

The Story of the OCARC

The Beginnings and Our Club in the Community

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Overview of the OCARC Chronology

Beginning 1: The Radio Shops

- September 1932: Harry A. Moore licensed W6FUU.
- 1933: “Moore Bros” radio repair shop opens and Harry Moore co-owner of “Radio Den.”
- August 1933: Moore Bros’ display in window of Montgomery Ward.
- Thursday, November 16th, 1933: First OCARC Meeting
- March 15th, 1934: OCARC is ARRL affiliate.
- May 1934: The Moore Bros and Radio Den in business.
- September 1934: Earl K. Moore is licensed W6IGO.
- 1935: Earl Moore moves to L.A.?
- April 1935: Moore Bros and Radio Den are closed.

Ending 1: Disbanded

Pre-War Club:

Beginning 2:

- January 15th, 1936: Meeting, Norol Evans W6LYM, elected president.

Activity:

- 1936-1937: The Santa Ana Floods
- 1938: The L.A. and Orange County Flood

Ending 2: Suspended

- 1942: Suspended for World War II

Post-War Club:

Beginning 3:

- 1945: Roy Maxson elected president.
- July 17-23rd, 1953: Third National Jamboree

Ending 3: Activities Slow

The Two Clubs, Beginning 4: “The Dog Patch”

- November 27th, 1953: “Orange County Radio Club” first record.

Beginning 5:

- October 22nd, 1958: Ken Kessel W6BVI, president.

The W6ZE Club, Ending 4: Relicensing

- February 9th, 1959: The Orange County Radio Club ends, and
- The Orange County Amateur Radio Club is granted “W6ZE,”
- Spring 1959: Last record of “The Orange County Radio Club”
- August 4th, 1960: The OCARC is incorporated.
- March 1st, 1965: Orange Section forms
- Sunday, March 3rd, 1968: Heart Fund Drive.
- 1980: Red Cross O’Neill Park fire operations.
- 1981: “Explorer Post,” for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- 1985: Health and welfare traffic after the Mexico City 8.2 magnitude earthquake.
- September 9th, 1987, 6:00pm: Santiago Canyon Fire
- 1992: Earthquakes
 - April 22nd, 1992: A 6.1 magnitude earthquake
 - June 28th, 1992: Landers 7.4 and Big Bear 6+ magnitude earthquakes
- October 1997: The Orange Fire.

Rather than covering Field Day and other ARRL/OCARC activities, this presentation will be focusing on the beginnings of the OCARC, and its service to the community. New discoveries will be underlined.

Be forewarned, it's going to be a bumpy ride...

There were many beginnings,
and some less-defined
endings...

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Beginning 1: The Radio Shops

One question that comes to mind is...

- How is the start of the Moore brothers' radio shop connected with the start of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club in the Winter to Spring of 1933?
- Our club history goes beyond the name. It is a continuity of members, officers, and eyewitnesses back to 1933, with Earl K. Moore W6IGO, as our first president. The opening of the "Moore Bros" radio repair shop (by Earl K. and Harry A. Moore) at 206 W. 1st St., from January 1933 or later, to their closing by April 1935, sets their location in Santa Ana at this time.
- There are also signposts.
- There is an account by an employee (Eleanor Walden) of Montgomery Ward of the club display of an amateur radio station in the store window which opens in August 1933, on the corner of Fourth and Main, in Santa Ana. So the OCARC must have begun between January and August of 1933.
- According to the ARRL, The Orange County Amateur Radio Club becomes an affiliate on March 15th, 1934, while the Moore Bros. radio shop is in business.

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HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS, THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

Montgomery Ward 1934

102 E Fourth Street, Santa Ana, CA

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Twenty charter members were enrolled at the organization meeting. It was decided to hold future meetings in the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A. building. Other radio operators and amateurs in the county will be invited to join the new group, as well as anyone interested in radio work.

Members of the club voted to join the A.A.R.L. and the Federation of Radio Clubs of Southern California, becoming a part of the two organizations.

• November 25th, 1922:
Radio Den is open in
Grand Central Market,
Santa Ana.

• Between June 1931
and September 1932:
Harry A. Moore is
first licensed W6FUU.

• Thursday, November 16th, 1933:
First OCARC Meeting, with Earl K. Moore
W6IGO as president, and Tom Jentges
W6BXI as secretary. The twenty charter
members voted to join the A.R.R.L. and the
Federation of Radio Clubs of Southern
California. (Santa Ana Register, Sat, Nov
18th, 1933.)

• May 1934:
The "Moore Bros" radio repair shop is
recorded in business.

• September 1934:
Earl K. Moore is licensed W6IGO by this time.

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Another question that arises is...

- Were we named “The Orange County Amateur Radio Club” from the start?
- According to the ARRL records and the Santa Ana Register, yes.

However, in the days of the Civil Defense, from Fall 1954 to Spring 1959 the title in the Radio Amateur Callbook is “The Orange County Radio Club.” More on this later.

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ARRL Clubs - ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/orange-county-amateur-radio-club/type:club

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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Basic Information

Call Sign: W6ZE

Annual Report: Aug 11th 2015

Meeting Time: 3rd Friday Monthly at 7:00 PM

Meeting Place: Red Cross Building, 600 Parkcenter Dr., Santa Ana, CA

Section: ORG

Affiliation Date: Mar 15th 1934

Specialties: Contest, Digital Modes, DX, General Interest, Public Service/Emergency, VHF/UHF

Services Offered: Club Newsletter, Mentor, On-The-Air Bulletins

Links: <http://www.w6ze.org>

Contact Information

Club Name: ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Call Sign: W6ZE

Contact: Robert W. Eckweiler AF6C

Daytime Phone: (714) 639-5074

Evening Phone: (714) 639-5074

Email: ocarc_info@w6ze.org

Club Statistics

Club Members: 113

Voting Members: 113

Voting Licensed Amateur Members: 113

Voting ARRL Members: 80

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/orange-county-amateur-radio-club/type:club>

Image Courtesy The Santa Ana Library History Room

- **The Founders**
- **Harry A. Moore W6FUU was licensed some time between June 1931 and September 1932, about two years before Earl.**
However, it was Earl who became president of the OCARC. Were there hard feelings between Harry and Earl, or was Earl reaching out to Harry, who at the time, partnered with Edward Knapp to run “Radio Den,” a well-established radio store in Santa Ana?

Radio Amateur Callbook
 (Archive.org)

•**Earl K. Moore W6IGO/W7JZQ/W5SKU**
 -1997:
W7JZQ Earl K Moore Silent Key
 -Winter 1988 to 1996:
Earl K. Moore.
W7JZQ General class.
10401 Cave Crk Rd-#243.
Phoenix, AZ 85020
 -Winter 1987:
Earl K Moore
W6JZQ General class
301 Carnes Valley.
Comanche TX 76442
 -Winter 1976 to Winter 1986:
Earl K. Moore.
W7JZQ General class.
10401 Cave Crk Rd-#243.
Phoenix, AZ 85020
 -Winter 1968 to Winter 1975:
Earl K Moore
W7JZQ General class.
5331 E Pinchot.
Phoenix, AZ 85018

-Winter 1968 No W5SKU
 -Fall 1957 to Summer 1968:
Earl K. Moore
W5SKU
5864 Louisville
New Orleans 24 LA
 -Fall 1952 to Spring 1956:
Earl K. Moore
W5SKU
205 North Broad.
New Orleans, LA
 -Spring 1951:
“5” No Earl Moore
 -Fall 1947 to Spring 1951:
W7JZQ Earl K. Moore
401 W. Jackson.
Phoenix, AZ
 -Summer 1946 to Fall 1947:
“6” no Earl Moore
“7” W7JZQ E. K. Moore
401 W. Jackson.
Phoenix, AZ

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-WWII

-Spring 1940 to Winter 1941:
11537 Pope Av.,
Lynwood, Calif.
(just west of Downey)
 -Winter 1938 to Spring 1939:
703 N. Av 54.
Los Angeles, Calif.
 -Fall 1937:
426 Main St.
Huntington Beach, Calif.
(Stn at 312 Jackson.
Midway City)
 -Spring 1936:
6716 Cerritos.
Long Beach, Calif.
 -Spring 1935:
162 Savona Wk.,
Long Beach, Calif.
 -Fall 1934:
146 Siena Drive.
Long Beach, Calif.

- Ending 1: The OCARC is Disbanded.
- The Founders Continued
- The witness account states, “...Earl Moore moved to L.A., leaving Harry to run the business.”
- However, according to the Radio Amateur Callbook, Earl doesn't move to L.A. until fall 1937, at the earliest (granted, there is a sizable delay). This is more than two years after “Moore Bros” and “Radio Den” go out of business. Since Harry co-owns the two businesses, did something happen to make him lose both, or did he simply choose to get out of the radio retail business in Santa Ana?
- By January 30, 1933, there are two radio repair shops, and eight radio stores in Santa Ana alone.
- So the Moore Brothers' shops had a lot of competition in the community, even before they open, and by April of 1935, Moore Bros and Radio Den are closed.

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-1993:

_____ W7JWI Harry A Moore Silent Key

-Winter 1988 to 1992:

_____ W7JWI General class

_____ Harry A Moore

_____ HC 75 Box 3727

_____ Camp Verde, AZ 86322

-Winter 1983 to Winter 1987:

_____ W7JWI General class

_____ Harry A Moore

_____ Box 2022

_____ Camp Verde, AZ 86322

-Winter 1975 to Winter 1982:

_____ W7JWI Harry A. Moore

_____ General class.

_____ 813 E Cheryl Dr. Box 9716.

_____ Phoenix AZ, 85068

-Fall 1967 to Winter 1974:

_____ W7JWI General class

_____ Harry A. Moore

_____ 4142 N. 18th St.

_____ Phoenix, AZ 85016

-Fall 1962 to Spring 1966:

_____ Harry A. Moore

_____ W7JWI

_____ P.O. Box 7245

_____ Phoenix 11, Ariz.

-Fall 1952 to Spring 1961:

_____ W7JWI Harry A. Moore

_____ 4142 No. 18th St..

_____ Phoenix

-Fall 1947 to Spring 1951:

Fall 1947: “6” no Harry Moore

_____ “7” W7JWI H. A. Moore

_____ 4041 N. 18th St.

_____ Phoenix, AZ

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-Fall 1940 to Fall 1946::

_____ W6FUU

_____ 838 E. 77 St..

_____ Los Angeles, Calif.

-Fall 1932 to Spring 1940:

_____ W6FUU

_____ 3403 Arroyo Seco Av..

_____ Los Angeles, Calif.

- Other radio shops had difficulty, too. Foster-Barker on Fourth Street closes before Moore Bros, by May of 1934, after eight years in business. In that year, three radio repair shops open in Santa Ana, Howard W K, Moreland Bernard, and Moore Bros. The number of radio stores remains at eight, with four closing, and four opening.
- By April 1935, Moore Bros and Radio Den are closed, there are five radio service and repair shops, and nine radio stores in Santa Ana, four more than in 1932. Clearly, radio was becoming very popular at the time.
- By the fall of 1947, both Earl and Harry Moore are living in Phoenix, Arizona.

