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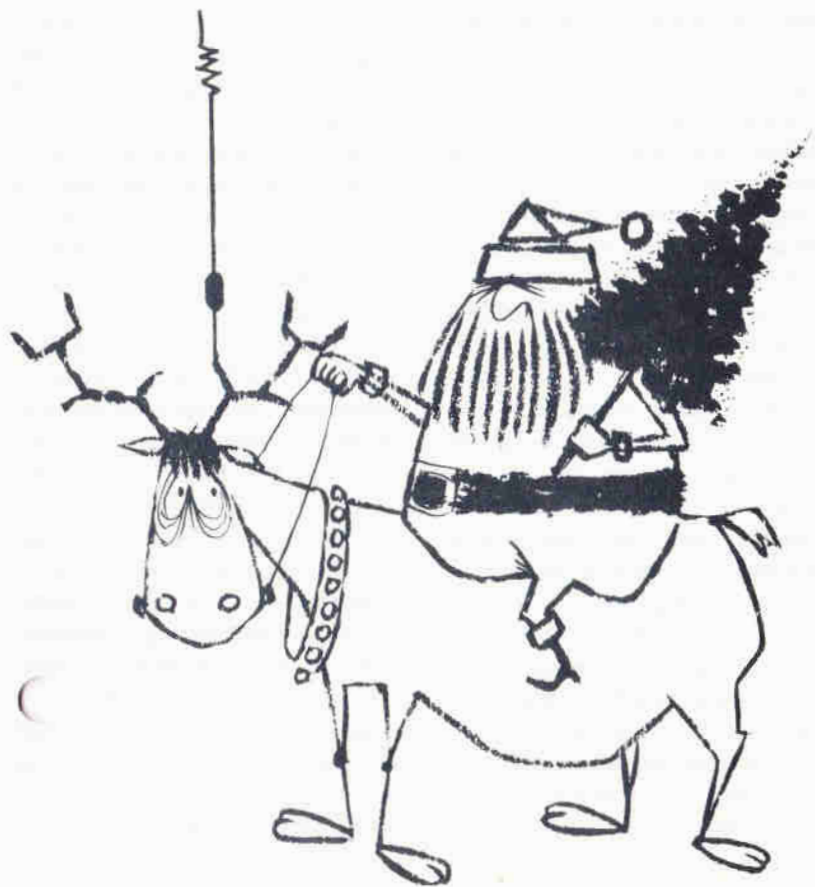
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## DECEMBER PROGRAM

Following the practice of the last several years, the December meeting will be the annual Christmas party of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. The usual gifts will be provided by the Club and by the raffle money from our monthly raffles. In addition we are asking each member to bring a \$1.00 or more gift for the purpose of putting in the exchange. By your so doing you will assure each and every member of receiving at least one gift. This gift exchange is from members only, of course, as only paid up members can participate in the drawing at the Christmas party. Visitors to the Club that night do not need to bring any gift. Visitors are welcome as usual and, in fact, new members are welcome and those joining would be allowed to participate in the drawing.

The December meeting is also the annual meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. and at this annual meeting will be the election of officers and members of the board of trustees. Your constitution calls for the

election of a president, a vice president, and four members of the board of trustees. The president serves a one-year term, followed by an automatic one-year term as the immediate past president; the vice president serves a one-year term; and the board of trustee members elected by the membership serve a two-year term. Each member in good standing attending the meeting in December will be given a ballot for the purpose of voting and a number for the purpose of prize drawing.

The constitution of the Club also calls for a nominating committee. This nominating committee is composed of the president and two or more past presidents of the Corporation or the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club prior to the incorporation. In addition to himself the president has appointed on the nominating committee Curt Hicks, chairman, Ed Gutmann, and Dick Eilers. The committee has met and studied the membership in an attempt to provide nominees for the offices and have prepared a list of

members who in their opinion will do a good job for you in running your Club. Our normal procedure is to get the report from the nominating committee just prior to the election at the annual meeting. However, in order to give you an opportunity to give some thought to the election prior to coming to the meeting, we are departing from the custom and printing them herewith:

For president - Max McKinney,  
WØYVV

For vice president - John Droscher, KØKWB

For board of trustees (and here the nominating committee have given you six names from which to chose - only four can be elected)

Bob Downing, WØNAG

Cecil DeWitt, WØRMB

Russ Rutherford, KØSBS

Jerry Novotny, KØKKP

Milt Bergstrom, KØKKF

John Snyder, WØWRT

In addition to the above list the constitution gives each member who so desires an opportunity to nominate any other members.

