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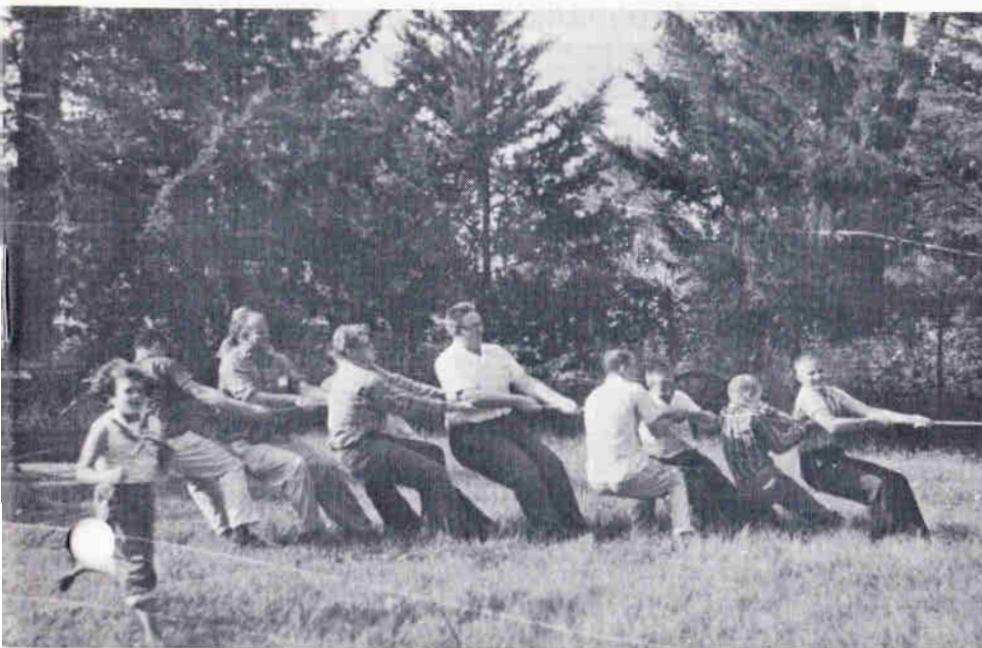
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The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club's Annual Picnic
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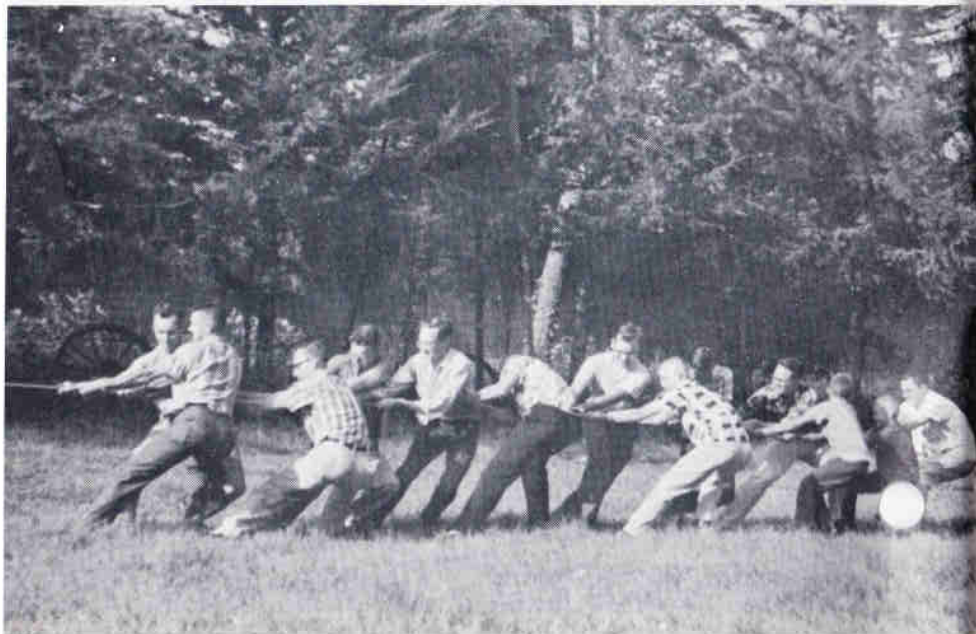
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SEPTEMBER ISSUE

We wonder how many of you missed the September issue. Due to the fact that we could not get the issue out prior to the last meeting which was the picnic meeting, your editors took the opportunity of having a month's vacation. This issue is, therefore, a combined September and October issue and by so doing we are able to include several pictures of the picnic and speed up the dead-

line for the magazine. The new deadline for Ham Hum copy will be *ten days* after the Club meeting. This will give us time to prepare the copy and get the magazine out in a more leisurely fashion. Don't wait for the deadline, however, if you have some news. Drop it in the mail to Box 626 or bring it to the Club meeting and give it to one of the editors or the secretary.



