

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mark your calendar to show up at the Chalet Friday, May 12, 1950, which is one week later than usual. That's on Riverdale Road, West Springfield, opposite Springfield Country Club. The program committee has a variety of items to offer. We are to see some movies including last year's Field Day activities. The ARRL has a directors' meeting scheduled on our regular meeting day, so one reason for our meeting's postponement is to hear the inside dope from Director Perce Noble. The Club Album is to be on display and we expect the Club's official photographer WLRDR to take some shots for the same at the meeting.

**BANQUET** Our annual banquet at the Red Barn on April 1st was, as previously, an extraordinary affair. In the first place, we had 34 members plus 24 guests collectively confronted by 58 plank steaks and all the fixins. It will be remembered that last year Bob Lieson as Banquet Chairman abused the privilege of first draw for the prizes by drawing his own name and getting the main prize. This year by private arrangement a special prize ( $\frac{3}{4}$  watt resistor in layer upon layer of wrapping to make an imposing looking gift) was to be given him as supposedly the one whose name was drawn first, regardless of whose name was actually drawn. Whose name was actually drawn first anyway? Yeah, Bob's! He must have a rabbit's foot.

The Treasury went all out both literally and figuratively for the occasion and hence the following plea: All members please examine their membership cards, and those whose dues are expired, see the treasurer and get up to date.

**NOTICES** The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Art Zavarella's QTH across from Riverside Park.

Four applications were accepted for approval by vote at the May 12th Club Meeting; namely

Howard Cutting, JWV,	29 Pomeroy St., No. Wilbraham
Ray Nystrom, IL,	36 Baltimore Ave., Springfield
Ken Hardy, DXW,	39 Fallston St., Springfield
Bert Gowell, SWL,	47 Monson Road, Wilbraham

HCRC will have an interesting set up during the 40 & 8 Hobby Show at the Auditorium May 3 - 6, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. RHU's column gives further details.

1949 SS May QST brought, among other things, the phone scores and club scores for the 1949 Sweepstakes, the c.w. scores having been published in the previous issue.\* It seems to us that the activity of the Hampden County Radio Club is worthy of special mention (even if we have to do it ourselves) and for those who didn't bother to take note of the scores in a statistical fashion, here's what they looked like. In the phone portion there were ten entries in Western Mass. - HCRC members took the first nine places! In the c.w. portion there were 19 entries in Western Mass. - HCRC members took seven out of the first ten places including the win, place, and show spots and even took last place! In the listing of clubs' scores, the HCRC placed eighth highest in the country, and if it weren't for the fact that xxxx and xxxx apparently neglected to send in their scores to ARRL, we would have placed sixth! We think that a great deal of credit is due the boys who got in and worked even though they may not have been too enthusiastic about contest operation. Guys like LJYH and LEOB would have got on anyway, but the real credit for the tremendous advance we made over last year's score goes to those who made it a definite point to get on and go after a club score - nice going!

\* Editor's Note: Rog. Corey was too modest to say that the May QST SS article printed shots of top scoring operators across the nation, including JYH at his operating position.



**FILTERS** The long-awaited Low-pass filters have at last come off the Springfield Tech assembly line. The price is \$2.00 and if you are in a hurry, give WJYH a call. If not, they will be available at the May meeting.

**JOTTINGS** Tech High (Spfld) is pretty well represented. Two of its students are club members and not only do both have their Class B Tickets, but they are sweating out news from their Class A exams. A third is now getting off to a flying start. Bob Sabin, in CKJ's class on radio theory, is practicing c.w. on his self-constructed code oscillator and has made a gavel for the club as an extra project.

Mac and Cookie (JQ et FOF) were at the Red Barn last April 1st and beat my arm as well as my ear (in both cases figuratively speaking) concerning John Mansfield WLCMN. It seems that all of the pertinent information was not present in a prior issue of Zero Beat, namely that John still gets his commish on these special deal offers you get in the mail. So if you send in your subscriptions to any magazine or periodical to John at 1175 Boylston Street, Boston, you will be helping a fellow ham who cannot go out and earn a living, but has to remain in bed selling subscriptions every way he can. He can save you a bit on some items. Drop him a card for further info.

**TRAFFIC** It has been nice to hear WLMNG and WLSIT in WMN this month. If they can do it, why can't you?

Starting May 1, 1950, WMN will operate at 7:00 p.m. EDST Monday, Wednesday and Friday, LRN and EAN will also change to Daylight time.

May 3 through 6 there will be a hobby show. (As if this is news!) As of this writing, the following tentative arrangements have been made for traffic handling:

WJYH is donating his transmitter and call. This rig will handle all radiograms, and will operate 80 and 40 meter CW as outlined below. The bulk of the operation will probably be done by WLRHU and WLRZG, with WLEOB and WLMVF assisting. Between 1 and 7 p.m. EDT, schedules with various amateurs on the Eastern seaboard will be kept on 7280 kc. This will include reporting into the Swing Shift Net Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:30 and 6:30 (the net starts at 12:30 but will still be on) and ESN at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night. At 7:00 p.m. operation will shift to 80 meters, where WMN gang will take messages for EAN, and report in directly. At 7:45 p.m. WJYH/1 will call into WRN directly from the auditorium, and relay all New England traffic. Anything left over at the end of the evening will be brought home by either WLRZG or WLRHU for filing and transmission on ESN the next morning.

