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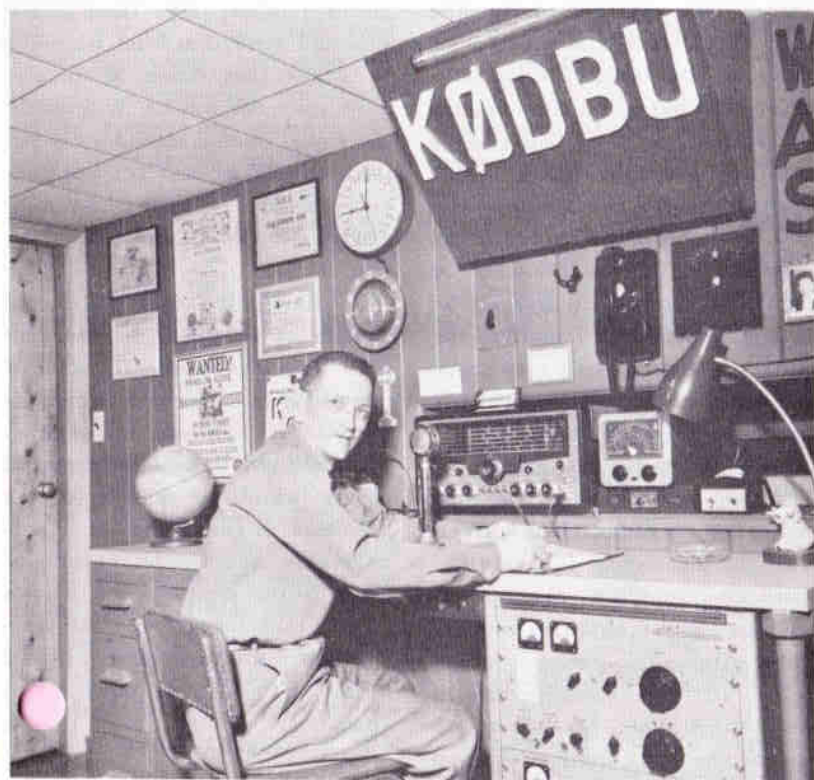
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Last Meeting

At the April meeting and after the business meeting, most of which consisted of a discussion of civil defense and emergency operations, a very interesting talk was given by Frank Minar, now with Globe Electronics, who told us of his experiences as an amateur in Czechoslovakia. Of particular interest to this editor were his comments regarding the rules and regulations as to getting an amateur ticket, particularly in getting the full ticket and an outline of the amount of work and study necessary and the extensive examinations given plus the necessity for longtime operation between classes of tickets. I had previously thought that gaining a general class ticket in this country was a pretty tough thing. No longer! By comparison it is quite simple to

get a general class license and it would seem that after listening to Frank that those of us who have only the novice or technician ticket should immediately put forth the effort and get the general license. I have started to study my code, how about the rest of you?

Frank also told us of the manner of operating in emergencies in Czechoslovakia and of one flood emergency in which he served. His talk was followed by a question and answer period during which he told us of his problems in getting out of Czechoslovakia and finally getting to come to our country. Our thanks go to Frank for the very interesting visit and we hope he will return to visit our Club in soon.

MAY Meeting

The May meeting of Ak-Sar Radio Club, Inc. will be held at SAC Headquarters on Friday, May 13th. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a dinner at the Officers' Club, followed by a visit to SAC Headquarters at 8:00 P. M. Announcements have been sent to all the members and even though the first announcement failed to mention the price, the dinner at the Officers' Club will cost \$2.25 per plate, including the tip. Those attending the dinner should proceed through the SAC Gate directly to the Officers' Club. For this dinner we need your reservation and along with it your choice of meal - roast beef or fish. If you have not sent in your reservation for the dinner and wish to come, please

do send it in at once either by calling JA 1402 and ask for Mrs. Tesar or by calling Dave Hollander, RE2696.

For the benefit of those who are unable for one reason or another to attend the dinner, arrangements have been made that they be permitted to enter at the SAC Gate at 7:50 P. M. and they should proceed directly to SAC Headquarters parking their car in the parking lot just north of the building.

