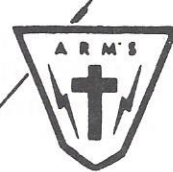


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MISSIONS IN NAVAJO LAND

When we think of missionaries and missionary work, our thoughts often go to an overseas station or to some spot that is far away from where we live here in the United States. This report, however, is concerning the activities of two of our ARMS couples who minister to a nation of Navajo Indians living on their reservation in the Southwestern United States. The mission board responsible for this effort is Baptist Mission of North America.

The Navajo Nation, now numbering some 170,000 still retains its distinctive native culture on a reservation mainly in Arizona but spilling across into Utah and New Mexico, the only place in the United States where four of our states meet at a common point.

It was in 1945 that Warren, KØYAR, and Norma Davis came to Navajo country. Their first 14 years were spent in isolated areas of the reservation, pioneering mission stations at Bisti in New Mexico and Mexican Water in Arizona. They gained further experience in the language by editing a bi-monthly paper for several years that was printed in both Navajo and English.



Warren, KØYAR, and Norma Davis

Seeing the great need for God's Word and Christian literature in the language of the people, they felt led to enter into a full-time Bible translations and literature ministry in

1959. A number of study booklets and tracts were published. Classes were taught in Navajo reading and writing. The Davises and a team of four Navajos and two Anglos began the translation of the Old Testament. After 25 years of intermittent and painstaking work, the Old Testament, along with the Navajo New Testament, translated earlier, was printed in 1985. At long last, Navajo believers have the Bible in the language of their heart.

In recent years, they also prepared a music-edition hymnal of 365 songs that is being used by Christian groups all across the reservation.

Duane, K7STS, and Marjorie Block moved to Mexican Water, a remote spot in northeastern Arizona, in 1961. In ministering to their "parish," they spent many hours bumping over rutted wagon trails. They struggled with a difficult language. In those days, most Navajos came to church on horseback or in wagons. Things have certainly changed! Under their ministry, the Blocks have seen steady growth in the church. With their guidance, Navajo Christians have built an attractive hogan-shaped church and a useful multi-purpose building with their own money.

The Lord has wonderfully added to the Church young, educated families that have good jobs. This helps greatly in supporting the work. Though the majority of their congregation is composed of younger families, there are also those who still wear the colorful, traditional dress of the Navajo and who speak only their native language. Because of this, two services are held each Sunday morning, one in English and one in Navajo.

These years have been a real adventure to the Blocks. They have played the part of carpenter, plumber, electrician, mechanic and undertaker. But most important, Duane has been a friend and pastor to his people. Where else could you find a job so fulfilling and rewarding?

AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH ARMS

On June 29, 1986, Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ, his XYL, Shirley, and their harmonic Benjie left on an 8000-mile journey from their home QTH of Harrisonburg, Virginia, to go as far as Vancouver, BC and back. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting numerous ARMS friends in the U.S. and Canada and keeping in radio contact with ARMS with a Kenwood 7950 and a 430-S.

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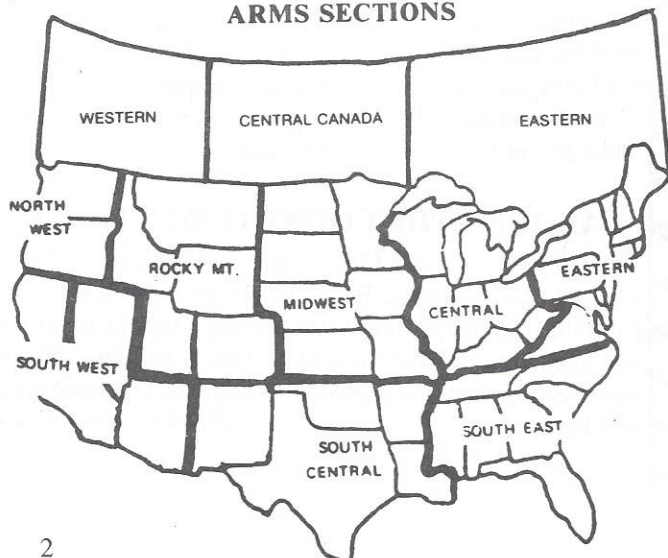
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ARMS Fellowship Nets

