

NORTH SHORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

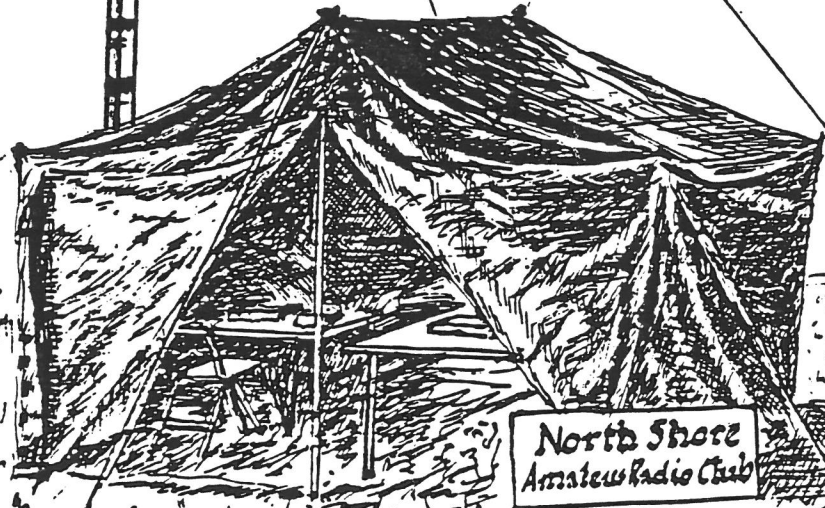
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P.O. Box 171, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, L1H 7L1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company is managed by a five elected Directors, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Resolutions. A private Board Meeting is held the third Tuesday of every month.

VE3KQE	President	Reno Torresan	668-8760
VE3KSP	Vice President / Past Pres.	Neil McAlister	668-4161
VE3NIP	Secretary	Frank Lane	434-6657
VE3CEU	Treasurer	Colin Bell	723-7842
VE3OHN	Program Co-ordinator	Roy Norton	623-7125

NON-ELECTED EXECUTIVE

Everyone appreciates the efforts of members who volunteer for non-elected executive offices. Many of these important jobs are traditional in NSARC, though not specified in the Company's constitution, and not part of the Board of Directors.

VE3GDF	(Registrar)	Keith Wyard-Scott	723-5758
VE3CRK	(Special Events Co-ordinator)	Ralph Day	576-8738
VE3NIP	(Community Relations)	Frank Lane	434-6657
VE3ADD	(Get well cards)	Ted Brant	668-3561
VE3AAF	(2-meter net)	Roy Miller	852-5447
VE3FRM	(SPARKS Editor)	Ed Taylor	985-3790
VE3LHZ	(Membership list & mailing labels)	Paul Dale	579-2877
VE3QG	(Financial Auditor)	Harry Westwood	683-5104

CLUB STATION VE3NSR

CLUB REPEATER VE3OSH 147.72 MHz in, 147.12 MHz out.

CLUB NET

The 2-meter net, hosted by Roy, VE3AAF, takes place every Thursday at 19:30 local time, on the Club's repeater, VE3OSH. As part of the net, code practice is provided by Bernie, VE3ATI, starting at 20:30.

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 20:00 hours in the cafeteria of O'Neill Collegiate, Simcoe Street North, Oshawa.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE: LOOKING BACK / LOOKING AHEAD

-- Neil, VE3KSP (Vice Pres.)

In the year just past, we see that NSARC Inc. made significant changes and accomplished a number of important things. We also fell short of our goals in a few areas, pointing the way to targets on which we can set our sights in this New Year.

What NSARC achieved in 1985:

- * Financial solvency. We started 1985 with next-to-nothing in the bank, We started 1986 with over \$2,000 in the bank, and financial books in proper order. Thanks to Treasurer Colin VE3CEU, and Auditor Harry 'QG!
- * By-law restricting Director's discretionary expenditures to \$250 without vote of membership (except for emergency repeater repairs).
- * By-law prohibiting reimbursement of personal expenditures made on behalf of the Club without receipts.
- * Resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation. Directors are now elected to 2-year terms of office. Two Directors are elected in alternate years; and the Past President is a Director ex officio.
- * Establishment of regular Board of Directors meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.
- * A successful Flea Market
- * New Company logo
- * New business stationery using new logo
- * Club jackets and hats
- * Establishment of Community Relations executive position
- * Community service at the Santa Claus parade, Fiesta Day parade, Nonquon Canoe races.
- * Establishment of a Program Co-ordinator, and resulting improvement in social programs at monthly meetings.

