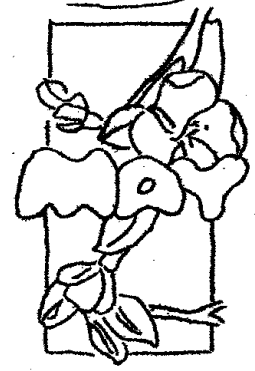
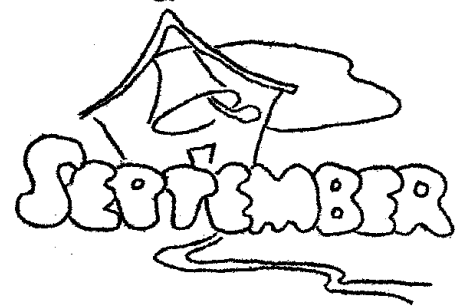
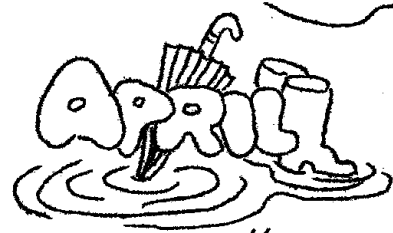
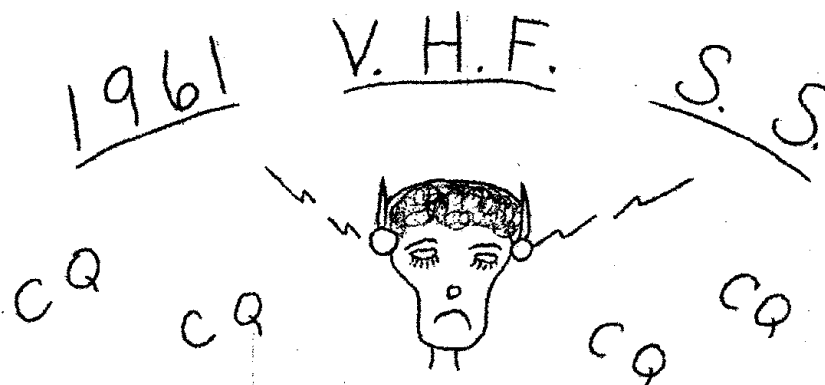
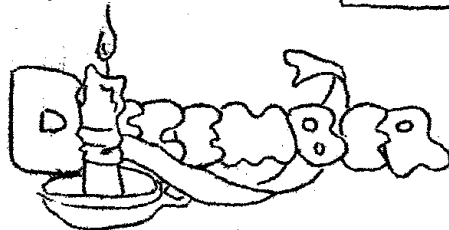
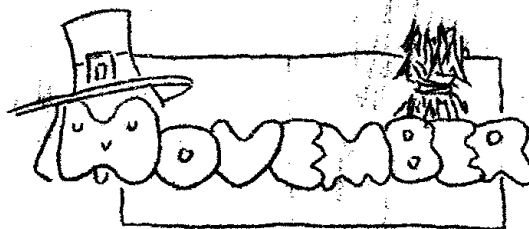
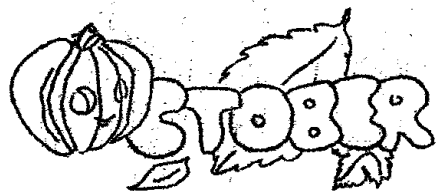


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(Meeting notice, last page) JANUARY 1961





JANUARY, 8th, 1961
2400

Is this a picture of you at that hour? Contest over, coffee pot empty, final ready to burn up, VFO starting to drift, modulation raggy, and CQ still ringing in your ears? Is that your problem, Bunky? Go to bed! Work tomorrow, remember?

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CHANGE IN PUBLICATION DATE!

At the request of the Board of Directors,
"Cheese Bits" will now be published at
the beginning of the month instead of
the end of the month. However the dead-
line for articles will still be the
15th of the month. I thank you.

A new membership list is in the process
of being made up and if there are any
changes in your address or phone number,
please let the Corresponding Secretary
know, in writing, so that the corrections
may be made before publication. Some
members have moved and have not sent in
their new address, so they have not
been receiving their copy of "Cheese
Bits".

Those members, having an old list, are
requested to check their call, address,
and phone number. If there is any
error, please see that we get the cor-
rection.