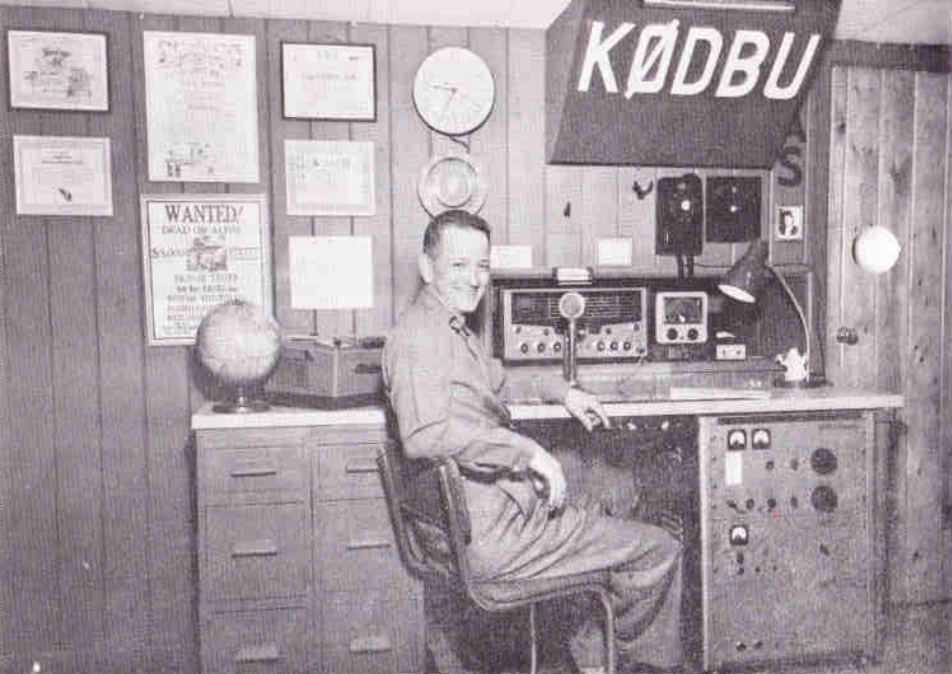
We are expecting a large attendance at this meeting and have in fact, at the time of writing this announcement, received over 50 reservations for the dinner. And don't forget that mamma and junior ops would also like to see SAC. We'll look for you there.

BERMUDA CONTEST

We have received the rules on the contest sponsored by The Radio Society of Bermuda on May 14th, 15th and May 28th, 29th. The winner of the contest will receive a prize consisting of an air ticket to Bermuda plus a week's stay for two people at a hotel. Anyone interested see the secretary for details.



"Friends—If you like gay good food, live entertainment, come to the Tropical Room, Ritz Hotel . . ."



Ham of the Month

Bob Burt, W0DBU

Radio has played a big part in Bob Burt's life. He was in the entertainment business for 25 years with Jack Swanson, Mort Wells, Betty Cox, and for 3 years with Mimic Macs. He was a vocalist and musician for many years with KOIL, KFAB, KFOR, WOW & TV.

Bob had his own radio and TV shop for 8 years. He has played around with amateur radio since 1927, but it wasn't until 1955 that he received his Ham ticket.

His hobbies include ham radio and golf. He has a daughter,

Sharon, who lives in Greenville, North Carolina who is to be married June 4th. They have weekly QSO's.

Bob's present gear includes SX101A, Eldico TRITV 300 watts, 4 element homebrew beam, phone patch and recorder. Although not currently mobile, he was mobile at one time and expects to be soon again. He has room and operating space for HT32A.

While on the air Bob likes to rag chew, run phone patches and work a little DX.

CIVIL DEFENSE

In addition to the discussions on civil defense and emergency operations at the last club meeting, the subject was further discussed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Officers. After thoroughly discussing the matter a resolution was passed to the effect that the Club recognizes the responsibility of the amateur to the community in the event of any disaster or emergency and the necessity of the amateurs in the community whether club members or not to develop proficiency in the handling of emergency traffic. A committee was picked composed of Ed, WQCQX, Hugh, KØGHK and Dick, WØYZV. This committee was charged with the responsibility of promoting a net on ten meters, six meters and two meters under the RACES plan for the State of Nebraska and Douglas County. In instructing the committee the Board suggested that the nets established a real working-type nets complete with exercises and that inasmuch as all available amateurs would be needed in an emergency that they consist of club member and non-club member alike and that each net control station be backed up by alternates and be given such assistance in handling the

details as is necessary in order that the nets will be properly prepared to serve the community when and if needed. The Board also suggested that whereas they recognize that certain misunderstandings have occurred, it is their hope that these misunderstandings can be forgotten and that the amateurs in this vicinity will remember the responsibilities placed upon them in issuing to them the license to operate a radio station. This responsibility can best be stated by the use of the letters PICON and their meaning has been given many times in the radio publications.

