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## EDITORIAL

**T**HE International Short Wave League is launched! For some time, letters have been received expressing the wish that *Short Wave News* should sponsor a society for the short wave enthusiast. We have carefully weighed up the idea, considering the need for such a society, the snags that are liable to be met, and the facilities that would be required by the members. The conclusions reached are, first, that there is room for a progressive society, and that now, with the approach of the DX season, is the most favourable time to venture on such a project.

The objects of the I.S.W.L. are simple, but embracing, as will be seen from the leaflet enclosed in this issue. The I.S.W.L. will cater for every class of short wave enthusiast, be he constructor, listener or transmitter. Entry into the I.S.W.L. is not hampered by any unnecessary restrictions, and there will be no varying classes of membership.

For the present, membership fees are purely nominal and are intended simply to cover cost of certificates, postage, address plates and so forth. Membership identification numbers will consist of the letters "I.S.W.L." followed by the prefix for locality coupled to an individual number, e.g., ISWL/VK234 would indicate a member in Australia.

Until such time as the membership justifies the publication of a separate League journal, which would of course entail an increase in subscription, it is proposed to

publish news of League activities in the pages of *Short Wave News*.

The facilities to be offered to members, such as stationery, competitions, query services, formation of local "chapters," QSL Bureau, and so forth, are now under consideration, and will be put into effect at the earliest possible moment.

We should be pleased to receive offers from readers who would be prepared to act in an official capacity as Representatives, Departmental Managers, and the like, with some details as to their experience in such matters.

We should appreciate it, too, if those reading this Editorial, would pass on the good news to such of their friends as are, unfortunately, unable to obtain a copy of this issue. The League depends, obviously, upon the support and co-operation given by its members. It is, therefore, up to YOU!

The **First Annual** devoted entirely to the Short Wave Listener will be published by us next month. Containing a wealth of useful, and vital, information for the DX listener, the first edition will consist of 80 pages, printed on heavy paper, and bound in a durable cover. The only book of its type and accuracy available in this country, it will be modestly priced at 2/6, and will be obtainable from local booksellers, or in cases of difficulty, at 2/9, post free, from ourselves. The highest possible degree of accuracy is maintained throughout the book, which includes some dozen tables, and this has only been made possible by the careful checking of all the information at our disposal. We advise readers to book their copy as early as possible in order to avoid any possible disappointment.

W.N.S.

## NOTICES

THE EDITORS invite original contributions on short wave radio subjects. All material used will be paid for. Articles should be clearly written, preferably typewritten, and photographs should be clear and sharp. Diagrams need not be large or perfectly drawn, as our draughtsman will redraw in most cases, but relevant information should be included. All MSS must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for reply or return. Each item must bear the sender's name and address.

CLUB SECRETARIES are invited to submit details of activities for insertion in our monthly club notes, which must arrive at this office by the 15th of each month.

COMPONENT REVIEW. Manufacturers, publishers, etc., are invited to submit samples or information of new products for review in this section.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE should be addressed to "Short Wave News," 57 Maida Vale, Paddington, London, W.9. Telephone CUN. 6579.

Introducing the

# International Short Wave League



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## ● OBJECTS

To bring together the short wave enthusiasts of the world, regardless of race, creed or politics, to their mutual benefit.

To foster and promote international goodwill through the medium of short wave radio interest.

To provide facilities which will enable enthusiasts to carry out their hobby to the greatest advantage to themselves and their fellow enthusiasts.

## ● CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The only condition of membership is a genuine interest in some aspect of short wave radio, and the will to further the objects of the League to the best of one's ability. Each member will be allotted an identification number.

## ● MEMBERSHIP FEES

A nominal charge of 1/- (One Shilling) per annum will be made in order to cover enrolment costs, membership certificate, etc.

## ● LEAGUE NEWS

The latest activities of the I.S.W.L. will be reported exclusively in the "Short Wave News."

## ● LEAGUE SUPPLIES

It is intended to supply members of the I.S.W.L. with the following stationery at the earliest opportunity.

Members' headed notepaper and envelopes.  
Rubber stamps of League emblem.  
Log Books. Badges. SVWL/QSL cards.  
Stick-on labels. Mint foreign stamps.

## ● COMPETITIONS

The Monitoring Department of the I.S.W.L. will organise DX contests, S.L.P.'s, etc.

## ● CHAPTERS

Every possible assistance will be given to Secretaries in the formation of local I.S.W.L. Chapters.

## ● QUERY SERVICES

These will be set up at the earliest opportunity.

## ● REPRESENTATIVES

Applications are invited for positions as I.S.W.L. Representatives IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD AND IN EVERY PART OF THIS COUNTRY.

## ● QSL BUREAU

A QSL bureau will be organised for the benefit of I.S.W.L. members.

Read the "SHORT WAVE NEWS" for further details and progress of the International Short Wave League!

WRITE NOW FOR MEMBERSHIP AND  
GET THAT EARLY I.S.W.L. NUMBER

Comments and suggestions regarding the League will be welcome. Please address all communications concerning the League to:—I.S.W.L., 57, Maida Vale, Paddington, London, W.9.

(SHOW THIS TO YOUR FRIENDS)

# I.S.W.L. NOTES



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## MONTHLY NEWS

**W**E are off to a flying start! Though the founding of the I.S.W.L. was only announced in our last issue, the membership is already encouraging, and is steadily increasing. It is obvious that such a society was needed! It is evident, too, that readers are not joining simply to get a new number to add after their names! No, our members are most definitely an active crowd, and if the interest keeps up, then we will have a League that really has some life in it!

Since the I.S.W.L. is sponsored by "Short Wave News" the question will arise "who is going to run the League?" Well, it is our contention that a League should be run by its members, though in actual fact few of them really are. The usual procedure is for the members to elect a Council, who decide on matters of policy for a given period, after which a new election is held. Sounds all right in theory, but our experience—and we have some practical knowledge of this!—is that those nominated for election are rarely known to the majority of members. Sometimes, when in office, the Council will sound the members on a question of policy, but all too often the decisions made represent merely the views of the Council, plus personal friends, and not those of the majority of members.

We have an alternative system, and we are going to try it out right away! We propose that all major questions be put direct to the members themselves, who will write in and give their views, the decisions made to comply with the majority vote. The objection that some members will not be bothered to write in, will arise. Agreed,

but at least they WILL have had the opportunity, and cannot complain should they be displeased with the final decision. Anyway, let us know how you feel about it.

As far as the "pen and ink" side is concerned, we have a cosy office at HQ, and will be pleased to accept offers from London members who care to come along and lend a helping hand. We should like to point out, for the benefit of those who have "had some," that there will be no question of being asked to perform such tasks as addressing hundreds of envelopes! We've been caught on that one ourselves, and have invested in an Addressograph machine to take care of that problem!

Next month we will publish our first list of I.S.W.L. county representatives, and further details of the League progress. If you have not yet joined the I.S.W.L.—send along that shilling right now!

In our next I.S.W.L. notes we will give details of the first members' services to be put into operation. Now here are a few points—prompted by our mailbag!

- (a) We are not, at present, issuing application forms for membership.
  - (b) I.S.W.L. members stationery is NOT yet ready. We are working on it now, and as soon as it is printed a notice will appear on this page.
  - (c) We have no connection whatsoever with any other society.
  - (d) DX news should still be addressed to "Monitor" (Broadcast) and "CQ" (Ham).
- That's all for now, so cheerio till next month!

# International Short Wave League

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## MONTHLY NOTES

January 1947

### Representation

**L**AST month we gave our first list of County Representatives. Below, we list the Town Representatives appointed to date. It is essential to the smooth and efficient running of the League to have a CR for every county and a TR for every town of sufficient size. Therefore we invite applications for the vacant positions shown by the list below and the one published last month. Apply now and help to put your county on the ISWL map! We are now working out plans for DX contests, so it will be evident from this that it is in each county's interest to get organised. Briefly what we want is a CR for each county, a TR for every large town, and for all members to lose no time in getting acquainted with their respective representatives. In other words—complete co-operation. Our Representation Scheme, a copy of which is in the possession of every representative, is designed to ensure smooth running of local League affairs. It will fail if no co-operation is forthcoming from individual members. So—to use the vernacular, "get cracking"! !

### ISWL TOWN REPRESENTATIVES

- BOURNEMOUTH:** W. Dall, G347, Flat 9, 4 Belle Vue Road, Southbourne.
- BRISTOL:** C. G. Tilly, G211, 95 Chesterfield Road.
- CHELMSFORD:** W. C. Mills, G261, 3 Elm Cottages, School Lane, Broomfield.
- EXETER:** E. G. Wheatcroft, G203, 7 Mount Pleasant Road.
- GOOLE:** B. S. Scott, G69, 11 Paradise Place.
- GUILDFORD:** A. S. Berry, G56, 8 Denzil Road.
- KINGS LYNN:** H. O. Armour, G325, "Lorain," Green Lane, South Wooton.
- LIVERPOOL:** M. Illidge, G44, 181 Oakfield Road, Anfield.
- MERTHYR TYDFIL:** W. E. Morgan, GW190, 7 Corporation Street, Penyard.
- OLDHAM:** F. Clarke (G2FAY), G262, 62 Chestnut Street, Chadderton.
- SIDCUP:** G. V. Haylock (G2DHV), G301, 28 Longlands Road.
- SWANSEA:** W. H. Longhurst (GW3AAO), GW207, 82 Gower Road, Sketty.
- TONYREFAIL:** W. H. Thomas, GW229, 10 Collenna Road.

**ISWL SERVICES**

Contrary to the predictions of certain "Doubting Thomases," the ISWL is continuing its policy of providing members with useful free services, despite the low membership fees! This month we announce an addition to the Translation Service and also another special service. Further services are in process of formation and will be announced in future issues.

**Translation Service**

**Oriental Languages:** We are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. M. Preston, a teacher at the Oriental School of Languages, who will be the manager of this section. Mr. Preston has spent about 20 years in the Far East and his section covers a range of 14 remarkable tongues! The full list is: Chinese, Japanese, Javanese, Malay, Filipino, Tarmil, Marathi, Pushtu, Persian, Arabic, Turkish, in addition to Russian, Finnish and Magya.

The rules and conditions are the same as given last month. The QRA is M. Preston, 2a Brenda Road, London, S.W.17.

**Broadcast Station Query Service**

**Information by cable!**

We are proud to announce the formation of this service! We have no hesitation in claiming it to be the only service of its kind and scope available ANYWHERE! It is a unique service exclusive to members of the ISWL. The functions of the service are (a) to tackle queries on unidentified stations and (b) to supply current schedules of given stations. Is the data up-to-date? Listen to this! The Service will provide the very latest information on any given station, and is kept advised as to schedule and frequency changes from all the major broadcasting stations throughout the world direct by cable! In fact the Service will have in its possession all data on schedule changes THE DAY BEFORE THE CHANGES BECOME EFFECTIVE!!

The manager of the service is Mr. C. L. Wright, who has so kindly offered to place his services at the disposal of the League. Here are the conditions of the service as applied to station queries.

- (a) No charge is made, but an S.A.E. must accompany each enquiry.
- (b) ISWL membership number MUST be quoted.
- (c) The following details must be supplied: Approximate frequency or wavelength, Time of reception, Language(s) used, Type of programme radiated (with a brief description of broadcast), Signal strength, and Receiving equipment in use.
- (d) Be sure the details are correct and be as brief as possible.

(e) Address all enquiries to: BC Query Service, BM/BTP, London, W.C.1.

For current schedules, just send along your request together with an S.A.E.

If any reader can tell us of a similar service as comprehensive, and free, we would certainly be pleased to hear about it!

**ISWL CHAPTERS**

**We form our first Chapter—at Khartoum!**

Yes, it's true,—the boys at the R.A.F. Station in Khartoum have beaten everyone to it and have the honour to be the League's first Chapter! They have their own club call sign and details will be found in this month's "Ham Bands" commentary. We would like to congratulate these enthusiasts, far from home, on their initiative. Readers in the Khartoum area are invited to get in touch with Cpl. Short, 3005820, Signals Section, R.A.F. Station, Khartoum, M.E.F.4.

From our remarks on co-operation at the beginning of this month's notes, it will stand out clearly that we cannot overstate our desire to get Official ISWL Chapters formed throughout this country and abroad. For those members either interested in forming a Chapter or anxious to help form one, here is the procedure.

Contact at once your County or Town Representative. He will help you by direct co-operation as he is in a position to supply addresses of local members, and is bound by his office obligations to assist in developing local ISWL interest. The TR or CR will notify HQ of progress in his monthly report. We will do the rest in the direction of publicity. Where no TR or CR is appointed, write direct to HQ.

Members in the following areas are invited to assist in the formation of Chapters, already projected:

- CHELMSFORD:** W. E. Mills, G261, 3 Elm Cottages, School Lane, Broomfield.
- EXETER:** E. G. Wheatcroft, G203, 7 Mount Pleasant Road.
- BROMLEY (Kent):** A. Veness, G89, 37 Park Road.
- WATFORD:** R. W. S. Halsey, G155, 7 North Approach.
- MIDDLESEX:** J. Patmore, G7, 16 Osborn Gardens, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

READ NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE FOR DETAILS OF THE I.S.W.L. QSL BUREAU! Our Bureau, which caters for outgoing and incoming cards, will have a unique feature never yet attempted by any other QSL Bureau!

July 1947

### First Steps to Better Reporting

Having aired our views on poor S.W.L. reporting in our Editorial of May, we now intend to carry forward our aims into the practical sphere. First, however, a few words of preamble.

The importance of good reporting cannot be stressed too highly. A poor report from an I.S.W.L. member not only reduces his chances of getting a QSL but it also has the effect of gaining a black mark for S.W.L.'s generally and black mark for the I.S.W.L. in particular. Since we count ourselves as the foremost in the movement for better reporting we cannot run the risk of loss of prestige due to a thoughtless member lowering our prescribed standards.

One of our prominent CR's has put forward a suggestion that we have rather fallen in with and feel that members should be given an opportunity to approve or reject it. Briefly the plan would work like this: Stations to be notified from HQ by circular that the I.S.W.L. is pressing for a higher standard of reporting. Stations would be asked to return to I.S.W.L. HQ all reports that are so devoid of information as to be useless to the recipient, instead of depositing them in the w.p.b. HQ then to notify individual members that reports sent out by them have been rejected as of no interest to stations. It is suggested that if further poor reports are received, following TWO warnings, then the offending members to be asked to resign from the League as unworthy of membership.

Well, that's the plan. Is it too drastic? That is for you, the members, to decide. We are saying nothing at present. Now it's up to you all to write in with your views on the subject. Let us have your views, suggestions and **constructive** criticisms, please!

Next month, we will give some "Reporting Pointers" for those new to the hobby.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Merry Gathering at Uxbridge

The inaugural meeting of the Middlesex Chapter was an undoubted success. The meeting was held at the Railway Arms, and, due to the hospitality of Mr. Bowman, there was an abundance of good things to eat and drink!

After an opening oration by G3AKA, mercifully short(!), the meeting got down to business. The name of the club was decided as the Uxbridge and District S.W. Society, and a working committee of three

was elected as a provisional arrangement. Future plans were discussed and meeting dates decided upon. Things for the future will include demonstrations of gear, talks, morse classes, query bees, junk sales and the like. A club library is already in formation. Future meeting dates will be found in the panel on the next page.

All we can say now is that members living within reach of Uxbridge will be missing a good thing if they fail to come along to future meetings. Why not drop in at the next one, O.M.'s and meet the "locals"?

#### Birmingham Activities

The Birmingham Chapter is now going great guns. Meetings are now being held monthly at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce in very comfortable surroundings. According to the CR's report, the atmosphere is convivial and the discussions lively—which is just how it should be. The average attendance has been 14. Here are the highlights of the last two meetings as copied from the minutes.

