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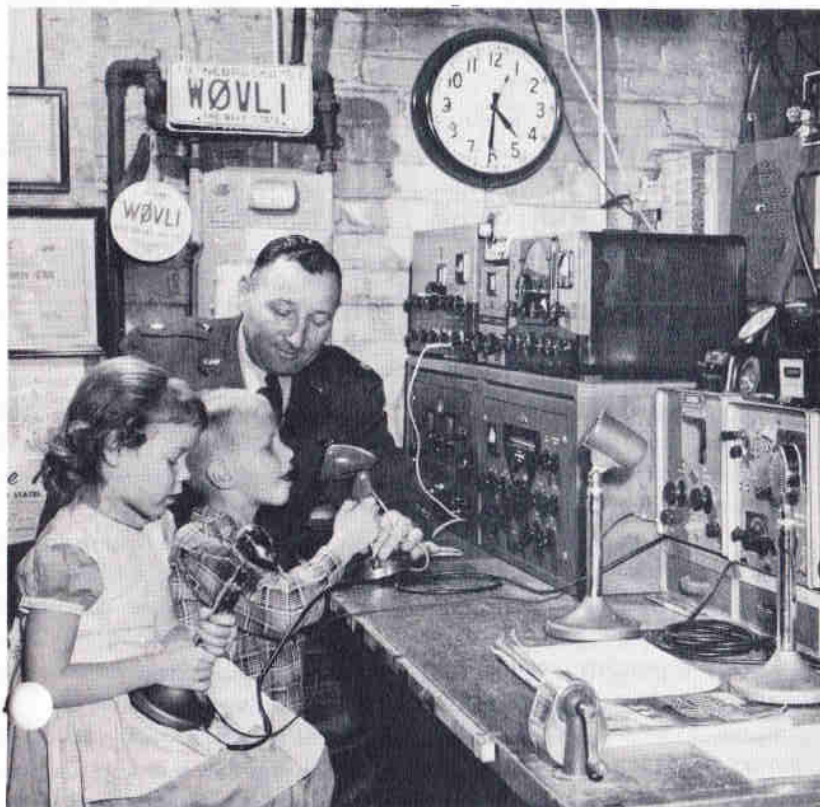
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## JUNE MEETING

The next meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. will be held at Benson Park Pavilion and will be a potluck supper, beginning at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, June 10th. The only thing you are required to bring is your own silverware and your dish of whatever it is. No doubt by the time you read this you will have been called by a member of the XYL committee who is in charge of the arrangements. Their job is to coordinate the thing so that we can get an even balance between the meat loaf and the salmon loaf and the macaroni salad and the potato salad. They are also trying to make sure that they have enough cake, pickles and the rest of the stuff that goes with it. We hope you have let them know you are coming and that you are bringing the family. You can bring the kiddies along too as the meeting is not going to last so late as to keep them

up too long. After the supper we will have a ragchew and you can help thresh out the problems of the day.

This does not mean that our next meeting is a members only meeting. We are glad to have visitors at any time. If you can come and have the time for it, call PProspect 0136 or REgent 4619 and the XYL there will tell you what we might be short of. If you do not have time to call, put a jar of pickles or olives under your arm, grab your knife, fork and spoon and come on out to Benson Park Pavilion at 6:30 P.M. on June 10th.

Your officers and trustees have been trying to give you the type of program you like. They have been encouraged in in this family type of meeting by your attendance at the pancake supper and by your attendance at our trip through SAC. In fact, mention was made

particularly at the last board meeting what a pleasure it was to see some of the familiar faces that we have missed at some of our recent meetings. We are expecting a big attendance at this meeting as it is hoped that you will either (1) attend so that you can tell them in person how well you like this type of meeting, or (2) attend in person so that you can tell them how well you dislike this type of meeting. But whichever side you are on, do come and tell them. Your comments added to the comments of your fellow members will have a lot to do with the course of the future meetings.

Just a hint as to future meetings. The July meeting will be a surprise depending upon the attendance and re-

action at the meeting on June 10th. The August meeting tentatively will be a speaker from the Telephone Company with a discussion of the new long distance dialing and the change of the numbers in our local area. The September meeting will be on September 25th, a Sunday, with our annual picnic at the same place as last year's picnic - Dr. Ewing's picnic grounds on the Elkhorn River. So many out-of-towners couldn't come last year that we have switched it back to a Sunday so that they will be able to attend. We plan to have the annual auction in the October meeting. No program as yet for November. Plans are already beginning for the December annual meeting and Christmas Party.

