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THE Asheville Amateur Radio Club is a comparatively young organization, being less than two years old, but we are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to taking an outstanding place in the amateur world. This club, organized in the fall of 1937, has grown to be one of the most active and successful clubs in the South.

In 1938 the Club sponsored its first Hamfest, a roaring success attended by 237 amateurs, XYLs and SWLs. This year also saw the building of a complete emergency layout, a very compact Phone and CW unit with power supply, antenna and receiver. This completed two of the club's main objectives. This year also saw the affiliation of the Club with the American Radio Relay League.

At the beginning of 1939, the Club published the first issue of its newspaper, *The ARC*, which we feel is of great benefit to the Club and to amateur radio. We can list among our accomplishments this year the building of a portable-mobile transmitter for the Rev. Carroll Stegall, OQ5AE, for use in his missionary work in the Belgian Congo. We have put forth every effort to encourage and instruct beginners and have actively sponsored a campaign to reduce BCL interference and gain the favor of the general public for the amateur.

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ANOTHER YEAR has passed since our record-breaking Hamfest, held in Asheville in July 1938, and I know I speak for all when I say that we are happy to have the opportunity of meeting with the Asheville gang again at this time.

Our North Carolina Floating Club is now seven years old, and it continues to be the most excellent "institution" for the promulgation of those ideas and ideals for which it was originated. The Amateur fraternity in this State and in the Roanoke Division is more firmly established and better prepared than ever before to perpetuate the fine traditions that have grown up around Amateur Radio and the service it renders to the public, and we feel that these Floating Club meetings or State Hamfests have been in a very large measure responsible for this most desirable state of affairs.

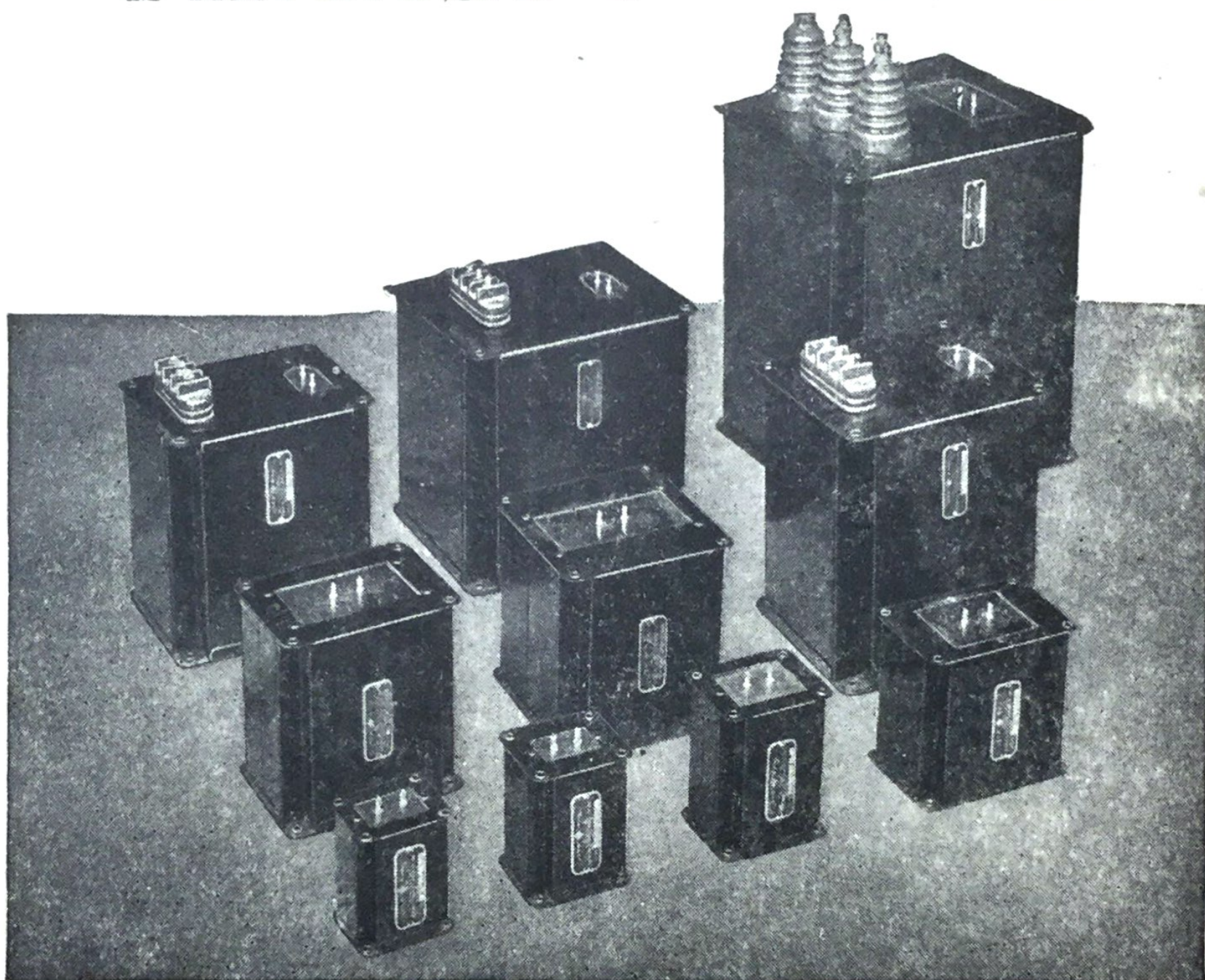
During the past year the membership of the American Radio Relay League in this Division increased 7.84%, while during the calendar year 1938 the total membership of the League showed an increase of only 3.65%, which was the highest national figure ever attained. Such an increase in our Division, more than twice the national average, indicates a healthy state and shows the high esteem in which the American Radio Relay League is held by the Amateur radio operators in the Roanoke Division.

