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SIX MUNCE UGO I CUTNT
EVN SPEL TECNICAN
AN NOW I ARE ONE ...

Poor George (AFZ). He bought a new multi-match xfmr (\$102.00) to replace his that chattered a bit at $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of audio and found that his new xfmr rattled almost as bad. Adjustment on the xfmr is under way and maybe George will have a "no rattler" on the air soon.

☾ hear the KZ stations on 10 meters at 9:00 P.M. Better work that DX while the band is hot. Even hear WØLFM (pee wee power) on 10 with KCK pushing.*

BOARD MEETING 11-15-57

Motion by Dick Eilers--that the following members be dropped from the roster due to lack of interest and non-payment of dues: Curzon, Hollis, Noland, Rampacek, Sloeman, Story, McGinnis, Prell, Schindell. The motion was seconded by Bob Sleyster and approved by the members of the Board. We were sorry to see these familiar faces go. Some of the fellows are no longer in the area but we would like to see some of these fellows at the meetings again and all it takes is payment of dues fellows.

The official membership total is now 132. Let's make it 232 by next year. McKinney and Gutmann will have a program set up for the January meeting so the incoming Board will not have to rush the first month.

Eilers moved that the \$107.00 in the raffle fund be transferred to the general fund for the Christmas party. Johnson seconded the motion and the Board approved it. The hold-over Board members are: Sleyster, McMillan, Johnson, Nuckols. Vacancies open will be for four board members, president and vice-president.



ON SIX METERS

Some real DX has been worked from this area on 6 meters in the last few days. One from the immediate area has worked Asia but several stations report working into Alaska. We heard that Hawaii was in loud and strong for several hours but didn't hear of anyone working KH6 land.

Lee Beckley writes that we are being overly generous in sending him 2 papers. Well, Lee, we will see if we can get that corrected and have one go to the correct QTH of ESTHERVILLE, IOWA. Lee has no rig on the air as yet but perhaps later. Also, he would like to get in for the Christmas party but no soap.

QSL cards are on hand for stations: KØIXB, KNØKQQ, KNØKTY, WØDYG, KNØLGG, KØKMX, KNØKQF, KNØKNJ, KØEXK, KNØKQD, KN9KNS (portable Ø ?) and KNØKES. The card to WØDTG surprised me as it's confirming a CW contact. No insinuation that you can't copy CW Todd, just never heard you on CW before.

More QSL's received: WØEUG, KØLAO/Ø, KNØLFM, KNØKQI, KNØLDI, KNØKES, KNØZST, KNØJPB.

V H F

Here is a little recent two meter info. WØWRT is still working evenings and it is a little difficult to keep in the swing of things.

Apparently activity has slowed down somewhat on 144 and this is the usual trend during the winter months. About the only reason for this situation is possibly the lack of tropospheric openings throughout the winter months. For anyone interested in working 2 meter CW, there are always the possibilities of more aurora openings during the winter months.

Fortunately, the power line noise level has been low at this QTH recently. A low local noise level is a tremendous help in receiving weak signals on any band.

I have gotten some requests to recommend some low cost equipment for use on six or two meters. Many would-be two meter men start out by pricing a relatively expensive piece of gear such as the Gonset Communicator and are immediately discouraged.

If so my present day amateurs didn't have such an aversion to the soldering iron,

they could have VHF gear at a very reasonable cost. Lots of circuits in the handbooks.

However, there are even some other simple solutions to the problem of getting on VHF. An excellent low cost transmitter is advertised in QST every month by the LW Electronics Co. in Michigan. This line of transmitters features a 2E26 final, plate modulated by a pair of 6AQ5's and with a large beam, is capable of working a radius of about 100 miles consistently. The L.W. transmitter sells for only \$29.50 in kit form or ten dollars more is completely assembled.

There's still lots of good two meter surplus gear available on the market and at a very reasonable cost. The ARC-5 vhf transmitter and the SCR-522 are some examples.

I would heartily recommend reading the article in the new DEC. QST by Ed Tilton, WIHDQ. This is on page 57. Ed has some interesting comments.

73 for now, John
John D. Snyder, WØWRT



"Just one year I wish he'd place our Christmas bonus on our desk and let it go at that!"



"It's wonderful working in the pay envelope department. Takes all guesswork out of dating the fellas!"

