

INDEPENDENT COUNTY HUNTER'S NEWSLETTER
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Another "Last One"---and with a certain amount of regret I announce the end of my year as your conductor, and with a great deal of pleasure I announce that the letter will be continued by MIKE, K6BEP. Mike tells me that the May letter will be sent to all of the present subscribers, and requests that renewals, at the existing rates (1.50 surface and 2.00 Air) be sent to him at 11605 Cantlay St., North Hollywood, Cal. 91605. I would be remiss if I did not put in a plug for you all to help Mike with news for use in the letter-- no one person can do this job without a lot of help-- I thank you for the help you have given me, and trust that you will do the same for Mike.

I am pleased to announce that WCA #23 was earned by George, W1EQ -- his last one, Wallace, Kansas was delivered by WØGV/m March 21. CONGRATULATIONS! Several others are real close now; Carl, WØKZZ needs Banner and Dawes, Nebr., and Washabaugh, So. Dak. Doc, W5ROP is down to four, but didn't list them. THE TEN MOST WANTED: Miss.; Wilkinson, Perry, Copiah, Winston, Greene, Claiborne, Lawrence, Jefferson, Wayne, Benton. Mo.; Holt, Scotland, Randolph, Howard, Chariton, Grundy, McDonald, Livingston, Polk, Iron, Montana; Granite, Powell, Blaine, Ravalli, Fallon, Madison, Deer Lodge, Carbon, Jefferson, Nebraska; Sheridan, McPherson, Keya Paha, Banner, Thayer, Blaine, Duel, Loup, Jefferson, Nance. Next month, send your needs for New Mexico and New-York to Mike. THE TEN BEST: K7WQJ, K4LSP, W4YWX, WAØJRZ, WA5TJO, W5DAU, WØYLN, W5HDK, K7NHV, WØKZZ. Others mentioned frequently were K5HEG, W9ZHD, W6JHV, K4LFX, WA7EGL, WØSJE, W4EXI, K7ZJP, W8CXS, W7GKN and WØGV. NEWS AND STUFF: Re last month's can we do it better, from Raleigh, W7PXA I couldn't care less about W6KVH's opinion of the County Hunters---he is a crabby individual. From Ed., W2GT "After hearing from a bunch of the county hunters, it appears that W5KVH has been most ungentlemanly when some county hunters have, by chance, landed on 'his' frequency. Our bands are very crowded, and as all the different Military Services have their own frequencies assigned for such phone patches, perhaps they are the lousy hams when they gum up OUR crowded frequencies!" Ed also reports that some of the gang have been cited by FCC for non compliance with Sections 97.87 and 97.63, which relate to station identification, and keeping emissions inside the band. APOLLO 13 due for launch April 11-- WB4ICJ will be active for 10 hours after lift off and they issue Special Apollo award for QSOs. See page 86 of June 1969 CQ for details. Armed Forces Day, May 16--WA9DZL will be active all day on SSB on 10, 15, 20 & 40 meters, and will issue a Certificate of appreciation to all who QSO. QSL to WA9DZL, Wisconsin Air National Guard, 128th Comm. Flt., Gen Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wis. From Bill, K4FSJ has of 3/17 the following have sent in registrations--W1EQ, K2PFC, K4ZA, K8VSL, W9CTA, W9CNG, K9WSL, WAØGZA, WAØLRC, WAØEVO, WØGV, VE3DIO, VE3DXZ, and 4U1TU. WA5AEB (sorry bout that). Since the week-end of the 4th is a big one, I suggest early reservations, even though we have a block of rooms set aside for the convention-- I will have to release any not claimed ones at least six weeks in advance of the convention; so if you want a room at "Headquarters" I suggest reservations be made as soon as possible! Mike, K6BEP says he hopes to make the convention, and requests that all those going send their anticipated routes to him. From Walt, WA6KHN "I am amazed at the influx of new calls being heard on the net lately. Sure seems that County Hunting is here to stay. I am looking forward to meeting many of the fine hams at Knoxville, providing Uncle Sam doesn't send me elsewhere soon." From Don, WAØJRZ "I will have the Cliff Corne Jr. Memorial Award ready to go by April first. The first 50 awards will be reserved for the first 50 USA-CA holders. I am planning a trip into North Central Nebraska in April." From Avis, W8WUT re: 10 most wanted in Mich--I am just a few miles from Cass, and I go through Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee quite often. Now that spring is near, I hope to be mobile soon! From WØGV-- I am going to use the last line to say THANKS A BUNCH to all you great people--you are the greatest!