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HEADQUARTERS NEWS:

As you may notice from the above heading, your executive secretary has been again persuaded to take over this job of editing and getting out a News Letter, and will endeavor to do so until someone else can be inveigled into the job of doing it. Any one want to volunteer? There will be only two of these News Letters per year, approximately in May and November providing the news and information gets here to make up such Letters.

It has been brought to the attention of Headquarters, that many of our members do not seem to know they all have membership numbers, which are found on their dues cards and on their membership certificates. If you are asked for your QCWA number, that is it. Keep at least one of these handy.

We now have an Awards Program. This is for confirmed QSO's with QCWA Members. K6BX, Clif Evans, one of our members and publisher of the Directory of Certificates and Awards will act as Awards chairman and will administer this program as certificate custodian. The purpose of the program is to direct greater attention to QCWA and its membership world-wide, and give all hamdom the opportunity to meet the Grey Beards.

QCWA awards will be issued in several classes and categories so that regardless of band and mode preferred and regardless of power, one may work towards an achievement award. In the case of numbers of members worked, awards start at 25 and increase up to 1,000 members worked, which is not impossible considering QCWA now has over 2,600 members.

The award certificate is a beautiful three-color job, 11" x 14" with appropriate QCWA insignia and QCWA imprinted Gold seal with ribbons, handsomely printed and worthy of display in any ham shack.

Requirements to obtain the certifi-

cate in addition to working its members, is that QCWA members are required to be identified as such on their QSL cards, so as to facilitate others, working for the award, all members are encouraged to print or otherwise denote "QCWA" on the QSL's. In this connection your Executive Secretary will shortly send along a small supply of QCWA postage stamps, which is an excellent manner to identify yourself as a member. An additional supply of these stamps will become available at a later date and at a very reasonable price, not as yet determined. One sheet of these stamps are enclosed with this copy of the News Letter.

A copy of the complete QCWA awards rules may be obtained from K6BX, Clif Evans, Box 385, Bonita, Calif. These rules also list all members of QCWA (at time of printing) in alphabetical list by calls for quick reference to those working for the awards. Clif would appreciate a S.A.S.E. with the requests. The QCWA membership list is also published in the Directory of Certificates and Awards. Likewise, the Directory News Letter, (published quarterly) will carry pertinent QCWA awards. Again, send to Clif Evans K6BX for flyers, the directory and its many ham services. Clif is bearing the expenses of the entire Awards Program out of handling fees for awards. This program is also available for inclusion in all QCWA chapter QSO parties and members participating in such affairs. In addition to sending contest logs to contest chairman, they may likewise send a separate copy to QCWA Awards custodian, Clif Evans, K6BX, who will honor such lists in the application for applicable QCWA achievement awards issued by the Association. For any special arrangements desired, other than that detailed, K6BX will be glad to cooperate upon direct request. REMEMBER THIS PROGRAM IS BEING DONE THRU K6BX NOT,

repeat NOT at QCWA Headquarters.

It is strongly suggested that all members and especially chapter Secretaries read our Constitution and By-Laws, in the front of the last Roster, as to requirements and exact costs of the various types of memberships. Whenever a NEW applicant applies for membership, he or she MUST also pay the \$3.00 Entry Fee along with that specified for the type of dues payment desired.

Another innovation, is the "Information Sheet", sent to all prospective and newly signed up members, explaining just what QCWA is all about, the various chapters, frequencies where members can be generally heard and other pertinent information. These have done quite a lot to stimulate interest and by listening on frequencies mentioned, some very enjoyable contacts have been made.

ITEMS GLEANED FROM MAIL, AIR CONTRACTS, ETC. AT HEADQUARTERS

In our last News Letter, mention was made of Frank Gunther, W2ALS, who since then has been elevated to President of REL. Congrats, Frank, you sure have earned it.

Tom McCann, K2CM, who has been slaving for Ma Bell, these many years, expects to be a "Professional Loafer" this coming June. There is also a rumor that he will be touring the world with Kurt, W2ZXM (Flying Enterprize) this coming fall, seeing some of the places he has worked. Have fun Tom.

For those who listen on 3999kc evenings, almost anything can and usually does happen. One of the latest ideas is raising Earthworms and the discussion of their habits etc. Anyone interested might contact Dana Griffin, W2AOE, who is the earthworm king of New Jersey. (As a sideline, of course)

Dave Talley, W2PF, made a quick