PROGRAM - OCTOBER MEETING

Auction is the big word for the program for the next meeting. This is your chance to dispose of any of your surplus gear and *wise* is your chance to procure someone else's surplus gear at a reasonable price. Look around your shack right now and dust off the gear you haven't used for a while and don't feel you'll need. This is your chance to gather up some cash for it either to buy that piece of gear you had your heart set on or to pay some of those bills you already have.

Also don't forget to bring either your money or your check book, as the seller will no doubt want cash for the item he brings. The usual rules will apply in that the Club will get 10% of the auction price. All items

brought to the meeting will be auctioned; however you can establish a minimum price. These rules will be announced at the beginning of the auction so that there will be no misunderstanding. Should you bring an item for the purpose of disposing of it by private sale on auction night, the Club should still get their 10%.

This is both for the purpose of fun for the members and for raising money for the Club. So come out, bring your gear, have a good time, and in so doing you will be benefiting your Club. So don't forget - October 9th, at the 4-H Building, Ak-Sar-Ben Field, at 8:00 P.M. Regular business before, and after the auction the usual refreshments will be provided.

QSL CARDS

The Club, as usual, has received a number of misaddressed QSL cards or cards that do not have a street address. You can pick them up at the October meeting. We now have cards for the following: KØMKT, LAO, MSS, LOO, SBV, SCG, IQK, UWH, SBW, UWH, UHY, MSS, SKV, RIF, UWH, PDM and WØAWX.

FOR SALE: Home made table for Ham Rig, strong slab door used for top. See "Bernie" KØTFJ. PL 7194.

FOR SALE: Complete Mobile. Elmac AF67, Elmac M-1050 Vibrator power supply, Elmac 115 volt PS-2V Universal Power supply, Gonset Super 6, Master Mobile "Slim Jim" all band antenna, and mounting rack for AF67. All for \$250. KØVFB, Robert A. Fielder, 521 N. Monroe St., Papillion.

FOR SALE: Antenna, high gain Vertical 14AV. 10 - 15 - 20 - 40 Meters. Only used 2 months. See "Bernie" KØTFJ. PL 7194.

TIPS FROM THE TRAVELING AMBASSADOR

by KØTFJ

In traveling throughout numerous states this summer I was unable to find even *one* Amateur Radio Club that was holding a regularly monthly meeting. Why? Because after Field Day most all clubs close down their activities during the hot summer months. Come September, new club officers are elected and then their year's activity begins. Thus, their year is 9 months long.

Now what does this all mean to you? Well, as a parallel to those other clubs, stop and think about your club - The Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. Yes siree, your Club continues right straight through the hot summer months - not 9 months for a years activity - but 12 months.

Let's go a little bit farther. To effectively plan and arrange regular monthly meetings somebody has to do a lot of hard work. This somebody are the officers that you elect; The members that faithfully sit in on board meetings; The special appointed committees; and the many other members that willingly give their time and often expense, to see that the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club will have monthly meetings that are as interesting and as active as any in the states.

Yes, right through the hot summer months your President has to see that plans are carried out and all the planning has to be done well in advance, each month, prior to regular meetings, the board holds their meetings; The special committees on projects, hold theirs; The Ham Hum has to be edited; The TVI committee go out on complaints weekly; The Secretary-Treasurer's work continues daily; and many others too numerous to mention.

All this adds up to a successful club. A club that has interesting meetings right through the summer months. Sure, there may be occasional meetings that will probably be uninteresting to you. You can't please everybody all of the time. If you, as a club member, have some good ideas for improvement, don't hesitate to say so - the club will welcome anything you have to offer. Better yet - take an active part and see that your ideas are carried out. If you don't desire to take an active part, then do the next best thing - attend all monthly meetings and bring a prospective member along with you.

Another thing that is noticed in other clubs throughout various states is the absence

of the *old timers* in attendance at meetings. Reason of course is, meetings become repetitious to them, they have learned all that a club has to offer. So you *old timers* of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club don't give up in dispare. Your just the "Hams" that are needed to give the club the backbone it needs and to answer the many questions that new members always have.

