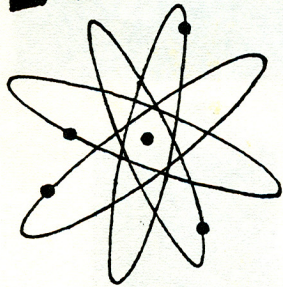
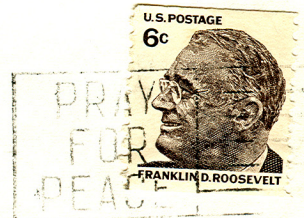


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From the Editor.

I understand we had a very good turn out and made a good showing for field-day. By unofficial tally we logged something over 1400 contacts.

I regret that my vacation had to cause me to miss the fun at the farm. However, I did enjoy the field-day activities that were held in Virginia Beach.

I wish to express my thanks to all the hams in the Tidewater Amateur Radio Club for the wonderful time Betty and I had at their field-day at Lynnhaven Park.

Tom Lamons WB4BLJ  
Editor

Theory Classes

Don't forget the classes for General Class theory that will begin on July 22 at 7 o'clock. Please give me the names of anyone you know who plans to attend at the next meeting so I can get a count of how many books we will need to order.

Tom Lamons WB4BLJ  
Educations Director

For Sale:

- 1. Eico 720 Transmitter, 1. Eico 722 VFO (self contained PS)
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Field Day 1968

Field Day 1968, like George Washington, belongs to History. However, be it noted here that a great time was had by all.

For some reason there was a feeling that enthusiasm formerly present was missing. However, as events proved this was just a bit of pessimism. By two PM Saturday the usual confusion was running rampant. Everyone looking for something or other. In fact it was necessary for the lot of us to lend our weight on the tail end of Bob's truck so that Bryant would be able to operate. Even the generator co-operated and started up with no problems. Bedlam began at 2100Z.

The happenings that transpired over the next 24 hours will be portrayed in caricature elsewhere in the Log drawn by none other than Phil Sharr. I wonder what other latent talents Phil possesses?

At this point I would like to list all the operators and persons who participated in this annual blast:

- Dave Kinsey WA4NEK
- Tom Canode K4HFP
- Fred Berger K4LJF
- Phil Sharr WA4KSR
- Lynn Wells K4VCG
- Dick Owens K4VCU
- Chas. Hoskins WB4CWQ
- Jimmy Williamson WB4FWF
- Bill Owens WB4JJS
- Carl Viar W4KDY
- John Holgrem - Wilkesboro, N.C.
- Van Wimmer WA4BIX
- Earl Abbott K4GFJ
- Dave Blake. W4GEQ
- Bryant Walder K4DYW
- Geo. Chilman K4WYR
- Dick Chapman K4WVQ
- Sam Kent K4CEQ
- Ben Givaudan W4GJY
- Stan Reas K4IKF
- Fred Butt W4JXE
- John Ferrel K4YZN
- Bob Anderson K4UMK
- Webb Bobbitt W4FMP
- Geo. Reinhardt K4LUA
- Bob Reinhardt WN4ISM

Jim, the cook was kept busy preparing the food and served 47 dinners on Saturday, 24 for Breakfast, and 26 dinners on Sunday.

We also had the pleasure of a visit from the GB Radio Club of Montgomery County. Come again fellows and also feel free to join us at our clubhouse the second and fourth Friday of the month. Be glad to see you.

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The Community College Radio Club, WA4MLR, was represented also and we were glad to see them. Come see us any time. The door is always open.

One of our fellows had a visitor that was not quite as well received, however. Van Wimmer looked up just in time to see a King Snake crawling thru the door. Needless to say he was out of action for about twenty minutes. Positive door check every minute the rest of the night.

Our extra thanks to Ben Givaudan for the excellant news coverage afforded us of our field day exercise.

We will have the films used by WDBJ News at our next meeting. They were real good. Dont miss it.