CANCER FUND DRIVE

The local six meter fellows participated in the cancer fund drive on the evening of Wednesday, April 27th. A net control station was established at their headquarters at 42nd and Dodge. Jerry, WØNKG, and Tom, KØPQR, operated this net control station. Mobiles participating were KØTFV, KØLYO, KØQQQ, WQCQX, WØLFM, WØYZV, WØRMB and WA6HXS. Each of these mobiles had a rider or riders and we are very sorry we did not get their names so that we can thank them. However, we do thank them and the fellows listed above.

ADMIRAL'S CERTIFICATE

In processing the requests for the Admiral's Certificate it has been discovered that there is a considerable amount of work involved. We have so far received seven applications and have been able to approve five of them at this time, four from this country and one DX application. In processing these applications we have found 27 Clubs at this time and have found a lot of cooperative Hams in the State of Nebraska, particularly in answering our letters and cards when they are sent out. Unfortunately it has been necessary to turn down some applications because the stations logged were not members of a Nebraska Radio Club. However, we are holding the information and have written to these applicants suggesting they keep going and send in the remaining few they need in order to qualify. Don't forget, when you make these contacts tell them what club you belong to. The Stateside qualifiers so far are: W3JZY, K8HKU, W6BSY, and W8WUD. The DX qualifier is: ZS7L. In talking with the fellows here in Omaha I find that they enjoyed their contacts with him very much and were particularly happy to receive the QSL cards. Upon determining over the air that Colin had qualified for the Admiral's

Certificate they asked him to send in something about himself so that you could let you know about him as he is the first DX station to receive the Admiral's Certificate and has been in due form appointed an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. We haven't checked with the Chief Admiral but believe that this might qualify as being the most far distant Admiral in this Great Navy. Rather than tell you about him we will publish his letter in its entirety along with a picture of he and and the XYL.

ZS7L

P. O. Box 8
Hlatikulu, Swaziland
April 6, 1960

Dear OM,

Firstly, thank you Johnny for your letter and cards. It was a great thrill for me to hear that I'd been the first DX station to qualify for the "Admiral Award". In fact I did not even know there was such an award and it was only recently that I managed to collar a December, 1959 issue of QST - where I saw all the details. The wording is very good and it appears to be well

produced - you can be very sure that it will take pride of place in my shack.

Please forgive the delay - this has been due entirely to having waited some time for printer to process my films; unfortunately the film was dud and everything is very faint and no use therefor to be reproduced in a magazine as you intend doing. My shack had been all neat and tidy - I even put on my best "colgate" smile but all to no avail. Anyway, I'm sending what photos of myself I can in the hopes that you could possibly reproduce my card with a small photo inserted within a circle. When hunting for photos I realized that I am always taking of others and never manage to get in the picture myself.

It was WØYVV who told me over the air of my having achieved the award - I think he is the Chairman of your club - however, would you please pass on my thanks to all concerned in helping me achieve the award.

According to my records I have the following cards from Nebraska: WØYVV, WØNKG, ØKWB, WØNNW, KØIVR, KØKKN - of course I have spoken to others but they have not sent a QSL. (What strikes me as funny is the large number

of W cards on hand for blokes who sounded very impatient to get a card from Swaziland, even promised to "send off a card air mail the same day" and yet I still wait. I pride myself on QSLing direct on receipt; I also send direct immediately should the other chap get his QTH over the air.

Should you print any dope about me I would love to get the copy of the magazine in which it appears (who said I was vain!?) I do not subscribe to any radio magazines but belong to a branch of the S.A.R.L. who lend out magazines - I then copy out circuits and articles of interest and return the magazines.

Well, here goes for the dope on myself.

Age: 29, Married, wife's name is Patricia and we have a junior YL Lynette who is only 4 months old.

I first came on in 1952 on CW using 3 watts under the call-sign ZS2IL, then in 1953 as ZS6AIV on 'phone.

While in the Transvaal I met Pat and was married in 1956. (See picture - following page).

In 1957 I was allocated the call-sign ZS5AE while on relief duties for my firm in the Eastern Cape.



We came to Swaziland in December 1958 and have a beautiful home, our own generating plant and lovely scenery all about us.

