

Radio and electronics staff keep the lines open

As the communications liason between traffic coordinators and boat captains, radio station WFN in Jeffersonville provides an essential service. Hundreds of messages pass through WFN's channels each day, providing instant information on boat locations and barge drops and pick ups.

How does this system work? Several times each day, on a set schedule, all boats tune in to appropriate channels for orders which originate in the operations department. The WFN operators relay the orders to the boats via radio communication, and then transmit all incoming messages to the operations department by typing them into the computer terminal. This allows the dispatchers to get immediate printed copies of all incoming traffic.

WFN also operates the VHF marine telephone service in Louisville, which enables those on boats to call directly to shore facilities using the Bell telephone system.

Closely associated with WFN are the electronics engineers and technicians. Staffed with three people, the Jeffersonville electronics shop is located on the lower level of the WFN building.

The staff is responsible for repair and maintenance of a wide variety of equipment, much of it used on the boats. A partial list would include radios, closed circuit television, radar, and intercom systems. An important part of the operations department, the electronics staff is often called in for consultation on new projects.



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Radio Operator I



Bill Dearing
Radio Operator II

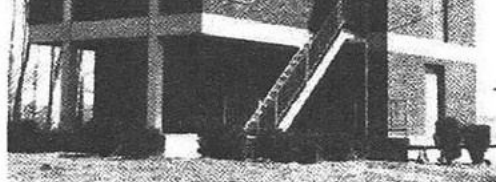
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Radio station WFN



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