

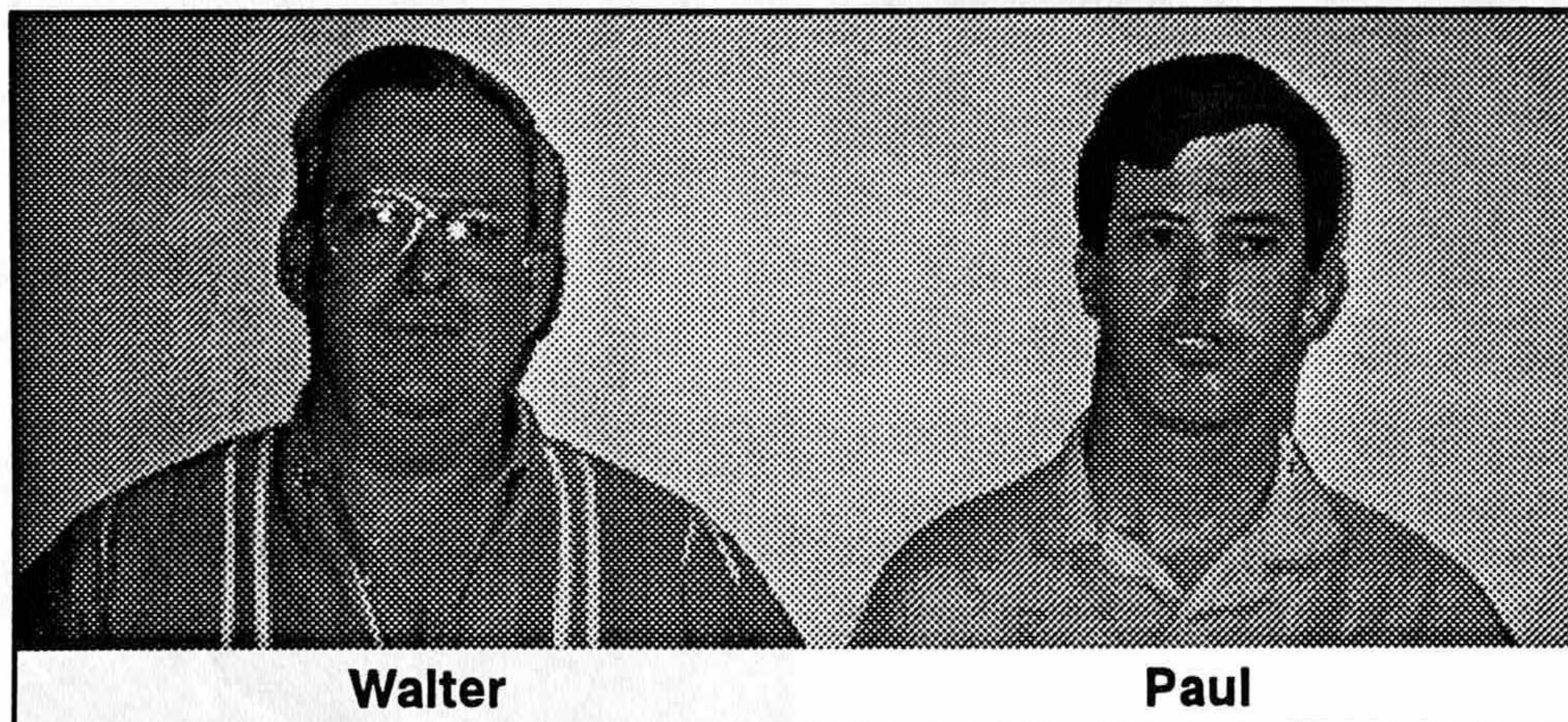
NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

November 1995

Election of Officers Slated for November Meeting



NARS will elect officers for 1996 during the November club meeting. The nominating committee is offering the following candidates for election as officers and directors:

President - Walter Hock, KK5LO

Vice President - Paul Owen, N5NXS

Treasurer - Keith Dutson, WD5DXL

Secretary - Bill Gary, K8CSG

Director at Large - Mark Condit, KC5OFE

These officer positions are not appointments, but elected officials. If you would like to run for one of these offices nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Officers are elected for a one year term and a Director-at-Large is elected for two years. The remainder of the Board of Directors is the second Director at Large, two past presidents and a program director which is appointed by the President. New officers will be installed at the NARS Annual Banquet on January 19, 1996.

Important Dates

Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 pm - NARS monthly General Membership meeting, Cypress Creek Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSO's, 7:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 24, 7:30 pm - NARS Board of Directors Meeting, Valley Ranch BBQ, Spring Cypress & SH249

Saturday, Nov. 25 thru Sunday, Nov. 26 - CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest

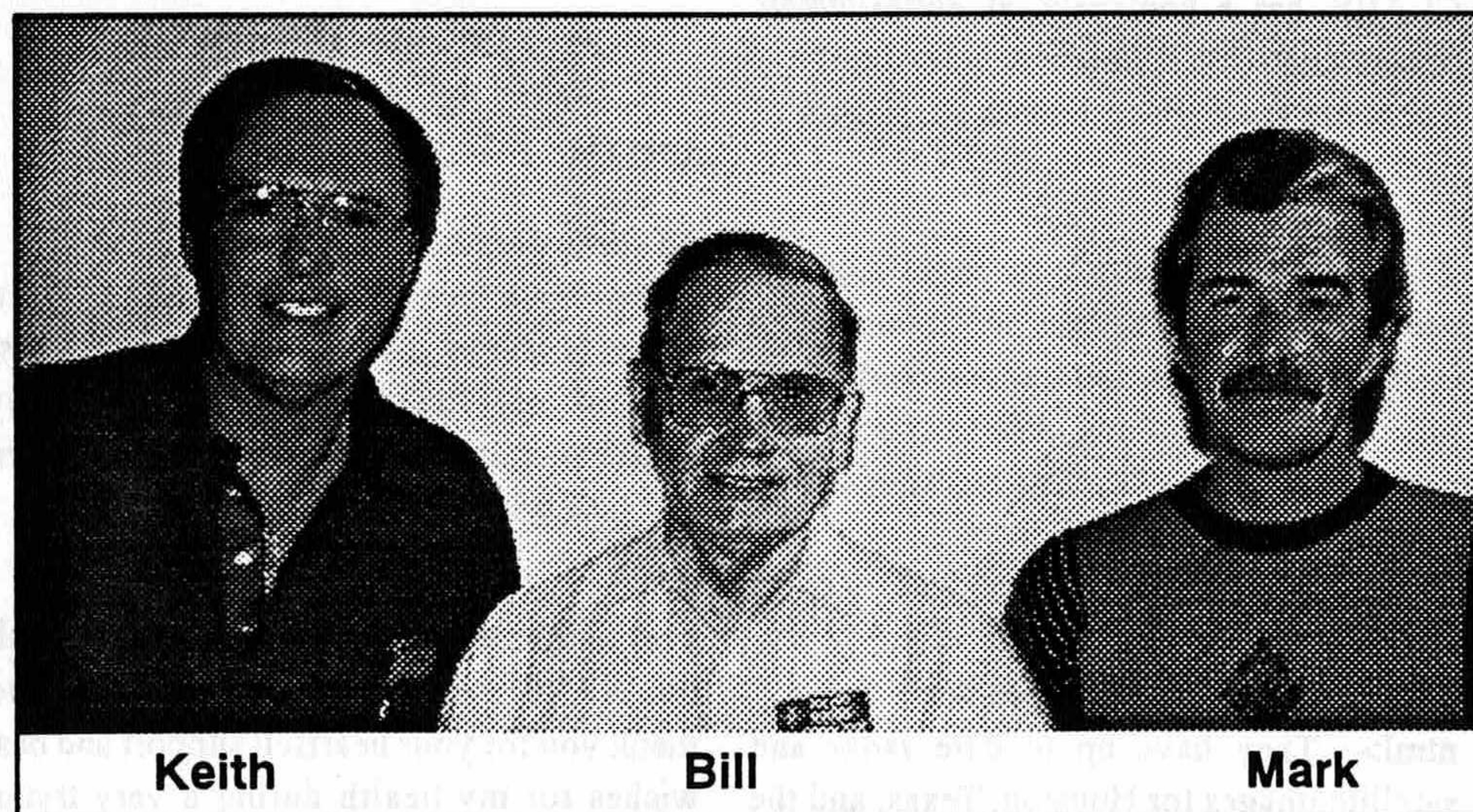
There will **not** be a VE License Exam Session in November.

