

PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

VOLUME III

MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB, INC., PHILA., PA.
(50.2, 144.2, 220 & 432 MC.)

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APRIL 1960

(MEETING NOTICE ON LAST PAGE)

W3CCX

1960 REGISTRATION PLATES

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!!!! WRITE TO YOUR SENATOR !!!!

INDIVIDUALS WRITE!!!!

CLUBS SEND PETITIONS!!!!

!!!! IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR SENATOR, WRITE TO THE GOVERNOR !!!!

PROTEST THE YEARLY EXTRA CHARGE FOR YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION !!!!

State in your letter that you do not mind paying the extra three dollars (\$3.00) for the sticker if it contains your CALL LETTERS. The agreement between the state and the amateur is; for an extra three dollars they will print your call letters on your registration and plate, thus assuring you of NO CHANGE IN YOUR REGISTRATION. Since the state started issuing stickers, instead of plates, YOUR REGISTRATION IS BEING CHANGED EACH YEAR! As it is now, your registration matches your sticker, but it DOES NOT MATCH YOUR LICENSE PLATE!

You contracted, with the state, to pay THREE DOLLARS EXTRA FOR YOUR CALL, NOT A NUMBER!

Gilbert Crossley, Director, Atlantic Division, ARRL, States that we must pay the extra three dollars, since it is a law. He worked very hard last year to have it dropped, and a bill was introduced in the Senate, but it died in the Legislature. He has also been in constant contact with the Revenue Department. Perhaps, we as hams fell down in our support of Gil. Now is the time for us, not just "Pack Rats", but all hams in Pennsylvania, to band together and protest, both as individuals and clubs.

What can the State do if each and every ham operator, having call letter plates refuses to pay the extra \$3.00 for a number instead of his call? How many thousands of hams in the state have their call on their plates? The state certainly does not want to lose all that revenue. The ham is within his rights in refusing to pay the extra charge as long as the state changes his registration. The first year that the stickers were issued, the state broke the contract between the ham and the state, by issuing a number instead of the call.

All that they can do is recall your plate and issue you a new one, which, as long as they have your ten dollars (\$10.00), they cannot refuse to do. In recalling your plate, they will have to extend your expiration date until they get new plates made.

The only proof that I can offer at this time, that the state broke the contract is the wording, in capital letters, top center of the application that you had to have notarized in order to get the original plate reads as follows;

APPLICATION FOR
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR
SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE

As a service to the hams in Philadelphia we will list the name and address of the state Senator, to whom they may address their letter. Remember to write individual letters, along with a petition signed by each member with call letters on their license plates. This is the only way that we can force the State into keeping their part of the contract.

(CALL LETTERS CONT'D)

1st District, Anthony J. Di Silvestro
1505 S. 15th Street,
Wards - 1, 26, 36, 39 & 48

2nd District, Benjamin R. Donolow
1804 Rittenhouse Square
Wards - 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 & 30

3rd District, Peter J. Camiel
810 New Market Street,
Wards - 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, & 18

4th District, Thomas P. McCreesh
4202 Walnut Street,
Wards - 24, 27, 34, 40, 44, 46, 51 & 52

5th District, Isreal Stiefel
1319 N. Franklin Street,
Wards - 17, 19, 20, 31 & 37

6th District, Martin Silvert
5338 N. 15th Street,
Wards - 21, 22, 23, 42, 49, 50 & 59

7th District, Charles R. Weiner
2436 N. 32nd Street,
Wards - 15, 28, 29, 32, & 47

8th District, William V. Mullin
7180 Jackson Street, Tacony,
Wards - 23, 25, 33, 35, 41, 43, 45, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 & 58

OK, Hams in Phila., there are your senators, you know in which ward you live, so write to them. To other hams and clubs in Pennsylvania, let's all get together and write those letters and club petitions. Remember, just ONE CLUB, or a HAND FULL OF HAMS, sending in protests will not get any results. We sent one in last year, but how many other hams did? The answer we received was that there was nothing that could be done about it, but we know that something can be done, for as stated earlier, a bill did get to the Senate. We know that no change will be made in the 1960 registration, but IF (a small word) enough protests are sent in, we will either get our call on the sticker, or not pay the extra three dollars (\$3.00) until a new plate is issued.

The question is NOT, HOW MUCH IS THREE DOLLARS WORTH TO YOU?, BUT, HOW MUCH IS INTEGRITY WORTH TO THE STATE AND YOUR SENATOR?

REMEMBER - in writing your letter, or petition, send a carbon copy of it to the Director in your district of the ARRL, and give him something to back his statements up on. The director Atlantic Division is W3YA, Gilbert L. Crossley, Dept. of E.E. Penn State University, State College, Pa.

(Editor's note: The foregoing is the opinion of the Editor, but I feel sure that it strikes home to every ham paying the fee for his call. Frankie has sent his letter, plus a carbon copy to Gil. Don't let me down. Write those letters, STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS, EITHER A CALL LETTER OR NO EXTRA FEE UNTIL A NEW PLATE IS ISSUED. The reason given for its being dropped in the Legislature was, LACK OF INTEREST! Are YOU interested? I am, for I don't like to pay for something that I do not get. COME ON, GUYS AND GALS, LET'S GET TOGETHER, EITHER A CALL LETTER ON THE STICKER, OR NO THREE DOLLARS EXTRA!