Committee of three elected with Ivor T. Evans as Chairman, Malcolm B. Taylor as Secretary and J. Lester as Treasurer. A re-election will take place in six months time. A subscription of 1/- per month was decided upon, subject to revision after six months. A portable superhet was demonstrated by Mr. J. Lester, which aroused great interest. The nucleus of a club library was started and Mr. Cakes volunteered to act as librarian. Morse classes, technical talks (designed for those about to study for the radio amateurs' examination) and demonstrations are amongst the future attractions decided on.

A number of items came up for discussion. The subject of possible affiliation to the B.S.W.L. was raised, and it was unanimously agreed that the Chapter should not entertain any such idea. Mr. Trowbridge kindly offered to print membership cards, and the offer was gratefully accepted. A popular suggestion was that a discussion on members' gear should take place at the following meeting and this was placed on the agenda.

#### South London struggle on

Having no permanent club-room at present, the South London Chapter have been meeting at the CR's home. Unfortunately, owing to the disorganisation of moving his address, the CR had to cancel one meeting at short notice. Then Mr. French (G329) stepped into the breach and kindly offered to accommodate the follow-

ing meeting. These South London members have had some tough luck since they formed the Chapter and if any member in the area can offer any suggestions for a suitable club-room would they please get in touch at the earliest opportunity? Meanwhile, the Chapter goes on. Good luck, O.M.'s, and hope you soon get fixed up. Will members please note new QRA—see panel.

#### Happenings in Lancs.

The various TR's, not to mention the CR, are all keen to form local groups, but have all reported "lack of support." Well, how about it Lancs. members? Here are the QRA's to write to:—  
Oldham: G2FAY, 62 Chestnut Street, Chadderton, Oldham.  
Manchester: E. D. Hebron, 9 Argyle Road, Manchester, 14.

Rochdale: J. W. Hughes, 40 King Street South, Rochdale.

Members in other parts of the county, please write to J. E. Whittle, 2 Church Terrace, Darwen.

#### C.Q. DEPARTMENT

Correspondence from Southport members: AC2 Lang, 4010943, Hut X33, No. 2RS, 2 Wing A Squad, R.A.F., Yatesbury, Wilts.

Data on ex-R.A.F. 1481 Receiver: E. A. Kimber, 7 Van Mildert Terrace, Stockton, Co. Durham.

"Gen" wanted on ex-R.A.F. T1396 transceiver: A. J. Brown, 137 Thomlinson Avenue, Raffles, Carlisle.

American magazines exchanged for English technical books: R. Mortimer, 384 Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

C. W. Head (6 Warwick Avenue, London, W.9.) would like to contact any reader who knows something about small Philips oscillator coils made for R.A.F. receiver.

#### NEW REPRESENTATIVES

We have much pleasure in announcing the following recent appointments:

#### TOWN

**Barnet:** F. T. A. Randall, G530, 15 Windsor Road, Barnet.

**Barry:** Dennis Vezey, GW834, 2 Hafnen Road, Barry.

**Blandford:** D. Hammand, G920, "Hutments" Drill Hall, Blandford.

**Dover:** Bernard A. Elvey, Malvern Meadow, Kearsney, near Dover.

**Driffield:** T. E. Price, G528, 12 Hutton Road, Cranswick, near Driffield.

**Grimby/Cleethorpes:** J. Trussell, G106, 171 Barcroft Street, Cleethorpes.

**Malvern:** S. D. Percival, G3BGR, Hill Rise, Danemore, Welland, nr. Malvern.

**Portsmouth:** R. Masters, G407, 62 Battenbury Avenue, North End, Portsmouth.

**Swindon:** H. Pithouse, G769, 5 Queen Street, Swindon.

**Worcester:** D. Higley, G148, 1 York Place, Worcester.

#### COUNTY

**East London:** F. V. Headland, G655, 157 Winchester Road, Highams Park, E.4.

**North Wales:** J. Burton, GW605, "Thornlea," Deganway Avenue, Llandudno.

**Surrey:** J. Smallbones, G857, 21 Bramshaw Rise, New Malden.

#### OVERSEAS

**India:** D. Shahani, VU942, Frere Road P.O. Box 185, Karachi.

**Kenya:** C. F. Collins, VQ4-489, P.O. Box 1909, Nairobi.

**U.S.A. STATE REPRESENTATIVES (California):** Paul Dilg, W643, P.O. Box 316, Monrovia.

**(Illinois):** Andrew Mayeshiba, W753, 933 West Sheridan Road, Chicago, 13.

**(Montana):** Lucius A. Hurlbut, W688, 830 South Ninth Street, Bozeman.

**(New Jersey):** Albert A. Teeter, W790, Box 286, Rumson.

**(Ohio East/Pennsylvania West):** Francis H. Vincent, W882, 713 Seventh Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa.

**(Pennsylvania):** John W. Young, W821, 2727 Penn Avenue, West Lawn.

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL I.S.W.L. MEETINGS

#### South London:

W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2. Meeting irregularly at present.

#### Uxbridge:

L. Harris, 93 Long Lane, Hillingdon. Meetings for July are on the 9th and 25th at the Railway Arms, commencing at 7.30 sharp.

#### Birmingham:

M. B. Taylor, 136 Alvechurch Road, West Heath. Meetings on the first Friday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce, New Street, commencing 7.30.

#### Chelmsford:

W. C. Mills, 3 Elm Cottages, School Lane, Broomfield. Inaugural meeting will be held in early September.

#### Darlington:

M. Harrison, 36 Southend Avenue, Darlington. Preliminary meetings are under way.

#### Malvern:

R. G. Barrell, 4 Bromyard Road, Tenbury Wells. Preliminary arrangements are under way for formation of meetings.

Readers residing in the above areas are invited to contact their representatives. Full details of meetings will be sent on request. Make a point of going along to the next meeting, O.M., and join in the fun!

# International Short Wave League—Monthly Notes

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**South London:** The Chapter is now meeting every Friday at Clifton Rise School, New Cross, commencing at 7.15. The Chapter will be known as the Clifton Amateur Radio Society. A full programme is being prepared for the coming season with visits, lectures, constructional work, and Morse classes amongst the items on the agenda. Fuller details may be had from W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2.

**Middlesex:** The Middlesex Chapter (Uxbridge and District SW Club), has now elected a new committee as follows: L. Harris (President), F. R. Ellory (Secretary), A. J. McDonald (Ass. Sec.), G. J. Walker (Treasurer) and M. Gardner (Ass. Treasurer). The Chapter now has a membership of 14, and plans are under way for winter activities. The CR is now anxious to form another Chapter—this time in or around Edgware, and support from local members would be greatly appreciated. Please write to L. Harris, 93 Long Lane, Hillingdon, Mddx.

**Plymouth:** Members in the Plymouth district are cordially invited to contact their TR. Chapter meetings are held every Thursday with Morse instruction, "aid to beginners" section, as part of the regular proceedings. Loan of test gear is open to any member. There is no subscription. Interested members are invited to write for further details to G. J. W. Harvey, 5 Garfield Terrace, Stoke, Plymouth.

**Other areas:** Space is short again this month, but here are the QRA's of other I.S.W.L. Chapters. Members not already in contact with their local group are urged to do so as soon as possible.

**West London:** c/o Headquarters. **Birmingham:** M. B. Taylor, 136 Alvechurch Road, West Heath, Birmingham. **Darlington:** M. Harrison, 36 Southend Avenue, Darlington. **Portsmouth:** R. Masters, 62 Battenburg Avenue, North End, Portsmouth. **Chelmsford:** W. C. Mills, 3 Elm Cottages, School Lane, Broomfield, Chelmsford. **Worcester and Malvern:** R. G. Barrell, 4 Bromyard Road, Tenbury Wells, Worcs.

**South Scotland:** Since the membership is rather scattered at present, the CR is organising a general "chapter" for all members in the south of Scotland. The idea is for members to exchange notes, logs, ideas and so on. Full details may be had from J. Thomson, 15 Chambers Street, Inverleithen, Peebleshire.

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## ANOTHER NEW SERVICE!

This month we announce yet another addition to our Query Services, namely a section for Ionospheric and Sunspot Data. The section is under the management of Mr. P. J. Jooste, a member of the British Astronomical Association and The Physical Society. The section will answer members queries on anything appertaining to sunspots or ionospheric subjects, such as SW propagation, etc.

Mr. Jooste has kindly undertaken to prepare a series of articles for "S.W.N." dealing with various aspects of solar disturbances and their effect on radio propagation.

The QRA is: 171 Ribblesdale Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16.

## NEW REPRESENTATIVES

### Town—

**Glasgow:** J. Stankevage, 11 Beattock Street, Glasgow, E.1.

**Southampton:** G. Hayes, 88 Malmesbury Road, Shirley.

**Wimborne:** G. L. Galpin, 15 Corn Market, Wimborne.

### Country—

**I.O.W.:** C. Patey, 36 Albert Street, Cowes. **London (N.W.):** J. Lewis, 484 Finchley Road, London, N.W.11.

**Stirlingshire:** W. Brown, 90 Muirhall Road, Larbert.

### U.S.A.—

**Louisiana:** Kenneth Crandall, W798, 45 Farnham Place, New Orleans, 20.

**Missouri:** Edwin W. Grove, W1186, 20 Overhills Drive, St. Louis County-Ladue 17.

**Texas:** Victor Robinson (W5MSW), W886, 3907 Fort Boulevard, El Paso.

**Virginia:** Donald F. Murray, W661, Kappa Alpha House, Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

**Philadelphia:** Charles Southall, 124 West Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia, 18.

## COMPLAINTS

We have two letters of complaint from Country Representatives mentioning lack of support from local members. One of them has written individually to every member in his county (there are more than 30 of them!) and records that only 2 have replied. The other CR has written likewise to all his members and has had ONE reply. The latter CR has come to the conclusion that the ham spirit just does not exist in his part of the world. It certainly looks that way.

Members should realise that all I.S.W.L. positions are honorary, that the local representatives devote a great deal of their

spare time to League work (not to mention postage expenses). It is surely only common decency to acknowledge a letter from ones' representative—a person appointed in order to HELP his local members. Members should also realise that when they joined the League they agreed to further the objects of the League to the best of their ability. Ignoring a letter from ones' CR or TR is not adhering to these conditions.

Luckily, the majority of our members will have clear consciences with regard to the above, but to those whose ears will be burning we say: Come on O.M.'s, let your CR or TR hear from you. Co-operation from you, on however small a scale, may make a world of difference to your hard working rep. He is there to help you, so for your own benefit don't let him down. If you do not know your local Reps. QRA, then drop a line to HQ and we will supply it.

## RADIOLYMPIA

We have now worked out the final details of the I.S.W.L. gathering at the Show. The date chosen is **OCTOBER 11th (Saturday)**. We will congregate outside the main entrance hall at Olympia at **3 p.m.** Chapters will be travelling to the exhibition in their own groups but members making their own travelling arrangements can meet the "gang" at the appointed time outside the entrance hall. Even so, we anticipate quite a few "stragglers" who have arrived late and these can merge with any one of the various groups who will be doing-the-rounds inside. This will be easy enough, for we have now the emergency ISWL labels.

Your local Chapter has a supply of these labels, but if this is not convenient please send along a S.A.E. and we will mail you a label to wear during the exhibition. The labels are on white card with the League emblem printed in green. A hole is provided for fixing to coat lapels. Send along now for yours and make certain you will be easily recognised at Radiolympia!

Here are the addresses to write to for details of group travelling to the Show:

South London: W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2.

East London: J. Leigh, 118 Dunlace Road, Clapton, E.5.

North West London: J. Lewis, 484 Finchley Road, N.W.11.

West London: I.S.W.L. Headquarters.  
Middlesex: L. M. Harris, 93 Long Lane, Hillingdon.

Any member not in the above areas should contact their local Representative or Headquarters. For the benefit of members wishing to travel to the Show with the H.Q. party, please note that we will be leaving the office at 2 p.m. Members are welcome at HQ at any time during the morning—from 9.30 a.m.

Queries on the above will be answered promptly. That's about all so write in for your labels as soon as possible, or alternatively contact your local Chapter. 73 and see you at the Show!

## QSL CORNER

From time to time, we will be giving a resume of the more interesting QSL's received at the Bureau. We had a nice batch from VQ4ERR, whose card is in light and dark yellow plus a red lion rampant situated roughly at Nairobi! LA4R has obliged with a nice card showing a Norwegian galleon. Quite a large batch also came in from OI2KAF, the Solar Eclipse station. Shows a portion of the globe with the expedition route marked on it. Card was designed by OH2OB. A comic card is that of LX1AJ, though rather plain. OK1CK has sent in some nice cards with a silhouette of church. Another comic card comes from SV1AH, well worth having. An interesting mail was that which contained a batch of QSL's from TR1P. This card is a home drawn one with palm trees and a shack literally bulging with activity. Plain but very effective. CN8BB came up with a rather futuristic design in a panel. Shows the globe with a "saturn" ring of fruit, soap, bottles, to mention a few items! We wish we could understand what it is meant to convey! A figure, guessed to represent Mars, looks down on the strange happenings. Other batches of cards have been received from I1PH, F8PQ, OK1AUX, OQ5AR, and so on. PY6AG's famous cartoon card is well in evidence. We even had a selection of cards from G2UK!!

There are innumerable cards for members for whom we do not hold S.A.E.'s. Here are some for whom we have cards waiting: ISWL's G30, G137, G162, G188, G267, G347, G381, G358, G468, G644, G710, G828 and GM32. Also Jack Blomfield, R. Collett, J. F. Mathers, W. Hughes, S. Coles, S. N. Cowley, R. Russell, J. Self, J. Wagstaff, G. Williams and D. W. Waddell.

**THIS IS THE SECOND TIME OF ASKING FOR SEVERAL OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS. IF YOU WANT THOSE QSL'S PLEASE SEND ALONG A FEW S.A.E.'S!**





# International Short Wave League

## Monthly Notes

Annual Subscription 1/-

### First Again!

**Y**ES, this month we add yet another service to those already available to ISWL members. It is a service which the fraternity has needed for some time but which no one seems to have provided. To come to the point we can now offer members a Query Service dealing with **Surplus Radio Gear**. We all owe a big vote of thanks to member Ron. E. Hare who has so kindly come forward to offer his services to the League. Here are some details which prospective enquirers should carefully note:

- (1) Queries will be dealt with concerning data on surplus radio gear.
- (2) Complete circuit drawings cannot be undertaken.
- (3) There may be some delay with replies in certain instances due to the fact that some obscure gear may take considerable research to trace.
- (4) There is no charge for this service, though a S.A.E. must be enclosed with any correspondence. Also your ISWL number must be quoted.
- (5) QRA of the service is R. E. Hare, 22 Osborn Gardens, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS—PLEASE NOTE

**Translation Service (Oriental):** now Mr. Preston, 15 Temperley Road, London, S.W.12.

**BC Station Query Service:** now Leicester Telecommunications Laboratory, ISWL Query Department, 36 Woodstock Road, Leicester.

### AND STILL MORE!

**Exeter TR:** now E. G. Wheatcroft, 34 Lethbridge Road, Exeter.

**Hampshire CR:** now handled by the ex-Portsmouth TR: R. Masters, 62 Battenburgh Avenue, North End, Portsmouth. Local members please copy.

**S.W. London:** now B. Ganly, 165 Ravenslea Road, Balham, S.W.12. Will local members please contact Mr. Ganly concerning formation of a Chapter?

### Local Notes

**S.E. London.** Our Chapter in S.E. London (Clifton Amateur Radio Society) makes steady progress and records good attendances. Morse classes are held every week now and half of the Chapter strength will be sitting for the next Amateur Exam. It must be the gypsy in 'em—another change of club room is contemplated! The club

now holds regular listening contests amongst its members which prove to be very popular. (Sec.: W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2.)

