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ONAWA, IOWA ORDINANCE

In view of the many requests received concerning TVI reduction and how to overcome it, we would like to inform all concerned that the Ak-Sar-Ben Club will again re-activate its TVI Committee to help anyone who is having problems with TVI. Watch for an announcement in next months Ham Hum.

We have the following from WØBVX, Onawa.

"The ordinance itself was passed December 4, 1951 and went into effect the sixth of the same month. I immediately sent a copy of the ordinance and a brief summary of the events that led to its being to the FCC and the ARRL. I was first advised by H. T. Gallaher that court had in several cases proved that any radio is under the FCC alone. The matter was also referred from the KCMo. office to their legal dept. in Chicago. Meanwhile Paul Segal looked into the case for the League. He advised the city attorney to repeal the ordinance as the city is without such power let alone in the fringe area or even outside it. He also advised I would have grounds for damage if the local officials interfered in any way.

On the other hand, the city attorney wrote a letter to the FCC stating its stand on the ordinance. He stated that the city is in no way trying to control any amateur station but that the city will proceed under its "police powers" to insure interference from reception to its citizens residing in the fringe area.

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January 24, 1952
Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club
Box 626
Omaha 1, Nebraska

Attention All Members:

Dear Fellow Members:

Your election of me to the office of President of our club for the year 1952 was indeed a great thrill and honor.

It was my desire and sincerest wishes that I carry on the duties of this office to the best interest of all members, towards the betterment and continued improvement and growth of our fine club. Toward this end I was dedicated to serve you this year.

However, thru unforeseen and unpredictable circumstances I have forced myself into a condition which requires more than anything else, plenty of rest and relief from responsibilities, both business and social.

My work and health forced me to resign as your Ham Hum editor. A job I really enjoyed. At present due to strict M. D. orders I find myself forced to relinquish all attachments except my work: even my work has been curtailed for the next many months.

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NEXT MEETING

Febr. 8th, 1952

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH AT WØEQU

The club station this month was set up in the Omaha City Hall Sunday January 27. It is to be used for a control station for about 15 mobile stations. These mobile stations are to carry one city policeman the night of the Polio Fund Drive. They will help patrol the city and provide protection and assistance to the women collecting from door to door on the night of January 31.

A coax antenna was borrowed from CSN and Sunday noon it was nailed to the remains of the tower above the sixth floor of the City Hall. A collection of RG-8U totaling more than 100 feet was lowered over the side down to the operating room on the third floor. Here JKE's HT6 and HQ129 served the station.

A dry run was held the following Monday evening with about 11 mobiles participating. Pictures were taken for the use of the TV stations and the newspaper.

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MUSIC

Last week we worked an eight mobile in Omaha and were very pleased to meet him the same evening. The man with the long car and the short whip was none other than the slip-stick expert W8HBC, Pee Wee Hunt. We enjoyed the QSO from JJK's mobile. Later in the evening in spite of 60¢ per bottle we enjoyed listening to Pee Wee and his band. As a novelty we heard the Tiger Rag in something less than 30 seconds with all of the notes. We want to go on record by saying that Pee Wee has a top notch band.

We sincerely hope that Pee Wee got his 807's cooking before he left Omaha.

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NEW MEMBERS

Becker, Lenere 4508 Williams St.	Wa. 0287	WNØEGF
Gerber, Stan 2773 Burt St.	Ja. 1909	WØQUA

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 1952

Details of the Polio Fund Drive were supplied by Olson. Women will go from door to door in a "lights-on" campaign. Fifteen mobile units, each with a uniformed policeman, will cruise the 15 districts into which Omaha has been divided. Through a control station, located in the City Hall, each of the units can be sent to any worker who feels that the amount of money she has collected is too much to be carrying around with her, or to any emergency that may arise. The uniformed policeman will handle all the money taken by any unit and after the campaign will turn it over at the City Hall.

AFZ was appointed net control of the 10 meter net for the evenings of January 18, 25 and February 1.