NOTICE:

New Mail Box for NARS:

P.O. Box 690342

Houston, TX 77269-0342



BREAKFAST at Bleachers

2318 W FM 1960

Saturdays

8:00 AM

Webelos on the Air

by Jim Kirk KJ5IP

More than a hundred Webelo scouts, camped near Navasota, got a good introduction to ham radio on Saturday, October 28, courtesy of NARS.

After a preliminary lecture and discussion, almost every scout got to talk on HF and 2 Meter VHF radio with the fine help of several hams around the USA and local good guys on the NARS and Rosehill repeaters. The effort was blessed with partly sunny skies, temps in the 70's and Murphy's absence all day (probably he was off harassing someone in the CQ Worldwide contest). This was the forth year for NARS members to demonstrate ham radio to Webelos at the Rising Star District's big fall campout.

Thanks go to Rudy KB5ZXO, Bob KK5PV, Walter KK5LO, Glenn KC5JLN, Bill K8CSG and Tommy N5MGM who all put in a long day giving the scouts a good show. Thanks also to KC5EZQ, WA1IA, N6RRJ, KB5WQJ, KC5HCP and others for taking time to talk to the Webelos on 2 meters.



Sid's Cosmic Connection

Check out my Internet Homepage at <http://www.hal-pc.org/~sid>, best viewed with Netscape 1.1 or better. This is a dynamic site featuring NARS information, astronomical pictures, and some business advertisements to help pay for this. There are links to the ARRL, the FCC, and a callsign book.

Sid's planet of the month is Jupiter. There are some great shots of the Red Spot and one of the sulfur moon, Io, with an erupting volcano. You can, also, download the background picture of the Cat's Eye Nebula.

OK, you testers, take note of the SETI link. Talk about your rare contact - find out how to reach out and CQ an alien! I expect one of you hotshots to win the Giordano Bruno Award. What is the Giordano Bruno Award, you ask? Follow the SETI link and check it out.

The homepage has a copy of GEOCLOCK that can be downloaded.

Sid's Bookmarks for October include:

1) Clear Lake Amateur Radio Society, CLARS, has a homepage at <http://www.phoenix.net/USERS/biekert/index.htm>

These are the balloon launch specialists of packet radio fame.

2) The post office has a homepage! And it is useful with information on national zip codes, postal rates, regulations, and much more. No more waiting in line or on hold to get information. <http://www.usps.gov/>

3) This is the best weather Web site for Houston that I have found: <http://www.intellicast.com/icast/weather/iah/wxiah.html> They have up to date radar and satellite images for Houston, Texas, and the world. Check it out.

You can Email Sid your favorite sites or anything else you want at sid@hal-pc.org. Until next time, just remember "Computers are not intelligent. They just think they are."

A Special Thank You

from Harry Gage N5WIZ

As some members may know on Oct. 3rd I was given a free of testicular cancer clean bill of health by my doctor. During the past year of my illness and treatment many NARS members made known their concern and best wishes for my recovery.