**Hertfordshire.** Good news from the county this month. Under the guidance of the TR the Barnet Chapter is now doing well. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and from what we gather there is plenty to interest the members. Programme for the winter includes the construction of a 60 Mcs. portable receiver complete with portable rotary aerial, regular listening contests, instruction in radio construction work, talks by members and the "usual rag chew." Though the club is 100 per cent ISWL, any interested reader in the neighbourhood is assured of a warm welcome at any meeting. Details may be obtained from the address below.

**Watford** is another area to boast a Chapter, thanks to the efforts of the CR. Next month we hope to be able to give full information of the new club's activities but any members who are interested in joining the Chapter should write at once for details to the CR. (Sec. Barnet: F. Randall, 15 Windsor Road, Barnet. Sec. Watford: R. W. S. Halsey, 7 North Approach, Watford).

**Surrey.** Following the precedent set by Essex, the CR is now reorganising his county into districts. The first appointment is that of G. Lovelock for North East, who is anxious to form a Chapter. Members in the area are invited to contact him at the QRA given in this month's list of new representatives. The CR is anxious to hear from members willing to act as representatives, so what say O.M's.

(Sec.: G. E. Smallbones, 31 Bramshaw Rise, New Malden.)

### New Representatives

**South Wales:** W. D. Lyons, G8GT, 123 Malpas Road, Newport, Mon.

**Edinburgh:** J. Stirling, Home House, Duddington, Edinburgh.

**N.E. Surrey:** G. Lovelock, 8 Monks Road, Banstead.

**Co. Kerry:** M. Nunon, Caherslee, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

**Bandon:** E. O'Driscoll, The Glue Yard Farm, Bandon, Co. Cork.

**Wanted!** Representatives for Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire and Wiltshire. Also a TR for Liverpool. Any offers?

*Are you a BC fan? If so, you will want a supply of the new BC Station Record Cards (actual size 6" x 4"). With the aid of these index cards a flexible file of BC stations can be made complete with all relevant data. These cards may be obtained from HQ at 3/- per 100, post paid. We are now preparing a companion index card for use by amateur band listeners and licensed hams. Details will be announced at the earliest opportunity. Whilst on the subject of League supplies, we would like to mention three-colour ISWL lapel badges are now on order, though delivery is not expected for a few months.*

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FIRST HEARD: .....		POWER: .....

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**Parlez vous Anglaise?** Our Oriental Language translator informs us that in recent months he has received requests for translation of copy in Italian, Catalan, Flemish, German, etc. Please note that the only European languages that this section handles are Finnish, Magyar and Russian, apart of course from the Oriental tongues.

**Service:** A letter from PCJ expresses appreciation to F. H. Vincent, ISWL/W882 who sent the station a complete recording of a North American beamed transmission, as received in Beaver Falls, Pa. This is the SWL at his most useful advantage. Are there any other members who are using recording apparatus? Is so please drop a line to HQ.

**Junior Op.** Congrats. to joint-CR's Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pyatt on the arrival of a son on November 2nd. Local members please note the new QRA (yes another one!) —No. 1 Woolley, near Bath.

**Esperanto:** Ken Goodley, Essex CR, wonders if any members are interested in this universal language. If anyone would like an Esperanto section please contact Ken at 34 Blenheim Avenue, Valentines Park, Ilford.

**The QRP SWL:** Alec Jotcham, Devon CR, puts forward a suggestion to form a section for the "low power listener." He says that the transmitters have their QRP club now so why not a section for the SWL who relies upon one or two valve receivers for his DX-ing. This idea has possibilities and we would appreciate comments from members interested in the subject.

### SUBSCRIPTION REMINDERS

Though we send a renewal reminder slip to each member as subscriptions become due, many members are lax in forwarding on their dues. It would be greatly appreciated if members would please let us have their "bobs" as soon as possible as this will save us considerable bookwork. Thanks, O.M's.

Subs. due this month are from members in the block 443-515. Next month's renewals are due in from members 516-664. Whilst on the subject there are still a few overdue up to the number 442.

### MORE LOCAL NEWS

**Preston/Southport.** TR Claude Aspinall wishes to draw readers attention that weekly meetings are now being held at Southport Technical College, each Thursday evening, in addition to "unofficial" meetings practically every evening at his home QRA. The Chapter already boasts a membership of 32 which is excellent progress. Anyone living within reach of the Chapter is invited to contact the TR at "The Willows," Fermor Road, Tarleton, near Preston, for fuller information.

**Yorkshire.** (Report from the CR—P. Lumb, 25 Pearl Street, Starbeck, Harrogate). York Chapter is now firmly established and holds meetings at the TR's QRA every second Tuesday in the month, Morse classes are to be arranged and most members are giving talks on matters of interest to the SWL. At Rotherham, the TR is busy trying to find a room for meetings and for use as a workshop. Meetings are irregular at the moment but we hope to have more details soon. Sheffield is the least fortunate, as only the TR and one other member are at present active! However, they get together frequently and hope soon to increase membership and stimulate enough local interest to form a Chapter. Offers of co-operation from the above mentioned districts would be highly appreciated.

**Essex.** Regular meetings at Dagenham commenced on January 7th at Valence House, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham. Meetings will be continued at present every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. Details may be obtained from the CR: K. R. Goodley, 34 Blenheim Avenue, Valentines Park, Ilford.



# International Short Wave League

## Monthly Notes

### A resume of the QSL Bureau's activities

ONCE again we have to break the news that we have dozens of cards for members who have not sent along S.A.E.'s to collect their QSL's. It amazes us that members should take all the time and trouble to write out reports and mail them off and then be too lazy to claim their cards at the Bureau! Several cards are still here after the two previous announcements for claimants to come forward. Maybe, this, the third time, will prove lucky. Without more ado, here is the list of members for whom we hold cards:—

ISWL's G30 (3rd time of asking), 137 (3rd time), 162, 328, 347 (3rd time), 358 (3rd time), 405; 407, 419, 469, 641, 647, 667, 701, 710 (3rd time), 734, 811, 815, 824, 847, 950, 962, 1019, 1068. Also GM968, GM1015.

We have, in addition to the above, cards for the mysterious "H 15 39 RS," SWL "HA6AG," "SWL 007" and a card from W7DV addressed simply to "Bert"!! Any offers?

Now for some details of the most interesting cards that have come in recently. VQ4ERR again sends along a nice batch but this time they are special SWL reply cards. OI2KAF and OI2KAJ send nice cards, the latter welcomes reports. OE9AD has a red on green card, IIAHL in Sardinia is a good one and has a red and purple map of the island on a pale blue background. Other Europeans of note have been XAGL (with regimental badge—a modified XACI QSL), XAGI (with a Romulus and Remus motif), OZ5P and OZ5FY, the latter with a fine drawing of a four-master, SM5HK, whose yellow, green and white effort looks like a design for a pair of pyjamas! SM7VF (a plain but neat card with a Viking ship), HA4AB (a really beautiful card this one), YR5X has a comic card, XADW, whose card shows the Coliseum in Rome, a really superb effort from OZ6AA—a very commendable photographic card. A quick round-up of other Europeans who have sent batches in reveals IILQ, IIVS (with coloured sketches), IILA, IIPQ, IITP (which has another of those mystic signs!), ZBIQ (one card only) HA2C (in Hungarian National colours), LX1AJ, OH2QM, etc.

Of the DX cards one of the best is that of VQ3EDD which is yellow on white with a photo of a massive aerial tower. The card states "Under the shady palms of Dar

es Salaam—The Haven of Peace." VK4KH obliged with a fine multi-coloured card (six to be exact), with kangaroo, kookabura, map, etc. ZL4DU produces a light and dark blue card with a NZ map superimposed. That of VS2BJ is very nice with tiger and palm trees for local colour. The W's are numerous and the most interesting were W2EYY, complete with four photos showing the "Robinsons" (the original?) Elsa, Robbie, Rickey and Gregory; W6SRU, one of those thick 'uns, red card black letters; W6PDB, red and black with photo of lion cub; W6SAI, particularly effective modernistic card; W8HUD, silver on orange, tends to be rather "mushy" though; W9RUK, black photo type, quite good. In the running were W2NQS, W7DV, W3IXN, W6KUT, W3GAU, W3HRW, etc.

OQ5BW and OQ5AR represent the Congo, the former's card is red and black on buff and features a rather sad looking elephant. A few have come in from ZC1AL, which are blue on white with regimental badge. "The Arab Legion is inscribed and on one of them we noted a chad with the words "Wot, no IRC!" Then there was VK3XQ, with VK flag and Union Jack, very nice one. A prize for neatness should go to VP9T, one of the best seen for some time. To wind up we must mention LU5AD (very fb), ZS6BV, PY2HV, CN8AU, CN8BA, C1CH (complete with map of China showing districts), EA9AI, PY6AG and J4AAV (with coloured sketches of local scenes).

### LOCAL NEWS

#### New Chapter at Ipswich

Yes, this month we see yet another Chapter formed. Though only recently formed quite good attendances have been recorded and an open invitation is extended to members in the vicinity to drop in at the meetings, where a cordial welcome is assured. Meetings are at present held every Monday evening commencing at 8 p.m., the rendezvous being 11 Royal Hospital School, Ipswich. Officers of the Chapter are J. E. Dean (Chairman), H. W. Dean (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Blaxall (Hon. Treasurer and Morse Instructor), J. Cowles, G2AJU (Technical Advisor) and D. G. Garrard (Printer). Mr. Garrard is hoping to be able to produce a small club magazine. A three-valve morse oscillator is available and we understand it will be put to good use! A QRA service has been established. The subscription has been fixed for the present at

1/- per month. Members or interested readers may obtain further information from the Secretary at 11 Royal Hospital School, Ipswich.

#### Activities at Swansea

The recently inaugurated Swansea Chapter is going great guns. Meetings are held every Wednesday, commencing 7.30, at Vivian Road, Social Centre, Vivian Road, Sketty Cross, Swansea. The Secretary, W. H. Longhurst, GW3AAO, is anxious to hear from local members who have not yet taken advantage of the facilities offered. So, what say you Swansea-ites? Drop a line tonight to 3AAO at 82 Gower Road, Sketty, Swansea.

#### The Watford Group

The first meeting of the Chapter was held in late November and since then steady progress has been made. For members in the neighbourhood there is a good opportunity not only to meet the "locals" but to avail themselves of constructional facilities since a good clubroom is there for the use of members. A programme of constructional work is being planned. At present meetings are held every Monday, starting at 7.45 p.m. Please support the Chapter, O.M.'s. Full details may be obtained from the CR: R. W. S. Halsey, 7 North Approach, Watford.

#### Clifton Amateur Radio Society

Or in other words—the S.E. London Chapter of the ISWL. (Sec.: W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, S.W.2.) As forecast last month, the change in clubroom has come about, and, in the words of the Sec. it is an "R9plus" affair. The club is indebted to member Norman Moore for securing the fine premises, which comprise a ground floor and a large cupboard in the basement for storage purposes. Everything is laid on, including a coal fire, so the Chapter is feeling very comfortable these days. For the benefit of those yet to take the plunge and join the club, meetings are held every Friday from 7.15 p.m. A representative programme would sound something like:—Half an hour morse practice, one of a series of lectures covering the syllabus of the Radio Amateurs Exam., announcement of the Listening Periods, checking of logs for the preceding week, and so on. Apart from club business the remaining time is devoted to general rag-chewing and this is followed by an adjournment for tea-swilling! Please note the new HQ: 225 New Cross Road, S.E.14. This is right opposite the New Cross tram depot. Just one important point: Will intending visitors please tap on the front ground floor window and **not** ring either of the two bells on the front door. (As the CR says—don't knock twice and ask for Joe!)

#### CQ Birmingham Members

From the Birmingham Chapter comes a complaint. It appears that the attendances are noted for containing just the "regulars" each meeting. Notices posted to other members in the Birmingham area resulted in TWO replies only. To us it seems rather bad manners to ignore the efforts of those trying to build up the strength of the Chapter. We realise that it may not be possible for all members to get to the meetings each time, but at least it is surely only common courtesy to acknowledge letters from the Chapter officials. The meetings are interesting, the atmosphere congenial and the regular attenders full of enthusiasm. So, why the apathy from the rest of the members? Come on, O.M.'s, you can do better than that surely! If you are a Birmingham member, get out your pen right now and drop a line to the Secretary. Even if you find it difficult to attend meetings you can let him know "what's cooking." The address is G. S. Moore, 42 Fern Road, Erdington, Birmingham, 24.

#### Good Turn Dept.

One of our very first members was Kenneth Joel, GI-129, of Belfast. Last year, Ken cut his finger and a germ entered—going straight to his spine. As a consequence, Ken is now in hospital and is partially paralysed. Our friend is in hospital in Yorkshire, away from his family, and naturally finds the time rather heavy. HQ sent off a batch of books to Ken, but we would like to make a special request to all members to rally round and help out a fellow member by sending along any radio books they do not need. So, dig out those books, O.M.'s, either text-books, magazines or what-have-you, and send them along to Kenneth Joel, Ward A/B, Pinderfields Emergency Hospital, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

#### Press Stations

Bernard Elvey, G330, writes in to offer help to any members who want gen on such things as press stations and the like. This, in fact, constitutes YET ANOTHER Query Service for the good old League! The same rulings will apply to this service as to the similar ones already in operation, but for heavens sake DON'T forget to enclose a S.A.E.! The QRA is B. A. Elvey, Malvern Meadow, Kearsney, near Dover, Kent. As an aside, we would like to mention that the next edition of the "Annual" will contain a section on such stations as compiled by the American expert John Young, W3-821.



## INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE LEAGUE

### Monthly Notes

#### Annual Subscription 1/-

*King's Lynn* (TR : H.O. Armour, "Lorain," Green Lane, South Wootton, King's Lynn).

The TR is anxious to form a local group in the district and asks for co-operation from members. Will any member in or around King's Lynn, please write their TR? Thanks, OMs.

*North West London.* (Sec. : F. Wells, 8, Evangelist Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5).

Meetings are still being held at 41, Ingham Road, Fortune Green, N.W.6, and progress is being steadily maintained. The aims and ideals of the club include the Promotion of the Ham Spirit and to experiment on all frequencies from 165 kcs. down to the VHF's. The fees of the Chapter are 6d. per meeting and a 10% levy on individual sales accruing from the periodic junk sales. The "kitty" is used to form a fund to purchase the requirements of the club such as components, publications for club library and so forth. For the benefit of members wishing to attend the meetings (quite informal) a No. 28 bus is the best approach. Alight at the Weech Road stop and continue down Fortune Green Road. Ingham Road is the first turning on the left beyond Weech Road.

*Essex* (Sec. : P. F. T. Redman, 108, St. Andrews Avenue, Elm Park, Romford).

The South West Essex Chapter has now launched forth with its own club news-letter, with Peter Redman as "editor, cutter, typist and printer"! Peter is ably assisted by the CR, Ken Goodley. Issue No. 2 contains details of the new committee, details of future meetings, reports of past meetings, etc. The finances of the club show a small credit, after expenses have been deducted. Future items will include Superhet Design (by P. Redman), Airborne Radar Equipment (by K. R. Goodley), Transformers and Chokes (by S. N. Radcliffe), Radio Control of Models (with the co-operation of the South West Essex Model Aircraft Society). Arrangements are in hand for visits to Broadcasting House or the Brooklands Park Transmitter.

Once again the club asks for some of the Essex hermits to come forward! The Chapter committee has passed a resolution to "black list" those members who have failed to acknowledge letters in the past, so if you want to be "in" on the local activity, OM's, jump to it and let either your CR or TR hear from you.