WRITE LETTERS !!! WRITE LETTERS !!! WRITE LETTERS !!
INDIVIDUALS WRITE !!!! CLUBS SEND PETITIONS !!!!

REMEMBER, UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL !!!!

WRITE TO YOUR SENATOR, IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR SENATOR, WRITE TO THE GOVERNOR!!!
PROTEST PAYING FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING !!!!

REMEMBER, if the ham were so inclined, working on the same principle as the State, could refuse to co-operate in an emergency, but we all know that a ham would not do such a thing, yet the state is asking ^{you} to pay for a special privilege which they are not granting you between issuance of plates.

I think I have said enough, the rest is up to you.

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EDITORIAL

As mentioned in the foregoing two pages, it is the opinion of the editor. Questions have been raised as to the effect that it will have on the State. As was pointed out, one person, or one club writing will have absolutely no effect. Each and every ham, plus each club must submit a protest against the extra \$3.00 without the call letters on the sticker. YOU ARE PAYING FOR YOUR CALL LETTERS, NOT FOR A NUMBER!

I contacted Gil Crossley on the phone, and he told me that we must pay the three dollars this year. Now Gil worked practically alone last year, one or two hams protested. What support did he have? Are you interested in what you are paying, or are you content to pay an extra \$3.00 for nothing?

Gil Crossley was able, with a small support, able to get a bill into the State Senate, but due to lack of support it died there.

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME: "CHEESE BITS" IS TWO YEARS OLD TODAY AND IS GROWING LIKE A WEED FROM 40 COPIES TO 130.

A NEW PUBLICATION

Congratulations to "CVN" Central Virginia Six Meter Net. Editor, K4PUD, Bernie R. Ellis, 1618 Franklin Avenue, Colonial Heights, Va.

This is a new paper in VHF land and right now it is a two page hand printed paper. We know that it will grow in size and circulation.

The following is the note that we got along with a copy of the paper.

Francis D. Brick, W3SAD

DM:

Enclosed please find a copy of our "CVN" News, will send you one every month. Would like to have a copy of your "Cheese Bits"?

Work any five of the net members and get our nice certificate. We have the net each night at 1900 hours. I am net control (50.1) station.

Like to hear from you, Please turn your beams south, Hi.

Yours,
Bernie, K4PUD

Hi Bernie:

Thanks loads for the copy of your paper. It is "homey and informative", and to prove I like it, I am going to steal from it an article that I liked.

I don't know how many copies you send out, but before you get a broken wrist, and won't be able to flick the switch for the net, you better get a typewriter, Hi.

yours,
Helen, (Mother Rat)
Editor "Cheese Bits"

Stolen from "CVN"

I care not where they put me
When with this life I am through,
As long as from my resting place
I still can call "CQ"

K4PUD

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank W3ZXV, Gene, editor of "North Penn Static" for passing along the call letters of the new editor of Phil-Mont's publication, "The Blurb".

DIRTY WORK AFOOT

I am not saying that We Three Zink Rite Quick, Some Crackpot Mechanic, is "Smel A, Rhat", but I have very strong suspicions that he is working hand in hand with him. His ad and the letter to Momma Rat (in this issue) are on the same paper, done on same typewriter and same spacing, and We Three Just Say Darn is in that neck of the woods quite often.

In regards to the preceding story, we later learned that the antenna was on ground, preparatoty for moving, but it still was a dirty rotten trick!

The Amateur is Conscientious... He will never use the name of a club, especially if he is not a member, to settle a personnel dispute with another amateur.

I would like to know what ... means. It is used between paragraphs in QST. Does it mean anything or is it just a symbol?

(Editor's note: the foregoing scolding is my opinion, but I feel sure that every red-blooded amateur agrees with it. Complaints were received, by land-line from "Pack Rats" and not the second party involved.)

Who is the "ham ?" making statements to another ham saying that the "Pack Rats" told him to do it ?

W3KXH is Advanced, W3KXH is Advanced

Anyone receiving such a statement should not pay any attention to it, unless it comes directly from a "Pack Rat".

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

K3GQJ, John Greenage
1245 W. WESTMORELAND Street,
Phila., 40, Pa.
Ba. 3-6040

We know who it is, and unless it stops, he will be exposed on the air. One thing is for sure, he will never be accepted as a member of the club.

W3KLL, Walter Clancy
4005 S. Warner Road,
R.D. Lafayette, Pa.

For his benefit we will now print the amateur's code.

Please make these changes on your list.

THE
AMATEUR'S
CODE

W3KXH is Advanced, W3KXH is Advanced

ONE

The Amateur is Gentlemanly... He never knowingly uses the air for his own amusement in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others. He abides by the pledges given by the ARRL in his behalf to the public and the Government.

