

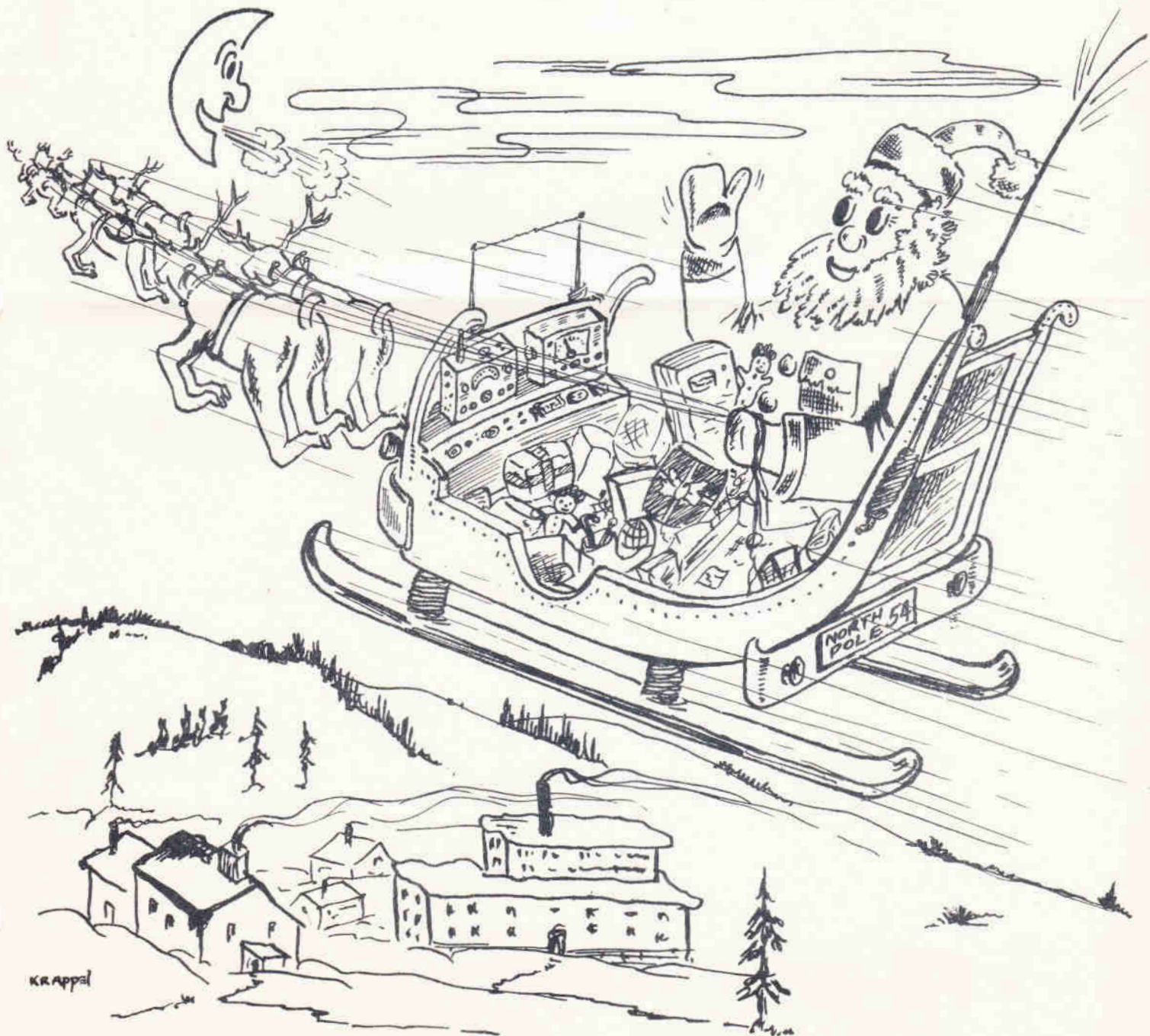
# HAM HUM

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# CANDID VIEWS OF ARC MEMBERS

"Ham Hum Workers in Session"



"Ham Hum Workers"



Aksarben's Power Unit's



Leo WØGFQ



Thor Lyford Speaks



Ray Schroeder Speaks



"Meeting Nite Gab Sessions"



"Jan" WØQNC



WØQHG



WØQHG



"Thor" Johnson's QRM



### PARTING WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As my term of office draws to a close I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all board members who served so willingly and to all committee heads for their fine cooperation. In addition I say thank you to every single member who assisted in making our club a continued success.

