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. . . We Worry . . .

JOHNNY-Huntoon's editorial in July QST made us do some considerable thinking.

To introduce the gist of our thoughts, we quote one passage: ". . . there's one thing that worries us just a little. It's that we hear a lot of you are heading straight toward the 'phone bands for your first contacts, solely because you fear the boys on CW are too fast for you and can't be bothered with the slower speed of the usual newcomer".

True, there are some lads who will rattle back to a neophyte at 30 w.p.m.—just to scare him off the fence. It isn't a general practice though. Most old timers are quick to recall their own beginnings and become quite mellow when the self-conscious fist of a nipper appears for judgment. Personally, we aren't too concerned about this phase. Maybe it's because we have a pretty high opinion of most of those individuals categorized as "CW Men".

We distinctly remember a fellow telling us one time that it was a very difficult thing for him to settle down to the business of learning the code and that he was going to cram to get the 15 per 'down pat' for the examination—because he wanted to get on 'phone soon as he could—he'd never use the dot and dash system once he got through the R.I.'s office! Outside of that one shortcoming he had all the qualifications of a real ham. We asked him why he had such a complete disregard for the basic form of communication. It was with great alarm that we listened to: ". . . it is so much more 'social' to talk to another fellow by use of your own voice, and to hear t'other fellow's voice coming back—so much simpler to get across what each wanted to say—further, and finally that CW lacked personality." To our minds it brought thoughts of the fellow who boasted of his ability as an aircraft pilot. We were quite impressed until we asked him if it were true that flying's most expert knowledge was required during take-offs and landing. He said that there was always someone with him "to do that part." Strikes us that there is an astounding simile here. And it isn't necessary to recount the number of cases where emergencies have proved the point. A good "Phone Man" is an asset to amateur radio—especially in emergencies—a good 'phone man, you can bet, has had his "ground training" in CW.

So far as personality is concerned, one of our good pals once told us of an interesting

experience. He had been using his rig on 75 for a considerable portion of the evening. At a later hour, he had a sked on CW. He QSYed, cleared the hook, and settled down for a rag chew which took up the better part of an hour. Much later as he drew covers over shoulder in the peace of a Connecticut night, he was aroused—by realization of a thought—that even though he had spoken voice-to-voice on 75 for the best part of that evening, his CW QSO, dots to dots, dashes to dashes, hadn't set itself apart as an entirely different means of communication at all. He realized that he was aware of the warmth of a personality, and a voice, at the other end—by CW. Such an example may require considerable thinking on the part of our friend who would cram to get by the R.I. at 15 per and on into the 'phone band. Very comprehensible to good 'phone men—good CW men, that is.

Alberta Hamfest

The most successful Hamfest ever staged in Alberta drew to a conclusion last evening (Sunday, July 27th) at Lakeview Pavilion on Cooking Lake, 24 miles South-east of Edmonton. Yeah! from every angle it was a success.

Staged as the Alberta Hamfest, and sponsored by The Northern Alberta Radio Club of Edmonton, the event ran true to form, well patronized from all over the Province, and with visitors from Teslin, B. C. and Prince George B. C. as well as Vancouver, and even one guest from Montreal.

A unique feature was the inclusion of a QSL Bureau, set up and operated by W. R. (Bill) Savage, VE6EO, QSL Manager for VE6 and D.R. for C.A.R.O.A. This proved more than a little popular with the DX hounds! Roy Usher, VE6EA of Edmonton had the surprise of the day when 6EO handed out a DX card to him dated 1937! (Only 10 years late!) Bill did a brisk business selling C.A.R.O.A. lapel button and XTAL subscriptions also.

The N.A.R.C. took particular pains to entertain the ladies, and according to all reports they all thought the whole affair was operated extremely well in that respect. While the tech-

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Results: VE/W Contest

Ve3GT High International Scorer W2IOP Repeats Win For M.A.R.C. Trophy

LEADERS

Ve3GT	40,900	Ve3SF	19,656
Ve7HP	37,080	Ve3AGX	18,925
Ve7HC	26,316	Ve3IR	17,226
Ve2FG	25,785	Ve6EO	16,896
Ve3QD	20,874	Ve3JT	16,520

U.S.A.

