

ALASKA, HAWAII, OKINAWA, NEW ZEALAND, ENGLAND, AND AUSTRALIA. BOYD PHELPS WAS THE FIRST AMATEUR TO MAKE CONTACT WITH AMATEURS IN ALL 49 STATES VIA TWO-WAY RTTY.

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SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL RTTY DINNER NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, 21 MARCH 1960

Captain Kurt Carlsen will be the principal speaker at the Sixth Annual National RTTY Dinner. Reservations at \$5.50 should be sent to K2AAA Don Merten, c/o Communication Associates, Inc, 1208 Third Avenue, New Hyde Park, N Y (Telephone HUnter 5-2323 at work, BAyside 4-0321 at home). The dinner is being held at the Baccara Restaurant, 203 East 45th St (nr. Third Ave), New York City, at 8 pm, 21 March 1960.

RESULTS OF ARMED FORCES DAY 1959

THE ARMED FORCES DAY RECEIVING CONTEST WAS A NOTABLE SL .S LAST YEAR AS INDICATED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS THAT PARTICIPATED. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT HAVE BEEN MAILED TO 455 CONTESTANTS IN RECOGNITION OF MAKING PERFECT COPY OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE (CW) MESSAGE TO RADIO AMATEURS ON ARMED FORCES DAY 1959. THE MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED AT 25 WPM BY MILITARY STATIONS ON 16 MAY 1959.

OPERATING ON MILITARY FREQUENCIES, AIR, NSS, AND WAR WORKED AMATEURS IN THE 80, 40, 20, AND 15 METER BANDS, USING CW, AM, SSB, AND RATT. THE THREE MILITARY STATIONS MADE A TOTAL OF 2691 CONTACTS. THE PERCENTAGE OF RATT CONTACTS IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS ARE PLEASED WITH THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION IN THESE TESTS AND APPRECIATE THE INTEREST SHOWN BY THE AMATEURS PARTICIPATING. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CERTIFICATES AND IT IS HOPED THAT NEXT YEARS PARTICIPANTS WILL EXCEED THE PRESENT RECORD.

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120 Meadowbrook Rd. Livingston, New Jersey March 24, 1959

Mr. Carl V. Daniels - W20DA 16 Carlton Rd. Rutherford, New Jersey

Doar Mr. Daniels:

Your description of the "W2ODA AUTOSTART CONTROL" which appears on pages 5 and 6 of ARTS Bulletin 53 is more amusing than informative. it's quite obvious to the members of the Livingston RTTY Group that this is an attempt on the part of ARTS to republicize and give false credit to the circuitry developed by us several years ago.

One might charge the similarity of circuits to coincidence if it weren't common knowledge among us that you've had access to our drawings describing the original work. This information was made available to you through the courtesy of W2IGX, K2KGB and myself. I refer to drawings prepared by me, issued on 1/10/57 and filed at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, New Jersey.

You will recall that publicity was previously given the LIVINGSTON AUTOSTART AND REPEATER CIRCUIT when it appeared in the September and October issues of "CQ" for 1957. Considering your knowledge as to the origination of the circuit I feel that giving false credit is extremely discourteous.

In the interest of ARTS Bulletin readers who might wish to build the Livingston Autostart Circuit I suggest you call their attention to an omission in the diagram as it appears in Bulletin 53. Be advised that a low-current relay, such as you describe for Kl, does not have the holding power or contact ability to survive many switching operations when controlling the inductive load of the teleprinter motor. It is amusing to us that you fail to show a most important circuit member; the motor-control relay.

I suggest that in the next issue of the Bulletin you refer the readers to the aforementioned issues of "CQ" magazine for more complete and accurate information as to the Livingston Autostart and Repeater Circuit.

