spots (Inglewood Neighborhood News, others) then into Black spirituals in the absence of KXKR, while sounding faintly for KFQD. Nothing else managed on a very mushy morning. Now a very tantalizing channel. (IL-HI)

1490 KPSR-NM LOS ALAMOS - 1/10 on 0500. (JT-CO)

1510 KQXG-UT OGDEN - 1/15 0600 using slogan “Sun Radio for Northern Utah, X-U-O-N.” Still KQXQ for call to station. (JT-CO)

1530 WOKJ-MS JACKSON - 1/9 on 0600. (JT-CO)

REPORTERS:

CITY QUIZ

John S. Boeker, Valparaiso, IN

Only one city in the United States has stations operating at the five dial positions. In course, there may be other stations in this city too! Can you find all these stations?

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73, Bill

Here is a hint: it is one of them.

Fairbanks, Homer, Boston

The answer will appear at the end of the next City Quiz in DX News.)

The answer to City Quiz 19: Dallas

1110 1290 1420
153 USSR Khabarovsk 12/22 1740 instrumental mx, fair sig. (Vernon)
154 USSR 12/10 1400 male RR talk then piano mx, fair sig // 153, 576, 594. (Vernon)
234 USSR Arkhangel'sk etc. 12/9 1748 woman, RR talk, xmt sig, noted // 171 at 1758. (Vernon)
234 USSR Nogodan 12/10 1712 band mx, fair sig // 153, 730. (Vernon)
263 USSR Moscow 12/9 1758 xmt sig, noted most of morning // 171, 234. (Vernon)
263 USSR Khabarovsk-Petro 12/10 1804 male RR talk, good sig // 153. (Vernon)
594 JABALICA Galina 1/7 004 JRJ by announcer, soccer game, good. (VPM)
594 USSR Yeniseysk 12/10 1806 soft piano mx, never noted before, fair sig // 153, 576. (Vernon)
666 USSR Komsomolsk-na-Amur 11/24 1538 piano mx, 1359 Mayis XS, xmt sig. (Vernon)
860 PHILCO San Juan, woman with guests in and out of studio for light chat, possibly inspirational in nature. Several "esta Radio Huapa" (Guspa) ID's. Weak but with no QRM. 0327 1/7. (Janusz) That's "wa-pah" as in a phonetic pronunciation of their calls - Chuck
760 CUBA CMHD Radio Melody two men with low key talk/nes and familiar "tick-tick-BEEP" format. No sign of WJR, which usually dominates. Heard with similar fair level on // 790 0320 1/7. (Janusz)
792 AUSTRALIA 4UG Brisbane 11/28 1546 talk about a more powerful engine, xmt sig. (Vernon)
840 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VRF 1/6 2345 talk in FF by man/woman fair-good, WHASaurorated out (Townsend)
910 CUBA Canayague CML 1/6 2334 Cuban mx, talk by man. Good o/WRNL.
954 TURKEY Trabzon 12/25 1929 woman with talk, had AA type mx (sounds like AA to me -hi), before this, good sig. (Vernon)
960 CUBA Havana 1957 1/7 0107 news in SS by man/woman fair. (Vernon)
1030 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VCF 1/6 2358 gospel pgm "Amazing Grace", FAIR to GOOD, ex 1035. Good o/WRNL (Townsend)
1120 HONDURAS? low key mellow samba, then TD sounded like "Radio Nacional, Honduras", looks in bash a minute later. MOMK not heard at this time, may be tentative. (Unsure) Hey Ed----got a tape you can send? I like challenges... Chuck