So, as a *tip* for this month, let's *tip* our hats to the aggressiveness of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. A Club that is active throughout 12 months of the year. We should be proud to say "I'm a member of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club."

Thought you'd like to know why the 10M band is so quiet this week. KØDFJ/M "Money Bags Burt" is jamming all the intercoms, TV's and the 20 meter bands from the top of Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado. Have to hand it to him tho we've heard and talked to him every day so far since he pulled out of here on August 10th. I'll have to admit that he sounds just as bad from Colorado as does back home - "This is news?"

KØDBU - Bob

Here is WØDHO reporting for the Northeast Nebraska gang and others. SSB activity has been good all summer right thru the static etc. on 75M. WØNVE has moved and his new QTH is at the KHUB transmitter site. He is sporting the S-line Collins and so is WØUVU. The SSB count in Nebraska is now over 200 stations and new ones coming on about every week. WØYSK has a 20M beam and is getting up early and working the DX. WØAZH of Beemer put up a Hi gain Triband beam. The Norfolk gang handled the boat races with the 10M 1335 rigs in fine shape. WØZUT is in the Citizenband business selling and installing and working DX. Those who remember WØFYP, Marv of Oakland can work him on 20M nightly at 8 P.M. on 14259 KC. WØDHO has been active all summer on all bands and getting a little DX on 15 with the 20A barefoot. Always look forward to receiving Ham Hum and saw the request this month for news which brought this on.

73, WØDHO

FOR SALE: Two homebrew 220 Mc transceivers with built-in VFO. \$25 EACH. CONTACT: Charles E. Hansen, KØØBF 3552 Pacific Street Omaha 5, Nebraska
Tel: WE 9022

SOUTH DAKOTA EXPEDITION

On October 30th, 31st and November 1st the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio DX hounds will be transmitting from Lake Andes, South Dakota. The ham shack will be set up in a fishing camp which is located on a hill and will be operated all bands for the purpose of providing South Dakota contacts to many who might find them difficult to obtain.

Equipment will be a Johnson Viking 500, a Johnson Valient, a 75A4SX101 and some six meter equipment. The gang will use a Hy-Gain Tri-Band beam for the DC bands and the equipment on six is not known at the time of writing this article.

Anyone interested in going along should contact Jerry Armstrong, WØNKG. Those we now know of are Dick Reimund, WØLFM, Ed Nelson, WØMKP, Hugh Tinley, KØGHK, Max McKinney, WØYVV, Jerry Armstrong, WØNKG, Jerry Novotny, KØKKP, Damon Nuckols, WØUIO, Lee Menshik, WØNNW, Glen Swanson, KØJQX, John Droe scher, KØKWB, Royal Enders, KØLYO, Cecil DeWitt, WØRMB, and Bob Gamble (call unknown).

The gang expects to go up there in four or five cars, hauling a trailer with a 54-foot tower and plenty of grub. We don't know who is on KP but

we did hear that the chief cook and bottle washer is Glen Swanson.

Understand that the pheasant season is open at the same time and Lake Andes is right in the heart of the pheasant country. So, if you can afford the non-resident license, don't forget to take along the shotgun.

