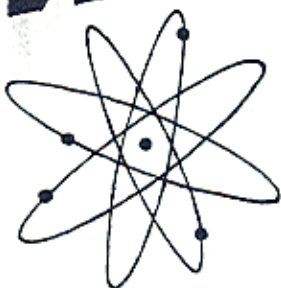


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Fap's Pertinent Poop

Frankly, I don't think I could be counted as one of Wayne Green's most ardent fans. However, his editorial in June's 73 has much food for thought. May I recommend that you read it in it's entirety, especially, considering the current reports regarding a shortage of engineers and technicians in the electronics field.

Wayne pointed out that Amateur Radio is far more important than most of us realize and he wasn't speaking about the classic FCC purposes as outlined for Amateur Radio.

There was a warning that unless we move ahead in Amateur Radio, nationally, serious and permanent damage may be done to the United States.

The emphasis being on the value of Amateur Radio as a means of keeping youngsters off the street and it's influence in orienting their interest toward electronics. It was pointed out that over 80% of high school hams go on to work in the field of communications and electronics. The need is for more and more engineers and technicians. So it's up to us as a club and as individuals to try and interest more and more youth in our favorite pastime, thus increasing our nation's potential in the electronics field.

Do read this editorial, I'm sure you will enjoy it. It's in the June issue of 73 Magazine.

Pappy - W4ZZV

Local CW Class Ends.

The CW and Novice class that has been going on for the past few months has ended with 6 people successfully completing it. The graduates are: Juan Barr, George Givens, Paul Colley, Robert Clark Harold Warrington, and David Warrington. The Novice exams have
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been ordered and I hope we will soon have six new hams in town.

I wish to express my thanks to Buddy Cole, WN4IWH for teaching the class.

Tom WB4BLJ

Meeting Notice

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held at the club house on Friday nights July 11 and 25.

The programs for these meetings have not been announced but I am sure Van will have a worth while program planed. I will be looking for a good turn out for both meetings.

Littlest Ham

As soon as he learns to read well enough and to work with numbers, seven year-old Leigh Leach Klotz, Jr., who is called Lee Lee, will become one of the youngest, if not the youngest, amateur radio operator in the world.

Lee Lee, who "operates" out of McComb Mississippi, has been fascinated with electricity since he "discovered" it at the age of two, promptly discarding toddler toys for the more enticing photocells, resistors and capacitors of this new dimension.

The little "ham" comes from a family of maniacal Morsemen, his father holding an advanced license and his sister a novice. "In about another year Lee Lee should be able to get his novice license," his father said. "He can now fulfil all the test requirements except working the math problems and reading some of his copy."

In order to be licensed, the prospective novice must be able to send and receive at least five words a minute in Morse Code and know simple operating theory and procedure. Lee Lee understands the theory and procedure and can copy up to nine words a minute.

In addition to his ham activities, Lee Lee has several other hobbies including meteorology. He enjoys forecasting the weather but admits he is better at hamming. When he grows up he wants to be either an electrical engineer or a meteorologist, maybe both.

It's not all "ham" at the Klotzs'; Lee Lee finds time to help his photographer dad dig up Indian artifacts, or to help him tame the family's peruvian ocelot.

(Reprinted from the July 1969 issue of Southern Living Magazine)

The Widders News



Nine Widders met at the Club House on Friday, June 13. The main topic of discussion was the Hawaiian Luau. Chris Cole volunteered to have the Luau at her home at 330 White Street in Salem. The social hour will begin around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, and dinner will begin around 7:00 p.m.

Each Widder planning to attend should bring enough meat for herself and her guests. (We thought a bucket of fried chicken would be the easiest.) Also bring the beverages and/or soft drinks of your choice. Each girl should also remember to bring her assigned dish. It might also be a good idea to bring along a lawn chair or two to assure everyone of a seat.

Get out the Mumus and Hawaiian shirts and plan now to attend the Luau!

A good crowd of Widders and children attended Field Day in Floyd County on June 28 - 29. Everyone had a wonderful time talking and soaking up the sun. We were especially pleased to see Ramona Kegley there. Ramona is a former Widder and is now living in Bristol, Virginia. Hope she can visit with us again soon.

Our thanks to to Hilda and John Ferrell for letting every one come to their lovely farm for Field Day!

Happy birthday to Martha Vaughan (July 1), Nancy Davis and Bonnie Worley (July 2), and Chris Cole (July 14). Belated birthday wishes are in order for Connie Wagner (June 23) and June Wood (June 10).

Happy anniversary to Hilda and John Ferrell (June 10) and to June and Earl Wood (July 20).

NOTICE: Chris Cole's phone number is listed incorrectly in the Yearbook. Please change her number to 774-4691.

See everybody at the Luau, July 19. Don't forget!

--Betty Lamons
