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NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY - AUGUST 5 - 8:00 P.M.
WORLD INSURANCE CAFETERIA
18th AND DOUGLAS

Please note the change in date and place of next meeting so as to be sure to get there.

Our speaker will be Perry F. Williams, WIUED, Assistant Secretary, American Radio Relay League, whose principal subject will be "Our Frequencies, How We Get Them, How We Keep Them." Perry will be prepared to answer almost any question on amateur affairs in general

and league affairs in particular.

Perry is returning from the North Dakota convention and is trying to meet with as many clubs as possible on the way home. We have invited the surrounding clubs to come to the meeting and hope that many of them will attend.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 o'clock and the usual refreshments will be served.

73 MAGAZINE

Wayne Green, W2NSD has confirmed the rumor that a new magazine will be starting this fall. 73 will be sold only by direct subscription and through ham suppliers, not on the news stand. Wayne was, if you will recall, the editor of CQ Magazine and is trying to get this magazine off the ground by late Sep-
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tember. You can be a charter subscriber for:

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73 Magazine
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Brooklyn 30, New York

HAM OF THE MONTH

Our HAM OF THE MONTH is Larry Donnelly W0KCK - and when they made this fellow they broke up the mold. Traffic handling is his specialty. To give you an idea of the volume of traffic he has handled out of Guam his log shows he has run phone patches from servicemen there to their parents and sweethearts in all forty-eight of the continental states plus Canada and the Canal zone. Thus he's worked W.A.S. on phone patch. As he has brought in so much traffic from the Pacific he was accused a year or so ago of bringing in the Asian Flu on his carrier.

He has quite a string of certificates hung on his belt including one from GE as well as three letters of recognition from them.

In addition to traffic handling he assisted this spring in reorganizing the Civil Defense Nets and is presently NCS on ten.

At this writing Larry is in Joseph Hospital recovering from a lung operation, however,

this session in the hospital hasn't kept him off the air. It's a real sight to see him propped up in a hospital bed with pajamas up over his knobby knees, a dipole string across the ceiling and, wearing a pair of earphones and without his false teeth calling CQ-DX into a six meter Gonset.

When he was first taken ill the doctor put him in Clarkson with strict instructions to stay in bed. This lasted one day. The second day he was up and around and for lack of anything better to do, took the air conditioners apart and fixed them up using as tools, we understand, a scalpel and three bobby pins. Everything that's mechanical now works out there and Clarkson has loaned him out to St. Joe's.

Larry was licensed in 1930, is married and has five children and 3 grandchildren.

Old 'Kickem Charley Kickem' is one of our best known and most respected "Hams"; we all wish him well and an early recovery.

DX NEWS

Earl Olsen, KP4APW ex WØJKE, and Marion his XYL, DP4APX are in Omaha on a vacation and attended the last club meeting.

In an eye ball QSO after the meeting he told me that he entered a DX contest and got 800 contacts of which he received 500 QSL cards. Don't you think you have a problem. Earl has 108 countries worked and 82 confirmed with a Ranger HQ129 and a high gain Tri-Band beam. Some of the rare stuff he worked is YA, MP4 BCB, I5TUF, and also has 7 sections in Russia. Earl also said that if you are having a hard time receiving QSL cards from Russia to write P.O. 88 Moscow and tell them your problem. It worked for a KP4.

The local boys are very inactive the past month. Very little on and the boys were busy. Look for a ST on 20 meters SSB in the mornings. Also look for a FP8 on 15-20-40 cw 7025 KC and also on 10 meter fone from August 1 thru 11.

I also see by CQ that Don W4KVX is ready to roll with his DX magazine.

Also according to a magazine Danny should really be going very shortly.

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Jerry

LINCOLN HAS YOUNGEST HAM IN STATE

Lincoln's youngest amateur is newly licensed Roger Cook KNØBRH.

Ten-year-old Rog is perhaps the youngest ham in the state. He makes the "Cook Clan" the largest ham family in the city. His parents are Ann, KØBRT and Harold, WØKNT.

Rog has taken the "youngest ham" title from Les Myers KØSCM who, under the tutelage of Ward Justus, WØLAA, earned his novice at the age of twelve and his general at thirteen.

It is quite an accomplishment when a grade school lad gets through the radio theory and math necessary to pass the novice exam.

Having received his ticket June 20, Rog is active from the family station with a homebrew 75 w 40-meter transmitter and a 75A4.

