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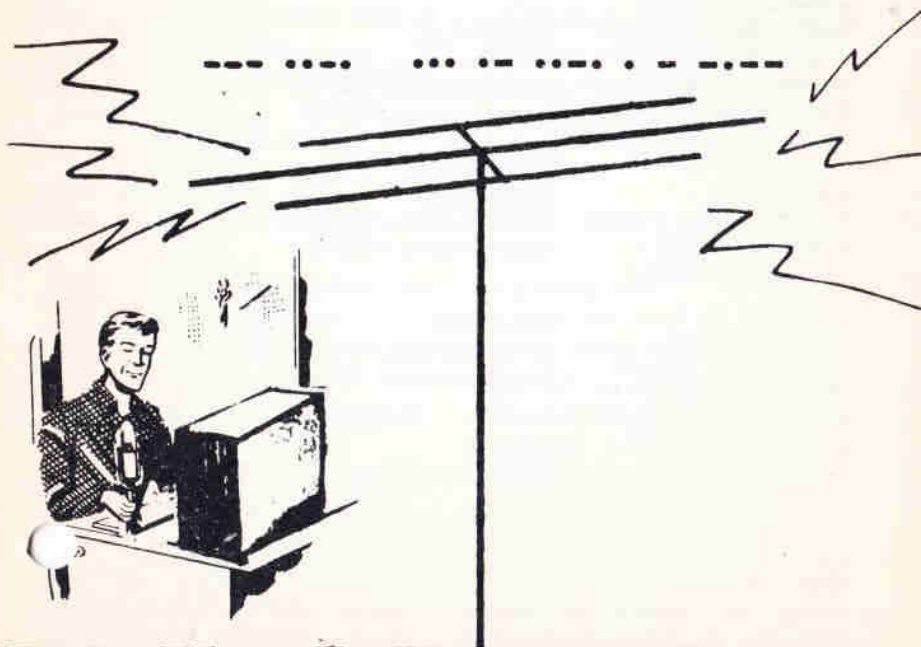
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Our New Year's Resolution

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Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club memberships are open to all persons having an interest in amateur radio and its activities. Dues are 50¢ per month or \$5.00 per year when paid in advance. Students

rate is 25¢ per month or \$2.50 per year. Initiation fee \$1.00. Special rate for OM-XYL, \$6.50 payable annually. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month.

## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to you for my election as the President of your Club.

I hope that we can continue with the good policies and traditions of your past presidents and elected board members.

The primary duty of this office will be to keep the Club's activities functioning as you the members wish them to be. The elected officers and board members are acting only in your behalf therefore please feel free to express yourself at all times for the good of our Club and we will go forward into a most successful year.

73 Ed Gutmann W0CQX

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## WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings, mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along,  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?  
Do you ever voluntarily help at

## JANUARY MEETING

Transistors???

What are they?

How do they work?

What is an N-P-N transistor? P-N-P? What is the function of the Base? Collector? Emitter? How do they operate in a R-F circuit? An audio circuit?

Anyone interested in the answers to the above questions and many more is invited to be present at our January Meeting when Don Jeppsen will be on hand to give a talk on "Transistors".

Don has been experimenting with transistors for at least two years having built many varied projects with them. This practical knowledge plus considerable technical ability should make this a worthwhile subject for everyone to see and hear.

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the guiding stick,  
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

Come out to the meetings often and help with a hand and heart,  
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

Think this over, member, you know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

(from CQ News and

HI-PLAINS QRM)

## 2-m

Dear Editor:

Here are some two meter and v.h.f. items for Ham Hum. . Our friend, Gene Kirchner, KØHLP, is again operating on 6 meters and is now located out at Clearview Home in Douglas County. This is really a great location because of the high terrain and the extremely low noise level.

Lots of 6 meter openings lately to all parts of the country and we suspect that many more WAS certificates will be issued in the near future.

Over in Valley, Nebr. we learn that Ed, WØPQP and his son Jack, WØNOW in Lincoln have resumed skeds between the two towns and they report very good results again this year.

Lincoln activity has been poor as is our Omaha activity lately on 2 meters.

We notice that there sure are lots of licensed amateurs who are inactive. The CD Nets sure could use these fellows if they would just get on the air again and give the 6 and 2 meter bands a try. 4 whole megacycles in each band to work and only a very small percentage of fellows interested. We really should use the 160 band more too, or else one of these days 160 will be gone for all of us.