Very truly yours,

R. P. WELLS - WEORX

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REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT BOYD PHELPS WØBP AND ADOLPH EMERSON WØITQ WERE KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT JUNE 15, 1959 NEAR ZIMATAN MEXICO WHILE ON THE WAY TO THE ARRL CONVENTION. BOYD PHELPS WAS ALMOST MR AMATEUR RTTY AND HIS UNFORTUNATE DEATH WILL LEAVE A PLACE IN RTTY WHICH PROBABLY NEVER WILL BE FILLED BY ANYONE. BOYD WAS TO HAVE GIVEN THE KEY TALK ON RTTY AT THIS CONVENTION ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE TECH SESSION WILL PROCEED AS BOYD WOULD WANT IT TO DO UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS FELLOW RTTY HAMS. ---WM. CARTER JR. W5ANW

THE RTTY HAMS AT THE ARRL CONVENTION WERE SADDENED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF WØBP. THEY WERE TOLD OF HIS DEATH VIA TAPE COMING FROM WØBP'S TELEPRINTER (SEE COVER PHOTO) AT THE CONVENTION BY WIRE TO THE PAGE PRINTER OF W5ANW. (COVER PHOTO COURTESY W5HVR, CAP BECKLEY, SECRETARY WEST GULF DX CLUB, HOUSTON)

BOYD PHELPS, 21 MARCH 1899 - 15 JUNE 1959

BOYD PHELPS OBTAINED HIS AMATEUR LICENSE IN 1911, AND HAS HELD AMATEUR CALLS 9ZT, 9ALL, 1HX, 1XAQ, 2EB, W2BP, W9BP, AND WØBP. DURING WORLD WAR I "BEEP" WAS A RADIO OPERATOR AND INSTRUCTOR. HE USED SHORT WAVES IN 1919, AND MADE ONE OF THE FIRST SHORTWAY TRANS-ATLANTIC CONTACTS. IN THOSE DAYS, MOST HAMS WERE ON 220 METERS, AND 90 METERS WAS SHORT WAVE! BEEP WAS A FRIEND OF T.O.M. IN 1921 BEEP JOINED THE I.R.E. AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER. HE LIVED MOST OF HIS LIFE IN MINNESOTA, AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. BEEP MADE THE FIRST AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS ON 5 METERS AND 3/4 METERS, DEMONSTRATED THE FIRST PUBLIC TELEVISION AND WAS THE FIRST AMATEUR ON TELEVISION IN 1928. AT THE RADIO AMATEUR CONVENTION IN CHICAGO IN 1933 BEEP WAS AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING PIONEER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHORT WAVES BELOW 200 METERS.

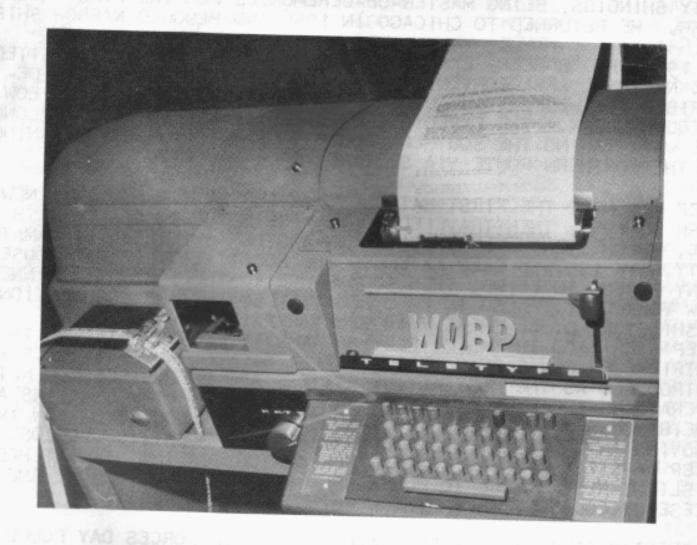
IN WORLD WAR II BEEP WAS IN COMMAND OF NAVY RADIO SCHOOLS.

DURING 1940-41 BEEP RENTED A HOUSE IN INDIANAPOLIS AND OPERATED
W9TSN WITH GOODWIN DOSLAND (NOW PRESIDENT OF ARRL, WØTSN) AND
FOUGHT THE WAR WITH THE "WHITE RIVER NAVY." LATER HE WAS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT NOROTON HEIGHTS, CONNECTICUT, AND COMMAND
PHELPS, USNR, ALSO SPENT SOME TIME IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC.

