



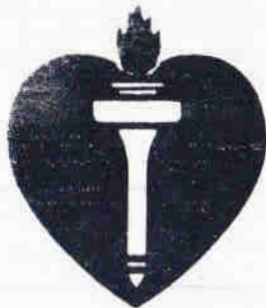
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rate is 25¢ per month or \$2.50 per year. Initiation fee \$1.00. Special rate for OM-XYL, \$6.50 payable annually. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month.

## Program

Our February program is something you will not want to miss. Subject is "Communications" and we have as a speaker Lt. Col. Joe Beler from SAC.

Col. Beler has promised us to go as far as he can short of classified material and has given us a few hints of what is to come and puts us in a position of promising that you will have a very enjoyable meeting.

In addition we will have the usual rag chew and refreshments and will have a special film of radio interest.

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## SILENT KEY

We learn from the January, 1958 Midwest Chirps of the passing of Mertin T. Meade on December 22, 1957, at the age of 45 years. He was born in Nebraska and moved to Kansas City, Missouri with his parents. Many of you knew him in person or at least by reputation. Possibly some of you were even on the mailing list for "Midwest Chirps." As far as amateur radio is concerned, he was most active on the traffic end using the call WØKXL and WØNIY.

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This is the report on the Northeast Nebraska Radio Club which held its January meeting at the home of WØFYP, Oakland, Nebraska. This was the largest meeting in the history of the NEBRC, near 50 OM's, XYL's, YL's and junior ops were present. The club added five more members: WØUEV, Omaha; WØISH, Stanton; KØMLO, Pender; KØMOG, Pender; and KØEWU, South Sioux City. Congratulations go to the new members.

We know those who are not on single side band will soon be after the demonstration of the 75A4 and the KWSI by Marv Olson, WØFYT. By the way, KØMLO is a minister. Either he thinks we are a real swell bunch of guys or he thinks we need regenerating. Hi.

Home movies were taken of the group in action and will be shown later at a future meeting. We hear that FYP and XYL had to go down town to eat supper as the gang cleaned out everything.

The new officers for the coming year are: WØNVE, President; KØHKE, Secretary; and WØZUT, Treasurer. The next meeting will be held at WØUVU, Fremont.

73,

WØSPD

Tekamah, Nebraska

## TVI

We hope you all read the article submitted by Hugh Tinley and printed in the Omaha World Herald. Hugh reports that the article really started his phone ringing. In fact the only way they could take a nap or even go to bed at night was to plug the telephone. Hugh also reports that most of the calls were quite legitimate and have been taken care of. Most of the trouble as you know also has been with the TV receivers. He did, however, run into a number of interesting situations as the result of the telephone calls and the payoff came Monday afternoon following the article when Tinley's XYL fielded a call from a woman who wanted to report to the FCC that two Ham's dressed in cowboy suits and carrying guns were always following her. Mrs. T. feeling she was being kidded couldn't help laughing which prompted the woman to reply sharply that she was deadly serious, that this actually was happening, and that she wanted a report made of it. Realizing that the woman had slipped a few cogs, Mrs. T. suggested she call the police to which the woman replied she had reported, but the police wouldn't do a thing about it.

Rolling with the punch Mrs. T. reminded her that if it were radio or television interference something might be done about it. But to quote the woman "Every time these hams in their cowboy suits and guns come into my room they bother my television and radio."

Another odd one came from a sweet little old lady who lost her picture and sound on Channel 7 and had it replaced by someone giving instruction in Japanese. Apparently a Hi-Fi phonograph or PA system in the neighborhood had broken loose, because Japanese was clearly audible over the phone. You could hear someone speaking in English and indicating how the words should be pronounced in Japanese.

The problems of TVI will be with us as long as there are Hams and as long as there are TV sets. However, here are some tips:

1. If you are causing TVI, the viewer whose set you are bothering accepts with reluctance in his own mind and labels as excuses your explanation as to its causes. If you find it's a case that you don't want to handle, have the viewer call Tinley. Tell the viewer he represents the FCC and he in

turn as an impartial middleman can spell out to the viewer their rights, duties and obligations. It's surprising how well the viewer takes this, particularly when told what is necessary, who to call and how much it will cost. In the past neither the Hams nor the viewers knew exactly who to call and since so many of the service men who responded to TVI calls were unable to solve the problem, they often only complicated the problem by indicating that the responsibility for the problem rested with the Ham.

2. Clean up your own house. If you are generating TVI in your own set, don't go chasing DX or rag chewing until you get rid of it.

3. Periodically get on the band and check for TVI. Give your phone number and find out who you are bothering. Have the viewers call and then tell them what can be done.

4. Chuck McCollum is handling these on a \$3.50 service charge basis and we have yet to see one that he can't lick. It's incredible what he can do. If the viewers are difficult to handle, or are unreasonable have them call Tinley. If they are cooperative, have them call Chuck. A service call may run as high as \$10.00. This will include the cost of two filters and possibly a tube, though the

cost can be considerably less, depending on what is involved.

