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"Ravin"

(With Apologies to Edgar Allen Poe)

Once upon a mid-day dreary, while I
pondered weak and weary
In the class laboratory, idly tracing
some old set;

As I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly
there came a tapping

As of something gently rapping-papping
in my superhet.

Ah--I sharply recollect
It came so fast I'd ne'er expect it,
But I quickly did detect it--and began
to trouble shoot.

Took my faithful long-nosed plier,
poked into my amplifier,
Deftly pulled upon a wire--one, or two
or four.

Then I spent ten minutes praying;
Heard myself quite softly saying:
"Quoth the speaker: 'Nevermore!'"

Stunned and filled with indignation,
I withdrew in consternation
As the mystic oscillation kept on
drumming in my ears,

"Stray capacitance!" I muttered,
But the word was hardly uttered

When the speaker coughed and stuttered--
Adding greatly to my fears,

"Either this, or else distortion!"

So I quickly seized a portion
Of my set and threw all caution out
the door--

With a swiftly mounting fever and the
patience of a beaver

Swore I'd fix that damned receiver!
Quoth the speaker: "Nevermore!"

Now I looked up rather smartly,
Thought I had the answer -- partly,
For it was my shunt fed Hartly
That was troubling me--I guessed.
Though my head was getting denser,
And my nerves were growing tenser
I adjusted my condenser--'till the
resonance seemed best.

Then studies my detector, and my band-
pass preselector
And adjusted my reflector--and I swore.
With my tubes in operation, and
enough regeneration
"Quoth the speaker: 'Nevermore!'"

Beast! I cried. You thing of Evil!
Wierd contraption of the devil
Why do you delight and revel in the
torture of my mind?

I've examined all your stages
Pondered over Fairardi's pages,
But my brain is not a sage's
And your trouble I can't find!
So I spoke and having spoke, realized
the set was broken,
So I put an RF choke in and I waited as
before.
But my RF wave was fated to remain
unmodulated
And I only heard the hated
Cursed chant of 'Nevermore!'

(Courtesy of WØLPW of Mt. Pleasant,
Iowa)

New Novice Ops.

It has been reported that 'Mickey Mouse'
Nielsen of Blair has received his
novice ticket. Leon Becker is now
WØBFD and his sister, Lenere, is
WØBGF. Tom Zwick is WØBGG.
Congratulations to you all and Welcome!

Silent Keys

It is with sincere regret that we
report the passing of two of our well-
known friends. Porter Quinby, WØAY
died August 29 and Clarence Harding,
WØEGG of Council Bluffs, on August 26,
73's fellows.

New-Comers

We hear that Ed Krieger, W9VQL, is now in Omaha working for the Clear Ridge Aviation Inc. at 72nd and Crown Point. Glad to see you in Ø land, Ed.

Bargains! Bargains!

WRL announces another auction over there in Council Bluffs. The date? 6:30 PM October 15, 1951. That is a Monday night.

Did you know?

PXR is building a new beam--35 ft. pole with 16 elements for 10 meters and 8 for 20 meters.

BUW has a new Stancor xmtr and a Gonset converter in his car. Bud, by the way, is working in Columbus for Motorola.

Within a 5 mile radius of Spencer, Nebraska there are 30 hams and 1 new novice.

'Doc' Fry has a new call, W9QHW.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club is now the proud owner of a Post-Office Box!

P.O. # 626

Please send all communications to our new mailing QTH.

Other new QTH

Alan McMillan--8301 N. 28th Ave.

Scott Davison--908 North I st.

Another Ham

Bill Grant is now known as WØDVI. Nice going, Bill!

New Members

Capt. Robt. Bender

R.W. Bennett

Sgt. Robt. Cox

Wm. Grant

Sgt. Ted Hennecke

WØTKM

DHE

BUD

DVI

AXA

New Members cont'd

Randall Knox

WØSWI

Mickey Nielsen

WNO ???

Official F.D. Results

20 meter phone -- 111 contacts

20 meter CW -- 128 "

40 meter CW -- 180 "

Total claimed score -- 3996

O.A.E.C.

What do those letters stand for?

Omaha Amateur Emergency Corps! This is the imposing name of the 10 meter net that meets every Friday night at 9 PM on 29.640. This has been very successful so far and really lots of fun! There have been a good number of both mobile and fixed stations checking in each time and everyone is welcome.

The boys have been meeting after net at Barnes' Drive-in on Leavenworth, for a good gab-fest. Come on, everyone, get in on the fun and at the same time show that you are ready to help in Civilian Defense.

Bon Voyage

Word has come that ZS6XQ, Louis Nel, from Mafeking, South Africa, has left Boston City Hospital where he was a patient for a year after a swimming accident left him paralyzed. He is expected to be returning to his home soon. The boys in the W1 area are taking donations for a wire recorder for Louis, any extra will go for import duty, etc. Anyone interested in this project can contact Frank Cooper, WØIOS. Good luck, Louis!

QRM

A new jr. op in the house of PZJ. Baby girl born early in July. Where were the cigars, Kenny?

WRL has added JJK and EUT to their staff.

Sight-seeing Tour

On August 10 the feature event of the club meeting was a tour of WOW-TV, which proved very interesting to all. Our thanks to Bill Dunbar and the WOW-TV staff for a swell evening. We hope the cameras still work!