73,

John D. Snyder  
WØWRT

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### MR. AK-SAR-BEN 1957

As was announced previously the results of your suggestions as to who should be honored as Mr. Ak-Sar-Ben of 1957 would be announced at the December meeting. It was the intention of the Board at the time to have this be an annual award. The award was to be handled by the Christmas Committee. Upon canvassing the suggestions an

appropriate plaque stating the appreciation of the Club members was presented to Dick Eilers WØYZV. (Editors Note - Certainly do appreciate this honor as there are many many Hams who have contributed greatly to Ham Radio and Ak-Sar-Ben Ra Club in particular).

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# Radiogram

## to ARC:

Has been nice talking to you and Doty via Ham radio.. Also enjoyed chatting with other old buddies. I have been much too busy to get on air but will be looking for you all around holidays. Worked Earl Olson for 2 solid hrs. couple weeks ago. What a QSO. We had a circus... Seems impossible a year has gone and soon another new ARC President and etc. Incidentally, I am looking for a buyer for my track set-up complete if any aspiring DX Ham is in the market. You might mention it in Ham Hum and at meeting. Will sell at good price. I am getting TRiEX tower. Easier to move around as I don't really know where I will be living for some time yet. Pass my very best wishes to all the gang and good luck to the new officers. I will send in membership dues shortly...A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year with best in Hamming to all members of ARC from  
K-WØIOS, now WIIOS.

73,

Frank

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 634  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. DEC.  
19, 1957 - TO ALL RADIO  
AMATEURS BT

Schedules for the US Army Signal Engineering Laboratory moon bounce transmitter on 108.00 Mc have just been announced for the month of January 2 and continuing on all even numbered days throughout the month, the transmitter will be beamed on the moon for a total of 6 hours daily, from 3 hours before to 3 hours after the time when the moon passes over the 75th meridian west longitude. Transmissions will be unmodulated cw carrier, interrupted by a one minute break on the hour and half hour. Amateurs are requested to report reception to ARRL. See September 1957 QST, page 31, for further details AR.

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### HARC NEWS

This publication of the Houston Amateur Radio Club quotes in their November issue John Snyder's article on a simple method for eliminating that QRM.

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# Board meeting

The Board Meeting this month as is the custom of the Club is a combined meeting of the old and new for the purposes of organizing for the year. To refresh your memory the new officers are President, Ed Gutmann W0CQX, Vice President Jerry Armstrong W0NKG, Immediate Past President Curt Hicks K0AMM and the members of the Board or Trustees Bob Sleyster, Dave Hollander, Elmer Burt, Rollie Johnson, Cecil DeWitt, Al McMillan, Windy Larsen and Damon Nuckols.

As per the constitution, from these Board Members were elected a Treasurer Bob Sleyster and a Secretary Dave Hollander. The following committees were appointed by the President and duly recorded by the Secretary: Novice - Johnson and Horton Membership - Nuckols and Johnson Program - Armstrong, McMillan and Eilers, Ham Ham - McMillan and Eiler, Technical - Grenze - man, Krogstad and Caccamo, VHF - Snyder, Cutler and Parsons, Publicity - Hollander and Biodrowski, Public Relations - Tinley and McKinney, Mobile - Larsen, CD - DeWitt, Armstrong and Bahr, Field Day - DeWitt,

Donze and Parsons Refreshments DeWitt, Burt, Novotny, Eilers and Armstrong.

So far as is now known all meetings will be on the regular second Friday at the 4-11 Building Ak-Sar-Ben Field at 8 o'clock with the exception of the September and December meetings. These two meetings will be announced later. The Club has been asked to participate in the March of Dimes Drive on January 30 and on Heart Fund Sunday, February 13. We will need a lot of help on these drives not only the Mobiles but many more as we want a rider with each Mobile and will need several operators as the plan is to send the messages from headquarters to the control stations by way of two meters and then have a network of Mobiles on both 10 and 6.