Rog will have plenty to tell his friends when he returns to Bethany School after his first summer of amateur operation.

TRADE

18 inch Jensen EM. HI-FI Speaker, for What Have You
Joe Berounsky, KØQ
3227 Seward Street
WA 0647

Dear Editor,

Officers for the coming year at the University of Nebraska Radio Club are:

Jim Herbert WØZPG, President
Miles Humphrey KØHAV, Vice President

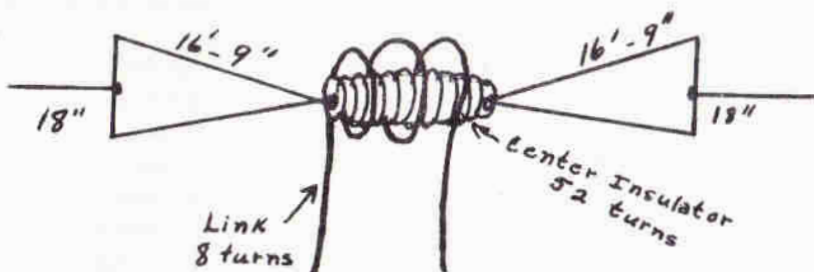
Tim Haley (no call) Secretary
Doyle Schroeder KNØYNJ, Treasurer.

Club membership last year reached a peak of about 25, and participated in Homecoming and Engineer's Week on campus. During the spring floods the club station KØFBD was operated during many critical hours. Being a MARS station AGØFBD is slated

to receive SSB equipment soon.

Club adviser is Thomas D. Damon, Capt. USAF, KNØYNI, 3030 Shirley Ct., Lincoln, Nebr.

Amateurs visiting or attending school in Lincoln are invited to visit the UNRC. Persons attending NU may join. We think we have an interesting club and training program for young people. KNØYNI recently installed a 40 meter "Wonder Bar" per the design of KØGPR. After two weeks of operation both coasts and about 7 other states were worked by KNØYNI, who had never been on the air before!



This Wonder-Bar is fed with 52 Ω coax. Center insulator is dipped in wax.

KØGPR recently returned to meters with 20 watts PEP on SSB. Antenna is a dipole. Having

a ball, having worked 15 states in two weeks also Puerto Rico and Canada.

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John W. Hartung, KØGPR

(Hugh Tinley sent this one in)

MYSTERY MESSAGES

By Murray T. Pringle

TV viewers in London, England, were handed a baffling experience one evening in September, 1953. Suddenly, without warning, the scheduled programs on British television screens faded out and were replaced by a test pattern that said: KLEE. and what was KLEE? The call letters of a television station in Houston, Texas - 5,000 miles away!

This really made people sit up and take notice because even under the most ideal conditions TV transmission is good for only a few hundred miles. It was finally decided that sunspots must have caused the electronic freak. The matter was briefly reported in London newspapers and promptly forgotten. The British Broadcasting Corporation sent a letter to the Houston station as a matter of routine.

But by return mail, the BBC received a shock. "We are in receipt of your letter," replied Texas authorities, "and we can only state that it is impossible for anyone to have picked up station KLEE on their television sets. Station KLEE ceased broadcasting operations in 1950."

Now Londoners were confronted by a mystery that would have stymied their fictional

super sleuth, Sherlock Holmes. How could they have received the call letters of a Texas television station that had gone off the air three years before? Yet they had!

This weird incident has never been explained satisfactorily. But it did serve to focus, momentarily, worldwide attention on something that some scientists have long maintained: other planets beside our own may be inhabited by intelligent beings capable of making rockets, radios etc., creatures whose scientific know-how is far in advance of our own.

Could such beings have used the "KLEE" incident in an effort to contact Earth? A message from Mars or Venus, perhaps? Fear of being laughed at is an age-old and effective gag, and no one cared definitely to commit himself.

Instead, efforts to explain it in readily understandable - and acceptable - terms were made. Finally, when all the obvious explanations (practical jokes, old TV waves circling Earth or bouncing back from some distant planet three years after they had been transmitted) had been studied and rejected, BBC officials issued the following statement: "It leaves us

with only one possibility, however bizarre, that these signals were transmitted to us purposefully and intelligently from a source and a purpose presently unknown."

Fantastic? Perhaps, but the KLEE incident is not an isolated one. For years, similar mysteries have cropped up to baffle man and disturb his smug complacency.