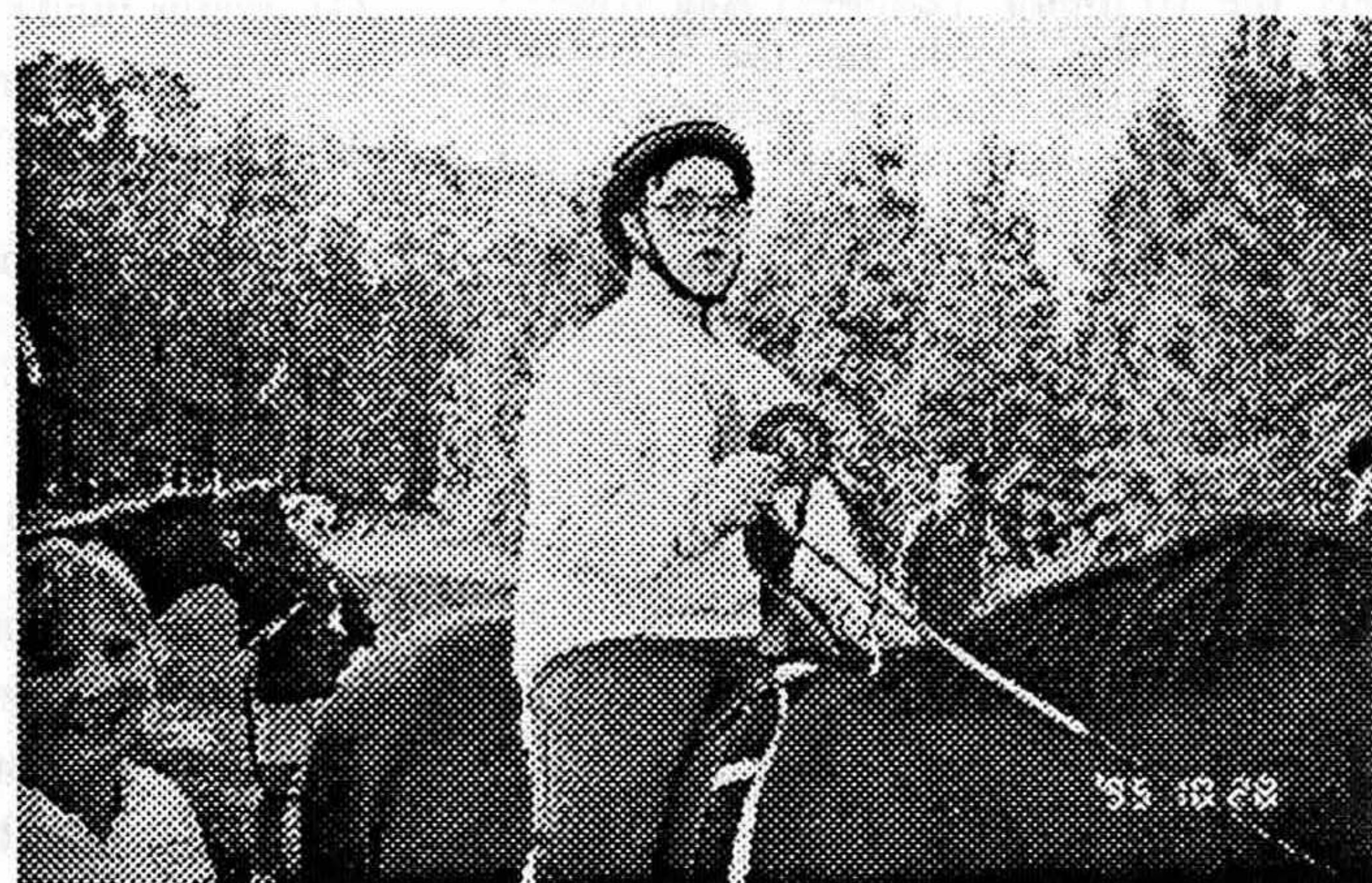
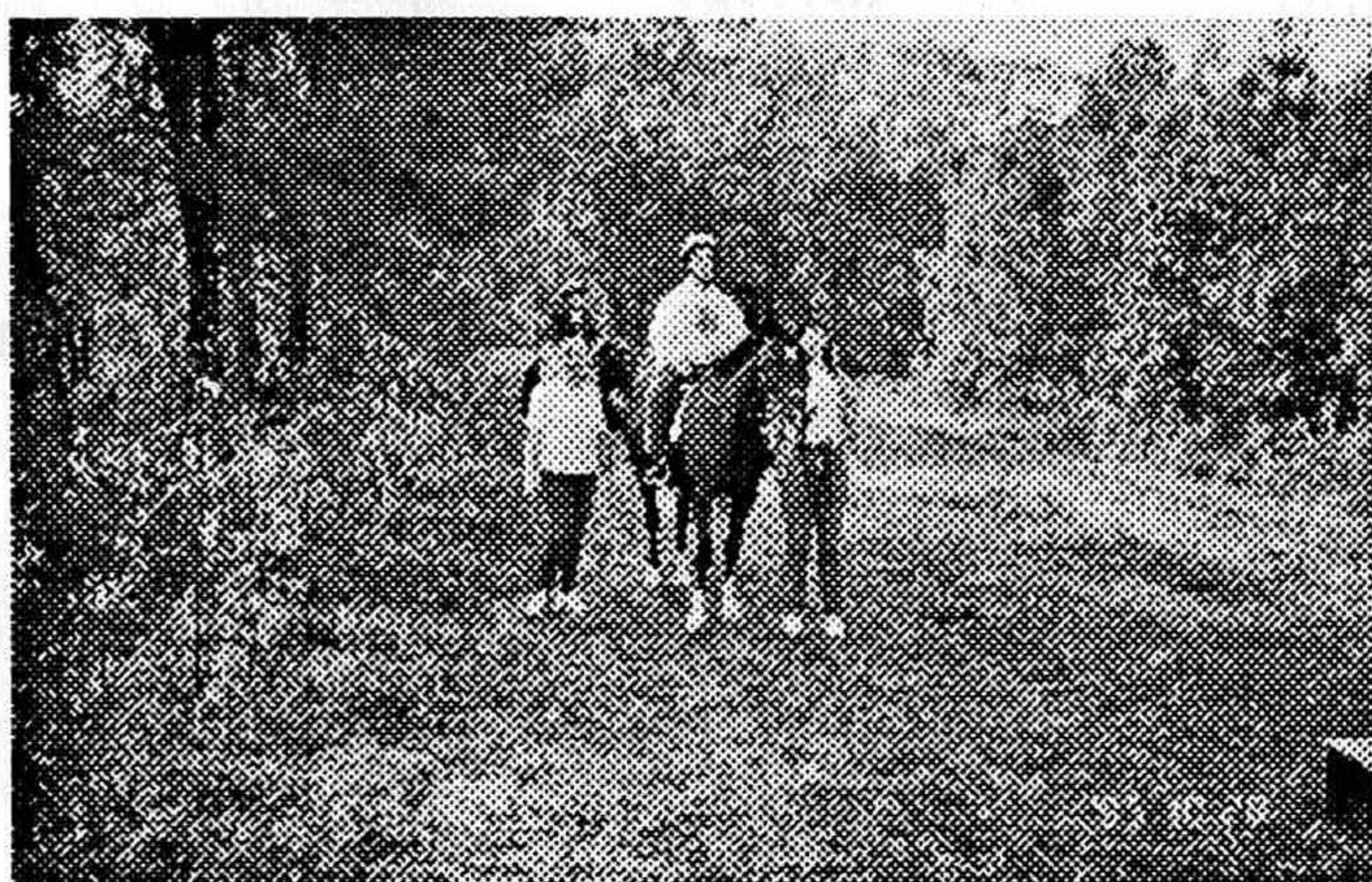
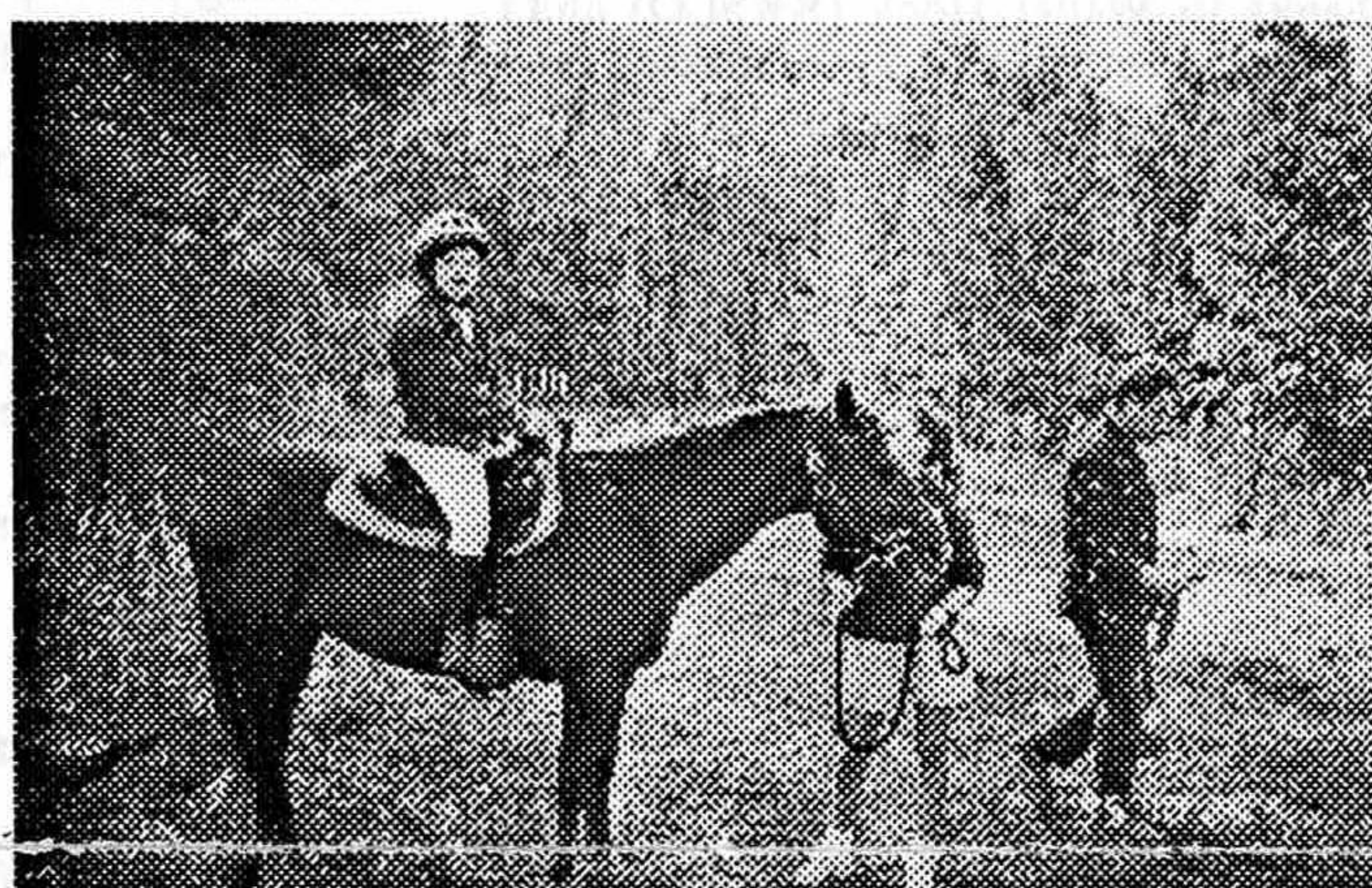
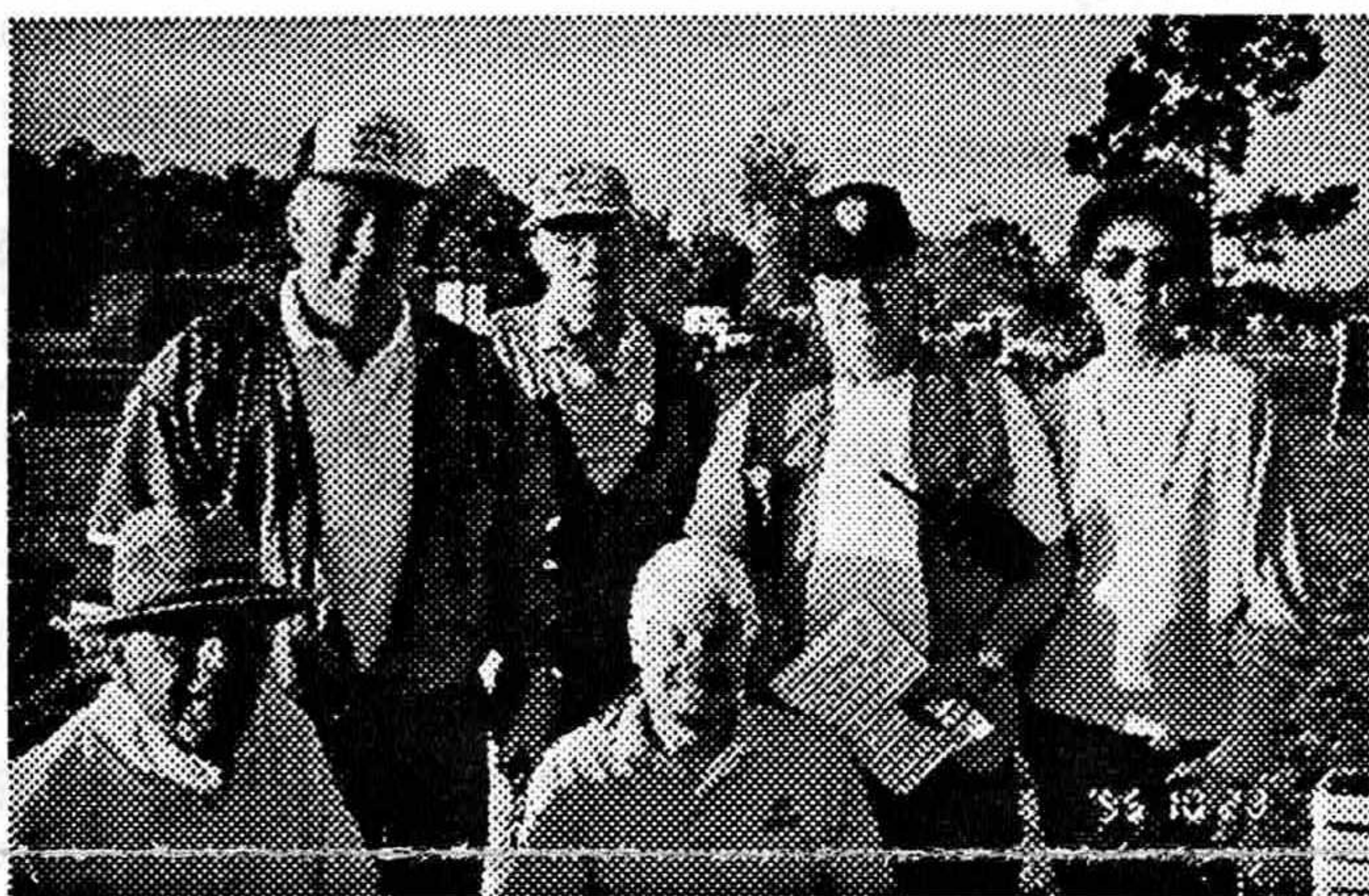
This is the best way I know of reaching all the NARS members at the same time to thank you for your heartfelt support and best wishes for my health during a very trying time in my life. Thank you.