Bill Johnson W4NLC  
Activities Chairman

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#### Epilogue "Field Day 1968"

For those of you who may have missed the close-out of operations on Sunday I feel it worth reporting the take-down of the 75 foot high signal maker being used by Bryant Walker. The absolute last performance of this ritual required the use of all able bodied hams to lend their weight. At the very last moment all involved with the exception of Sam Kent looked up to see where Sam went. Needless to say there was good old Sam looking down. It seems he was the only one who had released their grip on the base of the mast as it was lowered onto its and rode it right to the bitter end. Thanks, Sam, for your zealousness, but really is'nt that going to far? Hi Hi

Before this article is closed for lack of superlatives regarding those who participated I must insert this comment. The writer cannot but admit to being among those of us who, I believe, have a habit of taking our Widders group for granted. Therefore, I wish to call attention the the fact that during this annual field day gathering were at least two of the Widders group who did their more than fair share of assisting. Merely changing thier daily drudgery from home to the field day sight. These courageous ladies were:

Pat Anderson - Administrator of K4UMK

Hilda Ferrel - Keeper and nourisher of K4YZN

If I have missed anyone my most heartfelt apologies and be assured it was not by design. Ladies, thank you very much from all of us.

Bill Johnson, W4NLC  
Activities Chairman

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A Woman's View of Field Day

In Portsmouth, Virginia, on a long-awaited vacation, I had looked forward to lolling on the beach at Virginia Beach every single day. But, as luck would have it, our vacation coincided with Field Day.

Being an incurable Ham, old Tom WB4BLJ was undaunted and decided to attend the Tidewater Field Day. So on the morning of June 22, we set out for Lynnhaven Park. After driving for miles looking for it -- or for a cluster of antennas -- we asked directions but none of the natives had ever heard of it!

Finally, after turning around, we spotted some picnic tables. After wandering through a Shrine picnic, we found not only the Hams, but their wives and children who all welcomed us heartily.

While the men clustered around the gear talking shop, the ladies gathered and talked. Pretty soon I felt as though I had known everyone for years. It certainly seems that hams are universally a friendly lot, and that they tend to marry friendly women!

To make a long story short, Tom had a hard time getting me to leave when the time came to go. And I'm looking forward to our own Field Day next year!

Betty Lamons,  
XYL WB4BLJ

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I hope our Editor sees fit to print this in the forthcoming issue of the Log. It was learned last Friday that he was extremely busy not only seeing to it that his family was having a fine vacation but was in fact helping our competition in trying to overcome our invincibility in leading the fourth call area in score. This is certainly a fine how do you do. If it wasn't for the fact that Tom does such a fine job all around for the club I don't believe we would further acknowledge his apologies. HI HI HI But in any event, Tom, welcome back. We don't care to compete with you. Hope you had a real fine vacation.

