

Kansas Chapter

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT SALINA

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. March 24th by President H. O. Byers. He introduced Chief Salmons of the Salina Police Department, who was serving as host.

Chief Salmons presented a few problems encountered by his department's operating and dispatching procedure. The meeting was then turned back to the President who discussed CW traffic and where it is unavailable in the United

States. Main points in the discussion related to prior messages, routine traffic and composition of messages.

After a coffee break President Byers called the meeting to order again at 11:00 a.m. Next was a speaker from the Bell System, Mr. Meyers, who explained the function of TWX service. Secretary Deeds supplemented this report by advising the members of state facilities and what procedure is followed at the Topeka and Wichita state stations.

The meeting temporarily adjourned at 11:30 for lunch and was called to order again by President Byers at 1:15 p.m. He introduced the next speaker, Leonard Montgomery (frequency allocation) who reported on activities of his committee. Hubert C. Geil made a motion that the report on frequency allocation be accepted and the motion carried by a voice vote. The next topic was 12 volt conversions and this was

carried through by Monty. O. D. Vrana (General Communication Co.) then explained the function and use of radar from the serviceman's standpoint.

Following this was an informal discussion centered around inter-station communications. Also, a topic which was put from the floor was the *Road Block Plan*, which has recently been incorporated in Kansas.

President Byers closed the meeting at 3:15 by asking for invitations for a place to hold our next meeting. It is the chapter's objective to meet in all points of Kansas and we are planning to hold meetings quarterly. The floor suggested the next meeting be held other than on a week-end; consequently, the next meeting has been planned for June on a week day. Leonard Montgomery made a motion seconded by Floyd Duell that the session adjourn.

FRANK DEEDS, JR., Sec'y

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NEED FOR MORE FIRE FREQUENCIES DISCUSSED

The March 16 meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Foster Strong with thirty-one members and guests present.

Andy Rizzio, Radio Engineer for the City of Maywood, introduced his guests, Chief of Police Ray Sparks of the City of Bell and Police Chief Ed Bray of Maywood.

Mr. Mitchell of the C. H. Mitchell Company, manufacturing representative of Alpar Towers, Kresco Antennas, and Petersen Crystals, gave pocket secretaries and pens to all members and guests present (together with literature and a short talk on the products built by the manufacturers he represents).

Frank Walker of Motorola said he was pleased to be with the group and had hoped to demonstrate the new Motorola Transistorized Walkie Talkie with one full watt output, but the unit had not arrived in time. However, he said he should have it in time for demonstration at the communications conference with IMSA, APCO and CPRA at Bakersfield on April 12, 13, 14, 1956. Mr. Walker also stated that after three years of careful testing in Arizona the new 8 watt Motorola modular constructed Pack Sets with many printed transistorized circuits and low battery drain would soon be available. That transistorized motorcycle radios would

probably be at least three months away due to a shortage of production space in the Motorola factories.

Vern Stineman stated that General Electric has recently increased their personnel and service facilities in Southern California and would be glad to help with any communications problems.

Frequency Chairman Fred Crowder read a request from Madera County for recommendation of two 950 mc frequencies. (Recommendation was approved by the membership present provided proper tests showed no interference to the Southern California Edison Company.)

Bill Whiting Director of Communications for Kern County and host for the three-day Communications Conference at Bakersfield, gave a preview of the scheduled conference highlights.

After a very good lunch Foster Strong

played a very interesting and informative tape recording of a speech delivered by the Long Beach City Attorney, titled "Personal Liability of Government Employees." Much of the information contained in the lecture is of a valuable information nature to all government employees and many private concerns. If the Long Beach City Attorney or Radio Director Foster Strong is contacted it may be possible to obtain a copy of the tape for special meetings.

A resolution similar to the one represented by the California Radio Taxicab Association to the Federal Communications Commission, stating in effect that at the present time the association could see no reason for not formalizing the 450 mc developmental frequencies on a regular license basis, is to be presented at the Bakersfield meeting.

Bud Whiteman stated that he thought intersystem licensing recommendations should be issued to a government agency only through a responsible official of the requesting agency.

K. V. Keeley stated that at present police are licensed for three frequencies to every one licensed to fire services and that the fire services today are in great need of radio frequencies. Foster Strong commented that we have faced this type problem many times before and have always come up with a solution of some kind; that there must be an answer for the fire services and the many other services that are at present greatly overcrowded.

William B. Cleves, Vice-President of the Yellow Cab Company of California, and Warren Davis presented a new form

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1956 APCO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

STATLER HOTEL

Fred G. Crowder, Chairman

August 2-3-4-5

Grid-Leak Drippings . . .

