

AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

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IN RETROSPECT

When three Christian amateur radio operators, feeling the need of Christian fellowship and concerned about the need for providing communications for missionaries and missionary families, met in the early spring of 1957, they little realized the potential impact of what they were trying to do. That meeting was held on Saturday, March 2, 1957, and in the 25 years that have since passed, the Amateur Radio Missionary Service, under God's leadership and blessing, has grown into what it is today.

During a panel discussion released over radio station WFME, Newark, New Jersey, a few years ago, a taped interview with one of the three founders was used. Rather than paraphrase it, we will give it to you as it was on the tape. The next paragraphs are a transcript of the recording.

"I have beside me the Rev. Sherman M. Milligan, but there's really no need to be quite so formal since he's in reality my father-in-law. My name is Bill Engstrom, call letters K2DPK; and Dad is WA2CNK. Dad was one of the early personalities in the Amateur Radio Missionary Service. So, Dad, perhaps you could tell us a little bit about how the organization formed and some of the early experiences of ARMS.

"Well, Bill, the idea of ARMS originated in a QSO between K2JEI and W3BBM and W3CGH. K2JEI is Dr. William A. Mierop who was then located in Collingswood, New Jersey. W3BBM is Pastor Robert Matthews located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and W3CGH was me, located at the time in Hollisterville, Pennsylvania.

"In that QSO Pastor Matthews suggested that some organization be formed whereby a closer contact would be kept with the missionaries on the field and bring them into closer contact with their home bases and with their families and friends at home.

"Upon this suggestion, Dr. Mierop then called a meeting . . . to be held in the Philadelphia Bible Institute . . . Saturday, March 2. This was the small beginning of ARMS, which has now developed into an international organization and carries on traffic with many, many countries, bringing the missionaries into close contact with their home bases and with their families, which was the purpose suggested by Mr. Matthews.

"ARMS has, indeed, surpassed our thinking at that time. We did not have in our minds the large organization

into which ARMS has developed at the present time, [becoming] not only national, reaching out into the Midwest and far West, but also that it should be intercontinental to include Canada and, of course, the several countries to the south of us in South and Central America."

Other ARMS members who were on the panel at Radio Station WFME that evening were John D. Buck, K2AXO; Leonard Van Saun, W2RJQ; Harry Brobst, WB2LOA; and Bob Dickinson, W2CCE. Conducting the discussion was Roger Arnold, of Family Radio, and much was said to introduce ARMS and its goals to the radio audience. Time was given for listeners to call in with questions, and there was a vigorous response.

In the files of your editor, there is a copy of Volume 1, Number 1, of the ARMS BEAM, dated June, 1957, and the following excerpt from the minutes of the first meeting seems appropriate here.

"June 1, 1957. (Phila.) The Amateur Radio Missionary Service met for the first time on this date as an organized Christian Ham Club. At this time the permanent officers and directors were elected and the various committees appointed. Due to the Memorial Day weekend, the turnout was smaller than expected.

"Dr. Wm. A. Mierop, K2JEI, was unanimously elected to the office of President; Rev. Robert Matthews, W3BBM, Vice-President; Leonard Van Saun, W2RJQ, Secretary; and Richard B. Harris, K2MBT, Treasurer.

"The Board of Directors for the first year includes Rev. Sherman M. Milligan, W3CGH; Rev. Henry L. Woll, W3TEM; Rev. Robert G. Burns, W3FTH; Mr. Vernon A. Bell, W3EOD; and Mr. Richard J. Seymour, W3FJK.

"The Membership Committee reports that out of some 50 prospects we have a total of about 20 to 25 paid-up members. We have set a goal of 100 members by Labor Day."

USE OF "99"

Occasionally someone asks about the use of "99" at the end of a QSO. It was chosen in 1957 by a member of the old Missionary Engineering Net as a Christian "good-bye." "Good-bye" is a contraction of "God be with you." So, "99" means "God be with you till we meet again." It also means "God bless you and all that you are doing in His service." It was this latter meaning that the originator had particularly in mind. (From THE BEAM, Spring, 1970.)

