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Announcements: The Club's next meeting will be at 7:30 P. M. Friday, December 3, 1948 at the Hampden County Improvement League Building, Eastern States Exposition grounds on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. The speaker will be our newly elected Vice President, Dick Stevens WIQJ. Dick's an engineer for the N. E. Tel. Co. and he'll put on a demonstration of mobile radio telephone that will include everything that can be pried loose and carried over. Pete Pederson, our fellow club member from the same outfit (and who incidently will try for his ticket any day now) is teaming up with him.

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ELECTION NEWS, the Club's that is, may be old stuff for most of us but here's the results of November 5th:

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Executive Board	Robert Lieson WIKFV
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Executive Board	Alfred Purseglove WIQFB
Executive Board	William Rosner WIRFU
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Executive Board	Max Voigt, WIQXV
Executive Board	Gilbert Williams WIAPA

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BUSINESS MEETINGS come only once a year (Praise Be), so besides the election, the By-laws were considered and one change made: Section 1 of Article III now reads that the Executive Committee - - "should consider all applications for Club Membership, and if unanimously approved, recommend their acceptance by the Club."

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SCOOPS come, even to this bulletin, and on QST too. As a result of the ARRL elections we're glad to congratulate Percy Noble, BVR on his re-election as Director of the New England Division. The scores? - - Perce 998; Baker, ALP 332; Erickson, NLU 271; Stockellburg, ~~WV~~ 200; Mitchell, HIL 93. Clayt Gordon, HRC was elected Alternate Director by a husky majority. In our own backyard, Prent Bailey, AZW nosed out our Hank Baier, NY for the office of Western Mass SCM 85 to 79. Pretty close! Hank asks that we pass along his thanks to the boys for the support.

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A STRONG FINISH made up for a slow start in our Bulletin Name Contest. How do you like the new mast head and title? The blackboard was loaded with entries when voting time came, and Gil Williams, APA who was way out in front with seventeen suggestions, earned himself a prize of Five Dollars for "Zero Beat". Nice going Gil!

INTEREST peaked up when time for drawing the door prize came. Last meeting Max's (QAV) guest of the evening, Leo Jarvis, was given the honor of drawing the lucky name. If you don't think we treat our guests right, just listen! He drew his own name. Prize was a 10 position crystal holder and selector, switch, and a Valpey Xtalector (3 xtal), the contribution of Springfield Sound Co. Leo is a licensed operator in the CAP and his rig is SCR522. We expect to see more of him soon in the amateur ranks. Look forward next Friday for another door prize, this time the gift of Lou Richmond, AWK (Springfield Radio Co.).

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WUHO is on the map this month, as the QTH of both the applicants for club membership who will be voted on, December 3rd. The Executive Committee unanimously approved applications of Ted Curylo, WIOUJ and Ted Witowski, WIRLV and recommends their acceptance. For the record, those voted in last meeting were: RIA; QJN; IOZ; PHU; KZU; HMF; GZL; PDF; and in addition Ken Gurney and Bill Ham were voted in as Associate Members. Bill Ham graduated almost immediately to full membership, his call just received being WIRRX. The Welcome Mat's out for you all and special congrats to RRX.

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QUESTIONNAIRES filled out at the Annual Meeting were helpful, and indicated general approval of our past programs with more of the same type requested. One comment was "Fevensakes start on time!" OK, the doors will be open at 7:30 or as soon after as the janitor gets there, and the meeting will start pronto at 8 P.M. Another suggestion was to publish the list of ECs outside the Springfield area. Here they are: Hank Baier, NY, Wilbraham; E.Camerlin (Cappy), MBT, Chicopee and Chicopee Falls; Percy Noble, BVR, Westfield; Ted Roosevelt, IGY, West Springfield, Feeding Hills, Agawan; Miles W. Brennan, MOK, Holyoke and Willimansett; Russ Morry, QCC, Florence and Northampton and in fact, Hampshire County. If you are in the territory of any of these ECs, and have not received your membership card in the EC, please check with the above at your earliest opportunity.

