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Here is the Nebraska ham license plate. Left to right: Orr, PHW; Kramer, YZK; Strange, QHG; Olson, JKE. You will be seeing these license plates this year. Approximately 250 Nebraska hams have received their plates and these are well spread throughout the state, 60 of Nebraska's 93 counties being represented. The color is black figures on white background, for the reason that a small amount of this color paint was left over from making the regular plates several years ago.

Regarding the 1954 plates, those who ordered plates in 1953 will receive application forms from the Motor Vehicle Division sometime during the first part of December this year. Those who did not order 1953 plates, but wish to do so for 1954, should write to Owen Boyles, Motor Vehicle Division, State House, Lincoln, Neb., before December 1st, requesting application forms, and

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MIDWEST CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 10-11  
LINCOLN - NEBRASKA

Actually enough has been said as to how, when and where but we are still going to make one last attempt to sway the undecided.

We hope you are all pre-registered to take advantage of the HQ-140 but if not - here are a few of the features---for the mobiles two stations will guard the frequencies 3983 and 29640 Kcs --- Paul Segal, legal counsel for ARRL will be the banquet speaker--- E. A. Rapp a Civilian Defense Director will have some dope on C. D. and RACES --- The Salina Radio Club will conduct the Wouff Hong initiation --- A smorgasborg with a menu as long as your arm --- a pile of brass from MARS --- Saturday night entertainment will revolve around comedy and skill --- and many technical talks and gab sessions.

Notice that the meeting has been postponed one week.

**NEXT MEETING**

October 16, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

### NEWS FROM ABOUT TOWN

Frank, USU, reports his XYL and daughter just got back from Los Angeles after a 5 week visit. The XYL managed to get in on Art Linkletters daily TV show, was chosen to be one of the contestants, and won a new coffee pot. Well thats what is needed for 40 meter DX.

During her absence, Frank, has been getting in some good rag chews on 40 cw. He has changed his method of feeding his antenna and the 30 watts now sounds like a half gallon.

Dick, Little Fat Mamma, has become one of the active again with a full 15 watts. Incidentally we understand that Dick had some difficulty in getting the handle across to some certain fellow ham in Omaha.

It looks like Johnny, UFD, is going to be back mobile soon. Best luck Johnny, Carter Lake will be frozen over soon. Hi.

The noose will lower over the heads of two local hams soon. We mourn the loss of Bob, PXJ and Elmer, PZB. May their QRM come from the ham bands and not the XYL's.

Don, UVV, is experimenting on 420mc and is very interested in putting on some amateur TV in that region.-----  
TVI generator in our own ranks HI HI

Understand that some of the local mobiles are going back to ten. Looks like the movement is definitely back to ten, back to ten, back to ten.

Ferris, YZK, just got back from a very enjoyable two weeks tour thru 13 states and Canada, visiting many cities in the east. The only drawback to the whole trip was that Ferris was not mobile and missed the opportunity for many delightful QSO's during the trip.

Well Dick Eilers finally cleared his desk of all business matters and discovered his code oscilator. Now to plug it in and use it.

Bill, EXZ, is beginning to get the bug again after being dormant for about two years. Fire up that old beam Bill and lets hear you again we miss you.

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### OMAHA NIGHTS ON TEN METERS

In order to stimulate the "good old days" on ten meter phone we of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club would like to start out by having two days in a month when all of the ten meter gang, fixed and mobile, get together for some good rag chews and informal QSO's locally as we did in the past.

The days suggested are the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7:30 pm and ending when you leave.

Our first night will be scheduled for Tuesday October 20, followed by Tuesday November 3, November 17 etc.

It is our hope that by all of us getting on ten meters, at least twice monthly, will keep some of the fellows on ten the rest of the month.

We sincerely invite all local hams to participate in this endeavor to revive the lost art of ten rag chews.

The suggested frequency is 29640KC. After the initial contact the entire band can be used.

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B C N U ON 10 TUES. OCTOBER 20

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### OUT OF TOWN NEWS

Noel, APK, of Denver invites more of the Nebr. gang to join up with the 3520 CW net meeting nightly at 7:00 pm. C. S. T. Noel will be going mobile on all bands soon.

George, LSO, formerly of Superior and now stationed at Lackland AFB in Texas, is reminising all the hours he could be spending on our ham bands while doing work for "uncle". However his heart is still with us though his body isn't.

Bill, USB, now residing in Bolder, Colo. He has a cabin in the mountains and uses a small all band rig but is not able to work out due to the local.