S.I.R.E.

Self-Improvement Thru Riding Education

The weather was outstanding and everyone had a great time at the 1995 S.I.R.E. annual Ride-A-Thon at Moss Rock Farms near Montgomery. There were 55 riders participating in this event which raised more than \$14,000 for continuing support of S.I.R.E. programs and services. This includes maintaining facilities and feed for about 11 horses providing rides for severely handicapped children.

The communications team put together by Jim Sutherland N5SBP consisted of all NARS members. Jim monitored check point 1. Other checkpoints included Bob Argo KC5JZO (2), Mike Lavender KB5WQJ (mobile 3) and Don Bedell (4). There were also gatepoints including Larry McCain WA5SAJ (G1), Harold Larsen (G2) and Cindy Rubens KB5RXT (G3). Net control was provided by Keith Dutson WD5DXL with occasional help from Mike (mobile 3).



Alzheimer's Memory Walk

The 1995 Alzheimer's Memory Walk, held November 4 in downtown Houston was a huge success. Communications were provided by Jim Sutherland N5SBP (roving checkpoint), Larry McCain WA5SAJ, Harold Larsen KC5CNV, Mike Barnard KC5LNN, and Wesley Scott KC5LCI (net control). They worked with Heidi Clark (coordinator of event). Few of the approximately 800 participants were prepared for the cold and windy weather, but their efforts were rewarded with \$140,000 raised for an excellent cause.

President's Corner

November 1995

October and November have already been very busy months for the NARS members. Many of our members have assisted with public service events such as the Boy Scouts, SIRE, the Alzheimers group, and others. Many thanks to Jim Kirk (KJ5IP), Jim Sutherland (N5SBP), and Mike Lavender (KB5WQJ) for taking up the challenge and putting together the personnel to get the job done. In addition to these activities several contests were on the air plus the 1995 Gulf Coast Ham Convention. Thanks to Walter Hock (KK5LO) and Bill Stietenroth (K5ZTY) for making the necessary arrangements for the NARS swap table.

Several months ago, David Cole, WD5BZY resigned his Director at Large post on the Board of Directors due to work conflicts. I would like to thank David for his efforts and contributions to NARS and hope that he gets everything worked out, and actively joins us again soon. O.J. Quarles (WA1YIA) has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

During the next few weeks we will be working to review our current net status. NARS currently supports two weekly nets, the 10 meter (28.444) Rag Chew net on Monday nights and the 2 meter (146.66/146.06) General information net on Wednesday nights. There is generally very good participation in both nets, however we are always needing volunteers to step forward to act as net control. If you run the net, you get a chance to direct its focus for the night. If you are interested I would be happy to assist you on the first time or two, give me a call. We will also be considering the return of the slow code practice net. If you would like to participate or suggest a night and time, please let me know.

Remember, NARS is your club. The Board of Directors tries to make decisions and schedule activities that are of interest to you. We now have two established methods of receiving mail: a Post Office Box and an Internet E-Mail address. You can send comments to NARS, P.O. Box 690342, Houston, Texas 77269-0342 or to NARS@houston.net.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the November meeting.

73's Rudy Novotny - KB5ZXO

Membership and Dues Revision

by Rudy Novotny, President

At the January 5, 1995 board meeting, the club's treasury balance was reported to be \$3243.55. At the October 30 board meeting the balance was \$2094.63. The balance is still healthy, but it's moving in the wrong direction. The current board reviewed the 1996 proposed budget and estimates the following annual expenses:

Newsletter Cost - \$1680.00

Printing 200 copies @ \$90. monthly

Postage @ \$40. monthly

Administrative Secretary - \$360.00

P.O. Box - \$58.00

Office exp, postage, envelops, etc - \$120.00

Repeater and packet node fund - \$200.00

Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church - \$300

Liability insurance - \$200.00

Field Day Expenses - \$932.00

Tents - \$488.21

BFI portapotty - \$129.90

Generator fund - \$100.00

Logging Software - \$90.00

Misc expenses \$121.50

Total estimated expenses for 1996 \$2603

Estimating 150 fully paid members
 $2603/150 = \$26.03$

Based on our historic level of membership and expenses we have adjusted the membership and dues to \$25.00 per year for the first full member, plus \$5.00 for each additional family member living at the same address. Full time students without an additional primary family member will be \$12.50. The membership dues will be for 12 months rather than for a calendar year beginning January 1. That is, if you join or renew your membership on March 1, 1995, the cost is \$25.00 and the membership will last until March 1, 1996. All current calendar memberships will expire January 1, 1996.

Letter to the Editor

Here is a letter from Paul Franz KF5SB now residing in Singapore. It came via Compuserve and is a treat to read.

Hello Keith, I've just been reading the September NARS NEWS and thought I would drop you a quick note. It's good to get the news from the club over here. I haven't gotten on the air over here, lots of red tape. Singapore is a city of almost 3 million but there are only about 100 licensed amateurs. The Telecomms Authority is very restrictive, no TVI at all is allowed so that makes it pretty difficult in a city of high rise apartment blocks! Local hams are allowed to use only 5 specific frequencies on 2 meters and all rigs must be crystal controlled with a maximum output of 10 watts ERP!

Keep up the good work on the NEWS, I look forward to meeting you when I get back.

73, Paul KF5SB

Texas Yahoos' Team Score ARCI QRP QSO Party Oct. 95'

K5ZTY	376,768
KF9RX/5	2,250
AB5TV	5,208
KK5GJ	56,637
KB5YVT	74,480
N7OGF/5	97,965
W5BKK	87,612 Single Band 20m
Total	700,920