W2IOP	24,864	W0CMH	17,856
W3BES	22,624	W9BRD	17,280
W8PQK	20,064	W2KHT	16,912
W2SSC	19,776	W2EYH	16,704
W2WC	19,776	W0YCR	15,264
W1BFT	19,488	W9NII	15,264

The first post-war Ve/W Contest, renewal of one of A.R.R.L.'s most popular operating features furnished thrills for over a thousand operators. Three hundred and seventy-four logs, some with interesting notes and side-lights, was indicative of the good-will and popularity fostered by international competition.

Leading the thundering pack with 40,900 points for a new high was Sam Trainer, Ve3GT, whose 208 contacts in 50 sections on 28 watts is remarkable. The old Contest King again

gave us a sterling example of what can be attained with low power in the hands of a fine operator, and a VFO! Larry LeKashman behind the controls of W2IOP retained supremacy in United States and the Montreal Amateur Radio Club Trophy with 24,864. His 138 contacts in eight sections was closely followed by W3BES with 22,624.

Ve7HP whose total of 309 contacts in 60 sections can be consoled by the fact that he and Ve7HC with 266 in 51 led the field from the standpoint of number of QSO's and sections worked. Both were beaten by Sam's multiplier.

SECTIONAL LEADERS

E. Pa. W3BES — 22,624	Mont. W7EWR — 5,720	Minn. W0YCR — 15,264	W. Va. W8JJA — 5,248
Md.-Del.-D.C. W3LVJ — 10,080	Wash. W7KEM — 8,704	Ark. W5LSH — 1,216	Colo. W0CDP — 3,648
S. N.J. W2IHZ — 4,032	Nev. W7ONG — 11,524	La. W5KC — 1,536	Utah-Wyom. W7BED — 160
W. N.Y. W2SSC — 19,776	S.C. Valley W6MLY — 6,144	Miss. W5MMT — 128	E. Fla. W4BRB — 10,360
W2WC	East Bay W6LMZ — 640	Tenn. W4IQY — 9,408	L.A. W6EYH — 16,704
W. Pa. W3GJY — 5,760	Frisco W6MHF — 5,184	Ky. W40MW — 1,088	Ariz. W7RFE — 3,672
Ill. W9BRD — 17,280	S.J. Valley W6SRU — 3,192	Mich. W8SAY — 5,952	San Diego W6MI — 8,736
Ind. W9NZZ — 15,036	N.C. W4EXB — 4,800	Ohio W8PQK — 20,064	S. Tex. W5VPC — 6,336
Wis. W9HVM — 9,600	S.C. W4FNS — 8,640	N.Y.C. & L.I. W2IOP — 24,864	Okla. W5AQE — 4,704
N.D. W0LHS — 800	Va. W4JUG — 4,080	N. N.J. W2EQS — 15,568	N. Mex. W5HOY — 32
S.D. W0WUU — 1,008			

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Switch to Safety

It is with heavy heart that we record the accidental death of Cliff Hitchon, Ve4AE, of Winnipeg. Below is the story received from the Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club—Switch to Safety!

Owing to the fact that Cliff was alone at his transmitter at the time of the accident, a positive statement of exactly what happened cannot be given. However, we will outline what we presume did happen. First of all a brief outline of the layout. Picture yourself standing and facing the centre of the operating table. Immediately below the table were all relevant power supplies. On the table, and slightly to your right, was the receiver. Above the receiver, and at approximately chest height, was a shelf upon which rested the transmitter which was built on a chromium-plated chassis. and had a pair of 83's in the final with approximately 2500 volts on the plates. The rig was plate, modulated. On the day in question, Sunday, June 22, 1947, it was raining, and it is thought that Cliff was in QSO with W9BPQ

of Maywood, Illinois, and apparently during the QSO, or immediately following, he attempted to make some adjustment to the antenna loading or to the final. The microphone was in his right hand and his left hand had pulled the transmitter off the shelf, when discovered, so it would seem that his left hand came in contact with the plate coil which was completely exposed and, therefore, completed the circuit through his body to his right hand.

The general consensus of opinion here is that Cliff was building his rig for fine appearance, and had omitted the safety factor. We feel that with a layout of this type if a person did accidentally get a jolt, they would be more likely to fall forward into the danger rather than away from it.