I am connected with the Gold Mines in that I am a Labour Officer obtaining labour and looking after their subsequent welfare and that of their families at home as well. (We dig the gold up and you chaps promptly bury the stuff again at Fort Knox. Ha!!)

I first came on the DX bands in November, 1959 and have worked 72 countries, of which 56 are confirmed - mostly on ten meters. The present station consists of TX: Gelson VFO, 807 final with 6L6 buffer, plug in coils. Mod: 6J7, 2/6SN7, 2/807 Mike: D.104 Antenna; G4ZU for 10 and 15

and a G5RV for 20, 40 & 80 metres. Receiver: Ex Br. Army R.206 (approx. equa. is the AR 88)

Have put in standby switch amplifier and a S'meter which circuit was taken from the December, 1959 QST.

Interests include stamp collecting, painting, photography, ornithology, while I play tennis and cricket and get a lot of fun out of fishing - just like ham radio one never knows when a "big" one will come along.

The QTH here is a small village, 4000 feet above sea level on a small range of hills. To the west we can see mountains in the Transvaal while to the east the ground falls away to the "Bush-veld" and so on to Mozambique (CR7).

Maize, tobacco, cotton, pineapples, bananas, citrus, rice and groundnuts are grown; while timber and pulp factories are being established. There is a large asbestos mine in the extreme N.W. corner. Cattle ranching is very successful in the bush-veld areas. Game abounds in the NE and impala, kudu (depicted on our 6d stamp), wildebeest and zebra are often seen.

The Swazi are a very picturesque people - the men in their "war-paint" (see our 4½d stamp) and their dancing is very energetic and full of

stupendous leaps and gyrations. The men wear their hair frizzy and long. They bleach it with fats and ash and put gaily colored decorations in their hair. The woman wear their hair like this and paint in colours made from clays and ochre.

Please also add that I will be very keen to exchange stamps with DX countries - particularly British possessions - also Pacific area. So, with that cheerio for now, lots of fun on the bands and hope we QSO soon again.

vy 73,
Colin

SCOTTSBLUFF PICNIC - JUNE 12

We received the following card from Al, KØLJK:

Thanks very much for keeping me on the Ham Hum list. Very much appreciated. We'd like to have you mention the picnic the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club is having June 12, 1960 in your next Ham Hum. A brief description of the plans was in the last Condenser, and we'd like to invite any or all of you to join us. Enclosed is a copy of our plans for the day.

Kindest personal regards,
Al Marron, KØLJK
Editor - the Condenser

In brief, the picnic will be held at Riverside Park in Scottsbluff, Nebraska on June 12, 1960, starting at 9:30 A.M. They promise fun, friendship, Eye-Ball QSO's and Prizes. The cost - 50¢ per person or \$1.00 for the whole family. For food, bring enough fried chicken, table service, bread and butter and a covered dish - enough for your own family. Their club station, WØVQN, will guide you into the park on 3850 KC.

Any of you fellows that might be in that vicinity will have an opportunity to see what the Hams on the far end of the State look like or I guess if you live on that end of the State it might be considered the near end of the State.

The CKRC INK (Salina, Kans.) is published for its membership solely for the reason of keeping everyone informed. Its news is colorful, full of old lies, dirty tales and woven into a bunch of paragraphs to get you to WANT to attend meetings. Once you do attend we know you'll find it interesting, and when you don't find it convenient to attend at least you'll know what you missed. Why don't you break down and make this one...mark your calender now! Last Friday of every month...all year long!!! (Ed.: the same goes for Ham Hum.)

DX News

Your editor has been pretty busy this month so haven't followed the bands too well. But look for the long Asia stuff coming in on 20 meters the morning from 6:00 to 9:00 am also last year South America in the morning and Africa the long way around. Don't be afraid to swing that beam and listen you really might get surprised.

Mac got XW8AL on 20 meters this month for a new one, Also worked a DV that your editor really needs.

Jonh KWB got PJ3, VQ1, GI3 all conformed. Also worked a VQ2, and a EA8.

KWB and NKG were really wanting to see Dick YZV at the board meeting as he was packing cards from ZS7L. If you DX hounds want to use the P.O. Box, which is 626, a lot of the foreign DX boys get the address easier.

NKG also got a FQ8 conformed this month which makes No. 120. Mac sent in his cards and has credit for 149. Mac just when did you work that ZD4 and AG1?

Jerry KKP got some more counters from South America but with the next weather has been

doing his DXing in yard work, that sod really grows quick.