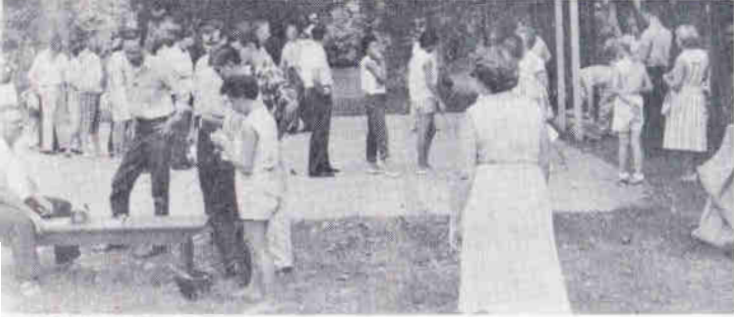
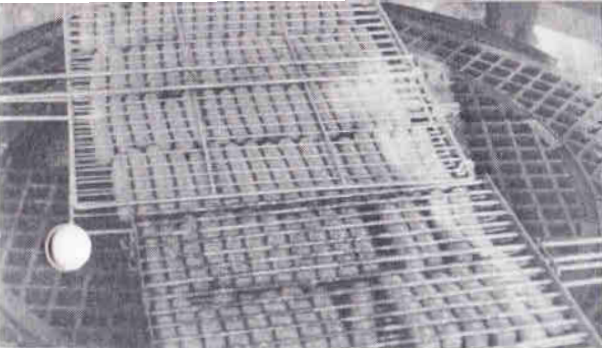
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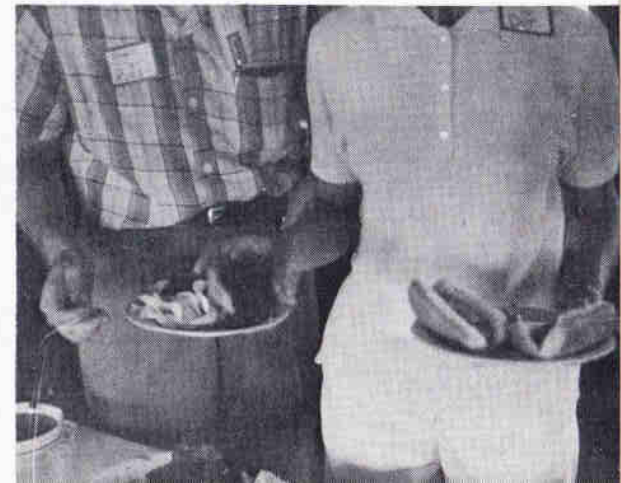
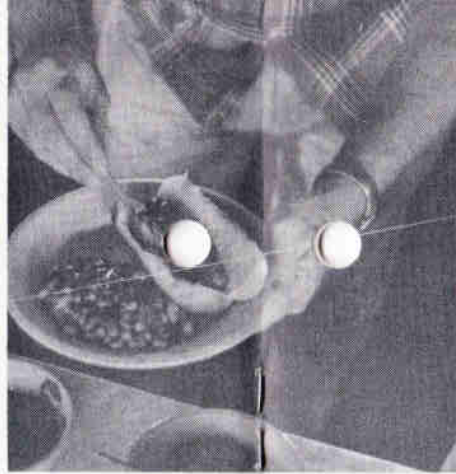
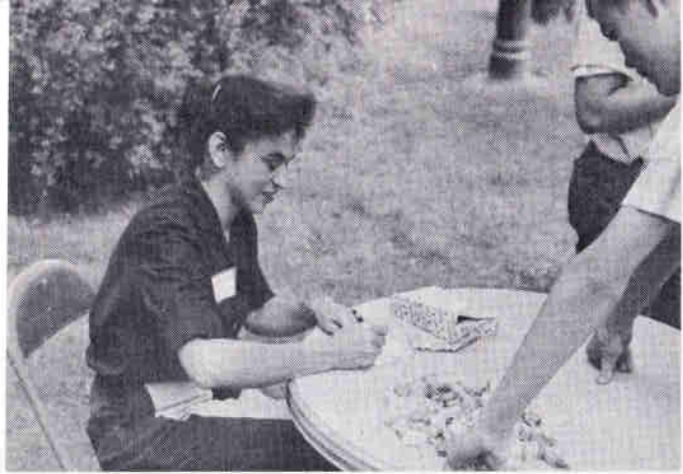
WØYZV received confirmation on the State of Rhode Island which completes the 48 states. He thus is entitled to the WASTL Award in that he has completed the original 48 states. He is entitled to the "worked all states too late" as Congress just happened to add two more to the list. These are all on six meters and Alaska and Hawaii just aren't easy. Both are now necessary for WAS as per Bulletin No. 716 printed elsewhere in this issue.

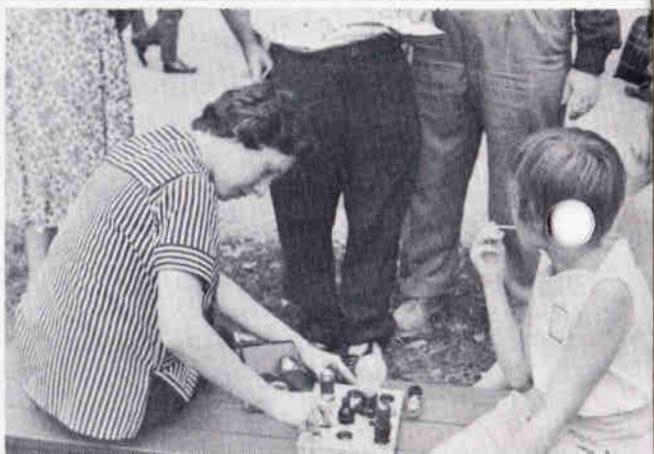
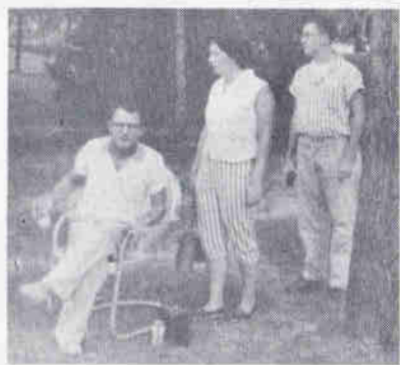
New Hyde Park, N. Y.