A great number of reports have come direct to HQ from hams in the various districts. Where such reports concern activities, club doings, and general gossip, much time can be saved by the staff if such were sent to the District Representative for the district concerned. Following is a list of all correspondents who write district reports for CAROA NATIONAL REPORT each month. Remember that he must have them by the 7th of the month to meet his deadline of the 15th. Tnx.

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VHF IN CANADA

Conducted by GORDON COLEMAN, VE3ANY

EMERGENCY operation takes the highlight this month. What does poor John Q. Public do when he runs out of gas on a lonely stretch of highway? Walk six miles to the nearest gas station? Not Ve3BIJ. Having become "becalmed" after a visit to the country estate of your scribe on June 21st, Al sent out a QRR with his portable car rig and raised Ve3ATB. Bert was just about to retire, but rallied to the colours and rescued Al and company. Good old ham radio!

The Hamilton Emergency Corps Net provided a singular service to the Eaton Model Aircraft Meet at Mount Hope Airport last month, when they helped scoring and starting teams by providing radio service to all corners of the airport. Numerous messages were handled and equipment operated continuously without a hitch. Participating with their portable battery and mg. operated equipment were Ve3KM, and BFF, BQL, and AEZ. Their regular meeting nights are Tuesday.

The CAROA Emergency net, (VHF section) was called on for a nice bit of emergency portable work on July 1st. The Dominion Day Regatta, an annual event sponsored by The Centre Island Association and subscribed to by various Canadian and American Rowing and Paddling Clubs was badly in need of a system of co-ordinated message handling between start and finish lines over the one mile regatta course. Also, events taking place on the Lakeshore drive at Centre Island were to be co-ordinated with the running of the various races. A team consisting of Ve3ATB, Ve3AIB, and Ve3ANY provided portable transmitters and receivers and operated continuously from 9.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.

Ve3AIB's rig was his mobile car set, consisting of a 9002, 6C5, 6G6 receiver and 9002, 6AG5, 6AQ5 mod. with 6AQ5 into PP 6AQ5 for transmitter. Les worked from a storage battery and was located in a beauty parlor on Manitou Road, about three-quarter of a mile from the finish barge and at the control spot for Lakeshore events. Ve3ATB also used his mobile car rig and was located aboard a launch which roved between the start and finish lines at all times. The storage battery operated equipment consisted of 957, 1D5G1 receiver and 6AQ5, into PP 6AQ5 modulated with 6C5 and 6F6 for transmitting. Bert's transmissions served to instantaneously notify those on the official's barge of the start of each race, after which a running commentary was provided. Ve3ATB's running descriptions were rebroadcast via public address system to the 40,000 spectators lining the course.

Ve3ANY acted as control station from a fixed position on the official's barge at the finish line and numerous important messages were handled. 3ANY's rig was 955, 6J5, 6F6 receiver and 6C4, 6AQ5 modulated by 6J5 and 6F6 for a transmitter. All three stations used a common fixed frequency of 51.0 mcs. Antennas were one-quarter whips and speaker outputs were provided in each case. Equipment performed admirably and no troubles were encountered during the entire day of operation.

The type of service provided by the Hamilton and Toronto groups is indicative of what could be accomplished in time of emergency. Similar groups have given inestimable service in time of need during flood, fire and tornado. It is by this type of work that the amateur can demonstrate to the public his usefulness to a community in time of need. We would be very glad to publicise any VHF work of a similar nature.

We have heard that Ve3ADO, Toronto, who uses an SCR522 unit into a 6 element beam, has been working into Detroit and Erie, Pa., lately on 144 mc. While this isn't a record, it presents quite an accomplishment. Harry says he's out after the dx record for this band and we will have more dope on this next month.

The 50-54 mc band has continued to produce some very fine E layer openings and 6 meter enthusiasts have had a continued "field day." Dates on which 6 meters has been open are as follows:

June 17	fair opening—W5's and WO's 2100-
June 17	fair opening—W5's and WO's 2100-2200 hrs.
June 19	weak opening—hvy, qsb—WO, WI, W5, 9.00-10.00 pm.
June 20	good opening—1800-2100 hrs.—WO's, W9's.
June 23	fair opening—1400-1530 hrs. and 2100-2200—W3, 9, O's.
June 25	good opening—2200-2400 —W9's, WO's, Ve1.
June 27	good opening—2100-2200—W5, W6, W7, WO.
June 29	temp inversion opening—1200 hrs.—Ve3—W2.
June 30	weak opening—evening—W5's.
July 3	weak opening—evening—W4, W5.
July 5	weak opening—1600-1700 —W5's.
July 6	fair opening—1800-1900 —W4's.