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## NOTES ON CD

There is no activity to report at the time of going to press. However, by the time you read this you will have no doubt been contacted in some way directly by the net controls of the three Civil Defense nets. The ten meter net control is Larry Donneley, WOKCK, whose home phone is PL-8; the six meter net control is Dick Eilers, WQYZV, whose home phone is TE-2255 and business phone JA-1402; and the two meter net control is Royal Enders, KØLYO, whose

home phone is TE-2681. If you are interested and have not been contacted please call the net control of the band of your choice.

Many of you have given us your version of just why the former nets have been unsuccessful. Most of your comments add up to the fact that you want something more to do than merely a roll call and a few announcements. In order to give you what you want we plan to set up each net with not one man running it as was

done before, but with four to six men running each net in order to get the combined thoughts and combined efforts. Running a net with some real activity takes a lot of work. In addition to the net control it is planned to have at least two regular alternate net controls and one net manager. If you have any desires along this line, please call one of the above numbers or fill out and return the card enclosed with this issue and we'll see that the proper net control station gets the card. Do call or send in the card even if you only want to be a net member.

From our experience with amateur radio operators we know that each one of you will gladly serve in whatever capacity you can in any emergency which may come along. In a national emergency we will be able to make use of you when you volunteer. However, should an emergency develop under conditions where the normal amateur operation is shut down we will need to know your intentions in advance. In these days of uncertainty it behooves us, therefore, to get on record so that we can get clearance with Civil Defense and therefore use you during such an emergency.

There is greater realization today than ever before on the part of Civil Defense officials statewide that com-

munications is almost the number one issue in event of disaster. Many supplies and services will be needed but without communications to direct them the supplies will set in the warehouses and people will just sit and wonder where to go. The state plan calls for many and varied nets each serving a purpose of statewide or local communications. These comments, therefore, are not only for those in Omaha, Douglas County, but for the entire State of Nebraska. Get in touch with your Civil Defense officials to find out what you can do in the new statewide RACES plan. If your CD officials are unfamiliar with the situation, send in the card to P. O. Box 626 and we'll see that it gets in the right hands to get you the information as to what part you can play in our communication nets.

It all adds up to this - we know that you are ready to serve your country and your community should any need arise - you always have. You know that you are willing to serve in any such emergency - you always have. It will make it a lot easier for us to get word to you if we have your name and call and to know where you can best do your bit if needed. Send in the card today!

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## HAM OF THE MONTH - LOU CUTLER, WØVLI (Vicious Little Indians)

Our Man of the Month, Major Lou Cutler, is an Architect with Henningson, Durham & Richardson. For a number of years he was employed as an architect for the Eppley Hotel Chain.

He resides with his XYL and their cocker spaniel "Sandy"

at 6227 Florence Blvd. Their family, two boys and two girls, are now married and away from home.

Lou is a private pilot and a member of Quiet Birdman. He had his own plane at one time but sold it. He is active in Civil Air Patrol and holds the

rank of major. His association with CAP goes back to Pearl Harbor.

In addition to a shack in the basement, Lou also has a mobile rig. He has an impressive antenna array with antenna to fit each band.

His gear includes Gonset for two meter and for six meter, Viking II on amateur band and Viking Ranger for CAP. He monitors for Conelrad, and for the U.S. Weather Bureau, and has a receiver for monitoring aircraft. His mobile equipment includes Elmac transmitter AF-67, Gonset Receiver G66-B. Also monitors for VHF, two meter and six meter mobile, aircraft to ground.

The cover picture of Lou Cutler shows him in his shack with two young friends who dropped in for a first hand explanation of Ham radio.

