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AUCTION

The September meeting will be held at the old United Church in Wilbraham on Friday, Sept. 12, 1958 starting at 8 P.M. sharp.

NOTE THE LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING AND THE FACT THAT THE MEETING IS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

The meeting place is the same place that we had such a grand annual meeting and dinner last June. Its size is considered better to accommodate the crowd that an auction is likely to bring out

The main feature of the meeting will be an auction of amateur and associated gear under the guidance of "Old Guillotine Gavel" Bob Gordon, W1KUL. Assisting Bob will be Chris Payne, W1HDM, and Allen Ramsey, K1CZY. Handling the cashier duties will be Tom Barrett, W1KUE and Leo Brodeur, W1VNE. Members of the auction committee will be on duty as early as 7 P.M. so bring your gear early and have some time to look over the rest.

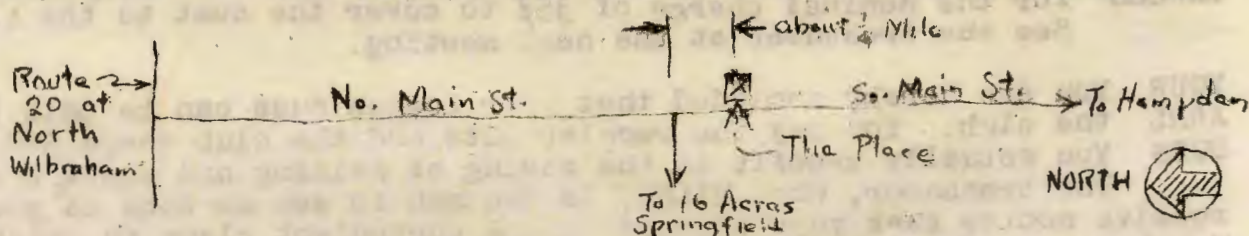
The same type tag used last year are again available this year to identify your gear. The tags will be available at the auction. They have three sections on them. Put your call and minimum bid (if any) on the end nearest the tie-on string. Tear off and pocket the other end section. The purchases will get the center section to present with his payment to the cashier. The tie-on end stays with the gear at all times.

In the past many generous club members have donated gear to be auctioned off for the benefit of the club treasury. This practice is to be commended highly. If you have anything to donate, signify such on the tie-on end of the tag.

Of course all sales are for cash. A small service charge to raise money for the club treasury is charged. Ten percent of the sale price, up to a maximum of 50 cents will be withheld by the cashier.

The usual refreshments will be served at about 10 o'clock with Norm Forest, W1STR heading up the committee.

MEETING NIGHTS WILL STILL BE REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. This month's exception is due to the overlapping of vacation periods and back-to-school cash deficiencies.



**WE NEED A
NEW MEETING
PLACE**

In the past few months discussion has been going on about the advisability of moving our meeting place to larger quarters. The average meeting last year had over 80 members present, with some meetings topping the 100 mark. The Captain Leonard House is rapidly being outgrown by our membership.

Naturally a change in location of meeting place is bound to incur some inconvenience or hardship upon some members when it comes to transportation. The ideal place for a meeting would be close to every members house with a few of the gang going by to give him a ride. But, no such dream place exists, so we shall have to do the best that we can. Before choosing a place we must consider the following factors:

1. Size of room(s)
2. Cost for use of ~~pre~~
3. Parking facilities
4. Availability of kitchen privileges.
5. Accessibility
6. Limitation on time of closing.

Naturally, any place we choose will be "too far" for a few just as was the Capt. Leonard House for some. But the obvious need for larger quarters commands our consideration of other places with an eye toward the benefit of the majority. During the summer months the Board of Directors considered several places and the United Church in Wilbraham seemed the best suited, except that the boys on the West side of the river will now have the long drive.

Up to now no definite decision has been made except for the Sept. meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions make them known to the officers or B/D men, for it is your meeting place we are changing. This month's meeting may well prove to be a good trial run. If it appears to suit the majority, all well and good--if not--then what say you?

**CHESS PLAYERS
ATTENTION**

The royal game of chess has been played by many radio amateurs for many years in person, as well as on the air. Several of our local hams have engaged in games and contests over the air before. Now comes a challenge to play chess over the air from Greg Wren, K5EAT, to all chess players who are also hams. Greg claims that he has never been beaten in a game over the air to date, and promises an interesting game to anyone willing to play. Greg is available for schedules at all sorts of odd hours and on all bands 80-10 meters. He suggests that cw might be better to cut through the QRM but he is not adverse to using phone if you like. Mail your proposed schedule, or send a radiogram to Gregory S. Wren, K5EAT, 218 North Josephine Tobin Drive, San Antonio, Texas. Let us know the outcome for future issues please--especially if you beat him. It's your move----

**CLUB
BADGES**

The new LARGE club badges are now available to club members for the nominal charge of 35¢ to cover the cost to the club. See the treasurer at the next meeting.