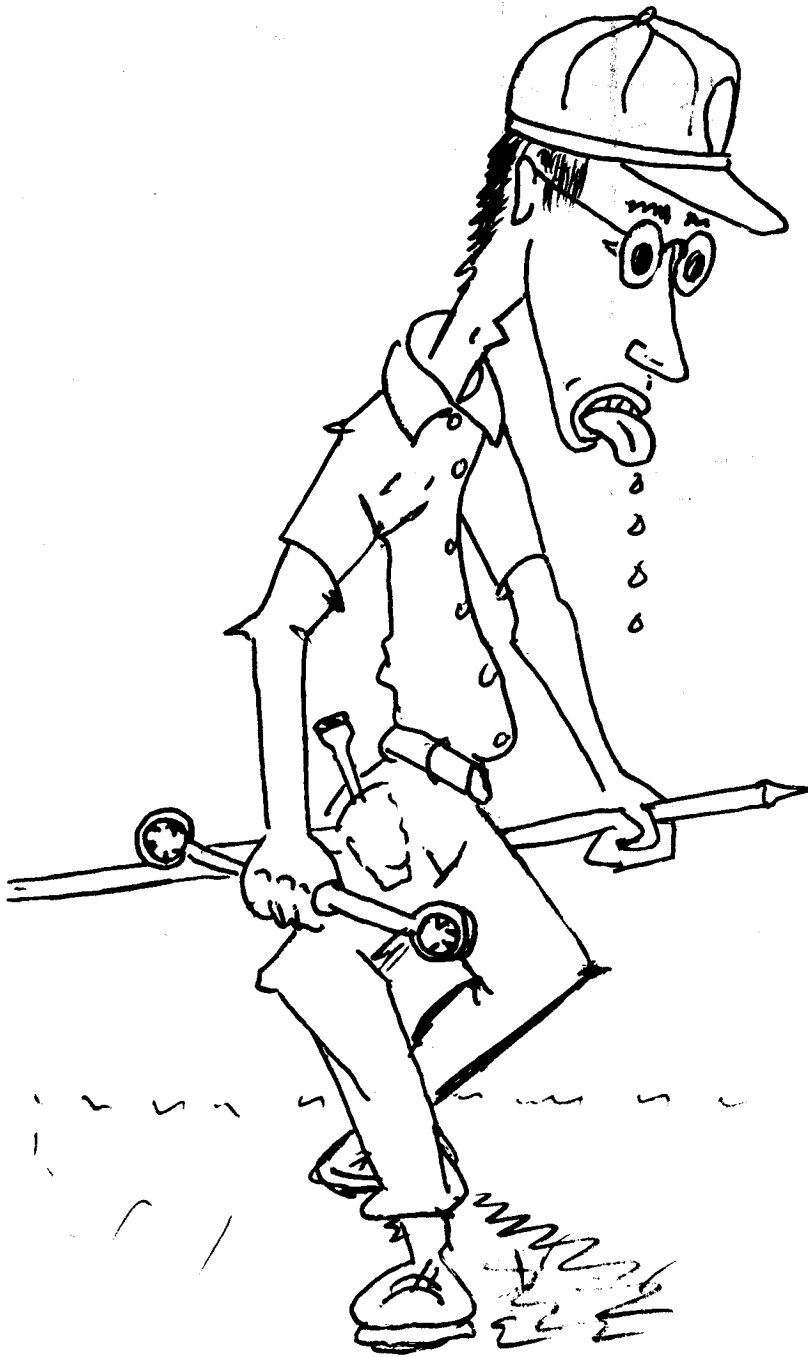
Bill Johnson, W4NLC  
Activities Chairman

(What Apologies??? - Ed.)

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The "WIDDERS CLUB" will meet July 12th at the Club House - Please try to be there to discuss the Loua.

