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K4RBZ IN ISRAEL

Greetings from Jerusalem, today is Feb. 3, 1993 and I am setting in my study room in the library at Tantur Ecumenical Institute for research. Looking out my window to the north, through a gentle falling snow, I see Jerusalem 3 miles away. From our bedroom, Shirley and I see Bethlehem 2 miles to the south. It only takes us 20 minutes to walk to Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. We are here on the second part of my sabbatucial leave from Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary where I taught history for the last 28 years.



THE WAILING WALL

The first part of our leave was spent in Wales, G.B., where I was a visiting scholar at St. Deiniol's Residential Library. We lived there from the middle of Oct. to mid-Dec. The first 3 weeks were spent traveling by car throughout England and Scotland visiting historic sites about which I have taught, but never seen. It was quite an experience learning to drive a car on the left side of the road and maneuvering through the roundabouts!

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K2CAC IN AFRICA

Ester and I enjoyed two months in Zambia beginning mid-November with our youngest daughter and family, Steven and Audrey Pocock and their four children. They serve at Pilgrim Wesleyan Seminary in Jembo. Steve is principal and teaches Bible courses to prepare national pastors. Audrey home schools the two older children along with weekly classes for student's wives and children's meetings.

Each Sunday we worshiped with the Zambian Christians. Two of the churches had roofs of thatch and seated about 100 people. The services were in Tonga, but the pastor would use some English for our benefit. These people love to sing, so we had many specials.

Severe drought has plagued the country for nearly two years. While we were there the welcome rains began and we saw the plowing of the fields with oxen, the planting and growing of maize and soybeans. The nationals are praising the Lord for the good rains.

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AL. AND ESTHER AT VICTORIA FALLS

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ARMS SECTIONS



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

Greetings from Sun City, where things are quite busy, along with getting this Beam out we are working on the new 1993 directory. We are also in the process of transferring the treasurers records from our dear brother Harry to Bob WA7BYD who is willing to take over Harry's duties during his illness.

We are still looking for someone with a computer who is willing to serve as editor of the Beam. I'm reminded of the fellow who said "last year I couldn't spell engineer and now I are one" that about fits me as the editor. Hi.Hi.

I want to thank the officers for all their help and encouragement, especially Harry our treasurer who has been so faithful in performing his duties until he came down with leukemia. We will sure be holding him and Margret up in our prayers. And to Al. our secretary and, now associate editor, for his help in getting the Beam out on computer. And of course our vice president, Jay who is right across town and is always available on two meters as well as the land line.

Thanks to Emil and our net controls, the 20 meter net has been going great with 30 to 40 checkins each day. With Harry and John not available due to illness, we are short of net control stations, If you would like to try net control give Emil a call. Most of our Sections have nets operating on 75 meters, join in and enjoy the Christian fellowship. If we don't have one active in your section, and you are interested, lets talk about it.

Its a real blessing to have Christian fellowship on the air and in person. Thank you for the opportunity and The Lord bless each one of you.
Charlie, K7AQ

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Beam I reported that Bob, W3BBM was a silent key. I am happy to report that Bob is alive and well actively serving in PA. Sorry Bob, I think I had Bob, W3BPJ in mind
(Ed.)

(ISRAEL Continued from Page 1)

Before leaving the States I applied for a Ham license, and was granted the call letters, GW0/K4RBZ. My operation was limited to 2 meter FM & Packet as we did not have room to bring the HF gear. Hawarden is on a high point and our room is on the top floor of the library so I was able to access several repeaters with my IC-02AT and indoor J-pole antenna.

I did not have the 1750 Hz tone so I had to get in before the squelch tail dropped in order to be heard. However since there is much more simplex here it was easy to make contacts, but not always easy to understand that British accent. I was also able to work packet with my lap top computer and it was exciting to keep in touch with my ham friends in Virginia through the PAC-SAT network.

Most of our time at St. Deinol's was spent in the library, which held over 200,000 volumes. It was begun by William Gladstone, four times Prime Minister of England, who lived his last years in Hawarden. I studied English history during the reformation, while Shirley read English literature, her area of interest.