*We launch another new service for members! Introducing the INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND CIRCUIT SERVICE.*

THE above service is now available for ISWL members and is working in close co-operation with our Surplus Gear Query Service. The object of the service, as its name implies, is to provide members with instruction manual and/or circuits, on loan, of radio receivers, transmitters, etc., both of ex-WD origin and civilian manufacture. The working of this service depends to some extent on the co-operation of ISWL members themselves, since information is required by the service on many types. Here are the details as finally decided upon:

(1) Members with manuals and/or circuits that they are willing to either present to the service or to loan should send a list to the manager with as complete detail as possible. If the manuals are for loan only, please state the period for which they can be retained. When writing, please write name and QRA in block letters.

(2) Members who require a circuit or manual should contact the manager, enclosing a SAE. If the manual or circuit is in the files a card will be sent to him which will contain the name and QRA of the member who has the manual for loan. The card, PLUS return postage, is then sent to the address given and the manual will be forwarded. The owner will return the file card to the service manager. In the event of a request coming in for a circuit not available, it will be filed until the required data is to hand. If, after a considerable period, details cannot be found, a negative reply will be sent.

(3) The address of the section manager is: — G. K. Sutherland, ISWL/GW384, "Dyffryn House," near Park Crescent, Llanfairfechan, North Wales.

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### LOCAL NEWS

*East London* (Sec. : A. Baldwin, 28, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11).

A new Chapter has been formed in Leytonstone, holding meetings at the secretary's address as above. The first meeting was held on March 2nd. Members in the neighbourhood are invited to contact Mr. Baldwin for details of future activities. The Chapter has its own HQ station and it will be featured in an "Around the Shacks" article in a forthcoming issue.

## SHORT WAVE NEWS

### NEWS FROM EIRE

The Irish Section's newsletter, now three foolscap sheets per issue, shows that activity in Eire is still on the increase and it is apparent that the CR's and TR's are doing a fine job. A Chapter has been formed in Cork City in order to promote the objects and aims of the League and to present an opportunity for members to get together. A clubroom has been obtained and it is intended to apply for a transmitting licence. Members in the district are invited to contact the TR, Mr. C. Layton, at 2, Sheare Street, Cork City, for further details.

A Chapter at Limerick is also proposed and interested members are asked to write the Irish Representative at "Loc Greine," Farranshane, Limerick City.

The "Newsletter" is now issued in the middle of each month and is being distributed to all members in Eire and Northern Ireland. Representatives have been appointed for the following: — Counties: Cork, Galway, Kerry and Mayo. Towns: Bandon, Skerries, Dublin. Others are needed for various areas and members interested in taking on any position are invited to contact the Eire Representative (QRA given for Limerick Chapter).

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### SWL CARD SWAPPING

Though some harsh things have been said, and will no doubt continue to be said, against the practice of exchanging SWL cards, it is apparent that many members are interested in this side-line. One of the troubles is that the whole thing can become annoying if it is done haphazardly. For instance, we have had complaints in the past that members have been receiving SWL cards from other members repeatedly and asking for one of theirs. The point is that many are NOT interested, or may not have SWL cards—preferring to send stations a more complete report—and it is rather unfair to expect the recipients to swap if they see no point in it.

The solution was suggested by Hampshire CR Reg Masters, who offers to run a Bureau for those keen on SWL card exchanges. This method would ensure that people not interested would not be pestered by those who want to exchange cards. It would restrict activities within the circle of swappers. So there you are, OM's. If you are a scalp collector please write to Reg and he will compile an index and organise a Bureau for your benefit. The QRA is 6Z, Battenburg Avenue, North End, Portsmouth.

### THE I.S.W.L. DEDICATORY PROGRAMME FROM W.R.U.L.

*Excellent Reception of a most Interesting Broadcast*

THE Special ISWL Broadcast from Radio WRUL on Sunday, February 29th was very well received at our listening post. Charles Southall began the programme by outlining the origin of the ISWL and the Announcer remarked that a growth of membership to the 2,000 mark was pretty good going for 17 months' work. The Announcer then told a most interesting story of how he first heard of the ISWL. Hailing a taxi in Boston, Mass. he asked for WRUL studios. The inquisitive taxi driver enquired who he was and on being told, started recounting some of his shortwave listening experiences. During the conversation he said he was a member of the ISWL and gave the Announcer full details of the benefits of ISWL membership. A few days later, Charles Southall's letter suggesting an ISWL Dedicatory Programme arrived at WRUL and thus the idea of the programme began!

Continuing, Charles outlined the purpose of the ISWL and dealt with the services provided for ISWL members. Following a musical interlude, details of the origin of WRUL were given and mention was made of the fact that the objects of WRUL resembled very closely the aims of the ISWL.

Charles concluded the programme by giving some particulars of interesting S.W. stations which were putting out good programmes at the moment. It was altogether a most interesting programme and in spite of some fairly rapid fading was received 100 p.c.

### I.S.W.L. HOLIDAY SCHEME.

We continue to receive enquiries about the I.S.W.L. Exchange Holiday Scheme. Briefly the idea of this scheme is that amateurs in this country should entertain an amateur from overseas at their own expense in exchange for entertainment by the amateur who visits them. Fares must of course be paid by the visiting amateurs.

We have a file of addresses of amateurs in this country and overseas who are willing to participate in exchange holidays of this sort and if any readers are genuinely interested we can fix them up with someone, particularly someone in Holland where this type of Exchange Holiday Scheme is very popular. VERON in fact has its own Holiday Scheme Manager, Evart Kaleveld, PAoXE. Dutch amateurs are particularly interested in visiting this country. So any reader who has the room and the necessary facilities for giving an overseas amateur a real dose of British hospitality in return for a visit overseas, just write to the I.S.W.L. Exchange Holiday Scheme, I.S.W.L. HQ, 57 Maida Vale, London, W.9.



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To provide facilities which will enable enthusiasts to carry out their hobby to the greatest advantage to themselves and their fellow enthusiasts.

## ISWL TROPHIES

WE thought it was about time the ISWL had one or two Trophies of its own.

It is active enough, and has a sufficiently large membership now to be able to raise plenty of competitive spirit between Chapters, as we have seen plainly demonstrated during recent inter-Chapter DX Contests. So, to start off with, two Challenge Cups have been presented for future inter-Chapter Contests. We hope further cups may be presented for individual contests later. The first of these cups will be awarded to the Chapter scoring the highest number of points in the first Broadcast Station Contest, which we propose running in January. It has been presented by my colleague Bill Overland, G2ATV, Editor of "Radio Constructor."

The second cup is for inter-Chapter Amateur Band Contests. It is similar to the BC cup, and has been presented by "yours truly." So now, chaps, you have got something really worth while working for. Which will be the first Chapter, we wonder, to hold the BC Cup? You have the winter to get organised, so start right away now.

Whilst on the subject may we mention again the Shield presented by Mr. T. H. Carter, of Hawkhurst, Kent. This shield is to be known as the Carter Shield, and is to be presented annually to the ISWL member who—in the opinion of a Committee appointed for the purpose—has done most to assist the advancement of QRP radio during the year.

## QRP SECTION

We have just received the first copy of "QRP," an excellent little eight page news-sheet produced by John Whitehead for the ISWL QRP section. This is a really creditable effort, and all those who are interested in QRP work should contact its editor:—J. Whitehead, 6 Abbot's Tilt, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. To judge from the first issue there is plenty of activity in this section, so will those of you who have not already done so, and are interested in QRP work, please contact John straight away.

## SERVICES SECTION.

The Services Section has also blossomed out with a news-sheet, in spite of a rather poor start from the membership point of view. Its leader,

D. W. Auton, D/JX 581388, 1 Mess, HMS Wizard, c/o F.M.O., Devonport, reports that those members who are supporting the section are keen, but more members would add greatly to the interest of the section, and its news-sheet. It is thought that a number of chaps may be holding back because they do not know much about the technical side of radio. This is no obstacle to membership of the section. So once again, those of you in the Services, just drop "D.W." a line to let him know where you are, and what Service you are in.

## PROPOSED NEW CHAPTERS

H. Day, 2 Prospect Place, Huddersfield, Yorks, would like to meet other ISWL members in his district, re forming an ISWL Chapter. Please give him your support.

A. Aldin, Crescent Court, The Crescent, Bridlington, is very anxious to start a Short Wave Club in Bridlington this winter. He would like to hear from others who may be interested in this project. How about putting a note to this effect in your local paper, OM?

Geoff. G. Fowle, 20 Magdalen Road, Exeter, who was our Devon C.R. until he was called up, is now out of the Forces, and is anxious to see a Chapter going in Exeter. Good work, Geoffrey. We hope you get the support you deserve.

G. M. Cook, 6 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, W.3, is very keen to see an ISWL Chapter started in Glasgow. We agree, it is quite time there was one there. So how about it, chaps?

## INTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

As an experiment, HQ have decided to inaugurate this feature, which is being organised for us by Frank Baldwin, in order to start some form of inter-Chapter activity. It is proposed that Chapter Secretaries should post a copy of the following notice on the Club notice boards, and discuss the possibility of participation of members within this new ISWL scheme. Club committees will note that it is HQ's policy to offer these activities for their discussion as a general guide for the sort of winter programme we should like to see take place. The "season" will soon be upon us, and realising the difficulties of mapping out a full programme the scheme is offered in the hope that Chapters will take full advantage of this new venture.

All lists should be forwarded to reach HQ by the 7th of the following month. These lists should be collected by Chapter Secretaries, and entered as a Chapter entry, broadcast and amateur being kept separate.

## November Activities

## Broadcast Survey No. 1.

Date: From 1300 hrs. 6th November to 2200 hrs. GMT 13th November, inclusive.

Band: 12000 to 11500 kcs. kcs, Target Stn.: 11835 kcs. CXA19 Montevideo, Uruguay.

## Amateur S.L.P. No. 1.

Date: From 1000 hrs. to 1200 hrs. GMT. 20th November. Band: 28 Mcs. CW and phone. Object: General DX session.

## December Activities.

## Broadcast Survey No. 2.

Date: From 1400 hrs. 4th December to 2300 hrs. GMT 11th December inclusive. Band: 10000 kcs. to 9500 kcs. Target Stn. 9625 kcs. VP4RD Port of Spain, Trinidad.

## Amateur S.L.P. No. 2.

Date: From 2000 hrs. to 2300 hrs. GMT 18th December. Band: 1.7 Mcs., CW and phone. Object: The number of countries which any one Chapter can log.

Well, there it is, chaps, the above represents two months activities which have been notified well in advance in order to allow club officials plenty of time to organise and arrange their programmes and plans. By taking part in this scheme Chapters and members will be doing some real League work and at the same time they will be able to enjoy our hobby to the full. All information received via the lists will be published under Chapter headings, and such information will be used by the League in their various sections to good effect.

Incidentally, whilst members are gathering Target-Station information over this survey period (7 days) it will be a golden opportunity to kill two birds with one stone and compile a period report using the appropriate ISWL report pad thus ensuring as far as possible a return QSL consistent with a really useful and comprehensive report.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

E. London. (Sec. W. J. Wills, G1640, 24 Watermaid House, Homerton, E.9.)

Support at the fortnightly meetings continues to be good. As usual this Chapter is full of bright ideas! They include a uniform type of Prefix List, specially set out to the Chapter's requirements: a Master List of all Countries Heard, CW and phone, and a contest held within the Chapter. It lasted for a fortnight, and was won by Tom Cheeseley, with 79 countries heard.

Bristol and District SWL Club. (Sec.: N. G. Foord, 71 Brynland Avenue, Bristol 7.)

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Redcliffe Community Centre, on Sept. 2nd.

Chairman was Ray Emery. Vice-chairman—D. J. West, Sec.—N. G. Foord, Asst Sec.—A. C. H. Waters and Treasurer, D. Abraham. The Club has enrolled in the Community Centre thus getting accommodation free. An aerial has been put up on the roof of the main building and a transmitting licence is being applied for. Club activities will continue much as last year.

Cromwell Radio Club. (Sec.: E. W. Jordi, 103 Gloucester Road, South Kensington, S.W.7.)

The first meeting was held of the above club at the above QRA, and nine members attended, including G2TT, G3UH and his YL. Many matters were discussed, including the future constructional class, CW class, and trips to various establishments connected with radio. Future meetings will be held every two weeks, on Friday at 8.00 sharp. Next meeting will be held at G3UH's shack at 14 Alexandria Mansions, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W. Many thanks to G3UH for the use of his shack as an alternative meeting place. All interested should get in touch with the secretary.

Stamford Chapter. R. K. Parker, is now in the RAF, and has handed over to Kenneth Pugh, G2982, 115 Ryhall Road, Stamford, Lincs.

This Chapter is much in favour of the recent suggestion that life membership subscriptions for the ISWL be started. It is hoped that as much local support as possible will be forthcoming during the coming winter. All newcomers will be welcome.

Lüneburg Chapter, Germany. (Sec.: Karl Trattner, 8 Koepfelweg, 24a Lüneburg, Brit. Zone, Germany.)

Three more members have been recruited to this Chapter. The Secretary was present at the Erlangen All-German Hamfest, where he met Sigrid Ulrich, our German YL member.

S.E. London Chapter. (Sec.: W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, S.W.2.)

On the 26th August the Annual General Meeting was held and the following officials were elected or re-elected:—

Secretary: W. A. Martin. Asst. Secretary: N. E. Moore. Treasurer: C. G. Dell. Committee: Messrs. Moore, Bruce and Wooller. SWL Contests Secretary: D. Bruce. The balance sheet was approved and following items of the agenda passed for coming session: Morse and Technical classes, and setting up of a club TX in the very near future.

Thanks to present members for their support and a call to non-members in the S.E. London area to come along and support their local Chapter. The Chapter is proud of successes in every RAE since the war, and is prepared to help ISWL members in acquiring their ticket.

Stroubridge and District Amateur Radio Society. (Sec.: W. A. Higgins, 28 Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, Staffs.)

The last meeting was held in the Science Block, King Edward's School, on Tuesday, 6th Sept.

Thirty-five members and visitors were present, and Mr. Butcher of R. & A. Laboratories, Wolverhampton, gave an excellent talk on "Moving Coil Loud Speakers." Members saw how responses could be altered by differing diaphragms. A visit to the Daventry BBC Station has been arranged for 1st Oct. It is proposed to hold an Amateur Radio Exhibition in December.

**Exeter Chapter:** (Sec.: Geoff. J. Fowle, 20 Magdalen Road, Exeter.)

The TR for Exeter and the Chapter Sec., have now got the Chapter running and so far three meetings have been held. Meetings are to be held fortnightly at different members' addresses. It is hoped that this will give greater scope for members' problems, technical queries, etc., to be settled. No definite programme has yet been arranged, as the membership is only just building up. All enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary or to the TR:—Mr. E. G. Wheatcroft, 27 Lower Wear Road, Exeter.

**Leicester Chapter:** (Sec.: L. A. Rouse, 2 Gold Hill, Saffron Lane East, Leicester.) The CR and Secretary report good progress in the formation of the Chapter, eight members being so far enrolled. Would other SWN readers in Leicester please contact the Sec. and give their support.

**Birmingham Chapter:** (Sec.: G. Pennington, 14 Birmingham Road, Rowley Regis, near Birmingham.)

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, September 15th:—

The meeting commenced at 7.45 p.m., there being 9 members present, though the final attendance was 14.

The first matter to be dealt with was the election of a treasurer, and Mr. Harrison agreed to take on this position.

The secretary then announced that the authorities of the Digbeth Institute had agreed to let us have the use of a cupboard, which meant that it was now possible to go ahead with work of a practical nature. In view of this fact, arrangements were made to transport to the Digbeth Institute the equipment at present being stored at Aston.

A long debate followed as to the type of equipment that should get priority in being constructed, but no definite decision was arrived at. Mr. Harrison stated that he had a RX, needing some minor repairs, which he was willing to loan to the Chapter, and Mr. Kirby agreed to undertake the job of overhauling it, arrangements being made accordingly.

The question arose as to whether Friday evening was the most suitable time for holding meetings, but again no definite decision was made.

