

A Cog in the wheel of “YLRL” One **Anita C. Bien - W8TAY - W4JCR *1901-1984*** Of Italian heritage (fka) Anita Calcagni with roots in Cleveland, Ohio. She had the distinction being the YLRL first Publicity

Chairperson and eventually president, Nita enjoyed writing and produced several articles about the YL’s published in national magazines. Along with those duties Nita held many positions as President YLRL, Editor, D/C, plus chairperson of the constitution committee.



The notes continued from (CQ YL, a Sando publication) At the time of the article, Nita moved to Gainesville Fla., with a position at the University of Florida. Prior to that she was with WISE TV and radio at Asheville, N.C.

For some time our subject was a recreation director at a V.A. hospital. Plus her war time service included work in the intelligence department and she was training director in Special Services of the U.S. Army. Prior to that she was special assistant and technical writer at a lab with Brush Development Company in Cleveland. An active member in the Cuyahoga Radio Association. Nita who was licensed in 1939 holds code proficiency at 30WPM, also public service certificates. Author noticed she was on the A1 op list too. Her OM is W8SSV - W4JCS Frank.



Following notes obtained from the net. Sept of 1939 YLRL started lists of Lady operators, Anita became publicity chair and dues were 25 cents per year! December of that year YL Harmonics news letter was born. Year 1940 Anita conducts “Ham Chatter” column in “Radio News.” Plus June of 1940 the YL’s of Cleveland unite to form the First official local chapter of YLRL. Then W8TAY 1941 won slogan recognition in a YLRL contest “QRV - I am Ready.” It caught positive publicity for the YLRL from Eleanor Roosevelt who was active in the War Effort.



As President and editor for the YLRL in 1942, Anita Bien W8TAY pushed for the continuation of YL Harmonics to hold the girls together during the War years.

Frank M. Bien (4JCS) expired at Gainesville, Fla in 1966, his wife Anita returned to Cleveland and eventually passed on at St. Vincent Medical Center age 83 in 1984. Both rest at Highland Park Cem. Cleveland, Ohio. -