This does not apply to the new members,
as we get their information from their
application.

Most of the changes have been made, but
there can always be a slip-up.

Thank you for your co-operation.

YULETIDE IN GLENSIDE

T'was the net before Christmas and all
through the house
Not a hamster was calling, not even a
mouse.

Old Harry was ready to go on the air
When quite by accident he looked under
his chair.

And what did he see on his spotless
clean floor

A tiny gray mouse with his head out
the door.

In a small squeaky voice he gave out
with his call

Saying Merry Christmas to the Pack
Rats, Happy New Year to all.

This was almost too much for our net
control

And as he sat back his eyes started
to roll.

This can't be a mouse that is talking
to me

I'll take one more look and make sure
what I see.

Sure enough, little mouse was there as
before

His pink eyes sparkled and his tail
brushed the floor.

A message was coming through clearly
this time

I'll put it on the air, as it's almost
nine.

CQ for all Pack Rats, now hear this,
I'll say

An important announcement is coming
your way.

It's a plea for short contacts with
meat for the men

So I can finish this net, be on 220 at
ten.

Tell jokes, we all like them - give
us tech data, too

That is the chatter we all need from
you.

One minute or two is all that's re-
quired

So when the net's over I won't be
tired.

Just a word about breakers, we need
them sure

But an interrupted message still needs
a cure.

It's easy to do this as you can see
Just wait every fifteen for a call
from me.

If your message is personal and takes
more time

Tune in with the Nitwits and that will
do fine.

Many thanks for your help in securing
the net

Co-operation from all is the best yet.

LITTLE MOUSE

Fine business, Harry, but I'm going
to kick you in the pants if you don't
spell "Pack Rats" correct. It is not
spelled "Pak Rats".

We would like to take this opportunity
to thank each and everyone for the
lovely Christmas cards. Due to cir-
cumstances beyond control, I was not
able to reciprocate. Happy New Year
to each and everyone, anyhow.

TVI NOT ALWAYS TVI

By "Grandpop" Bill, K3HWZ

The recent storm which started on Sunday, December 11th, caused a certain amount of concern as to whether or not the proposed Directors' Meeting of the Pack Rats could and would be held at the QTH of W3CKP up in Doylestown. As you all know on Monday the picture was most definite that something radical would have to be done, consequently Warren and other members of the Board of Directors were on the air during the day Monday, Monday night, Tuesday and on till the caravan actually got underway Wednesday night. By this time, of course, main artery traffic was proceeding smoothly; however, the secondary roads were still difficult.

Part of the gang proceeded with chains on some of the back roads to Warren's location near Doylestown, while three other cars arranged for a rendezvous at the Cross Key Diner on 611 just out of Doylestown. First to arrive was K3HWZ and his navigator, K3CIV. Jack, W3AXU, from Trenton, pulled up next in his Doodlebug. However, there was no sign of Bert, who was bringing Dave Bloch and Frankie.

While in the midst of enjoying our coffee, the diner manager answered the 'phone and inquired as to whether there was anyone by the name of Bert there. Realizing that it could be for K3IUV, the writer answered the 'phone. The call proved to be from Mrs. Helen Hawthorne, who lives on Old New Road, Chalfont RD, near Tradesville. She informed me that Channel 3, NBC, was bringing in all of Warren's conversations and had been doing so for the past three days. Thinking this was some sort of a TVI complaint, I quickly informed her that it was not necessary to put up with this sort of thing as a channel filter would remove Warren from the picture completely. This brought forth an emphatic protest from her as she stated --- we have been snowed in here for three days and when we get tired of looking at TV we tune in on Warren and get all the news, whereupon she proceeded to recite to me practically verbatim the gist of Warren's conversations. These included the difficulty Warren was having getting Dick active with the shovel in the driveway, Warren's swollen gland, also the fact that Warren was all out of scotch, didn't have the chairs for the party and that Marian would have to do all the baking. There were many other amusing bits of gossip which Helen gathered and a full report was made at the Directors' Meeting.

Of course, we can't say how long Helen and her family, which consists of husband Norman and a young son, will put up with other conversations from Warren's high power rig, but we must say it was a pleasure to talk with her and find that even to a stranger, "ham Chatter" can be interesting and not necessarily TVI.

OK, Grandpop, the same goes for you as it does for Harry. "Pak" does not spell "Pack".