CORRESPONDENCE NEEDED

If you will note the last few issues of Ham-Hum have been quite loaded with VHF news and we are sure that there are many interesting and newsworthy happenings on the other bands; unless we hear of it we cannot print it. We will greatly appreciate hearing from either of you, either on a regular or intermittent basis, about your experiences or happenings you may hear of. Send it in any style you wish - we will take care of the editing. We particularly enjoy having the contributions of John Snyder, W0WRT, and wish some of you would give us a report on your branch of the hobby.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Those present at the November meeting enjoyed very much hearing Orval Weimer give us more interesting stories and helpful hints regarding DX. Orval makes a very interesting presentation; in fact, so much so that even those not interested in DX were very attentive. This is the second time Orval has been with us and it is our hope that we can have him again soon. Each time seems to get more interesting!

How Rich Are You?

• You are richer today than you were yesterday if you have laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend, or made steppingstones of stumbling blocks...

—if you have thought more in terms of “thyself” than “myself,” or if you have managed to be cheerful even if you were weary...

—if a little child has smiled at you, and a stray dog has licked your hand, or if you have looked for the best in others, and have given others the best in you.



You're getting old when the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

Q. What is the one time a woman won't look into a mirror?

A. When she's pulling out of a parking space.

The Christmas Tree

• How was the first Christmas tree decorated?

According to legend, when Christ was born a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger. Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.

From Indiana

K9IXZ (ex-WØJKE) and K9IXV (ex-WØMJK) Earle and Marion Olson can be heard from Indiana on 15 meters on Sunday about 11:00 A.M. We hear that Earle has so little time on that new call that he is still signing WØJKEK9IXZ, making the call sound very rare. Well, that's one way to get the DX to notice you.

2 Week Tour

P. G. Roemer (call missed) and KH6CNU will be leaving for Johnston Island about the first of January. There are a couple "fone" stations on the Island but the above fellows are CW ops and want to give CW "only" men a crack at this DX location. A Globe Chief and HQ-110 will act as in/exhalers. Roemer tells us the Chief has accounted for WAC, CCC, CAA, WAS, WBE, AJD, WAJD, WFJS, 6S6, WAK, OAHU¹/₂CC, 75 countries and 34 zones, using a nonresonant long wire and xtal control. With control. With that kind of DX gobbled up the above fellows should give a good account of the 2-week tour.

We are pleased to advise the club members that the Heath Company has donated one of the Q multipliers to the Christmas prizes. There are other donations and as soon as we have a list of the donors the proper thanks will be expressed in print.

Singing the Carols

- The custom of singing Christmas carols dates back to ancient times when waifs and minstrels sang them in the streets. The angel chorus may have sung them at the first Christmas almost two thousand years ago.

The first true Christmas carols, which spread to many European countries, originated in Italy during the thirteenth century. These carols, with their folksong-like quality and childlike simplicity, gave way in popularity to more dignified and solemn Christmas hymns in the eighteenth century. With the nineteenth century came the writing of the beautiful "Silent Night, Holy Night."

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Shipshape

Omaha's gift to the Merchant Marine, Don Field, WØGJI, has resigned and taken employment with the ship building division of Bethlehem Steel. We hope you can sneak in to the old home town, Don, perhaps picking up the long unused ham gear to put a little RF into the air at 112 Hatherly Road, Scituate, Mass.

A buck out of the clear blue materialized. Well, it actually came from Leon Kuhr, a former Blair resident and now located at McCook. Leon is helping support this paper. Will you? Leon tells us that there is a lot of activity there in McCook on 40 and some on 20. QRM has been a bit too rough for his 50 watter to reach Omaha on 40 but Leon is talking almost nightly with WØ's VOZ-HLN and HUF.

A note to the editor of Auto-Call in reference to his statement of editorial policy. May we add one word which we feel is required?-----Amen.

My how jokes do get around. We see a joke (only North of the Mason-Dixon line I bet) in Ground Wave (St. Paul, Minn.) about Governor Faubus shooting his wife because she bought a colored TV set. Heard that one about 3 weeks ago on its way north.

K6ZAY, a newcomer to Omaha, is operating on the 6 meter band. The handle is Tom and recently arrived from Rialto, California. Tom is a native of Nebraska and was around when Dick Eilers was pres. Tom formerly held the call KNØHAW. We hope to see the smiling face of Tom at the next meeting and make the face a familiar part of the club meetings. The freq. Tom is using is 50.844 mc.