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By left edge: "RADIO" Sign: Foster-Barker Music Co.



309 W 4th, Santa Ana

Orange County Amateur Radio Club

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club was organized in Jan. 15, 1936 with a handful of amateurs. The club has steadily grown until now it is one of the outstanding groups in Southern California with a membership of fifty, thirty-one of which are active. Active membership is confined to those amateurs living in Orange County, but any ham may belong. A recent survey including nineteen stations in the club disclosed that we have a total of 3046 watts of power or an average of 160 watts per station. Out of this group three were 160 weter, eight were 80 meter, fifteen were 40 meter, fourteen were 20 meter and ten were 10 meter. Most of the stations were capable of going on several or all of the bands at will. This is a pretty fair representation in the amateur spectrum. The CW men were about three to one in numbers against the fone men, a fact that proved CW men are better base ball players than fone men at our picnic last year. We have members actively engaged in all phases of amateur activity including traffic men, experimentors, and DX hounds. Speaking of the latter our club seems to be winning the reputation of being very DX minded group. Your reporter is very sorry but this edition will not include a full survey of the DX situation due to the short time available for the composition of this data, but he promises to get the works by next issue. The club meets every two weeks in the YMCA building in Santa Ana, the last meeting being held the twenty sixth of April. A cordial invitation is extended to all those that can get around to one of our FB meetings, and we are pretty sure you will go home full of groceries, inspirations, and an exalted feeling of good will toward fellow ham. The meetings usually start around eight P. M., remarks by NSA to the contrary not with standing.

Club Gossip, Highlight, and Personalities

Our president, Noral Evans, W6LYM has just plunged and procured a couple of the new Gamatrons that has the grid trickling out of the side of the bottle instead of the base as the old 354 used to have. He is very enthusiastic about them and has nothing but praise to offer for the excellent way in which these babys can take it. He, on the other hand, has his ups and downs. It seems that when you drag one of these California Kilowatts out of the power line something has to give and what it gave him was an abundance of good old 50 cycle Qrm in his HRO. Woe is me. The last electric storm that we experienced down this way took a nose dive down one of his Vee beams and tried to make its getaway through the side of his shack, with the consequence that he now has a new black charred effect on the wall about two feet square.

Our Secretary, Roy Compston, W6IBN proves himself to be a very highly deversified personality by the following contribution. His inspiration comes out of one of the least thought of spots that exists in every ham shack.

It is rumored that LXM has taken his second class fone commercial examination and is now waiting to see how he made out. Another good man gone wrong. Plans joining the BCL servers.

Nobody can ever accuse JMA of not being a kind hearted lover of nature. It seems as though a bird has built a nest in his five meter feed line and is very buisy raising a family. So, JMA has not been on five meters for a long time and now spends his time looking through the window at that last egg which hasn't hatched yet. Incidentally if you want to see how a 913 scope should be built up and you should drop in on him and take a look at the excellent job he has done. At the present time The scope is on display in a radio exhibit at the high school where he teaches.

There has apparently been a rush on 35T tubes lately. JMA, MQF, CIG, LPK, BVX, and LQX all have this tube in use or building up around it.

BAM had his station photo printed in a 1933 Argentine magazine called "Revista Telegrafica." And, speaking of pictures, if you want to see a swell collection of station photos from all over the world, you should see BAM's album. It contains over fifty pictures, dating back as far as 1927.

Who has got the oldest unmoved antenna mast? BAM claims that his has not been down for twelve years!

BVX has his station located on the top floor right under a hugh water tank. When it rains his tubes are water cooled, he says. He has a BCL receiver on the operating table and listens to music with one ear while he listens to R9's from Europe in the other.

LDJ, LHN, LVB, MNV, and INV are inseperable and their shacks are eternally being shadowed by weird new sky wires. We wonder where they get their inspirations for all those experimental antennas.

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- Around 1935:

Earl K. Moore moves to L.A.?

- April 1935:

Moore Bros radio repair shop and Radio Den are closed by this date.

Pre-War Club, Beginning 2:

- January 15th, 1936:

-RF Nov 1974: reprint of Amateur Radio News May 1937:

"The Orange County Amateur Radio Club was organized in Jan. 15, 1936 with a handful of amateurs. The club has steadily grown..."

-Norol* Evans W6LYM, elected President.

The meeting is on this date, at Norol's home on N. Hewes**.

SANTA ANA HAMS GROUP PRAISED IN U. S. RECORDS

With national attention focused on the service rendered by radio amateurs in the flood emergency, records of the Federal Communications Commission today showed Santa Ana has 30 licensed amateur radio stations.

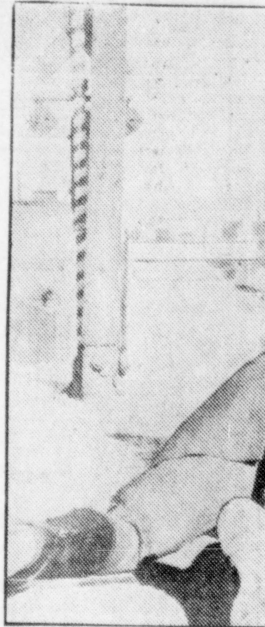
In each case, the owner of the station is himself a licensed amateur operator.

Often called "the last back-log of communications," the radio amateurs form an unusual group. Each station costs hundreds of dollars, on the average, and long hours of study and practice lie back of each operator's license. Yet any amateur will handle, for nothing, messages which would cost a day's pay on a commercial basis; he is prohibited from making any charge for services rendered.

Here is a list of the Santa Ana amateur radio stations, listed by call letters (exclusive of very recently granted licenses.):

W6ALO, Tom Jentges, 821 N. Olive St.; W6AVR, Cecil F. Yates, R. 1, Box 303; W6BAM, Shelley Trotter, R. 1, Box 490; W6BVX, John O. Trotter, R. 1, Box 490; W6CIG, Burton O. Baird, 316 W. Santa Clara St.; W6CNK, E. W. Heffner, 715 Lacy St.; W6DC, John W. Haneock, 831 S. Main; W6EEK, Rodney Engel, 912 E. Santa Clara Ave.; W6FXY, Lieut. Leonard E. Echois, Hdq. Co., 3rd. Bn. 185th Inf. C. N. G.; W6FCT, A. R. Van Compennolle, 618-A N. Baker St.; W6HAA, Harold B. Smith, 1201 S. Flower St.; W6HDF, R. P. McCaughey, 925 S. Garnsey St.; W6IBN, Roy A. Cumpston, 1406 S. Garnsey; W6IMH, Norman H. Caldwell, 1315 Louise St.; W6INV, Charles G. Blanchard, 1108 French St.; W6JMA, C. N. Hicks, 1119 N. Lowell St.; W6JQB, Albert F. Hill, Jr., 826 E. Sixth St.; W6JZD, R. M. Kanegae, R. 4, Box 356; W6KQD, Donald D. Randall, 915 E. Washington St.; W6LBU, Ray R. Yakura, RFD 5; W6LDJ, Thompson McNeal, 1074 W. Fifth St.; W6LHN, Tom Hudspeth, 910 S. Birch St.; W6LNE, Gordon R.

Guards Train



These two young gunners of in Flint and waited for one hostilities. Steel hats and side rounding

Mills, 1115 W. Chestnut St.; W6LQX, John R. Schick, 1524 W. Sixth St.; W6LSV, Leonard G. D. Thompson, 514 E. Washington St.; W6LVB, Kenneth H. Langenbeck, 1306 S. Van Ness; W6MNP, Cecil V. Hamilton, 1049 W. Camille; W6MNV, Robert E. Horseman, 2009 Greenleaf; W6MQF, Earle F. Kent, 1106 S. Ross St.; W6MQL, W. K. Howard, 912 N. Main St.; W6QG, Raymond H. Bloomer, 1117 W. Third st.

In the United States as a whole, 47,500 amateur radio stations are licensed. Of these, approximately 5,900 are in California, according to the communications commission.

Government scientists place little faith in the report that radioactive ore near the Burbank airport in California, deflects radio beams and thus throws pilots from their course.

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Santa Ana Hams numbering 30 are praised nationally for their service in the 1936-1937 floods. Each ham radio operator was commended by name.

(Santa Ana Register, Wednesday, February 10th, 1937.)

DEATH TOLL MOUNTS AS SANTA ANA RIVER RIPS WILD; 22

SANTA ANA ISOLATED BY FLOOD WATER

Flood waters that have not only swept bridges to wreckage and power lines to fall left Santa Ana and the towns isolated from the rest of the world. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

Word from outside communities was received by radio broadcasts. Telephone communication was established for a time with San Diego this morning but ended when the line was cut.

The worst flood in the history of Orange County has been the Santa Ana river which has inundated the entire district, including San Anselmo, California and Alhambra.

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Furious River Over-Flow Rips S. P. Tracks and Road Bed
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8-FOOT WALL OF WATER SWEEPS MEXICAN SETTLEMENT AT ATWOOD AS RAGING RIVER BREAKS BANKS

Major floods were reported today from the Santa Ana river which has inundated the entire district, including San Anselmo, California and Alhambra.

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FIVE BRIDGES HIT BY FLOODS

Highway and railroad bridges of Santa Ana river have been hit by floods. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

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Deputies Escape Death As Flood Swamps Truck Load Of Rowboats

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EXPLOSION WRECKS GAS LINE TO S. D.