The suggestion that the Secretary should try to arrange further visits to the Police and B.B.C. was unanimously received.

Subscriptions and orders for magazines were then taken and the meeting closed at around 10 p.m.

## from our Mailbag . . . .

Dear OM,

Naturally I expect you think I will tell you I like the improvements—well as far as the cover is concerned alone I will tell you more than that—you've done a very good job of work—better than I imagined and the three distinctive features—a good clean new colour, a shiny white paper and a very clear photograph put the appearance of the magazine in the top class. (I saw it on my weekend travels prominently displayed on a Smith's bookstall and it really stood out in a place of importance at the front!)

The B.C. details inside are welcome to me, and I trust to others; I hope this department will progress to be an item of some importance and demand. Anyway I can only say that I personally think your efforts are very encouraging and I hope your mail will bring the credit I think is due.

Now this 21 years' subscription business . . . personally I should say that the few who do pay will either want their money back after a few years—you know what people are for changing their minds—(we do hi!—Ed.)—or they will only forget after a while that they belong to the League. Having to pay every year gives one the incentive to write and say one's piece . . . . .

That seems to be about all the 'ideas' for the moment, but it is enough, for my main reason in writing is to say I am really pleased with your latest number.

Thanking you and 73's.

A. Taylor,

Acklam, Middlesboro'

Dear O.M.,

Just a line to say that the new cover meets with my strongest approval. I'm the type that likes a good-looking cover on a good mag. A cover that is interesting and the contents of which are 'digested' before turning the page to discover what delights there are awaiting me inside.

Regarding the new Countries Certificates—how about allowing the Transmitting members to claim countries worked (confirmed). Yours truly would not be interested yet—20 countries having been contacted but only 8 confirmed! Your views would be appreciated.

Could you spare a line to say that I am running 15 watts fone on 20 metres and will QSL reports from any country outside G. Countries worked to date on 14 Mcs. with this power number ten—the farthest being Malta. My QRG is 14212 kes. Times—most evenings and weekends.

My welcome to Jack Burrows and congrats to Ann for her very gallant effort with scrawl such as this.

Thanks all for a very interesting mag to date. Am looking forward to C.T.'s Aerial Tuning Unit next month.

Sincerely,

Bill Harris, Jun., G3DPH,

Rushmere, Ipswich.



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GROUP NOTES

(Please submit to HQ by 10th of the month).

**Scottish Section ISWL.** (Sec.: J. Thomson, 17 High Street, Innerleithen.)

All Scottish members who have not received a letter from the Secretary should drop him a line so that he can check up on the actual number of active members.

With the continually expanding membership, more volunteers are needed to help run the various sections, so if you have any spare time send the Secretary a card stating which area you are prepared to look after, and he will forward full details.

He is hoping to run a competition some weekend in March, and any suggestions will be welcome.

Volunteers are badly needed to help in the formation of a technical section. Any offers?

A number of sections are being formed to enable members in isolated areas of Scotland to take part in all inter-Chapter competitions, and all interested members are invited to write as soon as possible.

**Sutton Coldfield Group.** (Sec.: S. E. Tilley, 115 Springfield Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.)

This new chapter is having difficulty in obtaining suitable accommodation, and would appreciate any offers of assistance from local members. Membership is at present limited to five, with assistance promised from G3BOE and 6DL, both local transmitters, and Mr. H. Lefebure, a QRP enthusiast.

**Plymouth Group.** (Sec.: G. Harvey, 5 Garfield Terrace, Stoke, Plymouth.)

Meetings are held at the above address every Monday and on alternate Saturdays. Any local member who can get along is welcomed.

**Huddersfield Group.** (Sec.: H. Day, 2 Prospect Place, Huddersfield.)

Still going strong, with twelve keen members as a basis who are only too willing to welcome any new friends in the locality. So what say, chaps?

**Leicester Group.** (Sec.: P. Simpson, 62 Marfitt Street, Leicester.)

Reports a fairly good attendance at the last meeting on Jan. 3rd. The Xmas morning SLP survey of 14 Mcs. was marred by QSB, but a good log was submitted by W. Fox, amongst others. The Sec. is congratulated on getting his ticket with the call G3GGK.

**East Brighton Short Wave Club.** (Sec.: W. Jardine, G2428, 52 Kipling Ave., Woodingdean, Brighton, Sussex.)

This is the newest ISWL Group, and the inaugural meeting was held on Jan. 3rd, at the above address. Meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, and the Group will cater for all members in the area who are not covered by the Southwick Group.

**Belfast Group.** (Sec.: A. Levi, 33 Old Cavehill Road, Belfast.)

One of the keenest groups we have, plans are afoot for building a radio room at the new QTH. The Sec. is also looking for an instructor to teach practical radio work, and would also be pleased to hear from any GI members.

**Bristol and District SW Club.** Sec.: N. G. Foord, 71 Brynland Ave., Bristol 7.)

Several interesting meetings have been held recently, including the General Meeting on Jan. 6th, and a demonstration on TV on Jan. 13th. Jan. 27th saw a talk by G2BAR, local Aerialite rep., on Aerials. Future plans include a visit to the BBC at Bristol. The club is keeping in close contact with local newspapers and so



Members of the Bristol ISWL Group during a visit to the BBC Clevedon Transmitting Station. Amongst those present are G6HN, G2CZU, G2FGT, G3FYX. The others are ISWL SWL's.

derives useful publicity. This is the largest ISWL Group, but there is still room for more members.

Proposed New Groups

**Bridlington.** Enquiries to A. Alden, Crescent Court, The Crescent, Bridlington.

**Coventry.** Enquiries to J. Goddard, 11 Handcross Grove, Green Lane, Coventry.

**Glasgow.** Enquiries to G. M. Cook, 6 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, W.2.

**Eccles.** Enquiries to S. Watkin, 6 Stanley Avenue, Eccles.

**Tredegar.** Enquiries to K. Bryant, Glan Howy, Park Place, Tredegar.

**Spalding.** Enquiries to F. Rose, G2DRT, 10 South Parade, Spalding.

**Felixstowe.** Enquiries to E. H. Chaplin, 56 Cornwall Road, Felixstowe.

**Yorkshire.** The CR, P. Lumb, 19 Aspin Avenue, Knaresborough, W. Yorks would like to hear from any member in the county who is interested in forming a local group.

ISWL HQ ACTIVITY COLUMN—FEBRUARY  
Broadcast Survey No. 3.

Date: From 1300 hrs. 19th February to 2200 hrs. GMT 26th February, inclusive.

Band: 7000 to 9000 kcs.  
Target station: 7550 kcs. FET Minorca, Balearic Is.

Amateur SLP No. 4

Date: From 2000 hrs. to 2200 hrs. GMT 27th February.

Band: 3.5 Mcs. CW and phone.

Object: The number of countries any one operator can log.

Note.—Chapter or individual entries to reach HQ by 7th of March.

MARCH

Broadcast Survey No. 4

Date: From 1300 hrs. 12th March to 2200 hrs. GMT 19th March inclusive.

Band: 6000 to 7000 kcs.

Target Station: 6125 kcs. HRQ San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Amateur SLP No. 5

Date: From 2200 hrs. to 0100 hrs. GMT 27th March.

Band: 7 Mcs. CW and phone.

Object: General DX Session.

Note.—Chapter on individual logs to reach HQ by 7th April.

**ISWL Groups**

We print below a list of active ISWL Groups. This list is indicative of the present ISWL activity throughout the country.

GROUP	GROUP SECRETARY
London East.	W. J. Wills, 24 Watermead House, Homerton, E.9.
South.	W. A. Martin, 21 Brixton Hill, S.W.2.
N-West.	F. Wells, 8 Evangelist Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5.
Cromwell R. Club.	E. W. Jordi, 103 Gloucester Road, S. Kensington, S.W.7.
Manchester South.	M. I. Wilks, 57 Longley Lane, Northenden, Manchester.
East.	R. Giles, 1560 Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester.
Birmingham.	G. Pennington, 114 Birmingham Road, Rowley Regis, Birmingham.
Liverpool.	T. Treanor, 143 Beresford Road, Liverpool.
Bristol.	N. G. Foord, 71 Brynland Avenue, Bristol, 7.
Stamford.	K. Pugh, 115 Ryhall Road, Stamford, Lines.
Enfield.	D. M. Tilley, 97 Swan Way, Enfield, Middlesex.
Chelmsford.	W. C. Mills, 3 Elm Cottages, School Lane, Broomfield.
Southwick.	E. Basilio, 111 Vale Road, Portslade.
Margate.	T. G. Heffernan, 63 Arlington Gardens, Margate.
Romford.	L. G. Barrett, 367 Rush Green Road, Romford.
Stockport.	G. Symes, 5 Torquay Grove, Woods Moor, Stockport.
Barnet.	F. Randall, 15 Windsor Road, Barnet.
Cowes, I.O.W.	C. Patey, 36 Albert Street, Cowes, I.O.W.
Edinburgh.	J. Stirling, Home House, Duddingstone, Edinburgh.
Ipswich.	H. W. Dean, 11 Royal Hospital School, Ipswich.
Preston/Southport.	C. Aspinall, "The Willows," Fermor Road, Tarleton, Nr. Preston.
Portsmouth.	R. Masters, 62 Battenburg Avenue, North End, Portsmouth.
Plymouth.	G. J. Harvey, 5 Garfield Terrace, Stoke, Plymouth.
Rotherham.	W. B. Kendall, 60 Munsbrough Lane, Greaseborough.
Swansea.	W. Longhurst, 82 Gower Road, Sketty, Swansea.
Clacton.	R. J. Appleby, 106 Oxford Crescent, Clacton.
Derby.	D. Shallcross, 161 Victoria Avenue, Borrowash, Derby.
Huddersfield.	H. Day, 2 Prospect Place, Huddersfield, Yorks.
Bridlington.	A. Alden, Crescent Court, The Crescent, Bridlington.
Glasgow.	J. M. Cook, 6 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, W.2.
Pontefract.	C. H. Whitaker, 28 Marten Ave., Highfields, Hemsworth, Nr. Pontefract.
Yeovil.	L. H. Waine, 27 Summerleaze Park, Yeovil.
Exeter.	G. J. Fowle, 20 Magdalen Road, Exeter.
Wishaw.	A. R. T. Williamson, 14 Coronation Road, New Stevenston, Motherwell, Larnark.
Stourbridge.	W. A. Higgins, 28 Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, Staffs.
Coventry.	J. Goddard, 11 Handcross Green, Green Lane, Coventry.
Leicester.	P. Simpson, 62 Marfitt Street, Leicester.
Littleport.	F. Pilkington, 63a Ely Road, Littleport, Cambs.
Workington.	F. Chidlow, 9 Wedgewood Street, Siddick, Workington.

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S. Woodford.	L. A. Chinnery, 180 Herman Hill, London, E.18.
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East Brighton.	W. Jardine, 52 Kipling Avenue, Woodingdean, Brighton.
Sutton Coldfield.	S. Tilley, 115 Springfield Road, Walsley, Sutton Coldfield, Warks.
Belfast.	A. Levi, 33 Old Cavhill Road, Belfast.

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 L. A. F. Griffiths, The Austin Radio & Television Society, Longbridge Works, Birmingham, 31.

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 K. Trautner, 8 Koepplweg, 24a, Lueneburg, British Zone, Germany.

**PRESS STATION QUERY SERVICE**

Manager: B. A. ELVEY, G330, Malvern Meadow, Kearnsey, Nr. Dover, Kent.

This service is for those who desire information on stations operated for commercial purposes, such as press stations and so forth. When writing, supply as full an account of the doubtful stations as possible.

**AMATEUR STATION QRA SERVICE**

Manager: P. B. WOOD, 35 Third Avenue, Denvilles, Havant, Hants.

This service is designed to cater for members who do not use the QSL Bureau and prefer to send their reports direct. QRA's of amateur stations will be supplied on request, though, of course, there will be few that we have no record of. Members are requested to keep their lists of calls to a reasonable size.

When making use of this service, send along a sheet of paper with the calls of the stations down the left-hand side, leaving sufficient space for the addition of the QRA by the manager.

**VOICE OF THE ISWL**

In the ISWL, it is the members themselves who shape the policy and running of the League affairs. No National Council for us—representing as they do, only their own ideas.

We much prefer to be guided by our members themselves. To this end the Voice of the ISWL column will appear from time to time setting out the subject we at HQ require members to write to us about, stating their views. These subjects are:—

**(1) ISWL LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Do you wish a system of life membership instituted within your league as an alternative to the present only method of yearly renewal? Yes or No—and why?

**(2) ISWL CONTESTS**

Contests are at present planned for both Amateur and Broadcast Bands in which individual operators as well as Group Teams may participate.

Duration of these events vary from a few hours to one week. Has any member any other ideas on this subject? What type of contests do you want?

How many would be prepared to support a Top Band Counties Heard Contest.

Group Secretaries are urged to place these matters before their supporters at the next Club meeting, likewise individual members not yet associated with any ISWL Group are asked to consider the above proposals.

Only in this democratic way can the League develop into a strong healthy organisation. Send your votes and ideas, then, on a letter or postcard to the General Manager at HQ. Please mark your envelopes or cards VOTI in the top lefthand corner.

**League Officials**

In response to my requests we publish below a list of ISWL officials. This list will appear monthly and is intended to provide all members with an up to date record of DRs, CRs and TRs.

If you have not already contacted these reps, we suggest that you now do so—but do not forget the SAE.

**ENGLAND**

- Berkshire**—E. R. Phillips G74, 115 Mayfield Drive, Caversham, Reading.
- Birmingham**—G. S. Moore G606, 42 Fern Road, Erdington, Birmingham 24.
- Buckinghamshire**—B. Hayes G767, 8 Althorpe Crescent, New Bradwell, Bletchley.
- Bristol**—D. J. West G504, 9 Novers Park Drive, Novers Park, Bristol 3.
- Cumberland**—A. J. Brown G43, 137 Tomlinson Avenue, Raffles, Carlisle.
- Cornwall**—S. F. White G3CMO, "Colledge," Old Polzeath, Wadebridge.
- Derbyshire**—G. H. Morgan G252, 60 Chadwick Avenue, Allenton, Derby.
- Devonshire**—G. J. Fowle G500, 20 Magdalen Road, Exeter, Devon.
- Dorsetshire**—E. H. Williams, "Tara," Rowland Avenue, Poole.
- Essex**—K. Goodley, 72 Bush Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
- Hampshire**—G. Hayes G22, 53 Archers Road, Eastleigh.
- Herefordshire**—C. H. Williams G547, 43, Commercial Road, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire**—R. Halsey G283, 7 North Approach, Watford.
- Huntingdonshire**—G. S. Clarke G633, Mereside, Ramsey.
- Kent**—W. Warren G518, 24 Berkeley Avenue, Bexleyheath.

**VACANCIES**

The following counties shown are at present without a CR. Existing TRs or any other League member who feels he is capable of performing the duties of a CR should apply to HQ stating their willingness to uphold the ISWL principles and any previous experience they may have had in work of this nature. Such applications will be placed before the League President in accordance with the ISWL policy.

Westmoreland, Cheshire, Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire. DRs are required for:—

South Wales and Northern Scotland. So gather round chaps and get your county on the ISWL map. Go along to support your local Group—we at HQ have planned and are planning plenty of contests, activities and other fun and games for League Groups. HQ will offer every assistance possible to intending and existing CRs—write to the General Manager about it.

**HQ IS SUPPORTING YOU—  
SUPPORT HQ.**

**Broadcast Survey No. 2:—Results**

From 1400 hrs. 4th December to 2300 hrs. 11th December, 9500 to 10000 kcs.

