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ANNOUNCEMENTS: The annual business meeting will be held on Friday, November 5th at the Hampden County Improvement League Building. 7:30 is the time, and come prepared to consume large quantities of cider, doughnuts and apples. The Nominating Committee has met and prepared a slate of officers and executive committee members and, of course, nominations will be in order from the floor. It has been proposed that Article III, Section 1, of the By-Laws be amended to read: "consider all applications for Club Membership, and if unanimously approved, to recommend their acceptance by the Club." The only change in this section of the By-Laws is the addition of the word "unanimously". This amendment will be voted on at the coming meeting.

YE OLDE FASHIONED VERMONT HAMFEST which was held at Rutland, Vt. last Saturday gave two of our members a fine time. Bob Adolphson, 1NLE and Hank Baier, 1NY made the trip and came back with prizes galore and many tales of what an excellent job the Vermonters did. One thing that impressed Hank was the custom that the boys have up there of bringing some small item to such gatherings for swapping purposes. This sounds like a good idea for several reasons. It not only gives us a chance to swap off some of the spare gear that is usually found in any ham shack but it is a splendid way to prove that there is nothing like a good hot trading session to start new friendships and to get everyone better acquainted. Slip a crystal, choke, filter condenser, or what have you, in your pocket November 5th and we will see what kind of traders we have.

WE HAVE met the mailman daily, to assist him up the stairs, with his expected load of suggestions for naming our Bulletin. So far, however, we have had letters only from three members, Russ Hobbie, 1RHU, Walt Walczak, 1RDC and Ike Creasor, 1UD. The contest closes November 5th so bring your ideas to the meeting and we will provide you with an opportunity to submit them at that time.

ONE OF THE HI-LIGHTS of the last meeting was the drawing of the monthly door prize. This was a Monoset, contributed by Murray Dressler, Hatry & Young's jovial Springfield manager and was won by Bill Kirby, 1BCI. The radio bug buzzes that the Springfield Sound Co. has something FB up its sleeve for this coming meeting's prize.

THE SUBJECT of last months meeting, TVI, was timely, informative and very well presented by Dick Smith, 1FTX of the A.R.R.L. staff. (Somebody had thoughtfully reserved a front row seat for 1QCC!) It appears that such interference as arises from harmonics can be minimized with patience, time, good shielding, and a handful of 47 mmfd. condensers and high frequency chokes. It is encouraging to know that the problem can be licked.

IN LAST MONTH'S BULLETIN we tried to stir up interest in the coming Sweepstakes contest with a melodramatic little paragraph which in plain english said "You guys don't know what you're missing!". As a matter of fact we have heard from several of the fellows that they actually didn't know what the Sweepstakes was but that they were in hopes of getting into it. Well, the whole story is in the October issue of QST. The League will supply contest log forms for the asking, so read the rules, get your forms, brush off the mike and key and let's go. Good luck. When you get your scores added up, by the way, send your totals (number of contacts, number of sections, operating hours and final score) to 1JYH so that they may be compiled for a club score. Also, please indicate whether phone or c.w. since there is a separate award to the highest scoring phone and c.w. man in each club.

WE HIT THE JACKPOT on new member applications this month! The Executive Committee has unanimously approved the applications of the following men and recommends the approval of the club vote at the coming meeting. Ken Gurney, SWL, Don Babyok, IRIA; John Weighell, IQJN; Ed Longtine, IIOZ; Bill Ham, SWL; Dave Lloyd, LPHU; Bert Binns, IKZU; Walt Hardman, LIMF; Les Horner, IGZL; Nick Andrews, LPDF.

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TWENTY METERS has let the DX addicts down with a resounding thump these past few weeks but the ten meter phone boys have been having a field day. One of the happier 28 mc boys is Clarence Bordeaux, LIJT who snagged ZC6XY for his first Asian. Forty meters has been a pay-off band this past month too, with Europe and Africa pounding through in the early evening and Oceania in the early morning. Even 3.5 mc has come through with KV4AA and a bunch of Europeans according to Vic Paounoff, 1EOB.

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NET TOPICS: The 7280 kc swing shift and day shift nets are shifting into high gear now. The Western Mass. 3760 kc cw net is back and did a swell job trafficking the emergency test messages on October 16th and 17th. The Connecticut Valley 29250 kc phone net is a popular meeting place at 9 p.m. Thursday nights, and has had a consistent average of ten or better showing up at each meeting this fall. Incidentally, at our emergency test for Springfield, the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ meter net started the ball rolling at 7 p.m. with Red Cross and other messages. The 2 meter net functioned at 7:30 p.m. and took in some Northampton traffic, both nets being well controlled by Max Voigt, IQXV. Clarence Bordeaux, LIJT was master of ceremonies on ten meters and he and Hank Baier, INY got the stuff off by turns on 80 meter c.w. There was real cooperation by all and although the test was considered a success it showed a real need for a larger membership in the Emergency Corps for this area. Let's not all stand by and let the responsibility for preparedness in time of emergency rest on the shoulders of a few. Bob Adolphson, INLE, has all the dope on AEC membership. Whether you have any emergency gear or not make it a point to see Bob at the November meeting.

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OUR VHF & UHF cub reporter has been slipping in his own department. However, people in the Park Section have been somewhat overawed by the appearance of a rather frightening object on upper Allen Street. Lyle Luce, 1CCH caused all the comment when he put up a new twelve (count 'em) element 2 meter beam for the coming season. Forrest Hanson, 1NH not only has his own rig overhauled but has phenagled Charley 1RPL into being 522 conscious. INLE expects to add a modest 2 meter attachment to his ten meter eggbeater and INY also has ideas along those lines. Ernie Champagne, 1MSN has his new final and modulator in top shape and has been heard on ten meters.

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BALLOTS have been distributed by the A.R.R.L. for the election of both the division director and SCM. If you haven't already placed your X beside Perc Noble's name on the director's ballot, don't fail to do so and mail it in before the November closing date. And on that upside-down affair that carried the SCM ballot. Drop the whole thing in an envelope, after voting for Hank Baier, of course, and mail it back to headquarters. Hank, in his election platform has promised to keep all forms right side up.

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THERE ARE a lot of fellows from outside of Springfield in the Club now. We want more news from you fellows. How about everybody keeping us supplied with those items of general interest to the Club? You'll find our addresses below.

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