Eastern	M, W, F	7:00 a.m.	3.907
Central	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	3.922
Midwest	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	3.907
Northwest	Thu.	7:00 a.m.	3.984
Rocky Mountain	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	3.907
South Central	—	—	—
Southeast	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	3.900
Southwest	—	—	—
Central Canada	Sat.	1400Z	3.900
International	M-Sat.	1545Z ST	14.3075
		1445Z DT	14.3075
Halo (Traffic)	Daily	1800Z	21.390

ARMS SECTIONS



THE ARMS MOTTO

“... let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

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The first contact with ARMS, other than the Transcontinental Net, came in Minnesota, where we came across Karl, WA0TFC, on 2 meters. Then as we approached Worthington, we contacted Don, WA0LUT, who kindly located a motel for us and stopped for a brief eyeball. That evening Ed, WA0OUY, and Lillian Nordell and Dean, WB0HJG, and Eloise Nordell visited us in our motel. The next morning we enjoyed breakfast with Ed and Lillian in their home and checked into the Transcontinental Net from Ed's shack. While there, we suddenly realized how close we were to George, Iowa, so on the 4th of July we drove over to Jay, K0GAZ, and Dottie's QTH and then watched Jay cavort down the street on a golf cart with his hand-held in the Fourth of July parade in George! Since our next stop was Freeman, South Dakota, Gerry stopped at the home of Darius (Diz) Hofer, W0EXX and had an eyeball with him and his XYL.

From there we travelled north into Manitoba and would have seen Jim, VE4ID, and Wes, VE4DC, in Brandon, but they were away on holidays. Continuing west to Saskatchewan, we stayed with some friends in the little town of Clavet, just east of Saskatoon. Checking the ARMS directory, Gerry was surprised to find an ARMS member there—Doug, VE5RA—so he called him on the landline and arranged to visit his QTH; but due to some other contacts Gerry had to make in the Saskatoon area, he was not able to meet Doug. We then continued west through Banff and Glacier national parks down into the beautiful Fraser Valley of British Columbia.

While at Abbotsford, Gerry called Ernie Byggdin, VE7BYB, on the landline; Ernie and his XYL came out to our motel through the rain, and we had an enjoyable visit. It was also there that we contacted Peter Thiessen, VE4AGM, on 2 meters; Peter was in Vancouver with his XYL on their holidays. One of the main attractions of our trip, especially for Benjie, was EXPO '86 in Vancouver. Thanks to Don Fallows, VE7DYI, who had sent us helpful information, and with whom we also communicated on 2 meters, we had three enjoyable days at EXPO.

From Vancouver we headed south toward Grants Pass, Oregon. On the way, we encountered Ralph, WB7OOL, on 2 meters, so we had a rendezvous at a Dairy Queen where we discovered Gerry and Ralph have a mutual yen for puns! Our next stop was at the lovely QTH of Charlie, K7AQ, and Emily Cox, where we stayed overnight after having dinner with them in a Grants Pass restaurant. We thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality and watching Charlie function as net control of the Transcontinental Net. We had hoped to visit Walt, WA7MKH, and Alice, but we had learned on the ARMS net that Walt had gone to be with the Lord while we were in Alberta. We also missed seeing Emil, W7FQ, since he was out of town, but we did enjoy checking into the Northwest ARMS Net and talking with him on 75 meters.

From Grants Pass we travelled up the beautiful Oregon coast and then turned our wheels eastward to Ontario, Oregon, via Crater Lake, Shirley's most beautiful stop! After getting a motel in Ontario, Gerry called Ed Andrews, WB0AKV, on the landline and discovered that he lived within walking distance; so he and his XYL paid us a visit in the motel. We then headed toward Lincoln, Nebraska, and since Ogden, Utah was on our route, Chuck, W0ETA, and Timmie invited us to stay overnight with them; so we accepted their gracious invitation and had a delightful time with them. After a hearty breakfast in a restaurant with them the next morning, we continued on our way. As we passed through Cheyenne, Wyoming, we contacted Merle, K0SIV, on 2 meters, as he was able to access the Cheyenne repeater from Denver. Our last personal contact with ARMS was in Lincoln, Nebraska, with John, N0DRE, and Ida Treanor, who so graciously hosted us for lunch in a restaurant on our route.

We arrived home on July 30, somewhat exhausted but thankful to the Lord for safety on the highway and for wonderful friends in the ARMS organization.

Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ

FROM THE MAIL BAG

It has been a while since we had a QSO, so I thought I'd drop you a line. I sent my application to Al Smith and will take advantage of the computer letter that I wrote to him and let you know what is happening down here with us as well.