**EAST LONDON GROUP**

10000 kcs.	WWW
9984	Brazzaville
9958	HCJB Quito Ecuador
9833	COBL Havana Cuba
9785	Monte Carlo
9765	OTC2 Leopoldville
9730	HI2T Trugillo City
9720	PRL7 Rio de Janeiro
9665	HEU3 Berne
9650	VLB2 Australia
9645	LLH Oslo
9640	YVKC Caracas
9630	CKLO Canada
9625	VP4RD Trinidad
9610	ZYC8 Rio de Janeiro
9590	PCJ Hilversum
9565	ZYK3 Recife
9550	HVJ Vatican
9540	LKJ Oslo
9535	SBU Motala
9535	HER4 Berne
9530	WGEO Schenectady
9520	COCO Havana
9500	XEWV Mexico City

**Pen Pal Bureau**

W. Davies sends his apologies to members for delay in replying to recent correspondence. This was due to a motorcycle accident, and Walter is now doing his best to catch up. He would appreciate any help which any other member could offer in running this very popular section.



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## I.S.W.L. REPORT

### AN ACCOUNT OF THE STATE OF THE LEAGUE

EVERY member of the League is, or should be, interested in the present position of the ISWL. With this thought in mind, we at HQ have decided to place before members a full account of progress since January this year. It is proposed that this report shall appear regularly thereby placing on record, for every members reference, the forward march of the ISWL. Secretaries of League Groups are asked to place this report before Group supporters for their information and discussion—any resolutions arising from this report should be forwarded to ISWL HQ as soon as possible.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The total membership continues to show an upward trend and in the six months from January 1st, to June 30th a total of six hundred and sixty new members were enrolled. This averages out at exactly one hundred and ten per month which is extremely gratifying. Renewals continue to roll in at a very high rate, although it is fair to record that some did not renew. Renewal notices are forwarded to members at the termination of a one year period, while a circular was forwarded to all members who had been in the League within the past eighteen months, but who had failed to renew.

The sum result of this activity has shown that interest in the organisation is increasing apace, and the total active strength at June 30th stood at some two thousand eight hundred and sixty eight members.

#### ACTIVITIES

ISWL activities at the present time show conclusively that we are among the most active SWL organisation in the world today. This is borne out by the following. **Broadcasts.** Two of these ISWL Dedicatory Programmes have recently taken place, both of which were popular and well reported upon. **Contests.** A review of the ISWL Notes since January gives the full story for all to see. During the first half of this year, all the contests have been for Group Teams, both the Amateur and Broadcast events being well supported. The main annual Amateur contest produced seventeen Groups as contestants.

During the remainder of the year, contests will be organised for individual entrants as opposed to Group teams. This should prove popular and will give everybody a chance to show just what he can do. Not everyone in the League is able to attend Group meetings, and it is for these as well as the regular Group supporters that these contests are arranged. They will be for both the Amateur and Broadcast Bands. **Committee.** An ISWL Committee is in the process of formation and full details will be published as soon as a properly constituted meeting has taken place. The duty of this body will be to represent all the various aspects of the League and to lay down the general policy of the organisation. Only in this way can we make the ISWL democratic. **Services.** The various services as listed in HQ/C/0005



are fully active, many of them under new managers. Several that were listed some months ago are now QRT and have been erased from the service register. Altogether, we now have eighteen services which are free to all fully-paid up members. These are listed fully in the above mentioned seven-page leaflet, which is also offered free to members on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope similar in size to that issued with the News. **Group Meetings.** Group reports containing the latest available information of activities, meeting places and times etc., are regularly published, space permitting, within the ISWL Notes. A perusal of these over the past few months will give all the information that is required by those about to contact the Hon. Sec's for the first time. Activities here include morse classes, RAE exam classes, lectures, demonstrations, visits to local places of radio interest, field days, junk sales, rag-chews and the like. **HQ/C/0014.** This is the latest leaflet available and it sets out the ISWL Rules in tabulated form together with the conditions of membership. This leaflet is also free to any member who complies with the conditions as set out above for HQ/C/0005. Others available are HQ/C/0001 for CRs and HQ/C/0002 for TRs.

**SUPPLIES**

A full range of member's supplies are available at reasonable prices; these include badges, headed notepaper (no advertising), continuation sheets, envelopes, report pads, index file cards, and the Countries Heard Diploma.

**AWARDS**

Annually are awarded the silver cups to the winning Group, both in the Amateur and the Broadcast Contests. While the trophy itself is retained at HQ, a small replica is engraved and despatched to the Group concerned, and becomes the permanent property of that Group. The former may be inspected at HQ by any interested member at any time. In addition to these awards, the ISWL Certificate of Merit is awarded to winners and runners up in the various individual contests. An illustration appeared in the last issue.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

A DR, CR or TR, once appointed, becomes an honorary member of the League. No dues are paid by him as it is felt that his services and expenditure deserve full support from HQ. We now have one hundred and seventy officials who are entitled under Rule 6 to such membership. This figure does not include service managers and Group secretaries. Our reps. are scattered throughout the world, and include among them some of the top line DX'ers and authorities. Without these hard working officials, no League can run efficiently for long, if at all.

**GROUPS**

At home here in the British Isles we have to date 53 active purely ISWL Groups with four affiliations, making a total of 57 in all. Added to this, we have some 16 Groups now notified as in the process of formation. Overseas we show six active Groups. **Other organisations.** We are, at the moment, working in very close collaboration with other short wave societies and to date we have effected an affiliation with the OTC Goodwill Club, Canadian Dx League and the URDXC of the U.S.A.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, I would state that the League is in a very healthy state indeed and we have nothing to fear from the future. We can justly claim that we are a most active and go ahead SWL organisation and our record is here for all to see. Plans are in hand for many more activities, but these we will tell you more about in the future.

73,  
Frank Baldwin,  
General Manager ISWL

**LONDON AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES.**

The following classes organised by the East London R.S.G.B. group, in conjunction with the Essex County Council are available for all those interested in Amateur radio, irrespective of whether they are members of any Society or of the general public.

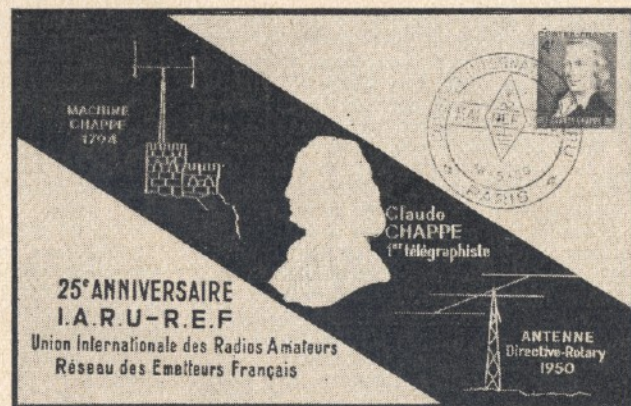
1. **Radio Amateurs Examination Course.**  
Wednesday 7.15 p.m.—9.15 p.m. Eight month course for those intending to take the examination.
2. **Morse and Codes of Practice.**  
Monday 7.15 p.m.—9.15 p.m. Three to six months course for those who wish to learn morse up to the G.P.O. requirements for an Amateur licence. Arrangements have been made with the G.P.O. for those, who in the opinion of the Masters, have reached the required speed to be tested in groups at the College of an evening by a representative of the Post Office, thus eliminating the nervous tension involved in taking the test in unfamiliar surroundings.
3. **Amateur Radio Refresher Course I.**  
Tuesday 7.15 p.m.—9.10 p.m. Six months' course for those who have passed the R.A.E. and are newly licenced. Also for other amateurs who are desirous of accumulating knowledge. Covering the design, construction and theory of V.F.O's, low power transmitters and receivers. Also Antenna design with practical demonstrations.
4. **Amateur Transmitter Refresher Course II.**  
Monday 7.15 p.m.—9.15 p.m. Six month's course. For those who have completed their first year on C.W. and also for those amateurs interested in the following subjects:—  
The design, theory, construction of high power transmitters, Modulators and Frequency measuring equipment.
5. **Amateur Television Course.**  
Monday 7.15 p.m.—9.15 p.m. Six month's course. For home constructor's, covering modern receiver technique and construction, with demonstrations.  
Venue for the above classes:—  
Ilford Literary Institute,  
(High School for Girls),  
Cranbrook Road,  
Ilford.  
Adjacent to Gants Hill Station, on the Central London Tube. The fee for any of the courses for those living in the Essex County Council area will be 5/- per course. Students from other parts of London will be admitted as out-County students at an approx fee of 7/6, provided the local authority is notified. Enrolment Evenings, September 11th/12th, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE LEAGUE  
FIRST INDIVIDUAL AMATEUR BAND DX CONTEST**

**Conditions**

- 1 The Contest shall be open to any ISWL member.
- 2 The duration of the Contest shall be from 1500 hrs GMT, October 7th, to 2359 hrs GMT October 8th.
- 3 The Contest shall be for the reception of amateur telephony and CW stations.
- 4 Reception will be confined to the 14 Mcs Amateur band only.
- 5 No "CQ" call shall be allowable for scoring purposes.
- 6 Zones and Countries shall be determined according to the tables published in the "Op Aid."
- 7 Scoring shall be as follows:—Each Zone heard will score one point and each Country heard will score one point (50 Countries and 20 zones will result in 50 by 20, or 1,000 points.)
- 8 Each individual log shall contain the following data:—Date, Time (GMT), Station claimed, Station being worked, F/CW, QSA/R-RST, Zone. At the conclusion of each log, the Zone and Countries total claimed shall be given (e.g., 50 Countries by 20 zones = 1,000 points.)
- 9 Each separate log sheet shall also contain the following information:—Type of receiver(s), aerial(s), and other associated equipments used, the operators ISWL number and signature.
- 10 Members shall submit their logs to HQ, to reach the office not later than first post October 30th.
- 11 The judges of the contest shall be the League President G2UK, G2ATV and G193. The decisions of the judging committee shall be regarded as final.

THE "MAXIMUM"  
CARD  
COMMEMORATING  
THE I.A.R.U.  
CONGRESS,  
RECENTLY HELD  
IN PARIS.



**I.A.R.U. CONGRESS, PARIS, 1950.**

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the I.A.R.U. and at the occasion of the Congress, the R.E.F. calls to all radio enthusiasts and stamp collectors with good news. A special card has been issued to commemorate the Congress which is of the category known as "maximum" card. Some cards are still available, but the supply is very limited, they may be obtained by sending 3 International Reply Coupons to R.E.F. 72, rue Marceau, MONTREUIL, (Seine) FRANCE.

The card, printed for the Congress only, bears a stamp and a special cancellation stamp, officially granted to the I.A.R.U. Congress by the French Post Office for the duration of the proceedings only. The stamp will never be used again, and has been destroyed.

This card, of very limited issue, will gain philatelic value.

This information and authority to print has been given by the President R.E.F. M. Compaignon de Marcheville F8NH.



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## First ISWL Individual Broadcast Contest

### Results

As announced in the October/November issue of ISWL Notes, the first Broadcast Contest for individual entrants, as opposed to Group Teams, was held over the weekend Saturday 9th of December and Sunday, the 10th. On the whole, conditions appear to have been very good and some high scores have resulted.

In this Contest, each country received counted as one point, and to attain a score of more than thirty in the time available is rather good going. Devotees of the Amateur bands, reading this account, may find this statement rather strange but they should remember that on the Broadcast bands, one has to wait for every quarter hour, (sometimes much longer), for a station announcement where the identification is not at first apparent. Again, after the first twenty countries have been logged, the going gets much harder in the search for new ones—try it yourself sometime!

It follows therefore, that although the number of entries were small compared with the Amateur events, (Broadcast operators being in the minority), the scores achieved reflect great credit on all concerned. Note particularly the two top scores—surely a remarkable record even for two top flight operators such as Jack Fairs G2660 and John J. Oskay W2-4352. Congratulations to you both OM's and also to A. R. McWalter GM3176 the Renfrewshire CR, on attaining third place.

#### About the Contestants

First to note here, is young Stanley Coppel, GI-3541, who, although equipped with only a four valve receiver designed primarily for local reception, entered for this, his first

Contest. Stan is only fourteen years old and has been a SWL for a year—all the more credit to you OM! He also remarks that he would like HQ to run more of these events so that he may again participate—we certainly will OM.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES		
Name	Score	Placing
J. Fairs, G2660 ..	100	1
J. Oskay, W2-4352 ..	90	2
A. R. McWalter, GM3176 ..	55	3
S. Coppel, GI3541 ..	50	4
M. Dransfield, G1731	49	5
M. Milne, G2828 ..	44	6
W. P. Griffith, G3809	42	7
D. Webber, G3623 ..	42	7
R. Patrick, G699 ..	37	8

John J. Oskay, W2-4352 enjoyed himself very much as this was the first event of this nature he has ever entered. John by the way is ex-W2JBZ.

M. Dransfield, G1731, now at Nottingham University, used a much worn R1155 at the Club HQ and found the going hard, particularly as Michael is normally an Amateur enthusiast. Hope to see you in more of these Broadcast Contests OM.

#### Appreciation

HQ would like to express appreciation to all who took part in this event and hope that more enthusiasts will take part in the forthcoming Contests scheduled for this year.

To the first, second and third entrants will be awarded the ISWL Certificate of Merit—

congratulations OM's.

In accordance with ISWL Contest Regulations, all entries were acknowledged by postcard. Contest entries will remain at HQ until the 1st April, these may be inspected at any time by interested members.

### QSL Bureau

Just a reminder that the Bureau is free to all fully paid members. This includes both outgoing and incoming sections and both Broadcast and Amateur sections. The old departments A and B have been abolished and members may send both cards and envelopes to the Bureau at HQ without any distinction as to Broadcast or Amateur. At the moment, we are the only SWL organisation that caters in this respect both for the Amateur and the Broadcast enthusiast.

Cards are cleared as soon as received and not fortnightly as stated in old copies of the Bureau rules.

Envelopes Wanted				
G93	1156	1906	2761	3556
170	1232	1984	2762	3387
.173	1233	2025	2815	3390
178	1254	2049	2827	3393
180	1324	2188	2885	3394
217	1435	2217	2930	3396
227	1459	2235	2963	3400
240	1462	2237	2972	3403
242	1464	2242	2974	3418
292	1469	2254	2990	3423
310	1483	2272	3010	3437
329	1504	2322	3014	3440
354	1547	2345	3045	3442
419	1552	2373	3046	3449
486	1553	2399	3060	3457
501	1556	2406	3072	3485
555	1584	2433	3073	3490
591	1585	2485	3084	3495
638	1642	2505	3092	3568
647	1649	2510	3094	3571
670	1670	2513	3116	3586
710	1695	2515	3121	3620
760	1715	2523	3123	3627
815	1717	2526	3139	3636
847	1717/A	2553	3156	3713
853	1717/P	2556	3162	3718
866	1729	2561	3180	3719
893	1756	2568	3192	3790
950	1762	2572	3207	3795
969	1779	2588	3209	3843
1009	1785	2624	3224	3877
1019	1798	2628	3235	3925
1036	1824	2640	3276	3942
1069	1834	2657	3290	3946
1079	1854	2660	3313	3953
1138	1904	2698	3332	4078
				4089

DL 3468

GI 395, 483, 552.  
GM 284, 766, 786, 2704, 2907, 3176.  
GW 937.  
GPZ 21, 24.

S.W.A. Bailey, Mike Wallace, GM. SWL Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland; S.W.L. P.E. Chinn, K. D. Palmer, K. Johnson, E. W. Field, Maurice Norton, GW S.W.L., REC. Station/Worcestershire, A/G/42, ZL2.

**NOTE.**—Will all who use or intend to use this service, kindly remember to forward stamped addressed envelopes with the ISWL number in the top left hand corner. This

should be done by the member concerned and not left to the Bureau manager. Those who use report sheets, should, on completion of the report, fold into four with the station call clearly written on the outside. This will greatly assist in clearing your report with the minimum delay.

