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If you missed the Annual Family Outing at Beaver Brook Farm, you can see what you missed on pages 5 thru 9. If you attended - look again, you may see yourself.

While at the annual Ham Radio Club picnic on September 25th at Dr. Ewing's farm, I had several of the members of the club come up to me and say "Hi, Lucky."

I don't prefer to think that it was all luck; in fact when we think of all the preparation and work that was done by the members and their wives, it takes it out of the luck category.

I will concede, however, after thinking of Dick Eilers' statement in Ham Hum some months previous that WØYVV would guarantee good weather, that we certainly did have good luck, for it was a beautiful, sunny fall day.

It is a pleasure to name and personally thank the XYL's who did such a splendid job in the kitchen:

Jan DeWitt
Lou Droescher
Grace Gutmann
Mrs. L. V. McKinney
Bernie McKinney
Peg Morgan
Mrs. Joe Berounsky

Last but not least the two XYL's - Cindy McKinney and Linda Droescher.

Thanks to Cecil DeWitt for his splendid job as master of ceremonies.

Dick Reimund and Lowell Burt did a bang-up job preparing the 10 meter transmitter hunt which then was almost goofed. The six meter hunt was handled by Doug Flair and Jim Droege.

Thanks also to our chefs, Dave Hollander and Joe Berounsky. Incidentally we kept Dave away from the chili powder. Our thanks also go to Jerry Armstrong, the keeper of the keys, who rode shot gun on the pop and beer; to Damon Nuckols and Dick Eilers for their solicitation of prizes; to Betty and Russ Rutherford who kept our tickets and sales straight; and to all the XYL's that baked cup cakes to help the cause.

It is my deepest regret if I have overlooked thanking everyone.

Best 73's
WØYVV, President

OCTOBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc. will be held on Friday, October 14th, at the 4-H Building, Ak-Sar-Ben Field, at 8:00 P.M. This meeting will be our annual auction and will be your opportunity to get rid of that gear you no longer use. So bring it along to the meeting. You can put a minimum price on it if you wish, and we will attempt to sell it for you. The Club will expect the usual 10% to go to the Club treasury.

Don't forget also to bring along your check book as you may find just the thing you are looking for. All auctioned items must be on a cash basis - no credit.

The usual refreshments will be served following the meeting. How about bringing an extra guest? He might be interested in our Club!

PRIZES

We are deeply indebted to the people who furnished prizes for our picnic. We wish to thank the following firms: World Radio Laboratories, Ladd Electronics, Radio Equipment Company, Graham Paper Company, World Insurance Company, Standard Blue Print, K&B Brake Service, Omaha Electronics, and Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, Inc.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Here's a little advance information on the November meeting so that you can make your plans to attend.

Andy Amdrose of Hy-Gain will give us a demonstration discussion on beams. All clubs in the local area will be advised that their members will be welcome to attend this meet-

ing. There will be a free prize drawing for a beam to be donated jointly by World Radio Laboratories and Hy-Gain which drawing will be limited to licensed amateurs. (Bring your license or a photo thereof.)

Have you winterized your tower?

Dear Editor:

VHF Information - 50 mc Activity:

An amazing number of stations now on 6 meters in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area as compared with just a few years ago.

Activity on 6 has finally gotten to the point where it is almost possible to get in QSO anytime of day or night. Someday, the same thing will be true of the 2 meter band when more amateurs come to the realization that 2 meters as well as the other VHF-UHF bands do have tremendous potential. The fact that the satellite tracking stations are using frequencies from 800 mc upward, should be significant.

Some recent arrivals on 6 meters - KØWRV, Rich in Council Bluffs, also KØWUU, Duane in the Bluffs. Some new stns. around Omaha: Chuck, KØTVD; KØVLA, Mel; KØVZN, Jerry; KØFCI, Ken; KØTUI Bill and many others. Apologies for any new stns. we've overlooked. Like to see some of you out at club meeting!

Looking back on previous 6 meter activity-

Wonder what's become of some of the old standby's on 6? We're thinking of many of the fellows such as Les, KØDXS; Chuck, KØCHK; Verne WØMGZ; Gene, KØHLP; Byron, WØFRR and Bob WØFRN? These fellows

would be very welcome on the band today and their fine operating procedures are missed. Millard, WØNRT made a brief mobile appearance on 6 after about a two year absence. It seems that OM Millard had borrowed WØTRK's Goonie-Bird Communicator and was intending to use it on his trip to the west coast. When he gets back from the trip, maybe we'll even be able to get Don, WØTRK back on 6 once in a while!