Al Fleming was called to participate in the search for a crashed jet plane near Chicago. He used his HRO 60 and his Viking II.

## NEWS CONTINUED

Bob, NYU, is really on the ball, altho inactive at present, by offering to help in what ever way he can to keep our 29640 Kc continuous watch going even if he is not a club member. TNX Bob.

Al Draper, W8KLP/Ø, is the Asst. MARS director at Offutt Field. Major Wilson of Hq. SAC is the new SAC MARS director in lieu of Major Ralls.

Al mentioned that the Offutt MARS station AFØAIR and KØAIR and their mobile capabilities could be made available for any activities that our club may generate locally.

Herb, QXR, is busy learning the art of plumbing and plastering. All this effort is centered around the little room upstairs. Seems he has spent a lot of time up there.

Al, JJK, has squeezed a nice little mobile rig into his four wheeled match-box and left but one alternative for the signal. The signal had to get out and it does.

Frankie, BTE, is working on the mobile rig again. It's been a long time since the tough elephant has been heard on the air.

Even Fred, EGP, is expected to be on 75 mobile again soon.

We are all waiting to hear Beth from WØNPA mobile some moon lit night.

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### FOR SALE

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| BC-459                                  | \$15.00 |
| Car radio and Morrow<br>2BC (10 and 75) | 25.00   |
| Elector-Voice speech<br>clipper         | 10.00   |
| Drake 300 ohm low pass<br>filter-new    | 10.00   |
| or make offer to WØNKG at PL. 3762      |         |

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## AUCTION TIME AGAIN AT THE OCTOBER 16 MEETING

Our annual auction of radio equipment will be held at our regular meeting.

One change of policy will be in force at this auction. This new inovation calls for all proceeds to go into the club building fund. It will be to your benefit to get rid of some of your unused equipment and also benefit the club.

We have the following equipment already lined up for auction:

2ea WE 0-200 ma meter  
2ea RCA 812 tubes  
1ea 304TL and socket  
1ea Dual 200 mmfd Bud Var Cond  
.051 spacing

1ea Bandswitch 50 watts  
2ea Dual 150mmfd Bud Var Cond  
2ea Johnson N375 Neut. Cond  
2ea Gordon dial knobs and dial faces

Also misc. rf chokes, resistors, stand-off insulators etc.

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### SOME MORE ON DX

Bill, BUR, of Mead, Nebraska is for all practical purposes off the air until next summer. Bill is going to school now. He is still waiting for the SMØCY card which will give him his fifth continent on 40 cw.

Bill will be at the Lincoln convention, will you?

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### LAST CALL LAST CALL LAST CALL

If you wish to continue to receive your copy of Ham Hum and have not notified us of your intentions and are not a member of the club please drop us a line. The paper is free but we would like to revise our mailing lists.

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### PHOTO CREDIT

Our thanks to Frank, IOS, for the FB photo on the front page.

License Plates (cont.)  
they will be mailed out from there shortly after.

Mr. Boyles cautions that after the application forms have been mailed back to him, you should be patient. He hopes that you will receive your plates about the middle of January, but production of the regular plates for 1954 is behind schedule right now. The 1954 ham plates will be new plates without tabs.

Now is the time to start working for the single plate in the 1955 Legislature. At this time it would be well to visit your Senator and show him your license plate, thanking him for his interest. The waste involved in the duplication of registration and sets of license plates for the same car, the practical difficulty of mounting two sets might be pointed out to him. More than this need not be said at this time. We realize that some of the present Senators will not be re-elected, but we must not allow the Senators to lose interest in the call-letter plate bill, since the majority of them will be returning to the State House in 1955.

It is our hope to summarize the ham license plate situation on a national basis and to provide those who have indicated their interest by buying the plates, with more complete information and arguments to present to their Senators.

Any incidents or activities, however trivial, in which the amateur license plates were made use of or brought to the attention of the public or newspaper clippings concerning amateur radio, should be sent to P.O. Box 626, Omaha 1, Nebr.

Let's not be unprepared for 1955!

## CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

An addition to our club by-laws Sec. 5, entitled "Nominating Committee" was read at our September meeting. This amendment was approved by all present at that time, but said amendment must be submitted again at the October meeting before being finally adopted.

Text of Amendment is:-

### Sec. 5 -- Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee, composed of the retiring Club President and the two immediately preceding past Presidents, or in default of these, their Vice-Presidents.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate suitable candidates for the Club officers at the annual elections, no less than two candidates for each office.

Before voting can proceed for the various offices, additional nominations for each office must be called for from the floor.

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