5. When Chuck is making a call, get your transmitter on the air, keep the phone line open, and have the viewer tell you when you are clean on all three channels. And when you are, you have made a friend. After the dust has settled, get the viewer down in your shack and let him talk to his Aunt Matilda in L.A. or Kalamazoo. Life isn't worth living if you can't walk down the street without getting side-long glances from your neighbors who are secretly hoping you either drop dead or move out of the neighborhood or quite that "damn hobby." TVI can be licked if you will follow the above. It will take some work and effort on your part but use this positive approach. Remember, the Club, the FCC and the TV experts are solidly behind you. Follow this method and you never have to worry when you put your rig on the air.

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## FROM LINCOLN

Please excuse the long QRT and absence from meetings and doings, guys. I've QSY'ed to Nebraska U. May be on 40 and 20 again this summer. CUL and 73.

Steve Brown, WØZCP  
601 North 16th Street  
Lincoln

## VHF COLUMN

Dear Editor:

Here are some items of VHF interest: The January QST-VHF Sweepstakes took place over the weekend of the 4th and 5th. We had an amazingly good turnout despite the generally poor recent activity. WØEMS and WØWRG tied with 19 stations in 2 states each. We were especially pleased to hear WØHXH back on 2 meters once again. Bernie is located at Staplehurst, Nebr. and was putting in a gud signal with just a 522 rig.

As far as we know now, WØWWN will probably be the high scorer in the Nebr. section. Joe was working both 6 and 2 meters and possibly another band or two. (220 or 432 maybe?)

I'm in the process of building a new 6 meter xmtr. with an 829B final and was unable to be on 6 for the contest. Hope to have it on air someday soon.

We have a new stn. on 2 m. up in Blair, Neb. with a novice call KNØLET. The only novice in the area working 2 m. as far as we are aware. Also glad to hear him checking in on the C.D. net on Mon. nights

Frank, WØEMS is moving to a new QTH just 3 houses east of Herb WØQXR. If Herb ever gets on 2 again they can really QRM each other!

We have been considering making up a listing of all 2 stations in the Omaha-Lincoln Des Moines area who have been active in the last year or so. Also might be a good thing to have a 6 m. listing too. Any comments, please contact me on the air or RE 1538. Also will need a volunteer with a mimeograph machine in order to make a success of this project.

John D. Snyder, WØWRG

P. S. I hope that Dick, WØYZV will furnish us with an accounting of his fb 6 meter d.x.!

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## FOR SALE

Model 2M3C Telrex beam with balun and 50 foot IGAU coax, both \$10.00. 35 watt two meter Xmtr using 6146 with meter and crystal, \$17.00. Also 120 watt modulator using UIC CVM-2 transformer, 12.00.

C. L. Clevenger, WØSOH  
7640 Wright Street  
REgent 8904

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 637  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
WEST HARTFORD CONN JAN 9  
1958 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

Official information from the Radio Society of Great Britain confirms that qualified amateurs in the counties of Northumberland and Monmouthshire in England, Glamorgan in Wales, and parts of the western highlands and islands of Scotland can now obtain temporary authorization for operation above 52.5 Mc. The maximum usable frequency for transatlantic work is currently exceeding that figure almost daily. W8HXT worked G4LX on 52.5 Mc January 4. The Swiss IARU society USKA has announced special authorization for use of 50 to 54 Mc to qualified amateurs. European countries now permitting 50 Mc work thus include England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal and the Azores AR

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### VHF DX

WØYZV has now received QSL cards from JA8AO and EI2W. He is now awaiting the card from Puerto Rico and is undoubtedly listening with both ears on 52.5 Mc as per Bulletin No. 637.

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### SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Gents: In case anyone is interested, Sioux Falls has a ten meter station two meter net, 144.9 Mc, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 P.M. CTS.

Many thanks for Ham Hum.

73,

J. W. Sikarski, WØRRN

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Dear Editor:

Still enjoy receiving Ham Hum. My new temporary address is 112 Hatherly Road, Scituate, Massachusetts. Please continue sending the paper to this address.