We have a request to make. When sending checks or money orders please make them payable to the person responsible. DO NOT MAKE THEM PAYABLE TO THE MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB. If the money is for a subscription to the paper, make it payable to the editor, if it is for dues, make it payable to the treasurer. We DO NOT have an account for the club, and therefore any checks or money orders, so addressed, must be proven by a bonified officer before it can be cashed or deposited. As Editor, and a female, I cannot cash any check or money order for subscriptions, if they are made out to the MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB.

TWO

The Amateur is Loyal... He owes his amateur radio to the American Radio Relay League, and he offers it his unswerving loyalty.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE TO YOUR SENATOR ABOUT THE EXTRA \$3.00 FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS LICENSE STICKERS. RE-MEMBER, NO CALL ON STICKER, NO EXTRA THREE DOLLARS. BY EACH AND EVERYONE WRITING, SINGLE AMATEURS AND CLUBS, CAN WE FORCE THE STATE INTO PUTTING OUR CALL ON THE STICKER, OR NO EXTRA CHARGE UNTILA NEW PLATE IS ISSUED

THREE

The Amateur is Progressive... He keeps his station abreast of science. It is built well and efficiently. His operating practice is clean and regular.

REMEMBER, LAST YEAR, OUR DIRECTOR, GIL CROSSLEY, WORKED VERY HARD, DESPITE LACK OF INTEREST BY CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS, TO GET THE THREE DOLLARS EXTRA DROPPED, BECAUSE OF A NUMBER INSTEAD OF A CALL. IS THREE DOLLARS WORTH LESS TO YOU THAN IT IS TO THE STATE? IT IS WORTH MORE TO ME, BECAUSE, WITH IT, I CAN BUY A PAIR OF PANTS FOR MY MY SON. WHAT CAN YOU BUY FOR YOUR CHILDREN WITH IT? ARE YOU WILLING TO NEGLECT YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE STATE?

FOUR

The Amateur is Friendly... Slow and patient sending when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance and cooperation for the broadcasting listener, these are marks of the amateur spirit.

IF THE STATE WANTS THE THREE DOLLARS YOUR CALL MUST BE ON THAT STICKER.

FIVE

The Amateur is Balanced... Radio is his hobby, He never allows it to interfere with any of the duties he owes to his home, job, his school or his community.

PLEASE WRITE LETTERS

SIX

The Amateur is Patriotic... His knowledge and his station are always ready for the service of his country and his community.

Paul M. Segal

Also for the benefit of the aforementioned ham, we would like to add number seven to the Amateur's Code.

W3KXH is Advanced, W3KXH is Advanced

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR. 743 FROM ARRL HDQ
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. MARCH 7, 1960

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Effective March 15, 1960, the FCC has amended its rules for the Citizens Radio Service. This is of interest to amateurs, for the latest commission action further differentiates the Amateur Service from the Citizens Service, the commission further stating that it had no intentions to create a service paralleling the Amateur Radio Service. The FCC has defined Citizens Radio as basically a service for intercommunication between units of a single station and restricted to useful messages related to the business of personal affairs of the licensee. The practice of calling test for the purpose of inviting DX contacts is in violation of the rules. Communication designed to raise random or unknown stations, such as by calling CQ is prohibited in the Citizens Radio Service. Further details to appear in Operating News of forthcoming April QST.

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Editor's Note: Regarding the above bulletin, we know a party that has a Citizens License for his business, and when he told of speaking to fellows out West in the evening, we pointed out to him that it was a lot of fun, but according to his license, he is not to do it. We told him that if he wanted to continue talking to him, he must take an FCC examination for an Amateur License, as his license was restricted for business between his office and his cars.

FROM OUR MAILBAG

March 1, 1960

Dear Frankie:

I wish to extend my appreciation to you and the V.H.F. Club for publishing the ad offering my 220 Mc. Rig for sale. It was sold as a direct result of this ad.

Enclosed is two dollars for a subscription to your publication. Use the other dollar for misc. expense.

Sincerely,
F.M. Michelson

Editor's note: Right here we would like to point out the fact that there is no charge for printing ads and we would like to thank Fred, K3APD for his check. We are only pleased that our ads bring results, thereby causing a happy medium.

A note from the editor of North Penn Static:

Cheese Bits is a FB paper. Enjoy read-it. Keep up the good work. P.S. W3ZPP is new editor of the Blurb. Gene.

Thanks, Gene, for the information. We hope that by sending Cheese Bits to the new editor of the Blurb we may receive copies of it in exchange.

In answer to your questionnaire, I would like to say, "Keep it up, it is very informative. If you stop it, we would not be able to steal sayings from it, or other important information to fill up our pages. Gene, you are also knocking yourself out to print a fine publication."

March 5, 1960

Hi Gang:

Thanks for putting our ad in your "Rag". It has attained results. W3AJF has read the item and has such a transformer and will make the deal with him via U.S. Mails.

Reading your "Hon. Rag" I see that I am indebted to you for 7 and a half lines of space, which at \$6.50 per line comes to \$48.75.

I recently wrote to W3ZRR with my thank yous and added another item of interest to you UHF artists so will also owe for this. Enclosed is payment in full for \$48.75 and the balance may be added credit for my new ad.