1160 CUBA CMHD R. Taino, La Julia 11/23 0442-0458 SS mx w/ER male announcer, "Vibrations of Sound" pgm, 0458 male s/of, good signal, have this on tape, new here o/KSL, assume 100 Kw was on. Not heard earlier this week. (Townsend)
1170 COLOMBIA Valledupar HJTH 1/7 0018 mx in SS by man w/freq mentions of Colombia and a mention of Valledupar. (Townsend)
1171 HAITI Cap Haitien 4VCG 1/7 0910 FF talk by man, fair o/ Colombian. WWVA aurorated out. (Townsend)
1215 USSR uni 1A 10/2311-2300 R. Moscow EE service, best sig of // 08/12/71 at 1404 w/"inside repoit" pgm, did not notice this at all last winter on 1215 KHz. (Vernon)
1377 CUBA Ciba Pujian Front estn. Puchan, Pujian (Hsiaia 2), 12/22 1707 woman with talk between western classical mx, 1708 played "Clair de Lune" with a harp, lovely mx, 1715 woman w/lot's of CC between 1725, on much later than listed sx. (Vernon)
1413 OMAN BBC Meilah Island 12/17 1712 male announcer, ER talk about "febach". Good sig. (Vernon)
1422 USSR Latvian LSS Valmiera etc. 12/9 1732 woman, could not pick out the lingo though, //350, fair sigs. (Vernon)
1440 SAUDI ARABIA Damman 12/9 1717 woman with AA type talk, xmt sig. (Vernon)
1457 CHINA Puchan, Pujian 12/22 1728 brief western type band mx, then male CC talk, 1730 woman w/unclear "potiente" (part of all standard Chinese ID's - Chucki, then Chinese opera. (Vernon)
1540 RAASMAS ZNSI Nasaaq 1/2 0630-0640 Lc o/CW"H w/Caribbean accent female preacher. (DeLorenzo)
1548 AUSTRALIA 4QD Emerald 12/20 1200 news, 1214 weathor, flood warning on Murray River, high of 28 C expected in Brisbane, 1215 Late show music pgm. (Vernon)
1560 MEXICO XDFAX Mexico City 1/2 0624-0650 alone on channel w/Knowsma ID and Radio Contribuida ID's. (DeLorenzo)
1570 TURKS AND CAICOS Atlantic Beacon, ad for Wythe Porter's "Hour of Grace and Power" coming on up "this station, the Atlantic Beacon" fair w/ some QRM--a first here 0203 1/7. (Janusz)
1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon 1/7 2350 local like signal with canned preacher. (DeLorenzo)
1429 AUSTRALIA 2ZPH Sydney and 3ZPH Melbourne, midwinter is essentially the least productive time of the year for reception from Down Under, but on December 25 (also known as Christmas Eve - Chuck) I found these two 500 watt midgets jointly delivering a fair to good signal from 1227 to 1512 GMT. I taped six excerpts totaling 18 minutes of program fare from their normal period and sent each of them a tape cassette along with identical letters asking for a verification if they could recognize me on tape. I have not sought written verifications for years, but decided these two would be worth having. There was lots of Christmas music on the tape, and I told both of them to keep the tape. Last except on the tape came one hour after Denver sunrise. (Martin)