by Keith Dutson

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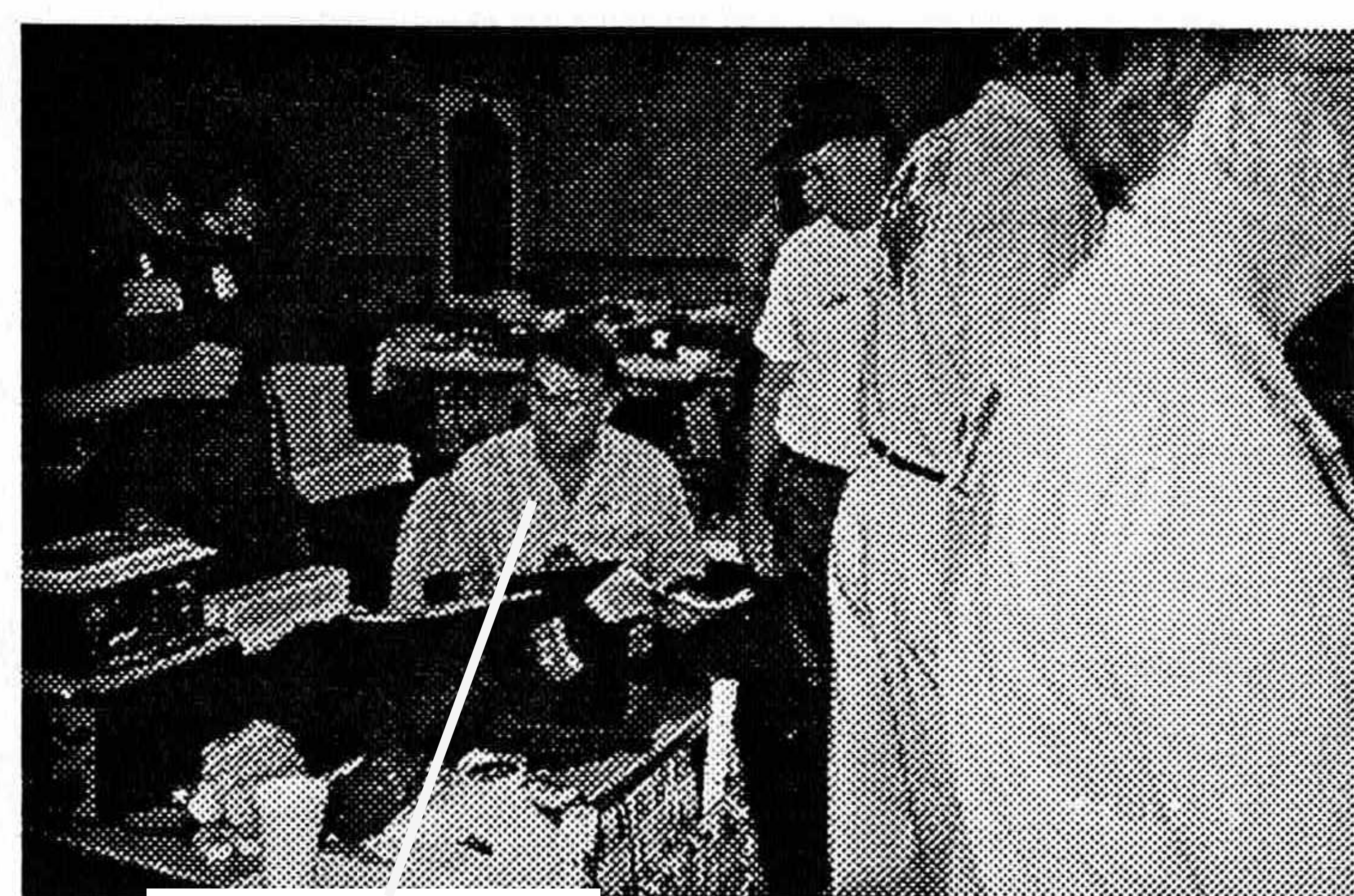
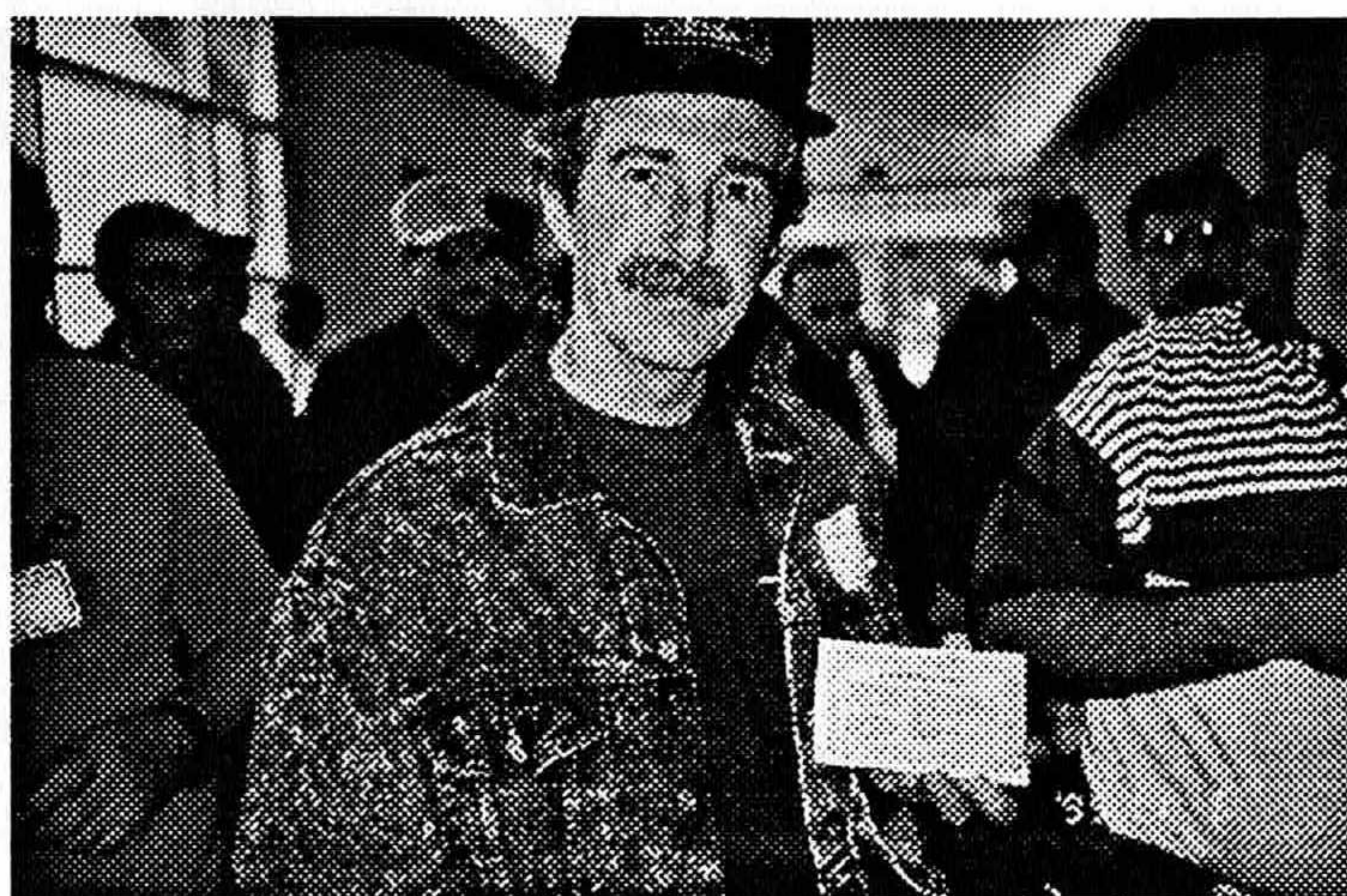
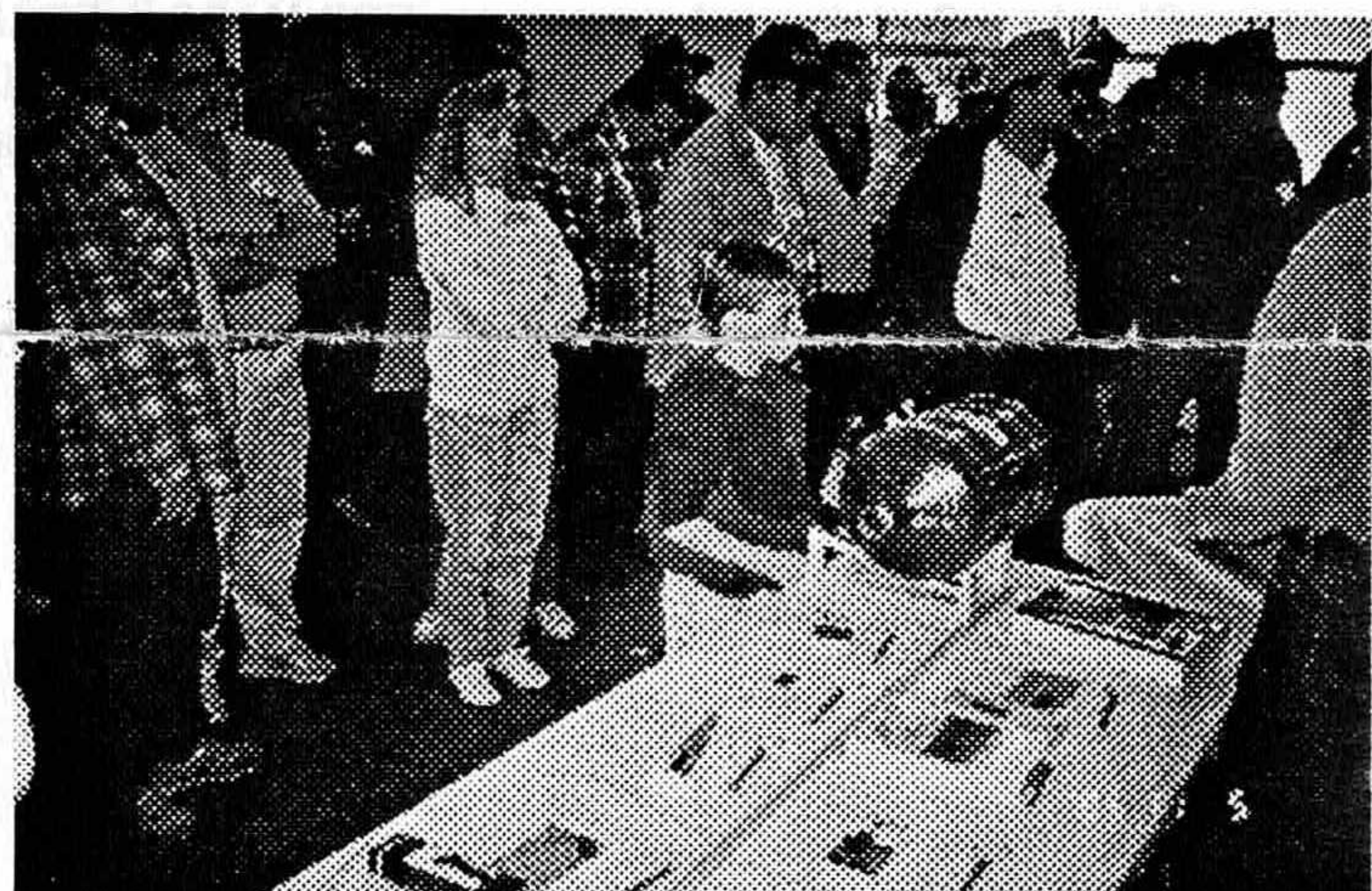
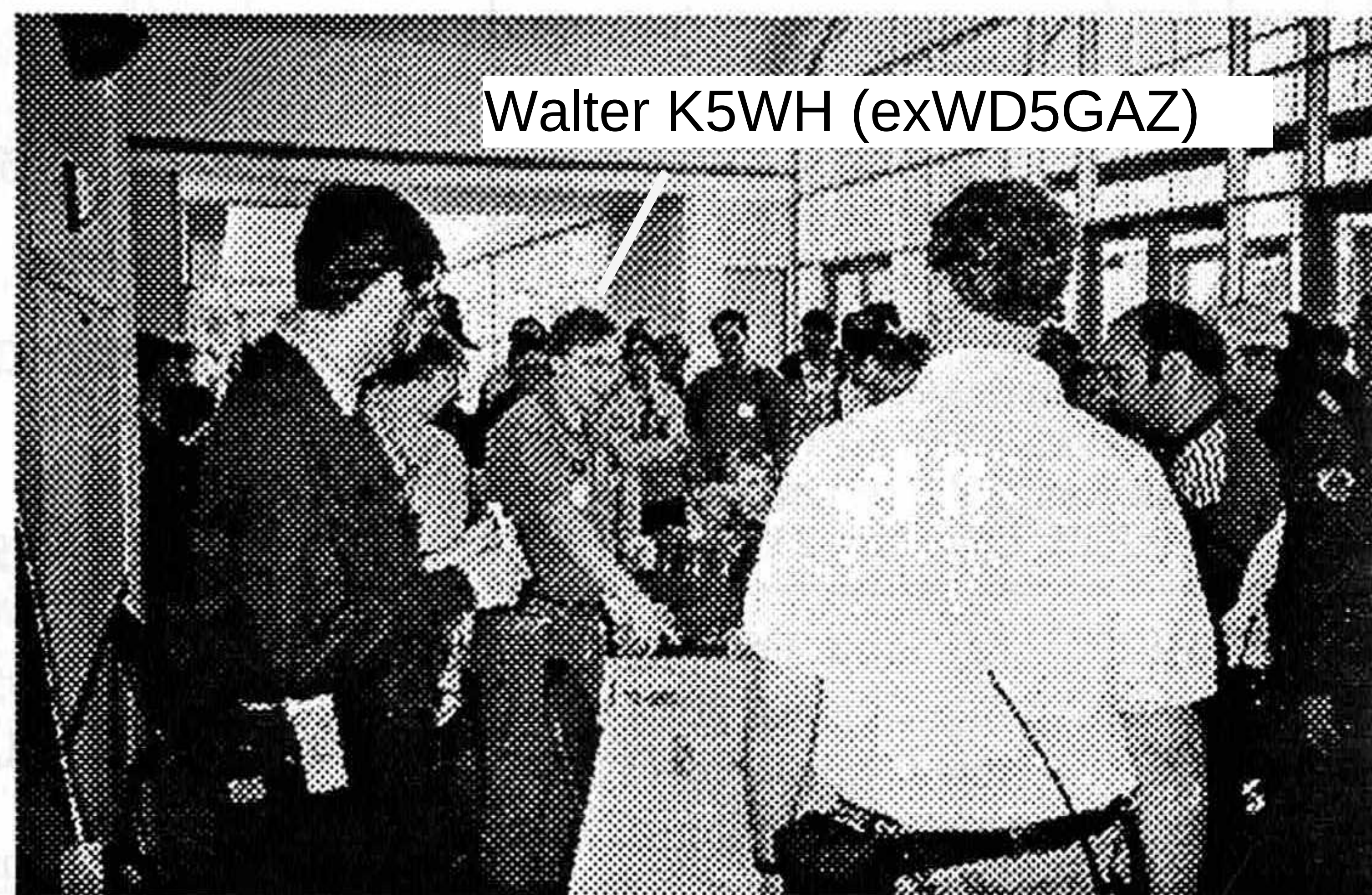
