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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN PITMAN BOROUGH HALL,
3rd FLOOR, NORTH BROADWAY, PITMAN, NEW JERSEY, 8:00 P.M.

All material for publication in this paper should be in my hands during
the first week of the month preceeding publication. Emergency deadline
is the third Friday preceeding publication.....

CROSSTALK is the club paper of the GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR IT'S MEMBERS.

It is the aim of the staff to get this paper into your hands prior to the
monthly meetings in order that you are better informed as to the club's
work.

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New business nomination of officers for 1970.

Big White Elephant Sale

We would like to see you at this meeting!!

I, your Editor, wish at this time to acknowledge, and thank all persons who had anything to do with the getting out of the last two issues of "CROSSTALK" during my inability to do so. I think that the members are entitled to know the reasons why I was unable to supply their paper. First, I was away on a vacation when the time came around for the write-up on the first issue, and during the time the second issue was due for the press, my dear Mother was taken sick and passed away, leaving my mind in a state of turmoil from which I was unable to free myself. I am pleased to know that there were members who saw to it that we had a copy for you.

Hey, fellows, here's the latest...how would you like to make yourself a COLOR ORGAN??? You can you know, very easily and cheap...an easily assembled printed circuit board kit for \$49.95 can be purchased from the Edison Instruments, Inc., 54 West Cherry Street, Rahway, N.J. 07065. Their brochure quotes, "Build Dancing Colored Lighting Displays That Leap and Sparkle in Ever-changing Color Combinations of Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow. Displays Which Dance in Rhythm and Intensity According to the Frequency Content of the Musical Input Taken from the Loudspeaker Terminals of any Audio Amplifier." Size only 7-1/2 x 4-1/2 x 2-1/2 inches. Not bad, eh? Get one for fun.

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Concurrent with the October 26 shift to standard time throughout the country, WIAW will resume its Fall Winter Schedule. Code practice will take place at 0030, 0230 and 1400 GMT, which converts to 4:30 p.m. PST, 6:30 p.m. PST and 6:00 a.m. PST. November QST will note expanded WIAW operating time as well as the first morning qualifying run scheduled for December 10. The full WIAW schedule is available upon request of ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. An addressed, stamped envelope will help to speed a copy to you.

Your editor just returned from a trip to Terre Haute, Indiana, where I spent two weeks visiting my son who had just been transferred there from Pitman, N.J., he being the General Manager of Order Service, Taping, and Warehousing for the Columbia Record Company. Needless to say, he took us on a tour of the plant out there which happens to be four times the size of Pitman's plant. The business has gotten so big that the company has to lease buildings all over town and still needs more room. A large building is in the process of being built for tapes alone. I visited the Tape Department and saw the master tape running and feeding 12 slave units transcribing at once. Of course, they had several masters running at the same time. The head production man told me that they were making 60,000 tapes per week. The quality control could only process 50,000 tapes per, making a backlog, hence the expansion. Their prediction is that tapes will take the place of records in sales within two years. Their masters are rack and panel jobs about seven feet high and are solid state. The slave units are about four feet high and four feet square with the spools on top and they record as high as six channels at the same time on all slave units. When the master has recorded the time run of the tapes, a tone signal is given and the tapes are cut off at this point, which when packaged, will make up the tapes that you purchase in your local stores. I cannot begin to tell you of all the interesting things that I saw at the plant. Driving out there and back through West Virginia, we made 1,820 miles and saw only

two Quad antennas, one Wr, one K8, and one WA9 license plate. Of all the QRM on the bands, you would think that all of the hams in the U.S. lived in the Middle West, but I failed to see a display of them.

Wednesday was the day a man set aside for worrying. Came the temptation to worry any other day, he noted the concern, but put it away for Wednesday. When Wednesday came, he seldom could recall WHY the items had worried him originally, or he found that they had already been taken care of.

An impractical man? Hardly! He retired sometime ago from the Chairmanship of the Board of a large company, -happy, healthy, and successful.

ABOUT QSLING.....