The Secretary announced that the Club is now receiving the CQ on an exchange basis. He also read a letter from ARRL Midwest Director Schmidt, asking that representatives be sent by the Club to a meeting in Kansas City during March; the letter was referred to the Executive Committee for action. The Onawa city ordinance was discussed; an up-to-date report on the situation there will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The New Executive Committee was announced and approved: Armstrong, Eilers, Ferguson, Gaeth, Leeder, Olson and Prell. Other committee appointments included: Newspaper - Olson, Eilers, and Gutmann; Greeters - Curry, Schmalenbach, and Ashley; Reporters - Bailey, Reynolds, and Gutmann; Refreshments - Olson, Armstrong, and Gutmann.

Gaeth opened discussion on Field Day 1952, and it centered around a suitable location. The Muny stadium, Benson football field, Elmwood Park even going as far away as a cabin on the Platte River, were all discussed. The possibility of using several small generators, instead of one large generator, in order to avoid the recurrent problem of low voltage at the end of the line, was explored. Two 1 kva generators were offered for use.

Among the visitors present was the Radio Inspector who conducted FCC exams in Omaha: his call is WØJAP.

NEWS FROM WØSEE * CO. BLUFFS

Well here's the news that has accumulated at WØSEE's shack. There hasn't been too much going on, sure do enjoy the paper and if there's a charge for it, just let me know. We worked W8HBC Mobile in Co. Bluffs, and find out that it's none other than Pee Wee Hunt, the noted dixieland Swing Band leader who is playing at Angelo's for the next two weeks. He sure is a ham of the first water. He's staying at a motel in Co. Bluffs, and has complete ham gear with him. Stan Davidson, WØUJL is at WOW-TV, and we've been hearing WØCWC, Kenny Bryant who's moved from Spencer, S. Dak to Longview, Wash. He's formerly of Co. Bluffs. He's on 20 Fone. Of all things, we heard WØQEZ on for the first time in a long time. That's Don Jeppesen. WØSEE has a spot in mind where he can put up an 80 meter rhombic if he wishes, so looks like your's truly will maybe have some antenna.

' 73 Orin WØSEE

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STATION OF THE MONTH

Allan Mc Millan WØJJK a young man of 21 tender years, took the exam. in 1948 and operated first on 2 meters. He found at that time as we find today no one is on 2, so he went to 80 and found every one there. Since, he has operated on 40 and ten. He is currently on ten mobile and 20 fone fixed.

His homerig is a neat looking home made rig boasting of a 24G on 10-20 running 60 watts. This rig feeds into a two element 20 meter beam which is supported by an elaborate wooden structure.

Proof of operation was demonstrated last Sunday to me. We walked into his shack and flipped on the receiver, tuned in a W2 calling CQ on 20 and worked him.

The receiver there is a hopped up BC-348. (We hear that the receiver was hopped up by running 9 volts to the filaments) XXX Allan insists it has a 6J5 Osc, 6SC7 RF, and a 7 Mixer.

Al uses a Stancor ST-203 on 10 for a mobile rig, running 28 watts. The receiving end is a Morrow 3 band converter.

OUT OF TOWN NEWS

NOEL W. HARMAN WØAPK is residing in Denver, Colo. at present. He is on or around 3520 kc. every nite and would enjoy working some of the Omaha gang. He will have a half-gallon on 20 phone in the near future.

UNDERSTAND Bud Van Horn WØBUW out at Columbus has been having troubles loading his off Center Fed Doublet on 80, however did manage to work JJK in Omaha on 80 cw. We wonder how many diamonds he has in circulation at this date.

To Nebraska City 10 meter hams; W4JCD of Miami, Florida would like to phone patch Nebraska City so he could talk to his father.

HARLAN DEWITZ WØDHO of Wisner, Nebr. has TVI whipped on 75 and only a small trace on 20. That's real FB for fringe area. JED is now selling TV sets as is YSK of Norfolk. We imagine HI PASS filters are "Standard Equipment" on those sets.

