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FINAL REPORT LB 29

This issue of Ham-Hum is being sent to all Nebraska Amateurs whose addresses we have, since it contains a final report of LB 29.

First of all, in the name of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club and its License Plate Committee, we wish to thank all those who worked so generously to try to push a bill through. A financial report will be found elsewhere in these pages.

The bill was introduced early in January by Senators George Syas and Herbert Duis. The immediate reaction in the legislature showed that most of the Legislators needed to learn about Amateurs and Amateur radio. This was the direction taken in most of our propaganda.

A public hearing was held January 23 before the Public Works Committee of the legislature. We asked Dave Ablowich, WØDW, to be the spokesman for the amateurs at the hearing. It has been a long time since I have seen a man who is so full of energy and ideas and who gave so generously of his time, as Dave. The first reports after the public hearing indicated that, though the bill had been held in Committee in order to investigate the cost item, we could expect prompt favorable action. Later reports lead to the conclusion that no matter what we had done at the public hearing the bill would not have been reported out. The bill is most definitely dead for this 1953 Legislative session; there's only one thing left to do --- to try again in the 1955 session.

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MARCH 13 MEETING

Holding to the fine fashion of entertainment we have been experiencing this year we will have another excellent meeting in March.

Entertainment will be provided by Tom Fifer, AQJ. We will adjourn at about 9:30 p.m. from the hotel and go to the Precision Products Corp. and have a conducted tour of the new crystal grinding plant.

We will be able to witness the actual process of development of the quartz crystal into the blanks as we know them. This is an opportunity you should not miss.

We will have our refreshments served at the plant after the tour. The tour will last approximately one hour.

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QSL FOR YOUR LAPEL

Bring your QSL cards to the next meeting, pinned to your lapel. This will serve as your identification.

We would like to have you use your individual QSL cards on your lapel every meeting for identification purposes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For FREE your club secretary or treasurer will handle your QST and CQ magazine subscriptions.

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

COMMUNICATION FROM F. E. HANDY

We received a letter from F. E. Handy, Communications Manager, ARRL, pertaining to our article in the December issue of Ham Hum.

He says "Inasmuch as a pronouncement by FCC Commissioner Sterling, W3DF, touches on your subject, his remarks made before a New York City group and subsequently available in mimeographed form from the Commission may be of interest."

The enclosed letter which are notes from an address by Commissioner George E. Sterling FCC, Dec. 8, 1952, are found below:

"The CAP headquarters is now rightly pointing out that Civil Defense director has the RACES system at his disposal which CAP has not. QUESTION RAISED: "I wonder if CAP would make this tender if the amateurs and the clubs in these communities were doing their part in cooperating fully with Civil Defense officials in their Community in establishing the RACES system? FCC has always had confidence in the "ham".....

Many communities throughout the Country, and amateurs have been organized for a long period of time to render a disaster communication service and in many cases may be ahead of what their local Civil Defense authorities have accomplished."

"The tendency to consider using the facilities of CAP or other communications systems as a Civil Defense Communications service and to contemplate establishing of permanent Civil Defense communication system, perhaps on amateur bands when considered with a recent development in the MARS system, wherein a marriage of MARS and FCDA for Civil Defense Communications is proposed, leads me to believe that perhaps a pattern is developing which could finally result in by-passing the amateurs with respect to their participation in disasters of Civil Defense. A very serious constitutional question is raised when, in a democracy like ours, a military organization proposes to engage in a civilian activity such as rendering a Civil Defense communication service."

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MINUTES OF AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB

Regular Meeting Feb. 13, 1953
Fontenelle Hotel 8:00 PM

The meeting was called to order and presided over by the club president Father Strange. Following introductions, the subject of the Nebr. license plate activity was brought to the clubs attention and a letter furnished by YMU was read. The letter was addressed to Willis B. Hoehne, WØZUT, Stanton, Nebr. and was signed by L. M. Shultz, state legislator from district six. It did not state definitely but it was assumed that the Amateur's license plate bill was all but dead since the committee had revoted on the bill and came up with a deadlock - four members for and four members against presenting the bill to the legislature for a floor vote.

Johnny Orr reported on the club's participation in the Mother's March on Polio. It was reported that the actual communications activity this year was much less than last year but that the amateur radio teletype functioned quite well and the officials of the drive were quite impressed with the efficiency of the radio net.

Under the caption of new business, Roland Fried presented a verbal report on a proposal to purchase antenna masts for the club's use at Field Day. After discussion it was moved by Orr that the club purchase three 40 foot masts. After discussion by Gaeth the motion carried.