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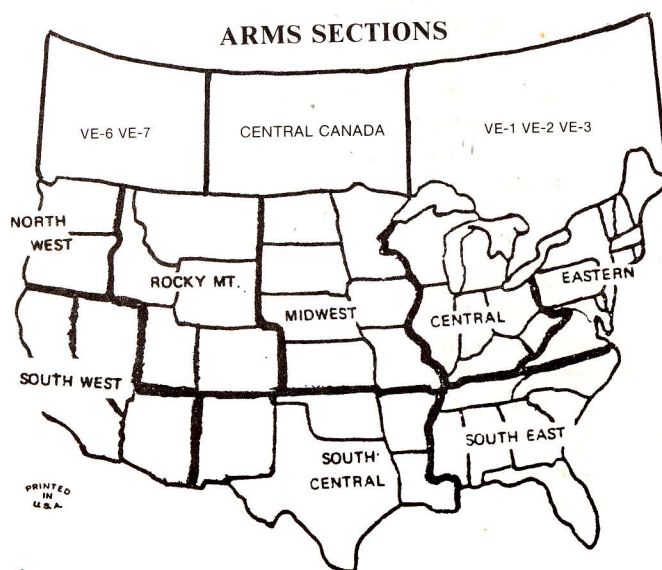
ARMS Nets

Eastern	M, W, F	7:00 a.m.	3.907
Midwest	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	3.907
Rocky Mountain	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	3.907
Southeast	Sat.	7:30 a.m.	3.907
Southwest	Tues.	10:00 a.m.	7.227
Western Canada	Wed.	0300Z	3.740
Transcontinental	M-Sat.	1600Z ST	14.3075
		1500Z DT	14.3075
Halo	Daily	1800Z	21.390

THE ARMS MOTTO

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

Galatians 6:10



WHAT MISSIONARY AMATEUR RADIO HAS MEANT TO ME

When I served in the U.S. Army, the isolation factor of being far from friends and family became very real to me. Later, after becoming a disabled veteran and while needing a good hobby, I discovered the thrill of amateur radio. It was a real pleasure to be able to handle communications for others at military bases around the world so they could do what I hadn't done—that is, talk to the folks back home for free.

An even greater satisfaction came after becoming a member of God's army when I started contacting missionary outposts around the world. My first missionary phone patching on a regular basis was with Bob Meyers, HI8XRM (now HI3XRM) during the Dominican Republic uprising of 1965. It was possible for Bob's family to be evacuated and to return to their home in Omaha while he continued with his mission responsibilities in Santa Domingo, the capital city.

The situation was tense, to say the least, but I was able to let Bob talk directly to his wife daily by phone patch on the 20-meter band so that his loved ones were kept completely informed. Although Bob reported at one time that machine gun bullets had passed through their house, there was little damage. The marvel of amateur radio had allowed me to become personally involved in the drama of missions on the front lines.

Missionary radio is still growing around the world, and its influence has helped many of us to better understand the culture of other nations. Although the illegal ham operations from Guyana a few years ago may cause some future restrictions, the problems should be minimal.

Several students in my radio class at the Bible College in Ankeny are diligently working to qualify for their FCC licenses so they, too, can share in the blessings of traveling the airwaves to the far corners of the world without wasting costly energy.

For a few hundred dollars and pennies a week for electricity they can join many of us on 15 meters. They then may have pleasant surprises as I have had lately. Missionaries Don Bond, OA6AEE, of Peru, and Chick Watkins, EL8C, of Liberia, have visited me and made the overseas voices from my receiver become living realities in the hamshack. How sweet to share in Christ's love to the nations.

Larry Abbott, ABØZ.

Ed. Note: The above testimony is from page 3 of the May, 1979, "Static Sheet," monthly publication of the Des Moines Radio Amateur Association. Larry, who is a quadriplegic, and his wife, Carolyn, KAØFHB, carry on an active ministry among college students. They serve with Campus Bible Fellowship, a ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions. Their home is in Ankeny, Iowa.

SERMONS FROM SCIENCE

It will be a great privilege for us to have Dean C. Ortner, N6DDB, with us at our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Convention, July 15-18. Dean, who is a member of ARMS and checks in frequently on the Transcontinental Net, represents the Moody Institute of Science. He will present for us one of the more popular features of the four most recent World's Fairs—a series of scientific demonstrations called Sermons From Science.

