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MIDWEST DIVISION CONVENTION  
TOPEKA, KANSAS

DECEMBER 6-7                      HOTEL KANSAN  
PRIZES                      PRIZES                      PRIZES

All ticket holders eligible for prizes.  
Special prizes for the Ladies' Sessions.

### PROGRAM

The program will consist of technical sessions, mobile conferences, phone and CW roundtables, Army and Air Force MARS conferences, mobile hunt, Oasis Saturday night, Banquet 2:00 PM Sunday.

Bring along the XYL as there will be special events for her.

### REGISTRATION

There will be a large pre-registration prize. The advance registration fee will be \$7.50. (Requests for pre-registration post marked prior to December 1 will be accepted at this price. All others regular door price.

Registration fee after November 30 will be \$8.50. Sunday only price will be \$6.00.

Advance registrations will be confirmed by post card. Tickets will be held at the registration desk.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Adequate hotel facilities are available. Get your request in early and stay at the Hotel Kansan where all sessions will be held. Single rooms are three fifty to five fifty. Double rooms are four fifty to nine fifty.

SEE LAST PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

MIDWEST DIRECTORS CONFERENCE  
OMAHA                      NOVEMBER 2, 1952

A third draft of the proposed constitution was executed with a great deal of success.

The representatives from the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club were greatly impressed with the idea of a federation of Amateur Radio Clubs.

There were 12 clubs from a three state area represented.

Bill Schmidt, WØOZN, Midwest Director, and Jim McKim, WØMVG, Vice Director lead the discussion of the constitution of the proposed federation. Affiliated and non-affiliated clubs will participate in forming ARRL policy. Meetings will be held in at least two more cities before ratification of the constitution.

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DON'T FORGET

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DECEMBER IS

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ELECTION MONTH

As in the past the December meeting will be adjourned before the election to allow anyone who is not paid up (dues that is) the opportunity to pay his dues in order to be qualified to vote.

### NEXT MEETING

November 14, 1952

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

## LICENSE PLATES

The subject of Call Letter Automobile Plates was brought up at the October meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben.

Apparently we are not the only ones thinking along these lines, as it is being discussed on the 75 meter phone net.

Sunday, November 2, Bob Crosby, one of the candidates for governor, spoke over the rig of Bob Rudd, EUT.

Mr. Crosby gave some very good advice on presenting the bill to our legislature again: (1) the bill must be presented again (2) every Ham must interest his own representative (3) the greatest fall-down last year was the fact that it was not talked up sufficiently.

We will quote several of the things Mr. Crosby said as we think they were presented in the best fashion possible.

"When it (the bill) is introduced again I think every Ham operator ought to be alerted to talk to his member, that is, the legislator from his district, talk to him before the legislator leaves for Lincoln to attend the sessions of the legislature."

"The main thing is for the Ham Operators to have interest enough to do a good job of explaining it to their legislator."

These are the things that we failed on. None of these are difficult but do require a good deal of effort and time.

Remember fellows if they are worth having they are worth working for.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 368 FROM ARRL HEAD-  
QUARTERS WEST HARTFORD CONN OCT 16 1952  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Lebanon has been removed from the list of countries with which QSO's are forbidden. Refer to page 23 February 1951 QST and page 24 May 1952 QST. ARRL will accept for DXCC cards from OD5 stations confirming QSO's which took place on or after October 15 1952 AR.

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

October 10, 1952

President Orr called the meeting to order. A roll call showed the following visitors present - WØ's EFG, RE. Roy Rydberg, LGN was received as a new member. Several announcements were made - Amateur exams on Oct. 16, auction at Leo's Oct. 13, ARRL director Schmidt's meeting in Omaha on Nov. 2.

Strange, Fried, and Olson gave accounts and sidelights on the visit with the writer of the editorial "Moving time for hams". A copy of the letter from Radio News on which the new editorial "In fairness to hams" was based, was read by the secretary.

A card from Cooper, IOS, relating the outcome of the tower litigation, was read. Its contents will be found elsewhere in this paper.

It was voted that the surplus money left from Field Day be put in a special Field Day fund.

Armstrong inquired about the interest in an all-Nebraska picnic to be held next year. He reported slow returns on the letters that he sent out to all Nebraska clubs.

New business was mainly a discussion about the proposed tie-in with the police department under the name "Omaha Amateur Emergency Corps". Though lots of words flew back and forth, nothing very definite was decided partly because the information from police communications Chief Winkler was rather sketchy or did not fit in well with Amateur methods of operation. WØRE, head of MARS at Offutt Air Force Base, made a generous offer of help and facilities. A meeting to organize the corps was suggested for Tues. Oct. 21.

On motion by Fried, it was voted to send delegates to the Mid-west Division Conference to be held in Omaha, Nov. 2. It was also voted that the club join the federation of clubs to be organized.

Hanson won the prize. A spirited auction took place during the refreshment period.

## NEWS FROM ABOUT THE TOWN

Scoop! On Sunday Nov. 2, 6:00AM to be exact, Mrs. BQP presented Hal with a brand new daughter. At last reports, mother and daughter are doing well but Hal is under the wx. We can all look for the folded diapers at the home QTH in the near future.

Vic Nelson, CCY, has been tied up with his CAP activities lately so he has had to forgo the Ham bands. Vic did, however, take a trip to Lincoln on Oct. 19 and was able to snatch out at least one contact on 75 phone, that was with WØOAO.

