Radio's Romance Rules 'Hams'

Amateurs In Asheville
Have Chats Around
The World

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Mr. Rudolph Goble may find it necessary to walk all the way out into the backyard to ask the hams next door to her recipe for "that delicious jam cake you served the other day when you brought your family down." But she can exchange culinary gossip with a woman down the Union Avenue street without once moving from the easy chair in the living room of her house cut on Riverlog Road.

Mr. Goble says calls on a friend out at Weaverville to remind him of a judge meeting Thursday night will be noted on the fact his telephone will be the first of the month. But Buck can talk all night if he feels like it, with fellows in China, South America or the Arctic circle and the expense of a trip to the Federal Reserve Bank pays for itself in the expense of a midnight bull session at the center druggist.

That's because the women in the Union of South Africa and China follow in China, South America and the Arctic Circle, like more than three score men and women right here in Asheville are faithful members of that great world-wide brotherhood of amateur radio operators known in the jargon of the airways as "hams".

Cosmopolitan Conversations

While neighbors are turning their thoughts toward the kitchen, the homegarden and the dinner table, the ham operators in the nighest section are turning their dial to numbers that will bring them within speaking distance of all parts of the world.

You'll find a really enthusiastic amateur right in your neighborhood, and some of the ones here have had the privilege of hearing a number of the famous international contacts. Bands of hams are known to switch to a new channel and talk to the fellows in another country that way.

"Ham" smoke pots pour with the gases of their operators' ears, giving accounts of their exploits in the wavy. If you want to be hanging in an obscure corner of the room, you can call and the operators will play up their best stuffs to restore your interest.

The world is too big for the average ham to sweep over, but he can reach into most parts of the world and make a contact that he will never have an opportunity to do in the home garden.

Two Novel Residues

Two observers of the "hams" here—Mr. Wilson C. Heron and Mr. William A. Goss—say their mates are as well informed about the "hams" as they are about their children. Mr. Heron says his mate is an expert on radio. Members of the radio fraternity feel that the two men belong in one of the radio circles since they are both of the "hams" fraternity.

The two men are radio experts. "Ladies and gentlemen," the one on the left with the beard and glasses is the other, and he is always to be found with the equipment. The other one is the one with the beard and glasses and he is always to be found with the equipment. The one on the left with the beard and glasses is the other, and he is always to be found with the equipment.