Explosion wrecks gas line to S. D. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

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LATE BULLETINS

Los Angeles was isolated last night by the flood waters which had cut off all railroad, highway and air transportation to the city.

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SCORE DROWNED OR BURIED AS S. A. RIVER JUMPS BANK

Score drowned or buried as S. A. river jumps bank. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

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SOUTHLAND'S WORST STORM BRINGS DEATH, DESTRUCTION

Southland's worst storm brings death, destruction. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

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GWYNNE'S SELECTIONS

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Santa Ana Race Results

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SANTIAGO DAM IS DESCRIBED AS SAFE

Santiago dam is described as safe. The water was so high that it was over the hills and across the ridges.

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February 20th-Mar 1938: Orange County's most damaging and tragic flood came in March 1938. A hint of the possible disaster came on March 1, when weather gauges showed that 1.36 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Flood waters were expected in the Santa Ana and San Gabriel Rivers as a result of a downpour in the mountains. ...

BULLETIN

The body of a young white girl, discovered in a ditch at North and Citrus streets, Anaheim, this afternoon, was to be removed as soon as officials could reach it. It was the third victim to be discovered in Anaheim.

Six persons, one an expectant mother, were being treated at Anaheim sanitarium today for shock and exposure. The expectant mother, Mrs. J. R. Underwood of Whittier, spent most of last night huddled on a rooftop.

According to reports submitted to sheriff's officers late today, approximately 22 persons were known to be dead, victims of the flood, and 60 other persons missing from their Atwood and La Jolla colony homes. Coroner Earl Abbey was in charge of 10 bodies recovered this morning.

Bodies of eight persons whose names have not been learned, were discovered at Atwood, where 25 others were missing, according to Constable William Stillman of Fullerton. Three of the bodies were those of Mexicans and three, those of Americans. One more dead body, that of a young girl, was recovered this morning, was taken from the debris of La Jolla colony home today. There are reports of a young girl, who was taken from the debris of La Jolla colony home today. There are reports of a young girl, who was taken from the debris of La Jolla colony home today.

Centering its search of horror in the Atwood, South Fullerton and North Anaheim districts, where an eight-foot wall of water rolled over Mexican settlements and residential areas without warning at 2 a. m., a flood that overpowered the 1918 disaster today had claimed at least 200 lives, with prospect that the death toll may reach 400.

Four bodies have been recovered at Atwood, one at Fullerton and one at Anaheim, while three others are missing at Atwood and three at Fullerton. Estimates of the missing at Anaheim run as high as 25. No trace has yet been found of S. M. Bergquist and Charles E. Parks, who were washed into the boiling torrent of Ona creek, near the Galvan railway crossing, when a bridge broke on which they were standing collapsed into the creek.

The bodies recovered were: Terry Virginia, 37; Ruby Norvick, 9; her sister, age 2; and T. Cassa, 12-year-old girl, who was in the Atwood store. A man named Mrs. M. M. M. and her small son were missing at Atwood.

Child Drowned
 The body of an American child, six months of age, drowned in the area south of the Santa Fe tracks, which also was in the path of the Atwood flood. An unidentified man and his two children, aged 4 and 2, Americans, were missing in the same area.

The body of Antonia Hurtado, 12-year-old girl, was taken from debris in the Mexican settlement north of Anaheim this morning, and some estimated that as many as 25 more bodies, mostly children, may still be there. Rescuers report approximately 75 Mexicans from the settlement when the flood came early, but many refused to leave their homes and are believed to have perished.

Atwood Flood Came From a break in the Santa Ana river at North, San Bernado, Florida, after the wall of water racing at the town and drove his car through the desert. His scream warning. As described by Mrs. Jose Montoya of Van Buren street, the flood was upon them from the residents could drown.

Other in a score of wild terror as the trapped people tried to flee. The church was washed two blocks in the path of the flood and came to rest with one edge upon an automobile. Orange trees were uprooted and scattered, taking further toll of life. From there it spread out over the town and south up the river.

Bridge Remained
 Sheriff Louis Johnston today revealed the mystery of the bridge, which was reported to have been destroyed. The bridge was reported to have been destroyed. The bridge was reported to have been destroyed.

White and Beverly
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RESIDENTS OF COUNTY DIG OUT, AS FLOOD TOLL REACHES 58

Red Cross To Aid Victims Of Disaster

RAISE FUNDS FOR COUNTY RELIEF WORK

Appeal for building and clothing for flood victims in the county was made today by the Orange County Red Cross for a survey by Mrs. Laura R. Warren, executive assistant secretary in charge. The appeal is urged to take all articles of clothing and shoes for the war for that section.

Possibility Of New Flood Threat Seen

LOS ANGELES AND VICINITY—Forecasting conditions for tonight and Sunday being unsettled Sunday, several heavy showers are expected, possibly a heavy rain, according to the weather bureau.



This photo taken by Earl DeGroot of Fullerton was taken today yesterday afternoon and shows the damage done by the flood water in the area of Buena and Los Angeles streets. The park recently was left almost blank with water and it is estimated that an equal amount will have to be spent to get it back to normal.

LOOTERS RAID HOMES OF STORM BATTERED REFUGEES IN ANAHEIM, ATWOOD AREAS

Northern Orange county started yesterday to dig out from under a sea of mud that smashed into homes and business houses Thursday morning when the worst flood in the county's history struck, taking a toll of more than 50 lives and damaging property to the extent of millions of dollars.

FEAR EPIDEMIC IN FLOOD AREA

LOS ANGELES, March 5.—(AP)—The flood of water which inundated the Los Angeles valley in mid-afternoon yesterday, has caused a panic in the Southern California flood area.

EXTRA SESSION STARTS MONDAY

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 5.—(AP)—The California legislature today adjourned to reconvene Monday for an extra session to deal with the emergency relief bill.

Tragedy of Flood

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Old Timer Recalls Flood Of '84; Rained 32 Inches

BY TEDDY WEST
The flood to stop all floods in Orange county was the Big Wash of 1884.



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FLOOD DELAYS MEET OF WORLD WAR VETS

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PLAN SERVICES FOR ROBERT P. SCRIPPS

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SEEK SOLUTION IN FARM LABOR STRIFE

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Santa Anita Race Results

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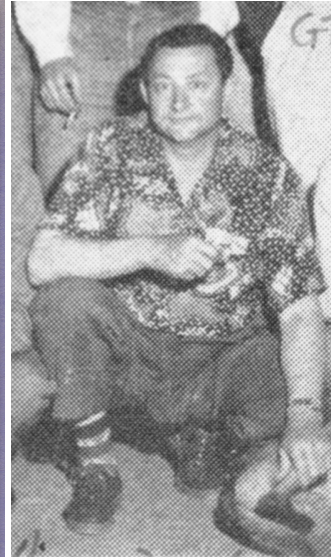
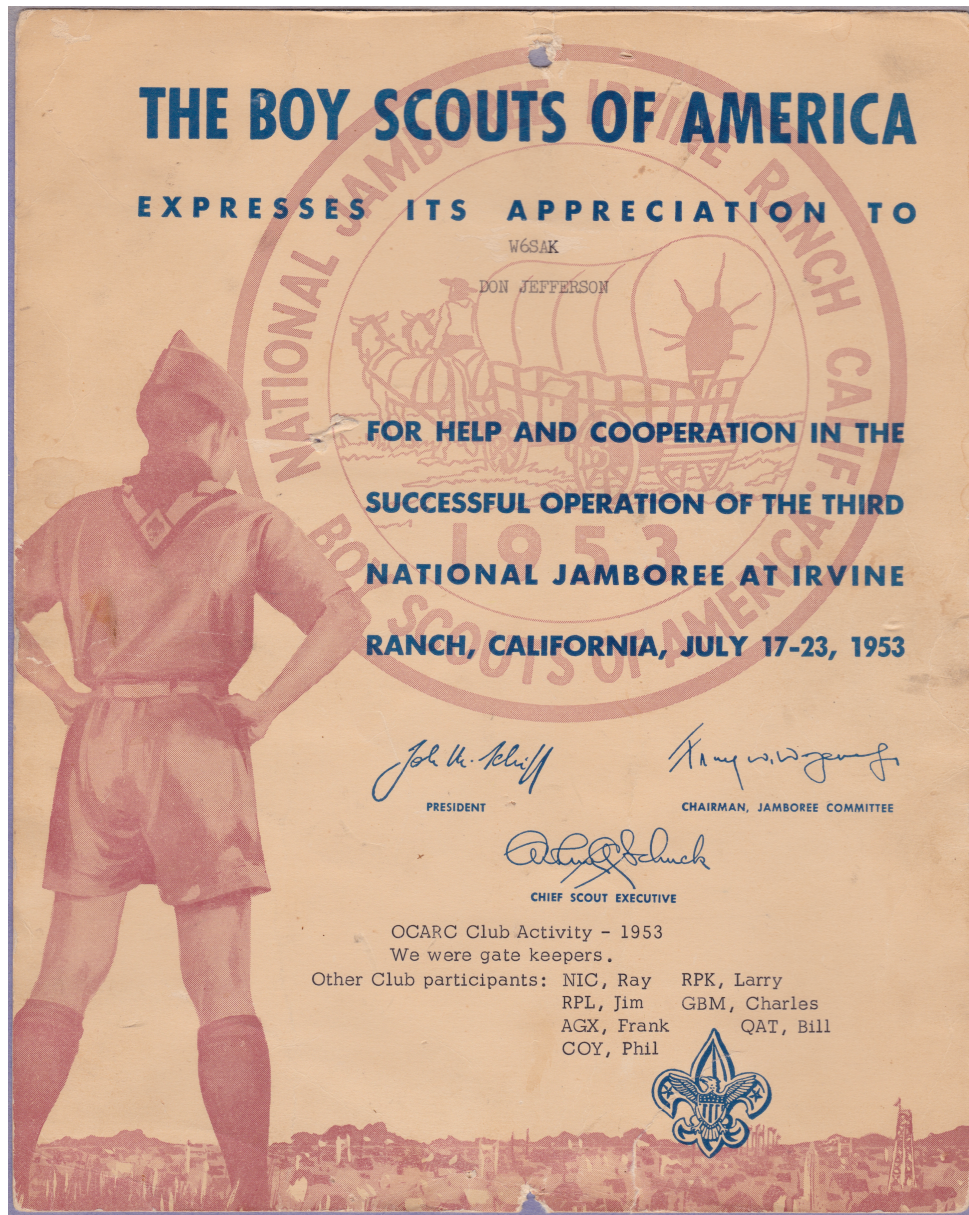
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A series of heavy rainstorms in the coastal area, extending from San Diego on the south to San Luis Obispo on the north and inland to parts of the Mojave desert, produced extreme floods. These floods, which appear to have been the greatest within the last 70 years, left 119 people dead and 2,000 homeless. It flowed as fast as 100,000 cubic feet per second, and caused damage estimated at \$78,602,000.