Financially we are doing extremely well, from a membership standpoint we have the largest number of members ever and we will continue to grow if we all work as hard in the coming year. Our activities have grown to include items of interest for all.

I must admit that my limited time did not allow me to devote as much energy to club activities as I would have liked. In any case I hope my term as President met with your approval.

It was a pleasure and privilege to have served you and I know our next President will be more than proud to work with a group as cooperative and ingenious as the membership of AKSARBEN RADIO CLUB!

Remember, you only get out of anything just what you put in, so lets all get real active and make our new officer's proud to serve.

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL: and good luck to our new officers.

73 de Frank W. Cooper,  
President WØIOS

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### YOUR RETIRING 1954 OFFICERS AND STAFF

PRESIDENT	Frank W. Cooper, WØIOS
VICE-PRESI.	Tom Fifer, WØ/AQJ
SECRETARY	Al McMillan, WØJJK
TREASURER	Wendell Larsen, WØNPA

In addition to the above the following members were appointed to the Executive Committee:

Herb Curry, WØQXR	John Orr, WØPHW
Dick Eilers	R. J. Strange, S. J.
Ben Fischer, WØPXR	WØQHG
George Fox, WØAEM	
Art Gaeth, WØFQB	
Garry Greenwell, WØNRS	

### GALA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND PARTY

PRIZES! FUN! FOOD! ELECTIONS! SURPRISES!

PLAN TO ATTEND THE DECEMBER MEETING!!!!!!!!!!

Our December 10th meeting which will be held in the Hunt Room of the Fontenelle Hotel on the evening of D Day should be our outstanding event of the year. You will be QRT if you miss this gala affair. Plan to attend early and make certain your XYL knows in advance that this is your nite to howl. So don't forget the date time and place! SEE YOU THERE!

### ELECTION NEWS

The big event of the year is at hand. At our December meeting as usual, we will have the election of our 1955 Officers. Remember, you elect the boys who will be your leaders for the next twelve months. If you don't show up for this meeting and fail to vote you have to be satisfied with someone else besides the one of your choice.

Your nominating committee has picked certain deserving members to be nominated. However nominations will also be entertained from the floor. Who do you want for your 1955 leaders? Only you have the answer.

### PRIZE NEWS!

Awards to make your mouth water will be made as follows:

A complete Ham station consisting of a WORLD RADIO LABS GLOBE SCOUT XMITTER and a Hall-icrafters's S-38D Receiver!

The above equipment donated to the club by two friends of AKSARBEN RADIO CLUB, Leo I. Meyerson, WØGFQ and Frank W. Cooper, WØIOS.

This equipment will be awarded to the club member, who in the opinion of the judges, and club members letters, has done the most to promote interest in our club and further activities of the club for the sole benefit of the club members. Who will be the lucky Winner? Come to our December meeting and find out for yourself, you may be the one!

## PRIZES! FUN! FOOD! ELECTIONS! SURPRISES! (con't from Page 3)

In addition to the above award the following prizes will be given away FREE:

1. Heathkit VTVM
2. Heathkit Multimeter
3. Heathkit 3" Scope
4. Heathkit Antenna Scope
5. Heathkit Grid Dipper
6. Many small awards and Surprises!
7. Special Novice Award as follows:  
Heathkit Xmitter Complete

### GENERAL DRAWINGS

**Eligibility:** Only fully paid up members in good standing will be eligible for free awards.

**Funds:** From monthly raffle money. Each paid up member receives one free ticket making him eligible for free drawings. Guests not eligible for free drawings.

### NOVICE AWARD

**ELIGIBILITY:** All novices under 18 years of age not full time employed! Members and non-members alike are eligible. You simply have to attend, be a novice, and get a free ticket for this wonderful rig.