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### EDITOR'S COMPLAINT

Each month at this time when we are trying to put this magazine together we are struck with the inadequacy of the editor., (this editor particularly) and the fact that the magazine, or paper, or whatever you may call it, does such a poor job as they do not put in the magazine those things which

you want to read. There is so much that could go in it but there never seems to be enough time to get them in. We enjoy reading the editorials in the other magazines put out by clubs all over the country and the main satisfaction is that we are not alone here with the problem. It would seem that with all the gift of gab that hams have on the air and the fact that they always have an answer for every problem, either pro or con, it would seem that a little of it could be diverted to magazine columns. In AUTO-CALL, Editor Ralph V. Anderson, W3NL, has already received some of the same comments that I have. I quote from his editorial, "We occasionally get requests to start a 'department.' We would be most happy to have these if we had an editor to follow through." Which brings us to the point that we need more editors for this magazine - specialty editors to report on the various phases of the hobby. How about volunteering to give us a column either every month or now and then as you can about your phase of the hobby? We could stand articles on SSB, mobile, technical, novice and many other

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Lieutenant General Francis H. Griswold, KØDWC, receives an Admiral's Certificate in The Great Navy of the State of Nebraska, presented by Max McKinney, WØYVV, President of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. of Omaha at a noon luncheon at SAC Headquarters on May 10. Admiral Certificates were also presented to Col. Joe H. Beler, K5PGF, and Capt. Dave

Hollander, WØCJW. Also present at the luncheon were John Droeschler, KØKWB, Dick Eilers, WØYZV, and Hugh Tinley, KØGHK.

After the luncheon they adjourned to General Griswold's office for a further chat and a viewing of a series of pictures of the new additions to SAC communication setup.

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# DX News

The 20 meter band has been yielding some very fine DX as of late. Jerry KKP on 20 CW between 8 and 10:30 worked five different areas in Russia in one night. Also heard two others that he didn't snag.

In the March CW contest Jerry worked a OQ5, VP2, VP5, VP6, ZS6, ZE8, ZP, and a CX.

John KWB got a JZØ, DU on SSB, Larry KCK got a VS1 also on 20, watch both ends of the day.

NKG heard a SP, and a station on Malta May 22 on 15 meters in the afternoon; also some nights the band has been staying open for South America and some Pacific Islands.

Bob Gamble is still working on getting the farm homestead in shape.

YVV Mac has been working Roy 7CTC on 20 meters at 14275 at 1930 hours CST. With the 10 meter band closing down for the long haul stuff 20 is getting more crowded if that is possible. Mac just what is the 14275 Club? "For DX?" Mac just received his KC6 card to complete the Caroline Island group.

Keep a ear open on 10-20-40 phone for a FP8 on St. Pierre Island during the first two weeks in August. Also the FB8s are being heard on 20 meters.

Remember fellows that the following calls should not be worked: XU, PK, YB, YH, EQ, XV and 3W. All the above calls are on the banned list of the FCC.

You DX boys should thank Leo Meyerson for giving Danny a helping hand with a Globe King 500C. I know it will get a good work out on the Yasme III. We can all look for some more new ones in the near future.

73,

Jerry

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## STATISTICS

We have always heard that statistics can show anything and we now have the ultimate as far as driving statistics are concerned from Florida Skip:

## DRIVING BLIND

Scientists at the American Optical Company have investigated blinking of the eyes. They discovered that it required one fifth of a second to blink, that a person usually blinks twenty-five times every minute. If you averaged fifty miles an hour on a motoring trip of ten hours, you would drive three miles with your eyes shut! Watch it mobilers!

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Gentlemen:

The Lincoln MARS Club as a new baby.

The proud parents are the Military Affiliate Radio System and Civil Defense. God parents, Nebraska National Guard who has provided a residence in the interest of Civil Defense.

Nursery is equipped with a 400 watt AM, CW transmitter, a 1 KW linear for single side band, and a high frequency station along with radio teletype to be installed later.

Soiled QSL cards will be hung out to dry on a tower mounted beam and miscellaneous frequency cut doublets and long wires.

Education planned includes variable speed code classes and theory classes for novice, technician, general and advanced licenses.

After considerable deliberation, the residence was named "COMMUNICATIONS CENTER for OPERATIONS & TRAINING" and located at 1640 Court Street, just west of the main State Fair Grounds entrance.

You are cordially invited to our youngster's christening which will be held 4 June 60, 1800 hours to 2200 hours and 5 June 60, 1300 hours to 1700

hours. We are hoping to see you and your family then.