Marc DeLorenzo - Warner Robins, GA
GE World Monitor, SM1, LW
Ed Janusz - Bricktown, NJ
what's up radio KDF7
Gene Martin - Denver, CO
known as "radio KDF7"
Bill Townsend - Washington, DC
Sony TCM-210 B
Brian (where's he been?) Vernon - North Pole K7A, FK7600, 3 300 in LW's

Firstfrank, Frank Merrill (Macon, IL) sent along a note that Dau's 1250 unid with Exitos logos is definitely K2E7 as he has heard it.

590 CUBA 0634 12/20 R. Melody // 1100, OK copy. (Johnson) With this and the afternoon PD CS IDs 0655 1/8 copies of "Hey Ed" UNIS 0132 12/19 time signals and SS talk. (Johnson) I know a Cuban Melody when you hear one so what is this? Chuck
650 CUBA R. Retrodic 0213 12/31 copy w/GDR (Johnson) Heard in parallel with SW 5025 0700 1/8. (Renfew)
680 CUBA 0130 12/19 rough copy, somewhat weak. (Johnson) Strong 0133 12/31. (Johnson)
680 CUBA R. Progreso 0705 1/8 with what seemed to be a combination of music and drama. This one used to be the best Cuban ID, coming into Connecticut in the sixties and seventies, now with CFCH it's exotic! (Renfew)
760 CUBA R. Retrodic // 5025 0710 1/8, WMAQ easily nullled. (Renfew)
790 CUBA R. orbieto // 5025 0710 1/8, heard through CFCH. (Renfew)
790 CUBA R. Progreso // 640 0720 1/8. (Renfew)
790 CUBA R. Retrodic // 590 0730 1/8. (Renfew)
800 BONARK 0429 12/24 FB good copy, extremely strong signals // on 11300 KHz. (Johnson)
800 CUBA R. Progreso // 740 0735 1/8, surprisingly good through CHAM and WQX. (Renfew)
830 CUBA R. Taino, Havana 0004 12/19 "Radio Taino, under the moon, strong sigs. (Johnson)
860 CUBA R. Progreso // 820 0745 1/8. (Renfew)
880 CUBA R. Retrodic // 0550-0602 fair w/SS mx and talk by man thanking listeners for tuning to Radio Impacto; sign off and NA. (Bain)Nice catch there Chuck
880 CHAM R. Progreso // 0720 1/8, tried a few times. (Johnson) improved to allow even a guess at what language. (McLachlan)
1100 CUBA 0648 12/20 // 590, OK copy. (Johnson)
1125 UNID 0320 1/10 female vocal, poor, language unknown. (McLachlan)
1134 UNID 0332 1/15 vocal poor, faded before any possibility of ID. (McLachlan)
1145 ANGULAR Caribbean Radio Lighthouse 0158 1/15 religious pgm in EE, ID on the hour "Stay tuned to the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse". (McLachlan)
1260 CUBA? 0442 1/6 SS, mentions Cuba a lot, sounds like "Radio Latinoamérica". (Johnson)
1310 CUBA 0653 1/5 K. Caribe la Fe, fading, fairly strong sigs at times. (Johnson)
1340 NORWAY 0106 through at least 0330 1/15 female anncr when first heard, quiet mx, audio poor to fair, even listenable at times. (McLachlan)
Contests

George Sherman
104 Pinewood Circle
Apple Valley, MN 55124

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The Answer Man

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Formats

This mid winter edition of Formats is being brought to you by the W Street Journal (M), Dave Schaidt (D), Chris Cuomo (C), Eric Buonanno (E), Al Hultz of Conrad, and you, the editor, who turned the radio on while in route to Boston. Also, James Jezierski (J) shares some of the Detroit oddities with us. The observant listener can see the observation area from which there are no oddities. If radio programming and facilities in and around the Miami city the observant listener can see the observation area from which there are no oddities ir any programs or facilities in and around the Miami city, the observant listener can see the observation area from which there are no oddities or programs that will sell to anyone with the money to pay for it. From investors to those in the medical field, you will find it on these stations. Only WNRK and WQVY have some non-religion programs, and WARC and WQNR run all kinds of shows. And, now on with the show.!!!