Lately, the air has been cluttered with the "Greetings from the Hobby show, wish you were here" type of message. An attempt will be made to discourage this type of message. If this is impossible, there will be a fixed text message of this type, all messages of this type to be held and sent in book form to the various regional nets. This will not accumulate as high an individual traffic total for participants, but it will allow greater operating efficiency.

The only thing that hasn't been taken care of above seems to be the book-keeping. Any suggestions and/or volunteers? (Personally, I'm scared stiff I won't be able to read someone's scrawl, especially if they write as badly as I do!)

CU May 3-6. 73

Russ, WLRHU

P.S. RDR will have his HT-9 and HQ129X on 10 Phone at the show. How about it fellas for some 10 QSOs especially those who cannot show up at the Show?

**2 METERS** The "Party Line" is still going strong. Practically every night the subscribers get together between Springfield, New Haven and In-between points. Equipment improvement has now reached the point of bringing out the fine points of hot converters, although souped-up SCR522's are still much in evidence. There have been two band openings of note. The first, in late March was particularly good for contacts into the Boston area, even low power coming thru in good style. The other around April 26th-27th was southward to W2s on Long Island, New York City and even over into New Jersey. OBQ is now back on with a 522 transmitter, a new f/b converter and an inside "coat hanger" beam. RRX still has some power supply construction prior to becoming a regular subscriber. It's rumored UD will also be on soon as CCH has



been converting Ike's 522 for that purpose. JWV is heard more often, now that his work gives him more operating time and his new beam is doing all right too.

10 METERS The WMN (Thursday nights at 9) has found it's new operating procedure pays off in time saved. The regulars are always on plus a few newcomers as their time permits. The band has gone out for most purposes, but there are still contacts for those with a little patience in the day time, or looking for ground wave in the evening. For those who can get on in late afternoon, look for NY, mobile, on the low end of the band around 4:30.

Jimmy Finnerty, by the way, was the subject of a nice article in the morning Union April 29th complimenting him on his traffic whereby Westover wives contact their husbands on airbase duty in Greenland, Germany, and now with band changes, Tripoli.

DX It seems that more QSL's are coming through than new countries are being worked. The only incoming mail this month again is from WLAPA. And the mailman made him happy with: LX1QF, TF3AB, TA3GVU, GC3EML, ZD9AA, UF6AQ, ZC6AC, ISLAHK, and CT3AV. And in the second envelope he hit the jackpot with: VR2AS and EA8AC. That brings his total confirmed up to 89. His latest one worked was FE8AB, bringing him up to 115 worked. Since moving to Springfield WLEOB has spent most of his time on the air handling traffic, but did manage to sneak in PK4DA, PK1TM, FK8AB, CPlAQ, KX6BA, YU3FMA, 3V8AB, HLLBJ, and on 80 meters worked: SV0WH, HC1PK, KH6NG, KH6LJ, and LU3EL. The total now being 128. What would it be if he had a DX hound instead of a traffic bug??? And he only needs five cards for his DXCC. WJYH has slowed down a bit but added a couple of new ones with CR5AC and ZS7B. After the QSO with the CR5, WLFH was STILL calling him. That brings him up to a total of 215. And cards from VS9AL, MP4BAD, VP5BF, FN8AD, UJ8AF, and VK9NR give him a confirmed total of 194.....That is all the news for this month, but I would like to get a card by the 15th telling of the activities of some of the other TVI causers on what they are doing in the way of DX. With the oil burner off for the summer, perhaps 1KFV can change his total a bit. We'll see... 73, KFV

F.C.C. The Hampden County Radio Club sponsored FCC exams at Tech High March 31.  
EXAMS About 55 fellows came to sit and think over their Class B and Class A problems. NLE officiated as Notary and applied his seal and sig to approximately 35 B and 20 A applications. UD plied the FCC boys with vittles prior to the struggle, and don't forget fellows, most of the credit goes to "Ike" for starting the ball rolling.

FLASH RZG has his Class A as a result of taking FCC exam at Tech High. FB Carl have you a microphone yet?

Ye Ed's face is red. The FCC returned his Class A application as being incomplete in items 7, 8, 9. Item 8 is a yes or no on U. S. Citizenship.

SWAP Wanted: A 100KC XTAL for frequency standard. Call Bob Sabin, Spfld 6-8174.

COLUMN

For Sale: National NC-80X Receiver complete with speaker and instruction book. 500 KC to 30 MC. Mechanical band spread. Best reasonable cash offer -- We need the space and the cash!

Ken Gurney, SIT, Spfld 8886

Swap: Have FB Johnson Q Antenna for 10 meters, and BC458 (5.3-7 mc)  
Bill Ham, RRX, 197 Whitney Ave., Holyoke.