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FOR SALE

HEATH All Amateur Band Receiver. Call Dennis WBØCMX.

(Forgot to put this ad in the RAG last month, so told Dennis we would put it in twice this month.)

Received a note from Bob Lucas, WAØDXZ/5. He wants us to send the RAG to his new address:

314 Walnut
Starkville, Mississippi 39759

He said he will be on HF soon with a new FT 101 EE.

The FCC will be in Rock Island again on August 25, 1978.

By the way, the FCC is not supporting Senator Barry Goldwater's RFI bill. This is the bill that would require manufacturers to build RFI rejection into their equipment.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Fastenow are the parents of a baby girl. She was born July 5, 1978. Don't know the exact weight, but heard it was over 8 pounds.

Wasn't it nice of that young lady to wait until after field day to arrive?

According to all reports, Joyce and the new one are doing fine.

Section 605 of the Communication Act of 1934 was ammended June 19, 1968, and all people should be aware of what it is all about. Have a copy of the entire Section if anyone wants to see it. Basically, it says that if you are listening to a Police Monitor, you are forbidden by law to repeat anything you hear.

This Section does not apply to the receiving, divulging, publishing, or utilizing the contents of any radio communication which is broadcast or transmitted by Amateurs or others for the use of the general public, or which relates to ships in distress.

Haven't seen too many ships sailing around this area just recently, so be careful what you repeat.

Also, be certain your use of the Auto-Patch is legal. There are specific rules as to which calls can be made and which cannot.

Each call must be listed in your Log.

Quite a few places in the United States have lost their Auto-Patch privileges because of illegal activities. Let's make certain it doesn't happen here.

JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY NET

Sunday 7:30 P.M. Local Time

146.25 input; 146.85 output. If Repeater is down, 146.52 Simplex.

All Amateurs in Johnson County or within listening range are welcome to check in.

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AN EXERSIZE IN FRUSTRATION

Friend: "Hey! I see you got a CB in your car, what kind you got?"

Me: "Thats not CB, it's amateur radio".

Friend: "How come you got two antennas"?

Me: "One is for two meters and one is for forty meters".

Friend: "What's your handle"?

Me: "My name is Phil".

Friend: "No, I mean your CB handle".

Me: "You don't understand. I'm an amateur radio operator, not a CB"r".

Friend: "I got a 40 channel super MAGNA KAT with twin big sticks that cost six hundred bucks".

Me: "That's nice".

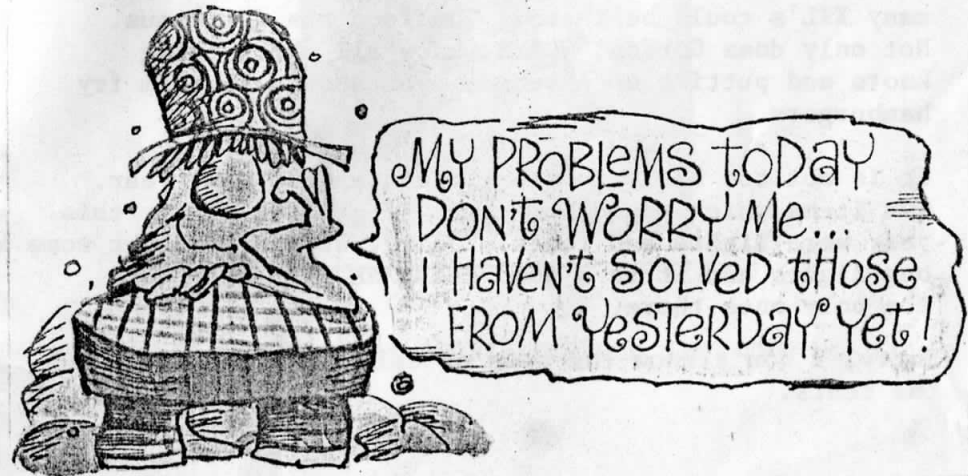
Friend: "What channel do you monitor"?

Me: "I'm not a CB"r".

Friend: "Sure, whatever you say".

Me: "Ten four good buddy".

(Midcars)



Field Day was just as thrilling and exciting as Craig had predicted.

People started gathering at Scott Church Corner about six o'clock on Friday night before the big day. Each vehicle seemed to be loaded with equipment and soon there was a beehive of activity. Stakes were pounded, ropes laid out, antennas put together, beams attached to a tower, the generator started, etc. That tower going up into the air with all the beams on it was really a sight to behold.

Gene, KØCKX, brought his well laden camper and stayed the night to protect the equipment. Actually, he stayed there from Friday night until Sunday afternoon.

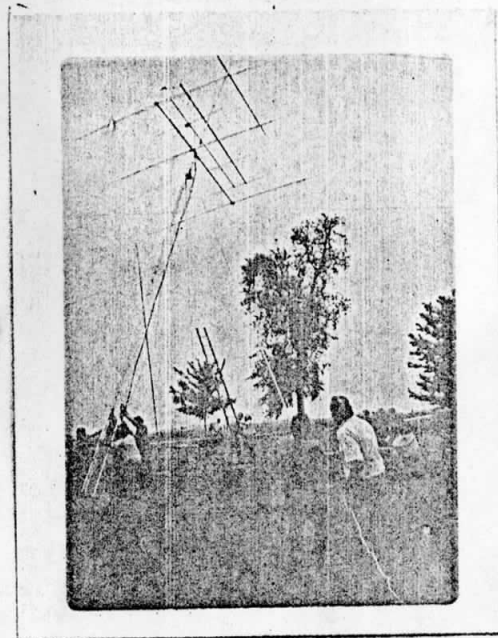
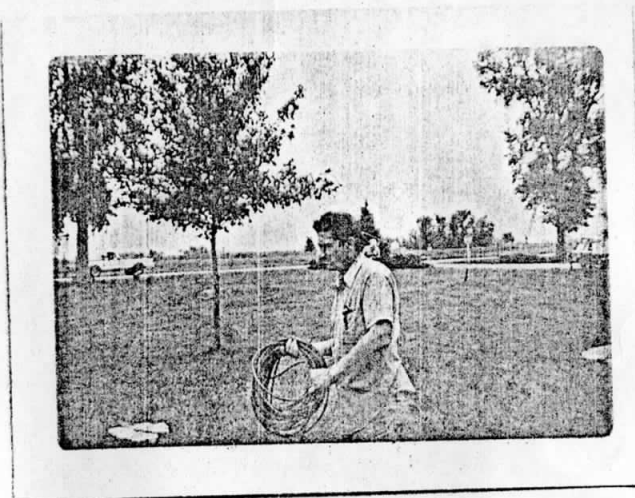
The people working the contest were so intense, and each contact seemed to bring added elation, as well as determination. Even though they were really beat, they kept on and tried for more. According to Craig, KØCF, there were 825 contacts. I'm sure he'll give you the total figures on this at the July meeting.

Did you see the set-up for the OSCAR contacts? The equipment belonged to Ken, WBØZXU--the radios were in his station wagon. The beam was attached to a photographer's tripod, and, thus, could be manipulated in any or all directions.

The picnic Saturday evening was a success. Glad so many XYL's could be there. The food was delicious. Not only does Gordon, WØAYH, know all about tying knots and putting up antennas--you should see him fry hamburgers.

It is not too early to start planning for next year. Two items which could have been in greater supply this year were lights and tents. Jerry, WBØPLZ, brought some bug lights and it is a good thing he did--they were the only ones there.

Sorry, I don't know the name or call of the man who had the tents.



FIELD DAY IS OVER! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!