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# IRE

## Amateur Radio

It has come to our attention recently that the members of the AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club and other clubs of the amateur fraternity in this area have something in common with the Omaha Lincoln Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers. That common interest is electronics. Our aims in the Institute of Radio Engineers parallel yours. By that I mean we are both striving to acquire a better understanding of old theory as well as attempting to familiarize ourselves with all the new equipment, theory, components and application that seem so foreign to us in this accelerated world of electronics that we now live in. The IRE has numerous lectures throughout the year in the Omaha area by men of national prominence in their specialized field. We bring the knowledge of these men into our local chapter personally. These men have actually spent a number of years living and working with the things we bypass in publications because we feel they are too complex.

After we have had in individual that has a complete knowledge of the problem give us a detailed explanation we are then in a position to go ahead with new enthusiasm on articles that appear in QST, CQ and other publications on new techniques and components and put them to our own use in amateur radio. We would like to open our resources to your club by inviting your membership to our meetings on any subject that might be of interest to individual member. With the co-operation of your Editor, the date, time, place and subject will appear in this publication. I believe this is one of the first sections of the Institute of Radio Engineers to have taken this step. If there are any questions, I may be contacted at my home at your convenience.

Milton O. Krogstad, WØFKG  
718 N. 86th, Omaha  
Terrace 9578

# Dear Editor:

Your article on the "trials and tribulations" of a mobileer" are all true. But in these times, anyone who has a mobile operating transmitter and receiver can be considered as a genuine dyed-in-the-wool amateur. One who has put his brain, brawn, ingenuity and radio knowledge to work in the installation and proper operation of his mobile equipment.

Today there are too many of we "amateurs" who have memorized the Q and A in order to get their licenses, have purchased ready-made receivers and transmitters, attached a ready-made antenna and plugged into a power source and gotten on the air.

A mobileer does not enjoy this "life of Riley" utopia. Altho he can, and usually does purchase a ready-made receiver (or converter, Ed.) transmitter, power supply and antenna, this equipment is all piled up on a table and is useless as a "Dodo" until he uses his brain and makes the individual installation.

Therefore, my hat is off to the Mobileer. In every case, he is the genuine radio amateur who has used his ability in order to be mobile. The reward for all of this endeavor is the thrill of being able to talk from your automobile to another person, either fixed or in another car via amateur radio.

It does not matter whether the other person is one mile or one thousand miles away, the thrill and individual satisfaction is there with every contact. So what say we get some more genuine regular dyed-in-the-wool hams around here and really get a thrill when you are able to make your QSO's mobile.

Ed Gutman, CQX

(Editors note: Knowing Ed as I do, I believe that if you were to give him a choice of the price of a 75A4 or a basket of parts to build a similar receiver, he would choose the basket of parts. His enthusiasm is shown by the fact that he is interested in amateur radio and the club by writing us this fine letter. Have YOU written us recently? Are you interested in amateur radio?)

# "To Be or Not To Be..."

## That Is the question!

We've checked every available source and according to informed sources there are now in excess of 400 licensed amateur operators residing in greater Omaha!

There are many of the people that have never heard of the AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB and would give their left eye tooth to meet the gang that they "yak" with on the air night after night. Then there are those oldsters and newcomers that have the "Tennessee Valley Indians" ready to take their scalps and need the moral and technical support ARC has to offer. Naturally, we can't forget those poor OM's that are merely looking for a way to duck the XYL just one night a month.

Have you expounded on the merrits and benefits of ARC lately? Should these fellows be members? TO BE - OR NOT TO BE members - that is the question?

With 400 hams in the greater Omaha area we should have at least 200 of them on our roll! How about bringing a new member to the March meeting one new member with each present member will do the job --Will you? That's your question!

# Cannibals and Head-shrinkers

## Please Don't Read

Believe this or not, but our club has a "head-hunter" as a member. I might add that this "head-hunter" is very active. There is also on the membership roll a "hunted head". The "head-hunter" is none other than Ed Gutman and the "hunted head" John Orr. The "head-hunter" will conduct a hunt for the "hunted head" March 10, 1957, a Sunday at 2:30 PM. You may obtain a "Hunting Permit" from Ed by applying in person at 30th and Douglas (Sear's parking lot) just before 2:30 PM. The "Hunting Permit", with the aid of your ten and six meter receiver and any accessory equipment you desire will allow you to look for the hidden "hunted head"

When you find the "hidden head" you may turn in your permit for a prize, if your skill gets you to the "hidden head" before all of the prizes are gone.