Sermons From Science is produced by the Moody Institute of Science, a branch of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. All of the programs are designed to show the relevance of God in our modern world. Many people today are honestly confused with the tragedy of world conditions. Sermons From Science is an attempt to show that the great fundamentals of the Christian faith are urgently needed in our present day.

Dean uses \$30,000 worth of scientific super-gadgets to supplement his lectures. He makes metal float effortlessly in space, chemicals alter color at a predetermined time, straight lines appear to bend, and a common suitcase oppose the will of audience participants. His purpose is not to amuse people with parlor tricks but to show that eyes and ears are such tragically feeble instruments in some realms of nature that man is reduced to the functional stature of a jellyfish in a symphony orchestra.

The upshot of Dean's address is that science is constantly uncovering facts to indicate that there are yet untold sounds and sights of which we know nothing, that the universe is run by laws which we know only in part, and that for man to disregard these laws is simply to ask for a fatal bump on the noggin. Much more tragic than the results that come from violation of physical laws is the risking of our eternal destiny when we do not follow God's laws for the spiritual world.

Dean contends that walls may truly have ears—even a voice. He demonstrates with tape recorders and intricate sound equipment that science's advance already points to the possibility that many materials could conceivably be used as recording devices. He feels that someday we may be able to put our ear to a stone and, with the aid of yet-unperfected equipment, be able to hear the voices of persons who spoke near that rock centuries ago.

Dean will not be talking above our heads. He reshapes technical information and laboratory jargon into an address which even the layman can understand. With a spiritual touch he lifts the veil of silence. The purpose of his lectures is to forge a more complete concept of Christianity through the scientific facts of material life. He has a degree in Biology from Moorhead (Minn.) State University and served on the faculty of North Dakota State University for three years in Entomology while doing research work in Bionucleonics.

If you have not done so, begin now to include the ARMS convention in your vacation plans for this summer. The dates again are July 15-18.



Moody Institute of Science Photo

Dean Ortner at work

SPECIAL NOTICE

If you plan to attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary ARMS convention, July 15-18, please write to Jay Sudenga, K0GAZ, Route 1, Box 111, George, Iowa, 51237. Tell him how many persons will be in your party, when you expect to arrive, and when you plan to leave. This information is essential for planning, and Jay would like to hear from as many as possible by July 1. If you are unable to decide by then, later will be all right. Y'all come!

SCHEDULES

John P. Todd, Sr., KB3TC. Just a line to let you know of some of my skeds and traffic handled with the missionaries on the field between 5/13/81 and 8/15/81. The following are regular skeds I make when able.

PT8ZAA	21.390	1200Z	Mon.-Sat.
EL2FR	21.390	2200Z	Tue. & Wed.
EL2FR	21.315	1130-1200Z	Tue. & Thur.
	21.315	1300-1500Z	Sat.
9G1HZ	21.370	1730-1800Z	Sat.

I also check the following nets from time to time:

HALO	21.390	1800-2000Z	Daily
BRAG	21.440	1630-2030Z	Daily
BEST	14.334	0200Z	Daily

Through these nets I've run traffic and made patches for PS7ZAE, PY8ZAC, PY4ZAQ, CE3VG, W9KYS/HK3, PY7ZRF, OA4AYX, PP8ZAB, PP8ZAC, WB2FCY/HK3, TI2RO. Since my last report, I usually meet on ARMS net on 3.907, M. W. F. and Sat. My old call was WB3CKK.

Allen Smith, K2CAC. The last several Monday nights I have had the opportunity of making it possible for two college girls to talk with their parents in Quito, Ecuador. It's great to be able to help in this way.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the President of ARMS during the past 3 years; and for an added blessing, it has been fun. Emily and I recently returned from a trip through our Southwest Section, where we visited our children and grandchildren in Phoenix. Along the way, we were able to visit and have fellowship with some of the gang. We enjoyed eyeball QSOs with Irwin and Margaret, N6CFD; Jay and Dottie, K0GAZ; Maurice, K7JKG; Bob and Betty, WB7AMM; Gene and Ann, WB7CLD; Rudy and Wanda, K7LLX; Bill and Fanny, KA7BRU; Lio and Sally, W7HBQ; Dolly Cox of Cottonwood; and Walt and Alice, WA7MKH, who were roaming the country.

