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## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CORP IN PROCESS OF FORMATION

The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, acting for all of the "hams" in Omaha, is initiating the formation of an Omaha Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. We invite every one to come down to the October 10 meeting and cuss and discuss the subject.

This will not be affiliated with the present Civilian Defense Organization.

The city police communications chief, George Winkler, has been contacted and is very much enthused. We would like to discuss the formation of this organization at the October meeting and select several delegates from the ranks of Omaha "hams" to meet with city officials.

There will be a need for mobiles of course, for they seem to be the main stay of emergency traffic. We will need several fixed stations capable of acting as net control. Also there will be a definite need for relief operators.

The thought so far is to base the organization on the knowledge gained from the activity during the flood emergency in Council Bluffs. Let us all join hands now and plan our actions before another ugly threat appears before our community. We have many interesting activities which can be built around our police and fire departments. We all well remember the fun had by all during the Polio Drive of last year, this is truly an emergency well deserving of our time and efforts.

is our emergency and traffic work which affords us with our greatest rewards for our efforts.

## MID-WEST DIRECTOR TO MEET IN OMAHA ON NOVEMBER 2

Due to unforeseen difficulties, it became necessary to postpone the Sept. 14 meeting here in Omaha with our Mid-west Director Mr. Wm. J. Schmidt WØOZN.

The meeting now will definitely be held on November 2 at the Hotel Fontenelle, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

It is the intent of the meeting to have at least two official delegates from all of the Amateur Radio Clubs in the Nebr.-Iowa area. All delegates will please bring their club drafts of the rules and regulations that they wish to vote, particularly for this Federation of Clubs organization. Any and all radio amateurs are invited to attend whether affiliated with a club or not.

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## OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Auction Night  
Gadget Night

We have a double barreled event scheduled for our Oct. meeting.

First and foremost, bring along those crisp lettuce leaves and pick up some much needed equipment for your self at auction prices.

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## NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 1952

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel



### SPLATTER AND SPLUT

Leather-lung Olsen, JKE, had been rumored as attempting a voice transmission on 75 with 30 watts input into a folded diaper. Even claims he was heard in Ky. Earl, you can fool some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all the time---but do you know any "hams" who are people?

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Bernie Behrens, JFX, is getting the urge again from Hal Morgan, BQP. It seems Bernie has to sit by and listen to Hal talk about the DX that is coming in on 40 while the two are on the job, so---after they get off work at midnite Bernie is checking in on Hal's statements.

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Well what do you know---finally, but definitely, Dick Reimund, now Ex-MI2RR, looked into the old battered up mail box and pulled out ye olde ticket. Dick is now the proud owner of Radio Station WOLFM (Lovely French Maidens). He can be heard on 40 these nites with a new Globe Champ. Dick said that he had begun to think that the mail man had (a) a wooden leg, (b) a vacation or (c) reached the automatic retirement age, but all is roses now.

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Leo Faulk, HYS, reports receiving his renewal so is sitting pretty for a few years again. He expects to be back on 80 CW and 75 Phone this fall for some more enjoyable rag chewing. Incidentally, Leo has had the same call since 1931, four more years and Leo can be a real "Old Man".

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THERE WAS A HAM NAMED CROCKET.  
FORGOT TO PUT ONE HAND IN HIS POCKET.  
HE TOUCHED A HOT LEAD,  
HE DID INDEED.  
BOY, DID CROCKET ROCKET.

The safety poem of the month was submitted by Roy Rydberg, WNØLGN. We heartily welcome Roy to our ranks and are very glad to hear him on 80. The best of luck at the next exam Roy.

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Orr in a room on the eleventh floor of the Fontenelle. A roll call showed the following visitors; WØ's JKF, YXK, PZB, HOV, HOW, W5LNR and Al Draper.

Attention was called to the picnic at Wayne, Nebr. on Sept. 14. The Club auction was postponed to the October meeting because of the business of the evening.

Cooper gave a complete and interesting account of the status of the litigation over his tower. The recent editorial in the Evening World-Herald furnished an additional obstacle but even at that he hoped to win before the Board of Appeals. However, the suit in federal court ran into the restrictions of testaments and covenants, which made the prospects appear rather poor.

The editorial in the evening paper aroused considerable feeling and comment. Cooper and Meyerson told of their activities, including their visit with the writer of the editorial. All amateurs were urged to write to the editor. After a motion, the President appointed a committee consisting of himself, Fried, Olsen, Curry, and Strange, to interview the editor and protest the editorial.

Mc Millian won the prize. Curry called attention to the recent 2 meter openings and urged the club members to get their 522's oiled up.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by ARRL assistant secretary John Huntoon, who explained a good number of League matters and policies by his excellent comments on the many recent dockets of FCC. A question and answer period followed his talk.

Adjournments for refreshments and rag-chewing at 10:45.

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For your convenience you may get your renewals for QST and CQ from the club secretary at the next meeting. New subscriptions are handled also. Are YOU a member of ARRL?



### NOTICE: ARRL MEMBERS

Floyd "Red" Campbell, W0CBH, of 203 West 8th Street, North Platte, Nebr. has been appointed the new SCM for Nebraska by the ARRL.