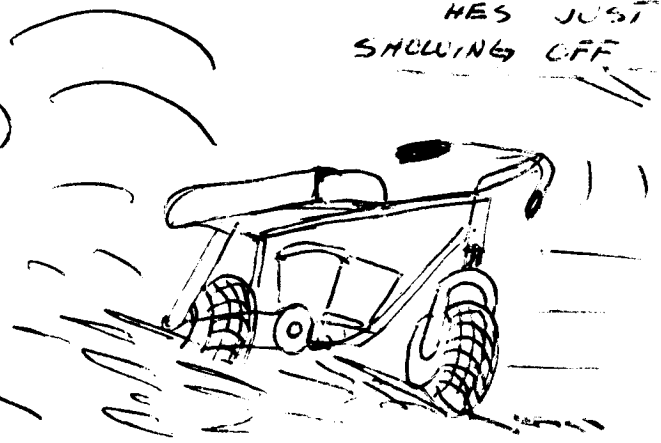
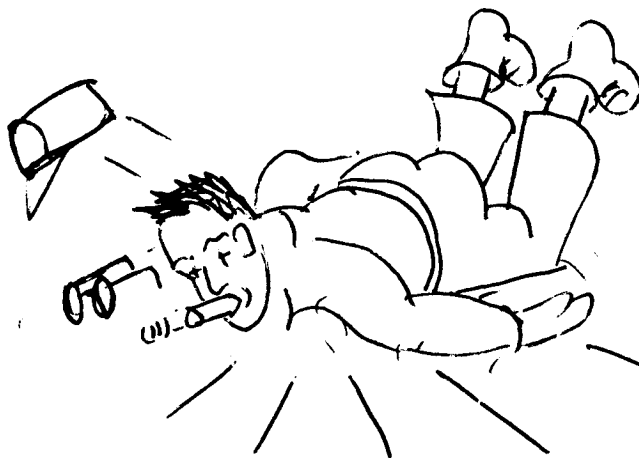
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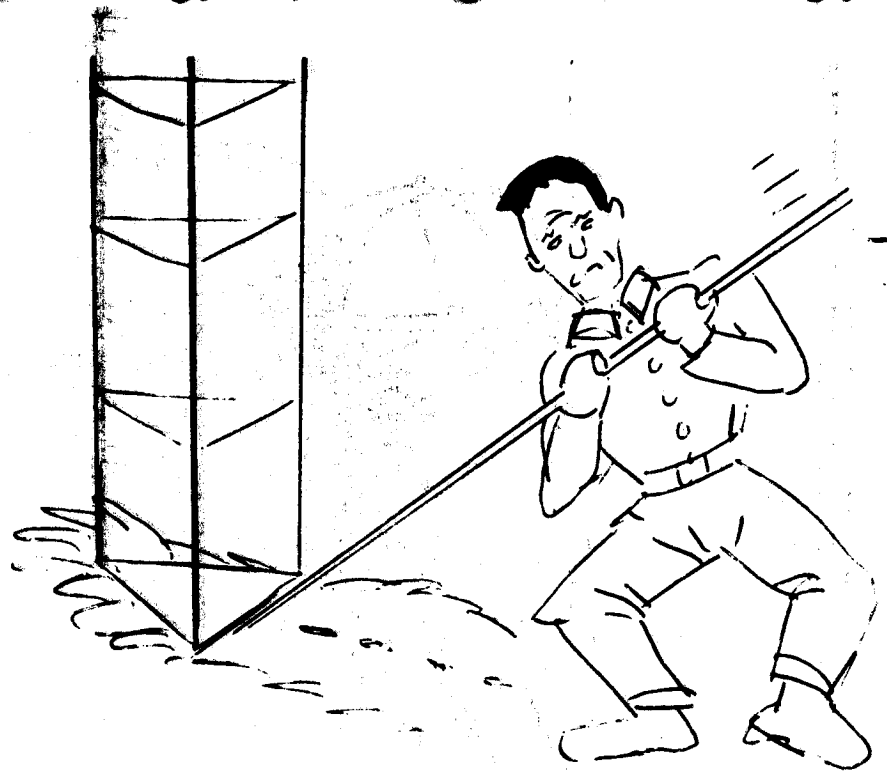


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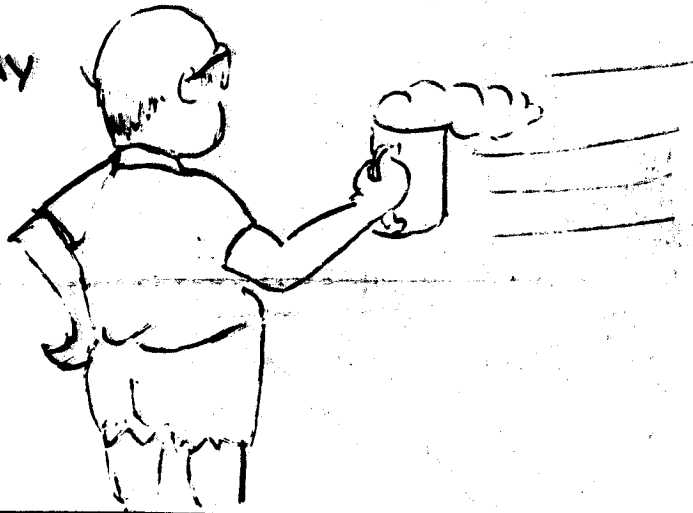
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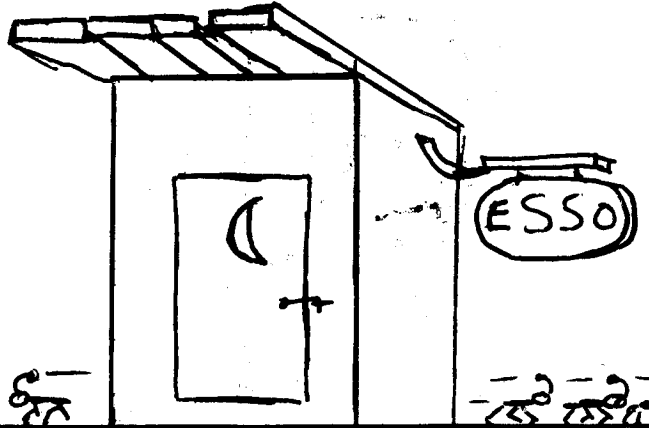