### ISWL Groups

HQ would like to remind all members that there are at present some seventy three active Groups within the League and several more are in the process of formation. All who are interested in the development and growth of the League should make every effort to support a Group, or, where one does not exist, write to HQ with a view to forming one.

### CQ MIDLOTHIAN

The CR, R. Gourdie GM479, The Manse, Tarbrax, West Calder, requests that local members of the League drop him a line in an effort to get a Group started. Some support is already assured and more is required before operations can commence. Gather round OM's and support the CR in his worthwhile efforts to put West Calder on the map.

### CQ LOUTH, LINCS

Members in this district interested in the formation of a Group are invited to write to H. E. Perkins, ISWL/G3276, "Hillcrest," 18A, Grimsby Road, Louth, Lincs.

### Appointments

HQ is pleased to announce that the position of Suffolk CR has been filled by E. J. Cowles G2AJU, ISWL/G1471, Post Office Farm, Stutton, nr. Ipswich, Suffolk. The CR is an old League member and a keen QRP Section enthusiast.

### Welcome

League HQ would like to extend a welcome to the many French members who have recently joined the ISWL. This influx of new members, resident in France, and Colonies, was due to the hard work of J. R. Clayton G3370, the ISWL French Liaison Rep and M. Malandain F9MH ISWL/F3815, the ISWL Representative for France. G3370 attended a meeting of the REF (the French National Radio Society) and explained to the members the aims and work of the League, while F3815 contributed two consecutive articles on the League to "Haut Parleur", the French amateur radio journal. All thanks are due to these two League officials for their enterprise and efforts.

### Bournemouth Radio and TV Society

The Hon Secretary of the above affiliated League Society has recently changed his private address, to 55, Maclean Road, West Howe, Bournemouth. Local members desiring to contact Fred Hamshere should write to this address. Meetings are still held at the Crickets Arms, Windham Road, Bournemouth, and all interested are asked to attend.

### ISWL DX Bulletin

This Bulletin caters for the League Broadcast enthusiasts and is issued fortnightly. Edited by Roy Patrick G699 and produced by ISWL HQ, it contains all the latest 'hot' broadcast items as received by the League's top operators. The first issue was dated 8th November and the current issue (No. 7), has been, like its successors, mailed to all those who are likely to be interested.

Send 26 SAE's marked ISWL Bulletin plus 1s 6d to cover expenses. Sample sent on request.

### Resignations

The following official has resigned from the post of Newark, Notts, Town Representative owing to family health reasons. Thank you for your past services OM and we wish you well for the future. A. C. Laskey ISWL/G2288.

### Proposed New ISWL Group

**Bury St. Edmunds.** League members living in the locality are advised that C. A. King ISWL/G3156 is proposing to form an ISWL Group. Will all who are interested please contact G3156 at 36, Cannon Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

### ISWL Card Exchange Bureau

The manager of this Bureau is now C. A. King ISWL/G3156, (address above). The previous manager, C. J. Hart G3493, having resigned upon being selected for an important post in the RAFVR. Thanks for your past services OM and all success in the new post.

### NOTE

MEMBERS LISTED ON OPPOSITE PAGE HAVE CARDS IN THE BUREAU. KINDLY FORWARD SAE'S FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION.

In addition to the Twenty free services already available to members, as notified in leaflet HQ/C/0005, another new service is announced.

### ISWL Photostatic Copy Service

For this service a small nominal charge will be made to cover cost of materials used. Rules are as under:

1. Cash with order.
2. Return postage (2½d. in most cases) or an SAE of suitable size should be enclosed.
3. If the size of the circuit or diagrams to be copied is larger than any of the sizes quoted below, an estimate will be forwarded on request.
4. Enlargements cannot be undertaken at present.
5. Should the paper negative be retained, additional prints can be made at a later date. Prices below.

Size 2½ × 3½ (low definition), with one print - 3d., additional prints - 1d. each.

2½ × 3½ (high definition), negative with one print - 5d., additional prints - 2d. each.

5½ × 3½ (postcard size, high definition), negative with one print - 6d., additional prints - 2d. each.

2½ × 3½ (high definition, negative with one print - 5d., additional prints - 2d. each.

5½ × 3½ (postcard size, high definition), negative with one print - 6d., additional prints - 2½d. each.

5½ × 5½ (high definition), as for postcard size.

6. All such orders or enquiries should be accompanied with a SAE and should be addressed to:—A. C. Willey G1780, 48, Melville Road, Litherland, Liverpool, 20. This service should prove most helpful to those who require a photo-static copy of a circuit from back numbers of the SW News or Radio Constructor.

### CLUB AND SOCIETY AFFILIATION TO the ISWL

We should be very pleased to offer affiliation to any radio club or society which would like to associate itself with us in an endeavour to spread our objects throughout the radio amateur world. Affiliation will entitle the club to a gratis monthly copy of the *Short Wave News*—every copy of which contains ISWL news. Affiliated clubs will be able to enter teams for ISWL Contests—for which attractive Trophies are awarded. Affiliation fee is 13/- per year. Full details from ISWL HQ.



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## ISWL SERVICES

In response to many requests from members, we publish this month, a full list of all our services. When using these services, members are requested to include an SAE for reply.

### QSL BUREAU

This Bureau caters for both amateur and broadcast operators. It offers facilities for two-way QSL distribution and is the only one in the world to cater for the broadcast listener.

### Incoming

Any member of the ISWL may avail himself of the Bureau for the purpose of receiving incoming cards, free of charge, by the simple process of submitting a supply of SAE's of suitable size to accommodate the average QSL card. Each member will be notified when a further supply of envelopes is required. This, by the way, applies to both amateur and broadcast sections.

The following general rules should be carefully observed:—

- (a) The use of the Bureau is confined exclusively to ISWL members.
- (b) The use of the Bureau is free of charge.
- (c) In order to obtain incoming cards, it is necessary to submit only a supply of SAE's—(stamped, addressed envelopes).
- (d) QSL's or reports will be accepted for onward transmission to any station ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
- (e) Members will be notified when a further supply of SAE's are required.
- (f) SAE's submitted should be of a size suitable to accommodate the average QSL card (6" x 4") and should bear the member's ISWL number in the top left hand corner.
- (g) Where report sheets as supplied by the League are used, they should be folded to quarter size and the station call sign written on the outside. When used in

conjunction with a QSL card, they should be folded and pasted or securely fastened to the card.

- (h) Correspondence to the Bureau should be confined to matters relating to it and should be addressed in the following manner:—ISWL QSL Bureau, 57 Maida Vale, London, W9.

### Outgoing

Any number of QSL's and attached reports may be sent to the Bureau for onward transmission. These should be securely wrapped and plainly addressed to the Bureau as outlined above.

### General Notes

All reports, both incoming and outgoing, are cleared as soon as received.

Both SWL and Tx reports are handled by the Bureau.

Those ISWL members who have never used a Bureau, having read so far, will appreciate the benefits gained by doing so. These are:—

- (1) That cards or reports can be forwarded to addresses which are unknown to the sender.
- (2) Owing to the saving in postage to the recipient, particularly amateurs, by bulk mailing of replies, the report/reply ratio is raised.
- (3) A considerable saving in postage expenses by the sender.

### IBIS—ISWL BROADCAST STATION IDENTIFICATION SERVICE

This service is a unique one for the SW broadcast listener. The ISWL operates a number of Monitoring stations and by means of these and a well kept card index system, almost any broadcast station can be identified provided sufficient information is supplied.

With the ever-changing scene on these bands, the average SWL is often unable to trace or identify a particular station. This service

sifts and checks news of frequency changes, new stations, unidentified transmissions, etc., and files the relevant data at the control station.

A reply is guaranteed in all cases within seven days of receiving the query.

Where the information is not on file, the net will be put into operation for checking purposes. This service exists for broadcast stations only and does not apply to press relays, etc.

Known as IBIS, it is in full operation and awaits your queries. Address letters to:—IBIS, ISWL HQ, 57 Maida Vale, London, W9.

### Conditions of Use

- (1) Stamped addressed envelopes for return of query must be enclosed.
- (2) ISWL number must be quoted.
- (3) Queries must be written on one side of the paper only.
- (4) Enquiries to be limited to a maximum of three such queries.
- (5) In every case, please state the following:—
  - (a) Approximate frequency.
  - (b) Time of reception — GMT.
  - (c) Language used, (if known).
  - (d) Type of programme.
  - (e) QSA/R.
  - (f) Rx, aerial and associated equipment used.
  - (g) Whether xtal in use and IF of Rx.
  - (h) Any other relevant details, i.e.—opening and closing times, interval signal, etc., if known.

### QRP RESEARCH GROUP

This Group aims to encourage the development of low power radio technique by every possible means, and to assist the QRP enthusiast in every phase of his work. Both Tx and Rx aspects are fully covered and the Group produces its own monthly periodical, "QRP", edited by John Whitehead (G1323), 6 Abbot's Tilt, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Perusal of this very interesting little mag will soon convince the most sceptical that those who still pin their faith to low power equipment are by no means supporting a lost cause. We in the ISWL are particularly keen to support QRP interests, as we realise a fact which some societies appear to forget, namely, that not every amateur or SWL has a long pocket. A postcard to John Whitehead (or to the Group Secretary, Alec Jotcham G936, 119 Exeter Road, Dawlish, Devon), will bring full information by return post.

### TRANSLATION SERVICES

In the ISWL, we have the finest translation services that exist in the world today, solely devoted to short wave enthusiasts.

These services are for the translation of short messages etc. from overseas stations. Complete booklets etc. cannot be undertaken.

German and Dutch: C. Jakes (GM34), 2 Russell Place, Comrie, Scotland.

Finnish and Magyar: M. Preston (G380), 15 Temperly Road, London, SW 12.

Swedish: Lars-Eric Hansson (SM 37), Hallebacken 5, Ionsered 2, Sweden.

French: S. E. Tilley (G3356), 115, Springfield Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick.

Oriental and Russian: As for Finnish and Magyar.

### CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

Do you want a radio pen pal?

If you do, send two or three SAE's together with age, main interests, and any other details, which should include the part of the country or of the world with which you wish to correspond. Our Bureau will register you, and forward a list of suitable addresses. Bureau Manager:—Walter Davies (G256), "The Bungalow", Kingsley Fields, Nantwich, Cheshire.

### TECHNICAL QUERY SERVICES

Members are requested to keep their queries as brief and concise as possible. The section managers have only their spare time to deal with queries.

### Home Built Receivers

T. Vallard (G6), 58 Hawthorne Road, Willesden Green, London, NW 10.

### Valve Data

J. Patmore (G7), 16 Osborne Gardens, Mill Hill, London, NW 7.

### Ionospheric and Sunspot Data

P. J. Jooste (G1108), 58 Strathleven Road, Brixton, London, SW 2.

### COUNTRIES HEARD DIPLOMA

The conditions of issue of these Diplomas are:—

- (1) The Diploma will be available only to fully paid members of the ISWL.
- (2) The Diploma shall be available in three distinct sections, i.e., Telegraphy, Telephony and Mixed.
- (3) Grading will be determined according to the number of countries verified, on a decade scale, i.e., Grade 1-10 countries, Grade 2-20 countries, and so on.
- (4) Proof of reception for the countries claimed, in the form of QSL cards and/or letters of verification, must be submitted to the Certificates Secretary on application, together with a list of the countries claimed.
- (5) Where rule (4) is deemed unsatisfactory to the applicant, he may submit a signed statement by his CR, TR (or other League Official) to the effect that the QSL's concerned have been examined and found to be genuine. This will be accepted by the Certificates Secretary who shall, however, reserve the right to request that certain QSL's claimed be submitted to him for personal inspection should this, for any given reason, be considered necessary.
- (6) A nominal fee of one shilling shall be made for each Diploma, covering cost of printing, postage etc. (U.S.A. \$0.20)
- (7) Members may apply for a Diploma of

higher grading when sufficient additional QSL's are obtained. When applying for a new Diploma, it shall not be necessary to list QSL's for countries already claimed.

(8) A list of Diploma holders, under the three separate sections, will be published regularly in the "SHORT WAVE NEWS".

(9) No responsibility can be accepted for QSL's lost in the mail. The use of registered packages is advised.

(10) All correspondence must be addressed to L. Coupland G2BQC, 133 Carlton Road, Boston, Lincs.

#### PHOTOSTATIC COPY SERVICE

This service exists for those who require a photostatic copy of a particular circuit or diagram etc. A small charge is made to offset production costs. Manager:- A. C. Willet (G1780), 48 Melville Road, Litherland, Liverpool 20.

#### CONTINENTAL VALVE DATA

Through our contacts on the Continent, we are able to supply data on most of the Continental valves used during and since the war. Apply to ISWL HQ.

#### EXPERIMENTERS GROUP

This section caters for members who take an active interest in experimenting with unconventional circuits, and to provide a medium for the exchange of notes. Results of successful out-of-the-ordinary circuits will be published at intervals. Several circuits are available to League members. Group Manager:- J. Thompson (GM249), 17 High Street, Innerleithen, Peeblesshire, Scotland.

#### ASTRO-PHYSICS SECTION

Members interested in sunspot activity and its effect on short wave propagation are invited to contact the Manager. The Section has access to observatory equipment and is carrying out researches in this interesting field. Co-operation from members is greatly appreciated. Section Manager:- P. Jooste (G1108), 58 Strathleven Road, Brixton, London, SW2.

#### SWL CARD EXCHANGE BUREAU

This Bureau caters for those members who like to exchange SWL cards with their fellow members. Full details may be obtained from the Manager:- C. A. King (G3156), 44, Bishops Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

#### INSTRUCTION MANUAL AND CIRCUIT SERVICE

The object of the Service, as its name implies, is to provide members with instruction manuals and/or circuits, on loan, of radio receivers, transmitters etc., both of ex-WD origin and civilian manufacture. Here are the details of the service:-

Members with manuals and/or circuits that they are willing to either present to the service or to loan, should send a list to the Manager with as complete detail as possible. If the manuals are for loan only, please state the period for which they can be retained.

Members who require a circuit or manual should contact the Manager, enclosing a SAE. If the manual or circuit is in the files, a card will be sent containing the name and QRA of the member who has the manual for loan. The card PLUS return postage is then sent to the address given and the manual forwarded. The owner will return the file card to the Service Manager. In the event of a request coming in for a circuit not available, it will be filed until the required data is to hand. Service Manager:- R. King (G3766), Cottage No.1, Hospital Drive, Gloucester Road, Boscombe, Hants.

#### ISWL HOLIDAY EXCHANGE SCHEME

Briefly, the idea of this scheme is that Amateurs in this country should entertain an Amateur from overseas at their own expense in exchange for entertainment by the Amateur who visits them. Fares must of course be paid by the visiting Amateurs both ways. We have a file of addresses of Amateurs in this country who are willing to participate in exchange holidays of this sort and if any members are genuinely interested, will they please write to the ISWL Holiday Exchange Scheme, ISWL HQ.

#### ISWL BAND CHECKING GROUP

This Group is managed from ISWL HQ and is subsidiary to the RSGB Band Checking Group formed under the guidance of W. N. Craig G6JJ. The main task of the Group at present, is the monitoring and checking of the Commercial and Broadcast stations currently operating in the exclusively allotted portions of the spectrum in which amateur stations are licenced to operate. All who are interested in this work should contact League HQ, when full information will be supplied and the applicant placed on the Group register.

#### RESIGNATIONS

The following officials have resigned from the posts shown owing to various reasons. Many thanks for your efforts on behalf of the League, OM's, and good wishes for the future.