The OCARC provides the only means of communication during the disaster. The OCARC operates in cooperation with the Naval Reserve.



Roy R. Maxson W6DEY

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- 1942: World War II

Post-War Club, Beginning 3:

- 1945:
Roy Maxson W6DEY is elected president.

- July 17-23rd, 1953:
OCARC are gate keepers for the **Third National Jamboree** at Irvine Ranch, CA.

Ending 3: 1953, Activities Slow

Discovery of "The Orange County Radio Club"

On Saturday, May 5th, 2018, I found a link to the OCARC History in the Radio Amateur Callbook (as on archive.org):

- From Fall 1954 to Spring 1959, the following is listed:
- Orange County Radio Club, K6DKF, 12502 "Placincia," Orange.

The following document in the Archives links the Orange County Radio Club to the Orange County Amateur Radio Club:

- OCARC Timeline record:
Within: Binder Large white
Type of Event: Misc
Date Begin: Feb 9, 1959
Date End: Feb 10, 1963
Description: License: W6ZE formerly K6DKF
Location: Trustee: Roy W. Morriss
207 Oak Street, Santa Ana, CA

- OCARC Archives record:
Item Type: Document
Description: License: W6ZE formerly K6DKF;
Trustee: Roy W. Morriss
207 Oak Street, Santa Ana, CA
Within: Binder Large white
Item Date: Feb 9, 1959
Date Corey Took Possession: Apr 25, 2016
(Scan of Club License)

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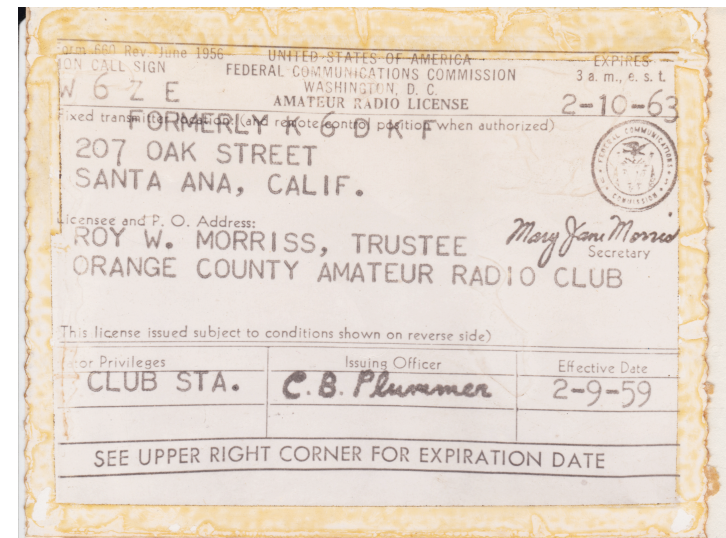
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- In confirmation of this link, I have further discovered, from the IXN History, that the Orange County Radio Club, K6DKF, 12502 "Placincia," Orange, (which is now The City Drive South) is the address of *the Orange County Communication Center, in Orange, called the "Dog Patch."* It was used for meetings by the OCRC, as well as a separate OC Civil Defense group.

Chronology Continued

The Two Clubs, Beginning 4: “The Dog Patch”

• November 27th, 1953:

“Orange County Radio Club” K6DKF, *first record in RF.*

Beginning 5:

• October 22nd, 1958:

Ken Kessel W6BVI as president.

The W6ZE Club, Ending 4: Relicensing

• February 9th, 1959:

The Orange County Radio Club
ends, and

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club is granted the call letters “W6ZE,” silent key Earl Griffin’s call sign, at Ted Glick K6LJA’s urging. Roy Maxson W6DEY was instrumental in getting this. Roy Morriss K6IQ announces that he is first custodian of the call on February 18th, 1959.

• Spring 1959 Radio Amateur
Callbook: Last record of “The
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OCRC at “The Dog Patch” 1957

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•August 4th, 1960:

The OCARC is incorporated.

Lawyer Bob Neeland helps Ted Glick K6LJA and other members incorporate the Club.

•1963:

Roy Maxson W6DEY begins proceedings to get Orange its own ARRL Section.

•March 1st, 1965:

Orange Section forms, distinguishing it from the San Diego Section, thanks to the hard work of Club member Roy Maxson W6DEY and others. Roy Maxson is the first Orange Section Manager (SCM).

•Sunday, March 3rd, 1968:

OCARC President Dave Hollander W6COJ, other members and hams provide communications for the Heart Fund Drive. The OPs are awarded a plaque.

•1980:

Alex W6RE and others provide communications for the Red Cross during **O'Neill Park fire** operations.

•1981:

The club decides to sponsor an "Explorer Post," and Lloyd Harwood WB6ULU is appointed the ARES liaison to Flotilla 24, of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

•1985:

Ralph "Alex" Alexander W6RE, Ted Glick K6LJA, and Bob Evans WB6IXN are involved in handling health and welfare traffic for the nuns in St. Francis Home, Santa Ana, after the **Mexico City 8.2 magnitude earthquake**.

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Photo Courtesy The Santa Ana Library History Room

Ted Glick K6LJA

Chronology Continued

•September 9th, 1987:

Santiago Canyon Fire

An arsonist set a fire in Santiago Canyon in the Santa Ana Mountains. Our own Ralph Alexander W6RE coordinated the Red Cross communications effort, which began at 6:00pm that night. Hams numbering 39, 6 with the OCARC including Ken Konechy W6HHC, handled communications for family messaging with the 1,100 firefighters, as well as many practical, supply needs, and personnel deployment messages until Monday, September 14th 10:00pm.

•1992:

Earthquakes

April 22nd:

A 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck very near the OCARC April 24th, 25th, and 26th “Camp-In” site at Indian Cove Campground in Joshua Tree National Monument.

June 28th:

During the June 27th and 28th Field Day, the Landers 7.4 and Big Bear 6+ magnitude earthquakes struck.

•October 1997:

Elmer “Tom” Thomas WA6PFA provided ATV services to the Orange PD EOC during the **Orange fire**.

And the rest, is history...

So our club has been around for many events. We have also been around Orange County at many official and trustee addresses...

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History of OCARC/OCRC Addresses

- **On Sunday, April 8th, 2018, I was doing an internet search for John Angel at “205 Oak St.,” to verify his information in the Historical Roster, and while on Archive.org, I was searching for his address, "Oak St." While there is no "205 Oak St." in Santa Ana, there was a "207 Oak St." It came up with our club QTH in the Radio Amateur Callbook from the early 60's. This is what was found:**

- In the Orange County Business Directory, January 1933 (radio store), May 1934, and April 1935 (at the earliest): **207 Oak, was the location of “Hall F C” radio service and repairing.**

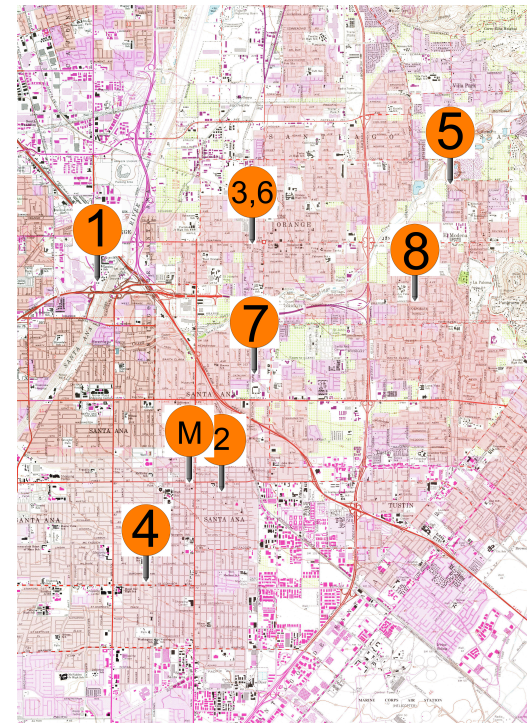
- **In the OCARC Archives, and the Radio Amateur Callbook: February 9th, 1959 to Fall 1961: 207 Oak, Santa Ana, was the location of the OCARC and OCRC.**