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C A R O A NATIONAL REPORT

VE1

Ronald J. Hesler, Ve1KS, Sackville, N.B.—EW is active on twenty CW with a total of 72 stations worked for the month of June and runs 200 watts on an 814. WG is interested in obtaining an AR7? receiver and an army 19 set. AL took the big leap and acquired himself an xyl. DR, NX and 10 are active on 10. VT, IU and JA are new voices heard on 75 fone. QS and ND have departed from Ve1 land for Montreal. QI migrates from 5 to 75 once in a while. KS recently returned from a trip to Ve7 land and points between—while at Banff ran into, of all people, 1H1; of course a Ve1 hamfest convened then and there. The Annapolis Valley Radio Club's new officers are: MA—President, EA—Vice-President and IM—Secretary. The club took in the Field Day in a big way. KJ and IM were the official installers and got "soaked" (take that any way you wish) in the process. The equipment used consisted of a 19 set as the exciter and an S20R and BC448 as the inblers. KJ and EA were the chief operators.

We are all pleased to see CW back with us again after having received the "other half of that ticket". QF and SY, by the time you will read this, will have established new QTH's in Ve1 land. CP, one of our real old-timers, is back on the air again (75 fone) after an absence of many years—welcome back Captain. LH is sporting another RME receiver. MZ and HI have new Miller B'sers. Wonder why KK always wants to keep such a close tab on his xyl when away on business trips—could be because of fellows like QF who are ready and waiting to contact her when Wilbur is away. The Lakeshore Radio Club has folded up for the summer season. To mark the end of the active season, the club held a banquet which was highlighted by the distribution of prizes to lucky ticket holders. The following were the lucky winners of swell prizes: TN, AQ, EG, QT, BF, PN, PA, QV, FB and RE. A little trouble descended on Lakeshore recently when BF blew a rectifier. AQ suddenly developed parasites. QT blew a plate blocking condenser and thereby put off the air some of Lakeshore's highest power signals for a few days.

EG is trying out 80 meters. MQ was transferred to Montreal. II also departed for a new QTH in Ve2 land. VOIL has returned to Lakeshore from Newfoundland and will soon be active on 6 meters. PA is still building, building and building. TN is talking of being transferred to Vancouver soon. LO has been transferred to Winnipeg. IE takes over the A.F.A.R.S. phone net when TN is absent. ES built up a preselector for his S40 receiver and works 80 CW 100 per cent of the time—has plans for other bands when he can get sky hooks up. In case our Managing Editor is too shy to announce a new arrival in his family I want to announce that 3QK became the proud papa of a boy on July 4.

Summer being what it is, this is all the dope that I have been able to gather in this month; however, I know that I can count on the support of all the Ve1 gang in keeping this column "up to strength" when the active period commences once again in the fall. Your support in the past year or so has been appreciated more than I can say. Let's make this column even bigger and better come fall. I regret sincerely to have had to report this month the loss of so many Ve1's to other districts. Best of luck to all of you fellows at your new QTH's. We have sure enjoyed having you with us in Ve1 land. How about dropping the writer a note when you have your new calls so that we can know who to look for. 73—RON.

Ve2

Floyd Gribben, Ve2XR, Montreal.—VP5EM of ten fone from Jamaica vacationed in Ve2 and 3 for first time. LU, WY, JJ and XR played hosts to "Met" while he was in Montreal. Very interesting rag chews resulted and it was found that the Ve is certainly better off than the VP on rags, etc. WK had rig trouble and it was found that the final grid leak had increased from 25K to 200K ohms! He says the 807 has done its duty and wants to rebuild with an 829-B. JJ planning improvements to