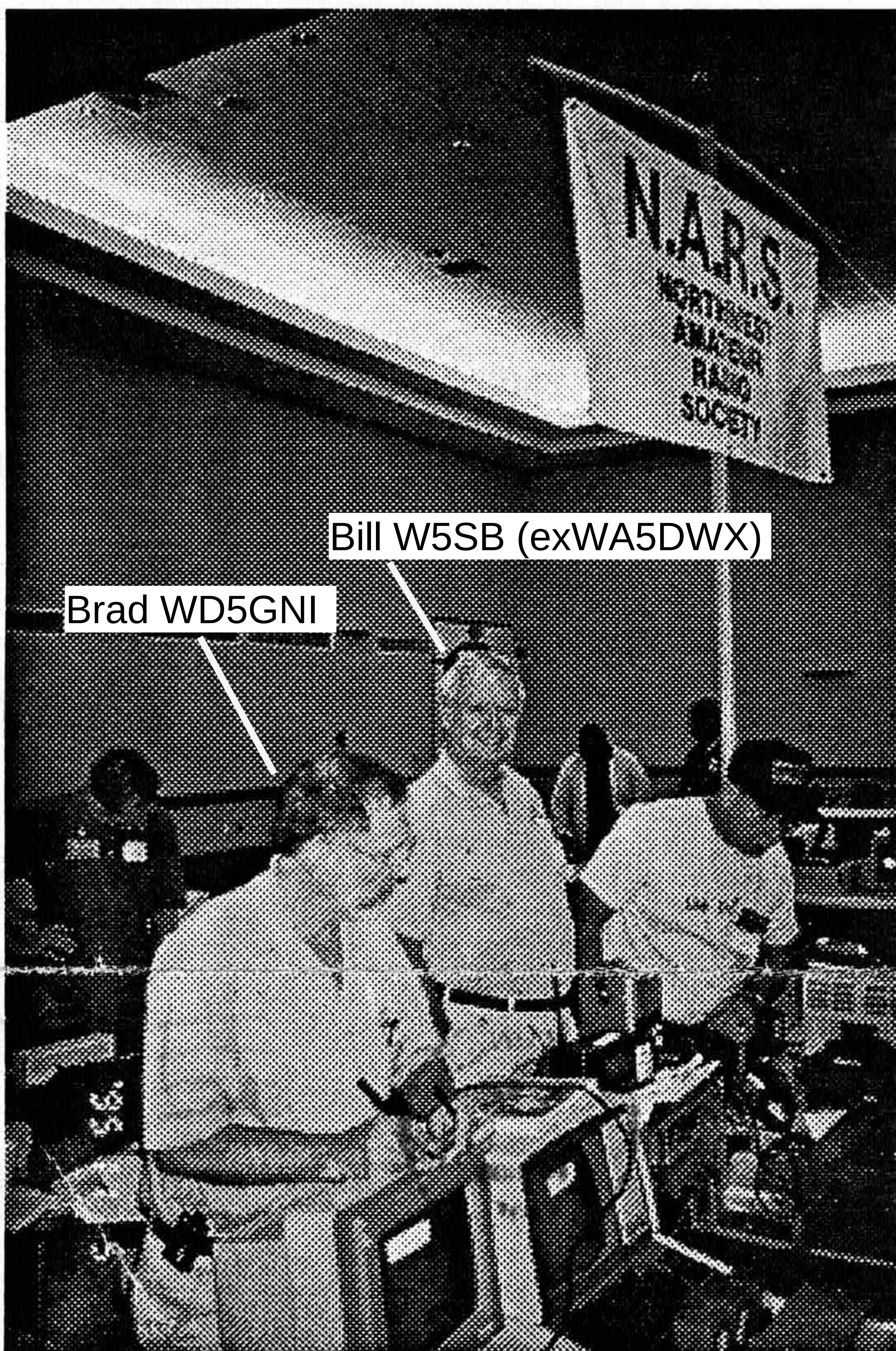
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The best suggestion for the newsletter this month came from Madison Jones AB5TV. He likes ALL the colors and wants them reciprocated.