Monitoring stations will be set up on 3940 kc for mobiles who desire directions to the building site.

Larry Hood  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Lincoln MARS Club  
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As secretary of the Lincoln Mars Club, Inc. I wish to thank you for all of the information, including "Ham Hum." Keep it coming! We are in the process of moving into a new building. If all goes well, we plan to have our open house on June 1, 1960. We also have a club newspaper but is not being printed at this time due to moving conditions. When we get going again I will be very happy to send you a copy each month. Our paper is not as big as yours but serves its purpose. Our club meets every Friday evening at 2000 CST at the State Arsenal Building, just west of the entrance to the State Fair grounds. Hope to see you and meet you next September, if not sooner. Thank you again and 73's.

Dick Short, KØQVM  
Secretary, Lincoln Mars Club, Inc.  
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## CHARITY DRIVE

Well, the boys came through again for good old charity and collecting money from the captains as usual. This time it was for cerebral palsy and the net control station was set up at their headquarters at 44th and Dewey on six meters. John, KØKWB, and Tom, KØPQR, operated WØEQU as a net control station. Calls of those helping out (and I hope we haven't missed any) were as follows: WØCQX, KØLYO, WØYZV, WØUJJ, WØVLI, WØRMB, WØLFM. There were also a few ten meter boys who made some pickups for us received by way of land-line. Don't know who they are but do wish to thank them also. WØLFM received his pickups direct as it seems this editor attempted to supply him with a communicator with six meters, the only difficulty being that the 12 volt communicator would not work in the 6 volt car. I imagine the charity drives are over for the summer. Maybe by fall when the next one hits we can figure out how to get these ten meter mobiles back in operation. I heard one of them comment the other day that he really did miss the drives now that the six meter boys have taken over.

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Ak-Sar-Ben Gang:

I would like to thank the club again for sending me the Ham Hum. The XYL and I read it from cover to cover and enjoy the articles and pictures very much. We really welcome the news of our many ham friends in the Omaha vicinity.

If there is any space to spare in the next issue please print the following...

I want to thank all the hams that sent me cards and passed along their good wishes while I was in the hospital. After 6 weeks it is real good to get home and back on the air. C. U. on the high end of 75.

73,

Bill, WØYSK

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### Following Used Items for Sale:

6 Meter Beam - 8 El. H. Gain  
2 Meter Beam - 10 El. H. Gain  
CDR Rotor - AR22  
Alliance Automatic Rotor  
Coax & Rotor Cable for installation of above.

KØSBS - PR 4005

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### AUCTION

World Radio Laboratories, 3415 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, will hold an auction on Saturday, June 11th. Start at 10:00 noon and continues until 5:00 P.M. Free coffee and doughnuts.

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## FOR SALE

Your editor, WQYZV, recently visited with Dick Nystrom, K6GEP, and finds that he is still interested in amateur radio. Dick was formerly a member of Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc., but is now President of the East Bay Radio Club at Berkley, Calif.

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I sure would like to receive the Ham Hum if possible.

KØDBU, Bob, is a very close friend of mine.

Thank you very much.

K4SKI

Route 1 - Box 429A  
Greenville, N. Carolina  
P. S. It would be nice for the Greenville Amateur Radio Club.

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Dear Friends:

I have a change of address to report and will appreciate it if you will send Ham Hum to me at:

3139 South J Street  
Oxnard, California

Haven't heard any of the old friends since 10 went hay-wire and sure do miss those contacts. Hope to hear some of you on 15 in the near future.

73,

George Hladik, Jr., WA6JBA

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Due to untimely death of Bob Leahe, KØUES, Mrs. Bob Leahe of 1515 Q St., Gering, Nebr. offers the following for sale.

DX-40 - \$60.00

Heath VFO - \$15.00

Knight Receiver & Speaker - \$100.

D104 Astatic Mike - \$15.00

30' Self-supporting Tower

with 30' extension - 2 element

15 meter beam - Tri band trap

Vertical with Coax Fittings and

Coax - \$60.00.

If there is a charge for ad send bill to Tri-City Amateur Radio Club.

Ray Henderson, Secretary & Treasurer - Morrill, Nebraska (No charge Ray.)