DEAN BARKER WØVOI of Council Bluffs, Ia. is planning to try out single side band soon with the assistance of Don Johnsen WØUUV.

JIM NELSON of Blair, Nebr. took his novice exam. in Omaha on January 10. He has a 6AG7 - 807 rig all set when the ticket arrives.

MICKEY NIELSON WNØEFQ of Blair, Nebr. took his Class B exam on January 10. Mickey plans on using an 807 Final wid 30 watts input on 10 es a folded dipole ant. Rcvr is an SW54.

DOC BECKER WØBBX is now in San Jose, Calif. reports that 2 meter activity is very great out on the west coast. He has confined his activities to 10 meter mobile es 40 fixed. Doc is very anxious to contact the Omaha gang on 10 during the days and on 40 CW from 9 - 12 PM c.s.t. Doc now holds the tract record at San Jose for sports class stock cars. Wonder if Doc has worked out much mobile while pushing the Muntz in a race.

PICKED UP IN OMAHA LAST MONTH

ORVILLE WELMER WØGKL is working out very fine with new 750 watt rig plus 3 element wide spaced beam on 20 fone.

AL MC MILLAN WØJJK is active on 10 meter mobile again as working on a new SSB rig.

S/SGT BOB COX WØBUD had purchased a new Elmac A54 expecting to take it with him to Europe and now discovers that he will not have to go.

HERB CURRY WØQXR is really sold on his SSB transmitter as well as the SS type of transmission.

HERB WILLIAMS WØZZG has renewed his license as is looking forward to getting on 160 as well as 10 phone.

WE HAVE heard about the whereabouts of one of our old diehards WØ Demented Master M... Last time seen alive was leaving the premises of WØJKE several New Years ago. His present address M/Sgt. Robt. S. Klafsky AF 6824664 1909 AACCS Sqdn. Andrews AFB Washington 20, D. C. We know he would enjoy hearing from his old friends.

BERNIE BEHRENS WØJFX worked WNØFRU in Florence, Nebr. (1 mile airline) for his first CW contract. Bernie claims to have the original two band transmitter, in fact, the RF output on 80 as 40 is identical at the same time.

AN EXAMPLE of the efficiency and service that Ham Radio can perform is exemplified in the case of a message received by WØFQB from WØHGV, whose son-in-law was enroute by automobile to Long Beach, Calif., stating that his father was dying back in Omaha. This message was delivered to Long Beach in 20 min., via FQB, Ten Net, and Rn6 net just as the son-in-law was driving into his driveway. He immediately made arrangements to return to Omaha via air line and arrived two hours before the death of his father.

FROM THE ARRL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Dear WØEQU AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club,

Many thanks for the copy of your fine bulletin "Ham Hum" noting your 1952 officer list. We are checking our mailing list and records accordingly.

Copy of your City Ordinance No. 114 is being transmitted to Senior Ass't Secy. Huntoon. It would seem to me that the plain statement in Section 1 or elsewhere in the Ordinance that recognized that all radio transmitters were under the licensed jurisdiction and rules of the FCC as prescribed by the Communications Act would bring this more into line with the provisions customarily set forth in such documents. New bulletin format is very distinctive. I believe the Dade Radio Club (W4SAT) would appreciate a copy to aid in planning a new bulletin to be started there. 73

Fraternally,

F. E. Handy, W1RDE
Communications
Manager

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FROM THE MIDWEST DIVISION

WØEQU,

Thank you for the copy of the paper. Need I mention that the city ordinance is being spread around hereabout and will be taken care of in due time. (Onawa, Iowa) Would like to get the names of the hams in that city so that I could converse with them. As the days get longer and the weather warmer I would like to plan a trip over a weekend to your city. You might keep me in mind. My best to the club and I still remember the nice convention there in 49.

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William J. Schmidt WØOZN
Director, Midwest Division

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Ed note, we are impressed with the interest here in Omaha concerning the Onawa incident. It has been grounds for many discussions, and certainly has opened our eyes as to what legislation can be enacted upon without the true facts.

