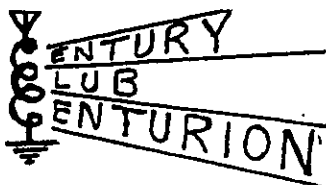


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"CENTURION" FINANCIAL STATEMENT by WD4CQY

As promised in the last issue of the "Centurion", herewith the annual financial statement. This statement is as of the mailing of Vol. IV, No. 3, or 1200 EST, Saturday, March 12, 1983.

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Gross Income ... \$596.00  
 Gross Expenses ... (-) \$465.33  
 Assets Carried Over(+) \$222.72  
 Total Assets \$353.39

Expenses -  
 Printing ... \$187.91  
 Postage ... \$233.40  
 Supplies ... \$44.02  
 Total Expenses \$465.33

Assets -  
 Stamps/Postal Cards on Hand ... \$ 15.39  
 Cash/Checks on Hand ... \$338.00  
 Total Assets \$353.39

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AN APOCRYPHAL STORY by WD4CQY

(My Webster's Dictionary defines "apochryphal" as referring to writings of doubtful authorship. They may not be true, but they ought to be.)

There was this old prospector, who'd been searching for the fabled Lost Dutchman Mine, in New Mexico. He'd hobbled into Marquez, on a crutch, and leading his lame mule.

He headed for the first saloon to wash the alkali dust out of his throat with a cold beer. And, the gent seated next to him, at the bar, related this story:

"I asked the old prospector why he was gimpy". "He said, 'Let me tell ya, son'."

"I've been a-lookin' fer the 'Lost Dutchman' fer four, five years, now. And, thar's been this ol' black bear - a fearsome beast - who's been a-stalkin' me ever' time I go up thar.

"T'other day, I wuz a-lookin' an' he was a-stakin', an' I stepped on a rock wrong, I fell down an' I broke ma' ankle.

"I knew the ol' bear hed seen what'd happened, an' I knew I wuz in trouble. I brung ma' mule up 'hind a rock with me an' I set me down ta see if I cud work ma' way out. The ol' bear hid 'hind another rock, near the mouth of the box canyon we wuz in.

"I wuz runnin' low on water an' I knew the ol' bear wuz a patient beasty. He'd wait 'll I wuz weak with thirst, or jus' plain wore out, then he'd jump me.

"I figured ma' only way out wuz to shoot that bear, but ever' time I put ma' 30-40 Craig to ma' shoulder, he'd duck 'hind the rock.

"Weak an' gittin' feversome, I decided I'd have to do somethin', even if'n it wuz wrong. I saw that the cliff 'crost the canyon wuz about as straight as a barn door, so I decided ta try a one-cushion bank-shot, ta get that ol' bear.

"I estimated the angle of the reflection. I took account of the effect of the wind, the weight of the bullet, the distance to the cliff, the windage of ma' rifle, the time of day, the season of the year, an' four, five other things. Then I picked ma' target on the face of the cliff, an' I aimed (I held ma' breath), I squeezed the trigger, ... AN' I FIRED."

And the other gent asked, "Did you hit the bear?"; And, the old prospector answered, "No, I missed the cliff."

75 METER QSL BUREAU REPORT by KD3O

The following stations have cards and NO SASEs on file, at the Bureau, as of May 7, 1983:

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| KA1DEC | KA1DKV       | K1DUG  | AE1E  | KB1EQ  | WB1GIL | WB1GUS | WB1GWS | KA1GXX | AF1H   | KN1I   |
| KA1IQM | KA1JHC       | KA1JIT | KA1JLL  | N1KK   | WA1SBE | WA1UPB | WA1VKB | KA1WJ  | W1WS   | W1ZLG  |
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| K9ZND  | KC9ZU        | KC9ZV  | VE3FNV  | VE3HR  | VE3HRI | VE3KFO | VE3MMW | VE3NQG | VE3NQR | VE3QG  |
| VE7AHV | VE7FBS       | VE7FCK | ACCURACY IN FILLING OUT YOUR QSLs: Please try to insure that you've copied the C/S correctly. You can see from the list above that there are many C/Ss very near those of active Club members. I won't try to decipher them 'cause (1) I'd probably guess wrong, and, (2) the card would be of no use to the recipient with the wrong C/S on it. Also, any envelopes I receive that are NOT self-addressed and/or are not stamped will be returned. I'll stamp and address ONE OF THEM and enclose the remainder. I just don't have the time to do all of this. AFTER ALL, PEOPLE, THIS IS A HOBBY! |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

