

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

Greetings chaps!

This month sees the end of most of the outdoor activities which have served to divert our attentions from our hobby, and we now turn to general maintenance and overhaul of aerials etc., in readiness for the Winter Session amid the usual fogs which everybody's shack must have to prevent the condition of frozen glass arm.

Conditions on the H.F. bands this summer seem to have reached a new low, so that it is to be hoped that the L.F. bands give more joy this winter.

As members know, the membership of the Society is pretty static around the thirty mark, and with the general fall in the interest in Amateur Radio, due to the fact that when there are financial problems, which have been increasing since the war, the first things to suffer are our hobbies, it is obvious that we cannot expect any great increase in membership. The expenditure on accommodation without light and heating leaves very little balance for the latter from this number of subscriptions, so that it is only due to the various raffles etc., which we hold, that we continue to pay our way.

Your committee is seeking to obtain some reduction in our rent or permission to sublet, but it may be a good plan to keep in mind any available spare rooms at the top of large blocks of offices which could become our new home if the need for our moving should arise.

With such sombre thoughts I leave you with the hope that it may not be necessary for us to leave our present headquarters, which we know are the envy of most of our visitors.

Cheerio chaps.

E. P.

MEMBERS NEWS.

The new TX is not yet on the air with the output necessary to work anyone through the QRM which is 160 metres. I personally sometimes wonder if someone in the Blacon area is using spark emission. Unfortunately this interference does not cause T.V.I., at least to my knowledge, so that we have no remedy except to pray that an early explosion will occur.

Chippie will soon be returning to Civvie Street and we hear that he will probably be joining the staff of Mullards, which gives us a useful contact for more film strips and lectures which Mullards are ever ready to offer. However, we wish Mr. and Mrs. Chippie sincere thanks for all the help and contacts he has given us.

At the most recent committee meeting the winter programme was tentatively arranged. As a Radio Amateurs' Examination Course is not being run under the Further Education auspices, the needs of new members desirous of preparing for this examination were not forgotten and lectures will be given on the various aspects of the subject each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. It is unfortunate that club nights have to be taken up, but it was felt that with the added expense incurred by having these lectures on another night, and also the poor attendances at some of these lectures last year, opening another night would not be in the best interest of the Club.

MEETING NOTES.

Owing to the holiday season being at its height meetings have not been organised for lectures. The main items of interest have been that various discussions on the entry of a station in Region 1 Field Day, each time the subject was discussed a lot of hot air was emitted with the usual result of talking in circles and getting nowhere. It took the wise council of Charlie Rich to think of a solution not involving anyone in too much heart-burning.

September 1st took the form of an auction, when the official auctioneer got down to business and waded through huge amounts of junk, unfortunately this did not finish till after closing time so that John was unable to nibble on the proceeds.

MORSE CODE PROFICIENCY AWARDS.

From Rien, PAØLR, who is traffic manager of VERON, comes the following interesting information.

CODE PROFICIENCY RUNS. These are held once monthly by the Society Transmitter PAØAA on a frequency of 3505 kc/s at speeds of 15, 20, 25 and 30 words per minute consecutively. The text received at the highest speed you can copy should be sent to Traffic Manager VERON, 77 Middenduinerweg, Santpoort, Netherlands. When one minute has been copied flawlessly, a certificate will be issued for the highest speed copied correctly. Endorsement stickers are issued for higher speeds than the first 15 w.p.m. The copy should be a direct copy, made from reception of PAØAA by ear, without any kind of assistance, personal or mechanical, for which a signed statement should be attached. Code runs in plain language (English), each speed occupying 5 minutes, commence at 11.15 G.M.T., 11.00 - 11.15 is taken up with tuning calls. Programme for 1953 - September 27th, October 25th, November 29th, December 27th. Station is operated by PAØLR. Mailing and Certificate charges are covered by remitting two International Coupons.

FUTURE PROGRAMME.

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| September | 15th | R.A.E. Lecture (1)  |
| "         | 22nd | I'd like to ask.  |
| "         | 29th | BC221 Demonstration and Instruction by E. Paddock.        |
| October   | 6th  | R.A.E. Lecture (2)  |
| "         | 13th | From Target to Paper by Ted Yates G3ITF.                  |
| "         | 20th | R.A.E. Lecture (3)  |
| "         | 27th | QRP Operation by Alec Seed GsFOO.                         |
| November  | 3rd  | R.A.E. Lecture (4)  |
| "         | 10th | Talk by Basil O'Brien G2AMV. No. 1 Region Representative. |
| "         | 17th | R.A.E. Lecture (5)  |
| "         | 24th | Lecture by Chairman of Warrington Society.                |
| December  | 1st  | R.A.E. Lecture (6)  |
| "         | 8th  | Frequency Measurement by H. Hipple.                       |
| "         | 15th | R.A.E. Lecture (7)  |
| "         | 22nd | Bran Tub  |
| "         | 29th | Tape Recording Technique.                                 |
| January   | 5th  | Auction.  |

TAILPIECE.

Basil Swanson is going round the club these days with a happy smile on his face, for two very good reasons. Firstly the Y.M.C.A. has generously reduced our rent lightening the burden of expenses considerably, and secondly with the generous help of club members the Club made over £5 at the last Auction on 1st September. This means that our main worries for the future are removed. Your committee wish to thank all members (and one or two outside) for their grand support.