OUR COVER

OUR 40TH PRESIDENT

John E. Simmons

John E. Simmons, 313 N. 9th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85006, is a native Phoenician. His family consists of his wife, Norma, and two children, Laurie and John. He has been employed by the City of Phoenix for 18 years and presently holds the position of Assistant Superintendent of Communications. John is responsible for the technical operations of the Division of Communications, reporting directly to the Superintendent, Mr. Rae A. Echols. His staff consists of 26 employees: 2 Communications Engineers, 2 Supervisors, 16 Technicians, 1 Draftsman, 1 Electronic Stores Clerk, 2 Technician Aides and 2 Trainees.

He is responsible for the planning, engineering, specifications, installation and maintenance of the City of Phoenix communications systems. Collectively, this consists of over 2200 mobile units, 100 base stations and control points, microwave systems, three airport systems, including the tower communications in two of the airports, various sound systems, recording and alarm equipment and over 100 pieces of CCTV equipment.

John designed and his staff built the first automated fire dispatching system in the world in 1957. This system used a shop built mini computer system and card reader.

Under his direction, the present 6 position, 5 frequency police dispatch consoles were built in 1965. These are being expanded to provide 11 dispatcher, 11 frequency operation.

The ¼ Million Dollar North Mountain Radio Facility of the City of Phoenix was also his design. This was the first municipal system with transmitter combining, using ferrite isolators and mutiplexing 8 receivers with crystal filters.

John's staff is presently installing an eight frequency 64 satellite receiver voting system for the Police Department to provide for portable unit communications anywhere in the 260 square mile area of the city.

During this time, John has found the time to serve APCO in the following areas: Charter member of the Arizona Chapter of APCO; President of Arizona Chapter for two terms, 1968-69; Member of the National Executive Committee for the past five years; Chairman of the National Activities and Membership Committee, 1969-70; Chairman of the National Engineering and Research Committee, 1970-71; Chairman of the Home Study Course Project; Member of the National Resolutions and By-laws Committee for three years; Speaker at the 3rd Western States Regional Conference; Chairman of the 4th Western States Regional Conference at Phoenix, Arizona; Chairman for the 6th Western Regional Conference Technical Workshop; and Moderator of the panel "Teleprinters Revisited" at the 1970 National Conference.

Other professional activities include: Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Member of the Arizona Tele-Communications Association; Member of the Governor's Committee for Emergency Medical Services for the State of Arizona; Member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and he has served in the United States Air Force and in the Arizona Air National Guard for 8 years. John is also active in the Boy Scouts of America and enjoys water skiing, motorcycle riding, camping, swimming and sailing.
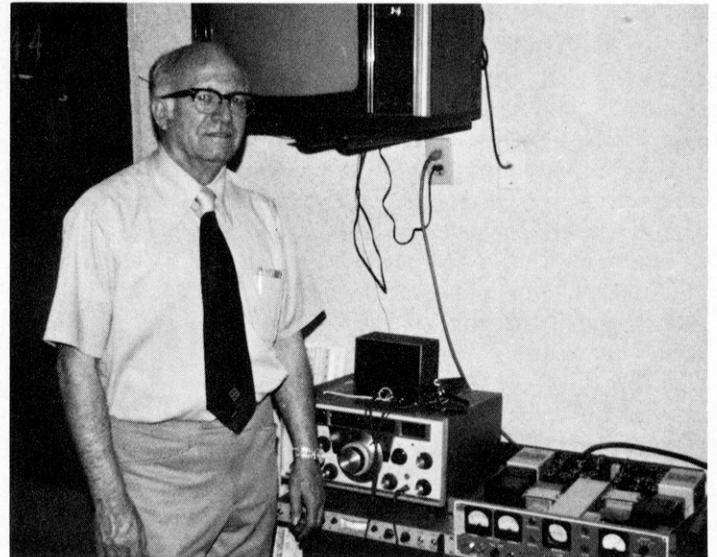
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

the Holiday Inn, Cheyenne, Wyoming on July 19, 1973, hosted by Mr. *Willis Music*.

The meeting was called to order by President *Earl Spenard* at 10:30 A.M. Sixteen members and two guests were in attendance.

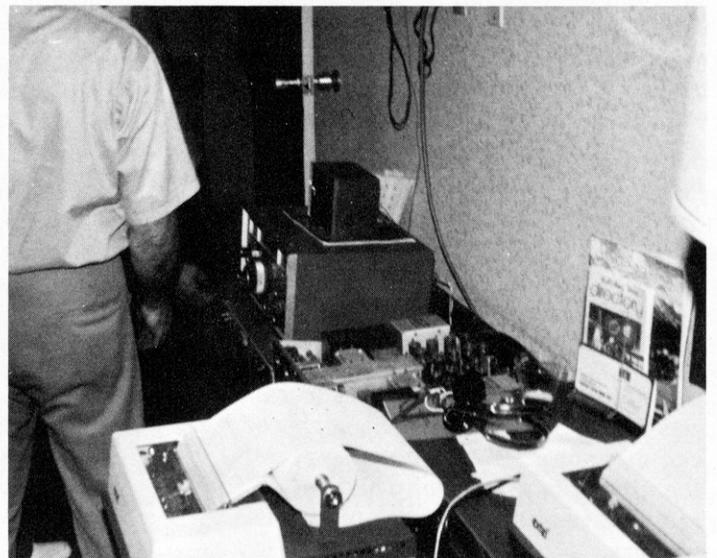Minutes of the second quarterly meeting and treasurer's report were read and accepted.

Bob Danhour suggested all agencies willing to submit shoulder

Equipment demonstration by NBS

patches to Commander *Matthews* of SCOTLAND Yard to be taken back to England should contact *Bob* and he would present them.

Pres. *Spenard* read memo from National asking for the chapters

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to express their opinions on items to be brought up at the national conference in Kansas City. A lengthy discussion on all points followed.

Also discussed was the election procedure by our chapter and