When I first broke into ham radio a number of years ago, one of the highlights of Hamming was to receive a QSL from the station you talked to whether it was a DX station or just a contact in the State next to you. It was the pride or trademark of each ham's station, and a great deal of time was put into the design or composition of the card to make it different from the other fellows. What happens now?...Well, when you work a good DX station and ask for a QSL for verification, you not only have to send him yours first, but also a self-addressed envelope with a couple of international reply coupons plus waiting a month or so before you get yours...if you do. Sort of makes you feel that he is doing you an extreme favor in sending you his, but on the other side of the coin, he does not consider that you are doing him one in sending yours. Of course, he can tell you that he will QSL through the bureau and then you wait another 8 or 10 months before you receive it.

Another gripe is about these DX stations asking for your QSL, and then you whistle for theirs. From my experience, one of the worse countries for this practice is Italy, then France, followed closely by South American Stations. It costs as much for us to send them a card as it does for them to send us one; yet they still expect us to pay double to get one of their cards.

Some relief in the problem is when they tell you that they have a QSL manager in the States who will send you a card if you contact him. This is not always so because last week I received two QSL's, one from a W7 in Washington, and one from a K7 in Montana, asking for a QSL card from a station they worked in Cammeron. I returned their QSL's and told them evidently the station was a phoney, as I never was and have never been a QSL manager.

If you do get a legit manager here, he has to wait until he receives the confirmation from the DX station which sometimes takes a month or so. Then also, the quality of the QSL's do not seem the same as to beauty or individuality. Too many hams are using stock cards for their QSLs. Now, how can this kind of a card make your contact a standout when there are a thousand other stations using the same design? It just can't be done!

Personally, I feel that not enough emphasis is put on this phase of hamming when the new member joins the ranks. We have become so careless in our indoctrination that we tend to overlook traditions, and rob the new ham of all the fun and pleasure that is truly a part of Ham Radio. We old timers have ourselves to blame because we have been through the mill and should instill our knowledge into the new Ham.

If we check up further, we will find that the Ham of today is fast becoming a mail order catalogue creature who in a couple of years will make the old timer extinct. We just can't let what HAM RADIO means to the pioneers be set aside and dwindle into oblivion.

DON'T FORGET BIG WHITE ELEPHANT SALE FOR OUR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1969. Now you must have some good equipment lying around that you aren't using that can be sold to benefit the club. WE NEED THE MONEY, AND YOU DON'T NEED THE GEAR, SO GET WITH IT AND DONATE TILL IT HURTS!'. WB2WAK will preside.

Room 536 B is the number of the room in the Underwood hospital where Paul Walton W2YNR is staying...Note that number and let's get the cards up there. They mean so much to one who is confined...

Races report that they had a State alert during the storm Camille. FB Boys.

AREC...10 meter net is now working on 28.6. Bill Frambes, WB2FJE in charge.

WHF...Repeater stations are now operating CW working state on 46.34 mc...

WHAT'S NEW?????

Tokyo..... Use of the Hall effect for a brushless dc motor has been announced by Pioneer Electronics Corp. for portable and car tape recorders. The motors which do not need commutators or brushes, reportedly provide noise-free operation with very low rumble, wow and flutter. With the Hall effect, a voltage is developed across a conductive material when it is placed in a vertical magnetic field. Pioneer uses IC's in conjunction with the Hall device to electronically operate the motor.

HELP....HELP....HELP....

I need material for this paper. Won't you help me out by sending some material I can use..... Editor....

The other night, I happened to come across an interesting article in the October issue of CHEESE BITS published monthly by the famous ack Rats VHF Club telling how they happened to get their name. I think it is interesting that I am going to pass it along to you"Quote".

One night W31BH and W3SA0 were in qso with one our buddies in North Jersey. We were talking about how we swapped things around. Out of the blue came his remark, "You guys are like a bunch of pack rats. You collect shiney things and hide them. Then put them back to get something else." Quote from Webster's Dictionary: Pack Rat - "A kind of North American rat that carries and hides small articles that it finds." This sounded real good to us so that is how and why we became the "Pack Rats".

Editor's Note: The Pack Rats are a very famous group of hams who seem to have something on the ball and are continually coming up with new ideas and of course we cannot ignore their fine scores in almost all of the contests they enter. These achievements are the results of excellent leadership and cooperation of their members. So to you... Congratulations from the GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW JERSEY for a vy fb group....