540 WSTW GA Columbus
- CWM/ZFM "South 106" (E)

560 WHBO MI Monroe
- "Money Radio", oldies of 50's and 60's (J)

570 WBNR OH Youngstown
- AC/Talk (E)

580 KJMM AZ Tucson
- Nazi Age, silent (C)

590 WRRK GA Atlanta
- CWM, 100% FM (E)

600 WATC MI Flint
- "The Big 6", rock oldies (J)

600 WCVP NC Murphy
- CWM (M)

630 KYOK MO St Louis
- ABC Talkradio, ABC Talker, LR (E)

650 CBLT BC Vancouver
- Rock oldies (G)

700 WNNR CA Simi Valley
- News/Talk (M)

760 WISP PA Butler
- AC/REL (C)

800 WQRM MI Westland
- Daytimer, all ethnic (J)

840 WKDI MD Denton
- AC/Olde, "Keeping Denton Informed" (D)

890 WLS Chicago
- ABC Talkradio 1900-2400 (E)

900 WSKY FA Sharpton
- Christian/Religion (D)

900 WWRD PA Philadelphia
- Ex-WVPT, Rel. "The Word" (D)

910 WAVL FA Apollo
- CWM/REL(C)

980 WSBT CT Groton
- Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

990 WMCX MI Uplandite
- "Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

1000 WEZP IL Chicago
- Classic Rock, LK, Sports (E)

1010 KFSL CA Thousand Palms
- New, classical, fine arts (M)

1020 KYXW WA Selah
- TNRR - CWM (M)

1030 WQFL MI Sterling Heights
- "Family Life Radio", ex-WQRF, daytimer (J)

1080 WEEP FA Pittsburgh
- Oldies, does NOT /FM(C)

1090 WCAI MI Ann Arbor
- New, Transistor (M)

1090 WCAR MI Livonia
- Block format, talk, ethnic, interviews (J)

1110 WEBS GA Calhoun
- Adult standards (M)

1140 KGEM ID Boise
- "99 Movers & Shakers" (C)

1150 WKPA FA New Kensington
- New, Transistor (M)

1180 WSAG WI Marion
- WNO, WCTA, WCTU, WCTW, WCTY, WCTZ, WCTU, WCTW, WCTY, WCTZ, WCTU, WCTW

1210 WILY TX Centralia
- "Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

1260 WRAE IN Indianapolis
- Oldies (M)

1280 WANG SC Anderson
- "Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

1310 WSDX MN Jackson
- "Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

1330 WEXL MI Royal Oak
- "Christian Music 19", contemporary gospel, with little paid religion (J)

1350 KRTY CO Pueblo
- News/talk, ABC News and Money radio network (D)

1360 WMNR NJ Vineyard
- "Oldies/"FM 106" (G)

1370 WOFS RT Wickford
- "The Big K by the Bay" (Tf)

1390 KBBG TX Waxahachie
- Oldies (M)

1400 WHQH MI Detroit
- Black classics (J)

1410 WLRG CT Old Saybrook
- Adult standards (F)

1414 WRRB MI Mt Clemens
- Motivational Talk, plus local news and sports (J)
Travels with Breville... By Walt Breville

John Biegler did it by his article on his signal-sounding wanderings in the Nov. 7, 1988 issue of DX News. That fueled my urge to hit the highway and intensify my usual weather blues. I am much better equipped to do so than I was a couple of years ago, with a 1988 Channel 44-45X antenna equipped with 10 watt prep and loaded up my favorite broadcast bands – South Platte Radio, WHQX, Fort Wayne, and 1460 KJJO, City of Palms. The radio was digital and had a 4.5 watt amp. While I was on the radio, the signal was detectable, and the price of your tape was $19.95.

I am hoping that at least two of my friends who travel often would send in stories like this. For the format/alternative information makes valuable DX reference data as well as calling the frequency of notes...like many others I do not write up my NC and FM Atlas logs. There are too many changes and with so many events I do not have the time. So having a fairly new NC Log and FM Atlas really made me look for plans.

On November 8, 1988, my vacation started! Out on work 6:30am, got a quick bite at McDonald's, hopped into the car and headed to the east on a long journey to the southeast. Was shaken by the weather report: my route down I-44 into Oklahoma threatened with snow, a steady four to five miles. So I bailed on the alternate route due south into Arkansas, then south into Texas, headed down I-35 & US 67 to spend the first night at Pecos, NM, where my ears were tickled to hear KJQX-1340 playing lively CMI and yet parallel to any FM. The next morning to find again, mixed in with the rain was snow. It was barely outside the snowstorm in this storm. So promptly I hit the road heading south into Arkansas in the sloppy mess, with just a handful of undistinguished small town automated CW and REL outbuilds and my cassette tapes to fuel the car's stereo. Was glad I took this route upon approaching Little Rock as I found the children's formatted KRAQ-1380 the closest thing in music for adults like me with a bit of "kid" in their minds. When I went thru late Saturday morning KFAL just had a lot of "kiddie" tunes between AM "50s and 60s novelty songs, mostly obscure old rockies (or do children's records sound like this nowadays?) with occasional. Child stuff like Purple People Eater, Monster Mash, a very young Michael Jackson singing "Rockin' Robin", the Chipmunks doing a late 70's disco number, etc. It was time to find something different like this rocking the AM band.