AS OWNER OF BROADCAST STATION WRRR IN ROCKFORD, ILL., BEEP WAS GLAD TO GET HIS OLD W9BP CALL BACK. HE CLAIMED THAT ANY SIMILARITY TO HIS INITIALS B.P. OR WØBP (EX-W2BP) WAS PURELY INTENTIONAL. HE HAD STARTED AS A SPARK COIL BRASS POUNDER, WORKED TO A BUM PHONE, AND ADVANCED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF BUTTON PUSHER ON RTTY. SINCE 1950 BEEP HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ART OF AMATEUR RADIOTELETYPE.

BEEP MAY BE CALLED THE CHIEF INSTIGATOR OF AMATEUR RTTY IN MINNEAPOLIS, AND WAS THE FIRST "QUICK BROWN FOX" OF THE TWIN CITY R.A.T.S., WHICH STARTED MONTHLY MEETINGS AT HIS HOME IN 1953. BEEP MAINTAINED A "LOANER" TELEPRINTER, WHICH HAS PASSE

SILENT KEYBOARD



BOYD PHELPS

MARCH 29

JUNE 15 1899 1959

9ZT, 9ALL, IHX, IXAQ, 2EB, W2BP, W9BP, WØBP XEBBP

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THROUGH MANY HANDS AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING MANY AMATEUR RTTY STATIONS ON THE AIR.

BEEP WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS DEVOTION TO AMATEUR RADIO, HIS SENSE OF HUMOR, AND AN AVID CONVENTION GOER. HE COULD SEE THE HUMOR IN ANYTHING AND ANYWHERE. HE USED TO SHOW UP AT HAM FESTS AND PICNICS WITH A CAR FULL OF KIDS, WHICH HE LOVED EVEN THOUGH NOT HIS OWN. ANYWHERE HE SHOWED UP FOR A DINNER OR MEETING THE ATTENDANCE WOULD BE INCREASED BECAUSE FELLOWS KNEW BEEP WOULD BE THERE.

REMEMBERING THE 1920-22 AND LATER CONVENTIONS IN CHICAGO, BEEP HAD A FONDNESS FOR THE WINDY CITY SO SPARKED THE ANNUAL CHICAGO RTTY SHINDIGS, BEING MASTER-OF-CEREMONIES FOR THE FIRST HELD IN 1955. HE RETURNED TO CHICAGO IN 1956 AND PLUGGED NARROW SHIFT.

IN 1956 THE "BOBEEP" EXPEDITION (BOB, W9TCJ AND BEEP) VISITED THE NATIONAL ARRL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE BEEP DESCRIBED THE WØBP/W9TCJ AUTOCALL SYSTEM AND AUTOSTART FOR LOW FREQUENCY FSK. THE EXPEDITION VISITED 28 RTTY STATIONS ALONG THE WAY, TAKING THE SOUTHERN ROUTE TO PASADENA, AND RETURNING BY THE NORTHERN ROUTE VIA SEATTLE, SPOKANE, ETC.

BEEP ATTENDED THE FIRST NATIONAL AMATEUR RTTY BANQUET IN NEW YORK IN 1955, THEN TRAVELED ON TO WASHINGTON TO CONFER WITH THE FCC, WHICH EVENTUALLY RESULTED IN ANOTHER PRIVILEGE FOR AMATEUR RTTY. IN 1957-58 BEEP EXTENDED THE HOSPITALITY OF HIS HOUSE FOR MANY MONTHS TO ZLIWB, THEN TOOK BRUCE TO THE 1958 RTTY DINNER NEW YORK CITY. ALSO IN 1958 HE ATTENDED THE ARRL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HERE PHIL W2JAV REPAID BEEP FOR ONE OF BEEP'S CHICAGO TRICKS BY PLAYING AN RTTY MAGNETIC TAPE WITH A PUTRID C.W. QRM SIGNAL WHICH FINALLY SIGNED "WNØBP"! BEEP WAS INTRODUCED AS THE MOST ACTIVE RTTYER, AND BEEP DISCUSSED NET OPERATIONS AND DX, NOTING SEVERAL FOREIGN DX RTTY STATIONS AND THEIR HOURS AND FREQUENCIES, AND ALSO GAVE SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVING INTEROPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH SPEEDS. BEEP UNVEILED HIS TELEPRINTER PERFORATOR COSTING 25¢ (IT HAD A SLIGHT RESEMBLENCE TO PUNCH USED FOR "BRANDING" DUCKS AND GEESE BY CODED HOLES IN THE WEBBING OF THEIR FEET!).

