

The Newsletter of the Chester & District Amateur Radio Society.

Editorial. Greetings chaps !

This month sees the beginning of the DX season on the H.F. side, of course this does not apply to the V.H.F. fiends, who lament what appears to have been a poor season for them, let's hope their L.F. brothers fare better this winter.

During the last few months this Club seems to have been sorted out as a target for illness to its members and their relations. Bill Lloyd has been ill himself and his wife has had quite a bad time. George Brown's wife has also had sickness troubles and recently Ted Yates wife has undergone quite a serious operation.

Fortunately all seem to be making good progress now, and I am sure I am expressing the thoughts of all the members in wishing them all a speedy and complete return to full health.

Cheerio for now, chaps.

E.P.

Members News. Probably the biggest blow to the Club of late has been the resignation of Bill Lloyd from the post of Secretary. Bill has always been a hard worker for the Club, and we have been lucky to have had such a good Secretary for the last two years. With our Chairman, Bill was one of the prime movers in the formation of North Western Association of Radio Societies. His successor to the post of Secretary is Norman Richardson, who although he has not been a member long, has proved himself very enthusiastic, and we wish him every success in his new job. Dennis Rickers finds his examination preparation is taking up most of his spare time and so has had to resign from the Committee and Press Secretaryship. Ted Yates has been appointed to take his place. Basil Swanston has gone on a trip to the States amidst exhortations from Members to bring back as many new valves as possible. George Brown and Reg Stringer are holding Morse classes each Monday evening and slow Morse transmissions on 80 m. at 8.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on all evenings except Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. As it has not been possible to have a course for the Radio Amateur's Examination at the Further Education College, it has been decided to run a course each Monday evening for a trial period of 6 weeks at Headquarters, commencing Monday November 3rd, at 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this course will be welcomed on that evening. It is stressed that if the attendance for this class falls off without genuine reasons, it will finish after the trial period.

Meeting Notes. Recent meetings have taken the form of a Junk Sale, by the way everyone seems to be holding on to everything they have got; a lecture on a home-made Signal Generator by Ted Yates and discussions on the Exhibition of members equipment at the Electricity Showrooms in September. On August 26th Bill Lloyd initiated a revivalist meeting, as he considered that there was not sufficient being done to encourage members to come down to the Club. The result of this meeting was that all surplus equipment in the shack was sold the following Tuesday. A decision was taken that the transmitter should be on the air by September 30th. at the latest, that one set of heaters at the front of the lecture room would be removed and fixed at the rear of the room so that chaps at the back would not freeze to death this winter. Up to the present your scribe can only say that the 30th September has come and gone and the power-pack, so well constructed by Peter White and Arthur Bagley, is still as cold as the back of the lecture room, with the removal and fixing of that beautiful set of heaters not completed. At present they only burn the Chairman's legs, so that of necessity they have to be switched off. This state of affairs is just not good enough chaps, so let's hear from you at the meetings. The most recent meeting was a talk by Basil O'Brien R.S.G.B. Regional Representative and Harry Synge the County Representative which took the form of an impromptu discussion on the new Articles recently formulated in the 'Bull! Frankly at the end of the meeting we were

practically all of the opinion that if all the other regions would send representatives like Basil, the R.S.G.B. would be the envy of all Societies.

Forthcoming Programme.

January 6th, 1953.	Troubles with a Tape Recorder	-G.J. Swinnerton.
" 13th "	Film Strip (USA)	(f275)
" 20th "	Annual General Meeting.	
" 27th "	Junk Sale.	
February 3rd "	Quiz	- Wriggle out of this .

Who's Who No.2. Howell Morris 3 ATZ Vice-Chairman.  
No MSS received by your editor who can only assume that Howell cannot think why he ever took up amateur radio.

Band Call.

Top Band. This should soon be producing its winter crop of DX - chiefly W and VE. Even you can hear them, and you don't have to get up in the wee sma' hours to do it. More of this anon.

80 Around dawn the skip lengthens, and the European military nets fade out ( thank goodness ! ) to reveal W and some ZL stations. A VO 6 was heard recently around 0800 GMT.

40. ZL3bq and VK 2 and 3 have been coming in well up to 0915 GMT, without the ' wandering minstrels ' of Spanish broadcast to QRM them.

20. ZD7A, in St. Helena Is. has been making the DX hounds wild in the evenings around 14005 A KR6 (Rynku Is.) has been coming in well in the mornings.

The New Band. (14 metres) has produced some choice signals, and nearly 60 countries have been heard on the band, including VK4, VK9, (New Guinea) VE4, ZD9, CR7, with ZS3K to keep the spivs busy on CW, with OQ5, EA8, and H2IMY filling the 'phone section of the band. The extension to 21450 K c/s is at present little use to G stations because the CW stations remain in the portion 21000 to 21200 K c/s .

10 A signal occasionally breaks through quite by accident!

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