(Editor's note: In the Dec., '82 issue, this list had 388 entries, in Mar., '83 there were 408. My count of the above comes to 474. It doesn't take a math-major to realize THIS AIN'T PROGRESS!)

In an upcoming issue, you'll find the ON RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL, PART III editorial. It, along with several editorials in earlier issues, tried to address some of the things that are WRONG with the 3905 Century Club. But, upon reviewing back issues of the "Centurion", I found that neither contributors nor I had given "equal time" to what's RIGHT with the Club. Just as I made this observation, there came a 75 meter net right out of the "Twilight Zone"...

On April 30 (Z), besides several current Club officers including the President, we had FOUR of the organizers of the Club checked in. They were W2FFB, W4NVF, WD4CQY (back then WB5MNQ/4) and WAØQMV. And, with the scheduled NCS being a "no show", Howie, W4NVF, the Club's CHARTER PRESIDENT, "called the net".

After check-ins were taken, and announcements made, Howie gave "number 1 on the list", KAØNQV (one of our newer members), a call. Then, Howie's rig started breaking up.

I picked up the list while Howie was trouble-shooting; but, I had a commitment that wouldn't allow me to stay long. When I had to go, Howie was still breaking up, so Harold, W4NNO, picked up the net.

There have been times not long ago, when the absence of the scheduled Net Control would've resulted in aborting the net. On April 30, however, old "fire horses" and "new-comers", alike, "climbed into the harness".

As I sat here, powering down the rig and running through my mind all that's happened, in both the last SIX YEARS and the LAST NINETY MINUTES, it suddenly became crystal-clear to me: For all its faults and shortcomings, this ol' Club still can engender enough loyalty, in veterans and new-comers, alike, that they are willing to go that "extra mile" to make it work.

With all the many milestones I've seen the Club pass, I can truthfully say that there have been none that impressed me more than this simple "passing of the NCS's baton" that kept the net working! They "gave back their seed."

This incident reminded me of a phrase I used to use often, and, that I'll immediately start using, again: "I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB!"

#### LINES LOST IN THE QRM by WD4CQY

"Without communications, the only thing I can command is my desk." Curtis LeMay, former Commander-in-Chief, the Strategic Air Command, (CinCSAC).

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There were these two tourists in Osceola County, Florida. The lady said to her husband, "How romantic!, they've named a town Kiss-in-meé." The husband said, "No, it's pronounced Kiss-in-mee." They argued for a minute or so, then the husband suggested they check with a native. They stopped at a store, and the husband asked the young lady to speak slowly and tell them exactly where they were. The young lady answered: "Bur-ger-King"! (Danny Treanor, WFTV CH 9, Orlando, FL.)

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by WA2ZYM.

As I write this the May meeting of the Board of Directors is history. While the meeting was short, I think it was a very productive and encouraging meeting.

First of all, and of most interest to members, the Board instituted a change in the WAS-YL award. It now parallels the WAS-State Cap. award in its requirements. I am not sure that this was the way to go, but it is now possible to obtain the award. Under the rules that were in effect, you had to work a YL in all 50 states, before getting the award. I have been on the air, with the Century Club, since 1977, and have never heard a YL check in from Hawaii, Utah or, with one exception, Alaska.

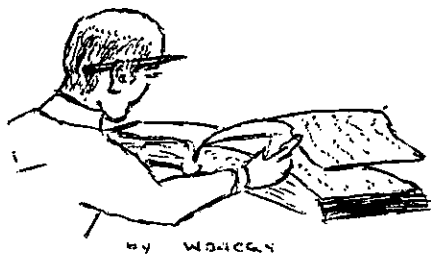
The other action of the Board was to institute a WAS award. The rules and check sheets will be available, after June 1, from W3LQY. As with the other Club awards, all cards earned since the inception of the Club may be used.