On September 2, 1921, a radio technician named William Marconi announced that he had received radio communication from a transmitting station which was not of this planet. These messages, declared Marconi, who picked them up while he was aboard his yacht, the *Elektra*, were of a wave length *ten times* in excess of that which could be produced by any station in the world.

Suggestions that the "messages" had been caused by electrical or atmospheric disturbances were vetoed by Marconi. He insisted that the signals he heard were regular and clean cut as though in code - but bearing not the slightest resemblance to any de known on this earth.

Marconi never went on record as believing that the mysterious messages emanated from Mars. He merely said that

they were of a wave length that no station on Earth possessed.

But in Yugoslavia, another radio pioneer was more positive in his statements concerning an experience he had. Nikolas Tesla said that he, too had received strange signals. Furthermore, declared Tesla, they were strong from the direction of Mars!

Then there was the baffler that occurred in 1925. In that year, the U. S. Navy was experimenting with a process for recording code on film. During one of the tests Navy operators picked up weird twits and chirps. No one - not even cryptographic experts - could interpret the strange sound, but all who heard them agreed that it was some sort of code. But that wasn't all; when the film was developed, the noises were not recorded as dahs and dits. Instead, the film bore faces - strange, comic-book-type faces.

What was it? Even today, more than a quarter of a century later, the U. S. Navy would still like to know the answer to that one!

Some scientists have long believed that inhabitants of other planets have been striving

for years to contact us. Others pooh-pooh the whole idea. But even as this issue goes to press, scientists in West Virginia are training a huge radio telescope on two stars barely visible to the naked eye, Alpha Eridani and Tau Ceti, around which might very well revolve planets similar to earth. Does intelligent life exist there, life capable of sending television and radio signals across the vast ocean of space?

If Alpha Eridani is the giant ear's first target, it will be appropriate indeed; for this is only Alpha...this is only the beginning.

Gentlemen:

I had intended to write sooner.

Should there be any hams who are interested in antique radios which might be used for display. There are several Atwater Kent Neutrodyne, one old Zenith and another old make at Joe Banning Hardware of Union, Nebr. See Lucian.

Also there is a young fellow here who has a novice license and is studying for a general. An electrical engineering student at Union, Edward Jansen, Jr., Union, Nebr. He'd be interested in Ham Hum.

Hollis S. Banning

Dear All & Dick:

My HAM HUM arrived yesterday, and I have read it from cover to cover. You guys are doing a swell job. The pictures are excellent. We are now trying a complete page of off-set pictures a month. All others are 110 screen cuts.

We are happy to see you find space for our "Dear Mabel" letters. Watch out for the August issue. She got a real hot one on Field Day again. I see Andy W3NL of Autocall used the one we printed last year. Smart boy that NL. I met him in Washington at the last ARRL Convention there. He too is a fellow Kansasan. My old call was W9KCS before the war. Moved to Florida after 4 years in the Navy. Like it fine here. Hope you are enjoying our FLORIDA SKIP.

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Andy Clark, W4IYT
Editor

FOR SALE:

Auto Radios
53-54 Plymouth
55 Plymouth
58-59 Rambler American
\$30.00 each - Brand new.

ALSO

1 G 66 3 way power \$150.00 used
1 used Super Six converter
1 Heath Multi Meter MM1
1 Radiart Vibrapower 6 volt in
400 150 Miles out
Cecil DeWitt, W0RMB - RE 4619

FROM ANOTHER OLD CRAB

de Florida Skip

I would like to know what happened to the old 6 meter band. It used to be Homebrew rigs and no VFO's nowadays newly licensed hams have High Power rigs with VFO's and all and brother have they messed up 6 meters. It use to be a well mannered band with polite operators nowadays we have hams that practice tuning; using their new rigs; and zero beating fellow hams. Take the VFO's away and it will be the old band again. Below are a few examples of these hams:

Elmer Staput, a stubborn fellow, who has a VFO but refuses to use the variable feature afforded by it to keep from QRMIg existing communications. This freq. was OK the last time I operated, he says, so why should I slide over a bit before I transmit just to keep from wrecking the other fellows QSO?

Fud. D. Duddie, an absent minded codger, who zeros-in to make a contact (which may be FB as it cuts down on the channels being used) then forgets that he is on the other fellow's freq. (xtal control)

1 proceeds to assume the freq. as his own instead of moving off to new ground and leaving the original occupant free to make more contacts.