Let's give him our full cooperation. "Red" may be down to one of our club meetings in the near future so we can personally get acquainted with him. Meetings are the 2nd Fridays of the month "Red" at the Hotel Fontenelle.

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### NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Art Gaeth, FQB, has traded his Lysco 600 VFO for a 125 watt Stancor 202-A and has added a new Viking VFO to drive it. Art is changing antennas again (for the 82nd time). This time it is an end fed Zepp, 67 feet long, and with it comes open season for Tennessee Valley Indians.

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It seems Herb Curry, QXR, has finally cured his arthritis of the right arm. A 80 meter CQ de QXR was heard after an unsuccessful voice attempt.

Herb, however, is our most active 2 meter man. He has really been knocking of the 2 meter DX during the past month with his 10 watts to a half-wave 90 feet in the sky. Herb has just got a card confirming the first Nebr.-Tenn 2 meter contact. Congrats Herb.

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A note from Mrs. UTE, Bob Jenks new QRA is;

A/B Robert L. Jenks AF 17367104  
BMTS - 3285  
FLT - 218  
Parks Air Force Base, Calif.

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### HAM FEST WAYNE

A very nice hamfest was held at Wayne by the NENRC. There were sixty-two people registered. The meeting was highlighted by a talk by John Huntoon, ARRL sect. A very fine drawing was held with prizes for most all. The day was a complete success, many new friends were made and old friends re-acquainted.

### MOBILE CORNER

Our mobile corner column this month will endeavor to put emphasis on the importance and significance of the now proposed OAREC. (Omaha Amateur Radio Emergency Corp).

From all appearances, it seems that there is now a definite policy being formulated to use the facilities we have available for the purpose of serving our community in the event of possibly disasters or emergencies of any sort.

The whole program's success will be greatly dependent upon mobile gear. (Mobile rigs, portable generators, plus home stations with plenty of relief operators).

We of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club are acting only as a starting nucleus of OAREC. We extend a most cordial invitation to any Radio Amateur, having mobile gear, whether he be a club member or not, to take full advantage of OAREC by either coming out to our club meeting this month or by letting us know by letter or phone that you wish to be a part of this project.

Needless to say, a great deal of detail is going to have to be ironed out in the ensuing weeks but it seems that at last, we are on the right road for a full participation in emergency communications work.

See you Friday, October 10, 8 p.m. at the Hotel Fontenelle for further particulars.

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### FROM AN OLD FRIEND

A card from Doc Becker states that Mig and all the little Beckers arrived safely in W6 land. He has a Command Xmitter on 40 but not the big rig. The project there seems to be a new electronic bug.

"Am still on 10 mobile, but am contemplating going on 75 mobile - 10 is defunct. All best regards to the gang".



### FROM HERE AND THERE

We hear that "Swanie", JED, at Wayne has gone SSB along with Marve, FYP, at Oakland. Looks like the fellows have set a good pattern.

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But now get this-AZH has taken on a ball and chain. Possibly he will be off the air for a while due to extra curricular activities. Congratulations OM.

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A change in QTH; VAD, formerly of Beemer is now living in West Point. He has been heard on the air modulating his buffer wid a class B final.

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### ATTENTION NORTH EAST NEBRASKA RADIO CLUB

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held at Clarence Davis's home GHM. Date, Oct. 12, Sunday. Meeting starts at 1:30 PM in Norfolk.

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### AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION TO ALL

No doubt you have all heard of the recent editorial which was published in the Omaha World Herald. There was much discussion in Omaha and apparently much from out state, judging from the letters which appeared in the paper's Public Pulse column.

The club here sent a committee to visit the writer of the editorial. It's purpose was to find the reason for the editorial and explain the error of it's meaning.

The writer was visited and it was found that the editorial was based solely on the article which was published in the Radio News magazine. The committee was promised a retraction if we could prove our point of error and get a retraction from the editor of Radio News.

We were very pleased to read the retraction on the editorial page of the newspaper a short time ago.

I might add that we are quite proud of the fact that we, here in Omaha, were not plagued with TVI calls as a result of the article. Only one instance was recorded as a result of the article.

### MID-DIRECTOR

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Pass the word around and lets have a real turn out for "Bill" Schmidt here on November 2.

We, of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club staff, are looking forward to personally meeting all of you fellows and discussing your problems with the director.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

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Secondly, all you guys and gals, be sure and bring down your pet gadget to proudly exhibit in front of the club.

We can all learn a lot from these exhibits and many of them are copied by others as an added improvements to their present rigs, etc.

The rules for the Auction are simple and as follows: The club will auction your equipment with or without a bottom price for the customary 10 percent. If the equipment is not sold, but only displayed, there is no charge.

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### FLASH-HOME TOWN BOY MAKES GOOD

Congrats are in order to Al Mc Millan WØJJK for his performance in being one of the three 1952 certificate winners in the Mid-West Division for copying the 25 wpm on-the-air 7 minute message requiring perfect-every-letter copy on the Armed Forces Day run.

The other two were WØBCB of Waterloo, Iowa and WØKXL of Kansas City, Kansas.

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### NEW CLUB MEMBERS

John Connolly WØHOW  
319 Park Ave., C. B.  
Raymond Hanson WØHOV  
303 Park Ave., C. B.  
Ferris Kramer WØYZK  
520 Brentwood Rd. Omaha