What we didn't achieve:

- * Substantial increase in membership. A direct-mail campaign with a complimentary copy of the newsletter and a personalized letter to more than 40 potential new members in the region was a surprising failure. It seems that actions will speak louder than words: To attract new members we must become a more attractive organization.
- * Major improvements to the repeater. It was hard to do anything major to improve the repeater with no money in the bank! But we start 1986 in a much better financial position: We wish President Reno 'KQE lots of luck in implementing plans that we only talked about last year.
- * Increased publicity. Establishing an office for Community Relations, getting recognizable club uniforms, and some credible-looking stationery were steps in the right direction. Frank VE3NIP, as both the new C-R man for '86 and a Company Director, is in a good position to make something meaningful of this position in 1986.
- * A superb technical program every month. Good technical speakers for our meetings are hard to find, but we're still working on this. Care to volunteer? Talk to Roy, 'OHN.

In summary, 1985 was a pretty good year for the Company -- but we by no means completed everything that we set out to do, and there is lots of opportunity for 1986 to bring improvements to the organization.

MORE SHOCKING BEHAVIOUR

RON WRAGG MADE A QUICK PASSING REFERENCE TO A "HOT SEAT" IN HIS RECENT ARTICLE. AND AS I WAS AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER, I THOUGHT THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB MIGHT GET A SMILE OUT OF THIS ONE.

THE YEAR WAS 1936. RON, THEN A RECENTLY-LICENSED HAM, (AND A DEVIL FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE,) AND I HAD A MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE NAMED WILLIE SAYYAE.

NOW WILLIE WAS ONE WONDERFUL PERSON. - SURE HE LOOKED A BIT STRANGE TO WE KIDS, - HE WAS OLDER THAN ANY OF US, HE WAS SHORT, HE WALKED HUNCHED OVER AND WITH A SHUFFLE, AND WAS ALWAYS SNIFFING. HE DIDN'T HAVE A COLD, IT WAS JUST A HABIT HE HAD, AND WILLIE JUST LOVED TO TRADE. HE WOULD TRADE YOU ANYTHING FOR ANYTHING ELSE - AND YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU CAME OUT OF THE DEAL TO THE GOOD, EVEN IF SOMETIMES YOU DIDN'T. WILLIE ALSO HAD NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SO HE WAS CONTINUALLY BUYING THOUGHTFUL LITTLE GIFTS FOR OTHERS, OLD AND YOUNG. ONE SLIGHTLY STRANGE BUT WONDERFUL PERSON, WILLIE SAYYAE.

AND WILLIE SHARED ONE MUTUAL QUIRK WITH RON WRAGG. THEY BOTH ENJOYED PLAYING HARMLESS PRACTICAL JOKES. - ON ANYONE THEY COULD SUCKER INTO IT. SO WHEN RON'S TWISTED MIND DREAMED UP HOOKING THE SECONDARY OF A FORD SPARK COIL TO A WIRE SEWN INTO A CUSHION IN HIS "GUEST" CHAIR, - WILLIE PROMPTLY STARTED LOOKING FOR CUSTOMERS TO TRY IT OUT ON.

("ON" IS A PREPOSITION IN ENGLISH GRAMMAR, AND A WORD YOU MUST NEVER END A SENTENCE WITH. BUT SO IS "WITH" SO I CAME OUT EVEN. - HI.) BUT ON WITH THE STORY.

NOT MANY DAYS PASSED BEFORE WILLIE VISITED RON'S SHACK WITH NOT ONE BUT TWO ASPIRING WIDE-EYED HAMS. BY THEN I HAD MY TICKET ALSO, AND IF MEMORY SERVES ME, RON HAD A POWERFUL TRANSMITTER ON THE AIR. IT WAS A PAIR OF 47S IN A HARTLEY CIRCUIT, WITH, OF COURSE ALL BREADBOARD CONSTRUCTION. IT WAS ON 80 OR 160 METERS RON THOUGHT, (BUT L.O.K. ACTUALLY.) NOW I'D BETTER EXPLAIN A BIT FURTHER HERE.

