

ARRL

# SHORT SKIP

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## TRADITIONS

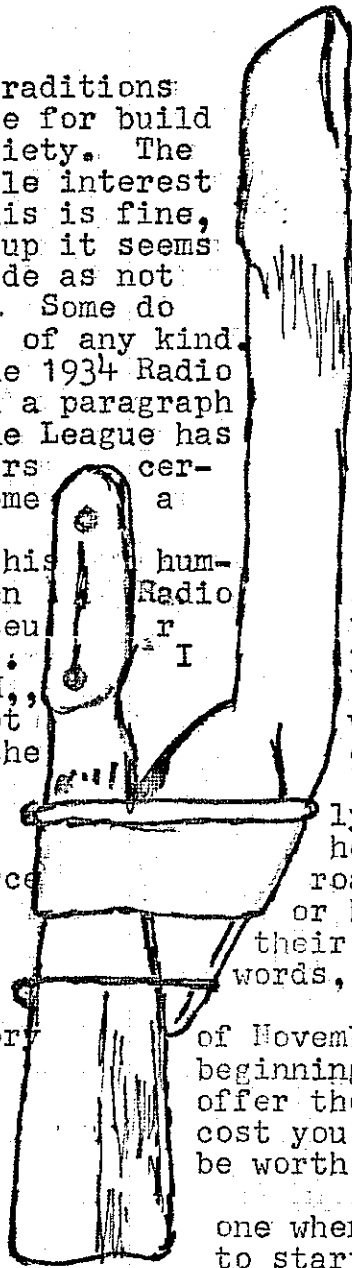
All societies have traditions that are considered a base for building or improving said society. The ARRL is a society of people interested in Amateur Radio. This is fine, but as we enlarge our group it seems to push old traditions aside as not applying to modern times. Some do not believe in traditions of any kind.

Reading a copy of the 1934 Radio Amateurs Handbook I found a paragraph or two of interest. "As the League has come down through the years certain traditions have become part of Amateur Radio".

"The Old Man", with his humorous stories on "Rotten Radio", has become one of Amateur Radio's principal figures. I believe we need a new O. M.,

Another tradition not heard much of lately is the WOUFF-HONG. The WOUFF-HONG is AMATEUR RADIO'S Most Sacred Symbol, and stands for the self enforcement of law and order in Amateur Radio operation. I hope it's spirit will come forward again.

There is a short story behind this moralizing. Don Bremer, KB6LO, is an ardent Flea Market Fan. During September 1980 at the Sebastopol Flea Market he came across a strange looking object.



1938 ARRL National Convention at Chicago, ILL. You can read about it in the September and November issues of QST. The story will never be complete unless someone can trace the travel route of this Symbol from Chicago to Sebastopol. It would be interesting to know.

W6DTV

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to suggest that the month of November be proclaimed CLUB ELMER MONTH.

If you are unfamiliar with "ELMER," I will try to explain.

ELMER is the name generally applied to a person that has helped another along the rocky road to their Amateur license, or has assisted another to get their station on the air. In other words, "YOUR FRIEND".

Why not take the month of November to get in touch with other beginning Amateur, get acquainted and offer them encouragement. It won't cost you any money, but your words will be worth much to the beginner.

We all had help from someone when we started. Now is the time to start paying Amateur Radio back.

## 1938 CHICAGO-ILL

The seller called it a railroad sign. Don knew better and made a deal for \$3.00. OH-WHAT WAS IT? Well it was a WOUFF-HONG presented at the

Be an ELMER and be a friend. They are one and the same.

73 Don KB6LO

## CLUB OFFICERS

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Club Call- W6LFJ  
Club Meeting: Nov. 5, 1980, 8 PM  
Red Cross Bldg., Santa Rosa, CA.

RTTY NET 145.595

### Dates of interest.

Nov. 1/2 ARRL Sweepstakes CW  
Nov. 5 1980 CLUB MEETING  
Nov. 5 West Coast Qualifying Run  
Pg. 95 Oct. QST.  
Nov. 8/9 European RTTY Contest  
Nov. 9 Czechoslovakian Contest  
Nov. 15/16 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone  
Nov. 29/30 CQ Mag.. World Wide  
DX Contest CW  
Dec. 6/7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest  
Dec. 13/14 ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
Dec. 14 1980 ??????  
Dec. 1980 XMAS Party *19 Dec*

WITH REGRETS WE REPORT THE  
DEATH OF MRS. KERMIT PARKER,  
OCT. 1980. BELOVED WIFE OF  
W5JFN. CARDS CAN BE SENT TO  
15975 SONOMA HWY. SONOMA, CA.