May we ever continue on the upward course pulling together—supporting our League—and we will ever enjoy the greatest of all hobbies, Amateur Radio!

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SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

10:00 A.M. Registration Books open at the
George Vanderbilt Hotel

1:00 P.M. Welcome from the President
W4KI, JOHN K. WHISNANT

Introductions, Etc.

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6:15 P.M. Banquet and Prizes
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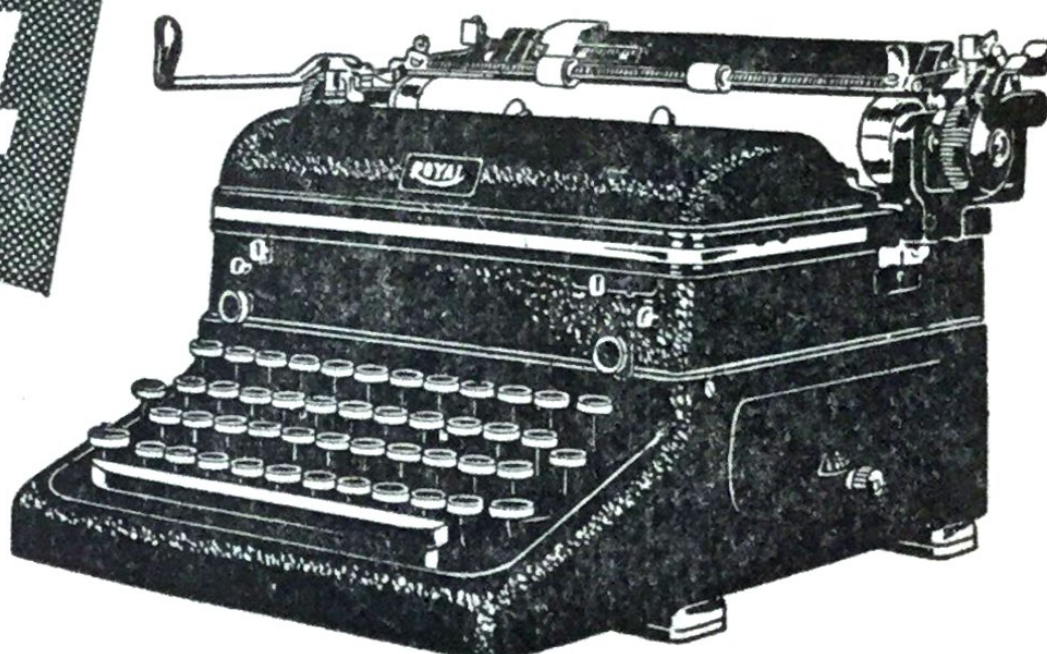
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THE XYL Club of Asheville is a lusty infant of three months. This Club was organized April 19th this year with the paramount aims and purposes of stimulating more interest in the hobbies of their OM and for the purpose of promoting more social contacts among the families of Amateur Radio Operators and also for the purpose of welcoming and entertaining other XYLS and YLS who will attend this and other Hamfests in Asheville.