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Hello — these APCO Conference announcements are giving us the fever. There is just no better way of spending a vacation for a couple than to attend an APCO Conference — a whole week of planned activity. If there is any way possible — one should try his darnedest. Besides we'd like to find some of those 1915 pennies with letter "S" on 'em and what better place than San Francisco where they were minted? — son Tim has hobby of collecting small coins. Someone else in our family has been trying to collect dollar bills — 'taint me.

As announced last month, the Bob Magers, of "JC," SP Jefferson City, Mo., were expecting the stork just as we were going to press. We are glad to announce that Vicky Lynn Mager arrived safe and sound (just before the 2:00 a.m. feeding she is especially full of "sound"). Everyone doing fine and Bob is very proud of his four gals.

We are in process of arranging wedding plans for our daughter Pat — June 15, 1956, and we wonder if Bob hadn't better start making his first million bucks — for use when his gals get married!

Nice to have OM Meeks, W8CKM (ex-4WSI), at "RC" SP Charleston, WVA on the network — nice fist, lot of savvy. Welcome! . . . Heard couple of dit-wits ditting and dahing other day. Arguing about some difference of opinion — one said: ". . . aw it's just something you've gotten into your

head — it isn't thataway at all!" "Wat ya mean — I ain't got nothing in my head . . ." Possible, possible.

Found note from Billie J. H. (Abe) Abraham, of "LO" PD Indianapolis, Ind. — was wondering when we are going to get a 12 to 20 mc channel for long haul traffic. Boy, we really need it — with traffic increasing at each station every year — relaying is becoming more and more of problem. 7805 is a mess all of the time now. At night 5140, 5135, and 5195 are so full of rtty that one has to use one's double-selective eardrums to pull important police messages thru, while RTTY "V-wheels" keep holding channels and not making proper use of same. Doesn't that come under superfluous signals or something? One fellow remarked that possibly we should make a good tape recording with voice commentary and play it for the IACP. Am afraid it would bring one of two thoughts to these honorable gentlemen: First, those fellows are geniuses; or, second, anyone who'd work under such conditions must be nuts.

Our compliments to the radiomen down in Tallahassee, Fla. Surely putting in a fine signal up here and very much available. In setting up they had the very strong arms of "KF," SP Williamson, KY and "BH," PD Birmingham, Alabama, to lean upon — they have done well.

Anyone know where there is a supply of tapes for those surplus code machines? The gang here bought one and have only two "beginner's" tapes — rather rough on fellows getting ready to go down after their code tests after listening to a five wpm tape running at about 20 words per minute. Vince Catalina is particularly interested at this minute.

Haven't had a letter all month. Anyone got a minute and an old scrap of paper? — our Editor Bob Mix, W8CDQ, will be firing us, if we don't come up with some news soon! Must go find a grindstone and sharpen up a bit — c u next month. Regards —

KEN CONROY, W8DYH

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that the FCC is issuing licenses involving police channels to toll road systems subject to alterations in antenna height and power readings if interference is caused. Mr. Wareing stated the FCC is studying the problem with a view of possible changes of their rules to assign separate frequencies to toll road systems.

Mr. Wareing also submitted a completed proposed revision of the '10' signals that he has been working on since the 1955 National Conference. After a discussion it was voted that the list be made a part of the meeting minutes on motion of Mr. Lathrop, seconded by Mr. Baumann, and that it be forwarded to the *Bulletin* for publication and comments.

(ED. NOTE: As a proposed revised '10' Signal list was published in the September 1955 issue of the *Bulletin*, the list presented by the Wisconsin Chapter is being referred to the Operating Procedure Committee before publication, as it does contain a number of proposed changes.)

It was announced by President Jones that the May meeting will be held at Portage on May 15, 1956, at which time the annual election of Wisconsin Chapter officers will be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p. m.

E. F. SPEVACHEK, Sec'y

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they have developed for keeping required FCC information up-to-date with a minimum of effort.

Harvey Platt reported on an interference problem (similar to the recent interference in San Bernardino) that he is having in the County of Riverside. Interference that lasts sometimes for only seconds and other times for minutes and hours. The Federal Communications Commission and other government agencies are helping to track down the source and to make necessary changes and corrections in equipment or operations.

A very large bottle of perfume donated by Frank Walker of Motorola as a door prize was won by Bill Whiting. A large quantity of condensers, several wave meters, and a five dollar taxicab script book were donated as door prizes by Mr. Cleves and Mr. Davis of the Yellow Cab Company of California.

The April 12, 13, 14 Conference with Northern APCO and IMSA will be at the Bakersfield Inn, Bakersfield, California. The May 18 meeting will be at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Division.

WARREN L. DAVIS, Sec'y

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