BECAUSE IN 1936 WE DIDN'T HAVE VERY MUCH OF ANYTHING, -INCLUDING MONEY, OUR EQUIPMENT WAS HOME MADE. (HOME BREWED, WE CALLED IT) SO RON'S TRANSMITTER WAS TUNED WITH A SINGLE LOOP OF WIRE ACROSS A FLASHLIGHT BULB. VERY IMPRESSIVE. THE BULB DIMMED AND GLOWED AS RON TUNED THROUGH RESONANCE WHILE HOLDING THE LOOP NEAR THE PLATE COIL WHILE SWINGING HIS SALVAGED 365 MMFD. (BROADCAST SET) CAPACITOR. (FLOURESCENT BULBS WERE EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE WHEN USED LIKE THIS, BUT HAD JUST BEEN INVENTED, AND WERE HARD TO SCROUNGE.) AND "READRITE" METERS WERE 95 CENTS EACH ! (THE KIDS SAT GAPING IN WONDER !!)

HOWEVER, DURING THE COURSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION, WILLIE SAYYAE, HAVING COMFORTABLY SEATED ONE OF THE YOUNG GUESTS ON RON'S SPARK-COIL CUSHION WAS WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO THROW THE SWITCH. BUT THE SPARK-COIL WIRE WAS THREADED HALF-WAY BACK ON THE CUSHION AND BY NOW THE KID WAS SO INTERESTED IN RON'S DEMONSTRATION HE WAS SITTING ON THE EDGE OF THE SEAT - SO WILLIE KNEW SOMETHING WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE.

RON WAS UP TO IT, AND BY POINTING TO SOME QSL CARDS BEHIND THE KID, WAS ABLE TO GET HIM TO SIT BACK ON THE SEAT. AND WILLIE PROMPTLY AND OBLIGINGLY THREW THE THE SWITCH.

THE LAD AROSE TO THE OCCASION. PROMPTLY, I'M TOLD,

and when he came back down, was seen doing about forty seconds to the mile, Westbound.

This was fifty years ago - almost to the day. And I am sure, that if that lad (who today would be about 64 years old), should happen to read this, (and has stopped running), he will remember only too well the perfidy perpetrated by these two radio ham!!

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I once read a touching little poem, written about Willie. Not the same Willie Sayyae, but it just could have been. It goes like this:

Willie found some dynamite - Didn't understand it quite
Curiosity never pays - It rained Willie for seven days!!

Willie fell down an elevator - He wasn't found till two weeks later,
People passing, sniffed, "Gee whiz what a spoiled child Willie is."

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Some of we relics in the NSARC are called "Old Timers". I know a poem I'll bet not one other member has ever heard, It goes like this, but I'll run out of space, so if you want the whole thing, let me know, and I'll send it to you. Here's a sample:

I was born a hundred thousand years ago,
And there's nothing in the history I don't know
I saw David with his sling put Goliath on the wing
And can lick the guy who says it isn't so!

I saw Eve and Adam driven from the door
I'm the guy who picked the figleaves that they wore
When the apple they were eating I was round the corner peeking
I can prove that I'm the guy that ate the core!
and so on, ad nauseum.....

Regards, Jack, VE3SJ

This little ditty was sent in for our enjoyment by Ruby, VE3NLR.
TNX for the good wishes, Ruby.

"A SENIOR CITIZEN'S LAMENT"

I thought I'd let my doctor check me, Cause I didn't feel quite right.
All those aches and pains annoyed me, And I couldn't sleep at night.
He could find no real disorder, But he wouldn't let it rest.
What with Medicare and Blue Cross, It wouldn't hurt to do some tests.
To the hospital he sent me, Though I didn't feel that bad,
He arranged for them to give me, Every test that could be had.
I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped, My aging frame displayed
Stripped upon an ice-cold table, While my gizzards were X-rayed.
I was checked for worms and parasites, For fungus and the crud,
While they pierced me with long needles, Taking samples of my blood.
Doctors came to check me over, Probed and pushed and poked around,
And to make sure I was living, They wired me for sound.
They have finally concluded, (Their results have filled a page),
What I have will someday kill me,
My affliction is old age.

(ain't it the truth)!