I hope that my circulation man is still sending out issues of CROSSTALK to the former members who have dropped out of the club. You know we started this project and got several old members out again. I hate to see this die a natural death for I still feel that it has a lot of merit, and for the monies invested, the results should exceed the means.....

THE PRESIDENT'S SMOKE SIGNALS

The Nominating Committee met on October 20, 1969 at WAZVEE's QTH. After several hours of debating over the list of prospective candidates for 1970's officers and directors, we felt that we had a great slate to present before the general membership in November. So come out and see who they will be!

Bring your goodies for the White Elephant Sale at the November meeting. Let's see if we can't get WB2WAK so hoarse from auctioneering that he won't be able to talk to us for a year, by golly!

I have been assisting in the code class sponsored by our club. It is held at Pitman High School on each Thursday at 1900 hours. The first week wasn't too successful as far as attendance was concerned, but we held it anyway. The second week's class doubled in size (now about 15 students) and I was really proud of the newcomers to the class. They not only mastered the previous week's code lesson, but also did well with the new lesson. That was really a double dose for them. W2FBB thought highly of the class also. It makes it all worthwhile in the end.

We have a new ham in our flock. He is Jeff Ehrenkrantz, WN2LWC. WA2VEE was his first contact. A few days later while talking to WB2WAK, WB2JZX, and WA2EOB on SSB, we decided to contact Jeff on 40 meter CW. We really put it to him after 15 minutes of CW, Jeff was so shook up that he couldn't send his name correctly. I even believe he didn't even know who he was supposed to be xmitting to. Jeff is learning fast.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH.
REMEMBER THE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!

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WA2VEE

SCUTTLEBUTT

The seventh wonder of the world may have transpired by the time you read this rhetoric. A tribander should have appeared atop the hugh 90 ft. tower on Cape May Avenue in Sewell. Is Shorty on the air at last? We should be hearing a potent sig. from W2SUA any day now.

Jeff Ehrenkrantz, now WN2LWC, can be heard on 40 Meter CW, around 7150kc most any evening (at least you can hear him from Pitman... he lives in Glassboro). FB Jeff, glad to see you're off and running.

Bill Mollenhauer, WA2FFZ, has quit (left, fired from, deserted) his job with RCA and is looking about for local (we hope) employment. Hope to see him at the meetings from now on. You can tell if Bill has arrived if you trip over his Honda parked at the door.

W2KE is sporting a new 75M trap vertical on the back of his buggy. Real nice looking antenna, it comes apart easily, bends over, etc. and should help his 3999 gang to hear him anywhere.

W2YNR still not in best of shape at this writing. Paul is in Underwood Memorial Hospital, and it appears as if he will be there for a long time to come. No visitors allowed yet, but all cards are welcome.

Our Club Code Class, 1969-70 is under way with about 13 avid students...and supposedly more to come. Instructors this year are: WA2NPD, W2FBF, WB2JZX, WA2WKV, W2AFZ, and WA2VEE. Class meets at 7 p.m. Thursday Nights, Pitman High School.

K2SOL running around last few weeks like a chicken with its head chopped off. Seems as if his son is about to make the same mistake we (or most of us) have all made at one time or another...marriage. Sure will be glad when the happy event is over so that George will settle down and pick up his regular ham activities again.

WA2VEE just acquired spanking new prop pitch rotor from K2PQD. Looks like a real steal, Bill. How did you con that old shyster Sketchley into a deal like that? Must be something wrong with it someplace?

Harold Carter looking fit and trim out to our code class working toward his Novice. Don't look as if you were recently sick, Harold?

Harry Perry, WA2LAZ, last seen trying to steal eggs out of nests in bird houses in his yard. Claims he was painting the bird houses but we know better; inflation has caught up with Harry's pension check and HE'S HUNGRY!!

The 10 M AREC Friday night met again in full swing (28.6 mc at 2100 hrs local time). If you can't participate in the drill, break-in during the rag chew at the end.

Della, W2AFZ, contemplating a trip or visit to JA land. Maybe she can bring back an extra kimona for Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, and they can both show up to the next club meeting wearing them and present an eyeball QSO fashion show for the program that month (that oughta spark attendance)!

About all for now, Gang. See you at the White Elephant Sale in November.

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