One additional committee was appointed and it was the TVI committee consisting of Dick Eilers, Herb Curry and Harold Prell (advisory).

Among the visitors present there was a Lincoln representative and one from Council Bluffs.

The entertainment for the meeting was provided by John Orr and Earle Olson. Orr gave an interesting and timely talk about the theory and operation of teletype machines and the application of these machines to RTTY. The speech was followed by a demonstration of the actual equipment operating on 2 meters and communicating with another RTTY in down town Omaha.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

FROM AROUND OMAHA

Al Draper, W8KLP, has a new QTH now, 6315 Poppleton Ave. Al mentions having his 1953 Auto license plates from Ohio in the form of "W8KLP". Let's all move to Ohio.

A very nice card from Orin Miller, SEE, who was instrumental in carrying out the contact with W7JEN for Don Jeppensen, QFZ, during the Hobbies Unlimited show on KMTV. The W7 did not come in too good at the studio location so Orin acted as relay between the two in order to carry out the complete QSO for the TV audience.

Orin plans to join the mess on 40 fone sometime in the spring. He has worked Mig Becker and Ward Becht, W6IRK, (exCQD) both now on the west coast.

Ron Blake has dropped the "N" from his call so he is as of now WØHXJ.

EEF is still trying to tame his 813 bottles.

Al McMillan, JJK, has built a 2 meter receiver that really perks.

Elmer, PZB, reports being off the air at the present due to selling rig to DIK. Elmer has been working nites most of the time but will be on days for a few weeks so expects to be among those present at our next meeting.

Omaha vicinity hams heard on 40 phone, between the squeals and howls were AGS, LRD, QXR, AQJ, JKE, and UQJ.

AQJ and UQJ went so far as to have 40 meter antennas, while LRD was using the 33 foot line to his 10 meter beam. JKE was using his drooping 75 meter half wave doublet, QXR tried to load his 75 meter antenna with no soap, so he put up a 40 meter antenna running parallel to the one on 75, then accidently grabbed the lead-in of his 75 meter antenna while on the air with shocking results.

All in all everyone on 40 had a "good" time and are now wondering why they ever layed from their former bands.

OUT OF TOWN NEWS

We are happy to acknowledge receipt of a card from Capt. R. C. Basil, Ø ???, who is now on duty in Great Britan. Capt. Basil expressed his desire to have seen LB 29 pass our legislature but we are sorry such is not the case.

Well, what do you know, Marshall Parker finally got his WØ call. He is now again WØFMV but of Denver, Colorado.

Mig Becker, W6TEK, is presently operating 1 KW on 20 fone and 300 watts on 75 fone. She is planning to on 40 fone with a KW in the near future

Al Flemming, W9WFK, completed his Viking II kit and has had a few contacts with it. The first one was on ten with W9IVJ of Chicago, however, Al is back on 7141 kc again with a 30 foot wire hanging out of his window. He is planning on stringing up a 100 foot long wire with only a 5 or 10 foot lead in as his location is on the fifth floor of the YMCA bldg. in Chicago. (Ed note: Wish Al good luck but I spent two nights in the "Y" there. We took a third floor room to get away from the street noise. But alas, the elevated trains were just outside the room. Hi)

From Grand Island, Dave writes, "you may know one better, but the G. I. Club is proud of the record of WØLEP is getting into Ham radio. Just now a year ago, Carl H. Maggiore was attracted by the hamming of a neighbor college boy FHJ. When Carl found "how much you had to know" to get a ticket, he decided it was for him. With help from BTM and FHJ, his code and answers were right for WN last August. Persistent study and operating followed and Carl passed the General Class exam on Jan. 15. He has a clean fist and clean sigs from a 75 watt Eldico kit or 25 watt home-brew rig, usually around 10 PM (80 CW) is looking for a DeTVI'd KW. Carl is one of the busiest among Grand Island's physicians and surgeons, hamming before bed time is relaxation.