Have completed the six meter receiver/converter and seems to work OK. (locally anyhow) but have not been able to put up the beam due to a bit of white precipitation or accumulation, (21" to be exact) on the ground and roof here. As soon as we get that transformer we will have the 4 element beam up and try out the rest of the six meter gear. The transmitter, a converted 604, will run about 50 to 75 watts. Perhaps if you folks don't come down to 75 or 80 meters to talk to me, then I'll have to come up to your level, Hi.

That's about all for now, have to get the dog team and sled out and go after a few rations, that's if'n we can get through the high snow drifts. Thanks for all and C U L

Al Breiner, W3ZRQ

Hi Al:

All I've got to say is that the hole in your head is getting larger. The only thing that I can advise is that you visit W3IHT, the best "hole in the head patcher upper" that I know of. Just figured out a good phonetic for SCM, "Some Crackpot Mechanic".

Hope you and the XYL will be able to make Ladies Nite. We don't want to see you, but some others might.

Dear Momma Rat:

It has come to my not unwilling attention, that your august spouse encountered transportation difficulties on a recent Friday, while attempting to get to the salt mine. These adventures, I am sure will be kept silent unless brought to the membership's attention, so I hasten to do so, knowing that you have so many other things to write about.

Now it is quite alright not to trust the OM, because as many have put it they don't, and we all know how handsome he is, but to go to the extremes that you have, seems somewhat too protective. After all, to buy the boy a round trip ticket to work, and give him only 18¢ for lunch money, is really being too careful, don't you think?

My source of information, accurate as usual, informs me that Frankie got on a train without finding out where it was going, and anyway he was reading Cheese Bits at the time, and wouldn't have known where he was going anyway. The fact that he was traveling due West instead of North never entered his mind, until he happened to glance out the window, spotted W3CL's antenna and knew he was in Glenside. Leaving the train hurriedly, he found himself in Oreland, and became aware that the jingling in his pocket was made by some bottle caps, a couple of old street car tokens, two 1914 Liberty Head nickels, and eight Indian Head pennies dated 1898, for a total of 18¢. Now I can appreciate Frankie's predicament, but to descend to the next level is a bit hard to believe, but since it was Frankie, it's not so hard after all.---- He waited around the station, concealing himself here and there, until the newsboy left his papers for a minute. It is said that our stealthy "hero" snatched the poor kids journals and took off.

Well, to make a long story longer, he managed to make enough profit to pay his fare back to Johnsville, and I am told that he had such a big lunch from the extra proceeds, that he had to sleep it off in one of the cubby holes that he knows so well at the salt mine.

Please Momma Rat--trust the boy a little further--and also give him just a little more lunch money because now we all know why he is so thin.

Yours for more lunch money

Zeke

P.S. I am enclosing a picture of "OUR HERO" in action. (Next page)

Dear Zeke:

I hate to break down your wagon, but your source of information did not get the whole story.

First of all I never give Frankie lunch money. Where he got the 18¢ from I don't know. He must have chisled on the gasoline money. If I gave him lunch money he would not eat at all, but save it so that he could take the blonde from the next office out. (I know I left the "e" out of chiseled.)

When Frankie got off at Oreland he met a friend (?) and asked him if he drove to the station. All the fellow had to do was walk out the back door and he was at the station as he lives next door to it.

Another thing your informant didn't tell you was how Frankie got from Hatboro to Johnsville. He and another fellow, upon alighting from the train, they saw a Navy car and asked the sailor if he was going to Johnsville. When the sailor said yes they just climbed in, and along came five other men going to Johnsville for a conference. It ended up that the car had to go back to the station to pick up the other two men. (Ask and Ye shall receive)