EACH RTTY CONTEST OR SWEEPSTAKES AND ARMED FORCES DAY FOUND WØBP ACTIVE ON THE AIR, GIVING THE WINNERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY. HE WAS APPARENTLY A BIT TOO FOND OF RAGCHEWING TO MAKE THE TOP CONTEST SCORE HIMSELF, BUT HIS OVER-ALL ACTIVITY IS PROVED BY HIS HOLDING THE FIRST AND ONLY WORKED-ALL-STATES VIA RTTY. HE WAS DRIVING FOR RTTY WORKED-ALL-CONTINENTS, AND HE TRACKED DOWN ALL RUMORS AND POSSIBILITIES OF RTTY STATIONS ON UNWORKED CONTINENT. OF ONE SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST, HE SAID HE FE "LIKE THE PROVERBIAL SPARROW THAT FLEW INTO A BADMINTON GAME." WØBP STARTED THE SUNDAY 40 METER RTTY NET, AND WAS NET CONTROL HIS "BEEPCASTS" ON FIVE TRANSMITTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRIED A GREATER VOLUME OF WORDS THAN ALL THE AMATEUR RTTY PUBLICATIONS COMBINED! AND WERE WIDELY QUOTED BY THEM. BEEP WAS THE MAIN SPARKPLUG IN OBTAINING LOW FREQUENCY AND NARROW SHIFT RTTY FOR THE AMATEUR, AND ORIGINATED THE NARROW SHIFT PARTIES, WHICH WILL NO DOUBT BE CONTINUED IN HIS MEMORY.

BEEP'S HUMOR AND HIS DEVOTION TO AMATEUR RADIO AND RADIOTELETY CAN BEST BY SHOWN BY HIS OWN WORDS DURING ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEGAL EXTENSION OF RTTY PRIVILEGES: THE RADIOTELETYPEWRITER RECEIVING COMPETITION FEATURED A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TRANSMITTED AT 60 WPM. A TOTAL OF 194 CONTESTANTS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR PERFECT COPY. RATT WINNERS OF CERTIFICATES OF MERIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

W2KDW W2LRW/ A2LRW W2PAU W2PEE W2RUI W2TAM W2TKO W2TOX/ A2TOX W2UAE	AF4KJN K4KKZ K4NAS K4NDE K4NRY W4NWK W4PHL/ A4PHL K4PSE W4WMM/ A4WMM W5BOT K5BSS W5DHZ W5FPD/ A5FPD W5GJH W5GMM/ AF5GMM	W6BYS W6CAP W6CBF W6CBX K6CHR W6CQI/6 K6CXS W6CZ WA6DME W6FLW W6FLW/ A6FLW W6FZC K6GB/ AA6GB W6GCC K6GOK W6GSX/ AF6GSX K6GZ K6GBX	W6QIE K6QMK W6QYS W6SCQ W6UJX K6USN K6ZBG K6ZBL K7AFI K7AFI K7AFI K7BXS W7CBE W7CO/ W7FOS W7FOS W7JMH W7KQK W7KV W7LPM W7MC W7MC W7MEV W7MEV W7PVF W7TMF	K9BSL W9CWH W9DNP K9EHP W9EWC K9EYY W9GGH W9GRW W9GRW W9GRW W9GRW W9GRW W9ONM/ M9ONM/ M9ONM/ M9OPI KN9QEE W9QIX/ M9QKE W9WKM W9WKM W9BP
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A FABLE FOR 1959

Wany years ago there were two small kingdoms, Transylchusia and Pantukia, both of which bordered the larger kingdom of Slobovia. King Alexis of Transylchusia and King Boris of Pantukia were friends of many years' standing, as were their fathers before them. Peaceful relations had existed between the two countries for centuries. As far back as man could remember, a mutual defense treaty had existed between Transylchusia and Pantukia. This bond had been a strong deterrent to the predatory policies of Slobovia, whose rulers had long cherished the dream of gobbling up the two smaller countries, thus adding to their domain.