After being back in Virginia for three weeks over Christmas and New Years, we flew to Israel via Amsterdam and Istanbul. I am auditing a course on the modern period of the Middle East at the institute for Holy Land Studies located at Mt. Zion next to the Tomb of David and the site of the Upper Room. The course is taught by a professor from the Hebrew University.

In addition Shirley and I are participating in the Education Program offered by Tantur for clergy, teachers and scholars. Included in this are lectures and seminars on the Bible, Middle East history, the Eastern Churches, Judaism, Islaam, and the Arab-Israel conflict and ways to work at peace and reconciliation. Field trips to various places are included in the program.

Last week was a very meaningful one when most of the churches of Jerusalem participated in a week of prayer for unity. Each night a service was held in a different church in the city. Especially meaningful was the evening we met in the Upper Room where readings, prayers and songs were given in Hebrew, Arabic, Greek, Coptic, French, German, Italian, English and Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus. Then in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, everyone stood in a circle and said the Lord's Prayer audibly in his/her own language.

We constantly feel the tension of the conflict here, and already have experienced it twice in a personal way which I will not go into here for obvious reasons. On both occasions we felt the Lord's protecting hand over us for which we praise Him. Again for obvious reasons I did not bring any ham equipment along, only a short wave radio to keep in touch with the world news.

I miss being able to check into the ARMS nets during these months, and look forward to that again when we return on April 9. Please pray for peace and reconciliation in this troubled land, and God's best to you all.

Gerry Brunk
K4RBZ

(AFRICA Continued from Page 1)

What a joy to spend Christmas with our family! We also enjoyed two special holidays. One was spent at the Most High Hotel in Kariba, Zimbabwe. This is on a high hill overlooking Lake Kariba and it also honors the Most High having been established by a Christian couple for the purpose of helping missionaries to have a vacation at less than the usual cost. We vacationed at the Zambezia River Lodge in Victoria Falls. It was a great thrill to view Victoria Falls where we saw a statue of David Livingston, who was the first white man to discover it in 1855. He named it in honor of his ruling queen.

We had a bit of excitement on one of our game viewing trips. An elephant charged down the lane at the vehicle in front of us because these curious humans had driven between her and her baby. Her ears were up and she was trumpeting as she went at an incredible speed. It was a frightening time.

Then we also worked. Hi. There was fixing, painting, mending, sewing and the big job of helping the family move to another house on the campus. We are thankful for the memories of the good times with our family. Getting acquainted with their work, people and location enables us to pray more effectively. We praise our LORD for this experience He has given us.

Al. Smith, K2CAC

--- **WORRY** ---

Pulls tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine.
It doesn't take the sorrow out of tomorrow, it
takes the strength out of today.

Adrian Rogers

CHURCH CAN BE A BALL!

The groundbreaking for the new Tropic Star Resort took place in June of 1977. By late fall RV spaces and buildings were completed and the first RV's were welcomed to the 110 acre park that fall. The ballroom floor was 7,000 square feet of hardwood, built to accommodate 500 dancers.

The first pastor of Tropic Star began Christian services in December of 1977 with about 30 people meeting in the dining hall. Attendance grew rapidly and the suggestion was made to meet in the ballroom. This brought a few raised eyebrows, but the idea was soon implemented.

The Lord called this brother home shortly after the ministry began here at Tropic Star Park. And through the years He has sustained the preaching ministry in a wonderful way.



PAUL & JENNY

My wife Jenny, and I came to Tropic Star to have coffee with friends one afternoon, and before we left we had rented a space! As we were getting ready to head north again in March, I was asked to be the park pastor the next season. I preached my first service on Nov. 3, 1991, and the Lord has blessed us during the last two seasons as we minister to the people here at the Park.

Today the congregation at Tropic Star numbers over 750 during the high season, and we are blessed with many retired folks who volunteer their talents. Our choir is currently 94 voices strong.

Back injuries in the line of duty with the New York State Police forced me into early retirement in 1980. A New York neurosurgeon's decision to move to San Antonio brought us to Texas in November of 1989.