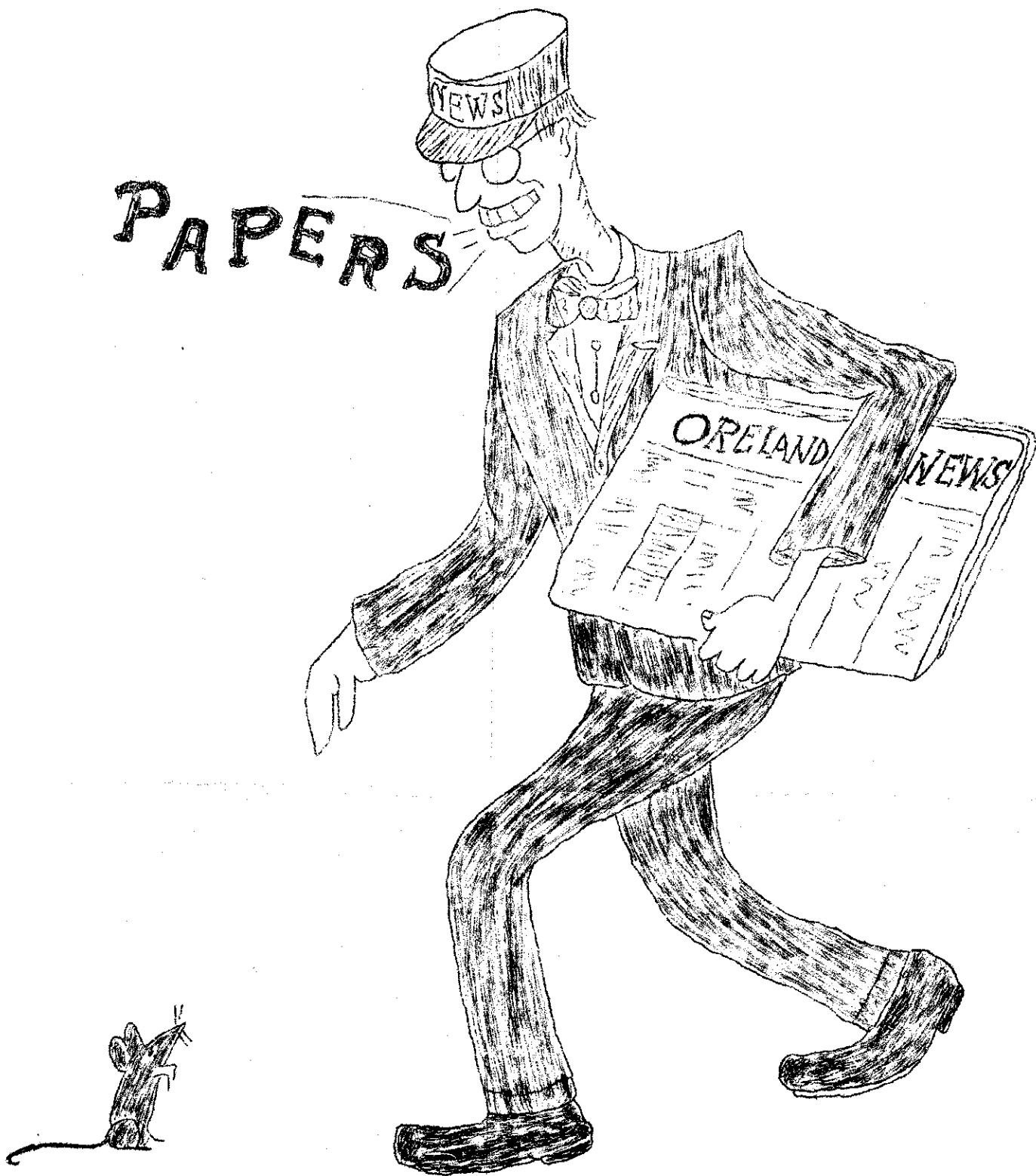
About that picture you sent along. Well, it's not everyone who can get their portrait in "Cheese Bits". One complaint about it. Please ask your artist to allow $\frac{3}{4}$ " on each side so that I don't have to jiggle it around to make it fit the stencil.

Yours for nothing,
Momma Rat.

P.S. Since when did Zeke start writing for "Cheese Bits" I thought he only sent letters to "Auto Call"?

P.P.S. Are you coming to Ladies Nite, Saturday, May 7th, with your sneaky cousin "Smel A. Rhat"? If so don't forget to get your reservation in to W3JSD John, or W3KKN, Ernie before April 23rd. Remember it is being held at the Southwark A.C., St. Vincent Street and Roosevelt Blvd, two blocks south of Cottman Street, Route U.S. 1 or Pa. 13. Roast Beef Dinner, dancing and floor show only \$4.00 per head.

PAPERS



W3SAO BEATNIKING HIS WAY BACK TO JOHN SVILLE

DUCK BOYS, HERE COMES SMEL A. RHAT!

COMMENTS ON SIX & TWO

By Smel A. Rhat

Now that spring is peeking around the corner, the amateur operators on the VHF bands can look forward to some nice ground wave contacts. The warm days and cool evenings of the spring months will generate ground wave conditions on quite a number of occasions. Look for it after sunset and during the early morning hours. For you, that get on 144, 220 or 432 for the first time, it may be somewhat surprising to hear ground wave signals from sections that are not usually heard on

six meters. The strength of the signals will often exceed what you may be used to on six also. Although it is not too common, good ground wave contacts can be made from deep in Virginia up into Maine. Signals have also been heard and worked from Florida, the Carolina's and the Maritime Provinces. In general, it can be said, that the ground wave signals on two meters and above can be worked over greater distance paths and more frequently. The moral of the above is that if you hanker after new adventures and something new, equip yourself with some gear for the higher VHF bands and really explore. As for me, I

(Smel A. Rhat, cont'd)

guess that I will have to put another antenna up on the slag heap and see if I can work them too.

I have heard a few fellows spouting off about Net frequencies as used by the Pack Rats. It seems to me, that it is about time that everyone that signs in on either the six or the two meter nets, either zero beats the control frequency or else be content to forego the pleasures offered until an accurate crystal or preferably a VFO can be obtained. I am sure that a lot of you never stop to think of the inconvenience that you so inconsiderately heap on the net control's shoulders to say nothing of the wasted time of the other members. So wake up! get your rig set up for VFO operation-- you have to have it anyway to do the best job on the contest next year. The net has grown especially on six meters, that no time can be taken to look for a minimum of stations at odd points in the band. It should be a Club rule that THE CONTROL STATION IS NOT PERMITTED TO TUNE OFF NET FREQUENCY FOR ANY STATION. NUFFSED, except that if those two "FRIENDS" from across the river can get on frequency than so should all of the dues paying members.