The above actions were based on the overwhelming support of them shown by the members who had responded to the questionnaires sent out by the QSL Bureau Managers. I think the most commendable action of the Board was to take no action on a couple of other suggestions for awards, not for lack of merit, but for lack of significant results in the survey. For example, one suggestion showed results of 34% in favor, 24% opposed, 16% no comment and the rest didn't answer. Unlike the first two, this is obviously not a mandate. The Board very wisely met its responsibility and decided to wait. My congratulations to them.

Speaking of responsibility, Webster says it is "the action by a person to meet his obligations to his job, other people, etc." Perhaps some of us should consider this definition, when volunteering for jobs, with any organization. If we volunteer, we should then meet the responsibility of that position. For example, a person who volunteers as an NCS, should be there on the appointed day, and at the appointed hour OR ARRANGE FOR A REPLACEMENT. I think that it is significant that the Century Club is blessed with more than its share of people who are completely responsible. It is time they were recognized. Therefore, my thanks to the following for their continued support of the Club in one form or another - KC4CZ, for over four years one of our most reliable NCSs, and currently 4th Area Director. WD4CQY, author of the Constitution, co-author of the By-Laws, charter member, former 4th Area Director, Public Relations chairman, Historian, NCS, and currently the long-suffering editor, writer, publisher and copyboy of the "Centurion". (ed. note: blush, blush!) VE3KFO, DX Director since day three, Chairman of the Awards Committee and our most reliable non-USA member. W3LQY and WB3AMO, who have spent literally hundreds of hours crunching paper for us as Sec'y-Treas., and Awards Sec'y, respectively.

We also have some POMs who are exceptional. A POM is a Plain Ordinary Member. Some of those who should be thanked for their contributions, in a steady, but unsung fashion, are W2FFB (ed. note: John spent a number of months as the interim 2nd. Call-Area Director.), KB8CL, KB4CN, KC4CY, W7RSK, KBØZZ and many, many more. Lastly, our thanks to a person that has been in on the 75 m. net, lately, a newcomer to many, but a very familiar voice to the rest of us old fuddys: W4NVF, founder, first "dictator", first President and driving force behind the Century Club. Without Howie, the rest of us would never have met. For this alone, he deserves my greatest thanks, since he allowed me to become part of the greatest group of people I have ever met. Thanks, Howie, and welcome back.





A number of things come to mind to talk about this issue, but, perhaps, a word about paperwork is in order. It seems that one of the most often asked questions has to do with the rules, regulations, awards requirements, and so on.

Like any organization, the 3905 Century Club has quite a few documents dealing with its operations. Some are required by law, some are set up to guide the officers in the administration of the club and some are meant to provide needed information to the members. In our case, all of these documents are available from the Club Sec'y., upon request and the sending of a properly addressed SASE. The only one that is not available

is the Corporate Charter, not because it is anything special, it is just too hard to duplicate.

What are some of these documents? Well, let's list them -

1. The Club Constitution.
2. The By-Laws.
3. The Net Control Guide.
4. The "Centurion".
5. List of Certificate Holders.
6. Various awards check sheets.
7. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Club Constitution is the basic document setting forth how the Club will be organized. The Constitution is meant to be broad in scope, so as not to be limiting upon the operations of the Club. It is supplemented by the By-Laws, which are very specific with respect to content. The By-Laws cover the rules and regulations for many of the Club's activities, taking into account most, if not all, of the possible events that might occur.

The Net Control Guide is just that - a guide for use by the Net Control Stations, in the day-to-day operation of the nets. It covers things that the NCS must, and must not, do, and provides guidance to them in efficiently operating the nets. It also provides the NCS with advice as to what should be done under certain circumstances, while leaving the NCS free to do it differently.