his ten meter beam so that he can be ready for the winter season. Twenty feet of pipe and plenty of elbow grease are holding him up. KH keeps an open ear on 5 to see if he can repeat his performance of May and June. Ex-2CX, now QRMing under 7TD in Vancouver, was down this way on biz and took a few holidays to visit some of his old friends. He visited GE and got into helping raise a new skywire. Ex-2JK back in Montreal camp from Ottawa where he bothered the BCLs under 3JK. Says he has hopes of getting his old call back. BE can still be heard knocking off VRs each morning before 5 on 20 fone. Attributes his success to full wave clothes line fed 1/2 wave from one end with twin lead. GE hears about BE's antenna via XR and has visited 7TD (ex-2CX) help put one up. First contact on 20 fone sank an 88 plus in Ireland! VL collecting parts for a QST model VFO to be mounted on his new custom made dural chassis. DR is reported to have taken a good tree away from the dogs of Point Clair and is grooming it for his new skyhook. Will the dogs find out where their tree went? JE and his Missus glowing quite proudly over receiving a little male harmonic from OM Stork July 16. Congrats are well in order. PU is now switching a new ten meter beam. MG and ZN are new voices heard on ten fone. HE, SG and SJ like short-skipping to Montreal on 10 fone to talk with the big city boys. XR vacationed in Ve3 and attended meeting of West Side Radio Club—his brain child of 1937. GL is pinch-hitting for SU as acting SCM for the A.R.K.L. Quebec Division, so send your QST reports to him O.Ms. The boys of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club with yls, xyls and kids, whooped it up at Lechins Park in the form of a picnic to mark the final get-together before closing the club for the summer. Plenty of fun, eats and prizes were on hand and those that did all the work are to be highly congratulated on the fly show. 2XX latched on to one of the prizes at the M.A.R.C. picnic to the tune of one Army 19 set. It is reported that a few of the old timers on 20 fone, and members of the local fraternity, are taking up more than their share of the band. If this means you, how about cleaning up that carrier OM. Without any doubt whatsoever, the Ve2 district is the worst in the country when it comes to not reporting on their activities. If you doubt it, take a look at past columns of XTAL and see how little was reported. Better still, take a good look at QST! There's not a Ve2 to be seen! While on the subject of reports, it would be timely to mention that of the reports that have come in, invariably they come from in and around Montreal. What's happened to you fellows elsewhere? It doesn't matter if you're in a one, two or three horse town, we'd still like to know what's going on in your ham world. A postcard to HQ or your District Representative indicating your activities is all that is required each month. Or, if you want to use our immediate facilities, relay the dope with your rig. Anyway, O.Ms, let's get out of the rut. Why isolate? As we have as yet no full time and permanent D.R. for Quebec, I have compiled this report via the grape-vine, the telephone and the ham bands. If, when this appears in print, no one has been appointed for D.R. please send your reports to me and I will do my best to pass them along to HQ for next month's showing. My QTH is Floyd G. Gribben, Ve2XR, 5120 Westbury Ave., Montreal, Quebec. 73.

VE5

Bill Gordon, Ve5MW, Oxbow, Sask.—3RD at Spy Hill has been communicating with nature too much. He got the chicken pox. Reg just got over this and feeling disgusted, left for Lake of the Woods for two weeks' vacation. Quite a few of the boys in south-eastern Saskatchewan paid a visit to 3KJ on July 13 and from what we hear on the airwaves an enjoyable time was had by all. We would give a list of all the boys who attended this hamfest, but we aren't just certain who was there and we're not going to stick our neck out. 5WG is building a slug-tuned all band transmitter with 4-5L6's into an 807 final. TIC has also been in a raving mood

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DX'ers of THE MONTH

Ve7ZM
71
Countries

Call	July	PW Total
Ve7ZM	71	142
7HC	59	84
4RO	51	131
7GI	47	93
2LQ	41	—
3AGC	34	75
7EH	32	58
1EP	27	128
1OK	26	93
8AS	23	52
1PQ	16	78
7AHP	16	23
1EW	11	—
7AC	10	29
3QB	10	51



Ve7EH lays claim to being first Ve to work the Ronne Antarctic Expedition . . . Ve3QB's ten countries worked with single 807 . . . Ve7AC is new member of DXers . . . Ve4RO shot a 49 in June but was too late to qualify . . . likewise Ve5QZ with 12 . . . Ve7ZM worked AC4YN seven times in the past year! . . . his pre-war and post-war total now stands at 164 countries! We remind you again that July XTAL carried NEW RULES for DXers . . . read 'em . . . CUL.