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Mr. Segal also informed me that there is a place in Mich. that has also passed a similar ordinance. He has also requested that the League get an immediate injunction against the city of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and make a test case of it.

The latest information I have is the official opinion of T. J. Slowie, Secretary of the FCC. He states that the only way the matter can be disposed of is by courts of appropriate jurisdiction.

I hope to be able to be there in person for the next meeting so I will be able to discuss the matter informally with the club.

As for myself, I am a senior in high school. Many of the fellows have met me on 75 with my little BC 696. I got my ticket in August of 1950. December of the following year I received my Advanced ticket after two months of sweating! I also have a 200 watt rig on 10 meters. (No more operations here for a while).

There are two other hams here in Onawa. The carrier of W0ACF is heard on 75 and 20 every once in a while. Bob is kept quite busy with his radio and television repair business. He is married and has two harmonics. Part of his life was spent in the Navy in the second World War. He has recently completed a home-brew double conversion that covers all bands.

If you listen on 80 in the CW portion before breakfast, chances are you will hear the first of W0HCH on his electronic key. Carl is strictly CW. For many years he has been a Ford mechanic and a good one! Carl is also studying TV at the present time. He has made quite a number of friends since the spark days. His 810's do a very good job on 80 and 40. A TV ant. is now seen on his tower located in the back yard.

There used to be two other hams here in town. W0APU has moved to Omaha and is now attending ISC at Ames, Iowa. Dick is a very good friend of mine as we spent the greater part of our lives together. We always went to Omaha together and too the TEST. Dick

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This means all social obligations must be deleted from my daily life for the coming year. As a result, with much sorrow I have on January 24, informed your new executive committee and other officers of the club of my forced resignation as your president for this year.

I had been preparing a program heretofore almost 100% new and exciting. All this will have to wait until another year when perhaps I will be in a better position to carry on if every elected again.

I want to personally thank you for your wonderful support and your belief in me, also thank you for electing me and can faithfully promise that as soon as I am able and can again resume all my social obligations then I shall be ready at any time to serve in any capacity for the club.

Yours for a wonderful year and success.

73 de F. W. Cooper
W0IOS

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NOTICE: The Tall Corn Net (TLCN) 3560 kc. is in need of a c.w. station member in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Anyone interested please contact W0QVA in Burlington, W0FQB in Omaha or report into the net at 6:45 pm C.S.T.

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got his first. W0JJB is also in Omaha, Johnnie now works for KMTV. He is kept quite busy learning his new work and with the XYL and two harmonics at home.

Hope to see many of you fellows at the February meeting of the "AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB."

We want to thank Emmett for his very enlightening letter and will be looking for you at the February meeting.

On January 31st the members of the Ak-sar-ben Radio Club and the rest of the hams in Omaha were permitted to participate in the Polio Fund Lights On Program. In so doing they not only lent a helping hand to the drive but did an excellent job of showing the public what can be done with ham radio. Those of you who happened to tune in on 29640 are well aware of the happenings. For the benefit of the rest of you the mobile units began to check in about six o'clock to the control station located in the City Hall and stayed on the job until midnight. Among those participating were APX, AQJ, BUD, BUW, DCQ, JFM, JJK, NKG, PXJ, SWI, UFD, UPY, VNA and ZSP. The control station was headed by Earl Olson, JKE and many assistants. Among those assisting were Father Strange, Johnny Orr and Mig Becker.

Each mobile unit, along with the policemen assigned to that unit, was directed to pick up contributions missed by the assigned collector. In addition they transported the captains and money to the City Hall for the purpose of filing their report. In all they covered 175 such messages and transported some \$30,000.00. Even though there were some tired boys at the end of the evening there must have been great satisfaction on the part of all concerned in having completed the job in a most satisfactory manner.

At the end of the proceedings the boys were thanked personally over the air by the chairman of the drive. We wish to add here the thanks of the officers of the club and to extend a special invitation to those who participated to attend the next club meeting on February 8th so that we can all hear of some of your experiences.