"AROUND THE CLUB"

- 3MDV Stan is out of the hospital and back on the air! It's great to hear you back Stan!
- 3EWH Bill has a new Icom 270A and is presently operating with a $\frac{1}{4}$ wave in the attic. He's got a new Cush Craft to go up the tower this spring. I'd like to thank Bill for the HQ120X along with a lot of other goodies that he donated to my "Amateur Radio Heritage" projects located in The Barn
- 3BVC is overhauling his 2mtr. antenna system, installing new coax etc. Dick puts a good signal into OSH on Sunday mornings.
- 3MUR Randy, has a new Yaseu 2700 walky-talky that he brought back from Fla. It's about the size of a package of King Size cigarettes. The voice quality is terrific. You would never know its so tiny.
- 3LNX spent several nice days in Panama Fla. during the Xmas holidays. Vic's still up to his dit-dah in VHF contests.
- 3EIS keeps busy during the cold winter months carving Decoys. Lorne showed me his collection and they are quite a work of art.
- 3ATT has been doing a bit of Oscar work this month. He's presently healing from a terrible cold.
- 3AZT is back out of the hospital and is in great shape, however his wife Myrtle is under the weather with a bad cold.
- 3CRK will be bringing a plaque presented to the club from the Oshawa Downtown Businessmens Association for NSARC's effort in the Santa Claus parade. Ralph would like all the chaps who participated in the various Public Service functions to meet with him right after February's meeting.
- 3HNN Bob is out of the hospital and back to work $\frac{1}{2}$ days. His daughter Jennifer's eye operation did not prove successful and I understand his wife is now in the hospital. I hope everything turns around real quick. for you and your family Bob.
- 3PAL Is building a homebrew all wave antenna for his station. Guy is a new member, welcome to the club!
- 3ORP reports of a forthcoming Lindsay Club meeting , Feb. 27 at 8:00p.m. to cover the DOC's attempt to CB-ize amateur radio. The meeting will be held at the Red Carpet Inn in Lindsay. This will be their first meeting since last winter.
- 3BDV reports that the Lindsay group meet on 146.52 every Wed. at 5 p.m.
- 3GND Bob has gone back to Scotland to visit his mother who is very ill.
- 3ON Norm, has returned from a trip to sunny 50 degree B.C. He had a short visit with Gwilym 7ACC who recently settled in "Canada's Florida" from Oshawa. Gwilym has a nice split level home nestled in Richmond. All is well and he can be heard every day on 14.140 mc at 4:00p.m. Norm and his wife had a nice visit with their daughter in Vancouver and took a ride on the famous Sky Train from which he could see the "Expo" buildings.
- 3LLZ has returned from a trip to the Laurentians. While staying at his brother's cottage, Bob went for a ski-doo ride and dislocated his shoulder when doing a few "hot-dogs" with the machine.
- 3CUI reports the club is still solvent and will be running a treasury report next month. Collin is busy renovating his basement.
- 3OHN will be having a big wedding for his daughter, Laura, this month. Best Wishes to the bride and groom.
- 3FRM will be heading for sunshine in L.A. on a business trip in March. It should be made perfectly clear that there is no basis to the ugly rumor that something is going on between 3FRM and Raquel Welch!

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Sitting here doing my income tax, I felt this rather appropriate.
 "Every man owes it to his family and to himself, to become successful. Once he is, he owes it to the Department of National Revenue".

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TID-BITS

PICKERING FLEA MARKET

The Pickering Flea Market is to be held on April 12 at the Pickering High School on Church Street just north of #2 Hwy. The time for exhibitors to set up is 7:30 a.m. Admission is \$3.00 per head. The doors will swing open to the public at 9:00 a.m. and slam shut precisely at 2:00 p.m. Funds from this event helps provide us with Corn Roast, Wine & Cheese Parties and this excellent newsletter. In exchange for these goodies we must help with running the flea market. John 3FGL and Neil 3KSP are looking for stout hearted members to assist with security communications. Please step forward and be counted!

BOY SCOUTS

The Lake Land Region of the Boy Scouts is holding their jamboree at the Bowmanville High School on March 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There could be as many as 1500 scouts attending. Joe 3IHS is setting up a station at the high school for this function. He needs help, please contact Joe on OSH or at the next meeting. Please assist in this worthwhile project.