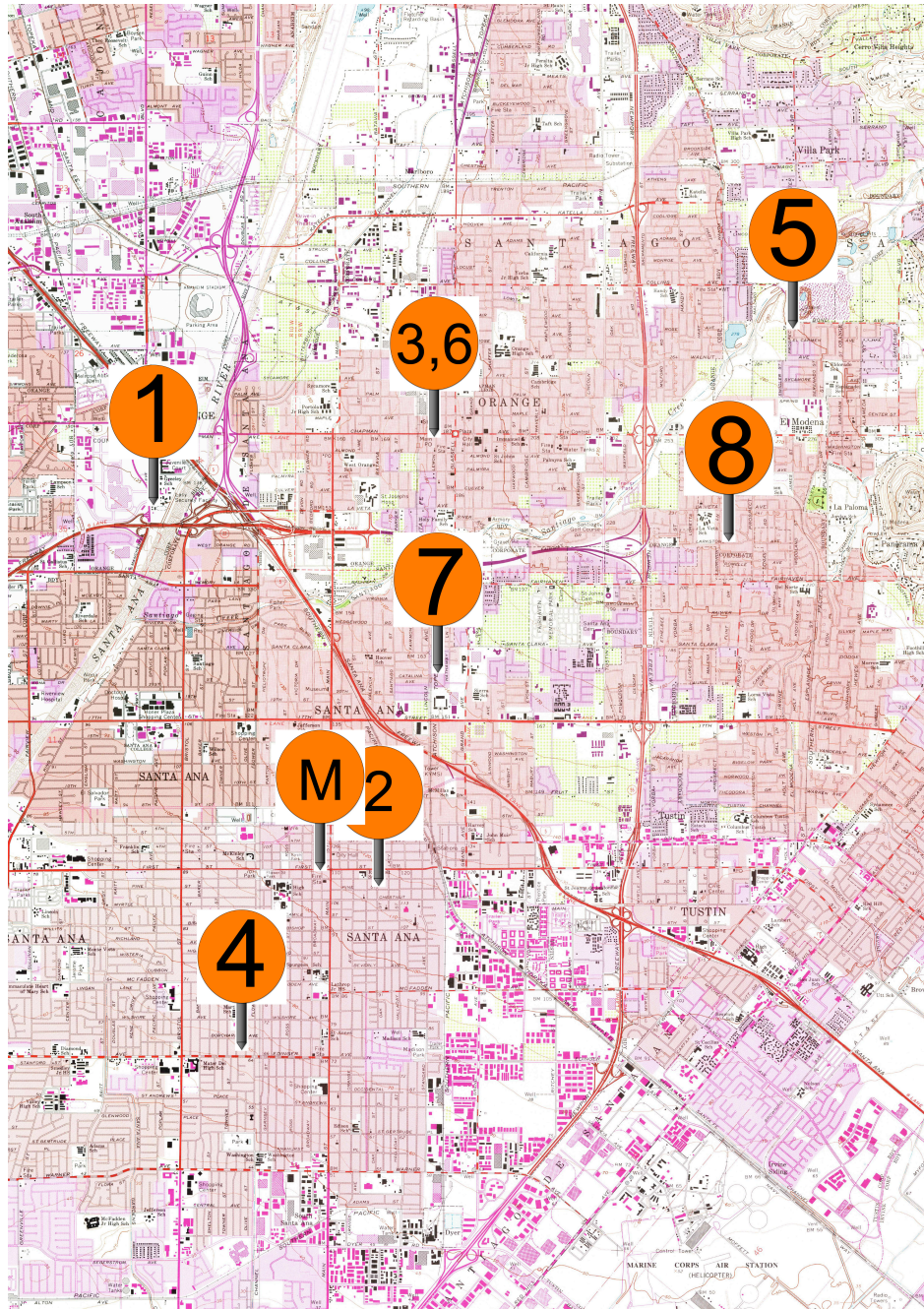
- **In the Orange County Directory 1956-1963:**
207 Oak, Santa Ana:
Between E. Walnut and E. Pine:
-1956: 207 Oak; Electronic Supply Corp
-1959: 207 Oak; QTH of OCARC
-1963: 207 Oak; Vacant

And the following addresses...

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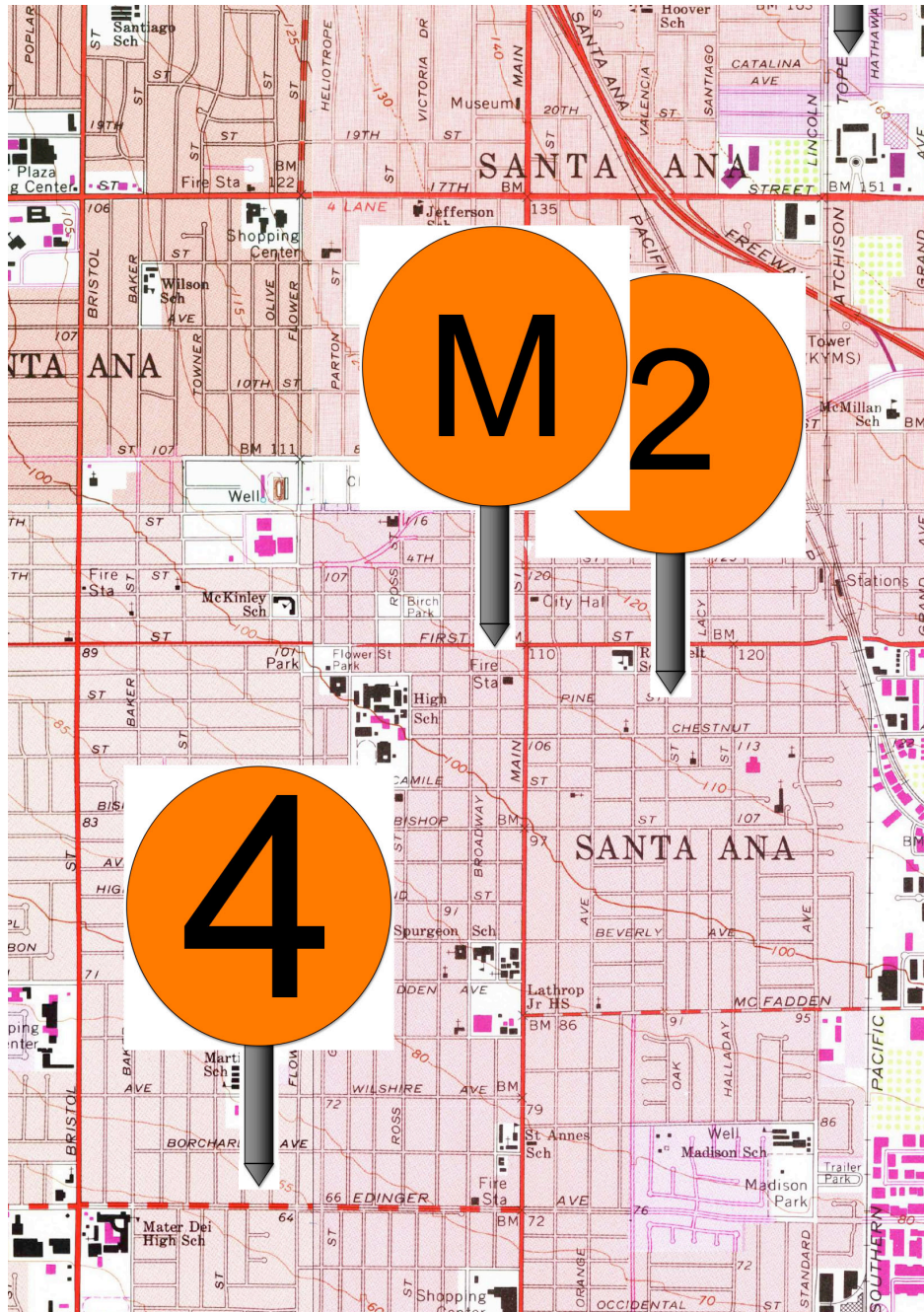


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M•The OCARC's first unofficial address was the Moore Bros radio shop at 206 West First Street in Santa Ana in 1933 and 1934.

In the Radio Amateur Callbook:

- 1•Meeting Place: The Orange County Radio Club K6DKF (club call Trustee Mailing Address).**
- 2•Trustee Home Address (OCARC, W6ZE): Roy W. Morriss K6IQ.**
- 3•Trustee Mailing Address: PO BOX 95, Orange, (West Chapman).**
- 4•Trustee Home Address: Roy R. Maxson W6DEY.**
- 5•Trustee Home Address: Jack E. Shaw W6YWN.**
- 6•Trustee Mailing Address: Alex Alexander W6WRE, PO BOX 95, Orange, (West Chapman).**
- 7•Trustee Home Address: Ken Konechy W6HHC.**
- 8•Trustee Home Address: Robert Eckweiler AF6C.**



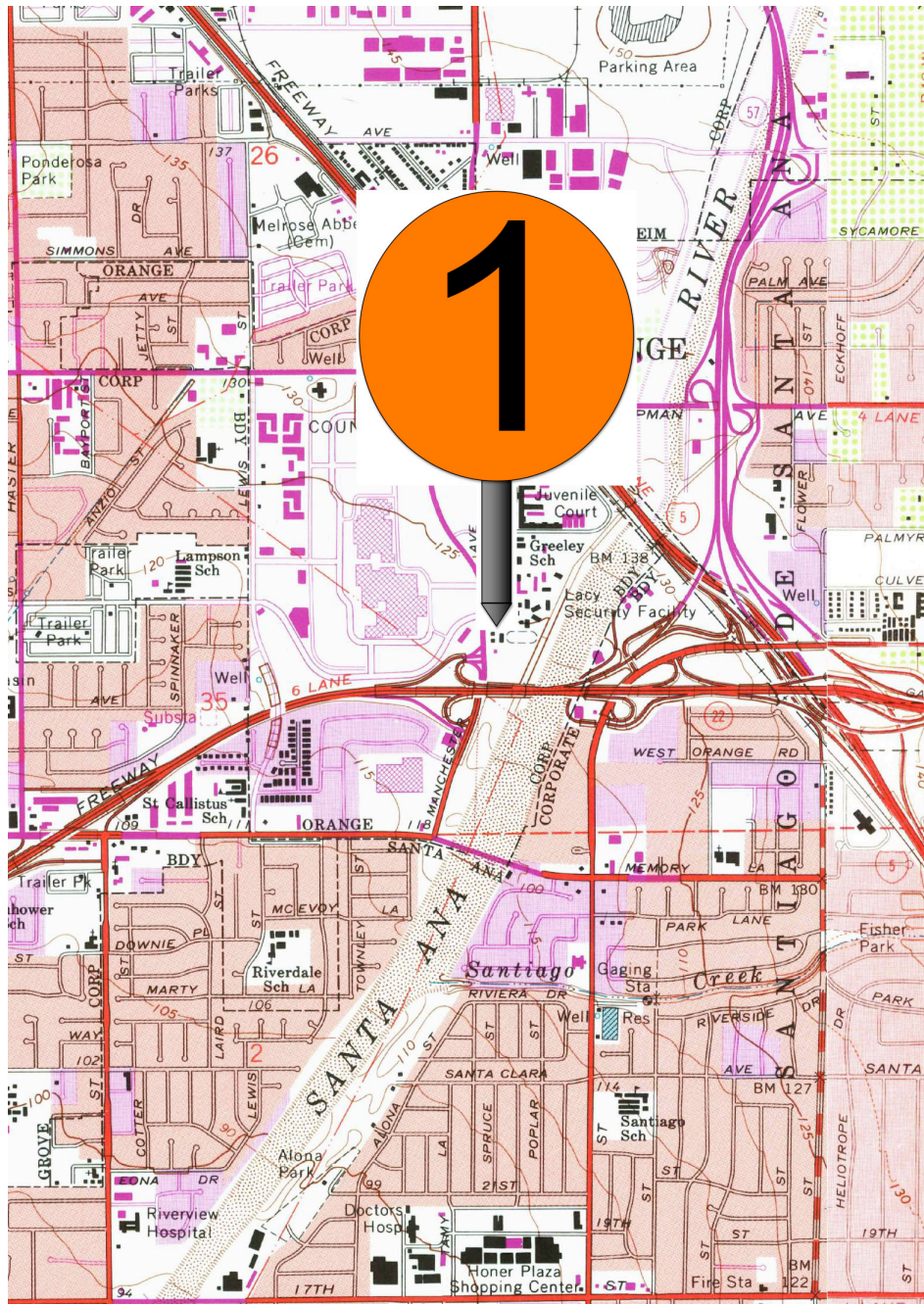
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at

-206 West First Street in
Santa Ana.