Just for that, you and Harry, will have to write it one hundred times and hand it to me at the next Directors Meeting.

SIX TO THE RESCUE

Also by "Grandpop" Bill

Returning from Langhorne down Bridgeton Pike, at the bottom of the valley near Playwickie Park, a brand new winter-tread suffered the casualty of someones's broken chain putting a large and leaky hole in the tire. I couldn't have stopped at a worse place as there was a swamp on either side, a sturdy fence and last, but not least, a good high snow drift.

Traffic at 5 o'clock was anything but light, so my car quickly piled up a backlog of first one direction and then the other, tooting horns and blinking lights. A police officer kindly set up a flare and I proceeded with the task of changing the tire. Unfortunately, my jack, which had never been used, was defective since manufacture - the result being that I had no means of changing the tire. No farm house nearby and traffic still piling up.

I got back in my car and was successful in contacting Don, K3MLI, who lives in Northeast Phila. He got on the 'phone and called the General Tire dealer in Johnsville and, not too long after that, their service truck effected the necessary change and I was on my way. Thanks to the six meter mobile.

COMMENTS ON SIX

AND TWO

By Smel A, Rhat

The above blank space does not mean that we did not receive a note from good ole Smel, only that since the date of publication has been changed, and his article dealt with getting ready for the contest, we were unable to print it. However he did say that he predicts that the Pack Rats will be number one.

Since the contest is over, only time will tell whether or not he is right in his prediction.

A dog is man's best friend because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

EAST COAST VHF SOCIETY INC.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL RADIC CLUBS

On February 25, 1961 there will again be the largest, finest and most entertaining Dinner-Hamfest the East Coast has to offer.

"The best event of the winter season for Hams".

from the V.H.F. Amateur and CQ Magazine.

What is this Event? - THE THIRD ANNUAL DINNER HAMFEST sponsored by the E.C.V.H.F.S.INC.

This club had, on its first Dinner-Hamfest, an attendance of 37 people. On February 21, 1960 the second was held, and at this dinner there were 314 present. This year we will have well over 500!

The whole reason for holding the first dinner was to try and raise the expense money that it takes to run an "Ole fashion Outdoor Picnic Ham-fest" (We just managed to get by too.)

With the ever increasing popular and wide publicity that we receive we would like to pass the opportunity on to you and your club.

With the purchase of tickets in lots of five or more we will reserve a table or tables with your Club's Name on it. Another thing, how well is your club known? When do you meet? Where? Do you have a certificate for working so many members, etc.? Enclosed is an application form so that you may advertise your club. (Watch' its not included in Cheese Bits, but any club desiring one can contact the Secretary of the E.C.V.H.F.S. INC.)

A copy of the program book will be in almost every state in the U.S.A. PLUS the many non-hams, friends and guests that attend the dinner.

Our club members work hard and long to make these affairs a success. It's our way of giving back to the hobby some measure of enjoyment that we all receive so much from.

So once again join us at the Dinner and let's have an EYE BALL QSO that we will remember all our days.

The Best regards from our club to yours.

Sincerely,
Jack Tompkins, K2HHS,
Secretary,
135 Herbert Terrace,
Saddle Brook, N.J.

3RD ANNUAL DINNER AND HAMFEST

Neptune's Inn, located on Route 4 near River Edge, New Jersey
Saturday, February 25th starting at 7:00 P.M.

The program includes installation of officers; presentations of awards to members of our society and to other distinguished radio amateurs; speakers of note; novel entertainment; door prizes, etc; all topped off with plenty of unusually good food.

Tickets at \$5.00 per person are available from any member or write to:

Roy King, K2BNQ
55 Woodland Avenue,
Montvale, New Jersey

Tickets will also be available from many of the radio parts distributors in the East Coast area.

Ticket deadline is Sunday, February 12th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Requests from other radio clubs for specific groupings will receive special attention, if such orders are received early by K2BNQ. Requests of this nature can be honored only for blocks of five (5) or more tickets.

Motel accomodations are available nearby and there are ample parking facilities at the Inn.

(Editor's Note) In regards to the above, I have a limited number of tickets for distribution. Any ham, or club, desiring ~~some~~ may have them by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to me, stating the number wanted, and I will send them to you. PLEASE DO NOT send me the money. When you receive the tickets, send the money and reservation stub to the E.C.V.H.F.S. INC.

