

LOST KEYS OR MIKES: Can anyone please advise the correct whereabouts of the following members. Their mail is being returned with no forwarding address, their callbooks address apparently is also incorrect: W1PN Robert Willits; W2LKN Jack Heidt; W4RB Rawleigh H. Ralls; W9ARA C.C. Richlieu and W2APJ Irving P. Wolfe. Any information on these members will be appreciated by the secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: For those who wonder how the Organization is progressing, here are some figures as of time of going to press. There have been 1050 membership certificates issued to date, with 23 deaths, 38 resignations with 2 reinstatements, leaving an active membership list of 991. May I again remind all of the members that some of these have not paid dues for 1954/1955, and unless paid up before our October meeting they will be dropped according to our Constitution and By-Laws. Our Treasurer is always happy to receive your money, even in advance, and I'm sure you don't wish to be among the missing of such a grand bunch of Old Timers--so what about it? Another item on membership. We are preparing a new Roster for our Fall meeting and may I again stress the point of advising the Secretary of any new call signs, address changes etc., so that at least at time of going to press this Roster might be correct. PLEASE DO IT NOW, DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S OUT.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES: Our Chicago chapter in cooperation with other Illinois organizations, but mainly through the efforts of QCWA have finally gotten Illinois Senate Bill #52 passed and duly signed by Governor, the Hon. Wm. G. Stratton. Among those witnessing the official signing were W9EU, W9LZ, W9CYD and W9BHT, all QCWA members. Congrats and more power to our Chicago chapter. In the case of New York state, our member, W2AAO Howard Maguire of Albany has done a yeoman job and on his own time and using his own money for circularizing but the present Commissioner of Motor Vehicles apparently does not see eye to eye with us; however Howard and some of the gang are still trying and hope to have them next year. Several other states have been more successful, in fact, believe 31 states and several territories now can sport call signs on their automobile plates. Here's hoping all may do so some day. It takes work and lots of it so why not pitch in and help your respective state?

ORGANIZATION PINS: Our chairman of the Pin committee, W2AMB Fred Huff advises that Pins are still available but due to call letters being different, it takes time from receipt of order until they are actually delivered. Also the company making them up likes to have orders for at least ten or twenty at one time, so please bear with us. The fact that we have several YL's and XYL's now as members, we are getting a Lapel Pin with clasp made up for pinning on to a dress, or at least handier for the Gals. Also some of you "old Goats" may like 'em better; so step right up and order yours from Fred early. Price of both styles are same. \$1.50 with call letters engraved.

ITEMS OF NEWS AND INTEREST: Our hard-working Treasurer, W2PF Dave Talley has been at Camp Gordon, Ga. putting in his yearly military time. You know he's a Bird Colonel in the Signal Corps Reserves--he writes that it was hot down there--well Dave you've had plenty of company, it's been 100 and over right here in little old New York and from the TV and papers Chicago has had it hotter--so!

Most of you fellows around the NY Metropolitan area may have noticed the article in the NY Herald Tribune of July 9th anent the false SOS or MAYDAY emanating from a fishing boat causing a large expenditure by the Government and various agencies of rescue. Of course this article blames HAM Radio men with this headline quote HAMS AND HOAXES--Somewhere a radio ham is presumably chuckling besides his lethal equipment. Unquote. Two days later a small article was printed, weakly retracting the blame of Hams but for the general public the damage has been done. This kind of publicity is bad as is TVI, etc., so it's apparently up to each and every one of us to help combat this kind of stuff. Will you all help, in so doing, you are doing something for which this organization was formed.