A couple of months ago, Rusty Ireland, KA0TVQ, brought back a TR-4 that was donated by IMRA. Someone had added a resistor and a diode from the final cathode circuit to the receiver antenna—I can't figure out why. Anyway, it caused images and garbage in the receiver at my QTH, which is hot with RF from several nearby broadcast stations. After cleaning up the rig and removing that circuit, Rusty is on the air. He is a brand new novice and has never been on the air until now.

Also, I recently became the licensee of a private commercial HF frequency, 7.538 MHz. At present, we have seven stations on the roster—two of them non-hams. This opens up communications for one missionary family that has no telephone or even local mail service. Also, we can talk about any kind of business without the normal restrictions of ham radio. It's really working out well, as we are using our ham equipment. All of the radios except mine tune to that frequency without modification. I had to tweak my 40-meter VFO, but since I use a digital counter on the VFO, it's no problem to find and hold the frequency. At least one family is wanting to get a commercial type rig, such as a Stoner, so that there will be no dial tweaking to worry about.

I have not been too active on the ARMS 20-meter net, as I am a busy missionary and the morning hours go by pretty rapidly. However, I manage to check in once in a while for a short time at least.

May the Lord bless you. I'll be letting you know about any other exciting news from this end.

Greg Combs, K7ZX/TI2

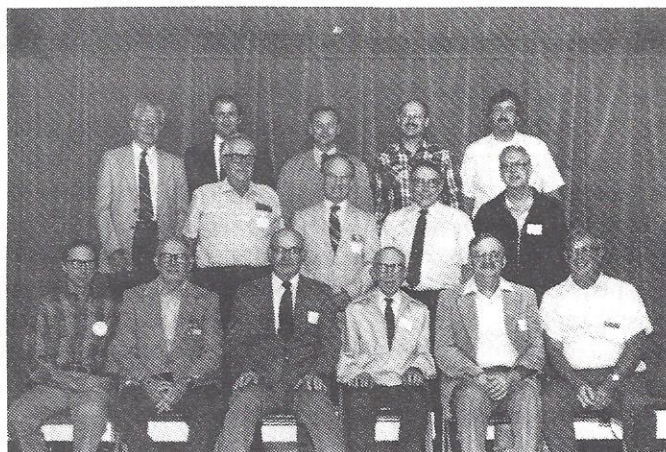
SECTION NEWS EASTERN SECTION

The Eastern section get-together was held in July at the Penfield Wesleyan Church near Rochester, NY. Thanks to the availability of two meters, we were able to provide proper directions! The fellowship is always great when ARMS people meet, and this was no exception. After lunch, the group visited the QTH of WA2CYO. The caravan of cars with aid of two meters again found its way to the Antique Wireless Association Museum. The museum was fascinating, especially to those of us who grew up with radio. Telegraph keys the size of pipe wrenches as well as spark gap transmitters were all demonstrated. By mid-afternoon many had to leave because of the considerable distances required to return home. All agreed that it was a very enjoyable day, and we are looking forward to the meeting in 1987.

Bob Kurtz, WA2CYO

CENTRAL SECTION

On Saturday, October 4, 1986, at 12:45 p.m., the Central Section members gathered in the Banner Street United Brethren Church of Grand Rapids, MI, for their fourth annual banquet. It was served by the ladies of the church—delicious home-style cooking with plenty to eat. In spite of the torrential rains and flooding in the Midwest, 25 members and guests were able to attend.



Fourth Annual Meeting—Central Section.

Back Row, Left to Right: Max Holloway, N8CUM; Dale Holloway, NJ8X; Frank Rowell, WD8PDM; John Racz, KA9OOO; Al Bierema, WA8FMI; Middle Row: Keith Sharp, KA8JVZ; Vern Macy, WB8UNB; Dan Baumgarten, W8IHU; Larry Geysbeek, W8RUK; Seated: Bruce Dillingham, KA0DSF; John Link, N8RO; Hi LePard, KN8JDN; Harry Baumgarten, W9KWJ; Dick Steensma, N8FRQ; Bud Owen, KA8CMR.