K.U.I.

By W3HKZ, Ed.

RFI-ODDITY: An airline at Chicago reported interference to its air-ground radio communication. The Allegan and Chillicothe monitoring stations of FCC "fixed" the area of its source and local investigators traced it to a Michigan piano factory. There a radio frequency heater was doing a good job of drying wood glue, but it was also putting out a hefty radio emission that could be heard hundreds of miles away.

RADAR used for air traffic control at Oakland, Calif., experienced interference of long duration before FCC assistance was asked. An FCC engineer with a mobile unit speedily determined that the disrupting signal was coming from a radar installation on Mount Tamalpais. The bearings were accurate enough to show which of the three radar units there was responsible. The Air Force took immediate steps to eliminate its trouble.

ONE OHIO MONITORING STATION received complaints by an electronics firm about interruptions of its communication in the citizens band. The wayward transmissions were deciphered to be taxicab dispatching messages. However, they were accompanied by no call signals or other identification. Direction finders fixed their origin in Bermuda. Inasmuch as citizen frequencies are used on a shared basis without interference protection, there was no justification for complaining to the British authorities.

WHEN AN INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH CARRIER complained of multiple interference on its circuit to Saudi Arabia, the FCC net found that it was caused by 10 different radio stations scattered throughout the world.

In regards to FCC service, and at the request of some, we have contacted the FCC in the matter of sending us applications for renewal of licenses. They have promised to send us the applications for each class of license.

A few issues ago, we requested each member to send us the expiration date of their license, so that we could put a reminder of the date in "Cheese Bits" for him. NO ONE COMPLIED!

Once again we are requesting each and every member to send us the expiration date and class of license. This information will be kept on file, and an application will be sent to him, at least three months before expiration. This will be another service of the club to you for your dues.

NOW IT'S UP TO YOU! Send us the information, or take the chance of your forgetting the expiration date, and losing your license.

Be sure to get on the nets. As soon as the applications are received, announcement will be made.

SWAP SHOPPE

FOR SALE Hallicrafters SX71 Receiver with matching speaker, recently aligned. \$130.00

CONTACT K3EMR, Gus Felix 32 Township Line, Elkins Park, 17, Pa. Pi. 5-3525

FOR SALE HQ110 Hammerlund Receiver Excellent condition \$140.00

CONTACT K3IFH, Edw. Guscin 7121 Glenloch Street, Phila., 35, Pa. De. 8-1231

FOR SALE Gonset Communicator III, 6 Meters including all xtals and headset. \$175.00

CONTACT K3CMS Herbert Sheinman 7940 Algon Avenue, Phila., 11, Pa. Pi. 2-6633

FOR SALE 600 watt homebrew xmitter 10 meters, CW & Fone, never used. Has 866 rectifiers and 811 in final, 2 brand new 813s. Rig has 6 separate meters. 1-0-500ma. Mod. 250 watts. 1-0-300ma 3-0-150ma 1-0-80ma Entire unit in 6' rack, a steal at \$150.00

CONTACT W3QB, Jay Achenbach 8019 Seminole Avenue, Phila., 18, Pa. Ch. 7-1381

or

W3FSC, Oscar Jacoby 1618 E. Barringer Street, Phila., 19, Pa. Wa. 4-8913

FOR SALE Hallicrafters SX99. Perfect condition \$100.00 Hallicrafters S85 \$ 80.00

WANTED Heathkit SB10 Sideband adapter.

CONTACT W3IXL, Ellis Hersh 8435 Cedarbrook Street, Phila., 18, Pa. Ch. 7-7325

FOR SALE SX99 Receiver \$75.00 2 meter converter, 2-417A's, 404 and 396. \$35.00 WRL 6 and 2 meter VFO \$50.00 8 element, 2 meter Telrex beam. Brand new. \$10.00

CONTACT K3DXC, Melvin Spiegel, 5639 N. 19th Street, Phila., 41, Pa. Ha. 4-6166

Did you know that W3IBH is a grandfather for the fifth time. Congratulations, Charlie. How does he do it? He won't be 45 until Groundhog Day. Youngest Grandfather of that many grandchildren, in the club. I won't tell you how I remember his age so well, except that he is only three months older than I.

Didn't find out until yesterday, Jan. 2nd, that Karl, W3ASD, had been in and out of the hospital. Hope everything is OK now.