It was a wonderful trip. Our only regret is not being able to meet all of the ARMS gang in the Southwest. While visiting with Jay, who is our Vice-President and Convention Chairman, and his wife, Dottie, we were able to talk over the plans for our 25th anniversary convention. I am sure that you will agree as you read the details in this issue of the BEAM that it will be an exciting time. Our thanks to Jay and Dottie and to all of those who are helping to make this a great convention.

We thank the Lord for all of the missionaries on the field and at home for their faithful service to Him. We pray that ARMS will lighten their load and that we will be available when they need us. It is good to report that interest in Christian service is growing on the ham bands. I have sent out 175 packets of ARMS information to interested hams. We welcome our many new members and pray that they will receive, as well as be, a blessing in our Christian service and fellowship.

I want to thank everyone for all the help and cooperation we have received during this year. I'm sure that you all want to join me in thanking John, N0DRE (ex-WD0GDU) for all of the work and time that is involved in getting this 25th anniversary BEAM to press. Our thanks also to our Treasurer, Al, K2CAC, for his continued willingness to handle the workload involved with his office. Thanks to our section directors for their leadership in each of the active sections and to our newest and fastest-growing section with their 75-meter net under the direction of Gordon, VE5HP. Special greetings to our brothers and sisters to the north of us.

We have been hearing good words about our 20-meter net; for this we owe thanks to our net manager, Emil, W7FQ, and to the net control stations that are all doing a great job. May the Lord bless you all, and I hope that we will be able to fellowship in person at the convention in July.

73 and 99, Charlie, K7AQ

OPERATING TIP

Thanks to all of the net control operators on the Transcontinental Net for their wonderful assistance in making the net a success. This will pertain to all net control

stations as well as others on the net. After standing by for someone's transmission, please hesitate for just a second rather than hitting the button instantly. It's surprising how many breaks are missed, and sometimes a breaker gets frustrated and moves away.

Emil Gisel, W7FQ, Net Director

SECTION DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Harry L. Baumgarten, WA9KWJ, a veteran missionary and long-time ARMS member, has been appointed by President Charlie Cox, K7AQ, to serve as Section Director in the Central Section. Harry, now retired from active missionary service, served many years with Wycliffe Bible Translators at Yarinacocha, Peru, using the call sign WA9KWJ/OA8. Inasmuch as the Central Section has been without a director for some time, everyone is grateful for Harry's willingness to serve. Harry would like to hear from all of the ARMS members in the Central Section in order that an active net can be started once again. If you can help, write to Harry and let him know. Harry is also active on the Transcontinental Net and can often be reached there.

CENTRAL CANADA SECTION DIRECTOR

Gordon C. Pearce, VE5HP, a veteran amateur radio operator, has been appointed Section Director for the Central Canada Section. Gordon is retired from his work with the Canadian Government, and he and his wife, Dorothy, make their home in Regina, Saskatchewan. He writes that the fellowship on the ARMS Nets means a lot to both of them.

In 1960, at the age of 44, Gordon received his amateur radio license; and he was A.R.R.L. Phone Activities Manager and Section Communications Manager for approximately 8 years. For 14 years he was president of the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League, and during this period he was editor of QSO, their magazine and official organ.

Gordon has been very active throughout his amateur radio career and has handled much traffic for missionaries as well as for other hams. He sings in the choir of a local Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and has served in the Sunday School and as Board Member and Elder for many years. Aside from these accomplishments, he says that he is an ordinary guy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you look at the list of Section Directors inside the front cover of this issue, you will note that two sections are without directors and consequently are inactive. It does not seem that this should be so as we look at the number of ARMS members located in the 4th and 5th call sign areas. Is there an operator in each of these sections that would step forward and volunteer to serve as section director? Or perhaps two or three operators could share this respon-

sibility and thus spread the load. Why not talk it over among your friends and put something together; then drop a note or give a call to our President, K7AQ, telling him that your section will become active again. It will make your day—and his as well.

SECTION NEWS

Central Canada Section: Our local net—Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia—is operating quite well. Our attendance is usually about 7 or 8. We meet on Wednesday evenings on 3.740 at 0300Z.