**French DR**—M. Malandain F9MH, ISWL/F9-3815.

**Chelmsford TR**—W. Mills G261.

**Manchester TR**—M. I. Wilks G3FSW.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are announced:-

**French DR**—J. Roux F9PR, ISWL/F9-4304, 7, rue Boileau, Soisy Sous Montmorency, Seine et Oise, France.

**Chelmsford TR**—D. Kemp G2316, 173, West Avenue, Chelmsford.

**Middlesborough TR**—C. Stewart G1259, 34, Grantley Avenue, Thorntree Estate, Middlesborough, Yorks.

League members living in the locality of these officials are requested to get into touch at the earliest possible moment.



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R. Patrick (G699),

R. Aldridge (G84),

J. Whitehead (G1323)

### EDITORIAL

Every month, we admit to our ranks more new members, together with many old members, who, hearing of the current activities, etc., decide to renew their lapsed membership. This growth has been so rapid that a month ago we enrolled our 5000th new member. This was none other than that well known YL Dx'er, Miss Betty Pearl Elder, of Washington, USA. To readers of the current USA short wave listener press, her name will already be well known, for besides editing a column of her own, she occupies a position high in the Dx ladders, etc., and is very active on the Dx bands.

To commemorate the occasion, HQ has decided to award Miss Elder one year's free subscription to this magazine, and we offer our congratulations to her.

The real significance of the above lies in the fact, of course, that, in a little over four and a half years, the ISWL has succeeded in far outstripping the membership of comparative bodies, some being founded many years before the ISWL even came into being.

We attribute our success largely to the fact that we are a really active organisation. Various activities are going on all the time, and hardly a day passes without some form of activity being current. In addition to this, mail addressed to ISWL HQ is always answered, and, without exception, within two or three days of receipt, although generally a reply is forthcoming by return. This policy has undoubtedly attracted many new members, and to these we extend a most hearty welcome.

What of the future? Many plans are of course in hand, but it is for the ISWL Committee to decide when and where these are to be put into operation. Being an active democratic organisation, it is not possible for any one person to autocratically arrive at decisions on these matters, or even hope

to do so. Elsewhere, members will find the minutes of the Committee, which we have decided to publish in these Notes for the first time.

F. Baldwin, G193

### ISWL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ISWL Committee meeting held at HQ on 7th July, 1951. Meeting commenced at 11.45 a.m., the General Manager being in the chair.

#### Members Present:

F. Baldwin, T. W. Eaton, J. Whitehead, A. C. V. Seymour.

#### Item 1.

Proposed by F. Baldwin that possible appointment of a Certificated Secretary to be left in abeyance until Mr. Whitehead reports back to Committee on his own endeavours in this matter.

Resolved. That this be done. Carried unanimously.

#### Item 2.

Proposed that 5 Rules pertaining to "Country-Club" certificate be formulated.

Resolved. That this matter be dealt with immediately. Agreed unanimously and rules formulated.

#### Item 3.

Proposed by Ray Aldridge that an L.C.C. hall be hired for the middle of September for a full-scale meeting of London ISWL members. Admission to be by ticket priced 1/-. Members under 16 to be charged half-price.

Resolved. That this matter be put back for further discussion, when Mr. Aldridge shall be available.

#### Item 4.

Proposed by Mr. Winchester, G.2152, that certain contests be organised on a county basis, there to be a standard group of 6 operators. If numbers of operators exceeds this, then such counties to be handicapped on a sliding scale.

*Resolved.* That Mr. Winchester be thanked for his excellent suggestion, but the Hon. Secretary to notify him that, regretfully, the idea must be left in abeyance until such time as a Contests Committee shall be founded. Agreed unanimously.

**Item 5.** It was found that items forwarded for inclusion in ISWL Committee agenda by Birmingham ISWL Group were not relevant.

#### Item 6.

**Proposed** by East London Group that more information be extracted from Contest Logs for the interest of listeners, and possible advancement of knowledge on the behaviour of bands.

*Resolved.* To approach the East London CR and ask his co-operation in this scheme.

#### Item 7.

**Proposed** by East London Group that more space in SWN be devoted to Group activities.

*Resolved.* That this be done, but that East London Group realise that Group notes are notoriously slow in forthcoming, and in the case of East London Group, have had to be compiled verbally from other sources than the secretary.

No further business being to hand, the meeting terminated at 15.30 p.m.

#### ISWL DX AWARDS—An Announcement.

It will be noted from Item No. 2 in the Committee Agenda, that a whole range of certificated awards are being planned and produced, and the certificate referred to is now in the course of production.

There will be five of these in a comprehensive range designed to cover most interests of the active short wave listener, and the first of these, now ready for issue, is announced below. Other certificates in the series will be—Country Club, Top Band Counties, Zone, and Heard all Continents Awards. The rules for issue of these, together with other matters connected with the awards, are now under consideration by the ISWL Committee, and further announcements will take place within these Notes in the very near future.

With the introduction of these, League members will be in a position to avail themselves of six certificates, each representing an achievement in the field of Dx.

#### Dx Awards

The full list of Dx awards available to League members is shown below, and it will be noted that these are available for both the Broadcast and the Amateur enthusiast, it being the opinion of the Committee that the Broadcast operator is as much entitled to consideration as any other enthusiast.

#### COUNTRY CLUB AWARD

For this, the applicant must produce verifications from sixty (60) different Countries, either in the form of QSL cards or letter veries. These must either be ALL Amateur or ALL Broadcast; mixed grades will NOT be considered to qualify. For the Amateur, such QSLs may either be phone or CW mixed, no separate certificate being issued for telephony or telegraphy.

#### TOP BAND COUNTIES AWARD

To qualify for this, a minimum of fifty (50) QSLs must be produced, each emanating from a different County within the British Isles, i.e., G, GC, GD, GI, GM and GW. Verifications may either be 'phone or CW, and must bear proof of having been heard on 1.7 Mcs Band.

#### VERIFIED BRITISH EMPIRE AWARD

This will be granted to any League member who can produce for inspection, thirty-five (35) QSLs bearing British Empire prefixes. It will be available to both Broadcast and Amateur operators. Rules for this certificate are shown elsewhere in this issue.

#### ZONE AWARD

A total of thirty-five (35) QSLs, each from a different radio Zone of the World, will have to be produced for inspection in order to qualify for this Award. They may be 'phone and CW mixed, and this one is for Amateur operators only.

#### HEARD ALL CONTINENTS AWARD

This will be available to Broadcast operators ONLY, and to qualify, two (2) verifications from each of the Continents are required. For the purposes of this Award, we are adopting modern practice in dividing the World into six (6) Continents as follows:—N. America, S. America, Europe, Asia, Australasia and Africa. A total of twelve (12) verifications will be required.

#### COUNTRIES HEARD DIPLOMA

With the new Certificate scheme now coming into operation, this Diploma will be awarded up to a maximum of forty (40) verifications, each from a different Country. This decision has been taken so that beginners in the art may have the opportunity of obtaining a League recognition of the often slow and laborious task involved in collecting a sufficient number of QSLs etc., for the higher gradings. This will be available in Grades 1 to 4, i.e., for Grade 1, the applicant must produce ten (10) verifications from ten countries, and so on. Previous rules in respect of this Award are cancelled.

Of the above, Nos. 2 and 4 are for Amateur operators ONLY, 5 for Broadcast ONLY and 1, 3 and 6, for both Amateur or Broadcast enthusiasts.

These certificates are produced on good quality card (not paper), and are of the same size as the ISWL membership certificate.

They are attractively styled in three colours and will prove to be a worthwhile addition to any shack wall, especially when framed.

Obtaining these Awards will not be easy, although at the same time, we have not set the standard so high that they will prove to be virtually unobtainable in practise. To adopt the latter course would not only place the issue of these outside the reach of 99.9% of SWLs, but would also reduce these Awards to little more than a talking point. We feel that we have struck a reasonable balance between that which is too easy and that which is virtually unobtainable.

#### NOTES

To qualify for any of these Awards, the cards or letter verifications **MUST BE PRODUCED**. They should be securely wrapped and forwarded to ISWL HQ, preferably by registered post. Do not, however, apply for any of the above at present, except for the Verified British Empire Award, which is available immediately upon successful application. Rules for the issue of the remaining certificates will be published as they become available and at the Committee's discretion. Each certificate will have a different colour scheme.

Of the newly introduced certificates, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 will be issued free, while for Nos. 1 and 5, a small cover charge of one shilling will be made to offset production and postage costs of the whole range. It is felt that no objections will be offered to this in view of the very heavy costs which we shall incur in the production and distribution of these first rate certificates.

#### RULES FOR "VERIFIED BRITISH EMPIRE AWARD"

1. All applicants must be members of the ISWL.
2. Qualifying conditions for this certificate shall be the production for scrutiny of recognised verifications, i.e., either QSL cards or letters, from thirty-five (35) countries within the British Empire.
3. Produced verifications must either be (a) ALL Amateur or, (b) ALL Broadcast. Qualification will NOT be considered unless the necessary verifications are produced. Mixed verifications, i.e., Broadcast and Amateur combined will NOT qualify. Such applications must be accompanied by a list of the verifications enclosed.
4. Issue of this Award is free and post free.
5. All due care will be taken of applicants' verifications, but no responsibility can be accepted for their loss, damage or delay in transit.
6. Applications should be forwarded to Certificates Secretary, c/o ISWL HQ, 57 Maida Vale, London, W.9.

## R.S.G.B. SLOW MORSE Transmission List

(REPRODUCED BY PERMISSION)

BST	Call	kcs.	Town
<b>Sundays</b>			
10.00	G6MH	1990	Southend-on-Sea
10.00	G5XB	1950	Reading
10.00	G3AEZ	1847	Dorking
10.30	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
11.00	G2FXA	1900	Stockton-on-Tees
21.00	G2FIX	1812	Nr. Salisbury
<b>Mondays</b>			
13.00	G3AXN	1870	Southend-on-Sea
14.00	G3ADZ	1910	Southsea
19.00	G3NC	1825	Swindon
19.30	G3AIX	1760	Birmingham
19.30	G3GYW	1922	Westcliff-on-Sea
20.00	G2AJU	1900	Stutton, Ipswich
20.00	G3DSR	1750	Derby
21.00	G3ESP	1850	Wakefield, Yorks
21.00	G3BLN	1900	Bournemouth
21.00	G3BHS	1820	Eastleigh, Hants
22.00	G3AEZ	1847	Dorking
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
22.15	G8TL	1896	Ilford
<b>Tuesdays</b>			
13.00	G3AXN	1870	Southend-on-Sea
18.00	G2FXA	1900	Stockton-on-Tees
19.00	G5XB	1905	Reading
21.00	G3DMP	1850	Wakefield, Yorks
21.00	G3EFA	1855	Southport
22.00	G3ELG	1772	Rotherham
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
22.00	G2BND	1890	Salcombe, E.
22.30	G6JB	1820	Salcombe, Devon
<b>Wednesdays</b>			
14.00	G3ADZ	1910	Southsea
18.45	G3CQL	1990	Leigh-on-Sea
19.00	G3ADZ	1900	Southsea
20.00	G2NY	1850	Preston
22.00	G3DLC	1800	Grays, Essex
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
<b>Thursdays</b>			
18.00	G3AXN	1870	Southend-on-Sea
18.00	G2FXA	1900	Stockton-on-Tees
19.00	G3NC	1825	Swindon
19.30	G3BUJ	1990	Southend-on-Sea
20.00	G3FVH	1920	Hull, Yorks
21.00	G2AQN	1850	Ossett, Yorks
21.30	G6DL	1760	Birmingham
22.00	G3AEZ	1847	Dorking
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
22.30	G3OB	1803	Manchester
<b>Fridays</b>			
13.00	G3AXN	1870	Southend-on-Sea
14.00	G3ADZ	1900	Southsea
19.00	G3BLN	1900	Bournemouth
20.00	G5AM	1900	Witnesham, Ipswich
20.00	G2AMV	1870	Wirral
21.00	G3RB	1850	Ossett, Yorks
21.00	G3BHS	1820	Eastleigh, Hants
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
22.30	G6JB	1820	Salcombe, Devon
<b>Saturdays</b>			
22.00	G3GIO	1915	Guildford
23.00	G2FXA	1900	Stockton-on-Tees

**I.S.W.L. Signal Survey Section (S.S.S.)  
Details for the Second Survey.**

**Frequencies:— From 11850 to 12100  
kcs. (incl.)**

**Time:— 0001 GMT Sept. 22nd to 2359  
GMT Oct. 7th.**

**Reports to be returned by Oct. 15th.**

**List of present members.**

1. F. Baldwin, G193.
2. Miss J. Durrant, G3369.
3. P. Allwood, G4691.
4. G. D. Chambers, G4819.
5. W. Eaton, G1687.
6. A. C. V. Seymour, G2526.
7. F. G. Courtney, G4234.
8. S/Sgt. H. Warburton, DL2-4513.

**League Appointments**

**CANADA** We are pleased to announce the appointment of A. R. Golding, ISWL/VE3-3316, as our Canadian DR. Alan is well known for his activities over there and is a very keen League member.

**EDINBURGH TR—**J. Jones, ISWL/GM4653, 13 Boswall Terrace, Edinburgh 5, has been appointed to the position of TR and would be pleased to hear from other members in the locality.

**SEATON VALLEY & DISTRICT TR—**D. Largent, ISWL/G4947, 18 Battery Drive, Links Road, Blyth, Northumberland, is now the TR for this district and hopes to have an active Group started there before long. All interested are asked to contact the TR.

**GROUP NOTES**

(Please submit to ISWL HQ by 20th of each month).

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

HQ acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following, "The Border Net"; "New Zealand DX Times", official organ of the N. Zealand Radio Dx League; "Universality", organ of the URDXC of California, USA; and the "United 49'ers Bulletin", organ of the United 49'ers Club of Connecticut, USA.

**Bristol ISWL Group**

The Group station, G3GIS, has been on the air several times of late and during one of these sessions worked G6YA/A, the Festival of Britain station in Bristol. A half hour contact was made with various licensed members giving running commentaries on the current activities of other Clubs at the Redcliffe Community Centre. With the licensed members as roving reporters, we gather that the mike leads were well and truly laid out!

A large section of the crowd at the Exhibition heard the transmission, which afforded some publicity for the ISWL. Hon. Sec's. address:—N. G. Foord, ISWL/G706, 71 Brynland Avenue, Bristol 7, and new members are welcome.

**Gosport & Fareham ISWL Group**

The Group is now a flourishing concern and has as its Chairman D. Kentfield, G2AOF. Morse classes are being well attended and are held every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Group entered for the recent ISWL Field Day using two receivers and operated from the top of the Portsdown Hills. Hon. Sec.—P. Fenn, ISWL/G2644, 138 Brockhurst Road, Gosport, Hants.

**GROUP NOTES**

**Glenalmond ISWL Group**

The Group has at last got over teething troubles, and activity is on the increase. Listening is carried out on a Canadian R103 which has been converted to mains operation by members. Recently a Field Day was held using a borrowed R107 and the R103, the latter used with a rotary converter which caused so much QRM that the Rx was rendered useless! One member has passed the RAE and hopes to have his ticket soon.

Owing to the ISWL Field Day being so close to the end of the term (Glenalmond being a college), they were unable to enter a team—hence their own event.

**NOTICE**

The Bristol SWL Society (Bristol ISWL Group) have now changed the name to Bristol & District Amateur Radio Society. Hon Sec.—N. G. Foord, G706, 71 Brynland Avenue, Bristol 7.

**BRENTFORD EVENING INSTITUTE**

The Principal of the above Institute has advised us that two courses are to be held during 1951-52. The details are:—

(a) **Radio Amateurs Examination Course, Instructor—E. J. Pearcey, G2JU.**

Designed to prepare intending transmitting Amateurs for the City and Guilds Examination held yearly.

(b) **Television and Radio Theory, Instructor—J. Gibbons.**

Specially designed for the service engineer.

Both courses will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and the commencing date is Wednesday, 19th September, 1951. Courses continue for 8-9 months. Fee for each course is ten shillings. Enrolment is usually during the preceding week, but late entries can also be accepted.

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