Did you know that our "Bluebird Of Happiness", W3JAY, Doc, is now the Medical examiner for the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia? He still has his general practitioners office hours at home.

We know that many of our members, and members of their family have been ill, or in the hospital, but as of now all are either well or on the road to recovery. They are too numerous to list separately. We are more than happy that things are OK.

Ralph, K3CIV, is spending the rest of the winter in Sunny Florida. His QTH there is; K3CIV, Ralph Hersh, c/o Paul Hersh, 147D S.W. 47th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Like to read about the happenings of hams and club activities throughout the country?

There is a "Ham News" publication out of Texas, called "THE MONITOR" The Editor and Publisher is, Joe Martin, W5RYP, 507 West Davis, Dallas, 8, Texas.

As a service to clubs exchanging papers with him, he publishes a list of stated club meetings throughout the U.S. Ours is listed. This is done so that hams visiting in a different state are able to attend a meeting and meet new hams, or perhaps some that he has worked.

If you are curious, write to Joe and he will send you a sample copy. Should you care to subscribe to it, the rates are \$1.00 Per year, \$1.80 two years and \$2.50 three years.

How the news of "Cheese Bits" gets around is by word of mouth, and through this medium, we have received another exchange paper. It is the "VALLEY QRM", published by the Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 153, Chambersburg, Pa.

And just to prove that we are rats, I will steal an article from their December issue.

TRADITIONS

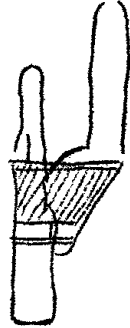
A.R.R.L.

"As the league has come down through the years, certain traditions have become a part of amateur radio.

THE OLD MAN with his humorous stories on "rotten radio" was one of amateur radio's principal figures. Beginning in 1915, his pictures of radio and radio amateurs, as revealed by stories in QST were characteristic and inimitable. There was much speculation in amateur circles concerning the identity of T.O.M., but in twenty years of writing

he never once gave a clue to his real name or call.

THE WOUFF-HONG is amateur radio's most sacred symbol and stands for the enforcement of Law and Order in amateur operation. It came into being originally in a story by T.O.M. For some time it was not known what the WOUFF-HONG looked like, but in 1919, THE OLD MAN himself supplied the answer by sending in to the League Headquarters the one and only original WOUFF-HONG, shown here. It is now framed and hangs on the wall of the secretary's office at A.R.R.L. Headquarters."



I don't know, but "Captain Crisco" and his correspondant for "Up State News" must have been very busy getting ready for the January Sweepstakes, or the Christmas Holidays. No report has been sent in. I do hope that neither of them are ill.

By now I am sure that all of you have read in the newspaper, the story of the Bucks County Ham, Albert Fernandez, and the most humane service he provided for the child in Argentina.

This is another feather in the cap of the hams brought to the attention of the public. Unfortunately, they did not mention his call.

Quite by accident, I happened to walk into the living room, one morning, when the Jr. Op, had the Gene London show on, before leaving for school. Lo, and behold, but what did I see, but K3MVF or MVS, not quite sure of the call, demonstrating 6 meter work. He was in QSO with Brother Marty, at West Catholic High School.

I don't know, but it seems to me, that the ham is gaining respect in the eyes of the public, and is not just "that guy" that interferes with my radio or Television set. Thanks should go to Radio Clubs, Councils, Radio and Television stations, newspapers and Municiple Authorities for brining the services of the ham to the public. Last, but not least, to the ham himself for acting as a gentleman in regards to an interference problem from his neighbor.

Of course, you and I know that there are hams and neighbors who will not cooperate with each other, and this gives the ham, in general, a bad name. Thank goodness they are in the minority. I'm pretty sure that the FCC will agree, that the majority of the hams straighten out their own problems,

FLASH!

FLASH!

We received, in today's mail, the applications for renewal of licenses. Thank you, Joe.

Just read in QST, that Don, K3GAY, is an OES. Congratulations Oop, Don's XYL, Gloria is expecting soon,

If Myles, W3ZTL, was not on during the contest, it was because he became the father of twins either the 7th or the 8th. Congratulations.

Oh Yes! in last month's issue, we stated that the Council Meeting would be held on December 8th, but the party that informed me forgot to call back and tell me that it was January 12th.