Editor:

Thanks for the many issues of your fabulous club paper. Even though I haven't kept in touch I still read your publication with pleasure. Good luck with club and keep'em coming. K2PVB - Ace Lofreddo
79 Bregman Ave.







"DEAR MABEL"

The September 1959 issue of AUTO-CALL reprinted the following "Dear Mabel" letter which is a regular feature of Florida Skip. Thought you might find it interesting.

Clyde moved his rig into the new shack and my goodness, what a week that was! It's funny that when I'm house-cleaning he's no place around, but when he's doing something big around here, all of a sudden we have togetherness. Bless his heart.

Anyway, Clyde has planned to move his gear into the shack on Monday morning, so over the weekend we put up the curtains and brought in his desk and a few chairs. It looked very refined. I decided to call it "Clyde's study," or "the radio room" so everybody would know it was expensive.

Well, on Monday morning we started moving the rig. We'd stagger in with something heavy and set it down, and that was never the right place for it. So we'd try it someplace else. When we got it in a likely looking spot, we'd haul in another piece of gear and go through the same miserable process. But putting the second piece of equipment in the best place meant that we'd have to move the first piece again. And neither one is right when we brought in the third hunk of gear, unless he wanted to rewire the room.

So we'd start again and Clyde would say, "Now if we

put that here, then this will go over there and then, no, that won't work. If we put this here, and this here, then that can go on top, but it would get too hot up there. Wait a minute, if we put...no, never mind." I didn't answer him because I knew he was talking to himself and besides I was too busy breathing. Then he'd throw his hands up in the air and we'd go out and lurch in with another monstrosity.

By Monday night he had things where he wanted them, so Tuesday he began stringing wires and extension cords all over. Whoever called it "wireless" was a real comedian, wasn't he? All Clyde needed was a few leaves and it would have looked like a jungle. (If SKIP needs a technical article on lash-ups, here is your boy. It's a genuine experience to watch him change antennae.)

Mabel, by Wednesday I knew deep in my heart what we had was no study or radio room. It was a shack for sure. He had brought in his raggedy books and the magazines that shed pages, the swivel chair with the loose casters and lumpy cushion, a fruit jar filled with resistors, four cigar boxes of

miscellaneous small parts, a headset that should be scrubbed and boiled, and several cardboard cartons full of logs, broken speakers, bent variable capacitors, torn diagrams, and so forth. The maps, QSL cards and a mess of certificates were on the wall with the two clocks. On the front of the desk he had the beam direction indicator, the bug, the log, his lamp, a scratch pad, his call book, and a jelly glass full of old pencils. Then there were those wires drooping around full of splices, sockets, connectors, knots, kinks, and lumps.

I'm not complaining. I wish it looked that good now. Then it was clean. Now it has a lived in look. He has added apple cores, empty glasses, pencil stubs, cigarette butts, dirty cups, waste paper, and beer cans.

This is a home improvement?

Love,
Gladys

Dear Al,

Jim just got his copy of the club paper and we enjoyed reading about what is going on back in the old home area. If possible I would also like to receive a copy. For the present you could send it to me at the Gonset Co. As soon as I get a

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 720
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.
SEPT. 24, 1959, TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT**

The annual Simulated Emergency Test will be held October 10 and 11. All amateurs and especially AREC members are urged to participate in their local exercises or in handling traffic destined to ARRL, civil defense and American National Red Cross. Consult your local Emergency Coordinator for details and sign up in the AREC if you are not already a member. Amateurs not taking part are requested to avoid use of the National Calling and Emergency Frequencies and local emergency nets during this week end. Calling and emergency frequencies are listed on page 95 September QST. Other information on the Simulated Emergency Test appears on page 68 of October QST AR

permanent home address I shall forward that to you. Both of us would like to say hello to all our friends back home.

Sincerely,

George Hladik, Jr.
KQCYP

ARRL Convention at St. Louis, August 23.