One of the local fellows sent in an envelope, self-addressed, but NO STAMP. We are happy to offer the small QSL service but fellows we will have to insist on a stamp.

The Institute of Radio Engineers

Future Meetings:

December 12 - Fireside Restaurant - 7:30 P.M. - Speaker Wentworth of RCA. Topic Compatible Color Television. This meeting will adjourn at 9:00 P.M. for a field trip through the Technical facilities of KETV.

December 17 - Fergerson Hall, University of Nebraska - 7:30 P.M. - Speaker De Sio of IBM. Topic - IBM and Earth Satellites. This meeting should prove to be very interesting because it will consist of a talk on the methods of acquiring the necessary information from out space via radio and telemetering. This talk will also include color slides.

Future meeting will also include a meeting in January on Earth Satellites and a separate meeting on Scatter Propagation.

All members of the AK-SAR-BEN Radio Club are invited to attend these meetings.

Any further information maybe acquired from Milton O. Krogstad W0FHG - 718 North 86 Street - Omaha.

Franklin Brodale asks to receive Ham Hum. Glad to do it. Franklin's call is KNØKGQ and lives at 708 1st Avenue, So., Humboldt, Iowa.

Splatter (Billings, Mont.) says that the recent mobile hunt brought out 34 hams, assorted XYL's and harmonics. How do they do it? They must be giving away a Caddy.

We should be hearing the new U.S. satellite (what's Russian for follower?) on 108mc. in the next week or so. Get out the junk box and see if any of the parts will go up to 108 mc.

FOR SALE: Harvey-Wells TBS-50A, Bandmaster VFO, APS50 power supply, VHF-152A converter, JT-30 mike, 2 meter 35 watt rig using 6146's, ARRL 1625's in P*P modulator with CVM-2 multimatch, 425 volt power supply, 2M3C Telrex beam with balun, 50 ft. RG8 coax, all band trap antenna. Call RE-8904 -- Clevenger, W0SOH -- 7640 Wright St.



**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 625
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD CONN
OCTOBER 24 1957 TO ALL
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Effective October 18 Korea was removed from the list of countries with which amateur communication is prohibited. all amateurs therefore may now freely engage in communications with HL stations AR

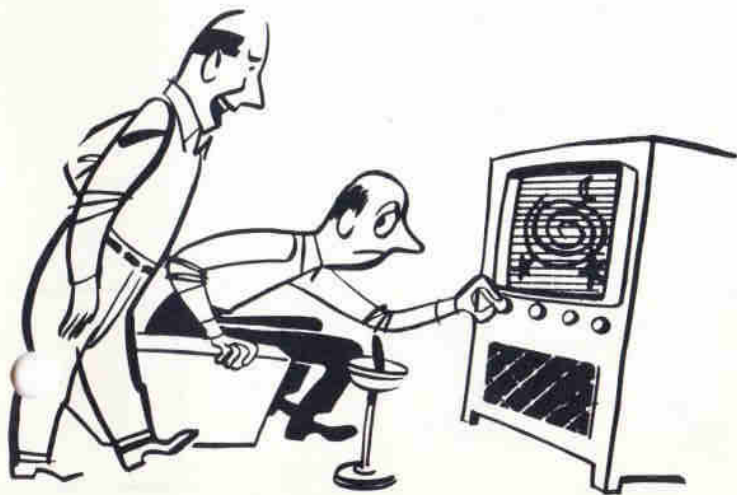
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Milton O. Krogstad, Terrace 9578.
718 North 86th St. Omaha 14, Nebr.

WØYZV and WØFRR were recently overheard working duplex 220mc. (FRR) to 50mc. (YZV). That DX distance spans some 1¼ miles. RMB and YZV worked duplex on 6 meters and that's tougher due to your rig blocking out your own received. (Ed. note: Duplex operation is legal only above 51mc.)

Ye ED (JJK) just received the new HY-GAIN 14AV vertical at the time of writing. It is not up yet but hope to have it up in next few days. If it compares to the earlier version used at JJK it will be FB.

The Christmas party committee is all set to go with a bang-up schedule. The presents are wrapped up and waiting. Don't forget to bring your present.



"Pretty good. What else will
your set do that mine won't?"

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