Scott Roleson, WA7UVE, 8325  
Langley, #204, Tucson, Ariz.  
85710. Going to School- Teaching  
EE Lab. 10 Mtr. Dipole up and  
working. He was wondering about  
Sunday Nite 10 Mtr, Net. He join  
ed U of Ariz. Radio Club. Drop  
him a line.

## ELECTIONS

In the very near future Election  
of new officers for the Club is necessar  
Terry La Duke, WA6RNF, is chairman--  
The following are available for comm-  
ittee members. WD6AJR, WD6CKP, WA6JSA,  
WA6UCP, N6DHT, WA6ACX, WD6FEQ. Terry  
will call the avove for a meeting soon.

## XMAS PARTY

The main social meeting of our  
Club for the year is our XMAS PARTY.  
The following are the committee.  
WA6ACX, N6DBZ, WB6NBR, AG6C, KA6MVU,  
KD6GC, W6CYM. Date listed on opposite  
side of page. KD6GC is Chair person.

## RAFFEL

A Raffel has been announced by our  
President. This is to raise money for  
the Club. The Prize will be Lunch for  
two at the Nut Tree, including Air  
Transportation. Second choice is Dinner  
for two at the Catleman's.

## BREAKFAST

On Oct. 5 the Club held Breakfast  
Nr. 3 for the year. About 30 to 35  
persons arived, a small showing. N6DDK  
cooked a fine meal and Jim W6CYM made  
the arrangements. Chucks family helped  
in the kitchen.

W6OLO, Ken Marshall was the pro-  
gram and presented the second part on  
OSCAR. He also talked about MOONRAY,  
a very interesting speaker and subject.