ROSTER OF AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB

Armstrong, Jerry	2738 N. 49th Street	PL 3762	WØNKG
Ashly, Bill	4326 Oak Street	GL 9094	WØUSB
Bailey, Guy R.	133 No. 38th Street	HA 5764	WØKJP
Barker, Dean	YMCA 628 1st Ave. Co. Bluffs		WØVOI
Baughman, Geo.	4746 No. 40th Avenue	KE 5756	WØAFZ
Blake, Ron.	143 Glen Ave. C.B.		WØHXJ
Chadek, Ed	1254 S. 16th Street	HA 8374	WØZSP
Connell, Joe	2768 S. 13th Street	HA 7986	WØLHZ
Connolly, John	319 Park Ave. C. B.		WØHOV
Cooper, Frank	901 S. 86th Street	GL 2583	WØIOS
Curry, H. D.	3844 Charles Street	GL 7980	WØQXR
Demorest, Allan	U. S. Air Force		
Dyba, Frank	4712 No. 29th Street	KE 0904	WØUSU
Eilers, Dick	1318 S. 78th Ave.	WA 4056	
Ferguson, Robt.	5021 Grand Ave.	KE 6314	WØPXJ
Fernald, Frank	3314 Belvedere Blvd.	KE 5131	WØBTE
Fields, Don C/M 4th Cl.			WØGJI
Fifer, Tom	6704 No. 31st Ave.	KE 2328	WØAQJ
Fischer, Ben	210 E. Lincoln Street, Blair		WØPXR
Fischer, Fred	7246 No. 35th St.		WØEGP
Foster, Roy	513 So. 34th Street	AT 6252	WØLRD
Fox, George	2532 Madison, Bellevue	BE 1573	WØAEM
Fried, R. A.	3035 Curtis Avenue	KE 6882	WØYMU
Gaeth, Arthur R., Sr.	6105 No. 37th St.	KE 3769	WØFQB
Greenwell, Garold	3515 No. 42nd Street		
Gutmann, Ed.	2340 So. 34th Street	WE 3665	WØCCX
Hanson, Raymond	303 Park Avenue, C. B.		WØHOW
Hollis, John	3721 Ohio	PL 7455	WØENE
Hunt, Richard	200 E. Washington, Blair		
Kramer, Ferris	520 Brentwood Ave.	GL 4085	WØYZK
Kuhr, Leon	609 E. Grant St., Blair		WØDPS
Larson, Wendell M.	2442 Whitmore Street		
Leeder, John	1123 So. 50th St.	GL 6386	WØUFD
McMillan, Alan	8301 No. 28th Ave.	KE 8125	WØJJK
Mattern, John P.	4301 Shirley	WA 6636	WØEIH
Menshik, "Lee"	1022 So. 46th Ave.	WA 0455	WØNNW
Meyerson, Leo	704 Forest Dr., Council Bluffs	2898	WØGFQ
Montalbona, Bill	4430 So. 20th Street	MA 0917	
Morgan, Harold	3558 No. 36th Ave.	PL 1325	WØBQP
Nelson, Edw.	Tower Tourist Vill. 78 & Dodge	WA 0659	WØMKP
Nelson, Jim	217 E. Washington St., Blair		WØHQD
Nielsen, Mickey	307 W. Grant St., Blair		WØEFQ
Olson, Earle E.	2730 Newport Ave.	KE 2316	WØJKE
Orr, John	4530 No. 56th Street	PL 5732	WØPHW
Powell, Fay C.	9801 Florence Heights Blvd.	KE 4570	WØISV
Prell, Harold	1917 So. 61st Street	GL 1799	WØVIG
Larry Pyle	1235 K Street, Lincoln		WØAGE
Reimund, Richard	5214 Leavenworth	GL 3738	WØLFM
Richardson, Everett	3310 Davenport Ave.	HA 4959	WØLWJ
Rudolph, Lawrence, Pfc.	U. S. Air Force		WØQHK
Rydberg, Roy	4506 Poppleton	GL 1016	WØLGN
Smith, Leroy, Jr.	7432 State St. Ralston	OR 2895	WØQHO
Smith, Sewall	4622 Douglas Street	WA 6958	WØGMZ
Stein, Elmer	1011 So. 91st Street	GL 2999	WØAVM
Strange, R. J. S. J.	Creighton University	JA 7400	WØQHG

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Stratbucker, Robt.
Sturek, John
Truscott, Bob
Vampola, Al
Van Horn, Bud
Fry, James "Doc"

Rt. #8, Florence Sta.
2621 F Street
3166 Kansas Ave.
1418 So. 11th St.
U. S. Air Force
Valprasio, Indiana

KE 4023 WØHZE
OR 1089 WØJCK
KE 5451 WØEJA
HA 8139 WNØHRA
WØBUW
W9GHQ

FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

It is possible that we might have pushed through a compromise measure but the License Plate Committee felt that it was better to stick to our guns and go out for what we wanted.

The many manifestations of confidence and cooperation with the activities of our Club committee was most heart-warming. The knowledge that all of you were behind us in this effort gave us the courage to do what we knew had to be done. I know that whoever takes the job of the 1955 session, can count on your full support and cooperation.