Gordon Pearce, VE5HP

Southwest Section: We have tried to hold our meetings each week on Tuesday at 1700Z on 7.227. We have several check in some weeks, and at other times, only a few; but we are not discouraged. We trust that more of you will be able to meet with us. I would appreciate any suggestions from our members in the Southwest Section as to their ideas in building up the 40-meter net. As there are many new people in this section who check in on the 20-meter net, it would be helpful for those making contact with them to tell them of the 40-meter net and give the time and frequency. Others in this area besides me are not able to hear each other on 20 meters, so I would appreciate their being informed of our activities.

Gene Paxton, WB7CLD

Southeast Section: I apologize for not writing before now. Since our last conversation the Southeast Section net has completely died. I had been off the air for about a month; after getting back on, I called the net four or five times, even after the last BEAM came out, and there was no response. About that time it became apparent that I was needing to go back to college, as my job was almost demanding it. The need to pay off some bills also became apparent, so the next step was to sell the radio equipment. At this point I am in school and doing well. Perhaps in a few years I will be able to become active in radio and I can look you up on the ARMS net.

Bob Wood, WB4CJC

WANTED: SECTION NEWS

We are still in need of Section News. See what you can come up with for the next issue of the BEAM, which will probably be out sometime next fall. Section Directors especially note. Send articles and schedules to John, NØDRE (ex-WDØGDU). Thanks in advance.

THANK YOU

We appreciate and are thankful for all of the material that was sent for this twenty-fifth anniversary issue of the BEAM. Each little bit helps, and you are the only source of material that we have. Thank you also to those who have

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RETURNING MISSIONARIES

Note: Updated current addresses for these missionaries appear in the list of directory changes that came with your copy of the BEAM.

Orval and Helen Dunkeld, ZE1EF, Mt. Darwin, Zimbabwe. Retirement time has come. We thank God for His faithfulness to us since we first came to Africa in 1939 and for you who have prayed and given that we might serve here. They have been happy and satisfying years. Now we are in the midst of sorting and packing or selling all of the accumulated junk of over 40 years. Time does not permit our writing a personal note to each one of you at this time, but we praise the Lord for your faithfulness down through the years. We are booked to leave here on April 7. Sorry we have not been able to get into one of the nets, but we may see you in the near future either via reciprocity or a W9 call. That will take some work; we'll appreciate any help.

Edward S. Read, WA1HCK/TG4. I am a missionary under CAM International and have been in missionary service in Guatemala, Central America, for 35 years. But I am now here in St. Petersburg, Florida, on retirement furlough. In Guatemala, my call was WA1HCK/TG4, but it is now simply WA1HCK. The BEAM and all other correspondence may now be sent to the above address. Thanking you in anticipation of your kind attention.

J. A. Newman, 5Z4LH/W8KZB, from Nairobi, Kenya. I am returning to the States on furlough next month. Would you please change my address. Thank you.

Leon and Lola Winter, WA6FMO/DU9 and WD6CAO/DU9, from Bukidnon, Philippines. For 4½ years while my wife, Lola, and I have been in the Philippines with SIL, we have enjoyed getting the BEAM. Ham radio is fun, but being a Christian and a ham is fantastic! We will be going on furlough soon, but would like to continue receiving the BEAM for the year at home. Could you please use the address at my father's place until I write asking you to again have it sent here? Just a note—for the last three times, the BEAM has come to both Lola and me at our Philippine address. I'll bet this happened when you guys started using a computer. Since both Lola and I are members, the machine spits out a label for each one without flagging the common address. You'll need to add a routine to trap like addresses and only let the printer do one of them. With the cost of postage (especially foreign) it's worth the time to add the routine. We hope that after furlough there will be 24-hour power. Then I'll be able to check into the net more often. Batteries are just not the way to go because my transmit power drops so low and everyone has to struggle just to hear me. God bless all of you for spending the time to do this service.

Mats Gunnarsson, HC1SK/SM7BUA and his family left South America on May 13, to spend the summer at their home in Sweden. Mats serves in the Nordic Department of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, and will return to his work in September. His term of service lasts until 1985.