The "hidden head" will operate transmitters on six and ten constantly from 2:35 PM until all of the hunters have found him. The transmitters will be voice modulated and will not respond to calls of the hunters. The hidden trans-

mitters will be within the city limits. Should anyone have trouble in locating the hidden transmitters after about an hour of searching, clues will be given over the air as to the location of the "hidden head".

This will be the first hidden transmitter hunt of the year and you might be interested that there have been several fine articles in QST and CQ regarding this subject. February QST supplies a neat little portable locating device. Last year CQ featured an article in their July issue on Hiding the Transmitter which you will want to read. The April issue of QST describes a Directional Antenna for the Transmitter Hunter. Please NOTE that elaborate equipment is not necessary. Many hidden transmitters have been located by using the ten meter whip pulled down to the car body and grounded at the tip.

The rules are simple and have been stated above, but there will be hidden transmitters on six and ten, operating on the high end of the band. There will be several prizes, first come first served

# What would you do?

We've been hearing about costs going higher, tax bills bigger, wages going up and everything getting costlier but with our fingers in our ears, we didn't listen to anybody about the increase cost of producing Ham Hum.

We've got a warm spot in our hearts for this "rag" - Ham Hum and have coaxed and nurtured it along from a single sheet paper to its present form. But dag nab it, we're finally having to admit that the costs have risen to a point where a

decision is necessary. Somebody even suggest we discontinue! But gee - we couldn't do that - or can we. When you look at a \$600 bill for the year Wow! That's a pile of dough.

We're going to continue, but we wondered if we could ask our good non-member friends so much per year? Or should we limit distribution to club members only; or should we ask other State Clubs to join with us?

"Old Baldy" the Editor needs your suggestions. What would you do?

## March Program

Have you ever been to Nova Scotia? Any idea what the place looks like? Or, have you worked DX from up yonder?

Leo Meyerson and General Curtis LeMay had the opportunity of visiting this interesting country, recently, and observed it from top to bottom!

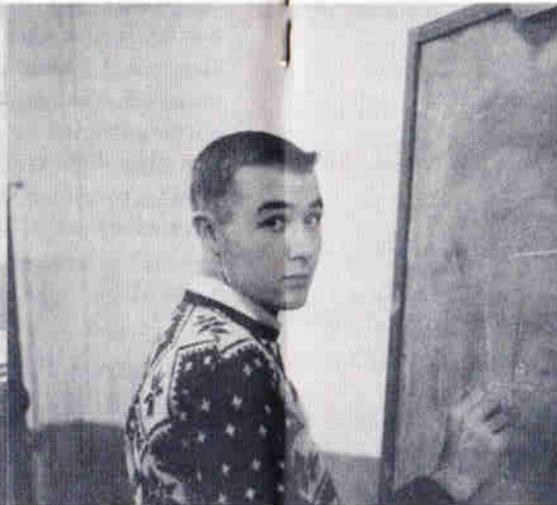
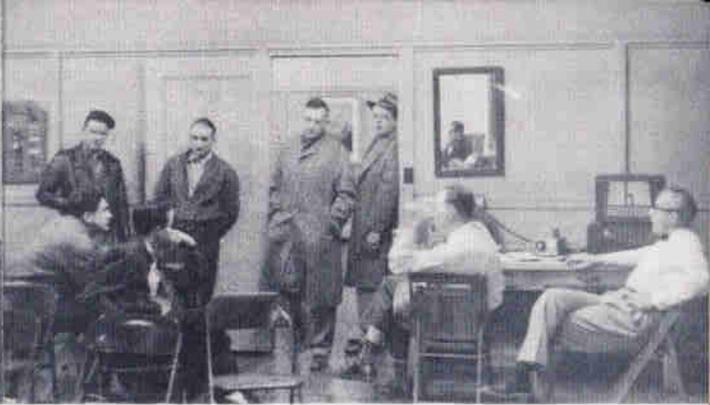
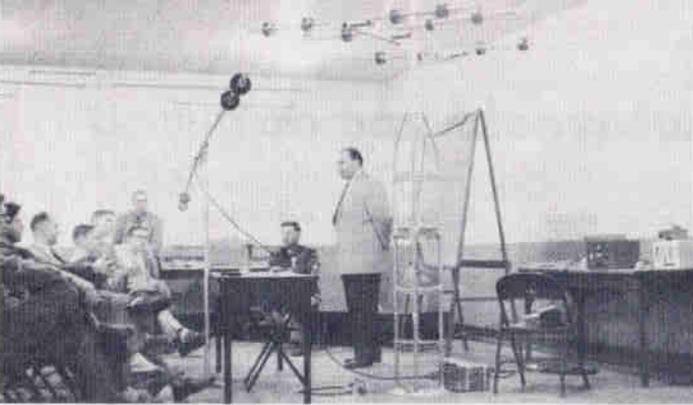
Leo, GFO, will be our guest speaker at the March Meeting and will unfold the thrills and beauties of an air voyage to the home of the Aurora Borealis. Leo will have a series of photos and films made on this