-From 1933 to May 1934.



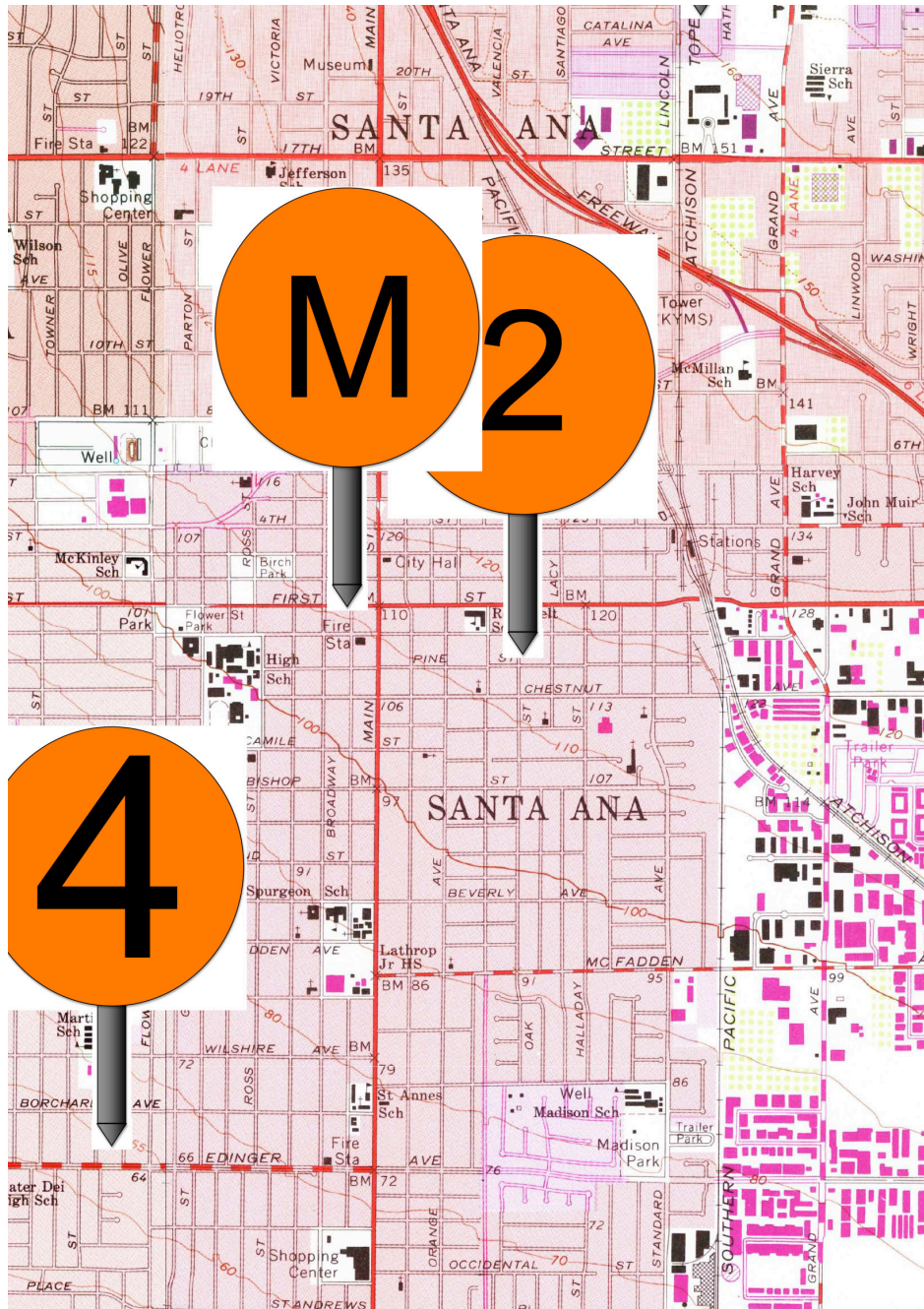
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**1•Our Meeting Place/
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K6DKF, our first official
address was:**

**-12502 Placentia in Orange,
CA, (now The City Drive
South).**

**-First record November
27th, 1953, to February
8th, 1959.**



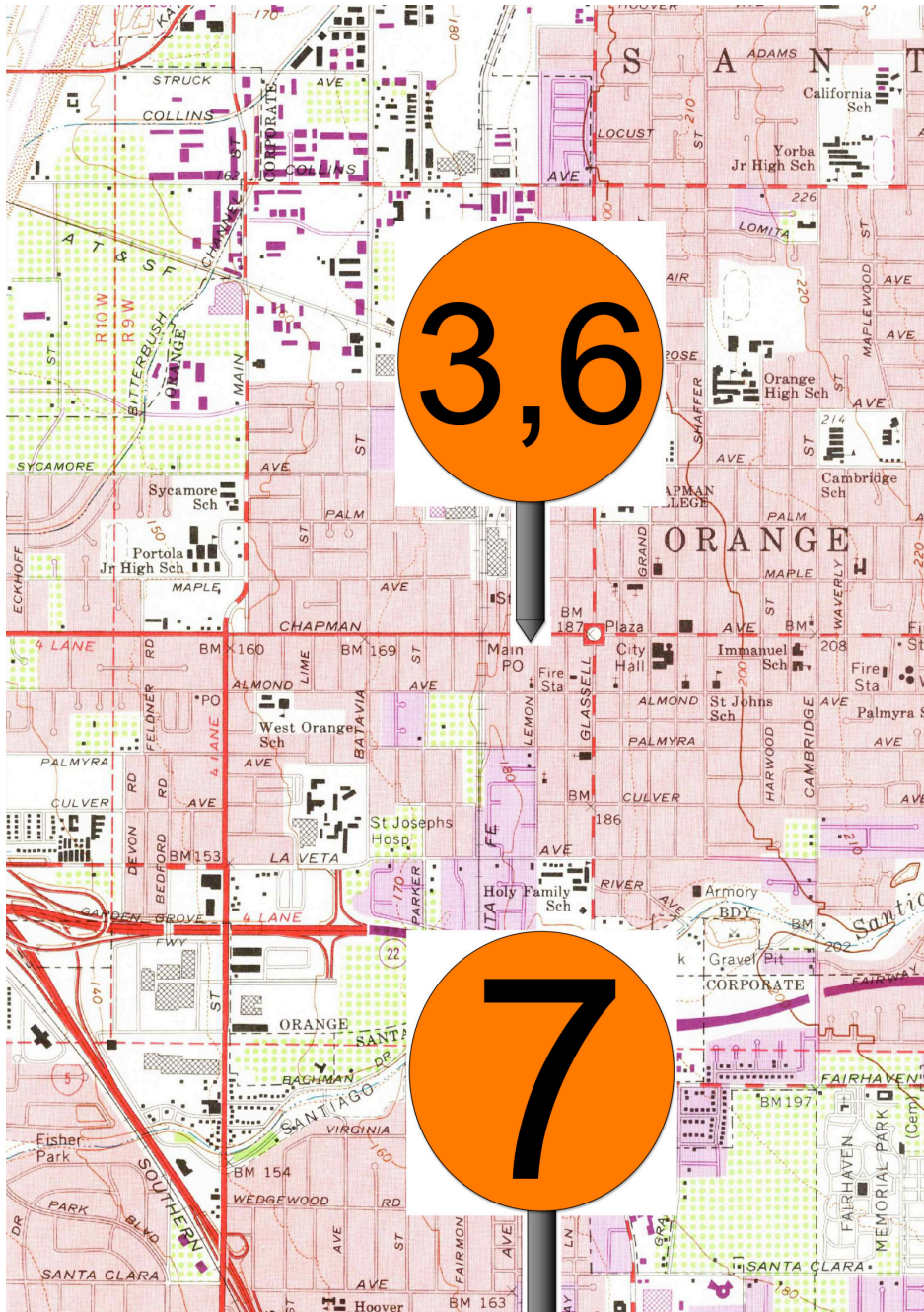
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2•Trustee Home Address:
Our second official address was after we changed back to the OCARC in Nov 1954 RF; the address of W6ZE Trustee: Roy W. Morriss K6IQ, was

-207 Oak Street, Santa Ana, CA

-That was from February 9th, 1959, to the fall of 1961.