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SPECIAL NOTE: The new QSL Manager for the first district is WJNX who would appreciate envelopes from all and sundry. Even if you have only worked a G (that's me, brother!) or a KZ5 it will help him out to have your envelope,

and who knows, you might get an SWL card from a Hawaiian Gal !

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NOW that the smoke and noise of battle has died away, we find that another S.S. Contest has come and gone. APA, BVR, EOB, JYH, KfV, and RHU were heard on CW and - -? ?- - on fone. Don't forget to send information as follows to WJYH for credit towards a club score: No. of different stations worked; No. of different sections worked; Final Score; Power Input; Operating Hours. The ARRL gives a certificate to the highest CW scorer and to the highest fone scorer in each club. Also don't forget to send your log to ARRL - we won't get club credit for it if you don't send it in. RHU has sent in his score already. Russ did FB. With only 25 watts and in 15 hours he worked 117 in 31 sections and added 10 new states all on 40 meters. It's a little early for returns, especially for Springfield, but we understand both EOB and JYH went well over the 100,000 mark.

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ROGER, JYH, had given the stork strict instructions to hold off until after the S.S. but was double-crossed when his second son arrived after Roger had rolled up a good score from the first week-end, and before he caught his breath and got the cramps out of his fingers for the final operating hours. With Vic, EOB giving him competition (S.S., that is) he rounded out some 37 hours and tallied 717 stations in 67 sections to Vic's 626 stations in 70 sections. Vic needed only KA and VE5 to make it a clean sweep of the section. Nice work ! The next issue will carry a H.C.R.C. listing of scores for both fone and CW (provided of course that you all send them in!) Any non-club members can also send their scores along if they would like to see how they will stack up.

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THOSE OF YOU who missed out on the fun during the S.S. can be looking forward to the ARRL party in January. This is always a fast moving contest which is more play than work.

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FORTY METERS was a pay-off back in the DX Contest with all continents coming thru during the contest period. JYH picked up ZCICC to complete a 7 mc WAC in about 12 hours. PY7WS has been very constant on 7030 kc every evening around 8:00 EST for those of you who would like to work him.

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TWENTY METERS has been spotty this past month, but has really come through at the peaks. KfV and JYH both added MP4BAB in the CQ DX Contest, and Bob really got a juicy one when he snagged ZD9AA recently. APA has been skedding J2AAL quite often in the mornings and handling tlc for him. Gil is considering a 3 element 20 meter beam with an eye towards hanging a post-war DXCC alongside his pre-war certificate.

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LISTENING on ten meters convinces us that QWJ's beam is doing wonders. All he does is to turn on the rig and a half-dozen Europeans call him. NY deserted 80 meters for 10 CW and was amazed to find that the DX answered his CQs. That's what you've been missing by staying on 80, Hank! We find LDE most any morning holding lengthy skeds with D4s wherein army personnel over there talk to their families in this neighborhood. Judging by the real emotion in the wives' voices on this side as well as the comments there, Jim is doing a real service for the airlift boys. The ground-wave tells us (that's the only way we hear anyway) that DX is getting better, and if you look around, you'll find such pickings as AP4R Pakistan, KX6BB Kwajalein, VU2GB India, and all kinds of Js, VKs, ZLs, HLs (and even a few YLs). RLW's new beam is going FB and he's been getting chatty with the Europeans lately. AVK has a new w/s 3 element 10 meter beam with a 3 element 20 meter beam under it, in place of the 3 element 20 formerly occupying his pole. This puts the finishing touches on one of the neatest amateur layouts in Springfield. RDR, IOZ, and PDF also have w/s ten meter 3 element twirlers and judging from reports, they work some of the rarer DX. The old "K. - 3 element" formula is still tops.

WE HEAR from a friend, Harry Day, W2HH of Fitchburg, that six meter activity is increasing in that area, with stations in Fitchburg, Berlin, Worcester and surrounding towns. The boys would like contacts with the Springfield gang, so if you have a six meter rig, fire it up occasionally and find out what it will do. George, AZ, probably would welcome some company, and Tom, PKI as Westfield's six meter representative is lonesome too.

