

CIVILIAN CAMP LIFE ENRICHED BY AMATEURS

One of the most important factors in maintaining the morale of the 300,000 young men now enrolled in Civilian Conservation Camps is the free communications service being provided by amateur radio.

A good proportion of the more than 1,400 camps established throughout the country either have amateur radio stations on the grounds, operated by enlisted amateur operators, or neighboring stations have been opened to message traffic from the "forest boys."

The utilization of amateur communications both for personal and official traffic has been encouraged by the War Department, which early in the mobilization was faced with a great overload on its existing radio networks.

Extra Equipment Provided

The commanding officer of the 9th corps area, in which 459, or nearly one-third, of the camps are located, elected to meet this situation with the services of the Army Amateur Radio System, organized in 1925 through the cooperation of the American Radio Relay League.

Sanction of the Federal Radio Commission and the Chief Signal Officer of the Army was obtained. In some instances amateurs possessing advanced stations, who were available for service, were provided with transportation and necessary tube and antenna equipment to get the system operating on an efficient basis.

Not only is official traffic handled with accuracy and dispatch over this system, but the radio communication is proving a large factor in the success of the administration of the forest camps.

Boosts Morale

According to Capt. Garland C. Black, of the Signal Corps, it is also doing a great deal toward boosting the morale of the camp personnel by affording a direct channel of communication between home and camp. Some of the forest camps located in the western states are more than a hundred miles from a railroad station and in such instances the roads are not always of the best.

Literature Wanted

Readers desiring radio literature from manufacturers and jobbers should send a request for publication of their name and address. Address: Literature Editor, RADIO WORLD, 145 West 45th Street, New York, N. Y.

Barr Radio Service, Rugby, No. Dak.
Howard Tyson, 432 Fulton, Denton, Texas.
Jakie Lichtenberg, 107 So. Broadway, Oklahoma City, Okla.
T. C. Reid, Orofino, Idaho.
B. F. Start (books giving details on the latest Superlet designs), 110 Northumberland Pl., Tottenham, N. 17, London, England.
Alvin Siegler, 76 Nagle Avenue, New York City.
W. Chas. Sachse, 3437 Pierce Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
C. W. Grass, R. F. D. No. 3, Box 167, Beaumont, Texas.
Willis C. Eberst, 3815 Beale Avenue, Altoona, Pa.
H. R. Troth, 906 Kimbrough, Springfield, Ohio.
Frank Connally, Waxahachie, Texas.
Charles F. Erk, 1711 Luty Avenue, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Benj. Veneski, Radio Replacement Service Co., 208 Broadway, Camden, N. J.
Joseph F. Sabol, 1406 Ravine Street, Munhall, Pa.
R. A. Street, Vicksburg Sanitarium and Crawford Street Hospital, Vicksburg, Miss.
Arthur M. Wengel, Wengel Radio, 616 So. Brearly Street, Madison, Wis.

They Say

N. G. SYMONDS, vice-president and general manager of sales, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.: The tremendous increase in business which has followed along in the wake of the NRA activity means that every salesman has got to buckle down to real selling and not just to order-taking. The National Recovery Act has somewhat altered old-fashioned methods of selling, so that we have got to keep on our toes if we want to get business under the new set-up. With the majority of the important industries working under a Code and with the price problem relegated to the background as a problem of sales, we must view our prospective customer from a different angle.

"It is extremely important to remember, however, that regardless of how the NRA activity may affect business practices, it will not destroy human nature in the customer. Consequently, every prospective purchaser will be trying to strike a bargain as always in the past."

ABS ANNOUNCES FEATURE SPOTS

The Amalgamated Broadcasting System, of which Ed Wynn is president, has added WCNW, Brooklyn, N. Y., the former WMIL, whose call letters were changed and WFAS, White Plains, N. Y., the Westchester county unit station in the metropolitan area, said Ota Gygi, vice-president.

Amalgamated will offer the following regularly:

Dr. Carl Van Doren, literary authority in a series of dramatized book reviews for a 15-minute afternoon period beginning at 2:30.

Dr. Charles Fleischer, theologian, editor, speaker, writer and publicist, 6:45-7:00 p.m. for new comments.

