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## LICENSE PLATES

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE TO THE AMATEURS OF THIS STATE THAT OUR LICENSE PLATE BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

During the afternoon of January 31, 1955 LB 464 was introduced by Senators Norman A. Otto of Kearney, Leroy Bohensky of Palmer and Frank Nelson of O'Neil. This bill will provide our call letter on our automobile license plates in place of the regularly assigned numbers.

A concerted last minute push was made to get the bill introduced on the last day of introductions. A whale of a lot of effort was put forth. In less than one week the job was done, but this ends only the first phase of LB464.

The bill will now go to committee and there will be three hearings made. One of the hearings will be public.

At the present time there are 32 states which provide such call letter plates for hams. We'll be number 33.

For those of you who did not attend the meeting in Grand Island January 22 a very successful meeting was held at the Palmer Hotel. Ham for a ham meeting was served in the first floor dining room.

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## OPEN HOUSE

The February meeting will feature open house to all amateurs and those interested in amateur radio. The interest in amateur radio is running high in this area and we members of the club have several projects in the fire which will, we believe, be of interest to all. The meeting will be held at the Fontenelle Hotel due to the expected large crowd.

There will be a demonstration of the practical aspects of tuning and constructing beam antennas. Toss away the theory for a few minutes and lets get down to the practical side of the beam antenna.

Plans for future meetings include movies and talks on atomic power and transistors.

Remember it's the Fontenelle Friday, February 11, 1955.

See you all there, but first let me warn you. Mr. Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club of February will be present. The fifth man, woman or baby to shake his hand will win a very nice prize. Sorry I can't tell you who he will be, they won't even tell me. Come down and shake hands.

### NEXT MEETING

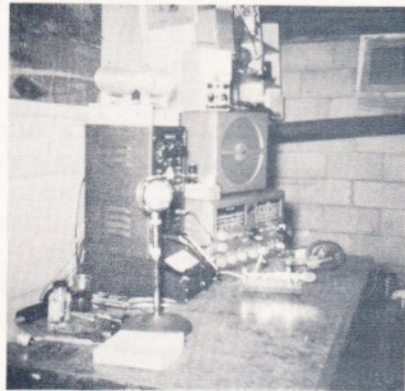
February 11, 1955

Friday 8:00 P.M.

# Video Page



Wendy Larsen WØNPA tries a bit of CW. Must be an old picture - h Wendy?



The equipment at NPA consists of a NC-98 and a TBS-50 with VFO. The balun coils feed a window antenna.



Ed Donze, WØYEV appears busy on forty. The station is also operated by daughter Barbara, WØYDO. We hear that this is a mighty busy station.



You can plainly see that Herb, QXR, is only half here sitting beside Al, JJK. The rig in the foreground is the result of work by Herb and Johnny, PHW. The equipment was won by Johnny at the December meeting.

## GRAND, GRAND ISLAND MEETING

The social aspects of the GI meeting were very gratifying. Early in the morning, I say early because several were not awake even at ten am, we left Omaha. The we in this case being cars piloted by Herb, QXR, Larry, NMN, Charlie, 5NT, Johnny, PHW, little later Larry, KCK and Al, JJK, ventured forth.

Herb had a very nice mobile unit. He placed a S-71 and a Viking 2 in the rear of his station wagon and pulled a one wheeled trailer. In the trailer was a one KW gas generator. The FB rig was doing a nice job until they ran out of gas on the return trip.

The Omaha gang visited Gus, CC, at GI early in the afternoon. We spent a very nice time there. After leaving Gus's QTH we dropped in on Dave, DW, and were very pleased to see the work Dave has done with high frequency antennas.

We certainly thank Gus and Dave for a very enjoyable afternoon and invite you both to visit us any time.