While a comparatively young organization, the XYL Club has already been active in a number of pursuits tending to promulgate a more cohesive unity of purpose. These XYLS have a splendid program of entertainment planned for your enjoyment.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE XYL CLUB:

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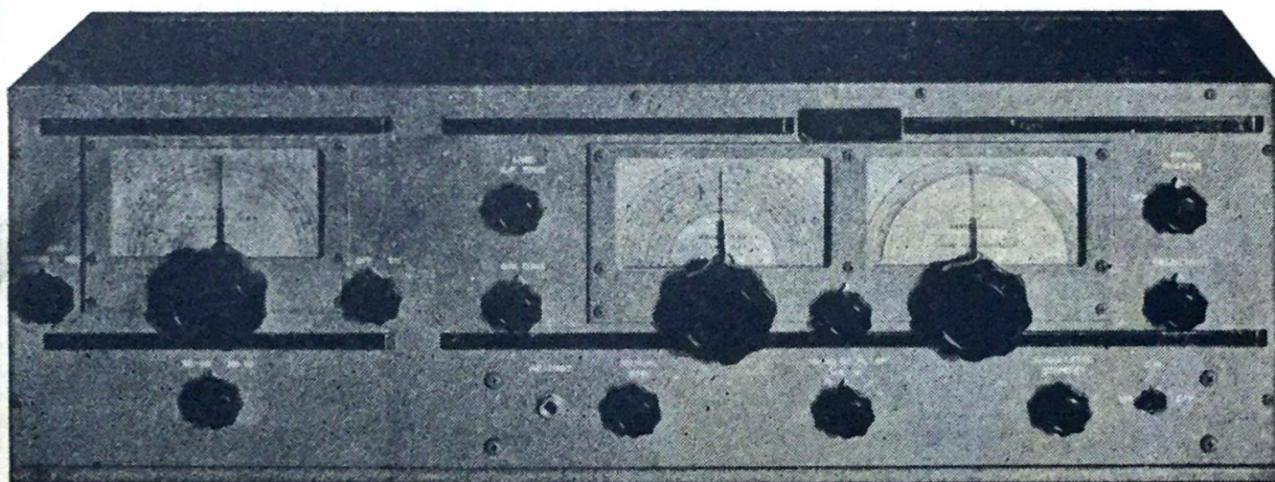
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AT the first 1939 meeting of the Asheville Amateur Radio Club "Doc" Harrison, W4FSE, said to John Whisnant, W4KI, newly elected president of the Club: "John, I have an idea; let's start a club paper" to which John acquiesced. At that moment *The ARC* was born.

From a scrawny infant, first named *The AARC* from the initials of the Club, it has grown from a few copies, mailed to Club members, to a list of 650 with frequent special editions of 1600.

The ARC contains columns of interest to most amateurs; DX Roundup, news of the Asheville Club and other Clubs, word pictures of well known amateurs, letters from Moonshine Mike and Alky Ike, news of the XYs, news of new products and an editorial in which the editor endeavors to favor some constructive idea which will benefit the amateur together with other interesting and readable material. It is the dream of the editor to make *The ARC* self-sustaining by means of enough advertising to achieve that end.

From the outset, *The ARC* has been a great factor in maintaining the morale of the Asheville Club and numerous expressions of praise and commendation have been received from a cross section of Hamdom, other similar clubs and manufacturers of amateur equipment.

The editor, W4FSE, happily and uncomplainingly uses 99 44/100% of his leisure in some activity which is for the betterment of the club and well merits the esteem and regard with which we acclaim him.

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FROM W4IR - AARS BOSS

W4HX v W4IR:

June 15, 1939

Dear Brer Gibbs:

I cussed considerable last night upon bein' awoken from my nightly slumbers of which I gotto have plenty but when I heered your silvery voice on the telephone inviting me at six bits a minute to visit y'all's hamfest I was completely mollified. It ain't everybody that amounts to sumpn like me and gets sought after to go places and bow sweetly and shed sunshine and wag my chin for the Army and maybe save some pore ham from a watery grave. It's nice to be ast but I reckon I'll haf ta stay home and let the Navy gobble y'all up. Come to think of it that ain't such a bad idea on account of I don't no of anybody that needs a good Navy worser'n the Army does. If they'er good enuf maybe us won't hafta fight which would suit me swell as it wore me plum out winnin' that last war.

I got so dang many reasons for not goin' to see y'all that I don't no which one to say first. One of the best ones is that I yam 58 year old goin' on 59 and I feel so flopeared at quittin' time and don't keer to dash hither and yon with reckless abandon which characterized the dim dead days when I was a mere youngun like Harry Robinson and Jim Reid and Bobcat Houston and Bull-o'-the-Woods McCarthy.

I hope ya have a swell Convention and I know ya will. In case ya think enuf of this letter to read it to the gang or hand it around I will add that the AARS is not an Army organization. It is an Amateur organization with Army encouragement. All we're trying to do is to try to get hams to handle ham traffic in gobs so that they will become better telegraphers and be more good to somebody when the draft gets 'em. I hope we may be pardoned for permitting ourselves to hope that they will find their way into the Army when the bullets begin to fly, but if the doggone Navy gets 'em it's still ok as cannon fodder is cannon fodder no matter where you find it.

DIXIE JONES, W4IR,
AARS Boss, 4th CA.