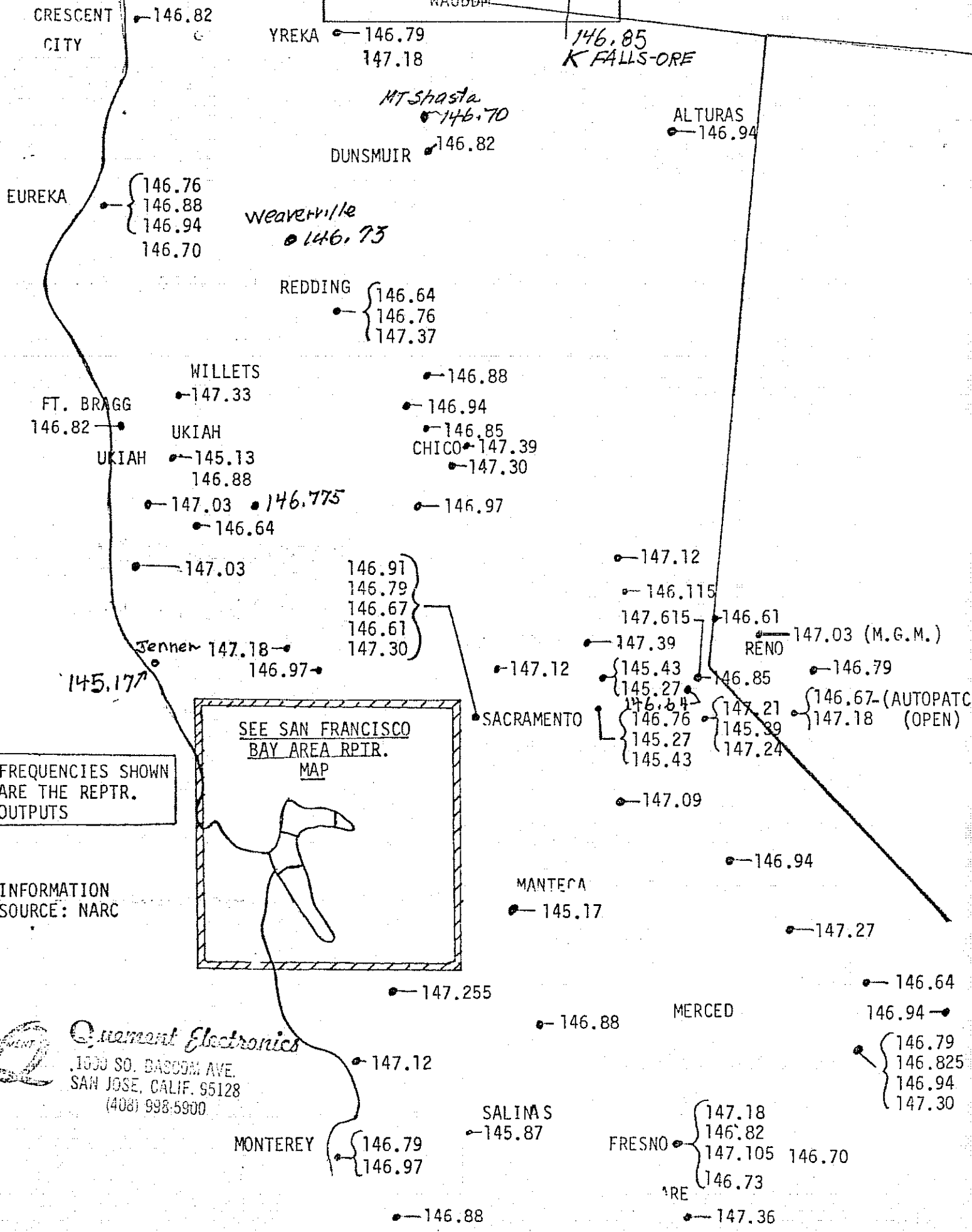
## PICNIC

Fun was had by all---Volley Ball  
was quite active- Paul Hansen gave  
Ron a tag on the nose for hanging on to  
the net. David moved the outside lines  
around to his advantage. But all in all  
fun. Geo and Don (acx), claimed champs  
of the Barn yard pool game. It helped  
a great deal to quit after 2 wins there-  
by protecting said championship.

Food was out of this world. W6OLO  
paid a visit to the picnic.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA  
 REPEATER MAP  
 by JIM JACKSON  
 WAGDDM

JAN 18, 1980



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CERTIFIC-BPL

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC. awarded W6LFJ, the CLUB STATION membership in the BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE, for the Month of July 1980. Signed by Art Samuelson W6VV.

PRESENTATION

W6ZM- Bill Stevens of ARRL Presented Sonoma County Radio Amateurs member Alan Bloom, N1AL, with a gift of the July, 1980 QST Cover Plaque, which was the Printers plate of the Space Needle. Alan received this Honor by writing a very fine article on active filters for QST.

After the presentation Bill talked to the Club about many new activities. The new ARRL Flag which is available to members in several sizes.. The new news bulletins available for members so you can send them to persons of importance.. They contain information on many amateur activities.. New information on 160 and the new bands of the future.. You missed a good meeting if you were not there..

SET FOR SONOMA CO..

Sonoma Co. Simulated Emergency Test was a success if you listened to some Hospital Administrators.. The Hospital FASRER Communications system was on test. This is the Front Line communications System for Accute Hospitals in Sonoma Co.. What happens when it goes out? RACES composed of many Club members could be a good dependable back up for this System. More work to be done but a good test..

Don't forget the Xmas Party a lot of fun for all..

CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY

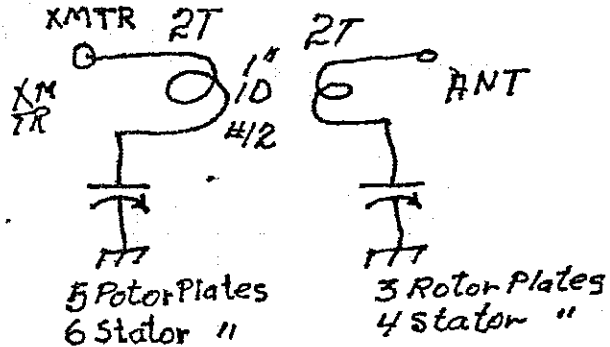
DX'ers from our Club left Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co. on friday 3rd. of Oct. heading for Colusa Co. The group included Terry, KA6DEI, David WD6AJR, Chuck, WB 4 BXQ, Ron, WB6NBR. Arrived after dark at the Zwald Ranch where the gang set up camp. The first hour there was used slapping mosquitoes and sipping "cool pop". Retired early and up at Dawn.

The antenna were assembled and breakfast cooked. Contest was a lot of fun and it proved again th at Murphy will strike again.

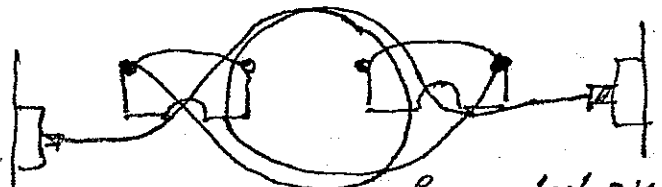
TR4 did not want to work on SSB. Also shorted coax. We did overcome. No point as yet- still under raps. Thank Hank Davis for help for site.. Ask any crew member about size of the mosquito es- Give thanks that they were under control. (Editor- Just New Blood)

CIRCUIT- TWO METER TUNNER-

There have been requests for W6CNJ' circuit for a two meter tunner. Here it is.



Variable Capacitors APC 50 Remove Plates. Screw Drives Type - Be sure holding screws ground rotor to Box. Use your own fittings BNC - UHF - 50239 etc.. For Coupling Wind COILS so one slips inside OTHER.



