

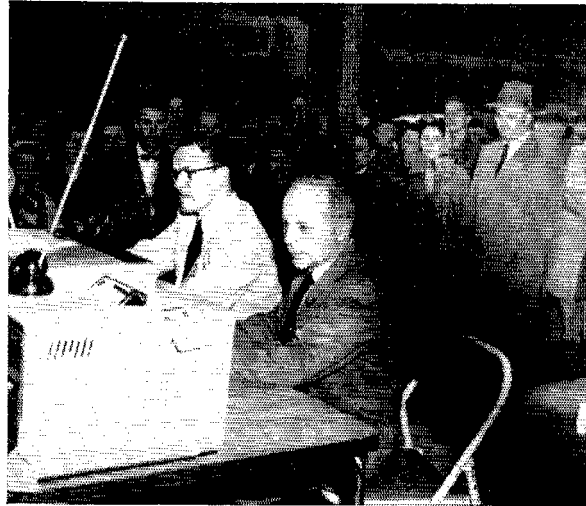
Strays

DURING the first week of March the Omaha Radio Club availed itself of an opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to a large segment of the population of the city. The purpose of the demonstration was to educate the public not only concerning the public service aspects of ham radio and the just plain fun that also exists, but in addition to point out some of the facts concerning TVI.

The club set up a station in a department store window facing on the busiest intersection in the city. On hand to start things going were the Governor of Nebraska and Miss Universe. The Governor talked to hams throughout the country and passed out commissions in the Nebraskan Navy, while Miss Universe stood around looking beautiful and admiring the curly hair of one of the amateur operators. After these opening ceremonies, the club got down to business and kept the station on the air for eight hours a day, for three days. Two operators were always on duty, one working other ham stations and the second one explaining ham radio to the crowd assembled outside the store window.

The station caused no TVI to a TV receiver right along side the transmitter, but the hams had plenty of difficulty with interference from elevators and traffic.

The club members had fun, and it is estimated that some 53,000 people saw the station in action.



KØGHK and WØGFQ in an Omaha store window

Silent Keys

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we record the passing of these amateurs:

W1EGD, George R. Urquhart, Boston, Mass.
 W1HYI, Alexander Buchok, Meriden, Conn.
 W1IR, Thomas F. Conneen, Portland, Me.
 W1MG, Kenneth C. Cushing, South Portland, Me.
 W2CTP, David Meer, New York, N. Y.
 K2PEN, James L. Keir, Clay, N. Y.
 W2ZN, Jesse W. Holland, New York, N. Y.
 W3AVL, Allen B. Hanger, Hollywood, Md.
 W3IBU, Edward P. Ellison, Philadelphia, Pa.
 W3NXR, Silvio Galzerano, Indiana, Pa.
 W4GSS, James I. Stancil, Centreville, Ala.
 W4TXC, Glen C. Cook, Louisville, Ky.
 W4WOO, Frank R. Thielan, jr., Montgomery, Ala.
 W6AWZ, Max A. Frauenthal, El Centro, Calif.
 W7OOW, Louis C. Liddard, Lewiston, Idaho
 W7SXD, Kingsley A. Dutton, Boulder City, Nev.
 ex-W8AIC, Lee R. Kness, Mannington, W. Va.
 W8EHQ, James D. Goodman, Elyria, Ohio
 W9DHM, Vernon S. Gouker, Elkhart, Ind.
 W9GUA, Howard L. Yates, Chicago, Ill.
 W9GYG, Anthony Coppotelli, Glenwood, Ill.
 W9QF, Leroy F. Watkins, Avon, Ill.
 WØDOM, Robert G. Haines, Mountain View, Mo.
 WØGAF, Marvin L. Nielsen, Sibley, Iowa
 WØHWD, Carl G. Simensson, Kindred, N. Dak.
 WØICN, Walter L. Williams, Winona, Minn.
 WØIQQ, Lee R. Aro, St. Louis Park, Minn.
 WØVEU, Joseph J. Maher, jr., Muncie, Kansas
 CR5AA, Armando Frederico Mariano, Lisbon, Portugal
 VE7AAF, William E. Drummond, Victoria, B. C., Canada



Each year the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club makes awards to the "ham of the year," with suitable trophies. For 1956 the award went to a father and son combination, W9GIL and KN9CAN (now K9CAN). W9GIL is a member of the DXCC and twice past-president of the MRAC. Licensed since 1928, he is an assistant ARRL director in the Central Division. Son K9CAN was first licensed when he was 13 years old and has already worked some 96 countries, and is an active participant in the annual Field Day. He has just entered high school. The MRAC decides its awards on a point system based on active participation in a number of amateur activities. Other clubs might be interested in getting details by writing to W9ONY.