The featured speaker was Dale Holloway, NJ8X, formerly a missionary to Honduras and now a pastor in Williams-ton, MI. Dale gave a vivid description of his experiences as a missionary ham on the field and concluded with a slide presentation. The slides portrayed the difficulties that hams



Eric Frank, W9OVY, Central Section Director

can sometimes face on foreign fields. All of those present were very appreciative of a job well done.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presence of Harry Baumgartner, W9KWJ, of Arena, WI, founder of the Central Section. Members of the committee of Grand Rapids area hams who made the arrangements were Hiram Le Pard, KN8JDN, Chairman; Bud Owen, KA8CMR; Keith Sharpe, KA8JVZ; Alan Bierema, WA8FMI; and Dick Steensma, N8FRQ.

Bud Owen, KA8CMR

MIDWEST SECTION

The Midwest Section Picnic was held on June 14, 1986 in Chautauqua Park, Worthington, MN, on the shore of beautiful Lake Okabena. Talk-ins were on 146.07/.67 and 146.52 simplex, manned by Arnold Sexe, WB0OPZ, and Don Erickson, WA0LUT. It started out to be a rainy day, but the rain stopped at about nine o'clock and weather the rest of the day was beautiful.

Snacks and cold drinks were plentiful, and the hours before lunch were given to rag chewing and eyeball QSO's.

As we sat down for lunch, Pastor Neale Thompson, K0LHJ, graced the tables with prayer, thanking God for His guidance and His blessing on the food.

The meal was catered by a local deli, and the XYL's of the committee members had prepared delicious desserts to follow the meal.

At the beginning of the business meeting, the group sang "Happy Birthday" to Ed Nordell, WA0OUY, in recognition of his 75th birthday that occurred two days earlier.

The nominating committee had previously supplied all members with ballots and a list of nominees. The committee reported that the new officers are Dean Nordell, WB0HJG, Section Director; Don Berggren, K0OAV, Assistant Director; and Eugene Barnard, W0HLR, Secretary/Treasurer.

ARMS President, Charlie Cox, K7AQ, had suggested the possibility of our hosting the National Convention in

1988; and it was enthusiastically decided that we will accept the challenge. Y'all come!

The President had also suggested finding candidates from the Midwest Section to run for President and Treasurer in the next National election. This matter is being considered and the possibility is being checked out.

After the business meeting, the program began with music and singing. Ed, K0EL, and Carol, KD0VW, Lee provided the music. Ed sang, accompanied on the electric guitar by Carol; and the entire group sang along with them on some of the numbers.

Dr. Stanley Mills spoke regarding his plans to go to Haiti with his wife, Phyllis, and their three children. Dr. Mills will be serving as a physician and surgeon at Worldteam's "Hospital of Light." He also hopes to become an amateur radio operator, and he was assured that the Midwest Section members will help him in the securing of his license.

Ed and Carol Lee presented their slides showing Haiti and the people that live there. It seemed good to see the beautiful side of the country and the culture there. The Midwest section will definitely have an interest in the missionary effort in Haiti, and our thoughts and prayers will be with our members there.

Brian Erickson, K0UJU, showed some slides of the missionary airplane, The Angel, built in Orange City, IA, by The King's Engineering Fellowship. This plane has been designed especially for mission field service where airstrips are sometimes rough and usually too short for taking off with heavy loads.

Bob Mitchell, WB0RJ, brought slides of the work of WRMF and Radio Station HCJB and TransWorld Radio, Monte Carlo.

The members of the host committee were Dean Nordell, WB0HJG; Don Erickson, WA0LUT; Ed Nordell, WA0OUY; and Arnold Sexe, WB0OPZ; and a great day was had by all who were present.

Franklin Brodale, AG0M

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Our initial attempt to reactivate the Southeast Section Saturday morning net was made at 1300Z on August 30, 1986. We started out on 3.907 MHz and then moved to 3.900 to avoid causing QRM for the Eastern Section Net. Our first check-in was Denis, WD4ACH, in Knoxville, TN, and Jerry, K4RBZ, was a big help to us, for which we thank him.

The net has increased in size at a steady pace, and on November 15, there were six stations checking in. The operators were: Denis Parker, WD4ACH; Stan Nafziger, KF4BY; Randy Joiner, WD4DSX; Dave Immel, KE4EW; Paul Wyse, W4PFM; and Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ. We are grateful for each one that has become interested.

Harry Campbell, KK4CB

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MISSIONARY SCHEDULES AND CONTACTS

The Schedules are arranged in the order of the time of day. All times are Zulu, and frequencies are in MHz.