For your further information about the officers of the Club, the secretary and the treasurer are elected by the Board of Trustees at the first meeting of the new Board to serve for the coming year. There are eleven members of the Board after the election - the four members carried

over from last year who have served only one year of their two-year term, the four new ones elected by the members at the annual meeting on December 11th, the new vice president, the new president, and the retiring president.

The annual meeting will be held in the World Insurance Company Coffee Shop at 203 South 18th Street at 8:00 P.M. on December 11, 1959. In addition to the election and the distribution of gifts there will be a Christmas program. And in addition to coffee and soft drinks there will be ice cream and cake. This is the meeting where we bring the wife and kiddies so bring yours along.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AK-SAR-BEN RADIO CLUB, INC. The next annual meeting of this corporation will be held on December 11, 1959 at 8:00 P.M. at the World insurance Company Coffee Shop, 203 South 18th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. At this meeting will be held the annual election of officers as called for by the articles of incorporation.

This will also be the annual Christmas meeting and you are requested to bring a present for the exchange with a worth of \$1.00 or more.

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Dave Hollander

WØCJW, President

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN 730  
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.  
DEC. 4, 1959 TO ALL RADIO  
AMATEURS

Once again the FCC has had to crack down on violation of amateurs running in excess of one kilowatt. While ARRL notes a high volume of Official Observer notices for violations such as out of band operation and harmonics, deliberate violation of regulations is not at all displaying good sportsmanship. Attitudes of club disapproval upon such practices perhaps could aid in nipping such abuses in the bud. Harmonics, splatter, key clicks and the like might be reduced with more critical signal reports. Let's police ourselves, and avoid FCC difficulties.

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The Sandhills Amateur Club assisted the city police in patrolling the streets Halloween night. Police chief reports one of the quietest evenings for a number of years. Al Weaver, KØROP, was net control with headquarters in the police station, and Emile VonBargen, WØNIK, Dwain Sutton, KØRRL and Max Sovereign, WØOXN operating the mobile stations. Other members of the club acted as relief operators.

de - WØRJA

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## FIELD DAY

(de "The Monitor")

In order to prevent a last minute press it might be well to begin arrangements for 1960 Field Day operations. A little work progressively now will doubtless save a great deal of work later on. In this connection it might be a good idea to have one person responsible for all equipment problems. In that way any and all matters relating to equipment, both station equipment, Field Day equipment or what have you, would be coordinated through one man. This is something to think about. (Ed.--This might be something for us to think about too.)

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Two fellows working together and listening to the news. The Newscaster mentioned the weather and also a disaster in Tupelo, Miss. One fellow asked the other (who had a slight difficulty with the language), "Did he say Tupelo?" "No, he said 5 above." Comey? It happened!

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The old QRM kid, WØMKP, Ed, is another of those cleaning house and cutting down on the gear on the desk by adding a new Collins KWM-2 to the station. Ed says he also intends to use it on his boat later.



### From Our South Dakota Expedition Reporter

Always upon the completion of a well done job there follows an afterglow of pride. When a compliment or two top it off, that's the icing on the cake. But, when the compliments come by scores, and the thanks is profuse, the effect is a little staggering. This sensation is being shared by the men who spent a weekend at Lake Andes, South Dakota. These men made hundreds of friends for the Club.

When an expedition to South Dakota was planned, it seemed like a good idea, at least interesting enough to try. The spark behind the trip was a novel idea - inside-out DX. Here, a scant 250 miles away was a spot that offered the type of hamming the DX stations enjoy, i.e., the pile-ups come looking for you. We figured we might have some fun. That was the understatement of the year. From the roar of the bands, QSL cards from South Dakota must be scarcer than dandruff on a cue ball.