MEETINGS

February 11th - We will have an excellent demonstration of Packet Radio given by Bernie 3ATI and Mike 3FIV. Neil 3KSP will have a copy of the Club letter that is to be signed by everyone and mailed to the DOC in reply to their intent on destroying amateur radio. This will be an action packed evening!

March Meeting: Tentative- We could be having a grand tour of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery in Oshawa.

April Meeting: To help celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are holding an Old Timers Night. This is going to be a great event! Jack 3SJ, is organizing some gear typical of the 40's, to be there. There may even be donuts or sandwiches, coffee and tea, to make the evening even more enjoyable. You never know. VE3AZT may even get out to this one! See you there!

SMOKING!!!

ROOM WE

Smoking is permitted at the club meetings, However: as you know the room we have is very poorly ventilated. We have about ten smokers at the meetings and I am one of them. Sitting there enjoying ourselves can burn up 4 to 6 cigarettes each. Multiply that by ten and it totals to the equivalent of burning 40 to 60 cigarettes in a closed room of forty people. This may not seem like much, but to a non-smoker it seems like a forest fire! At our last meeting I overheard a few people complaining of nausea from the smoke. What to do? Well for a smoker to sit through a two hour meeting is hell, without a smoke. I know-- ITT does not permit smoking in their boardrooms and brother at the end of a meeting my eyes are like saucers, my voice quivers and my hand can barely hold a light. Constraint! We must show constraint! Set aside one smoke for the evening and make it last.



RADIO CLUB NAMES OFFICERS' SLATE

Over Half Members of District Organization are Operating

The second meeting of the North Shore Radio Club was held last Friday at Stonehaven, the home of Norm Irwin, VE3LW, in Whitby. The spacious recreation room was filled to capacity by the turnout of amateur radio enthusiasts who had come from Oshawa, Columbus, Brougham, Whitby, Ashburn, Bowmanville, Ajax and Toronto. A phonograph recording was made of the proceedings of the entire meeting.

Those present included W. E. Warburton, VE3AZV; E. Fowler, VE3AZT; Harold Hobbs, VE3PF; Wally Colton, VE3QO; Em Hicks, VE3AFI; Richard Charlton, VE3AZS; C. J. Elston, VE3AKB; Mike Dzendrowski, VE3AGT; John Warburton, VE3ARI; Jack Snider, VE3AEV; Lorne Doreen, VE3SZ; Doug Hinton, VE3AZG; Al Derumaux, VE3JV; Bert Giles, VE3BBV; Les Donaldson, W. D. Evans, Frank Baker, W. F. Marshall, Bob Drummond, Roy Whittington, Charles Wales, Tom Crooks and Cliff Stewart of Oshawa; Hugh Durant, VE3YE of Toronto; Bob Sangster, VE3PB; Cliff Butler, VE3AXM; J. M. Morton, VE1JM; Milt Graham, VE3QN; Mel Riddell, VE3QU; and Har-

old Whitney, VE3BFN of Ajax; Ron Reed; Norm Irwin, VE3LW; and Ted Brant, VE3ADD of Whitby; Roy Miller, VE3AAF; and Russ Gray VE3ATT of Brougham; Jim Doble, VE3ACC of Ashburn; Russell Hardy and Bob Hancock of Columbus.

Officers Elected

Bert Giles, one of the sponsors of the club acted as chairman until after the election of officers. Officers elected were: Al Derumaux, president; Wally Colton, vice-president; Ted Brant, secretary and Mike Dzendrowski, treasurer. The new president, in taking the chair, expressed regret that Bert Giles was leaving shortly for the West Coast. It was mainly through the efforts of Bert that the local club had been organized.

In choosing a name for the club one was selected which was in keeping with the area from which the members attend. The name chosen by popular vote was the North Shore Radio Club. Already members are in attendance from an area extending twenty miles along the north shore of Lake Ontario and over ten miles back.

A report was received from the

committee delegated to look into the matter of securing a permanent headquarters for the club. The possibility of locating at the local airport had been investigated and a new committee was appointed to follow up this matter.

The local radio club is being formed at a very opportune time in that the Dominion government has seen fit to approve a plan for an organization to be known as the Air Force Amateur Radio System. This organization requires no reserve status on the part of any member nor is there any liability for service or call. Throughout Canada, in some fifteen areas, there will be set up Net Control Stations. Each of these "squadrons" will be broken down into one or more "flights" consisting of not more than twenty radio amateurs each. The North Shore Radio Club is offering to act as one of these "flights."