On Friday night (little rockers noted: 1400 WAMM-FM, 1150 KEOX) all Travel Information Services, 1330-KOOG (ex-KOOG), 1440-KITA and 1500 KBOB might be "off the air" 91.9 FM is apparently silent. 95.7-KSOX "Kissin'" is in SCA, 98.3-KOOC "98.3" on CHN, 100.3-KQKX "FM-100" EQL, 101.7-KKRM "FM-104" sounds like "FM-104" station. Yet, it seems that the Arkashia found 91.1 KSOX. 100.9 KQKX is AC. 1150 KBOB was there (with what I forgot), it was not very loud enough to write notes alone on the highway, esp. when 18 showers were sweeping in. On to KFAL finding 1000 KJQX 100.7 KOKO 101.7 doing (US) AC. The same old programs in general. Also in those parts a number of FM translators around the same frequency another out-of-town station, most of them are very hard to hear as their coverage radius is less than a couple of miles.

The weather changed from the steady hard rain of ARK, to cloudy but dry thru Little Rock to an all clear sound in Texas, but temp. in the 40's. Came into Dallas, into the quiet stirring into the low cutting sun fine tuning a melody of stations on both bands. Broadcasts lighting the thick rush hour traffic (though the extra-wide streets of Dallas made it not too bad) and spending time with my friend, eating out, etc. I had far too little time to check out very much of the base of the horse of downtown Dallas stations. WOR's daily sounding of the wide coverage, 5-600 KXLR. It is nice to have an all-news station like 1080-KXLR, something we don't have in St. Louis. 990 had MLS sounding in this Tuesday evening with the charming Jack of "KISS FM" announcing her large playlist of oldies, and the news. 1210 KXLR, the great Top 40 pioneer, is now all-TX. 1310-KMAM runs a good BUTFM/600. 1480-KXLR is KISS. I fondly remember when it was KISX 25 years ago doing a very fine T-40 like 1490-WLIL in St. Louis when Balaban Broadcasting owned both, and occasionally KISS could be heard well in the wee hours from St. Louis.

The Metropolitan FM dial is jam-packed with signals on almost every channel, I just tried to pick out the most popular with limited overlap. I did have, 91.7-WQNN a must start with. KBDM, Dallas, TX CM, 92.5-KHKS comedy/TA, 93.3-KFMY my first translator caught on satellite, 94.1-102.9 KLSR, 158 for KUSK-AM, TK, 99.1 all jazz, 100.1 KJQX Market FM, 100.3-100.5 KQMR, 101.7-101.9 CHN, TX-101 FM, best variety of music in earth central Texas.

Sunday 1/15 was found rolling southward under clear skies and rapid warming temperatures, no cloud itself in the sky with the great long-standing call KQX-1400 with lively countryish "Home Borning" on the air. 5-600 KXLR, the great Top 40 pioneer, is now all-TX. 1310-KMAM runs a good BUTFM/600. 1480-KXLR is KISS. I fondly remember when it was KISX 25 years ago doing a very fine T-40 like 1490-WLIL in St. Louis when Balaban Broadcasting owned both, and occasionally KISS could be heard well in the wee hours from St. Louis.

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Tower Tip

WAFL-AM, Chicago, IL 50,000 WATTS

What to look for: One tall tower visible from any of the nearby highways with no difficulty.

Contributed by: John S. Bowker

Send information about a.m. broadcast towers in your area to: John S. Bowker, 14 Canoe Brook Drive, Princeton, MN 55371.

Incident to a simple map (Blocker may re-draw it) showing major highways and any other features near the tower. Tell how many towers, how they are laid out, and any other features that will help in spotting them.