LEXIS' and Boris had for many years enjoyed the same hobby, the raising of white rabbits with pink eyes. The avocation had become popular among their subjects, and new and better methods of improving the breed were constantly exchanged between the two countries.

TIT CAME to pass that a bright young man in Pantukia developed a new strain of white rabbits — with green eyes. The Pantukian king soon disposed of his pink-eyed rabbits and devoted his efforts to the improvement of the green-eyed breed, as did his subjects. Soon this difference in concepts led to a bitter feud between the two kings — and the two kingdoms. As the rivalry increased, friendships crumbled. There was name calling, and border incidents became numerous. Soon the armies of both countries were massed along the frontier, poised for attack. The mutual defense treaty was forgotten.

7 ODAY, Transylchusia and Pantukia are no more. Adolph, Emperor of Slobovia, had no difficulty in defeating the divided armies of the two tiny kingdoms and annexing their lands. The raising of rabbits is now forbidden in these areas.

PERHAPS the foregoing may have a parallel in a situation which has come into existence in our hobby — amateur radio. Commercial interests have long coveted our amateur frequencies. Certainly, feuding between sidebanders and AM phone operators, or between CW operators and RTTY enthusiasts, does little to ensure the safety of our "Borders." Let's not tear up our "Mutual Defense Pact" over pink and green-eyed rabbits.

- Tom Stuart, WØREP

Bulbulying. W. J. Haseyon WAC for hallicrafters

"WHEN I LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM 1AW WHEN HE WAS PREXY, I WAS DOGGONE GLAD WHEN HE DIDN'T GET ON WITH THAT BROAD POWERFUL 'OLD BETSY' SPARK RIG, AND I SOMETIMES OPERATED IT IN SELF DEFENSE. BUT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE WORKED WIAW SINCE THE EARLY 20'S WAS A FEW WEEKS AGO (1955), AND THAT ON TELETYPE!"

"RTTY IS MORE CONTINUOUS WAVE THAN C.W. WHICH IS NOT CONTINUOUS AT ALL. ALSO RTTY IS A FORM OF TELEGRAPHY, CODE #2.... AND IT HAS JUST ABOUT SUPERSEDED THAT OLD DOT DASH HAND SENDING IN COM-MERCIAL, MILITARY AND NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS. HIRAM PERCY MAXIM SAID, BEEP, NEVER LOOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE BEST JUSTI-FICATION IN WASHINGTON FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF AMATEUR RADIO IS ITS ABILITY TO FURNISH TRAINED PEOPLE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND FOR LOCAL EMERGENCIES. MANY OTHERS HAVE HEARD HIM SPEAK ALONG THESE LINES, THO IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES THE NATIONAL PRE-PAREDNESS ANGLE CARRIES LITTLE WEIGHT. TECHNICALLY, AMATEURS USUALLY FOLLOW SOMEWHAT BEHIND COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, THO THERE ARE INSTANCES OF AMATEUR LEADERSHIP. OLD TIMERS BUILT ALL THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT EXCEPT EAR PHONES, TUBES, ETC., BUT FACTORY BUILT GEAR HAS ABOUT TAKEN OVER. I BÉGRUDGINGLY PAY A COMPLIMENT TO A COLLEGE CLASSMATE WHEN I RECITE THAT AT THE START OF A QSO RE-CENTLY I WAS ASKED WHAT MODEL VIKING I WAS USING! IT MIGHT BE HIGH TIME EACH AMATEUR TAKE CLOSE PERSONAL INVENTORY OF HIS VALUE TO AMATEUR RADIO AND HIS COUNTRY. BROADCAST ANNOUNCERS GET LITTLE CONSIDERATION WHEN DRAFTED, AS COMPARED WITH HAMS THAT KNOW WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE KNOBS AND PUSH BUTTONS."