QRP TO THE RESCUE

June 19th was another hot day in southern California. At noon, NCS George Wiley, W6VKT, Sacramento, had begun to close the 40-meter Pacific Coast Net. Al Goeppinger, W6FXL, Escondido, was saying 73 when a strange sounding signal broke in—"W6FXL de KQ6O, emergency traffic here." With the help of another member of the net, Gene Zaluskey, K6IE, the calling station was moved to a clear frequency away from the net. During the next four hours, KQ6O remained in CW contact with W6FXL; and during this time messages were relayed between the two stations and thence via landline to government agencies.

Boyd Smith, KQ6O, was the only adult with a group of six Boy Scouts (Troup 50, Southern Sierra Council) camping in a very remote area of the Sierras on the Kern River southwest of Mt. Whitney. It was there that they encountered Fred Vernon, an adult leader of a hiking group from the First Baptist Church of Santa Barbara. Fred was in search of two brothers, Matthew and David Dunscumb, who had become separated from the leaders somewhere along the trail. Fred had been hiking all the previous day and through the night, covering 43 miles in his attempt to find the missing boys. Another adult leader had gone to a ranger station about two miles from the camp but had found it unattended.

A series of messages between the two amateur stations obtained the immediate help of the Forest Service, and Tulare County Sheriff Hopkins soon had the information needed to arrange for the search and rescue team to look for the missing boys. The boys were located by this team late in the afternoon. They were in good condition, and it is understood that they were picked up and taken back to their group. When they were found, they were separated from the searchers by a two-day hike.

The good news concerning the rescue of the boys was relayed immediately by radio to Fred Vernon, who had remained with KQ6O at the Little Kern Lake Camp. Because Fred had found it necessary to abandon his backpack and food, the Scouts provided him with a sleeping bag and food for an overnight stay. In the meantime, the Scouts were able to hike the two miles to the point where Mr. Vernon's friend, John Bruce, was waiting, in order to guide him back to the Scout Camp. Because Mr. Vernon's feet were in bad condition, he was not able to hike out; again, arrangements were made by ham radio for a helicopter to pick up Mr. Vernon and Mr. Bruce the following morning. From there they were flown to Long Pine for a reunion with their group.

Throughout the previous afternoon, Gene, K6IE, helped to monitor the frequency and act as backup station for W6EXL. Much credit goes to Boyd Smith, KQ6O, who with some misgivings had decided to take his Heathkit HW-8 transceiver along with all of his other camping gear on his back! Powered by 9 alkaline C batteries and with the help of an inverted V antenna, it put out a solid signal for four hours on Friday afternoon and again for another half hour on Saturday morning. At 8:00 a.m., Boyd again contacted

W6FXL to report the successful pickup of the two weary searchers by the helicopter. "Mac" Cowden, W6TBE, of Clear Lake, was also able to contact him and to pull his signals through the heavy Mexican phone QRM on 7.080 MHz.

We salute the Scouts and their Scoutmaster, KQ6O. They again had proved the meaning of their motto, "Be Prepared."

Al Goeppinger, W6FXL

OPERATION UPGRADE

On one of the Transcontinental Nets early in the month of January, Irwin Moon, N6CFD, suggested a project that would help some Wycliffe missionaries serving in Peru get their amateur radio licenses upgraded. To get this done in Peru they needed a large number of radio contacts on the 40-meter frequencies as well as other requirements specified by the regulations prevailing in their area of service. A number of ARMS members on the net wanted to help, and schedules were set up for the week of January 11-15 for us to meet on a certain frequency at 1000Z to work the stations in Peru. The missionary operators were OA8CW, OA8CA, OA8CV, and KA6OUX/OA8; and here in the States we had Irwin, N6CFD; Charlie, K7AQ; Harry, W9KWJ; John, WD0GDU; while Wayne, W0MI, acted as net control station to sort out the calls. Once the contacts were started, numerous other stations, not connected with ARMS, were eager to work Peru on 40 meters. The result was that the missionaries made many nice contacts and it was a successful project. I am quite sure that the list of participants here in the States is not complete, and I trust that those not mentioned will understand and forgive your editor.

A letter written to Irwin, N6CFD, by one of the missionaries, Ron Ryan, KA6OUX/OA8, contains the following paragraphs:

"I am very near to having all my QSLs for my upgrade. It was unfortunate that we had to move the week that the fellows from ARMS were on. Curtis and Wes did much better than I. They have both moved up to Intermediate. I will finish up this weekend with an 8-hour local contest.