Understand Bud Rudolph was in town for a short visit recently while enroute to Texas. Bud, as you all know, spent quite some time at the Pentagon in D. C.

Don Johnson, UUV, has been doing real good for himself with his SSB rig.

Fay Powell, WNØISV, is getting ready to go south for the winter season. Incidentally, Fay just received the word that he had successfully passed his technician license exam. Congrats OM.

Geo. Baughman, AFZ, is getting ready to punch a hole in our Ham bands with a new KW.

Leo Schmalenbach, JFM, is now stationed at a training center for U. S. Intelligence. His QTH, Warrenton Training Center, RFD 2, Warrenton, Virginia.

Leo has been doing 25 wpm on a mill. He is operating W4TOC at the base on 7080 kc. Also 7060, 7120, 7160 and 7180, and would like to work some of the Omaha gang on 40.

It will be overseas for Leo in about seven months from now.

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## MONTHLY SAFETY SLOGAN

DISCHARGE YOUR CONDENSERS BEFORE

THEY DISCHARGE YOU

## BIG EVENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Presented at the next meeting, by Dick Reimund, will be about 150 color slides and a talk about Eireteria where he operated as MI3RR. This event will be very informative as well as amusing.

Also to be heard is a play back of the message which Mr. Bob Crosby gave over the 75 meter phone net Nov. 2. This message will be of concern to those interested in obtaining Ham call plates for their cars.

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## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

All's well that ends well should be the slogan of Frank Cooper, IOS.

The official finis has been written to the case of the "Oil Derrick" at 901 So. 86 St.

Frank is going to take down his tower and will have a brand new 55 ft. telephone pole. Its installation will be fully covered by his neighbors so-o-o-o we have to offer for sale:-

A-1 condition---never used---Vesta Tower Call or see WØIOS.

Frank is offering his mobile gear up for sale also which includes a latest model Elmac xmitter, Morrow converter, PE103 genemotor and converted Super 8 tube Ford Auto radio. Included is an all band heavy duty whip with Mallard base loaded coils for 75 and 20.

See this like-new gear for a complete mobile installation and save yourself some good money if you are planning to go mobile now or in the future.

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## ELECTION RESULTS 75 METER NCS

WØVPX, Tom, of Lincoln, Nebr. was announced as the new NCS by EUT on November 8.

Tom only recently completed a new 300 watt rig which really lays a sig out over the state. Tom will be remembered by most of the Omaha boys for his many hours he spent in our end of the world during the recent almost flood.

### OUT OF TOWN NEWS

Well what do you know, WØCSN, is now a silent key. Mig Becker is now the proud holder of W6TEK.

Mig reports the San Jose Radio Club has their transmitter at the Red Cross Blood Bank Building and is in operation every Thursday night.

She would like to hear from some of the gang here in Omaha.

Marshall Parker has done it again. He is now residing at 1554 Harrison Street Denver 6, Colo. with the call of W3UQP/Ø. Marshall hopes to get his old WØFMV call back now. He hasn't got a rig on at the new QTH but is hoping to in the near future.

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### TNX TO NYU

Bob informs us that he has no gossip did send a \$5.00 donation for the newspaper.

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### NOTES

Larry, KCK, just recovered from two weeks with pneumonia and is back on 75 with a new black box attached to his mobile rig to reduce antenna mis-match.

Soon there may be some RTTY activity in Omaha. Five machines have been acquired and will operate on two.

XYL of Earle Olson passed novice and technicians exams. Congrats Marion. See you soon on 80, got your rig built yet?

Jerry, NKG, recently purchased an antenna farm in the Underwood Hills district. He is now on vacation in the west.

Leo, GFQ, will be on the Hammond Organ at the Topeka convention. This alone entices attendance.

Bob, HZE, is attending University of Colorado at Boulder. Grapevine has it he joined 14 social clubs and is taking one credit hour majoring in women.

### MOBILE CORNER

Have you ever been driving your car down the street or down the wide open highway and notice another car with a mobile antenna protruding from it, either ahead of you or coming toward you on the other side of the road? How many times have you said to yourself, "I wonder what band he is on? If I knew, it would be swell to give him a call and work him while driving along."

All of which leads us to the proposal of using some visible means of identifying your particular band of operation.

Some months ago, Mobile Corner in the CQ Mag. suggested a small (did not give the exact dimensions) colored triangular flag to be flown from some conspicuous place on your car, which would immediately indicate the mobile station's band of operation. Each band would have a different color flag.

We of the Ham-Hum Mobile Corner would like to find out what the local reaction is to such a proposition.

How about sending in your opinions and reactions on the post cards found with your copy of this fish wrapper. We will act accordingly.

With the advent of cold weather we hope that the mobile activity will pick up. We here in the mid-west can do well to experiment with our antennas as they have done on the west coast. We still have a problem of operating from a short antenna, and making it do the work of a half wave or quarter wave antenna. Many innovations have been proposed but we seem to stick to the conventional end or center loaded jobs. Let your brain run wild and lets get something really new and mid-western to match them all.

### CONVENTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Address your reservation to:  
S. D. Thacher,  
Overton Electric Co.  
522 Jackson Street  
Topeka, Kansas

This convention is sponsored by the Kaw Valley Radio Club of Topeka.