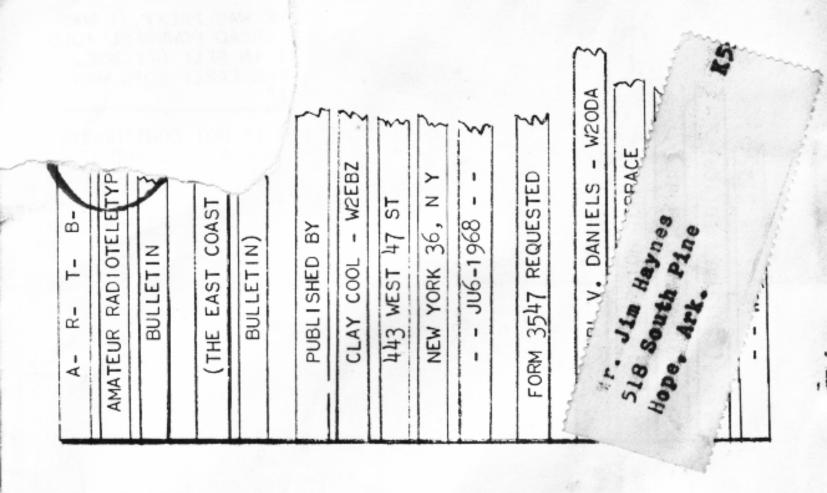
"I REMEMBER THE TROUBLE I HAD BETWEEN 1919 AND 1922 TRYING TO GET HAMS THEN OPERATING ON 220 METERS TO LISTEN FOR ME ON

"OUR LATE FRIEND KB USED TO SAY TO ME IN 1922 WHEN I HAD TO BATTLE QST THRU CHAPMAN PRINTING COMPANY, BEEP. THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON YOUR KETCHUP BOTTLE SHOULDERS!!"

"MOST OF US OUT IN THE HINTERLANDS DO NOT CARE TO BECOME EMBROILED IN ANY ... POLITICS... THE EXTREMELY VICIOUS AND SPITE-FUL ATTACKS SPLITTING OUR RANKS WE HEARD PLENTY OF IN CHICAGO AND THE CONTINUED MUD THROWING DOES NOT INCREASE THE STATURE OF THE MAN DOING THE THROWING... I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS NECESSARY TO JOIN ANY MAN'S CHURCH TO EAT IN THE SAME RESTAURANT WITH HIM! ... OUR RANKS ARE TOO WEAK AND FEW TO AFFORD BEING DIVIDED. WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT WITH THE PUBLIC, FCC, AND ARRL IN GETTING WHAT WE WANTED IN THE PAST, BUT INTERNAL SQUABBLING AMONGST OURSELVES CAN DO SERIOUS HARM IN THE FUTURE."

BEEP WAS A CONSULTING RADIO ENGINEER, AND OWNER AND DIRECTOR OF PHELPS PRECISION LABORATORIES IN MINNEAPOLIS, SPECIALLIZING IN COMMERCIAL RADIO FREQUENCY MEASUREMENTS. HE WAS A GRANDFATHER, AND WAS ALSO AN ELK, A SHRINER, AND THETA XI. YEARS WITH ARRL AND ON QST MAY BE MENTIONED, AND HE FINALLY JOINED R.O.W.H. IN 1958! BUT HE WAS NOT TOO HAPPY WITH QCWA WHEN THEY RECENTLY SHOWED FAVORITISM FOR TELEPHONY OVER TELEGRAPHY. SERVICES FOR INTERMENT AT LAKEWOOD.

AMATEUR RTTY HAS BEEN DEALT A HEAVY BLOW WITH THE PASSING OF BEEP. ALL THOUGHT WELL OF HIM, AND ALL FEEL THAT THE TIME HE SPENT IN FURTHERING AMATEUR RTTY HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN. DESPITE ARTS 54-13



SI XTH ANNUAL NATIONAL RTTY DINNER, New York, 21 March 1960 --

NEVER SAY DIE - - Wayne Green, W2NSD, former editor of this bulletin, has left the post of Editor for CQ magazine.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONVENTION - - This affair is being operated entirely outside the framework of ARRL and the League. The League has no connection whatsoever with it. It is apparently being staged by an incorporated group of CQ Magazine (Cowan Publishing Corporation) personnel. It is understood that they had asked the Hudson Amateur Radio Club Council to take over the sponsorship of this "convention." This the club council refused to do. The sponsors (incorporated) are attempting to get individual amateurs and club groups in the New York area to serve on various committees and to do the work of organization. ARRL National Conventions are held at least 3 years apart---the next will be in Portland, Oregon, in 1962. Hope to see you there.