With Halloween weekend came the darndest invasion that ever hit Miller's Rest Haven. There a few yards from the lake, cars began erupting towers, beams, verticals, transmitters, receivers and piles of gear. Hams began arriving in shifts and the party was on. In spite of the usual unusual happenings, the rig went on and we waited to see what would happen. That was a short wait. When a WØ station has to tell pile-ups on 15 and 20 meters to spread out for 40KC around his frequency you don't need much more information to conclude we had

ss right - South Dakota is RARE.

If nothing else we made friends. Lots of friends. Hams who already had their W.A.S. broke in just to tell us what a fine thing they thought we were doing and the effusive thanks from some stations U.S. and DX alike was

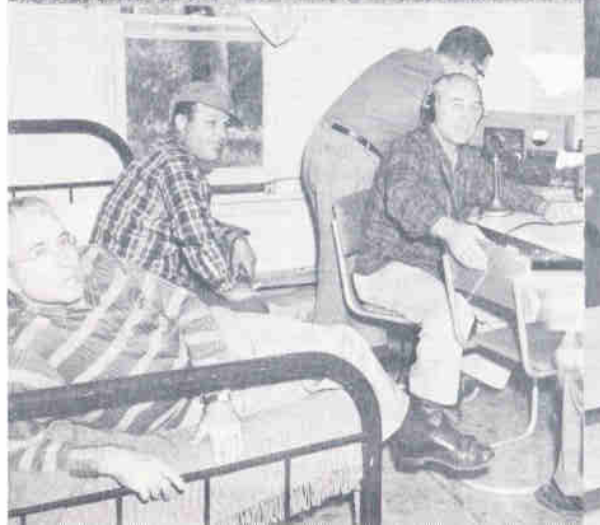
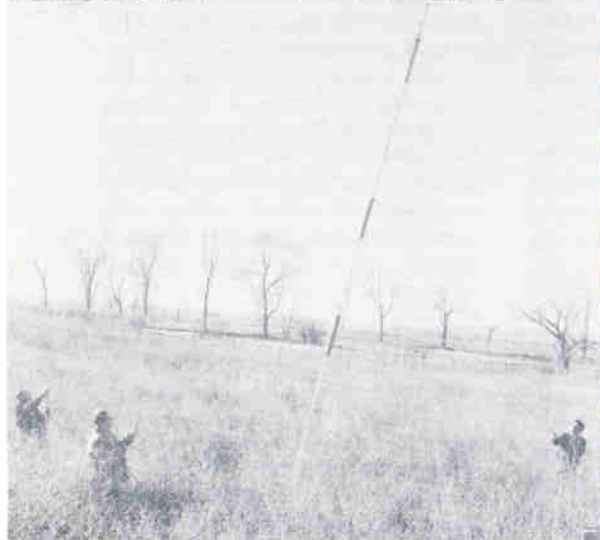
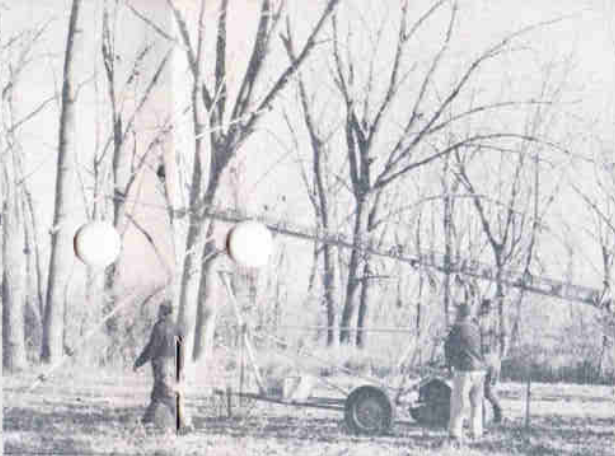
downright touching. For example, two stations in Managua, Nicaragua who heard through the grapevine that we were going to be on that weekend but didn't know when took turns monitoring the band for 48 hours before they found us. They had been trying for a South Dakota station for six years! Then there was the Lima station that sent us his card Air Mail Special Delivery and enclosed a self-addressed envelope stamped Air Mail Special Delivery. The stateside boys were no less grateful for a contact.