We are sorry to report that two members have resigned because of circumstances beyond their control. They are; W3NWP, Leo Luciani, and W3HWV, Bill Benner.

We are sorry to lose you, Leo and Bill, but we understand the situation, and at anytime that you feel that you are able to rejoin us, you are more than welcome.

We would like to point out, that even though three members have resigned as active members, they are still interested in the projects of the club, as they have paid their subscription to "Cheese Bits".

LENGTH OF TRANSMISSION
ON 6 METER NET

As you know, each Monday nite we conduct a 6 meter net, and usually there are 30 stations calling in. As the net is only supposed to be run for one hour, a request is made that all transmissions be held down to two minutes. This is done so that each and every station has a chance to make their request, or ask for help.

With the exception of the third Monday of each month, immediately following the 6 meter net is the "Nitwit Net", on the same frequency. Frankie is in control of this net. It is called the "Nitwit Net" because the hangovers tear each other apart; but; should there be a request for a specific check, you'd be surprised how serious they can get.

This does NOT mean that we do not want you on the 6 meter net! WE DO want you on the 6 meter net. If you have a problem, state it on the 6 meter net, and then wait for the "Nitwit Net".

State your problem on the "Nitwit Net" and it will be resolved. Of course you will have to put up with me on the net, but that is the only time I have to say anything. Sometimes Frankie leaves the room, then I have a chance to expound my philosophy. Who knows! Sometimes I give a correct report,

All kidding aside, if you have a problem, state it on the 6 meter net, and to whom you wish to speak. Then you and he can slide up the band; or if you are unable to do so, wait for the "Nitwit Net". Believe me, the "Nitwits" are very serious when a technical problem is presented to them.

Don't forget to fill in your score sheets and return them to your coordinator as soon as possible.

Poor Walt, W3KLL. Two years in a row his company has sent him out of town at contest time.

What happens to him, shouldn't happen to a dog.

DECEMBER 21st MEETING

Let's see, What happened? Oh yes, that was the Round-Up meeting for the contest.

Ernie, W3KKN, gave a "Pep" talk and the members present received their score sheets.

The following fellows were voted in as members.

Student Members; K3AUI, Al
K3IPM, Stan.

Full Members; K3JJZ, El
K3MSV, Jule
K2QOS, Mike
W2SXO, Bill

Their addresses and phone numbers you will find on the next page to add to your membership list.

After all the pros and cons were discussed and the members voted in, everybody stuffed themselves with coffee and doughnuts.

JUST FOR KICKS

Requested the patient, "Doctor, if there is anything wrong with me, don't frighten me half to death by giving it a long scientific name. Just tell me in plain English."

"Well," the doctor replied hesitantly, "to be perfectly frank, you are just plain lazy."

"Thank you, doctor," murmured the patient, "Now give me the scientific name so I can tell the family."

Farmer; "Do you see that wood pile out there?"

Hobo; "uh-huh, I guess So."

Farmer; "Well, I want you to saw it."

Hobo; "You saw me see it, but you aren't going to see me saw it."

MEETING DATES

JANUARY 11, 1961

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, at 8:00 P.M., at the QTH of WDFSC, Oscar Jacoby, 1618 E. Barringer Street.

JANUARY 12, 1961

The stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs will be held on Thursday, January 12th at 8:00 P.M., at Town Hall, Germantown Avenue and Haines Street.

JANUARY 18, 1961

The stated meeting of the Mt. Airy V.H.F. Radio Club, Inc., will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at 8:00 P.M., at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Streets.

NEW MEMBERS

K3AUM, Alan Rubin, 6640 N. 18th Street, Phila., (26) Li. 8-9307
K3IPM, Stanley Smith, 2535 Bleigh Street, Phila., (49) Ma. 4-2401
K3JJZ, Elliott T. Weismann, 8533 Algon Avenue, Phila., (15) Pi. 2-3525
K3MSV, Julian Bernoff, 4944 Whitaker Avenue, Phila., (24) Cu. 9-5368
K2QOS, Michael F. Fekete, Sr. 1658 Princeton Avenue, Trenton, N.J. Ex. 3-2130
W2SX0, Wilbur R. Stites, 97 Fairview Avenue, N. Plainfield, N.J. Pl. 7-6404

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

K3BHK, Jarome S. Tessler, 416 Maple Avenue, Somerton, Pa. Ho. 4-7174