### SPECIAL NOTE

Club executive board and officers agree to purchase one Heathkit VFO for use with Viking 1 xmitter for future club activities. Unit will be on display.

### FOOD! FUN! SURPRISES! SANTA CLAUS!

All we can say is come down and see for yourself. Santa Claus is really coming for members of AKSARBEN RADIO CLUB this year. So if you don't believe in Santa and if you do, just drop around and find out for yourself. Really, there is a Santa Claus!

MERRY XMAS TO ALL

### MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Lee Beckley, OSRR, has won the membership award. This award was to be made to the member bringing in the most new members and making this known to the clubs president. The choice of either a QST or CQ subscription is Lee's award for his effort in the clubs behalf.

### AROUND TOWN NEWS

Mrs. Mattern, the wife of the late Jack Mattern, WØEIH, has several items she would like to dispose of. This equipment is in good shape and well worth the money.

Heath VTVM & probe - - - - -	\$ 19.50
Shure crystal mike- - - - -	\$ 5.00
813 tubes- - - - - each - - -	\$ 5.00
Hallicrafters R46 speaker - - -	\$ 10.00
Hammarlund HQ129X receiver- -	\$150.00
RHO Senior power supply - - -	\$ 7.50
Earphones - - - - -	\$ 2.00
Command transmitters 80 & 40 power supplies & misc. items	
4301 Shirley St. Walnut 6636	

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GOT TO GO

Fred Fischer WØEGP - Ke. 0548  
 Elmac A54 mobile smttr. \$ 95.00  
 Morrow 2BC (10-75) converter \$10.00  
 PE 103 dynamotor - - - - - \$15.00  
 Auto radio 6 volt - - - - - \$15.00

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 The club secretary has a QSL for Art, W3WJZ. Anyone knowing his new qth, drop a line to the club at P. O. Box 626.  
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 World Radio Labs will be opened Thursday evening till 8 P.M. as well as Monday till 8 P.M. till Xmas. After Xmas only Mon. till 8 P.M.

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 Jerry Armstrong, wishes to thank all the people that helped with the refreshments this year and made that program a big success. Thanks too to the clean up crews, and to Ed for taking care of the pop, and many others that made his job as refreshment chairman a pleasant and easy one.

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 WØCQX has been put off the air by the XYL to get a bit of house work done. Fix walk, paint, clean yard, etc. Will call CQ mobile Hi.

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 In 20 hours of operation in the 1954 SS, WØEHF QSO'd all 73 ARRL sections, all 48 states & D. C., all Canadian districts, Hawaii, West Indies, Alaska, Canal Zone, and all made on 40 and 20 phone. Could it be all the hot air that carried the RF to the DX?

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ats for Willie

Caccomos Comments - Cont.

Via the net we hear that way out west in Cozad is a brother ham that could use just a wee bit of assistance.

Frankly, fellows, the word has it that this boy is in a rough way....both financially and physically. He has already spent 39 weeks in bed as a result of a knee injury, 820 of those miserable hypo needle scars, and totally dependent on his wife for an existence.

A "Benefit for Willie" was announced over the Nebraska net, recently, and already the fund has grown to \$22.50. Sure, it seems like every time we turn around somebody wants a donation, but here is one that is entitled to some real consideration.

Perhaps you can find some loose change for WØORW, and if so send it along to WØERM. So....the next time you open your billfold ask yourself, "Whats for Willie".

Larry Caccomos Comments

Due to pressing personal business, Frank Nystrom WØDUKE, winner of the October raffle prize was unable to attend the November meeting. Frank will bring along a consolation prize to be raffled at the December meeting. Don't miss the December meeting fellas...more prizes more fun.

Instructor: Explain "Spectrum".

Student: Isn't that what they use gaboons for?

A committee was appointed, during the November meeting, to investigate the availability of abandoned school houses for use as a Club House. The Committee members are; Jerry Armstrong, WØWKG Chairman, Windy Larsen, WØNPA, Art Stadler WØQMD.