We lived in our trailer in the KOA campground for six months while going through my third major back operation. During our stay in San Antonio we fell in love with Texas and its southern hospitality. We decided to retire from the pastorate in N.Y. and become full time RVers. We were drawn to the valley seeking a warmer winter climate and also a place where we could become involved with a camper mission group.

This winter, one of our projects has been to get our upgrades, and a few weeks ago I upgraded to advanced and Jenny passed her tech. The ARMS net has been important to me both on 20 and the 75 meter Eastern Net. I appreciate all those who are there almost daily and working many hours, much of which is done "off the air". Every voice, prayer or praise and Scripture warms the heart.

Paul Hammond
N2MNO

JUST SAY "I'M FINE"

There's nothing whatever the matter with me
I'm just as healthy as I can be
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack
And a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim.
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports in both my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street
Sleeplessness I have night after night
And in the morning I'm just a sight
My memory is failing, my heads in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this as the tale we unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let them know the shape we're in.
Author unknown

FROM HERE AND THERE

CQ HONDURAS

I was calling Sam ,WB7ARA/ /HR as we have regular schedules once and sometimes twice a week. Sam and his wife are friends who are serving with a Moravian Mission Clinic in the eastern part of the country. This particular day Sam asked if I would make a state-side phone call and see if we could get some help for Frances. She had a bad sore throat, with laryngitis, and if I could call Dr. John he might be able to suggest something.

Honduras is several thousand miles from our little town of Harrah, but with the miracle of electronics and Amateur Radio I was able to call the Doctor here in town and relay his instructions to Sam. "Take a tetracycline tablet and crush it in a spoon, add some water, mix it thoroughly, and using an eye dropper -give her three drops morning and evening by beak."

That's what he said--"by beak." Oh, I forgot to tell you Frances is a parrot. Dr. John is a Veterinarian. Sam is a medical doctor who admitted he wasn't too sure about prescribing for a parrot. The medication worked fine, the sore throat cleared up and Frances got her voice back

There are times when radio signals are affected by atmospheric conditions and I can't make contact with my friends in Honduras. Try as I may, it's impossible. When I pray I find no such restrictions. However I have learned that Satan, who is the "prince of the power of the air" may try to hinder my prayers. Though he may try to obstruct my prayers, my Father's ears are attuned to my faintest cry and the message gets through....every time

Chuck Winter, N7AAG

PROOF READERS ??

Since the budget dosen't allow for a proof reader on the BEAM staff , and it is our desire to have accurate copy, I hereby appoint each member as an official proof reader, giving us about 430 proof readers. Please check your copy carefully, make your corrections and file for future reference. Perfection at last! Hi.Hi..

The above recommendation was made by Don, WA0NJZ, Thanks Don. (Ed.)

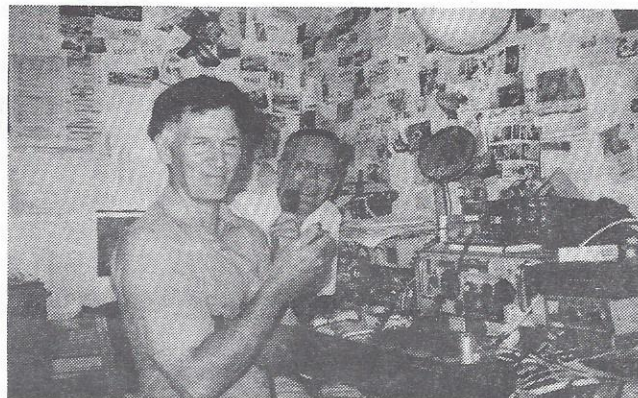
NEW ZEALAND

Greetings in the Lords name, it was great to have Roger, WOZMU/HC1RT and his wife, Joyce here to visit with us in Frankton outside of Hamilton.

