

" The Newsletter of the Chester & District Amateur Radio Society.

EDITORIAL. Greetings Chaps !

Recent Meetings have brought several new faces at the Club, so here's wishing them all a happy and lengthy stay amongst us. Unfortunately as I have not learned their Christian names as yet, I cannot mention them by name.

After what seems a very long time (perhaps the R.S.C.B. did not believe we could do it), we have been notified that we have won the Regional 1 Field Day, so we will shortly have a trophy to grace Headquarters. Also, due to practically a solo effort by ZYS at Mollington (at least on the operating side), we find we came fifth in the Lightweight Field Day.

By these results we can show that at least we have a very much alive Club in Chester, so what about a really big effort for next year's National Field Day chaps. That's all till next month.

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MEMBERS NEWS. With the departure of Geoff Myatt, your committee unanimously decided to co-opt Basil Swanston as a member of the committee, so soon he will probably be finding himself a member of the Editorial Staff, or undergoing some other kind of torture. As part of the winter programme it has been decided to spend some of our Club evenings building a new transmitter for C.W. and phone, so that members can get some practical experience in the workings of these mysterious things (mysterious is what John Butler thinks of them). Howell Morris has been cheerfully spending his time on Tuesday evenings trying to get some joy out of the clamper modulated transmitter so that the long awaited Friday evening sessions will become a reality. Some little troubles have made their appearance so we ask you to bear with Howell until he can clear them up to his and our satisfaction. By the way, reports on quality etc. will be welcomed by Howell if anyone should be listening on ' 80 ' Tuesday evenings between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

MEETING NOTES. On September 4th ZYS gave a very good lecture on "Aerial" which he made so interesting in the short time at his disposal that several members have asked for another evening to be set aside for his further deliberations. An auction of articles from the various junk boxes took place on the 13th. Phil Mullock brought some of Marconi's original equipment and expected payment for it. I am afraid he was over optimistic as no antique dealers were present. September 18th. was spent in a discussion on the proposed building of the new transmitter. Groups were organised to bring the various parts into being. Any members not attached to any group should state their preference to 2ATZ who will thereupon put them in some other group. September 25th had been arranged as a competition night but turned out to be a flop so we must apologise to members for this occurrence. The first worknight for the new transmitter took place on October 2nd when the various groups decided on the circuits to be used. Charlie Rich gave an excellent lecture on "Amplifiers" on the following Tuesday, the trouble with Charlie is that everyone has to believe what he says because he happens to be an authority on the subject. As a member of your committee I think it would be expressing the feelings of all members if I say thank you to Howell Morris for his efforts towards getting the Club transmitter on the air. He has been spending most of his Tuesday evenings to this end. In the past we have had occasion to criticise Howell but he has certainly not spared himself on this occasion.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS - Members will not need reminding of the current trend which affects us all, - the rise in prices. New Radio Receivers, and new components, are expensive - and it looks as if they will steadily become even more so, with the rearmament programme resulting in a scarcity

of materials, and a diversion of production. These conditions are likely to bring a boom to our hobby, as more people will be building their own equipment. With this anticipated increase in interest, there will obviously be larger demands on the surplus equipment now being sold - and, as everyone knows, most of the real bargains here no longer exist. It would seem to be wise, therefore, to stock up with all those valves and components which experience suggests will be wanted in the future. As demand increases, and stocks full, so do prices rise. This has been happening for some time in the surplus field, so now is the time to buy.

The foregoing is an editorial from one of the radio monthly publications. Bearing this in mind I would like to remind Members that these pages can be used by anyone wishing to buy, exchange, or sell equipment so let's be having your wants etc.,

AIR LINES. Due to the moonlight flit of this "News Letters", one and only contributor on this subject, these are unfortunately held over for this month.

TAILPIECE.

CONFIDENT. The chap who took out his T.V. Licence the same day as he bought the parts !

HEARD AROUND THE CLUB. " I think the most enjoyable Club nights are the Junk Sales. Even if your bargain doesn't work when you get it home, you can take it back next time and let some other mug buy it.

EDITOR'S QTH. The QTH of the editor is - 24, Garden Lane, C'ester, where all items of news can be sent if contact is not made at the Club on meeting nights. As we do not have a dog the postman will not sue you for increasing the mail delivery.

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