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As most of you are well aware, the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club at it's November meeting formed a license plate committee. The committee functioned quietly throughout November and December and on January 3rd at the Grand Island Ham-fest the official announcement of the activity was outlined and all present were informed that the letters were then in the mail. The letters went to each of the 820 Nebraska Amateurs listed in the latest Radio Amateurs Call Book.

Response to the letter would indicate that most of the state's Senators were or would be contacted. Financially the letter was a success, our collection, in answer to a plea for funds was almost \$200. (The letter cost approx. \$50 to mail)

Senator George Syas of Omaha introduced the bill on the first day of bill introduction, with Senator Herbert Duis of Gothenburg as co-signer.

The Club Committee attempted to stimulate activity by going on 75 meters each Sunday afternoon and holding a roundtable passed information back and forth across the state.

Public hearing on the bill was set for January 22nd. An air of confidence was noted in all the state. However the committee did not release the bill on the 22nd. The bill was held, apparently for further information regarding expense involved, of which we considered amply covered in our presentation.

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LIGHTS ON

Amateur Radio again demonstrated it's services during the recent "Lights On" Campaign. The campaign, well known to all is part of a fund raising campaign of the Polio Foundation. The "Hams" were able to assist and provide a more efficient means of collection of money.

A fleet of eleven mobile "Hams" were dispatched via ten meters from a control station at WØJKE's QTH. The operation was similar to last year's event. The mobiles were used to pick up ward captains with their collections and transport them to the city hall. Many individual money pick-ups were made.

Each mobile unit was protected by a member of the regular city police force. These police men were on voluntary duty. The protection was needed for the money, which on some trips ran well over \$1000.

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EVENTS OF THE NEXT MEETING

There will be a demonstration of teletype and Amateur Radio Teletype. A complete station will be set up in the meeting room. The demonstration will be given by George Fox and John Orr with an assist from Marion Olson.

NEXT MEETING

Feb. 13, 1953

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

LOCAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Jack Mattern, EIH, in on 40 exclusively because he hasn't any other driver except the present BC 459.

Jack would like to pick up a good BC 696 or would like to hear from anyone who would know of the whereabouts of one. He also has a BC 458 on 40 that he would like to trade off. Jack can be reached at Walnut 6636.

Bill Chase, EXZ, mentions being very inactive ever since that day in Sept. of 1952 when he turned on the final power supply and it sounded like a mess of cats fighting.

Geo. Dirgo, MQJ, expresses his desire to be among the present on the second Friday the month but due to his working hours finds it impossible to attend.

Eddie Q. Hansen, UEV, is working out quite well on 20 phone with his Gonset mobile being used as the home rig with a vertical dipole for an antenna. Total input, 27 watts.

Al Draper, W8KCP/Ø, was passing out cigars in announcing the new local QRM born Dec. 7.

Al mentions that the new operator sure puts out a strong note on the fundamental. Name, Davis.

Don Field, GJI, is back in town for a visit before returning to Merchant Marine Cadet Academy on the 24th of February.

Don expects to be down to the Feb. club meeting to meet all of you guys.

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE YOU MAY NOW purchase your subscriptions to the QST and CQ magazines from your club secretary at the next club meeting.

MARS

The MARS organization in Nebraska is rapidly expanding. We have received information from the Army and from Major Mack, Chief of MARS Air Force organizations.

Both nets are similar in their scope. Captain Morris, Signal Corp, 895 No. 16 St. Lincoln, Nebraska writes the following; "MARS was established for, and is attempting to accomplish, these purposes: to create interest and further training in military radio communication; to coordinate practices and procedures of amateur radio operations with those of military radio communications; and to provide an additional source of trained communication personnel in the event of a local or national emergency."

Capt. Morris continues in his letter to say "There is a Special Regulation----- by the Joint Communications Electronic Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff. The regulation reads in part: "The military Services have always appreciated the importance of the contributions made by radio amateurs both as a source of trained operation personnel in war time and for the development of modern improvements in electronic devices. It is the policy of the military Services to foster and encourage amateur radio operations to the maximum extent possible. The military must rely heavily on the amateur in peace and in war."

We quote from Major Mack, "I am sure that you realize the importance of MARS in maintaining the morale of our troops through the service it provides. A large share of the credit for this service belongs to the amateur who is the backbone of our program. MARS leaves much to be desired by way of organization and training but a system of such large scope takes years to fully organize, yours as well as other amateurs assistance is sincerely appreciated."

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by our new president, QHG. After roll call, committee appointments for the current year were made by the president from recommendations of the executive committee. They are as follows:

Field Day

Menshik, Ferguson and Dyba

Welcome Committee

Guttmann and Leeder

Additions to Newspaper staff

Reimund and McMillan

More committee announcements to follow.

The current political push for license plates was thoroughly discussed with information being presented by Olson and Gaeth. All Members and visitors were urged to contact their representatives in the state legislature and to aid financially in the mail promotion of the program.