The "Centurion" needs no explanation. If you are reading this, then you know what the "Centurion" is - it is the Club newspaper. If you are reading this in some other member's copy, how about subscribing yourself, and helping to support it?

Also available are lists of certificate holders, on both bands, for use in pursuing awards, or just checking up on people. If you want to find out who has 1000 point certificate # 1, on 75 meters, this is the place to look.

Awards check sheets are just that - sheets to use in filing applications for awards. All new members receive certain ones in the original info package. If you are going to work for an award, and don't have the check sheet, then send for it, before starting. It will save you time and trouble, in the long run.

The minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are available to those who want them. Just make sure that the Club Sec'y. has SASEs on file so she can mail them to you. This is a good way to keep abreast of the actions of the Board, and to keep up on their thinking on different aspects of the Club operations.

This pretty well covers the list. While some of these are of no interest to some people, there are certain things that are needed by most everyone. Everyone needs awards check sheets, for example. In some cases, certain items in the list are essential to you. If you are a Net Control Station, you absolutely need the Constitution, By-Laws, NCS Guide and the list of certificate holders.

Now there is a catch to this whole business, and it is quite simple. All the documents in the world will do you no good if, after receiving them, they sit on a shelf and are never used. THEY HAVE TO BE READ! If you have been around the Club for a few months, it should be obvious to you that some NCSs, for example, either do not have a Guide, or have never read it.

The point, here, is that, to be a real part of the Century Club, and to be of most benefit to yourself, and the other members, there are certain documents you should be familiar with. Being conversant with them will make you a real participating member of the Club, and not just a user of its services. SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE: Articles for the September issue should be in my star rte. box NLT Aug. 20.

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FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The following information is excerpted from the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings of the months indicated.

**FEBRUARY:** The results of the January 22nd Presidential Election were certified. Bill, WA2ZYM, was certified the new Club President; and, Bob, KB9QP, was certified the new Club Vice-President.

During the same meeting, the elections of odd-numbered U.S. Call-Area and DX Directors were confirmed. They are 1st - WA1ROI; 3rd - KB3GN; 5th - KA5HFB; 7th - KB7UL \*; 9th - KB9XA; and, DX - VE3KFO.

**MARCH:** The new Board moved to organize itself by electing a Chairman. KC4CZ, KA5HFB and KBØYX were nominated. KC4CZ and KBØYX withdrew themselves from nomination. Letha, KA5HFB, then was elected the new Chairman of the Board of Directors. Bob, KBØYX, the Chairman of the outgoing Board, then passed the gavel to Letha.

The Board also created the position of Federal Communications Commission Liaison Officer, and voted to fill that new position with Bill, WA3ZMY.

**APRIL:** After much, much discussion, the Board voted DOWN a motion which would have established "open-ended" Late Nets on both 40 meters and 75 meters, Mondays through Saturdays.

Several agenda items were declared as having "no action required".

A proposed WAS YL award was referred to the Awards Committee for staffing.

(Concluded on Page 5.)

The response to the questionnaire has been FANTASTIC - approximately 30% RETURN, in the first 3 WEEKS FROM ORIGINAL MAILING, with more coming in all the time. Anyone who said that people didn't CARE about what's happening in the Century Club is just plain nuts - the answers on these questionnaires prove to me that people DO care - and care a LOT - and want the Century Club to keep getting bigger and better.

I'm sure that the officers and everyone connected with the Century Club will use YOUR input in determining the future of the Century Club.

If you have already returned your questionnaire, thank you so much - if you haven't yet returned it, please do so, at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive a questionnaire, you most likely do not have envelopes in at least one of the QSL Bureaus; so if you'd like to have one, let one of the Bureau Managers know and get your SASEs to the Bureau, also.

A very special thanks to the following people who made the questionnaire possible:

To all who furnished input as to what should go on the questionnaire;

To Mark, WB9OQG, for putting the questionnaire on the word processor;

To Byron, WD4OAB, who made the copies for everyone;

To Jim, KD3O, and Byron, WD4OAB, for handling them through the QSL Bureaus - what a super job; and, again, a special thanks to all who filled out the questionnaire - you have really helped the officers of the Century Club by helping draw a plan for where the Century Club will go in the future.