FINANCIAL REPORT LB-29

Collected:	\$ 215.58
Expenditures:	
Misc. Stationary	\$18.63
Telephone and	
Telegrams	15.08
Postage - - - -	49.20
Misc. Traveling	
Expenses	25.00
	<u>107.91</u>
Balance - - - - -	<u>107.67</u>

We might add that a tremendous amount of time and energy has not been billed. We do believe that this report will cover all bills but possibly a few more will be submitted. The Executive Committee of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club has not as yet discussed the remaining money. It is expected that it will be held in escrow by the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club until such time as it may be used for the general benefit of the Nebraska Amateurs.

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INTER-CITY RTTY

During the past several weeks WØQXR of Omaha has contacted WØVEC, Bob, of Lincoln on two meter RTTY.

Later in the week Tony, WØQOU, of Snyder, and Herb, QXR, carried on a two way via RTTY.

HANDY COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

"The amateurs' ability to serve in all kinds of emergencies has been one of the important factors which has helped the U.S. retain international frequency allocations for amateurs. This pattern which is developing for bypassing the amateur could well sound the death knell of the amateur service. Your defense against this dangerous and deplorable situation is action."

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WANT ADDS

AMATEURS looking ahead to the future may find a good job at World Radio Labs. Contact Leo WØGFQ.

WIRE recorder, Webster 79 head, complete, less microphone. Contact John Orr WØPHW.

FOR printing jobs of any sort call or see Al Mc Millan, WØJJK, at 8301 No. 28 Ave. or Phone KE 8125.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Get set for the BIG Pot Luck Get-together being planned for April 25.

Put on your new rags, old rags, come as you are.

Keep April 25 open. Watch for details in the April issue of this fish wrapper. BCNU on April 25, that is April twenty-five.

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AN EASTERN WINTER VACATION

George Fox, AEM, has been away to Endicott, N. Y. for the past three weeks learning all about the new IBM machines. George expects to be back in town around March 11.

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L. B. 29

This edition of HAM-HUM had been prepared for mailing because Senator Wm. Moulton, of the Public Works Committee, advised us that LB 29 was deadlocked in Committee and was for all practical purposes dead. Mr. Moulton has been on our side from the beginning and had told us last January that the bill, if amended, might be gotten out of Committee; our reply was not to compromise on what we wanted.

After the bill had been held in Committee for over six weeks, Mr. Moulton took it upon himself to recommend an amendment to the bill as a means of getting it out and on to the floor of the Unicameral. He fully realized that the amendment (which gives the amateurs two license plates) is not what we want; but rather than let it die, he took the only means available to get it to the floor. Perhaps he has something in mind. Certainly he did say that it is easier to amend legislation than to originate it; so that if we can get this amended bill passed, we can at a later Session of the Legislature point out the absurdity of issuing two sets of license plates for one car.

Senators Syas and Duis, the two original sponsors of the bill, have pointed out that Senator Moulton is now to be regarded as a sponsor of the bill. Hence, any organized attempt on our part to have the amendment dropped when it reaches the floor, would be an act of discourtesy, and the two original sponsors say they will in such a case have nothing to do with the bill. Furthermore, Art Gaeth, W0FQB, who has had considerable experience in seeing bills through the Legislature, warns that he has seen many bills defeated or die because of maneuvering after the bill has reached general file.

Mr. Moulton reports that he has reason to believe that the bill will be up for debate about a week or ten days after the bill was reported out of Committee (which occurred on March 13th). Therefore, we must act fast in writing to our respective Senators and in getting others to write to them in support of the bill. Stereotyped, or form letters will do little good; but letters, postcards, telegrams, radiograms expressed in the words of the sender, if sent in sufficient numbers, will do the trick. It is to be hoped that this word does not reach you too late to allow you time for some action.

It is true that this amended bill does not give us what we want. It gives us, in addition to the regular Nebraska license, another plate with amateur call letters stamped on them together with "Nebraska" and the current year; so it is not just a call-letter plate you can buy any old place, but is an official Nebraska car license plate. Before refusing to support the bill, we should carefully consider the possibility that if we should refuse to have confidence in and support those Senators who are trying to help us, we might have difficulty in finding a sponsor for another bill at the next Session.

We of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club had hoped to be able to pass along to you by mail information on the progress of LB 29. But when things began to happen, they happened so fast that the necessary time lag for word to reach you would have made the information valueless. So we took on means of reaching a large percentage of the Nebraska hams, i.e., by radio over the Nebraska Phone Net frequency of 3983 kc. We have done this again; the matter is being discussed and information is being passed along over the air. This Committee has been on the air especially on Sunday afternoons after the regular net roll-call is finished at about 1:30 P.M. Listen then for the latest information.