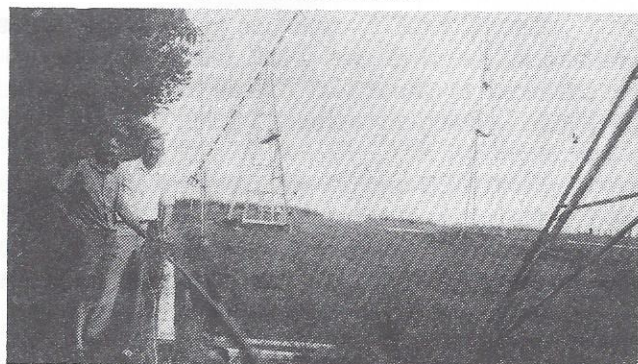
Roger spoke for 2 1/2 hours at the Hamilton Radio Club meeting and was well received to a full club room . He also spoke to the Auckland Radio Club meeting while he was here.

It was just 13 years ago that Roger was here, and its been a real pleasure to have been working with him and HCJB over the years.

Malcolm, ZL1UE



Malcolm & Roger on the air



Malcolm & Roger looking over the Ant. farm



Malcolm & Jean Joyce & Roger

SECTION REPORTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

The Rocky Mountain Section continues to enjoy good growth and fellowship. It has been a pleasure to have increasing numbers checking into the 75 meter net.

W0RQI, Lash is a frequent "flyer" these days. He and Charlie, K7AQ were friends and both worked for the Martin Co. near Denver years ago. It was a real pleasant surprise when Charlie heard Lash on our 75 meter net and realized who he was.

Lash and I made a trip to Deer Trail to install a CD-ROM system in Don's computer (WA0NJZ). We spent the better part of the day, with no success. Later, Lash was able to take Don's computer and rebuild it to an upgraded 386 system with a larger hard drive and all the goodies. Don is enjoying his new computer capabilities these days.

Two newcomers to our group are Ron, N0SLO and Lorraine, N0SNA. He is pastor of a Baptist church in West Denver. Both are new hams and were able to join us on 75 meters during the first part of the year, but due to TVI troubles in the apartment complex, they have taken the HF rig off the air until it is cleared up.

Chuck, W0ETA continues to do well after his heart attack, for which we thank the Lord. Also our congratulations to Chuck and Timmie as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, April 8, 1993.

Jack, K0UED and his wife Roe from Littleton, are spending the winter in Mesa, AZ. Jack has been quite ill and spending much of his time under the doctor's care and in the hospital. Let's continue to remember these folks in our prayers.

Mary and I have been leading a Grace Discipleship Bible Study in a home near our church. We've been blessed by the growth we see in this group over the last few weeks.

May God bless you all. Mike, AA0AO

What is the best state to live in?
AZ-CO-OR-IA-KS-CA-GA-NY-TX- etc.
The Bible has the answer, Phil. 4:11
The best state is CONTENTMENT!
American Tract Society

CENTRAL SECTION

Even though the Central Section has not had an article in the Beam for a while, we are alive and well. We haven't done anything special, but we do have a loyal group that meets on the air each Saturday morning. Due to moves and other reasons we have lost some of the faithful checkins of years past and truly miss them. We are happy to say that we have welcomed a number of new members keeping our number between 10 and 15 on Saturday mornings.

Our members are involved in various activities in their local churches. Some work with mission organizations, have been on the mission field, and others preach on Sundays when needed. The group is always ready to uphold each other in prayer and have a keen interest in promoting the cause of Christ. If you are in the range of our 75 meter net we invite you to join us and enjoy our fellowship.

Eric Frank, W9OVY

SOUTHWEST SECTION

The gang from Arizona and a few of our winter visitors from the north, got together for a brunch. It was a good time of fellowship, getting to meet old friends and meeting new ones for the first time. Introductions were made and a short talk on the history of ARMS was given by K7AQ. 31 were present for a good, all you can eat, meal. Lu., KG7IM and Jack, K0UED were both in the hospital and not able to join us.