"We are grateful for the help from ARMS and especially your work on the cards. My cards got slowed down in Yarina. I got some, the first ones, last week. Wes will be in California soon and he hopes to stop by to see you. I hope that soon we will be able to talk on 10 meters. May the Lord bless you abundantly! Lots of love from the Ryan family" (Ron, KA6OUX/OA8).

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE"

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two

sets of footprints in the sand—one belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints in the sand. He also noted that this happened during the lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord, "Lord you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you most, You deserted me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author unknown

THINK OF OUR LORD SPEAKING TO YOU

You do not have to be clever to please me; all you have to do is to want to love me. Just speak to me as you would to anyone of whom you are very fond.

Are there any people you want to pray for? Say their names to me, and ask of me as much as you like. I am generous and know all their needs, but I want you to show your love for them and me by trusting me to do what I know is best.

Tell me about the poor, the sick, and the sinners, and if you have lost the friendship or affection of anyone, tell me about that, too.

Is there anything you want for your soul? If you like you can write out a long list of all your needs, and come and read it to me.

Just tell me about your pride, your touchiness, self-centeredness, meanness and laziness. Do not be ashamed; there are many Saints in Heaven who had the same faults as you; they prayed to me and, little by little, their faults were corrected.

Do not hesitate to ask me for blessings for the body and mind; for health, memory, success. I can give everything, and I always do give everything needed to make souls holier.

What is it that you want today? Tell me, for I long to do you good. What are your plans? Tell me about them. Is there anyone you want to please? What do you want to do for them?

And don't you want to do anything for me? Don't you want to do a little good to the souls of your friends who perhaps have forgotten me? Tell me about your failures, and I will show you the cause of them. What are your worries? Who has caused you pain? Tell me all about it, and add that you will forgive and forget, and I will bless you.

Are you afraid of anything? Have you any tormenting,

unreasonable fears? Trust yourself to me. I am here. I see everything. I will not leave you.

Have you no joys to tell me about? Why do you not share your happiness with me? Tell me what has happened since yesterday to cheer and comfort you. Whatever it was, however big, however small, I prepared it. Show me your gratitude and thank me.

Are you determined to run into no temptations? Have you made up your mind about bad books and bad friendships? They disturb the peace of your soul. Are you going to be kind to that one who has hurt you?

Well, go along now. Get on with your work. Try to be quieter, humbler, more submissive, kinder; and come back soon and bring me a more devoted heart. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you.

THE ANGLICAN DIGEST

TENTATIVE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, July 15

- 1:00- 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00- 7:15 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30- 9:00 p.m. Fellowship time

Friday, July 16

- 7:30- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration (Locals)
- 10:00-11:45 a.m. Welcome and tour of the college
Conducted by Bill Berntsen, NQCYO
- 12:00-Noon Lunch
- 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Sermons from Science—Dean Ortner,
N6DDB
- 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30- 9:30 p.m. Sermons from Science—Dean Ortner,
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Saturday, July 17

- 7:30- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. National ARMS business meeting
Installation of new officers
- 12:00-Noon Lunch
- 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Sermons from Science—Dean Ortner,
N6DDB
- 6:00- 9:00 p.m. National ARMS Banquet
Musical Program by Krieger Family

Sunday, July 8

- 7:30- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00-11:15 a.m. Morning Worship—Speaker to be
announced.
- 12:00-Noon Lunch—If you want it.

Afternoon—Head back home.

You will receive a complete up-to-the-minute program when you register.

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SILENT KEYS

Merritt L. Hoath, VE6CBI, quietly passed away Saturday, August 15, 1981. His widow, Lois, wrote to saying that he did not wake up from his afternoon rest—the Lord just took him. The Hoaths were living at Three Hills, Alberta, where he was on the staff of Prairie Bible Institute. Although this is a belated report, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lois and their four children even now.

Mervil A. Powlishta, WØEXL, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 20, after a brief illness. Word of his passing was received on April 22 as the Transcontinental Net was in progress; needless to say, we were all saddened by the news. Mervil and his wife, Grace, lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had been employed by radio station WMT. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Grace and their children.



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