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## NEW MEMBERS

John Biodrowski, W0MYO  
Larry Hislop  
Glen Breitag, W0DHJ  
Milton E. Bergstrom, K0KKF  
Tom Doll, K6ZAY  
Dick Reimund, W0LFM

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## VISITOR

Old Home Week was held over the holidays when many of us were visited by Earl Olson and XYL Marion. Earl has been with Nebraska Consolidated Mills over in Indiana and it now appears that he will next be sent to Puerto Rico. The comment was heard that if you can't work DX join them. It is also claimed that there is a vicious circle in Puerto Rico - they raise cane to make rum; then they drink rum to raise cane. We hope that Earl stays away from the cane and sticks with his flour so that he can be some DX to someone back home here.

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## QSL CARDS

12 received in December. WQWEN, KNQJBP, LOD, IRS, KTY, IPS, KQHHR, LPM, MKU, AJI, JBP, and DBU.

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## ENGAGED

We also hear that WQWXG has announced his engagement. Don't know when the knot will be tied.

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## WØJJK SOCCUMBS

Many of us have watched Al in his noble efforts to stay a bachelor for the rest of his life. It might even have been the general opinion that he was about to be considered successful. He however evidently made one mistake as he has now announced his engagement to Dona Miller from Council Bluffs. No definite date has been set but the wedding should be about June.

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## FOR SALE

Complete Mobile station with all cables, relays, power supplies, antenna, etc. AF-67; PMR-7. Hi-Gain Tri-Band 3-element beam (open coils) - new last May. 12-V dynamotor at 220-V, 100 M.A. 4-100 A Eimac (new) tubes. Write KQAFD, Box 157, Nebraska City, Nebr. Please enclose stamp for reply.

DX 100 rewired for Push-To-Talk, HQ 140XA, Q Mult Central Electronics, Phone Patch, Directional coupler, Cubical Quad, Tennarotor, Turner BX mike. Ken Andreason, 1863 So. 90th, TE 1514, KØERI.

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**SPECIAL FOR  
JANUARY MEETING      APPRECIATED**

We are due a special treat at the January Meeting particularly for those of us who have been members for some time. We received the following card in the mail:

Just a line to advise you to change my mailing address to 2021 A Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Will be back there in time for the January Meeting. Getting transferred to Offutt again so will be seeing you all soon.

73,

Stu

WQMG C

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Dear Sirs:

Have been receiving HAM HUM here at Clovis, New Mexico ever since I came here over a year ago. Really look forward to receiving it and appreciate it very much. Ham Hum is about all the ham activity for me the past few months, but hope to "get on the air" with a rig in the future. Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

73,

Orville K. Powell

K51AC (Ex-WØF MW)

601 Gidding

Clovis, New Mexico

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**CQ NEWS**

Beginning this month CQ Magazine is distributing to club papers, a bulletin service giving items of interest for possible quotation by these club papers. This information is received from the submission of the various club papers to the club bulletin department as well as articles sent in by individuals. We are looking forward to receiving it each month and will probably be quoting from it from time to time. Our thanks to CQ Magazine.

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**73'S FROM WØGO**

Just to wish you all a very Happy New Year and best for 1958 to all my friends - lets hope our membership continues to grow in ARRL and that your fine Club and publication may grow with it - you have one of the best!

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## MESSAGE FROM

# CONTACT!

# KCK

Bill, WØCPM went down to St. Kitts in the Leeward Island group on a vacation trip with his XYL and operated station VP2KM for three days or rather nights managing to get in about 8 hours each day of operating. Almost 200 contacts were made mostly with W's and VE's although a few contacts were made with South Africa and Europe. The scarcity of VP2 contacts and promise of QSL's certainly had the gang calling me. The dates of the operation were December 26, 27 and 28. WØGKL Orville and WØYVV Max were Omaha contacts. WØIFG and WØYMH, Sioux City. It would be hard to describe the pile up that started almost immediately after the first contacts were made. It sure didn't take the gang long to locate the station being worked and how they would pile on the frequency. Expect to be back down there the last week in February '58 and will keep an open for Omaha calls.

Bill Mashek, WØCPM

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We mean Kansas City, Kansas. Message received through KØJOZ. Please send exchange bulletin to John Lanaman, KØDOF 2206 Brown Avenue, Kansas City 4, Kansas who is new editor of our Midwest Chirps - stop. Have enjoyed reading HAM HUM the last two years 73 Bob KØBXF retired editor Jayhawk Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Congratulations to the new editor and we will be glad to send HAM HUM to you Bob even though retired if you wish it.