Many "On The Air"

A survey of those present indicated that over half of the members already have their transmitters on the air. Short wave listeners with a receiver that will tune to the ten or seventy-five meter bands may hear the familiar "CQ" call at most any hour of the day or night. Various members of the club report some very remarkable long distance transmissions.

At the conclusion of business the members were invited to visit Norm's transmitter building, more commonly known as the "ham shack." A contact was made with one of the Toronto stations and a pleasant half hour was spent in "rag chewing." The evening wound up with the serving of refreshments by the host.

Yezzir it was 40 years ago that a band of young amateurs got together and formed the North Shore Amateur Radio Club! The corner stone they laid that historic day was the foundation for amateur radio in the Oshawa area for generations to come. Where are these hardy young men today? What happened to that historical phonograph recording? Between it's plastic grooves is sealed forever those exuberant voices full of ambition and expectations of the tomorrows yet to come. Is it laying in someones dusty attic or has it been consumed by the fires of progress? Be sure to attend our April "Old Timers" meeting as these questions will be asked and perhaps answered. This newspaper clipping submitted by Jack 3SJ, appeared in the Sept. 1946 issue of the Oshawa Times. It helps pervade the feeling of that era. For these amateurs in 1946, the times were exciting indeed. The war that ended their hobby for over five years was now passe. That very same war which had depleted their ranks of many fellow amateurs, also rejuvenated the hobby with new experimentors, freshly trained from the Armed Forces. The war also introduced new gear and technology to the hobby. Gone were the three tube TRF receiving sets. These were being quickly replaced by war surplus rigs such as the R1155,

BC348, BC453 and the famous ARC-5 series of transmitters. The pre-war 807 tube (the back bone of war time communications) was now available to the amateur for pennies. 500 watt and yea verily even 1 kw rigs soon appeared using an arm full of these faithful old tubes. Homemade transmitters were built on metal or wood in the familiar "open" style, although there were attempts to house them in cabinets. Some of the surplus bargains were transmitters with VFOs allowing the amateur to "Woop" up and down the band and pounce on his waiting victim. For pure note fanatic there were plenty of surplus crystals which could be "ground" to one's favourite frequency. The days of winding ones own transformer were quickly dying as components were oft time sold by the barrel or pound. Toronto's Younge Street became the favourite haunt for many amateurs who didn't have to work on a Saturday morning. Many old friendships were rekindled at Wellesley and Younge amidst the hustle and bustle of hurried shoppers. The odour of burning resin on a hot soldering iron or the smell of fresh wax on electrolytic can trigger an Old Timers memory to those wonderful years. They would gladly give up their Yaseus for another swing at yesterday.

Things were happening fast in '46. In June, the top half of 40 and 20 were opened to these thirsty amateurs. Later, in November, the remainder were released. Some frequencies were lost, some gained. Canadian call signs were changed. The VE4 prefix lost Saskatchewan and Alberta, henceforth to cover only Manitoba. VE5 had included British Columbia, Yukon and the North West Territories. It was now assigned to Saskatchewan. Alberta became VE6 land and British Columbia got VE7. On April 1 1947, incentive licensing was introduced. In 1948 the Canadian phone bands were expanded on 80 and 20, encroaching on valuable morse frequencies. About this time, a few "dyed in the wool" experimentors began to play with a dreadful mode called Single Side Band. Now look at it today! 160 meters was lost to a siren of a woman called Lorain or was it Loran, I forget. A chunk of 10 meters was given to the doctors for their diathermy machines. It was later returned on a "share" basis, then later still, it was snatched away for creation of a CB band.

THE THRILL THAT COMES ONCE IN A LIFETIME

The mid^{to}late 40's were indeed exciting times. Opportunity was boundless. A young amateur could get on the air and work the world with only a little "know how" and less than \$10. in his jeans. The solar cycle was at its peak and on a clear night one could hear two electric eels cuddling down in the Carribean. Ten meter signals could reach in and brighten the dark corners of Africa. Around the supper table many a mother beamed with pride as her excited youngster spun his yarn. Describing with all his verbosity how Timbucktu was pulled from beneath a blanket of static and how a new friendship across the miles began. Those were the days when DX was willing to talk and not just "QSL via Bureau"!

