

THE NEWS LETTER OF THE CHESTER AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

EDITORIAL.

Greetings chaps!

This being the first issue of the New Year it behoves me to wish all readers of this sheet a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There have been several new faces around the Club in the last week or two. I hope they have found us sufficiently friendly and interesting to join our ranks as full members, and that their stay with us will give them real pleasure.

Well, that's all my say for this time. Cheerio and 73.

E. P.

MEMBERS NEWS.

Basil Swanson has returned from his trip to the States, and some poor Television Viewers' in the Upton area may shortly have the pleasure of seeing and hearing some of the fruits of his mission.

There has recently been quite a falling off in the attendance of the members who made up the Class for R.A.E. on Monday nights. It is to be hoped that those who have been absent recently will make a big effort to attend regularly so that the faithful two or three will not suffer.

Since last writing (I must apologise for its late publication, due to the regrettable illness of one of the publishing staff), the heater has been transferred to its new place at the back of the Lecture Room, where it has silenced the moans of the back row boys. A very professional job was done by Ted Yates, so anyone requiring new electric points should make a point of being very friendly with Ted.

The transmitter is capable of emitting a signal (several in fact) on C.W., but a better aerial is required at the Club before any results can be achieved.

The Club (actually John Swinnerton's gear) shared first place with Neath in the Short Wave Magazine M.C.C. This contest extends over seven days, and the thanks of the Club are due to John, Howell Morris, George Brown, and John Butler, who kept the transmitter on the air effectively for this period. Bill Lloyd came first in the Phone Section of the N.W. Federation of Radio Societies Receiving Contest, so that the world at large has good proof that we are still breathing.

MEETING NOTES.

Christmas festivities went off very well with the Annual Bran Tub held the meeting prior to Christmas, together with a very profitable Dutch Auction. The last meeting in the Old Year gave us another talk on the R.S.G.B. by Basil O'Brien, whose work for the benefit of Region 1 R.S.G.B. members never seems to finish. Basil has to give up a large proportion of his spare time for our benefit, which he can be quite sure we really appreciate.

Plans for the N.F.D. 1953 were discussed at the first New Year meeting. A change in QTH for the "B" Station was made to Manor Croft, Christleton, behind John Swinnerton's house. The "A" Station will be operated as last year from Poulton Hall under the auspices of Phillip Mullock, who has arranged to be sent down from Cambridge for that event. The "B" Station transmitter is to be built under the concerted efforts of John Swinnerton and Howell Morris.

A Film Strip lent by our American friends was shown the following week. This depicted the origin of communications as we know them today and was quite interesting.

At the A.G.M. changes were made in the officials of the Club. Howell Morris, owing to his working hours being prolonged on Meeting Nights, did not wish to accept nomination. John Swinnerton wished to retire gracefully from the Chair so that he could in his turn ask the questions instead of having to answer them. The names of the New Officials of the Society elected at this meeting are appended below.

January 27th was Auction Night, when the stuff we bought at the previous Auction was flogged, meaning another 10% to Club Funds. It would appear that Bill Lloyd has now disposed of most of the contents of one of his Junk Store Rooms.

SOCIETY OFFICIALS FOR 1953.

PRESIDENT	...	...	...	Mr. R. W. Milton.
CHAIRMAN	...	...	...	Mr. S. Dutton. G3EXT.
VICE-CHAIRMAN	...	...	...	Mr. E. Paddock.
TREASURER	...	...	...	Mr. B. Swanson.
SECRETARY	...	...	...	Mr. N. Richardson.
Hon. PRESS SECRETARY	...	...	...	Mr. E. Yates. G3ITY.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	...	...	...	Mr. J. Swinnerton. G2YS. Mr. P. White. Mr. F. Withall.

A CALL TO ALL MEMBERS.

Being one of the Founder Members of this Society, and until my work clashed with spending my evenings at the Tuesday Meetings, an active member of the Committee, I have been forced to the opinion of late that all is not well with the Society and that quite a lot of members feel that the activities going on are not sufficiently interesting. It is obvious that this state of affairs cannot continue without the liquidation of the Club, so there must be a renewal of the spirit which originally launched this Club. I feel there are some members who do not support the meetings because there are no lectures covering their particular aspect of electronics. With this in view, a suggestion box has been made into which any ideas active members may have for improving the activities of the Club may be placed. Members who do not regularly attend the meetings for any reason whatever are asked to send in their requests for perusal by the Committee. Any member not wishing to disclose his identity may refrain from doing so as no reflection will be cast, all that is wanted is some suggestion for improving the facilities offered for the furtherance of our hobby.

Finally I appeal to you to support the suggestions you offer, as it is essential for the betterment of the Society. Don't forget it is YOUR Society and the Committee is appointed to carry out YOUR wishes if at all possible.

F. Withall.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

February 17th	Basil not at Home.
February 24th	Radio & T.V. Servicing by P. White.
March 3rd	Plans for N.F.D.
March 10th	Propagation of Radio Waves by Les. Coldborough.
March 17th	As others hear us by J. Swinnerton.