WNRC Scoped Airchecks - from the 1988 Convention

Recorded at the 1988 WNRC convention in Milwaukee while the FM station was on the air, the set of four C-90 tapes is available from the Publicaton Center for $9.95. Featured are John Bowker, Joe Sorensen, Phil Wayne, and Bob Walker with their unique approach to broadcasting! Jingles and selections from the shows are included in the tapes, which are housed in their own holder for storage. Rush $9.95 in check or money order to the WNRC Publication Center - P.O. Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661, and be the first on YOUR block to own the complete set!
roll connection". 94.7-KVMQ a realazel with real elevator music, only one song varying on a very soft rock, a dozen or so soft-strings, unlike most EZQ's nowadays mixing in a lot of soft and just-halfway soft-rock stuff. 96.7-KRQX USA! I did this one's call, it's not listed, it's an oddity all its own. K-WLJ's call is listed as 96.1 all the time in FM Dallas. 100.7-KVMQ was "case 101 FM", 102.3 "2-12" Austin's Classic Rock" 102.5 KZQ /KXDL another all-listed, but must be intended ground wave/all signal from KXDL Hillside-Waco, strong signal from .57.5 KTMJ-Houston, not much of a DX performer on Palm in Waco.

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December 27, 1969

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your interest in KEWL (formerly WTOP). I am pleased to correct your recollection of KEWL on December 19, 1966. KEWL (COOL 990) has undergone some real changes in the past few months. On October 10, vandals burned our entire transmitter plant. Normally we operate at 1600 watts day and night directional patterns. On October 22 we returned to the air with an emergency allocation of 500 watts non-directional and we continue to operate on such a reduced basis pending the rebuilding of our site. We expect to return to normal operation before January 19, 1970. I've enclosed a coverage map for KEWL during normal operation. Also please find a copy of KEWL's coverage map. (I haven't seen your report on KEWL yet.) Again, thanks for your interest in KEWL.

Bob Hoffman
Engineering Dir.

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**THE CONSTANT LISTENER**

Little Mack Awards tell the rest of the story

T he Constant Listener, being one of the things that people do, is prone to flip the board and count away the days of Old Man 1969 and rush into the New Year 1970 at the stroke of midnight. After all, we are 1969 here and time is running out. TGL is just four weeks old and is filling in — and whatever happens will be inevitable.

So, dear listening W9E's Gary Berkowitz at W9E 1500 Grand Rapids Radio News last week, TGL's Constant Listener radio soon to be launched! TGL's Constant Listener will tell you what's going on. It will be a new service, previously unheard of in the Grand Rapids area.

The reason: Our Very Own Little Mack Caro, fresh from her successful radio run on WMUK, is on the way! She will be joining the Mix's radio staff next spring, bringing with her the magic of Little Mack radio to Grand Rapids.

And now, the envelope, please:

- The Good Listener Paycheck: Nancy Dunne, who listens to every TGL broadcast, will receive a special prize for listening to the station every day.
- The Best Letter Award: A listener named Mary Smith sent in the best letter of the year, declaring her loyalty to TGL.
- The Most Listened To Station: TGL has been receiving an average of 1,200 listeners per day.

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**School's out!**

The Grand Rapids Press

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**Venezuela station to eclipse V of America**

CARACAS — Venezuela will launch a new AM channel international radio station in the city of Caracas, according to a government official.

Drahilino Vivas, director of the Central Office of Information, said the station will be called the Voice of Venezuela. The station will broadcast in Caracas and in other parts of the country.

In addition, the station will broadcast in Spanish, English, and Arabic.

The station will be a joint venture between the government and private enterprises.

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One call spreads the word

RUTH BUTLER

Moving Services Unlimited will handle the call.

The added benefit of the system is that it can also be used in times of crisis such as in dire need of blood or an agency might get in touch with area media for a place to give.

But Keyworth says in an interview that he is not set up as a news reporting system or as a replacement for current weather monitoring.