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3•Mailing Address:

**-PO BOX 95, Orange, CA
(located on West
Chapman):**

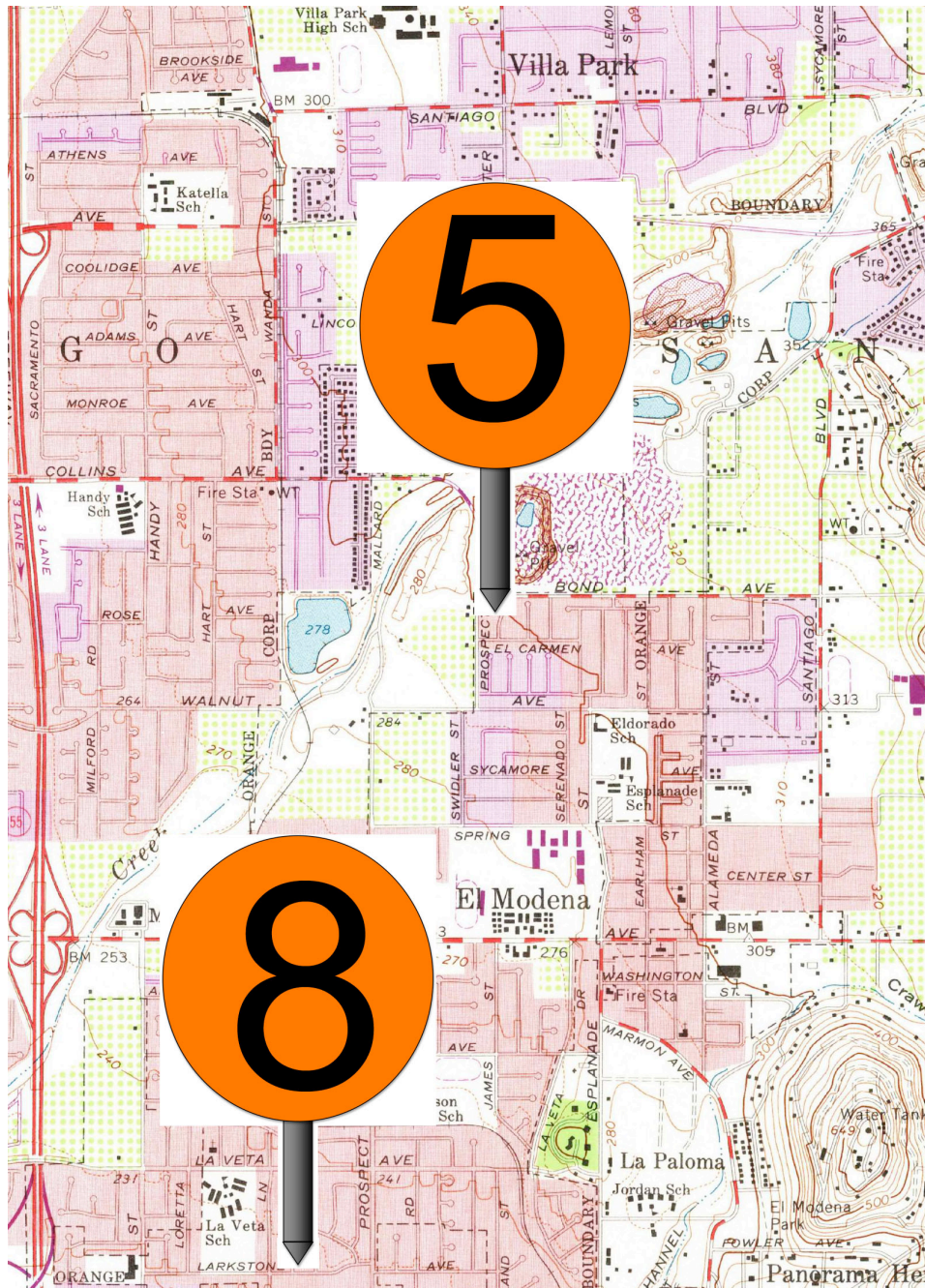
**-Fall 1962 to February 10th,
1963.**



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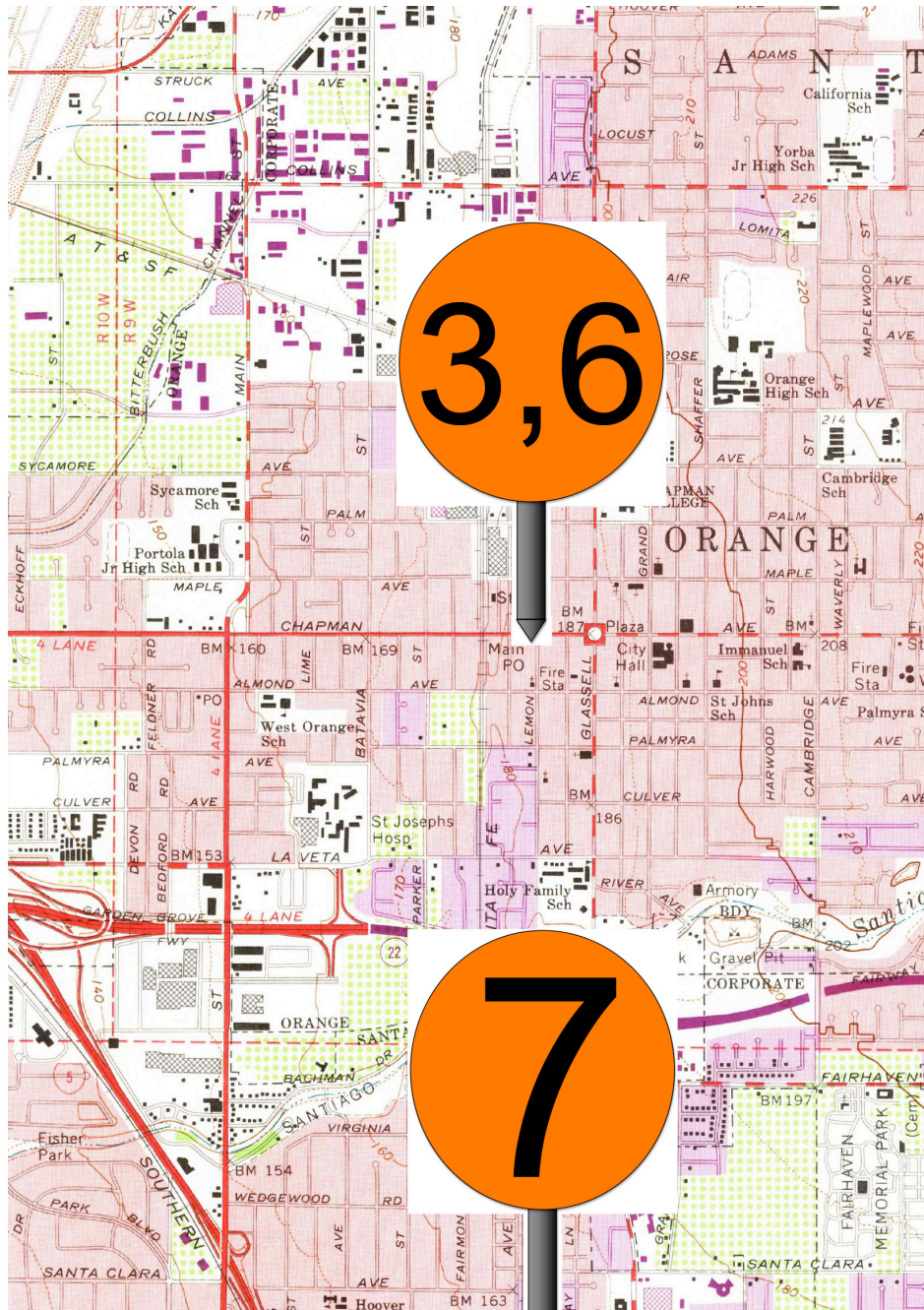
- 4•Trustee Home Address:**
Roy R. Maxson W6DEY
-1434 S. Olive, Santa Ana,
CA,
-From the summer of 1963
to the spring of 1968.



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- 5•Trustee Home Address:**
Jack E. Shaw W6YWN
-676 N. James St., Orange,
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-During the summer and
winter of 1968.



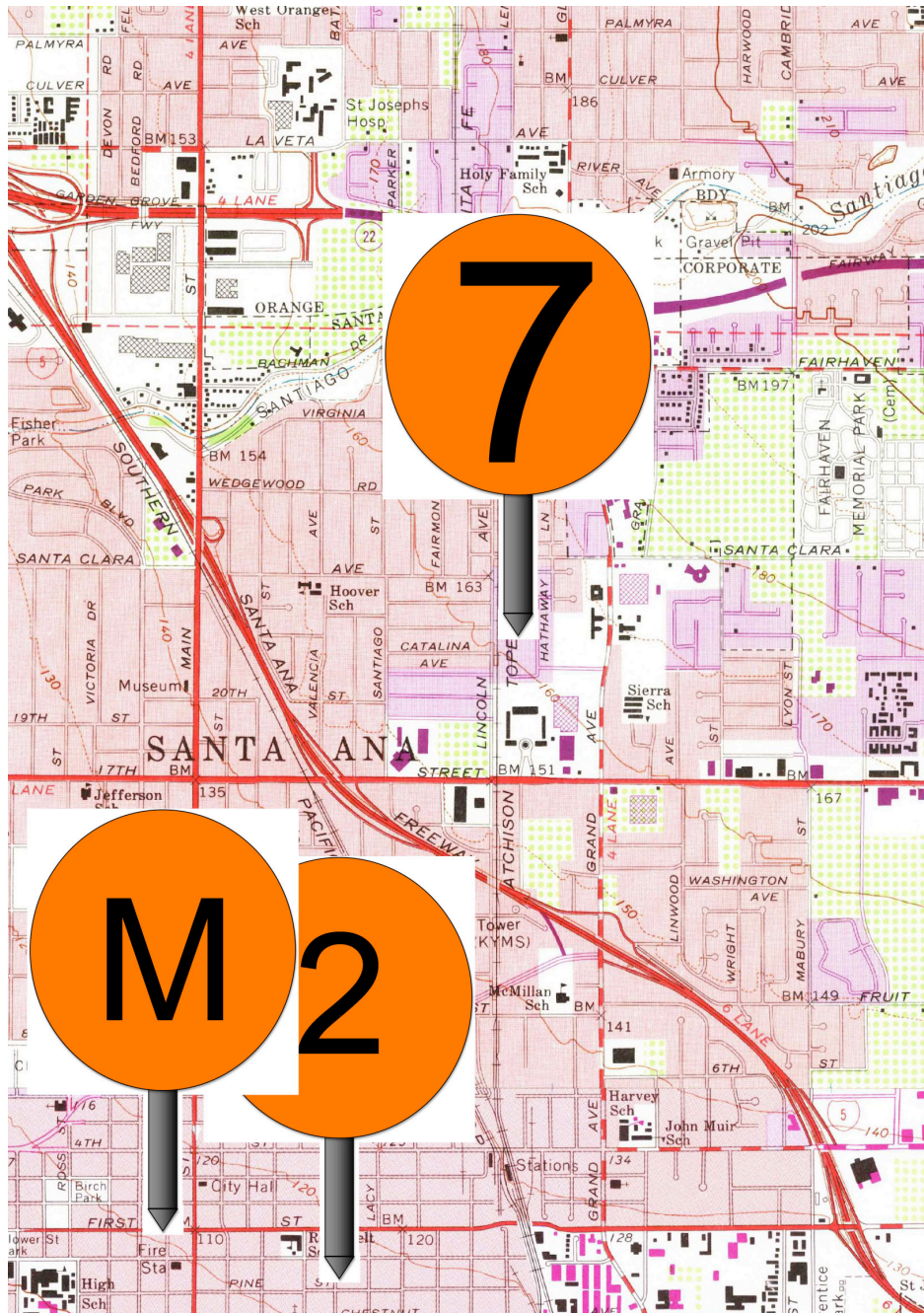
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**In the Radio Amateur
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**6•Trustee Mailing Address:
Alex Alexander W6WRE**