I thought that I had heard of every thing but Bob Gamole who already lived way out that away, has bought 160 acre farm and will be really away. Being a Quacker that duck got so tired of being musled up that it can really spread its wings with all the cows, chickens and the old goat. "Bob I mean" Hi Bob we really look for some really rare ones out of you now with that new Hi power final and Rombic or V beams in all directions.

Russ Rutherford must be working DX on every band possible, one of his neighbors told me that everytime he looks over at Russ' house there is another tower up. Lets have some reports Russ. Just how big is that lot?

Dick Reimund went back to CW and said that he wished he hadn't bought a modulator 2 years ago. Dick be sure and try for just a little DX once in a while.

W0EQU/O received a VA4 card which the club ought to be glad to get.

Jerry 73

DEAR MABEL,

(De Florida Skip)

Dear Mabel,

Why do men take up ham
io, anyhow?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

That is a good question.
One ham I know, related to me
by marriage, claims it's the
only way he gets a chance to
talk. This, of course, is a
falsehood.

Mabel

Dear Mabel or Gladys,

We have been wondering
about your identity. I think you
are an OM but have heard you
really are two XYLs. Which is
true? Do you have a license?

Club Member

Dear Club Member,

Although we have occa-
sionally used a guest columnist
(and I love'em) Gladys and
Mabel are usually one woman
with a split personality. Wife of
a ham, no ticket. Goodness,
you didn't think those columns
were imaginary, did you? They
are taken from real, raw life.
Most of the material comes
from eavesdropping on con-
versations at dinners, con-
ions, auctions, and club
meetings. So watch what you
say.

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

If a resistor resists, a
conductor conducts and a
transformer transforms, what
is a transistor?

Marge, K4RNS

Dear Marge,

Many people are confused
by this because, of course, it
should be spelled transistor.
A transistor is the feminine
counterpart of a transbrother.

Dear Mabel,

I have made several trips
to Florida but this year, for the
first time, I am bringing my wife.
Since she does not care for
night clubs, what shall I show
her?

DX

Dear DX,

Mabel is out shopping. I
would suggest you take your
wife to Tropical Hobbyland,
The Seaquarium and the Ser-
pentarium. They are noted for
alligators, sharks and cobras.

Clyde

Just a note of thanks to
Paul, KØBSV, for a job well
done in the past two years with
the T.V.I. Committee and also to
the very fine cooperation of the
Hams, both in Bellevue and Omaha.

Johnny, KØKWB

To all Members of "HAM-HUM"

Your favoring me with the April issue is greatly appreciated. That "OLD GOAT" (I smell Violets) Fay Powell is one of our favorite Pals. A swell Chap and a Mighty Fine Gentleman.

Our home is his headquarters whenever he desires to visit "in the valley of the sun" Tucson, Arizona.

You fellows are doing a wonderful service to your fellow men.

Keep Up Your Good Work.
Best Wishes To All.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Edson
5449 E. Holmes St.

Gentlemen:

As always, I enjoy reading your fine monthly publication and after some 20 years am glad to know the origination of the word "ham". Its very nice to keep in touch with the group as to what they are doing and where. I haven't been traveling up your way lately, but expect to in near future. Most of my fixed and mobile operation currently done on AF MARS. Would like to take this chance to invite those interested in RTTY to check in at 2000 hrs. CST Sundays on 4450 kc. Best regards,

Wilber -AFØ DEL

Dick L. Eilers, WØYZV
Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc.
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your letter asking for members of our Knox Radio Club. I shall give you the names on a separate sheet.

If you'd like a little info for your "Ham Mum", there is a gang of us that work around 3810 or 3840 most every morning. We cover a good area in N.E. Nebraska. Bloomfield, Center, Norfolk, Fullerton, Columbus, and some of the boys from around Yankton, South Dakota. It's just a "yackin" gang, but if there are some worthwhile messages, we'll be most happy to take them for any of the towns mentioned.

Thank you Dick. I get into Omaha quite often, will try to look you up.

73,
Ed Kind, WØKYM

Dear Editors:

I am proud to report the "Public Service Award" Certificate from the ARRL. Naturally, the award is greatly appreciated and has found a conspicuous spot on my wall. 73

Lou
WØVLI

OFFICIAL BULLETIN 748
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.
APRIL 8, 1960, TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT

Editor's Note. Our plans for Field Day are pretty well formulated. If you are interested in operating or helping out on this Field Day, please see Dick Reimund, WØLFM. Details will appear next month.