## NEW C.B. CLUB

We have been informed of the re-formation of the Council Bluffs club under the able guidance of Orin Miller, W0SEE. A meeting is to be held in the very near future and all those interested are invited to contact Orin either at home or during the day at KOIL. With the tremendous increase in Ham population in C.B. the club will be a much needed asset to amateur radio. We pass along our best regards for successful growth.

## FOR SALE

RME-43 receiver and matching speaker \$65.00  
Jim Anderson WNOSQC, 6716 No. 31 Ave, Omaha  
11, Nebraska.

Unruly children are like radio equipment.  
They're controlled by the flick of a switch.

## MOTHERS MARCH

Assisting the mothers in their drive to raise funds for the Polio Foundation were the Amateur Radio Operators of Omaha.

A control station was set up on the sixth floor of the Omaha City Hall which fed a co-ax antenna on the roof. From this control station, starting at 6:30 PM Jan. 27, eleven mobile units received addresses of those wishing to contribute money and who were missed in the regular drive. The first part of the evening was used in individual pick up of money, later in the evening calls went out to pick up the team captains and deliver them and their money to the city hall. Many, many thousands of dollars were delivered in this manner.

The event was well executed with normal amount of confusion. Hi. Only had one transmitter fail, of course it was the control station transmitter. Larry, KCK, made a frantic dash and secured another rig which put back on the air again. Operating the control station were Stue, MGC, Larry, NMN, Earl, JKE, Ray, QHG, Frank, Ed, CQX, Tom, AQJ, Charlie, 5NT, George, AEM, Rolly, YMU, Wendy, NPA, Garry, NRS, D n, UIO, Larry, KCK, Johnny, PHW.

## SRR HOSPITALIZED

Our good friend Lee Beckley, SRR is confined to bed at the Methodist Hospital recovering from a back injury. We wish him a speedy recovery and much good cheer. Stop in and visit Lee any afternoon or evening for a few minutes, I am sure it will help him pass away the time much quicker and speed him on the road to recovery. He is in room 770 of the new wing.

Old buddy Tom, AQJ, reports in this month with the motto "I was born this way - what's your excuse?" He adds "Thems my sedments exactsly." By the way here is a good 10 meter man looking for some local activity. Can't beat ten for those local rag chews and mobile contacts can you Tom.

### THE SEVENTY FIVE METER PHONE NET

We received a very nice letter from Ray Clifton, WØHTA last month. Much to our surprise we learned that Ray is a relative newcomer to ham radio, but it sure doesn't show on the air.

For the info of those not aware of the noon net which is controlled by Ray, you may join the net and are welcomed. This net meets every noon, 12:30 PM on 3983 Kc and covers the state of Nebraska with outlets into neighboring states.

Ray was elected control station the first of this year, receiving the position from Tom Boydston, WØVYX in Lincoln, who was the control station last year. (Seems to me that Tom has been doing a FB job as control for about three years.) Anyway the net control station is now located just outside the town of Orchard in the north central part of the State.

Since receiving his license about three years ago Ray has been quite active on the air and has been a member of the net for two years. Being a farmer by trade we just wonder if Ray isn't one of those fellows who are tractor mobile during plowing time. Hi.

The station at HTA is a Viking I feeding a random length end fed hertz antenna. Ray uses a L section coupler for loading. The receiver is a NC 57B. I personally can testify for the good signal which Ray puts out, he's S9 in Omaha most of the time.

Regarding the net Ray says "The basic purpose of the net is to hold daily drills so as to maintain outlets for messages in the event of an emergency."

"Members number approximately 80, with between 40 and 50 reporting in each day. However many amateurs listen to the net without reporting just in case of traffic for their locality."

Each day the net convenes and has a roll call after which traffic is passed. In the event of an emergency the net continues in session as long as needed.

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Club officers for 1955 are as follows:

President	Art Stadler WØQMD
Vice President	Dick Eilers WØ
Secretary	Larry Caccamo WØTAN
Treasurer	Gary Greenwell WØNRS

The executive board selected by the president to assist him consists of Jerry, NKG, Lee, SRR, Earl, JKE, Frank, IOS, Ray, QHG, and Al, JJK.