The date for LADIES NITE is fast approaching, and from the comments on the bands, Saturday Nite May 7 promises to be another Pack Rat Picnic indoors and concentrated. A number of VHF notables will be on hand, so if you want to see some of the gang that you have been working on the good ground wave openings of the past year, you had better be there.--What fun, and only 4 bucks a head too! Be sure to get your reservations (with money of course), and as soon as possible, to either W3KKN, Ernest Kenas, 2823 Old Welsh Road, Willow Grove, Pa. or W3JSD, John L. Houser, 612 Pinney Road, Box 55, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

So long for now--I gotta go pick coal to get the dough for that Ladies Nite, and in parting I can only say that We Three (the slag heap, the mine shaft, and I) sure are only extremely youthful looking.

Dear Smel:

N.C. from Mother Rat, except that you forgot to tell the boys to bring along their head for the \$4.00, and 2Grandpop" from across the river is going to wash his beard just for the occasion, and "The Old Fat Boy" is going to wear Bermuda Shorts.

Now get out there and start picking coal so you make Ladies Nite.

See you later,

Mother Rat.

W3KXH is advanced, W3KXH is advanced

HIGHLIGHTS OF B. of D. MEETING 3/9/60

K3CIV, Ralph, resigned as Recording Secretary due to ill health. A motion was made by W3KKN, Ernie, and seconded by W3HKZ, Ed, that Ralph be voted a member ex-officio of the Board of Directors. Motion voted on and approved.

W3CL, Harry then appointed W3ZRR, Ray to finish Ralph's unexpired term.

Tentative plans for a weekly transmitter hunt in the near future were discussed.

W3CL, Harry appointed W3QZP, Bill, from the B. Of D., and W3KXH, Jim, from the general membership, to act on a nominating committee.

Tentative arrangements were made for an outdoor meeting in June at the QTH of K3HWZ, "Grandpop Bill".

Just for a teaser, how would you like to hold the July meeting in an air conditioned room?

Funny things happen, K3GOZ, Herm, "Culvert Stuffer No. 2" is now working in the sorting room of the Post Office, while W3CFS, Ed, "Culvert Stuffer No. 1" who has a spur on his heel, is still stuffing culverts.

We are happy to report that W3DIR, John is now home from the hospital, after more than a month. We would like to thank all who donated blood to the hospital on his behalf. John is more than grateful to all who sent him cards or visited him. He says that unless you are in a hospital, you cannot realize what pleasure cards and visits are.

To all who are so interested in my getting a ticket, I would like to make this statement.

I read code like a deaf person, by the flick of the needle on the "S" meter or the flashes from a neon bulb. I know the Henry has something to do with electricity the same as OHMS Law; that IF goes in and RF comes out; that tubes have grids and plates and that some are diodes and some are triodes; Some tubes are for receiving and some are for transmitting; that you cannot use a resistor in place of a condenser, that there are air condensers and oil filled condensers; that you need an antenna and most of all the whole thing must be plugged in or it won't work.

Other than that I don't know a darn thing about radio. Oh yes, there is one more thing that I know and that is that curls on a schematic means a coiled wire in the rig.

W3KXH is advanced, W3KXH is advanced

DEFICIAL BULLETIN NR 744 FROM ARRL HDQ. WEST HARTFORD CONN, MARCH 11, 1960

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Effective March 17, amateurs of Honduras and the United States will be permitted to exchange messages on behalf of third parties. Details will appear in May QST. Other countries with which the United States has similar agreements are Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Haiti, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

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SWAP & SHOP

By W3ZRR, Ray

MAKE OFFER: International FCV-2 model 144 converter. Factory wired and tested. No 2 meters in this area. All inquires answered.

CONTACT: W3ZRQ, Allen Breiner 212 Race Street, Tamaqua, Pa. Tamaqua 2839-J

Since the results on the last ad were so fast and speedy, perhaps some one of the "Pack Rats" might make use of this converter.

FOR SALE: Gonset G50 \$250.00
8 element Hy-Gain \$15.00
D-104 \$10.00
100 feet RG 8-U

CONTACT: K3CDP, William Lyall, Jr. 20 Goldenridge Drive, Levittown, Pa.

K3NAL

NADC RADIO AMATEURS CLUB, JOHNSVILLE, PA.

As most of you know some of our members and friends work at the Naval Center in Johnsville, but what a number do not know is that there is an amateur Radio Club on the premises. The club meets once a month at noon (no day given for the meeting) The Station is on many a day at noon. (the frequency is not mentioned either, but VHF frequencies are sure to be in there somewhere) The club was formed six years ago by the hams working in Johnsville, using surplus Navy equipment.

"PACK RATS" who are members are:
W3CL, Harry Stein, Trustee of K3NAL
W3CPT, Ken Harrison
W3BVR, Ted Leaf

Our Friends are:
W2SPV, Ed Kephart, our printer
W3EM, Brad Algeo
W3ALR, Ed Appel, former member
W2AXU, Jack Powers
W3LHF, Dave Zimmerman
W3IOU, Jack Yates

We hope that the rest of the members are our friends, but I only mentioned the calls of members whom our members know.