Time	Day	Call Sign	Home Contact	Frequency	Notes
0000	Sat.	YB0ABK VK4OK VK4AAJ	ZL1UE	21.385	MARF Net
0330	W.S.	KA7KHB	ZL1UE	14.313	QSY to 14.292
0400	Daily	DDD Net	ZL1UE	14.115	
0630	Thu.	ZL2AYA ZL1UD	ZL1UE	3.690	ARMS
0830	Tue.	G4KXL/DU KH0AF VK4YF VK4AGB WB6TUF P29AX	ZL1UE	14.275	FEBC Net
1300	Sat.	EL8C	KA8CMR	21.440	
1330	Sat.	5Z4DL	W7SDS	7.240	1 hr. earlier during DST. WGMARF Net
1400	Sat.	VE5HP	VE5HP	3.900	ARMS Net
1430	Sat.	HK3NAG	KA8CMR	21.428	
1700	Daily	OA6AAQ OA4AJZ LU8DV PY8ZOA WB2EYL/HK3	WA0WYS N2FCG	21.440	BRAG Net Except Sun.
1800	Sat.	5Z4LH	KA8CMR	21.440	
	Sat.	5Z4DL	W7SDS	21.370	1 hr. earlier during DST. WGMARF Net
1800	Wed.	TG8XWI	WB6LOF/4	21.390*	Alternate Wks.
1800	Daily	5Z4JD	N6JTW	14.311	Except Sun.
1930	M.W.F.	OA4BDV	WA4KLQ	21.320	
1945	Sun.	TU2GC	KA8CMR	21.400	
2000	Sun.	EL2ED EL2AP EL8C EL2CQ	KA8CMR	14.313	
2030	Sun.	OA4YS/VE5DD	VE41D	21.195	2nd Sun.
	Mon.	HH5MV	VE41D	14.140	2nd Sun.
2100	Daily	OA6AAQ OA4AJZ LU8DV PY8ZOA WB2EYL/HK3	WA0WYS N2FCG	21.440	BRAG Net
2130	Sun.	HC1RT	K0GAZ	21.390*	
	Mon.	K7ZX/T12	W7CVL	14.300	
2200	Various	HH6KS	VE5HP	14.313	
	Fri.	AH2AV	KA8CMR	21.400	

*Calling frequency. Contacts are made on 21.390 MHz and the stations move to another frequency for QSO. The Halo Net meets on this frequency daily at 1800Z, followed by the Post Halo Net at 1900Z and by the Inter-America Traffic Net at 2000Z.

It will be noted that there are some items of information missing from these schedules. If any of our readers can supply the missing items, or any additional schedules, contact our ARMS Vice-President, Gordon C. Pearce, VE5HP, 124 Mikkelson Drive, Regina, Sask. Canada S4T 6R5. Gordon will be glad to hear from you.

CANADIAN SECTION

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

After having lost Gene, WB7CLD, last fall, and Walt, WA7MKH, and Alice, as well as Irwin, N6CFD, and others with whom we were not so familiar, it makes us realize how short life is. It also makes us realize that we will meet all of our loved ones and friends in the Lord.

We have been pleased during the past months to have had contacts with, or cards from, a number of ARMS members.

The conditions on the ARMS Transcontinental Net have not been very good at times during the summer months, but we have been able to keep in touch—and how important a blessing it is to be able to communicate with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

The banquet and fellowship gathering at Winnipeg on May 10th was attended by over 30 hams, their wives and a couple of friends. We had a very enjoyable evening and challenging words from Winston Churchill, VE4ADI, formerly DU4WLC, and his wife, Lois. Winston and Lois are probably back in the Philippines by this time, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the maintenance of computers and communications equipment.

Our summer holidays were spent mostly at home working on the house and the garden. We did manage to make a trip to Ontario to visit our son in Sarnia as well as friends in Toronto and London. We have also made several visits to the home of our daughter and son-in-law in Winnipeg.

We wish to welcome several new Canadian hams into ARMS membership: Karl, VE4AIF, Winnipeg, MB; Clive, VE4UW, Pratt, MB; and Martin, VE6GE, Edmonton, AB. We have also heard from the following individuals: Bob McAllister, VE7ERQ; Rev. Ken Rentz, VE3JHW; John Jones, VE5JM; Ernie Byggdin, VE7BYB; Phil Huber, VE5ABE; Don Bettorf, VE4ACA; and eyeball contact with Peter Van Zuben, VE8PZ, and his family. Of course, each time we go to Winnipeg, we contact Jim, VE4ID, and in spite of our friendly argument, we stop for coffee and fellowship.