O. B. Stinate, an infantile chap, who beats in to try fer that rare one and, failing to work him, makes sure nobody else does either by staying put and testing, calling CQ or his buddy across town to complain that he can't work this choice bit of DX.

Of course there are many other guys and gals who are not as bad, or as consistently, but we can all improve ourselves and the band by one simple rule to fellows in using their VFO's:

TUNE; LISTEN; THINK;
SET FREQ. THEN TRANSMIT.
REPEAT AS REQUIRED.

The Old Crab, III

DX NEWS EDITOR JERRY:

Can't brag too much about my ham radio dx but I'm sure hot when it comes to TV. Sunday morning July 3rd, I received Mr. Wizzard direct on WRC/TV channel 4 Washington, D.C. Lets see YVV top that...

Bob Burt, KØDBU

FOR SALE

I have a Model 503-A, 20 Meter, 3-Element Telrex DeLuxe Beamed power Serial no. 27128 Set at 14.230MC. Will sell \$80.00.

Alan Lee Fleming
Blair, Nebraska
Phone 2380

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 759 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. JULY 14, 1960 TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT

For all DX workers and amateurs interested in the ARRL's Countries list the following information with effective dates of certain changes in that list are now announced. Detailed information will appear in the September issue of QST.

The following constitutes five new and separate country listings each to become acceptable for DXCC credit as of November 1, 1960.

Marcus Island: Confirmations for contacts with Marcus Island stations must be dated November 15, 1945 or later.

Mali Federation: Confirmations for contacts with Mali Federation stations must be dated June 20, 1960 or later.

Mauritania: Confirmations for contacts with stations in Mauritania must be dated June 20, 1960 or later.

Ruanda-Urundi: Confirmations for contacts with Ruanda-Urundi Trust Territory Stations must be dated July 1, 1960 or later.

Somalia Republic: Confirmations for contacts with Somalia Stations must be dated July 1, 1960 or later.

The following five constitute deletions.

British Somaliland, Italian Somaliland and the Karelo-Finnish Republic listings are deleted as of June 30, 1960. Contacts with stations in the Karelo-Finnish section made July 1, 1960 or later will be considered the same as those in the rest of the European Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic.

Tangier: This listing is deleted as of June 30, 1960. Contacts with Tangier stations made July 1, 1960 or later will count Morocco, CN8, CN9.

Wrangel Island: Effective immediately the Wrangel Island listing is deleted.

Cayman Islands: Effective immediately the Cayman Islands listing reverts to and counts as it's Pre-June 1958 status.

For more detailed announcement of the above see DXCC NOTES September 1960 QST AR

A NEW CLUB IS BORN

de Static

The members of the Tri-State Radio Club and the members of the Sioux City Amateur Radio Club at separate meetings voted to dissolve their club and pool their assets into a new club.

Jim Nolan is quite active now on 20 meters, usually around 14330 kc each evening around 9:00. I've talked to him several times and Friday night he told me that he was just promoted and made Manager of Gonset. That's a real spot, he must have done extremely well.

Erve Darge is leaving this week for two weeks in California. The two of us tried for three nights in a row to get into Long Beach so we could confirm his reservations out there. It was just like throwing darts at a board, we hit all around it but never did make it. Amateur radio is a great thing but I'm afraid it will never replace Ma Bell. Erve finally said to h--- with it, picked up the phone and called.

Best Regards.

Sincerely yours,
Hugh, KØGHK

FOR SALE:

Sure enjoy "Dear Mable." I would like to offer my Globe Scout for sale as I am going mobile again. A transistor power supply would be of more use.

Globe Scout 65 - Used little -
Like new - \$45.00

John Orr, WØPHW
4628 North 52nd, Omaha
PL 4079

ADMIRAL

We extend our congratulations to Edmund Nies, W6FGJ, who is our latest Admiral. His certificate has been sent and the appointment has been verified.

We also have another one in the making who is trying very hard for this certificate. He is Walter C. Foster, W1OJD. He needs to contact a member of three more clubs so hope you fellows will be looking for him to help him along with his contacts. I notice YVV is on the list. Maybe you can help him schedule some, Mac.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NO. 758

This bulletin was received too late to get in the last issue. It mentions the special Boy Scout Jamboree Station, KØBSA, which was in operation July 22nd to 28th from the foot of Pikes Peak. We note that W1UED was manning this station. Perhaps some of you talked to him while he was there.



"I told you there wasn't any sharks around, Bill, . . . Bill!"

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