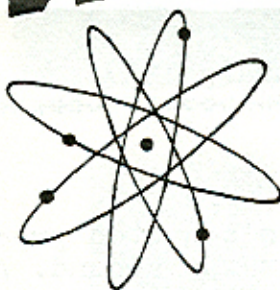


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Pap's Fertinent Poop

Sorry that last month's quotes preceded my remarks - - it should have been the other way around. Anyway, hope you got the message.

Along the same line of thought, let's look at some excerpts from a speech made before a meeting of the QCWA on Oct 5, 1963, by the then Chief of the Amateur and Citizens Radio Division, FCC. Ivan H. Locks, W3GD.

"-- our licenses, our frequencies, and the rules under which you and I are permitted to operate our amateur radio stations are all subject to a determination by the commission that public interest, convenience or necessity will be served thereby. In passing, it might be well to mention that many persons seem to confuse their own personal interests or convenience with that of the public at large. The high incidence of "Problem Children" among the class D station licensees in the Citizens radio service is a very glaring example of this, but I am afraid that the attitude is also seeping over into the Amateur ranks. Nothing could prove more fatal to Amateur Radio, as such, than to have that attitude become dominant."

He goes on to speak of the emergency service provided by Amateurs in the past to be followed by these words, "They still do, but the percentage of amateurs who are ready, willing and able to do so seems, in my perhaps jaundiced eye, to be gradually decreasing. True, we still have our RACES, ARAC and other emergency Amateur organizations, but they all seem to be suffering from a bad case of apathy on the part of licensed amateurs themselves."

This was followed by remarks to effect that there had been cases where hams had passed up the opportunity to be of public service and that the CE had taken over. Then, "in short, if the Amateurs do not look to their laurels, the so-called citizens banders will shortly replace the amateurs in the public esteem for

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the public service activities in which they engage."

"-- Each Amateur must have a personal incentive, a dedication if you please, to volunteer his time and the use of his equipment, not only for the performance of such public service activities when needed but to train and drill in advance so that when needed he will be able to do the job with efficiency and with credit to himself and the amateur fraternity as a whole--".

"We can share the job with others who are able and willing, but we cannot afford to sit back 'Fat, Dumb, and Happy' to rest on our past accomplishments and 'Let George Do it'."

Hope you will be interested enough to go back and read the speech in its entirety, as reported in QST Dec. 63 Page 82.

Pappy W4ZZV

(Sorry about last month Pappy - Ed.)

SALE/TRADE DEPARTMENT

For Sale or Trade

Six Meter Halo, Ten meter Squalo, Six Meter Converter, Heath Mohican General Coverage portable receiver, set of printed circuit boards for the main liner RTTY converter.

Pappy W4ZZV 343-0757

For Sale.

Heathkit HW-32 20 Meter SSB transceiver. 2 AC power supplies. Hammerlund HQ-110 receiver. Swan 175 75 meter transceiver with Heath DC power supply. Harley Davidson M-50 Motorcycle 1966 model. Hi-gain Traps for 80-40 and 20-15.

Tom Lamons WE4PLJ
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Meeting Notice

The meetings of the RVARC for the month of January will be on Jan. 10 and 24. The programs will be a discussion on General theory conducted by Phil Sharr on January 10; and on the 24 we will have a U.S. Army training film on Radio interference provided

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by MARS. The movie is one hour long. Make a special note now to attend these meeting. See ya on Friday.

Van Wimmer WA4BIX

From the White House, Washington, D.C.

"My congratulations and warm appreciation go out to all who observe the 20th Anniversary of the Military Departments MARS program on November 26, 1968.

Your project is one that represents a long and selfless contribution to the development of communications skills. It reflects an invaluable fund of worthwhile experience and civic dedication. It is a widely recognized asset in Armed Forces Auxiliary and Emergency Communications.

As its members, operators and managers, you sustain a most useful radio, telephone and written interchange between our military personnel overseas and their families here at home. This service has earned you the gratitude of the Servicemen whose hearts you gladden and of the Nation whose interest you uphold.

You are writing a bright and inspiring chapter for amateur radio, and you are making the MARS program a universal symbol of American Generosity and Goodwill.

May you have every future success."

SIGNED: LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Roanoke Division Convention

Huntington, West Virginia, will be the scene of the 1969 Convention, which is being sponsored by the Tri-State Amateur Radio Association. It will be held on the week-end of October 11-12, 1969. Mark your calendars now.

(From Roanoke Division ARRL Membership Letter Dated Dec. 14, 1968.)

Help.....

I need some articles for the Log. Anyone who wishes to write up what they are currently doing in the field of operating or, if you are working on a little (even a big one too) project--share it with the rest of through the Log. My thanks to Pappy W4ZZV for the articles he has submitted.

Tom Lamons WB4ELJ Editor

SET

The Annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held on the week-end of January 25-26. Any help that Roanoke Amateurs can give in this test will be welcome.

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