Congratulations were not in vain. WØUJT finally shed the N and has now risen to the higher eschelons. Harris' rig consists of a home brew jc P 807 final and PP 807 modulators. The receiver is an S40. His first contact was with WØWR. Doug, WØWR, is in his own right an old timer. Those two letter calls are a scarce item. You can hardly get them any more. So...there you are.

Larry, WØNMN attended the christening and volunteered some gab. Speaking of gab, Harris has also been initiated into the Rag Chewers Club. Many thanks to Jim, WØSPG who helped Harris in the early stages. Many the nights they burned the midnight oil getting rid of the bugs...in the transmitter that is. Harris is mobile, too.

We wish to thank WØUJT and WØSPQ for their support in operations at the base station during the Muscular Distrophy Drive.

Ham Plates

After last months query, by this paper, on the license plate situation, we have received one outstate letter from the Grand Island Amateur Radio Society. Harold Rice ØKFY writes that due to the limited membership, the G.I. Club feels unable to lead the 1955 license plate drive. However, they are ready and willing to assist to "The fullest extent". Also, if a state-wide organizational meeting is in order, the Grand Island boys feel their city is centrally located and would be glad to arrange for a meeting place.

We would appreciate more comment from the outstate clubs as soon as possible so that appropriate action may be taken before it's too late.

If any of the outstate clubs feel that they would like to lead the amateurs of Nebraska in a concentrated effort to obtain full sized call letter license plates, the A.R.C. wishes to extend its personnel, time, and the reminder of last years LB-29 fund which amounts to something like thirty-eight dollars.

The machine is ready to roll, all it needs is the gas.

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All members desiring to pay their dues for prize and voting eligibility, come early. Your treasurer will be ready to bring you up to date.

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All members and guests at the December meeting are requested to bring their QSL cards for a special prize.

## WO/NMN'S LAMENT

## UNSUNG HEROES

My name is Larry Caccomo  
 My friends say I'm good at Radio.  
 It's me, my friends say they want to see,  
 But I know it's work they want for free.

Radios they bring, drop them down,  
 and say,..."tomorrow I'll be around."  
 I don't mind such a little thing,  
 If now and then some dough they'd bring.

A perfect job they want from me,  
 But never mention a little fee.  
 Now don't YOU think they should make amends,  
 'Cause after all, they are my friends.

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## NEBRASKA 75 METER PHONE NET

Congrats are in order for Ray, ØHTA of Orchard, Nebraska. Ray has been nominated to conduct the Nebraska Noon traffic net for the coming season. Although this job is considered an honor and a privilege, I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy--speaking from experience of course. The equipment really takes a beating. For a relay-operated transmitter it's murder. It's enough to make a man neurotic. But speaking for myself and for those who in the past have handled the job, we wouldn't trade the experience for all of the rice in China. We all thank Tom, WØVYX, present NCS for a job well done. Tom is bowing out to make way for his successor, WØHTA. We know Ray will handle the job properly. The signal from his Viking II is heard all over Nebraska. The receiver is a National 57B.

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## Quiz

Instructor: What is Berium??  
 Student: That's what they do to dead people.

MOTTO OF THE YEAR.....  
 To make Aksarben Radio Club bigger and better during 1955.

In the past, the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club has participated in many charity drives and no doubt, will, in all probability, engage in many more future campaigns. Our 10-meter mobile operations in these movements receive very little recognition, so here and now I wish to laud these boys for their splendid cooperation and the enthusiasm which they have shown in making these drives a success. The Ak club entered into another campaign--the "Muscular Distrophy Drive on November 29 and 30 which was sponsored by the Fire Department of Omaha. The mobiles which participated were: WØAQJ, WØAEM, WØCQX, WØGNM, WØPHW, WØNPA, WØNRS and WØYMU. WØNMN operated the base equipment which was stationed at the fire station at 19th & Harney. WØFQB was in full charge of the campaign. All we can say is "thanks to the whole gang." Your reward rests in the knowledge of a job well done.

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A man with an oil well is considered well oiled.

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## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS!!!!

