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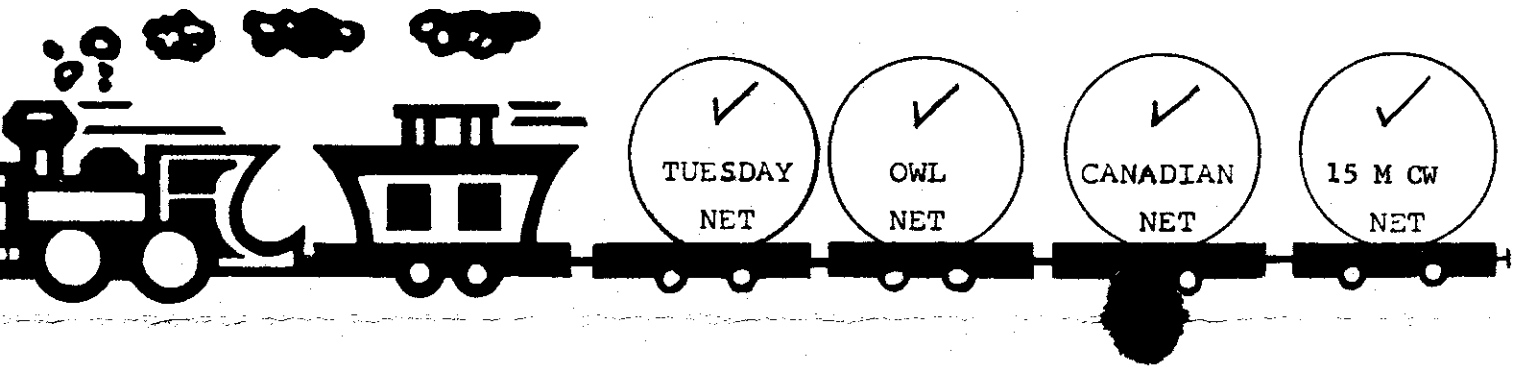
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EDITORIAL

Well, here comes my first editorial of the New Year. It's 4:00 A.M. I am trying very hard to shake a miserable cold. There is snow, accumulating, outside. At the moment, I can't seem to find the minutes, from December's very important meeting. I'm monitoring our repeater, along with 92 FM and, frankly, I wish that I was with WD8SBY in Florida!

That first paragraph wasn't, really, the way to launch an editorial. However, some months are like that. Our new "do or die" deadlines are now in effect. Some desired and anticipated material has not been received. (Jack gave me the minutes, early) I'm not feeling too enthusiastic about anything, being, as I am, ensnared in Winter Doldrums.

Let me suggest, as others have in past issues, that we all need to watch our repeater procedures. Quite often, we hear a breaking station have to wait for two, three, four or even five transmissions, before getting the opportunity to state his or her business. Oh, sure, we all know that the vast majority of the time, it's just someone wanting to join in and be placed in rotation in the greater QSO. However, there's always the chance that the breaker, has bona fide priority traffic. I know that the tendency is strong to do the convenient thing and acknowledge the breaker in a manner not disruptive to our QSO. But try to put yourself in the breaker's shoes and think how frustrating it could be, at times. A little inconvenience is a small price to pay to promote the safest, most effective, possible use of our hard-won facilities.

While I'm on the soapbox and geared up, let me hold forth on the subject of being careful, in general, of what we say, on the repeater. We share a proclivity to get a cozy feeling about our communications on the system. We regularly talk to the same ham friends about issues of common interest, sometimes forgetting who else, ham or otherwise, may be listening. I could give a few specific subjects, but I won't, because I know that each of you could cite those or others equally applicable. Lets just try to be careful not to offend any person or group, unnecessarily, giving ourselves a bad image.

VE EXAM

Saturday, December 20th saw USECA's VEs administering tests in the Gibbing room at the Utica Public Library. A number of successful tests were written, with new licenses and upgrades being the happy result. I'm proud that our association is able to provide this service to fellow hams as well as would-be amateurs.

with portable ham gear enabled the confined youngsters to communicate with Santa at the North Pole. Your editor, convalescing, at home, listened in and the kids seemed enchanted. Nice job Elves, Helpers and Santa!

OOPS!

Apology to Earl & Steve (WD8CRS & KAB YRW) They have helped support our publication, for a long time with their ad. It didn't appear last month due to a misunderstanding. It's back, Earl. Thank you.