144 mc activity

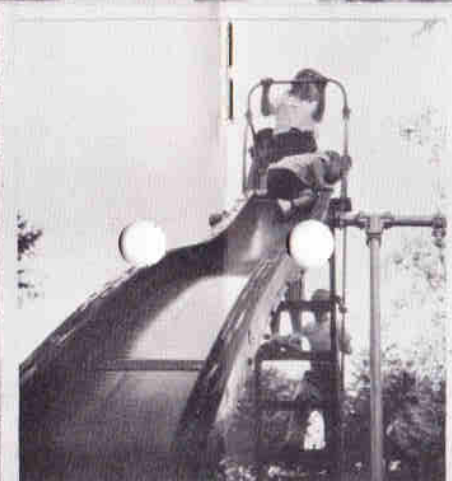
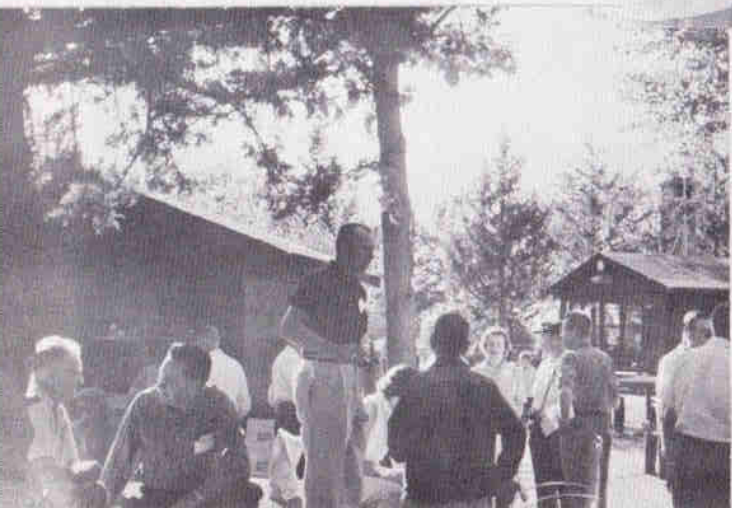
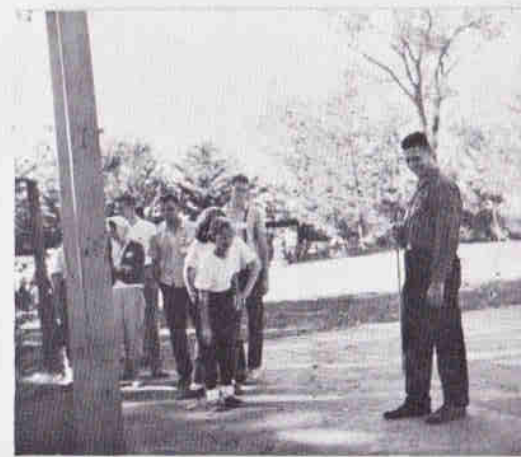
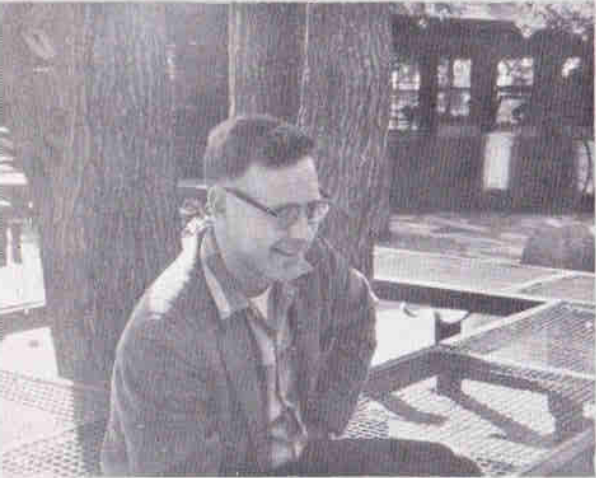
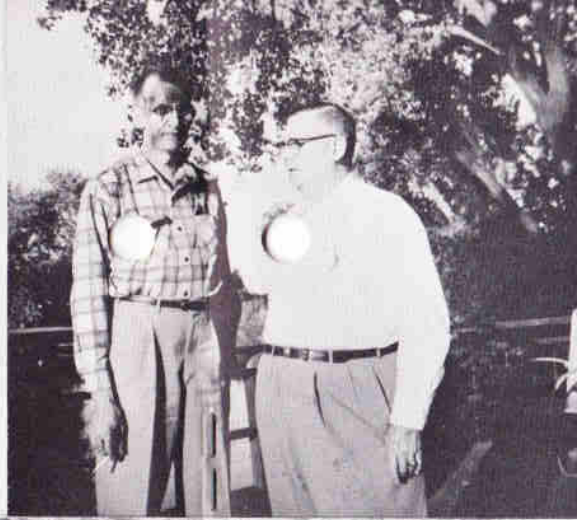
2 meters have been very good this summer - lots of good band conditions in the form of several fine tropo openings plus increased activity. Most recent tropo opening was on August 1st and band open clear back to Penn., New York etc, all evening long. Frank WØEMS did especially good this time. Also heard on were KØIJS, KNØYIW and WØYZV working the 9's and 8's. We were just a little surprised to hear all the Technician Oprs. above 145 mc. coming in from the Chicago area.