IRE, the symbols for Ohm's law are also the symbols for the "Institute of Radio Engineers." Mark McGowan, WØNZ is chairman of the IRE chapter here in Omaha. Incidentally, the Omaha chapter recently had a very interesting talk on the subject of micro-wave by a Westinghouse engineer which was attended by ØNZ, QXR and ØIOS--all AK club members.

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For the benefit of the novices and for those who have long forgotten, Father Ray Strange, WØQHG, gave a rezoom on Ohms law at the November meeting. Ray teaches the subject at Creighton University. At the January meet, Bob Stratbucker, WØHZE, will give a dissertation on inductance and it's application in circuits.

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### OLD GRADS FROM WAY BACK

Very pleased to receive a full card from Ex-president Doc Becker, 6AID. Reports he had just finished reading Nov. H.H. Between sick people and race cars he has been very busy and only able to attend two club meetings in San Jose. Since the race season is closed he hopes to get a rig in the car and get back on the air. Best of luck Doc.

From over Indiana way we hear that "Doc" Fry, 9QHW, that at the present time he is unable to contact Omaha. He has heard many good signals from here, namely MKP, KCK, WKO and especially QMX who with his new rig bends the S meter. He reports QFM on the two meter at his locale.

### OUT OF TOWN NEWS

We received some very nice letters from the fellows outside Omaha. From AINSWORTH O. Powell, 0FMW, writes that he has moved from the center of town to the west edge. He now has a separate shack, bed, stove, books and "junk" all in one room. Away from the family. Hi Hi. The Frequency Modulated Windbag adds this behind his name: E.C., OTC, RCC, ORC, OBS, CPC, 20, PSC, 1000 Club, MARS, AARC, NCS, and member of Nebr. CW net. WoW WoW Along the edge of the card, last but not least ARRL member.

NORTH PLATTE is reported in by Red, CBH. IBA has a new Heathkit VFO and Globe Scout xmitter--EWK has a new Scout also--BZS has a Heathkit transmitter. Congratulations to SXR who dropped the N and is now on with a BC 610 from SUTHERLAND. Look up BZS if you have a loose PE103. Hope CKZ gets his window up before snow falls. Received a nice card from 2ZBY, Editor of G-E HAM NEWS. LINCOLN reports in via Bruce, UKR, who asks about the Nebraska Call Book. Just send the club 75¢ and you will get your copy. PO Box 626, Omaha 1, Nebr. Marve, writing from FORT D, TEXAS says the new call is 0VUT, formerly 9KPJ. See you in December.

### SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

An effort is being made by several clubs and groups to obtain the issuance of a United States Postage Stamp commemorating amateur radio. An ideal date for it's release would be January 29, 1955, the 40th anniversary of ARRL incorporation. The issuance of stamps is nominally controlled by the Post Office Department. It would be very helpful for the Postmaster General to be informed of the desirability of such a stamp by all interested persons.

Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield  
The Postmaster General  
Washington 25, D.C.

All interested amateurs should write letters of their own composition requesting issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring amateur radio. In your own words, describe the public record of amateur radio, the advancement of the art, that we are to have an anniversary of 40 years under the league, it's non-profit, self training aspect, and in particular mention local activities that are newsworthy. BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. Tell your friends to write, write yourself.

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The North Platte news bulletin mentions that they have a club call there now, W0WYM.

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The Tri-States Sparks gave the club a mention relative to our license plate hassle. They hope we get the one regular size plate. (we do too)

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The Houston club was kind enough to send a copy of their very nice paper to us. Among other things we see they are still collecting money for the club house. OOOOH La La. What a club house that looks like it's going to be. We may have one some day in a modest way, perhaps a small one 100 x 100 feet or so.

The November meeting provided a few exciting moments during the raffle. In addition to the evening prize, W0PHW donated a few pieces of equipment.--Cleaning house, John? The main prize of the evening was won by XYL-W0NPA. Frank, W0IOS who won a 6-volt vibrator at the Des Moines convention donated the unit for the raffle which was won by Fay, W0ISV. Fay says he is going to take the prize to Albuquerque and trade it off for a complete ham station.