Our New SCM

It is with great pleasure that we greet WØKJP, Guy Bailey. Guy is now the new SCM. We congratulate Guy but at the same time offer sympathies because this job does involve a lot of work and time. However, we know that Guy is more than equal to whatever demands are made upon him and will do the same bang-up job as SCM as he has always done on traffic handling.

Politics

Election of ARRL director for the mid-west division is coming up and we hear that WØEKP, Charley McNeel is running for director and FQB, Art Gaeth, is running for vice-director.

Odds and Ends

Our Rosie is officially MR. ROSENQUIST since he has assumed the role of teacher in Beebe-town, Iowa.

IOS is temporarily off the air after a major catastrophe with the 32-V-2. Father Strange is doing a FB job on 75 even tho he collected a Grand Island QSL card! Don't let anyone kid you, those are green not pink!

"Doc" Becker is spending some time in W6 land.

WØPUK is supervisor at KOWH studio and is mobile in the new car.

WØWR is a grand-pappy.

IOS is building a new Kw and has a new 75A2. The beam has already come down to be changed to the new QTH. AQJ and XYL attended the convention in Seattle.

BBX attended the convention in Austin, Texas as also did Leo & Helen Myerson. BUD is attending telephoto school in Cleveland for the next 30 days at the request of Uncle Sam.

JFM has a new 10 meter mobile xmtr.

JJK moved his tower to the new QTH

BDT is now attending Omaha U. and working nights. Sweet dreams, Hart!

Herb Curry and Al McMillan spent several weeks in Kansas during the flood handling traffic and just plain work.

PZJ has once again been heard on 10. LRD was heard loud and clear on 10 but on further investigation we found that

the QSO was really on 20. Hi!

Gratitude Dep't

A great big THANK-YOU to the boys at KØFDX for the FB handling of the messages connected with the death of ØAY.

An extra large vote of THANKS to Mrs. Kinsey, wife of WØEKK. As you all know, Mike joined the Silent Keys several months ago after a long seige of ill health. Now his XYL has offered a large amount of his gear to this club to be used at the discretion of the club. We feel that this is a wonderful thing for Mrs. Kinsey to do for us and we hope that we will be able to do justice to the equipment in memory of Mike. THANKS, Mrs. Kinsey

The gear that was Mike's was picked up and is now stored temporarily in Earl Olsen's attic.

Among the things in the list of gear are; wooden cabinets, miscellaneous resistors, tube sockets, condensers, hardware, IF transformers and many of the component parts of a kw. Anyone desiring further details, please contact Earl Olsen, WØJKE.

Vacations and coming changes.

Herb Curry and family went to Colorado, mobile but we were sorry to hear that his return was saddened by the fact that his father was seriously ill in the County Hospital.

John Orr, ØPHW went westward (exact destination not known by this staff). Frank Cooper, IOS, will soon be in his new home and the Coopers are also expecting the stork to bless their new home.

Ted Hennecke, AXA, has just returned from a furlough.

TKM, Cap't Bender, is waiting orders for 6 weeks of school in the east.

CLUB MEETING!

The next meeting of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club will be Friday, October 12, 1951 at 8 PM at the Fontanelle Hotel. Let's make this a bigger and better meeting!

Membership.

GRIPES!

Any of you fellows who do not already belong to the club--we would like to issue a personal invitation to all of you to join and take part in the affairs of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. It is impossible for our membership committee to contact directly all the hams in Omaha and surrounding area, so do not feel slighted if you have not been approached but please feel that this little item is your own invitation.

Membership--open to all who are interested in radio and in becoming a licensed 'ham' and to all those who are already licensed. Neither sex, nor age, creed, nor color is a barrier.

Meetings: Second Friday of each month, 8 PM Fontanelle Hotel.

Fees: \$1 initiation fee
50 cents per month dues or \$5 per year.
For those students attending school: dues are 25 cents per month.

Come one, come all, let's make this a bigger and better club. Come down and air your gripes, give out with the latest tricks in improving the shack or just come for the fun. If nothing else come for the food! Coffee, pop and do-nuts served after each meeting.

It has come to the attention of the editorial staff that some of the members have been griping that the news items are always about the same people. We have even been accused of being partial to a clique! There is a reason for this seeming partiality, and that is that it is always the same group that sends in news items. We, of the editorial staff, can only print what is sent in or what we have personally witnessed.

Now, look, fellows, this paper can be fun for all of us if you will only send in items, no matter how small. A penny post-card to the PO box is all that is necessary. If you want to see your name in print give us an item! How about your rig, or the other fellow's rig, antenna, plans or what have you? Let's get together and really make this paper click. It is only up to YOU!!!

Enclosed in this issue will be found penny post-cards addressed to this club. These are for your news items. Jot them down and drop it in the mail--not just the club members but all you fellows. We want news from all of you. Also if you do not now receive this paper regularly make a note on the post-card if you would like to receive it regularly and your name will be placed on the mailing list without any charge. You don't have to be a club member to receive and take part in this paper!

THAT IS SO FOR TODAY! IF YOU WANT THE PAPER TO CONTINUE PLEASE SEND IN THE POST CARDS. DON'T LET THIS PAPER DIE!!!