We had a real ball. Always on an outing like this a few funny things happen. We will long remember the goof by our galley squad. Somehow the hash brown potatoes wound up full of chili powder - an occurrence that had far reaching effects. Then there was the VU meter we broke when we tried to measure the intensity of Mac MacKinney's snores and the ham scheduled for an early morning shift who we couldn't wake up.

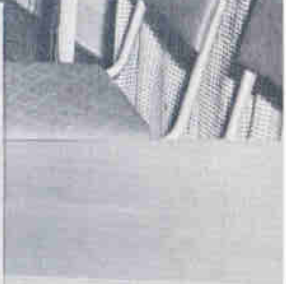
I am not including any statistics. They do not really tell the story at all. The fellows who went were generous with their equipment and their time. Without this spirit we couldn't have pulled it off. Also, it makes little difference how many hams we worked, though it was a sizeable number. What does count is that the club followed through a good idea to completion, that we did something that needed to be done, did it well and still had fun with the project. What matters is that scores of hams who never heard of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club will now remember us as the outfit that gave them their 50th state, a good bunch of guys.

Now that the ice is broken let's not stop. Let's really put this club on the map!

Dick Reimund, WØLFM







I have been reading Ham Hum for a good many years now. I really enjoy it.

The Homesteader Club would like some information on our AC generator project. Would you please let me know what size units you build, the size and make of electric motors you rewind for them if that's what you use and the wire size, the turns etc?

We sure need some emergency generators. We had a picnic Sept. 9 with about 40 Hams from Crete and Bennett also were present. Plenty of eats but it got cool to soon that evening.

Thanks for all the help you can give us.

73's

Lee J. Notulski, W0AQQ  
1009 Ella St.  
Beatrice, Nebr.

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John Ferrel, W0YDV, is on with a new Collins 32S1 xmitter followed by a HT33A KW linear and receiving on a new 75S-1 - Bernie Mathews, K0TFJ, has a new HT33A linear for his HT32 - Jim Noland, W0AWX, now WA6JJB, is being heard often on 15 meters, 21.425 KC on SSB, 8 P.M., CST.

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K0GJO, Dr. Gedgoud, has a new HT 37 on SSB.

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K0CYJ tuned on his Globe Champ transmitter and HQ-150 receiver and called CQ and was promptly answered by K5CYJ, also using a Globe Champ and HQ-150 and before the QSO was over K7CYJ broke in to make it a 3 way. Unfortunately K7CYJ had other equipment.

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K0IJV, Ed Lozano, is now at Bozeman, Montana and perhaps some of you have been wondering what happened to Ed. He is studying for his Doctor's degree in Bacteriology. Ed can occasionally be heard on Saturday afternoon, 14,080 kc., CW.

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W0NNW, Lee, has a new tri band beam - Don Jeppesen, W0QFZ, has the new Collins "S" line and is all set up for top SSB op - Old buddy Tom Fifer, K8BWK was heard from Wed. Nov. 18 when he worked W0GFQ at WRL. Tom was on 40 meter SSB at 8:00 A.M.

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SSB equipment is getting thicker all the time. For instance, Rolly, W0YMU, is clearing off his desk to set down that new Collins KWM-2 he has.

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Thank you for putting my address in Ham Hum and for telling the gang to look for me.

I now have a new call of which I am very proud? WA6JBB. isn't that nice?

George Headik (KØCYP) got his to, he is WA6JBA.

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Jim Noland

WØAWX - WA6JBB

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I was reading the article in the last Ham Hum on the portable generators that some of the fellows down there are putting together. I would like some information on these as to type of generator that is rebuilt etc. I always get a bang out of reading your paper and appreciate your sending it.

Ray Henderson

KØLJS

Morrill, Nebr.