VHF—from page 7

- July 7, 10, 11 weak openings—evening—W4, W5.
 July 12 good opening—2100 hrs. to July 13—0200 hrs.—W5, WO, W9.
 July 13 good opening—10.30 continuously to 200 hrs.—W4, 5, 9, O5s.

Of special note on June 25 was the qso between Ve3DC, Ve3KM and Ve1QZ. This is the first recorded inter-provincial qso and was a 1/2 hour three-way, with at least 58 signals on both ends. Also of special interest was the report that on evening of July 12, Ve3BKL heard an XE on 6 meters. 3BKL, Hamilton, uses a converter ahead of HQ129X. More dope on this later!

The Vancouver boys have had a swell month, according to Ve7AEZ, who reports openings on June 1, 7, 15 and 27 for east-west contacts and June 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 for W6 and W7.

Winnipeg district had good openings on June 16th for W9, WO and W4 and W5. On June 27 1900-2100 hrs. with W8, W9, WO and W7's coming through!

There is lots of two meter activity in Toronto, Halifax, Vancouver and Montreal areas with Ve7AEC working 110 miles to W7JKE. Nice going, Noel!!

No records have been broken this month so

the records are still as follows, with the exception of 144-148 mc report

50-54 mc

Ve3AZV (Oshawa)—W6UXM
 June 1st, 1947—2250 miles.

144-148 mc

Ve3ADO (Toronto)—had report of work to Detroit, Michigan which is 210 miles. No other details.

235-240 mcs

Ve3BNG (Waterdown)—Ve3AEZ (Hamilton)
 May 18, 1947—15 miles.

420-430 mcs

Ve3BFF (Hamilton)—Ve3AND (Hamilton)
 Mar. 15, 1947—1 4/5 miles.

News from the Halifax area as reported by the IQZ give the 6 meter band opening during June as:

- June 1—2209 to 2230 hrs. W4's, good opening.
 " 2—0100 to 0245 hrs. W4's, good opening
 " 13—2300 weak Aurora opening.
 " 15—1200 to 1400 hrs., W2-3-4-8 very good opening.
 " 16—1715 to 1845 hrs., W3-4-8, very good opening.
 " 19—2100 to 2115 hrs. W8-9, fair opening.

Generally openings were good with S8 to S9 plus signals reported both ends. Band goes out with a bang in less than a minute on the coast compared to a gradual half-hour taper

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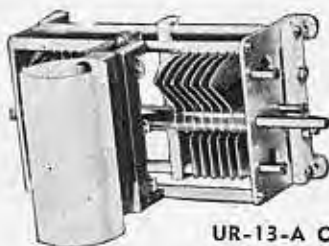
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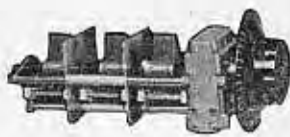
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and has been popping in on quite a few of the 5's and 6's. And, oh, yes, he had shoes on, too! 5GI paid a visit to 5QL and RV.5MW is on 20 meter fone and CW and has been working a ill dx. If any of you fellers are on 6 meters and are working any stations, please send in the dope on your activities to G. Coleman, Ve3ANY at CAROA HQ. That's it, fellas, that's all there is, there ain't no more, so please send us in a ill news. 73—Bill.