Starter using loud speaker to line up the mobiles before the hunt. The first mobile to return with the 75-meter transmitter find was less than 20 minutes.



Mobileers before going on Transmitter hunt - 6 m, 10 m, 75 m. The following people attended from Nebraska: WØBLI - Omaha, Lou; KNØSBS - Omaha, Russ; KNØSCE - Omaha, Ken; WØEXP - North Platte, Charlie; and WØMYU - Omaha, Rolly.

Dear Editor,

Enclosed \$1.00 as "token" of appreciation for "Ham Hum" copy.

You have been very good about sending your fine publication to the Hastings Amateur Radio Club, in care of myself, for sometime. I usually take these to club meetings so the boys can look them over, and we all appreciate your efforts.

For some reason, we people rarely say good things about the accomplishments we honestly appreciate. It has grown to be part of the American code of living to accept the good without comment and get vocal only about the bad.

I almost filled out the monthly card with ham news from this vicinity, then decided the card was too small. So here is the dope as I see it, and you can use any part, all or none.

The Hastings Amateur Radio Club has had its headquarters in the basement of the administration building at the Municipal Airport for several years. The management has given space to the club for an operating room, and the club has transmitting antennas permanently erected. The building is also the normal Civil Defense headquarters, and the majority of licensed hams in the club are affiliated with RACES. In this connection, the club has assigned to it a jeep, trailer and 9.4 kva power supply on a trailer, 2500-watt power unit, and many

other items such as desks, typewriters, surplus mobile units, tools, tool boxes, spare gas cans. In addition, the club has accumulated various pieces of equipment toward station gear but is now urgently in need of adequate transmitting and receiving equipment. This is the next project.

Early in 1959 the club received its club station call of KØSQ and used it on Field Day this year for the first time. Ten members set up a two-transmitter station at the farm of WØNHS near Dewese and racked up a score nearly four times that of 1958.

This year is noteworthy also because the club affiliated with ARRL and is now in a position to secure program aids from it. The first film strip from ARRL was the program at the August meeting. A 16-mm sound film on "Vacuum Tubes" is on tap for the September meeting. The club meets monthly, normally at the airport, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Jerry Thiem, KØOPC is president and Cy Wolfe, WØLJO is secretary-treasurer. Normally elected in September, they will hold over until January 1, 1960, to coincide with ARRL's calendar year.

73,

Cy Wolfe, WØLJO
Secretary-Treasurer

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 716
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. -
AUGUST 21, 1959 TO ALL
RADIO AMATEURS BT**

Hawaii became the fiftieth state by presidential proclamation August 21, 1959. As explained on page 96 May QST, contacts with Hawaiian amateurs prior to this date cannot be used for credit towards the Leagues Worked All States Award. However, properly confirmed contacts after the time of proclamation will be accepted for WAS. Until next March 15 ARRL will continue to process WAS applications where the 49 contacts were completed by August 21, 1959. Starting March 15, 1960 only applications supported by proof of contact with 50 states will be acceptable. Starting August 21 WAS certifications based on 50 state credits will be processed provided the Hawaiian card confirms contact on August 21, 1959 or later.

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 714 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. - AUGUST 6, 1959 TO ALL
RADIO AMATEURS BT**

Effective August 30, Mexican and American amateurs will be permitted to exchange messages on behalf of third parties. When available, details of the treaty will be presented in QST. The

Dear Sir:

Thought I would take advantage of your free postage and write you. I am 17 years old and in the 12th grade. I have a SX-99 receiver and a homebrew xmeter with a 1625 in the final. I have worked 33 states and have 32 states confirmed, but I still need to work Nebraska. Hope somebody can help me get Nebr. I work on 7156 and 7170 and plan to get on 3726 in the near future. Thx for sending me Ham Hum, it is very interesting. I see one of the editors have the same last name as I do, but I don't think we are related. 73.

Michael Eilers, KN8OOK
2533 Leahy Street
Muskegon Heights,
Michigan

Editors Note: Don't think so. Most of my relatives are in Northwest Iowa.

WANTED: Wheatstone radio tape perforator. Bohme or Creed radio tape keyer. CONTACT: Charles E. Hansen, KØBF 3552 Pacific St. Omaha 5, Nebr. Tel: WE 9022

only other countries having similar treaties with the United States are Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, and Peru.

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NEXT MEETING
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AK-SAR-BEN FIELD
OCTOBER 9, 1959
8:00 P. M. SHARP