There was a full page ~~write-up~~ in the Johnsville Reflector but space has prohibited copying the full write-up.

SIX METER TRAFFIC NET

The Six Meter Traffic Net meets weekly on 50.850 Mc. ~~Thursday~~ evening at 8:30 P.M. EST. K3CRU is net control station. As its name indicates, the Net's purpose is to serve as an outlet for messages from technician class licenses and from any others who for one reason or another are unable to place messages on the lower frequency traffic nets. Its second purpose is to prepare member stations for any emergency situation that may arise.

The first six months of the Net's existence has seen it handle 174 messages for an average of 7 messages per session. The net consists of 6 stations who sign in on a more or less regular basis, and any other stations who may wish to call in. A total of 24 different stations have been logged by the net control station since the beginning of the Net six months ago. These stations have checked into the Net anywhere from 1 to 25 times.

During the recent wind and snowstorms, members of the Net have checked in using emergency power, mobile gear, and temporary antennas, demonstrating the potential value of the Net in times of civil emergency. In addition, the message handling skills of the members have gradually improved with the passage of time, preparing the operators as well as the stations for duty in time of an emergency

The Net is coordinated with the lower frequency National Traffic System, through the efforts of May Burke, W3CUL. May takes all our traffic which is being sent to locations outside the Philadelphia area, and in turn the Net delivers messages which she has for the Philadelphia area. The Net has originated messages for all sections of the United States and for servicemen overseas. It has delivered messages from literally all over the world.

At present the Net is looking for member stations, particularly those in the Philadelphia suburbs. Anyone who would like to learn how to handle messages and who has an hour Thursday evenings at 8:30 P.M. that he can spare is invited to call in. The Net frequency is 50.850 Mc; however, the NCS tunes for off-frequency stations from 50.5 to 51 Mc.

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Donald Lauer, K3GAY
Net Manager
Six Meter Traffic Net

FROM AFFILIATED CLUB BULLETIN, ARRL

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS OF DELAWARE VALLEY

- (1) The name of this organization shall be "The Council of Amateur Radio Clubs of Delaware Valley".
- (2) The object of this Council shall be: (a) to promote the welfare of all amateur radio clubs and amateur radio operators.
- (3) Any organized and duly constituted amateur radio club in the Delaware Valley area shall be eligible for membership in the Council.
- (4) One delegate and one alternate delegate shall be selected by the member clubs and each affiliated club shall notify the Council secretary in writing of the name and address and telephone number and call of the duly authorized delegates.
- (5) One (1) vote per club shall be allowed on any matter brought before the Council.
- (6) There shall be a meeting of the council at least four (4) times a year, at approximately three-month intervals at such time and place as the delegates at a regular meeting (stated meeting) shall decide.
- (7) Officers of the Council shall be
Chairman--Vice Chairman--Recording Secretary--Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer.
- (8) No two offices shall be filled by delegates from the same club.
- (9) An officers term of office shall be one (1) year, with the right of reelection to the same or another office.
- (10) Officers shall be nominated and elected at a stated meeting prior to September of each year and shall take office beginning 1 September.
- (11) Special meetings at the request of a member club, may be called upon the consent of any two of the council officers.
- (12) Roberts Rules of Order shall determine the parliamentary procedures at any meeting.
- (13) A quorum of the council shall be a simple majority of delegates eligible to vote of which four (4) shall be non-officers.
- (14) This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that the proposed amendment has been forwarded in writing to each club at least thirty calendar days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.

The above constitution was ratified and adopted by representatives Thursday, December 10th, 1959 by the following clubs attending the meeting. South Jersey, West Philadelphia, Short-Skip, Bucks County, Phila. chapter of QCWA, Phil-Mont, Delco, and Mt. Airy VHF and others.

At a special meeting held on January 14th, the following By-Laws were presented and approved.

COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS IN DELAWARE VALLEY

BY-LAWS

- ARTICLE 1 The annual registration fee for each club affiliated with the Council shall be \$1.00 (one dollar)
- ARTICLE 2 (a) The Council, by majority vote, on the motion of the treasurer, at any meeting, may assess each affiliated club for dues, not exceeding 1¢ (one cent) per club member, with a maximum of 25¢ (twenty-five cents) and a minimum of 10¢ (ten cents) per club.
- (b) The Council, by unanimous vote, at any meeting on the the motion of the treasurer, may assess each club for dues, not exceeding 5¢ (five cents) per club member, with a maximum of \$1.00 (one dollar) and a minimum of 25¢ (twenty-five cents) per club.
- (c) Payments due by each club shall not in any event exceed \$5.00 (five dollars) per fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 3 Clubs, whose delegates vote for the adoption of the Constitution shall be considered members of the Council as of 10 December 1959.
- ARTICLE 4 Clubs desiring affiliation with the Council after adoption of the Constitution shall submit a letter of application for membership

(COUNCIL BY-LAWS CONT'D)

signed by their President and Secretary. Said letter shall be accompanied by a \$1.00 (one dollar) registration fee.

ARTICLE 5 Unanimous consent of the delegates present at a regular meeting shall be necessary for the admission of any club to the Council. The member clubs shall be notified in writing of each new affiliation at least 30 (thirty) calendar days before the regular meeting at which application is to be voted on.