VE 6

W. R. Savage, Ve6EO, Lethbridge, Alta.—6EF is on 75 meter fone and is using an 815 for a modulator. 6AL is back home and is trying out different microphones. 6WZ is putting out a good signal when he is not busy farming. 6HP is using a pair of 807's and has a nice antenna 70 feet high. 6KZ is having lots of fun trying to centre the beam in his scope. 6EL goes on 20 meter fone to miss the QRM on 75 fone band. 6JI is busy on 80 meter CW. 6LQ is very busy with his job and doesn't get on the air very much. 6OD has been on 20 meters during the summer months like the rest of us. 6WC still has time to get on the air when he is not busy keeping Medicine Hat from burning up. 6DN loses his best now even though the vet flew in via plane. 6MP and 6HZ are heard on 75 now and then but we think they are a failing for 20 meters. 6WW is using a war asset receiver. 6GY is sending hogs to Calgary and Edmonton for exhibition. W7DSS visits 5AA and 6EO while in Lethbridge and an invitation is extended to any other ham passing through this city. 6EA motored to the coast for holidays. 6AL has 300 watt rig using 813's. 6BW broke down and went CW on 40 for a change. 6WS plans trip down through U.S.A. 6BY is QRL looking after new Jr. Op. 4AC of Winnipeg (Bob Brown) has been transferred to Edmonton to supervise R.C.M.P. radio system. 6LW has trouble with record player amplifier. 6YD of Medicine Hat visits Pesce River, scene of earlier crimes. 6LQ purchased new 8 mm. movie projector. 6FO is getting out ok with that big bottle that he pumps 3,000 bolts into. 6RH has moved to Gore Bay, Ont., lots of luck to you both Roy and Gordon. 6EY has sold his SX28a and is experimenting with Gonset converter. 6OG is planning a day at the Waterton hamfest. 6IC goes out shooting poppers but I don't believe he shot enough for one meal (or does George really

cut them?). 6KO was busy during exhibition week unloading the midway. 6FS is getting out good on 80 meters with his 807. The shadow showed up at Lethbridge and found Ve6AA over-modulating and spinning over the entire 75 meter band. It is very gratifying to notice the reduction in key clicks emanating from Ve6BU, you have some yet, a variation in your lag circuit would take them right out. Ve6AX should also take a hint. 6TM, 6GD, 6AO, 6BU gave the air a good churning on the CARA field day, keying clicks carried across the Pacific, hi, about 6 am. 6TM went to sleep with the milk open. After many years' absence 6KS is back on the air, using an 813 final and a SX28a receiver, even being a commercial operator doesn't stop his ham activity hi. 6IP is going to take a week off and go fishing. 6VN is planning on a super ham shack in his new house. 6EO is still working 20 meter CW—why don't that guy smarten up and get on 75 fone sometime (says the xyl hi). Well 73 again till next month and thanks for the dope received fellows via mail and over the air. CUL.

VE7

Ernie Savage, Ve7FB, Vancouver, B.C.—Powell River comes word that 7LM and 7SD reported to be visiting Vancouver. 7MP new rig pair 810's, let's hear it Hal. 7PO Clarence is on a film-making trip through B.C. Has reported in from 7EB, 7DZ, 7MX. Last word by wire from Chilliwack. 7HO, Saskatoon now 7FE, Marpole. Wish to QSO a navy bloke, 7ADI, 7WM, 7AEM, 7ALR. 4KT now a Ve7MA, and if you need a pole climber see him, he is a lineman, right "Al". 7AL, "King" sure likes strawberry shortcake but not all over his face. 7ACC has the rig in a rack now, some day may hear him. 7PH broke the silence by coming on the 5 o'clock net. Sure nice to hear you Doug. 7SO was in QSO when Wally yelled risks afire, cheerio gang, what's the dope. 7ADF now works a broadnet station. Bill, one way to be heard and not get a ticket from the office. Ve7's invaded the "Cascade Radio Club" hamfest at Everett, a good time was had by all and the Ve7's collected a good share of the prizes. 7ZZ—three crystals, Helen Robinson—hand mike and coil forms, 7NV—two 845, 7XP—two 807. 7NM—"xyl" two 8L6, Mrs. Middleton—805, 7AGZ—socket set, 7FB—Bud wave meter, 7AFB—Call Book, 7LU—(1) 1945 and 1954 with sockets. The high-lights are many, one almost a jall! 1928 Chev. passed through the U.S.A. border for Canada, seeing gas low