SCENES FROM

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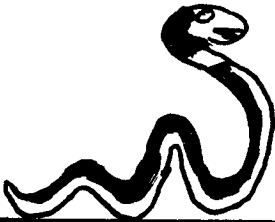
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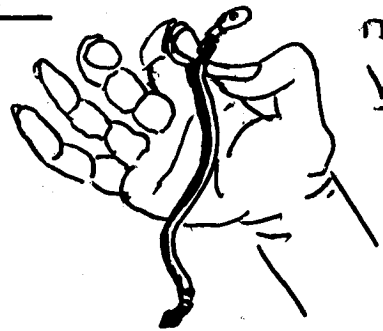
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IS IT POISONOUS  
BOB ?

I'M SURE  
IT ISN'T  
VAN



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GREEN MOUNTAIN  
WITH THOSE  
GIANTS



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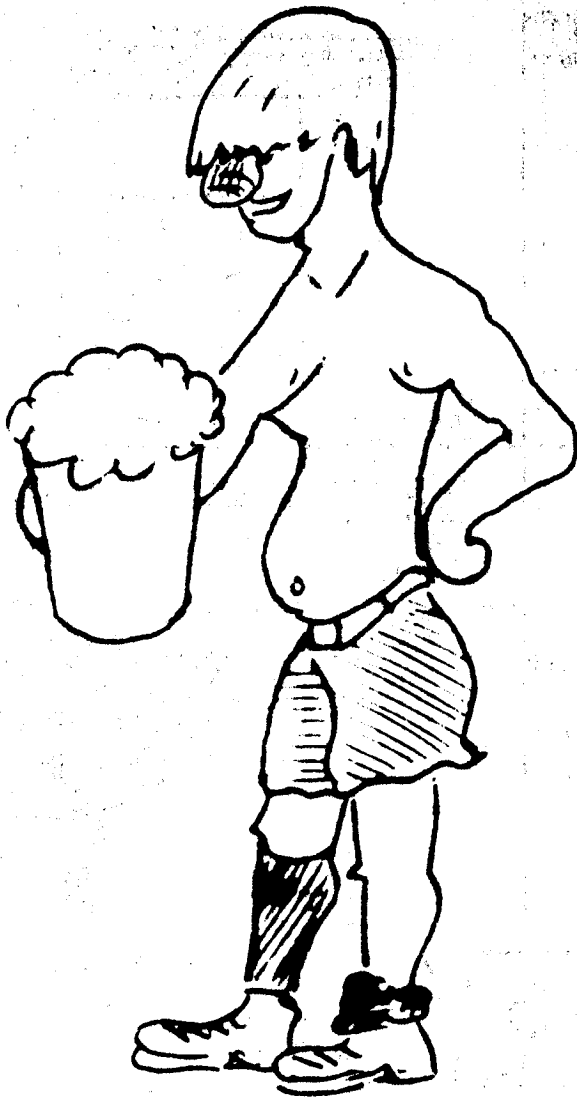
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I BEEN HERE ONLY  
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IF IT STICKS ITS  
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ILL USE MY  
QUICK DRAW



HUNTER JOHN