**YOUR
ARRL
DUES**

You are hereby reminded that your League dues can be paid thru the club. You pay the regular rate and the club keeps 50%. You actually benefit in the saving of mailing and check costs. The treasurer, Wes, WILRE, is the man to see as soon as you receive notice that your time is up. A convenient place to catch Wes between meetings is at the counter down at Soundco.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING The first monthly meeting of the B/D for this season was held on August 28th at the home of Dick Stevens, W1QWJ. Eight of the directors found it possible to attend the meeting and contribute to the business at hand. Of course the usual rag-chew preceded any of the business but eventually they got down to work.

First on the docket was the September meeting. Because it had previously been agreed that this was to be an auction meeting, only the ironing out of the details was left to be done. A lengthy discussion of where to hold the auction was followed by a vote to use the old United Church dining hall, due to the greater space available and needed for an auction. The details of the auction will be about the same as those for last year's auction.

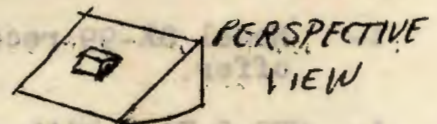
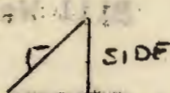
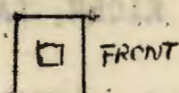
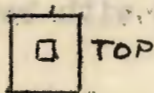
The coming events for the October and November meetings were then discussed after Dick, this year's program chairman, submitted the plans and arrangements he had already made. It was voted to accept these schedulings, subject to later revision due to availability of the speakers concerned, etc. Also it was understood that the Dec. meeting will probably be a Christmas party.

The problem of co-ordinating the mailing list with the membership list was discussed. Ken Hardy, W1DXW, briefly volunteered to undertake this chore as head of the Membership Committee. In keeping with this, a set procedure with expressed duties was established so that there may be no repeat of last year's delays.

After the meeting Tom Shea, W1HYO, showed color slides and movies of his Field Day expedition with K1CUC and K1CYD. Also Dick showed his RTTY set-up in action and his XYL satisfied the directors inner selves with coffee and cake.

PUZZLER'S CORNER The earliest correct answers to last month's problems came from Carl Alsing, K1DAI, with good showings made by Bill Rosner, W1RFU, and Andy Clapp, K1GCV. Here are the correct answers:

1. With all the drains open the tank will empty in 8 and 2/11 minutes.
2. The gold coin marked 44BC--How did they know it was B.C?
3. Visualization problem--



And now on to this month's problems--all easy ones--

1. What is the most money you can have and yet not be able to change a 20 dollar bill, if all your coins and bills are smaller (in value) than a 20 dollar bill?
2. Using no other measures but a 5 gallon can and a 9 gallon can how would you bring back 7 gallons of water from a well?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Ken Hardy, W1DXW, is now heading up the committee and is the man to see on matters concerning new member application, getting on and staying on the mailing list for the club paper, changes of address, etc. Applications for new membership will be available from Ken and should be returned to him with the dues. Ken will see that the application is processed and the dues get to the treasurer. Renewal of membership may be done directly through the treasurer. The new members' names will be added to the Zero Beat mailing list, and any members delinquent in dues will be dropped. If you do not get your copy of the paper when it comes out every month, Ken is the man to call.

From the Springfield Daily News for Friday August 28, 1958.

GAS COMPANY RADIO BRINGS AID TO GIRL

An incident yesterday in the vicinity of Bircham Bend points up the existence of a secondary roving communications force in the city.

Timothy Sullivan, general street foreman of the Springfield Gas Light Co., stopped his company car when he noticed a youth attempting to administer first aid to a girl companion horseback rider who had been thrown.

Mr. Sullivan radioed the company dispatcher who, in turn, notified police. An ambulance was soon on the scene.

With radio-equipped commercial vehicles becoming more numerous, it appears that police will be able to receive important, if informal emergency communications assistance.

Although it doesn't say so, the man in charge of keeping those radios on the air is our own Hank Baier, W1NY. Perhaps a note that many ham mobile units are in a like position would have been in order. Remember the article in Zero Beat that was copied from WHYN's "City Desk" about a job similar to this that was done by W1NDW, W1GQP and W1EVZ.

FOR SALE 1- Complete 2 meter station using ARC 5 transmitter and receiver, with 110 and 28 volt power supplies and dynamotor.

1- Model S38D receiver

1- 50 watt home-brew rig using 815 for 10 meters. Has built-in modulator for AM as well as CW operation.

Call Ronnie, K1AYU, at LO 7-5191 for details and prices.

1- Model SX-99 receiver Bill Welch, K1CLN, LA5-3655 with best offer.

1- HRO 5 TA 1 with coils A,B,C,D,& E and power supply \$125.00
50KC IF Amplifier \$25.00 extra
Vic Paounoff, W1EOB, LA 5-7309

1- AT-1 with cathode modulator -- Yorke Phillips, K1BYX

F.C.C. Monitoring Reports --

In Grand Rapids, Michigan four youths operated unlicensed transmitters that were interfering with regular radio communications. Transmitters were being operated for broadcasting phonograph records and for inter-communication among themselves. Youths were warned of the severe penalties that may result from operating illegal transmitters.