Another of the interesting aspects of this summer was contacting many of the ARMS members as they travelled mobile around the continent: VE4ACA, VE4ID, VE5DC, VE5FR, VE5YF, K7AQ, W7FQ, NØDRE, KØGAZ, K3JRD, K4RBZ, KØRGO, etc.

Our Canadian Section Net presently on 3.900 MHz at 1400Z on Saturdays has not been heard at this location (VE5HP Shack). It is very difficult to set a time, band, and frequency for stations as far apart as we are here in Canada.

Wishing all of you God's blessing as we strive to serve Him.

Gordon Pearce, VE5HP

NEWS AND COMMENT

It's not too early to mark your 1988 calendar, if you can find one, to set aside two or three summer days for the ARMS International Convention. The exact dates and the location are not available yet, but this one thing we know—we will be guests of the Midwest Section. By that time, The Amateur Radio Missionary Service will have been operating thirty-one years, and we are sure that this convention will be one that we will remember for a long time. It will also be time to again elect officers for the next three-year term. It is hoped that additional information will be available for the next issue of *The BEAM*.

Parks, OA8P/WA7TZW, and Marinell Squyres returned from Peru at the end of August to secure further medical care for Marinell. She is presently receiving chemotherapy and is somewhat improved. They have asked us to pray with them that the treatments will continue to be effective and that they will again be able to return to Peru to continue their work there.

As a missionary project, ARMS has been supplying them with stamps to help with the cost of mailing their newsletters. They are very grateful, and have asked us to thank all of you for this most thoughtful assistance.

Harry Campbell, KK4CB, Ex-WB4AHT, and our Midwest Section Director, went to a hamfest, and on an impulse, took one of the FCC exams that were being offered. He describes the uncertainty he felt as he considered the change-of-address box on the Form 610 after many years of being WB4AHT. Anyway, he checked the box and all of us are learning to use his new call.

SILENT KEYS

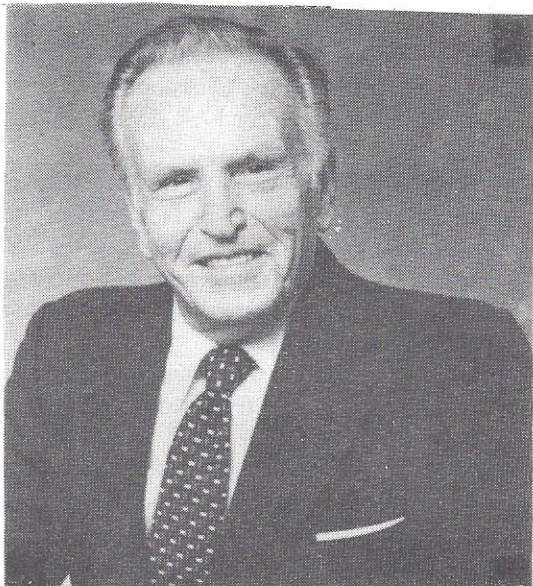
Dr. Irwin A. Moon, N6CFD, founder of Moody Institute of Science and a long-time member of ARMS suffered a stroke on May 1 and went to be with his Lord on May 7, 1986, at the age of 78.

Irwin and Margaret were married on January 30, 1930, at Calvary Church of Placentia, CA. God blessed them with four children, ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

While he was in his first pastorate at the Montecito Park Union Church, Irwin began illustrating his messages with scientific demonstrations which later became known worldwide as "Sermons from Science." Moody Institute of Science, which he founded in 1945 to put these messages on film, now reaches 500,000 people each day in 132 countries in 28 languages.

Irwin was active in ARMS for several years, and his presence and help on the nets were appreciated by all of us; and we continue to miss his cheerful voice and helpful comments.

A "Tribute Service" was held at Moody Institute of Science in Whittier, CA, on June 3 to celebrate the vision that God gave to His faithful servant.



