

The Newsletter of the Chester & District
Amateur Radio Society.

Editorial. Greetings chaps !

My first duty is to wish all members a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Congratulations are due to Bill Lloyd and George Brown on their recent additions to their respective families. I only hope Bill does not appoint members of the Committee to be baby sitters.

Now that we have a new R.S.G.B. Regional Representative i.e. Basil O'Brien (G2AMV) of the Wirral Club we can now look forward to renewed interest in local R.S.G.B. affairs, so we shall probably be having a talk by Basil on the aims and purpose of the R.S.G.B. before long.

That's all till next month chaps !

E. P.

Members News. As some indication of the fraternity that exists between hams and to prove that Radio Societies help this friendship, we had a welcome visitor on the 29th January in Charlie Crooks (ex G5BT now GW5BT/A !!!) Charlie is a member of the Croydon Society in which there are forty licensed amateurs ! (They must have a lot of trouble finding a Bill Lloyd on N.F.D.) He is active mainly on 20 metres but is hoping to get going on 2 metres when he has completed his rig (As Charlie lives in Capenhurst, Edgar I suggest you contact him). We note George Brown finished second in the recent N.W. Radio Society's receiving contest, and considering George has only a 1155 receiver that is a very fine effort, so good show George but really try next time. Bill Lloyd was also high up on the list so the family men are well to the fore. On Saturday 9th of February Reg. Stringer goes up for his morse test so our best wishes for his success go with him, we will soon have quite a few additions to our licensed members list. Plans for this year's N.F.D. are well advanced. It is hoped to have two stations in the field, Phil Mullock (G3HPM) together with Dennis Rickers (Gw3HEU) promising to make a good show at Poulton with the 'A' Station. The 'B' Station will again be operated from Stan Dutton's Nurseries, Queen's Park where that well known chef Bill Lloyd will again be operating his 5 watt primus stoves, unless of course Howell can provide some spare RF.

Meeting Notes. The first two meetings of the New Year were taken up with a further report on the transmitter project and another Mullard Film Strip. The Annual General Meeting was held on the following Tuesday, the proceedings of which appear in the Honour Secretary's Notes. The last meeting in January took the form of preparing for a big effort in this year's N.F.D., to be held over the weekend June 7th - 8th so keep that weekend clear. By the way, it is hoped that the Bolton Society will have permitted our Members a fleeting glance at the Region 1 Field Day trophy, which perhaps you will be able to remember we won last September, before we proceed to win it again.

Honour Secretary's Notes. The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on January 22nd., when a good attendance was recorded.

The following Officers and Committee Members were elected for the ensuing year.-

President.	R.W.Milton.
Chairman.	J.W.Swinnerton. G 2 Y S
Vice-Chairman.	H.Morris. G3ATZ.
Hon. Treasurer.	R.Wade. G3IRW.
Hon. Secretary.	W.G.Lloyd.
Hon. Press Secretary.	D.Rickers. G3W3HEU.

Committee Members... .. T.J.Butler G3FNV.
S.Dutton. G3EXT.
E.Paddock.

Now that another year has commenced we hope you will give your support to the meetings. Let us make this a good year for contests and put our Society at the top of the winning lists.

The Association of North Western Radio Societies is now firmly established and we welcome the Warrington and District Radio Society to the friendly circle.

The Receiving Contest run by the Association in December last was won by Mr.C.Lyon of the Liverpool and District Short wave Club with 824 points, an excellent log being submitted from the winner. The second place went to George Brown (G3HLP) who also did very well.

Congratulations to both these chaps but next time let Chester win this Contest.

L.F.Notes. Conditions for the first two periods of the 17 m/cs transatlantic tests (organised by Short Wave Magazine) have not shown the promise of contacts for all! In the second period WIBB, WLEFN and WILYU were logged around 1810 -1820 k/cs at 0600 hrs.onwards. Some stations were lucky enough to get contacts. Also in the band was EKLCW in Tangier - he gave reports to G.stations when W/VE were not possible.

A newcomer to the band is G3IRW operated by Reg.Wade. His signals are already going places and our eavesdropper reports that he has already put a GM station in the bag. Best of luck, Reg.

On 3.5 m/cs a number of transatlantic stations have been making European contacts, until well after daylight. 2 YS worked W6SAI at 0830 one Sunday morning, and heard W5BE until after 9.a.m., but was unable to catch him. GW3HEU raked in CTIUL (2 YS is still hoping for this one). 3EXT fires broadsides at YO6CA but without success. 3FNV has extended his aerial with some success, but still seems to push most of his energy into South Wales. 2YS was called recently on 3.5 by OHLNI whose QTH seemed familiar. - on looking through his QSL's he found that their previous QSO was 14 years ago.

Future Programme.

February	12th	-	Circuit and see.!
"	19th	-	Beeley's Bargain Stall.
"	26th	-	Home Constructed Receiver by Ted Yates.
March	4th	-	To be announced.
"	11th	-	Maths by Mullock - G3HPM.
"	18th	-	Those were the days - G2YS.
"	25th	-	Getting on the Air - Reg. Wade G3IRW.
April	1st	-	Penny on the Drum.
"	8th	-	Junk Auction.
"	15th	-	Natter Night (informal)
"	22nd	-	Talk by Charlie Crooks GW5BT/A.
"	29th	-	Beam Aerials - Bill Lawson. G4PF.

TAILPIECE. It is rumoured that 3HPM has managed to crank up a modulator and now makes sudden appearances on 80 metres 3FNV is now disclaiming all credit for chirps, cow calls etc., on this band.

Late Flash. The Annual Dinner will be held on April 11th (Friday) so reserve your best bib and tucker for that date (I hope I haven't lost the ticket).