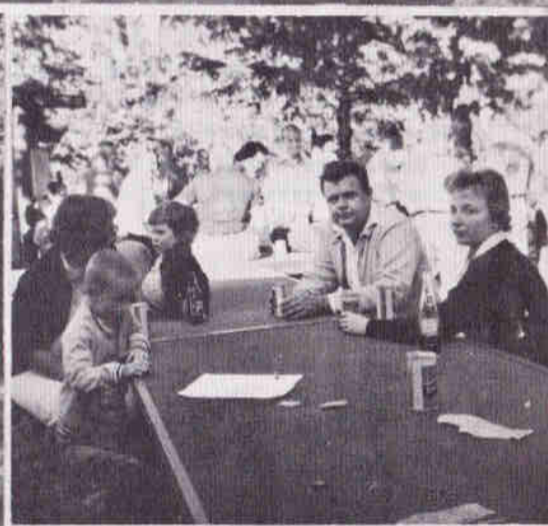
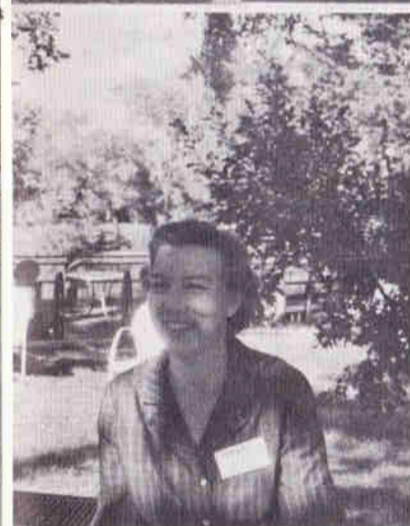
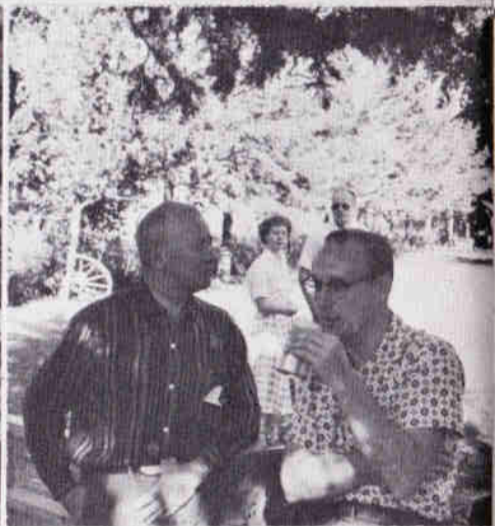
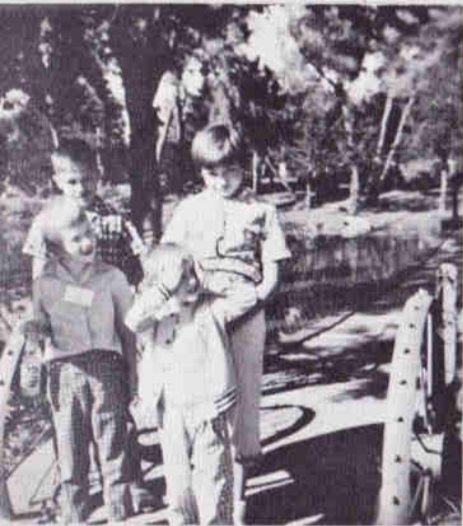
Some new stations on 2 are: KØSKV at Plattsmouth, WØAYS at Schuyler; WØVJM at Columbus; KNØZLX Omaha and one old timer back on after many years is Tony, WØQ at Snyder, Nebr. Also a station in Sioux City now - his name is Bob and call is KØIDC.