Dr. Irwin A. Moon, N6CFD

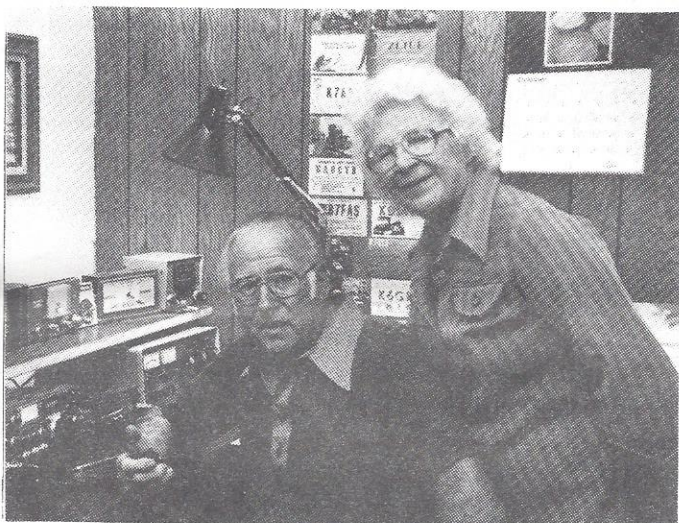
Rev. Amos "Walt" Buckwalter, WA7MKH, was called into the presence of the Lord on July 21, 1986. His death occurred suddenly as the result of a heart attack. He was 72.

Walt was a pastor, having served his Lord in several pastorates, and was actively ministering to people until his homegoing.

He was a loyal member of ARMS, and his comments on the nets were always appreciated. He served a year as ARMS Vice-President and two years as President.

Walt's wife, Alice, joined him in Heaven on August 5, after an illness of several months. She became ill during the early part of last winter, and her health failed steadily until the time of her homegoing. She also was 72.

Because they traveled extensively, Walt and Alice had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They were well liked by all who knew them and will be missed by all of us in the days to come.



Walt, WA7MKH, and Alice Buckwalter

THE BIBLE

The Bible! The Bible! More precious than gold;
Glad hopes and bright glories its pages unfold;
It speaks of the Father and tells of His love,
And shows us the way to the mansions above.

The Bible! The Bible! We hail it with joy;
Its truths and its stories our tongues shall employ;
We'll sing of its triumphs, we'll tell of its worth
And send its glad tidings by ARMS o'er the earth.

We stand by the Bible, the book that we love;
It speaks of the Saviour who came from above
The lost to redeem and prepare them for Heaven;
Then praise ye the Lord for the book He has given!

Author Unknown



Facing Camera, Left to Right: Rick Hiergesell, N2CSK; Bill Bacon, WB1DQT; Norm Hinkle, W2NNJ; Will Hutchinson, WA2OJN; Bill Kurtz, WA2CYO; Back to camera, Al, K2CAC, and Esther Smith.

A LOOK AT THE FILES

At the annual meeting in Harrisonburg, Virginia in 1971, your secretary (WØETA) was given the assignment to sort an accumulation of a dozen years of ARMS written material into meaningful categories. As a result of that effort, membership applications, minutes of previous meetings, back issues of "The BEAM," and other memorabilia and correspondence have been organized and filed. During this effort, the secretary became quite well acquainted with many, many of the members and had the pleasure of following the vision, the hopes, the trials, and the accomplishments of many of the missionary and lay members of this wonderful group. Most of what has been accomplished is recorded in the logs of the participants and the records of Heaven rather than in the archives of ARMS; but the records that we do have are encouragement for what can be done.

Every time I file a new membership application, I would like to introduce that new member to all the other members and to acquaint him with the 15 plus years of ARMS service. In an organization such as ours, where the really meaningful effort—verbal communications—does not lend itself to physical review, as does writing or photography, we do not get to know every other member personally. But we are not

strangers to one another. We have at least three things in common: (1) We love the Lord Jesus. (2) We are interested in, and see an opportunity for, Christian service in Amateur Radio. (3) We have recognized ARMS as an avenue for that service.

A person with a talent for writing could develop a very interesting personal testimony from almost every membership application, and items from some of the old issues of "The BEAM" are possible sources for biographical sketches and stories of how God has worked through individuals and His particular invention, radio.

It has occurred to me that many of the newer members may not know anything of the history of ARMS other than that brief summary associated with the doctrinal statement that accompanies the membership application form. I hesitate to try and write even a small historical sketch at this time, but perhaps newer members can get some feel for events of the past and older members can recall some pleasant memories from reading the list of former officers and the time and place of former annual meetings.

Chuck Brockmeyer, WØETA

Ed. Note: Chuck became ARMS Historian in 1982. See "In Appreciation," Page 9, Winter, 1982 issue of The BEAM. The above material is reprinted from the Winter, 1976 issue.

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