**-PO BOX 95, Orange, CA
92668 (back to West
Chapman):**

-For Summer 1969

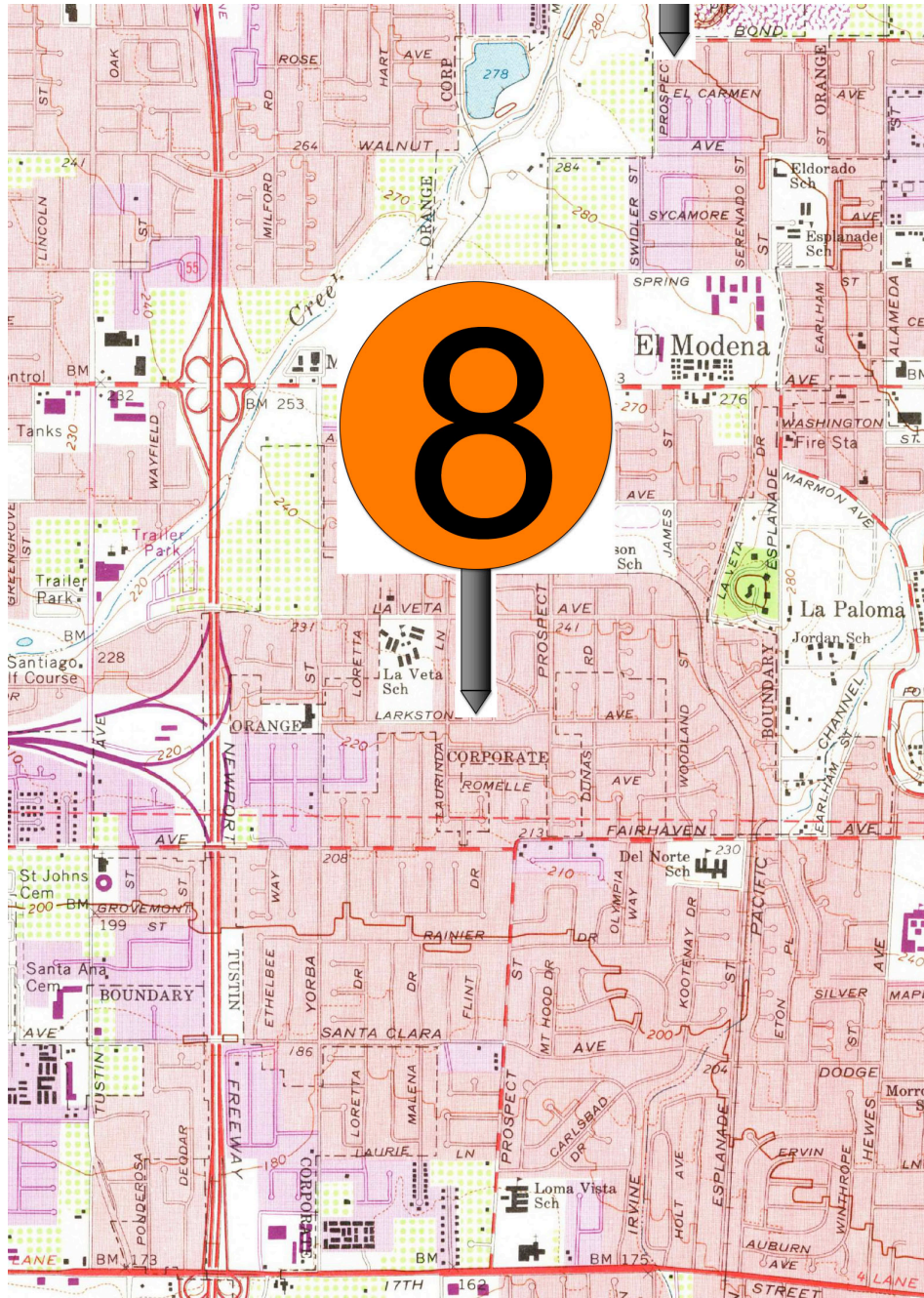


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**In the Radio Amateur
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**7•Trustee Home Address:
Ken Konechy W6HHC,
-2201 Eastwood St., Santa
Ana, CA:**

**-From the fall of 1969 to
the winter of 1978.**



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In the Radio Amateur
Callbook:

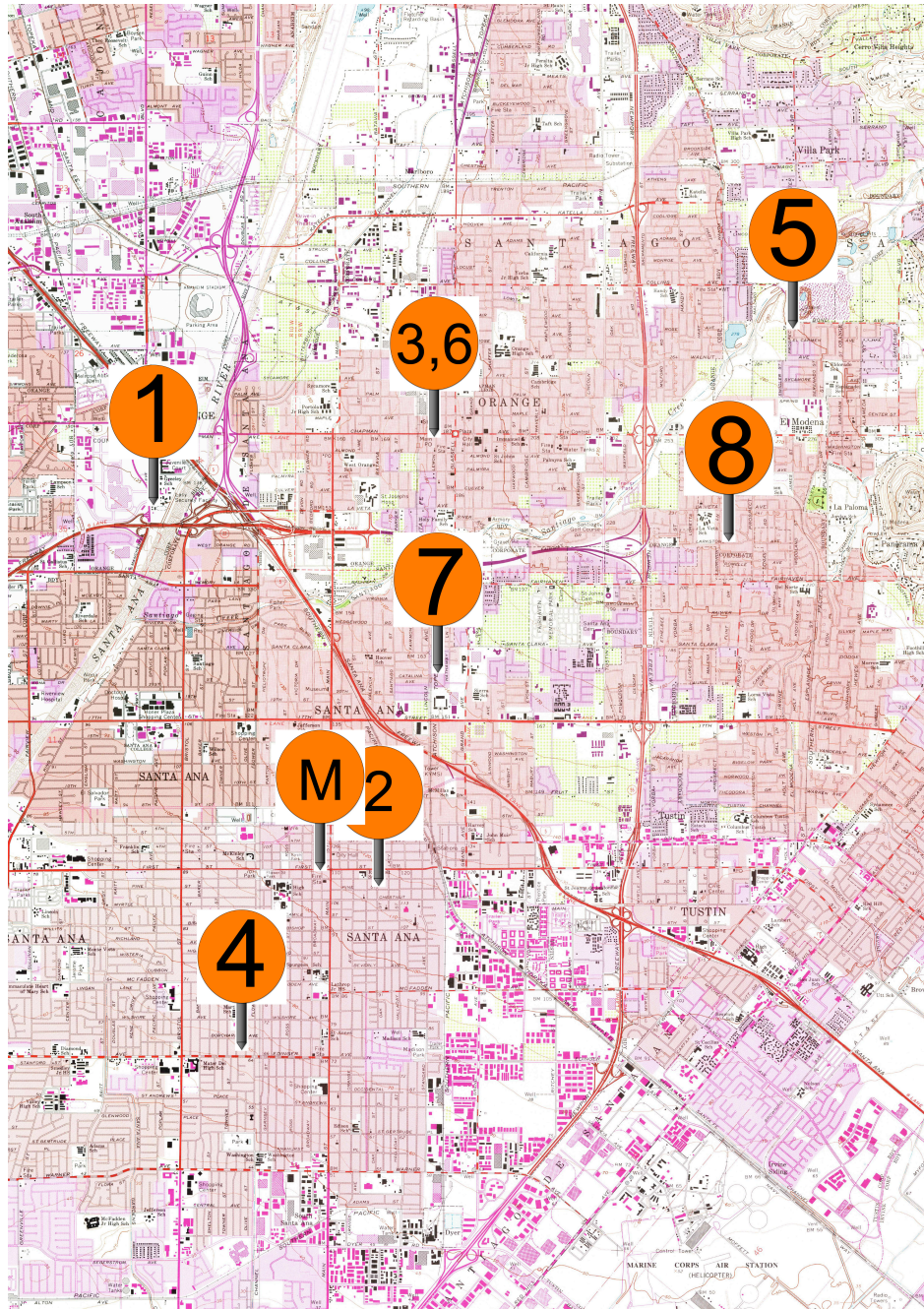
Then finally,

8•Trustee Home Address:

Robert Eckweiler,

-667 Coate Rd., Orange,
CA,

-From June 6th, 1978 to
present day.



- The Radio Shops
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M•The OCARC's first unofficial address was the Moore Bros radio shop at 206 West First Street in Santa Ana in 1933 and 1934.

In the Radio Amateur Callbook:

- 1•Meeting Place: The Orange County Radio Club K6DKF (club call Trustee Mailing Address).**
- 2•Trustee Home Address (OCARC, W6ZE): Roy W. Morriss K6IQ.**
- 3•Trustee Mailing Address: PO BOX 95, Orange, (West Chapman).**
- 4•Trustee Home Address: Roy R. Maxson W6DEY.**
- 5•Trustee Home Address: Jack E. Shaw W6YWN.**
- 6•Trustee Mailing Address: Alex Alexander W6WRE, PO BOX 95, Orange, (West Chapman).**
- 7•Trustee Home Address: Ken Konechy W6HHC.**
- 8•Trustee Home Address: Robert Eckweiler AF6C.**

End Credits



First American Title



The Old County Courthouse

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