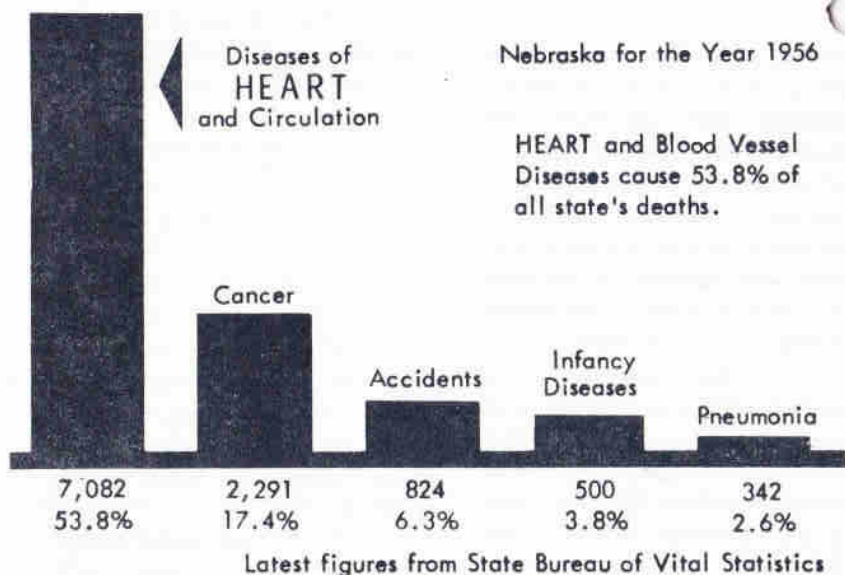
Don Field, W1GJI

### DUES

Your Treasurer has been receiving many checks as the result of the statements being sent to those members whose dues are now due. To those who sent in their checks, many thanks. To those who did not, how about addressing that envelope now to Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, P. O. Box 626, Omaha.

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## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN ALL AGES



## 7,000 Lives

There is a growing public awareness of the staggering proportions of the Heart challenge. But still it is not generally known that the heart and blood vessel diseases cause more than half of Nebraska's deaths--more than all other causes combined. In this state's last recorded year (1956), the toll exceeded 7,000 lives--greater than the population of Nebraska's 14th largest city.

The liability and economic loss from this problem equals the vast proportions of the mortality rates. Many of the state's most productive citizens are affected as heart disease increasingly strikes in the prime of life. However, with the present rate of scientific progress, the problem of heart disease can be conquered--perhaps in the next generation--with your full support of the Heart Association's attack.



## NEVER OUTDATED

(From the MONITOR Riverside County Amateur Radio Ass'n. and CQ News.)

### TOUCH TO SAFETY FIRST!

After so many articles on the subject of Hams - their contributions, initiative, good looks, industry, and what have you - it is timely to present another somewhat different subject that is pertinent to all of us - the general subject of SAFETY.

All functions in a Ham Shack are hazardous to a degree. Hams, in general, are subject to the freaks, mischances and occasional bloopers which lead to trouble.

In some ways a Ham Shack is like a ship. If it is well designed, adequately equipped, and shipshape - in a word "taut" - it is a pleasure to work aboard. A sloppy shack is more apt to foster problems, poor workmanship and accidents.

The old saying that "familiarity breeds contempt", although seemingly ridiculous in view of the competency of Hams, still holds true. Know what you are doing! Plan before you start a job. Lay out your gear neatly. Be aware of any possible untended reactions. Know the effect of excesses in power or voltage. Know what to do if a short circuit occurs, a resistor starts to smoke or a capacitor

breaks down suddenly. In short, be prepared both MENTALLY and PHYSICALLY for the possibility of trouble. Plan safety ahead of time.

Many publications have highlighted the various precautions to take when working around high-power or high-voltage equipment. Unfortunately, these precautions can but briefly touch the high spots. It is still the duty of each Ham to plan and use his best safety techniques.

Generally, some of the pertinent points to consider are lighting, location of equipment in regard to working space, the well-known "one switch" to disable all (that is ALL power equipment in the shack - except the lights, and many other simple precautions, such as having assistance when lifting heavy power supplies, or receivers, to avoid physical damage from strain, etc.

This list of troublesome items could ramble on endlessly, but by now you should get the point. Safety in the Ham Shack is not part-time or erratic. It is a factor that must be considered constantly and competently. It is A FULL TIME JOB!

**HOMESTEADER AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB NEWS-BEATRICE**

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taining an emergency trailer.  
Meeting Nights first and third  
Wednesdays.

We enjoy reading Ham-Ham.  
I'm looking for RITY on 80  
and 40 from Omaha. Am re-  
ceiving now, will soon be on  
transmitting RITY.

73,

Secretary, Lee Witulski  
WØAQQ  
1009 Ella Street

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**WANTED**

Received a card from  
K2SZD, Dick Belon, who would  
be interested in purchasing a  
Cbe scout 680 and also has a  
w Heath antenna coupler he  
would like to get rid of.

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Hi,

Having a real good time  
here at college. I was very  
sorry that I missed the December  
meeting, but I didn't get home  
in time.

I have joined the Stanford  
Radio Club but can't use their  
rig, because they have too great  
an input. However, I can go and  
use a novice's in Burlingame.  
The Club has tapes with code  
on them to help speed up code  
reading, which I hope to get  
some spare time to use.

My address out here is:  
Meroe Harvey, Box 2545  
Stanford, California.

Sincerely,  
Meroe H.

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