



## A COUPLE MORE THINGS . . .

It seems the Christmas gremlins have been playing with my email and my memory. Dave sent me a couple things in November he wanted in the SAARA Speaks issue that I put out December 15. I simply forgot to include them. So here they are:

- 1. Remember Father Mike, KA8JRM?

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/1stmlg/Pages/AnsweringthecallChaplainservesalongsidebrothersinarms.aspx>

- 2. Check out the Fox News bit on Amateur Radio!  
<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/11/17/radio-days-are-back-ham-radio-licenses-at-all-time-high/>  
Dave please accept my sincere apology!

**Bill KB8MNE** sent me one of his wonderful articles, but unfortunately I never received it, THOSE darn gremlins, so. It is in the next column. It wasn't something I wanted to save for the next issue because it was ment for this time of year. The following is an email I received . . .

### Judas Asparagus

If you need a laugh today, then this should do it! A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching???

#### *Through the eyes of a child: The Children's Bible in a Nutshell*

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big

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## CW

The magical world of CW is to be or not to be? That is still the big question of amateur radio today. When I became interested in Amateur Radio one had to know CW in order to receive a license. I, for one, had a hard time learning the code. I knew it, but not fast enough to pass the test that I had taken several times before I passed it.

With a lot practice I was able to copy around 13 words per minute in my head. There was talk at that time of the FCC doing away with the code requirement, but it was just in the talking stages only. Having studied for the general test, and working very hard on the code, I had a stroke that changed everything. Not only did I forget what all I had learned about the general test but all of code was also gone. Try as I may, the code was and is an impossible thing for me to learn again.

Now here I was not able to get a general license or to advance any farther in the hobby. I almost gave up on trying to do anything with amateur radio, as I wanted to do more than just 2-meters. I did start to study for the general test again and, with a lot time and hard work on my part, was able to learn what I needed to pass the written part of the test.

While in the process of studying for the written part, the FCC told us that if we would be able to get a doctor's excuse that we would not have to take the code part of the test. That was no problem for me, as it was now impossible for me to learn it again. This was at a time that AES in Cleveland was having testing for some special event they had going on at that time, so up to Cleveland I went to take the general test. The big reason that I went there was that no one knew me, so that if I failed no one down here would know it. I passed it by only missing two questions so I got my general class license.

There was a lot of talk going around about how if CW was not a requirement that amateur radio would die then and there

There were a lot of hams upset about those of us that were able to get a doctor's excuse for not taking the code. I hope that none of them ever have to go through all that I had to get to where I am now. They were saying things that were very hurtful to me and to those that have a physical problem of any kind. It almost appeared to me anyway that if one had any type of physical problem that they are an outcast to the amateur radio society. The story was that without CW ham radio was doomed to die a slow death.

It seems to me that I just read that there are now more people applying for a ham license now than in all of history of amateur radio. I guess one cannot help but wonder how this could be without CW?

As I can't speak for anyone but myself, the BIGGEST drawing card to obtain new people, and to keep the old ones, is the attitude of the ones that make up the Society of Amateur Radio. There are still some frequencies that I will not go to due to the way I was treated in the past. The future of any type of endeavor will depend on the way we act in the present. What we say, and how we say it, will and has had an effect on a lot of people. SO, please be careful when on the air or in club meetings. The success of our hobby is not on a mode or type of operation but on the individual person. One never knows who is listening or what they may be going through at that time. 73 and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Bill KB8MNE



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whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum.. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

-----I had to share this delightful story with you! -----

**What did mistletoe traditionally stand for?**

Mistletoe was associated with peace and friendship in ancient Scandinavia. In the time of the Druids, mistletoe was believed to have magical properties. People who met under a tree bearing mistletoe were forbidden to fight, even if they were enemies, and anyone who entered a home decorated with mistletoe was entitled to shelter and protection.



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	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
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Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net