73,

John, WØWRT







Want to Buy

Millen Grid Dipper.
KQSB, 453-4005

On having such good luck some of the fellows thought I should drop u one of these cards telling you - starting Aug. 29, I worked YO6-DL3-Two F2-Two G3-DL6-DJ3-CE4-Two PZ1-VO1-OK2-HB9-ZS2-PY4-LU3-Two KP4-KH6-VE3-VE4-VE6, and all U.S. zones on 15 meters cw.

On Fone in 3 days I got TG5-PJ3-KZ5-YV1-now I have to try my luck with a V.F.O. HIHI - am building one now.

Ron Bushnell, KØPDM

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 766
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.
SEPTEMBER 15, 1960 TO ALL
RADIO AMATEURS BT**

Effective September 15 the voice bands in Canada are enlarged as follows: 7150 to 7300 kc. 14100 to 14350 kc, 21100 to 21450 kc and 28100 to 29700 kc. The Department of Transport action was responsive to many petitions last year and a subsequent poll of Canadian amateur opinion which showed substantial sentiment in favor expansion. AR

Dear Sir,

KNØWOQ contacted KNØWOP at a distance of 150 miles with KNØWOQ running 6 watts. The contact was not a sked.

Thanks.

Jim Richardson, KNØWOQ

Frank Cooper's new QTH is 52 Northway Drive (will be changed when his new home is built - Colonial style with Ham shack on 2nd floor).

Pittsburgh 37, Pa.

Call is K3MVP, be sure to send him Ham Hum.

A1, WØJJK

Hugh Tinley says ex local Jim Noland, WA6JBB (ex WØAWX) has been promoted to general mgr. of Gonset.

A1, WØJJK

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find \$1.00 for the Ham Hum. You sent it to me regularly and I sure appreciate it, and enjoy reading it so much.

Will you please print the following ad for me:

For sale - Gonset super 6 converter in A-1 shape, complete with cables, for \$25.

Louis Fink, KØCBV,
217 No. La Salle,
Beatrice, Nebr.

Thank you,

Louie, KØCBV

Dear Mabel,

Dear Mabel,

How can I stop smoking?
Millie AMP

Dear Millie,

It is difficult to give you an answer without knowing what causes you to smoke. If you are suffering from spontaneous combustion you need better ventilation. If you merely smoulder, try shutting out all air. Please write me again and tell us more about your interesting case.

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

Has Clyde added anything to his shack since we last heard about it?

Phil Ament

Dear Phil,

First of all, he doesn't call it a shack anymore. Ever since he wired his Heathkit SWR Bridge he refers to it as "The Laboratory." And he wears a white coat at the workbench. (I hear it's a phase many of you go through.)

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

I am having trouble getting General. Can you help me?
Miss Novice

Dear Miss Novice,

Don't ask me. I had enough trouble snagging a T/Sgt.

Mabel

Dear Mabel,

We rented our upstairs apartment to a young man who said he had no pets or wild parties, only a few hobbies. Now after signing a two-year lease we find one of his hobbies is bowling, which he practices up there three nights a week. What can we do?

Landlord

Dear Landlord,

You can either try to get him interested in ham radio instead of bowling, or cut lots of large holes in your ceiling. It depends on how you feel about ham radio.

Mabel

(de Florida Skip)

I would appreciate it if you would put the following ad in your famous "Ham Hum."

Complete mobile rig AF67, PMR7, power supply whip load 6, carbon mike. Almost New all for \$225.00 (or will sell separately). Call 553-3095.

Jack Illsley, KØUDK

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NEXT MEETING
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AK-SAR-BEN FIELD
OCTOBER 14, 1960
8:00 P. M. - SHARP