"We're still doing all our own weather monitoring," Keyworth said. "And there are times when we are doing the same thing as the other broadcast systems are doing.

"The long-term implications are whatever your imagination can create with the clearing of disasters and catastrophes," Keyworth added. "If you look at the way things have been handled in the past, there are some things that we didn't have the equipment for.

"I hope all the stations in town and in the state will be able to use this kind of system."

The system has been undergoing tests the past few weeks. All that's needed now is snow. It will be tested out in Clausen's schedule, he is told, by Keyworth.

"This has taken a lot of work and a lot of compromise on the part of the stations.

"I hope school closings, but when I saw last month's (extended forecast for the winter), I said great, this is the perfect year for it."

Let it snow, let it snow, LET IT SNOW!

WTMJ fixes 'Mr. Fix-It' overkill

BY MICHAEL ZAHN

News 6's weekday call-in show, which makes its debut on WTMJ (1300 AM) Sunday, will be called "Mr. Fix-It." The show is a new addition to the station's line-up.

"We're looking for someone who can fix it," said WTMJ's morning show host, Bob Newhouse. "The show will be every Monday night from 6 to 7 p.m., and we'll have experts on the line to answer any questions you might have.

"That's the basic idea," Newhouse added. "We'll have people on the line who can help you with anything from home repairs to car repairs.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible for people to get things done," Newhouse said. "We want to be there for you when you need us.

"So if you have a problem, call us and we'll try to fix it for you."
Full-Time Ga. Farm Broadcaster
Is Sad at Being Lost in His Field
By Tom Hallman

MOLLYTHA, Ga. — It is 4 a.m. The neighbors are already awake.

On the ground floor of the barn, Tom, a black Lab and two small dogs, are comfortably curled up. In the loft, Everett Griner is behind a microphone, reading him in the morning news. He asks, "What is the best job in the world?"

"The morning," he says in the still surroundings of the barnstorm. He has built himself. "This is Agri-News around the state and then the nation. Here's what's happening today!

Today is a perfect day. The radio show makes its way up the telephones to Atlanta, bounces off a satellite far above the Earth, and filters through 37 miles of Georgia and into the barn, gravelly voiced through the state's last full-time commercial farm broadcaster who wallows in the history of families scattered hundreds of miles apart.

They hear him in Jemison and Homerville. Cairo and Claxton. "We're a dream, Tom," he says.

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For serious radio listeners, here are words of wisdom

The Constant Listener is waiting for some time today. TELL knows a lot of people out there isn't up the old Crowley to hear the Zoo in the morning, the Agri-News, WYTV-AM (96.3). There are hundreds. People who know each other, they know who historic crops will be grown. A few miles away, on the WAGT-AM (1050) looking down, in the barns, they can hear billions of people who are associated "growth" with Victor and not WKNX-AM (550).

So today's offering is The TEL Guide for the serious listener. It's the 36 most popular stations by state. There is one key to using SL – you need to switch. Inevitably, because of the sheer magnitude of these stations; on your list, you will hear something that is going to stick in your mind, that will force you to tune down. TEL, reasons this, God must push buttons.

News and talk: Speculation about what will happen to WYTV (AM) is taken over by CBS, starting in January. TEC. The prevailing thought: CBS will want more. WYTV-AM (550) is growing in size at 9 a.m. Tom, an interview with Norman Leeper, executive vice president for the Beebe district.

The morning news is a large part of the broadcast, but also works all the time. TEL will withhold comments on Warren Pierce and White, White, White and blood for another morning. "No, today is the day for Tom," WAGT-AM (1050) News 6.

TLC news report on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. I. M. McCarthy's morning show is largely absent in the TEL column, because of the nature of the show. If your schedule is largely absent in the TEL column, because of the nature of the show. If your schedule is largely absent in the TEL column, because of the nature of the show. If your schedule is largely absent in the TEL column, because of the nature of the show.

Our feeling is that FCC licensees are under fire. They need to talk about what they are doing. Bob Bedell is back in your listening area.

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by Charles W. Reh