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EDITORIAL

Hello Chaps!

At a recent meeting your committee decided to reorganize the production of the Newsletter, because it was held to be unfair to Messrs. Elphick and Rickers to ask them to continue in the face of their other commitments. Fitting up a house or being Secretary of a Radio Society is no small task, and in leaving these two chaps to do 'home' work for a change we should like to thank them for their efforts to make this Newsletter a permanent feature of Society activities.

In view of increased costs of paper, etc., it has become necessary to double the price of this valuable production. As it cost NOTHING before, you can, by reference to log tables, abacs, and calculus compute the stupendous value of this edition. And when you have finished with it, we are not going to suggest what you might do with it ----. Suffices it to say that the sheet will hang in a suitable place and serve many purposes.

If you have (or can win) any foolscap size duplicating paper or stencils, the editors will be grateful for any gifts of this nature, and in return will promise not to propose your name for the editorial staff or club committee.

And so, with the warm summer sun (just for today) setting over the stately public buildings which fringe our headquarters, we say goodbye until next month. Whether there is a next month's issue depends on you - this is for your news. Wat sa, OMS ?

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THE EDITORS

MEMBERS' NEWS

It is rumoured that Don Knowles has persuaded 2YS to take up tape recording. Guess his XYL has had him taped for a long time! Geoff Myatt is busy knocking off KH6, KL7 and PJ5 on 'twenty', and for the first time gets up early in the morning because he wants to. Congratulations to George Brown, who has now become G3HLP, and is busy knocking spots off '80' (Put that in while George wasn't looking - Ted). George bids fair to rival Phil Mullock G3HPM for the honours on this busy band, but Philip already has a good start with several transatlantic contacts, winkled out chiefly by Dennis GW3HEU. Doesn't that fellow ever sleep? Best of luck to the 8 chaps who are taking the Radio Amateurs' Exam. at the local College of Further Education on May 2, and especially to club members Evans, White and Paddock. (Don't tell Ted, but I put that in - George) A reliable source close to well-informed quarters (or should that be quarts?) informs us that Howell Morris is still rebuilding. Bill Lloyd has been heard 'ticking' so hard lately that it is reported that he stopped the Eastgate clock by standing by it and ticking in opposite phase, whereupon a 'W'airman snapped him as 'one of the shining lights of Chester'. Bill says he was not lit up at the time.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Peter White has for sale a modified 'Command' receiver covering 40 and 80 metres, in excellent condition. Price 35/-.

Edgar Wilson is still selling one or two items from the gear of 40S, now in VE-land. See club notice board for details.

This space is free!!! A slip of paper to the editors with your sales and wants and they will guarantee to lose it.

A commission is charged on all adverts for blondes.

MEETING NOTES

Recent meetings have included a Mullard Film Strip lecture on valves, an amusing and interesting talk by Philip Mullock on "Getting on the Air", and a concise but not too mathematical talk on "Negative Feedback" by Major Barron. We were fortunate in securing Major Barron as he is leaving Chester shortly, and G3BWZ will be QRT for some time. He is promised a posting to the Suez Canal Zone, where Ham activity is at present not allowed.

In the future, we are promised lectures by Bob Ludlum on "Some Aspects of Sound Recording" and Jim Knox G3GMT on his experiences as a radio operator in Antarctica.

Highlight of the summer activities is of course the National Field Day (NFD for short) of the Radio Society of Great Britain, when members will be maintaining 24 hours duty on a portable QRP station in the field adjoining Stan Dutton's nurseries. Times - 1700 BST June 2nd. to 1700 BST June 3rd. The willing help of non-transmitting members is vital if we are to put (and keep) the station on the air. Come prepared for all weathers and all jobs -- you'll probably get both. On the Sunday afternoon we welcome visits from wives, kids and girl friends - it gives them a chance to natter in the sunlight (if Summer happens to fall on that day) and helps to prove where the OM does go on Tuesday evenings.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Festival amateur station GB3FB will be in the hands of Howell G3ATZ on Tues. May 8th. Listen for him so that you can tell him all the DX he missed afterwards. On May 17th, 2YS will be at the controls, probably assisted by FRN. Their only grouse is that they can't work back to their own stations at the same time!

Look on the Club Notice Board for details of a 'party' visit to the Festival.

AIRLINES

Under this heading we hope to bring you each month a resumé of conditions on each of the amateur bands. A few whispered words to Ted Paddock or George Brown and the results of your listening will be published for the benefit of all members. We can't follow all bands all the time, so this should keep a tally for the chap who's QRL digging his garden or taking out the XYL before she threatens divorce proceedings. Ncr have the short wave broadcast stations been forgotten. At risk of sparing no expense (only risk) we have secured the services of an eminent short wave listener who will offer the cream of the ether for our benefit -- you lucky people! For this month's roundup he offers; Radio Dakar (Senegal) giving news in English at 1900 GMT on 19.55 and 25.22 m. The former is beamed to Europe (12kw); Radio Trinidad VP4RD 2300 - Mnt including some rather amusing commercial advertising - a good catch this on 31.17 m. (only .5kw); HCJB "Voice of the Andes", Quito, Ecuador from 2200 GMT on 24.10 m.; and YDF2 "The Voice of Indonesia", Djakarta, which has a regular English transmission on 25.46 m. for an hour from 1900 GMT. Now see if you can beat that on your super-snooper!

TAILPIECE

It is rumoured that our friends in the Wirral Radio Society are thinking of adopting a signature tune for their regular Friday night 160 metre phone net. Title: "Wirral Together Now!"

TFN, chaps de George and Ted -- don't forget those items for next time. Production deadline - May 20th.