trip which should be of interest to all of us. Reports have it that the film shots are outstanding and these coupled with Leo's commentary should prove to be a very entertaining program!

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A word to the wise! Better be at the meeting be 8 p.m. AMM says he will rap that gavel on time, even if he is the only member on time.

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# The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

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February 21, 1957

Mr. Arthur E. Stadler  
4228 Larimore Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Stadler:

On behalf of our March of Dimes committee and those ultimate beneficiaries of March of Dimes funds, I should like to extend my sincere thanks to you and the members of your AkSarBen Radio Club for the large share of work you performed for our Polio drive.

As I have indicated to others, volunteer work, such as you performed the night of our Mothers' March, has gone on quietly and unheralded, perhaps even unnoticed by many, but not, I assure you, unappreciated.

I hope you have derived some measure of inner satisfaction in the quiet knowledge that somewhere, someplace in our city, there will again this year be hope for a polio patient -- hope for his family; financial encouragement; a faint smile someplace; or, a child playing, skipping, jumping, somewhere in Omaha, that Polio will have missed.

I would appreciate your extending my thanks to the members of your Radio Club.

Sincerely,

*Ed Covert*  
Ed Covert,  
Drive Chairman

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FIGHT  
INFANTILE  
PARALYSIS

# Award for Public Service

A 45 year old housewife on the outskirts of Philadelphia who handles 3000 radio messages a month for servicemen overseas today was chosen winner of the Fifth Edison Radio Amateur Award for public service.

The judges for the 1956 award, sponsored annually by General Electric, also named eight other radio amateurs including another woman - to receive special citations, and commended 21 amateurs who had been nominated for outstanding Civil Defense Radio Communications activities.

The principal award winner is Mrs. Mary Burke who operates amateur radio station W3CUL at her home at 265

Waverly Road, Morton, Pennsylvania. She operates daily in six morse code radio networks, and has handled 312,000 messages since 1949 sometimes reaching a total of 10,000 messages in a single month. Her longest stretch of operating without missing a schedule was 1825 days--five years without taking a vacation or even a single day off.

She will receive the Edison Award cup and a \$500 check here on February 28 at a banquet ceremony at which Rear Admiral H. C. Bruton, Chief of Naval Communications, will be the principal speaker.

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**O, THOSE  
MARCH WINDS...**



**--- BUT WATCH YOUR STEP!**



**"Everybody at Jim's office  
had to work late last night"**



**"Take my advice and don't get  
in his way when the bus comes!"**

# A Hearty Thanks

Our hearty thanks to "Andy Andras for a fine discussion and demonstration of trap antennas. Andy clarified many of the problems that existed and we're sure that we know how to cope with them should they arise.

Thanks, again, Andy. Your presentation was very much appreciated and we'll be looking forward to your next visit.

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Have you ever seen a 15 element yagi for 220 Mc? If not, see YZV he has one. It looks like the backbone of a catfish after the cat had his meal! 15-2 foot elements on a 20 foot boom!

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Al, INR, inquired about the type of high pass referred to in the February issue of HAM HUM. The Drake filter is the brand suggested and has worked well in these parts. Be sure to mount it as close as possible to the TV tuner for best results. Some fellows have used the 98 cent Regency filters, also.