Emile Gauvreau, editor of the New York "Daily Mirror," author of newspaper novels, and tabloid expert. He will discuss "The News of Tomorrow."

A slap-bang revue of the kind conceived by Ed Wynn. "Big Meetin' Time," enlisting Rosamund Johnson and his colored choir, with Catherine Tiff Jones and an orchestral and dramatic background.

As a collateral feature to "Big Meetin' Time," there will appear a new quartet, "Four Deacons From Dixie."

The Amalgamated Symphony Orchestra, directed by Adolphe Kornspan.

"Sunny Jim" Rich at the organ.
The Amalgamated Broadcasting System Dance Orchestra. The Amalgamated Broadcasting System Choristers.

The present active scope of the ABS is encompassed by the following stations:

Station—Location	Watts	kc
WBNX(*)—New York	250	1350
WTNJ—Trenton, N. J.	500	1280
WPEN—Philadelphia, Pa.	250 (Day)	
	100 (Night)	1500
WDEL—Wilmington, Del.	500 (Day)	
	250 (Night)	1120
WCBM—Baltimore, Md.	250 (Day)	
	100 (Night)	1370
WOL—Washington, D. C.	100	1310
WCNW—Brooklyn, N. Y.	100	1500
WFAS—White Plains, N. Y.	100	1210
WCAM—Camden, N. J.	500	1280
WCAP—Asbury Park, N. J.	500	1280
WJBI—Ded Bank, N. J.	100	1210

(*) Stations WBNX, WCDA and WMSG have been grouped under WBNX call letters.

MICKEY MOUSE RADIO

Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse, has appointed the Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation as exclusive manufacturers and distributors of Mickey Mouse receiving sets. This new idea in receiving sets will be introduced by Emerson along with eleven other new models.

SALE OF RADIO "SONG SHEETS" HELD RACKET

Illegal sale of song sheets in violation of copyright constitutes a racket which is rapidly becoming a nation-wide training school of crime, according to E. C. Mills, general manager of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

In a letter to Senator Royal S. Copeland, chairman of the Senate Committee investigating racketeering in the United States, Mr. Mills appeals to the public to assist in combating the practice of illegally printing and selling on the streets hundreds of thousands of song sheets without regard to the rights of the composer.

Says Thousands Do It

"During the last few years, thousands of persons, mostly young men, all over the country, have been enlisted by unscrupulous printers and racketeers in the sale of illegal song sheets containing the words of popular music heard over the radio," said Mills. "Turning out these song sheets in quantities of hundreds of thousands, the racketeering printers and their accomplices sell their product to young men at a few cents a piece, after explaining the glowing prospects of considerable profit by selling them on street corners to the public at five and ten cents a copy. Unwittingly, these innocent youths thereby get their first taste of crime."

"The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, to protect its members against this form of piracy, has been waging a relentless war against these racketeers. Since one of our duties is prosecution of infringements, it has become necessary for us to ask the assistance of Federal, state and county authorities in stamping out these illicit sales. Approached by a police officer, the young salesman is terrified by the possibility of a fine, which he most probably cannot pay, or a jail sentence. Immediately he begins to lie. He says he does not know the person from whom he bought the sheets, and very rightly declares he did not know he was committing a crime."

Magistrates Called Lenient

"Because magistrates in such cases are usually sympathetic, the youth believes that he can get away with it again, and so he buys more song sheets and begins an active life in dodging the police, lying, giving evasive answers, and other fundamentals of a reckless life. Racketeering of this kind may lead to rackets of a more serious nature, involving bootlegging, robbery, forgery, assault and any other of the crimes so prevalent in the country today."

"We ask the assistance of your committee in bringing to the attention of the public this temptation facing the youth of this country, thousands of whom become the pupils of racketeers in large cities throughout the United States. If the public will refuse to buy these song sheets, the temptation will be removed. We earnestly hope that this assistance will be forthcoming."

READRITE BOOKLET

Even to an established organization with a reputation, it is encouraging to hear others sing your praise. An interesting booklet, entitled "Let Others Tell You," is just off the press for free distribution to the trade and contains testimonials from all parts of the country by users of the Readrite meters. It is a striking piece of printed matter and a good advertisement from satisfied customers.