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November 13, 1959

I received the Ham Hum this week while in the hospital. My address is now 4111 Corby Street - Omaha, Nebr. Telephone PL 0285. While on my vacation I was working on the house and I fell with a ladder, so I am laid up for about 6 weeks, with a fractured skull and a fractured left pelvis. I did not require a cast and should be out next week. This is a soft life laying in the hospital with nothing to do but eat, sleep and read.

73's - Elmer, WØPZB

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## ADMIRAL COMMISSIONS

Beginning January 1, 1960, an Admiral commission in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska will be awarded by the Governor of Nebraska and the amateur radio clubs of Nebraska to any Ham who will contact one member of each of the radio clubs of Nebraska. Foreign stations need contact only five. As this award is offered for the purpose of promoting the State of Nebraska and amateur radio in Nebraska, Nebraska Hams are disqualified. In order to apply for this certificate it is only necessary to send your log of the stations contacted to P. O. Box 626, Omaha 1, Nebraska. U. S. stations are required to send two 4¢ stamps. Foreign stations need send no postage. Watch for the article in QST regarding this commission.

Even though the details are being handled by the fellows here in Omaha, this is a Nebr. amateur radio club project and will be handled in the name of the Nebraska amateur radio club rather than Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. We have contacted all of the clubs in Nebraska that we know of and have received from them their roster of members and hope that they will send us from time to time new members so as to keep our list up to date. We have so far run into 22 radio clubs. We are listing them below in

the hope that some of you may know of more Nebraska clubs. Should you know of a club in Nebraska that we have not heard of, please send us their

name and the address of their secretary so that we can get information and a membership list from them.

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P. O. Box 626  
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Blue Valley Radio Club  
% Irvin Martins, WQDDP  
R. F. D.  
Gresham, Nebraska

Crete Amateur Radio Club  
% John Jacobs, Secretary  
Box 68  
Crete, Nebraska

Dawes County Amateur Radio Club  
% Linn Bilyeu, KQODF, Sec.  
Chadron, Nebraska

Falls City Amateur Radio Club  
% H. D. Hinz, Sec. - Treas.  
Box 9  
Falls City, Nebraska

Grand Island Amateur Radio Soc., Inc.  
% U. L. Lynch  
635 Meves  
Grand Island, Nebraska

Hastings Radio Club  
% C. B. Wolfe  
1606 W. Sixth  
Hastings, Nebraska

Homesteader Radio Club  
% Loui Fink  
217 No. LaSalle Street  
Beatrice, Nebraska

Lincoln Radio Club  
% Harold Kunke, KQKTZ  
Editor, Lincoln Log  
3330 North 53rd

Mars Radio Club  
% Elden C. Miller, WQKUM  
27 Adams  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Midway Club  
% Elmer Hatsh, WQKLB  
Kearney, Nebraska

N. E. High Radio Club  
63rd and Baldwin  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Northeast Nebraska Radio Club  
% Harlan Dewitz  
Wisner, Nebraska

North Platte Radio Club  
% John Seide  
321 Sheridan Street  
North Platte, Nebraska

Pioneer Radio Club  
% Lambert Burmister  
1850 Parkview Drive  
Fremont, Nebraska

Sand Hills Amateur Radio Club  
% Emil Von Bargaen WQNIK, Sec.  
Alliance, Nebraska

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club  
% Jerry Warfield, KQDFO, Sec.  
1717 Avenue G  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Tri-State Radio Club  
% Fern F. Koskovich  
324 W. 20th Street  
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Union Cllege Meg. Club  
3800 So. 48th  
Lincoln, Nebraska

University of Nebraska Mars Club  
% Chuck Arpke, KQEPI  
5025 Greenwood  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Western Nebraska Radio Amateurs  
% Roy Babbit  
609 Bluff Street  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Wheatbelt Radio Club  
% Zita Deselms, KOKUA  
Oxford, Nebraska

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NEXT MEETING  
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WORLD INSURANCE CO.  
203 SOUTH 18TH STREET  
DECEMBER 11, 1959  
8:00 P. M. SHARP