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made "U" turn, passed U.S. customs wide open and of course no stopping. Soon a motorcycle rider pulled along, arms at the alert. They made a three-point landing and talked themselves clear. Passenger list was some six poor hams from Prince Rupert. A new call 7AMV on CW. "Bill," 7LK will take traffic for Dawson and Way Points by way 8AO and 8BC. Bill will be found on 75 fone after 2100 hrs. TALC makes nice press lines on his broadcast of traffic, nice going "Lenn". 7NS new call "Nellie", Jr. Op. of 7BF. 7HE portable Sprout Lake just waiting for the 110 line and then you can hear him. New call 7ZV Vancouver Amateur Radio Club. The S.O.A.R.C. (South Okanagan Amateur Radio Club) held their first picnic at "Lakawanda Park". W7's there in good numbers. Prizes: 7AJF—coffee roaster; 7AAT—523's Marg. W7GX1 tuning unit; tug of war, Hams vs. non-Hams, Hams won; W7FDD the farthest from home, tuning unit; 7JW, 27 years ham radio, \$5.00; W7FPV, old man age, coffee maker; 7AHH, 0-1000 ml. meter. (Jim why or what). Thanks to "Radio Dr." for "P.A.". "T.P." for prizes and display. 7LC Alf 7 watts on fone powered by water wheel 75 fone. No need to wonder where the war surplus has gone, "Alf" has it. 7RW new call for Victoria on 40 CW. New beam seen on South Granville, what's the dope 7ABL. VeMT of "Kimberley" now 7TV. Stand, please send us all the news. Anyone QSO's a "saucer" please let us know the frequency brand—gin, whiskey or. 73—Gang.

VE8

Jack Spall, Ve8AS, Whitehorse, Y.T.—Things seem very quiet this month with reports from out-of-town stations scarcer than hen's teeth, so how about it gang and let's have a real report for next month. 8AG of Whitehorse R.C.A.F. station has been posted to Clinton, Ontario, and with Alex goes the most consistent 75 fone contact in town, but we wish Alex good luck on his new post. 8BB finally broke down and has been heard on 20 fone. 8AJ returned from holidays but has been very quiet since must of got debushed. 8AK is rebuilding. 8AY has the rotary beam bug but so far has met with no success. 8AN is thinking of higher power and more antennas. 8AW has a new VFO. 8AS is rebuilding and contemplates a 4-250A final with signal shifter as driver. 8BM finally got transmitter going at Teslin. 8AL back from holidays and busy editing another swell issue of Ve8 Drift. 8BV having BCI trouble. 8AM has new fone CW rig coming up. 8MW of Fort Good Hope is now Ve8GI of Edmonton. The boys at Aklavik, 8MZ, 8NR, 8NG seem very busy with B.C. station CHAK. That's all for one gang, and don't forget to send in some information on your activities for next issue. 73—Jack.

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W0CMH — 17,856	Ve3GT — 40,900
Neb.	Quebec
W0DMY — 816	Ve2FG — 25,785
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Me.	British Columbia
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W1OJM — 4,800	Ve8NQ — 12
W. Mass.	Manitoba
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off in Toronto area. Ve1QZ held one and one half-hour QSO with W4WMI on June 2. Yes! Oscar is a member of the rag chewers club. Ve1BC worked Ve1JD for FB 42 mile OSO on 144 NC with portable mobile car rig, which is very nice going!

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Ve3AZV	50	16
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Ve7AHZ	25	5
Ve7NM	21	5
Ve3AIB	18	10
Ve3KM	18	10 and Ve1
Ve3BFF	17	10
Ve4YW	16	9
Ve3AXT	14	9
Ve3NH	12	7
Ve4GQ	10	(?)
Ve3AVJ	10	7
Ve3AVW	8	(?)
Ve3ATB	7	3
Ve3AND	6	(?)
Ve3AEU	5	2
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nical session was in progress on Saturday afternoon the ladies were taken on a shopping tour by local XYL's, then to a free show at the Capitol Theatre, and to a tea served in the Embassy Room of Merrick's. Prizes were provided for attendanec, etc. For the ladies, which added to the interest shown by them throughout the whole Fest.

The Radio trade, the manufacturers, jobbers, and wholesalers, etc. provided numerous very fine prizes, and supported the publication of our Souvenir Program by their Advertising. Without this generous support our Fest would most certainly have been unsuccessful. A Hallcrafters S-40 Receiver was raffled off as the feature of the wind-up at Lakeview.

The Lakeview Picnic wound things up very well. Edmonton took Calgary to the cleaners at Softball, thus placing the post-war score at 1-1!

To Ed. Bryant, VE6LG, N.A.R.C. President goes the thanks of the whole gang, for the efficient, complete, and brilliant manner in which the whole Fest was run off. Ed. worked harder than anyone else in putting us over the top.

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