



OPERATING NEWS



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A.R.R.L.'s Emergency Corps—Join Now

AT LEAST one amateur station in every community should be equipped with auxiliary station equipment for use in emergency. For real preparedness such equipment should be designed to operate from power supplies other than the regular a.c. or d.c. lines. Although it is true that much of the most valuable emergency work is done using equipment operating directly from a.c. or d.c. mains, it must be remembered that the "stricken area" itself is usually without current from the power company. This means a wait until lines are repaired. "Waits" are inexcusable in emergencies. Communication should be established at the earliest possible moment. To guard against delays the "emergency set-up" must operate from auxiliary power, and the operator must at all times know where he can secure the auxiliary power (if he does not have emergency power himself, arrangements can usually be made with local hardware dealers, radio stores, etc., for the loan of batteries when the need arises).

The "A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps," of which this is the first announcement, will comprise those amateurs who have available at their stations transmitting and receiving equipment suitable for use in an emergency, and capable of operating from power auxiliary to regular a.c. or d.c. mains. All amateurs are invited to enlist at once in this "Corps." The only requirement is the possession of enough emergency equipment to make a complete station, capable of being set up in a short time.

How to join the "A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps": Every member of the Corps will be required to "register" at headquarters on the emergency equipment available at his station. Appointment to the Corps will remain in effect only during the time when such equipment is on hand and in operating condition. To join simply send a post card to the Communications Department, A.R.R.L., West Hartford, listing what emergency equipment you have (transmitter, receiver, frequency band(s) it works on, auxiliary power—whether on hand or whether arrangements have been made to secure power quickly if emergency arises). If your application proves OK, you will be issued a membership card, and your availability will be registered on a headquarters record.

Fine emergency work in Nebraska, Colorado and other midwest points included many ham stations recently—report in August QST. A Western N. Y. flood (40 lives lost, millions damage) with hams filling the communications gaps is being featured in our Hartford papers as we write. Our A.R.R.L. Field Days have stressed "emergency preparation" and stimulated development and trial of successful portables. Now we aim to go further.

Every member of the "A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps" will be expected to make known his availability for emergency communication to local Red Cross officials, railroads, military units, police departments, representatives of press associations and the like. All Corps stations should be on record with such organizations and other competent authorities so that they will be called upon to assist when emergency communication is necessary.

The goal of the "A.R.R.L. Emergency Corps" is: AN AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY STATION IN EVERY COMMUNITY!! Will you help us achieve that aim? Amateur Radio as an emergency communication system is invaluable. Every red blooded ham should want to

do his part! Send your application to the Emergency Corps as soon as possible. We need you! And your community needs you!! Clubs working in the interest of amateur radio and their communities have a real opportunity in this field too, and we shall be glad to enroll club stations in the A.E.C.!

Briefs

Major H. J. Conners, U. S. Army, of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was reported as missing and possibly dead by the press on July 15th. Discovering the rumor, Major Conners on July 18th desired to relieve the minds of relatives in Laurel, Md. He filed a message with K6DV/WVQB, it was relayed by W6GXM/WLMI to W3CXL/WLM and 'phoned from there. An answer was returned via the same route, total time for round trip being nine minutes! Another feather in amateur radio's "public service cap"!

Hams Afloat

Add to the news on "Sparks" in August QST: W4AKH is operator on the S.S. *Fairfax*, KGCE. W4UX sails with the S.S. *Magmeric*, KOJS. In the radio shack on the Yacht *Vanda*, WGDS, you will find W4AEM. W1ABF is Sparks aboard the S.S. *Dorothy Bradford*, sailing out of Boston to Cape Cod and vicinity. W1BNC had a pleasant chat with ABF recently and reports the rig on the *Bradford* is a 2-kw. spark, the receiver an SW3! W9BBP is pounding brass on the Steamer *Ishpeming*, KFLI. All amateurs who are ship operators are invited to send in the dope on their activities.

In the 1935 C.M.T.C. Signal Company at Fort George G. Meade, Md., there were fifteen hams! Count 'em: W3DZV EVV EWJ FIF W8KPU NFS LBD IFB KUK KJV KTI LOQ GSH NFV ASW.

Multi-way QSO's are quite popular these days. W2EEG tells of a seven-way one on 56-mc. 'phone recently. It started with W2HPD's CQ, which was answered by five stations. HPD got them all and designated the order in which they should come back. A good evening of rag-chewing followed, during which still another station entered the get-together. The participants were W2HPD GKP IPY IAG EEG GNL and GIT.

A three-way confab was enjoyed on July 13th by W9BFH, 3990 kc.; W9ECF, 1974 kc.; and W9FWY, 1910 kc. W9FWY relayed W9ECF to W9BFH and BFH to W9ECF. W9ECF worked break-in while BFH and FWY worked duplex.

K6BAZ Operator on Schooner Kinkajou

The Dr. Dana Coman Scientific Expedition has sailed from Honolulu on the Schooner *Kinkajou*, WOFV, for the Jarvis, Howland and Baker Islands. Kenneth L. King, K6BAZ, is radio operator with the party, which consists of fourteen. WOFV will operate on 8220 kc. for amateur contacts. Schedules have been arranged with K6GAS, K6KEF, K6BAZ and W5AJO. K6BAZ portable will operate on one of the above-mentioned islands for two months while the expeditioners explore. Watch for WOFV on 8220 kc. and K6BAZ on amateur frequencies. Please report any reception or contacts to A. R. R. L.