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HARTFORD'S MONDAY-NITERS have interested the local boys populating two meters. Our missionary QXV reports more activity on this band, with most of the gang working regularly down thru Connecticut and occasionally QSOing the W2s. Overheard: "I didn't hear that W2 I was calling Lyle, but I heard you calling him, and I knew doggone well if he came back to me, YOU'D hear him and would let me know."

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MAX is looking for more cross-band on 1 1/2 meters, and asks if you have a National One-Ten or anything else that will pick up 1 1/2 meters, to arrange a sked. Perhaps you haven't heard, but there are at least five other 1 1/2 meter fellows on (by appointment)

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FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY MEGS is churning slowly. That KZU-LRE private line is still too free of all QRM, but QXV, PHU, and OBQ are all set to go and OJV and NLE are not far behind, all of which adds up to a party line if nothing more. These are all converted BC645s, but PHU has in addition an APS13 set up for mobile operation (the optimist) and Lyle, COH who holds an OES appointment, has worked up some gear which may soon be in operation and will be worth watching.

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WE'VE BEEN ASKED about Club Visitors, including the XYLS and YLs, Visitors are always welcome, but the distaff side is up to your own respective consciences. Seriously of course they're welcome too, and maybe this is a chance to have our refreshments as a regular part of each meeting, BUT with that FEMININE TOUCH. And, speaking of touches, the eats last meeting were on the house, but at this coming meeting, they will be financed by each member's putting a modest sum on the collection plate which will be in evidence.

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YOU may have thought Dick, QMJ was only talking when he rag-chewed about getting a GOOD receiver, even if he had to BUILD one, BUT he now has a home-made double conversion, super-hot superhet, based on the Wilcox fixed-freq surplus job. He's got Pete building one too, and even the chaps with the Collins and HRO-7 outfits are getting interested. Perhaps he'll mention it in his talk next Friday, huh Dick? This same QMJ is causing H.A.I. (Hearing aid interference) When the neighbor across the street stands on the hot air register, she can hear Dick in her hearing aid Q5, S9 plus.

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WE'VE heard of one of our bright boys making a record for use in coming back on a contact to tell the other guy about his rig etc, but just before going to press we heard a scheme which one of the newest hams is perfecting. He puts on the XYL and Tish, - she sounds pretty good too. Makes good DX bait too Glen (hint).

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IF SOME NAMES or calls seem to crop up too often throughout ZERO BEAT, it's not favoritism, but lack of news on other club members. Put your news on a penny card or call one of the undersigned. We want more news contributions, please!

FLASH: Our ambassador without portfolio, Hank, NY has just reported we may be honored with visitors from the Worcester and Pittsfield Radio Clubs at our December meeting. That's swell and the plush carpet will be out for them too. Hope Mother Nature doesn't lay down a slush carpet to spoil their travelling.

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THE WESTFIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD unit sports a new call, KIFAB, and as soon as they get a replacement xformer for their BC610, they will have a potent signal on ten and twenty meter fone as well as on some of the CW bands

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SPEAKING OF TVI and who isn't? our new committee will have its work cut out for itself. We understand there may be some dope which can be reprinted in ZERO BEAT next time, meanwhile the Committee is taking courses on diplomacy.

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JUST IDLE CURIOSITY, but we wonder if Roger's DX list (179 countries last we knew) will be growing so fast now that the junior op has arrived.

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GOSH, we almost forgot, but the layout for the mast-head as well as the title is one of Gil's brain-childs or is it brain-children?

73a and don't expect five pages again

Roger Corey - WIJYH
100 Oakland St

Bob Adolphson - WINLE
38 Larkspur St

Max Voigt - WIQXV
18 Kenwood Kk

FOR SALE

SEE OR CALL:-

Dick Stevens, WIQWJ, tel 2-1735, for:
FB transmitter, 6V6 Xtal, 802 Mult. 807 Mult, 814 final
complete with meters, but no power supply.

1 RME - 45 Receiver, with speaker - - \$65.00

Max Voigt, WIQXV, tel 7-6972, for:
1 NC173 Receiver, with speaker - - - \$125.00