Moved by Cooper that each member contribute \$1.00 (minimum) to the license plate campaign fund. Seconded by Curry and after discussion by Gaeth the motion passed.

Olson reported on the March of Dimes "porch lights" campaign and said that the club had again been asked to participate with mobile coverage on a similar basis as last year. The net would again operate on 29.640 mc. and our coverage of the city would be limited only by the number of mobiles we could muster.

The following new members were received:
Fred Fischer, WØEGP 7246 No. 35 St.
Garold Greenwell, 3515 No. 42 St.
Wendell M. Larson, 2442 Whitmore St.

The somewhat controversial subject of SSB was discussed and demonstrated by FYP and YMU. The main part of the demonstration showed how two xmitters could be operated on the same freq. without interfering with the other and both could be received by one receiver. The demonstration was very convincing especially from the voice controlled transmitter situation. The demonstration aroused so much interest that the question period lasted well over thirty minutes.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

OUT OF TOWN GOSSIP

A nice card was received from Marshall Parker W3UQP/O now residing in Denver.

Marshall is on 40 CW and 10 Phone and is continuously looking around on 40 to rag chew some of the local gang but to date, no dice. So, give Marshall's frequency of 7145 kc. a listen once in a while.

Mig, W6TEK, expresses her feelings when she worked UQJ and had the opportunity to talk to JKE and MJK via a phone patch. She mentions hearing NNW working the local W6's.

Incidentally, Mig is teaching code to a troop of 30 Boy Scouts.

Larry Pyle of 1235 K St. Lincoln has an Eicor Tape Recorder for sale. Anyone interested write Larry at the above address. Larry mentions the A.F. MARS station being located at the U of N and using 75 and 20 phone.

Vic Nelson, GCY, is waiting for spring to come around so he can become an active mobile again. The xmitter and Old Man Winter are too much for the battery.

Al Fleming finally got his new call, W9WFK. Al is busy assembling his Johnson Viking 11 kit and has only 16 more pages of instructions to go thru before he can give it a peep. Al's antenna will be a 90 foot wire and fed, starting from the fifth floor window and running up from there.

Acknowledging receipt of a card from the Iowa S.C.M. WØPP of Mitchellville. Glad to hear from you Bill, es hope you can drop in for a personal visit sometime.

We note in an article from the magazine Motor Trend, that our former president Doc. Becker took first place in Event 2 at the Torrey Pines auto race driving a Cooper (not IOS).

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On January 30th it was announced that LB 29 was killed in committee.

Rapid investigation showed that not all of the members of the legislative committee were present when the vote was taken.

Our Senator has demanded another vote by the committee and at this time we are awaiting the outcome of this second vote.

THE WOMEN AT THE G.I. HAMFEST

Why let the OM have all the fun? Next time he leaves for a hamfest, put on your best bonnet and tag along.

Fifteen gals did just that and had a wonderful time. We visited various hams both on the way and in Grand Island. After a wonderful time at the Hotel Palmer the men called their business meeting together and the women adjourned to the lobby where we had a very enjoyable gab fest. Most all subjects were well covered.

The KYL's of the following were present: DW, LJO, KYU, CC, HSO, VAS, AUH, LEF, JKE, NMN, BDO, KFY, BTT, and BTM.

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FROM A CLUB MEMBER IN KOREA

We received a phone call from Allan Demorest's mother. She passes along the word that Al is 30 miles north of Seoul and on January 11th copied Don Johnson 5 and 7 on a R-100 receiver with a whip for an antenna. Al is very anxious to hear from the Club gang.

His address is:
Pvt. Allan F. Demorest, US55250243
16th SRM
c/o 205 Sig Rep. Co. (C)
APO 358 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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A relative new phase of Amateur Radio was used to relay messages from the campaign headquarters in the city hall to the mobile control station.

Amateur Radio Teletype operating in the two meter band was used to good advantage. Due to the necessity of sharing one room at the city hall with the police communications and campaign message center it was decided to use RTTY, thereby eliminating much confusion and noise for our operators.

The very impressive list of mobile stations included the following: AQJ, EGP, AEM, PXJ, PHW, OAB, GYM, LHZ, KCK, UPY, and NKG.

The RTTY gear was built by AEM and PHW. WØMJK, QHG, JJK, USU, and BTE assisted at the two stations.

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WANTED

Tubes - 832

Call or see Geo. Fox, WØAEM Phone BE 1573.

WANTED

Unmodified 522 receiver.

Call or see John Orr WØPHW, PL 5732.

WANTED

SCR 522 rack lid

Call or see Earle Olson, KE 2316

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FROM THE WARMTH OF CALIFORNIA

Fay Powell, WØISV, of Omaha now spending the rest of the winter in Long Beach reports that he is ready to take the 13 word a minute code test and get rid of the novice call. We hope to see Fay one of these warm spring days.