Boxes available from W6CH3 Or Sonoma Co Radio Amateurs W6DTV

# Sale OR Swap OR Wanted

For Sale: Kenwood 520 SE Transceiver- \$400.00, Autek MK1- Memory Keyer, \$75.00= MFJ- Antenna Tuner, 941B- \$50.00- Low-Pass Filter- C514 T, J-W- Miller. \$1.00- MC 50- Kenwood Mike. fits 520- \$40.00- MFJ Digital Clock, 24 Hr.. \$25.00--Wilson 10-40 Trap Vertical, \$50.00 100 Ft. 52 ohm coax \$20.00---Call- Larry Whitehead 544-3211, after 6.30 PM---

For Sale: Field strength Meter. 1-Monarch and 1-Midland. \$2.50 each. Call W6DTV- 823-7885

Wanted: Tubes. 3-1LN5, 1-LC6, 1-LH4 Call Ray Bowers 542-4085 and state price.

For Sale: Well here it is again. FL2100B Lin Amp. Yeasu, Mike will sell for \$450.00 Call 823-8977 soon.

For Sale: Weller soldering stations, \$55.00 RCA-WIZ VTVM meters: \$55.00, Panasonic General coverage receiver \$325.00, Call Mike at 823-8977

Wanted: Base station power supply for Frog. Line. Call W6DTV 823-7885

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## DX WATCH BY CHOD VP2ML

This is a new section for Short Skip and we hope to bring it to you each month.

W1AW has a DX bulletin every Thursday evening (SSB ;0130 and 0430 Z), (CW:0000 and 0300Z Friday). Listen to 14080, 21080, 14290 or 21390 for the latest DX News. The CQWW contests on the last weekends of October and November provide excellent DX opportunities. Don't try to battle the Big Guns at the start of the contest however. Wait until the activity slows down on Sunday to pick up a few new ones.

DX to watch for in late October and early November. East Carolines KC6ZR and KC6YC Oct. 22-29 QSL W7ZR and W7EJ. These two will be KX6 Marshall Islands Oct. 29-Nov.1. Cayman Islands W4YKH and others, for the phone contest. Somalia 60ØDX (QSL 12YAE) might get on around the end of October. Gilbert and Tuvalu by W9GW end of Oct. QSL Home call. Sri Lanka N2KK last two weeks of October. Macao KP4KK operates CR9B Oct. 23-30. And in the contest watch for operations from the Greek Islands, Curacao, Montserrat, Guatemala, and others. Info. from DX Report.

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## OUR YOUNG HAMS BY LYLE N6BLN

Amateur Radio knows no age boundries. We would like to give you some background on a few of our younger members.

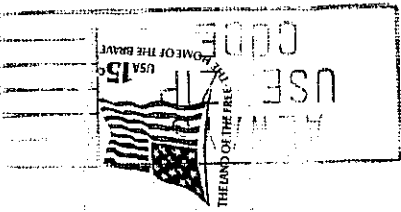
N6CTL-Bobert Shedore-Bob- was born on Oct. 24, 1964, in Anaheim, Ca.. Rob became interested in Amateur Radio a little over a year ago. Shortly after becoming interested he took the Novice exam and in Dec. 1979 became KA6ISV. Needless to say Rob was anxious to become a general class operator. He studied seriously and in April 1980 became N6CTL. Rob is (See page 6)

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an accomplished CW operator and has a code speed of 20 to 25 WPM. He accomplished W.A.S. twice and is working for his DXCC. He has confirmed 40 of 102 countries worked. He very much enjoys DX chasing and public service. Rob has been in charge of several of our Club Amateur Radio public demo stations. In addition to Ham Radio, Rob likes model building and fishing. He is also an accomplished Chef. Rob will be 16 soon and is in the 9th grade. He is interested in a Computer Carrer or an Officer in the Coast Guard.

N6DCJ- Alan Gerald- Alan was born on July 16, 1964 in San Francisco, Ca. He became interested in Ham Radio early in 1979. He earned his Novice ticket on 5-11-79 and was KA6GDB. Alan is an excellent CW operator and quickly picked up his FCC and ARRL 20 W.P.M. Code credit. In July of 1980 he passed his General ticket and his new call was N6DCJ. Alan has one state to go for his W.A.S. and has confirmed 25 of 80 countries worked for his DXCC. When Alan is not hamming which is seldom, he is PACK RATING- A term used by his father K6ANP. Among his collections are Rocks and Stamps. Alan has been very active in our Club and has set up a number of Ham Radio Displays. He is 16 and a sophomore at Petamuma High School. Alan prefers to chase DX on CW. He hopes someday to become a Doctor.