Dan, KA7BHS



Southeast Section: (l.to r.) Dody & Daryle Hunt (W7CFH), Doty Sudenga, Ardis Johnson, Bryle Bernsten, Irie Folden, Harold Zabell (N7KXZ) Jean & Al. Heath, (W6UZF), Jan & Howard Halvorsen, (KA0AGC), Durwood Canham, (K7JWI), Mildred McAuley, (VE4DJ), Gordon Tieszen, (VE7BQA), Bonnie & Wayne Slauson, (W0AHT), Betty Swartz, (kneeling) Jay Sudenga, (K0GAZ), Al. Folden, (W7KAP), Tom Johnson, (WB7CYX), Charlie Cox, (K7AQ), Ed. Palmanteer, (W8ED), Stan Swartz, (K7PLO), (not in picture) Dan & Dare Hough, (KA7BHS), Bill & Fany Russell (KA7BRU)

SILENT KEY

HARRY M. CAMPBELL

Harry, KK4CB went home to be with the Lord on March 11, 1993. He held the office of Treasurer of ARMS as well as being the Director of the Southeast Section. We will all miss Harry's pleasant voice as he called our busy Sat morning net to order. Our concerns and our prayers are with Margret and the family, and we know he is dearly loved and missed by all.

SOUTHEAST SECTION

I want to thank Denis Parker, WD4ACH for his willingness to step in and oversee the activities of the Southeast Section as its Director. He will be filling the spot left by our good brother Harry, who has gone home to be with the Lord.

Bobby, KC4ERJ has been Net Control for the Sat. Morning Net, and is willing to continue this responsibility with help from others as needed.

Harry's position as Treasurer will be filled by Bob, WA7BYD of Grants Pass, OR. All correspondence for the treasurer should be sent to Bob. My thanks to all who have been so willing to help and serve during this transition period.

Charlie, K7AQ

MIDWEST SECTION

The Sat. morning net continues to meet with checkins ranging from 8 to 18 depending on the weather and band conditions. Plans are being made for our summer get together in Cedar Rapids with a tentative date of Aug. 21. Tom, AA0LF(ex-N0DNJ) and Francis, W0QCB will host this event.

Word was received that Francis, W0QCB fell and broke his hip while working at home. By the time we read this Francis should be home and recuperating. Our prayers and best wishes go with Francis for a speedy recovery. Francis was the first member of ARMS from the Midwest, and was responsible for bringing ARMS to the Midwest. Thanks Francis.

Don Berggren, K0OAV

NEWS ITEMS

This issue of the Beam marks a new era in the publication of our news letter. Prior news letters were taken to the printer for layout and typesetting at an average cost of \$300.00 per issue. Using the computer we have a one time cost of about \$150.00 for software and materials. I want to thank Al. W6UZF, and Bob WB7AMM for coming to my rescue when I needed help. I am also indebted to Mark Saliers KA8ARS a friend who programed the logos for the front cover of the Beam.

Barb, AA7IV has willingly accepted the challenge to copy the beam and other ARMS material on cassette tape for the blind, and others who may have reading problems. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive the BEAM on tape, send the postage free shipper with 90 minute blank tapes to:

Barbara Oppenheimer, AA7IV
246 Vannoy Creek Road
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Two inserts are included with this issue of the BEAM. One to be used for the payment of dues and change of address. One payment includes all members living at the same address, and our new members are considered paid up for this year. The other is a copy of the new brochure which can be copied and folded for sharing with interested hams.

Due to Harry's illness he is not able to complete his term as treasurer of ARMS, and being in the hospital he asked Margret to pack up the records and ship them to me. I want to thank Margret for doing this at such a difficult and busy time as it was no easy matter packing and shipping about 40 pounds of records. Harry is to be commended for the excellant way he has kept the treasurer's records up to date and in perfect order.

Included in the 1993 ARMS directory is a list of all the Silent Key members that I have been able to compile from the records and past copies of the BEAM. If anyone has information on silent keys that I have missed, along with proper dates, please drop me a line and I will update the list for publishing in the next issue of the directory.

(Ed.)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WB2HAT Larry Yetter, 154 Barton Rd., Apalachin, NY 13732
K4BZO Don P. Draper, 141 Hibiscus Dr., Leesburg, FL 34788
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THE ARMS MOTTO

*"Let us do good unto all men, espically
unto them who are of the household of faith"
(Gal. 6 : 10)*

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