Other committees are, Food, Wendy, NPA. Mobile, George, AEM and Damon, UIO. Membership, Frank, IOS, Bob, WAG, Rudy, RMC, and Dick, YZV. Convention, Earl, JKE, Ham Hum, Dick, YZV and Johnny, PHW.

Meetings of the club are held each second Friday of the month at the place designated on the front page. Membership is open to all interested in amateur radio. An initiation fee of \$1.00 Plus \$ .50 per month. Dues in advance are \$5.00 a year. Student dues are one half rate.

### CONVENTION NEWS FROM OMAHA

The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club has applied to the ARRL for permission to hold the midwest convention in Omaha. If permission is granted the convention will be in October.

Flattery is nothing but soft soap, and soft soap is 90 percent lye.

### LICENSE PLATES CONTINUED

After dinner we adjourned to a meeting room on the second floor. There were approximately 35 licensed amateurs in attendance, many brought their XYS and a good time was had by all.

As the meeting opened Art Stadler, W0QMD, acted as temporary chairman and opened the discussion. Pro's and Con's, up's and down's were kicked back and forth.

As soon as a positive plan of attack was agreed upon an election was held to choose a 1955 Campaign Chairman. Elected to the post was Harold Rice, W0KFY, of Palmer.

All possible leads were checked out and various jobs were assigned. The task of acquainting a senator with our requests and getting the bill introduced in itself is huge. But to do the job in one week, and I repeat, in ONE WEEK was even more difficult.

A phone call was made to Red Campbell, W0CBH, at North Platte. Red was unable to attend due to sickness in his family. His support was wholeheartedly given.

The meeting adjourned at about mid-night and every one returned home over the slightly icy roads.

Hope to have a full blow by blow story in the next issue fellows, the whole thing happened so fast we have not been able to get all the details. Another article will cover some of the social side of the trip to Grand Island.

For further action see the open letter between page one and two.

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### A SHORTIE FROM JJB

Johnnie Riley, JJB, formerly with KMTV is now with RCA as a Broadcast Field Engineer. He will be located in Camden New Jersey until he is assigned an area. The XYL and family are holding down the fort in Omaha.

### U P AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

A club comprising of Union Pacific employees is being formed. Those employees interested in joining are requested to contact Engineer R. D. (Doug) Burghardt, W0WR, at Post Office Box 501, Valley, Nebraska. Send along your QSL card and state your occupation. Several hundred have been heard from already.

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### FROM W6 LAND

Duane Heise, HAW/6 is now attending Upland College at Upland, California. Duane reported 7,350 points in the recent sweeps-stakes. That was 105 contacts using the school rig, K6cux.

Glad to learn also of the engagement of W0HQH to W0BUR, thanks Duane, missed that one.

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### CONTINUED NET

Normal daily messages consist of birth and death notices, stranded travelers, road conditions, overseas GI traffic, Hospital reports and many more. Often rush messages are sent for needed machinery repair parts.

Ray says he picked up a call from a mobile one day. The fellow wanted to contact his wife in Vermillion S.D. to tell her he was stuck in the mud. Ray contacted the XYL by phone. The XYL asked the location of the OM and found that he was just four miles outside of Vermillion. Hi.

The walls in the shack at HTA are well papered, some of the papers include such as these, Route Manager, ARRL member, MARS member, So. Da. Phone Net Certificate, and a 25 wpm Code Proficiency ticket. (Wonder how many can boast a 25 wpm ticket). Ray is also a member of the So. Dak. 160 fone net and the Nebr. CW net.

By the way Ray is going to have a birthday April 24. Suppose he will celebrate with his wife and 14 year old Jr. Op.

Best of luck to you Ray, the net certainly is a very active phase of ham radio and the back bone of emergency activity.