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## RESULTS

We understand that the recent article in CQ on How to get the XYL interested in Ham Radio has had it's effect in this locale. We hear that the XYL at KØEQK, Donna, has already worn out two needles on code records. Stick with it Donna, and we'll soon hear you on the air.

FOR SALE: 40-foot steel lamp pole. 9 inch base diameter, 4 in. diameter at top. Complete with mounting bolts. Best offer. Call WØJKE or WØMJK, KENwood 2316. Must sell fast.

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One novice coming up! KØAIS and XYL Betty brought that brand new son home a couple weeks ago and we hear that Dick already has him tuning the receiver looking for new DX. Congratulations Dick and Betty - keep the new members coming!

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## ANNOUNCING NEW OFFICERS OF NRC

A swell card from Bill, WØYSK, informs us that the new president of the Norfolk Radio Club is Clarence Davis, WØGHM. Ralph Craig, WØDLX, is secretary-treasurer.

The Norfolk club helped the local Junior Chamber of Commerce with the March of Dimes. They installed and operated a station at the drive headquarters in the Hotel Madison. The call used was that of the club, WØVNI. The mobile units of WØNBO, HQZ, APS and KØABT were used to supply communication to and from the marchers on the streets. They were also dispatched to pick up pledges as they were phoned in.

## NOVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

The novice committee will see that persons interested in getting a license will get help in both code and theory. Crystals are still available to novices who wish to use them. If you have any friends who are interested in ham radio, please let the novice committee hear about them. The committee chairman is Rolly Johnson, WØSPQ, and his phone rings after dialing PL 1046.

## TWO METER NOTE

Gen. Griswold, KØDWC, has been operating 2 meter aero/mobile extensively and has worked 200 miles with ease.

## WAY UP THERE

WØFRN and WØYZV are still going on 220 mc. and report good contacts. The results have been better than land line. They have been working some 6 and 1¼ meter duplex. This might be the real opportunity for some one to mobile on 1¼, as we understand that Dick has a real array up. The activity is building up and you are invited to participate in the experiments. Call either of the above for schedules.

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The CD nets are going great guns with a good turnout every Monday nite at 2100 on 29.5 Mc. The 2 - 6 and 10 meter nets are continuing to grow and the results are very obvious, as evidenced by the manner in which the various fund drives have been handled. It's rough on the ACS's but it's worthwhile! How about joining in any Monday nite, 2100 CST - 29.5 Mc.

## HELP WANTED

Reason: Noisy Gonset Super Six & Superceiver Noise in the 7. is causing very poor sensitivity. Anybody with a good solution to the problem please contact WØAEM, George Fox. P.S. He gave up! And how that new G66 does the job!

## NEWS ITEM

A tie between WØUKQ and WØUKE for WAS on six meters has developed. Each has 31 states confirmed. We need some local activity to equal or better the record. Let's hear from you if you can top this record.

FOR SALE: Pair of Eimac 4-125's. Brand new. With sockets and caps. \$20 each. Call Len Clark, WØFSX. Jackson 2508.

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These YL ap's are hard to figure out at times. While Dotty, BRZ, did a sojourn at Methodist Hospital, the OM wanted to set up a rig for her to help pass the time. No soap! Dotty preferred the peek-a-boo box, good book, and an eye on the door to watch the guy next door! Glad you're back home at the Ranger, Dotty - take care now!

## KCK A CANDIDATE!

Did you know that WØKCK, Larry Donnelly, was named a candidate for the 1956 Edison Award? Larry was named as a result of his many hours devoted to handling traffic and "patches" between servicemen in Guam and the Far East and their families in the States. Playing Cupid for a serviceman stationed in Guam and a girl in the States was chalked up as another factor in his behalf. Congratulations, Larry, you should be proud of this recognition.

Also named was Don Cox, WØREL of Lincoln for the aid he gave to a blind boy in getting a "ham" ticket, as well as procuring the necessary equipment.

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Your program committee is attempting to line up that outstanding new film "Mr. Sun". This is the new production of the Bell Telephone Co. that has had wide acclaim. Could be that it will show in April!

FOR SALE: Masley 10-20 V.P. beam. Perfect condition. Make an offer. Any reasonable offer accepted. Call KØAIS, Kenwood 9803.

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