YULETIDE SPECIAL

Sunday, December 21st, continuing our Utica Weekend, the annual Yuletide Special Event was held, at the city municipal building, in the lobby near the police dispatch facility. While, once again, we didn't have as many walk-in children as we would have liked, this year brought a new dimension to the program. Roving "Elves" visiting nearby hospitals

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHS

3rd N8HIZ	6th N8ZR	14th WA1APX
4th N8GPJ	8th W8IAR	23rd WA8LGV
5th W88QNI	11th KG8F	26th N8EHS
6th N8GQI	12th WA8TPE	29th N8GYU
	30th K8MKA	

NEWS & VIEWS

CQ CQ DE KA8RUN.

All USECA members, listen up!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY REFLECTIONS

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The highlight of the evening was the meeting and talking to the International Net Control Operator, Marie (VE3LFZ) and her guests.

A Very Happy New Year!

Stag, K8MKA

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The January Meeting will be topped off with a slide presentation of films by Richard, K8QLM. For those of you who have never visited the Great State of Alaska, the slides should be very interesting.

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TEN METERS

Ten Meter Net, each Tuesday night at 9:00 P.M. Good time to get 10-10 numbers for those who want them and get acquainted with local ten-meter users.

Jack, WB8ITJ

The Amateur's Code

ONE

The Amateur is considerate... He never knowingly uses the air in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

TWO

The Amateur is loyal... He offers his loyalty, encouragement and support to his fellow radio amateurs, his local club and to the American Radio Relay League, through which amateur radio is represented.

THREE

The Amateur is progressive... He keeps his station abreast of science. It is well built and efficient. His operating practice is above reproach.

FOUR

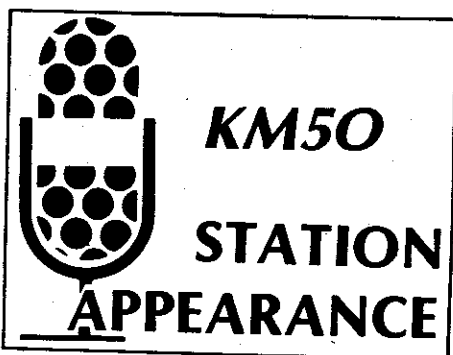
The Amateur is friendly... Slow and patient sending, when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others; these are marks of the amateur spirit.

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, his job, his school, or his community.

SIX

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



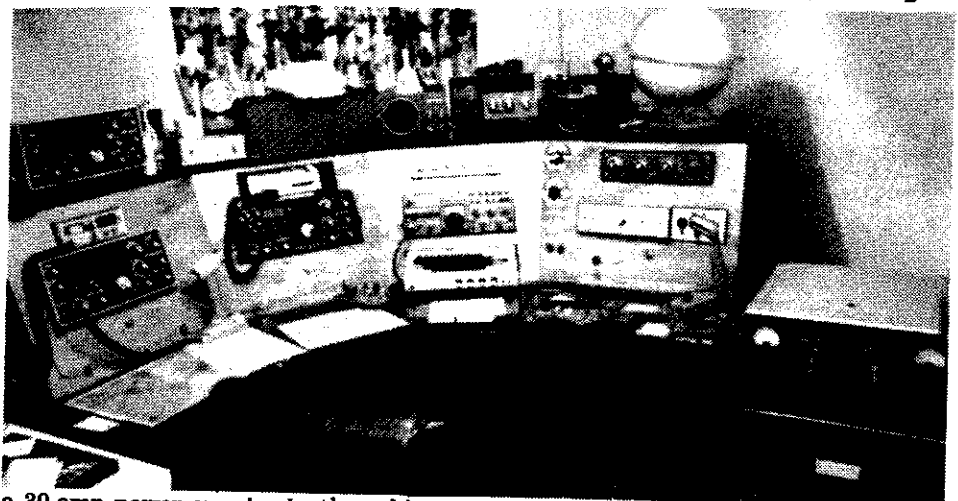
Duane C. Stradley, KM50, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, wins our December Station Appearance award. He'll be receiving a free year's subscription.

In his letter he points out an interesting feature of his station: the cabinet is in three modules, which sit on a 5-foot desk, making it easy to disassemble.

From left to right on top are: FR-101 receiver, 12-volt power supply, two speakers, SB-634 timer/wattmeter, and

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- Paul M. Segal



a 30-amp power supply. In the cabinet (left to right): FT-101 transmitter and Heath 20036-A 2-meter FM unit; FT-902 DM with rotator control on top; above MFJ keyboard is Kenwood

TS-180S transceiver and MFJ audio filter above it. The B&W switches control three antennas and the three exciters. The Heath HA-14 amplifier is mounted above the DGM RTTY/CW demodulator, and an Ameco PT-2 preamp/switch with the Collins S-1 sitting on the floor, controlled by a foot switch. □

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