Now is the time for individuals as well as clubs and groups, in the 73 ARRL sections, to begin formulating plans for Field Day June 25 and 26. This annual test of emergency gear such as generators, batteries, mobiles, and portable rigs should prove most challenging. The log and summary sheets have been revised this year and are now available free on request from ARRL. Amateurs are reminded to please use the forms and get requests in early, stating the number needed. AR



"You would have been eligible for the hole in one club, if it had been the ball."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 750
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.
APRIL 21, 1960, TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT

Many parts of the country will change to daylight time effective April 24, when all WAW operations shifts to Eastern Daylight Time. Listeners in areas remaining on standard time are reminded that official and special bulletins, code practice, propagation forecasts and other announced ARRL headquarters station activities should be tuned in one hour earlier. The complete summer schedule will appear on page 101 of May QST AR

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

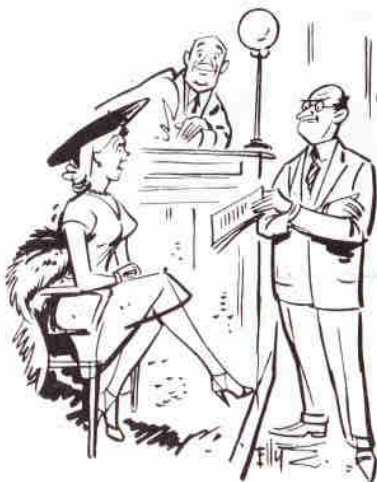
Gentlemen:

Your fine magazine is always a joy to read, and I think your fellows have one of the most active organizations around the U.S.

Would like to see a "DX" column in there as to what you folks are working on 10-15 and 20 Meter SSB!!! I know you have some active boys out your way.

Sincerely,

WØCVU, Chas. W. Boegel, Jr.
1500 Center Point Road, NE,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa



"The prosecuting attorney on channel 5 is much better than you are."



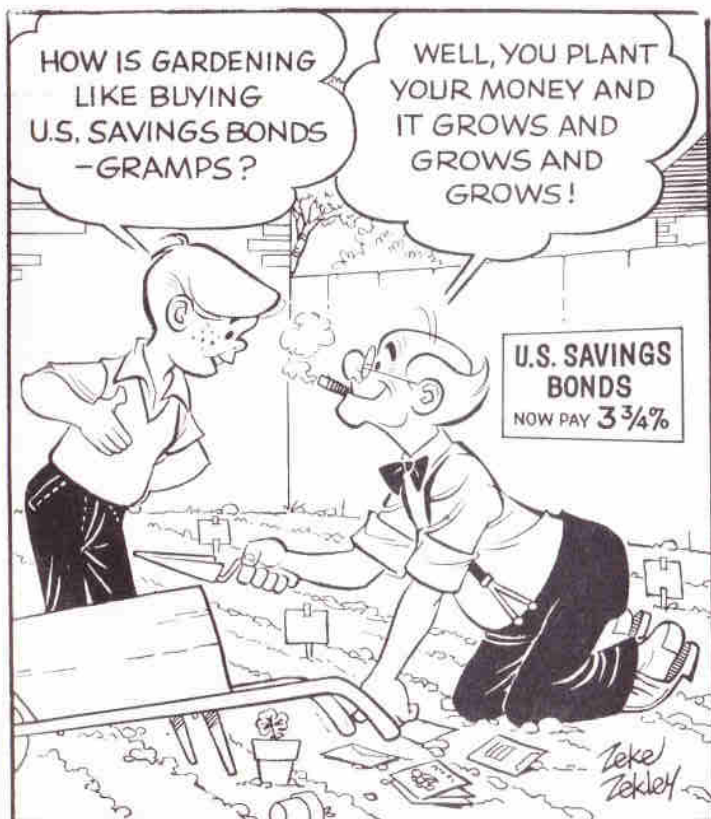
"My campaign is based on the most unusual platform of the century. I promise you nothing!"

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 751
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD CONN
APRIL 28, 1960 TO ALL RADIO
AMATEURS BT

in its Second Report and Order in
Docket 12485, FCC on April 27
granted ARRL petitions in part
by setting aside 50.0 to 50.1 and
147.9 to 148.0 MC for AI oper-
ation only, effective June 6, 1960.
Full details in June QST AR.
ARRL OES: Please pass this info
to the v.h.f. gang.--FEH



remember... **ONLY YOU CAN
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6:30 P. M.