ARTICLE 6 Any club may withdraw from the Council at any time upon 30 (thirty) days written notice to the Council but will not be eligible for renewal of membership for 90 (ninety) days after withdrawal and its application must be made in the manner prescribed in Article No. 4.

ARTICLE 7 Any club which fails to pay assessments within 180 (one hundred eighty) days will automatically be suspended from the Council and reinstatement will be made under the rules of Article No. 4.

ARTICLE 8 By-Laws may be amended, suspended or adopted by a simply majority vote of the delagates at any meeting.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Even though the preceeding Constitution and By-Laws has appeared in public print, we are including these two pages in the Cheese Bits for our members only. That way we will not run the risk of offending the Council by being indiscriminate by sending it to everyone.

We printed it for the members so that they will know what is expected of our club as a member of the Council.

What the Council and other member clubs desire to do about them is their business.

LATE SWAP & SHOP

FOR SALE 1 HQ-100 Receiver \$130.00
1-2 meter TecCraft Con;
\$25.00
2--6 meter Home Brew Con.
each one \$20.00
1 Halicrafters 6 meter
Receiver (S-106) \$30.00

CONTACT: K3EOD, Allen Soblitt
3389 Langdon Street,
Phila., 15, Pa.
Pi. 2-3312

PAST EVENTS

The Auction Sale held at the meet-
ing on March 16th, was a howling
success. Of course our "Boardwalk
Auctioneer" K3EQD, Milt, with the
greenbacks stuck between his fingers,
squeezed every cent that he could get
from the members and friends. Some of
the boys turned over their proceeds to
"Cheese Bits". \$21.25 worth. Thanks
boys. "Grandpop" from across the
river was there, and I presume his
"Son" tagged along. With the members
and friends, we had about 75 or 80
present.

The following were voted into the
membership;

K3IFH, Edward Gusein
7121 Glenloch Street,
Phila., 35, Pa.
DE. 8-1231

K3AIQ, Alden B. Nelson (Bud)
3303 Indian Queen Lane,
Phila., 29, Pa.
Vi. 3-7352

K3GAS, Isadore Cutler
7815 New Second Street,
Elkins Park, 17, Pa.
Me. 5-1078

Please cut out and apply to your list.

While you were at the meeting, did you
make your reservations for "Ladies
Nite"? If not, better get on the ball,
as time is running out. Remember,
April 23rd is the deadline. Make
your check or money order payable to:
W3JGO, John Houser, 612 Pinney Road,
Box 55, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., or
W3KKN, Ernest Kenas, 2823 Old Welsh
Road, Willow Grove, Pa.

W3KXH, is advanced, W3KXH is advanced

CODE CLASS every Tuesday and Thursday
at 10:00 P.M. on 6, at 51 Mc.

Have you joined in, and did you let
Jim know? Who's Jim? He's W3KXH,
who is not a Technician but is Advanced.
Let us know if you get your General
by taking the lessons.

COMING EVENTS

COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS OF THE
DELAWARE VALLEY MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, AT 8:00 P.M.,
AT THE TOWN HALL IN GERMANTOWN, GERMAN-
TOWN AVE., AND HAINES STREET.

The NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE "PACK
RATS" WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST OAK
LANE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, SEDGWICK
AND THOURON STREETS, MT. AIRY, ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, AT 8:00 P.M.

This meeting is entitled "SURPRISE"!
The reason for this title is that they
forgot to tell me what was going to
take place.

Perhaps plans will be made for Field
Day, June 25th & 26th.

Perhaps plans will be made for the
forthcoming transmitter hunts.

Perhaps plans will be made for anything.

WHO KNOWS? COME OUT TO THE MEETING
AND FIND OUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

SATURDAY MAY 7th, "LADIES NITE", SOUTH-
WARK A.C., ST. VINCENT STREET AND
ROOSEVELT BLVD. (2 Blocks south of
Cottman Street) TIME: 6:30 P.M. ---
PRICE: \$4.00 PER PERSON --- MENU:
FULL COURSE ROAST BEEF DINNER ---
FLOOR SHOW AND DANCING.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 23rd.

W3KXH is advanced, W3KXH is advanced.

"GIGGLE BOX"

By the Jr. Op.

"I just bought a farm ten miles long
and half an inch wide."

"What you going to raise on it?"

"I planted spaghetti."

"What is your age?" asked the magis-
trate. "Remember," he cautioned,
"you're under oath."

"Twenty-one years and some months," the
lady answered.

"How many months?"

"One hundred and eight."

(That reminds me of Jim, I forget his
call, whom we met at WCAU TV for the
Amateur Radio Show in April. He says
that he is five feet, eighteen inches
tall.)

Don't blame me for the above, the Jr.
Op. gets these cards in bubble gum, and
he asked me to put them in, and since I
had the space, I did so. He also
suggested the title.

"PACK RATS CHEESE BITS"
829 W. FISHERS AVE.
PHILA. 41, PA.



W3KKK Ernest Kenas
2833 Old Welsh Rd
Millow Grove, Pa.

TIME VALUE
MEETING NOTICE