Time is getting shorter and excitement mounting for Eyeball VI, which will, again, be held at Dogpatch, Arkansas, on August 12, 13 and 14 - the second weekend in August.

Dogpatch is located south of Harrison on Highway 7, in the North Central part of the state. This is a very scenic part of the country, with lots of side attractions located nearby; fishing in many lakes, white-water canoeing, Passion Play at Eureka Springs, Silver Dollar City near Branson, Missouri, antique shops, arts and crafts shops, country music centers and lots more. Dogpatch is an amusement park based on the old comic strip, Li'l Abner. We will have tickets available at a group discount rate. These tickets cover all attractions in the park.

The actual Eyeball meeting place will be Rock Candy Mountain Park which is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Dogpatch. The park has very fine camping facilities, with a full range of services. The Century Club has a complete section of the park reserved for our meeting, and the owners and operators of the park have been very helpful with making arrangements and really enjoyed having us there, last year.

Several people have asked me what Eyeball is; let me see if I can explain! First of all, it's a chance to meet and greet the "voices" you hear every night on the net; and to prove, over and over, that voices and faces NEVER match! Many of the people come in early just to have a chance to do lots of fun visiting. The nets will be run from the site, on Saturday night, and there will be a special QSL card made for the Eyeball, with volunteers for that job being taken as of now!

Saturday afternoon will be a business meeting of the officers, followed by a general meeting of all present to ask questions, air complaints and compliments, etc.

Following the meeting, we will have a cookout, with plenty to eat and drink. Despite the fact that it seemed to rain every day, during Eyeball week last year, I STILL maintain that both Boone and Newton Counties are "dry", so be prepared to BYOB!!

There will be a Bingo game Saturday evening, for the non-hams - and hams, too, for that matter. Everyone bring some small item to be used for Bingo prizes. Crafts, etc. make real good prizes; or, just whatever you have on hand. Also, any other items which would make good door prizes would be appreciated.

Most of all, Eyeball is FUN, and I can hardly wait to meet as many of you as possible, there.

If you have any questions regarding motel accommodations, etc., send an SASE to KA5HFB. Also, you may call 1-800-643-8383 (toll free) which is the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, and ask for the Tourism Packet. This will include a booklet and several brochures about Arkansas, some discount coupons on lots of different attractions in the state, and a road map for your convenience. (Despite rumors which have been circulated in the Century Club, there ARE more than one paved road in Arkansas, and you CAN get here from there!)

Hope to see all of you in August!

FROM THE BOARD ROOM (Continued from Page 4.)

There was much discussion of changes to the Officers' Award ("VIP"), with several amendments being offered. Check the latest check sheet for current requirements.

(\* Editor's Note: During the May 14th Board Meeting, Gary, KB7UL, Director for the 7th U.S. Call-Area, tendered his resignation due to increased demands "by business and family". But, please consider this information as unofficial, for now, since the May minutes are not due to reach me, for several more days.)

"CQ" (Reprinted from the RNARS News Letter, Winter, 1982 edition)

They CQ here, they CQ there,  
They CQ every bloomin' where,  
The amateurs are on the air,  
Keen on finding who and where

To this noble cause aspiring,  
Never weary, never tiring;  
They want a QSL sent to their station,  
From every "Ham Shack" in creation.

On through the night, while others sleep,  
Their CQs on the air they heap,  
'Til, at last, the dawn will find them,  
With lots of QSOs behind them.

Now this may be a pleasant way,  
For some to pass the time of day,  
But carried on into the night,  
They're keen - or else their minds ain't right.

This ham is seated at his desk, answering a letter from his insurance company:

"I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block three of the accident report form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of the accident, but you said that I should explain more fully. I trust the following details will be sufficient.

"I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80-foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that, over the course of several trips up the tower, I had brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carrying the tools and unneeded material down by hand, I decided to lower the items in a small barrel by using a pulley, which, fortunately, was attached to the gin-pole, at the top of the tower.

"Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. Then, I went to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure slow descent of the 300 pounds. (You will note in block eleven of the accident report form that I weigh 155 pounds.)

"Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep in the pulley.

"Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope, in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground, knocking the bottom out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you, again, to my weight in block eleven. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

"This encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of tools; fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there, on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me ... I, again, lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope."

(Editor's Note: The author of this story is unknown, however, over my lifetime, I've heard it in three or four different formats - chimney brick mason, electric lineman, etc. - AND IT NEVER CEASES TO BREAK ME UP! Margaret and I hope it'll give you a chuckle.)

QSLING a second editorial by WD4CQY

The "Centurion" receives precious little feed-back from its readers, but the subject of the letters it does receive is, by a large and increasing majority, the failure of the members to QSL, in a timely fashion.

According to the latest amateur census I have, there are over a quarter million U.S. license holders, with operating privileges in the portions of the radio spectrum where the 3905 Century Club conducts its net operations. That indicates to me that there is a possibility for  $\frac{1}{4}$  million different approaches to QSLing - all the way from "I'll QSL direct, with an SASE", to "I don't QSL, under any circumstances". Fortunately, the Century Club has very few of the latter; and, it seems to me, that the non-QSLers soon become identified, and the prudent QNIs soon will quit QSOing them.

But, there is a flip-side to this problem: THE CARELESS MANNER IN WHICH MANY QSLERS QSL!

Take a look at the "SASE Status Report", by the 75 m. QSL Bureau Manager, appearing in this (and the two previous) issue(s) of the "Centurion". There are call-signs on the list that are certainly wrong. Two cases in point: "KA4HFB" obviously was intended for "KA5HFB"; "WD0UBT" must've been meant for "W0UBT". Their two QSLers HAD to be guessing at their call-signs; under these circumstances, your odds of being right are less than those at a horse race!

Most NCSs, after each few QNIs, recap, phonetically, the group just joining the net. But, even if you dutifully copy everything you hear, there are going to be times when QRM or a static crash takes out all or part of a call-sign. In a case where you later want to work that QNI, ask the NCS for his correct call-sign. Tell NCS "the number 31, in Minnesota", or "the 'FBS', in Arkansas", etc. The NCS will diligently make certain that each of the QSOing stations has the other's call-sign copied correctly.

Another "track" on the "flip side" has to do with penmanship. The QSL Bureau Managers are not, as far as I know, handwriting experts. Please, PLEASE WRITE WHAT YOU MEAN, AND WRITE IT SO SOMEONE ELSE WILL KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. Block letters printed with some care will certainly greatly reduce the Managers' problems - they simply don't have time to play the "Jumble" game, with the volume of QSL cards they receive daily.

Finally, there is the consideration of plain, bare-faced carelessness. In the early days of the Bureaus (when the Managers had time to play Sherlock Holmes), I received cards made out to WB4CQY, WD4CQI, W4CQY; AND, WD4CQJ, WD4CQP, etc., etc. Now, my reading is that the first group's mistakes were honestly made by not properly hearing my call-sign (the NCS can help, immensely, with these); the second group, however, must be due to slap-dash log-keeping, with handwriting that even the hand-writer couldn't read, after it got "cold".

It seems to me that if it is sufficiently important to you to "work" me (or any other QNI), it should be equally important to you to understand my (or the other QNI's) call-sign, AND then to write it (or his) equally correctly, on one of your QSL cards, to be sent to the appropriate 3905 Century Club FREE QSL Bureau.

The Constitution and the By-Laws of the Club provide for the cancellation of membership for those found guilty of consistently not QSLing.

MOBILIZATION ORDER: "Everyone will now be mobilized and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa. Married men will take their wives to carry and cook. Those without wives will take any woman without a husband. Women with small babies need not go. The blind, those who cannot walk, or for any reason cannot carry a spear are exempted. Anyone found at home after receiving this order will be hanged." Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, "Lion of Judah", Defender of the Faith, ETC., 1935, on the occasion of the Italian invasion.