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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 754 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS WEST HARTFORD CONN MAY 27 1960 TO ALL RADIO AMA- TEURS BT

All amateurs are reminded to plan to participate in the VHF QSO Party, June 11 and 12 and Field Day, June 25 and 26. New log and summary forms have been printed for these two activities, and all are urged to please use the new forms. Log and summary forms for both the VHF QSO Party and Field Day are available free on request from ARRL AR

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(from CKRC INK)

Shortly after take-off a mother escorted her two kids up the aisle to the washrooms. She put the boy in the Gent's Room, while she and the girl entered its opposite number.

A moment later the boy emerged. Whereupon a man took his place in the male W.C., and failed to lock its door.

Soon the lady and her little girl came out of the female W.C. The mother opened the opposite door slightly, said something, came back and sat down.

A totally innocent and totally surprised full-grown man emerged momentarily, and returned to his seat, with a perplexed expression on his face.

"These stewardesses think of everything," he said wonderingly to his seatmate. "One of them just opened the door and warned me to zip up my zipper.

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This is to thank you very much for forwarding to me the Canadian QSL Card addressed to 4421 in place of 4521, Condx that nite were pretty ruff. Qrn is qrn bad.

Your courtesy appreciated.

Elmer H. Phillips  
4521 No. 42 St.  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Radio WQSX

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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 752 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS WEST HARTFORD CONN MAY 6 1960 TO ALL RADIO AMA- TEURS BT

Amateurs are invited to participate in the June VHF QSO Party scheduled for June 11 and 12. This contest to be held from 2 P.M. Saturday through 10 P.M. Sunday, local standard time, is open to all amateurs who can work any band or bands above 50 Mc. Those participating are reminded to observe the new CW segments at 50.0 to 50.1 and 147.9 to 148 Mc. This is effective June 6 and therefore will be in effect during the contest. New log forms have been devised and all are urged to make requests now for these free log forms from ARRL. Full details are on page 64 of June QST. Mark your calendar for the June VHF Party, June 11 and 12 AR

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By the time you have money to burn, the fire has gone out!

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A tourist is a fellow who travels hundreds of miles in order to get a snapshot of himself standing by his automobile.

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Dick,

Thought perhaps you would like this item from the Kansas City Times for "Ham Hum."

### Ham Operator Ready for Robbery

Memphis, May 13, Michael Krasner, 21, heard a signal on a ham radio in his car last night, leaped out and telephoned police that his father's store was being broken into.

Police responded to the alarm and captured Jessie Ashby, 45. They said he admitted the break-in.

How did Krasner do it? He had rigged a micro-switch to a window in such a way that if the window were broken or opened it would broadcast a signal on a 400 cycle tone. He tuned ham radios in his car and home to the cycle.

Royal, KØLYO

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Dear Editor:

The following items are for sale: 1 - SX-71 W/Speaker. Brand new. 1 - RME - 10 - 20 Converter. 1 - RME - All Band Pre-amplifier. Miscellaneous gear and transformers. Call 7143.

Lou, WØVLI

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Here's the difference between an unmarried couple, an engaged twosome, and man and wife - out on the town.

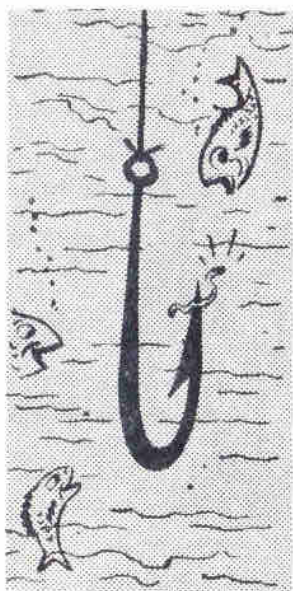
When the Check arrives:

A single fellow picks up the check, leaves a tip, helps his date with her coat, and off they go.

The engaged fellow picks up the check, she gives him the money, he leaves a tip, helps her with her coat, and they leave.

A married man picks up the check, leaves a tip, his wife picks up half of it, puts on her own coat, and drives him home.

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"Hey, fellas, that Tex-an's back again!"

AK-SAR-BE RADIO CLUB INC.

P.O. BOX 626

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

NEXT MEETING

POT LUCK SUPPER

BENSON PARK PAVILLION

JUNE 10, 1960

6:30 P.M.