Well, at the Old Timers meeting in April, we can relive all those stories and revel in the deeds of yester year. Don't miss it!

THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING!!!

If you did not PAY your DUES yet, then this is it! Don't stand near the windows or answer the door. Don't talk to strangers! This will be your LAST ISSUE and -- you may never see your family again!

I TRIED T' GET A BETTER RANGE BY PUTTIN A 43-PLATE VARIABLE CONDENSER IN MY GROUND CIRCUIT YA CAN INCREASE TH' WAVE LENGTH RANGE OF TH' CIRCUIT BY CONNECTIN TH' CONDENSER ACROSS TH' PRIMARY

I WROTE AN' AST IF A LOOSE COUPLER AN' 2 HONEYCOMB COILS USED IN PLACE OF VARIOMETERS WOULD BE AS GOOD AS TH' STANDARD HONEY COIL SET. THEY TOLD ME THAT A SMALL CONDENSER SHUNTIN TH' SECONDARY OF TH' COUPLER AN' TH' GRID COIL WOULD GIMME AS GOOD RESULTS AS TH' STANDARD HONEYCOMB COIL SETS. HOW 'S TA LIKE TH' CONCERT W' 'S PUT OUT YESTERDAY?



THE OWNERS OF RADIO PHONES BRING SOME TECHNICAL STUFF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LAYMAN

SESTER

"GRAND FINALE"

Things have been pretty busy in the "Barn" for the past few months. I have under construction a complete "Jr. Wireless Outfit". It's design is typical of homebrew spark stations of the 1912 to 1919 era. I have an original spark gap and H.T. coil. So far, I have built an eleven turn helical oscillating coil and an R.F. receiving transformer of the loose coupler variety. Not the horizontal kind but a vertical version that I have seen at the Holcombe N.Y. Museum. Presently in the "works" is a "Billi" condenser for the loose coupler. At first this condenser looks simple to make, one pipe moving inside another. When two are ganged "side by each" on the same frame, Boys O' Boys, it's tough to get good mechanical alignment! The receiver is to have two switchable detectors, one for Galena and the other for Carborundum with variable bias. On the drawing board are some Leyden Jars, Antenna Switches and even a few "test tube" accumulators for detector bias. I am not happy at all with my "finish on the Mahogany receiver box. It's much too red! I would like a deep Burgundy colour and will be stripping it down before long. It will be awhile before it is completed, but when it is I will bring it to the club for a demo.

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You know, this old radio hobby of ours is sure a lot of fun. Its' facets are multitude and it's joys are many. That is why I'm so concerned about the new licensing structure the DOC has laid before us. We, as individuals must express our views and concern to the DOC. The club is going to submit a letter representing the membership, but it would help even more if you, as VE3XYZ wrote a letter too. Also, send a copy to the CRRL. I've listened to a few defeatists on the air say, "Oh well, whatever we say the DOC will have it's way". (Good Lord)!!! Remember this, the DOC Heads are only ordinary guys like you and me. In fact they are even more fragile than you or I! They have no union to hide behind, they must answer to a board of directors. Their job is at the mercy of the whims of this board. Their ladder can be shaken very easily by the right people. If the ARRL took a defeatist attitude back in 1919 we would have no Amateur Radio today. We had H.P. Maxim fighting for us then. I hope our organization has the right kind of guys today.

The DOC has cast the first stone, now they are watching to see what comes back, if very little is done, then they will have their way!

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Well folks it has been fun filling in as editor for the past three months. Neil McAlister is going to take over for the duration and I'm sure he will have as much enjoyment as I have had. I'm going to be pretty busy for the next two years and if I survive, I hope I will be offered the privilege again. I would like to give a great big thanks to the many members who submitted material for the newsletter. It sure makes the Letter much more interesting. Thanks to everyone who had good words of approval for the Letter. Your encouragement made the job even more enjoyable. Thanks to my bride Barbara Ann who did much of the typing for me and helped stick stamps and address labels, sorting and mailing, looking up misspelled words, etc. Thanks to Paul 3LHZ, who has been putting his computer to good use and running off the address labels for the Lett

30's M' Friendly, VE3FRM