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## SURPRISE

On arrival home Christmas eve, KØEQK was much surprised to find a new globe change all installed ready to operate and tied with a red ribbon.

It seems XYL, Donna, KØKEN, traded in the old rig over across the river and KØAMM installed it Christmas eve afternoon.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 635  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
WEST HARTFORD CONN DEC 26  
1957 TO ALL RADIO AMA-  
TEURS BT

The ARRL cross indexed directory of over 500 nets registered up to November 28, 1957, is now ready for distribution. Nets are listed by name, by state in which operated and by frequency from low to high. Requests already on hand are being filled as rapidly as possible and need not be repeated. Automatic mailing is being made to net registrants, net control stations and certain League Officials. If you are not on this automatic mailing list and have not already requested a copy of the net directory you are invited to do so, giving your name, call and complete address  
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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 633  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
WEST HARTFORD CONN DEC  
12 1957 TO ALL RADIO AMA-  
TEURS BT

Germany's DARC invites all amateurs to participate in the Third European WAE DX Contest to be held January 3 to 5 and April 4 to 6, 1958. Europeans will attempt to contact as many non European amateurs as possible, trading the usual five and six digit serial numbers. Full details on the 1958 WAE DX Contest appear on page 82 of December QST AR

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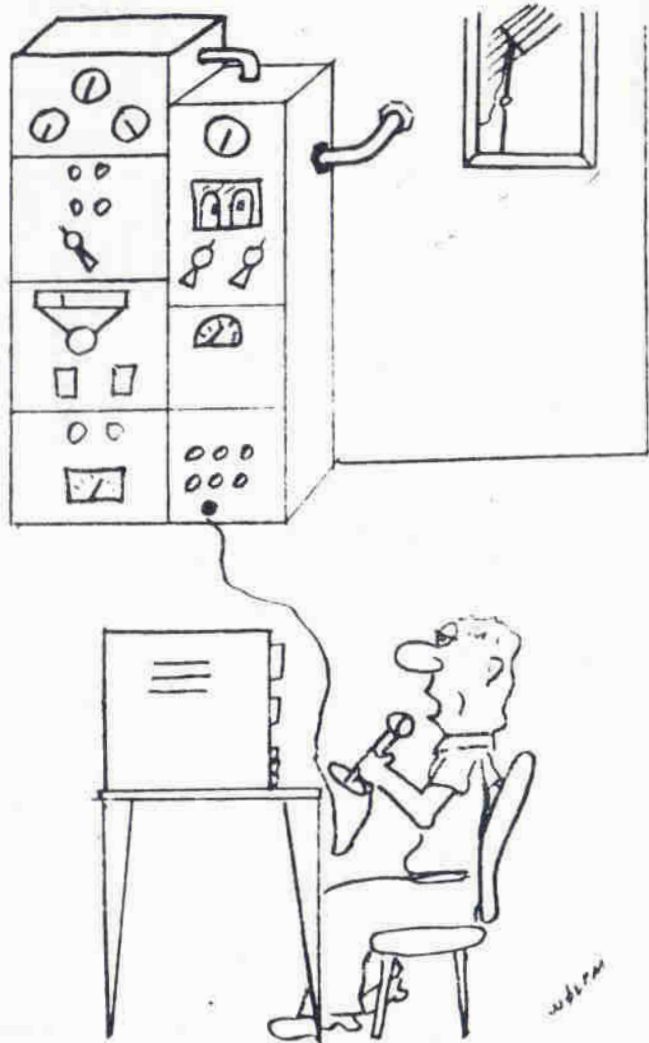
### ACTIVE AMATEURS

The following is a list of the active amateur's in Nebraska City: KNØLES, KØBWV, KØAFD, WØIXB, WØBEY, KØJPF, WØLUS, KNØLBM, KØGWK, KØEYD, WØJHT.

KØBWV is on 6 meters only and lacks 1 state for WAS. KNØLBM is working on a 2-meter-job and the remainder are on the low frequency bands.

(From Robert Snodgrass, KØAFD)

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*Thanks for the 95 DB over 9 report from Inner Zambulli Land. We're surprised to be getting out like this. Rig here running 3 watts to a 1R5 and the antenna is a drain pipe . . . . .*

**PEOPLE WE'VE ALL HEARD ON THE BAND**

Dept. of Pure Bull

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