I also received a long piece of E-mail flaming the editor. It was startling, but indicates that NARS News is well read.

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Gulf Coast Ham Convention November 3-5



Mark KC5OFE

Uncle Zed K5ZTY

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NARS MEETS the third Friday of each
month at the Spring-Cypress Presbyterian
Church, 6000 Spring-Cypress Rd. (1.7 mile
east of Stubner-Airline on Spring- Cypress
Rd.) Meeting time: 7:30 PM. Eyeball
QSO's: about 7:00 PM.

NARS BREAKFAST every Saturday
8 AM at Bleachers Grill, located at
2318 W FM 1960 (@ Kuykendahl).
Informal ragchew.

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NARS BOARD MEETS the fourth Friday of
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BBQ. All members are invited to attend.

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NARS NETS

NARS RAGCHEW - MONDAY 8:00 PM
28.444 MHz (Nelson, KK5IJ)

NARS INFO - WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM
146.06 /.66 MHz (Ken, KA5AKG)

EMERGENCY NETS

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY ARES
WEDNESDAY following NARS Info Net
146.06 /.66 MHz (Scott, N5KEU)

CITY OF HOUSTON -
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NET

SATURDAY 9:00 AM 146.84(-) MHz
SATURDAY 9:30 AM 3.905 MHz

NARS REPEATERS

2 M - 146.060 / 146.660 MHz
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